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'Twas The Night Before Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar plums danced in their heads;
And Mamma in her kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long Winter nap;
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.

Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash,
The moon, on the breast of the new-fallen snow,
Gave a lustre of midday to objects below;
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer,
With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name.

"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen
On! Comet, on! Cupid, on! Dunder and Blixen—
To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall!
Now, dash away, dash away, dash away all!"
As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,
So, up to the house-top the coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of toys—and St. Nicholas, too.

And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.
He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.

His eyes how they twinkled; his dimples how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry;
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow.
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke, it encircled his head like a wreath.
He had a broad face and a little round belly
That shook, when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.

He was chubby and plump—a right jolly old elf;
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself.
A wink of his eye, and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle;
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle;
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight:
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"



And Still His Words Ring Through the World.

By ARTHUR MEE
(The New York Times)

It is nineteen hundred years since one or two shepherds were abiding in the field, and still we talk of them.

In that solemn midnight the news was brought to them of a Child born in a stable, and still we talk of Him. He walked about the hills of Palestine speaking to the people, and still His words ring through the world.

If we would have a hero, where is such another? Hunted from the cradle to the grave, stoned out of cities, trapped and tempted by the priests, rejected by His people, betrayed by His disciples, scourged and mocked and spat upon and crucified between two thieves, He yet stands before us as our Man of men, something more than Galahad, more than hero, saint and knight, the Saviour of the World.

It is not an idle saying, not poetry or just a phrase from the Bible, but is politically true.

He went into the wilderness to think about the world. He came back after forty days of solitude, of temptation and struggle and decision, and began talking to the people. He would go into their villages and towns and talk with them by the way, sometimes in a little field or from a boat on the lake, or to little children on His knee, and at times He would confront them in the Temple. He would walk on foot from place to place, sometimes nearly a hundred miles, and always He would talk of simple things.

Sensitive of Human Need

Never man spake like this Man. The priests had made themselves powerful with their cunning, and had set up great pretenses and much ceremony; but this Man spoke of things they knew in words they knew—of the wind blowing where it listeth, of the chaff growing in the wheat, of the beauty of the wild-flow-

ers, of a hen gathering her chickens, and a fox hiding in its hole.

He noticed everything—the cunning of the serpent, the chirping of the sparrow, the lilies of the field, the stone that a builder rejected which at last became the chief stone of the house. He was sensitive to human need and simple feeling, to suffering and beauty; let a woman but touch the hem of His garment and so sensitive was He that it was talked of for a thousand years.

He told them little stories they loved—of the sower going forth to sow, the rich man and his barns, the great supper, the king's son in a far country, the Prodigal Son, the lost piece of silver. He moved among the people and mixed with them all, at their feasts and their weddings, in their sick rooms and synagogues, in the market place and at the well. He saw a tax-gatherer up in a tree and called him down, for He must abide at his house. He loved to go to the house of Mary and Martha and their brother at Bethany. He was so gentle that little children came to Him. He was so calm that it seemed that even the winds and the seas obeyed Him. He was known to weep but rarely to frown, and He kept His scorn for the hypocrite. In storm and danger His strength was for all:

"Be of good cheer; It is I: Be not afraid."

Wise Men Bring Gifts

He was in the world for thirty years, of which we know almost nothing, save that wise men brought gifts to Him in His lowly cradle, that Mary and Joseph the carpenter fled into Egypt to save His life, and that as a boy of 12 they found Him in the Temple arguing with the doctors, who were astonished at His wisdom. Most of what we know of Him is from the last three years, and altogether what we know is not equal to a day of every year He lived.

Most all that we know of Him happen-

ed in about thirty-five days. There have been 690,365 days since then and not one on which somebody would not have died for Him. The memory of these thirty-five days remains the most precious possession of mankind. It has been the secret strength behind the forces that have made our modern world.

We owe our knowledge of these thirty-five days to four men, especially to Matthew, the journalist who wrote down His words. There are about 25,000 of them, and they have changed the world for every one of us.

If every paper in the world would print these words, and every reader of these papers would follow them, the world would be happy for all time.

What are they, these few words that have such power?

Best Short Stories Ever Told

Some of them are little tales the best short stories ever told, every one pure gold. There is the beautiful story of the Good Samaritan told in two inches of type yet with an immortal message. We know the people in it, those who pass by and those who help. We know the two kinds of people in the story of the Pharisee and the Publican, told in a few words.

Every one knows the widow's mite, the eternal story of the poor who give all. Every child understands the beautiful story of the Prodigal Son, yet it comes down the ages as a better tale than Shakespeare ever told, and it is true of life in every age. The Sermon on the Mount shows men how to achieve peace, success and understanding. His philosophy of life is summarized in these few simple words: "Whatever ye would that men should do to you do ye even so to them."

Men have made a mystery of it all, have woven it into creeds that no man understands, so that there is nothing in the history of the world so sad and dark and terrible as the history of the misunderstanding of His words; yet they are simple and beautiful and true. He

cross the front of which were strung coins.

"In the gathering were Arab women in western dresses and hats.

We Visit Grotto of the Nativity

"Our places assured, we went to the Grotto of the Nativity, the place to be on Christmas Eve. The grotto is a small stone cave below the altar of the Church of the Nativity. The smoke-stained walls are hung with red and gold brocade. In a niche in the floor is a brass altar reading: 'Hic de Virgine Maria Jesus Christ natus est.' If you put your hand through the hole in the center of the star you are told that you are actually touching the stone on which Christ was born. Panels fill the upper part of the niche. In them are paintings of scenes from the life of Christ. Before these hang burning lamps. Some 15 of them belong to the Greek Orthodox, others belong to the Romans, while still others are those of the Armenians. A few steps to the right and slightly lower lies a marble slab, which marks the site of the manger. Above it hangs a picture of the Wise Men, and before it stands an altar. Candles provide the only light, so the air is smoky and close at all times, but especially on Christmas Eve, when the grotto is filled with people, who were most interesting to observe. Ardent Catholic Arabs knelt before the niche, and leaned forward again and again to touch their lips to the star. Nuns were huddled together near the manger saying their beads. Men and women, old and young, some standing, some sitting, and others kneeling. Everyone, including a professor, from the Hebrew University, was in a reverent attitude, until the quiet was broken by a guide followed by two tourists. After they left, all was again quiet.

"We left the grotto by the stairway to the right. As we entered the courtyard, it began to fill with people. I realized that the service to be broadcast from Bethlehem was about to begin. The courtyard is a sizable one, surrounded on three sides by a wall, dominated by the tower from which the bells of Bethlehem ring out."

Legend of the Mistletoe

Mistletoe, the symbol of friendship, joy and peace at Christmas time, and used as part of our holiday decorations, is rich in tradition and legend.

The custom of "kissing and becoming friends" under a spray of mistletoe tied over the doorway or suspended from the ceiling can be traced back through the centuries to the days of the Druids of England. Even beyond that, the origin of the plant dates to the time of the ancient Greeks who used it in their ceremonies. Occasionally, mistletoe was found growing on an oak and because the oak was the most sacred of all trees, the Druids held it with special reverence.

left them with a few plain men who listened to them. He trusted to the simple power and truth of them to come down the ages. And they have come.

Goes to Jerusalem and to Death

The thirty-five days drew to their end. They brought Him an ass and He rode on it to Jerusalem, the people spreading their garments in the way.

He went to the Temple and threw out the men who turned it into a marketplace. He healed the sick and opened the eyes of those who could not see. He told them that faith should move mountains, and bade them remember the things that are Caesar's and the things that are God's. He told them of the

Him, Judas followed by a multitude with swords and staves; and in that bitter hour all the disciples forsook Him and fled—he whom Jesus loved, he who would lay down his life for Him, all but a certain young man unknown, who followed until they laid hold of him and stripped off his clothes so that he fled away naked. He was the unknown hero, the last man to follow Jesus.

Now it was over, they said. But it was only beginning. It was the Roman Empire and not Christianity that was to pass away. It was Caesar and Pilate who were to be forgotten, not the Man of Galilee. He lives in all our lives and we cannot escape Him. Nations come and go, empires rise and fall, the cen-



"And great multitudes were gathered together unto Him."

dark days that would come, when not one stone would be left upon another—O, Jerusalem, Jerusalem!

And then came one who betrayed

turies roll on and races pass away, but He who was hunted and hated from Bethlehem to Calvary still sways the lives of men.

OUR CHRISTMAS SONGS

By FLORENCE COLLINS
(Baltimore Sun)

OUR Christmas songs (or carols) are pagan chants or religious hymns to celebrate the nativity, written in many languages by people representing many creeds and nationalities.

Among the best known Christmas carols is "Adeste Fidelis" or "O, Come, All Ye Faithful." The words were written by St. Bonaventurer, Bishop of Albano, in the thirteenth century and were sung first in Latin. In 1760, came the English version followed by translations into twenty-six other languages. The tune is commonly known as the Portuguese Hymn, probably because it was composed by Marco Portugallo, chapel-master to the King of Portugal. It is a sturdy, whole-hearted hymn and was the favorite of Theodore Roosevelt.

"Silent Night" Most Popular

Best loved, perhaps, is "Stille Nacht" or "Silent Night," which was sung in the original German year after year over the radio by Madame Schumann-Heink. The words were written by Joseph Mohr, a young parish priest in the village of Obendorf, Germany, in 1818. He wrote the words for his church choir and they were set to music by the church organist, Franz Gruber. "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" was written in 1739 by Charles Wesley, younger brother of John Wesley, who founded the Methodist Church. The hymn is printed in the hymn book that accompanies the Church of England's Book of Common Prayer. The music was written later, about one hundred years ago, by the Jewish composer, Felix Bartholdy-Mendelssohn.

Two American Hymns

America has contributed two well-known Christmas hymns. "O Little Town of Bethlehem" was written by Phillips Brooks when he was bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Massachusetts. He wrote it anonymously for use in the Sunday School, but he later acknowledged his authorship when it was set to music by the American composer, Lewis Redner.

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" was written first as a poem by Edmund H. Sears, a Unitarian minister and poet. It was published in a religious journal in 1849. A brother clergyman, struck with the beauty of the poem, wrote an original melody for it.

For more than 400 years people have been singing "The First Nowell," an ancient medieval English carol. It is crude poetry, a peasant's attempt to tell the Christmas story of rhyme, and it is set to simple music. The English word, Nowell, was adapted from the French during the Norman Conquest, while the

French Noel comes from the Latin Natalis, meaning birthday. Translated, the song means The First Birthday.

French Carol

A traditional French carol often sung in America is "Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella," which celebrates the French custom of going to church at midnight to see the creché or manger scene set up in the church on Christmas Eve. During the early evening, the children sing Noels about their own creche in their homes, then go to bed early, to be awakened by the Christmas bells. Old and young put on their best clothes and go out into the narrow, crooked streets where torches light their way to the church.

"Here a torch, Jeanette, Isabella, Here a torch to the cradle bring."

For centuries, strolling players in England have sung the old pagan chants to celebrate the midwinter Festival of Yule, which was observed before Christianity came. "Deck the Hall with Boughs and Holly" comes from Wales, and suggests the preparations for the Yule feast—dancing, frolicking, puddings, garlands and blazing Yule logs.

Early Legends

Several of these early songs tell legends such as "Good King Wenceslas," which relates the story of how a kind deed performed by the King for a poor peasant resulted in a miracle on the day after Christmas. Wenceslas was King of Bohemia, 928-935, which dates the song.

In Dicken's "Christmas Carol," a singer passing in the street stooped down to Scrooge's keyhole to regale him with a Christmas carol. But at the first sound of

"God bless you, merry gentlemen, May nothing you dismay."

Scrooge seized a ruler and threw it at the singer, who fled in terror.

The song, as we know it, is "God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen." It dates back to the seventeenth century, and is a joyous song even though it rehearses the glad tidings in a minor key. For centuries, outdoor carolers have followed its marching rhythms from door to door on Christmas Eve.

Brotherhood of Man

Christmas is not a time for cheap sentimentality. It cannot be celebrated by laying aside one's sense of right and wrong. What is evil in the world remains evil, even while trees are trimmed and presents exchanged, and the old, lovely stories told again. But Christmas can mean an awareness of the brotherhood of man, and a renewed consciousness of the fact that no nation is composed solely of wicked men.

CHRISTMAS in Bethlehem of Judea

By ELIZABETH BINGHAM

HIS story of a journey from Jerusalem to Bethlehem, on Christmas Eve, is told by Elizabeth Bingham, a popular feature writer:

"Christmas Eve was clear and cold. The moon shone, a huge glowing ball in the sky. The Palestinian night sky is never so dark as the heavens in other parts of the world which makes the contrast between moon and sky startlingly beautiful.

"We drove the 6 miles from Jerusalem to Bethlehem, leaving Jerusalem by the Jewish residential quarter. Strange as it seemed to us on Christmas Eve, nothing was decorated, save the tower of the new Y. M. C. A. building on which were red and green lights. Yet it was Christmas Eve, and we were bound for Bethlehem, the birthplace of Him, who revolutionized the world.

"Once out of Jerusalem, we sensed that danger lurked in the shadow on the barren, rocky hillsides. Christmas Eve had no meaning for the Arabs of Palestine, who are eager to make Palestine an independent Arab state. They resent the promise of a National Home in Palestine made to the Jews through the Balfour Declaration and are doing all in their power to thwart its accomplishment.

Scene of Violence

"What could be more ironic than the fact that this country, which should of all countries be at peace, is the scene of constant disturbance, violence and slaughter? Yet looking across the hills and valleys we could imagine what it had been like on that Christmas Eve almost two thousand years ago, when the shepherds in the field were told, that unto them was born that day in the city of David, a Saviour, who was Christ, the Lord.

"As we drove along, the landscape put us in the mood for the experience ahead of us. Not far from Jerusalem we passed the well at which it is thought the Wise Men watered their camels. Farther on and to the left lay the field in which the shepherds 'watched their flocks.' Today a stone wall surrounds the field, but the red tiled roof of the gatekeeper's house distinguishes it from other walls. From the road in daylight you can see barren ground, sparsely covered with grass.

"Suddenly Bethlehem lay before us with its houses, markets, shops,

churches and mosque nestling on the hillside. The sight stirred us deeply as we realized that we were facing Bethlehem on the one evening in the year, when the thoughts of the world turn toward it.

Ten Wounded in Clashes Outside Church

"We left Rachel's tomb standing somberly at the foot of the hill and were then in Bethlehem. We climbed upward to the Church of the Nativity. In the streets, and particularly in Manger square before the church, excitement prevailed. Bethlehem lacked the tenseness and fear so noticeable in Jerusalem and on the road. Police and soldiers were there ready to act in case of need,



"It was Christmas Eve and we were bound for Bethlehem."

but as the majority of Bethlehem's Arabs were Christians there was little fear. Even so, clashes took place just outside the church and ten were wounded.

"We made our way to St. Catherine's Roman Catholic Church. Seats for midnight mass were at a premium by 8 o'clock, but we were lucky, and found two in the center of the large stone church. All eyes are drawn to the chancel, because of the beauty of the white marble altar, and the blue starred ceiling above it, from which hangs a large star-shaped lamp. Above the altar that night lay an image of the Christ Child surrounded with flowers. On the altar red roses and carnations were arranged artistically.

"One felt the anticipation with which the homogeneous congregation was awaiting midnight. There were town Arabs in western attire and turbans. Near them sat Bedouins in their flowing abayas or cloaks, while on their heads scarves were held in place by bands of camels' hair. Scattered throughout the church were Bethlehem women in white conical shaped headaddresses, and dark, heavily embroidered dresses. There, too, were wealthy Arab ladies wearing full dresses of rich materials, and turbans

The Star

BEAUTIFUL indeed is the story of the three gift-bearing Magi, hastening from far lands to the manger of a Bethlehem inn, nearly two thousand years ago. No other account in human history, legend or myth, compares with it; and that which provides the story's most exquisite climax is the mysterious guidance accorded them by a Star of exceeding brightness.

While shepherds watched their flocks on Judean hillsides, there traveled a devout trio—Melchior, Gaspar and Balthasar—carrying a precious tribute of gold, frankincense and myrrh, and in their hearts a strange and puzzling wonder. A birth, long foretold as of infinite moments to mortals, was to be consummated—a birth of a Savior that after twenty long centuries is still prophecy's greatest triumph.

Known of this should make of Christmas, celebrated under the humblest circumstances, the year's loveliest and longest-remembered event. Touched with light from this Bethlehem Star, every gift made to those we love becomes priceless. Exposed to that light, every purpose of the present, every plan for the future, glows with transcendent beauty. In that light, every memory of the past takes on brighter substance, deeper meaning.



Christmas, a Home Day

"Are you going home for Christmas?" How often during the past weeks that question has been asked. Christmas and home are words that have long been associated. One may celebrate New Years anywhere. Fourth of July preferably stages its hoorah and banging in crowded places. But the sacred rites of Thanksgiving and Christmas need the home altar. The favorite Christmas art pictures show a big two-horse sleigh drawing up before the farm-house door and young people waving hands in glee as

father and mother come out to welcome them. That was typical of early days before fast motor transportation.

Yet such pictures awaken memories in older people and inspire in the young a very real reverence, even though it be not clearly understood. These associations come not by chance; they are precious traditions proving the high quality of the material out of which our American commonwealth and social structure were made. Love of liberty and respect for and belief in religion were essential to it.

We must be watchful lest in the speed of our so-called progress we leave behind valuables of this kind. Frequently one hears the charge that the home as an institution is not what it used to be. Let us not be too hasty in accepting such sinister implications. It is significant, too, that the ideal of home has not weakened. Periods of economic well-being always are first indicated by building revivals. Thousands of little homes spring up on farms, in towns, villages and cities. Each will have its Christmas tree and children joyously expecting gifts.

And it is not too late for a word of admonition. Remember the dear ones back in the old home. When the question is asked, "Are you going home for Christmas?" the answer should be, "Sure!"

Trainees Facing a Busy Year

The 800,000 volunteers and trainees who are to be inducted into the land forces of the United States under the Selective Training and Service Act will have a busy year ahead of them. This fact becomes more apparent every day as the War Department perfects its plans for making them into complete modern soldiers within twelve months. It is a difficult task, because the modern soldier has to learn more than any soldier before him. The primary object of the training the Army has in

mind is to teach the recruits to take care of themselves in combat, and this means they must know what to do when dive bombers "strafe" them, when gas shells are thrown at them, when tanks come charging across the fields, and when enemy infantry rushes in at close quarters.

Napoleon said that every private soldier carried a marshal's baton in his knapsack, and every private in the American Army will carry a commanding officer's knowledge in his head, if their trainers are successful in this first year's effort. The Army officers who have the training in charge are only sorry that the first sixteen weeks of every recruit's training must be occupied with physical "hardening" and with accustoming him to take care of his equipment.

That will leave only about eight months to initiate him into the mysteries of squad, platoon, company and regimental operations, where individual initiative, combined with training in team-work, is acquired. So many operations, such as the firing of trench mortars and heavy machine guns, require the efforts of two or more men that the recruits must learn team-work, but they must also learn to use their own judgment in case they are separated from their officers.

Every resource of the Army will be devoted to the exclusive purpose of making these men competent soldiers in a year. What efforts will be made to keep the men and their families happy, through the new Morale Division of the War Department, will be operated in the belief that a happy soldier is a better soldier.

New Markets Opened

In the long pull, for the years to come, the most important factor concerning foreign trade is the loss to Great Britain and Germany of their important position in the Latin American markets and the acquisition of these markets by the United States.

The republics of Central and South America are buying in the United States on an unprecedented scale. Exports to these countries increased 42.4 per cent in the first 12 months of the war, ending last August 31, and exports to South America alone increased 58 per cent.

The Latin American countries are not buying and never have bought from the

United States on the scale of such a customer as Britain, but they are turning to the United States to satisfy their requirements as never before. It is through establishment of these smaller, but potentially long time, trade relationships that this country can expect its most significant trade development in the future.

Sixteen of the 20 Latin American nations were heavier buyers of electrical household equipment during the first eight months of 1940 than during the similar period in 1938, the last normal year of trade undisturbed by war. Many of them showed increases of 100 per cent or more. Mexico, buying \$576,677 worth of equipment, doubled its 1938 purchases.

2,734,000 Aliens Sign

The Department of Justice has announced that 2,734,900 non-citizens, or 76 per cent of the estimated total of 3,600,000 in the United States, had already complied with the Alien Registration Act of 1940. Registration is to end Dec. 26.

This figure does not include almost 60,000 aliens registered in the Territories, 25,000 seamen registered at ports of entry, and more than 12,000 registered through consular offices in other countries.

Earl G. Harrison, Director of Alien Registration, issued two reminders: one, that aliens living permanently in the United States must notify the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Washington within five days of any change in permanent address, and the other that parents or guardians of alien children under 14 must register for them.

Our Turkey Crop

Turkey production in the United States increased from 1.80 pounds per capita in 1929 to 3.68 pounds in 1939 and this year will be even higher, the Commerce Department reported. The 1939 turkey crop, the Department said, amounted to 32,732,000 turkeys and this year's crop is expected to be about 33,138,000 birds.

Because of the larger stocks in storage on Nov. 1 as compared with last year, the slightly heavier weight of the 1940 birds and the small increase in production, the supply of turkey meat will be above that of last year. However, the increase in consumer incomes and the growing habit of eating turkey throughout the year is expected to affect favorably the disposition of this year's crop.

Biggest Star

Ras Algeithi, brightest member of the constellation of Hercules, a group seen in the western evening sky, is now pronounced the largest known star. It is 690,000,000 miles in diameter, about 800 times the sun's diameter of 864,000 miles.

This is shown by new calculations of George H. Hebig, of the University of California at Los Angeles.

Second in size is Mira, in Cetus, the whale, 395,000,000 miles in diameter. Third is Betelgeuse, in Orion, the warrior, now seen to the east in the late evening. This seems to vary in size from 260,000,000 miles to 360,000,000 miles. Antares is fourth, with only 245,000,000 miles diameter. This, however, is still considerably larger than the earth's orbit, which is 186,000,000 miles in diameter.

Arkansas Boy Wins Star Farmer Award

A mild-mannered, 17-year-old youth from the cotton country of Arkansas won the highest honor the Future Farmers of America and its 230,000 members could bestow upon him—the title of 1940 Star Farmer of America.

The honor was conferred on Gerald Reyenga of Emmet, Ark., at the Future Farmers annual convention, held in Kansas City, November 12 in conjunction with the American Royal Livestock and Horse Show. With it went \$500 award.

For Gerald, it climaxed four years of sharp interest in vocational agricultural work at his high school and the days he had spent on the 520-acre home place where he was reared. Since the death of his father last year the responsibility for managing his mother's farm has been his. He put the

farm on a money-making basis. Gerald is the next to the eldest in a family of nine children.

Christmas Club Distributions in the Nation

Final figures on Christmas Club distributions, to be made to members in December were announced as \$365,000,000 by Herbert F. Rawl of New York City, founder and head of the Christmas Club movement. This total set a high level and presented an increase of about 4½ per cent over the 1939 distribution. Unlike previous estimates from various sources, the figure was for the nation, as represented by more than 7,500,000 members with deposits in approximately 4,800 banks, savings institutions and other organizations.

For the entire country the average distribution to each member will amount to \$48.50. Mr. Rawl estimated that the recipients would use the money as follows: Christmas purchases, 32.4 per cent, or \$118,260,000; permanent savings, 26.7 per cent, or \$95,655,000; year-end bills, 14 per cent, or \$51,000,000; taxes, 9.7 per cent, or \$36,400,000; insurance premiums, 9.3 per cent, or \$34,000,000; education, travel and charity, 4.2 per cent, or \$15,330,000; mortgage interest, 2.3 per cent, or \$8,400,000; miscellaneous, 1.4 per cent, or \$5,955,000.

A Statistical Fact

The Fort Worth Press says: "Here is a statistical fact which we all should paste and carry in our hats:

"On a basis of our normal budget for the year—leaving out the billions for defense—if every income above \$100,000 a year were confiscated (and that includes the Du Ponts, the Rockefellers, the Mellons and all the other fat ones), the amount collected would run the government only 16 days. If every income above \$10,000 were confiscated—110 days.

"Think that over, as you view the abundant life, and the future, for yourself and your posterity."

Longevity

Man is about the longest-lived of the mammals, with the elephant running a close second. For other types of life Dr. Raymond Pearl, of Johns Hopkins Hospital, sets these maximums: Insects, 17 years; fish, 267 years; reptiles, 175 years; birds, 118 years. These spans are dwarfed by trees—the giant California red woods, whose annual ring growth reveals ages running to 5,000 years, and the macrozamia trees, found in the Tambourine Mountains of Australia, one of which has been estimated to be 15,000 years old.

7,000 New Pilots

The Army will have 7,000 newly trained war pilots by June, said Gen. John B. Brooks, commandant of Randolph Field, near San Antonio, Texas, the largest flying field in the world.

More than 800 of these new skilled pilots will be ready for combat in only a few months, Gen. Brooks declared. They will come from the ranks of 353 "Dodgers"—cadets who haven't yet qualified for licenses—and 565 civil-flying-course graduates receiving advanced instruction.

The question of a shortage of training planes is not troublesome now, according to Brig. Gen. Gerald C. Brant, commander of the Gulf Coast Air Training Center, who collaborates with Gen. Brooks.

But Brant warned that if the aircraft manufacturers do not speed up production by March, there will be a shortage.

Grass Root Reveries

By JOE GANDY
Winnsboro, Texas.

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INEXORABLE Time has brought around another Christmas with all its beautiful sentiments and traditions. Time takes youth from many of us but Christmas brings it back. At Christmastime we oldsters catch the spirit of the holidays and become as children again. Toys and dolls and balloons interest us. We join the little boys and girls in celebrating this Great and Joyous Day. To every one of my readers I truly and sincerely wish a

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

May God grant you:

Comfort in your Home,
Safety on your Journey,
Courage in your Duty,
Happiness in your Leisure,
Patience in your Adversity,
Success in your Ventures.



Coon Creek community had a straw vote on the Presidential nominees. But when the ballot box was opened to count the votes it had more straw in it than votes. Some joker had filled the box with straw he had gathered from an old wheat stack.

We are well on our way with national defense if labor strikes don't bog us down. Uncle Sam should tolerate no strikes in plants working on defense armament. It was labor strikes two years ago among French airplane and munition factories that contributed to French defeat. It is the reds causing strikes in American airplane plants let's deport them or shoot them. Representative Dies said recently: "The evidence we have confirms that the Axis partners, Germany, Italy, Japan and Russia, are working very closely in the United States, exchanging information and actively co-operating in many ways, to prevent this country from quickly preparing its defense, and second, to prevent our extending aid to Britain.

"There is no question that their agents are entrenched in industries vital to national defense. That proof has already been obtained. There is no question about the desperate intention of Axis powers to prevent us from preparing and from extending help to Britain."

Astronomers tell us that a comet is approaching the Earth at the rate of two thousand miles per second. It will be visible all over the United States. Comets wander through space without any particular objective, sometimes colliding headon with a planet, say scientists. I hope this comet will miss the Earth a million miles, for we are being bombed enough as is. Believe I could dodge an airplane bomb but doubt that I could dodge a comet striking the Earth with its long tail.

Why comets have long tails never has been explained to my satisfaction. I can see a reason for a dog having a tail, especially in fly time, but what use has a comet for a tail? Nothing would humiliate me more than to be side-swiped and killed by an old comet's tail.

East Texas this year has the greatest sweet 'tater crop on record. For a long time the sweet potato was just human food. Now scientists say it is one of the most valuable of root crops. Not only starch but other products can be made from the sweet potato. I am glad this lowly field crop is coming into its own. I can remember when we boys in school lunched on sweet 'taters and corn pone day after day. No better food than these for building brawn. But feats of brawn on school grounds were so common then that no one paid much attention to them. Nowadays athletic prowess is spread all over the front pages of newspapers.

There is another crop in Texas that some day will be of immense value. Scientists haven't got around to it yet. When they do they will find the persimmon has 'em all beat for vitamins A and D and vitamins WXYZ. One reason the persimmon crop is not appreciated is because we don't have to work it. They grow wild and anywhere except where you want them to grow. Many times have I dug a persimmon sprout from among the corn and cotton rows only to find in a few days that two sprouts had grown in the same place where I had dug the one sprout.

The State Game Department comes out with an unusual story about the coyote and the raccoon. These two animals have formed an alliance against wild turkeys. As the story goes, the coons climb the trees at night, scare the turkeys from their roosts and the coyotes catch and eat 'em. No mention is made in the story as to where the coon comes in but we guess he gets the spoils, or whatever the coyotes leave of bones and feathers. Animals are much like dictators—they may not like each other but when it comes to killing and pilfering for spoils they work together 100 per cent.

Several friends have complained to me of late about "sleeping cold." There's no excuse whatever for sleeping cold if you have a place where geese can be raised. A good feather bed will keep any one warm during the coldest night. Early settlers knew this and for that reason they kept a flock of geese "browsing around." When I say browsing I mean it literally. A goose will earn its keep by eating grass in fence corners and root sprouts in old fields. Furthermore, you have no better food than a fat well roasted goose along with sweet 'taters and brown gravy.

The Great American Home



"HERE COMES ANOTHER SOCIALITE! DO YOU KNOW JOE, I GET SOME OF THE BEST PEOPLE IN TOWN, SINCE I REVOLUTIONIZED MY SHOOTING GALLERY!"

BRIEF TEXAS NEWS---from Over the State

DIES AT 106

J. W. Blackwell, born in Arkansas 106 years ago, died from injuries at Spur, (Dickens county). He had been a Confederate soldier and buffalo hunter.

GIVES 3 AMBULANCES

Three field ambulances, fully equipped, have been given to England for service by Karl Hohlitzelle of Dallas, wealthy Interstate Theaters president.

BIGGEST FISH CATCH

When Davey Lake went out near Palestine, negroes of the community got the biggest catch of the season simply by walking out and picking up fish stranded by receding waters.

THIRD SET OF TWINS

Mr. and Mrs. Skeet Frazier, of Kountze, (Hardin county), have announced the birth of a third set of twins. They have a total of 10 children. The three sets of twins are all alive and healthy.

SAFEST CITIES

State police have made public their city motor vehicle traffic fatality ratings for the first nine months of 1940 showing Dallas, El Paso and Tyler as the safest cities in their population groups.

STATE DEFICIT NEW HIGH

Reaching a new high of more than \$28,250,000 on November 4, the deficit in the general revenue fund of the State treasury smashed all previous records. The previous high mark was October 19 when the fund was in the red by \$26,996,228.

STUDENTS MILK CONSCIOUS

A survey of student patrons eating at the Commons, University of Texas cafeteria, disclosed 73 out of each 100 customers drink milk at lunch and dinner, said Dr. Jet Winters, University home economics professor.

NO LEGAL LIMIT TO CATFISH

A recent opinion by the Attorney General of Texas, addressed to the State Game, Fish and Oyster Commission, declared that there is no limitation "upon the number of catfish which may be possessed in one day . . ."

FLYING LESSONS FOR WOMEN STUDENTS

Flying instruction at the Denton Municipal Airport is now available to students of Texas State College for Women, Denton, who can obtain the full consent of their parents. The girls will receive dual instructions.

GIRL, 16, ATTENDS 78th SCHOOL

When 16-year-old June Handke enrolled in the Dallas public school it was the 78th school she had attended. June's father, a traveling salesman, takes the family along with him wherever he goes. Since his territory is the entire country, June has gone to school in 47 States and even in Canada and Mexico.

LAND MARK OF FRONTIER DAYS

One of the most famous landmarks of frontier days in the Southwest—the Piedmont Hotel—of Mineral Wells, has been torn down. The Piedmont once was the most famous stopping place between Fort Worth and El Paso. Built in 1884, the hotel lived through the roaring days of West Texas expansion, housing the great and the near great.

TROUT LEAPS INTO ANGLER'S BASKET

El Paso Herald: "J. R. Dean, of Sudan, (Lamb county), a frequent Ruidoso, N. M., visitor, recently appeared in Ripley's Believe-It-Or-Not. Mr. Dean was flinging his fish line along the Ruidoso river when a big trout leaped out of the water and fell in the basket that was slung from his shoulder."

HOBBY CROP TURNS TO MONEY CROP

From a hobby crop as a high school freshman, Francis J. Warnock has developed a big business. On the edge of El Paso, under eight acres of cloth, Warnock has growing more than a half-million chrysanthemums. Although most of his flower crop are chrysanthemums, he also raises roses, sweet peas, snapdragons, larkspurs, cornflowers, gladioli and dahlias.

"SHORTIES" CAN NOW ENLIST

"Shorties" can now enlist in the U. S. Army, say recruiting officers. Minimum height has been reduced to five feet.

FORT BLISS

Fort Bliss, at El Paso, the nation's largest cavalry post where thousands of soldiers will be trained in the national defense programs, had its beginning in 1848 as a center for troops to protect the Texas border from marauding Indians and Mexicans. During the War Between the States the post was burned by retreating Confederates.

MOTHER AND SON GRADUATE

Mrs. Berta Dean and her 21-year-old son, David Boyd Dean, received diplomas at the University of Houston's last commencement.

MISSES 14 OUT 1,600 SHOTS

R. C. Pope, of Dallas, with a rifle score of 1,586 out of a possible 1,600 shots, won the grand aggregate trophy in the first National Rifle Association registered small bore tournament held at Kilgore.

ALL WET

Bonham Favorite: "Mrs. R. A. Wells, of Marshall, has purchased a home on Water street in the Rainey Addition from a man named Fawcett. The tenant's name was Pool.

TUNED AUTO HORN NUISANCE

City officials of Dallas are studying an anti-noise ordinance to determine if it should ban the fad of automobile horns tuned to play everything from the "Sidewalks of New York" to the "Eyes of Texas."

DRAFT FREAK

Another freak in the draft lottery at Washington was disclosed at Galveston when it was learned that two brothers, one in Galveston and the other in Baltimore, Md., drew identical numbers.

2,800 PENNIES FOR AIR RIDE

Warren C. Smith, of Brownsville, paid 2,800 pennies for an airplane ride ticket from Brownsville to Dallas. The pennies weighed 19 pounds.

CELEBRATES 106th BIRTHDAY

Probably the oldest woman in Texas, Mrs. Margaret Ann Bailey, 401 East California street, El Paso, celebrated her 106th birthday anniversary in October. She has two daughters and a son living. The son, Frank Murrie Hatley, of Kansas City, is 84 years old.

MISS LENA (60) GOES TO TOWN

Galveston News: "Miss Lena Jones, 60 years old, who lives three miles from Silsbee, (Hardin county), went to Silsbee recently for the first time, where she had her first hair wave, saw her first movie and ate her first restaurant meal. When asked what she liked best, what thrilled her most, she said: 'Riding in that brand new 1941 model automobile.'"

TRAFFIC FATALITIES HIGHER

Data compiled by the Texas Highway Department shows that for the first nine months of 1940 there was a heavy increase of highway deaths throughout the State. Total deaths were 1,940, compared with 1,042 in 1939. Traffic fatalities on country roads were greater than on city streets.

40-FOOT STATUE OF CHRIST DEDICATED

A mighty hewn stone statue of the Saviour, Jesus Christ, was dedicated by members of the Catholic hierarchy and hundreds of the faithful on Mount Christo Rey, near El Paso. The massive 40-foot stone monument commands the Rio Grande valley and the international boundary between the United States and Mexico.

SELECTIVE SERVICE STORY

Victoria Advocate: "One of the best stories arising from the Selective Service conscription recently comes from Bay City, (Matagorda county), and was reported by one of the lady registrars assisting in the registration. She asked one of the many colored men who was registering 'Have you any physical defects?' The colored youth responded promptly: 'Yes, m'am! I'se married!'"

OIL WELL DRILLING FOR 1940

With several weeks of 1940 yet to go, permits to drill new oil wells in Texas appeared likely to pass the 10,000 mark in 1940, with 9,700 wells permitted so far this year, said R. W. Bryam, oil statistician.

ALBINO BUZZARD

A snow-white buzzard has been added to the Hermann Park Zoo, Houston. It was captured by C. W. Farrell of Augusta, (Houston county). The zoo has two other albinos, a wildcat and a flying squirrel.

CHAMP PECAN GROWER

Champion pecan grower is N. H. Hander, of Belton, (Bell county). He was adjudged the 1940 winner when he scored 120 points and exhibited the pecan with the shallowest sutures at the annual Texas Pecan Growers Association convention held in San Angelo.

BROWNING LETTER FOUND IN U. OF T. LIBRARY

An unpublished and hitherto unknown letter written jointly by Robert and Elizabeth Browning, England's great Victorian poets, has been discovered in the University of Texas library at Austin. The letter went unnoticed for many years in the extensive collection of Charles Dickens materials bequeathed the library by the late Mrs. Mariam Lutchter Stark of Orange.

\$40,210,347 EXPENDED ON ROADS

The Texas Highway Department expended, for the fiscal year ended September 1, \$40,210,347 for maintenance and part construction of 26,804 miles of designated State highways.

SHARP DROP IN FIRE DEATHS

A sharp decline in the number of deaths caused by fire was reported for September and October by State Fire Insurance Commissioner Marvin Hall, who advised continued caution because "the most dangerous fire months are upon us."

PLANES ROUND UP ANTELOPES

The State Game, Fish and Oyster Commission reports the successful use of airplanes in rounding up fleet antelopes, formerly a job exclusively for horses. When captured the animals are placed in padded crates and trucked to new pastures for propagation.

SWIMMING POOL FLOATS AWAY

"You can imagine my surprise," said Ray Fogle, of Houston, "when I looked out of a window and saw my swimming pool floating away." The concrete pool—50 feet long, 22 feet wide and 14 feet deep—floated toward Bray's Bayou, out of its banks after six inches of rain. Fogle enlisted the help of some boys and anchored the pool to trees in the back of his home.

SQUIRRELS USE BRIDGE

An old bridge across the Neches river between Angelina (Harris county) and Trinity (Trinity county) has served its best days for pedestrians and motor cars and was abandoned when a new highway was put through. However, squirrels still make use of the bridge, going back and forth over the river by using the iron framework of the bridge.

GROWS ORCHIDS IN EL PASO

El Paso Herald: "Orchids, that rarest and most expensive of flowers, is grown in El Paso by J. T. Bickle in a tropical moisture laden atmosphere. Bickle grows the orchids in a glass greenhouse with canvas for shade, a gas stove for heat, and pans of water and soaking peat moss for moisture. 'You can't keep an orchid healthy by just pouring water on it. The air itself must be moist,' Mr. Bickle said. He raises the only orchids between San Antonio and the West Coast."

WOUNDED WHEN MISTAKEN FOR TURKEY

Physicians say Hugo E. Crenweige, of Fredericksburg, (Gillespie county), will recover from a shotgun wound sustained when he was mistaken for a wild turkey and shot by another hunter on a ranch near Fredericksburg.

CALL OF THE OLD WEST

Every Friday night, says the Ranger Times, 60 or more El Pasoans mount their horses and ride into the desert. They take their guitars and banjos, gather around a camp-fire and sing cowboy ballads. Afterwards a chuck wagon supper is eaten.

FISCAL YEAR TAXES

Below are the total State taxes paid by taxpayers for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1940:

Gasoline tax	\$45,947,768.29
Liquor	6,154,515.89
Cigarettes	7,203,736.01
Auto licenses	8,512,458.21
In addition to the \$67,818,000 the smokers, drinkers and drivers paid, here are some other important taxpayers:	
Property owners	\$22,275,000
Oil, Gas, etc.	21,001,000
Insurance companies	3,523,000
Poll taxes	1,712,000
Franchises	4,712,000
Inheritance taxes	712,000
Chain stores	703,000

CO-DS SPONSOR KNITTING DRIVE

A group of University of Texas co-eds are sponsoring a national campus knitting campaign for the American Red Cross.

BABY BOA IN BANANAS

James Reid, of Eastland, (Eastland county), found a baby boa constrictor in a bunch of bananas from Central America. A full grown boa measures from 20 to 30 feet.

RARE CORTEZ MANUSCRIPT

An original Hernando Cortez manuscript, 400 years old, is the newest addition to the University of Texas library. The old document, original in Cortez own handwriting, is addressed to King Charles V of the Holy Roman Empire.

COTTON CHRISTMAS

"Do your Christmas shopping early and buy cotton products," is Governor W. Lee O'Daniel's advice to Texans. The Governor's gift suggestions included mattresses, sheets, towels, curtains and draperies, handkerchiefs, neckties, dresses, tablecloths, napkins, automobile seats, tents and awnings.

GIANT TREE FELLED

A towering loblolly pine tree, 155 years old, was recently felled by a logging company near Lufkin, (Angelina county). The tree scaled 5,999 board feet, enough lumber to build a small house. Some of the top branches were 10 inches in diameter.

SIX BROTHERS REGISTER

Atlanta Journal: "Mr. and Mrs. Frank Alexander of the Smyrna community have the honor of being the parents of six sons to register at Bloomberg, (Cass county). Names and ages of the six brothers are: James Abram, 33; Ernest Paul, 30; Odell, 27; Udell, 26; Rayford, 25, and Garland Gordon 22."

DEER KILLED BY AUTO

When the deer season opened Leroy F. Tarbet, California tourist, did not go deer hunting but he killed a 200-pound buck which leaped on the highway in front of his automobile 30 miles east of El Paso. "I had my choice of swerving off the road into a ditch or hitting the buck, so I hit the buck," Tarbet told Deputy Game Warden W. D. Stubblefield. The animal was dressed and put in cold storage for El Paso orphans.

WINDS SETH THOMAS CLOCK DAILY

Rufus A. McCain, pioneer Ellis county citizen, owns an old Seth Thomas clock given him by his father in 1876. For 64 years he has wound the clock daily, estimating that in all these years he has spent about 16 days in winding the clock. It still keeps accurate time.

DYNAMITE SAFER THAN GASOLINE

Dynamite in the home can be much safer than gasoline, State Fire Insurance Commissioner Marvin Hall said recently, because the majority of the people have learned to fear dynamite, while they treat gasoline less carefully. Hall said statistics for the first 10 months of the year show a death toll of 50 persons from improper use of gasoline. Twenty-five deaths were charged to improper care in using kerosene.

FALLS 10 STORIES AND LIVES

Allen Kitson, age 39, of Dallas, fell 10 stories down an elevator shaft at Austin and lived to tell about it. Kitson sustained several broken vertebrae from the fall, which occurred as he was helping to install an elevator in a new building. His companion, Nolan Smith Mosher, age 31, of Dallas, was killed in the fall.

12,000 MILES BY HORSEBACK

After traveling more than 12,000 miles by horseback from Buenos Aires, Marcelino Soule, age 32, Argentine polo player, arrived at Laredo in November. He started on his journey July 27, 1938. Soule is enroute to Washington to deliver a greeting to the President of the United States from Mayor Contello of Buenos Aires.



A Christmas Prayer

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Thank God for peaceful, tranquil ways
When we can plan our holidays.
Thank God that we may have no dread
Of war planes zooming overhead.
Thank God for all our plenteous store
Of food and blessings evermore—
For gifts that we may buy at will
Without a rationing card to fill.
Thank God for little things like these—
For colored lights and Christmas trees.

HONDO SIGN EMPHATIC

A Hondo, (Medina county), sign with foot-high letters, admonishes motorists as follows: "This is God's Country, Don't Drive Through It Like Hell." The sign has been pictured and quoted in numerous travel magazines. It was erected 10 years ago and has been frequently re-painted.

TEXAS CENTENARIAN

Born on the banks of the Colorado river, 10 miles from Austin, Mrs. M. Draper, 125 Thirteenth street, San Antonio, celebrated her 100th birthday in November. She sees without glasses, takes long walks, goes fishing and does her share of the housework. Her recipe for old age is, "Marry a man that will take good care of you." Mrs. Draper is the mother of 10 children, has 25 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

NEGRO NOT BOTHERED BY MAIL

Madisonville Meteor: "A negro was registering here for the draft. 'What's your address?' a clerk asked the negro. 'I ain't got none,' he said. 'Where do you get your mail?' 'I ain't never got no mail.' 'Well, where does your father get his mail?' 'He ain't never got no mail neither.'"

Real Spot Remover



By Boughner

Christmas Decorations

For the Home

IT IS indeed the "season to be jolly" and nothing contributes more to the general spirit of jollification than a house that is decked with holly and every other sort of fragrant spicy Christmas green.

It's an old Christmas custom, but one which sheds just as much cheer and fragrance today as it did hundreds of years ago.

While the Yule log may not be actually dragged in from the forest by members of the family, father can still bring home the Christmas tree—and the family can still make a gala event of trimming the house for the holiday—so that on Christmas Eve red candles will flicker throughout the house and the air will be spicy with the scent of cedar or pine.

If there's money to burn it's easy enough to call up a florist and tell him to send out his usual load of greens, wreaths and garlands.

But there can be gaiety on a shoestring if everyone will pitch in and make the decorations.

The evergreen boughs bought in bulk are not costly, and no end of attractive things can be made with them. Even the ropes can be made at home by wrapping the green around a piece of stout twine wound with spool wire. Roping, however, is not prohibitive in price, and a few yards of the professionally made rope is a good investment where gala garlands are to be used. Especially light, easy to handle and attractive are the ropes of laurel.

The Centerpiece

The centerpiece of the Christmas table, or the mantel decoration, however, is all important. Two charming arrangements can be easily copied by the home decorator.

At the top an arrangement of artificial poinsettia blossoms is used with silver balls.

Unfortunately the real blossoms—lovely if one can afford them—are a little costly. But this is one occasion when artificial flowers do seem to be amply justified.

The big red flowers can be purchased and kept for use each year. They

are extremely effective, most realistic, and if mixed with waxy laurel leaves and huge silver balls make a stunning and easily arranged centerpiece.

Spool wire will hold the balls to slender sticks, which should be painted or dyed green or red. These are mixed with the blossom, and all are held in place by inserting in a mould of florists moss which has been moistened, or in a flat box cover cut in an oblong shape, and pierced with holes. Of course, in this case enough foliage must be used to cover the box.

Fountain of Lovely Candles

The pasteboard box technique is also used for that perfect fountain of lovely candles—a big group of them of varying heights gives a particularly exuberant air.

Use a box which is three or four inches high. Turn it upside down and cut holes in which to insert the candles. No other candleholder will be needed. It is now a perfectly simple matter to cover the base with any available greens. The spiky pines with their cones and a few small silvered stems or red berries will make a lovely and an extremely inexpensive centerpiece.

Long boughs or branches of spruce roped together and hung with bells or cones with bows of red ribbon at the top make lovely decorations for outside door panels, and are a little newer than the wreaths so often used.

The mantelpiece, trimmed with a mound of holly or bright colored oak leaves, will need the accent of either tall red candles or a group of the Christmas angels which one sees in the shops, while the inside doorways, of course, would seem all wrong at this time of year if not hung with bunches of waxy green and white mistletoe caught with loops of red and silver ribbon.



spect, because they make it. Wars will never end until settled on the basis of a peace of understanding. Guns and other devilish weapons of warfare will never bring peace to the human heart. They only glorify hate.

And when capital and labor lie down together, and when all disputes and stripes are settled through discussion—without bitterness—and for the good of all concerned, then will America dedicate itself anew to democratic ideals, inspired by the faith of its founders.

TIN

This lowly metal, which is familiar to every householder, took an important place in the news recently when the fear was expressed that the supply during the next twelve months might not be sufficient to meet the demand. The Tin Producers Association estimated this country's "normal" requirements for the coming year at 85,000 tons, and consumption in the rest of the world at another 85,000 tons. In addition the United States wants to accumulate 75,000 tons as a reserve. All this totals 245,000 tons. World output was estimated at 235,000 tons.

Letters to editors have suggested that discarded tin cans be saved for the re-use of the metal. But this idea is not feasible. Containers are made of tin-plate, which is sheet iron or steel covered on both sides with tin. The tinning process is called tin-pickling; the plates are immersed in an acid bath and dipped into molten tin. The small amount of tin that could be salvaged from tin cans would not be worth the labor and cost of separation.

Deposits of cassiterite, the

chief ore of tin, are limited, but the metal was known to the ancients. The tin ore the world uses comes mainly from the Netherland Indies, Malaya, Nigeria, Siam, China, Bolivia, and Cornwall, in England.

SACCHARIN

Italy is short of sugar. Accordingly, Signor Mussolini has instructed housewives to use saccharin. If they grumble they will be told by the grocer (he has taken the business over from the apothecary) that four pounds of saccharin are equivalent in sweetening power to one ton of the best cane sugar and that it is much cheaper.

Saccharin is only a sweetener. Its food value is nil. It passes through the body almost unchanged. But that is of no moment to the Italian housewives, so long as they can get enough starch (carbohydrates) in the form of bread, spaghetti and what they call "pasta." Moreover, saccharin is just as good a preservative as sugar, so that it can be used for jams.

Discovered accidentally sixty-two years ago by C. Fahlberg, a German student, under the direction of Dr. Ira Remsen at Johns Hopkins University, saccharin is a white crystalline coal-tar derivative. It is 500 times sweeter than sugar, though it has a slightly bitter aftertaste.

Before the World War there was a strong controversy about the wholesomeness of saccharin as a food. It was medically branded as a poison, so that even diabetics were afraid of it. But during the World War the need for sugar made medical Germany change its mind, and now the course is removed. Tons of saccharin were successfully

used in Europe as a substitute for sugar in the last war. Experiments since have proved that saccharin in reasonable doses has no perceptible influence on health.

HANGING IN EFFIGY

The old custom of hanging in effigy has been revived in the United States. A short while ago a Senator's stuffed image was strung up on Capitol Hill. A Presidential candidate was hanged in effigy in Tennessee.

Since ancient times men have been hanged or burned in effigy. The primitives believed they could injure their enemies by burning or destroying images of them. Today hanging a figure of straw, dressed to resemble some personage, is a method of expressing disapproval. Many Presidents, politicians and other notables have been the objects of such contumely. For many years on each Fourth of July Benedict Arnold was hanged in effigy in Philadelphia and New York. During the World War the Kaiser was frequently burned in effigy throughout the country.

For centuries the effigies of Guy Fawkes in England and of Judas in some Latin countries have been hanged annually. In seventeenth-century France punishment by effigy was a recognized practice. If a criminal escaped, his effigy was delivered to the prison and executed. In 1639 the Duke of LaValette was beheaded in effigy in three different French cities on the same day. The Duke, meanwhile, was safe in England.

Perhaps the greatest demonstration ever accorded an effigy was at Halesworth in England when Oliver Cromwell was pilloried in effigy and afterward burned in a

bonfire of five-hundred fagots.

LARGEST WINDMILL

Engineers are building, at Rutland, Vermont, the largest windmill yet attempted to generate electricity from air currents—and as a possible adjunct, they say, to national defense.

Vanes built like airplane wings with a wingspread approximating that of huge bombers, are in prospect for a 100-foot-high experimental turbine station that will be completed in 1941 to test the feasibility of harnessing the winds as another source of commercial power.

Plans call for the generation of 1,000 kilowatts of power, sufficient to light five 100-watt lamps each for 2,000 families.

But backers of the project contend the wind turbine is not expected to supplant existing means of electrical supply; rather, it is expected to increase the value of existing means by backing them up with predictable wind-power.

And, with an eye to national defense, they also say that a series of such wind turbines, distributed through the hills, would be less vulnerable to air attack than equivalent generating capacity concentrated in a single station.

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Peace of Understanding

By GEORGE MATTHEW ADAMS
ALL disputes, quarrels and wars come about through MIS-Understanding. We get along fine with those whom we understand, and who understand us.

There must have been some reason why the Creator made so many different people and races and scattered them all over the globe. It certainly wasn't meant that they were made that way to create animosities and to fight one another. It was meant that they should get along with one another peacefully and happily and that they should be good friends.

There are many 'natural' enemies in nature, if I may so express it. The domestic dog and cat as a rule are not any too friendly. Any school boy can testify to this fact. But let them be brought up together and they not only become—but usually remain—fast friends.

Here in the United States we have a great country of 48 States—all on friendly terms. Imagine our States hating one another, and spying against one another as do the States, or countries, of the Old World in Europe. We had one experience of fighting one another, but since it ended, we have been friends—and intend ever to remain as such—"one and inseparable."

Say Bitter Things

People quarrel and say bitter things that eat into the heart of another and leave scars, and then they are sorry afterwards. People wouldn't say harsh things if they un-

derstood, for in the end they come to see how foolish and destructive it is.

We, of this day, can hardly appreciate the dark years of those who gave their all to make of this nation one that could stand out as a beacon light before all the world. Strife, hardship, poverty, despair, bodily and mental suffering—they who pioneered knew all these things. But they kept their faces ever to the front, never looking backward. They knew the spiritual elixir of work.

The builders of America came from all the nations of the earth. The German, Frenchman, Swede, Norwegian, Bohemian, Finn, Chinaman, Japanese, Russian, Italian—and any number of other nationalities—came here to help make America their own!

Peace of Understanding

The Peace of Understanding is here in America—regardless of insidious agents that have recently infested our land, like termites, seeking to undermine our free institutions, and to defeat our long reign of free enterprise and our constitutional right to think and express ourselves without having to go to jail for it. It is our privilege to worship where and as we may, and to walk out into the world each day as free human beings!

The only kind of a government that any nation deserves is the one that it can protect and keep. And I might add, the kind of a government that its people love and re-

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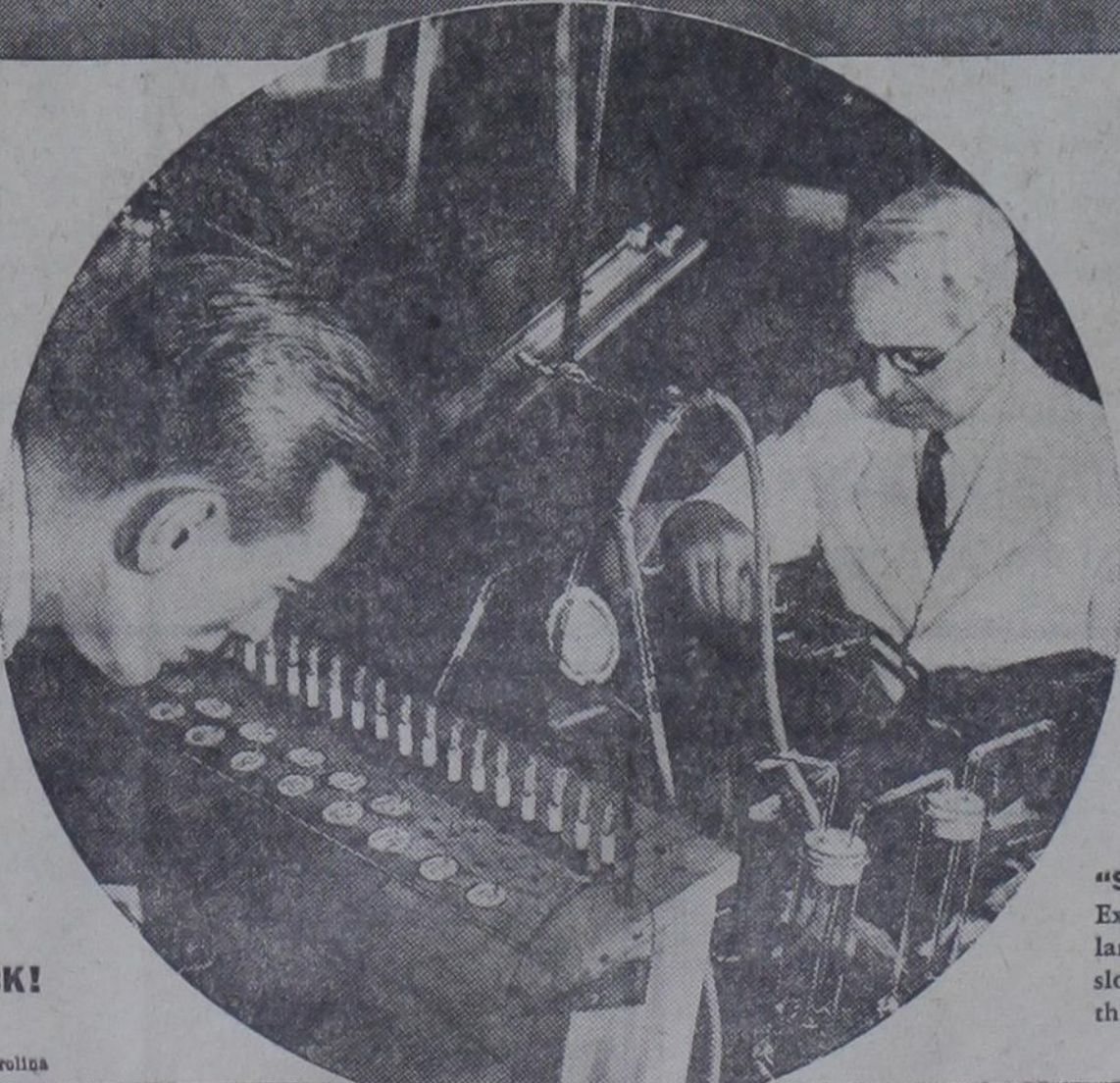


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TEXAS FARM NEWS REPORTS

To prove the versatility of cotton, a Dallas pastry cook has started to market an ice cream made from cottonseed meal and lint extract.

Musk rats provide the livelihood for many trappers in the State of Texas. Storms do considerable damage to the muskrat population, and means of protecting the animals are being studied by the Texas Game Department.

Sleeping sickness in horses and mules which has been found in North Texas is now making its way south, and its appearance has been noted in the vicinity of Brazos county, Dr. A. A. Lenert, head of veterinary medicine department at A. & M. College, announced.

A peach tree was in full bloom this fall on the Skinner farm near Bartlett, (Bell county). Mr. Skinner reports the tree is a seedling 8 or 10 years old from which he gathered a good crop of peaches early this summer. It just seems to have got the seasons a little mixed.

Grapefruit from Texas will total 14,800,000 boxes this season, according to reports gathered by the U. S. Department of Agriculture—slightly above last year's harvested production. Orange production was forecast as 2,730,000 boxes—higher than indicated production of last year at actual harvest.

Ira Lee thinks he employed the champion cotton picker in his section around Celina, (Collin county), in the person of a negro, Aubrey Alexander, who picked 2,500 pounds of cotton from one Monday morning until noon the following Saturday. The negro did a clean job of it, too, said Mr. Lee.

Texas wild turkeys multiply in semi-captivity. Last winter the Game Department released 12 hens and three gobblers in a 20-acre pen in Robertson county, and a recent count showed 35 young turkeys within the area.

Cotton bagging for wrapping cotton bales was first tried in Texas in 1938, with less than 17,500 bales being so covered. In 1939, the number of bales of Texas cotton covered with cotton patterns rose to 233,967.

The Producers Turkey Egg Co-operative, a Coleman county-wide organization with headquarters at Santa Anna, reports the sale of 200,000 turkey eggs for delivery early next year to Northern and Eastern points.

Mrs. Brac Wilson, of Leona, (Leon county), has arranged to have 2,000 goats grazed on her brush land. Goat men are well pleased with the set up, and say the goats are doing as well as expected. Many farmers are watching the result of these demonstrations, and if they are successful, many land owners will be interested next year.

Not great herds of cattle on every hill and in every valley, but pounds of beef and quality of cattle is the objective West Texas ranchmen are now stressing. Study of kinds and quality of grasses on the range, proper stocking, mineral substitutes, control of range poisonous plants, and the use of every available government service to obtain the maximum benefits is now the rule of our West Texas rangeland. Such a demonstration, with the above aim in mind, is being carried out on Jim Thornton's ranch in Ward county in combination with the S. C. S. and the Extension Service.

Wilkes Fowler, Reeves county 4-H club member, who is feeding calves for the second year, is doing a practical job of feeding on his father's farm at Saragosa. J. M. Fowler, the father, has been feeding cattle for five years and has done a good job of it with a fair profit each year except one. Wilkes feeds his calves exactly the same ration that his father's steers get—whole ground hegari, cotton seed, cane whole ground and alfalfa hay. Wilkes took second place in the county, and first place was a milk fed calf; so he is proving that it is not only possible but desirable to refrain from pampering his calves with expensive feeding practices.

Swisher county is primarily a wheat country, but Doug Watson, living 6 miles northeast of Tulia, reports raising 1,300 bushels of tomatoes on four acres of land for a profitable side-line crop.

Texas this year dropped to second place in turkey production in the United States for the first time in 50 years, according to the latest Department of Agriculture report which estimated that California is leading with a total of 3,543,000 turkeys against 3,536,000 for Texas. Texas' turkey crop is 8 per cent shorter than last year, further states the department's report.

The "meatless days" which may be in store for Europeans, will not mean much to the Oscar Lich family, who reside in the Cypress Creek community, (Harris county), for Mrs. Lich, who is home food supply demonstrator of the Cypress Creek Home Demonstration Club, has an abundance of meat prepared for her pantry and kitchen. She has provided 3 pigs, and a yearling beef. Mrs. Lich also canned 25 quarts of venison roast and steak during the last hunting season, and has 12 quarts of chicken canned ready for instant use.

Lameness in sheep and lambs is being corrected in Hudspeth county by the use of black steam bone-meal and cotton seed meal. Enough cottonseed meal is used with the bone-meal to make it more palatable. There seems to be two things needed on the range for sheep—mineral and protein, which can be supplied by feeding these meals.



Because of the importance of the industry to Texas, Governor O'Daniel has proclaimed citrus week, January 17-25, and urged citizens to create a great home market for the fruit.

Marvin McCain, age 22, Lubbock, (Lubbock county), farm boy, won first place and a tractor in the sectional finals of the tractor operating contest sponsored by the National Farm Youth foundation. Competing on identical equipment with other youths from neighboring farming areas, McCain was named winner on the basis of points scored in competition for the straightness of opening furrows, neatness of back furrow, evenness of furrow slices and similar competitive points.

According to reports to the Agricultural Marketing Service, Texas ranges were 5 points above average on November 1. Cattle were in very good condition as of this date, and sheep and lambs at shipping time were averaging much heavier weights than usual.

University of Texas chemists are working up plans to win for Texas cotton a bigger share of the domestic market. They have announced the establishment of a complete physical and chemical testing laboratory to experiment with cotton fiber. Plans are also being studied for erecting spinning and weaving equipment for use in a search for new textile fields adapted to Texas cotton.

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Postmaster Frank Walker told rural carriers in the Dallas area it would be all right for them to feed the birds on their routes this winter when the heavy snows come. It's an old postal custom, he explained.

University of Texas scientists are getting ready to help Texas agriculturists launch a new industry—cheese manufacture. Their job is a task of running down and co-ordinating all information available on Texas resources which will support this special branch of the dairy industry.

Possibility of growing licorice root in Southwest Texas is now being investigated by the Southwest Texas Chamber of Commerce, according to report by chamber officials. Large quantities of the herb have been imported in the past, and it is believed curtailed importations brought on by the war may make the growing of the product in Texas profitable. The product is used in tobacco, confectionery and drugs.

Members of more than 100,000 Texas farm families are sleeping on new mattresses this winter as a result of cotton mattresses made in the State under the Department of Agriculture's program for aiding low-income farm families and reducing the cotton surplus. This estimate was compiled by Mildred Horton, State home demonstration agent of A. & M. Extension Service. To date mattress-making centers have been set up in 2,654 Texas communities, and mattresses are being made in 150 counties.

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Greenhouse experiments in soilless plant growth are being conducted by 12 advanced floriculture students at Texas Technological College. Fifteen common types of flowers and vegetables are being tested in plots of pure water, fine well sand, coarse sand, and chat to determine which medium is best adapted to greenhouse use. A nutrient solution is used in both water and sand tests. Plants being tested beside the flowers include cucumbers, gourds and tomatoes. Successful means of growing plants without soil would save cost of buying or cultivating soil, as well as labor required, fertilizing, watering and spraying plants, O. B. Howell, horticulture professor, said, and would enable growers to regulate growth of plants more easily.

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Holly wreaths hung in the windows, tinsel and ornaments, hung by the Quints themselves, transformed a beautiful evergreen tree into a glittering work of art, and the Christmas carols (in French) were rehearsed before the Quints finally were tucked into their beds.

An air of excited expectancy filled the Dionne nursery all Christmas Eve, although each little Quint thoroughly understood that Pere Noel (Santa Claus) would not come until long after they are abed. But in their eagerness they ran to the windows time and again and pressed their five little noses against the panes when the tinkling of bells penetrated their nursery as a sleigh passed on the snow-packed road outside. There's always the possibility Santa might come early, they seemed to think, and they did not want to miss any chances of seeing him personally.

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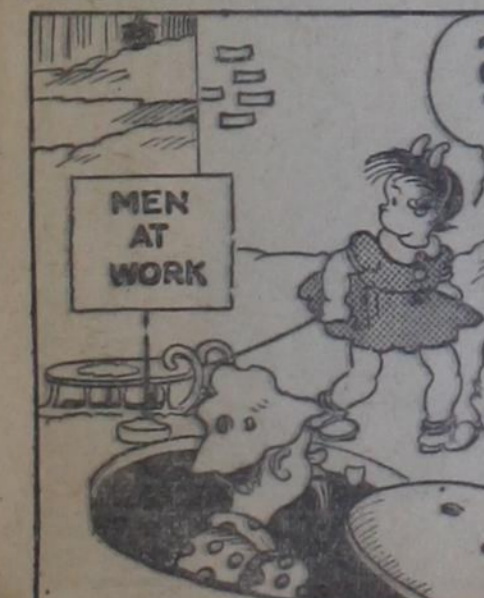
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Our Boys and Girls

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



THE SPIRIT OF GIVING

DEAR FRIENDS:

In the block where we live are two boys of about the same age. Their dads draw about the same salary each and it so happens that their mothers belong to the same clubs. Now, these two boys have grown up doing things much as other boys, going to the same school, playing the same games, attending the same church, etc. They have much in common, though in school one is half a grade ahead of the other. However, these two boys are wide apart in the fundamentals of life, in their attitude toward other people.

For example, we were having a little neighborhood get-together at our home when the subject of Christmas came up. A majority of the young folk present began to talk about the things they wanted for Christmas. Some wanted personal gifts like bicycles, roller skates, footballs, clothes, etc. Master A (as we shall call the first boy in our story) wanted a long list of gifts that were expensive and he wanted them for purely selfish reasons. Master B (this is the other boy in our story) joined others in discussing the things he wanted for Christmas. Then, after a few moments of reflection, he added: "I wish I could have these things, but when I think of all the little children in Europe who have been driven from their homes by war and of the thousands of children here in our own country who are hungry, I can't WANT these things very hard."

Master A then spoke up, "Oh we can't help that. It isn't our fault they have trouble. We didn't bring it on them."

"That is true," Master B replied, "but it is our duty to help the needy and innocent ones as much as possible."

Soon the whole group of boys and girls caught the real spirit behind Master B's remarks and their conversation turned at once to planning how they could bring happiness to someone less fortunate this Christmas, and forget about their own wants. Thus the attitude of one little boy about Christmas giving had changed the thinking of the entire group.

Sincere greetings to all my little friends. I have enjoyed your friendship during the year beyond words to express. While wishing you a Happy Christmas, I shall look forward to a joyous time with all of you next year. Let us all be thankful for America and guard her liberty and her well-being with zeal.

Affectionately,
(Signed) AUNT MARY.

STORIES THAT LIVE

The far away land of Japan has given us many beautiful stories that have come down to us by word of mouth. Today some of these stories have been set down in books for us to enjoy and better to understand the strange beliefs of these people. The following story has been chosen because it is rather typical of our own lives. The true love that runs through the story should be an inspiration to all of us.

"THE STAR-LOVERS"

Shokujo, daughter of the Sun, dwelt with her father on the banks of the Silver River of Heaven which we call the Milky Way. She was a lovely maiden, graceful and winsome, and her eyes were tender as the eyes of a dove. Her loving father, the Sun, was much troubled because Shokujo did not share in the youthful pleasures of the daughters of the air. A soft melancholy seemed to brood over her, but she never wearied of working for the good of others, and especially did she busy herself with her loom; indeed she came to be called the Weaving Princess.

The Sun bethought him that if he could give his daughter in marriage all would be well; her dormant love would be kindled into a flame that would illumine her whole being and drive out the pensive spirit which oppressed her. Now there lived, hard by, one Kingen, a right honest herdsman, who tended his cows on the borders of the Heavenly Stream. The Sun-King proposed to bestow his daughter on Kingen thinking in this way to provide her happiness and at the same time keep her near him. Every star beamed approval and there was joy in the heavens.

The love that bound Shokujo and Kingen to one another was a great love. With its awakening Shokujo forsook her former occupations, nor did she any longer labor industriously at the loom, but laughed, and danced, and sang and made merry from morn till night. The Sun-King was sorely grieved for he had not foreseen so great a change.

Anger was in his eyes, and he said, "Kingen is surely the cause of this, therefore I will banish him to the other side of the River of Stars."

When Shokujo and Kingen heard that they were to be parted, and could thenceforth, in accordance with the King's decree, meet but once a year, and that upon the seventh night of the seventh month, their hearts were heavy. The leave-taking

between them was a sad one, and great tears stood in Shokujo's eyes as she bade farewell to her lover-husband. In answer to the behest of the Sun-King, myriads of magpies flocked together, and outspreading their wings formed a bridge on which Kingen crossed the River of Heaven. The moment that his feet touched the opposite bank, the birds dispersed with noisy chatter, leaving poor Kingen a solitary exile. He looked wistfully towards the weeping figure of his wife, who stood on the threshold of her now desolate home.

Long and weary were the succeeding days, spent as they were by Kingen in guiding the oxen and by Shokujo in plying her shuttle. The Sun-King was gladdened by his daughter's industry. When night fell and the heavens were bright with countless stars, and the lovers were wont to stand on the banks of the celestial stream, to waft across it sweet and tender messages, each uttered a prayer for the speedy coming of the wondrous night.

The long-hoped-for month and day drew nigh, and the hearts of the lovers were troubled lest rain should fall; for the Silver River, full at all time, is at that season often in flood, and the bird-bridge might be swept away.

The day broke cloudlessly bright. It waxed and waned, and one by one the lamps of heaven were lighted. At nightfall the magpies assembled, and Shokujo, quivering with delight, crossed the slender bridge and fell into the arms of her lover. Their transport of joy was as the joy of flowers when rain drops fall. The moment of parting soon came, and Shokujo sorrowfully retraced her steps.

Year follows year, and the lovers still meet in that far-off starry land on the seventh night of the seventh month, save when rain has swelled the Silver River and rendered the crossing impossible. The hope of a permanent reunion still fills the hearts of the Star-Lovers, and is to them as a sweet fragrance and a beautiful vision.

Go some night out of doors and look at the Milky Way; see if you can find the two star lovers wandering up and down waiting for the day they both love so well.

FRIENDLY HOBBY CLUB

Many, many years ago there lived a Man on this earth who had a wonderful hobby. His hobby was kind deeds. Each day he performed a kind deed; some days he performed many of them. He made the blind to see, the lame to walk, the dumb to speak. I am sure you have guessed that this little boy was—Jesus of Nazareth.

It is the same Jesus whose birthday we celebrate this December 25th. Let us follow in his footsteps—make our hobby that of kind deeds. This Christmas each member of our club can do the following things:

- Write a letter to the one who has been kind to you during the past year and tell him or her how much you appreciated the kindness.
- Resolve to NOT speak a cross or unkind word for one whole day sometime during Christmas week. Remember a day is twenty-four hours.
- Co-operate with your local club or with some group in sending a basket filled with useful gifts to some lonely soul, especially a widow or an orphan.
- Charter Clubs are requested to ask their members to co-operate in sending a basket of food and clothing to some worthy person.

The Year Ahead

Soon we will face a brand New Year and it will be our year to do with as we like. May the Friendly Hobby Club be able to make the most of 1941 and do many interesting things.

We will have our share of hardships yet I feel that each of us will receive many blessings. If you think up something that will be helpful to the club, pass it on to headquarters. We need new members and we need old members to put forth a greater effort to contribute worthwhile activities to the club.

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THE FLOWER OF CHRISTMAS

The poinsettia is truly the flower of Christmas. Its bright red blossoms and dark green leaves reflect the traditional colors of the holiday season, and many people will give and receive them as gifts in the next ten days.

Most blooming plants like a cooler temperature than the average living room, says an old gardener, but the poinsettia, being a native of tropical climes, likes it hot. In fact, it cannot stand the slightest chill. In the greenhouse where these gorgeous plants have been brought to their present beauty, the thermometer may climb to 80 degrees during the day and at night the furnaces never let the temperature drop below 64.

This preference for a warm room should make the poinsettia a good house plant, especially for those homes where a thermostat keeps the night temperature even. Given proper care, a poinsettia will bloom in the house three to four weeks and the foliage will last much longer. Be careful not to expose the plant to cold draughts or the leaves will turn yellow and drop. On its journey from the greenhouse to the store and from the store to your house the plant must be well wrapped so it will not get the slightest chill.

Give it plenty of water and light. It has a big overhead to support with all those succulent green leaves, the big red bracts and the tiny flowers themselves. Every day give it water that has had the chill removed. But do not let it stand in water.

What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him! Mat 8:27.

FAVORS FOR THE FESTIVE TABLE

Individual favors—something children can take home from a party with them—are sure to make a hit with small guests. One of the most popular of these is Santa Claus made with apples and marshmallows.

Use large red apples, polished until they shine. For each leg and arm fasten on two marshmallows with toothpicks. You'll need another toothpick in the base of the apple to make it stand upright.

A piece of a marshmallow forms the neck of Santa, and another marshmallow, the head. Use whole cloves for eyes and mouth, and either cotton batting or "angels' hair" for whiskers and hair.

A piece of red paper made into a peaked cap with a marshmallow or cotton tassel is fastened on the head. You may find it necessary to anchor it with pins to keep it from toppling off.

Snow men made with popcorn balls are attractive, too. You'll have to work fast so the candy doesn't harden before you get the men put together. Use your favorite recipe for the mixture and shape it into balls of three different sizes. Press the largest balls on a greased pan to flatten them for a base.

Put the three balls one on top of the other. Place small red cinnamon drops on the middle ball for buttons, and make the features of melted chocolate, painting it on with a toothpick.

A hat made of colored paper, and a pipe of a gum drop and toothpick can be added if you like.

Large spools, cinnamon drops, and red gum drop leaves are the makings for individual holly favors. Paint the spools with red paint. A small can of quick drying enamel will be enough to cover a great many of them.

Wrap the candies in small pieces of cellulose tissue and fasten a cluster of them together with thin wire. Attach green gum drop leaves to this cluster with thin wire and wrap the stems with green ribbon or cellulose tissue. Put some melted paraffin in the holes of the spools and fasten each cluster of "holly" in place.

An easily made favor, but one which is effective in candle light is made by fastening tiny candles upright in halves of walnut shells that have been painted. Here again melted paraffin is used as an anchor. Have one burning at each place when the young guests go into the dining room.

DECEMBER IN OLD MEXICO

Travelers who visit Mexico City between now and January 6 will find this period filled with an almost continuous round of festivities.

This end of the year fiesta period is easily the gayest of the Mexican calendar. It begins with Guadalupe day, dedicated to Mexico's patron saint. Then come the nine days, called Las Posadas, prior to Christmas; Christmas day itself, New Year's, and finally January 6, which is the time when children receive gifts.

During this period Mexico City, always a fascinating place, receives additional color from the Indians who come to town by the thousands and do homage to Our Lady of Guadalupe. These descendants of the Aztecs display their basketry, fine silver, tin, and leather work, and native pottery, on stands around the Alameda, one of the capital's principal parks.

As a nine-day prelude to Christmas, the "Las Posadas" symbolizes the search of the Virgin Mary and Joseph for shelter before the birth of Christ. Family groups, young people, and even social clubs set out with lighted candles to seek a lodging "for the Christ child." They are turned away from all except the ninth household, where they are admitted by prearrangement. Then dancing, dining, and merriment become general.

SANTY

Santa Claus is none other than Saint Nicholas, a Bishop who lived at Myra, in Asia Minor, during the fourth century. Bishop Nicholas distributed gifts to the poor and sweets to the children. However, Santa Claus, as we know him today, is less a figure representing the good saint than he is a symbol of cheer and good-will.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Cards for greetings were not commonly sold until 1862. At first they were simple, handwritten sentiments with the sender's name appended. However, as their commercial possibilities were unfolded, they were developed to their present form.

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THE HOLIDAY BUFFET

Well spread food and gleaming silver do much to create a cheerful mood for the holiday buffet service, but that is not all. This special type of entertaining usually creates a friendly air and a happy frame of mind.

Literally the buffet means "a counter for refreshments." At that phrase a hundred happy memories may come leaping into the mind. There is the sleigh ride; the highway dinner; the supper; ten years ago; a church picnic; a wedding; an anniversary. Each guest attends with eagerness and expectancy.

There are no special directions for setting the table. It can be set with fine linen or with a paper cloth from the dime store. Colors are especially suitable for buffet tables. The dishes may be fine china or colored ware also from the dime store. The decorations can be tissue-fragile and elaborate or humbler with inexpensive objects arranged imaginatively. Though food is stressed at buffet suppers, the decorations will often set the tone and gaiety of the whole party.

In cold weather a hot dish is appetizing to begin the meal. Important dishes are placed down the length of the table as near the center-piece as possible. A soup tureen or a chafing dish at one end, and the beverage service at the other, will balance the table. Cold drinks are placed on the sideboard.

Each dish should be carefully arranged so that its appearance is not spoiled when a portion is taken from it. The garnish should be edible and plentiful. Minted pineapple, small pickled Seckel pears, pickle fans, radish roses, hard-cooked deviled egg quarters all add color and tang.

Relishes, such as mustard, horseradish or jellies should be put with serving spoons, wherever they will fit on the table, and as near the meat course as possible. Any hot food that can be prepared and served in a baking dish is suitable for a buffet, because it will keep warm and looks well.

The food should be suited to eating with a fork alone, and service should be made equally easy. The meats should be cut in thin, rather narrow slices. Salads should be in individual portions, arranged in small dainty lettuce cups.

Each dish should have beside it the dishes and the silver necessary for it. The plates for the main course should be big enough to hold all the foods offered, though the guests may feel free to take food at any time and return for second helpings.

If rolls are on the menu, they should be buttered before serving (and before heating).

If the buffet table is large enough, all foods can be arranged at once. Of course, it is best to set the cold foods on first and then the hot foods just before the guests begin to fill their plates.

If the table appears to be crowded with the desserts on the table, it is best to wait until most of the guests are almost finished before removing the main course and setting the desserts in place.

The biggest problem of a buffet meal is to provide space for eating. It is rather awkward to balance plates and cups on one's lap when filled with food. You will find small tables, chairs with large arms, steps, etc., convenient places for eating.

The menu depends on the number of guests. The larger the number of guests the greater amount and variety of food, and of course the larger the table.

As a guide, we can count on a hot dish, a cold meat dish, a salad, dessert and beverage. A most elaborate buffet may offer two hot dishes, two cold meats, an aspic, a choice of salads, dessert and choice of beverage.

Here are a few suggested menus for holiday buffet parties:

Orange juice in frosted glasses, creamed finnan haddie, scrambled eggs, crisp bacon, hot muffins, toast, coffee, (or chocolate) cookies.

Creamed chicken in patty shells, aspic of tomato or ham mousse, celery, thin lettuce sandwiches, hot rolls, fancy cakes, ice cream or sherbert, coffee.

Strained vegetable soup, meat pie, pickled peaches, apple, celery and nut salad, baked macaroni, toast points or rolls, apricot gelatine mold, coffee, milk or tea.

The above menus are for suggestions only. It's possible you can think of other menus more clever and original. HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO YOU!



PIQUANT RED CRANBERRIES FOR FESTIVALS

New Jersey, Wisconsin, Washington, Oregon and Cape Cod were scenes of great activities this past fall when the brownish red cranberries vied with purple asters and golden leaves for breath-taking beauty. The five places mentioned have more than 20,000 acres devoted entirely to furnishing the American table with luscious cranberries.

It is only during recent years that we have fully appreciated the true value of this healthful fruit. In the past too often they were served only as special treats for the holidays. Now we know that they are

both delicious and very healthful.

Cranberries are palatable served with pork or beef as well as the traditional Christmas turkey. Serve them often and in many forms.

The wide use of cranberries has led to many new methods of using them. Cranberry sauce is the most widely known form that the cooked fruit takes. It is made by cooking about a quart of fresh berries in two cups of boiling water. A pound of sugar is added to the mixture, which is then boiled until the popping of the cranberry skins indicates the sauce is about ready to be served.



WE DINE

There is a feeling of anticipation and relaxation when we sit down to eat together. This is when families should be the happiest, when parents and children are drawn closer together than at any other time. Happy, happy is the home where a row of smiling faces greets the holiday festive board. Here are a few tempting dishes that should make that season happier:

Chocolate Ship Cottage Pudding

- 1 package semi-sweet chocolate
- 2 cups sifted cake flour
- 2 teaspoons double acting baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3 tablespoons butter or other shortening
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla.

Cut each small square of chocolate in 4 to 6 pieces. Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and salt, and sift again. Cream butter, add sugar gradually, and cream together well. Add flour, alternately with milk, a small amount at a time, beating after each addition until smooth. Add vanilla. Pour about 1/3 batter into 8x8x2-inch pan which has been greased, lined with wax paper, and again greased. Sprinkle 1 cut chocolate over batter. Repeat ending with chocolate. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 10 minutes. Makes about 3 1/2 dozen cookies.

- 2 well beaten eggs
- 2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 1/3 cups of flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup milk
- 1 cup washed and chopped cranberries.

Cream butter and gradually add sugar then the well beaten eggs. Sift flour, salt and baking powder twice then add alternately with the flour. Lastly stir in the cranberries. Steam for three hours.

Coffee Frappe

- 2 cups strong freshly-brewed coffee
- 1/4 cup cream
- 1/4 cup powdered sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 egg.

Place all ingredients and some cracked ice into a beverage shaker and shake well; or beat all ingredients together with egg beater and let stand in refrigerator to chill.

AN ANCIENT CUSTOM

The habit of knocking on wood when we have boasted of our good luck is a throwback to the ancient tree worshippers. The primitive belief was that spirits resided in trees and wood was touched to call the attention of the tree spirit to the fact that his influence was recognized, and that he might not feel slighted and change good fortune into bad.



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LEGEND OF THE TREES

Trees that grace the home during Christmas owe their seasonal employment to a tradition that has been variously explained. One legend has it that when Adam sensed his approaching death he sent Seth to the Garden of Eden to obtain a bit of the Oil of Mercy. Seth's quest was futile, but he did manage to procure a seed from the Tree of Life. This seed he planted in the grave of his father. Thousands of years later, wood from the tree which grew out of Adam's grave, served to fashion the Cross.

THE THREE WISE MEN

The three Wise Men are said to have represented, respectively, youth, middle-age and old-age. Likewise, they have been supposed to be the rulers of the tribes descended from Ham, Shem and Japheth. Of the gifts which they brought, the gold denoted His kingship, the myrrh signified His mortality and the frankincense evidenced His divinity.

God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them: and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. II Cor. 5:19.

BAGS DEER WITH OLD FLINTLOCK RIFLE

So far as anyone knows, Leslie C. Fitzgerald, of Drayton Plains, Michigan, is the only man to have bagged a deer with a flintlock rifle since pioneer days. Fitzgerald further carried out the tradition of Boone and Crockett by dressing in a fringed buckskin jacket and a coonskin cap. For 3 days he waited on a runway with the ancient piece over his knee. On the fourth day, seven deer broke out of a swamp with a 150-pound buck in the rear, which ran 20 yards after Fitzgerald sent his ball within an inch of the spot he aimed at.

"Up to 60 yards, my flintlock is as accurate as any high powdered modern arm," he said. "With a 70 grain charge of black powder I can put a 50-calibre ball through four inches of soft pine at that distance. At 100 yards the weapon is still effective if one makes an allowance for a two-inch drop by the ball."

Fitzgerald, employe of a Pontiac milk company, bought the rifle at a rummage sale a year ago. Manufactured by Snevely, one of America's best known early gunsmiths, it probably was used in the

American Revolution and subsequent Indian campaigns.

"It weighs 11 1/2 pounds and has a 42-inch barrel, a brass butt plate and mountings, and a stock of tiger tail maple. After a few weeks of practice on a range behind my home I became so enthusiastic I decided to test the rifle in the field," said Fitzgerald.

Fitzgerald uses an old time powder horn and pouch, lard instead of the traditional bear's grease, bed ticking for patches and moulds his own bullets. An old-fashioned bulger, with which the ball is started down the muzzle is another important item. He can load in 30 seconds.

"Accidents in the woods would be fewer if more hunters followed my example," he said. "With only one shot, the average man would hold his fire until he was sure of his target."

CHRISTMAS ON THE RADIO

Christmas on the radio is to be largely all-American. The customary broadcasting from Europe having been blackened out, the microphones will not roam the globe as freely as in past years. Radio will pick up the carols and carillons of peace and good-will from the choirs and belfries of America. In general, except for several fleeting jumps across the sea, it will be an old-fashioned Yuletide—at home.

HOLLY AND IVY

Holly and ivy, two plants which cover the walls of many a home on Christmas, were identified with the holiday at a very early date. Holly represents the master of the house, whereas ivy represents the mistress. Furthermore, holly was considered to be sacred and sedate; ivy was assumed to be of a very riotous nature.

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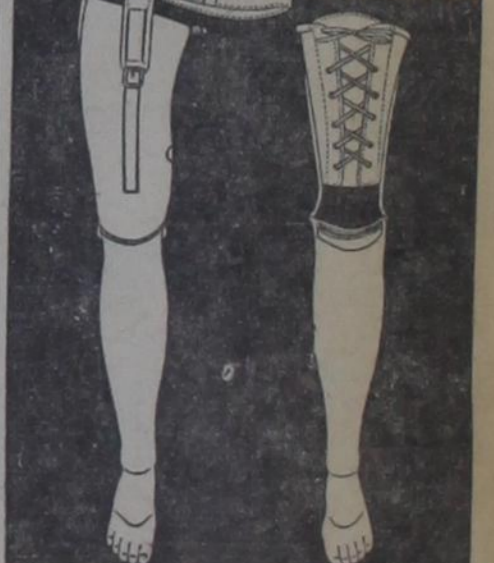
500 CHILDREN HEAR FAMOUS POEM

While 500 underprivileged children pressed against a wooden fence clamoring for gifts, an actor garbed as Santa Claus stood before a microphone in the cold court of London Terrace, New York City, last Christmas night and read Clement Moore's famous poem "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

It was the annual celebration at the site where the poem was written.

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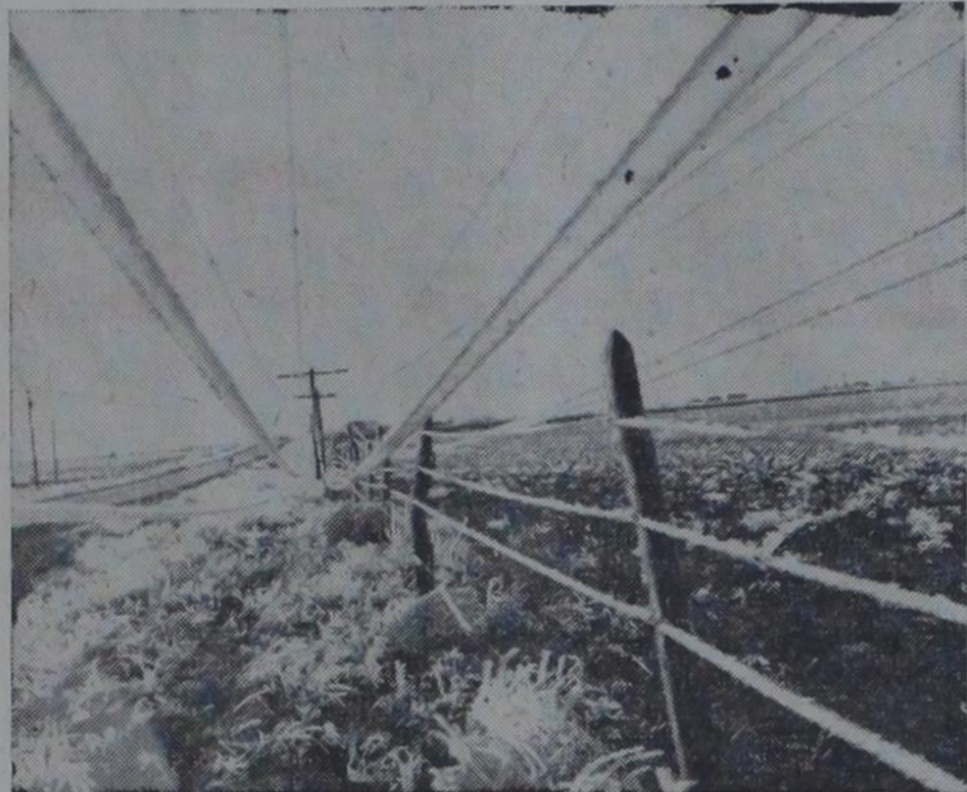
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Bond Issue Decision to Parmer Voters Saturday



WINTER WONDERLAND, rivaling the beauties of a veritable fairyland, was a common sight early this week when a freezing rain gave us this attractive picture in Nature. Here we see telephone lines and fence wires sagging under the weight of a heavy ice-coating.

Yuletide Season to be Observed Locally

In keeping with the time-honored custom, the Yuletide season will be appropriately observed in Texico-Farwell, beginning on Friday night of this week.

The first program of the Christmas season will be given at the Texico school, December 20, when a public Christmas tree, with a program, will furnish entertainment for both young and old.

Due to the closing of the Farwell school, plans that had been made for the observance of the Christmas season at the school, Friday afternoon, were all cancelled.

On Sunday morning, a special Christmas service will be held at the Methodist church in lieu of the regular preaching hour, with the pastor, Rev. E. J. Sloan.

Following the service, which will center around the thought of a White Christmas, gifts will be brought to the altar for distribution among the less fortunate of the community. All persons of the community are invited to bring articles to eat and wear that may be passed on to the underprivileged of the community.

The Christmas musical service, which had been planned for the Methodist church on Sunday evening, was cancelled the first of the week due to illness among the Sunday school workers and pupils.

Plans are going forward, however, for the public Christmas tree at the Baptist church on Christmas Eve. Gifts will be exchanged, and the general distribution of candy, nuts and fruit will be made to all children.

Surveys conducted recently indicate that there are fewer underprivileged families in Texico-Farwell this season than in recent years. However, it is known that there are a few families, some with several children, whom Santa Claus is likely to miss this year unless steps are taken to see that they are remembered. And to this end, the local Chapter of the Red Cross is planning distribution of baskets of food on Christmas Eve.

Other gifts of that nature will be accumulated at the White Christmas service, and it was learned here this week that several individuals had planned to send baskets of food to some of the families in the community.

All in all, present indications point to a merry Christmas when the joyous season arrives.

Texas grapefruit is shipped to forty-three of the forty-eight American states, and to nineteen foreign countries.

FLOYD COUNTY VOTERS TURN DOWN BOND ISSUE

The voters of Floyd county rejected a bond issue in a special election, held there last Saturday for the purpose of building paved highways in that county. The Tribune was informed today by Homer Steen, editor of the Floydada Hesperian.

It was proposed in the bond issue election to place the bonds under the bond assumption act, similar to the proposal being submitted to the voters of this county on Saturday of this week. Only a light vote was cast in

the Floyd county election, some 752 ballots being registered. 445 voters were favorable to the bonds, with 307 being opposed. Two-thirds majority was required to vote the bonds.

Asked what was the deciding factor in the election, Steen said emphatically, "There was confusion as to whether or not the State would assume the bonds . . . and our people felt that it was better to play safe than take a chance, for the Lord knows we are in no position to pay off a heavy bond issue."

The voters of Parmer county will go to the polls on Saturday, December 21, to decide the fate of a \$550,000.00 bond issue to be voted on that day for the purpose of constructing all-weather highways in this county.

This special election was called by the County Commissioners some weeks ago, when a petition, bearing more than the necessary number of signatures, was presented to the Court.

County Judge Lee Thompson said today that voting boxes would be maintained at the usual voting places in the eight voting precincts of the county, and that the election would be presided over by the clerks and judges used in the general election last Fall. The polls will open at 3 a. m. and close at 7 p. m., Judge Thompson added.

Only property owners of the county who are otherwise qualified to vote, will be allowed to participate in the election. Local legal opinion voiced here interprets this to mean that the voter must be a taxpayer, not under 21 years old, who has a poll tax receipt for the year 1940.

The election must carry by a two-thirds majority, officials have previously announced.

Money from the issuance of the bonds will be used to build a paved highway from Friona to the Bailey county line, and completion of Highway 86 from Bovina to the Castro county line.

It is the plan of the County Commissioners, should the bonds be voted, to have them assumed by the State under the provisions of the bond assumption act, meaning that the road work might be done without cost to the county except the expense of providing the right-of-way along the Friona to Muleshoe highway.

Interested taxpayers, who have taken the pains to investigate the provisions of the bond assumption act, however, contend that no definite assurance is contained in the act that would release Parmer county from assuming the indebtedness should the State "at any future time" decline to assume the bonds.

A number of similar elections have been held over West Texas in recent months. In most instances the bonds have been voted by heavy odds, but the voters of Floyd county turned "bums down" on the bonds last Saturday.

HAS OPERATION

Merle Brown, of the Oklahoma Lang community, was taken to Clovis Monday afternoon, where he underwent an emergency operation for appendicitis. His condition is reported as satisfactory.

LEAVES HERE FRIDAY

Miss Ruth Boyd, for the past 13 months home demonstration agent of Parmer county, stated today that she will take her departure on Friday of this week. She will go to Woodville, Texas, where she will act as instructor for a class of girls in a national defense project.

County Gets Quota of 8 Men for Jan. 13

Tulon G. White, chief clerk at the Parmer County Draft Board, announced today that Parmer county would be expected to furnish a total of eight men for military induction on January 13, 1941.

Additional calls during the month of January are expected to swell the county quota to 18 or 20 men, White went on to say.

Four volunteers have registered with the Local Board, and they will be accepted ahead of the draftees, providing they pass the physical examinations, he explained.

The mailing out of questionnaires, which has been held up for the past several weeks, awaiting arrival of printed forms, is expected to be resumed shortly after the holidays. The forms on now on hand, but White explained that it was deemed advisable to wait until after the holidays before mailing them out.

Questionnaires must be returned within five days after being mailed, and it was felt that the holidays might catch a number of the draftees away from home, which explains the postponement.

In a statement today, White stressed the importance of all men giving their order number when writing to the office of the Local Board, regarding any matter pertaining to their classification, change of address, or other matters.

WALLING HURT IN FALL

J. L. Walling, former local citizen, who has been making his home in Clovis for the past several months, slipped and fell on the ice-coated pavement in Clovis last Saturday, and has been confined to his bed since the accident.

First reports were that he had sustained several broken bones, but X-ray examinations reveal no fractures, it is stated by his son, Mitz, who lives here.

Subscription Offer Meets Response

The annual Christmas offer of this newspaper in offering subscriptions at the reduced price of \$1.00 per year has met with unusual response since the announcement last week.

Parties living in Parmer and adjoining counties may get The State Line Tribune a year for only \$1.00 during the month of December. Papers mailed elsewhere will be charged the regular rate of \$1.50 per year.

Many local people are sending the paper as Christmas gifts . . . and what could be nicer than a letter from home every week in the form of a weekly arrival of a copy of this newspaper?

Good Samaritan Act Proves Misfortune

Trying to act the part of the Good Samaritan proved to be extremely unfortunate for E. A. Herndon, 58, father of Mrs. Dick Hunter of this city, last Saturday afternoon.

Herndon, who lives at Dora, south of Portales, was in Clovis, and his sympathies went out to an unknown crippled man, who was trying to make his way across the ice-coated pavement in a wheel chair.

In attempting to assist his unfortunate brother, Herndon slipped and fell, with the result that he sustained a badly crushed right hip bone. He has been confined to the Clovis Memorial hospital since the accident, and no announcement has been made as to when he will be permitted to leave.

John Honts, of Dalhart, district attorney of this district, was a visitor in Parmer county, the past weekend, renewing his acquaintances with residents of this section.

School Defense Program Launched

With thirteen boys answering roll call at the opening class session, the Farwell school defense project held its initial meeting on Monday evening of this week.

At a special meeting of the board of education, held on Thursday evening of last week, Karl Gast, local mechanic, was employed to act as instructor for the class. Gast was the only applicant for the job.

"Prof" Gast stated Tuesday that the first meeting was given over to organization and laying plans for the work to be undertaken under his instruction. The first real class work will be mapped out during this week, with the boys being instructed in the care and repair of combine and automobile engines.

Class sessions will be held each

evening, from Monday through Friday, beginning at seven o'clock and lasting for three hours. Classes will meet in the vocational building.

Under the terms of the local project, an average daily attendance of ten boys must be maintained for 15 hours each week. School officials predicted little or no difficulty in maintaining the attendance requirements. Some 20 local boys have already expressed their desire to take the courses being offered, but due to illness, it was believed, the opening night's attendance was limited.

Young men who are between the years of 17 and 24, both inclusive, may attend the classes at no cost to them, but they will be required to furnish their own transportation.

The course now being taught will

consume a period of eight weeks, after which time another course being offered by the National Defense Commission may be selected.

In order to get the class under way, Mr. Gast is providing the necessary tools, pending arrival of a full set of tools from the State Headquarters, which are expected to arrive before the first of the year.

Automobile, tractor and truck engines will be repaired by the class, under the supervision of Mr. Gast. The labor cost will be free, but the owner will be required to furnish any new parts that might be necessary.

Mr. Gast said that, already, two motors had been brought in for the class to work on, and he anticipated no difficulty in having plenty of work for the boys.

Hidden Ways

By FREDERIC F. VAN DE WATER

CHAPTER XIII—Continued

Our neighbors were coming back. I rose to let them pass before she answered me and when we were seated again, she briefly and quickly patted my hand.

When the curtain fell and the house awoke, I must have shown my thought for Allegra looked at me sharply as I took up her cloak, and she said:

"You are a good egg, you know. I think you've suffered a lot tonight."

I did not tell her how much or why. I only answered:

"Not at all."

She wrinkled her straight little nose at me and jeered:

"Spoken like a gentleman of the old school. Mr. Wagner got you down and you know it. He helped me, though, if that's any comfort."

"It's more than that," I told her, and she glanced at me again as though she expected to find something in my eyes that was not there.

We moved with the crowd into the lobby and to the street beyond where the starters' whistles stabbed through the racket of cars and, at last, found a taxi-cab. I helped her in and gave the driver her address.

"Must we?" she asked as I sat down beside her.

I was a little stupefied by too much music on an empty stomach. I said:

"You ask the blindest questions." "And you," she answered, "don't seem to have any human feelings at all. Aren't you ever hungry or anything?"

"Anything! I'm practically everything. So what?"

"All right," she snapped, "if you insist on being led, instead of leading me, astray! I'd like to go to Mino's."

"Mino's?" Somewhere I had heard that name. She misunderstood my hesitation and tried so tactfully to reassure a poor employee of her aunt that I smiled.

"One of the things I want most in the world at present is a chicken sandwich and a seidel of beer."

"My child," I told her, "your ambition touches me. It does indeed. Give me the address."

The cab swung east at my new order. I asked:

"Why should Mino's mean anything to a boy from the country—and what?"

"It shouldn't," she answered. "Maybe, you've heard Grove or me speak of it. He likes it and he used to take me there a lot. Perhaps," she said, "and I thought her voice so lovely to hear, 'he'll be there to take the Amer."

"I'm not sure," I said as heartily as I could but she marked the sound.

"You don't like Grove. And it's his fault."

"No," I answered, "it's probably their mine."

"We'll go somewhere else if you'd rather," she said meekly. "I don't know why I said Mino's. If Grove burned up with delight at seeing either of us but—I don't know—I just have a hunch."

"Always play them," I advised her.

"Right," she said and her head came up again, "we'll do just that."

Mino, himself, sleek as a black cat, ushered us into a wide, low-ceiled chamber where a band presided over a square of dance floor. About the polished rectangle that dancers were quitting, tables were packed and beyond them along the walls were high-backed stalls.

"Dance?" Allegra whispered to me.

I shook my head. The smell of food was hard for a starving man to stand.

"We'll sit over by the wall then, Mino," she told her guide. "Has—has Mr. Paget been in tonight?"

Mino seemed desolated that Mr. Paget had not. I did not share his grief. I gave our order to the waiter and prayed inwardly that he would be quick. From the center of the dance floor, a master of ceremonies spoke amid gusts of laughter and retired as two lines of girls pranced out on either side of the band platform.

"The midnight show," Allegra said, lifting her voice above the din. "Do you mind?"

"I can take it or leave it, I think."

"Doesn't," she mocked, "any sort of music please you? Have you no savagery in your breast, at all, Mister?"

If I had not matched her own deliberation when food arrived, she would have had her answer. Allegra lifted her seidel and grinned at me across it.

"Here's luck," she called through the racket.

Suddenly the music paused, the dancers held a complicated formation and before applause rattled, I heard a voice in the booth next to ours. The band reviving, blotted it out. The dancers stamped and whirled. I sat with my seidel still half-way to my lips. Reason told me I was mistaken. My ears defied it.

"It's not poison," Allegra said. I could not answer her. I was back at the switchboard at the Morrello and the wheel had just come off Miss Agatha's chair and I had left a voice—that identical voice—to get its own number while I rushed to the old lady's aid. But the owner of that voice was dead. I must be mistaken. And yet I knew I was

not. I was not likely ever to forget the thick foreign cadences.

I managed to smile at my astonished companion and slid out from my place.

"Will you excuse me—just for an instant?" I muttered and without waiting for reply stepped around the high back of my settle to the next booth.

CHAPTER XIII

I hit my foot against the wine bucket and I said:

"Excuse me."

Instinct supplied the words. Thereafter, I had no others. In the booth, where I had heard the dire voice raised, sat Ione and Lyon Ferriter. I had rushed for an avenue to the end of mystery and had slammed up against a blank wall.

If my face were stupid with amazement, the Ferriters' were calm. Ione smiled, though I thought her eyes widened. There was no flaw in Lyon's greeting.

"My dear chap," he said and real pleasure sounded in his easy voice, "this is splendid. Sit down."

He half rose and held out his hand. I took it. Instinct still controlled



"Why don't you play fair?"

me. My mind was crawling from the wreck of another collapsed hope. Perhaps I was beginning to have delusions. Maybe, I had only imagined the guttural voice that I had heard once before as the herald of murder. I managed to smile and released Lyon's cordial hand.

"Thanks," I said inane, "I just wanted—to say hello."

"But sit down," Lyon urged, making room.

"Do," Ione begged.

"A glass of wine," her brother went on and signaled a waiter.

"You're a godsend. The fact is that we're killing time rather than"—his lean face wrinkled in a faint grimace—"go home. We're also waiting for Everett who was to meet us here. We find Mino's rather more soothing than what the papers call 'the murder flat.' Louis, another glass."

"Thanks," I said again and shook my head. I did not dare inspect now the fresh horde of doubts that cried for attention. The most I could do was to cover up and I tried to keep my voice and my face quiet as I went on:

"I'm in the next booth, with Miss Paget. I thought I recognized your voice."

I hoped that by some sound or sign he might show alarm. The thick voice must have come from this booth. I was as sure of this as I could be of anything, but Lyon was drawing on in his faintly English accent:

"Then I'll not ask you both to join us, though you'd be most welcome. I think I'm beginning to bore my sister a bit." The fondness, that ever showed when he spoke of her, softened his face now. "We've been here," said Lyon, "for—when did we come in, Louis?"

"Seven-thirty, sir," the lingering waiter replied.

"For almost five hours, then. Which only goes to show how much misery loves any company, eh, Mallory? I wish you'd have a glass with us."

The band brayed on. My mind gyrated with the dancing chorus.

"I must go back," I told Lyon.

"We were on our way home. I've had a rather strenuous day."

"Good God," he said with a little shudder. "Who should know that better than I?"

He frowned at the welt on his hand. Ione said in her husky voice:

"I think you're pretty generous to speak to him at all, Mr. Mallory."

"Accidents," I answered flatly, "will happen."

"Which," Lyon supplied with a crooked grin, "is scarcely news to our family, eh? Good luck, old chap," he added, as I mumbled farewell and backed away. "Nice of you to hail us."

As I returned to my table, I craned my neck into the booth beyond. It was unoccupied. That voice could not have come from there. It had issued from where Ione and Lyon sat. That meant then that Lyon—

I managed to smile at Allegra but my pretense was poor. She asked:

"What is the matter?"

"Nothing in the world," I lied, and sitting down, hid my treacherous face in the beer seidel. When I lowered the emptied glass, I added:

"Lyon and Ione Ferriter are in the next booth."

She dropped her voice to match mine. Her earnest eyes probed and pried at the mask I wore.

"What happened?"

I jeered to hide my own confusion.

"You seem, my child, to have the wrong sort of hunches. Unless your brother is under the table, he had no date with her tonight. They have been here since seven-thirty."

She was only half satisfied, and mocked in turn:

"And I suppose your stampede to their booth was just a social call, eh?"

She was the one person in the world to whom I wanted to tell everything and I knew I would gain merit in her eyes by confiding in her. She was watching me with a fairer version of her aunt's derisive grin. I only said:

"Curiosity rather. I thought I recognized his voice." Perhaps, for that, the recording angel pasted a gold star on my report.

"You are," she told me, "the most chronic liar I ever met."

"You're just beginning to appreciate my virtues," I answered.

After a moment, she shivered a little and drew her coat up about her shoulders.

"Can the rest of them be displayed in a taxicab?" she asked. "I think we'd better go."

I knew she was worrying afresh over her no-account brother.

"There could be no better showcase," I boasted, as we rose.

The band blared its climax; the dancing girls slipped back to their dressing room in a rattle of applause. Beer rested uneasily in my stomach as I got my coat and hat from the check girl. I found myself shivering. Not even the smile Allegra gave me as I helped her into the taxicab dispelled my misery. She was of the flotsam, the dark whirlpool into which we all were caught and whirled about ever more rapidly.

We sat speechless while the taxi rolled uptown until silence grew uncomfortable. I said at last, to keep thought at bay:

"I'll remember this evening. It's one thing more I owe you and your aunt. I hope the pay-off will come some day."

I knew the words were stilted while I spoke, but only half my mind had followed them.

Lyon had been the murderer. Why? Lyon had spoken over the telephone, again in the restaurant, in a voice not his own. Or were those blunted cadences really his, and the faintly English speech he employed, part of a disguise he wore?

Beside me, Allegra chuckled. "Must you," she asked, "behave like Electro, the mechanical man?"

"Meaning what?" I heard something more than jest behind her question.

She said, with an impatient gesture:

"Meaning many things. Among them, your pretense of dumbness. You aren't dumb."

"Or not," she pushed her attack, "as dumb as that. Why don't you play fair?"

There was earnestness in her speech. There was appeal on the face turned to mine. The world at the minute was filled with many things I was unfitted to handle. Her warm voice was blowing away everything but thought of how much I wanted her. I tried to get out of danger.

"I'm at least," I told her, "that dumb. How haven't I played fair?"

She did not answer for a minute. Then she said in a quiet voice:

"I've told you more than I've ever told anyone else—except Grove. I—I trust you a lot. Why don't you trust me?"

"I'd trust you with anything that's mine," I said. I meant it too.

She laughed, but not as if she were amused.

"So you say," she answered. "You fall over a wine bucket, you're in such a hurry to see who is in the next booth."

She gave me the sort of look that always robbed me of my mind. Then she made it worse by slipping her strong little hand in mine. Her bright head was against my shoulder.

"You're pretty swell at that," she said.

I think the angel must have run out of gold stars before he laid aside my record that night. If I forgot all but my need of her, it was because her eyes and her soft mouth dared me; if, for an instant, I let go of everything I'd sworn to hold fast and kissed her, at least, I caught myself on the way down.

It wasn't the sort of kiss I, or she, wanted, yet it left us both breathless. There was ringing in my ears and I thought the cab had a flat till I found it was the pounding of my heart. The pressure of the diamond and platinum coronet against my forehead helped me to let her go. After a little, when I did not speak she asked in a shaky voice:

"Well?"

I said none of the things I wanted to. I just patted the hand I still held and dropped it.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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Lesson for December 22

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SHARING THE SHEPHERDS' JOY (Christmas Lesson)

LESSON TEXT—Luke 2:8-20. GOLDEN TEXT—Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.—Luke 2:14.

Tinsel and toys, snow and sleigh bells, crowded department stores and rushing throngs, gifts and greeting cards, Christmas dinner and fellowship with family and friends—is that all Christmas means to us? All these things are proper in their place—exciting and interesting—but they are not enough.

They have never been enough and certainly they will not do this year, with a world in chaos. We need not lose any of the thrilling enjoyment of Christmas by properly observing the day; in fact, we shall only enhance its meaning and bring out its real glory by keeping Christ at the heart of our Christmas.

The opening verses of Luke 2 tell us of the coming of Mary with Joseph to God's appointed place at His appointed time for the coming into this world of His Son to be made flesh and dwell among us (John 1:14). Our lesson tells us of

I. Good Tidings of Great Joy (vv. 8-14).

God had good news for the people of this world and He gave it, as was His custom, to those who were faithfully discharging their humble duties (cf. Judg. 6:11, 12; I Kings 19:19). God is still ready to reveal His glory and grace in the "office, kitchen, mill, barn school-room, and open field—places where people are at work on daily tasks" (Douglas). You need not be in the great church in a large city to meet Him on Christmas day. He will reveal Himself in all His beauty where you are, though you be in the humblest surroundings and at the most menial task. Look for Him!

Jesus came as a Saviour. "The world did not want an adviser. The world had advised itself almost into hell. The world did not ask for a speculator. Everything that man could do had been done, and men sat in the darkness of their own wisdom. The world did not want a reformer, a man who could change his outward and transient relations, an engineer that would continually devote his time (for appropriate remuneration) to the readjustment of the wheels and the pulleys and the various mechanical forces of society. The world wanted a saviour" (Joseph Parker).

Note that the army of heaven came to declare peace, not war; but only to those in "whom He is well pleased" (v. 14, R. V.). As long as men serve the devil and displease God, they will have no peace.

II. Great Faith and Consistent Action (vv. 15, 16).

The shepherds did not say, "Let us now go and see if this thing has come to pass," or "which we expect or hope will come to pass," but said, "which is come to pass." They went not to test God's word, but in the assurance that they would "see" what had come to pass. Blessed faith! Let us too believe God's word to us.

But "faith without works is dead" (James 2:17). The shepherds might have made many excuses for not going but "they came" and "found" the Saviour. Perhaps you who read these words have failed at that point; you have not come to Jesus as your Saviour. No more appropriate time could be found to come than right now. Believe, then act on your faith.

Some of us who are Christians need also to learn of the shepherds. We talk a great deal about our devotion to Christ. Especially at this Christmas season we render much "lip service" to Him. Let us make it real, and our lives virile and active for Him.

III. Good News for Meditation and Proclamation (vv. 17-20).

The gospel is literally "good news." What a blessed privilege it is to have such good news in a day of evil tidings, of darkness and despair.

There are two things we ought to do with the gospel of God's redeeming grace. We should make it known to the ends of the earth, but we should also do as Mary, "who kept all these things and pondered them in her heart." We know she had special reasons for doing so, but may we not suggest that you too make this Christmas a time when you will ponder in your own heart what God has done for you in Christ?

The shepherds also set us a Christmas example, for they "made known abroad" the coming of the Saviour. Will you tell someone else today? Will you, like the shepherds, be "glorifying and praising God" this Christmas? You will if you, like them, go to the manger and meet Jesus. If you go to this world's empty show of celebration, you will return empty (see v. 20).

May the blessed peace of Christ be yours this Christmas. That is my wish from the heart to you.



Washington, D. C.

F. D. R. VIEWS AID TO YOUTH

During the week before his Caribbean cruise, the President held a series of private conferences which were of prime importance in connection with his plans for the new congress. In them he disclosed that he is doing a lot of thinking about domestic problems along two lines—

1. Youth.
2. Old-age pensions.

Democracy can resist subversive ideologies, the President held, only by convincing youth that it does have a stake and a future in the existing system.

The President indicated that he had no particular program in mind. In fact, he asked for suggestions and ideas.

On old-age pensions, Roosevelt disclosed that he has made up his mind as to what he wants. His idea is to change the existing system of widely divergent state contributions to one of uniform federal pensions, beginning at a lower age than the present 65.

Roosevelt also voiced sharp criticism of the moguls of the social security board who have so vigorously opposed liberalization of the law. He declared that they have been a big obstruction to reform and that the time had come to overrule them. It was significant that the President had not discussed his plans with them and was proceeding independently.

Note—Since January 1, when the amended law became operative, 190,000 applications for old-age pensions have been approved by the social security board for a total outlay of \$4,109,000 a month. With the \$7,048,000 paid out in lump sum claims to survivors, the total old-age pension outlay so far is around \$28,000,000. The average pension is \$22 a month. In his conferences, Roosevelt talked of placing 5,000,000 oldsters on federal pensions within a year.

NO MASS PRODUCTION

One of the big complaints of defense chiefs is lack of machine-tool facilities. Yet there are many small plants of this type around the country that have been literally begging for orders and not getting them. One company with 150 lathes has been advertising for business in trade journals for months.

Also there is strong evidence of a lack of vision or initiative or both in making the best use of mass production facilities. The blame for this goes right back to high defense quarters.

The gigantic resources of the auto industry, for example, have been practically untouched for defense output. New plants have been ordered that will take months to build, when by a co-ordination of the great auto factories, parts of planes, tanks, guns, etc., could be turned out in carload lots daily and assembled at central points.

William Reuther, young official of the United Auto Workers, long ago proposed such a plan for a daily output of 500 all-metal pursuit planes of the most powerful type in the world, and at one-third their present cost. But the matter is still "being discussed."

Other industries could be used in the same way for similar short-cuts on other armament needs, but they are not. Meanwhile, defense output drags along, and precious weeks and months flit by.

BRITISH DAMAGE

Confidential military estimates of Nazi bombing damage to Great Britain are that British industrial production has fallen off about 30 per cent.

While this is a very serious crimp in the output of British planes, anti-aircraft guns and shells, it is not as bad as the pictures of shattered Bristol, Coventry, and Southampton would indicate.

Reason damage to British industrial production has not been greater is (1) that the British more than a year ago began scattering their plants in small units throughout Scotland and northern England, which are hard to locate and hard to hit after they are located; (2) that those big plants which do remain are protected with a virtual forest of anti-aircraft guns.

Far more serious is the damage to British navy yards. These cannot be broken up into small units, and they have been so heavily damaged that the repair of British shipping is very materially retarded. In many cases, British warships have been repaired at sea.

This, plus the tremendous increase in the sinking of merchant vessels, is what makes the British shipping plight so desperate at present.

CAPITAL CHAFF

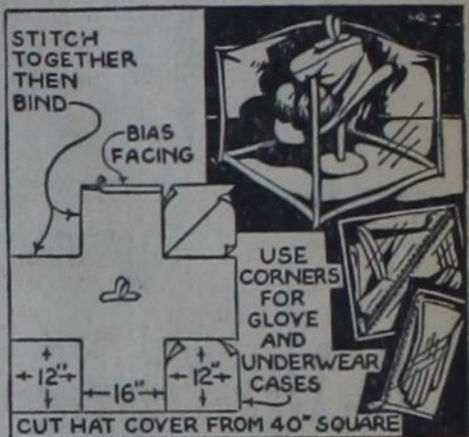
Irony of diplomatic fate is that when Mussolini marched into Albania, the U. S. state department actually condoned it. Instead of registering a protest as in the case of other occupied countries, the state department dropped the Albanian minister from its diplomatic list. Meanwhile, the diplomatic representatives of Czechoslovakia, Poland, Holland, Belgium, Norway, Denmark, still are listed. But if the Greeks keep on going they will win back Albania for the Albanians.

New and Fascinating Transparent Sewing

By RUTH WYETH SPEARS

THERE are fascinating new transparent materials on the market now. Luncheon sets and aprons and rain coats and closet accessories all take on new glamour when made of them, and you will find that every left-over scrap will be used for something that is attractive and worth while.

Less than 50 cents' worth of this window-pane clear material made the hat cover, underwearer case and two glove cases like the one shown here. All the directions for cut-



ting and making the hat cover are given here in the sketch. The material from two corners made the square underwearer case. The material from each of the other two corners was folded to make a glove or handkerchief case. Bright blue bias tape was used for seam binding and the bottom facing and loop handle of the hat cover; and colored zippers to match the bindings were used for the case closings.

Today's article is typical of the economy short cuts that I like to plan for homemaking budgeters. There are complete working drawings for thirty-two homemaking projects in SEWING BOOK 6—enough exciting ideas to keep you busy all the rest of the winter. Send order to:

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The Better Way to Correct Constipation

One way to treat constipation is to endure it first and "cure" it afterward. The other way is to avoid having it by getting at its cause. So why not save yourself those dull headache days, plus the inevitable trips to the medicine chest, if you can do it by a simple common-sense "ounce of prevention"? If your trouble, like that of millions, is due to lack of "bulk" in the diet, "the better way" is to eat Kellogg's All-Bran. This crunchy, toasted, ready-to-eat cereal has just the "bulk" you need. If you eat it regularly—and drink plenty of water—you can not only get regular but keep regular, day after day and month after month! All-Bran is made by Kellogg's in Battle Creek. If your condition is chronic, it is wise to consult a physician.

Whom to Watch

Beware of no man more than of yourself; we carry our worst enemies within us.—C. H. Spurgeon.

THE AWFUL PRICE YOU PAY FOR BEING NERVOUS

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Quivering nerves can make you old, haggard, cranky—can make your life a nightmare of jealousy, self pity and "the blues."
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Bovina Happenings

Miss Bonnie Jean Belew and Miss Roberta Gaines, of Amarillo, were visitors here Sunday.

Mutt Crook, who was driving his car, Saturday, when it suddenly caught fire and burned.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert White and family, of Hereford, visited relatives here Sunday.

J. D. Wilkerson, of Hereford, visited Mrs. Oscar Venable in the Memorial Hospital, Sunday.

Mrs. Dollie Williams, who lives north of Bovina, fell Friday morning at her home, while sweeping the porch, which was covered with ice, and broke her hip. She is now at Hereford in the hospital, and was reported as resting at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis King and family returned to their home here last Thursday, from a week's vacation. They drove home a new Ford, which they purchased at Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Schlenker, of the Rhea community, were business visitors here, Monday.

Jim Ellison is on the sick list this week.

Lewis Pesch is the owner of a new Ford this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bryant's small child is in the hospital at Plainview, with pneumonia. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bryant were former residents of this city.

Wilbur Charles has been confined to his bed the past few days with the flu.

Wayne Smith is also on the sick list this week.

Mrs. W. E. Williams has been ill with the flu the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Alred, of Wilford, visited with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Williams, the past weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Jewel Tate were Amarillo shoppers, Monday.

Miss Mabel Gordon McCuan has returned to her home here from Canyon, where she has been attending school. She is ill with the flu.

J. N. Hester is on the sick list this week, with the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Mahan and Mrs. Bill Venable were visitors in Clovis, Sunday.

Mr. Hallmark, of Amarillo, attended to business here, Saturday.

Mrs. Bill King took Mr. King, her father-in-law, to Lubbock, Saturday, to receive medical care there, where

he is very ill at this time.

Hubert Davison was a business visitor in Amarillo, Friday.

Dr. H. H. King, of Kansas City, Mo., brother of Bill King is visiting here at this time.

Lady Barbee and her mother, Mrs. Sam Gaines, were visitors in Plainview, Friday, where they visited the sick grandchild of Mrs. Gaines.

Mr. and Mrs. Verbin Isham's small son is confined to bed with the flu this week.

Clyde Seamon, of Friona, was a business visitor here, Friday.

Earl Rylander, of Lubbock, was a business visitor here, Tuesday.

Mrs. William Hastings was on the sick list this week.

Mrs. J. B. Moss of Clovis, visited here, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Rhodes, Mrs. Hubert Ellison, Mrs. J. C. Denney were business visitors in Amarillo, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Quickel were Amarillo shoppers, Wednesday.

Meshew-Gee Marriage

Dorothy Meshew and Leonard Gee, of Bovina, were married in Clovis, Sunday, December 15. They are making their home here in Bovina.

Chamber of Commerce Banquet

The Bovina Business Men's club honored their wives with a banquet at the Bovina high school, Wednesday night, December 11, at which 30 were present.

A very enjoyable time was reported by: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Henry, Charlie Bridgeford and Myrtle Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. Stacey Queen, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Cherry, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Rhinehart, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. John Kimbrow, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Hester, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Eberting, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Brock, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McCuan, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Davison, Mrs. C. R. Lovelady, Mrs. J. Sam Gaines, Lady Gaines.

Prolonged Illness

Fred Langer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Langer, was taken to the Memorial Hospital in Clovis, Sunday evening, where he is suffering from a tooth extraction sustained on Armistice Day. He was operated on Monday evening at 8 o'clock, and is improving slowly. He has been returned to his home in Bovina.

Major Operation

Mrs. Lessie Venable, wife of Oscar Venable, was taken to the Memorial Hospital in Clovis, Monday. She is very weak and a blood transfusion is needed each day. She was operated on Saturday night, and is getting along as well as can be expected.

(Too Late for Last Week)

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Lloyd, and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Free visited in Farwell, Sunday, with Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Brand.

John McLean and Mark McLean left Sunday for Abilene, Texas, to seek employment there.

Hubert Ellison, W. O. Cherry, Mr. Abbott, Charles Ross, and J. C. Denney returned home Thursday evening from the Grand Lodge Chapter at Waco. Each one reported an interesting trip.

Mrs. Callie Queen is back home, here, after working for some time in Texico.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Subtle, of Halle Center, is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Let Osborne, at this writing.

Jewel Tate and Garland Potts were Clovis visitors, Monday.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Stagner spent the weekend here visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. Ed Free gave a quilting, Monday, in her home. Present were: Mrs. Tom Lloyd, Mrs. Barron, Mrs. Dick Free, Mrs. Rural Barron, Mrs. Blacklock, and Mrs. Ed Free. Much quilting was accomplished.

Dedication of the Pentecostal Holiness church is scheduled for Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Smith and

son, Wayne, and Mr. and Mrs. Jewel Tate and girls, Shirley Jean, Peggy Joyce, and Glenda Lou, visited with friends and relatives in Dimmitt, Sunday.

Mrs. U. B. Wheeler is employed at the Ernest Woefel home, now.

Miss Wanda Womack, who is employed at the Berry's, spent the weekend at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Louis, of Texico, visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Queen, Sunday.

Mrs. Hubert Ellison and children and Mrs. Roy Douglas and daughter attended to business in Clovis, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Free and Mr. and Mrs. David Wines visited in the Harold Brown home, Sunday.

Mrs. George Collier and small daughter, of Hereford, visited with Mrs. Herbert Gaines, Friday.

John Martin Gramlin and Carlyle Russel, of Sweetwater, attended to business here, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Englant, of Lubbock, visited with his mother, Mrs. L. B. Englant, Tuesday.

Charles Crowell, of Canyon, visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oren Crowell, the past weekend.

Mrs. Ernest Woefel and small daughter, Joyce, reached home late Thursday evening. She was in the Hereford hospital.

Herbert Gaines, of Cuervo, New Mexico, spent the weekend with his wife and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Rush Looney and Elvin Hammonds visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bomar and family, who now live near House, N. M., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Benjamin Abbott, of Waco, have been visiting his parents, the past week.

The small son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Venable drank some chloroform, but is reported doing as well as can be expected.

Mrs. Jewel Tate and daughters, Gienda Lou and Peggy Joyce, returned home Thursday after visiting with relatives in Oklahoma. While there she had Peggy Joyce's tonsils removed.

June Gay Looney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reagan Looney, fell off the porch, Sunday, and broke her arm in two places just above the wrist.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Rury and family, of Friona, were visitors here Sunday with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Kennedy and family visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Potts, over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Williford visited friends in Muleshoe, Sunday.

Mrs. Roland Farmer, Miss Myrdell Wilkerson, Pete Vestal, were visitors in Clovis, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Ward, Alton Farr, and Mrs. Bob Williford transacted business in Clovis, Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Richardson, of Dimmitt, were visitors here, Sunday. He is employed with the Highway Department there.

Mrs. Frank Clemons and daughter, Franky Lee, of Olton, arrived Friday to spend the next few days visiting here.

Miss Johnese Williams has been returned to her home after sustaining an appendix operation recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis White, of Amarillo, spent the weekend visiting relatives and friends here. They left Sunday evening for Fort Worth.

Mrs. Gay Morgan and daughter, Marjorie Gay, of Plainview, visited Mrs. Frank Wilson home over the weekend.

Mrs. George Trimble and child-

ren, George Harold and Loyce Marie, of Roy, N. M., spent the weekend here in the Buren Vassey home.

Mrs. Bob Johnson and son, Sam, were business visitors in Lubbock, Monday.

The new variety store, owned by Gordon McSuan, was opened Dec. 7 with a new line of stock and a very neat store. Go and trade with them in the McCuan building.

The Art Names show was a great success, everyone enjoyed it and invites them back again next year.

Mr. Duke, operator of the Bovina Gin, was suddenly taken ill Thursday and returned to his home in Clovis. He improved rapidly, and was able to go to work Tuesday morning.

W. S. C. S. Meets

The Woman's Society of Christian Service had a regular monthly meeting at the Methodist church, Dec. 3. Mrs. L. H. Pesch, president, was in charge of the business session. Mrs. I. W. Quickel was elected corresponding secretary to finish the unexpired term of Mrs. Aubrey Brock, resigned.

Those presenting the program were: Mrs. Wilbur Charles, Mrs. C. F. Hastings, Mrs. Vernon Estes, Rev. Hester, Mrs. W. E. Williams, and Mrs. I. W. Quickel.

Delightful refreshments were served from a table beautifully decorated in the Christmas motif. Mrs. Pesch and Mrs. John Kimbrow were hostesses.

A delegation will represent the local society at the annual "Harvest Day" meeting in Amarillo, December 10.

Miscellaneous Shower

Mrs. Vernon Estes was the recipient of a lovely shower, given in the home of Mrs. W. E. Williams, with Mrs. L. H. Pesch and Mrs. Frank Hastings as co-hostesses.

Those present and those sending gifts were: Mesdames Charles Ross, John Wilson, I. W. Quickel, Frank Smith, Wilbur Charles, Clarence Smith, Buren Vassey, Jim Wiman, Donald Belew, Euell Hart, Bob Williford, Harry J. Charles, Hilary Tidenberg, John Stagner, Clifford Leake, Millard Engram, Melvin Stagner, J. C. Denney, Hubert Ellison, P. D. Baron, Ruel Barron, Frank Wilson, Stacey Queen, Fay Cornelius, Ben Mays, Eugene Ezell, John Kimbrow, Aubrey Brock.



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This Christmas, on trees and shrubs, on the house itself and on Christmas trees inside the home . . . in public places all over America, hundreds of millions of tiny, colorful Christmas lights will symbolize the hope we keep, the faith we cherish. Like bright stars, close to earth, they will proclaim our heartfelt wish for peace on earth, good will toward men.

Christmas lighting is an American custom. It has attained a variety and beauty here that has captivated and charmed visitors from other countries. This year it assumes a new significance—for this year it becomes a forceful and expressive way to tell the rest of the world that, in America, Christmas reigns as usual . . . in America, it is being celebrated with the music of ringing bells and singing voices, amidst the sparkling beauty of colorfully lighted streets and homes.

Aboard there is fear and blackout. In America there is liberty and light. Perhaps our Christmas lighting will help us to express our conviction that we have something to be deeply thankful for, in the privilege of being an American and living in America.

Thus, Christmas lighting now becomes a symbol of the freedom that shines in the heart of every American. That is your warrant for making the lighting of your tree and of your home this year, a ceremony to drive home this truth, that liberty and light dwell together.

This is the light that must not fail.



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Farwell, Texas

Red Cross Membership Drive Surpasses 1939

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Chairman Norman H. Davis of the American Red Cross announced today at the annual meetings of the society that the 1939 Roll Call for members showed an increase of 16 per cent over last year. The approximate total enrollment was 8,250,000 members, an increase of 1,100,000.

Chairman Davis also announced that the Special War Relief Fund had received \$21,588,000 in contributions from the public, with some additional reported contributions still to be received.

In an address to the Board of Incorporators, the Chairman pointed out that Roll Call funds were to support the domestic program and expanded national defense projects of the Red Cross, while War Relief Funds were solely for the relief of the victims of warfare in the belligerent nations.

Relief to the value of \$13,792,000 has been given for the victims of the warfare in eleven nations, Davis re-

ported. Of this sum, \$6,682,000 in relief was from Red Cross funds and \$3,699,000 represents the value of chapter produced and donated supplies. Supplies purchased by the U. S. Government for distribution by the American Red Cross totaled \$3,441,000.

Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes, a Vice President of the American Red Cross, presided at the meeting of the Board of Incorporators. Newly-elected to Central Committee were Gurney Newlin, of Los Angeles, to succeed Samuel Knight, resigned, and Mrs. Dwight F. Davis, of Washington, to succeed Mrs. Henry R. Rea, resigned.

Reappointed by President Roosevelt were Chairman Norman H. Davis and five representatives of government departments. Re-elected were Eliot Wadsworth, Lloyd B. Wilson and William Fortune. Elected to Board of Incorporators to fill three vacancies were Samuel Knight, of San Francisco; Colonel Joseph M. Hartfield, of New York; and F. D. Patterson, President of Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

GRAND CHAMPION WHEAT

COLLEGE STATION—A sample of Tenmarq wheat grown by J. D. Wilbanks of Hansford County, Texas, recently won first prize in competition with the entire United States and Canada in the milling and baking contest at the International Grain and Hay Show at Chicago. In the same contest, samples entered by three other Hansford County growers, W. F. C. Ething, George Stewart and R. C. Chase placed sixth, eleventh, and fifteenth, respectively, according to J. M. Hatton, county agricultural agent.

"These four samples were the only ones entered from Hansford County and the fact that all won a place in the show in the face of the toughest sort of competition shows the high quality of our wheats. Too, it shows that the wheat improvement program started in the county three years ago is bearing fruit," County Agent Hatton comments.

Chutney is a sweet-sour relish usually made from peaches or apples, according to the Bureau of Home Economics.

Santa Comes to Pierre

By Jules Bevan

OLD MARIE didn't quite understand about Santa Claus, but her little Pierre did. Pierre went to school with the other boys while Old Marie sewed dresses in the sweat shop. It had been that way ever since Jacques died, two years after they left sunny France and came to New York.

"Mamma!" little Pierre would ask her at night, "Please, Mamma, will Santa Claus bring me the violin from Rubens' pawn shop this Christmas?"

Then he would stare expectantly while Marie tried to find an answer. She usually promised him Santa would, for little Pierre wanted the violin so badly. But as Christmas grew nearer the groceries and coal



Pleez, M'sieur, a penny! She cried to the passers-by.

and shoes used up all her savings—there was nothing left for Pierre's violin.

Marie was usually stolid, but she felt sad when she left the sweat shop Christmas eve. Little Pierre would be home waiting for Santa Claus and the violin. Pierre had seen it in the window at Sam Rubens' pawn shop only yesterday, a big five-dollar price tag tied around its neck. How sad he would be if this Santa Claus fellow forgot him!

Marie was swept along in the Christmas Eve traffic, downhearted. But despair gave way to triumph, for a plan suddenly came to her amid this confusion: She would beg for alms like her gran'pere had done back in Paris! These Americans—they seemed happy enough to help her on Christmas eve!

"Pleez, m'sieur, a penny!" she cried to the passers-by on Broadway. "A penny for my leetle Pierre's violin!" Marie had collected seventy-eight cents before the big Irish policeman saw her.

"Here now, old gurrul!" he protested. "Don't yez know ye can't panhandle here? Come along now to th' station!"

A few minutes later old Marie was pouring out her story to the gruff desk sergeant. She was confused.

"Thees panhandling," she complained. "You say I cannot do it. But I only try to get money for the violin, so your Santa Claus weel come to my leetle Pierre. See?"—she held out her money—"I only need four dollars and twenty-two cents more!"

"Well, now, that's different," the sergeant replied. "Come boys"—he addressed the policemen gathered around his desk—"let's kick in the five dollars to buy a violin for Marie's little Pierre! Sure now, and where's your Christmas spirit?"

A few minutes later a grateful old Marie was hurrying down the snow-covered side street to Sam Rubens' pawn shop. But alas! Sam was just handing the violin to a well-dressed old gentleman as Marie stormed in.

"Pleez, m'sieur!" she cried. "You mus' not buy it. The violin, she is for my petit Pierre. See? I have five dollars!"

The white-crested purchaser was dumbfounded.

"But madame," he answered. "I have just bought it for my grandson's Christmas."

"N'importe!" Marie protested, adamant now. "You mus' sell it to me. The policeman, they have given me the money, see? My leetle Pierre, he will be so disappointed!"

The old man looked at Sam.

"Have you another violin?"

"For seven dollar I got a better one." Sam's eyes lighted up. It looked like another sale.

"All right, madame," the gentleman spoke to Marie. "Here's your violin. Give me the five dollars."

"Merci, m'sieur!" Old Marie cried. "My Pierre, he will be so happy!" With that she dashed out into the night, happy at last.

Pierre was asleep when she arrived home, but he found the violin on the table next morning. It glistened like new inside the weather-beaten case.

"Mamma!" he cried with glee. "Mamma! The violin! But how—where—who gave it to me?"

Marie's eyes filled with tears. Her a a Claus brought it, Pierre. She asked—Santa Claus. Then there was policeman and the kind game of the

Butted the didn't hear the last. He only Santa Claus hadn't forgotten

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Home Grown Gifts

COLLEGE STATION—Home-made and home-grown Christmas gifts are popular with Texas home demonstration club women, especially those who sell high quality products at the homemakers' markets in Texas.

Myrtle Murray, specialist in home industries for the A. & M. Extension Service, calls these "Christmas gifts from the soil or Christmas gifts from the gods." These represent the creative work of some one who was able to achieve results with the help of the gods, she says.

Some of these home-grown gifts the specialist suggests are: good country butter wrapped in gold cellophane, rich cream or a pint of cottage cheese in a decorative container with a recipe for salad. In the poultry line, she offers specially fed fat hens, turkeys, or fryers which have been dressed, or a dozen selected eggs attractively wrapped.

Then, not many gifts will beat a home-grown, home-cured ham, backbones with a quart of yellow meal and a recipe for making corn-meal dumplings, spareribs, good country

sausage, or head cheese. Containers of jellies, preserves, or pickles, home-grown sorghum syrup, or home-produced honey are also on Miss Murray's suggested list. She adds also that pecans in an attractive striped, checked, or printed cotton sack make a nice gift.

Here are some of your suggestions: home-grown potted plants, wreaths of youpon, holly, French mulberry and evergreens; cuttings and roots from shrub beds, native shrubs balled and burlapped, ready to "set out"; rag dolls, especially "Negro Mammys" with bright red bandanas; and home-made play equipment.

GINNING REPORT

Farmer county had ginned a total of 3837 bales of 1940 cotton up to Dec. 1, compared with 5092 received up to the same time last year, figures from the Department of Commerce reveal.

The 1940 ginnings in Bailey county this year have amounted to 22,003 compared with 10,627 for 1939.

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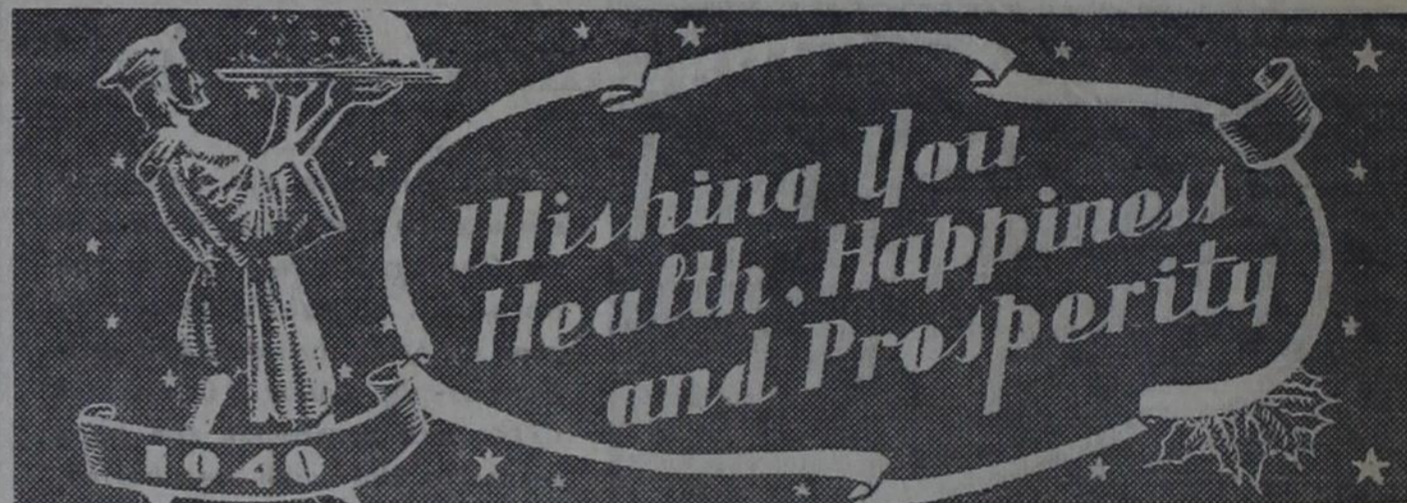


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Lariat & Farwell Gins

Do You Want to Mortgage All Property in Parmer County for \$550,000.00?

(... Over One-Half Million Dollars)

THAT IS WHAT WILL BE DONE IF THE PRESENT BOND ISSUE IS VOTED
DECEMBER 21st, 1940.

The interest and sinking fund necessary to take care of this enormous bond issue, each year will amount to \$46,750.00. At 3½% on 20 year bonds, this amount will be just about 125% more than our present county taxes.

The statement has been made that the State of Texas will assume the payment of these bonds. The so-called bond assumption act, Section 8, provides in part as follows:

"It is hereby declared that all eligible indebtedness as herein defined, shall remain indebtedness of their respective counties or defined road districts, which issue it; and said Counties or defined road districts, shall remain liable on said indebtedness according to its terms and tenor; and it is not the purpose of this act, or any part hereof, to obligate the State of Texas, directly or indirectly or contingently, for the payment of any such obligations or that the State of Texas should ASSUME the payment of said obligations, and this act is not to be construed as obligating the State of Texas to the holders of any said obligations to make payment of same or any part thereof."

The State of Texas now has out some \$23,000,000.00 (23 million dollars) in state warrants or checks, as the case may be, that cannot be paid for because of lack of funds and the State has been going deeper in debt each year for the last several years.

If each of the 254 Counties in the State of Texas should issue the amount of \$550,000.00 in bonds and should all be assumed by the State of Texas, our State would be getting under a load of approximately \$140,000,000.00 (140 million dollars). According to the best information available, there is only 2 million dollars surplus in the road bond assumption fund.

NOW, in case the State of Texas should assume all these bonds and would not have the money to take care of the interest and bonds payment when due, who would be forced to pay these? EACH and Every County who had bonded their county WOULD HAVE TO BE TAXED to meet the obligations.

TAXES must be raised to pay the ever-mounting debt of the \$23,000,000.00 shown above, and if you must raise taxes to pay the twenty-three million, THEN Taxes must be RAISED to pay these road issues.

Who Pays the Taxes? Every property owner in Parmer County, from the largest to the smallest!

Another thing we must think about, and that is, the present defense program, for which all the people will have to pay and pay.

So Stop a Minute!

... and consider all these things before voting any more bonds, as there will be a limit to what we can pay.

Remember, the Bond Election in Parmer County comes on Saturday, December 21, 1940.

Taxpayers of Parmer County

THE WOLVERINE

Publication of Texico High School

MUSIC CLASS

The chorus rendered two numbers at a recital given by pupils of Mrs. Vinyard at the Methodist church, Thursday evening, December 12. They sang "Silent Night" and "Star of the East". The quartet, consisting of Mary Jo North, Mary Margaret Martin, Freida Martin, and Dorothy Mae Dixon, assisted the chorus in singing "Star of the East."

The chorus will present a pageant at the Christmas program, portraying the scenes of the "Madonna," and the "Journey of the Three Wise Men."

Work has been started on the latter part of February.

Texico school will be out one week for Christmas.

Texico plays McAlister on Thursday night. Both boys and girls teams are well matched. Come and see some real games, Thursday night.

HOME EC. CLUB NEWS

The Home Ec Club planned to have its banquet Tuesday night, December 10, but Miss Berry, our sponsor, was ill and the banquet was postponed. We had the invitations sent out and place cards made. We have not set another date as yet.

The second-year Home Ec girls are to be in charge of all cooking for the banquet. We also have charge of setting the tables and fixing the decorations. The first-year girls are helping us a lot. We are hoping that we will be able to have our banquet before the Christmas holidays.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR PARTY

The Juniors and Seniors had their annual Christmas party, Monday evening, December 16. We met in the home economics room at 7:00 o'clock to exchange gifts. Then we went on a line party to the theatre in Clovis to see "Santa Fe Trail," after which surprise refreshments were served by Mrs. Arnold and Miss Berry.

The Senior Class is glad to welcome a new member, Oleta Stevenson, from Sudan, Texas.

FRESHMEN & SOPHOMORE CLASS NEWS

The Freshman and Sophomore classes met in a joint meeting, Monday morning and planned a Christmas party. The party was held in the home of L. A. McCasland, Monday evening, December 16. Names were drawn at the meeting, and gifts exchanged at the party.

Several members of the Freshman and Sophomore classes have been absent this week because of illness. We wish for them a speedy recovery, and hope to see them back in school soon.

There has been a number on the sick list this week. We have missed them and hope they will be able to be back with us soon.

Mr. Hartley was absent last week with the "flu". However, he was able to be back Friday afternoon. We are glad he is able to be back with his duties again.

Miss Berry was also absent last week, but she returned to her duties on Monday.

BASKETBALL

Last Friday night the basketball games at Ranchvale got a little rough. Edna Earle Thompson and Freida Martin were both hurt and were not able to play in the games with Pleasant Hill the past Friday night.

SEVENTH GRADE

The seventh grade is planning to have a Christmas tree Friday afternoon. We hope everybody will have a Merry Christmas.

There are some children from the seventh grade that have the flu. We hope they will come back soon.

FOURTH AND FIFTH

We are ready for Santa Claus to come to our room. We have our Christmas tree all ready and we drew a picture on our blackboard of the three Wise Men going to Bethlehem.

The grade program is an operetta, "Johnny Greencoat." It is a story about a poor boy that didn't get any Christmas gifts. On Christmas Day he found a penny and gave it to a beggar boy. The other children were very angry, but found that is was "more blessed to give than to receive." Kathryn Ann Stewart is our pianist.

We exchanged names in our room and will have the Christmas tree Friday afternoon.

SIXTH GRADE

Christmas is in the air but we are trying to keep our spirits calm enough to do our class work. Our boys are fixing up the Christmas tree and we will all help decorate it. We are looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to Friday afternoon, when we will exchange gifts.

Some of our number have had the flu but almost everyone is back in school now.

The art class made a Christmas border for our blackboard and now they are working on their scrap-books. Each student will put a sample of every kind of work in his book. Our next big project will be to make a wall hanging.

None of our number made 100 in spelling this week.

EIGHTH GRADE

We are looking forward to Christmas holidays. We drew names last week. Our prices are from 15c to 25c for our gifts.

Last Friday the juniors played Ranchvale. They won by 15 to 9.

We were delayed Wednesday afternoon for thirty minutes while Lewie Vaughan's bus was being repaired.

Friday afternoon at the eighth period we had a history test.

SECOND AND THIRD

Dear, Dear Santa, Christmas is just around the corner and we have our tree up and decorated, erady for your annual visit to our room.

If there is snow, please hitch your reindeer to your sled and come that way, but we will like your airplane

just as well. Please bring all the boys and girls lots of candy, nuts, oranges, and apples, and please read these letters and all those that you receive at your home in the far North. Second & Third Grade.

LIVING

What is the use of living When life's full of sorrow and pain, And loved ones are given to be loved But a while, and taken away again?

What is the use of living Amid all the sorrow and strife That saps all our strength and endurance Till we cry, "Oh dear God, what is life?"

What is the use of living When all you attempt is but vain; When fate, like a shadow, comes out Of the night and destroys all that you gain?

Life is worth living if once in a while, You pass on encouragement with one small smile And one little word which is spoken by you Helps someone else to a life that is true.

Melvina Knox English IV

Dear Santa:

I want a bat and ball for Christmas, and also a toy train. Bring all the boys and girls some candy, too.

Love, Roy Threet, Jr.

Dear Santa: I want a baseball and good baseball glove. We have our Christmas tree up for you. We drew names in our room.

W. O. Reid.

Dear Santa:

I would like for you to bring me a bike, and some clothes and bedroom set for my big doll. Please remember the other little children.

Your little friend, Hettye Nann Randol.

Dear Santa:

I have tried to be a good boy this year. I did want a BB gun, but we

are going to move to Albuquerque and they will not let anyone shoot a gun in town, so I want a wagon with sideboards that can be taken off.

Don't forget the other boys and girls. I hope that it has snowed by Christmas so you may ride in your sled around the world.

Love, Charles E. Lovett.

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Washington Digest

Civil Service Strives to Keep Politics Out of Defense Work

Merit System Increases Efficiency of Rearmament; U. S. Foreign Policy Awaits Clarification in Roosevelt's Inaugural Address.

By BAUKHAGE

National Farm and Home Commentator.

(Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

Washington is a nervous and jittery place these days. With winter running in and out so fast that the squirrels in the park hardly know whether to bury nuts, eat them or just watch the ones that walk by.

Part of the atmosphere of suspense is due to wondering what is going to come out of those notes which the President took with him when he sailed away from his fishing-and-inspection trip and which he is still working on.

When he left, men who usually know at least something of what the White House is thinking about, told us:

"The President has closed his mind to any additional aid to Britain now. There will be no change in the present program. We will try to send more supplies but there won't be any change in the nature of the help that we've been supplying."

Most of us who observed Mr. Roosevelt closely at his last conferences before he left thought we saw confirmation of this statement in the way he answered questions on the subject, the tone of his voice, his look, his gestures.

Some of the people clamoring for more active participation in British efforts went so far as to say: "He's walked out on us."

But hardly had the Tuscaloosa weighed anchor than things began to happen which made us wonder.

There was the widely printed story that the United States was preparing to send American merchantmen with supplies right through the war zone to England. Another that American warships would act as convoys, at least part way.

Discusses Financial Aid to Britain

Then there was heated controversy concerning financial aid to Britain. After a meeting of departmental heads admittedly for the purpose of "exploring" the subject, Jesse Jones, federal loan administrator, said that he considered Britain "a good risk."

Senator Johnson of California came right out and said he expected a drive to repeal the Johnson act, which forbids loans to defaulting nations, at the next session of congress. He said he would fight it.

These were some of the signs which seemed to point toward the consideration of new and drastic methods of helping John Bull.

But still the people who made their original predictions to the effect that the President wasn't planning action, certainly none that might involve us in the war, held their ground.

At this writing no one professes to know what form the notes in the President's portfolio will take. We can only wait for the inaugural address, the budget message and the report to congress on the state of the nation. When we know what these state papers contain it will be interesting to look back and see who was right, the people who, like Senator Johnson, said we are "edging into war" or those who believed that the President had set the Ship of State on a neutral course and then lashed the helm.

Rearmament Story Has Two Sides

There are a lot of stories circulating about inefficiency in rearmament work. Some tell of men who are employed in industries where they are pitifully inexperienced.

That's one side of the defense story that you hear a good deal about these days. But it isn't the only side. I heard the government's side of the defense hiring story the other day from Arthur Flemming, one of the three-member civil service commission.

"The United States civil service commission," Mr. Flemming said to me, "is faced with the heaviest load in its history."

Today the civil service commission is the "central civilian recruiting agency for the entire defense program," as Mr. Flemming described it and when I had finished my interview with him I took two of the most hopeful thoughts away with me that I have been able to nourish in the 25 years since I began watching the failures, faults and foibles, as well as the achievements of the Washington "side show."

The first thought was this: we have a fair chance of keeping poli-

IMPORTS

During the first year following the outbreak of war in Europe, total imports into the United States increased because of a marked expansion in this country's purchases of raw material, according to a report, "War and Its Effect on United States Imports," issued by the U. S. tariff commission. These raw materials originate principally in Asia and to a lesser extent in Canada and Latin America.

tics, scandal and disgrace out of the defense program, such as we had in the last war, if it is humanly possible to do it. And second, if this is done, we may take the greatest step in our history toward cleaning up the rottenness of the patronage system that is the curse of democracies.

Perhaps I am over optimistic. But here are the facts as I learned them.

In the first place the civil service commission has recruited, examined and certified 240,000 workers



JOHN C. GARAND

between July 1 and November 23 of this year. There were 176,000 placements alone in the war and navy departments. Most of the workers, of course, were employed in navy yards and arsenals. Take Watervliet, for instance, up in Connecticut where they make the big guns. That arsenal has a hard time keeping 120 men busy normally; now it employs 3,000.

The civil service commission staff has been enlarged for the emergency recruiting from 1,800 members in June to 4,000 today. Besides the force in Washington there are 13 district offices and 5,000 local secretaries; one in every first and second class post office. These secretaries, who are usually postal employees, have information on examinations and requirements of positions open. Here the persons who want jobs can go and find out just how to apply for them.

Red Tape Slashed To Increase Efficiency

But there is a side of this recruiting work that does not show up in figures. It is the spirit which is evident from the attitude of the commissioners themselves and the whole staff. There is no clock-watching here. Hours mean nothing. Red tape has been slashed. There is one objective—to get the best men and women available for Uncle Sam and to get them quickly.

"The best example of the benefits of the system," Mr. Flemming explained, "is the skilled worker who has worked up through the service and who, though he could easily secure higher wages in private business, is loyal to the government and prefers to stay in the federal service."

"One of the outstanding examples of these men is John C. Garand. Long before the national defense program got under way this man, one of the key figures in our defense, was working inconspicuously in a drafting room in the armory in Springfield, Mass. Now his name is known around the world as the inventor of the Garand rifle."

John C. Garand, Mr. Flemming told me, was born in Canada and came to this country when he was 10 years old. When the World War broke out he enlisted in the artillery and was assigned to the bureau of standards in Washington to do ordnance work. After the war Garand took a civil service examination for draftsman and was sent to the armory in Springfield. He perfected a number of inventions and finally produced the Garand rifle. Loyal to the civilian service of the United States as he had been to the armed forces, he patriotically turned his patent over to the government. His rewards are simply the promotions he has won. He is now senior ordnance engineer. You'll find him at his desk today.

A vigorous campaign is going on on the part of educators to teach democracy. An Educational Policies association for five years has been working for the improvement of democratic citizenship. Recently a wide study of 90 schools was made and the report is fascinating reading. It reveals six entirely different ideas of what democratic education was.

Not merely the teachers and pupils but people in the community were interviewed in preparing this important survey.

Kathleen Norris Says:

The Child Is Born Again

(Bell Syndicate—WNU Service.)



We know that in stupid blindness, we have been building Maginot lines and Siegfried lines of hatred and revenge in our hearts, and that the war fever is crossing the ocean to touch us and infect us with the madness that is reigning there. But still the miracle of the Christmas Child lives on. He is still near, with His eternal promise of peace and forgiveness and love.

By KATHLEEN NORRIS

THE best thing that we can say for the old world is that once in its history a Man was born who spoke strange, unbelievable, startling and unacceptable truths.

The reason we know that what He said was true is that although for twenty centuries all sorts of brilliant and scientific men have been trying to prove that He was mistaken, still, in that tribunal that is the heart of the people, these words of His live on, and grow more and more brilliant with time, and for every voice that denies Him, a hundred other voices speak up loudly in His defense.

That fact is the one miracle that the world has known. All other miracles stem from it through the acts of His followers, or like wars and scientific discoveries and astronomical prophecies turn out to be no miracles at all.

It sometimes rather amuses me when young unbelievers challenge the Bible stories of miracles. The sick man at the pool was only a hypochondriac, they say, he could always have picked up his bed and walked if he had wanted to. The water made wine was always water only the wedding guests were in an amiable mood and thought it wine. The blind man was a fakir; he wasn't blind.

His Name Marches On.

Why, what more do these skeptics want than the living, blazing, unequalled miracle that Christ's name is today in our modern, whirling, mechanized world, in this country, whose simplest everyday fact was undreamed in His day? When as our first human landmark, we speak of the miracle that was—and is—the Master's eternally old and eternally new story, what episode in all history comes second? What other event deserves to be mentioned even in remotest connection with it?

For here was a baby born in poverty, reared as a carpenter's son in a small oriental town, growing to manhood unknown, His friends equally humble and obscure, His early death marking Him as a criminal.

No press, no influence, no powerful adherents to defend His name. No written word of His to live and justify him. And yet in America today large numbers of papers, printed daily, carry that name as their inspiration and reason for being, and it is safe to say that no daily journal ever is printed without that name.

Substitutes Love for Hate.

The law this Man laid down to a few idle villagers and fisher folk was a terrible law. It was terrible in its newness, its courage, its implications. For it stripped man of revenge and substituted forgiveness; it stripped him of self and substituted neighbor; it stripped him of hate and substituted love.

And man was afraid. Afraid, even in that simpler day, to follow the Master's law as he had followed the Master's feet. He is afraid today. Our churches will be crowded, this Christmas day, and such churches as are left amid the smoking blackness that once was beauty and activity and prosperity in Europe, will be crowded, too. There will be bewildered heartache here; there will be bitter sobbing there. But not anywhere will there be voices strong enough to preach His law. Forgive

CHRISTMAS

The approaching birthday of Jesus recalls His teachings to a forgetting world. Kathleen Norris believes that they contain the only cure for the terrible misfortunes which man endures today. She advises everyone to observe a sober Christmas, and forget about world affairs in a heartfelt prayer for love and charity toward our fellow men. She feels that the world will not have peace until it proves itself worthy of peace.

your enemies. Do good to them that hate you. Render not evil for evil, but return evil with good.

There is a jungle story of monkeys who found a string of priceless pearls. Pearls naturally meant nothing to the monkeys, but their leader knew that something about the lustrous rope of shining white globes was rare. So through the tree-tops he went, waving his find, chattering and squawking, and after him came, chattering and squawking, his noisy people.

Just so man knew, even from the beginning, that what the Master preached was rare; that in those simple words lay the secret of life, the cure for all the world's disorders. He seized upon his prize and carried it down the years, calling to all who would listen that he had found something quite unique among the world's treasures.

But apparently man knew no more how to use it than the monkeys knew what to do with their pearls. If man HAD known there would never have been a war; there would never have been poverty and slums, with all that they breed of suffering and crime and sickness. There would never have been kings nor rulers, for the greatest among us would have been our servant, and it would have been the noble object of the leaders to see how humble, how helpful, how like the Master they might make themselves.

We know how different has been the world's story! We know that hate and greed and fear are reaching their fateful zenith today, and that in all Europe there are only a few nations left where one may dare voice even the name of Christ. We know that in stupid blindness, we have been building Maginot lines and Siegfried lines of hatred and revenge in our hearts, and that the war fever is crossing the ocean to touch us and infect us with the madness that is reigning there.

Pray for Guidance.

But still the miracle of the Christmas Child lives on. He is still near, with His eternal promise of peace and forgiveness and love. However full of mistakes the past, it can be wiped away by the simple prayer that brings to Him a child's heart and a child's trust. We don't know the way out of the darkness. We have lost faith in ourselves. But the way is always there. And the promise is always there; "ask and ye shall receive. Knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

A sobered Christmas, a quiet Christmas,—not like our usual joyous holidays. But perhaps to prove someday the most fruitful of eventual good that the world has known since the first Christmas of all.

So I think our prayer this Christmas should be only a prayer for guidance. Not that dictators will die and guns will succeed and conquerors be humbled and ships be sunk. Not anything about great world affairs at all.

But that in each one of our hearts a new spirit will be born at that star-lighted hour when the Child Himself is born anew.



SHE SHOULD KNOW BETTER

Norah, who kept a small fruit stand in Dublin, was displaying a few watermelons. An American visitor, trying to tease her, picked up one and said, "These are very small green apples you grow over here. In America we have them twice that size."

Norah looked the visitor over from head to foot, then with pity in her voice, exclaimed, "Oh, sir, ye must be a stranger in Oireland, and know virry little about the fruit of our country, whin ye can't tell apples from gooseberries."

Outmoded

Boggs was displaying his new sedan to Jiggs.

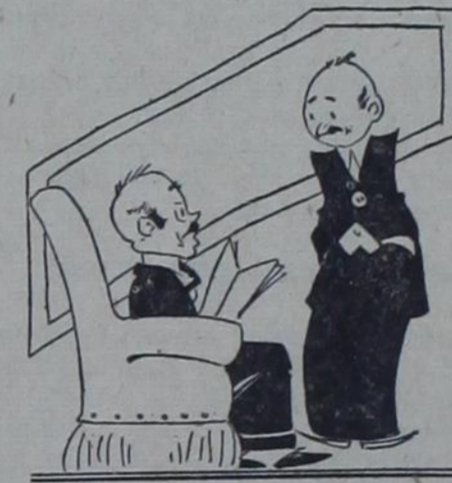
"But I thought your other car was less than a year old," said Jiggs. "You only drove it about 8,000 miles, didn't you?"

"Oh, yes, it was still as good as new," replied Boggs, "but of course it was hopelessly out of date as soon as the new and improved model came out."

"Just how is the new model different?"

"Well, you can see at a glance. The automatic cigar lighter is an inch nearer the steering wheel this year."

ONE METHOD



"Vote the straight ticket?"

"Me? I never vote a straight ticket. I'm independent."

"Pick your candidates carefully, eh?"

"Sure. I shake both tickets together and then vote the names in alphabetical order."

He's Learned Since

The new hired man from the city had been sent out to harness the horses. It was a cold, winter morning, still dark and he mistook a cow for a horse.

"What's keeping you so long out there?" the farmer shouted from the house, with breakfast waiting.

"Say, I can't get the collar over this horse's head," the new hand called back, "because his ears are frozen stiff."

No Hint Intended

Judge—You say this man robbed you. Can you distinguish any of your property in this heap?

Plaintiff—Yes, I know that handkerchief with "B" in the corner.

Judge—But that is no proof. I have a handkerchief with "B" in the corner.

Plaintiff—Yes, sir, I know. I don't want to make any insinuations, but I lost two.

Good Reason

Visiting Delegate (to hotel clerk)—Why didn't you call me at 7:30 this morning?

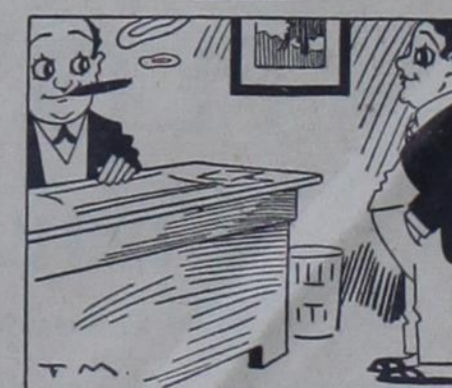
Clerk (politely)—Because you didn't go to bed till eight.

Quite Safe

Young Thing (after the third singing lesson)—Do you think I might make use of my voice in public now?

Musician—Yes, certainly. I see no reason why you shouldn't, say, join in the National Anthem.

DIDN'T GO FOR ARREST



Patron—I hear your cashier is in Australia—did he go for a rest?

Bank President—No; to escape arrest.

Perfectly Willing

Visitor—I am collecting for the poets' hospital. Will you contribute?

Editor—With pleasure. Come around at the end of the day with an ambulance and I'll have enough to fill it.

Punk at Both

"He played hockey for six years and has only played golf for one year and knows as much about it as he does hockey."

"What? Can't he play hockey, either?"

Ask Me Another

A General Quiz

The Questions

1. Who delivered the famous Cooper Union address?
2. What great river has its flow controlled by the Assum dam?
3. In what year did Hitler become dictator of Germany?
4. What is the official language of Liberia?
5. An anodyne is a medicine that does what?
6. What person in fiction had the "Old Man of the Sea" clinging to his shoulders?
7. How far do the Appalachian mountains extend?
8. What is a yashmak?
9. How many South American countries have no seacoast?

The Answers

1. Abe Lincoln.
2. Nile river.
3. In March, 1933, when the reichstag passed an act giving him absolute power.
4. English.
5. Relieves pain.
6. Sinbad.
7. From Quebec province to Alabama.
8. A double veil worn by Mohammedan women.
9. Two, Bolivia and Paraguay.



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SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Dear Santa:

We are two little boys four and six years old. Please bring us two Lone Ranger guns and a little filling station with some cars. We want a pair of boxing gloves and some fire crackers. With love—J. T. and David Lynn Wiley, Muleshoe.

Illness Among Pupils Causes School Closing

Fresh outbreaks of influenza that threatened to reach epidemic proportions was met with official action here, Tuesday noon, by the Farwell board of education in ordering the schools closed until after the holidays.

In a special meeting, held shortly before noon Tuesday, Supt. J. T. Carter reported class periods seriously disrupted by illness, with only three students being present in the fifth grade and four answering roll call in the fourth grade.

School officials pointed out that by closing the schools now, a serious epidemic might be prevented, and the responsibility of keeping the children from public gatherings was now upon the parents.

Under the regular schedule, previously arranged, the local school was scheduled to dismiss for the holidays on Friday afternoon of the present week. Supt. Carter said that the three days lost would have to be made up at the end of the period next Spring.

Farmers Approve Marketing Quota

A total of 245 votes cast in Parmer county in the recent cotton marketing quota referendum indicated this week that 194 operators favored the quotas for 1941, while some 51 were opposed, Garlon A. Harper, secretary of the county ACA, has revealed.

Some improvement in the total number voting in the referendum was noted this year, Harper said, since in 1939 only 143 votes were cast while a total of 245 ballots were counted this year, however, not as many votes were tabulated as was expected.

The percent by which the vote in favor of cotton quotas carried during this referendum is higher than in the previous year, Harper said, since in 1939 the referendum carried by only 70%, compared to a 79% "yes" vote this year.

"This is either an indication that the farmers are more satisfied with cotton quotas than in the past, or that a large number of those who had not voted in the past have favored the cotton quotas," Harper said.

It is necessary that a favorable percentage of 66% be registered for the referendum measure to be in effect, officials stated. Reports here indicated that over the nation, a 92% favorable reaction was given by the farmers.

Club Reports Must Be Received Today

County Agent Jason O. Gordon, adult director of the 4-H clubs in Parmer county, stated the first of the week that all reports from club boys must be in his hands this (Wednesday) afternoon, or they would not be shown as complete for the 1940 club year.

To date, four of the nine clubs in the county have reported 100% completions, the agent stated, listing the following groups as having perfect records: Farwell, 8 out of 8 membership; Lakeview, 4 out of 4; Friona seniors, 8 out of 8; and Rhea, 7 out of 7.

In the other clubs, completions were as follows: Friona juniors, 8 out of 11 on roll; Lazbuddy, 17 out of 21; Midway, 11 out of 13; Oklahoma Lane juniors, 15 out of 25; Oklahoma Lane seniors, 7 out of 15; and Bovina, 8 out of 15.

A total of 100 had filed completed records, Monday, out of the 127 boys participating in active club work in the county, the agent went on to say and urged that all clubbers get in their reports today.

Texas oilmen drilled 41 per cent of all the wildcat oil and gas tests drilled in the entire United States last year.

AAA Committeemen Are Elected for '41

Committeemen to represent the various communities of Parmer county in the actions of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration were elected over the county on Friday of last week, officials at the county office reported today.

The county committee was also named, with W. S. Menefee, of Midway community, being named as chairman; Olan N. Schleuter, of Farwell, vice chairman; F. W. Reeve, of Friona, regular member; Glenn R. Dunn, of Lazbuddy, alternate member.

Individual community members are:

- Farwell—Albert Smith.
- Oklahoma Lane—Keith Pigg
- Midway—Roy L. Karr.
- Lazbuddy—C. D. Julian.
- Lakeview—Dudley Robason.
- Black—Frank R. Lookingbill.
- Friona—Lonnie Baxter.
- Rhea—L. H. Hoffman.
- Bovina—Henry T. Reynolds.

These committeemen will be installed at the beginning of the year and hold office for a period of one year, Garlon A. Harper, secretary, stated.

JUNIOR PLAY POSTPONED

The junior class play, scheduled to be presented the past Friday night in the auditorium of the Farwell school, was postponed due to the inclement weather prevalent over the weekend. Miss Geraldine Walker, sponsor of the group, stated today that no definite date for the play had been set again, owing to the nearness of the Christmas holidays.

NO DEMONSTRATOR

County Judge Lee Thompson stated today that as yet he had received no report from Miss Lida Cooper, district home demonstration agent, as to whom she had named to succeed Miss Ruth Boyd, who resigned as Parmer county demonstrator last week. Miss Cooper has promised to have a new worker on the field just as soon as possible.

COURTHOUSE TO CLOSE

County officials announced today that all offices in the Parmer county courthouse would be closed on Christmas Day, and there was a probability that a two-day vacation period would be declared, with all officers being out on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

GIN MAN HERE

L. E. Brooks, principal owner of cotton gins at Farwell, Lariat, Anton and Friona, was here the first of the week from Lubbock, looking over his interests. He said that the gins at Farwell and Lariat had experienced fairly good runs this season, but those located at Friona and Anton had not done so well. All the cotton has been gathered in the Anton community, he reported.

CARD OF THANKS

Our many friends of Texico-Farwell will never know how grateful we are for the many kindnesses you extended in our behalf during our recent trying experience. We never lacked for a thing that you could offer, and as never before we have come to know what real friendship amounts to in a time of trouble. Your loyalty and attention is far more than we could have asked, but we do want you to know we are appreciative of your attention.
Mr. and Mrs. Carl McGuire.

Worley Leaves for Washington Post

Congressman-elect Eugene Worley of Shamrock, who has been chosen by the voters of 18th district to succeed Marvin Jones as their representative in the National Congress, departed this week for the National Capital.

Before leaving for Washington, Congressman Worley issued the following prepared statement from his home office at Shamrock:

"In an effort to be of the greatest possible service to the people of this district, I want to offer my cooperation to you and all your readers at any time I can be of assistance. Needless to say, I will be very glad to have the views of my people on any legislation which comes before the Congress for action.

"I fully appreciate the fact that the hardest part of being a good congressman is yet to come, and it is my sincere desire to exert my very best efforts toward that end. No letter or request will be too big or too small to receive my personal and immediate attention."



BY CLYDE WILSON

BILL YARDLEY poked a tentative eye outside his blanket. It was daylight, at last. Across the tiny cabin Jim was snoring quietly, his measured breath almost drowned by the roaring wind outside.

Bill's eyes surveyed the cabin with its old stove and rickety furniture. Cozy enough, perhaps, but this was no way to spend an entire winter, even for the sake of geographical accuracy. Several hundred miles to the south, in Winnipeg, the government office was waiting for early spring when Bill and Jim could finish their surveying assignment and bring back a report.



The pilot dumped overboard a huge bundle.

Ahead, meanwhile, were two months of this maddening snowbound silence.

Bill's glance drifted to the calendar. Suddenly he caught his breath—"Jim!" he shrieked. "Wake up! Wake up! Do you know what day this is?"

Jim groaned, stirred a bit, and answered sleepily.

"Tuesday, ain't it? And so what?"

"Jim! It's Christmas Eve!"

A few minutes later they found themselves staring blankly out the

window, almost wishing they'd never discovered it was Christmas.

It was kind of childish to let on that you cared, Bill thought. So he put on his parka and headed for the door.

"Let's forget it, Jim," he advised. "I'm going to look at our traps and get some fresh air. Be back soon!"

It was no picnic, trudging through knee-deep drifts for two hours. To make it worse, the traps were all empty. Even the animals were staying inside in this weather.

"Wonder if they'll miss Christmas, too?" he mused as he neared the cabin.

Suddenly he heard a faint hum in the sky. It grew nearer. Unmistakably a motor—an airplane!

Bill raced for the cabin door.

"A plane, Jim!" he cried. "Get some black smoke going up the chimney!" Then he raced out to the clearing.

The pilot saw him gesticulating wildly, or else he saw the fresh black smoke over the cabin. The big ship circled, flew off to the north, turned and came back, flying low. Over the clearing it almost stalled as the pilot dumped overboard a huge bundle that plummeted into the snow almost at Bill's feet. Then he waved and sped away.

They got it inside, somehow, though they wanted to open the bundle right where it landed. Once the rope was torn loose an oilskin pouch flew out. A note was inside. From the boss:

"In case you boys have forgotten," it read, "tomorrow's Christmas. Herewith the makings, including some presents your families asked us to send along."

Bill and Jim looked at each other, then they cheered.

"Merry Christmas?" asked Bill. "Why, it's the best ever! Wait'll you taste this turkey!"

The X-ray can now be used to determine accurately the size and weight of the heart.

More than 300 products vital to American industry are now made from Texas crude oil.

Of Interest to Farmers

By Garlon A. Harper, Sec'y Parmer County AAA

This is the time of the year when farmers of the county who cooperate with the Agricultural Conservation Program and the officials of that program in the county are looking forward to the new 1941 program. We believe that it is highly desirable that the farmers of the county take "stock" of their farm program and try to see just what they can do in such a program. One of the closest contacts the farmer has with the program is through his committeeman.

There have been elected by the farmers of the county a committee to look after the business of the farmers in connection with the program. There is a county committee composed of three members who are responsible for the administration of the program. There is also a community committee for each community whose work is to assist the county committee in determining the proper administration of the program insofar as the individual farmer is concerned.

Each time the farmer has a question to be settled the logical place to present such a question for settlement is with the local community committeeman. Of course, there are times when employees of the county office may advise the farmer in regard to the existing regulations and give an idea of what may be done.

When a question has been presented to the local committeeman he will obtain the necessary information and present the question to the county committee whose decision in the county is official. Farmers should not expect committeemen to always be able to get what is asked for. It is important that all farmers realize that the committee can only apply regulations which have already been

laid down by the law under which the program is set up. In the past, farmers in many cases have expected the committee to be able to obtain any action requested, which in the course of a year is almost impossible.

When a farmer sees some provision of the program which is working a hardship on a majority of the farmers he should talk with his committeeman about this in order that the committee may work with the State committee in obtaining a correction of such a part of the program. The 1941 committee expects and must receive the full cooperation of the farmers of the county if the program is to be fairly and justly administered in the county.

TREE EXERCISES

The various committees on the Oklahoma Lane Christmas tree program were at work this week making arrangements to stage the big annual Christmas tree party at the school house on Christmas Eve. More than \$100 has been turned over to the committees to defray the expenses of the celebration.

MARKETS

The following prices were being offered by local buyers Wednesday. All prices are subject to market fluctuations.

Grain Quotations	
Heads, ton	\$10.00
Wheat, bu.	.68
Milo, bu.	.80
Kafir, bu.	.75
Sudan, cwt.	2.30
Produce	
Heavy hens, lb.	11c
Light hens, lb.	7c
Eggs, doz.	25c
Butterfat, lb.	36c
Green hides, lb.	6c

You Get the Turkey

We Have Everything Else to Make Your Christmas Dinner Complete!



DATES	17c	BRAZIL NUTS	14c
7 1/2 oz. pkg., each		Per pound	
CRANBERRIES	20c	ALMONDS	25c
Per quart		Per pound	
MINCE MEAT	9c	WALNUTS	22c
Per pkg.		Per pound	
PUMPKIN	9c	LARGE PECANS	25c
No. 2 can, each		Per pound	

Apples

Washington, nice size, doz

19c

Oranges

Navels, nice size, doz.

18c

PORTALES YAMS	25c
7 lbs. for	
WHITE SPUDS	19c
10 lbs. for	
COCOANUT	22c
Per pound	
LETTUCE	5c
Nice firm heads, each	
PINEAPPLE JUICE	32c
Large can, each	
Candy Christmas Mix, lb.	14c

G. Fruit

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**CHRISTMAS SEAL SALES
POINT TO NEW RECORDS**

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

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

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

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

"The public representing every phase of social and business activity; civic and religious groups, and individuals in every walk of life, are not

only purchasing seals but are lending active support," Pansy Nichols, executive secretary, said. "There is not a Texas newspaper, including foreign language papers, that has not helped; even milk companies are decorating bottles with Christmas Seal sale tabs, and that is typical of the cooperation of advertising companies, stores, radio stations, transportation companies, and many other classifications," she added.

"It begins to look as if the country and certainly Texas is determined to be strong in health as well as in national defense," Dr. Z. T. Scott, managing director of the association, declared.

PLEASANT HILL

We have had a little more moisture in the form of ice. There wasn't so much damage done, as there was the other time, however.

There seems to be quite a bit of flu in this community.

It has been announced that Mr. Fred Kays, who is now working in Oklahoma City, will be married to Miss Price, of Clovis, on Dec. 19th.

Mrs. Westfall, who is still under the oxygen tent, shows but little improvement.

Clovis visitors, Saturday, in spite of the bad weather, were: Mr. and Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Bell and Elvis, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Singleterry, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Singleterry, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Moorman, Mrs. Hartzog,

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Dear Santa Claus:

How are you? I am just fine. For Christmas I would like to have some little cars and a gun and scabbard. Be good to all little boys and girls and many thanks. I am seven years old and am in the first grade. Good-bye, Santa—Jimmie Rury, Friona.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring us lots of pretty playthings. I, Leon, want a gun, football, and train. Please bring Delvin a ball and anything that would make him happy. Please don't forget all the other little boys and girls. Also bring some goodies. Your friends—Leon and Delvin Langford, Texico.

P. S. Please remember my little cousins, Jimmy Don, Frankie Gordon, Alton, Oran and Frances.

Dear Santa:

I want a cattle truck, and a little red car, a train and some cows and horses. I am three years old. My birthday is February 4. Love—Robbie Foster, Farwell.

Dear Santa:

Lonetta wants a doll with two dresses and a doll buggy. Loren wants a train with lots of track and a gun. Elmer wants a train with lots of track and a gun. Please remember our teacher, who is in the hospital. We want lots of candy and nuts. Lots of love—Lonetta, Loren and Elmer Thompson, Farwell.

and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Parker.

Club will meet with Mrs. Lexie Spearman, next Thursday.

Guests at Lester Crowell's for dinner, Sunday, were Mrs. R. Snodderly, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Donahay and children, Mr. and Mrs. Whitner and children, and Parker's family.

A RESOLUTION

December 10, 1940.

Federal Communications Commission

Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman and Representatives, Washington, D. C. Gentlemen:

At a regular meeting of the Friona Post of the American Legion, Friona, Texas, on above date, adopt the following resolutions.

(1) Resolved: That this post protest against any such ban on our best American music and patriotic songs from the air. Such as the National Broadcasting Company and the Columbia Broadcasting Company causes to be in effect after December 31, 1940.

(2) The contributions of hundreds of composers who comprise the American society of composers, authors and publishers, has been of untold value to our cause of national defense.

(3) As American soldiers and members of this organization, we know the importance of keeping the moral of the civilian public as well as those now in service of our country, we think nothing is more important than American music by American composers.

rican composers.

(4) We, therefore, request The Federal Communications Commission and all other agencies to investigate the situation and to have the immediate lifting of this ban on patriotic music and songs, so the American public may continue to have them over the air.

Whereas, the National Broadcasting Company and the Columbia Broadcasting Company have announced a ban on all ASCP music and songs December 31, 1940, such as Stars and Stripes, National Anthems, God Bless America, marches and hundreds of other songs that is very vital to our national unity and national defense, I, D. K. Roberts, S. H. Haile and A. D. Moseley, being duly authorized to cause above resolutions to be enacted by our post on this day, and we do hereby as a community ask to have this situation remedied at once, so the American public can have American music on the air, we also resent all censorship of patriotic music that is so vital to national democracy.

Yours very truly,

Roy Price,
Adjutant of Post 206,
Friona, Texas.

Demonstration Club Notes

By Special Staff Reporters

Oklahoma Lane Club

The Oklahoma Lane demonstration club met Friday 13th, in the home of Mrs. Lee Thompson. The home was beautifully decorated in Christmas colors. The Christmas tree formed the center piece for the dining table. Contests were held and games played. Mrs. Clyde Perkins led in the singing of Christmas carols. Mrs. Thompson was presented with a handkerchief book filled with hankies. Mrs. Barry acted as Santa Claus and distributed the gifts. Clover leaf friends were drawn for 1941. Refreshments of sandwiches, hot cinnamon rolls, spiced tea and candy were served.

Present were: Mesdames F. E. Kepley, J. C. Roberson and daughter, E. M. Deaton and daughter, Ernest Foster, Zora Harmon, S. H. Sides, W. E. Verner, Joe Roberts, Edd McGuire, Clyde Perkins, J. M. Pruitt, A. B. Wilkerson, E. A. Hromas, Alta Roberson, Thad Watkins, Ellis R. Barry, Miss Ruth Boyd and the hostess, Mrs. Lee Thompson.

Midway 4-H Club

The Midway 4-H club met Decem-

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ber 4th. We did not have our last 4-H club meeting because school was turned out for Thanksgiving. Mr. Gordon gave out all of our monthly reports and we filled out our record books. Mr. Gordon gave us a good

talk about our 1941 reports.

Bernard Jesko.

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In Appreciation---

Of our most cherished possession, the spark that keeps us in a happy state of mind, the spice that gives us new zest in our work. Again may we say—our most cherished possession—is YOUR FRIENDSHIP.

In appreciation of this we extend our warmest and sincere greetings for the holiday season and New Year.

Karl's Auto Clinic

Karl Gast

Buster Gast

Merry Christmas Our Friends

To Our Friends, both old and new, we extend the season's greetings. May our fellowship be closer during the New Year.

WE HOPE TO SERVE YOU OFTEN

Ralph Humble & Ed Eason

A Cheerful Greeting

All of the tinsel and holly, the glowing candles, the boisterous good fellowship, are but the outward manifestations of the spirit that underlies the institution of Christmas.

With best wishes for your happiness and prosperity, we say—

MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY NEW YEAR

FARWELL SHOE SHOP

May Joy Be Yours

—AT THIS—

Merry Christmas Season

Whatever the day itself may be like, whether sunny or gray, there is an ever prevailing spirit on Christmas Day that sets that day apart from others.

In the genuine Spirit of Christmas we greet you and wish for you a day mellowed by appreciation of health and material well being and a New Year rich in expectation and fulfillment.

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Jolly Greetings

Christmas cheer and joy throughout the coming year is our sincere wish for each of you.

We appreciate your kindness and friendship at all times and especially at this season we are reminded of it.

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May All These Be Yours And More

May you have happiness and Serenity, Health and Prosperity in Abundance During the Holidays and the New Year!

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Holiday Greetings

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Dick Hunter



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The railroads have spent nine billion dollars for improvements since 1923. Almost half of this amount was expended for equipment.

FOR SALE—One large, fat hog, weighing approximately 375 lbs. J. F. Peach, Bovina, Tex. 5-1tp

FOR SALE—Standard Farmall tractor, on rubber, fair condition. J. W. Hardage, 4 miles south of Bovina, Texas. 5-3tp.

FOR SALE—Seedling peach trees that are almost sure to bear every year. J. W. Bell, Route 2, Texico, N. M. 5-4tp.

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May We Remember

That the true spirit of Christmas is one of unselfish service. It is the only way to commemorate the birth of the Christ child.

MAY THIS CHRISTMAS BE ONE OF CHEER AND MAY THE BLESSINGS OF THE NEW YEAR BE YOURS!

TEXICO POSTOFFICE

Mrs. Lucy O. Brown, P. M.

Mrs. Bess Dow, Asst.

GREETINGS

to you and yours at this Christmas season we would extend our sincerest wish for happiness . . . happiness that lasts not merely through the holidays, but that continues throughout the year of 1941. We would like at this time to express our thanks for every courtesy you have shown us in the year now drawing to a close.

Dr. & Mrs. V. Scott Johnson

Farwell, Texas.

DON'T LET FIRE MAR THE HOLIDAY SEASON

(NOTE: The following information is from the Fire Prevention Division of the Texas Fire Insurance Dept., Austin, Texas.)

As we approach another holiday season, we are faced with the stern realization that we have much for which we should give thanks, and may we as individuals, enter into this season with renewed hope and good cheer for an early peace throughout the world.

Let us, among other things, give thanks to all of those who have worked so diligently this year in the prevention of fires, and give to them encouragement by a willing spirit of cooperation in a continuation of this splendid public service, but lest we forget, the observance of Christmas is fraught with danger to life and property because of many special fire hazards that come into use at that time. A careless act, or the use of an unsafe article, might blight the day, replacing joy with grief.

Some of the facts pertaining to special fire hazards that everyone should acquaint himself with during the holiday season are as follows:

"That the Christmas tree can be kept looking fresh and saved from drying out if you set it up in a pan of water. Chemists have suggested that its combustibility can be reduced still further by allowing it to absorb a solution of ammonium sulphate before it is set up. A package of chemical, one-quarter the weight of the tree, dissolved in 1½ pints of water per pound is the recommended treatment. Put the solution in a bottle or jar with a neck just big enough to hold the tree, saw off the bottom of the trunk at an angle, and let it stand in the bottle until the chemical is completely absorbed.

"That the Christmas tree should be well secured against falling and it should be placed well away from stoves, the fireplace, and other sources of heat.

"That it is important that your set of Christmas tree lights be in good condition. Sets bearing the label of Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc. have been tested for fire hazard and pronounced safe by experts.

"That pennies or wire should never be used in replacing blown-out electric fuses. The fuse is the safety valve on your wiring system to protect you against fire.

"That toy electric trains, motors and other appliances should not be attached to light sockets until all fuses and connections are in perfect order.

"Use only non-combustible materials for Christmas tree decorations, and remember that clothing and Christmas tree decorations may be made fire resisting by dipping them in a 10 per cent solution of ammonium sulphate.

"That the cotton beard of a Santa Claus frequently catches fire with serious results.

"That the Yuletide custom of placing a lighted candle on the Christmas tree, or in the window near curtains has cast many a cloud of gloom.

"That small children should never be permitted to handle fireworks.

"That before and after Christmas, wrappings and packages should not be allowed to accumulate in the home.

"That all wood and gas stoves and fireplaces should be protected with screen guards to prevent clothing of children and older people from catching afire. Also, remember to ventilate your home with fresh air."

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HOMESICKNESS, perhaps, had brought him back. Old Peter Johansen buttoned his threadbare overcoat, blew warm breath on his rough hands and jumped to the ground. There was no railroad detective to grab him for riding that freight train, because this was the day before Christmas. All but the homeless, like himself, seemed busy preparing for the Day of Days.

Forty years, Peter reflected, since he last set foot in Clark City. It had been a year after the big earthquake; a year after all hell broke loose, killing his parents and sister as they sat at dinner in the little house on Vine street.

Peter remembered: How he had come home late that evening; how the earth began quivering like a beast possessed; how he had



Peter stood alone for a long time watching the star appear.

searched like a madman through the ruins of that shock-wracked, fire-swept bungalow. Then, as Clark City began rebuilding, he had drifted off in a daze to roam up and down the earth—a ne'er-do-well, a hobo!

But always he remembered Linda, dear little sister Linda. In 40 years her memory always came back stronger than ever on Christmas Eve, for it was then that they used to climb Lookout Hill hand-in-hand at dusk, watching the evening star rise in the heavens.

That, perhaps, was why he was back this Christmas Eve.

"Almost dusk now," he reflected, trudging along Clark City's busy thoroughfare. Christmas crowds jostled him, for he was a hapless wanderer with no place to go.

No place to go? Not Peter! Soon he found his way to the old residential district where Lookout Hill rose like a sentinel.

"The same old hill," he told himself. "Little Linda! If you were only here now to see your big brother! No—thank God you're not here, for your big brother is ashamed of himself!"

At the crest Peter stood alone for a long time, watching the star appear as it had since that first night over Bethlehem. He didn't notice the old lady until she spoke.

"Beautiful, that star, isn't it?" Peter fumbled with his greasy-stained cap.

"Yes'm, it is. Especially from Lookout Hill."

"Many years ago," she continued, almost in a trance, "my little brother and I used to watch that star rise in the heavens each Christmas Eve, until—" (she wiped a tear away)—"we were separated somehow during the big earthquake. He was killed, they found out later.

"Each Christmas Eve ever since I've come back here, just to remember him. I hope he's happy up there in Heaven."

Peter was staring at her, fairly ready to shriek, for it was Linda! No doubt about it, now!

He recognized the tilt of her nose, unchanged by the years; the familiar ring of a voice that somehow had failed to grow old. But he held himself back, for Peter was ashamed of himself.

She didn't notice him shuffle off after awhile, for Linda was still watching the star.

In the freight yards he found an empty boxcar and bedded down under some straw in a corner. After a while he felt the car move, and somehow he was glad.

"Yes, it was Linda," he sobbed to himself, "but I just couldn't tell her. Thank God she's alive and happy. And Thank God she remembers me on Christmas eve as I was, not as I am."

After awhile he fell asleep.

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Cakes Printed in Germany
A famous Christmas cake in Germany is Aachen Printen, from which the English word "print" is derived. In the days before book-printing the idea of imprint belonged to the baking business to express the making of patterns in cakes. Many of these cakes have figures representing the old gods Wotan and Thor.

Santa May Not Smoke Cigars
Santa Claus, perhaps, doesn't smoke—or he would be better informed on the quality of cigars.

TEXAS NEEDS MORE MANUFACTURING MILK

COLLEGE STATION—Texas needs more manufacturing milk to meet the demands of its domestic market.

W. V. Maddox, Extension Service dairy manufacturing specialist for Texas A. & M. College, says Texas imports butter, concentrated milks and cheese because the volume of manufacturing milk falls far short of demand.

"With increased population," he explains, "we need to produce still more dairy products. But, with some of the general practices and trend prevailing on most farms, we may

expect a decline in production of manufacturing milk."

Maddox believes that with the new era of agricultural policies and a change to larger farm units operated by hired labor, we may expect a decrease in producers of cream and milk for manufacturing purposes.



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Another year has rolled around and it is time again to express our greetings and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

The words we use are time worn and say what we have said before, but we feel no other words are adequate, so we say from our hearts—

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Local Happenings

Mother-Daughter Banquet Is Held

The annual Mother - Daughter banquet of the home economics department of the Texico school was held in the class room on Tuesday evening of this week, with a large percentage of the girls and their mothers present for the occasion.

The decorations for the evening carried out the Yuletide motif, with miniature "North Poles" being arranged on the tables, interspersed with lighted tapers of red and green in colorful holders.

Placecards were tiny red and green candles mounted in gum drops, bearing the names on dainty cards, while programs and menus were put up in small folders, with the front-piece bearing a colorful hand-drawn Yuletide taper.

The invocation for the evening was given by Mrs. W. Taylor North, after which the entire group sang "Here's My Hand," and "Mother-Daughter Song."

An appropriate reading, "Dutiful Daughter," was given by Dorothy Paul.

The "Choir Invisible," a tableau, enacted by Billie Nell Thompson, Mary Jo North, Norma Lee Box, Helen Blair, Edna Earle Thompson, and Bettye Lee Williams, with music by Freida Martin, Pearl Martin, and Margaret Martin.

Surprise packages were then presented as a parcel post feature, with Santa Claus distributing the gifts.

Those present included: Mrs. W. S. Norton, Dorothy Mae Dixon, Mrs. P. M. Owens, Mrs. W. T. North, Lila Mae Boss, Mrs. Roger Grissom, Wanda Lee Boss, Mrs. Riley Boss, Joyce Richey, Mrs. T. H. Ritchie, Esther Selman, Mrs. I. F. Selman, Wanda Walton, Pauline Taylor, Alverda Hall, Mrs. T. E. Hall, Helen Katherine Blair, Mrs. E. G. Blair, Imogene North, Mary Margaret Martin;

Norma Lee Box, Mrs. K. B. Box, Bettye Lee Williams, Mrs. R. E. Williams, Billie Nell Thompson, Mrs. Greer Hughes, Pearl Martin, Dorothy Paul, Mrs. R. H. Paul, Vera Mae Taylor, Mrs. Henry Selman, Freida Martin, Mrs. W. E. Martin, Edna Earle Thompson, Mrs. F. E. Thompson, Loleat Vaughan, Mrs. C. H. Vaughan, Mrs. J. P. Macon, Miss Hazel Metcalf, Mrs. L. H. Hartley, Mrs. Ouida Watson, Mrs. Leona Osborne, and Miss Edith Berry, sponsor.

Beginner-Primary Group Plans Christmas Tree

The Beginner-Primary Department of the Methodist church will hold its annual Christmas tree and exchange of gifts at the church parlors on Saturday afternoon of this week, at 2:30, Mrs. W. H. Graham, director, said today.

The youngsters will enjoy a series of Christmas games and entertainers after which they will be treated, Mrs. Graham stated. She urged that all children in the department be present for the social.

Christmas Social Held On Wednesday Nite

Mrs. John Aldridge, Mrs. Leslie Doose and Mrs. C. J. Doose were joint hostesses in the Aldridge home, the past Wednesday night, entertaining members of the Young Woman's Circle of the Methodist church with a Christmas party.

During the evening, Christmas games of various types were carried out, at the conclusion of which the exchange of gifts, from an elaborately decorated tree, was made. Names on the packages had been "scrambled" with the letters rearranged, each guest being required to hunt out her respective gift.

The hostesses then served a dainty refreshment plate, bearing tiny candles mounted in gumdrops, which were lighted and left burning during the serving.

Attending were: Mesdames Frances King, Marty Ezell, Loyd Cain, Pearl Stewart, D. W. Papler, V. Scott Johnson, John Porter, and Clauie Thomas; Misses Jennie Lee Landon, Hazel Anglin, Ruth Boyd, Bernice Harzang, Opal Foster, Iris and Dorothy Thornton, and the hostesses.

Juniors and Seniors Have Line Party

The junior and senior classes of the Texico school enjoyed their seasonal party, on Monday evening, beginning with an exchange of gifts at the school house, and continuing to Clovis on a line party, where they attended the showing of "Santa Fe Trail."

Members of the class enjoyed refreshments of cherry pie and hot chocolate, served at the Fox Drug in Clovis, after the show, with Mrs. H. Arnold and Miss Edith Berry in charge of arrangements.

Attending were: Dorothy Mae Dixon, Jane Atkins, Joyce Richey, Don Gonzales, Mary Margaret Martin, Loleat Vaughan, Johnny Hughes, Minnie Lee and Melvina Knox, Lila and Wanda Boss, Alfred Fourmontin, Dolores Self, Jack and Leonard Flye, Billy Ray Potts, Gene Curtis, Walter Baldoek, Lewie and Alton Vaughan, Kenny Miller, Murray White, Dorothy Paul, Doris Doolittle, Oleta Stephenson, Mary J. North, Paul Grant, Preston Martin, Edna Earle Thompson, Paulae Sue Arnold, Mrs. Rupert Paul, Mrs. Knox, Mrs. Arnold and Miss Berry.

Married Here Saturday

Miss Dorothy Beatrice Tallant and Rufus E. Butler, both of Amarillo, were quietly married in the parsonage by Rev. E. J. Sloan, of the local Methodist, church the past Saturday afternoon, December 14. It was understood here that they would reside in Amarillo.

Miss Euveta Stiles, Pleasant Hill teacher, who had been confined to bed at her home in Farwell for several days, returned to her school duties at Pleasant Hill, the past Thursday.

Local Teachers Plan for Vacation Visits

Teachers of the Texico and Farwell schools will begin scattering this week to various points for their seasonal vacations, which will last over December 29th, it was learned through interviews with the faculty members.

Mrs. Ouida Watson, of the Texico primary department, will make the longest hop for her holidays, leaving here Friday night for St. Louis, Mo., to enjoy a vacation from school.

Several of the Texico teachers will invade Oklahoma towns during the holidays, including: Supt. and Mrs. L. A. Hartley, who plan to visit in Guymon; Miss Hazel Metcalf, who will visit relatives in Bethany, and Mrs. H. Arnold and family, who plan to spend their Christmas with relatives in Sentinel.

Miss Edith Berry, who recently suffered an attack of influenza, stated that she expects to spend her holidays recuperating at her home near Farwell, while Miss Opal Foster also indicated that she would visit at Oklahoma Lane and spend Christmas quietly.

"I don't plan to go anywhere over the holidays," Miss Sadie Burns said when questioned by a reporter, while A. D. McDonald also said that he would spend Christmas in and around this city, due to the illness of his wife.

L. A. McCasland will likely visit with relatives near Grady, while Warren Powers has announced that he and his family will visit relatives in Muleshoe and Lubbock while the school is closed.

At the Farwell school, a majority of the teachers will leave town for the holidays.

Mrs. Leo Clark will leave immediately following the close of school for Lufkin, Texas, to spend the entire holiday period, Miss Geraldine Walker will "go home to visit" at Hillsboro, Texas; and T. A. McCuiston and wife will spend the holidays with relatives at Brownfield and Stamford.

Lester Rogers and family plan to chat with relatives at Idalou, Texas, while M. D. Conger and Mrs. Conger will spend their time in Brownwood, Texas.

Supt. J. T. Carter, Miss Iris Thornton, and Mrs. Gladys M. Murphy have reported that they have made no "definite plans" but will probably spend most of their time here, while Mrs. Jewel Stevens says she will "stay home and visit with my daughter," who is due in from Canyon Friday.

Lenton Pool and family will spend some of their time visiting relatives in Tucumcari, and are also planning an excursion to Madrid, N. M., to see the fabulous display of Christmas decorations arranged there.

Oklahoma Lane 3-M Club Has Social

The Three-M club of the Oklahoma Lane community entered into the Christmas festivities the past Friday afternoon, when the ladies met in the home of Mrs. Lester Vincent for the Yuletide social, with Mrs. Joe Magnes acting as co-hostess.

The house was beautifully decorated in the Christmas motif, with greens being arranged about the room. The center of attraction was a large tree, decorated and lighted, and bearing a heap of elaborately wrapped packages, which were distributed by Mrs. Clyde Magnes, acting as Santa for the club.

Several games were played, with Mrs. Partin Austin taking the prize, after which the grab box was featured, with each lady receiving an apron.

At the conclusion of the social, the hostesses served a salad plate, with fruit cake and fruit punch. Favors were brightly colored candles mounted in gumdrops, with the candles being lighted.

Attending were: Mesdames Billy Sudderth, Partin Austin, Bryan Smith, Walter Hardage, Clyde Magnes, Muggs Magnes, John Tate, Joe Magnes. Those sending gifts for the exchange, but unable to attend, were Mesdames Garlon A. Harper, J. C. Banks, and Keith Pigg.

License Is Issued

A marriage license was issued Saturday from the local clerk's office to Miss Ruby Laverne Johnson and Milford W. Stowers, both of Friona. Reports here were to the effect that the ceremony was performed on Sunday by Rev. E. E. Houlette, in Friona.

Lutheran Aid Meets With Velma Kube

The Lutheran Ladies Aid met at the home of Velma Kube, last Wednesday afternoon.

A theme on "The Ladies Aid in the Church" was read by Miss Kube. This theme gave the group an idea of what a Ladies Aid can do for the church and other points of interest.

Mrs. Martin Kregiel, Mrs. A. E. Kube and Velma Kube were elected to get new decorations for the Christmas tree at the church.

Those present at the meeting were Mrs. Eddie Ramm, Mrs. Ben Kube, Mrs. Albert Kube, Mrs. Alvin Kregiel, Mrs. Wm. Sweade, Mrs. G. R. Meissner, Mrs. Elbert Kelbreg, Mrs. Martin Kregiel, Mrs. Wm. Kube, Mrs. A. R. Allman, Rev. A. R. Allman and the hostess, Velma Kube.

Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting and everyone reported a good time. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Albert Kube in January.

Council Holds Annual Party

Sponsored by the County Council, 17 demonstration club ladies met in the Bovina school building, last Saturday, for the annual Christmas party, despite inclement weather conditions of the day.

Various games were played and an exchange of gifts made among the club members. One of the features of the afternoon was a picture show, and the yearly reports were also made during the gathering.

Miss Ruth Boyd, who recently tendered her resignation as demonstrator, was given a fountain pen by the group, and the Hub club also presented her with a lovely candlewick bedspread.

Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the afternoon's social.

Circle to Sell Holland's Magazine in January

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the local Methodist church will offer subscriptions to the Holland's Magazine, at the regular rate of 50c for one year or \$1 for three years, during the month of January.

Persons in Texico-Farwell wishing to extend their credit dates, or to take out new subscriptions to the magazine are asked to let the society handle the order.

In case a subscription is desired during this month, December, Mrs. Roy B. Ezell will accept the payment and forward the order promptly.

Texico Classes Are Entertained Monday

L. A. McCasland and Warren Powers entertained members of the Texico freshman and sophomore classes, Monday evening, with a party in the home of Mr. McCasland.

During the evening, various Yuletide games were featured, and an exchange of gifts held, at the conclusion of which refreshments of cherry pie and hot chocolate were served.

Among those present were: Vera Taylor, Norma Lee Box, Bettye Lee Williams, Helen Katherine Blair, Imogene North, Wanda Walton, Esther Selman, Billy Nell Thompson, Alverda Hall, Pearl Martin, Billy Wayne Hamilton, Eugene Bowers, Foster Phillips, Calvin Blaine, James Box, James Orval Francis, Billy Bob Drace, Billy Lovett, Mr. and Mrs. McCasland, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Powers and children.

Visiting Relatives

Mrs. Curtis Danner and small son arrived here the first of the week to visit over the holidays with relatives and friends in Farwell. Mr. Danner, who is connected with the National Insurance Co., is now in El Paso, and will be here for Christmas.

Faculty Party Tonight

Supt. L. A. Hartley will entertain members of the Texico faculty with a Christmas social in his home tonight (Wednesday). It was announced today. All members of the group are expected to be present for the final social gathering prior to the Yuletide holidays.

Miss Wynona Sweptson, home supervisor of the local FSA office, was back on duty this week, after having been off several days last week with an attack of influenza.

Visited Here

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Graham, of Brownfield, and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Graham of Fort Worth, visited in the home of their mother and grandmother, Mrs. G. G. Graham, last Thursday. R. E. Graham is assistant division clerk of the Stanolind Oil and Gas Company in Fort Worth.

School Deputy Here

W. T. Loflin, of Canyon, deputy school inspector, was a visitor at the Farwell schools on Tuesday of this week, inspecting the various departments of the institution.

Carl McGuire, who has been quite ill for the past several days, continues to show improvement, and it was considered likely that he would be able to return to his post as manager of the Panhandle Lumber company within a few days.

Mrs. Icy V. Bond, who teaches in the Tatum, New Mexico, schools, was a weekend visitor in this city.

Miss Freda Acker, who is attending business college in Lubbock, spent the weekend visiting with relatives and friends in Farwell.

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Duyane Ford and Milton Beck, both of Canyon, visited in Texico with friends, the past weekend.

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RED PHARMACY

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kaltwasser and son, Gilbert, returned home Monday from Vernon and Harold. They were accompanied home by their daughter, Lillymae, who spent the last five weeks with her brother, Rev. A. V. Kaltwasser and family, at Harrold.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy B. Ezell spent the weekend visiting with relatives in Amarillo.

Permanent Waves, \$1.00 and up. Mrs. W. F. Orr's Beauty Shop, Farwell. 24-1f

Mrs. B. A. Atkins, of Lubbock, visited the latter part of last week with relatives and friends in Texico.

Russia again announces its neutrality but fails to make clear just whom it is neutral against.



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FANCY WALNUTS	21c
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Per pound	
CANDY	12c
Christmas mix, lb.	
C'BERRIES	21c
Eatmore, lb.	
Salad Dressing	29c
Lady's Choice, qt.	
C'berry Sauce	15c
Ocean Spray, 1 lb.	
COMPOUND	67c
8 lb. carton	
ADMIRATION COFFEE	23c
1 lb. can, each	
SCHILLING COFFEE	48c
2 lb. can, each	
SPUDS—10 lbs.	17c
MILK—Armour's	25c
7 small cans	
GRAPEFRUIT JUICE—	15c
46 oz.	
PEANUT BUTTER—	23c
Full quart	
JELLO—3 pkgs.	17c
PORK ROAST—lb.	15c
BEEF ROAST—lb.	16c
OLEO—lb.	12c
CATSUP—14 oz.	10c
COOKIES—	19c
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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

By Edward C. Wayne

U. S. Isolationists 'View With Alarm' All Moves to Aid Britain and Greece; 'Bottlenecks' Worry Defense Leaders; Italian Drive Suffers New Reverses

(EDITOR'S NOTE—When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of the news analyst and not necessarily of this newspaper.)
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'T was the night before Christmas,
When all through the house
Not a creature was stirring,
Not even a mouse.
—Clement Clarke Moore



TAKING HAND:

U. S. Steps In

While prominent isolationists "viewed with alarm" each successive step, it was evident that the United States was becoming daily a more vital factor in the various phases of World War II.

Summed up, these might be catalogued under (a) promised aid to Greece; (b) promised food credits to Spain; (c) placing aid to Britain even ahead of vital national defense; (d) preparations to place the navy immediately in shape to aid Britain in patrolling ocean lanes.

President Roosevelt's assurance to King George of Greece that material aid will come from this country, and immediately, was couched in terms that showed the nation ready to succor any and all peoples suffering from aggression.

At the same time that the state department and national defense council busied themselves with this problem, Ambassador Weddell approached the more ticklish task of aiding Axis-friendly Spain. The Spanish admittedly were in dire need of food to tide them over the winter.

Franco was unable to give immediate assurance of Spain's non-participation in the war, but while America apparently was willing to waive a definite pledge, a demand was made that Spain announce her principle of non-intervention.

The United States was anxious to give Spain food, partly from this country, partly beef from the Argentine, but equally as anxious that these provisions not fall into the hands of Axis belligerents.

In addition to huge American commitments to give Britain planes, tanks and war material of all kinds, the need for merchant ships was being met through the purchase here of 150 ships, more than 100 of them to be constructed by one shipyard alone.

NAZI SPEECH: Rival Worlds

In a 40-minute address to German war workers, Adolf Hitler, told them and the world that the current war was a fight between two worlds, one of "special privilege," in which he included the United States, the other a world of equality and freedom as represented by Nazi Germany. He indicated that Britain would feel more and more the might of Nazi armed force. Expressing supreme confidence in Germany's strength, Hitler promised his followers that the tempo of war would be stepped up until Nazi victory was assured.

LAGGING: Bottlenecks

Appropriating billions for defense production is one thing, getting the material another, as the U. S. defense leaders were finding out.

The headache—bottlenecks! Number One of these was Engines—Number Two, Aluminum; Number Three, Landing Gears; Number

Four, Machine Tools, and Number Five, Guns.

In spite of big increases in production at the Pratt-Whitney, Curtiss and Allison plants, facilities for making planes were still far ahead of the engines to make them go.

Those in the know admit that U. S. commitments to Great Britain are such that our plants will not be able to deliver engines in quantity to this country until around next September. After that time the Ford plants, it was said, will be geared up to make Pratt-Whitney engines in quantity, and the Packard factory will have the Rolls-Royce liquid-cooled motors in hand. These are essential for pursuit planes.

Two other auto factories are surveying their ability to turn out airplane engines, but even if they work out the problem, they won't be in production until late in 1941, well behind the Ford and Packard situation.

As to aluminum, the country is increasing its production of the raw material rapidly, but there is a long lag between raw material and the sheets and forgings necessary to make turrets, mounts and fuselages.

Next bottleneck was the landing gears, the shortage being in wheels, brakes and the air-compression cylinders necessary for the heavy types of bombers with retractable wheels. Factories are gearing up for these in mass production, but are far behind the plane factories.

Machine tools, starting point in all mass production, constituted the biggest headache among the bottlenecks. Knudsen and his associates started on the machine tool problem first, knowing it would be most vital, but the lag here has been even greater than expected.

One new machine tool, having to be built and turned out in mass production, may cause a lag of months in making airplanes on an assembly line basis.

The guns referred to are of heavier caliber than those we formerly used on our planes. Here, again, the defense leaders have realized that guns are not designed and built in quantity in a day, and concentrated effort is being made in this direction.

ITALY: Unrest at Home?

Serious signs of Italian unrest at home matched continuing news of disaster at the Grecian front, although the lapse between occurrence and admission still was about ten days to two weeks.

The Italians have to wait at least that long before learning what has happened to their boys "over there" across the smiling Adriatic. At first there were reports of constant successes as the Fascist war machine smashed into Grecian territory, sweeping the Greeks ahead of them as the defenders marshalled their forces swiftly and sought defensible positions for men and guns.

Then the Evzones, those killed mountaineers, began striking and Italian gains became losses, and the invaders were swept back across the Albanian frontier into a retreat that was steadily continued.

It was 10 days after the fall of Pogradetz, important northern base, before the Italians learned of it officially. Northern Italy learned of it through their Yugoslavian neighbors long before the press had it.

The news of the abandonment of Porto Edda and Argirocastro was similarly delayed. Reports of rioting inside Italy, especially in northern cities, was persistent but unconfirmed officially, as Marshal Pietro Badoglio, popular hero, was summarily set down for the failure of the Albanian invasion.



FIRST-AID to the AILING HOUSE

by Roger B. Whitman

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Cracked Ceilings.

QUESTION: We are troubled with cracks in our plaster ceilings, and lately a piece three feet square fell in the living room. The beams are six inches by two inches, and cracking may be due to excessive deflection in the span. Would you advise replastering, with the possibility that the work will not last long, or would it be practical to remove the plaster and use some one of the rigid insulating boards? Can the white coat of plaster be applied directly to this material, or is it better painted?

Answer: A ceiling having a great deal of vibration or movement in the beams should not be plastered. You may have a repetition of the same trouble. Any one of the decorative insulating wallboards will most probably make a more lasting finish. A gypsum wallboard can also be used with very satisfactory results. Either of the above materials should be painted; a thin plaster coat will not do.

Amateur Painting.

QUESTION: An attic room 20 feet square, used as a living-room, has a white ceiling and buff walls. It needs repainting. Could an amateur do it? If so, what material should be used, and how is it done? Would you recommend repeating the same colors?

Answer: I have seen many painting jobs by amateurs that were very successful. A paint dealer should be able to give you a handbook issued by one of the paint manufacturers, which will describe the needs and the processes. You will get good results with a cold-water paint containing casein. This comes as a paste to be thinned with water to the proper consistency. This kind of paint is very easily applied, and is washable when dry. A white ceiling would be satisfactory, but I should be inclined to make the walls light ivory rather than buff. However, that is a matter of personal taste.

Shady Yard.

QUESTION: I have not been successful in growing grass or vines in my shady west side yard. At present the ground is bare. What would you suggest for planting or sowing?

Answer: Both ivy and myrtle grow well in the shade, and if these have failed, it is undoubtedly because of the poorness of the soil. Your soil may be clay, or may need fertilizer. If there is a garden club in your locality, ask the advice of one of the members. With the soil in good condition, you can get grass that is adapted to growing in the shade. Pachysandra would be another good choice for a ground cover, as it grows either in the shade or in the sun, and in poor soil. It is not intended to be walked on, however.

Holes in Curtains.

A correspondent, writing on the letterhead of a laundry, gives his reason for the cause of holes forming in rayon curtains, saying:

"Our experience shows that fine mesh rayon curtains usually become tender at the lower part toward the middle, where the curtains meet. This is due to the sulphuric acid in the smoke and dust which comes in through the lower part of the window, and which, together with the rays of the sun, causes the damage." That is interesting, and I am glad to have that professional opinion. There is no doubt that the sulphur in city air, due to smoke, goes far to destroy not only fabrics but even more substantial materials.

Roof for an Extension.

QUESTION: My house is an old-fashioned city house with a dining room extension. I should like to fix the roof so that I could use it for a roof garden. The present roof is of tin. Please advise me as to the best and most inexpensive roof covering I can put down, one that can be walked on.

Answer: A type of roof covering, which is made in blocks of an insulating board saturated with asphalt, can be laid over your present tin roof. Ask your local roofer about it. Canvas roofing is also very satisfactory, but it may be necessary to remove the present tin roof in order to put down the canvas.

Fieldstone House.

QUESTION: I have a farm on which I contemplate building a fieldstone house. Where can I get a book or information on this kind of work? I thought I might be able to do a lot of it myself.

Answer: At a library you should be able to find a book on the building of stone houses, by Ernest Flagg, published a number of years ago by Charles Scribner's Sons. This describes an excellent and very simple method of building stone houses.

Star Dust

STAGE SCREEN RADIO

By VIRGINIA VALE

(Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

THE March of Time has come to the rescue of all of us who have an interest in someone affected by the new selective service law. In "Army and the Men—U. S. A." we are taken inside training camps and shown how the young men in the nation's rapidly expanding citizen army live, what they learn, what they do for amusement, and how they are being welded into a defensive fighting force.

The film shows what has been done to provide comfortable living quarters for the young soldiers; it shows as well how the nation's industry is concentrating on orders for the gigantic defense program. It's a picture specially meant for all draft eligibles, their families and their friends.

When Howard Hughes finishes waving his magic wand over Jack Beutel we may have a new star on our movie screens. Beutel gets his chance as one of the leads in the new Hughes film, "The Outlaw." He hails from Dallas, where he had little-theater experience, and wasn't getting far in his ambition to succeed in Hollywood when he got the Hughes assignment.

Eleanor Powell has finally completely recovered from that operation that kept her on the sidelines all this time, and will start work soon in "Lady Be Good," which was



ELEANOR POWELL

a successful musical comedy years and years ago. It will co-star Ann Sothern (giving her a chance to get away from playing "Maisie" for awhile) and Tony Martin. Arthur Freed and Busby Berkeley, producer and director of "Strike Up the Band," will produce and direct, and the George Gershwin music will be used.

What old favorite do you suppose has been scheduled for a new appearance now? None other than "The Phantom of the Opera," with Broderick Crawford playing the "Phantom." But the real surprise is the girl who'll play opposite him—it's none other than Deanna Durbin.

She's always done comedy, and sung a few songs, superbly. But when she finishes "Nice Girl" she'll get away from all that temporarily, and appear in Universal's famous thriller.

Something new in casting has bobbed up at Paramount. Book reviewers on newspapers and magazines are to be polled for their nominations for players to appear in the screen version of the Hemingway novel, "For Whom the Bell Tolls." Since book reviewers who know one motion actor from another are scarcer than hen's teeth it seems unlikely that their opinions will be of very great value.

Jill Esmond, a talented English actress whom you hear on the air as Emily Bronte, author and narrator in "Wuthering Heights," spent her last night before leaving England in a Liverpool air-raid shelter, reciting fairy tales for hours on end to keep a group of children entertained. If you haven't been listening to "Wuthering Heights" you're missing something; it sets a new high mark in radio serial drama.

Loretta Young unintentionally stole the show from Santa Claus the other evening. On her way to a radio rehearsal, she parked her car in a lot near the theater just as a Santa Claus parade was passing. Hundreds of mothers were holding their children high enough to see Santa Claus; somebody shouted: "There's Loretta Young!" and instantly backs were turned on Santa Claus while everybody gazed at Loretta.

ODDS AND ENDS—That new Sunday afternoon radio program, which has started off so well, changed its name just before the first broadcast—it's "The Pause That Refreshes," not "Music That Refreshes" . . . Gene Autrey, of the CBS "Melody Ranch" and the movies, recently bought a number of antique music boxes, one for each guest room in his new ranch house . . . Bob Burns is vacationing right now, on a trip to New York which he and Mrs. Burns planned two years ago, but had to postpone because of an injury which she suffered. It is Bob's second trip to New York since he landed there jobless in 1935 and got a job on the air with Rudy Vallee

GENERAL HUGH S. JOHNSON Says:

Washington, D. C.

DRAFT PRINCIPLES

The attempt to have all New York city policemen and firemen exempted from the draft, if successful, would weaken popular confidence in the fairness of the selective system. The underlying principle of the draft is that each man's case shall be considered on its own individual merits and under exactly the same rules governing the selection of all other men. If he has dependents, he is not exempted. He is merely deferred after establishing dependency in his particular case. Occupation deferments are determined in the same way. A man can be deferred for his occupation only if it is shown in each individual case, that he is indispensable to some necessary industrial enterprise.

Some particular fireman or some particular policeman might be shown to be indispensable to a city police or fire department, and so deferred, though it is difficult to see how. That is exactly the rule in New York city now, but it is not what New York's mayor wants. He wants to say to the national government: "You can't take any fireman or policeman." A man's badge ousts the board from even considering his case.

This is what is called a "blanket exemption"—automatically lifting out of the selective service systems two entire and very numerous classes of men. It couldn't be done without changing an established national policy of the draft. If it is permitted in New York, it must be permitted everywhere throughout the nation—in some cases with grotesquely absurd results.

This is old stuff. The first six months of the 1917 draft were a continuous battle to prevent the system from being discredited and impaired with "blanket" exemptions pressed for by some of the most powerful influences. This case of policemen and firemen came up first. Equally strong pressure was brought to exempt locomotive engineers and firemen, brakemen and finally all railroad employees as a class, for reasons here stated and, for another reason, we successfully resisted.

The other reason was that we feared that the creation of blanket exemptions would create loopholes as broad as boulevards for wholesale draft evasion. And so it proved, for finally we gave in on one case—a blanket exemption for the Emergency Fleet corporation.

DEFENSE PROGRESS

Recent promising official utterances giving dates when we shall have ready specific numbers of army divisions, navy ships and army and navy fighting planes are something like the earlier way of reporting armaments "on hand or on order."

Progress has been commendable. Most officials in the armament effort have done the best they could under present handicaps of faulty organization, planning and insufficient authority. But it is a mistake to make promises of performances so far ahead and especially to do so in terms of "airplanes," "divisions," or "men under arms." They are too general in their meaning. They do not paint the true picture to people who are not familiar with just what the words mean. They are apt to paint too rosy a picture.

A survey of all the utterances of the war department, for example, over the past few years, would generally indicate a continuing satisfactory state of affairs—at least up to the spring of this year. A glance at our present predicament, in comparison, would indicate how mistaken and misleading they have been.

The phrase "5,000 army airplanes" in estimating future production is not very informing. It doesn't tell whether they are fighting planes or transport planes or bombers and that lack of specification is confusing enough. But there is an even greater confusion.

One airplane isn't a good unit of measure. One airplane means at least one and sometimes three or four extra engines. It means a crew aloft of one or more highly trained pilots and sometimes as many as eight other more or less expert technicians. It means an adequate mechanical ground equipment and a ground crew of skilled mechanics as numerous as the flying crew and sometimes more numerous. Even more significantly it means armament—cannon, light and heavy machine guns, torpedoes, bombs and, for all these, sometimes tons of explosives and incendiary material in the racks or in reserve storage on the ground.

Of many of these things our present supply is a trifling quantity. Preparations are being pressed to get them on principal units. Some of the published reports and estimates are fairly clear. But of others, like cannon, trained personnel and ammunition, the difficulties of getting into production from a near zero point of existing capacity have been so great that it is almost certain that they cannot be delivered in step with the air force that requires them without a time lag of from one to two years.

Things to do



No. Z9160

THE romantic story of a pretty hen and rooster, aided and abetted by Cupid in daisy form, is entertainingly told in motifs for a set of tea towels. Any bride, or matron, would welcome clever towels like these; there is one for each day of the week. The two extra motifs are for matching pan-holders to complete the set.

No. Z9160, 15c, brings the NUMO hot iron transfer giving these nine designs. Send order to:

AUNT MARTHA
Box 166-W Kansas City, Mo.
Enclose 15 cents for each pattern desired. Pattern No.
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Address

For Busy Shoppers

Winning popular approval with busy Christmas shoppers are the two handsome gift packages of Camel cigarettes featured by local dealers. The regular Camel carton—10 packs of "20's"—comes in a colorful, holiday dress. Equally striking is the gay Camel package of 4 "flat fifties."

Both packages contain 200 cigarettes—are easy gifts to get, perfect to receive.—Adv.

CLASSIFIED DEPARTMENT

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REPAIRS To Fit Furnaces, Stoves, Ranges and all Makes and Kinds
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WETZNER STOVE REPAIR CO.
Established 1880 Kansas City, Mo.

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LONESOME? Join our Correspondence Club free. For fun and romance. Send description and self addressed envelope. Confidential. Box 491, MORAN, KANSAS.

Dangerous Extremes

Extremes are dangerous; a middle estate is safest; as a middle temper of the sea, between a still calm and a violent tempest, is most helpful to convey the mariner to his haven.—Swinnock.

TO RELIEVE MISERY OF COLDS quickly use 666 LIQUID TABLETS SALVE NOSE DROPS COUGH DROPS

One Remedy Against the superiority of another there is no remedy but love.—Goethe.

Miserable with backache?

WHEN kidneys function badly and you suffer a nagging backache, with dizziness, burning, scanty or too frequent urination and getting up at night when you feel tired, nervous, all upset . . . use Doan's Pills. Doan's are especially for poorly working kidneys. Millions of boxes are used every year. They are recommended the country over. Ask your neighbor!

DOAN'S PILLS

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WATCH

YOU can depend on the special sales the merchants of our town announce in the columns of this paper. They mean money saving to our readers. It always pays to patronize the merchants who advertise. They are not afraid of their merchandise or their prices.

THE SPECIALS

DOMESTIC SCENE

MIAMI—President Roosevelt, after kidding newsmen that he was going into the Caribbean sea to visit Easter island and hunt Easter eggs, showed up at various naval bases on inspection.

WASHINGTON — Dies committee probers say they knew sabotage had been committed on a pursuit plane of a type to be delivered to Britain some time before the plane crashed in a test flight.

When Santa Comes

May he fill your stocking to overflowing with just exactly the things it will take to make you happy.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM US TO YOU!

Thomas Hardware Co.
Texico, New Mexico

Give Cotton Gifts as Means to Aid Growers

WACO—"Give Cotton Gifts" is the slogan adopted by the State-wide Cotton Committee of Texas for the 1940 Christmas season, and an urgent appeal is made to the people of Texas to join in the movement which is sweeping over the nation under the auspices of the National Cotton Council of America.

Governor O'Daniel has issued a proclamation declaring the month of December as "Cotton Christmas Gift Month" in Texas, in which he says that the giving of Christmas gifts made from cotton will prove to be a boomerang, reflecting joy and happiness not only to the recipients but to the givers.

Mayor L. T. Murray of Waco, chairman of a mayor's committee for the state, has urged the head of every city government, big and little, to issue a proclamation of his own to arouse the interest of the people in this important matter in each community.

The Texas Retail Dry Goods Association, the Retail Merchants Association of Texas, and dozens of State Associations strongly joined in the

King of the Christmas Season



Well Friends, Here We Are Again--



For the past years we have brought you our greetings and each year we feel that the ties that bind us become stronger. With all the warmth we possess, we sincerely wish for you the best things life holds in store. May your Christmas Day be a glorious one and may your blessings continue throughout the New Year.

We want to take this means of expressing our thanks for your loyal patronage. We feel a debt of gratitude and through our continued service to you we hope to repay in a small measure.

C. J. Doose
Representative Continental Oil Company

Cotton Christmas campaign.

Burris C. Jackson of Hillsboro, a Director of the National Cotton Council, and chairman of the general Texas committee in charge, stressed that many beautiful and useful products are made from cotton, such as towels, curtains, draperies, handkerchiefs, neckties, fine dresses, table cloths, napkins, auto seat covers, mattresses, sheets, and hundred of other articles.

"Now is the time for the people of Texas to really come to the aid of its greatest industry, and it is to be hoped that the people will give a universal response to this call," Mayor Murray said in urging widespread cooperation with the Cotton Christmas movement.

Texas farmers and other land-owners receive more than \$132,000,000 a year from the Texas petroleum industry in lease and royalty payments.

TRIBUNE ADS BRING HOME THE BACON

**Here's To Your Christmas
1940**

And New Year 1941

May they bring to you the happiness you so richly deserve.

It is always a pleasure to serve you.

GUS & MABLE

Farwell, Texas

EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA!

Read All About Our Christmas Wish For You

May your Christmas be such a glorious one that its joy will last throughout the New Year.

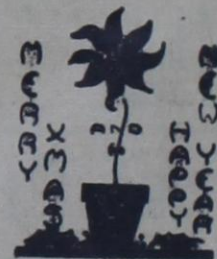
We want to have a part in making your Christmas cheerier and add something to the happiness of every man, woman and child in this community. We would like, through this message, to get you to forget the cares and worries of the material things of life and think of the beauty around you and the opportunities for service life affords. We wish to extend to you, not as a customer alone—but as a valued friend, our whole hearted thanks for the many favors and kindnesses shown us during 1940, and we pledge our best efforts to merit the confidence and good will shown toward this business in the past.

May Happiness Be Yours During 1941

SECURITY STATE BANK

Farwell

Texas



LEGAL NOTICES

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
To The Sheriff Or Any Constable of
Parmer County—Greeting:
 YOU ARE HEREBY COMMAND-
 ED to summon Julius Reinking and
 Sophia Reinking, his wife, whose re-
 sidence are unknown, and Unknown
 owner, or Owners, and the unknown
 heirs of the said Julius Reinking, and
 Sophia Reinking, his wife, and of the
 said unknown owner, or owners, of
 the hereinafter described land by
 making publication of this Citation
 once in each week for two consecu-
 tive weeks previous to the return
 day hereof, in some newspaper pub-
 lished in your County, if there be a
 newspaper published therein, but if
 not, then in a newspaper in an ad-
 joining county, to appear at the next
 regular term of the District Court,
 69 Judicial District of Parmer Coun-
 ty, to be held at the court house
 hereof, in the town of Farwell, Tex-
 as, on the 2nd Monday in January,
 A. D. 1941, then and there to appear
 and defend the suit filed in said
 court on the 4th day of December,
 1940, in cause numbered 1118, where-
 in the State of Texas and the Coun-
 ty of Parmer, of said State, are
 plaintiffs, and Julius Reinking, and
 Sophia Reinking, his wife, owners,
 and Unknown owner or Owners, and
 the Unknown Heirs of the said Ju-
 lius Reinking and Sophia Reinking,
 his wife, and of the said Unknown
 Owner or Owners, whose residences
 are Unknown, of the hereinafter
 described land, are defendants. The
 Taxes for Rhea, Common School
 District No. 3, are collected by the
 Tax Collector of Parmer County,
 Texas, and are here included, taxing
 units in said State, to appear in
 said cause and for each to file its
 claim for delinquent taxes against
 the property, or any part thereof,
 described in the petition of said
 plaintiff. The cause of action being
 alleged as follows:
 That suit has been brought by the
 plaintiffs for the collection of delin-
 quent taxes for the years 1930 to
 1939 inclusive, for the following
 amounts, exclusive of interest, pen-
 alties and costs, to-wit: \$119.08 for
 State taxes and \$315.39 for County
 and District taxes, together with in-
 terest penalties and costs allowed by
 law.
 Said taxes are due upon the follow-
 ing described lands or lots: All that
 certain lot, tract, or parcel of land
 lying and being situated in Parmer
 County, Texas, and more particular-
 ly described as follows, to-wit:
 All of the Northwest one-
 quarter (N.W. 1/4) of Section
 Number Four (4), Township
 One (1) North, Range One (1)
 East, out of leagues 454, 455, 456,
 457, and containing 214.85 acres
 of land, in Parmer County,
 Texas.
 Plaintiffs allege a prior and con-
 stitutional lien upon said land for
 said taxes, interest, penalties and all
 costs allowed by law, and pray for
 the foreclosure of said lien and sale
 of said lands for the satisfaction of
 the same.
 Each party to said suit shall take

notice of, and plead and answer to,
 all claims and pleadings now on file
 and hereafter filed in said cause by
 all other parties therein.
HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have you
 before said court, on the first day of
 the next term thereof, this writ, with
 your return thereon, showing how
 you have executed the same.
 Given under my hand and the seal
 of said court in the town of Farwell,
 Texas, at office, this the 4th day of
 December, A. D. 1940.
E. V. RUSHING,
 Clerk of the District Court,
 Parmer County, Texas.
 By **DeALVA WHITE,** Deputy.
 Issued this the 4th day of Decem-
 ber, A. D. 1940.
 (SEAL)

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
To The Sheriff Or Any Constable
of Parmer County, Texas,
Greetings:
 You are hereby commanded to
 summon John H. Wehmeyer, and
 Mrs. John H. Wehmeyer, wife of
 John H. Wehmeyer, J. N. Kilgore and
 Mrs. J. N. Kilgore, wife of J. N. Kil-
 gore, S. P. Silver, and Mrs. S. P.
 Silver, wife of S. P. Silver, Wm. C.
 Thompson, and Mrs. Wm. C. Thomp-
 son, wife of Wm. C. Thomp-
 son, F. L. Town, and Mrs. F. L.
 Town, wife of F. L. Town, Mike Wolz,
 and Mrs. Mike Wolz, wife of Mike
 Wolz, all of whose residences are un-
 known to plaintiff, and the heirs,
 devisees, legatees, and legal repre-
 sentative of the aforesaid defendants,
 whose names and residences are un-
 known, to appear at the next regular
 term of the District Court of Parmer
 County, Texas, to be held at the
 courthouse thereof, in the town of
 Farwell, Texas, on the second Mon-
 day in January, A. D. 1941, being
 the 13th day of January, 1941, then
 and there to answer a petition filed
 in the said court on the 2nd day of
 December, A. D. 1940, the file num-
 ber of which is 1211, in which suit
 F. C. Lange is plaintiff and John H.
 Wehmeyer, and Mrs. John H. Weh-
 meyer, wife of John H. Wehmeyer,
 J. N. Kilgore, and Mrs. J. N. Kilgore,
 wife of J. N. Kilgore, S. P. Silver,
 and Mrs. S. P. Silver, wife of S. P.
 Silver, Wm. C. Thompson, and Mrs.
 Wm. C. Thompson, wife of Wm. C.
 Thompson, F. L. Town, and Mrs. F.
 L. Town, wife of F. L. Town, Mike
 Wolz and Mrs. Mike Wolz, wife of
 Mike Wolz, and the heirs, devisees,
 legatees and legal representatives are
 defendants; the cause of action being
 alleged as follows:
 Plaintiff alleges that he is the
 owner in fee simple of the following
 described land:
 The North one-half (N 1/2) of
 Section Thirty-seven (37), ex-
 cept the East one hundred and
 sixty-nine and one-half acres
 (E. 169.5 acres) thereof, and the
 Southwest one-quarter of Section
 Thirty-seven (S. W. 1/4-37)
 all in Rhea Bros. Block "C" out
 of Capitol Leagues 457 and 458.
 And that on the 16th day of No-
 vember, A. D. 1940, the defendants

and all of them unlawfully entered
 upon and dispossessed the plaintiff
 of said land, to his damage in the
 sum of \$100.00.
 Plaintiff alleges that by deed duly
 recorded in Vol. 12, of page 180 of
 the Deed of Trust Records of Parmer
 County, Texas, John H. Wehmeyer
 conveyed to Peter Lange, individually
 and as Trustee for J. N. Kilgore, S.
 P. Silver, Peter Lange, Mike Wolz,
 and W. C. Thompson, and said trustee
 was authorized to sell said land at
 its reasonable market price. That
 on date of March 31st, 1933, Peter
 Lange did sell said land to Frederick
 C. Lange for \$2200.00, which was its
 reasonable market price, and the de-
 fendants received said purchase price
 and ratified said sale.
 Plaintiff further alleges that he
 has had peaceful and adverse posses-
 sion of the lands and tenements
 claimed by him, cultivating, using
 and enjoying the same for more than
 ten years.
 You are commanded to so summon
 such defendants and to serve this
 citation, by making publication of
 this citation once in each week for
 four consecutive weeks previous to
 the return day hereof, in some news-
 paper published in your county, but
 if there be no newspaper published in
 said county, then in any newspaper
 published in the nearest county where
 a newspaper is published.
HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have you
 before said court on the first day of
 the next term thereof, this writ, with
 your return thereon, showing how
 you have executed the same.
 Witness, E. V. Rushing, Clerk of
 the District Court, of Parmer County
 Texas.
 Given under my hand and the seal
 of said court in the town of Farwell,
 this the 2nd day of December, A. D.,
 1940.
E. V. RUSHING,
 Clerk of the District Court of
 Parmer County, Texas.
 By: **DeALVA WHITE,** Deputy.
 Issued this the 2nd day of Decem-
 ber, A. D. 1940.
E. V. RUSHING,
 Clerk of the District Court of
 Parmer County, Texas.
 By: **DeALVA WHITE,** Deputy.
 (SEAL)

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
To The Sheriff Or Any Constable of
Parmer County, Texas, Greeting:
 You are hereby commanded to
 summon Land Owners Oil Associa-
 tion, a corporation, which is a non-
 resident of this state, to appear at
 the next regular term of the District
 Court of Parmer County, Texas, to
 be held at the Courthouse thereof in
 the City of Farwell on the second
 Monday in January, 1941, being the
 thirteenth day of January, 1941, then
 and there to answer a Petition filed
 in said Court on the 5th day of Decem-
 ber, 1940, the file number of
 which is 1213, in which suit Frank
 F. Ferry, Kent Chandler, and Farwell
 Winston, Trustees, are plaintiffs and
 Land Owners Oil Association, a Dela-
 ware corporation, is defendant.
 Plaintiff's cause of action being al-
 leged as follows:
 That plaintiffs are Trustees under
 a Declaration of Trust dated Decem-
 ber 23, 1933, recorded in the Deed
 Records of Parmer County, Texas;
 that defendant is a non-resident for-
 eign corporation having no permit
 to do business and no agent for ser-
 vice in this state; that on the twen-
 ty-fifth day of November, 1940, plain-
 tiffs as owners in fee simple were in
 possession of the following de-
 scribed land in Parmer County, Tex-
 as, to-wit:
 160 acres out of Capitol
 League Number 485, and particu-
 larly described as the Northeast
 Quarter of Section 17, Township
 4-South, Range 4-East, of a
 Capitol Syndicate Subdivision
 as shown by plat of such Sub-
 division of record in the Deed
 Records of Parmer County,
 Texas.
 That thereafter on or about the
 first day of December, 1940, the
 defendant unlawfully entered upon
 said premises, dispossessed plaintiffs
 thereof and withold from plaintiffs
 the possession thereof.
 Plaintiffs pray that the defendant
 be cited and that plaintiffs recover
 judgment for the title to and posses-
 sion of said land, costs of suit, and
 general relief.
YOU ARE COMMANDED to sum-
 mon such defendant and to serve
 this citation by making publication
 of this citation once in each week for
 four consecutive weeks previous to
 the return day hereof in some news-
 paper published in your county; but
 if there be no newspaper published
 in said county, then in any newspaper
 published in the nearest county
 where a newspaper is published.
HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have you
 before said Court on the first day of
 the next term thereof this writ with
 your return thereon, showing how
 you have executed the same.
WITNESS, E. V. Rushing, Clerk of
 the District Court of Parmer County,
 Texas.
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND
THE SEAL OF SAID COURT in the
 City of Farwell, this the 5th day of
 December, 1940.
E. V. RUSHING,
 Clerk of the District Court of
 Parmer County, Texas.
 (SEAL)
ISSUED this the 5th day of Decem-
 ber, 1940.
E. V. RUSHING,
 Clerk of the District Court of
 Parmer County, Texas.

**Urges Local Govern-
 ments Aid in Defense**

How Farwell, Parmer county, and
 the other 7,103 local governmental
 bodies in Texas can help solve the
 nation's toughest problem—that of
 defense—was told today by Mrs. Mel-
 ville Muckelstone, president the Na-
 tional Consumers Tax Commission,
 Chicago.

A sum "sufficient to purchase 176
 pursuit planes of the most advanced
 design plus 584 fast, light tanks"
 would be saved each year if local
 governments in this state would
 adopt only two administrative im-
 provements—centralized purchasing
 and the merit system—according to
 the head of the Commission, which
 has 113 study groups in Texas.

"Authorities estimate universal
 adoption of centralized purchasing
 would save 5 per cent, or \$10,224,100
 of the \$204,482,000 spent annually
 by local governments in the state,"
 Mrs. Muckelstone, who is a former
 national president of the American
 Legion Auxiliary, declared. "An aver-
 age saving of 5.6 per cent or \$11-
 450,992 would be realized through
 personnel selection by merit. Pursuit
 ships cost \$65,000 each, and light
 armored tanks, \$17,500.

"Other economies, such as institu-
 tion of sound budgetary methods,
 consolidating governmental units,
 proper planning and abolition of ob-
 solete and unnecessary offices would
 save additional millions. If local
 governments throughout the nation
 would eliminate inefficiency and
 waste by the adoption of these meth-
 ods the total sum saved would more
 than offset the \$994,400,000 to be
 raised annually through the Nation-
 al Defense Tax Act which went into
 effect July 1.

"Every loyal American favors the
 rearmament of our nation now re-
 gardless of cost. But while taxpayers
 are paying this bill, they have a
 right to expect local governments to
 make every effort to save where es-
 sential services will not be sacrificed.

"Citizens everywhere are perform-
 ing a patriotic service of the high-
 est order when they urge efficient
 administrative methods on their lo-
 cal officials. I am proud that NCTC
 women are in the vanguard of this
 economy drive."

NCTC leader in Texas is Mrs.
 Volney W. Taylor, of Brownsville, a
 member of the national committee.

thereof, in the town of Farwell, Tex-
 as, on the Second Monday in JAN-
 UARY, A. D. 1941, then and there
 to appear and defend the suit filed
 in said court on the 10 day of Decem-
 ber 1940, in cause numbered 1119,
 wherein the State of Texas and the
 County of Parmer, of said State, are
 plaintiffs and L. O. Thompson, de-
 ceased, and the Unknown Heirs of
 the said L. O. Thompson, deceased,
 R. D. Gist, whose residence is un-
 known, S. V. Gist, deceased, and the
 Unknown Heirs of the said S. V.
 Gist, deceased, Josie V. Gist, surviv-
 ing wife of the said S. V. Gist, de-
 ceased, and the Unknown Owner or
 Owners of the hereinafter described
 land are defendants, and said plain-
 tiffs have impleaded The Farwell
 Independent School District No. 4 as
 party defendant, and as the taxes
 for such school District is collected
 by the Tax Collector for Parmer
 County, Texas, the Tax Claim of said
 School District is herein set forth,
 taxing units in said State, to appear
 in said cause and for each to file its
 claim for delinquent taxes against
 the property, or any part thereof,
 described in the petition of said
 plaintiff. The cause of action being
 alleged as follows:
 That suit has been brought by the
 plaintiffs for the collection of delin-
 quent taxes for the years 1919 to
 1939 inclusive for the following
 amounts, exclusive of interest, pen-
 alties and costs, to-wit: \$42.68 for
 State taxes and \$125.64 for County
 and District taxes, together with in-
 terest, penalties and costs allowed
 by law.
 Said taxes are due upon the fol-
 lowing described lands or lots:
 All of Lots Twenty-One (21)
 and Twenty-Two (22) in Block
 Number Fifteen (15) in the Ori-
 ginal Town of Farwell, Parmer
 County, Texas, as shown by re-
 corded map or plat of said Town
 of Farwell of record in the Deed
 Records of Parmer County, Tex-
 as, to which record reference is
 here made for all purposes.
 Plaintiffs allege a prior and con-
 stitutional lien upon said land for
 said taxes, interest, penalties and all
 costs allowed by law, and pray for
 the foreclosure of said lien and sale
 of said lands for the satisfaction of
 the same.
 Each party to said suit shall take
 notice of, and plead and answer to,
 all claims and pleadings now on file
 and hereafter filed in said cause by
 all other parties therein.
HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have you
 before said court, on the first day of
 the next term thereof, this writ, with
 your return thereon, showing how
 you have executed the same.
 Given under my hand and the
 seal of said court in the Town of
 Farwell, Texas, at office, this the 10
 day of December, A. D., 1940.
E. V. RUSHING,
 Clerk of the District Court,
 Parmer County, Texas.
 By **DeALVA WHITE,** Deputy.
 (SEAL)
 Issued this the 10 day of December,
 A. D., 1940.
E. V. RUSHING,
 Clerk of the District Court,
 Parmer County, Texas.
 By **DeALVA WHITE,** Deputy.

A Cheery Greeting
 At this gladsome season we would wish for you
**A MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS
 AND A VERY HAPPY
 NEW YEAR**

We are mindful of our debt to the friends who
 have favored our business and we expect to
 render faithful service to you during 1941.

Ballard's Service Sta.
 Farwell, Texas.

**HOLIDAY
 SPECIAL**

In keeping with our regular policy,
 we are again offering The State
 Line Tribune at special rates during
 the month of December. From now
 until Jan. 1st subscriptions will be
 accepted at the rate of—

**\$1.00
 Per
 Year**

This offer applies to either new or renewal
 subscriptions addressed to parties living in
 Parmer and adjoining counties only. Take ad-
 vantage of this offer and save one-third on the
 regular subscription price!

STATE LINE TRIBUNE

MAY JOY

AND PEACE

BE YOURS

AT CHRISTMAS

Christmas is the one time in a busy
 year when we can turn away from
 the strain and stress of business to
 greet our friends. Although it is
 impossible to see each of you and
 give you our personal greetings,
 we take this means of expressing
 our sincere wishes for a Christmas
 filled with happiness and a New
 Year filled with opportunities for
 success.

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 Farwell, Texas.

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 DENTIST
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 prices effective only in Texas.

Draft Boards Prepare to Fill Quotas in January Call

AUSTIN—Preparations to supply trainees for the heavy January quota call are in full swing, State Selective Service headquarters announced Thursday.

The 351 local boards throughout the state, well aware of the tremendous amount of work to be accomplished before the call, are already issuing questionnaires and classifying registrants so as to have in readiness a sufficient number of Class 1-A trainees—those available for immediate service—to meet the call for white men only on or about Jan. 13, 1941. Indications are that this call will require about 6,000 men, or four times as many as were asked to be furnished on the November call.

For lack of present facilities, the proportion of Negro selectees inducted in the January call will be small, but will be increased markedly in February with the activation of new Negro units, according to an announcement received at state selective service headquarters from Na-

tional Director Clarence A. Dykstra. Issuance of a call for a given number of men for any one month does not imply that they will all be inducted into the armed forces on specific dates. State headquarters officials said trainees will be inducted according to corps area requirements, and indicated inductions under the January call probably will spread out from early in January until Feb. 1.

SANTA FE CARLOADINGS

The Santa Fe Railway System carloadings for the week ending Dec. 14, 1940, were 19,897 compared with 19,164 for the same week in 1939. Received from connections were 7,114 compared with 5,709 for the same week in 1939. The total cars moved were 27,011 compared with 24,873 for the same week in 1939. The Santa Fe handled a total of 26,671 cars during the preceding week of this year.

Tribune Job Printing Is Best.

NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION



LUCILE PARKER was standing at the door of her apartment looking out at a gorgeous New Year's setting—the heavily packed snow, the crisp seasonal atmosphere and the moon shining down upon it all!

"What a night!" thought she. What fun it would be to join in the New Year's celebration for once. This she had not done for some time, as her husband had always attended the annual stag party and had never thought she minded.

Now when he kissed her good-by and happily rushed off, she somehow felt a stifling vacancy in her heart, and longed to go with him.

The stag party, ablaze with lights, was in full swing, the very air permeated with the rip-roaring, hilarious spirit of New Year's! Streamers and decorations hung from walls and ceiling, also banners bearing all sorts of quotations such as "No Ladies;" "Night of Nights;" and so on.

At the very height of the celebration with the music raging in thunderous tones, the door opened, and in rushed a band of masqueraders waving banners, blowing horns and scattering confetti.

The orchestra started playing—"My Wife's Gone to the Country, Hurrah!"

That was too much! The masqueraders pulled the masks from their faces and the startled stags beheld their own wives.

Before they knew it each one had a partner and was dancing merrily, regardless of entangled streamers and confetti, regardless of the unexpected interruption, regardless of everything, only conscious of the New Year's Spirit.

SPECIAL DELIVERY

(A CHRISTMAS STORY)

By Roger Wheeler

EDITH'S drab room over-looked a snow-covered roof. Not the clean, cheery snow like they had back home on the farm but a murky gray covering on which rested the soot of a thousand city chimneys.

"So this is Christmas," she moaned, leaving her chair to pace the floor. "Oh! What I'd give to be back home tomorrow!"

But then, Edith had two Christmas presents to which she could look forward. Today, Christmas eve, the mailman MUST bring her annual package from home. And tomorrow there would be Christmas dinner with Ken—dear Ken who was working so hard these days that he could hardly take time off to think about Christmas.

Edith heard the bell ring downstairs and she skipped to her door, opening it softly and waiting tensely while the old landlady, answered.

Yes, it was the mailman! And then came the shrill cry: "Miss Harris! Mail for you!"

Edith practically leaped downstairs, for there would be her package from home. Then her heart sank, for the landlady handed her only two letters, a greeting card from her friend Margie and (of all things at Christmas!) a bill from the department store.

Edith climbed sorrowfully back to her room and wept. Something was wrong, for Mother and Dad never forgot her at Christmas. She cried spasmodically the rest of the day, while downstairs she heard the other roomers shouting Christmas greetings as they arrived and departed.

But finally Edith consoled herself, for she could still look forward to Christmas dinner with Ken tomorrow!

He was due at two o'clock that day, and after church Edith hurried home to get ready. At 1:30 she was seated restlessly awaiting the doorbell.

She was still waiting at 2:30, for Ken did not arrive. And Edith was getting hungry.

Three o'clock passed, and Edith frowned.

"What could have happened to him?" she asked herself. At four o'clock she cried. It was too much! First her family had forgotten, and now Ken had chosen Christmas day to tell her in this painful fashion that he didn't care!

At 6 p. m. misery began mingling with the pangs of hunger. Edith put on her coat and started to the corner restaurant. But she never got past the door. There she ran into a breathless Ken.

"Edith, dear!" he cried. "Sorry to be so late, but I knew you'd understand when you got my note."

"But—" Edith was confused, "I didn't receive any note, Ken."

"What? But I sent a special delivery message when the boss asked me to finish that laboratory experiment this afternoon. What happened to it?"

The blundering old landlady answered him.

"Please come in or go out, and close the door," she barked from the hall. Then—

"Incidentally, Miss Harris, I forgot to give you these things. They arrived this afternoon."

She handed Edith the missing special delivery letter—and a huge package from home! Edith tore into the Christmas box and found a note from Mother. They'd had a blizzard; couldn't get to town; she hoped Edith would get the package Christmas day.

A few minutes later a happy Edith sat across the table from her Ken in the little restaurant around the corner.

"And now, dear," he began very carefully. "How about your Christmas present for me?"

"But I gave you the fountain pen, Ken," she protested.

"Yes, silly one, and I appreciated it. But if you want to make me still happier, listen to this. The boss came in tonight and said I'd done such a fine job on that research project that he was raising my salary. Know what that means?"

"Not the faintest idea," Edith lied. For, after all, you can't take the words out of a man's mouth when he's about to propose!

(Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

Badger Feast

One of the strangest surviving Christmas customs is the badger feast held at Ilchester, Somerset. It was started by poachers in Norman times, says the Montreal Herald, and has continued without a break. The lads of the village catch a badger, kill and dress it some time before the feast. On Christmas eve it is strung on a spit over a huge fire at the inn and cooked slowly. When it is ready the party attack it with fingers and pen-knives; no cutlery other than this is allowed.

There's nothing like SOUP to make you feel cozy inside

says Dorothy Greig

OF all the pleasant foods in the world, there are few that give such comforting glow as hot savory soup. It makes you feel "all cozy inside," as a friend of mine expresses it. And this is true whether you eat a thick, hearty soup or a



Chicken and Cream of Mushroom Soup wins compliments for any hostess.

thin elegant one, a fancy soup or a plain one, a soup that is almost a stew or one that is smooth as cream. Any soup makes you feel good.

There is such variety to be had in soups these days that it is fun to experiment and try different flavors. For instance, we all enjoy such well known favorites as tomato, chicken, vegetable and cream of mushroom but have you ever tried mock turtle, pepper pot or oxtail?

Then there is the new idea of combining one soup with another—which opens up a whole new range of delicious flavors. For instance, here is one you will like. It is not a heavy soup, nor yet a thin soup, just a happy in-between medium that goes with any type of meal:

Chicken and Cream of Mushroom Soup

- 1 can condensed chicken soup
- 1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
- 1 can water

Empty the cream of mushroom soup into a saucepan and stir it well. Then add the chicken soup,

a little at a time, stirring constantly. This keeps the soup mixture smooth. Fill an empty soup can with cold water and stir this into the soup mixture slowly. Heat to the boiling point and serve. Serves 4-6.

Sometime when you want to serve soup as the main course in a meal, for lunch maybe or for supper, try this deeply satisfying soup.

Cream of Mushroom and Pea Soup

- 1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
- 1 can condensed pea soup
- 1 can milk (using soup can for measure)
- 1 can water

Combine the soups. Then add water and milk and heat, but do not boil. Serves 5-7.

And now here is a gay soup that combines two famous favorites:

Cream of Tomato and Chicken Soup

- 1 can condensed chicken soup
- 1/2 can condensed tomato soup
- 1 can milk (using soup can for measure)

Combine the soups. Add the milk and heat, but do not boil. Serves 4-6.

TRIBUNE ADS BRING HOME THE BACON

1900 YEARS AGO --- --- AND TODAY



Nineteen hundred years ago gifts of love, adoration and unselfishness were given. That constitutes the real spirit of Christmas.

Today so many, many years later, that same spirit prevails. The things of real value are the ones that last and we find no other custom that has remained so nearly the same.

In the true spirit of nineteen hundred years ago—and today—we greet you and extend our sincere wish for a season and New Year of Peace and Happiness.



Plains Grain & Seed Co.

S. C. Hunter
Texico-Farwell

W. J. Matthews
Dial 3701

At This Season--

We look around and see everywhere the spirit of Christmas manifested. It is a gay and joyful season. May you enjoy every minute of it and have continued happiness through 1941. We wish to thank you for past favors.

FAY MAXEY

May The Glad Christmas Carols Ring Out



"MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY NEW YEAR"



As Time rolls along and the seasons come and go, there approaches the gayest and happiest season of all—Yuletide, the time when we hear sung, so often, the anthem, "Peace On Earth, Good Will Toward Men." May it be echoed in your heart that you will have lasting peace and joy through Christmas and the New Year.



AUSTIN'S GROCERY AND MARKET

Lariat, Texas

Guard Health During Festivities of Holidays

AUSTIN—"The Christmas season of all seasons is traditionally a time when happiness and good will should prevail on the earth. America more than any other nation has cause to celebrate Christmas in its proper spirit, and illness has no place in this celebration," states Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

Unfortunately, during the holiday season, many of us relax our principles of good health which normally we observe. The stimuli of Christmas shopping, holiday parties, family reunions, and a too rich dietary cause us to transgress against the

rules of simple living. The result is unnecessary illness at a time when we can least afford it.

The chances for contracting influenza are greater during the holiday season this year if we do not watch our health. Influenza epidemics are widespread in California, and are sweeping through the West, and if not guarded against, may strike a large section of the Texas population.

Dr. Cox states that there is no essential difference between the health principles to be observed during the holidays and those we maintain throughout the winter. A few simple rules, if observed, will enable Texas to enjoy the spirit of Christmas without ill effects.

1. Do not over-indulge in foods or seasonal cheer.
2. Do not hibernate in overheated and ill-ventilated rooms.
3. Try to maintain your regular sleep quota.
4. Get some exercise in the open air during the Christmas season to counteract the detrimental influences attendant upon holiday festivities.

5. Shop early. Avoid the last-minute hurried Christmas crowds. Keep the children out of stores during the Christmas rush.

6. Watch out for accidents. Do not use open candles on Christmas trees or in decorations. Use asbestos wool to replace cotton for decorations. Keep foliage and paper wreaths from direct contact with electric bulbs. See that Christmas lights are properly wired to prevent short-circuiting.

7. Choose safe as well as appropriate toys for children. Take into consideration the place available for their use as well as the age of the child to minimize the accident factor.

Thus it will be seen that holiday hygiene is merely an adaptation to a special occasion of the principles of good health which are observed at ordinary times. Inasmuch as these rules are sane, reasonable and intelligent, their application should result in more holiday pleasure and less discomfort. After all, health and happiness are so closely interwoven that even the holiday season should not interpose a barrier.

Oil properties now represent over 30 per cent of the asessed value of all properties in the state of Texas.



FRESH snow crunched under Dick Wright's shoes as he stomped into the waiting room.

Old Peter was still there, still minding his telegraph key as he had when Dick was a boy. But now it was Christmas; now Dick was home from the city, a successful young architect.

As he walked up to old Peter's grilled ticket window, Dick recalled the last time he stood in this station. Two and a half years ago, it was, the day after Jean had left for New York in search of a career.

"Just can't stand Marysville," she had told him. "You'll understand, Dick, won't you?"

He had forgotten as best he could. Nothing in Marysville for him then, either. There had been a quick decision, a closing of half-open doors, a tearful good-by to his parents and then—off to the city. It was odd how a blow like that could give a fellow determination. Today, just 30 months later, he was coming back home with a career already carved out.

Old Pete looked up from his sheaf of train orders.

"Well, Richard!" he cried. "Glad to see you, boy, and a Merry Christmas! Your folks know you're comin'?"

"Merry Christmas to you, Pete!" Dick answered. It was nice, at that, to see a familiar face. "Mind if I use your 'phone? I caught an early train and Dad wasn't expecting me until tonight."

A few minutes later the old family car was carrying him home. His Dad looked older, and a mite wor-



"Heard from Jean, son?" he asked. ried. Something was on his mind. "Heard from Jean, son?" he finally asked.

"No, Pop," he answered truthfully. The house loomed up ahead now. "Why do you ask?"

"Oh, just wonderin', son, that's all. Forget it. There's Mother wavin' at us up yonder!"

But Dick couldn't forget it. Marysville and Jean were like ham and eggs. He thought about her when he stopped at the drugstore that night—they used to drink sodas there.

Maybe Dick was looking for more of those memories next morning when he started out alone on skis for Murray's hill. They used to play there in the winter, he and Jean.

"Forget it, you imbecile!" he snapped at himself. "That's a closed chapter in your life!"

It was a couple of hours later that he saw her. Skiing down Murray's hill for the last time he rounded Horseshoe bend to find Jean directly in his path! There was a shriek, a thud, and then four feet sticking out of a snowdrift.

"Jean!" he cried, unstrapping his skis and running to help her. "Are you hurt?"

It was rather unromantic, perhaps, pulling her out feet first. But she laughed at him and fell down again, pulling him after her.

"You're going to get your face washed for that, Mr. Wright," she cried.

He came up sputtering to find her suddenly serious.

"Dick dear," she said, "I was wrong. Mother wrote that you'd be home for Christmas and—well, I had to come too. It's you and Marysville that I want, not New York. This morning when I saw you going past our house, I somehow knew that I should go with you. Not just today, Dick, but always!"

It was like ham and eggs, Dick thought, only the next day was Christmas—and Christmas meant turkey!

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Beginning of the New Year
Various dates were used in different countries, for the beginning of a year, but America followed the English custom of using the date of most early Christian countries—about the beginning of the ecclesiastical year. The Gregorian calendar, establishing January 1 as the beginning of the year, was adopted by England and her colonies in 1752.

OPPORTUNITIES OPEN IN ARMY AIR CORPS

SANTA FE—Unusual opportunities are being offered by enlistment in the Regular Army Air Corps of ambitious young men between the ages of 18 and 35, physically qualified, unmarried and without dependents, who are high school graduates or a journeyman in mechanics.

Assignments may be had in the Puerto Rican Department, Barksdale Field, Louisiana, Kelly Field and Brooks Field, Texas.

Security in one form or another is common topic nowadays—but nowhere can the average young man find more of it than by enlisting in the U. S. Army. Once he signs up, he does not have to worry about getting enough to eat, proper clothing, clean and airy quarters, skillful medical and dental care, in addition to his pay, which through study and application to his duties, can be worked up to \$157.50 per month. In addition to this he can find frank, wholesome companionship and a congenial atmosphere.

Young men who believe themselves qualified and who are interested in securing more information regarding enlistment in the United States Army Air Corps should write or call at any Army Recruiting Station in New Mexico.

Bethlehem Unchanged In Twenty Centuries

Bethlehem, "royal David's city," is still a city set on a hill. It is about six miles from Jerusalem.

It is a city of flat-roof homes which look cozy enough, and its narrow streets have an air of friendliness.

More Christians live in Bethlehem than in any other town in Palestine. On its hillsides you may still see shepherds with their flocks, while blinking overhead are the everlasting stars.

MERELY A STARTER



With young folks the mistletoe Plays havoc. Can you doubt it? For kissing, started by its aid, Soon gets along without it.

For Those Who Appreciate The Best ---

We want to wish for you the best Christmas you have ever known and may you also have a prosperous and happy New Year. We will give you our best in service during the coming year.

Billington's Barber Shop Esteline's Beauty Shop

Farwell, Texas.

GREETING YOU...

With kindest thoughts for your welfare and happiness during the Yuletide and New Year.

We Invite You To Visit Us At Any Time and give us an opportunity to serve you.

Henderson Grain & Seed Co. R. A. Hawkins, Manager



YULETIDE GREETINGS To Our Friends

We wouldn't feel right at all unless we took this opportunity to give you our sincere greetings and best wishes of this glad season.

The progress of our business has been made possible through the loyalty of our friends and we are deeply grateful.

We want to express the hope that this will be the jolliest and happiest Christmas that has ever come your way.

R. H. Kemp Lumber Company

Farwell, Texas



HAPPINESS TO YOU

Happiness is in store for each of us if we but accept it. Accepting happiness means leaving behind our sorrows and disappointments.

Christmas is a good time to begin anew and accept happiness with a challenge to keep it during the coming year.

May you have a holiday season of mirth and cheer and happiness throughout the New Year.

We have certainly received a maximum amount of pleasure serving you during 1940 and sincerely hope that we may continue to assist you in the coming year of 1941.

FARWELL ELEVATOR COMPANY

Mansell Cranfill, Manager

Dial 3801

Farwell, Texas



WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK

By LEMUEL F. PARTON
(Consolidated Features—WNU Service.)

NEW YORK.—Early in September, 1924, the League of Nations assembly was in session, on a sunny afternoon, with every gardenia in place on the lapel of its morning coat, with decorous murmurs mingling with the bird song and the hum of the bees, heard through the open windows. The impeccable and somewhat desiccated Sir Eric Drummond, who played closer to his immaculate white vest than any living man, was presiding watchfully against any untoward procedure, any solecism, any break in syntax or punctilio, or move toward any overt suggestion or act.

There arose among the delegates a great, shaggy bearded man who started the windows rattling with his booming voice. He said: "You are just blowing bubbles. Your talk is hot air. You have done and will do nothing for peace. You know that the Dawes plan is doomed. You know that all treaties are destined for the waste basket."

It was a long, masterful and punishing philippic, delivered in a finished Harvard accent. Sir Eric was almost a hospital case.

The Jeremiah was Bishop Fan Stylian Noli, of the Albanian Orthodox church, and it is Bishop Noli, now supposedly living in Boston, who is named in a London cable to the New York Sun, as the popular candidate for a liberated Albania. With the aid of the Greeks, the hope of Albanian liberation is warming up daily, here and abroad. The huge, ruddy warrior-bishop, a medieval man with modern ideas, never has been caught in the feudal tensions and confusion of Balkan politics. He is a genuine libertarian and democrat, recruiting Moslems as well as Christians in his long running fight for modern free statehood for his country. His League of Nations speech was slushed in Europe, but all of it finally filtered through to American newspapers. It was the voice of a major prophet, as startling as the little flickering cinema spot on the walls of Belshazzar's palace.

If the bishop should reclaim and redeem Albania, America would get an assist, if not a put-out. He was educated at Harvard university, entering in 1908 and finishing in 1912. In the former year, the peaceful religious revolution by which the modern Orthodox Albanian church was established was just getting under way, and it was in that year, that he was invested with the robes of its priesthood.

I got a glimpse of the bishop in the Commodore hotel in 1931, a keen-eyed, black-bearded giant, purposeful, alert and powerful in every aspect of his face and person. He had arrived just a jump ahead of certain dissident Albanian gunmen. On this and many other occasions, he blasted Albania's duke monarch, Ahmed Zog much as he had blasted the tit-tat-toe assembly of the league. But he changed hotels frequently and mysteriously, as for many years he has had death close on his heels. And it was in 1931 that he said that Premier Mussolini would snatch Albania when he got ready, and that Zog's government was all make-believe.

SIR PHILIP B. JOUBERT DE LA FERTE, British air marshal, has had a long and distinguished career in the army, and in all these years he has been a model of discretion and impeccable official behavior. Hence it was a most extraordinary slip when he broadcast to the world details of where German bombs had fallen. The ministry of information, of which Sir Philip is a member, had been clamping down the censorship lid and British papers were printing German communiques, as the only news available. American newspaper men, sharply at odds with the censorship about getting news from Germany, are acclaiming Sir Philip for a fumble which they think was in the public interest. It seems to be his first fumble.

As a flier in the World war, he gathered both British and Italian decorations and was mentioned in dispatches six times. He joined the royal field artillery in 1907 and transferred to the royal flying corps in 1913.

He was in France in first two years of the war and in Egypt in 1916 and 1917. After the war he was R. A. F. instructor at the imperial defense college and commanded the R. A. F. staff college in 1930 and 1934. He was given command of the R. A. F. in 1937. He was educated at Harrow and Woolwich.

Modern Women Are Adopting Home Sewing as Their Hobby

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



ARE you among the thousands of enthusiastic women who have taken up home sewing as a hobby? Not only is this a fascinating pastime but it has been proven that the "make your own" venture is a profitable and gratifying one. It yields big dividends in style, quality, and money saving, and gives a feeling of general satisfaction in the matter of self expression and accomplishment.

One of the chief rewards home-sewing offers is that the money saved "in the making" enables one to buy the best in materials. Women who make their own pretty frocks and blouses rejoice because they can afford to be "choosy" about the materials they use. Perhaps no other argument is so frequently stressed as this: "Making my own clothes, I can afford the best of materials."

Even if you are a beginner, you'll find it easy to reproduce smart couture touches in your wardrobe with the aid of modern equipment. The tucks, gatherings, and darts that distinguish current fashions are within easy reach of amateur sewers. Modern sewing machine attachments have put all these dressmaker details at command of the most untutored novice. Even if you have never sewn a stitch you can learn to do a professional job by spending a few afternoons in the sewing center in your community.

The illustration presents several easy-to-make models. The daring charm of the gown shown to the left belies the simplicity with which it is made. The pattern is delightfully free from complications and your sewing machine will whisk up the seams in the gored skirt in a jiffy. It's no trick at all to make the sectional joinings of the midriff and bodice with flat seams that flatter

your figure. Use jewel buttons for the halter neckline for a glittering touch.

The rustling romantic evening gown of moonbeam blue rayon moire centered in the group is a good style for beginners to undertake. Should you possibly encounter a puzzling move, a few hours spent at the sewing center will clear the way that leads to a professional looking job.

When it comes to a glamour evening dress that's easy to sew, the model of printed crepe to the right is just that. The hood adds an air of mystery. When you don't want it to shelter your curls you will find that it folds into a lovely soft collar. It is one of the noted cover-up dinner frock types that are definitely high style this winter. Its fashion points are legion. The long bishop sleeves and the cummerbund that hugs your waistline all bespeak outstanding style details. The waist and skirt are separate, so repeat your costume in various combinations, and change about.

Perhaps the most fun and satisfaction of all lies in making up a wardrobe of pretty house frocks of lovely wash materials. You will find the day-long dress in the inset gives you a grand start in sewing. Fitted and flared with touches of white lace ruffles at neckline and sleeves, this type frock is ever so flattering. Use the ruffler attachment to your machine for the beruffled neckline. The little hemstitcher gadget will achieve picotéd slits for the ribbon-run beading at the neckline.

Pastel plaids and vividly striped taffetas are ideal materials for evening wear. For daytime wear there are exciting new clan plaids, gay corduroys, jersey of sleek rayon weave or warm "comfy" wool type. A fashion "must" is the dress of spun rayon or sheer wool in pastel shade made classically simple, depending on effective jewelry and colorful accessories for "last word" chic.

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Penwiper Felts



The new penwiper felt hats are especially designed for young girls. They are offered in all bright colors from which can be chosen the correct personalized color according to the birth date of the wearer. The jaunty quill is in reality a quill pen and cleverly concealed in the perky bows at the back is a pencil. With one of these hats on your head it's easy to get autographs at unexpected moments. The teen-age adore these novel hats.

Lace Yokes

Nowadays the big idea is the simple frock that takes on glamorous accessories. A striking reaction to this trend is found in separate yokes, bibs and revers that sparkle with glittering beadwork.

Winter Housecoat Gains in Elegance

New fashions for leisure hours are, many of them, as elaborate as your favorite evening dress. They are designed with sweeping skirts, slim waists and gleaming metal embroidery. Even when your budget is limited, it is possible to choose a housecoat or lounging robe that has fashion significance.

The trend toward slim skirts has had small influence in this group and skirts are as wide as they have ever been. Newness is seen in the colors, the fabrics and the trimming details.

The vogue for spotted furs has brought lounging robes with spotted trimming. The covered-up look inspires long, full sleeves and high necks, as well as skirts snugly fastened with slide fasteners from neck to knee.

Fabrics run the gamut from printed cottons to deep-pile velvets and soft wools. Printed satins and printed wool jerseys are some of the newest.

Single Piece of Jewelry Gains New Importance

Each season there are certain outstanding fashion gestures that become increasingly and conspicuously important as the season advances. One such is the matter of wearing a single gorgeous glittering clip or brooch pinned to the bodice of your classic simple daytime frock. Flower sprays and exotic birds are favored motifs. These are done in colorful glittering stones or sparkling rhinestones and to say they are dazzling mildly expresses it.



THE off-trails of football that rarely lead to the major headlines can take you into a country just as interesting as Minnesota, Stanford, Texas A. & M., Boston college and Tennessee.

For example, during the late World Series in Cincinnati I ran across a number of old-time football players who told me about a back by the name of Jackie Hunt of Marshall college in Huntington, W. Va.



Grantland Rice

"I played against George Gipp," one old-timer said, "and I'd rather have Hunt than Gipp." "I played against Cliff Battles," another reported, "and I'll take Hunt over Battles. He is just as good a ball carrier, a great kicker, a fine passer and a star defensive back."

When good football players tell you about a fellow who is better than Gipp and Battles you begin to take notice. So two months ago I crawled a trifle out on the limb for Jackie Hunt.

Being on the off-trail, away from the beaten pack, Hunt was hard to follow. But he was the big factor in beating V. P. I. and also in scoring 19 points against Wake Forest, a team good enough to beat North Carolina, 12 to 0. Picking up what I could here and there, (after all, there are over 400 college teams playing 200 games each week), I discovered Jackie Hunt was doing all right.

The next investigation discovered that he was the leading scorer of the country, well ahead of such people as Harmon and Kimbrough and the rest.

About Jackie Hunt

About this time I ran into Jock Sutherland, the Dodger mandarin.

"I know about Hunt," Jock said. "I wanted him at Pittsburgh. He was the best high school back in America that year. Big, fast, passer, ball carrier and kicker, loaded with exceptional football spirit. But Hunt wanted to stay in his home town at Huntington with Marshall. He felt that Huntington was where he belonged. Even as a high school player he was an outstanding star."

More than a few leading colleges tried to explain to Hunt that he could take the headlines away from Harmon and Kimbrough, from Reagan and O'Rourke. Hunt wasn't interested in headlines. He loved football, but he wanted to play at home.

A 185-pound 10-second man who could do about everything, this West Virginian let nation-wide fame roll by as he went on scoring three or four touchdowns in almost every game for dear old Marshall. This attitude was more important than all the touchdowns he scored, which lead the nation.

Hunt and Snead

A few days ago I received a screed from a sport writing friend from West Virginia who knows his stuff.

"You may remember," he wrote, "that I've only slipped you one tip. Years ago I told you that we had a hillbilly by the name of Sammy Snead who was on his way up with the greatest swing in golf. That was before anyone knew anything about Sammy Snead. You printed what I wrote to you. Now I'm telling you that Jackie Hunt of Marshall college is a better football player than Sammy Snead is a golfer."

"I know his schedule isn't what Minnesota or Michigan faces. But I know what he can do. I'd like to see him, on equal terms, play against Harmon or Kimbrough, for I know he can do more things better with a football. He can run with either and outkick and outpass both. And you can't find a better defensive player."

"Hunt is in the same spot Dutch Clark once held. 'A great player,' they said, 'but no schedule.' Dutch Clark is still the all-time All-America quarterback in your book and almost every other book. Hunt is bigger and faster than Dutch Clark, and can do everything as well."

No Fake Ballyhoo

This is no fake ballyhoo for Jackie Hunt, whom I have never seen. But when Doc Spears, coach of Dartmouth, Minnesota and Oregon, now at Toledo, who has seen Hunt play two years, adds his testimony, you have to listen.

Doc Spears doesn't believe there is a better all-around back in America. And he has no exceptions.

"One of the greatest," is the Doc Spears tribute. Hunt went to Marshall college knowing it would be almost impossible for him to make an All-America for this one reason—the schedule. The important question would be asked—"Hunt may look good against V. P. I. and Toledo and Wake Forest, but let him try to run against Big Ten teams. What then?"

There is something to this angle. But I know several pro coaches who would just as soon have Hunt, when he graduates, as either Harmon or Kimbrough—except for the matter of publicity and gate receipts.

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Initial T-P Check Arrives in County

The first of four expected checks for Farmer county farmers' participation in the Tenant-Purchase program, sponsored by the Farm Security Administration, arrived in this county last Saturday, Frank Seale, acting supervisor of the local office, reported today.

The check covered an amount of around \$9,000 for the purchase of the M. M. Shirley place, in the Rhea community, by Charlie L. Calaway, and an additional \$1250 for making such improvements on the property as were approved.

Improvements, Mr. Seale went on to say, will include terracing, fencing, laying of a septic tank and tile field drainage system, water storage tank, building of new poultry, brooder and hog houses, remodeling of the garage, and some painting about the home and buildings.

Actual information as to when Mr. Calaway and his family would move to their new location was not available here today, but it was thought by officials that the transfer would not be made until after the first of the year.

Abstracts for the remaining three approved applications were being drawn up this week, and it was expected that payment on the purchases would be forthcoming in the near future, Mr. Seale added.

Community Program Planned for Friday

Supt. L. A. Hartley, of the Texico school, stated this week that final plans for the community Christmas tree and program, to be held in the school auditorium on Friday night of this week, were in the stages of completion today.

With the teachers in charge, a program in line with the Yuletide spirit has been arranged, officials indicated, to be concluded with the appearance of Santa Claus and the distribution of gifts from the tree. Treats have also been arranged for all children attending the program, it was announced.

Since there will be no community tree at the Farwell school this year, those in charge at Texico are expecting a deluge of presents to be passed out by Santa on Friday night, and urge those who bring packages to make sure that they are securely wrapped and plainly addressed.

The entire program of the evening is as follows:

"Welcome," Mary Jane Reed, primary department.

"Little Gifts," a playlet, by the entire primary group.

"Twelve Little Elves," play by the second and third grade students.

"A Penny for Christmas," operetta, including students from the fourth through the eighth grades.

"Christmas Pageant," members of girls' high school chorus.

This pageant will probably be the most colorful part of the program, with the girls portraying the story of the Madonna and the Three Wise Men. Lila Boss will take the part of the "Madonna," while the "Wise Men" will be characterized by Joyce Richey, Alverda Hall and Esther Selman. Special lighting effects will be employed.

The public is most cordially urged to attend the program, which will begin at 7:30, Friday evening, December 20th.

Basketball Games Slated for 19th

Basketball games with the McAlister boys and girls have been arranged for the Texico teams, to be held in the gymnasium of the local school on Thursday evening, December 19th.

Coach A. D. McDonald stated that it went without saying that the McAlister girls would be "hard to handle" as they always turn out one of the top-notch teams in Curry county, and, unless the entire squad for Texico is back on the court, it will be a stiff fight.

The boys are something of another order, Coach McDonald indicated, stating that he knew little or nothing about what might be expected when the McAlister team hits the floor. Texico has been handicapped during the past week by loss of players through influenza, but all hands were back for practice on Monday.

This will be the final game for the Texico squads preceding the Christmas holidays.

Game time, 7:30. Admission, 15 and 25 cents.

In 1929 the cost of Texas government was less than \$92,000,000. In 1939 it amounted to more than \$164,000,000.

Mary D. Christian Is County Gold Star Girl

Miss Mary D. Christian, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Christian of the Oklahoma Lane community, was named the 1940 Gold Star 4-H Girl for Farmer County, at a special committee meeting held Monday afternoon of this week.

For the past four years, Miss Christian has been active in club work, having served as clothing demonstrator of the Oklahoma Lane senior club for two years, including the present year.

Taking up her clothing demonstration duties in a whole-hearted manner, Miss Christian during this year has made over thirty garments for herself, Miss Ruth Boyd, home demonstration agent, has reported.

The Gold Star award is a coveted honor in club work, bringing with it the highest recognition girls may attain during the years of active club membership, and Miss Boyd stated that Miss Christian was fully qualified to receive the honor.

Miss Christian is now a junior in high school at Oklahoma Lane, it was announced.

Due to the closing of the Farwell school on Tuesday noon of this week, caused by an influenza wave among the student body, coaches have announced that the basketball games scheduled for the teams, vs. Dimmitt, on Friday night, have been called off. The games with Friona, arranged for Tuesday night, were also postponed.

Pleasant Hill Girls, Texico Boys Victors

In two cage matches played on the local court the past Friday night, the Pleasant Hill girls defeated Texico, 42-23, while the Texico boys re-venge the loss by handing the visitors a 33-10 spanking.

With three of the main-string players absent from the roster, the local girls played under a handicap, being minus Freida Martin at forward, and Pearl Martin and Edna Earle Thompson at guard. However, the game was fairly fast throughout, with a number of subs turning in good work.

Neelley, of the visitors, hit the basket for a total of 17 points during the evening, to walk off with scoring honors, while the Texico defense made desperate efforts to subdue her shooting. M. Martin, of the Texico forward group, led the count for the losers by a total of 15.

Murray White went into forward position for the Texico boys, Friday night, and paced the team during the evening, tallying some 13 points, as well as doing his best work of the season.

With Baldock and Bowers absent from the guard positions, Coach A. D. McDonald was forced to rearrange the position of most of the local players, but a new defense used against Pleasant Hill proved especially effective, and the Texico team was in charge of the game throughout.

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