

**WOMEN'S CLUBS AND SOCIAL EVENTS**

**APPA BETAS HONORED WITH CHRISTMAS DINNER AND PARTY BY MRS. NICHOLSON**

At 7 p. m., December 17, Mrs. H. Nicholson honored the members of Kappa Betas with a lovely Christmas dinner and party. After her several contests were enjoyed all. Mrs. Irene Norman read a poem, "The Great Guest Comes"; Mrs. Ruth Wiley gave a very interesting story on the origin of "Silent Night" originally called "Song From Heaven." Miss Evonne Hubbard led the singing of "Silent Night," Mrs. Kathryn Carmichael at the piano.

Gifts were exchanged from the Christmas tree. Ruth Barr and Elva Hubble received birthday gifts from members of the club.

Those present were: Misses Mary Alice Noah, Evonne Hubbard, Helen Green, Leona Crossland, Ruth Barr, Ina Faye Robison, Lucille Hutchison; Mesdames Virdee P. Wheeler, Irene Norman, Ruth Wiley, Kathryn Carmichael, Elva Hubble, Annie Harmon and the hostess, Mrs. E. Nicholson.

**R. AND MRS. WAYNE ROPER AND SON ARE HONORED**

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Corcoran of Mobeetie gave a forty-two party and over Saturday night, December 19, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Roper and son, Donald, who were moving to Kress, Texas. Delicious refreshments were served to the guests of honor, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Roper and son, Donald, Mr. and Mrs. J. Roper, Mr. and Mrs. John Roper and children, Mr. and Mrs. E. Gudgell and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ariza Corcoran and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Waters and children, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Roper and children and Agnes Corcoran, Louise Whitener, Harold Haney, J. T. and Hugh Jeffus and hosts, and Mrs. Phil Corcoran, and children.

**MARRIAGE VOWS READ FOR MISS LOUISE HEMBREE AND CPL. KELLEY WRIGHT**

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Louise Hembree and Cpl. Kelley Wright. The wedding took place in Pampa December 13, with Rev. Henshaw officiating.

The bride is a graduate of the Kelton High School with the class of 1942. She formerly made her home with her parents in the Center community, but at present is attending business college in Cincinnati, Ohio, where she will finish her course before joining her husband.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wright, formerly of the Center community, and he is also a graduate of the Kelton High School with the class of 1942.

The young couple is in Shamrock this week while Corporal Wright is on furlough from Camp Butler, N. C., where he is stationed.

**BLUE BONNET CLUB HAS CHRISTMAS MEET**

The Blue Bonnet Study Club of Mobeetie met in the home of Edith Flanagan last Wednesday for their annual Christmas party. Imogene Miller, president, presided over a short business session. Jewel Tabor was in charge of roll call which was answered by a Bible verse. A Christmas story, "Surprise For Nancy," was reviewed by Juanita Matthews and was enjoyed by all. Fleda Godwin led the group in singing Christmas carols. The Flanagan home was beautifully decorated for the occasion. An exchange of gifts took place with Miss La Rue Flanagan acting as Santa Claus.

Delicious refreshments were served to the following: two guests, Delpha Flanagan and La Rue Flanagan; members: Esther Tinkle, Carey Willis, Imogene Miller, Fleda Godwin, Jewel Tabor, Ella Johnston, Thelma Dunn, Esther Key, Ruth Ewing, Juanita Matthews and the hostess, Edith Flanagan.

**BAPTIST W. M. U. LADIES MET MONDAY AFTERNOON**

The Baptist W. M. U. met at 2:30 Monday afternoon, December 20, with Mrs. George Porter for a Royal Service program. The devotional was given by Mrs. O. O. Holladay. Mrs. C. R. Flynt led the program and was assisted by Mrs. Jimmie Mitchener. Mrs. C. N. Wofford, Mrs. A. C. Wood and Mrs. Lee Guthrie. Special music was given by Mrs. George Porter and Mrs. O. O. Holladay. Christmas presents were exchanged after the program.

Delicious refreshments were served to: Mesdames Paul Green, Curtis Pond, A. C. Wood, Lee Guthrie, M. L. Gunter, C. N. Wofford, Bill Black, Minnie Farmer, J. W. Williams, Jimmie Mitchener, Carl Laffin, C. R. Flynt and the hostess, Mrs. George Porter.

**CLARA HELEN SEEDIG HONORED ON BIRTHDAY**

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Seedig gave a birthday dinner Sunday, December 19, honoring their daughter, Clara Helen. The persons present were: Mrs. Lee, her grandmother, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lee and children, Mrs. Gus Seedig and daughter, Estie, and son, Jim, of the U. S. Navy, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Finsterwald and family and Alice Cowan.

A theatre party was also enjoyed the night before the birthday party. The guests attending were: Alice Cowan, Marie and LaVerne Finsterwald, Clara Helen and Emil Lee Seedig and Mrs. Emil Seedig.

**Warm In Winter**



Teacher's best beau keeps warm in cotton corduroy as he waits for the school doors to open. Combinations of long trousers with matching or contrasting jackets rate first place with youngsters because they keep out cold winds, and with mothers because they're so easy to care for.

**BUSINESS WOMEN'S CLUB HAVE CHRISTMAS GIFT EXCHANGE**

Miss Ina Fay Robison entertained the Business Women's Club with a dinner-bridge in the home of Mrs. I. B. Lee, Thursday night, December 16. The Christmas motif was carried out through the evening.

Those attending were: Mesdames Arthur Carmichael, Myrl Norman and Miss Reba Wofford, guests, Mesdames R. H. Forrester, Max Wiley, Artie Lee Hunt, Misses Mary Noah, Clara Finsterwald, Blanche Grainger, Helen Green, Leona Crossland and the hostess, Miss Robison.

**VICTORY CLUB HAVE SOCIAL IN CARVER HOME**

A Christmas tree with gifts for all was displayed at the Christmas party held by the Victory Club December 13 at the home of Mrs. Forrest Carver.

A covered dish luncheon was served to all. A business meeting was held in the afternoon. Mrs. Morgan Pride volunteered to be clothing demonstrator for 1944.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Lee Lackey and son, Mrs. H. M. Carver, Jay Rives, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Pride and daughter, J. R. Clemens, Mr. and Mrs. Hester Dodson and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Carver.

**MISS MAE KRUG IS BRIDE OF CPL. BILLY COOPER**

Miss Mae Krug of Wichita Falls and Cpl. Billy Cooper of Orlando, Florida were married here Wednesday, December 22. Rev. John English of Wheeler performed the ceremony at his residence. They were accompanied by the bride's sister, Miss Mildred Krug. Mrs. Cooper is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Krug of Texola, Oklahoma. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Cooper of Shamrock. Cpl. Cooper will return to camp Tuesday, December 28.

**Here's Norse Legend: Kiss Under Mistletoe Sign of Reconciliation**

In Norse mythology, Balder, the god who personified the sun, was hated by Lok, who planned to destroy him. Balder's mother obtained a promise from all living things, except the mistletoe, that they would not harm Balder. Lok made an arrow from the mistletoe and gave it to Balder's blind brother, Hoder, explaining how he could throw it. The arrow struck Balder, killing him, but he was restored to life and the mistletoe was placed under his mother's care so that it would never again bring harm. The custom of giving a kiss of love or peace under the mistletoe is an assurance that it will never again be an instrument of evil.

**Christmas Thanks**  
We thank Thee, Lord, for the world so sweet—  
We thank Thee, Lord, for the food we eat—  
We thank Thee, Lord, for the birds that sing—  
We thank Thee, Lord, for everything.



**LOCAL NEWS ITEMS**

Mr. and Mrs. Benham of Oklahoma City were business callers in Wheeler Monday.

Jack Riley of McMurry College is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Riley of Briscoe, during the holidays.

Cox. James Seedig of the U. S. Navy came home Thursday, December 17 for the holidays. He is stationed at San Pedro, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Porter were visitors in Pampa Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holt and son, R. J., were visitors in Pampa Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Damaris Holt of Pampa were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holt Sunday night.

Sgt. Warren Witt came home Thursday night for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Witt, of Briscoe. Sgt. Witt left for camp Sunday afternoon. He was transferred from Washington to Kentucky.

Mrs. A. B. Crump visited in Shamrock Wednesday.

Mrs. G. B. Cole of California is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Robinson.

Sunday visitors at the Crump home were Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Adkins and children, Thurman, Jr., and Lynda Carol, also, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Letwisch and daughter, Ann, all of Shamrock.

Tom and Buck Britt attended the funeral of a friend in New Mexico Wednesday.

Mrs. Sam Watson is a victim of the flu this week.

G. A. Asbery and daughters, Marie and Lucille, left for Borger Wednesday to bring his son, G. A. Jr., home for the holidays.

**'Boxing Day' Observance Has Biblical Background**

"Boxing day" is in reality St. Stephen's day and is observed in England and other Old World countries in commemoration of the biblical martyr in recognition of his having been the first to seal with his blood the testimony of fidelity to his Lord. The year in which he was stoned to death, as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles, is supposed to have been 33 A. D. Due to the custom, established many years ago, of distributing Christmas boxes or gifts of money to employees and public servants, such as postmen, lamp-lighters, and others, on the day after Christmas, it became popularly known as "Boxing day," and observed as a general holiday by the common people.

**Tomb of St. Nicholas**

**Scene of Pilgrimage**

St. Nicholas, who rules over the festival of Christmas, was born in Myra, Asia Minor, where he was bishop for 17 years. When he died in A. D. 352 his tomb became the scene of an annual pilgrimage, which continued until his remains were removed to Bari, in Italy, in 1087, where they are still venerated. He must have been a versatile person, for he is also the patron saint and protector of sailors, pawnbrokers, spinsters and thieves! His festival is really on the sixth of December.

**'Pin Money'**

Until quite recently, pins were made of wire and were very expensive—and highly prized. So, it became customary for men in ordinary circumstances to give their wives and daughters "pin money" on New Year's day.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to express our appreciation and thanks to our friends for their kindness and beautiful floral offering during our hours of sorrow. Mrs. C. W. Miller and children Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Miller and children

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FOR...

a Merry Christmas

AND...

a Happy New Year!

We give you wishes warm enough to last through the holiday season and through the coming year!

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**Christmas Day in the Morning**



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**"At Christmas play and make good cheer For Christmas comes but once a year"**

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**G**LITTERING more fantastically than the jewels of Aladdin's cave are the Christmas trees in the windows of this town and adjoining farm areas. Everywhere, everywhere Christmas, and the spirit which Christmas brings.

We love this town and its environs. We have grown up here and have come to regard ourselves as "a fixture." We have a great many friends, "but not a friend to spare," and at this time we want to thank them, one and all.

**YES, CHRISTMAS COMES BUT ONCE A YEAR, SO IT BEHOVES US ALL TO MAKE THE VERY MOST OF IT. ON THE EVE OF THIS JOYOUS SEASON WE TAKE GREAT PLEASURE IN WISHING ALL OUR FRIENDS THE FULLEST MEASURE OF CHRISTMAS JOY AND HAPPINESS.**

**THE CORRAL**

Items of interest pertaining to the Wheeler Schools

**Christmas**

Although there will not be as many decorations for Christmas, and although it may be impossible for us to do the things we have been accustomed to, let us not forget the significance of Christmas spirit.

Because of the shortage of foods and rationing, we may not be able to enjoy the usual Christmas dinner or the trip we always took; but still we have plenty to be thankful for.

No matter how serious our own personal problems may be; no matter if the whole world is at war; in spite of the bombs, roaring cannons, and chattering guns; just remember: "There will always be a Christmas."

**The Big Blow Up**

Well I won't keep you in suspense any longer. There has been no explosion yet, so don't get excited. "The Big Blow Up" is the title of the play the seniors are producing. Mrs. R. William Brown is the director. The Seniors tried out for their parts last Friday and the cast as chosen by a faculty committee is as follows: The landlady of the hotel where the play takes place, Naomi Merritt; Beans, her high school age boy, Harvey Wright; Melinda Hanks, the new maid, Dorothy Pond; Muggsy Morris, a young criminal, Carroll Pettit; Cora Johnson, a young school teacher, Louise Tillman; Terry King, a detective, Gene Hall; Sandra Fields, a nervous young lady, La Rue Cole; Margot Richards, Bobbye Ashley; Katie Lee, Beans girl friend, Neva Jane Weatherly; Douglas Blake, Sandra's fiance, Gwynn Crossland; Mr. Fields, Sandra's irate father, Lloyd Johnson; Mrs. Fields, her anxious mother, Marie Warren.

Rehearsals for the play will start shortly after the Christmas holidays. It is a three act comedy, promising plenty of entertainment for all those

who see it. The date will be announced later.

**Athletic News**

The Wheeler basketball boys were defeated by the Kelton boys Tuesday night. The score was 12 to 19. Two of the main string players, Carroll Pendleton and Gene Hall, due to illness, did not see action in the game.

The Wheeler basketball girls challenged the Kelton girls Tuesday night and were defeated 26 to 18.

The boys have played two games previous to this. The Mobeetie Hornets defeated the Mustangs 18 to 6 the first game, and defeated them 8 points in a return game, the score was 18 to 26. Coach English said, "There are no more games scheduled until after the Christmas holidays."

**Notice To The Graduates Of Last Year**

Mrs. Wofford announces that she has received notice that the panels for Senior pictures of 1942-43 will be shipped in February, 1944. The photographer has been ill and was forced to close his shop for the past months. He assures the Seniors of 1942-43 that their panels will come sometime in February.

**Flashing Facts**

What was wrong with Virginia Saturday night? (Ask Carroll). Red had to go around limping this week. School turned out at noon Thursday for the Christmas holidays. Mary Lee and Dorothy were "off the beam." Is it because they can speak Spanish? Harvey has a name that he is keeping a secret. If you want to know what it is, ask Naomi. Henry was writing a marriage license Monday. Is it yours and Mary Alice's, Henry? Dorothy had a good time Sunday night. Ask a certain high school boy. So did Mary Alice, from what I hear. Did you notice the hat parade Tuesday? It was sponsored by Joe, Carroll, and Donald.

**Christmas Party**

The Homemaking I Class enjoyed a Christmas party Monday night, at the Home Ec cottage. Refreshments of sandwiches and punch and candy were prepared by the class and served by Noi Lou Bolin and Patricia Adams. Several parlor games and songs were enjoyed by the group. Christmas gifts were exchanged between the following girls: Patricia Alams, Barbara Ashley, Floy Bradstreet, Joy Bradstreet, Ida Mae Martin, Charlene Bradshaw, Anna Hefley, Nell Garner, Peggy Weatherly, Mary Reid, June Johnson, Florine Jackson, Myrtle Eter, Vendell Starkey, Ellen Murray, Louise Crafton, Noi Lou Bolin, Thelma Horn and Mrs. Wiley, group sponsor.

**Senior Personality**

Name, Sidney Lamb; age, 16; years in W. H. S., 3; favorite subject, biology; favorite teacher, Mr. English; favorite actor, Bob Hope; favorite actress, Lucille Ball; favorite food, coconut cake and strawberry ice cream; favorite like, to eat; favorite dislike, staying at home; favorite song, "They're Either Too Young Or Too Old"; hobby, going places; ambition, undecided.

**Visitors**

Ex-students R. J. Holt and Lewis Craig visited school Monday. R. J. is attending school at John Tarleton and Lewis is attending school at Dallas.

**Senior Party**

Mrs. Brown, sponsor of the Senior class, entertained the Seniors with a Christmas party, Wednesday night, Dec. 15. Each senior brought a present and gifts were exchanged. Each reported a very good time. Various games were played: one in particular



Hearty holiday greetings to the editors and readers of the more than 200 home town papers that publish "I Give You Texas." May the year ahead bring victory and lasting peace to the liberty-loving peoples of the world.

A bit of nonsense:  
There was a young person named Tate  
Who went out to dine at 8:08;  
But I will not relate  
What that person named Tate  
And his tete-a-tete ate at 8:08.

Earl and Virgil Williams in Lamesa Reporter: Texans are absolutely right in protesting vehemently their opposition to the natural gas pipe line which has been authorized from Corpus Christi to Charleston, W. Va. The line would transport 200 million cubic feet of gas daily to the Eastern industrial centers. . . . We may soon find ourselves rationed on gas, taking only what the big industrial East leaves us. If kept in Texas, it eventually may become a means of attracting important industries to this State.

Everywhere your columnist goes, old friends are found and new ones are gained. In Galveston for the State press convention, ran into Bill Allen, formerly assistant manager of Fort Worth's Hotel Texas, now manager of the magnificent Buccaneer Hotel on the beach, and met Winthrop P. Younger, who directs the numerous National Hotels in Texas and half a dozen other states; also met W. L. Moody, Jr., head of an empire of banking, insurance, hotels and land, a gracious gentleman of the old Southern school, with close-clipped gray mustache and smiling blue eyes, whose office (in ornate, stained walnut) commands a sweeping view of the busy traffic and peaceful homes, schools and churches with graceful spires.

All of us crave a little appreciation, a little recognition from our fellow man. Everyone wants to be known, to be liked, to have friends. Fellow passengers on a ship that is plunging through stormy and unlighted seas to a distant destination, each of us hungers for a greeting, a smile, a word of praise. These things take but a moment and they cost so little in effort, yet even the richest and most powerful feel the better for them. Let's take time to be more expressive of our friendship in the New Year.

in which the high school faculty was portrayed. The following students portrayed: Mr. Dyer, Red Richerson; Mr. English, Gene Hall; Mr. Weams, Carroll Pettit; Mrs. Norman, Louise Tillman; Mrs. Wiley, Dorothy Pond; It was thought very wise not to portray Mrs. Brown, as she was the hostess. Gene Hall and Bobbye Ashley acted as Santa Claus.

**Rings Here Soon**

The Seniors received their invoice for their rings Saturday. They are expecting them to be in most any day now. Everyone is really getting anxious and watching the mail.

**WHAT SAY YOU?**

And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.  
—St. Luke 2:9-11  
—W. J. Brumley

Do you ever wonder what the silk worms are doing with all of their leisure now.

**RUPTURED?**

Experimenting with questionable trusses at the expense of your health will prove costly. See your physician at once for the proper diagnosis and we will fill his prescription to his entire satisfaction. If your condition has already been determined and you are not securing the proper comfort or relief, pay us a visit once and be convinced that our patent hands, true.

**The End of the Play**  
by William M. Chackeray

The play is done; the curtain drops. Slow falling, to the prompter's bell:  
A moment yet the actor stops  
And looks around to say farewell.  
It is an irksome word and task,  
And when he's laughed and said his say,  
He shows as he removes the mask,  
A face that's anything but gay.

One word, ere yet the evening ends,  
Let's close it with a parting rhyme,  
And pledge a hand to all young friends,  
As fits the merry Christmas time.  
On Life's wide scene you, too, have parts,  
That Fate ere long shall bid you play;  
Goodnight! with honest, gentle hearts  
A kindly greeting go away.

Come wealth or want, come good or ill,  
Let young and old accept their part,  
And bow before the Awful Will,  
And bear it with an honest heart.  
Who misses, or who wins the prize,  
Go, lose or conquer, if you can;  
But if you fail or if you rise,  
Be each, pray God, a gentleman.

A gentleman or old or young!  
(Bear kindly with my humble lays),  
The sacred chorus first was sung  
Upon the first of Christmas days.  
The shepherds heard it overhead—  
The joyful angels raised it then:  
Glory to heaven on high, it said,  
And peace on earth to gentle men.

My song, same this, it little worth;  
I lay the weary pen aside,  
And wish you health and love and mirth,  
As fits the holy Christmas-tide  
As fits the holy Christmas birth,  
Be this, good friends, our carol still—  
Be peace on earth, be peace on earth,  
To men of gentle will.

Miss Nina Merle Pond of Pampa is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Pond.  
Miss Ina Fae Robison spent the week end in Mobeetie visiting her parents.  
Cm/2c Elwyn Dysart went to Clinton, Oklahoma Tuesday for a short visit.  
MM/1c Bailey Burgess left Tuesday for Oklahoma City to spend a few days.

**KELTON NEWS**

(By Rena Johnson)

MM/1c and Mrs. James Allen Tucker spent the week end here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Tucker. James Allen has just returned home from the Guadalcanal zone where he was stationed for several months. He has been with Bailey Burgess all the time. James gets a 30-day leave. S/Sgt. J. D. Rutherford of Louisiana and Mrs. J. D. Rutherford Jr. of Reno, Nevada, are here visiting in

**Old English Celebrated If Log Burnt at Christmas**

Among the many old English Christmas festivities was the ceremony attached to bringing a great log, sometimes the root of a tree, into the household on Christmas Eve, placing it in the fireplace and lighting it with a branch of the previous year's log. While it burned through the night there was great celebration but if it went out it presaged ill luck for the coming year.

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the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geor Davidson.

Mrs. Albert Holcomb, Mrs. Ch Spawn and Rena Johnson were business visitors in Shamrock Thursday afternoon.

Rev. and Mrs. Bill Pond spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. Pond. Rev. and Mrs. Pond were married the 15th of December. The community wishes them much happiness and success.

Bailey Whitely is in Arkansas on business trip.

Cpl. and Mrs. Kelly Wright of Camp Butler, North Carolina welcomed visitors here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Davidson of Georgiana and S/Sgt. and Mrs. J. Rutherford were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Johns and Rena.

Lt. and Mrs. Alvie "Buddy" Vapool of California were visitors here Monday afternoon.

L. W. Davidson of Dallas came Monday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davidson.

George Henderson is stationed Kessler Field, Mississippi.



**Christmas Cheer**

★ Uncle Sam is to be congratulated, for he has done and is doing a magnificent job. This is, indeed, occasion for Christmas cheer.

Our compliments to you, friends, our thanks, and our most hearty wishes for an enjoyable and truly happy 1943 Christmas season.

Dr. and Mrs. V. N. H



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FOR YOUR  
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JUST as surely as there'll always be little boys and girls, and big boys and girls, too (especially around Christmastime), that surely there will always be a Christmas. Our wish for you is that this Christmas season of 1943 be the most memorable you have ever known.

The tree is up, garlanded in wreaths of tinsel, aflame with lights that glow like fireflies. There it stands in the window, sparkling with all the borrowed glamour of elfland.

With this glowing background to remind us, we are ready to speak our piece. It is a very simple one . . . the same as last year and the year before: Thank you one and all for your kindness to us, and

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Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Macke of Amarillo.

Mrs. Nora Trusty visited her daughter at Lefors and a son, O. T. Churchman, of Pampa, last week.

Miss Ina Fay Robison of Wheeler visited home folks here Sunday.

Albert Hathaway is seriously ill at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Walden from the state of Washington, came Saturday for an extended visit with their parents in Mobeetie and Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Robison visited their daughter, Mrs. John Gilliam in Shamrock last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleborn Turner were shopping in Wheeler Tuesday.

Mrs. G. L. Sanderson from the Davis community visited her sister, Mrs. G. L. McCathern, recently.

Rev. and Mrs. Wilford Jones are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fank Lee, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Anderson visited their daughter at Texola last week.

Mrs. T. R. Cooper and children, Mrs. F. B. Flaherty and Jingle and Wilbur Beck, all of Pampa, visited relatives here over the week end.

Vernon Sivage, a student of WTSC of Canyon, is home for a visit over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Totty and Mrs. Will Winkley were Shamrock visitors last week.

Pfc. Johnnie Murrell from Illinois is visiting relatives for a few days. The Methodist church held a Christmas program Sunday night.

### Tommies Hold Vigil in the Desert



These are not shepherds but British Tommies assembled around the silent glow of a bonfire in the Libyan desert. The Tommies are holding their own Christmas eve vigil far from home under a bright North African moon. An accordionist accompanies them in the singing of their hymns.

### Wartime Christmas

(Sent to the editor by Bailey Burgess and written by a co-worker of his in a war plant of Ft. Worth).

Christmas is coming,  
And the kiddies are glad.  
To them it means Santa,  
But most hearts are sad,  
For most homes are broken,  
With loved ones away.  
And we wonder where they'll be  
On this Christmas day.

There'll be some in fox holes,  
And some in the air,  
And some on the ships, scattered  
out there,  
And each will be thinking of when  
our land is free,  
And they can gather with their  
loved ones,  
Around the Christmas tree.

While we here at home  
Think of Christmas past,  
And wonder how long this war will  
last,  
We wonder how long it will be  
again  
When we can repeat,  
"Peace On Earth, Good Will To-  
ward Men."  
—Inez Carnes  
A War Worker

Mrs. Edna King of Seattle, Washington is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Oldham of Jowett.

Cpl. R. D. Mason of New York, N. Y., is visiting relatives here. He plans to return to his post Sunday.

Pvt. and Mrs. Clifton Patterson of San Diego, California, are spending the holidays in Wheeler visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. R. H. Forrester was a visitor in Pampa Friday.

Rev. Audey Smith of Colorado, brother of Mrs. Cliff Weatherly, was called home Thursday because of illness in his family.

A. B. Crump was a visitor in Borger Friday.

Pfc. Johnny H. Murrell, who has been stationed at Scott Field, Ill., is here to spend the holidays with his mother of Mobeetie.

Lee Tinney and daughters, Cathryn and Christine, of Boyd, Texas spent the week end in Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Parks and daughter of Reed, Oklahoma visited his mother, Mrs. H. M. Lesser, Mr. Lesser and his brother, Luther Parks, and family, over the week end.

CM2c E. L. Dysart arrived Thursday for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Dysart, of Mobeetie. He has been in the Guadalcanal area for the past two months. Mr. Dysart made a talk Sunday at the church to hear him.



### TO EACH AND ALL

May your Christmas of 1943 approach in joyousness the carefree Christmases of early years when you dreamed of the coming of St. Nicholas.

## Wheeler Hospital



AMONG the things for which our boys are fighting is the right to celebrate Christmas in the traditional American way. It is with particular pride in our country's accomplishment in this direction and with firm faith for the future that we send you now our heartiest Christmas wishes.

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### Holiday Cheer

★ White Christmas or Green Christmas is a matter of both geography and of meteorology. But Merry Christmas is an affair of the heart. And that's the kind of a Christmas we are now wishing for you and yours as 1943 draws to a close.

Artie Lee Hunt

District Clk



TO the far corners of the globe go the Christmas wishes and packages to our boys in the service. With the new world of the future in the making we look forward hopefully to the Christmas of tomorrow, while wishing you the happiest of Christmases today.

T. L. GÜNTER

Tax Assessor-Collector

### REIGN OF CHRISTMAS

SEASON JOYOUS!  
1943

WHENCE DID THESE GLAD TIDINGS COME? NOT FROM ATHENS, NOR ROME, AT THAT TIME THE WORLD POWER. THEY CAME FROM A LITTLE COUNTRY, PALESTINE. AND NINE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY YEARS LATER THE GLAD TIDINGS COME OUT AGAIN. NEED WE ASK YOU TO WISH YOU THE FULL JOY OF THIS HOLY SEASON?

Store  
GOODS

TEXAS

### MERRY CHRISTMAS!



### JOYOUS HOLIDAY

LIGHTS ON THE FIR TREE,  
SNOW ON THE WINDOW  
LEDGE... THE JOYOUS  
FACES OF CHILDREN...

### CHRISTMAS

... MAY IT BE A VERY  
HAPPY ONE FOR YOU

Harry Wofford

County Clerk



AS one hands down a good name, Christmas each year hands down its traditions, and all are good. It has been a tradition here to regard the good will of our customers as our most precious asset. In this holiday season of 1943, we wish to you, not as a customer alone, but with our very best wishes for a...

Wheeler



... a candle in the window  
... the gleam of a star on a tree  
... the light in the eyes of a  
child on Christmas morning

But Christmas is more than these...  
how much more we cannot put into  
words, but you do know that we are  
wishing for you all that Christmas  
at its very best implies, and all that  
Christmas can bring . . . .

## CITY DRUG STORE

LONNIE LEE, Manager

Phone 33 "Where It Is a Pleasure to Please" Wheeler

### MRS. LEE GUTHRIE HOSTESS TO GROUP

Mrs. Lee Guthrie was the hostess of a theatre party Monday night, December 20. The following persons were present: MM1c Bailey Burgess, CM2c Elwyn Dysart, Mrs. Alwyn Savage, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Spence and son, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Mobley and son, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ford, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Forrester, Mrs. Vernie Hardecastle, Miss Verdie Wheeler, Clara Finsterwald, Reba Wofford, and Harry Wofford.

After the show, the group went to Mrs. Guthrie's home for refreshments and gift exchange. The game of bingo was enjoyed by all.

### MR. AND MRS. KENNEDY ENTERTAIN BRIDGE CLUB

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Kennedy entertained the Contract Bridge Club Tuesday night with a Christmas dinner and gift exchange. The evening was spent playing bridge. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hyatt, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Porter, Mr. and Mrs. R. William Brown, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Holt, Mr. and Mrs. Ansel McDowell, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Britt, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Watson, Mrs. Bronson Green, Harry Wofford, Reba Wofford, W. B. Wofford and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Kennedy. Mrs. Bronson Green won high score for the ladies and Reba Wofford

## MOUNTAIN VIEW NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Durham of Twitty visited with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Coward the early part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Oswalt and Clyde Oswalt of Pampa visited in the Frank Haynes home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hathaway and Mrs. Marvin Roberts were in Wheeler Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Eula Trimble and Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Walker were Shamrock shoppers Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Seitz were Pampa shoppers Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Haynes were Pampa shoppers Saturday.

Mrs. Walter Coward and children spent the latter part of the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Durham, of Twitty.

Mrs. M. S. Roberts and Mrs. W. H. Roberts shopped in Pampa Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Collins and Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Seitz were in Pampa on business Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hodges were in Pampa shopping Saturday.

Albert Hathaway who has been ill since in September is not doing so well at the present as he has been. The neighbors are sitting up at night now.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Seitz were in Wheeler Monday.

Mrs. Lavine Hathaway spent Saturday night in the Albert Hathaway home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Seitz, Mr. and Mrs. Doc Trimble, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thompson visited in the Frank Totty home Saturday evening.

Mrs. Bob Galmor and Mrs. J. L. Seitz were Wheeler shoppers Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Oswalt spent Sunday in the Frank Haynes home.

Mrs. Doc Trimble was a caller in the Ransom Carter home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Doc Trimble were in Pampa Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Totty were in Shamrock on business Thursday.

Mrs. Fayette Seitz visited in the parental, W. H. Roberts, home Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Totty visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Winkley, Monday.

Harry Wofford won second high. Harry Wofford won high score for the men and Buck Britt won second high. The evening was enjoyed by all.

Times Wanted—5c a line.

## WANT ADS

### FOR SALE

FOR SALE — 1 wheel trailer, good tire and extra tube. Pitty's Service Station. 2-1tc

FOR SALE — 8 x 15 brooder house. Eugene Myers, in south part of Old Mobeetie. 2-1tp

FOR SALE — 1940 model Sears Roebuck 8 ft. gas refrigerator, Deluxe model. See Curtis Pond at Nash Appliance. 2-1tc

FOR SALE — Tractor, trailer, 5 milch cows and 10 head of shoats. Ebb Farmer. 1-2tp

FOR SALE OR RENT — The East half of Section 12, Block "L", J. M. Loving survey, now occupied by Willard Ingram, about five miles southeast of Wheeler. John R. Daniel, Altus, Oklahoma. 1-tfc

FOR SALE — 160 acres of land, well improved, 5 miles northeast of Wheeler. On mail and school route. See A. A. Jones, Wheeler, Texas. 1-4tp

FOR SALE — Diamond Wedding Sets. Get one for the wife this Christmas. McDowell Drug. 52-3tc

FOR SALE — 1 sow and 7 pigs, 1 registered sow and 4 pigs, 3 calves, washing machine motor, 8-foot windmill. Darwin Traylor, Wheeler. 1-2tp

FOR SALE — Shade trees, fruit trees, shrubbery, evergreens. See Will Warren, Wheeler. 47-tfc

### FOR RENT

WILL LEASE FOR CASH — South half of section 28 near Wheeler. For further information write J. E. Bettes, Route 1, Chillicothe, Texas. 50-4tp

### MISCELLANEOUS

WANTED TO BUY any kind of used automobiles. Pitty's Service Station. —40-tfc

LOST — C gasoline book. Return to Rayburn Hall. 2-1tp

LOST — Cream colored end gate for pickup between Wheeler and Mobeetie. Reward offered, Earnest Lee. 1-4tc

POSTED, NO TRESPASSING — Positively no hunting allowed. J. A. Bryant, southwest of Wheeler. 51-4tc

WANTED TO BUY — Furs. Write for prices. A Hendershot, Canadian Texas. 52-4tp

NO HUNTING — Absolutely no hunting is allowed on the J. F. Witt farm. 51-tp

PUBLIC enemy No. 1 — ALCOHO

## MOVIE CHATTER

(By a Rogue)

### Desperadoes

For Friday-Saturday, December 25-26, the Rogue Theatre offers an all Technicolor production, Desperadoes, which stars Randolph Scott and Glen Ford. This picture has been booked with the idea of pleasing all who want to attend the movies for the holiday. It is western for those who like westerns, but it is far more than an ordinary western. It is really an outdoor epic that is sure to please all who see it, and to make it even more enhancing, Technicolor has been added. It is comparable to Western Union, Union Pacific, and other big action pictures. There will be a matinee Friday afternoon since Christmas comes on Saturday.

### You Were Never Lovelier

For Prevue-Sunday-Monday, December 26-27-28, we bring you Rita Hayworth and Fred Astaire in You Were Never Lovelier. This corner has seen the picture and can personally assure you that it is one of his favorite pictures. You will make a big mistake if you miss it. Rita has that something that the Greeks were talking about. Remember? IT was the word.

### Get Hep To Love

Now for just another little cute picture we give you Gloria Jean in Get Hep To Love for Wednesday-Thursday, December 29-30. You last saw her with Donald O'Connor in Mr. Big, and we can tell you in advance that you will like Get Hep To Love much better. It is just plain sweet, not big, not spectacular, not glamorous. You will just plain like it because it is so down right simple.

## Merry C



All during the holiday season, we are fully of those who are loyal to our progress. At this Christmas season we send you our thanks.

It has been a real privilege to serve you and we look forward to that privilege and pleasure during the coming year.

All the girls at the store join me in heartiest holiday greetings and best wishes for your health, happiness and prosperity during nineteen forty-four.

Victory, for which all lovers of freedom have made sacrifices, is in sight. With it may a just and lasting peace be ours to enjoy always.

Ansel McDowell  
Ruby Green Mary Helen Jones  
Virginia Ladd

## McDowell Drug Co.

We Fill Any Doctor's Prescription

ANSEL McDOWELL, Manager-Pharmacist Phone 11—Wheeler

# PUBLIC SALE

As I am leaving the state, I will sell my entire list of household goods, complements and stock to the highest bidder on what is known as the Bradley farm 2 1/2 miles west and 3/4 mile north of Mayfield; or 5 miles south and 1/2 mile west of Sweetwater; or 9 miles north and 2 1/2 miles west of Erick on

## Wednesday, Dec. 29, 1943

STARTING PROMPTLY AT 10:30 A. M.

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY

### 91—CATTLE—91

25—Extra good milk cows, 16 milking now, giving from 3 to 5 1/2 gallons each per day 22 of the above cows are from 2 to 6 years old 3—Old cows but still milking good.

### 16—SPRINGER HEIFERS—16

16—Black, roan and whiteface heavy springer heifers. All bred to black Angus bull

### 20—CALVES—20

20—Coming yearling calves, black, red and whiteface calves, wt. from 200 to 400 lbs. each.

### 10—STEERS—10

10—Steers, mostly black, wt. from 600 to 950 pounds

### 2—STOCK COWS—2

1—Red cow, 8 yrs. old  
1—Whiteface cow, 3 yrs. old

### 16—BABY CALVES—16

16—Baby calves

### 2—BULLS—2

1—Black Angus bull, coming 3 yrs. old  
1—Jersey bull, 2 yrs. old

### 38—HOGS—38

6—White sows, wt. 375 to 450  
3—Registered Poland China sows, wt. 400 to 500  
1—White sow, wt. 240  
1—Spotted gilt, wt. 175  
1—White gilt, wt. 240  
1—Black boar shoat, wt. 140, could be registered  
25—Shoats, wt. 40 to 140 lbs. each

### 2—HORSES—2

1—Sorrell saddle horse, gaited, 6 yrs. old. No blemishes, wt. 1150  
1—Brown saddle horse, smooth mouth, wt 1000

### CHICKENS

100—Extra nice brown Leghorn hens, just starting to lay

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED BY THE MAYFIELD HOME

TERMS — All sums of ten dollars and under are cash, over that November 1, 1944 on approved notes. Farmers National Bank of notes. Everything to be settled for on day of sale. Nothing to be settled for.

## Harvey E. Thompson

OTHO STEPHENS, Auctioneer

## Wet Wash Laundry Service

Beginning January 1, we will offer the public Wet Wash Laundry Service at the rate of

4c Per Pound

We will not be able to pick up and deliver your laundry bundles.

Lots of Steam and Hot, Soft Water

## Joe Ing Laundry

In Porter Building just west of City Drug



## CHRISTMAS CHEER 1943

TO EVERYONE

and we do mean every one of our faithful friends who, during the past year, have patronized us. We sincerely hope we have served you well during the past year and our best wishes for the future.

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Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a little boy six years old. I would like for you to bring me an Indian suit, a boat and gun and don't forget other little boys and girls. I will be looking for you.  
Donald Oglesby,  
Wheeler

Dearest Santa Claus,  
I am a little boy two years old. I have been good this year. I want you to bring me a soldier boy, a doll, airplane, tank truck and Wilma Jean and I a table and chairs to eat on. Bring me lots of candy, nuts and fruits. Above all Santa, don't forget the other little boys and girls.  
Love,  
Wilbur Glenn Keeton  
Mobeette

Dear Santa Claus,  
Could you please bring me a little table and two chairs, some doll dishes, and some new clothes for the doll you brought last year. I am four and one-half years old and I help my mother work. Thank you, Santa, for whatever you can bring me.  
Your friend,  
Kathryn Sue Younger

... And a Doll'



Not even Santa Claus, who has heard all the stories, could resist the blandishments of this young charmer. If she doesn't get her way, Santa's reputation for generosity is pretty well exploded.

Dear Santa,  
We have been very good this year but don't want much for there are so many children for you to come to see. Please bring me a blue bath robe, a PT boat, a gun, and a blackboard. Jacquelyn would like a Cheniz animal and a doll.  
Thank you very much,  
C. G. and Jacquelyn Dodd  
Amarillo



Season's Greetings

We've been thinking, folks, that you've been very good to us during 1943, and right now is the most appropriate time to thank you. So thanks, everybody, and a very happy Christmas!

THE PERMANENT WAVE SHOP  
Operators:  
Ann Pitcock — Veloise Green  
PHONE 31

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a little girl seven years old and my first year in school. I have tried to be very good so please bring me and my little brother what you can spare. I would like to have a doll with hair and one that cries and a nurses set and if you can afford it, I would like to have some dishes. My little brother wants a red wagon and teddy bear. Bring us some candy, apples and nuts. Don't forget all my friends at school.  
Love,  
Beverly Tucker,  
Texola, Oklahoma

Dear Santa,  
I should like a house coat, a pair of skates, two gold fish and some war stamps to go in my stamp book as I am trying to get enough to get me a bond. I also want some candy and nuts. Please remember all the rest of the girls and boys and also all our boys over seas.  
Your friend,  
Betty Sue Asbery,  
Wheeler

would like for you to bring her a doll. You may bring anything else you think we would like, Santa.  
Lots of love,  
E. J., B F. 3rd, and  
Von Nell Meadows  
Briscoe

Dear Santa Claus,  
How are you? I want a set of dishes and a doll, and a pair of slacks. I would like a sack of candy and some nuts. Please don't forget all the other girls and boys.  
Your friend,  
Joyce Janette Asbery

is nearing Christmas time, is my first time to write to get my letter off in a big, husky, seventeen boy. I have been a very boy so I know you couldn't bring me a few toys such as elephant, dolls, pandas, etc. of fruit, nuts and some member my mom and dad, the service, also Grandpar-Wheeler and at Twitty. our little freind, Frankie Gene Havenhill Wheeler do not forget to bring me for we are very good



\* It's just about time for that perennial paratrooper, Santa Claus, to start his friendly invasion. We just want to say we hope he makes a happy landing, right in your home, bringing you more Christmas cheer than you've ever had before.

W. E. Pennington & Son  
"THE OLDEST STORE IN TOWN"  
WHEELER

**TIRES**  
Just received a large shipment of the **FAMOUS GATES PASSENGER TIRES** including 16, 17, 18, and 19 inch sizes  
**SEE US FIRST**  
We have the tires and can save you money. TRUCK TIRES scarce, but we still have a supply on hand.  
**The Tower Service Station**  
One 24  
Amarock, Texas  
Open Day and Night

**WAR WORKERS NEEDED**  
ON  
**Pacific Northwest Construction Project**  
E. I. DuPONT DE NEMOURS & COMPANY, INC.  
**TRANSPORTATION ADVANCED**  
**ATTRACTIVE SCALE OF WAGES**  
Week 54 hours—time and one-half for work in excess of 40 hours.  
**Ironworkers and Carpenters Needed**  
**MUST BE CITIZEN OF U. S. A.**  
**IMMEDIATE COMPLETE LIVING FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR ALL MEN EMPLOYED!**  
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ed full time at their highest skill in y will not be considered.  
**APPLY**  
**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE**  
**COMMISSION**  
Pampa, Texas

**Christmas 1943 SEASON'S CHEER**

THE STAGE COACH has given place to the streamliner. The electric light has snuffed out the soft-beamed candle. Tinkling sleigh bells are drowned in the roar of motor horns. But who will say that Christmas has lost its charm? With Christmas at hand we renew our pledge of devotion to ideals of honest dealing, and express our appreciation of your friendship for us during 1943.

"HEAP ON MORE WOOD, THE WIND IS CHILL;  
BUT LET IT WHISTLE AS IT WILL,  
WE'LL KEEP OUR MERRY CHRISTMAS STILL!"

**Wheeler Cotton Oil Co.**

**Have a Coca-Cola = Haere Mai!**  
(BE WELCOME)

... or being neighborly in New Zealand

There are several ways for the Yank to be welcomed in New Zealand. But no quicker way to win and hold friends than to say *Have a "Coke"*. For this cheery invitation is welcomed in Wellington as in Wilkes-Barre. It says, *Put 'er there*, in any land. From the equator to the poles Coca-Cola stands for *the pause that refreshes*—the tie that binds good neighbors all over the world.

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**SHAMROCK COCA-COLA BOTTLING COMPANY**  
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**LOCAL NEWS ITEMS**

Misses Celeste and Melba Wiley are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Wiley, Celeste and Melba are attending TSCW at Denton.

Slc W. C. Noah left Saturday for San Francisco, California. He is stationed on Treasure Island.

Slc Ollie Burton returned Saturday to Norman, Oklahoma, where he is stationed.

Miss Pauline Miller of Edmond, Oklahoma is visiting her parents during the holidays.

R. J. Holt, Jr. is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Holt, Sr., during the Christmas holidays. R. J. is attending a military school in Stephenville, Texas.

Albert Holcomb of Kelton was a visitor in Wheeler Friday.

Lt. and Mrs. Alvie O. Vanpool went to Levelland Saturday to visit her brother, Herman Whitener, and family. They returned to Wheeler Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Whitener and children returned Saturday from a business trip to Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Mauney and daughter, Doris, of Borger visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hyatt and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hyatt over the week end.

Mrs. A. B. Crump was in Pampa visiting Friday.

Mrs. Frank Hyatt was a visitor in Pampa Friday.

W. O. Turlington spent a few days in Pampa last week. His daughter, Laverna, is working in a grocery store there now.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Britt of Grenville, N. M., are visitors in Wheeler this week.

Mrs. Carrol Adams of Houston visited Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Adams and daughter, Mrs. Bonnie Harmon, last week. She returned to Houston last Friday.

Louis Craig, who is attending school in Dallas, is spending the Christmas holidays in Wheeler.

Eugene Mathews of McMurry College is visiting his parents in Jowett during the holidays.

Tobe Giles and son, Edward, and Tom Sappington of Borger visited friends in Wheeler Sunday.

**1944 Farm Machinery Repair Parts Will Be Double 1943 Output**

Manufacture of repair parts for farm machinery in 1944 will not be restricted, and production of needed types of equipment will be about double the output of 1943. This outlook is based upon the total overall materials authorized by the War Production Board for making, planting, tillage and harvesting equipment during the year. Comparably, it is about 80 per cent of the 1940 production, a year in which manufacture was relatively large.

According to information from the War Food Administration to the A. and M. College Extension Service, sufficient tonnage of carbon steel has been authorized to manufacturers to meet the entire machinery and repair parts schedule for domestic use.

The WFA explains that the improved outlook for 1944 permits a reduction in the number of types of machinery which it will be necessary to ration compared with the rationing schedules of this year. And, incidentally, neither attachments nor repair parts for next year are subject to rationing and distribution. Distribution control will be necessary on only 46 types of machines and rationing control on only 3. As a consequence more nearly normal trade relationships will exist between farmers, dealers and manufacturers, the agency forecasts.

It is disclosed that production from July 1 to September 30, the first quarter of the 1943-44 program of spring-use equipment, including land preparation machinery, seeding equipment, tillage tools and similar items, amounted to 760,500 units. During the four months ending October 31, the total tractor production for farm use was slightly more than 25 per cent of the year's production schedule.

According to the WFA's analysis of the farm equipment situation, the tight spot will be hauling vehicles, including trucks and replacement tires for trucks now in operation.

**Need Little to Keep Faith With Children at Yule**

Tonight, perhaps some soldier is less lonely because he remembers the sled or drum or train he found beneath his Christmas tree one morning long ago.

It takes so little to keep faith with the children. Madame Schumann-Heinck remembered one Christmas all her life. She was perhaps seven or eight when times were very hard and it did not seem as if very much was going to be left for her. But on Christmas morning, the little girl found she had been remembered. Her treasure? It was an orange, round and yellow, and her very own. Just one orange saved that Christmas day for all eternity. Years later, a famous lady realized the love and sacrifice and ideals that orange represented.

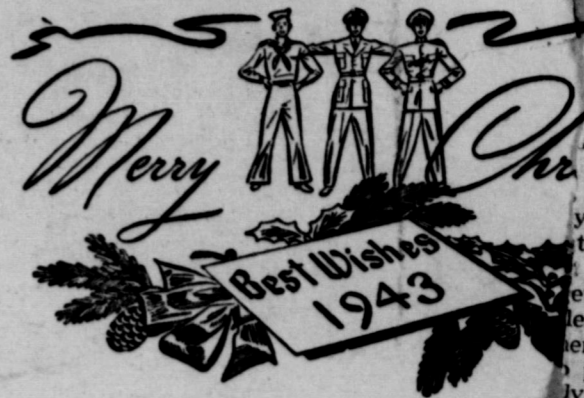
Mary Lou McIlhany of Chicago is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. McIlhany. She is here on an indefinite visit.

Mrs. G. H. Mains of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, is spending the holidays with her granddaughter Mrs. Fred Ashley, and family.

Billy Candler, who is attending college in Denton, arrived Saturday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Candler.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Cantrell of Fort Worth visited Mrs. Holt Green Saturday.

Bill Wiley is spending the holidays Saturday in Shamoc...



The approaching holiday season makes us appreciate more than ever before the priceless value of our friends and custom like yourself. It reminds us, too, of the sacrifices being made by many of our friends now in the service of Uncle Sam. To you, and to all these, go our thanks for your patronage in 1943, and our wishes for a joyous holiday.

**M'ILHANY**  
For Everything You Wear

WHEELER



As you tie up your Christmas packages think of us. We'll be thinking of you... thinking of how good you've been to us in 1943 and of what a pleasure it has been to serve you. And we'll be wishing you a very Merry Christmas.

**CITY BAKERY**

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Williamson



**Holiday Cheer**

It's about time for us to wake up and thank our many friends and customers for their valued patronage during 1943. We cannot tell you how much we appreciate your kindness. May your Christmas be very, very happy.

**JACO'S CAFE**

**MERRIE CHRISTMAS 1943**



GENTLE WORDS, OPEN HEARTS, WILLING HANDS, SOFT MUSIC, FRIENDSHIP, LOVE... THIS IS CHRISTMAS! MAY IT BRING YOU HAPPINESS AND JOY BEYOND EXPRESSION...

Mr. and Mrs. O. Nations

**GIVE DAD**

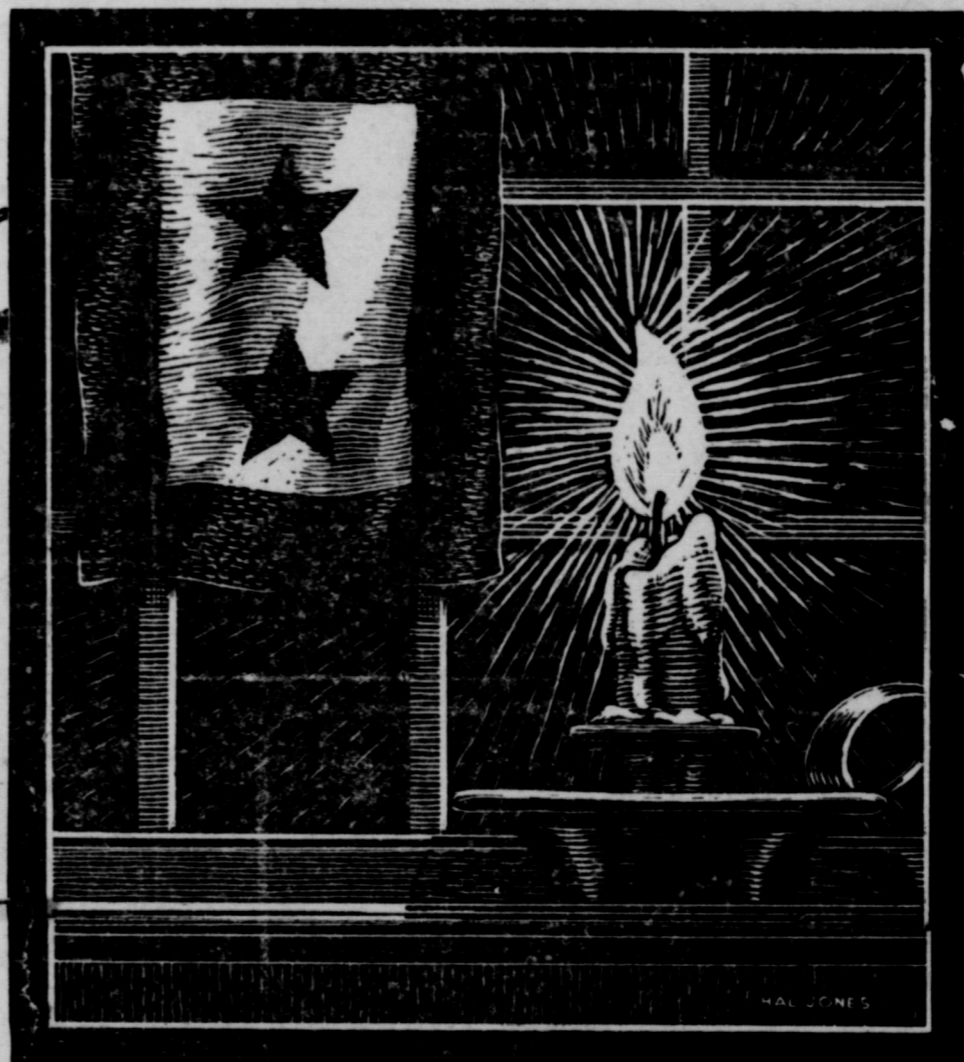


**PARMAK**  
PRECISION  
**ELECTRIC FENCER**

What better present could you give Dad than one that will save him hours of hard labor, time and money through the years to come? Parmak is a quality fencer. This year give quality. 5-year service guarantee. World's largest selling brand. Immediate delivery.

**NASH APPLIANCE & SUPPLY CO.**

Special Farm Machinery Wheeler



That there shall *always* be a Christmas

Is it worth it?...the blood, sweat and tears—the deprivations and sacrifices of our sons, husbands and loved ones.

Is it worth it?...to preserve and safeguard the right to think and speak and act as free human beings—to love and fight for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Our men in uniform and their loved ones at home know the answer. They are giving this answer to our enemies in deeds marked with courage and heroism. They are determined to restore to people the right to observe Christmas as they choose—to make that Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men will again prevail.

★ UNITED GAS PIPE LINE COMPANY ★ UNION PRODUCING COMPANY  
And Associated Company

Production and transmission of natural gas and oil are essential to winning the war—V.