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Air Attacks Hit Arawe, Other Bases

FIRST EXCLUSIVE PICTURES OR BELIN AFTER GREAT R. A. F. RAIDS

REDS ANNOUNCE MORE GAINS IN UKRAINE

LONDON, Dec. 16 (UP)— Moscow told the world Wednesday that the Russians had recaptured sixteen more towns in the Ukraine where battle raged from the captured town of Cherkasy to within five miles of Smela. At the same time the Germans announced two powerful Russian drives in White Russia, possibly presenting a powerful winter drive. The Russians also reported that German forces counterattacking toward Kiev were shoved back from several populated places south of Malin while a Russian drive toward Kirovograd in the South Ukraine gained improved positions.

A Reuters report that the Russians had succeeded in linking their Kremenchug and Cherkasy bridgeheads across the Middle Dnieper was not specifically confirmed. The town of Lomnivat, fifteen miles southeast of Cherkasy and twenty miles east of Smela, was captured, indicating that a junction, if not made, would not be long delayed.

The most important advance of the day was the capture of Byelore, a rail station five miles north east of Smela, an important communications hub.

From Berlin came reports of two Soviet drives which may prove the most significant operations now under way on the long Russian front. For the second day, the Russians attacked with perhaps 60,000 men and three tank brigades in the area south of Nevel, where the Red army was but seventy miles from the Latvian border, a Nazi broadcast said. The Germans admitted sixteen waves of attack in one sector and conceded some breaches made in their lines.

The second attack was in southern White Russia, where the Red army forces which captured Gornel were reported to have begun a thrust with two tank brigades toward the rail junction of Zlobin, ten miles west of advanced Russian positions.

L. P. Garrett Vice President Of Gulf Dies

L. P. Garrett, 63, vice-president of the Gulf Oil Corporation, died at his home in Houston Monday, following a long period of ill health. He was a brother of Mrs. D. J. Switzer and Miss Lela Garrett of Manum.

Born at LaGrange, Georgia, Oct. 26, 1880, Garrett moved to Texas in the early nineties. He was a graduate of the DeLeon public schools and in 1899 entered the Texas State University. In 1901 he entered the employ of the Rio Bravo Oil Company and a few years later joined the Gulf. Garrett retired from active business in 1941, but was recalled to duty when Gen. Walter B. Ryan was recalled to army service.

Survivors include the widow, 2 daughters and 3 sons of Houston.

Jim Ballard Dies At Home In Cisco

Jim Ballard, Cisco produce merchant, died at Cisco Tuesday afternoon. Funeral services were held at Gorman, his former home, at 3:00 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Baptist church. Interment was in the Gorman cemetery.

The deceased, about 80 years old, was in the produce business in Gorman for a number of years, moving from there to Winters and from the latter place to Cisco. Survivors include the widow and five children, three girls and two boys.



SOME EFFECTS OF THE GREAT R. A. F. RAIDS ON BERLIN are shown in these exclusive photos taken in the German capital after one of the major assaults. The blazing building at left is described as an American church, set afire by bombs. Siam, only surviving elephant in the Berlin zoo, is pictured above standing outside his damaged quarters. Estimates of the number of Berlin buildings destroyed or badly damaged in the heavy raids are as high as 25 to 30 per cent. (International Radiophotos)

New Operations Of Commercial Vehicles Curbed

Heretofore, the ODT has had the policy of issuing Certificates of War Necessity to all truck operators who applied and could prove that they were conducting bona fide commercial vehicles operations, not prohibited by ODT orders. So far the ODT has confined its efforts to eliminating the waste in truck operations and service, and to saving mileage, rather than prohibiting some operations entirely. However, the increasingly critical truck situation now makes it mandatory that a careful evaluation of new operations requiring additional truck mileage be made in the light of their value to the war effort and the civilian economy.

Under the regulations now ordered, ODT General Orders have been amended in the following manner:

"On and after October 25, 1943 no person without prior approval of the Office of Defense Transportation, shall extend or inaugurate over-the-road service (beyond 25 miles from base of operation) or local delivery service as a motor carrier over a route to within a territory not being served by such person as a motor carrier on that date.

"No approval will be granted unless the extension or inauguration of service is shown to be necessary to the war effort or to the maintenance of essential civilian economy. Any application for such approval shall be in writing and shall contain the name, address and principal place of business of applicant, a specific description of the route or routes over which, or the territory within which, an extension or inauguration of service is proposed and a full statement of the fact upon which the application is based."

This means that on any application for a proposed new operation valuable time can be saved by presenting all statements which prove conclusively that the new or additional service will aid directly in the prosecution of the war. Conforming statements from employers, contractors, or other responsible persons familiar with the need of such service, should accompany the application.

Pvt. S. L. Kim Is In Basic Training

Camp Wolters, Tex.—Pvt. Stacy Lavoice Kim, 18, husband of Mrs. Lavoice Kim, of Route 1, Ranger, Texas, has arrived at this Infantry Replacement Training Center to begin his basic training as an infantryman. He has been assigned to a battalion stressing rifle training.

Victory Council Leaders To Meet At Court House

A most important meeting of all Victory Council leaders is being held Friday December 17th, at 2:00 p. m. at the County Court room, Eastland, Texas.

The purpose of the meeting is to give some thought to the seriousness of the 1944 Food Production Program. The fact that some are leaving the farms, some of them through necessity and others through the desire to make some of the so-called "easy money" offered in other fields, is presenting a problem that may bring about a food shortage.

It behooves each member of the Agriculture Victory Council as well as every other thinking person to familiarize themselves with the overall picture of the Agriculture Situation. In order that everybody may be better informed, Miss Vivian Talley who is Field Representative of T. & P. Railroad has a plan to offer which will furnish temporary work for those that need employment until crop time. The public is invited to attend this meeting.

Officers for Victory Council for 1944 will be elected at this meeting.

Livestock Men Invited To Meet At Court House

All county livestock men are urged to be present for a meeting at ten o'clock a. m., Friday, December 17th, at the County Court Room, Eastland.

The purpose of the meeting is to organize an Eastland County Livestock Raisers Association. Through this organization, a better livestock program will be encouraged. Every livestock producer is urged to attend and help to formulate plans for the coming year.

Campus Directory Sabotages Soldier

EUGENE, Ore. (UP)—Editors of the University of Oregon student directory recently made a left handed mistake while placing an asterisk before the name of each married student—soldier or civilian—on the campus.

When Pfc. Edward L. Amonette saw an asterisk before his name he charged the editors with sabotage, pointing out they lowered his morale to the breaking point.

In indignance he wrote to the student paper: "Please inform the public that I Edward L. Amonette, am not married, not even engaged. "P. S.—Interested co-eds may reach me by calling 533."

War Manpower Regulations Are Listed By WMC

E. C. Logsdon, Abilene Area Manpower Commission Director, stated today that several inquiries have been received from employers as to which applicants should have a Statement of Availability before being hired by them.

Logsdon pointed out that workers who have been employed by an essential employer during the past 60 days may be hired by another essential employer solely upon the presentation of a Statement of Availability. He stated further that these same workers could not be hired by a less essential employer regardless of their possession and without the consent of the United States Employment Service. This consent of the USES may be verbal, by letter, or with a card ordinarily used by the USES to refer workers to a job.

One of the objectives of the program is to keep in essential work those workers presently engaged in essential work; therefore, if essential jobs are available to which these workers might be referred, consent will not be given to a less essential employer to hire them.

In some cases, Logsdon said, the USES will refer a worker to an essential employer without a statement of availability. This is done when the worker has not been engaged in essential employment during the preceding sixty-day period, or the worker has been on an essential job which was not utilizing him full time or at his highest skill. In either of these instances the referral card or letter should be maintained by the employer, in lieu of the Statement of Availability, as evidence that the hiring was consented to by the USES.

Any employer may hire a worker who has not been employed by an essential employer during the past sixty days without consent of the United States Employment Service, and a Statement of Availability is not required.

Logsdon expressed appreciation for the interest shown by employers in this area and the cooperation they are giving the War Manpower Commission and its programs.

10 o'clock Isn't What It Seems

FORT WORTH, Tex. (UP)—When is 10 o'clock not 10 o'clock? A local bowling alley owner says when it is 10 o'clock, it is really nine o'clock and that 10 o'clock just isn't 10 o'clock as far as violating the child labor law goes.

The man is being charged with working a 15 year old boy after 10 p. m. in violation of child labor regulations.

"That," says an attorney for the bowling alley owner, "is war time and the child labor law was written for solar time, long before war time was ever thought of."

Supervisors Of Soil Work Are Meeting In Cisco

CISCO, Dec. 14.—Supervisors from Texas' 106 soil conservation and wind erosion districts that cover three-fourths of the state's farms and ranches are meeting here today and tomorrow to exchange information on erosion control and moisture conservation farming and ranching.

Members of the Texas State Soil Conservation Board which administers the state law under which the districts were organized are attending the meeting here. They are Walter W. Cardwell, chairman, Luling; W. M. Deck, Perryton; H. F. Fawcett, Del Rio; J. P. Martin, Martinsville, and C. M. Caraway, DeLeon. V. C. Marshall of Temple is administrator for the board, and Howard Goss, field representative.

Supervisors were welcomed by Mayor Edward Lee in a meeting at 10 a. m., Tuesday in the Laguna Hotel. Following an address by President Manford, Secretary Wood presented a report on the progress of organization and operation in the Texas soil conservation and wind erosion districts. He reported that approximately 17,700 Texas farmers and ranchmen already are cooperating with the districts in the establishment of conservation practices on about 7,530,000 acres.

State Representative W. R. Chambers of May was the first speaker of the afternoon session. W. E. Moncrief, Dalworth Soil Conservation District, Arlington, will discuss "District Needs."

Beskow Rounding Out 35 Years Of Business Career

Twenty-five years of fair dealing with the public.

That is the enviable record of Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Beskow of the Beskow Jewelry and Optical company, who are rounding 25 years of business in the County. They first entered business at Gorman, later coming to Eastland where they have been for the past 15 years, most all of this time at their present location.

Dr. Beskow, an optician, devotes his time largely to his practice in that line, and over the years has been practicing, has built up a long list of friends and satisfied patrons.

Mrs. Beskow, with her pleasing personality and expert knowledge of the jewelry business, devotes her time mostly to the gift and jewelry line and the fact that the name Beskow is immediately recognized anywhere in this section when better gifts and jewelry are being considered, is proof plenty of her success.

Mrs. Irene King and Miss Mable Hart are popular employees of the firm. Mrs. King having been with them for many years and Miss Hart for a lesser time.

Harry B. Sone Is Speaker Before Local Lions Club

H. B. Sone, Eastland postal employee, spoke before the Eastland Lions club, Tuesday, giving some interesting history and facts about the United States postal system as well as that of a number of ancient countries.

Less Short of the Lamb Motor Company, and J. C. Koen of the Koen Auto Wrecking Service, were voted to membership in the club at Tuesday's meeting.

Visitors at Tuesday's meeting included Brann Garner of Ranger and F. L. Luthers of Dallas, the former, the guest of Lion R. V. Galloway, and the latter the guest of Lion Glenn Jones.

Victor Cornelius will have charge of the program at the next meeting of the club, which will be on December 28 as there will be no meeting next Tuesday. For the week of January 4th, Frank Crowell will have charge of the program.

Lion Conrad Reeves, chairman of the program committee, announced that the meeting Tuesday would be his last to attend for a while as he was "taking off for Tokyo."

Hunter Hangs up Cap After Thief's Haul

PORTLAND, Ore. (UP) When Emon Chaloupka returned the other day from visiting his son Chick, a naval reservist, enrolled in officers' training at the University of California, he found all his hunting equipment had been stolen. His two prized shotguns, his favorite deer rifles and 95 boxes of shells were gone.

Chaloupka was little consoled by the knowledge that they were stolen.

"Maybe I could borrow a gun" he wailed, "but where could I get a single box of shells?"

Girl Blasts Vet For Sitting In Bus

KANKAKEE, Ill. (UP)—Joe Smith, 23, Kankakee, sank gratefully into an empty seat after a strenuous day.

"Why don't you give up your seat?" demanded an irate girl, who stood in the aisle near Smith. "Why aren't you in the Army, any way, you 4-F?"

"Sure," replied Smith, "I'm 4-F. That's why I'm sitting down." He turned to look at the window and the girl glared at him.

Late Bulletin

WASHINGTON, (UP)—The Senate Finance Committee today voted to add \$540,000,000 to the individual income tax burden, raising the new tax bill yield to \$2,395,000,000, an increase of \$225,000,000 over the house figure.

GERMANS RAIN DESTRUCTION ON BARI PORT

WASHINGTON, (UP)—German bombers in a devastating and virtually unopposed surprise attack on the Italian Adriatic port of Bari sank 17 Allied ships and caused 1,000 casualties, official sources said today.

In the attack, carried out by 35 or 40 bombers on Dec. 2, the German bombs plus resulting explosion of two ammunition ships, damaged many more United Nations ships, one source said.

The Allies had no air coverage over Bari at the time it was learned, despite its vital importance as chief supply depot for the British Eighth Army and other forces operating on the Eastern side of Italy.

From official sources it was learned that the Bari raid was far more destructive than was indicated by Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson at a news conference today.

J. G. Kim Buried In Ranger At 2 O'Clock Saturday

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Church of Christ in Ranger for Jasper Green Kim, who died at his home in Ranger, December 10. Wesley Mickey, minister of the church was in charge of the services and Morris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Interment was in the Evergreen cemetery.

The deceased who was born in Dallas county and had made his home in Ranger for the last 19 years. He was a member of the Church of Christ and was an elder in the Ranger church.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Andora Kim, three sons as follows: Lester Kim, John C. Kim, and Irby Kim, all of Ranger; two daughters, Mrs. M. E. Koenig of Gordon, Mrs. Ralph Foster of Worth; one brother, E. V. Kim of Seagraves; two sisters, Mrs. C. T. McMahon of Weatherford and Mrs. C. H. Poland of Arlington. Six grandchildren also survive. Pallbearers were E. H. Bobo, Jr., E. R. Green, J. E. Meroney, Edwin George, Jr., Charles Bobo and J. C. Love.

Lift Ban For U. S. Civilians At Eire Border

BELEFAST, Northern Ireland (UP)—American civilian technicians employed on projects in Northern Ireland are gloating over their American Army colleagues because they once more are permitted to sample the bright lights and ample food of neutral Eire while it still is out of bounds for the soldiers.

Properly impressed with instructions about behaviour, the technicians are allowed to sample Dublin's wares, but they are warned not to attempt smuggling any of them back across the border.

The ban on Army and Navy personnel crossing the Irish border, even in mufti, rankles, particularly in the sentimental Irish hearts of American soldiers whose families have old homesteads in County Cork, and elsewhere.

One American corporation limits to 40 the number of civilian employees who can travel to Dublin each week end. Each man is given a warning:

"Each employee is warned that while in Eire his conduct must be exemplary. It cannot be emphasized too strongly that conversation with strangers on any aspect of the war is dangerous. Remember while in Eire you are on holiday. Discussion of your job is not necessary," the company warns.

Potential smugglers are tipped that border police are "polite and courteous, yet smart and very tough if necessary."

ACTIVITIES IN AREA POINT TO EARLY INROADS ON NEW BRITAIN

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS in Southwest Pacific—(UP)—Predictions of an early invasion of New Britain, seat of Japan's Rabaul naval base, were heightened today by a smashing aerial bombardment of the Arawe Peninsula and nearby possible assault points.

Waves of bombers knocked out Japanese machine gun and anti-aircraft posts, installations, communication camp areas and trails around Amalut Plantation. The plantation extends from two and one half miles east of Cape Mokus along the coast to about 1,000 yards past the Cape.

Liberators, Mitchells and attack bombers came in at intervals of a few minutes to blast Pileo Island, just off shore, Kumbin Island, two miles west of Cape Mokus and Arawe.

The deluge of explosives on Arawe, a Japanese shipping base, was a record load laid on any enemy base on New Britain, the highest previous being 350 tons dropped on Rabaul last Oct. 12, when 177 planes visited the harbor base.

MacArthur's communique said that Admiral William F. Halsey's planes hammered Japanese positions on Bougainville Island, in the Solomons, with 134 tons of bombs continuing the blasting of enemy airfields and depots which was resumed a few days ago with clearing weather.

Says V-Gardens Are Here To Stay

CHICAGO, (UP)—Many victory garden enthusiasts are convinced the gardens will become a permanent part of American life.

Paul R. Farlow, general agricultural agent for the Illinois Central Railroad, shares the opinion after talks with many gardeners who planted crops along the railroad's right of way.

The Illinois Central was one of several roads to make their right of ways available to victory gardeners, and was awarded a plaque from the National Victory Garden Institute for stimulating interest in the gardens.

RATION REMINDER

Gasoline—In states outside the east coast area, A-9 coupons are good through January 21.

Sugar—Stamp No. 29 in book four is good for 5 pounds through January 15.

Shoes—Stamp No. 1-8 in book one is good for 1 pair. Stamp No. 1 on the "Airplane" sheet in book three is good for one pair.

Meats, Fats—Brown stamps L, M, N, and P is good through January 1, 1944. Brown stamps Q becomes good December 19 and remains good through January 1, 1944.

Processed Foods—Green stamps A, B, and C in book four is good through December 20. Green stamps D, E, and F in book four is good through January 20.

Eastland Youth Dies From Car Wreck Injuries

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon from the Hamner Funeral Home in Eastland for Lloyd Trueman Morren, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Morren of Eastland, who died just after 12 o'clock Saturday night in a Cisco hospital from injuries sustained Wednesday when the car in which he was driving overturned on the highway near Cisco. Interment was in the Eastland cemetery.

Rev. H. J. Starnes, pastor of the Eastland Baptist church, officiated.

Survivors include the parents and six brothers and four sisters. Young Morren had volunteered to service in the United States Navy and was due to leave for induction December 22nd.

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MOSCOW TELLS OF RUSSIAN GAINS IN BEND

LONDON, Dec. 14, (UP)—According to information released by Moscow Monday, the Russian army has hurled back the Germans in the great battle for Kiev and has recaptured a number of German defense points in the push of the big Kremenchug bridgehead.

Perhaps indicating they had broken the back of the German command's great, weeks-long assault on the Soviet lines west of Kiev, which already had pushed the Red army back thirty miles

from Korosten, the Russians announced in their daily communiqués that Red Army men continued to wage engagements against enemy infantry and tank formations, a result of which they improved their positions.

This great battle, into which the Germans have thrown nearly 2,000 tanks and have had hundreds destroyed, was taking place south of Malin, fifty-five miles west of Kiev.

The tide of battle began turning Saturday, as the Russians launched their first counterattacks against the Germans and continued Sunday as Soviet forces regained several populated places.

Dispatches directly from the front to the Moscow newspaper Pravda indicated that the new turn in the fighting was due largely to a reappearance of Soviet planes after weeks of inactivity fanned by inclement weather.

With strong aerial support, the Red army threw back enemy tank forces which had advanced to the

Enemy Prisoners Of War In U. S. Number 170,000

By Reuel S. Moore
United Press Staff Correspondent
WASHINGTON, Dec. 11. (UP)—Enemy prisoners of war in this country now number approximately 170,000. It was declared today at the War Department as censorship relaxed some of the restrictions on information concerning prisoners.

Of these, about 120,000 are Germans and 50,000 are Italians. In October it was announced there were approximately 140,000 prisoners here, about three quarters being German.

Japanese prisoners are negligible since the Japanese usually fight until the bitter end, preferring death to imprisonment. The latest figure on Japanese prisoners, issued last July, showed only 62 in the United States. There are only a handful more now, it was understood.

Relatively few Italians have arrived lately and despite the changed status of Italy—now a co-belligerent—Italian prisoners' status in this country has undergone little change. One concession has been made: Prisoners who have been here six months and have proved trustworthy are permitted to go from camp to work without being under guard.

Prisoners are housed in more than 56 permanent and numerous temporary camps throughout the United States.

Malin sector, said Pravda's dispatches. Soviet Stormovik bombers were permitted to take the air again after winter winds dispersed low-hanging clouds which had kept the planes grounded.

After bringing in tanks and infantry on what the Moscow radio described as an extravagant scale in his effort to break through to Kiev, German Field Marshal Gen. Fritz von Manstein apparently now will be overborne within a short time unless he can rebound with more powerful forces.

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PILOT TELLS OF FIRST RAID ON MUNDA BASE

RANDOLPH FIELD, Tex. — The fighter pilot who led against the Japanese, but says the first strafing raid on Munda will remain in the South Pacific is back at longest in his memory.

He is a slender, blue-eyed fellow who lived within 200 yards of the Japanese lines while he fought them in their own air.

Now an instructor-trainee in the bomber training group, 26-year-old Capt. James D. McLanahan fought with the first group of Army pilots to land at Tokyo's back door in the uncertain months immediately following Pearl Harbor. He has flown a total of 200 operational hours ago.

The Americans McLanahan says

know the Japs were building an air strip on Munda, but didn't know the exact location. McLanahan and three other pilots, all flying single-engine P-39's, set out one day to find and strafe the locale. However, they could detect nothing unusual in the target area—there was no fighter interception; no anti-aircraft opposition. At length, they spotted a line of trees that looked a little different from the surrounding terrain. To the pilots, the trees seemed spaced a little wider apart than usual.

The Americans swooped down to investigate, skimming low over the coconut palms.

McLanahan reports a strange thing happened then. The pilots felt a partial loss of orientation. They fell as though their planes were climbing, but a quick check of their instruments revealed they were in level flight.

"Fuddeley," McLanahan recalls, "it struck us that nothing was wrong with us at all. It was the trees. They were bending back under the air stream of our propellers."

The creep went back over the area, tightening up their formation, and played their airstreams along the tree tops. The palm trees leaned back, fell against each other and collapsed to the ground. Below were six trucks and streams of Nipponese working on the runway.

For thirty minutes, the four fighter pilots strafed the runway. First, they wrecked the trucks, then strafed the workmen, who, McLanahan says, "fell like blades of grass under a lawn mower."

The youthful combat veteran explained that the Japs apparently had sawed off the coconut palms at their bases, dragged them to the area and nipped them up with wires.

The initial strafing raid on Munda was one of 85 missions. Captain McLanahan flew against the Japs. His vocabulary was peppered with references to "Washboard Charlie," "Louie the Louse" and "Reveille Joe," three Japs who flew a war of nerves against the Americans. They took turns carrying out a flying sentry duty over the American base at night to keep the fliers from much-needed sleep. The first arrived at nine, stayed until around eleven; the second came with midnight and left about two hours later; the third, Reveille Joe, came at three and stayed until dawn. The last named stayed a little too late one morning and one of the American pilots sneaked up into the air and shot him full of holes.

CARE WILL SAVE YOUR REFRIGERATOR

Here are some hints that will keep your electric refrigerator on the job and prolong its life. As you know, no more refrigerators are being made. Keeping yours on the job is one of your wartime duties as a homemaker.



FOLLOW THIS "ONCE-A-WEEK" CHECK LIST

1. Defrost whenever frost on the freezing compartment is more than one-fourth inch thick. Defrost regularly—once a week is recommended.
2. When you defrost, clean interior with solution of warm water and baking soda (teaspoon of soda to three quarts of water).
3. Clean exterior with warm soapy water, no scouring powder. Wax exterior occasionally to preserve non-porcelain finish.
4. Your refrigerator door should fit properly. Test by closing on a piece of paper. If paper comes out with little resistance, the door does not quite fit correctly. Consult a service man.
5. The gasket on the inside of the door should be touched as little as possible with grease, oil, dirt or anything that will shorten its life.
6. Be sure there is space at the back of refrigerator and on either side, to allow for proper circulation of air.
7. Open mechanism should be oiled and cleaned according to manufacturer's directions.
8. Call an authorized service man when your refrigerator is not operating properly.

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NORTH SIDE SQUARE EASTLAND



Church of Christ
A. F. Thurman, Preacher
Corner Daugherty and West
Plummer Streets

Sermon subjects for Sunday, December 19: "Behold the Man—His Verdict of Beauty." 11 a. m. "The Church it's the pillar of truth." 7:30 p. m.



Come and be with us—Glad to have you.

Christian Science
Services
Lamar and Plummer
Streets

"Is the Universe, Including Man Evolved by Atomic Force?" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon which will be read in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, December 19. The Golden Text is: "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear" (Hebrews 11:3). Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens. Let them praise the name of the Lord: for he commanded, and they were created" (Psalms 148:4, 5). The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "All things are created spiritually. Mind, not matter, is the creator. Love, the divine Principle of the Father and Mother of the universe, including man" (page 256).

Baptist Church
Homer Starnes, Pastor

9:45 a. m.—Sunday school, 11:00 a. m. Morning worship, 7:00 p. m. Training Union, 8:00 p. m. Evening worship Monday: 8:30 p. m. W. M. S. and G. A. Wednesday 8:00 p. m. Mid-Week Service. Thursday: 7:00 p. m. Choir practice.

First
Christian Church
Rev. A. J. Blunk Pastor

Sunday school 9:45 a. m. Men's Bible class, Judge Clyde Grissom, J. E. Collins, I. L. Gattis, teachers, 10 a. m. Morning worship and communion service, 11 a. m. Evening service 7:00 p. m. Youth's Choir meets 8 to 9 p. m. on Fridays. Missionary Society meets first Monday in each month. Church board meets first Sunday night in each month.

The
Church of God
At Lamar and West
Valley Streets
W. E. Hall, Pastor

Program for the week: Sunday Sunday School—10:00 A. M. Preaching—11:00 A. M. Young People Meeting at 7:15 P. M. Evening Services at 8:00 P. M. Wednesday Midweek prayer services at 7:45 P. M.

Church of The
Nazarene
P. L. Pierce, Pastor

Sunday school 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11:00 a. m. subject "Supreme test of discipleship." Young People's meeting 7:00 p. m. An interesting program. Evangelistic service, 7:30 p. m. Subject: "Take heed how you hear." In the Sunday school, Dr. McGraw continues an extended series of lessons on prophecy which is attracting much favorable attention and the class is growing. Those interested in this interesting and important study are cordially invited to visit the class. All other classes follow the International Sunday School lessons and we have a class and teacher suited to different ages, you will find a hearty welcome in any of the classes. May we suggest, Go To Sunday School Sunday, Won't you?

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CHRISTMAS SERVICE
"Christ the Same" will be the sermon subject Sunday morning. Special Christmas music will be featured by the choir. All the classes, as well as those not in the school, will make their annual offering to The Methodist Home at Waco.

CANTATA AT FIVE
The five harmony girls, directed by Mrs. Wilda Dragoon, will sing a cantata called "Bethlehem" by Paul Bliss. Soloists will be Emily Jean Grissom, Rosemary Bruce, Martha June Morehart and Gladeen Womack. Homer Meek, Jr., will play the organ. The Dragoon violin oetel will play in the service in which the cantata is presented. The public, of course, is invited.

ADVOCATES
Sixty subscriptions have been received to our two church papers: The Southwestern Advocate (\$1) and The Christian Advocate (\$1.50). This is an unusual number for us. We intend to send in the subscriptions next Monday. Call us if you want on the list.

NEW YEAR'S EVE
On New Year's Eve the church will be open from nine to midnight. Activities will be provided for all ages. Keep it in mind.

RELIGIOUS BOOK CLUB
Do you want to get in on the Religious Book Club being formed in the church? For the price of one book, which you will own, you have access to 12 religious books during the year.

THE MEETING MONDAY
The church wide meeting Monday evening went off well. The stewards found all things paid up to date. The dinner served by the Woman's Society, was the best. The skit by John Barron, Jack Turner, and Bill Page, was enjoyed by everyone. The singing of the Harmony Girls was appreciated. Maifred Hale read her beautiful Christmas poem and we thought it to be most excellent indeed. The quarterly conference indicated the affairs of the church for us. We intend to send in the subscriptions moving along satisfactorily. About 75 were present.

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State Of Texas To Celebrate Its Centennial

By Gordon K. Shearer

United Press Staff Correspondent
AUSTIN, Tex. (UP)—Texas is getting busy on plans to celebrate its centennial of statehood, though the average native born Texan and many other residents believe that the United States really should celebrate the merger of the two republics.

Texans are particularly cheery over the part of Texas in the present world war.

One army camp paper cartooned Texas' pride achievements of Texas. It pictured a deskman running to the editor of a Texas paper asking what to do with a story that said someone besides a Texan had won a military triumph.

Seriously, Texans plan a considerable observance—it will extend from 1945 into 1946—to cover the period from the signing of the resolution of the U. S. Congress until the formal exercises Feb. 17, 1846, when the Lone Star flag was replaced by the Stars and Stripes on the Texas capitol.

There is considerable dispute about just when the Republic of Texas came to an end and the State of Texas began.

A convention of Texas delegates met at Austin and unanimously adopted an annexation treaty July 4, 1845. On July 26, 1845, eight companies of the Third U. S. Infantry disembarked from the Alabama off St. Joseph Island and Lt. Daniel T. Chandler planted a small United States flag on a sand hill.

It was the first time the Stars and Stripes was raised with authority in Texas.

Formal transfer of authority took place Feb. 19, 1846 when in the presence of the Texas Congress, President Anson Jones of the Republic of Texas delivered a valedictory and announced: "The Republic of Texas is no more."

First Texas Governor Pinckney J. Henderson responded: "We have this day fully entered the union of the North American states."

A publication of the day described the scene that followed: "When the last sentence fell from the lips of the earnest speaker the beloved flag of Texas was furled, and was lowered solemnly into the silent shades of the grave. The boom of artillery announced the fact. The glorious banner of our fathers ascended in

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CHEANEY NEWS

By Mrs. Bill Tucker

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Shockley of Midlothian, Texas, spent the week end visiting her uncle, the E. R. Underwood family and other relatives. Mrs. Shockley will be remembered as Mary Underwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Calvert and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lamb of Preckenridge, attended the birthday celebration, Sunday at Gorman, honoring their mother and grandmother Mrs. Addie Moseley. Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Lemley visited with the Billy Tucker family Sunday night.

Mrs. Ino. Alvis and family were Stephenville visitors Saturday night.

Mr. Jess Blackwell is recovering splendidly since a recent operation.

Mr. Lonnie Martin is on the sick list at this writing.

Junior and Betty Jean Love attended the show at Gorman, Saturday night with Mrs. Eva Wright and family.

The following brothers and sisters visited the past week - end with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Case and with their mother, Mrs. Maddox: Robert E. Porter, Charlie Porter and Mrs. Echo Gilmore all of Oklahoma City; Mrs. May Morris of Antlers, Okla., and Elmer Porter of Canadian, Texas. A turkey dinner with all the trimmings was served Sunday, honoring the birthday of Elmer Porter, while here. They all returned to their respective homes on Monday.

Miss Morene Blackwell spent the week end here, from Ft. Worth.

The John Tucker family and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Miller, attended church at Alameda Sunday and were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Underwood. The Morton Valley basketball boys beat the Alameda team Friday night. Oh something terrible.

Our idea of a hero: A peanut farmer in 1943 who can still plan on planting the blankety-blank things in 1944.

That little bird that always tells things has it rumored that Charles Sullivan and Nelda Bishop are to be married soon—Christmas.

Cross Roads News

By Mrs. F. E. Ferrell

We had a little rain last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Blackwell were in Ranger Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Faircloth and daughter were in Ranger. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Blackwell and son Jackie and Mrs. J. R. Blackwell were in Ranger Saturday.

day shopping.

Misses Nelda and Lillian Bishop spent Saturday night and Sunday in Mineral Wells.

Miss Mozell Hall spent Saturday night in the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hall. Grandmother Minick of our community moved to Ranger this week.

Miss Sallie Blackwell visited Tulula Blackwell Saturday. Lester Ferrell, and Eudell Hale visited Barnett Hale Saturday.

Mrs. Louie Roberts was a Ranger visitor Saturday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Willie Garret visited in the Robert's home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Smith of Ranger visited in the home of Mr. Monroe Ainsworth Sunday.

Mr. Jessie Bleu visited Mr. D. Smith Sunday.

Dale Bishop visited Barnett Hall Sunday.

Charles Sullivan is working in our community, this week. We are glad to have him back.

Mr. and Mrs. George Barton, Mr. and Mrs. Perry of Ranger were in our community on business Sunday.

Hutch Hale of Ranger was visiting his brother L. R. Hale Saturday.

Mrs. J. H. Ainsworth was in Ranger Saturday.

Mr. Charlie Blew and son Jessie was in Ranger Saturday.

Mr. and E. M. Campbell took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Dean Sunday.

Army Air Forces Stork Makes Record

BRYAN, Tex. (UP)—The Army Air Forces rolled up enviable production records in one

week recently.

Every baby born at St. Joseph's hospital during the week had a GI papa.

Of the seven fathers, five are stationed at the local instrument instructor's school.

His Namesake's Service
Newburyport, Mass. (UP)—His friends were not at all surprised when John Paul Jones of Newburyport joined the Navy the other day.

Visit of Wild Duck Is Mistake

SHREVEPORT, La. (UP)—Here is the sad story of one wild duck who ventured too close to civilization.

One morning recently Mrs. J. D. Pere stepped out of her front door to be confronted by a wild duck sitting complacently on the porch.

Too late the fowl realized its mistake and made a wild dash for the shrubbery.

Roast duck appeared on the Pe-re menu shortly thereafter.

Sixteen Coyotes Score of Trapper

ABILENE, Tex. (UP)—Coyotes in Taylor county led anything but a charmed life during the past two months.

Jess Knight, state hunter trapping in the county under agreement between the U. S. Wildlife service and the county commissioners court, caught sixteen of the animals during that period.

Most of the coyotes were trapped in the vicinity of the Booth Warren Ranch where more than 40 head of goats have been killed in the last two months.

The Baptist Herald

Rev. Homer J. Starnes Pastor
First Baptist Church

There is every indication that the Homecoming meeting of last week was worth while. A number of people have so expressed themselves to the pastor. It tended to center our minds for one week our cause for gratitude. Furthermore it gave us opportunity to pause and consider the challenge of the future. Truly we are grateful that by the Divine leadership and the splendid effort of the people the debt has been retired. And surely the future will seem brighter because of the added opportunity. Thanks to everyone who contributed in any way to the meeting.

Sunday is the last Lord's Day before Christmas. The Sunday school has for some years observ-

ed a White Christmas. All who will bring a gift wrapped in white for the orphan's home. Please bring your gift Sunday.

Only two Sunday's remain of 1943. We urge every worker to try to have good attendance in both Sunday school and Training Union. Let us close the year in a fine way. With the effort of all a most encouraging record can be reached on both Sundays.

The Training Union attendance was up quite a lot on last Sunday. Let us keep the good work going. Next Sunday the T. U. will meet at 6:30 p. m., instead of 7:00. This is to allow additional time for a Christmas program to be put on by the juniors for the entire Union. The public is cordially invited. Remember the change of this.

The sermon theme for Sunday morning is: "The First Christmas Message." The plans for Sunday night call for a service scripture

and song based on the Christmas story. You will enjoy both these services. Then your presence always adds much to the service.

The following paragraph taken from a church bulletin is worth thinking about: "A great general once said, 'I am not afraid of the battle tomorrow, if each man will stand in his place.' As pastor and member of this church, I am not afraid of the foes of this church, if each member will stand in his place. Some of our foes are called 'Doubt', 'Indifference', 'Disloyalty,' etc. Our friends are mighty but the friends are mightier. Satan is our foe; Christ is our friend. Satan is the cause of our weakness; Christ is the source of our strength.

Strange Animal Puzzles Negro

BEAUMONT, Tex. (UP)—It must be something "out of this world."

At least J. B. Alfreff, elderly negro, is beginning to think the unusual animal he shot from a pecan tree is strange to this world.

The animal has a face like a raccoon and a white tail. It is deep gray in color and Alfreff has taken the skin of the animal around to some 20 people trying to identify it. They all have shared Alfreff's comment: "Ah neber saw nothin' like that befo'."

HAS CHEF TROUBLE

SALEM, Ore. (UP)—The Salem school board has had trouble with its cooks.

The Leslie Junior high school reported it had had three cooks since school started. The first one worked one shift and became so snarled in the point system of obtaining food that she couldn't sleep. She quit.

The next chef had a heart attack the first day and resigned. The third one carries on.

THIS CHRISTMAS WE'RE SHOPPING AT BURR'S



This year the entire family is shopping in one store to save tires and gasoline, and most important of all, to save time. We're doing our shopping early so that the clerks will be able to give us their time and their best service.

GIFTS FOR THE FAMILY ON THE MAIN FLOOR

<p>CHENILLE SPREADS Chenille spreads, double bed size, colors white, blue, peach, rose and green— \$9.98</p>	<p>HOUSE SLIPPERS Ladies' fancy house slippers, rayon, fleece or quilted satin with platform soles \$1.98</p>	<p>MEN'S TIES Men's ties, complete selection in Xmas boxes— 49c 79c \$1.00</p>
<p>BATH TOWEL SETS Christmas bath towel sets, three large white towels, value \$2.94. One hand-woven shopping bag \$1.49 Total Value \$4.43 All for— \$3.95</p>	<p>BED JACKETS Bed jackets, rayon crepe, tea rose color, each— \$1.98</p>	<p>MEN'S BELTS Textan men's belts, genuine leather, sizes 28 to 40— \$1.00 to \$2.50</p>
<p>BATHROOM RUG SETS Bathroom rug set, with rug and seat cover to match, plush finish \$2.49 and \$2.98 Chenille sets— \$3.98</p>	<p>PANTIES Panties, tailored satin or chiffon— \$1.19</p>	<p>FILLFOLDS—BELTS Textan billfolds— \$1. to \$5. Imported handmade billfolds from Mexico— \$5. and \$7.50 All genuine leather.</p>
<p>BRIDGE SETS Card table size cloth and 4 napkins— \$1.19 to \$3.95</p>	<p>SLIPS Slips of rayon jersey, satin, crepe white and tea rose— \$1.39 to \$2.98</p>	<p>MEN'S SCARFS Men's scarfs in brushed rayon and rayon crepe, solid colors and printed designs— \$1.00 and \$1.29</p>
<p>LEGGING SUITS Small boys and girls' 3-piece legging suits, sizes 2 to 6— \$5.98</p>	<p>LADIES' HOSE Ladies rayon hose, winter colors in Xmas box, PAIR— 69c</p>	<p>TRENCH COATS Boys and Girls' Trench coats, olive drab colors, sizes 4 to 8— \$5.98 Light tan colors, size 8 to 20— \$6.98</p>
<p>COMFORTORS Comfortors double bed size; 50 percent wool, filled with warmth without weight Assorted colors— \$4.95</p>	<p>PURSES Purses, ideal gifts for her, choice of leather or fabrics— \$2.98 to \$7.98</p>	<p>SLEEVELESS SWEATERS Boys' sleeveless sweaters, pullover style \$2.49 and \$2.98—Other sweaters— \$1.29 to \$3.98</p>
<p>PILLOW CASES Embroidered pillow cases, one pair in Xmas box— \$1.59 and \$1.98</p>	<p>WOOLEN SCARFS Woolen scarfs, large size, assorted colors with yarn fringe— \$1.79</p>	<p>MEN'S SOCKS Men's fancy ankle or long sock, pair— 39c</p>



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1. Avoid overheating. Keep the house temperature around 72 degrees.
2. Keep all heating equipment in good operating condition; keep it clean and free from all dust particles.
3. Flame on radiant-type room heaters should not be allowed to lick out top of radiants.
4. If you have a gas heater in your fireplace, seal the flue to the extent that the room heat will not go up the chimney, yet leave sufficient space for venting heater.
5. See that windows and doors lock tightly; if possible they should be weather-stripped.
6. Where unvented equipment is used, a small opening at the top of the window is recommended to help reduce "wall sweating." Window openings should be no wider than necessary for an ample flow of fresh air, otherwise they become heat wasters.
7. At night when windows are open in bedrooms, shut off rest of house to prevent temperatures from dropping so low that more fuel will be needed to build up warmth during the morning hours.
8. When properly used, insulation can reduce consumption of heating gas 20 to 25 per cent in one-story houses and 15 to 20 per cent in two-story houses of standard type construction. Insulation materials are plentiful.

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Society

MRS. M. L. SMITHAM HOSTESS TO CHRISTIAN CHURCH W.M.

Mrs. M. L. Smitham was hostess Monday afternoon at her home to the W.M. of the First Christian church. Mrs. Eugene Day was program leader. A devotional was given by Mrs. G. A. Peterson. The following persons had parts on the program: Mesdames D. J. Fiensy, J. C. Koen, L. E. Huckaby and T. L. Cooper.

The Normandy lace covered table, with center piece of holly in crystal bowl and crystal candelabra and white candles, decorated the table.

Coffee was poured by Mrs. Koen from a silver service. Mrs. Bill

Ligon assisted in serving sandwiches and tea dainties.

Mrs. L. E. Huckaby, in behalf of the society presented Mrs. Jerry McCollough, a gift.

Present: Mesdames C. A. Peterson, E. Day, Fiensy, J. H. Canton, J. R. Gilbreath, J. A. Beard, E. E. Wood, I. L. Gattis, H. B. Meek, Huckababy, Koen, and guest, Mrs. Oliver Goldsmith.

Later tea guests were: Mesdames Fred Maxey, J. B. Blunk, Ben King, and Miss Johnnie Hightower, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Q. Verner.

EASTLAND MUSIC CLUB HAS MEETING

Mr. Fred Davenport presided over the business session of the Music club Wednesday afternoon. A report of the War Service committee was given. Gifts for soldiers at Camp Bowie were donated by the club.

Mr. Grady Pipkin sang a number of Christmas carols and Miss June Morehart gave several piano numbers. Mrs. Hollis Bennett reviewed the book, "Mama's Bank Account."

The clubroom was decorated in red and white cycleman.

MRS. McBEE HOSTESS TO STITCH AND CHATTER CLUB

Mrs. A. M. McBee was hostess to the Stitch and Chatter club Wednesday afternoon. Games were played and gifts were exchanged from the beautifully decorated tree. Refreshments of fruit cake with whipped cream and coffee were served to Mesdames Howard I. Church, G. P. Poe, J. C. Poe, J. L. Owen, Clarence Penn, G. L. Whitley, Henry Van Geem, Kenneth Carrett, B. H. Fulton, H. Kaykendall, Guy Robinson, and hostess, Mrs. McBee.

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PIONEER CLUB HAS CHRISTMAS DINNER

The 50-Year Pioneer Club met in the basement of the Methodist church Tuesday at 12:00 o'clock for a Christmas turkey dinner. Mr. Ella Westbrook, president, presided.

Members and guests sang Christmas carols and all present enjoyed the occasion.

EASTERN STAR TO HAVE CHRISTMAS PARTY TONIGHT

The Eastern Star Chapter will have a Christmas party tonight at the home of Mrs. William Jessop, co-hostesses will be Mrs. Berniece Treadwell, Mary Barton, D. J. Fiensy, Aubrey Van Hoy, and Karl Page.

All members are invited to be present.

THIRD AND FOURTH GRADES PRESENT SOUTHWARD PROGRAM

Miss Johnnie Aaron presided over the meeting of the South Ward PTA Tuesday afternoon at the school auditorium when the third and fourth grade pupils presented as a program a skit on war.

Jim Ed Willman told the story, "Silent Night." The choral club sang Christmas carols and accompanied the Christmas story. Ellen Whitley sang, "I Love You."

The PTA plans to have the school cafeteria remodeled during the holiday school recess.

A large number of gifts for soldiers were placed around the Christmas tree in the basement.

Mother of first grade pupils were hostesses as follows: Mesdames Earl Conner, Chairman; H. T. Weaver, and W. W. Linkenhogger.

The cafeteria was decorated with red candles and cedar. Cup cake, sandwiches, coffee and mints were served to about thirty persons.

The South Ward school will have a Christmas tree at 1:30 p. m. today.

MISS MARTIN IE GUEST OFFAKER FOR ALPHA DELPHIANS

Miss Gladys Martin, County Home Demonstration agent, was guest speaker before the Alpha Delphi club on December 9th and gave a clever demonstration of the Victory Food Army, the work of the 4-H Club girls raising from private to captain. She also talked on frame gardens, using folding boards in demonstrations.

Mrs. Karl Page, president, presided over the business session. The club voted to co-operate in the Christmas Cheer for soldier and Community Welfare. A Christmas party was planned for Wednesday at 2:00 p. m., December 22, at the Club house when gifts will be exchanged.

Mrs. J. LeRoy Arnold had charge of the program and read a paper prepared by Mrs. W. C. Vickers on "Teamwork Will Solve The Food Problem."

Present were: Mesdames Karl Page, LeRoy Arnold, Herman Hague, D. J. Fiensy, Charis Merrill, E. S. Perdue, F. A. Jones, and guest, Miss Gladys Martin.

CIVIC LEAGUE HAS HOBBY SHOW AND ART EXHIBIT

The hobby show and art exhibit of the Civic League and Garden club held Wednesday, December 8 at the club house, was the most interesting program the Club has had this year. Ten hostesses for the affair were Mesdames D. L. Houle, Curtis Hertig, Allen Dabney, W. H. Taylor, and V. T. Seaberry. Pilgrimage hostesses were Mesdames W. S. Poe, Tom Lovelace, F. M. Kenny, and C. W. Richter.

Many beautiful collections were displayed at the clubhouse. A bottle collection of Mrs. C. W. Richter, Mrs. N. L. Smitham, Mrs. W. H. Mullings, Mrs. J. M. Perkins, and Mrs. D. L. Houle was among the displays. Dolls of all sizes, nationalities and dress, were displayed by Dorothy Perkins, Betty Pickens, Charlotte Van Hoy, Ellen Geue, Gladene Womack and Nancy Harkrider, Campfire girls.

A book of cigar bands, collected by Mrs. C. W. Richter since early childhood, was one of the most unusual collections.

Antique china and glassware was exhibited by Mesdames W. S. Poe, Jack Muirhead, and Artie Liles.

Unusual china and rare silver collections were shown by Mrs. R. H. Hodges of Ranger. A large variety of pitchers was exhibited by Mrs. Tom Lovelace. Miss Mary Carter exhibited an unusual collection of faces.

A brass samovar from Russia, more than 100 years old, and brought to this country by the father of Henry Pullman, was shown by Mrs. Pullman.

The tea table arranged by Mrs. D. L. Houle, was decorated with crystal angels resting on ruby stars with the center piece arranged

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gement of pussy-willows and arbor vitae surrounded by iridescent balls. Coffee was poured by Mrs. Albert Gleason. Cookies were served from antique silver baskets. Those assisting with the serving were Misses Kathleen Collie, Catherine Cornelius and Ellen Geue.

Gifts for soldiers, brought in by members and guests, were placed under the beautifully decorated tree. The pilgrimage included a visit to the home of the president, Mrs. Joseph M. Perkins, where antique furniture, fans, china and glassware, were on display, and to the home of Mrs. Allen D. Dabney where antique china and glassware was displayed.

Out-of-town guests included Mesdames Geo. and Edward Blackwell of Gorman, R. H. Hodges of Ranger and Mrs. S. B. Taylor of Tyler.

About 100 members and guests attended.

BAPTIST WMS HAS XMAS TEA

The WMS of the Baptist church had a Christmas tea and program at the Pastorium Monday afternoon.

Mrs. H. T. Weaver, president, had charge of the program. Mrs. Pat Crawford gave the scriptures and Mrs. Victor Ginn sang two numbers in connection with the scriptures. She was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. I. C. Inzer.

Mrs. John Childress gave the Mission study on the Christmas Story. Mrs. W. G. Womack was presented in a Christmas story.

The hour was beautifully decorated in Christmas holly, roses and a table arrangement of a Christmas scene. The table was centered with a beautifully decorated Christmas tree. Mrs. Frank Lovett, social chairman, had charge of the social hour. Mrs. Crawford poured tea from a silver service. Open-face sandwiches and cookies were served to about 22 persons.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. DeLong of Merton, and Mr. Daisy Chappel of Christoval, who had been visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Harris, left Tuesday for Dallas where they will visit relatives during the holidays. Mrs. Harris is a niece of the DeLong's and a daughter of Mrs. Chappell's.

Mrs. Roy Birmingham of Fort Worth is here visiting her mother, Mrs. Ella Westbrook.

Miss Dorothy Perkins, who attends TSCW at Denton, arrived Thursday for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Beyette and children of Fort Worth, will be here this week to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Perkins.

Lt. Harry Chappel, who has completed his bomber course at Victorville, California, was the guest of his sister, Mrs. W. B. Harris and Mr. Harris, last week. He was enroute to Salt Lake City.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Terrell of Wink and Miss Geraldine Terrell of Pampa, visited friends here from Friday until Monday. Mr. and Mrs. John White held open house for them and their friends Sunday.

Misses Virginia Ferguson, Beulah Faye White, Marjorie Murphy Mary Fay, Leskow and Mary Page attending NTSTC, Denton, will be home today to spend the holidays.

Mr. Oliver Goldsmith of Waco was the guest from Sunday to Tuesday of her mother, Mrs. N. L. Smitham, who returned home with her for the holidays.

Mrs. Geraldine Galloway left last week for Dodge City, Kansas, to join her husband, Sgt. James A. Galloway of the Army Air Corps.

Miss Illa Mae Coleman with the United States WAVES at San Diego, Cal., was a recent visitor in Eastland, her former home.

Mrs. James King of Ft. Worth, who has been critically ill at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Walters, is reported as improving.

Pfc. Arlie C. Hennessee, Army Air Corps, Del Rio, will return to his post on the 22 inst., after a 14 day furlough spent here with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hennessee.

Bennis Houle, attending Castle Heights Military Academy, Lebanon Tennessee, is expected home Saturday. He is a cadet S/Lt. in the R. O. T. C.

Leo and Elwood Chesley of Ft. Worth and the former's wife and little son, Jed Stuart, were guests

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Sunday of their mother, Mrs. F. A. Jones, and sister, Mrs. James Harkrider and families.

Sgt. Charles Young of Camp Howell, Gainsville, visited his mother, Mrs. C. W. Young, Thursday, December 9th.

Miss Wilda Dragoo attended a violin concert at Fort Worth, Tuesday.

Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Beall and children of San Angelo, plan to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Dragoo.

Pfc. Travis Harrell of the Army Air Corp, Frederick, Okla., was here from Friday over Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Harrell.

Miss Mary Lillie Young, employed in Fort Worth, spent Sunday here with her mother, Mrs. C. W. Young and family.

Mrs. J. T. Cooper, little son, Thomas, and Mrs. Josie Schrett of Ranger, were in Pecos from Thursday to Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Marlow, parents of Mrs. Cooper.

Mrs. C. W. Young, Tuesday received two letters from her son, Pfc. James Young in the South Pacific, stating that he is a. h. one letter was dated on November 26 and the other December 5.

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Chicken Is Queen at Oklahoma Show

OKLAHOMA CITY, (UP)—When a man here speaks fondly of "that chicken" he doesn't mean a blonde. He's probably discussing a slender, red-combed platinum blond chick of the barnyard set.

Chicken is the only year around bird that is still unrationed. Consequently, chicken owners feel they have something to crow about. And crow they did at the 28th annual Oklahoma state poultry show which closed here recently.

Thousands of persons saw the exhibits of the finest species of fowl—chickens and their cousins—turkeys and ducks. More than 5,000 chickens from 34 states and Cuba were exhibited for prize money totaling \$3,500.

Before meat rationing some women thought chicken came disjointed and ready to cook. They know differently now and many of them came with pencils and book in hand to record names of the best "main-dish" chickens and the best egg producing hens.

State Director H. G. Ware of the Department of Agriculture's poultry club work chuckled about the woman who wanted to know if chicken in the rough meant wild chicks. He explained it meant fried chicken served without silverware.

Elated at the crowds of chicken-conscious visitors who attended the poultry show. Ware explained that the chicken was really a noble fowl. She gives her all to the war effort in the form of an egg a day for the 7,000,000 members of our armed forces, in addition to great supplies of our Allies, and of course for the millions at home.

Citation Given Parents Of Late Sgt. Pleas Moore

Ranger, Tex., Dec. 16.—Mr. and Mrs. Pleas E. Moore have received from General H. H. Arnold a Citation of Honor, citing their son, Sgt. Pleas E. Moore Jr., who was killed in a plane crash in Newfoundland on October 27.

ited States Army Air Forces and is signed by H. H. Arnold, commander.

manding general of the Army Air Forces. The award praises the young man "who gave his life in the performance of his duty."

RENNERT, N. C. (UP)—At least 50 persons were killed when two luxury streamlined trains, running between New York and Florida, collided in near zero weather early today and authorities feared the death toll would reach 75.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS
"A regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Eastland National Bank, Eastland, Texas, will be held in the banking rooms of said bank, between the hours of 1 and 3 p. m., on the 11th day of January, 1944 being the second Tuesday in said month, for the purpose of electing directors and the transacting of such other business as may properly come before the stockholders meeting."

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