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Keeping Up With Texas

Temple and Wichita Falls will clash this week for the twenty-second football championship of the Texas interscholastic league. Neither ever has won the title but both have been in the finals before.

N. A. Rogers, about 55, a Colorado City cattle buyer, died of a heart attack while driving a truck, en route home, about two and half miles east of Sweetwater, Saturday night.

Struck by another automobile as he was attempting to pull his own car alongside the highway near Roscoe, A. M. Coleman, 59, a Nolan county farmer since 1919, died in the Young hospital at Roscoe Sunday night.

Owen M. House, 28, was injured fatally Saturday in a fall from an embankment at the Denison Dam site where he was employed. The fatality was the seventh since work started on the project.

The six-month-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Williams was burned fatally and Mrs. Williams was burned critically Saturday when fire destroyed their farm house near Frisco, Collin county.

Two college students en route to Big Spring to spend the Christmas holidays were killed instantly in a truck-car crash 12 miles east of Big Spring Saturday night. They were Mary Patterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Patterson, Big Spring, and Elizabeth Walker, daughter of S. E. Walker, Fort Worth. Both were students at TSCW, Denton. Bill Inkman, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Inkman of Big Spring, and a student at Denton Teachers college was seriously injured.

Philip S. Kauffman, 58, veteran Abilene insurance man and book store operator, died from a heart attack at his home Monday morning.

Billy Williamson, 10, of Hawkins, and Grace Jones, 32, of Downsville, were killed Monday night and other persons injured seriously in collision of a light truck and automobile two miles west of Gladewater.

Mrs. Frances M. Delk, 74, was killed Monday by a Missouri Pacific passenger train east of Palentine. A verdict of death accidentally was returned by the Justice of the Peace.

A black-out affecting more than 200,000 persons from Las Cruces, N. M., to McNary, Texas, was pronounced successful by army and civilian defense officials Sunday night.

Maj. William Tilroy Andrews, University of Texas mathematics professor, was found dead in bed Monday at the home of his mother, Mrs. Andrews, at Weatherford.

Paul Frederick Carlton, 19, at Stamford on furlough from Camp Bowie, Brownwood, died Monday of accidental gunshot wounds, sustained when his gun discharged as was crawling through a fence on turning from a hunt Sunday morning.

Boyce Walker, 3, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Walker of Bowie, injured fatally Monday when she struck by a pickup truck driven resident of Post Oak.

E. L. Rainey of Eliasville, member of President Homer P. Rainey of the University of Texas, died Sunday. She was in her late seventies and died of heart disease and the infirmities of age.

J. (Bud) Mahoney, 33, of Yazoo Miss., employee of the Sinclair Oil company, and Belle Phillips, 26, beauty operator of Big Spring, were killed early Tuesday morning in an automobile accident on highway 80.

Marjorie Taylor, 79, died Tuesday at her home at Fort Worth where she had been receiving when she was struck by a fire from a heater.

W. Campbell, 20, of Longview, flying student at the New Year, was killed Monday when his primary field at Cuero, Texas, was struck by a ship crashed six miles from Longview.

We'll say it: Hare of Asherton was worth more than two farm laborers value and more than death following a collision in an automobile and a ship crashed six miles from Longview.

So at this time from Crystal City on the way late Monday.

Record of Births.
AD Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Perkins, Friday, December 19, 1941.
to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bagby, Saturday, December 20, 1941.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Link, Monday, December 22, 1941.

J. L. TUCKERS OBSERVE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Five of Seven Children Here for The Occasion; Many Visitors Call to Extend Felicitations To Honored Couple.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tucker, who were married in Mulberry Canyon 50 years ago on Dec. 16, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sunday, with five of their seven children present for a family dinner and scores of friends calling to extend felicitations in the afternoon.

Present for the family dinner, climaxed with the cutting of a two-tiered white pound cake, trimmed with red and green and lettered in gold, "1891-1941," were the celebrants and five children: J. M. Tucker and wife and Mildred, Helen and Milton, Plainview; Rev. Charles Tucker and wife and three children, Charles Fincher, Dorothy and Temple, Mercedes; Taylor Tucker, Fort Worth; A. J. Tucker and wife and son, Jimmy, Fullerton, Calif., and Mrs. George Burris, Jr., and her husband, Abilene. One daughter, Mrs. Mary Tankersley, Fort Worth, and one son, J. W. Tucker, Phoenix, Ariz., were unable to be present. Mrs. Tankersley will probably make a visit later in the holidays; the son in Arizona is away for his health and did not try to make the trip.

Other dinner guests were Mrs. R. C. Prim, of Sweetwater, a sister-in-law of Mr. Tucker, and her two grandsons, A. D. Tucker, Jr., and Thomas James Tucker, also of Sweetwater.

While the dinner was being served, a granddaughter, Helen Tucker sang "When You and I Were Young," and kodak pictures were taken of the wedding cake with the family seated at the dinner table.

Many friends called during the afternoon, including Jim Mayfield, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hardgrave, Enid, Okla., and Mrs. John T. Morgan, Dallas, among those from out of town.

Greetings were extended by the younger daughter, Mrs. Burris, who also supervised the guest register, and callers found the "bride of 50 years ago" and her bridegroom to welcome them.

Punch and cake were served by Mrs. Prim, Mrs. Jasper Tucker and Mrs. T. C. Allen, assisted by the granddaughters. On the dining table were fruits from South Texas, home of one son, and from California, home of another son.

During the calling hours, A. J. Tucker and his wife sang and a granddaughter, Dorothy, played piano numbers. The honored couple were recipients of many gifts, among them a wrist watch presented their mother by their children and a watch chain to their father. A beautiful bedspread came from D. M. Clinton, a brother of Mrs. Tucker, and his wife, of Blythe, Calif., and a sister of Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. Viola Larsen, also of Blythe, Calif., sent an abundance of chrysanthemums to decorate the rooms, also a table cloth and napkins.

Marriage of Etta Clinton and James L. Tucker took place Dec. 16, 1891, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Clinton, pioneer settlers in Mulberry Canyon. The groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Tucker, were also early settlers in that section, dating their residence from 1881, five years earlier than the Clintons had come. The two families lived only a quarter of a mile apart.

Officiating minister for this wedding. (Continued on Page Four)

Clark Mundy Begins Duties as Railway Postal Clerk Friday

Effective Friday, Dec. 26, Clark Mundy, long a fixture in the Merkel post office, will begin his run as railway postal clerk, between Abilene and Big Spring, but, much to the delight of his many friends here, he will continue to make his home in Merkel as the assignment fortunately leaves him in home territory.

When he retired from duties at the local post office Wednesday afternoon, he had completed a term of more than ten years of faithful and efficient service—such service as every patron of the post office is quick to praise and none there is to find fault. He entered the service on Mar. 10, 1930, when the quarters were located next door to the office of The Merkel Mail.

As temporary substitute clerk, Picky Cypert entered the postal service on last Friday, Dec. 19, and will continue in that capacity as temporary substitute clerk until the place of substitute clerk is filled by civil service.

Christmas Greetings



But they who do their souls no wrong,
But keep at eve the faith of morn,
Shall daily hear the angel-song,
Today the Prince of Peace is born.

—James Russell Lowell.

MORE AND MORE CHEESE IS CRY

Increased Food Production Urgent; Cheese, Dried Eggs, Canned Meats Head List.

Conservative estimates on the duration of the war are two to four years. With estimates of from seven to ten million men in the armed forces within twelve months, and perhaps an equal number working in defense plants and industry, it is going to be most difficult to produce sufficient food. A great per cent of these millions that will be called to arms and in defense plants are now producing food.

As no chain is stronger than its weakest link, no army is stronger than the food production of the country. The value of food produced is measured in the proportion to the speed with which it can be delivered, the amount of space required to store it and the length of time it can be stored before being consumed.

Dairy, poultry and meat products processed into cheese, dried eggs and canned meats rank at the head of the list. Never before in the history of the world has the "cow, sow, chicken and garden" production needed more to be increased.

"Every day our government is asking for more and more cheese," said Manager Johnny Cox of the Merkel Cooperative Cheese Plant, Inc., in urging a quick sign-up for cows and lockers. "Even with the same price for butter fat it is our duty to turn all available milk in this channel. With our cooperative cheese plant and a better market, an additional obligation exists. We must win this war or live in slavery, if at all. Great quantities of food must be produced to win it."

"Orders for practically all equipment have been placed and will be ready to ship soon. It is very urgent that all cows and lockers be signed for at once in order that no longer delay be experienced than possible. Please don't wait to be contacted, this Cooperative belongs to all the people and can serve best when serving more members."

"Merkel Cooperative Cheese Plant, Inc., through the manager, wishes for you and yours a very, very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous, Cooperative New Year."

Local Girl is Beauty Nominee at Commerce
Kathlyn Milner, a sophomore in East Texas State Teachers college, Commerce, is a nominee for college beauty.
Kathlyn is also a member of the Locust staff, college annual. She is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Milner of Merkel, and is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cadmus Brown, Sylvester.

GIRLS BANQUET FOOTBALL BOYS

Annual Affair Staged Last Friday Night With Much Feasting and Praise.

A football theme was carried throughout a banquet given Thursday night honoring the Badger football team.

Staged in the High School gym, the feasting was done in a typical football setting. Miniature goal posts at each end were decorated in purple and gold and yard-markers along the edge helped symbolize a side line.

The program for which there were three speakers, E. E. Read, referee, Connor Robinson, umpire, and Chester Collinsworth, head linesman, was featured by the announcement of lettermen by Coach Carroll Benson and of co-captains for next year, who will be Bud Derington, all district guard, and R. V. Clark, back.

The officials sat at the head table, one end of which was the ball with which the Badgers beat Rotan. At the other end was the ball coming with their victory over Baird which brought the district 6A championship, and in the center the championship trophy.

The Rotan oval was autographed by every member of the squad and presented to Coach Benson, and he and Assistant Coach Eugene Saunderman were presented gifts by the players.

Next year's cheer leaders were announced by Toastmistress Joyce Cox, as Betty Curb, Bobbie Bryant and Jean Curb. Billy Mae Cobb was chosen football queen.

The program included vocal renditions by Maureen Moore, "You Gotta Be A Football Hero" and "Nighty-Night," accompanied by Christine Collins. Betty Jennings paid tribute to the team, and Co-Captains Elbert Hickam and Raymond Smith and Jack Melton responded. Talks were made by Dr. W. T. Sadler and N. T. Hodge.

Guests other than the football squad, band members and Pep Squad were: Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler, Dr. and Mrs. Leo Zehnpenning, Messrs. and Mesdames R. T. Gray, Geo. Woodrum, Nathan Wood, John Grable, A. A. McGehee, N. T. Hodge, Raymond Ferguson, Tom Kerns, Waymon Adcock, John Malone, Connor Robinson, E. E. Read, Chester Collinsworth, Carroll Benson, Ray Olivadotti; Mesdames Comer Haynes and Ellen Duncan; Misses Christine Collins, Frances Cleveland and Mary Lou Ashburn and Eugene Sunderman.

The banquet was given by the Pep Squad which is directed by Mary Lou Ashburn. The dinner was prepared by the Methodist Women's Missionary society.

Bank Gives Employees \$50 Defense Bonds

In lieu of the customary Christmas bonus in cash, the Farmers and Merchants National bank presented each of their employees with a \$50 defense bond this year.

The Christmas Savings club, sponsored by the bank, numbered 57 accounts this year, to whom the sum of \$3,155.00 was made available for Christmas shopping.

NEARLY \$40,000 OF U. S. DEFENSE BONDS ALREADY SOLD HERE

Sales of United States Defense bonds in Merkel had reached a total of \$36,825 up to noon Wednesday, according to tabulation made by W. J. Largent, member of the committee in charge of sales in Merkel and surrounding communities. The figure includes sales at the post office and at the F. & M. bank.

"Every one should remember, however," said Mr. Largent, "that there is no closing date for the sale of Defense bonds. If you have not been seen by the committee or have not bought your bonds, do not put it off. Let's make Merkel's response to the sale of Defense bonds on the same loyal scale with the patriotism of our boys in the service."

"Buy a bond and get a Merkel-sponsored sticker for your car windshield, 'Remember Pearl Harbor—Buy Defense Bonds Now.'"

Other members of the committee are Booth Warren and Tom Largent.

B. H. Pritchard Heads Taylor County ACA

B. H. Pritchard, of Shep, farm leader and former school teacher, Saturday was named chairman of the Taylor County Agricultural Conservation association, succeeding John Curb of Merkel.

Other members of the county committee are C. H. Moore of Tuscola and Will Nesmith of Potosi. The latter is the new member of the board.

The committeemen were selected at the county convention Saturday by community leaders, while on Friday the following community committeemen had been elected:

Precinct No. 1: S. J. Canon, W. H. Blackburn and E. A. Mattingly, a new member.

Precinct No. 2: B. L. Perkins, James M. Beasley and John Curb.

Precinct No. 3: D. T. Petree, John Lovett and W. C. Burlison.

Precinct No. 4: A. R. Wade, Billy McCasland and R. H. Walker.

Students-Soldiers Home, Many Family Reunions During Yule Holidays

Return of the college students over the week-end and of the Merkel school teachers who have positions in other towns has been augmented by numbers of visitors in Merkel homes, here for the holidays or a pre-Christmas visit.

Large numbers of the soldier boys have also been fortunate to have furloughs extending over Christmas so that family reunions will be the order of the day in most Merkel homes.

The Mail will be glad to chronicle all family reunions during the holidays and will appreciate it very much if some member of the family will take it upon himself to be reporter of these very happy occasions as they occur within his family.

28,363 Volunteer.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The army recruiting service announced Tuesday that 28,363 volunteers were enlisted in the two-week period starting Dec. 8 after the outbreak of war with Japan.

BRITISH CHIEF "RELIEVED" BY ACTION OF U. S.

PRIME MINISTER ASSERTS HE HAS NO DOUBTS ON HOW WORLD-WIDE CONFLICT WILL TERMINATE.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Winston Churchill, the prime minister of Great Britain, seated at the side of President Roosevelt, told American newsmen Tuesday that recent events—the German defeat in Russia and America's entry into the war—had produced a turning point in the tide of world-wide conflict.

It is impossible to describe his feeling of relief, he slowly said, to find Russia victorious and the United States and Great Britain standing side by side. It was incredible, he added, and anyone who had been through lonely months of 1940 must thank God fervently.

It was such a press conference as could happen only at a time of grave international crisis, the chief executives of the two great English speaking peoples, side by side, answering the eager questions of an electrified group of newspapermen, reporters who had lustily cheered the British statesman when he was introduced to them.

It was followed by the first of a series of staff meetings, as President Roosevelt called them, which brought together the commanding officers of the armed forces of the United States and Britain in an effort to work out a unified strategy for a war that is spread to the ends of the globe.

Twenty Lettermen on 6A Championship Team

Coach Carroll Benson announced twenty lettermen on the district 6A championship Badger football team at the banquet honoring the football boys last Thursday night.

The following players received awards:
Ends—James Cox, Elbert Hickam, Harlan Winter and Orval Ely.

Tackles—Lee Mack Reynolds, Banning Butman and June Graham.

Guards—Buddy Derington, Euell Hickam, Ollie Blanton and Waymon Rutledge.

Centers—Jerry Warren and Doyal Barnes.

Quarterbacks—Buster Jack Melton, and Donald Cade.

Halfbacks—Deverle Higgins, R. V. Clark, Clarence Harrell and J. C. Carson.

Fullback—Raymond Smith.

Elected as co-captains for next fall are Buddy Derington and R. V. Clark.

Other holdovers are Winter, Ely, Graham, Blanton, Rutledge, Higgins and Harrell.

Drilling Past 1800 on Tipton Wildcat Test

At last report, the C. W. and W. L. Snoddy No. 1 D. L. Tipton, wildcat oil test, two and one-half miles west of Merkel, was drilling past 1,800 feet.

The test, a cable tool project, is contracted by Sam Hodges of Abilene for 3,000 feet.

MERKEL 30 YEARS AGO

(From Files of The Merkel Mail, December 22, 1911.)

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

The prettiest and swellest affair of the season was carried out Wednesday evening, December 13. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Daniels celebrated the 25th anniversary of their marriage.

The date also marked the 45th marriage anniversary of Capt. and Mrs. J. T. Tucker, parents of Mrs. Daniels.

Reception rooms were beautifully decorated. The color scheme, pink, white and green, was effected in wreaths of cedar, clusters of mistletoe and chrysanthemums. The mantels were banked with the gay Christmas greenery that trellised the stairway and the arches where pink and white chrysanthemums played a prominent part.

Miss Jessie O'Briant sang "Beloved It is Morn," after which Miss Big-ham played the wedding processional. At the first strains Miss Annie T. Daniels, the maid of honor, and Mr. John R. Daniels, best man, entered, leading the way to the altar, followed by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.

W. Daniels, and grandparents, Capt. and Mrs. J. T. Tucker.

Rev. Saffle met them at the altar where once more he renewed the most sacred marriage vows that were given in 1886 and 1866, respectively.

After congratulations and best wishes were showered on the happy couple, who were as happy as newlyweds, the guests passed in and out, admiring the beautiful collection of silver gifts that had come from far and near, while Mrs. Samuel Means of Barstow, Misses Jessie O'Briant, Annie T. Daniels and Willie Bigham favored the guests with choice music, voice and instrumental.

Misses Annie Lou O'Briant, Zora Coggin and Annie T. Daniels assisted in receiving and entertaining the guests. E. L. Collins of Pecos and daughter, Mrs. Samuel Means, of Barstow, brother and niece of Mrs. Daniels, and Mrs. Guy Crouch were out-of-town guests. The guests were served an elaborate buffet luncheon in the dining room.

Over Hundred Present For FFA Father and Son Banquet at Trent

Approximately one hundred attended the Father and Son banquet held by the Trent Future Farmers at the high school gymnasium, on Dec. 10.

The program was outstanding in that it included the work of the chapter for the year which gave the total number of animals now on feed, the acres which would be as projects for feed, hens for egg production and the number of hogs for pork production.

The highlights of the evening were centered around the crowning of the chapter sweetheart, Mary Lou O'Rear. The procession included the officers of the chapter and their lady escorts. The crown bearer, little Bobbie Rortune, who was dressed in a peach colored evening gown carried the crown on a silken pillow. Othell O'Kelly, the president of the chapter, had the honor of crowning the chapter sweetheart.

The banquet was honored by having a number of outstanding speakers, local and out of town. R. L. Fortune, superintendent of the Trent high school, spoke on the subject "Value of Vocational Agriculture in High School," making it plain in his talk that the schools of today are making a change from the old academic to the new vocational subjects, which are required in the advancement of education.

J. B. Payne, supervisor of vocational agriculture, Area Four, Stephenville, spoke on the subject, "The Importance of Farm Boys Selecting Vocations In Which They Have A Foundation on which To Build More successful Enterprises." Other speakers were Bud Winter and Leonard Quattlebaum, who expressed

full support of the new department of Vocational agriculture in Trent high school.

The main speaker of the evening was Dean J. Thomas Davis of John Tarleton Agricultural college, Stephenville, his subject being "Muscles and Brain as applied to Vocational Agriculture In Our High Schools Today."

Entertainment numbers on the program were solos carrying out a western theme by Bobbie Fortune, Troy Kegans and J. B. Winn and an accordion number by Supt. R. L. Fortune. Bobbie Fortune sang "Home on the Range," Troy Kegans, "Back in the Saddle Again," and J. B. Winn, "My Little Buccaroo," with Miss Christine Collins as accompanist.

Officers of the Trent chapter of Future Farmers of America are: Othell O'Kelly, president; John Armour, vice-president; Thomas Bertram, secretary; John Barnes, Jr., treasurer; Weldon Rutledge, reporter; James Earl Stevens, farm watch dog; Troy Kegans, historian; Billy Bertram, parliamentarian; J. B. Winn, Jr., song leader, and J. M. Logan, advisor.

About nine months is required for wood to season properly for burning.

Farmers' marketing, purchasing and farm business service cooperatives borrowed nearly twice as much money from banks for cooperatives in the first nine months of 1941 as in the corresponding period of 1940. This is reflected in both higher price levels and greater business activity, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Healthful Living During Christmas Season Stressed

Austin, Dec. 24.—"Despite the fact that America is at war, this Nation as a whole should not forget the true Christmas spirit of happiness and good will, but we can do that much better if we are well and strong," asserts Doctor Geo. W. Cox, state health officer.

"Many people are prone to throw caution to the wind and violate every principle of healthful living during the Christmas season. As a result, their minds and bodies are unmercifully punished and sometimes irreparable damage is done," he said.

Doctor Cox pointed out the danger of using lighted candles on Christmas trees or in windows, as a possible source of disastrous fires. Overheating, crowded living conditions, lack of exercise and overheated rooms often endanger health during the holiday season, according to Doctor Cox, and he warned parents against undue excitement and late hours for small children.

"Intemperance during Christmas holidays, whether in food or drink, is not excusable from the standpoint

of good health practice," he asserted, "and the maximum of pleasure will be gained by those individuals who practice precaution along these lines." Emphasizing the fact that it is the duty of every individual to conserve his health and strength as well as that of his neighbor, to conserve and bolster the health and manpower of our country, Doctor Cox said that from a

standpoint of patriotism alone every Texan owes it to his country to promote good health at Christmas time as he would at any other season of the year.

About 45 cents of each dollar spent by consumers for food goes to the farmer. The remainder pays for processing and distribution.

A Merry Christmas AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Officers, Directors and Employees of The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel . . . extend sincere Christmas Greetings to you with best wishes for good health, greater progress, and substantial prosperity in 1942. For the first Christmas in over 20 years, our nation is at war. Let us all pledge our fullest co-operation and effort to preserve our blessings of freedom and liberty so that our children and their children in years to come can continue to say "Merry Christmas."

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BEN FRANKLIN STORES

Sincere Good Wishes For CHRISTMAS And The NEW YEAR

We would like for our greeting at this time to convey a twofold message.

First, we want to wish for you the merriest Christmas you have ever experienced.

Then, we want to thank you for past patronage and ask to be given the opportunity of serving you during the coming year.

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THE SPARKLE IN CHRISTMAS



A WORLD AT WAR may yet find a sparkle in Christmas! To the youngsters of West Texas—and all America—this tradition of light, and happiness, and cheer, an good will toward men remains as a glowing reality. For that reason, believing there must always be a Christmas, we consider our joy even more essential this year: Helping keep alive the sparkle of the Christmas spirit through plenty of good light while a serving our nation's armed forces who are fighting to preserve not Christianity alone, but our old time Freedom and Democracy as well.

West Texas Utilities Company

HALL'S CHRISTMAS GIFT

(By Benny Kemper.)

Christmas Eve! Everything was in place at Genevieve's house—the tree, its trimmings, the two small stockings, that were her small brother's—they hung just over the fireplace, stuffed to the top. She had said that this was what she was going to have when they were married.

"That star is turned down too much," she said, as she mounted the ladder to straighten it.

"Wait, I'll fix it."

But she had already gone.

"Look out, the ladder is falling!"

All too late was Hall's cry, for the ladder toppled and Genevieve fell into the burning Yule logs. She stayed in the hospital for a week. But one day she left, no one knew where. A search for her was made, but no one had seen a blonde-girl of twenty-two, five feet and five inches tall. Hall was almost mad.

Spring came. Hall was trying to help his grandmother with her flower garden. He was awakened from his thoughts that morning by a call from a boy.

"Telegram for Mr. Hall Stewart!"

"Here, boy."

"Sign here, please."

"Thank you, and here." Hall handed him a quarter.

"Gee, thanks."

Hall opened the telegram with shaky hands. He prayed a little prayer as he read: "Mr. Hall Stewart, Berryville, Texas. Have seen girl of given description at city hospital. Frances Clayton, Westdair, Calif., Box 250."

Hall turned toward the house with a new look upon his face. He went up to his room without a word, packed a small black bag and returned to the lower floor to say "Grandmother, I am to make a trip to California. Will be back soon."

Before the grandmother could say anything, he was gone. He chartered a plane and flew there as fast as the little ship could carry him. As he traveled, he thought "California! How did she get there, blind as she is? Will she still love me? Will she come home?"

These thoughts and many more raced over and over through his mind.

At last he was saying over the telephone, "Hello, Miss Clayton, this is Hall Stewart. I came as soon as I could."

"Please come over; then I will take you over to the hospital."

Frances met him at the door before he could ring. She was a brunette, about five feet, three inches, tall, and looked about twenty with a pleasant

voice.

"I see a nurse."

And soon another nurse was saying to her patient: "A Mr. Stewart to see you."

"Hall!"

The nurse slipped out.

"Genevieve!"

"How did you find me?" she asked.

"What does that matter as long as I have you? What made you run away? Why, Honey, you look as if you don't like my coming."

"No, I am glad you came. Can you take me home? I want to go home so much, although I am blind."

"Sure, but I must go now, for the nurse said only five minutes."

"But you will come back soon, won't you?"

"Sure."

He slipped out, closed the door. He walked down the corridor until he met Miss Clayton.

"Tell me all about it."

"She was found in the street two days ago, starving. She was in such a bad state that she had to be put to bed."

As Hall went to spend the night in a hotel, Genevieve was making some hurried decisions.

"Why had Hall come? Did he still love her, was he just taking pity on her blindness? How could she tell? What could she do?"

Later that night she slipped out of bed into some clothes she found in the closet, felt her way out into the night air, called a taxi and drove to the airport. There she paid for the fare with what money she found in the purse.

"What was she to do? That must be

a plane about to take off."

She asked a young lady who could help her aboard. She got past the pilot by saying that she would show her ticket when she got where she could sit down. Once aboard, she had to stall until the plane took off. Then she told them she would pay them when she got to Thomasville, the next town stop. When the plane arrived there, she dashed into the crowd. She wandered from there, getting a ride, any way she could, until she got to Texas, she knew not where. A brittle snow was falling as she made her way down a small street on the second of November. Out of the darkness came a voice that she loved to hear.

"Genevieve, Honey! I have gone almost mad since you left. But that doesn't matter now."

"Hall! Hall! I'm so glad I came home. I was a fool to run away. Forgive me, won't you?"

They were in each other's arms. Every one was looking, but that didn't matter.

"Come, we must go home—to our home."

They went to Hall's home. As Hall opened the door Grandmother saw them and almost fainted.

Hall found an eye specialist. Genevieve was going to see.

On Christmas day the doctor removed the bandages for her to see. There in the room was a tree, loaded to the branches with presents.

She ran to the tree, but Hall stopped her. "Something else comes first. Stand right here, for this man is going to marry us. I'm taking no more chances."

The U. S. Department of Agriculture reports 10,420,000 persons employed in agriculture in the United States on Nov. 1, nearly a half million below the total for Nov. 1, 1940. This represented a decline of 1,112,000 workers from the number on Oct. 1.

AFTER ALL THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A Good Old-Fashioned Christmas

SO WITH OLD TIME SENTIMENT WE WISH FOR
YOU AND YOURS A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

We thank you for past favors and invite you to visit us
often and give us the opportunity of serving you.

HOMER NEWBY
BOB McDONALD

A Most Welcome Season!



What other season is greeted with such enthusiasm and such bouyant gaiety, that inspires such a fine spirit of love and unselfishness? It's Christmas—the only time accepted so wholeheartedly by everyone, young and old alike. Again we say welcome, Happy Yuletide Season and may each of you enjoy . . .

A Merry Christmas
And A Happy New Year

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We acknowledge the part you have had in the growth and success of our business. Without the support of our friends our business would be no pleasure at all. So through this message we would like to convey the thought that we appreciate you and whole heartedly thank you for your favors and kindness.

As we look to the New Year we resolve to serve you in the same way that has merited your confidence in the past.

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Happiness and Success in your Every Undertaking*

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LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Joe Earl Lassiter, having completed ground work at Kelly field, has been transferred to the primary flying school at Coleman. On leaving for Coleman, he came by home for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lassiter, going from here to Coleman last Friday. He was accompanied by a friend, another cadet, Eric Kyro, of Detroit, Mich.

Visitors here the latter part of last week were H. T. Slayden, of Clarksville, Tenn., father of the late W. S. Slayden, and Mrs. W. S. Slayden and two sons, Troy and Fred, of Enid, Okla., who were visiting their daughter and sister, Mrs. Elmer Adcock, and Mr. Adcock, in Abilene. On Monday, Mrs. Slayden and two sons left for Clarksville, Tenn., to take the elder Slayden home and to spend the holidays there.

E. O. Carson, who was seriously injured in a car wreck on the night of Sept. 23, is now able to be up town and around with the aid of crutches, and it will not be long before he can return to his duties at the store.

Hubert Turner, who is suffering

Golden Wedding

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ding service 50 years ago was the late Rev. A. A. Baker, pastor of the Presbyterian church in Merkel and its organizer. Mrs. Tucker's parents were charter members of this church.

The couple has lived continuously in this section since their marriage, moving from Mulberry Canyon to Merkel in 1914. Seven children were born to their union and all are living. They have twelve grandchildren.

Hospital Notes.

L. B. English underwent surgery at Sadler Clinic Dec. 18. A girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bagby Dec. 20. A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Link Dec. 22.

The "Boston News Letter" of May, 1704, carried America's first newspaper advertisement.

with a very painful eye trouble, has been confined to his home for several days. He came up town Tuesday but remained only for a short while.

Woman M. P. Arrives



Mrs. Beatrice Rathbone, member of Britain's parliament, has her baggage inspected as she arrives in New Jersey. Her children have been staying here for the duration of the war.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stockbridge went to Breckenridge Saturday night after having been notified of the serious illness of Mrs. Stockbridge's father, J. M. Glenn. He was much improved when they returned Sunday night.

Home on 16-days' furlough, Vincent Barnett, Co. L, 56th QMR, Pine Camp, N. Y., is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barnett.

Mrs. Raymond E. Neal and daughter, Margaret Rebecca, arrived Saturday night for a holiday visit with her aunts, Mrs. Ada Heeter and Miss Sadie Woodrum.

Supt. and Mrs. Connor Robinson are spending the early part of the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Robinson, at Fluvanna, and will return to spend Christmas with Mrs. Robinson's parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Surface, at Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Kemp Hinch of Odessa arrived Sunday to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives here. Mrs. H. C. Williams will spend Christmas with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. Q. Warren, at Knox City.

Sammy Derstine, who is attending the State School for the Deaf at Austin, arrived home Saturday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Derstine.

Rev. and Mrs. J. Basil Ramsey and

daughter, Celia Anita, left Tuesday to spend Christmas with Mrs. Ramsey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Sollock, at Rule.

Mrs. Ed Turner spent Monday in Wichita Falls with her sister, Mrs. W. S. Shaw, who is seriously ill. Mrs. Shaw was removed from the hospital to her home Monday.

Mrs. V. B. Sublett, accompanied by Mrs. George West and children, arrived from Corpus Christi the latter part of last week to spend the holidays here. They will be joined for Christmas by Messrs. Sublett and West.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Marshall Clark arrived Tuesday from Roswell, N. M., to spend Christmas with her aunt, Mrs. Duncan Briggs.

Arriving Sunday, Mrs. C. B. Overmire of Weatherford is a guest over the Christmas holidays in the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Dingle.

Sis Gamble, a nurse at Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble, on a full week's leave.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Mashburn and Mrs. Effie Rider left Wednesday for Corpus Christi to spend Christmas with their son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Terrell Mashburn, and daughter, Anita.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hendrix and son, W. S., Jr., visited with friends and relatives at Goldthwaite Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Harris and

daughter, Lois, visited another daughter, Mrs. J. B. Bunch, at Brownwood, Sunday and were at the bedside of J. B. Bunch, who is quite ill at Camp Bowie, Brownwood.

Russia pays a regular allowance to nearly all its university students.

Jap Transports Sunk.

Batavia, N. E. I., Dec. 24.—Three big Japanese transports and a tanker have been sunk west of Borneo by a Netherlands submarine, the commander of The Netherlands navy was informed Tuesday night.

Merchants Sales Books 5c, six for 25c or 25 for \$1.00, at Merkel Mail office.



HEADLINES FOR CHRISTMAS

"Merry Christmas—Happy New Year"

Everywhere about we see these words—it is the favorite expression of the season. Yet, what words sound merrier, cheerier or have a truer ring? So, for Friends and Patrons we repeat.

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Magazine Digest—3.30
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Modern Screen—1.50
Nature (10 Iss., 12 Mos.)—3.50
Official Detective Stories—2.00
Open Road (Boys) (12 Issues, 14 Months)—1.50
Outdoors (12 Iss., 14 Mo.)—1.50
Parents' Magazine—2.30
Pathfinder (Weekly)—1.90
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Science & Discovery—1.50
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True Confessions—1 Yr.
Modern Romances—1 Yr.
Modern Screen—1 Yr.
Silver Screen—1 Yr.
Sports Afield—1 Yr.
Open Road (Boys) (12 Issues)—14 Mo.
Science & Discovery—1 Yr.
Flower Grower—6 Mo.
GROUP B—SELECT 2 MAGAZINES
Household Magazine—1 Yr.
Pathfinder—26 Issues
Hunting & Fishing—6 Mo.
Successful Farming—1 Yr.
Amer. Fruit Grower—1 Yr.
Progressive Farmer—2 Yrs.
Open Road (Boys)—6 Mo.
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Comfort-Needlecraft—1 Yr.
Farm Journal—1 Yr.
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GREETINGS FROM US—TO YOU

Our entire personnel wishes you a very joyous Christmas Day in which Merriment and Contentment abound.

Then, May the New Year challenge you to renewed effort to meet life determined to make the most of every day.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Merkel Mail "Your Home Town Newspaper"

Senate Leaders Seek Aid for Small Business

Washington, Dec. 24.—Democratic and republican leaders in the senate joined Tuesday in a demand that something be done at once to keep small business and industry operating during the wartime emergency. Majority Leader Barkley, Kentucky, said he feared that duplication of defense and congressional action might cause "confusion in the minds of small businessmen as to where to go for relief."

Minority Leader McNary, Oregon, said it was necessary to do something to protect small business "as early as possible."

The discussion preceded senate approval of a \$10,000 increase in funds for its special small business committee headed by Senator Murray, Montana, who said that it was a "well known fact that small business is rapidly being driven out of the country."

Senator Lucas, Illinois, suggested that the best way of giving prompt aid to small business would be mandatory legislation requiring allocation of a small amount of steel, copper, tin and other scarce metals to small business.

The republican and democratic leaders raised the question of duplication of efforts to aid small business but Senator Murray insisted that the small business committee was avoiding this.

"This committee has been able to save several small business enterprises," Murray said. He explained that in one recent case the senate committee tried to obtain materials for a small industry, employing from 60,000 to 75,000 persons, from OPM but failed. The committee then contacted Justice Department officials and this brought enough materials from OPM to avoid closing down the industry.

Last Rites Held for M. R. Holt Wednesday

M. R. Holt, retired farmer, aged 78, died at 7 o'clock Tuesday night at his home, 5 miles north of Merkel on the Nugent road, after a brief illness.

A native of Lavaca county, where he was born on Aug. 28, 1863, he had lived in the Merkel community the past twenty years.

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from the First Baptist church here, with Rev. Houston Scott officiating, and interment followed in the Rose Hill cemetery, in charge of the Elliott Funeral home, Abilene.

Surviving are his wife, three daughters, Mrs. Jessie Young, Boerne; Mrs. Bettie Vantrefse, Abilene, and Mrs. Louise Self, Houston; four sons, Henry, Merkel; Ollie, Tuscola; Albert, Crockett, and J. M. Brownwood; a sister, Mrs. Sallie Riley, Hunter; three brothers, Frank, Idell; Ben, Dallas, and Jim, of California; 18 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

New Mexican Envoy



President Franklin D. Roosevelt has nominated George S. Messersmith, ambassador to Cuba (shown above) to be the new ambassador to Mexico. Mr. Messersmith, a "career diplomat," will succeed Josephus Daniels, and will take up his new duties early next year when the retirement of Mr. Daniels becomes effective.

TELEPHONE THE MAIL

The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainments or visitors in Merkel homes, as well as other news items of a general nature. If you have company, entertain friends or return from a trip please telephone 61 or 29.



FOR SALE

FOR SALE—One bred sow; will be second litter pigs. Vernon B. Simpson, on A. T. Sheppard place. Merkel, Texas.

FOR SALE—Good 4-wheel trailer cheap. Mrs. Selma Russell.

FOR SALE—Plenty of extra good pigs; over a hundred to select from. J. E. Touchstone or Joe Roach, on place.

TRACTOR TIRES for sale, new and used; good stock 6.00-16 used tires. White and Palmer.

FOR SALE—See Lee-Bailey Drug for General Electric refrigerators and appliances.

FOR SALE—1939 4-door Plymouth sedan; in good condition. H. L. Wilson, Trent, Texas, Route 2.

ELECTRIC CABINET RADIO for sale or trade for hogs or cattle. Brooks Patterson.

FOR SALE—Coal heater. R. M. Ferguson.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Furnished apartment. Mrs. Joe Nalley.

FOR RENT—Three-room furnished apartment, with private bath; also 2-room furnished house. Mrs. Bert Melton.

FOR RENT—Three rooms, furnished or unfurnished; also small house. Mrs. Irl Walker.

FOR RENT—Nicely furnished bedroom. Mrs. A. H. Thornton.

FOR RENT OR SALE—Building corner Elm and Edwards streets; can give possession immediately, building formerly occupied by Barrow Furniture Company. Write E. G. Neely, 4311 Hall St., Dallas. See E. M. McDonald for key.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Baby's white kid shoe, in town Monday night. Return to Merkel Mail.

Grandmother of Local Woman Buried at Rule

Mrs. J. Basil Ramsey attended the funeral Sunday afternoon of her maternal grandmother, Mrs. John Ham, which was conducted in the first Baptist church at Rule, with Rev. Mr. Powell in charge, assisted by the Methodist pastor of that city.

She accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Pinky Cypert, who also attended the funeral, as Mrs. Ham was the grandmother of Mrs. O. D. Cypert, of Rule, a cousin of Mrs. Ramsey and a sister-in-law of Pinky Cypert.

Apples occupy more refrigerated warehouse space in the United States each year than any other single item.

The average person in this country used nearly 25 pounds of cotton each year from 1935 to 1939.

It takes 30 dozen eggs to make 10 pounds of dried eggs.

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Salt pork helps make green vegetables and whole grain cereals more tasty.

A Merry Christmas To All— And To All

Happiness And Success Through The Year

We want to express our thanks to our friends for past favors. We value your friendship and strive at all times to merit your patronage.

FERRIER'S SERVICE STATION

May Health, Wealth And Happiness Be Yours

We all know the old adage that reminds us that we get out of life what we put into it. We are trusting that manifold opportunities will be opened to each of you during 1942 that life may be richer and fuller than ever before.

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Payne, actor and playwright, received his inspiration for "Home, Sweet Home" from an old Sicilian melody sung by a peasant woman while he was traveling through Italy. He wrote the song, and the eminent English composer, Sir Henry Bowley Bishop, provided the harmony.

To prevent warping of a wooden ironing board, cover all sides of the well dried board with phenolic resin before covering it.

University of Texas regents have accepted a \$7,500 grant from the United States department of agriculture for home economics research in the dehydration of perishable foods. The research will be directed by Dr. Jet C. Winters of the University faculty and by Dr. Louise Stanley, chief home economist for the U. S. department.

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MAY GOOD THINGS COME TO YOU AT THIS CHRISTMAS AND DURING 1942

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BEST WISHES For the YULETIDE

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QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday — "International Squadron," guaranteed road show; "King of Texas Rangers," No. 4, with Slingin' Sammy Baugh, selected shorts.

Saturday preview, Sunday matinee, Monday night—"Nothing But the Truth," with Bob Hope and Paulette Goddard; Sports short, Paramount News.

Tuesday only—"Scattergood Meets Broadway," with Guy Kibbee; "Captain Marvel" No. 8, selected shorts.

Wednesday, New Year's Eve preview—"Sailors on Leave," selected shorts.

Wednesday-Thursday—Jane Withers in "Small Town Deb," selected shorts.

"International Squadron."

The Queen theatre's next feature, scheduled to open Friday is the new Warner Bros. picture, "International Squadron," starring Ronald Reagan, with a featured supporting cast that includes Olympe Branda, William Lundigan, Joan Perry and Reginald Denny.

"International Squadron" tells the story of a daredevil Yankee pilot who joins up with the all-nations unit of the R. A. F. This is the colorful squadron whose heroic exploits have thrilled and amazed the world. Made up of fliers from Poland, Czechoslovakia, Norway, France, North and South America and the British dominions, it is the most truly international fighting group the world has ever known. The Yankee flier joins up with them, after taxiing an American bomber to London. One night of a London air-raid makes him decide to stay, but it takes much longer for him to learn the true meaning of the group spirit of the International Squadron. When he does, he more than lives up to it in heroism.

Audiences who have previewed "International Squadron" in Hollywood have lauded Reagan's performance as one of the year's best, and the picture as a thoroughly exciting screen adventure, well-blended with romance. Its stirring aerial combat scenes, showing actual engagements between Spitfires and Messerschmits are among the most thrilling ever filmed. "International Squadron" was directed by Lewis Seiler, from a screen play by Kenneth Gamet and Barry Trivers, suggested by a play by Frank Wead.

"Nothing But the Truth." Reuniting Bob Hope, Paulette



C. M. PRESLEY
209 Pine St. Abilene, Texas



We celebrate now the birth of one who gave us the Sermon on the Mount, the keystone of whose arch was the injunction "Love ye one another." Upon this firm foundation all human friendship is built. We have been proud to count you among our loyal friends for many years, and now renew our pledge of friendship. We also take this opportunity to extend to you all good wishes for a joyful Christmas and holiday season.
R. H. MATHEWS
TEXACO PRODUCTS
Merkel, Texas

Goddard and Director Elliott Nugent, the trio responsible for that smash laugh hit of a few seasons ago, "The Cat and the Canary," Paramount's new laugh special, "Nothing But the Truth," is to be shown at the Queen theatre Saturday preview, Sunday matinee and Monday night.

For comedy, Bob Hope is just about the hottest thing on the screen right now and movie fans don't seem to get enough of him, despite the fact that he's been making numerous appearances. The important—and the wondrous—thing, is that Hope can keep on topping previous side-splitting performances. To see beautiful, saucy Paulette Goddard teamed with him is an extra treat for film fans.

In "Nothing But the Truth" Hope comes to us fresh from his hilarious adventures as a rookie in "Caught in the Draft." The lusty laughs over Hope's gags and antics as an infantryman, parachute jumper and tank driver still haven't died down yet. Now here he is again, this time in a story that is noted for its laugh-loaded situations.

Paulette Goddard's appearance with Hope in "Nothing But the Truth" marks the third time this team has starred together. The first two films were "The Cat and the Canary" and "The Ghost Breakers." In those two pictures, you undoubtedly will recall, they proved themselves a smooth-working comedy team, perfectly suited for each other's style of comedy.

Adding lustre to the already bright signs for grand entertainment, is the cast featured in "Nothing but the Truth." Just feast your eyes on this list: Edward Arnold, Lief Erickson,

Helen Vinson, Catherine Doucet, Glenn Anders, Grant Mitchell, Rose Hobart and Willie Best, the colored comedian.

"Sailors on Leave."

"Sailors On Leave," a gay, entertaining film dealing with the gallant boys in Uncle Sam's sea forces is booked for New Year's Eve preview at the Queen theatre.

William Lundigan and Shirley Ross have the romantic leads in this new comedy, which is generously sprinkled with music, and the supporting cast includes such names as Chick Chandler, Cliff Nabarro, Tom Kennedy, Mae Clarke, Mary Ainslee, Ruth Donnelly, Bill Shirley and Jane Kean.

The story deals with the adventures and misadventures of one Charles

("Chuck") Stephens, who is allergic to women. His two navy pals, played by Cliff Nazarro and Chick Chandler, trump up a gag letter supposedly written him by an attorney notifying him that he will inherit twenty-five thousand dollars provided he marries before his twenty-seventh birthday.

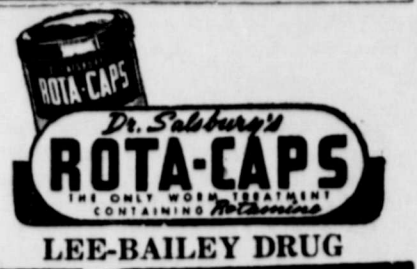
All the gobs on Chuck's boat have notes which they have taken for money they lent Chuck when he got into a jam in Manila, and all are determined that Chuck marry before his

birthday so that there will be money forthcoming for them to collect what he owes them.

His two pals, who framed the false inheritance letter, on the other hand, are equally determined to keep Chuck out of matrimony, for if he marries, their hoax will be exposed and the entire navy will wreak for vengeance on their heads.

From this merry plot premise the story develops, unfolding a rapid succession of laughs, not to mention some

new songs which promise to be exceptionally tuneful as sung by Republic's tenor, Bill Shirley.



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Merry Christmas



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It's warm and sincere,
So—just the old

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GREETINGS FOR THE NEW YEAR



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In service to our community and to each of you as individuals seems the only way we repay in a small way. Call on us at any time during the New Year 1942, and you will find us ready to help you in our most efficient manner.

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Greetings To Our FRIENDS and PATRONS



We would like so much to have a part in making your Christmas brighter and happier. The good things of life are the beauties of nature around us and the golden opportunities for serving others. If we can, in a small way, help you to realize this and forget the cares of everyday life, then we would know we had added something to your store of Christmas joys.

We are grateful for your friendship and what it has meant to us personally.

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President Sends Annual Message to Boy Scouts

In his annual Christmas message to the Boy Scouts of America of which he is honorary president, and in which he himself was active for more than seventeen years, President Roosevelt paid high tribute to the Boy Scouts, expressing "the appreciation of the Nation for the contribution which Scouts and Scouting make to our national strength and morale by helping to keep alive the manly virtues of truthfulness, loyalty, courage and helpfulness."

The president's greetings to the nation's 1,470,316 Scouts, Cubs and their leaders follows:

"The White House,

Washington, D. C.

"To the Boy Scouts of America:

"Once again I send sincerest Christmas greetings to the Boy Scouts of America; bespeaking also the appreciation of the Nation for the contribution which Scouts and Scouting make to our strength and morale by helping to keep alive the manly virtues of truthfulness, loyalty, courage and helpfulness. Now, as always, the Nation needs citizens who are pledged to keep themselves physically fit, mentally alert and morally straight.

"(signed) FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT."

The oil industry buys each year directly from agriculture lard oil, stearine made from cattle and horses, castor oil from the castor plant, neats-foot oil from horns and hooves, milk, fibrebread, hairfelt, leather, cotton fabrics, wood products and many other supplies.

U.S.S. West Virginia



With the first news of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor came the unofficial report of the sinking of the U. S. battleship West Virginia, which is shown above. The West Virginia, carrying eight 16-inch guns, was completed in 1923, and its normal complement was 1,486 officers and men as the fleet flagship.

Call for Inventory Cards from Owners Trucks and Busses

Austin, Dec. 24.—Whether they realize it or not, thousands of Texans are hindering the war department's national defense efforts, State Police Director Homer Garrison declared today.

The Highway Traffic Advisory committee to the war department, of which Garrison is Texas chairman, sent inventory cards to all owners of trucks and busses in Texas several months ago. The survey was designed to provide the war department with complete information on the availability of vehicles which might be used to transport troops, materials and evacuees in case of need.

"The owners of about 100,000 vehicles still have not filled out and returned these cards," Garrison said today. "Texas, which has the highest ratio of men in the armed services, is lagging far behind other states in the simple matter of a truck and bus survey. If our young men are willing to offer their lives for their country, surely the truck and bus owners should be willing to say whether they will agree to lend or lease their vehicles to the government."

The cards should be returned to the War Department, 1222 West Commerce, San Antonio. Any owner who has not received his card should write that address and ask for one.

Advertise in The Merkel Mail.

HELLO!

May I Be This Informal?



As I would if we met, and wish you "Merry Christmas, Happy New Year." And I want to add that I hope this is the best Christmas that you have ever had.

I do appreciate the confidence you have placed in me and the opportunity you have given me to serve you. You may be sure that I will do all in my power to merit your confidence.

I Look Forward To Serving You Often During 1942

L. A. DUDLEY
Commissioner, Precinct 2.

Trent to Open National Defense Training Shop

Trent, Dec. 24.—Trent high school has secured a national defense training center and a building now under construction that will accommodate from 25 to 30 boys. The building will be completed and all equipment installed by the first of January, 1942. The courses will start on the same day.

This type of training is for the purpose of preparing those who are interested in repairing their own machinery, in selecting mechanics as a trade and preparing for defense jobs.

There will be two courses taught in this center. They will include a-1 which is auto-mechanics, gas engines and diesel engines, and a-2 which is hot metal work, which includes electric welding. There have been about thirty boys enrolled for the class. Joe Patterson, local mechanic of Trent, has been selected as instructor.

Free air, now available at almost every service station, was a luxury in 1907; higher-priced cars had spare air tanks, and jalopy owners pumped.

Birds have the quickest eyes, being able to change their focus faster than any other creature.

GOOD CHEER

Petty's Barber Shop

Brazil was once called "Terra de Santa Cruz"—land of the Holy Cross.

1941 CHRISTMAS COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON

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Merry Christmas

And A Very Happy Year During 1942

J. A. CAMPBELL Service Station

Merry Christmas to All

The same old greeting, but with the added fervor of many years' repetition.

It is our sincere wish that each member of your family will enjoy the most beautiful and happiest Christmas ever!

And may we add a word of thanks for your much appreciated patronage during the year.

ROBBIE and MAURINE

GREETINGS

We'd like to say heaps more than just "thank you," and heaps more than just "Happy New Year," because your kindness has meant so much to us in 1941.

We'll say it during 1942, not with mere words, but with more value and more service written into every transaction.

So at this time we simply say thank you, and Happy New Year!

ADCOCK'S Dry Cleaners

Coodbye 1941

Welcome 1942

As the yule log burns and casts its friendly glow, may it warm your heart to a feeling of happiness, peace and contentment that will last through each day of the New Year.

WE ARE WISHING THE BEST OF EVERYTHING FOR OUR FRIENDLY PATRONS DURING THE ENTIRE YEAR.

MERKEL MOTOR CO.
Owen Robertson

V...- **A Christmas Wish Just For You** V...-

To you our loyal friend and patron we send greetings. You have stood by us so graciously in the past we would feel we had failed miserably if we did not take advantage of this opportunity of thanking you. May Happiness and Success be yours during Christmas and the New Year.

BURTON-LINGO CO.
CLYDE BARTLETT M. A. PERKINS

GREETINGS

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS EVERYWHERE

We feel you are due our very best wishes for this holiday season and the New Year. It is with all sincerity we greet you and wish for you the very best of everything during Christmas and the New Year.

A JOYOUS "MERRY CHRISTMAS" A BOUNTIFUL "NEW YEAR"

SADLER CLINIC



STUDIO PARTY.

The annual Yule party for members of the piano and voice classes of Christine Collins was held in her home on Friday evening, Dec. 19. A miniature white tree augmented a color scheme of red and white for the entertaining rooms. A seated program featuring Christmas numbers was given by various members of the class after which a refreshment plate containing Christmas creams, snowballs, candy bells and favors for each guest of pottery piggy banks was served by Miss Collins assisted by Mrs. Twyman Collins.

Members of the class are Misses Peggy Robertson, Maureen Moore, Bobby Bryant, Fredda Nell Huddleston, Helen Heeter, Thelma Mathews, Betty Lu Higgins, Joyce Cox, Pearl Mathews, Mary Jo Hutchins, Patsy Cox, Jeanette Neff, Mary Jo Brown, Gwendolyn Renfro, Jonnie Roberts, Charlsye Smith, Joy Lansford, Jean Rutledge, Cliffla Jean Estep, Patsy Pomroy, Mary Faye Johnson, Ima Ruth Shouse, June Nalley, Norma Jean Hodge, Joy Nalley, Carolyn Teaff, Marolyn Teaff, Bebe Patterson, Bobbie Fortune, Beatrice Winter, Glenna Scott, Vada Campbell, Juanice Swinney, Geraldine Freeman, Peggy Titsworth, Wanda Kegans, Johnnie Wheeler, Patricia Beasley and Mrs. T. B. Friend; Messrs. Howard Carson, Cecil Turner, J. B. Winn, Gerald Renfro, Troy Kegans, Wayne Sledge, Wayne McLean, Wayne Horton, Don Friend, Cecil Friend, Robertus McRee, Ernest Smith, Robert Thomas Hodge, Jasper Hobbs, Donald Howell, Allen Howell, Tommy Wade Scott, Mack Springer.

YULE LOG HUNT.

One of the most elaborate parties of the entire Christmas season each year is held at the Sears Ranch Lodge when friends gather for the annual "Log Hunt." Natural shrubs decorated the beams of the long hall this year; cedar and mistletoe were climaxed in a huge home grown cedar tree beautifully decorated and laden with gifts.

The proverbial turkey dinner was served last Friday evening at a long dining table centered with Santa and his sleigh and set off by lighted tapers. Place markers were Santa Claus boots, filled with salted pecans, which seated 26 guests.

The couple fortunate enough to win the "Log Hunt" were Mrs. Yates Brown and Johnny Cox. The "cache" proved to be an enormous box of bonbons. Fireworks were shot off in the pasture before returning to the ranch house for the Christmas tree. A variety of stunts was supervised by Connor Robinson, prizes being awarded to Mrs. Johnny Cox and Willie Joe Largent.

Gifts were distributed by the hostess, Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Tippet of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Yates Brown of Midland; Messrs. and Mesdames S. D. Gamble, Dee Grimes, Booth Warren, C. B. Gardner, Connor Robinson, Johnny Cox, W. S. J. Brown, Tom Largent, W. J. Largent and Roy Largent.

DINNER HONORS PARENTS ON 40TH ANNIVERSARY.

A family dinner party celebrating the 40th wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Surface of Abilene was held on Thursday evening of last week in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Connor Robinson, and Mr. Robinson.

Christmas decorations predominated in the entertaining room, while the table featured a bridal motif with wedding rings attached to place cards for the honorees. The centerpiece was of gilded mistletoe flanked by tall red candles. Mr. and Mrs. Surface wore copies of their bridal flowers.

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JIMMY WALKER
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CHRISTMAS JOY TO ALL
STEVENS LAUNDRY

American beauty rose corsage for Mrs. Surface and boutonniere for Mr. Surface, gifts of the Robinsons.

Dr. Surface, pastor of Central Presbyterian church, Abilene, and very well known here where he is a frequent visitor and popular speaker, and Mrs. Surface are the parents of two children, Dr. Eugene H. Surface, professor of Bible and philosophy at Trinity university, Waxahachie, and Mrs. Robinson. The son and his wife were unable to be here for the anniversary dinner but plan to visit his parents during the holidays.

Besides the honorees, guests for the dinner were Miss Willie Mae Christopher of Abilene and Kenneth Whitescarver, of Salem, Va., great-nephew of Mrs. Surface and a senior at Hardin-Simmons university.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM BY PUPILS OF SPEECH STUDIO.

The speech pupils from the Merkel studio of Caroline Couch Blair invited friends to a program Friday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock at the Girl Scout club house.

The program included: "Welcome," Carolyn and Marolyn Teaff; "Her First Dance" and "Christmas," Beth Thomas; "Snowman's Resolution," Bobby John Fowler; "Little Maid Upon My Fan," a costume monologue, Creta Key Case; "Safety First," a dialogue, Jerry and Denta Marie Gibson; "Playing Actress," a one-act play, Wanda Jean Tipton, Norma Jean Hodge, Creta Key Case and Beth Thomas; "Dolly Has the Flu," a dialogue, Marolyn and Carolyn Teaff; "In the Heart of a Seed," Marilyn Liles; "Speaking Truthfully," Paul Arnold Whiteley; "Gun," Jerry Gibson; "Setting the Table," Denta Marie Gibson; "A Good Time," Norma Jean Hodge; "A Child's Story of Christmas," Wanda Jean Tipton; "The Pine Tree," a one-act play, Fairy—Beth Thomas, Man—Paul Arnold Whiteley, Boys—Bobby Fowler and Jerry Gibson, Wind—Marilyn Liles and Billy Fowler; "Merry Christmas," Paul Arnold Whiteley, Norma Jean Hodge was announcer.

Those present were: Mesdames Lee Tipton, Zedie L. Johnson, Bob Fowler, Coleman Smith, Theo Kincaid, Earl Stanford, Bill Teaff, Wilbur Thomas, Homer Newby, Milton Case, Eli Case; Maurine Tipton, Inez Smith, Sandra Sadler, Carolyn Teaff, Marolyn Teaff, Paul Arnold Whiteley, Creta Key Case, Karen Sue and La Jan Case, Beth Thomas, Bobby John Fowler, Billy Frank Fowler, Jerry and Denta Marie Gibson, Wanda Jean Tipton, Norma Jean Hodge, Marilyn Liles.

BUFFET SUPPER FOR NEEDLE AND THIMBLE CLUB MEMBERS.

Members of the Needle and Thimble club annually entertain their husbands with a Christmas party and this year a "no-host" affair was held in the Lions hall in the form of a buffet supper, on Dec. 19. Tables were beautifully done in Yule dress and a brilliantly lighted tree climaxed house decorations and from which gifts were distributed among the guests. These packages proved to contain inexpensive toys which were enjoyed for the duration of the party and then donated to the Fireboys to be distributed to underprivileged children.

A holiday menu, piece-de-resistance being baked ham, was served in three courses. Games of "42" progressed happily until a late hour. Those present were Messrs. and Mesdames Hoyle Lemens, Geo. T. Moore, Jack Patterson, David Gamble, Bill Yazell, Buck Leach, L. V. Moore, Milton Case, John Grable, Spencer Bird and Stacy Bird.

GIRL SCOUTS HAVE CHRISTMAS DINNER.

Monday evening the Girl Scouts met in their rock cabin for a Christmas dinner. Decorations, symbolic of the Yuletide season, adorned the table where a covered dish luncheon was served after which gifts were distributed from a pretty lighted tree. Mrs. Ray Olivadoti assumed the duties of hostess and was assisted by Mrs. Clyde Shouse.

After a short program the following girls went caroling: Misses Betty Sue Taylor, Janet Teaff, Jennie Lee Teaff, Anne Groene, Mary Ruth Hutcheson, Mary Faye Johnson, Nedra Swafford, Evelyn Sears, Bobbie Nell Regan, Janice Patterson, Jacqueline Toombs, Betty June Toombs, Ima Ruth Shouse, Doris Gene Dudley, Johnny McDonald, Mesdames Olivadoti and Shouse.

Brazil has a New York, a Philadelphia and a Brooklyn.

Red Cross Call to Service



The dramatic poster by James Montgomery Flagg is the first war poster of the new World War. It is an appeal for a \$50,000,000 American war relief fund to feed, shelter, clothe and give medical aid to American men, women and children bombed by the enemy. It is an appeal for funds to provide comforts for our American Army and Navy, and for welfare work for our troops at home and abroad, and their families on the home front. President Roosevelt asks you to give. Your dollars will serve humanity. Give through your local Red Cross Chapter.

MRS. OLIVADOTI ENTERTAINS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS.

Members of the "Better Class" of young people were entertained Friday evening in the parlors of the Methodist church by their teacher, Mrs. Ray Olivadoti, assisted by Mrs. R. B. Bland, with a Christmas party.

A beautifully decorated tree was laden with gifts for each member and games appropriate to the season were arranged. At the refreshment hour hot dogs and hot chocolate were served to Misses Becky Gaither, Mary Ruth Hutcheson, Marian Cobb, Mary Faye Johnson; Messrs. Abie Turner, Roy and Troy Roberts, Eugene Hendricks, Bobbie Joe Bland, Wayne Baccus, Robert, and Frank Simpson, Orville Kemper and Benny Kemper.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Saturday evening at 6:50, Miss Florence Virginia Dickerson, attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gold Dickerson, and Lewis Bond, of Oklahoma, were united in marriage at the home of Minister Claud Smith of the Church of Christ. The groom, formerly in the United States army, stationed at Camp Berkeley, is now employed at the camp since his discharge. The couple will make their home here.

In a ceremony performed by Rev. W. G. Richardson Sunday morning at the Fundamental Baptist church, Miss Betty Russell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Russell, now of San Antonio and former Merkel residents, was married to Pvt. Earl Mashburn, Jr., United States army, stationed at Fort Sam Houston. The bride was a popular member of the graduating class of Merkel High school in the spring. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mashburn, and after the expiration of his ten-days' furlough he and his bride will leave for San Antonio to make their home.

The marriage of Miss Mollie Trim, whose parents live at Palestine, and Homer Reynolds, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reynolds, took place Sunday evening at the home of Rev. R. L. Griffin, who read the ceremony in the presence of a few relatives and close friends. Homer is stationed at Camp Bowie with Battery B, 133rd field artillery. The couple will spend their honeymoon in Palestine.

Miss Gracie Mae Craig and Mr. Alver Roy Wetsel, both of Abilene, were united in marriage last Sunday at the close of the morning service at

RURAL SOCIETY

BLUEBONNET CLUB.

Mrs. Will Butman entertained the club with a Christmas party Dec. 17. Mrs. A. L. Farmer, president, was in charge of a short business session. Mrs. Will Butman and Mrs. Dewell McLean were in charge of the games. Mrs. Ford Butman acted as program chairman and a very interesting program was presented by Mesdames A. D. Barnes, Huston Martin, Elmer Patterson, A. R. Toombs, Dewell McLean and Tom Russom. Club members sang "Holy Night."

Mrs. Will Butman acted as Santa and passed gifts to each member, revealing club pals. A plate was passed to Mesdames A. R. Toombs, R. G. Toombs, Tom Russom, Huston Martin, A. L. Farmer, Raymond Thomas, N. M. Keith, Ray Reynolds, Lloyd Matthews, Jim Perry, Riley Whisenant, Whit Farmer, Joe Seymore, A. D. Barnes, Ford Butman, Elmer Patterson, Dewell McLean; Misses Louene Butman and Wanda Keith and the hostess.

SALT BRANCH CLUB.

The Salt Branch Home Demonstration club met at the Salt Branch school house for a Christmas program and to exchange gifts Dec. 18. A committee was appointed to arrange the demonstration program. Those on the committee were Mrs. Joe Higgins, chairman, Mrs. Buster Horton, Mrs. Roy Harrell and Mrs. Vernon Hudson.

Refreshments were served to the following: Messrs. and Mesdames W. U. Beene, T. C. Allen, Vernon Hudson, Carl Baccus and boys, Roy Harrell and children, Offie Higgins and boys, Buster Horton and son, Sam Hammock and children, Mason Barker and children, Bill Hayes and daughter, Joe Jaynes and children, Gordon Hass, Hob Robertson; Mesdames J. S. Pinckley and Ruth, J. E. Smith and Jess Higgins and Booth.

The Selective Medical division reports that 20 per cent of its rejections were for dental defects and nearly 14 per cent for defective eyes.

Tye Presbyterian church, with Rev. J. B. Ramsey, the pastor, performing the ceremony.

"Come to the Manger" Presented Sunday at Presbyterian church

"Come to the Manger," a Christmas story and song service with scenes and characters, was impressively presented by children from the Presbyterian churches of Merkel and Tye, supported by a choir, mostly of young people, at Grace Presbyterian church Sunday evening.

With Gay West as reader, the story of the birth of the Savior was beautifully enacted by the following characters: Mary, Doris Dudley; Joseph, Billy Campbell; Voice, Nan Bible; Angel, Nan Bible; Inn Keeper, Don Dudley; First Shepherd, Jo Anna Ramsey; Second Shepherd, Josie Towland, Tye; Third Shepherd, Estellar Towland, Tye; Fourth Shepherd, Juanita Askins, Tye; The Three Wise Men, Irene Mauldin, Inez Askins, Bonnie Dumis, all of Tye; Inn Boy, Neander Wozencraft.

The singers were seated behind curtains which closed off the choir section and altar, and the several scenes depicted in the story were presented from a stage in the glow of soft

lights. Direction of the program was in charge of the pastor, Rev. J. Basil Ramsey, with Miss Helen Heeter as pianist.

England imports fish and other sea food to a value of nearly \$50,000 annually. Most of it is tinned salmon.

Several families, as a rule, share a communal kitchen in large Russian cities.

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MERKEL HOTEL

Merry Christmas

ED'S CAFE

May Happiness Be YOURS DURING 1942

A brand New Year is upon us. May it hold for you golden opportunities for service which means so much in the success and happiness of life.

We consider serving you a privilege and extend a cordial invitation to you to visit us at all times.

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Christmas Greetings to all

QUEEN Theatre

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A GUARANTEED ROAD SHOW ATTRACTION
Avening "Angels" Hurling out of the Heavens
Ronald Reagan -:- Olympe Branda -:- William Lundigan

"International Squadron"

Cartoon—"King of Texas Rangers" No. 4

Saturday Preview, 11:15 — Sunday-Monday

What Happens when Bob Has to Tell "Nothing but the Truth" for 24 Hours
EOB HOPE -:- PAULETTE GODDARD

"Nothing But the Truth"

Sports—Paramount News

TUESDAY ONLY—Bargain Nite—11c-17c
GUY KIBBEE

"Scattergood Meets Broadway"

"Captain Marvel" No. 8 — Selected Shorts

NEW YEAR'S EVE PREVUE—11:15
(WEDNESDAY NIGHT ONLY)

Souvenirs and Favors for All
WILLIAM LUNDIGAN -:- SHIRLEY ROSS

"Sailors on Leave"

Selected Short Subjects

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY

Jane WITHERS -:- Bruce EDWARDS -:- Cobina Wright, Jr.

"Small Town Deb"

Stooge Comedy
Coming — Jan. 4-5—"One Foot in Heaven"

Here Is Our Message For Our Friends At Christmas

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE PRIVILEGE WE HAVE HAD OF SERVING YOU DURING 1941

We look forward with optimism for a wonderful year filled with success for all our friends and customers.

BEST WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

BEECH'S LAUNDRY