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STORK DERBY CONTEST ONLY NON-RATION ITEM LEFT: NO OPA NOSE IN THIS

NEWS MERCHANTS 8TH ANNUAL STORK DERBY CONTEST OPENS 1-1

Bright and too early New Year's morning, in fact, one short second after the old and battered 1943 has passed in to dimming history, a new and better year will open, and also, the Eighth Annual News Merchant's Stork Derby Contest, wherein the Merchants and the News welcomes the first born of 1944.

Seven babies, all born in Coryell county, have "passes under the bridge" you might say, and now, we're ready for the eighth. Rules of the contest are already in this edition on one of the "fronts" of this 32-page Christmas Edition, and then next thing of interest to people of Coryell county and Camp Hoods, is whos going to be the little Whosie?

This year, it's entirely possible, yes, probable, that the winner will be the offspring of military personnel, and boy or girl, if it's born in the colorful hills of Coryell County, it'll be crowned King B for the year a-one, a-nine and a-2-fours.

During the past, away back in 1937, we started off with Gary Glen Graff, a boy, then, in '38, came Harvey Richardson, and '39 favored us with Vernon H. Wells. It was a front of men, and women hadn't had a chance the first three contest. Looked like a man's world and then, at the turn of the decades, in '40, along came Miss Sara Lynn Scott, but, falling back in the groove in '41, there was John Kermit Derrick, and that ever present Brown showed up in '42 in the, and the women had it again, and in '43 with Glenda Fay Blanchard.

Now, the score stands 5 to 2 with the "men" leading, and we'd like to even this up in '44, with the "women" getting another break.

So far, we've not been hit for any "naturals" and there have been no twins, triplets, quadruplets or quintuplets, and if these do "strike" our cooperating merchants have generously agreed to go "down for double" or more in each of these contests. We'd like to be famous and have "Sixtuplets" and go the Diones one better, but we wouldn't ask any lady or gent to go quite that far. Last year, our cooperating mer-

chants were Gatesville Drug Store, Gatesville Laundry, Morton Scott, Murray Grocery & Market, Mayes Studio, Martin's Cleaners, The National Bank of Gatesville, Foster Drug, Wm. Gamblin's Dairy, City Drug Store, Mrs. J. B. Graves Florist, Cozy Cafe, (under Bill Ament's management) White Auto Store, Palace Theatre, Thomson Grocery Co., and Duncan Coffee Company, and then, there were others too, that came in later.

To avoid confusion, and misunderstanding birth certificates must be brought to us, or copies of them, and only those babies we have birth certificates on will be considered. If the parents are "in too bad shape", particularly, the father, and can't bring this in, have your neighbor do it.

The other rules are: Parents must live (now) in Coryell county. Baby MUST be born in County, News office must be notified by 1:00 p. m. January 14, 1944, (that's nearly 15 days) and the winner must have driver's license or other identification, in case we don't know you.

Letters will be given to the winning parents or their representatives to the different advertisers, and they will "deliver the goods" in person to the winners parents at the proper time.

Now, let's get set on this non-rationed contest of 1944, the first contest, and the first baby!

MIDNIGHT MASS TO BE HELD AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Midnight Mass will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Gatesville at 12:00 o'clock midnight, with Rev. Father Frank J. O'Hara, of St. Edwards University, Austin, as the Celebrant.

Confessions will be heard before Mass, and all are cordially invited to attend. There will also be a mass said at the usual hour of 10:30 Christmas morning, with confessions before mass.

WORKERS CONFERENCE LEON BAPTIST ASS'N. ARNETT BAPTIST CHURCH

Theme: Missions.
10:45, Song, Praise and Devotion, Eugene Morley, Oglesby.
11:00 The Missionary Opportunity of Today, Henry Summers.
11:20 Making Our Organizations Missionary Conscious, A. Loper.
11:40 Missionary Sermon, Lawrence Hayes.
12:15 Noon—Lunch served by host church.
1:30 W.M.U. and Executive Board Meetings.
2:00 Report of Organizer and Missionary
2:15 Closing Message,— J. T. Ayers, Mound.

"A" Banner To Be Presented Here Wednesday

Wednesday officials of the War Food Administration will present an "A" banner, similar to the Army-Navy "E" pennant given industrial plants for exceptional efficiency, to farmers of Coryell county for outstanding agricultural achievements for the past year.

Ceremonies will be held at the City Hall at 2 p.m. and an hour long concert by the RTC North Camp Hood Band will precede program.

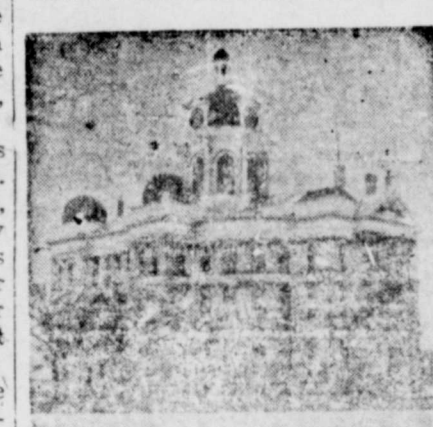
N. Foote will be master of ceremonies and Judge Floyd Ziegler will make the initial address, "The Purpose of the Meeting."

Co. C. M. Thirkeld, post commander at Camp Hood, will then tell the importance food has in the prosecuting the war, and the basis of the award will be stated by V. C. Childs, principal statistician of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Robert A. Manire, a member of the State War Board and the State Director of Vocational Agriculture, will then present the Certificate of Award, and N. Foote will respond.

Capt. R. E. Mernaught of the Quartermaster Center at Ft. Worth will then officially present the flag, and the local FFA will respond and then raise the flag.

The award flag contains a blue "A" surrounded by a white wreath composed of a head of grain and half a gear wheel, symbolic of farm and food plant production, all on a green field, symbolic of agriculture. It will be flown from the staff located in the courthouse yard.

COURTHOUSE NEWS



REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Compiled from instruments filed for record in office of the County Clerk, and furnished by the BROWN ABSTRACT COMPANY Ph. 66 — Gatesville, Texas

E. H. Nesbitt, and wife to R. I. Jones, 100 acres L. J. Latham and 445.8 acres Jno Houston.—\$10,500.

T. E. Terry and wife to Ed Meyer, 46 acres J. J. Stubblefield survey.—\$782.00.

Van Chambers and wife to J. B. Bruner, Part of E. Norton survey.—\$150.00.

J. L. Knoll and others to Floyd A. Taylor and others, Lots 1 & 2 Blk. 8, Elliott Addition in Copperas Cove.—\$1350.00.

Marriage Licenses
Francis R. Kane and Elizabeth Ann Boisser

Negro On Grand Jury Panel: 1st Time In History

History was made, or was it one of those "historic and momentous occasions". Anyway, for the first time in the history of Coryell county, a colored man has been on the Grand Jury panel for Coryell County.

Tom Easley is the colored man, and he's no 16 on the panel, which includes Tom E. Jones, Jeff Buckner, John Hobin, A. A. Harper, M. W. Murray, B. E. Morgan, J. L. Culp, J. W. Summers, F. B. Lamb, S. J. Blanchard, J. G. Huckabee, Chas. P. Lane, J. H. Hudson, H. J. White, and C. N. McGhee all white.

They'll probably start to work the first week in January.

JONESBORO BOY IS KILLED ON HUNTING TRIP

Philip Ware, of Jonesboro accompanied by Jim Carpenter, Pen Ware, Ace Carpenter were on a deer hunt, and young Ware, age 16, was killed in some way on the hunt. Details are lacking.

Philip was the grandson of Mrs. Mat Weaver, who lived at Brisco, Hall county, Texas, and he was the son of the late Mrs. Mat Ware. Young Ware was a student at Jonesboro high school, and leaves his father and mother, a brother, Mat Ware, who is stationed at Hearne, and a grandmother, Mrs. Mat Ware of Jonesboro. Also there are a number of aunts and uncles in various Texas cities.

THEY DO HAPPEN, AND IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE IT, LOOK AT BAUMAN'S

In getting out four, eight, 12, or 16, or even 32 pages there are errors. Of course, they're all proof-read—they always are.

In spite of proof-reading, we think we've made one of the worst mistakes we've ever in E. Price Bauman's Clover Farm Store Advertisement in this issue. We said something about "Merriest Christmas" but fingers or thumbs got in the way, and it's "Messiest Christmas". Now, you know right well, Mr. Bauman didn't mean, or say that. It's just one of those things.

In Winfield's Hatchery & Mattress Factory, we also discovered too late, we had the "Hatchery" out of place. It's just like some other things—they just do happen.

NEWS IS TWELVE TODAY: ALREADY GOIN' ON 13

O. R. Carleton, formerly with the USO Club in Waco, is now Director of the Gatesville USO Club replacing R. W. (Dick) Palmatier who left to be assigned to a USO post in the Hawaiian Islands.

Mr. Carleton comes to Gatesville with a good work background and experience to handle the important post which has been assigned to him.

The USO gives you Mr. Carleton and assures that you will find him the man to fill the needs of presenting the best recreational program to the man in the service in this district of five states.

Takes A Whole Lot 'O People To Make Xmas Edition

Our advertisers make it—our Christmas Edition—as well as all others, for, after all, the Piper has to be paid. And, here are our good friends who have made this one possible, along with a little labor and midnight oil thrown in by four or fewer of us.

Here, however, are those we salute who have saluted you in this 1943 Christmas Edition of the News.

Shepherd Motor Company, Gilmer's Grocery & Market, Martin's Cleaners, The City of Gatesville, Leaird's Department Store, Painter's Beauty Shop, Perry Brothers, White & Brown, Insurance, Home Lumber Company, Toogood News Stand, Jackson & Compton, Mrs. J. B. Graves, Florist, Ashby Bros., Winfield Mattress Factory, Bill Nesbitt, G. D. Nolte, Gatesville Bottling Co., Dyer Fender & Body Shop, Ed Altum's Grocery, New York Military Store, City Drug Store, Tom V. Freeman, Real Estate.

The National Bank of Gatesville, Guaranty Bank & Trust Co., Palace Theatre, Poston & Son, White Auto Store, Foster Drug, Gamblin's Dairy, H. B. Davis, The Texas Company, Bradley Amusement Company, Poston Brothers Mill & Feed Company, Murray Grocery & Market, Morton Scott, Gulf Refining Company, A&P Store, Waco Coca-Cola Co.

E. Price Bauman's Clover Farm Store, Cozy Cafe, Regal & Ritz Theatres, City Jewelry Company, Woolen Uniform Company, Western Auto Associate Store, Coryell County Cotton Oil Co., E. G. Beerwinkle's Red & White Store, Magnolia Service Station, Neff's Drygoods—Army Supplies, Grady, The Cleaner, Edward Hartin Grocer, Gatesville Laundry, and Wood Jewelry Company.

And, on the "spread," we have Retail Merchant's Association, Lee & Pollard Barber Shop, Gem Cafe, Buckhorn Domino Parlor, Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Ass'n., Joe White, Daniel's Produce Co., George Miller, Homan Tin Shop, Frances Rutherford Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Texas Cafe, Tom Mears, City Filling Station, Hensler, Hord, and Parks, Ethma Beauty Shop, Will Rutherford Barber Shop, Lester Britain's Garage, Moon House, Maning Machine Shop, Carl E. Gandy, Dr. J. C. Ward, Veterinarian, Dr. C. U. Baize, Chiropractor, Pat H. Potts Tin Shop, George B. Painter, Real Estate, Mrs. John R. Colgin, Insurance, L&L Hotel, W. A. Prewitt Garage, Jones-Miller Motor Co., R. E. Kirkpatrick Garage, City Cab Company, Bailey's Wrecking Shop, Barnes Lumber Co., Carl McClendon, Geo. R. Hodges & Son, Produce, Raymond Edwards, Plumber, United Photo Service.

Humble Oil & Refining Company, Community Public Service Company, Stillman's, Alvis-Garner Company, G. P. Schaub Mill & Grain Company, Gatesville Frozen Food Lockers.

Mr. and Mrs. Palmatier left Tuesday for their home in Minnesota where they will stay during the Christmas holidays and then will leave for their new posts in the Hawaiian Islands shortly afterwards.

HERE'S SIX MORE REASONS WHY WE WANT THIS WAR OVER



Here are six reasons why everybody in Coryell County wants this blasted war over. These are the six sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wittle of Gatesville, and they're all out there "throwin' leather

and everything else" to help win this war. Their parents have been working at Camp Hood and in other capacities to "finish the job, too". Gosh, that's two Coryell Coryell County families that we

think deserve Army-Navy "Es", yes, and you can throw in a Marine, WAC and WAVE, too. Twelve out of two families is just putting it on a little strong, to our idea.

Monday, Dec. 20

Oats bushel	70c
Corn	\$1.10
Eggs, No. 1 candle, doz.	35c
Cream, No. 1	47c
Cream, No. 2	44c
Fryers	25c
Old Roosters	10c
Hens	20c

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Bee House

Bernita Conner, Cors.

Those visiting in the T. L. Conner home Sunday were: S/Sgt. Roy Conner of Phoenixville, Pa., Rev. D. K. Porter of Gatesville, Rev. and Mrs. R. M. Studer, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Carrigan.

The Club Ladies met Thursday and enjoyed a Christmas Tree. Several were present. The Community will have a Christmas Tree Friday night, everyone is invited to come.

Miss Euvane Clay visited Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Conner Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Lovell are remodeling their house.

Mrs. Mary Hanzacker has been visiting in the Caddell home recently.

Prairie View News

Mrs. Jeanette Smith, cors

Hog killing seems to be the order of the day, since the weather has been cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blankenship and children visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Dero Jones.

Mrs. Ethel McNeill of Gatesville visited her sister, Mrs. Mary Fullwood and family. Faynell returned home with her to spend the week while recovering from the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Rube Watson of Jonesboro, and S/Sgt. and Mrs. Curtis Watson of Camp Crowder, Mo., visited their son and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Wills Watson and children.

Mrs. Annie Swain is spending the week with her mother, Mrs. Eva McCoy while here she is helping her mother move to Clifton.

Visitors in the home of M. H. Fullwood Sunday evening were: Mr. and Mrs. Bullard and Kenneth Childs, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pruitt and children and Freda Franklin, Mrs. Lora Dollins, and Mr. and Mrs. Ohnnie Wells Watson and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Latham and daughters visited M. H. Fullwood

GREETINGS

To Our Son

ELMER E. SPARKS
Seaman 1-c USN

Somewhere in the Pacific.
The Stars the Wise Men followed

Still sends its Golden Ray,
May it Shine its Blessing on You

This Holy Christmas Day,

Love To You,

From

MOTHER AND DAD

and family Monday. Other visitors were Mrs. Lula Mathews of Camp Hood, and Mrs. C. E. Pancake of Buster.

Turnersville

Mrs. Emma Jones, Cors.

Misses Dorothy Nell and Margaret Sue Garren returned from Denton Friday to spend the holidays with homefolks.

Lt. J. G. Thelma Meharg, of the U.S. Coastguard Reserve, New York, is visiting in the Bob McMinn home.

Mrs. R. M. Holder, was a Waco shopper Friday.

Misses La Dell, Dorothy Nell and Margaret Sue Garren were weekend visitors in Hamilton.

Z. Gilmore and family, Neal Dollins, Mesdames Geo. Dollins and Mary Boykin were Waco shoppers Saturday.

Virgil Gardner and wife, Mesdames Lura Cheatham and St. John of Olney were Waco shoppers Saturday.

Mrs. Will Turner and son, and Miss Alice Fay Dollins were Clifton shoppers Saturday.

J. T. Garren and wife were Hamilton visitors Sunday.

Mrs. Bob McMinn and Lt. Thelma Meharg are visiting in Freeport.

Eugene McLendon of Blackland, Waco, is visiting homefolks. Buck Wallace of Seymour is visiting his mother.

Miss Ray Leonard of Farmersville, is visiting Miss Dorothy Nell Garren.

Cave Creek News

Miss Bertha Neely, Cors.

Mrs. Ben Mrs. Ben Clement and daughters of Abilene are spending this week in the Dero Jones' home.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. Laura Cooper had the misfortune of getting her arm broken last week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Latham and children have moved from our community to Liberty Church. Mr. Lofland and family of Osage are moving to the place vacated by the Latham family.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fleming went to Waco last Monday.

S/Sgt. and Mrs. David McBroom of Oregon are spending a few days here with her mother, Mrs. Emily Jones and other relatives.

We are sorry to report Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Chesnut have the flu. We wish for them a speedy recovery.

Purmela News

Mrs. W. S. Farris, cors.

Herbert McCarver had a Christmas surprise this week when he came home and found his winter supply of wood sawed. The neighbors, using the Comer-Myers wood saw, helped him in this way as Mr. McCarver has not been able to work for several weeks.

Mrs. Ocoe Warden and Virginia arrived Thursday from Lubbock to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Parsons.

Miss Robbie Neta Haines left Tuesday for Dallas to attend a business school.

Mrs. Bert Floyd went to Wichita Falls to spend the holidays with her husband.

Mr. Parsons who bought the farm from Mrs. Windham is here from Dallas making improvements before moving here.

Mrs. Earl Sumerford honored her daughter, Jo Katherine with a party Saturday, celebrating her 9th birthday. Cake and cocoa were served to a number of her little friends.

Mrs. Lee Maxwell and Bill Maxwell of Gatesville spent Sunday with Joe Maxwell and family.

Seaman 2-c Edwin Morgan from Kingsville Air Base spent Saturday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Morgan. Billy and Bobby Hoard of Waco came Saturday to spend the holidays with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Freeman.

Miss Charlotte Bertrand, attending John Tarleton came to spend Christmas with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hall of Arnett spent Sunday with Lee Cox and family.

There will be a Christmas tree and program at the Purmela Baptist Chrch Saturday night, Dec. 25th. Gifts for all.

Mrs. H. D. Goats of Temple spent last weekend with Mr. and

Mrs. Earl Sumerford.

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CORYELL COUNTY NEWS

705 E. Main St.

Phone 69

Three Day Holiday . . .

LAST YEAR, Xmas came on Friday. Our Store was closed Friday, Saturday, and of course Sunday.

THREE DAY HOLIDAY

THIS YEAR, XMAS comes on Saturday. OUR STORE WILL BE CLOSED SATURDAY, of course SUNDAY and then MONDAY.

OUR EMPLOYEES have worked hard and we want them to have this additional HOLIDAY for recreation and visiting with their WIFE'S KINSPEOPLE.

STORE OPENS TUESDAY

After Xmas

AGAIN we say with all of our employees—

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Alvis-Garner Co.

The Dependable Store

**MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR XMAS CARDS—
HERE ARE SOME POSSIBILITIES WITH THEM**



DO YOU have a hankering to make your home bright for the holidays? Then gather up the Christmas cards you've been finding in your mail box these December mornings, for those colorful bits of "Season's Greetings" have no end of Christmas decor possibilities.

Especially during the holidays, "home is where the hearth is." So here are some suggestions for "dressing up" your fireplace in an eye-catching mantle of Christmas cards. In less time than it takes to read this, you can line up your Christmas cards, in not too precise rows, or hang them in festoons from the mantel, as illustrated above.

This simple trick could just as successfully be applied to the top of your bookcase, or to a tiered table.

But if you're looking for the ingenious, here are some other ideas. Is it a touch of patriotism that you want to add to your Christmas scene? With the assistance of some scotch tape you can easily arrange your Christmas cards in a "V" formation over your fireplace. Or perhaps you feel in the old-fashioned and traditional mood. Then attach wide red or green ribbons (or both) festoon fashion around the mantel and secure the cards to the ribbon with paper clips. Or frame your fireplace by pasting Christmas cards in a scattered design.

Why not try decorating your spruce or pine with Christmas cards? (See the sketch in the upper left hand corner.) You'll find this novel idea quite as gay as the usual adornments, and twice as refreshing!

Incidentally, should the thoughtful people who sent you the cards stop in for a holiday visit, you'll be pleasantly surprised to see how flattered they'll be at finding their remembrances so charmingly displayed.

If you're really a conscientious conserver, here's another item to add to your list. Have you always hesitated to destroy your Christmas cards because of sentimentality or

the obvious beauty of the cards? Then you should be pleased to hear that there are any number of different uses to which they can be put—from adding a decorator's touch to an old wastepaper basket to making place cards for a kiddie party. Here are some suggestions for enlisting your holiday greetings in a good cause.

Why not have your club pool their receipt of Christmas cards? Delightful scrapbooks could be made for the children of servicemen in your neighborhood. Or send the cards to the children's wards in hospitals. The young patients enjoy handling the colorful cards, and making their own scrapbooks helps them pass the weary hours swiftly.

Army and navy hospitals look forward to receiving tray favors made from used Christmas cards. And the servicemen appreciate the thought behind the token.

If your club is planning to participate in a war-relief bazaar, inexpensive and distinctive novelties can be made from Christmas cards. Bookends, vases, bookmarks, hand blotters, match books can all look quite impressive by the simple addition of a design cut out of Christmas cards.

Mound News

Mrs. F. T. Lightsey, cors.

Mrs. Clyd Childers of Ozona came in Sunday afternoon to spend the holidays here with her mother, Mrs. Geo. I. Draper and other relatives.

Mrs. Robert McHargue and daughter and son of Waco spent the weekend here with her mother Mrs. H. M. Fellers.

Mrs. A. J. Arnold of Waco, visited relatives and friends here last week.

Don Fay Blanchard, we are glad to say, is at home after undergoing an operation in the hospital at Gatesville, and is doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Holcomb of Arizona were visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Blanchard and Mr. and Mrs. Holcomb of Flatt.

County Line News

Mrs. D. D. Dixon, cors.

Rev. M. L. Lawson of Moffat filled his regular appointment at Coldsprings Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wolff of near Temple and Miss Violeta Wolff who is employed in Gatesville were guests in the Bob Wolff home Sunday.

Misses Loleta Copeland and Clara Dixon, cadet nurses of Temple visited their parents over the weekend.

Several from here enjoyed the play "The Home Front" Fri. nite. Mr. and Mrs. Rip Alexander visited relatives in The Grove Sunday.

The Sunday School of Coldsprings will have their Christmas Tree at the Schoolhouse, Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Wolff of Gatesville visited in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Wolff and Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Shelton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Watts of Gatesville visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Watts and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Geiselbricht.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Dixon and daughter, Wanda, who have moved to Temple recently, were guest in the A. R. Dixon home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Beck of Brookhaven were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wolff Sunday.

Mrs. Imogene Harper left last

week to join her husband, Pvt. Moody Harper.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Wolff and Mrs. H. A. Morgan were guests in the D. D. Dixon home Sunday evening.

RATION DATES

Meats and Fats—Book 3, Brown Stamps L, M, N and P expire Jan. 1.

Processed Foods: Book 4, Green stamps A, B, C—Expire Dec. 20. D, E, F—Expire January 20.

Sugar: Book 4, Green Stamps No. 29 good for 5 lbs., thru Jan. 15. Shoes: Book 1, Stamp 18, Book 3, Airplane Stamp No. 1 Good indefinitely.

Gasoline: 9-A Coupons, 3 gallons each, void Midnight January 21. B and C; B1 and C1, 2 gals. each. B2 and C2, 5 gals. each. Good until used.

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Gatesville, Texas

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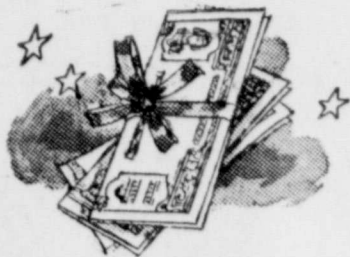
NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Here are a bunch of letters we have recently from different boys at various posts. The first is from Cpl. Jack Gates of the U. S. Navy who writes as follows, in part: The letter came to us from Mr. and Mrs. Carl Johnson, and the letter is from their nephew. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gates and is from Pearl. He has been over seas 18 months and has seen lots of action in the South Pacific.

"Well, here I am at my new place and gee, it is a swell place.

WHAT!

No Bonds For CHRISTMAS



Give the Present with a Future... Give War Bonds... so there will always be a Christmas!

We've Sold One So Far—
We've Got the Christmas Bond Jackets.

THE NEWS

705 E. Main St. Ph. 69

It is fixed up like places in the states. The best camp, probably on this island, and the fellows are all swell guys. The most being from Texas. I met 20 boys this evening from Texas, one from Ft. Worth, Uvalde, Marble Falls, and Stephenville. The one from Stephenville is E. I. Bacon's brother-in-law. He is now at Camp Hood, and a Major in the Tank Corps. In case some of the boys did duty with Sam Phillips of Cherokee—you remember Ollie and Charles brother. The last he saw him, some few weeks ago, he was swell. Since he is on a ship, I don't guess his folks can hear from him. Altho I can't say where he is, He is O.K.

In case the boys from San Saba see this, I'm at M.O.B.5, Rm. F.3. If they are still on the Island, drop me a line and I'll look them up if they can't find me.

The weather is really swell, a cool swift breeze coming off the salt water by our camp. You can see the ocean, and boy it is beautiful to see again. At least you feel much closer to home as long as you can see and hear the waves beating. I hope before long I'll be off again again. I missed making Sarg., this time by being transferred, but it was well worth it. I'll make it soon wherever I go.

Love to all,
Cpl. Jack Gates.

Here's a V-Mail to Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Cantrell from Pvt. Vernon Cantrell in North Africa.

He says: "How are all of you this Thanksgiving evening? Fine I hope. I'm still o.k. at present, and we had a fine day for the holiday. Had a big turkey dinner, a couple of shows and camels to ride, too. I took my first camel ride today. It's fun if you never did it before. We had two Red Cross girls out here tonight and they gave out donuts after the show.

Oh, yes, they gave out some good conduct medals today, and I got one, what do you know about that? You see you still have a good little boy. I will close, hoping you had a big Thanksgiving and write soon.

With loads of love to all,
Vernon.

Got a letter from Pleasant A. (Pleas) Walker who is in a U.S. Navy Hospital in Seattle, wanting the News. Pleas was in the Seabees, and think he was at the Aleutians, or up that way. Didn't say what was the trouble, but anyway, we say Merry Christmas to Pleas, and say right here, the News is coming.

Pvt. Cecil E. Moore over in Britain, sends us a Christmas Card. The cartoon on the card shows Cecil sitting at a "mess table" with a towel around his throat, and he's not doing bad at all. With him are other soldiers, a Wac, English soldiers, and they're all not doing bad. Merry Xmas, Cecil.

From the Eighth Naval District, it says 168 Texans are members of the V-12 Navy unit at NTAC, Arlington, and among these is James Richard Thomas, better known as Jimmy Dick, here. He is a son of Mrs. R. Thomas of Gatesville.

From 1st Lt. George D. Featherstone, Hdqs., Medical Replacement Training Center, Camp Barkley, Texas, we get this letter:

Received the copy of the News ok and sure do enjoy reading the home town paper. Especially enjoy the sports section. I get a big kick out of hearing of Gatesville's winning in anything even if it is only the "B" team or the girls basket ball team. Hope the hornets give an injection or more in Temple.

I didn't go out for sports much when I attended GHS, not because I didn't want to, but for other reasons. Seven years in the army has proved to me that a good man on a school team is a good man in any organization.

Keep the press rolling and don't feel too badly about those misguided individuals who don't like Texas. I have felt much the same way about some of the states I have been stationed.

Yours until the boys come home
Geo. D. Featherstone, 1st Lt., MAC.

Personals

Sgt. Lassies Anderson of Fort Bliss, Texas is here on leave visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lassies Anderson, Sr.

Pvt. Claude M. Nance who joined the army June 29, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Nance, of Roseoe, now, is in the 16th Armored Division at Camp Chaffee, Ark.

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4:20 a. m.
4:40 a. m.
5:00 a. m. and the same schedule for each hour to 1:00 a. m.
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Thru Busses to South Camp Hood
2:30 a. m., 4:15 a. m.
8:30 a. m., 12:30 noon.
4:30 p. m., 5:30 p. m.
6:30 p. m. 9:30 p. m.
11:30 p. m.

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"THE GIFT WITH A FUTURE", Give War Bonds, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1,000 in new Gift Jacket, at the News Office. P.S. We ain't doin' much Bond Business, now that the boys ARE goin' Come on, folks! 1-101-tfc

Lost and Found

LOST or strayed, 2 horses, bay & sorrell, also 2 brown mules, Dec. 16th near the Flat in the Camp Area. Finder write Herbert Jackson, Gatesville, Tama Star Rt. Reward. 2-10 6-2tp

LOST: Between Harmon and Gatesville, 600-20 tire on truck wheel. Return to Gatesville Public School. 2-105-2tc

LOST: One white King Pidgeon, about ten days ago. Please notify Bailey Curry at National Bank. 2-105-2tp

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FOR SALE: Farmall-20 tractor and equipment. Also brood sow, brood mare, young horse. C. W. Mathews, Turnersville. 4-105-4p

FOR SALE: 2 A-1 Jersey milk cows with second calves; also, 39 red pigs, 2 mo. \$5.00 each. First come, first serve. B. A. Martin, Pecan Grove. 4-105-3tp

FOR SALE: Used Piano, see Mrs. O. K. Lovejoy. 406 S. 7th St. 4-105-4tp

FIRE INSURANCE for this world only. Sherrill Kendrick, City Drug Bldg. 4-33-tfc

FOR SALE OR LEASE: Royal Beauty Shop. See Mrs. Charlie Bauman. 4-94-tfc

RUBBER STAMPS: Signatures, time, number, notary seals, everything in this line at News Office. 4-58-tfc

AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY Insurance to meet Camp Hood requirements. J. Sherrill Kendrick, Office, City Drug Bldg., Ph. 190 and 176. 4-58-tfc

Wanted

WANTED: Ear corn. See Charlie Mounce at Gatesville Food Lockers. 5-1-tfc

WANTED TO BUY 5 or 6 thousand cedar posts, all lengths and sizes. See me when you have posts to sell. Walter Bond, Rt. 2, Gatesville, State Road. 8-106-2tp

WANTED: Beauty operators for North Camp Hood. State license not necessary. Living quarters available. Write Miss Ruth Walker, Vogue Beauty Shop, Temple, Texas. 5-102-9tc

Buy and Sell

—HOW MUCH of your time do you spend in bed? Have that old mattress renovated and made new, or buy a new one. Try Winfield. 72-tfc

Real Estate

FOR SALE: The B. W. West home, 1312 Leon St. is for sale. Large corner lot. Five rooms, 2 porches very desirable location. Write Mrs. Jacquelyn West Chapman, Box 1187, Midland, Texas or see Tom Chapman, Gatesville, Texas. 11-95-tfc

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



Gatesville Frozen Food Lockers

SOCIETY
In The

NEWS

By
Mrs. Doris McCoy
News Society Editor

**Sgt. Lee Robinson
Weds Pecos Girl**

Sgt. W. L. Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Robinson of Gatesville was married one day last week to Miss Marie Cope of Pecos, Texas.

The wedding was held at the bride's home, and the couple will make their home in Pecos.

Sgt. Robinson is in the maintenance department of the Pyote Army Air Base, and was previously with the 19th Bomber Group in Australia. He has also served in the Guadalcanal area and in the Philippines.

**WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES
AT THE U.S.O. CLUB**

The ENLISTED MEN'S WIVES Club met Wednesday afternoon for their Christmas party. Forty-three persons were present and Mrs. Joseph Lynch was general chairman of the affair. At the brief business meeting the new president was presented, Mrs. George Katz, who succeeds Mrs. Carl Perino, the later is moving to a new army station. A farewell gift was presented to Mrs. Perino. Mrs. Douglas Blocksma was appointed program chairman.

The MR. & MRS. CLUB met Wednesday evening at 8:00 in the Green Room for their Christmas Party. Dancing, games, carols and gifts were features of the evening's entertainment. Sergeant and Mrs. Michael Bunomo were gen-

eral chairman for the occasion. Fifty couples attended.

The G.S.O. will assist in the Christmas eve party at the USO in serving refreshments and will assist Mesdames Battle, McMordie and Biffle in this.

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 29, there will be a Christmas reception honoring Women Volunteers. Awards will be given for volunteer services.

**RECEPTION TO BE HELD
AT THE U.S.O. CLUB
FOR VOLUNTEER WORKERS**

The public is cordially invited to attend a reception honoring the women volunteers at 8:30 Wednesday evening, Dec. 29, at the USO Club. Mr. Horace K. Jackson, Chairman of the USO Council, will be general chairman for the event and the Council members will be hosts. Special awards will be presented to volunteers for long hours of service. Dancing will follow the reception.

**Margaret Christie's Home
Scene Of Christmas Party**

The home of Miss Margaret Christie, Home Demonstration Agent, was the scene of a Christmas party held December 11th.

Miss Christie greeted the guests as they arrived. The room was attractively decorated with Christmas ornaments, green wreaths and candles. The Christmas tree was decorated with burning candles. The hostess supervised games throughout the evening, and Santa Claus appeared with a nice gift for each guest.

Refreshments served were cookies, potato chips, pears topped with a cherry and hot punch.

Those who enjoyed the party were: Mesdames Robert Studer, John Graham, Ramion Winslow, Moore Graham, Clark Tarry, N. N. Smith and the hostess.

**Dr. and Mrs. Ray
Entertained at Dinner Party**

Dr. and Mrs. Otis C. Ray entertained at a formal dinner party Thursday, December 16th, at their home at 1309 Waco Street. Guests began to arrive at 8:00 o'clock and were received at the door by Dr. and Mrs. Ray's young daughter, Ann.

The table decorations carried out the Christmas motif in every detail, with a white table cloth, burning candles, poinsetta pla-

cards and a centerpiece of red roses.

Following dinner, the main course of which was chicken spaghetti, the evening's festivities got underway with the exchanging of gifts around a beautifully decorated tree. Highlight of the evening was the exchanging of White Elephant gifts, which, although in substance were practically useless, created a priceless degree of humor.

The guests then settled down to the comparatively serious business of playing bridge. There were four tables, with Mr. Rosser Sanders winning honors as high man, and Mrs. Sherrill Kendrick holding the high score for the ladies.

Guests were: Dr. and Mrs. Kermit Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Madison Pruitt, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Zeigler, Mr. and Mrs. Sherrill Kendrick, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Majors, Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Rosser Sanders and Mrs. Allan Chollar.

**Church
Services
BAPTIST CHURCH**

**FIRST BAPTIST TO
FEATURE STUDENT NIGHT**

Sunday evening at 7:30 the First Baptist Church will observe Student's Night, using a number of college young people who are home for the holidays. Mrs. G. M. Tharel, young people's director, is in charge of the program.

This youth feature for the last Sunday night in the old year has proved popular and most worth while for Southern Baptists in recent years. The general public is invited to hear this group of college youth on this annual occasion.

The Training Union meets at 6:30 with a well planned program for every age group. Young people are invited to be in the evening service and meet with the service men in the Fellowship Hour at 8:30.

Sunday Morning

The pastor, Rev. Lawrence Hayes, will preach at 10:50 Sunday morning bringing an appropriate message for the last Sunday in the old year. Dan E. Graves will teach the Victory Men's Bible Class at 9:45 in the absence of Judge R. B. Cross.

Russian Kits

Church leaders have set as a goal 100 kits to be filled and sent to the Russian Emergency Relief fund. The Southern Baptists goal is 100,000, with Texas quota 10,000.

Sunday School Revival

Plans are complete for the Sunday School revival and enlargement campaign the first week in January. Five expert Sunday School conference leaders will spend the week with the local church in analyzing and helping solve the problems of enrollment, teaching and general organization.

Church leaders extend a cordial welcome to visiting friends and strangers to visit and worship at the First Baptist Church.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

10th & Saunders
Wallace Goodch, Minister
Bible Study: 10 a. m. Sunday
Preaching: 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.
Communion: 11:50 a. m.
Ladies Bible Class: Tues. 3 p. m.
You are always welcome

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Father Roach, Pastor
Confessions heard at 10 a. m. Sunday.
Mass at 10:30 a. m.

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East Main near Depot, Pastor, Rev. Cecil Jenkins. Service nites, Tues., Sat., and Sun. at 8:30 P.M. Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. Street Service Sat. and Sun. evening at 3:00 p. m. Young people's service at 6:00 p. m. Sunday. Everyone welcome to attend.

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Births

Sunday School at 9:45 each Sunday morning. Morning preaching Service at 10:50 each Sunday morning. Evening preaching service at 7:30 each Sunday evening. Prayer Meeting at 7:00 each Wednesday evening. The public is cordially invited to attend the services at the Methodist Church. A friendly welcome awaits all Service Men and their families and all visitors and strangers each time you come.

Pvt. Charles Eugene White, son of Sheriff and Mrs. Joe White was a visitor with his parents until today, when he left to go to Fort Meade, Maryland, his new station.

Mrs. Sam G. Reed of Oglesby is sick in the Coryell Memorial Hospital. Her husband, Sam G. Reed has been with her and Mrs. Smith White, her daughter from Lampasas is here waiting on her. Two of her granddaughters, Mrs. Bill Witt, and another whose name we do not know is here from Louisiana to be near her.

Pvt. and Mrs. Robert B. Williams are the proud parents of a baby girl, Bailey Jean, born on Nov. 25, weighing 6 lbs, 15 ozs., at Coryell Memorial Hospital. The father is somewhere in Britain.

Mr. and Mrs. Dude Merritt of Gatesville are the proud parents of a son, Howard, Jr., who was born at 3:05 a. m. Thursday, Dec. 16th, weighing eight and one-half pounds. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Walter McAdams of McGregor, and the Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Merritt of Osage.

Ensign John T. Davis, of the Naval Air Corps formerly of Chicago, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Davis of near Ames. He is enroute to San Diego his new station.

A/C Oley Beard of Norman, Okla., was here on a brief visit with friends and relatives. Oley returns, so far, to an unknown post, either Pensacola or Corpus Christi.

Greetings

TO OUR SON

JAMES A. NICHOLS

Somewhere in Italy

James, Mother and Dad are Keeping things for you at home O. K. Won't seem like Xmas until you are with us again. May God keep you safely, is our daily prayer. We are eagerly waiting your safe return.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

MOTHER AND DAD

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CORP. BILL TRAVERS had tried not to remember that it was the day before Christmas. He'd played a game with himself, pretending not to notice the heightened spirit around camp. But he couldn't keep kidding himself when he saw the giant spruce being set up in front of the barracks. Today was December twenty-four, tomorrow would be Christmas and Norma hadn't written.

They'd first come to grips on their honeymoon. They had planned to take a short motor trip up north but, when they'd reached the point where they were supposed to turn back, Norma had insisted they go to Canada for a few days. Bill had tried to put his foot down, but Norma had argued and cried. When Bill saw her pouting, young face, so pale and set, his determination crumbled like a house of sand. They went to Canada; Bill returned to work five days late and had to look for a new job.

Despite that, he continued to give in, no matter how far off the beam she was. At first he backed down



Those had been the perfect moments.

because he loved her and wanted her to be happy. Later it was because he was afraid that if he didn't yield she never would and their wonderful marriage would end.

Seeing the boys on a ladder, hanging bright red and silver balls on the evergreen boughs, made him remember how much fun his three Christmas eves with Norma had been. The way she always laughed when he insisted on putting up the high ornaments with their rusty ice pick. She'd hold her breath while he teetered on a chair, reaching up to the tip of the tree to put on the silver star. Then he'd hop down.

"See, I made it," he'd say, handing her the old pick. "Now put this carefully away so I can use it next year." And they'd look at each other very seriously, kiss very gently and say very quietly, "Merry Christmas, darling." Yes, those had been the perfect moments.

One of the boys, a friendly chap from the Midwest, passed by and called, "Hi, Bill! All ready for Christmas?"

"Yeah," Bill said drily, "all ready."

All ready and no place to go! But that wasn't quite true. He did have some place to go, a lovely place. His own little home, only a five-hour bus trip from camp. But he couldn't go because of a foolish quarrel they'd had during his last furlough. And because Bill, for once, had refused to give in.

"Well, I'm going now," he said. Then after a moment of tortured silence: "Good-by, Norma. I'll have a few days leave for Christmas. Let me know if you—if you—"

She cut in, her voice sounding high and queer. "Good-by, Bill."

The Midwestern boy came along again.

"Come on, the mail's in. Maybe we've got something." He took Bill's arm, pulled him along.

At the camp post office men were waiting eagerly for their names to be called. Bill was only half listening. He vaguely heard several "Thompsons" and suddenly he

jerked his head in surprise, for "Bill Travers" had been called, and a slim package was traveling from hand to hand until it reached him. The neat, printed letters told him it was a gift from Norma.

Bill ran all the way back to his barracks and there, oblivious of the other fellows around him, began to open his present. Under the brown paper, there was white tissue and red ribbon, but no card. Then he burst into laughter. Then tossed the wrappings high up into the air and whooped, "Yippeee! She wants me back!"

"What's up?" One of his companions came over grinning.

Bill grabbed his cap. "I've got to get a bus ticket in a hurry. My wife sent me a beautiful gift, and I'm going home for Christmas!"

After his hasty exit his bunkmate peered cautiously into the cardboard case and called to the other fellows. "Come over here and take a look. Travers must be nuts, getting so excited over a present like this. Why, it's nothing but a rusty old ice pick!"

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NEWS



FROM

Camp Hood

From the evergreen-studded hills on the huge Camp Hood reservation have come hundreds of Christmas trees to make the yuletide merrier for Tank Destroyer men.

And as America observes its third war Christmas, the folks back home will be glad to know that some of the holiday spirit of former years is being shared by the soldiers who remain in camp.

Worship services Friday night and Saturday morning at the post chapels and Christmas Day programs at the Service Clubs highlighted by the singing of carols are expected to draw hundreds of men in uniform. Many will entertain parents, wives and guests. Some units will swap gifts at their own Christmas parties.

Approximately 1,800 individual gifts from the Red Cross and from the Central Texas Camp and Hospital Council will be distributed to patients of the two station hospitals at a Christmas eve party. Presents will be carried to those confined in bed, and Christmas carolers will visit all hospital wards.

From 3,500 birds will be served 35,000 pounds of roast turkey, with great quantities of sage dressing, cranberry sauce, mince pie and other special dishes to provide the biggest meal of the year Christmas noon for all men in camp.

Major General John H. Hester, commanding general of the Tank Destroyer Center, in extending greetings to Camp Hood soldiers asserted that "much has been accomplished, and there is much more to do in the coming year."

"Let us all strive to increase our efforts and surpass even the excellent records of 1943," he challenged.

In his message to military and civilian personnel, Col. C. M. Thirkeld, camp commander, expressed "gratitude and appreciation to each of you on your splendid achievements during the past year."



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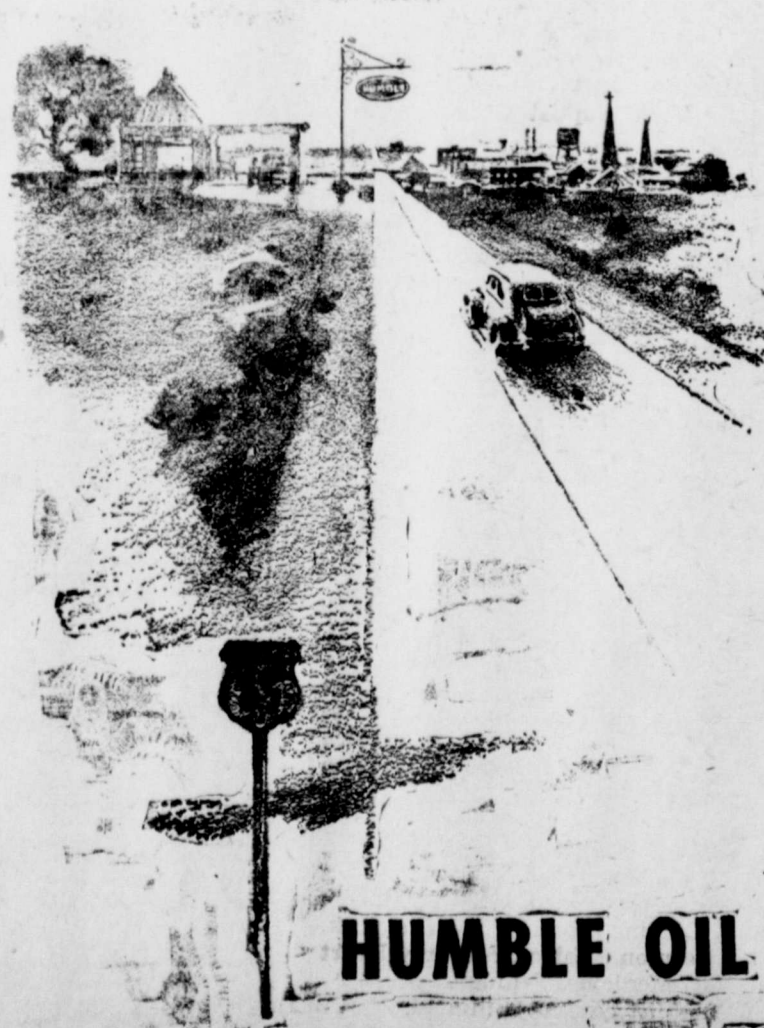
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In the Twilight... of 1943



... we find ourselves filled with mixed emotions. On the one hand we say, "What? Christmas is here again?"—that's because we have all been busy, and being busy, time flies. On the other hand, Christmas, 1942, seems to have been ages ago. It's with difficulty that we remember the details of that day: the presents we gave or received, the Christmas dinner, the noises the children made with their horns and drums and toys. For 1943 was a changing year and all of us aged perceptibly, far beyond the span of a normal 12 months.

The exigencies of these turbulent times have unspoiled us and we have become more tolerant of the shortcomings of others. Like all other merchants serving the public, the Humble Service Station is not able to deliver the service and the products it would like to. But the public understands. It realizes that the flower of Humble man-power and the choice cut out of every barrel of crude oil have gone to war.

For this sympathetic attitude, the Humble Company is grateful. And to its customers and friends both at home and in the Armed Forces it sends Christmas greetings with the sincere hope that the New Year will hurry that fine day of peace when it can again invite you to "Be Humble's guest on the highway."

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December 17, 1943

Dear Friends:

The House has not actually recessed, but it appears certain that it will recess either late tonight or tomorrow. At this time yesterday there was no way of knowing what action would be taken and while my Secretary left for Texas, Mrs. Poage and I have not been able to make any plans, and of course at this late hour we do not know whether we can come home or not. If we find that we can without displacing some soldier boy on the train, I am very anxious to do so and to visit with the people of Central Texas.

The thing that made it possible for the House to recess was the decision of the Senate to postpone action on the Commodity Credit and the Tax Bills until after the first of the year. I feel that both of these bills should be passed before Christmas, and I have stayed in Washington to help pass them. I am ready to stay here throughout the Christmas period if necessary. As it is, the House has acted, but we cannot hurry the Senate. They decided they were not going to act before New Year and sent the House a resolution continuing the life of the Commodity Corporation until March 1, 1944. I knew that this resolution was coming over, so I spoke on the matter when the House convened this morning. I urged that we reduce the time asked in the Senate Resolution, because I believe that this matter of general consumer subsidies should be settled one way or the other without further delay. The question was postponed on July 2 for six months. I think we made

a mistake allowing so much time would be more likely to meet a then. I believe that Congress six weeks dead line than it will a six months line.

In any even, our farmers are entitled to know just what the food program is going to be. The War Food Administrator cannot announce a program until he knows whether the farmer is to get a fair price in the market place, as I want him to do, or whether the farmer is going to have to look to the Public Treasury for a part of his income, as the advocates of subsidies want him to do. Anyway we will be planting corn before the first of March in the lower end of our District, and we are entitled to a prompt decision. I, therefore, supported a motion to amend the Senate Resolution so as to reduce the time to February 5. This amendment was adopted and I trust will be concurred in by the Senate. In like manner we should pass the Tax Bill without delay. It is in my opinion the best defense against inflation that the government can give, although, as I have pointed out before, it does not go nearly far enough. This is another bill that has been passed by the House but has not been acted on by the Senate.

Early this week the House passed a bill to instruct the O.P.A. to raise the price of crude oil to a level more nearly in keeping with the price of other commodities. I had hoped that this action would be taken by the administrative branch of government, as I realize that Congress cannot wisely set the price of each separate commodity. However, when the O.P.A.

continued to deny any increase at all in spite of the recommendation of every other agency that studied the problem, I felt that production was more important than price. The proposed increase should not increase the price of gasoline more than one cent per gallon, but it should go a long way toward providing the old that is essential to produce that gasoline.

This will doubtless be a very quiet Christmas for most of us. To many it will be a sad Christmas. There will be empty chairs around the dinner table, but I know that we will all pray and work toward the goal of Victory, so that on another Christmas the battlefields and not the homes will be quiet.

This will be my last letter until Congress reconvenes in January. In the meantime, wish everyone of you a Brighter and Happier New Year, I am

Yours for Victory,
W. R. POAGE.

Levita

Mrs. T. H. Permenter, Cors.

We have been having some cold hog-killing weather. If the staff would come out we would have sausage and spare ribs. Hoping you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and also all the correspondents.

Mrs. Permenter went to bed for Thanksgiving and contracted a very bad cold, but is over it and as well as usual.

Rev. Layne filled his regular appointment at the first M. E. church Sunday but wasn't able to preach in the evening, so returned home immediately after taking lunch with Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Dickey.

Mr. and Mrs. Abb Davis left Sunday for the Valley to spend the winter with their daughter, Mrs. Clara Parks and family. She was going to stop in Waco and spend awhile with another daughter.

The second Sunday the Baptist called their preacher, Rev. Sims.

I don't know of any sick in this little town. Some have had colds but all are better.

Mrs. Pitts is still helping Mrs. Permenter and Rogers with their work.

The school is going to have a Christmas tree for the pupils and teachers (the later part of this week).

Mr. and Mrs. Webb Choats is taking care of Mrs. Nancy Lauderdale milk who is blind and almost deaf.

Mr. Erwin Watts is just doing fine since his operation and we hope he still continues to improve.

I think Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Miles are expecting all their children home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Flint Lee are expecting some of their children home on Sunday for Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Otha Moreland are going to take dinner in Hamilton Christmas.

Mr. Earnest Moreland is coming from Houston Sunday for din-

Let Christmas Renew Hope for the Future

Open your hearts and minds to the spirit and sincerity of Christmas Greetings, both between intimates and our outside friends. Forget present difficulties and live again the Christmas of innocent and better days. Let it renew hope for the future, with a resolve that the best impulses of our nature shall assist the character building of the real lesson of the Christmas season.

VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO Cpl. JOHNNY WOODSON

"Johnny, Mother and Dad are keeping things at home just like you like them, and are wishing for the time when all our Christmases will be Merry, and they won't be very much so until you are with us.

Even as far away as you are, we can't miss this opportunity in another way, to not just say, but to Wish you, the Merriest Christmas possible during our separation from you.

We're eagerly awaiting your return Home.

MOTHER AND DAD



And that's our wish for everybody in and out of Coryell County.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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HAVE YOU SEEN IT?

There are a small group of Counties in Central Texas of which Coryell is about the center that puts on one of the most gorgeous displays of natural beauty that is to be found in any place in Texas, if not the world.

For this grand show nature usually chooses a rugged mountain side where the receding summit to the circular brow of the moun-

tain offers the spectator an advantage viewpoint from the cove below.

It is here that the Spotted Oaks in the new fall attire come out to compete with the cedar, live oak, wild china, elms, and even the lowly sumac which may appear in any one of a varied number of colors.

Last season the great designer of their fall costumes decreed a

dull and drab finish to their attire, but this season their colors are exceedingly bright, competition is keen, the show is good and the admission is free.

If you do not have the gas, you can walk to the west end of the bridge and the Graham hill is a stage fully set and nature's artist gives you (not a picture) but the real thing, De Lux.

NEW DIRECTOR IS NAMED FOR USO CLUB IN GATESVILLE

Today, with this 32-page Christmas Edition, we started on our 13th year.

Now, when you're thirteen, you don't know nearly all of it, and we've never claimed to, still, we have been around a little in 13 years and with the proper guidance of our good subscribers, advertisers, and those interested in us most, our critics, we may make something out of ourselves after all.

You know, this "adolescence" of ours is our most important period, and we're trying to break away from kid ways, (if we had 'em) and get into the class that gives "fatherly, or other advice". Our so-far-success has not been ourselves, but our complainants and suggesters. We'll never, we hope, get to the stage where we think we know it all, and when we do, "somebody ought to take us over."

Not all of this 13, have been the "operating end" of the News, but since March 12, 1935, we have, and if there are any improvements we hope you like them, and if we're "sluffing-off", sincerely, we hope you tell us our faults, and we've many of them.

We assure you, any confidence placed in the News will not be defaulted.

Merry Christmas BETWEEN BOTTLES



Everybody

MAT, JOE, JOHNNY JONES BOYS, INC., LTD.

at Gatesville Monday night. Those who enjoyed a turkey dinner Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Glass at Levita were: Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Franks and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Franks and Margaret of Gatesville, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Burt and sons, Eilly and Benny of Gatesville, Mrs. Tom Martin and Jureen or Levita, Mrs. Doyle Cawson, and Doyle Jr., Cpl. and Mrs. Herman Glass, and Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Coward and Belise.

Miss Alice Marie Timmons of Denton is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Timmons during Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Rubert Whisenhunt and Mr. and Mrs. Troy Whisenhunt canned a beef Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Timmons are the proud parents of a son, Marlin Duane, born at 10:00 a.m. Friday, Dec. 10th, weighing eight and one half pounds.

Mr. Oscar Moreland visited Mr. and Mrs. Otis Pruitt Sunday.

A Gift For You The Whole Year 1944

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MRS. LEWIS HOLMES HOME IS BURGLARIZED MONDAY NIGHT

Sometime between dusk and 11 o'clock Monday night, thieves entered Mrs. Lewis Holmes' home on Leon street.

The thieves got several electrical appliances and other household items estimated at about \$75.

Mrs. Holmes and her family were in Waco at the time of the robbery, and called local enforcement officers as soon as the burglary was discovered. No one has been apprehended as yet.

After News

Mrs. Bertha Coward, cors. Mr. and Mrs. Jake McDonald, were Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Whitsell at Ireland.

Several from this community enjoyed the play titled "Absent Minded Professor" staged by the senior class of Jonesboro High School Friday evening.

Cpl. and Mrs. Herman Glass visited Mr. and Mrs. Rolan Burt

OBITUARY

MRS. LOLA McCLINDON
Friends of the late Mrs. Lola McClindon, who was a resident of Coryell County for some fifteen years, will regret to hear that she passed away December 11th at Los Angeles, California, where she was making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Norene Wolfe, also a former Gatesville resident. Mrs. McClindon was the cousin of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Torbett of Gatesville.

SHOWING THE LATEST NEWS OF THE WORLD IN PICTURES



Bureau of Public Relations U. S. War Department
ARMY BROTHER AND SISTER TWINS—They're twins even to the khaki they wear—but he's in the Army and she is a WAC. Private Gadys Darby, of Atlantic City, New Jersey, is at the Third WAC Training Center at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, and her twin brother, Private James M. Darby, is in the Medical Corps stationed at Camp Pickett, Virginia. The two soldiers are the son and daughter of John W. Darby of Atlantic City.

Mrs. Jim Ed Pruner and children of Houston are Christmas visitors with friends and relatives here.

Captain Ray Byrom of Will Rogers Field, Okla. is here for the holidays.

Seaman 2/c L. L. Lyons of Camp Perry, where he's in the Seabees, has returned to his post after visiting with Mrs. E. K. Stephens and his wife, the former Miss Maxine Stephens of Gatesville.



Bureau of Public Relations, U. S. War Department
U. S. ARMY CHAPLAINS CONDUCT HOLY LAND TOURS—When Christmas dawns this year Bethlehem and other sacred localities in Palestine will be the goal of hundreds of American officers, nurses and enlisted men. The tours were arranged for military personnel on furlough or convalescing from illness or wounds. Chaplain Jack P. Morison, of Louisville, Kentucky, stationed in Cairo, Egypt, said more than 3,000 soldiers and nurses visited the Holy Land in the last 13 months. Here an Arab guide accompanies Chaplain Morison and his party on a camel caravan. Among the places visited are the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, Solomon's Temple, the various gates and original streets of Jerusalem, the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations.