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Townswarming With College Students Home For Holidays

The town is swarming with sloppy-joe sweaters, pearl necklaces, uniforms, long coats, crazy hats, and sloppy socks. No, it's not a three ring circus, it's just the college kids home for the Christmas holidays. Most of the students are working in the stores wrapping packages or selling merchandise and are helping the merchants a lot with the Xmas rush.

The students of higher learning here for the holidays include: Maurice and John Joe Costelow, sons of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Costelow. Maurice is attending the University of Texas and is a senior in pharmacy. John Joe is a junior at Tech and is majoring in chemical engineering.

Wade Gilbert, a graduate of '42, and son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Gilbert, is a freshman at Tech, majoring in engineering.

Betty Woodrum, daughter of Lt. and Mrs. Mack Woodrum, is taking a liberal arts course at TSCW where she is a freshman this year.

Jean Engleman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Engleman, is a sophomore at TCU and is majoring in commercial buying.

Miss Idalee Golding, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Golding, is taking fine arts at Ward-Belmont this year. Idalee is a freshman.

Fike Godfrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Godfrey, is majoring in industrial engineering at Tech. Fike is a junior.

Bob and Margaret Mae Weaver, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Weaver, are also here for the holidays. Bob is a freshman at the University of Texas where he is majoring in mechanical engineering, and Margaret is a major in home economics at Texas Tech.

Miss Bonnie Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Campbell, is a junior at Tech where she is majoring in public school music.

Bill Laine, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Laine, who is a junior at Tech, is majoring in accounting.

Pat (Aggie) Williams, son of Mrs. Helen Williams, and Billy Ray (wait till next year) Barrett, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Barrett, are both attending A. & M. this year where they are freshmen. Pat is taking an engineering course and Billy Ray is majoring in pre-veterinary work.

Pat has as guest for the lives in Austin and attends the holidays. Eddie Sponberg who University.

Harland Weaver of University of Texas is here visiting his family. Harland is a freshman pre-law student.

Miss Miriam Reed is home from Baylor university to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James B. Reed until Jan. 1, at which time she will go to Fort Jackson, S. C. to be married to Lt. Everett E. Baker who is stationed there.

La Voris Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Lee, is home visiting her parents and little sister, Annette. La Voris is majoring in business administration at ACC where she is a sophomore.

Miss Sue Loe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Loe of Afton, is attending ACC and is majoring in English.

Teddy Brannen is visiting his mother, Mrs. J. H. Bowman, and little sister, Jimmie Nell. Teddy is a junior at the University of Arkansas, majoring in business economics.

James V. Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Allen, is majoring in business administration at ACC where he is in the upper freshman class.

Cadet Captain Clifford Hunter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mace Hunter, is visiting his parents through the holidays until Dec. 28, at which time he will return to A. & M. where he is a senior. Clifford, why don't you wear that uniform all of the time?

Miss Regina Lee, daughter of Mrs. Emma Lee, is a senior at TSCW, and is majoring in speech.

Mathew Gruben, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Gruben, is attending Tech this year. Mathew is majoring in engineering.

Joyce McCully is attending McMurry where she is a speech major. Joyce is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. McCully.

Raymond and Louise Ince came home Thursday to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Ince. Raymond and Louise both go to Tech. Louise is majoring in speech and is a freshman. Raymond is majoring in mechanical engineering.

Misses Winifred and Helen Ruth Lee, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Lee, are juniors in Texas Tech this year. Helen Ruth is majoring in business administration and Winifred is a home economics major.

Frank Vernon is a sophomore and is majoring in chemical engineering. Frank is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Vernon.

Charles Hennings, son of Mrs.

Plenty of Trees



It doesn't take long to grow a suitable Christmas tree from a seedling. That is one of the reasons why there isn't much possibility that the nation's supply of Christmas trees will reach a point of depletion.

Many farmers, having some acres of soil not suitable for regular farming, turn the round over to producing evergreens for Christmas use. Many have thus undertaken the establishment of Christmas tree plantations where harvesting is conducted on a sustained yield basis.

Most of the balsams, spruce, hemlocks, pines, cedars and fir used for this purpose are the product of northern swamp lands.

RED CROSS NEWS

A request came this week for 25 kit bags for the Randolph field hospital Christmas party. Time was a major element in this belated request, so it was not possible to distribute the work or announce a general meeting. The bags were made, filled with 12 necessary and usable articles and shipped Saturday to insure delivery before Christmas.

It is possible that our chapter may be asked to make some of these for overseas distribution. The boys in service seem to enjoy these kit bags, saying that they are like a package from home. The articles are needed items suggested by the War department, and thus are very appropriate and timely whenever and wherever given.

A new quota of yarn has just been received. Our chapter is asked to make 25 sleeveless sweaters, 15 turtle-necked sweaters, 25 gloves and 40 mufflers for our Armed forces. Any who are ready to knit soon after Christmas please call Mrs. Senning or Mrs. Link.

NEW YEAR GREETING

"That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace; that our garners may be full, affording all manner of store; that our sheep may bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our fields; that our oxen may be strong, that there be no breaking in, nor going out; that there be no complaining in our streets. Happy is that people, that is in such a case. Yes, happy is the Lord—Psalm 144.

Selected by Mrs. T. K. Posey.

WADE CHILD DIES

Cora Irene Wade, infant daughter of Lee Wade of Espula community, died at the age of eight days. The funeral was held in the Wade home at 3:30 Monday afternoon. Campbell's Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements with Rev. Burnham officiating. Interment was in the Espula cemetery.

Adelaide Senning, is a band major in Tech. This is Charles junior year and he is drum major of the Tech band, president of the band and is quite well known around the campus.

Miss Mona Hughes, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Hughes, is visiting here during the Christmas holidays. Mona is attending the University Oklahoma and is a major in journalism.

Robbie Lou Waters of Tech is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Watters. Bobbie Lou is a freshman and is majoring in clothing textiles.

Misses Ruby and Emily Cowan of Tech are here with their mother, Mrs. Lucy Cowan, for the holidays. The girls are both majoring in speech.

Misses Mary Helen Draper and Lily Fern Delisle are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Draper, and Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Delisle. Mary Helen and Lily Fern are going to Droughons Business college in Fort Worth.

Bulldogs Feted With Banquet Last Friday night

The annual banquet given in honor of the Spur high school Bull Dogs, and financed by the business men of Spur, was held at the high school gymnasium Friday night, Dec. 18. The banquet menu was prepared and served by the home economics department.

The menu consisted of: pineapple cheese salad, turkey, celery dressing, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, buttered peas, hot rolls, pumpkin pie with whipped cream, and coffee.

The program climaxed by a talk by Dell Morgan, head coach at Texas Tech, was:

Toastmaster, F. F. Vernon, America and The Eyes of Texas, audience.

Invocation, Rev. H. L. Thurston.

Presentation of awards and introduction of letter and squadmen, Jack Christian.

Expression of gratitude, O. C. Thomas.

Review of season, Wilburn Ball, captain.

Highlights of the season, Cotton Stanly, co-captain.

"A Drug Store Quarterback's Report," Charlie Powell.

Introduction of speaker, Albert Address, Dell Morgan, Alma Mater, audience.

Powell.

Coach Jack Christian announced that the following boys were to receive letters this year and also were to receive gold footballs to signify that they had won the district football championship:

Wilburn Ball, Cotton Stanley, Alfred Elkins, Troy Boothe, Calvin Simmons, Donald Wilson, Jack Rankin, Jimmie Vernon, A. B. Carlisle, Keith Garner, Billy T. Smith, Winford Marrow, Lane Ericson, George Walker, Jimmie Draper.

Billy T. Smith received the award for the most improved blocker, Jack Rankin most improved tackler, Elmer Gannon, best hustler, Calvin Simmons, playing best two games of season.

All of the awards were \$5.00 in defense stamps and came as a complete surprise to most of the boys receiving them.

This banquet climaxed one of the most successful seasons that the Bulldogs have ever had.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Pvt. and Mrs. Jimmy Alexander are the proud parents of a 7 pound, 8 ounce boy born Sunday morning. The baby was named Jimmy Don. Pfc. Alexander, who is stationed at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, will arrive in a few days to be with his wife and son.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wright Friday at the Nichols sanitarium. The baby weighed 7-12 pounds and was named La Verle.

Mrs. Benn Mason is ill in the Nichols sanitarium this week and would appreciate a few visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Coffman have a new boss in the family now. A son was born to them Sunday night and weighed 7 pounds. He has not yet been named.

Mrs. Walter Smith, who underwent a minor operation in the Nichols sanitarium last week, is reported improving nicely.

Mrs. Dewey West, Mrs. Ted Floral of McAdoo, and Mrs. Howard Daniels of Dumont, were able to return to their homes Monday after illnesses at the Nichols sanitarium.

Mrs. W. B. Carothers of Afton, who has had a minor operation, is doing fine.

Miss Pauline Powell left Saturday for Big Spring, where she will visit her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Powell, during the Christmas holidays.

Four Questions Every American Should Ask Himself

1. **HOW CAN I HELP WIN THE WAR?**
2. **HOW CAN I KEEP THE COST OF LIVING DOWN?**
3. **HOW CAN I BE SURE TO HAVE SOME MONEY TO TIDE ME OVER THE PERIOD OF READJUSTMENT AFTER THE WAR?**
4. **HOW CAN I GET \$4 FOR \$3?**

An answer to all four questions is: BUY WAR BONDS through the Pay-Roll Savings Plan.

The more Bonds you buy, the more quickly we can win the war.

The more Bonds you buy, the more you reduce the possibility of a rising cost of living.

The more Bonds you buy now, the more money you will have when the war is won.

The more Bonds you buy, the more four dollars you'll get for three!

Put at least 10 percent—not 6 percent or 7 percent or even 9 percent, but 10 percent—of your earnings into War Bonds. Do it through your

company. Twenty million Americans are doing it now. Let's make it at least 10 percent for every American!

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

If you are—

1. Already setting aside 10 percent of your pay for War Bonds through the Pay-Roll Savings Plan—boost that 10 percent if you can.
2. Working in a plant where the Plan is installed but haven't signed up yet—sign up tomorrow.
3. Working in a plant where the Pay-Roll Savings Plan hasn't been installed, talk to your union head, foreman, or plant manager—and see if it can't be installed right away. The local bank will be glad to help.
4. Unable to get in on the Pay-Roll Savings Plan for any reason, go to your local bank. They will be glad to help you start a plan of your own.

"TOP THAT 10% BY NEW YEAR'S!"



BUY U. S. WAR BONDS THROUGH THE PAY-ROLL SAVINGS PLAN

Dickens Farmers Who Build Terraces Will Get 80c Foot

Dickens county farmers who construct standard terraces with proper outlets and fills will earn a payment of 80 cents per 100 linear feet in 1943.

This program enables farmers to construct all the terraces that are needed on the farm and receive full payment for them.

However, these terraces must be built in accordance with specifications outlined in the 1943 Texas Handbook and must be properly maintained in future years.

Farmers may have some contractor to build these terraces and the AAA will pay the contractor as soon as terraces are completed and checked. This enables the farmer to build terraces without having to put up any cash for the job.

For further information contact your local committee man or County AAA office.

VISIT BROTHER HERE

J. F. and E. A. Thomas and Mrs. F. E. Guess and Mrs. P. B. Phillips, all of Weatherford, were week end guests of their brother, O. C. Thomas, superintendent of Spur school.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Rev. John A. Winalow of Lubbock will hold communion services at the Episcopal church here Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock.



OUR BOYS WITH THE COLORS

Pvt. Walter Jimison and Ralph Sherrill visited Mrs. Jimison and Mrs. Sherrill over the week end.

Pvt. Wilbur D. Hagins of the LAFS spent his week end with Mrs. Hagins and his mother, Mrs. Minnie Hagins.

Pvt. Jim R. Davis of the Fitz Simmons hospital, Denver, Colo., is spending part of his 30-day furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Davis. Besides his visit in Spur, Pvt. Davis has also visited in Hereford, Matador, Amarillo, and other points. He will return to Denver Jan. 7.

Lt. and Mrs. Johnny Nichols visited with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. P. C. Nichols and Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Brown, for a short time last week. Lt. Nichols is being transferred from Fort Riley, Kan. to Fort Bliss, El Paso.

Corp. O. D. Bankston of the U. S. Marines, is visiting his mother, Mrs. J. W. Bankston, and brothers and sister this week. Corp. Bankston has been under fire in the Solomon Islands, where he was stationed for six weeks. He has also made several visits to Hawaii, New Haberties Islands, and to New Caledonia.

Pvt. C. O. Williams of the LAFS, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Williams, over the week end.

Tech. Sgt. Herman Bostick of the 92nd General hospital in Temple, is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bostick.

Corp. Luther Powell, who was stationed in Tulsa, Okla., has been transferred to Amarillo.

Sgt. Carl Arthur of the LAFS, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Arthur, over the week end.

Lt. and Mrs. William Innes of Kelley Field are here visiting in the home of their parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Hughes.

Pvt. Bill Putman, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Putman, arrived last Saturday to spend a week's furlough with his parents and friends. Pvt. Putman is now stationed at Camp Barkley, Texas.

Miss Sybil Clay of San Angelo is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clay, during the Christmas holidays. Miss Clay will go to San Antonio to work after the holidays.

Christmas Spirit Permeates City As Holiday Nears

The highly decorated show windows of local business houses of Spur shows that the Christmas spirit of the people is not dampened by the war that we are engaged in.

From the hand made and beautiful miniature houses in the windows of Grubens Radio shop and Johnson's grocery to the elaborate displays of the dry goods and variety stores, the town shows that they are trying to make this Christmas season one of the best in years.

Almost all of the business establishments have agreed to remain closed both Friday (Christmas day) and Saturday for the holidays. Grocery stores, however, will be open Saturday in order to supply the community with food.

Stores agreeing to remain closed Friday and Saturday are: Speer's Variety Store, Proctor Brothers, Milam's Variety Store, Henry Alexander & Co., Thacker-Godfrey Co., B. Schwarz, Campbell's Furniture Store, Grubens Radio Store, Western Auto Associate Store, Rucker's Shoe Shop, Jimison's Barber and Beauty Shop.

Spur Barber Shop, De Luxe Beauty Shop, C. A. Aldredge Barber Shop, O. T. Johnson Barber Shop, Clambless Barber Shop, Love's Shoe Shop, Ritter Hardware Co., A. B. Hogan Barber Shop, West Texas Utilities Co., Allen Auto Supply, Pearl's eBauty Shop, Bryant-Link Co., The Fair Store, Hogan-Patton, Spur Security Bank.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Spur, Texas, Dec. 16, 1942.

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl five years old. I have been pulling bells and I am looking for a big Christmas.

I want a doll bed, a pair of gloves, and a house coat, and some more things.

Remember my mother and daddy and Uncle Dub in England.

With love,
Rose Mary Holder.

P.S.—Please remember all my little friends.

Local Foot Ball Coach Subject Of NBC Sportscaster

Saturday night over a nationwide broadcast, Bill Stern, ace NBC sportscaster, told the dramatic story of Ellis Jones, Tulsa university star guard.

This was a story of our own coach and fellow townsman, Jack Christian, to whom much of the success of this one-armed football player is due. Jack, suffering from the same handicap, having just lost his arm in an ice mill in August of 1932, barely a year after he had finished a four great football seasons at Texas A. and M. in which he was named all-conference guard in two of those seasons, decided to make in this boy the football player he would like to have been. Jack was then the assistant coach at Abilene high school and had charge of the younger boys. This boy, Ellis Jones, despite his handicap, had come out for football. Coach Christian decided to make a specialty kicker out of thinking that he would not ever be able to make a real football player. But he did not seem to have the co-ordination to make a good kicker so Jack decided to give him a chance to make the grade as an all around player. He spent many hours with him teaching him to overcome his handicap and to take advantage of every opportunity that he was offered.

In 1937 and 1938 Jones lettered as a varsity guard at Abilene high school and was awarded a scholarship at Texas A. and M. He went there one year but because he could not get into the Cadet Corps, was not satisfied and transferred to Tulsa university. There he was coached by two of Coach Christian's intimate friends, Henry Franka and Buddy Brotham. Ellis is a starting guard on the undefeated and untied Golden Hurricane Club, which has been invited to the Sugar Bowl. Christian said of this boy, "He always will be my favorite football player because we both had the same handicap perhaps we were drawn closer together."

Stern's broadcast stated that Christian had lost his arm in his junior year at A. and M. but this is a mistake since he lost it the summer immediately following his last year.

Christian was determined to be a good coach despite his handicap and succeeded very well. He was an assistant coach at Abilene high school two years and head coach at Colorado City for eight, where he turned out some of the best Class A ball clubs in this section of the state. When he moved to Spur he had not coached football in several years, but due to the shortage of coaches, he consented to coach the Bulldogs this season. He is to be congratulated on the fine job that he has done with these boys this year. When he came here the prospects were dim since in the previous season the Bulldogs did not win but one game and lost most of the regulars on that ball club. But with a lot of hard work on the part of the coach and boys alike, the Bulldogs won their first district title in five years and their second in the history of the school.

One of the most interesting things that Stern pointed out was that probably the sympathetic and understanding coaching that Christian gave Jones was one of the prime factors in the greatness of this year's Tulsa team. We can see that the many hours that Christian spent in coaching Jones was one of the greatest things that this out of the ordinary coach has ever done.

Cotton Ginnings For County Low

The estimated 20,000 bales that Dickens county ginnings had expected has not been reached, according to figures compiled Wednesday. Dickens county has ginned only 19,651 bales to Dec. 1, compared to 21,785 bales to the same date last year.

The Spur ginnings have not quite reached the figure that had been expected with a total of only 10,564 bales up to Wednesday morning.

The area figures of nearly half a million bales was an all time high for this section, and an increase of from 10 to 50 per cent over last year.

POLICE GUARD COFFEE

The difference that rationing made: A truck, taking 1,150 cases of coffee to an army camp, turned over near Elizabeth, N. J., last week. Before a crowd had time to gather, a squad of police rushed up and guarded the coffee until it could be loaded on another truck and taken away.

Mrs. Cora Lewis of Jayton was in Spur on business last Tuesday.

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"Rome! She's Burning Again"

Is it accepted by military facts that Italy is verging upon chaos and possible immediate collapse? Has our position in Africa so changed the Axis situation that Italy will soon break? "Psychological warfare"—the battle of morale—is just now bearing fruit along the Axis suppressed nations of Europe. People of Greece, the Balkan states, Belgium and Holland as well as Jugo-Slavia and even France and Italy are no longer elated over the vast Hitler promises. Especially do the Italian soldiers, who were left to take the force of the battle in Rommel's fleeing army, know that Hitler mean Germany first in speaking of great and wealthy empires.

Now America has come to liberate, feed and clothe the innocent and suffering people of Europe. This can mean only one thing—that a profound European transition is due and that specific mover of Axis annihilation are soon to go into effect throughout the whole of freedom loving people. This more than anything else can win the fight against totalitarian aggression—this more than anything can insure a more lasting peace. Our promise to feed suppressed nations carries weight, especially now with our African hold. We now have the food and materials and also the means of supplying those lesser nations and the means of supply is through Italy—thus Rome may actually again burn unless the people of Italy soon renounce the Axis domination.

The President's "war of nerves" must in all probability be distinctively aggravating the Axis regime. Our food, our men our resources, are penetrating the European countries and through the next few months we are sure to see rebellion and the cleavage of nations. Psychological tactics are moving the dominated peoples and Nazis propaganda is falling to its own standard of fallaciousness. "Rome is burning"—but it symbolizes the liberation of all the peace loving people of the old continent.

Production Odds

The problem of production is growing more and more acute, and the consumption of war materials is rapidly bounding toward high figures. When we think of the barrels of gasoline consumed in fighting planes, of the vast quantities of food needed for the increasing army, of materials, of clothing and equipment, we are almost astounded when civilians critically eye their own impediments. Yet, it is true, the seriousness of production and marketing in our nation. Normally producing America has been geared to trailer truck transportation. It cannot let up in production but instead it must produce more and more and methods of marketing have diminished. American cannot go back to team transportation due to the scarcity of farm hands and because valuable time would be lost. But how to

produce and market on a scale with our armies and lend-lease obligations is definitely a critical task.

Much farm machinery is now rationed to insure equal distribution. To obtain a truck for farm marketing is almost impossible at the definite time. Yet when we stop to think that we send a convoy to Russia it requires almost one hundred warships and when we talk about two million gallons of gasoline for a bombing attack—well, we wonder at the immense task of winning this war. How can we produce to keep up with such a scale!

These are matters involving a cycle of allround organization. Each in its place must be handled properly. We must keep our product on to the intensity of our fighting forces: we cannot speak of the impossible—we cannot be overwhelmed by the immeasurableness of our task.

Why History Is Often Wrong

It is a wise thing for one who reads not to accept in full everything that he does read. For instance, Marshal Petain, in World War I, was given credit for the saying, "They shall not pass," at Verdun, when it developed later that he never said it. The truth was that the higher army officers had difficulty in keeping Petain from surrendering his army to the Germans, because he did not believe that they could withstand the German onslaught and he did not see the necessity of so many French soldiers being killed in an attempt to hold off the Germans.

In this present war Chaplain William Maguire was given credit in the daily papers for having voiced the following expression, "Praise the Lord and pass the ammunition," during the attack on Pearl Harbor. He stated he may have said something like it, but did not remember, then later on claimed that he never said it. It developed that Chaplain Hawell M. Forgy was the author of the expression. In the Petain case the misstatement still goes in and the correction has never caught up with it in full, and probably the same thing is in store for the other incident.

Five Minutes

"The reason I beat the Austrians," said Napoleon, in explaining one of his brilliant victories, "is that they didn't know the value of five minutes.

Five minutes! Just a scrap of time. Just a fragment. But the difference between using it and neglecting it is often the difference between success and failure.

In five minutes the earth moves 6,000 miles in its orbit. In five minutes an electric current will girdle the globe a dozen times. In five minutes a ray of light travels 56,500,000,000 miles. Many a big decision, must be made in five minutes. Many a victory in business, as well as on and mastered within that bit of time. Many a victory in business, as well as on the battlefield, has been won on a five-minute margin.

And how many a success has turned into failure on as narrow a margin of neglect! Five minutes wasted—and the opportunity was gone, the sale lost, the inquiry withdrawn, the promotion passed on to another who was alert, on the job and on time. Even Napoleon in the end failed because his reinforcements were late in arriving at Waterloo, where his enemies met on schedule time.

No one comes into this world and then leaves it exactly as he finds it. It is either a little better or a little worse for his having lived.

The words we leave unsaid are often more eloquent than the words that are spoken.



LOOKING AHEAD

by GEORGE S. BENSON
Fictionist, 'Looking Ahead' Series, Business

No other nation on earth has the knack of making things in a hurry as it is done in the United States. Ability to get things done is our stronghold of safety today and our prospect of future prosperity. America can not rely on more manpower nor on greater resources, for she has neither. But resourceful enterprise is our one advantage.

Very few business men and practically nobody in Washington had the slightest comprehension of what American management could achieve in producing any kind of machines until total war gave American genius the "go" signal, slightly more than a year ago. Since then, ten years of normal progress in aviation have been crowded into one. Other essential war industries are not far behind.

T. M. Girdler, chairman of Consolidate Aircraft Corp., in a speech delivered early in December declared that more airplanes had been built in 1942 than in all the previous 20 years combined. Back in 1940 people thought the automobile industry was large, and it most assuredly was, but measured by the yardstick of dollar volume, the aviation industry is ten times that big now. "We have air supremacy over Hitler already," Mr. Girdler declared, "and production is hardly 60 percent of potential." Inability of the industry to get materials and keep men is the drawback.

American Team-Work

Team-work has always been an outstanding American characteristic, and all the big things done in aviation in 1942 were accomplished through fine, broad-gauge team-work. There has been a lot of weak-kneed patter about need for some temporary totalitarian rule in the United States to solidify our strength against formidable foreign foes. More than a few honest people have listened to it with a measure of conviction. I wish everybody who has given one moment of attention to such a doctrine could have heard all this great industrialist said in his speech.

To get the big job done, the aircraft industry has thrown all of its resources into one vast pool. Various companies (one-time competitors) are exchanging ideas, men, materials, anything. And this is not all. Firms new to the business, launching into airplane building for the first time, are getting full cooperation from veteran manufacturers. Mr. Girdler's own company has made literally hundreds of engineers available to Ford's big plant at Willow Run.

More Than Words

Although good team-work is an American trait and the word "cooperation" rolls easily from our lips, it was no simple matter in the aviation industry. It has required the continuous assembly of an unbelievable array of items on the right spot at the right moment; tens of thousands of them, from tiny trinkets to ponderous power units. One Liberty bomber has more than 102,000 parts and 300,000 rivets coming from 2,100 different suppliers, and the failure of any one of them to deliver punctually is all that's necessary to halt production. But production has kept up.

Last year they thought it was impossible, but America's big bombing planes are "on assembly line" now. The Jap Zero, one of the prized weapons of our would-be invader, is a hand-made job. Americans are a peaceful people, and the Axis powers had a long start in war work before we began, but the United States possesses something besides vast natural resources: Uncle Sam knows how to get organized. It is a product of individual initiative, born of free competition and venture-some enterprise.

For Now and Later

"In the productive capacity of the future," Mr. Girdler said, "When the war is over, this great power will make us better able to grapple with problems of peace. I believe we shall solve them. If we hold fast to the principles that have made America. We have grown great under our system of free institutions and open competition. We need have no fear of the future if we can continue to guarantee in this country the principles of free institutions and individual liberties."

Puts Life in Book

After 70 years' experience in the field of medicine and surgery, Dr. Michael Buck, of Wilkingsburg, Pa., now in his 90th year, has decided he is qualified to write a book on his adventures in the profession. Dr. Buck's calls have taken him even to the White House, where in 1864 he relieved President Lincoln of a headache, by simply rubbing the back of his head.

The total annual expenditure by the Texas Government for educational purposes exceeds \$58,000,000.

SOBE THROAT - TONSILITIS

Your doctor would recommend a good soap and Anesthesia-Mop is unexcelled for this trouble. Anesthesia-Mop relieves pain and discomfort instantly—stops infection without injury to throat membranes. Generous bottle with applicator only 15c at—CITY DRUG STORE

Time to Spare

by I.C.S.

SHORTEST SURNAME...
DAVID NG, A CHINESE DEFENSE WORKER SAYS HIS NAME SHOULD BE PRONOUNCED "ING".
HIS AMBITION... TO MAKE BOMBS FOR DELIVERY TO JAPAN... BY AIR.

RUNNING YOUR AUTO TIRES UNDERINFLATED WILL REDUCE THEIR MILEAGE 3000 MILES, WARNS C. DAY STROUSE, HEAD OF THE AUTOMOTIVE TRAINING OF INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOLS.

COMMON MILK WEED WAS THE SOURCE OF A SLABBER HEADBAND WHICH THE ADAMS WONE TO CARRY BURDENS. IT MAY REDUCE THE RUBBER SHORTAGE.

MATHEMATICS IS THE STUMBLING BLOCK TO MOST RECRUITS IN OUR ARMED FORCES WHO ARE SEEKING PROMOTION SAYS CARL GARDNER, EDITOR OF OUR ARMY.

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SHORT SHORT STORY OF THE WEEK

"ROBERTA'S CHRISTMAS GUESTS"

A Delightful Christmas Story by Anna E. Nonnamaker, Complete on This Page.

At ten o'clock, Roberta Kline was busily preparing for the merriest Christmas in her life, although it was her first in this strange new country of the Midwest. By eleven her world was turned upside down—she hadn't heard a word from her neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Broeg and the four orphaned grandchildren whom she had invited to be her dinner guests.

"Granville!" she burst out in painful agony with tears clouding her deep blue eyes. "The baking is finished, the turkey stuffed, the cranberry sauce molded—in other words, dinner's almost ready and they haven't come—and I don't know whether they will or not."

Granville, in a chair near by, brushed a lock of red hair out of his eyes and looked longingly at the table covered with a snowy cloth, a huge red Christmas bell suspended from the ceiling of the table, springs of evergreen in decorative arrangement around each plate, swallowed hard and sampled the fudge again.

"Gosh! I don't know what to do. Looks to me like you've gone to a lot of trouble not knowing for sure they'd come."

"Well—but," she gasped, "I was almost sure. She couldn't have failed to find the invitation which I placed in a Christmas envelope and put on top of the other things. Are you sure you gave it to Mrs. Broeg? I thought she would call me right away, but she didn't and I don't know what to do now."

Seriousness crept into Granville's tanned face as he recalled quite keenly that he had delivered Roberta's package with an armload of others he had picked up at the mailbox. "I'm sure I gave it to her," Granville remarked. "But to ease your anxiety, I'll look in the car."

He stalked out of the house into the blinding snow, returning a moment later empty handed. "It isn't in the car—so I did give it to her." He brushed the snow from his shoulders. "It's still snowing," he added for diversion.

"Let it snow!" Roberta said cheerfully. "It'll seem more like Christmas." Suddenly, her spirits dropped to a new low—as she realized her plight. "Do you suppose I've insulted them by giving them all those gifts and then on top of that inviting them over to eat Christmas dinner with us? Maybe it's made her feel more needy than they really are. To each of the twins, I gave a red sweater, cap, mittens and a sled. To the girls, each a wool dress, a pair of overshoes and a doll; Mrs. Broeg stationery, Mr. Broeg a pair of warm house slippers and to all of them that box of homemade candy." She paused a moment at the oven door where she'd been basting the turkey and then let out a wail that could be heard in every corner of the old farmhouse.

"I've overdone it! I just know I have," she sobbed in the corner of her checkered apron. "That always been my weakness—to overdo things and instead of making folks happy—I make them very unhappy," she kept on sobbing.

"I reckon the old lady was thankful to get the things, even though you haven't heard from her," Granville said as a soothing lotion for Roberta's feelings. "Anyway, crying isn't going to help matters any."

"I'm being silly crying like this," Roberta then told herself sensibly. "If I don't stop I'll look like the end of a dray summer—and spoil everything, if they do come." She dropped down in a chair and laid her head on the edge of the cabinet.

Mrs. Broeg had been so accom-

had wanted to make her forget her sorrows for one day at least. That's why she had cooked the fattest turkey, baked angel food cake and clifton lemon pies.

"I don't feel like fixing one thing for Christmas—not a single thing," Mrs. Broeg had sadly remarked when Roberta mentioned Christmas. That's when the idea of having the Broegs over for dinner had shaped itself in Roberta's mind. The idea appealed to her and she had gone into making preparations immediately afterwards.

She had scrubbed and cleaned the house from cellar to garret, arranging the furniture to provide plenty of room in the dining room for the four little Broegs to play—and a secluded corner in the kitchen for the grown ups to have a friendly afternoon chat. Roberta aroused herself from her musings and glanced out the window at the feathery show-flakes showering the countryside.

"Snow! Beautiful snow!" she murmured. "What would Christmas be without it?" She raised up out of her chair and faced Granville.

"Why don't they come?—Oh, why don't they?" she lamented. "I can't bear the suspense any longer. I'll see if I can get her on the phone and find out." But the phone was out of order and she could get no response.

"We've got to do something—right away," she shrieked wringing her hands and pacing restlessly across the floor.

"Shall we drive over there and get them?" Granville asked.

"I don't care what we do, just so we do something quick. I've never been so humiliated in my life," Roberta gasped.

Granville dashed outside to get the car ready and Roberta began putting on her white wool sweater—her present from Granville. It clung so snugly to her slender form as she buttoned it high around the neck.

"It's so soft and warm," she murmured. "Granville always knows what will please me!" She

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Teacher Candidate For Legislature January 2nd



T. J. TETER

To the Voters of the 118th District:

I hereby announce my candidacy for representative from this district, to fill the place left by election of the Hon. Pat Bullock as Senator.

Having made the race for this same office two years ago and having received a large vote, I feel that most of the voters know me and my ambition to represent this district in the House of Representatives. I am now 24 years of age, received my BA degree from Tech in 1942 and have been teaching history and civics and directing the band in the high school at Crosbyton.

I was born in Garza county and grew up in Scurry county where my parents and grandparents have lived almost 50 years. I want to be able to render service to my district, including the whole six counties of the district. I have been asked by so many people why I was not in military service, for this reason I offer this explanation:

When I was an infant I had the misfortune of having infantile paralysis, thus making it impossible to get into military service. I am asking that I may be permitted to serve as your representative. I have tried to especially qualify myself for this place, and I will render the very best service possible if honored with the position. I will work hard and do everything to help the war effort and to take care of the business of our district and of the state.

Due to war conditions, of course, it will be impossible for me to make a detailed campaign over the district, and I ask my friends and the people all over the district to help me with my campaign. I assure you that every assistance and good word spoken will be greatly appreciated.

T. J. TETER.
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Despite Priorities Yule Gadgets Will Abound For Toy-Minded Youngsters

Despite the war, the kids want toys at Christmas time. And Santa, who has lived through many wars, is going to see to it that his little friends get them.

Because of war priorities, metal and mechanical toys will be practically unobtainable. But wood and plastics will take their place. The type of toys that they are will bring fun and enjoyment to the children getting them.

One of the new games seems, at first glance, to be a jig-saw puzzle. It is not exactly a puzzle, but what you make from it can be puzzling to those who behold it.

This game consists of various pieces of colored and oddly shaped cardboard. By using the various, oddly cut pieces you can make a realistic looking lion, or house, or giraffe or even a zoo house to keep the "an-l-mules" in good condition.

The real fun comes in on this game when you take the head of a baboon and put it on a giraffe's neck which is attached to an elephant's body with dog legs! To solve the milk delivery problem you can put horse legs on the body of a cow.

Another interesting game—a con-

structive, entertaining one—is that which has miniature bricks, decorated in waterproof red paint. With the bricks you can build all sorts of buildings by laying them as a regular bricklayer would. For mortar a stick of stickum is used. After you have built yourself a house, or a bomb shelter, or a garage and then become tired of it, all that you need do is set the whole business in water. The water loosens the stickum-mortar, the bricks fall apart, and you are ready once again to build another type of building.

This year a new toy-gadget for the baby who is beginning to notice that it has some mighty active arms and legs has been fixed up by Santa for distribution on Christmas morning. It is a cradle gym. It has a horizontal bar strapped across the top of the crib or play pen.

From the bar hangs a trapeze, a climbing rope, and flying rings. Even little, before-tot age creepers, it has been said, can do marvelous things on the "circus" equipment.

Even though the children of U.S.A. 1942 won't be getting the usual type of toys for Christmas, they will be getting some fine substitutes.

Christmas Play To Be Repeated In Connecticut

This year marks the 31st free performance of the pageant, "Holy Night"—the first having been in 1912. A family affair, three members of the original cast, besides sons and grandsons of others, are taking part in the 1942 performance.

The villagers don't take their acting, and the play itself, in a light, or casual manner. Even though it takes but one hour, the play is rehearsed over and over again, year after year. The first rehearsal begins just after Thanksgiving when costumes are taken from the attic, and players begin to drop around in the evenings.

When the play was first given, it was held at the town hall which had



a leaky roof. When it rained, water came down on the lamps, the cast and the audience. Another disadvantage was the lack of audience space. The play had to be given two or three times a night so that the many villagers from neighboring towns could see it.

Even with a larger and newer home the play still "picks them in." As did their parents many years ago, the audience and members of the cast see the same simple scene of the Annunciation, the Child in the manger at Bethlehem, the Adoration of the Magi, and the presence of the Angels—all played in pantomime.

A piano provides the only music for the various scenes, during which are played the songs "Holy Night," "He Shall Feed His Flock" from the Messiah, and Handel's "Largo." The music, too, like the pageant itself, is the same as it was 30 years ago.



SAN FRANCISCO—Anything can happen during the Christmas rush in the department stores here. A recent trip by a reporter to the store in search of a story was the cause of him being shunted off to the "Lost and Found Department."

There he found a story. Besides being true, it was also interesting in that it gave a slant on the state of shoppers' minds during the rush when presents have to be purchased for those almost forgotten.

Gloves, said the lady in charge, are objects that shoppers seem to leave most on counters and floors of the store. Each day at least a bagful of gloves, singles most of the time, are turned in to the lost and found department. Considering the number of single gloves lost, the woman suggested that gloves should be sold in threes.

Animals are also turned in to the lost and found. Also such pets as canaries, turtles and goldfish. Parents buy pets for their children at Christmas time and then, because of the difficulty in carrying them, in holding them when making change, set them down somewhere and also forget to pick them up when off in search for another bargain.

False teeth are also forgotten by the hurried shoppers. Most of the times the teeth are turned in from the store's tearoom, the telephone booths, or the restrooms.

Tulsa—This is Christmas! The laughter of millions of children of a hundred racial heritages mingles with the bells that summon the devout to worship in freedom at altars of their choice. Christmas tree lights blaze bravely through unbuttoned windows. Motor cars move to friendly places. There is food in abundance, and general good will over the land. This is Christmas—in America.

BUY WAR BONDS and STAMPS

Thousands Women Needed In WAAC; Big Opportunities

If you are a woman, a citizen between 21 and 44 and anxious to help bring the war to a successful and speedy close, enroll in the Woman's Army Auxiliary Corps.

Thousands of women are needed in the WAAC. President Roosevelt has ordered expansion to the full 150,000 authorized by Congress, at present only about 10,000 women have enrolled. Women are urgently needed NOW.

Most women can meet the WAAC entrance requirements easily. The age limits are 21 to 44 inclusive. Reasonably good health, without deformities, is sufficient to pass the physical examination. No educational minimum is fixed, it is only necessary to pass a simplified mental alertness test. Evidence of good character is required.

Opportunities in the Woman's Army Auxiliary Corps are great. Due to the large increase in numbers, a big demand for officers will be created. All officer candidates are now selected from the ranks.

WAAC's are well paid. A WAAC Auxiliary (private) receives \$59 per month plus clothing, food, housing and medical care. This is comparable to that of a woman earning \$150.00 per month in civilian life.

It is the patriotic duty of eligible women without dependents to enlist in the Woman's Army Auxiliary Corps. The purpose of the WAAC is to supply trained women for non-combatant army duties, so that men can be released for combat duty.

If you want to serve Uncle Sam when he needs you most, join the fight for freedom by enrolling in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps AT ONCE. Contact your nearest Army recruiting station for complete details. There is an Army recruiting station in the Municipal building, Sweetwater, Texas.

Originally a trading post, Seymour, Texas, county seat of Baylor county, stands at the crossing of the old Dodge and California trails.

BUY WAR BONDS and STAMPS

SENDS BOOST TO PARENTS
Ensign Philip Cartwright of Pasadena, Calif., believes in keeping the morale of his parents ship-shape. Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Cartwright received a present from their son in Hawaii. Eagerly they unwrapped the postage-covered package—and found a one-pound tin of coffee.

TOO PATRIOTIC

Mrs. Piesta Hurst of San Jose, Calif., has asked for divorce on the grounds that her husband was too patriotic. She charges he quit a job where he was earning enough to support her and their five children to become a state guardsman at \$50 a month.

Anderson county, Texas, was named for Kenneth R. Anderson, the last vice president of the Texas republic.

Muleshoe, Texas, was named after an early day ranch which had only a muleshoe for branding stock.

QUESTIONS

If you can answer half of these, all we can say is that you sure are good. Answers will be found on another page.

- 1—What is the dominant religion of Abyssinia?
- 2—What are blood, phlegm, choler, and melancholy collectively called?
- 3—Who was Anne Rutledge?
- 4—What metal was named after the island of Cyprus?
- 5—Where is the Bay of Wales?
- 6—Which term is more inclusive, "bacterium" or "bacillus"?
- 7—What battle in the War of 1812 was fought several weeks after the conclusion of peace?
- 8—What was Jupiter's Greek name?
- 9—What are "Star Chamber" proceedings?
- 10—What plant is heroin made from?

VICTORY MINCE MEAT



Mary Jane Higby, above, radio star of the dramatic serial, "When a Girl Marries," provides this interesting holiday recipe for "V . . . Mince Meat," made without meat or sugar. Chop 6 apples, 6 green tomatoes and 1/2 pound seedless raisins together and place in mixing bowl. Add 1 tablespoon cinnamon, 1/2 cup grape juice, 1/4 cup vinegar, 1/2 cup citron, 1 orange rind finely chopped, 1 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon cloves, 1/2 teaspoon allspice, 1/2 tea-

spoon ginger and 1/4 teaspoon grated nutmeg. Cook over medium flame until thick. Cool and place amount to be used in pie-pan lined with uncooked crust. Always use two crusts for mince pie. Bake 10 minutes in very hot oven (450° F.)—then reduce heat slightly (to 425° F.) and bake for 30 minutes longer. Serve hot or cold. This recipe should make 3 average-size pies. Mince meat can be kept in a jar or crock, in a cool place, until used.

DOLLS They're Almost Human As Science Steps In

Even in the doll world, science has come through with its help.

It has perfected an "almost human" doll whose heart beat can be distinguished by means of the stethoscope that is furnished with the doll's layette. So now little Janey, if she becomes worried about the condition of her "little baby's"



health—even though its cheeks are rosy—need not put the stethoscope to use. The health, of course, all depends on Janey's decision.

There are today, even little doll-babies that eat from a spoon, make use of a nursery bottle like any little veteran of the crib, and even blow bubbles. Why, if Janey wants them to, they'll even walk along with her, provided, of course, she holds at least one hand. You will note, too, when Janey and her little doll do go out for a walk, the doll walks much more gracefully than ever before.

Little Janey will also notice that this year reaches a new high in smart clothing for her doll. The right style wardrobes and even accessories for all occasions have been designed.

Miss Janey is going to have a fine time with her new, modern doll this Christmas.

Bandera, Texas, county seat of Bandera county, was first settled by Mormons in 1850. Buescher-Bastrop park, Bastrop county, famous for "lost pines," is one of Texas' best developed state parks.

FARMS AND RANCHES FOR SALE

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6. 640 acres, 400 acres in cultivation, five room house, barn, well and mill. Located near Kalgary. Price \$22,500.
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8. 320 acres near Mid-way. Excellent for stock and farm combined. Well, mill, four room house, small barn. Price \$15,000.
9. Stock farm, 776 acres, 275 acres in cultivation, well mill, two room house, small barn, located northeast of Wichita school house. Price \$10,500.00. Excellent terms.
10. Farm, 165 acres, 110 in cultivation, three room house, small barn, well and new mill, wheat and cotton allotment. West of Girard. Federal loan \$1,700.00. Price \$2,500.00 and assume the Federal loan on place.
11. 418 acres northwest of McAdoo, 360 acres in cultivation, five room house, barn and shed, well and mill, granary, and two outhouses. Price \$37,500. Good terms.
12. Stock farm, 542 acres, 330 in cultivation, good water, good improvements, also 290 acres leased land to go with trade. Near Mid-way. Price \$25,000.
13. Farm, 260 acres, 170 acres in cultivation, 6 room house, barn and sheds, good orchard, plenty of good water, well and mill. Federal loan of \$1,700. Price \$21,000.
14. 70 acres near Dickens, house and other improvements. To settle estate. Price \$30,000.
15. Farm, 167 acres, 100 acres in cultivation, house, barn and tank. Price \$30,000. Terms.
16. 640 acres north of Afton, 416 acres in cultivation, well and mill house and other improvements. Excellent terms. Price \$25,000.
17. Farm, 160 acres, northwest of Afton, small house, barn, well, sandy soil. Price \$25,000, and excellent terms.
18. Farm near McAdoo, 320 acres, all in cultivation, good improvements and on paved highway. Price \$45,000.
19. 800 acres northeast of Afton, excellent stock farm. Price \$20 and terms.
20. Stock farm, 960 acres, 25 miles southwest of Spur; 500 acres in cultivation. Price \$17 and terms. Interest 5 per cent and twenty years to pay balance.
21. 1280 acres, 400 acres in cultivation, small house, barn and well. Located fifteen miles northeast of Post. Price \$12,500.
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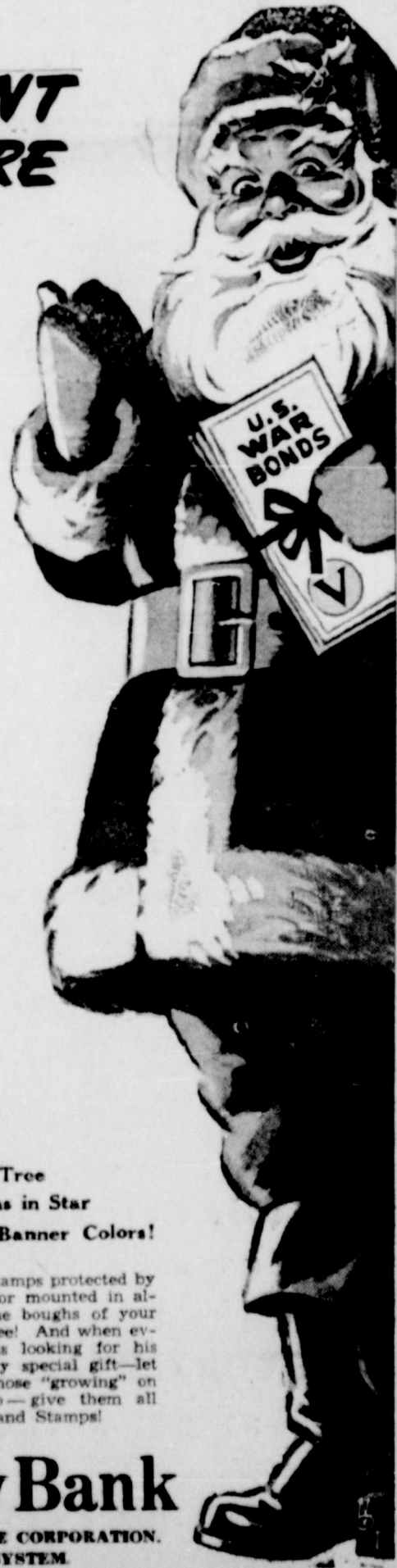
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Social Happenings

Announcement Tea Compliments Miss Miriam Reed

An announcement tea complimenting their daughter, Miss Miriam Reed, whose marriage to Lt. Everett E. Baker of Hobart, Ind., now stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C., will take place Jan. 1, Mr. and Mrs. James B. Reed entertained Sunday afternoon at their home.

The reception rooms were decorated with pink coronations and pink lighted tapers. As the guests arrived they were met by Mr. and Mrs. Reed and Miriam. Mrs. W. B. Francis Jr. had charge of the guest book. Mrs. Madge Alexander and Mrs. W. M. Hilby played the piano throughout the afternoon. Mrs. Roy Stovall, Mrs. Roy Stovall, Mrs. M. C. Golling and Mrs. William E. Putman presided at the silver tea service. The tea table was covered with a pink brocaded organ-dy cloth, centered with a huge

crystal basket of pink carnations and tulle with streamers bearing the inscription "Miriam and Everett, January 1st," in gold lettering.

Those attending were Meses. O. L. Kelley, E. S. Lee, J. C. McNeill III, R. E. Dickson, P. E. Gollihar, George S. Link, G. H. Snider, Martha Campbell, Charlie Powell, S. K. March, W. B. Lee, Clarence Foreman, W. F. Godfrey, W. B. Ford Jr., Joe B. Long, T. J. Seale, Ann B. McClure, Hill Perry, A. C. Hull, George Barnes, George M. Williams, J. L. Wolfe, George Gabriel, W. R. Weaver, Foy Vernon, Neal Chastain, Bob Alexander, E. C. Clinkscapes, F. W. Jennings, W. T. Andrews, Mary Francis, Doris Moore, H. L. Thurston.

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Andrews Home Is Scene Of Dinner Party Monday Night

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Andrews were host and hostess at a dinner party, given in their home, 519 N. Trumbull, Monday night, at 7:30 o'clock.

Red and white Christmas decorations adorned the tables and tree had been placed in one corner of the living room.

The dinner was served on a crocheted table cloth which was hand made. The centerpiece was fashioned of little silver bells and red balls with red candles in crystal holders on each side. After dinner, which consisted of baked turkey and dressing, giblet gravy, buttered peas, mashed potatoes, asparagus, cranberry sauce, spiced cherries, hot rolls, frozen egg-nog and cake, the guests enjoyed games of bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Jennings had high score and were awarded a prize of defense stamps.

Names were also drawn and the presents were given to the following guests: Messrs. and Meses O. C. Thomas, Riley Wooten, E. D. Engleman, J. E. Swenson, F. W. Jennings and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Andrews.

Twentieth Century Study Club Has Christmas Program

The Twentieth Century Study club met for the Christmas program at the home of Mrs. E. S. Lee. The president, Mrs. McGinty, presided over a short business session. The program consisted of a reading, "Twas the Night Before Christmas," by Annette Lee; "Jethau, a Santa Claus," by Mrs. McGinty, and the singing of Christmas carols by the club.

A Christmas tree was enjoyed during a social hour. Refreshments of candy, apples and oranges were served to the following members:

Mmes. George S. Link, T. H. Blackwell, A. M. Walker, E. S. Lee, Cliff Bird, B. F. Hale, J. M. Foster, J. A. Koon, Paige E. Gollihar, O. L. Kelley, O. M. McGinty, O. C. Thomas, B. F. Crockett, E. L. Caraway, and two guests, Mrs. V. C. Smart and Annette Lee.

Miss Mary Paul Long, high school speech and English teacher, has gone by train to California to spend the holidays with her brother, Aviation Cadet J. C. Long of the Santa Anna, and her aunt, Mrs. Lansden Barlett of San Francisco.

Robinet Home Is Scene of Shower For Mrs. Powell

Mrs. Billy Powell of Spur was given a shower in the home of Mrs. Dock Robinett at Calgary Friday, Dec. 11. The guests registered in a hand painted brides book made by Mrs. Robinett and Miss Marie Grizzle.

Mrs. Powell received many lovely things from those attending the shower, and from others who sent gifts.

Refreshments of sandwiches, cookies and coffee, were served to Meses. Jake Grizzle, Cliff Hinson, Opal Parsons, Othal Rigby, Evelyn Perser, Sue Winkler, Dolf Shields, Homer Robinett, Doyle Hinson, the bride's mother, Mrs. Hinson, the bride's mother, Billy Powell, and the hostess, Mrs. Dock Robinett.

Those sending gifts were Meses. Wayne Grizzle, J. R. Brecher, A. L. Havers, Tom A. Gilmore, Della Merriman, T. H. Gilmore, W. N. Blackwell, Ned Yoakum, Meses Elva Parsons, Bob Hale, and the teachers in Calgary, Miss Summerlin and Miss Billingsley, and Mr. Guy Merriman.

Miss Fae Bass Guest of Soldier Mound HD Club

Miss Fae Bass was the guest of the Soldier Mound H. D. club at their Christmas party Thursday, Dec. 17, at the home of Mrs. Floy Watson.

The club sang "Silent Night, Holy Night," after which an interesting program was presented. Many lovely gifts were on the tree for everyone.

Mrs. Dan Pritchett won the game prize which was a meat board and washcloth. The club will meet with Mrs. Floy Barnett with Mrs. Pete Gannon as hostess Thursday, Jan. 7.

Refreshments of pop-corn balls, fruit, and candy, were served to Meses. Dick Boykin, Ollie Hindman, Pete Gannon, Blanche Collier, Leland Wilson, Floyd Barnett, H. Condon, Floy Watson, Dan Pritchit, V. O. Davenport, I. J. Abernathy, Fannie Allen, John Aston, Ethel Allen, Horace Cage, Paul Lee, Bill Ballard, Albert Powers, and Meses Fae Wilson, Betty Jo pritchit, Arlene Gannon, eBuv Davenport, Ann Gannon, Patsy Boykin, Lenora Wilson, Glenda Watson, and Master Jackie Condon.

Christmas Program 1931 Study Club Given Dec. 15th

The 1931 Study club met Dec. 15 with Mrs. E. D. Engleman for their annual Christmas pro-

gram. Roll call was answered with "Christmas Customs of Other Lands" and Mrs. Hobart Lewis read a portion of the Biblical Story of Christmas from the second chapter of Luke. Mrs. Horace Wood read "The Night Before Christmas." After games were played and Christmas carols were sung, gifts were distributed from the beautiful blue and silver Christmas tree.

Attractive refreshments were served to the following members: Meses. Bynum Britton, Winston Brummett, Jerry Ensey, George Glover, Ray Karr, Hobart Lewis, Ray Penn, Homer Proctor, Herschel Thurston, Horace Wood, Mack Woodrum, Harold Karr, Robert Simmons, Jack Barton, E. D. Engleman, and Miss Dorothy Elliott.

Proctor Brothers Entertain Clerks Monday Night

Homer and Carl Proctor entertained their store employees with a Christmas party in the store Monday night at 8:30 o'clock. Names were drawn and gifts exchanged. Refreshments of fruit cake, hot cocoa and coffee were served to the following clerks: Mr. and Mrs. Homer Proctor, Mrs. Polly Cato, Mrs. Inez Hurst, Mrs. Cal Martin, Miss Billie Conaway, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Proctor, Harold and Joyce Proctor, Carl Proctor, and Pike Dobbins.

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WEEK END GUESTS
Mrs. James C. Pitts and George Pratus are week end guests of Mrs. Wynell McClure this week.

Mrs. Howard McDaniels of Clairmont underwent a major operation Tuesday of last week in the Nichols sanitarium.

Chiming Bells Sound Out a Merry Christmas

The family gathers about the festive table and heads bow reverently in silent prayer and thanks . . . and accurate picture of many homes on Christmas Day! May we join and supplement the many blessings already bestowed by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and by reminding you to visit Church this blessed day.



Spur Barber Shop



We extend our heartfelt greetings for a **Merry Christmas** that will light the way to a New Year of Peace and happiness.

McGee Implement and Tractor Co.
MR. and MRS. E. C. McGEE



A Joyful YULETIDE to all of you and may you know an extra measure of cheer in a future, peaceful year.

In war as in peace, it's the American way to wish you Joy and good wishes on this Christmas Day.

WILLIAMSON BROS. GIN.

Yuletide Joys Be With You Always
May we wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas
Mrs. SMITH'S CAFE



Our heartiest wishes for a **JOYOUS YULETIDE SEASON** abounding in health and happiness.

CHASTAIN PHARMACY

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NOTICE CREDITORS OF BURTON BURIAL ASSOCIATION SPUR, TEXAS
Burton Burial Association, Spur, Texas was placed in receivership by order of the 53rd district court of Travis County, Texas and its affairs turned over to the Liquidator for the Board of Insurance Commissioners on February 18, 1942.

All persons having a claim against Burton Burial Association, Spur, Texas are notified to present the same with legal proof thereof to me at my office in Austin, Texas, within ninety (90) days from September 18, 1942.

Blank proofs of claim will be furnished upon request.

WILL G. KNOX,
Liquidator for the Board of Insurance Commissioners.
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BARCLAY GARAGE

May this Christmas Season guide us safely into the harbor of **VICTORY WITH PEACE** as our anchor.

Spur Creamery

A Merry Christmas
and a **VICTORIOUS** New Year

During this Christmas as never before, it is our sacred duty to create and extend happiness and good will among our fellowmen, binding ourselves together in unity and strength, that our liberty to observe the birth of Christ be never denied us.

We are especially prepared to care for your last minute shopping for Gifts. This store is filled with an unusual variety of merchandise bought months ago for your needs. If you find it necessary to do last-minute shopping, remember

WE ARE PREPARED TO SERVE YOU!

THE FAIR STORE

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to all OUR FRIENDS



GOOD WISHES mean more than ever now. And they come to you all the more sincerely this troubled Christmas time, from your retailers and those who serve you in many other ways in this community. Because these neighbors want to greet you personally and extend the spirit of the season to you—they have chosen the col-

umns of this newspaper through which to blanket the town with heartfelt good thoughts for each and every one. Read these greetings . . . and remember that now above all, your storekeepers are striving to help in the fight for freedom which will forever secure our enjoyment of all traditionally American holidays as this.



May all your dreams come true, and this be the last wartime Christmas we need ever face.

ELLIOTT APPLIANCE



The Vigilant eagle of American pride, shall fly once more with the dove of peace by his side . . . is our fervent Christmas wish!

SPUR HOTEL
MRS. W. L. HYATT



We're here again . . . to wish you the best of everything throughout the Christmas holiday and the New Year!

H. S. HOLLY AGENCY



Sincerest wishes for a Merry Christmas and may your home be bright with love and cheer throughout the year.

Spur Nat'l Farm Loan Assn.



Season's greetings to you and yours . . . at home and overseas.

Clemmons, McAlpine Co.



Greetings of a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from us are in the air, to all our friends everywhere.

JIMISON Barber Shop
ANDY HURST SR.



A very merry Christmas and may it be blessed with joy and good fellowship . . . cheer and success.

Mr. and Mrs. Monk Rucker



A very merry Christmas to all, with peace and happiness for the New Year, is our wish.

FOOD-WAY STORE



May our Christmas wishes bid you welcome to a happier, cheerful New Year!

RITTER HARDWARE



Attach your Christmas wagon to this star and fill it with our greetings and wishes for a Merry Christmas!

LOVE SHOE REPAIR



We hope our Christmas Carol of Yuletide cheer brightens each moment of your Happy New Year!

ANGLIN GARAGE



A heart full of joy and a home full of cheer is our wish for you on Christmas and each day in the year.

INCE Blacksmith Shop



May joy and wisdom, hope and cheer, fill your heart on Christmas this year!

Musser Lumber Co.



A box full of Christmas cheer and wishes for a very Happy New Year!

PEARL'S BEAUTY SHOP
PHONE 251



Our greetings warm with joy and cheer for your Christmas and happy New Year.

ALLEN AUTO STORE



Yuletide cheer for now and all thru the year. Our Christmas wish for you is "The Best of Everything!"

Wilson Fruit & Grocery



May your home be bright with Christmas light . . . and thankful knowledge that right will make might!

SMITH'S BEAUTY SHOP
PAULINE POWELL
PHONE 251



Sincerest wishes for a Victory-promising Christmas for you and your loved ones.

GIBSON INSURANCE CO.



Happy Yuletide . . . health, success, and may your home with joy and peace be blest.

WESTERN AUTO STORE



May our land be forever free, and the skies once more be blue, is our wish for peace at Christmas, may it soon come true!

Chandler Funeral Home
PHONE 248



Watch Your Rabbits; Kill Only "Frisky" Ones Dr. Cox Urges

During the winter months hunting rabbits is a popular sport and a wild rabbit makes a very fine food, but according to the State Health department, extreme care should be used in the handling of wild rabbits to prevent a possible infection with tularemia.

"These little cottontail rabbits are not always as harmless as they look," states Dr. Geo. W. Cox, state health officer, "for some of them are infected with tularemia. This serious disease which is also known as rabbit fever usually acquired by human beings through contact with infected rabbits or through contact with infected insect that spreads it from animal to animal."

Dr. Cox cautioned that hunters should shoot only the frisky rabbits that run away. A rabbit without the energy to scamper away from the hunter is likely to be a sick one than can transmit tularemia to those who handle him.

"It is necessary to handle uncooked rabbit meat cautiously," Dr. Cox said. "The use of rubber gloves will protect your hands since the germs may enter the body through any cut or scratch however small if the rabbit is handled without gloves."

"As a further safeguard, rabbit meat should be cooked very thoroughly so as to destroy any disease producing germs that may be present. This means that it should be cooked at a boiling temperature for at least 20 minutes before cooking it to your individual taste."

DID YOU KNOW?

The tea drinking habit was largely responsible for the development of the English porcelain.

Motor vehicles are the only means of transportation for 18 million non-farm rural workers, many of them war workers.

The first successful glass factory in America was opened in Boston in 1787.

Ten per cent of all mail for members of the American armed forces is incorrectly or insufficiently addressed.

Enough ice remains encased in Antarctica to cloak the entire globe in ice 120 feet thick.

In 1932, only 13 states levied taxes on tobacco now; now the number has increased to 28.

It Happened On Christmas Day

Ironically enough, several strange and important war activities have taken place on Christmas day.

One which many of the British and German soldiers of the last World War remember is the strange Christmas day that took place on the 1914 front. The World War was definitely on, but for a short time, on Christmas day, there was a period of peace on earth between the fighting soldiers.

In the Flanders sector, German and British soldiers ceased firing by mutual agreement, and went over to each other's trenches and dugouts to spend the day in feasting and celebration.

A very important military event in colonial American history also took place on Christmas day. George Washington, being his brave, but weather-beaten, army of 1,400 men across the Delaware river, captured the city of Trenton, N. J., which British and Hessian troops were then occupying. Their 30 enemy troops were captured in the surprise march.



Constance Moore

Hollywood stars sometimes suffer attacks of footlight fever, and many of them flap when they meet an audience face to face. Not Constance Moore. After making good on the screen, she decided to try her luck on the stage. She landed a lead role in "By Jupiter," handled it so beautifully that she is now a star on Broadway.

Personal Mention

Mrs. S. T. Johnson of Dickens was shopping in Spur Saturday.

Mrs. O. D. Thompson of Dickens was Christmas shopping in Spur Saturday.

Miss Shirley Powell left last Saturday for Baird to visit her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Elliott, during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rosamond and children, Jerry Don and Elaine of Dickens, were in Spur Saturday shopping and visiting friends.

Miss Jo Dunn and mother, Mrs. Mary Dunn of Dickens, were in Spur last week, shopping and attending to business.

Miss Frances Lawlis left last week end for Abilene to visit her parents through the Christmas holidays.

Miss Evelyn Keller, head of the English department in high school, left first of the week to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Keller in Lubbock.

Porter McGee, nephew of E. C. McGee, who has been here for the past month, has returned to his home in Dallas.

E. C. McGee left Monday for Dallas to attend to business interests.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hurst received a telegram Monday, stating that Mr. Hurst's mother, Mrs. A. L. Hurst of Roby, had passed away Saturday night. The Hursts and son, Elbert Jr., left immediately for Roby to attend the funeral and to be with the family.

Mrs. Cecil Meadors of Dickens was Christmas shopping in Spur Monday.

Mrs. P. C. Nichols left last week with her son and his wife, Lt. and Mrs. Johnny Nichols, for El Paso where she will visit her sister.

Pat Hogan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ned Hogan, who has been visiting his parents for the past few days, will return to his work in Post this week. Pat is employed in the Soil Conservation program there.

Raymond Ince and sister, Louise, of Texas Tech, Lubbock, are here for the Christmas holidays visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Ince.

Mrs. Louella Powell left Saturday for Abilene where she will visit through the holidays with

her daughters, Mmes. Strickland and Horace Hairgrove.

Jack Barnes of the University of Texas, and Charles Barnes of A. and M. are here spending the holidays with their mother, Mrs. Era Barnes.

Ted Flaughter, who is training in the Cee Bee's at Norfolk, Va., arrived here Wednesday to be at the bedside of his wife who has been seriously ill in the Nichols sanitarium, but it is reported that she is much improved.

Mrs. Thelma Admas of Guthrie was a business visitor in Spur Monday.

Miss Pauline Ford, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. V. S. Ford at the Lubbock hospital, returned home Sunday. Miss Ford reported her mother is improving.

Fireman First Class Roy Garner of San Diego, Calif., is spending a 20-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Garner, and other relatives and friends here.

Corp. John E. Holleyman of the South Plains Army Flying school, spent the week end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Holleyman.

Mrs. Pearl Spoon of Oklahoma City is visiting this week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Hurst.

Miss Cecelia Fox had as guest from Saturday to Wednesday, Miss Betty Blackwell of Girard. J. B. Richbourg attended the funeral of his brother-in-law, Sim Everett of Carlton, last Saturday.

Misses Jean Ousley and Lois Estelle Meadors of Dickens were Christmas shopping in Spur Tuesday.

Mrs. Johnny Cumby and Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Harkey and grandson, Stanley, of Dickens were shopping and attending to business in Spur Tuesday.

Mrs. Willow Street of Dickens was a visitor in Spur Monday.

Mrs. Cecil Meadors of Dickens was shopping here Tuesday.

Mrs. R. A. Stewart of Sweetwater and daughter, Mrs. M. B. Thomas and little daughter, Mary Stewart of Anderson, Texas, are here to spend the Christmas holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Jennings.

Miss Sybil Hazel, member of the Amarillo high school faculty, and Miss Meba Hazel, member of the Ralls high school faculty, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hazel, through the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Odis Holly and little daughter, Hazel Jo, of Artesia, New Mex., are here visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hazel.



I heard the bells on Christmas Day Their old, familiar carols play, And wild and sweet The words repeat Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

And thought how, as the day had come, The bell-rings of all Christendom Had rolled along The unbroken song Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Till, ringing, ringing on its way, The world revolved from night to day, A voice, a chime, A chant sublime Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Then from each black, accursed mouth The cannon thundered in the South And with the sound The carols drowned Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

It was as if an earthquake rent The hearthstones of a continent, And made fell from The household's hearth Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

And in despair I bowed my head; "There is no peace on earth," I said; "For hate is strong And mocks the song Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God is not dead; nor doth He sleep! The Wrong shall fail, The Right prevail, With peace on earth, good-will to men!" —Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

One of the leading honey shipping centers of the country, rise county, Texas was named after General Bernard E. Bee Sr., secretary of war under President Houston.

"Minute Sermon"

By Rev. Karl O. Bayer

A CHOICE

Text: "Choose you this day..." Josh. 24:15.

We are always being confronted with the need of making a choice. Most of the time those choices are superficial; shall I wear this tie or that one, eat ham and eggs or bacon and eggs, walk on this side of the street or the other. (Of course there are those writers of a fatalistic mood who will contend that the whole of our future existence may well depend on a seemingly insignificant choice, and a right nice case they make out. "All for the want of a horse she nail," they will quote to you to confirm their case. "But after all they deal with the exception. For the ordinary mortal a lost horse shoe nail does nothing more than puncture a tire occasionally.

But even Mr. Ordinary Mortal is brought face to face with decisions and choices that do matter, that do issue in eternal consequences. In our text, for example, a whole people were jerked out of their grumbling complacency and set squarely before a road that forked. "Choose!" cried their leader. "Which way shall you go?" We cannot ever know whether he or those people were conscious of the eternal destiny that hung on their decision that day or whether they were prompted by any high motives. Probably the answer is a negative in either case. To be honest, it would seem that there was a bargaining element entering into their final decision. "We have got this and that already by following the right hand turns, so let us take another right hand turn," might well have been their reasoning. But whatever the motives might have been, we can read the results of their choice on the pages of history. "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord," said Joshua. The people followed him. And because of that choice the world has had to reckon with a spiritual power and insight that has altered, time and again, the course of history.

Today we have been led, whether we will or not, to another road that forks. The old world is gone. Forever. It will not return to us and we cannot return to it. The left hand fork leads down hill into the swamp of darkness, hate, class and race pride. It is a familiar land. The right hand fork climbs uphill into unmapped areas where man has not yet lived. But there is a guide!

Now, as never before, Christ stands as the alternative to chaos.

OIL WELL IN BASEMENT

An unwanted oil well flowed last week in the basement of the home of Ralph B. Loyd, millionaire oilman of Los Angeles, Calif. Loyd said the "well" was yielding two barrels daily of a good grade of petroleum, which seeped through the basement wall. He was seeking a method of stopping the flow.

HOUSE WARMING

Henry Schultz of Ellicottville, N. Y., got a genuine housewarming when he moved into an Ellicottville homestead he had just purchased. Fire started, causing \$500 damage, before he had finished moving all his household goods from Sardinia.

SHORT OF RATIONS

If you're planning to do anything on your next visit to St. Joseph, (Mo.) that might run you afoul of the law, be sure and bring your ration book. C. J. Shepherd says he's going to start demanding them from all prisoners. He's running out of sugar and coffee.

The Elm Creek Soil Conservation project, Bell County, Texas, is the oldest project of its kind in the United States.

AT FIRST SIGN OF A COLD USE 666

Atacosa county, Texas, is one of the largest peanut-shipping counties in the nation, with a peanut production which has increased tenfold in the last few years.

666 TABLETS, SALVE, NOSE DROPS

Advertisement for SPUR PRODUCE featuring a religious illustration of a woman with a child and a dog, and the text: "May you have A Merry Christmas and A Joyous New Year filled with love, health and happiness. SPUR PRODUCE MR. and MRS. CARL MURRY"

Advertisement for SOLOMONS NEW GUINEA GUADALCANAL NORTH AFRICA with text: "A Merry Christmas And a Happy New Year And We Have Much to Be Thankful For—Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition. SOLOMONS NEW GUINEA GUADALCANAL NORTH AFRICA"

WE have much to be Thankful for, plenty, brother, plenty. We have a million reasons and they're all in uniform... Army, Navy Marines... and the Air Force. To these we owe the overwhelming Naval Victory in the Solomons... the Victory in New Guinea... and the great successful invasion of North Africa... and there is plenty more to be Thankful for—The sensational job being done by our Allies—the British, in Libya. And the magnificent work of the Russians... in stalling the Nazi machine, and helping to make all these things possible. Yes, we have much to be Thankful for, in the year 1942. Let us all hope that you will also find much to be Thankful for at home, as well as abroad. And may we be proud and as Thankful next year, as we have reason to be Thankful this year.

Advertisement for Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Golding and Personnel with a star graphic and text: "Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Golding and Personnel"

Advertisement for AMSEY GARAGE with text: "Christmas Cheer... e're BUBBLING OVER with good wishes for a Joyous Yuletide Season for you and yours at home and abroad. AMSEY GARAGE"

Advertisement for ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING with text: "ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of Spur Security Bank of Spur, Texas, will be held at the office of said bank on the 12th day of January 1943 at 10:00 a. m. for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. SPUR SECURITY BANK"

ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN RAILROADS TO OPA DENYING CARRIERS PLEA FOR INCREASED REVENUE

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article is a reply by the Association of American Railroads to the denial of the Office of Price Administration in denying the railroads plea for increased rates. It is carried as a public service to our readers, and its publication does not necessarily mean its endorsement, either in whole or in part by this newspaper.

Denial of petitions filed by the Office of Price Administration and other government agencies for elimination of the increase in railroad rates authorized in 1942 as a result of 1941 wage increases, was asked of the Interstate Commerce commission by the railroads of the United States in an answer filed December 15.

"This nation can be strong in peace, and most especially in war, only if it has strong railroads," the carriers said in their answer. "It is depending upon those railroads now for the greatest quantity of transportation service ever rendered requiring their full strength. They cannot keep themselves in condition to meet imperative national needs if, at the first sign of adequate earnings, their rates are to be cut forthwith, without regard to low earnings of the past or prospects of the future."

"The petitions emphasize railroad earnings in recent months," the carriers added, "but completely ignore the fact that meeting unprecedented demands for service requires the heaviest and most intensive use of existing railroad facilities and, in many instances, the creation of new facilities for the special needs of the war, which the railroads are providing and paying for themselves."

Current earnings, the railroad said, "seem large only by contrast with the low level" during the depression decade and, in any event, are no more than is necessary to enable them "to keep on doing their indispensable job in the war."

The increase in revenue resulting from the 1942 rate increase, the railroads said, falls by \$150,000,000 a year to meet the added rail costs due to the increases in wages and prices of materials. War-time increases in materials prices, they added, have amounted already to 18 per cent, with a 14 per cent increase in wage levels, as contrasted with the authorized increase in freight rates averaging 4.7 per cent, and in pas-

enger fares, 9 per cent. Offsetting these authorized increases, the railroads point out in their answer, have been voluntary reductions in rates on numerous commodities, made to meet special situations, the aggregate amount of which is probably fully as much as is being realized from the general rate increase. Among these, the railroads said, are ammunition, sugar, rubber and petroleum. The cut in rates on oil to the East Coast alone, they added, amounts to approximately \$158,000,000 a year on the basis of present movement, while the reduction in fares for service men traveling on furlough is estimated to amount to as much as \$70,000,000 a year.

As a result of these and other reduction in rates, together with changes in the traffic, the railroads point out that the revenue they receive for hauling a ton of freight one mile now averages only 0.927 cents, which is less than it was in 1941 and less than in any year since 1918.

In spite of the fact that "recent price control legislation contemplates a stabilization of prices and wages on the basis generally of those in effect September 15, 1942," the railroads allege that the Price Administrator is seeking to reduce the level of railroad charges below that point, without making "any known effort to bring about a concurrent reduction in the price of their labor and materials."

Among the points stressed in the answer of the railroads to the petitions filed by the Office of Price Administration, the Director of Economic Stabilization and the Secretary of Agriculture were the following:

This nation can be strong in peace, and most especially in war, only if it has strong railroads. It is depending upon these railroads now for the greatest quantity of transportation service ever rendered, requiring their full strength. They cannot continue to do their indispensable job and keep themselves in condition to

meet imperative national needs if, at the first sign of adequate earnings, their rates are to be cut forthwith without regard to low earnings of the past or prospects of the future. For this fundamental reason, and others equally valid to be mentioned hereafter, the petitions should be denied.

"1. The petitions emphasize railroad earnings in recent months, but completely ignore the fact that, in return for these earnings, the railroads are being called upon for the greatest quantity of service ever rendered. To meet the unprecedented national needs for transportation requires both the heaviest and most intensive use of existing railroad facilities and, in many instances, the creation of new facilities for the special needs of the war. The railroads are providing and paying for these new facilities themselves, whereas the Government has found it necessary to finance a large portion of the industrial expansion for war purposes. If the railroads are to be able to keep on doing their indispensable job in this war, they must be permitted to attain and to maintain the needed financial strength.

"2. The petitions not only ignore the fact that railroad earnings are not more than enough to assure the ability of the railroads to continue to do what is now being expected and demanded of them, but they also ignore the magnitude of the investment in the plant that makes it possible for railroads to do the job they are doing. If earnings which represent less than 6 per cent on the money invested in the railroads of the country now seem large, it is only by way of contrast with the low level of railroad earnings during more than a decade prior to 1942, a period of serious public concern. Certainly the results of a part of one admittedly abnormal year constitute no basis for determining the reasonableness of the general level of railroad rates, in complete disregard

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"3. The petitions give an erroneous impression as to the amount of increased revenues resulting from the increases authorized by the Commission. Had those increases been in effect during the whole of 1942, they would have produced increased revenues for Class I roads of approximately \$357,000,000, whereas the wage increase of December 1, 1941, resulting from the findings and mediation of a special Presidential board, have added \$397,000,000 to railroad operating costs during the year 1942. A further addition to operating costs during 1942 of \$110,000,000 has been borne by the railroads as the result of increased prices paid by them for fuel, materials, and supplies, as compared with the prices paid by them therefor in 1941.

"4. The petitions ignore the fact that during the war period the railroads have made numerous voluntary reductions in rates to meet special situations and conditions, the aggregate amount of which is probably fully as much as is being realized from the increases authorized in this proceeding and now complained of. The specific reductions in rates made by the railroads to meet special war situations apply to commodities too numerous to be listed here, but include, among others, rates on ammunition, sugar, rubber and petroleum. Many of these reductions have not been in effect for the full year, and their full effect will not be experienced until in 1943, but some idea of what they amount to may be gained from the fact that the cut in rates on oil to the East Coast alone runs to approximately \$158,000,000 a year on the basis of the present movement.

In addition to reductions in freight rates to meet special situations, the railroads have reduced passenger fares for members of the armed forces traveling on furlough to one and one-quarter cents a mile. This reduction alone, on the present volume of such travel, amounts to approximately \$70,000,000 a year.

"5. The petitions ignore the fact that, although the recent price control legislation contemplates a stabilization of prices and wages on the basis generally of those in effect September 15, 1942, the present petition of the Price Administrator seeks to REDUCE the level of railroad rates, fares and charges below that in effect on that date. This effort to depress railroad rates below that in effect on the stabilization date is made in spite of the fact that the increases in transportation charges involved herein, which

had gone into effect six months prior to that date, average only 4.7 per cent in the case of freight rates and 9 per cent in the case of passenger fares. These are the only general increases in railroad charges which have been made since those authorized in Ex Parte 123, more than a year before the present war began in Europe, while in the same period the railroads have experienced an increase of more than 18 per cent in the prices of fuel, materials, and of more than 14 per cents in the level of wages required to be paid by them to their employees. While the Price Administrator is seeking to reduce the level of railroad rates below that in effect on the stabilization date of September 15, 1942, there is no known effort by him to bring about a concurrent reduction in the prices effective on that date covering the labor and materials used in the performance of railroad service.

"6. The petitions ignore the fact that, even with the increases authorized herein, the revenue received by the railroads for hauling a ton of freight one mile during the six complete months during which the increases have been in effect for which statistics are now available (April to September, inclusive), averaged 0.927 cent, as compared with 0.942 cent for the corresponding period of 1941. The former figure is less than that for any year since 1918. Admittedly, average ton-mile revenue is not an exact measure of rate levels, but it does give some indication of the continual decline in what the people of the country are paying for a unit of the railway service.

"7. In urging the recent action of Congress imposing a 3 per cent tax on freight transportation charges as a development making the continuance in effect of these rate increases 'especially dangerous,' the petition of the Price Administrator ignores the fact that that action, while of no relevancy or materiality herein, does serve to indicate a striking disagreement between the Congress, which is the 'policy-making branch of our Government, and the Price Administrator as to the importance of transportation charges in connection with the national stabilization program."

Short Story—

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spread her palms out near the stove to warm them, waited breathlessly, impatiently for Granville to honk for her. Why didn't he hurry—oh, why didn't he?

Suddenly, the door burst open spilling the four little Broegs and an avalanche of snow and cold air into the room. They were immediately followed by Mr. and

Mrs. Broeg with Granville in the rear, his face lit up with a smile.

Roberta was not sure just what all did happen in the next few minutes. But amid the Merry Christmas greetings, hugs and

kisses from the children, handshakes from Mr. and Mrs. Broeg—Mrs. Broeg making excuses for being almost late for dinner—the package had been thrown to one side unopened until about a half

hour before—telephone out of order—she was sure of one thing, her guests had arrived and everybody was happy—nothing else mattered.

THE END



Christmas

It will be almost the same Merry American Christmas enjoyed so often in the past. The house will be filled with the scent of good things cooking and the sound of children's voices . . . and though there will be perhaps an empty place at the dinner table it will be with pride, not sadness that we think of those far from home. Make this Yuletide a time for prayer as well as joy . . . by attending church on Christmas Day. There midst neighbors and friends and the homespun sincere greetings of those you know will be found renewed faith in the true spirit of Christmas . . . and the belief that "peace on earth . . . good will toward men" shall once more live in the hearts of all men everywhere. To the countless wishes that come your way we should like to add ours to wish you a truly, Merry Christmas, and Victorious New Year.

Spur Laundry-Cleaners



Lights Are Burning Here So that Christmas Can Happen There!

Christmas greetings this year are mingled with deep sorrow for peoples in all parts of the world where the light of Freedom has been snuffed out. ★ Here at home we know the joys of bright, cheerful light . . . and the joy of Freedom. ★ West Texas . . . and all American . . . children may get fewer bikes, skates and trains. ★ But the children of Europe's "new order," cowering in darkened doorways, will get nothing. ★ It is appropriate that on the birthday of the Prince of Peace we rededicate the Nation to the purpose of maintaining Freedom both here and abroad. ★ OUR job is to help turn out an ever-increasing torrent of electric power with which to serve your home as well as to build the weapons of war by which Freedom can be won. ★ This, we are doing!

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"I'll be on the job Christmas Day to make sure you have plenty of light!"



Loving hearts unite at CHRISTMAS in memorable thoughts of this Joyous Yuletide Season May we wish you every joy and happiness this CHRISTMAS and through the coming New Year.

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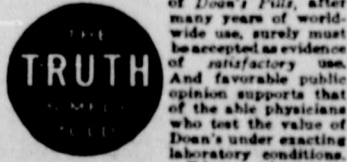


Christmas 1942

A fervent desire for joy and peace on Christmas Day dominates our wishes as we recall past Yuletides . . . all spent in the serenity and harmony that is symbolic of the holy season. More than ever before our holiday greetings express the hope that this Christmas will be one of bounty . . . of everlasting faith . . . of zealous joy and gracious thanks for the privilege of enjoying Christmas in the American Way.

Visit the Church of your faith on Christmas Day.

Horace Hyatt Patsy and Billy Brad Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hawley



Today's popularity of Doan's Pills, after many years of world-wide use, surely must be accepted as evidence of satisfactory use. And favorable public opinion supports that of the able physicians who test the value of Doan's under exacting laboratory conditions. These physicians, too, approve every word of advertising you read, the object of which is only to recommend Doan's Pills as a good diuretic treatment for functional kidney disorder and for relief of the pain and worry it causes.

DOANS PILLS

Dupree Allen Makes Interesting Talk To Hi School Students

Dupree Allen, Storekeeper Second Class, in the U. S. Navy, spoke to the student body of Spur high school last Friday.

Dupree, who has been in the Navy three years, stationed on a cruiser, gave an interesting narrative on his visit to the many outposts of the United States and of the foreign lands he has visited, especially those remote islands in the Pacific. He also told of the convoy to Africa or as much as he could tell under Navy regulations.

Allen closed his talk with the remark that he liked the Navy so well that he thought that he would stay in for the entire 20 years.

He also answered questions that

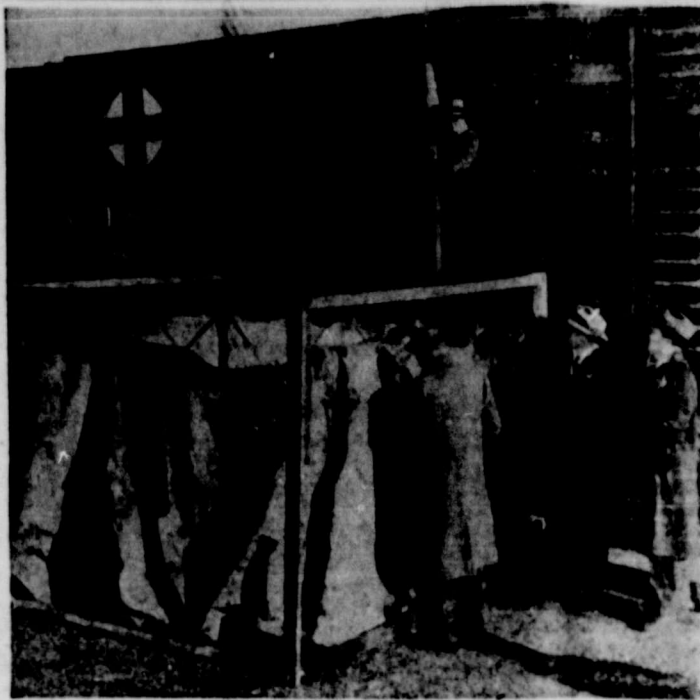
the audience had been curious about. Some of the questions included: His duties on battle stations, the food that was served, the pay that all ranks of the Navy receive, and a great many others. Dupree has been transferred to the Naval Commando unit and he is going to Norfolk, Va. to receive training in that field.

PATRIOTIC JUDGE

Municipal Judge Joe L. Shell of San Diego, Calif., had to stand in line so long to turn in two excess tires, that when he finally was free, he found his automobile had been tagged in the meantime for overparking. He paid the \$1 fine and charged it up to patriotism.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Jones and niece, Dorothy Jean Barber, of Lubbock were in Spur Wednesday shopping and attending to business.

Tank Car Substitute



A method for converting ordinary box cars to carry liquid cargoes, such as gasoline, oil, etc., has been offered by a Chicago inventor, Mark J. Fields, as a solution to the tank car shortage.

Fields' invention was demonstrated in the Santa Fe Railway's yards in Chicago before a group of railroad and government officials, who expressed optimism over the idea.

His box car-to-tank car conversion scheme consists of dividing an ordinary box car into four compartments by means of wooden bulkheads. In each compartment, a canvas container, treated on the inside with a DuPont rubber synthetic, Faraprene, is suspended by

means of a series of pulleys and ropes. Each tank has a 4-inch intake and a 4-inch outlet and may be filled and emptied simultaneously, which makes for speedy handling.

Each of the canvas bags has capacity of 2,500 gallons of liquid or a total of 10,000 gallons for the four containers. This is equal to the capacity of an ordinary tank car. The car in which the test was made was an 80,000-pound capacity car.

Among those attending the demonstration were O. L. Gray, assistant to the operating vice president and E. E. Chapman, mechanic assistant, both of the Santa Fe.

P. Brady, Snyder, Enters Race For Representative

To the Voters of the 118th Representative District:

(Composed of Stonewall, Kent, Borden, Scurry, Garza and Dickens Counties).

Without any solicitation from any source I have decided to enter the race for Representative to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Pat Bullock, who was elected to the State Senate.

I have lived in the 118th Representative District of Texas for the past 46 years—having lived or resided in almost every county embraced in said district. In Dickens county, banking; Kent county, as ranchman and county official; Stonewall county as banker and ranchman, and Garza and Scurry counties as stockfarming.

I have many friends and acquaintances in all of this District, especially among the early pioneers, of whom I would invite your inquiry to me as to my qualifications to the position to which I aspire.

It is not my purpose to make further solicitation for your support, other than my formal announcement in your local paper.

Gasoline ration will not permit time will not allow, and your patience would not indulge.

This is time for action, not talk. Very respectfully yours to serve,

P. BRADY.
(Paid Political Advt.)

Santa's Helpers



These two youngsters, like thousands of others, are doing their part in helping the Red Cross be Santa both here and abroad.

Medieval Rulers Enjoyed Huge Christmas Dinners

Calculation of the Christian era is usually credited to Dionysius Exiguus in the Sixth century. However, he was somewhat in error, as it is believed Jesus was born before what was January 1, in A. D. 1. The phrase Anno Domini (year of our Lord), of which A. D. is the abbreviation, was believed to have been first used in 1219.

ANSWERS

Questions Will be Found Elsewhere in This Issue.

- 1—Christianity.
- 2—The four humors.
- 3—Lincoln's sweetheart, who died during their engagement.
- 4—Copper.
- 5—In Antarctica, where Byrd landed his expedition.
- 6—Bacterium.
- 7—The Battle of New Orleans.
- 8—Zeus.
- 9—Legal decisions reached in secret.
- 10—The opium poppy.

How Happy Pierre Paid For His Special Yule Gift

Many touching, and very human stories about Christmas and the Christ Child are being told and read at this time of the year.

One of them, related recently by a movie producer in Hollywood who stated he heard it at a little French church in his West coast town, fits in very well with the spirit of Christmas.

According to the story repeated, a member of a sectarian order was erecting a little vignette of the Nativity scene. A short time after the scene was erected, the tiny figure of the Christ Child was missing.

The loss was reported immediately to the rector of the parish who came hurrying to the scene of what looked like a theft. On the way back, feeling very sad because of the loss, he was almost struck by a boy in a little red wagon, rushing down the street. The rector knew the happy little boy very well. He was Pierre, the local Baker's son.

Just as he was about to speak to him he suddenly noticed the missing figure in the boy's wagon.

"It was you, Pierre," he cried, "who stole the Christ Child."

Pierre, silent, said nothing and hung his head.

After being scolded and asked why he took the figure, the tot began to stammer: "I wanted a red wagon, this wagon, for Christmas. I prayed for it in His name, telling



How happy Pierre paid for his special Yule gift. Him that if I did get it I would give him a ride in it. For it is His birthday, you know."

The kind rector, tears in his eyes, had not words of reproach, but kindness for thoughtful little Pierre.

"I'm sorry, son, that I didn't understand. You are quite right. It is His birthday. You have given Him more than any Magi ever gave to Him on the day of His birth, many, many years ago."

Four Hundred Attend Patton Springs Victory Program

The Victory program at the Patton Springs school Wednesday night was attended by some 400 people. According to Superintendent J. W. Adams, the bond sales totaled \$7,062.50, and the stamp sales \$119.25, making a grand total of \$7,181.75.

Those assisting with the sale included Postmaster Leon Lawson, Atton; Postmaster O. C. Arthur, Spur; W. F. Godfrey, chairman of the bond sales for Dickens county; and W. T. Andrews of the Spur Security bank.

A splendid program was rendered at the meeting.

Mrs. George Williams Dies Friday Morning

Mrs. Jessie Boyd Williams was found dead of heart failure in her home Friday morning. Mrs. Williams was born in Tarrant county, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Boyd. She and George M. Williams were married in Fort Worth in 1885 and they moved to Spur 35 years ago.

Funeral services for Mrs. Williams were held at the Baptist church with Rev. Aubrey Short officiating.

Pallbearers were W. F. Godfrey, Ned Hogan, Tom K. Seales, Martin Pope, Walter Gruben and Homer Dobbins.

Campbells Funeral Chapel was in charge of the arrangements. Interment was in Spur cemetery.

At this joyous season our thoughts revert gratefully to those whose courtesy, good-will, and loyalty have made possible our progress.

We extend our heartiest wishes for a Merry Christmas and may the New Year hold for you a full measure of health, happiness and prosperity.

THE ART STUDIO
MR. and MRS. BILL CATHEY

Little Loveta Vickers, 15 month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Vickers of Jayton, has been seriously ill for several days in the Lubbock hospital, but it is reported by Mr. Vickers, Monday that she is improving. Mr. Vickers was in Spur on business Monday.

Mrs. Walter Jimison and B. F. Hale made a business trip to Lubbock Thursday of last week.

While there Mrs. Jimison visited with her husband who is stationed at the Lubbock Air Base, and Mrs. Hale visited with her daughter, Helen.

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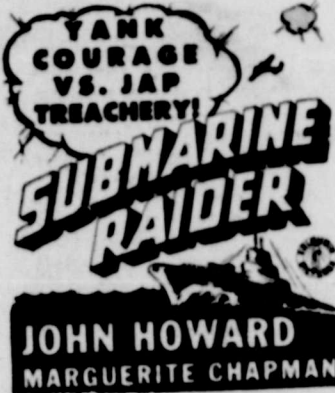
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THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

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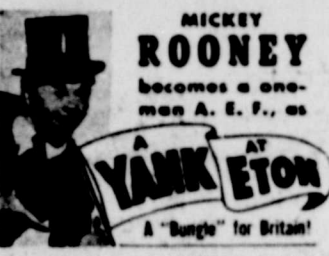
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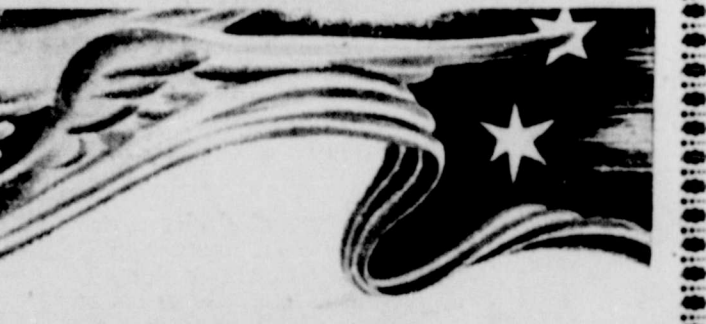
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We are here to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Peaceful and Happy New Year. PHILLIPS "66" SERVICE STATION



CHRISTMAS AFTERMATH

YULETIDE festivities will be more crowded and gay this year than in many years long since past. There will be more reason than ever, to meditate in Church on the true meaning of "Peace on Earth . . . Good Will toward Man" . . . Thus too, our score of Christmas wishes is extended in the hope that your holiday aftermath be as replete in merriment and joy as the gala season itself. May your home be blessed with every good fortune and your most profound hopes realized, in the New Year we look to for Victory.

We Will Be Closed Friday and Saturday

PROCTOR BROTHERS



ON CHRISTMAS MORN . . .

—many's the home that will have a member of its family observing Yuletide rites in distant lands and in remote camps. To those homes . . . as to the families that are happily intact . . . we extend every good wish for a joyous Christmas, and peace through devotion.

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