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Letters From Men In the Service

Lt. Doll Hammons:

(Somewhere in France) I just wish those people at home who are supposed to be keeping us supplied here though would wake up to the fact that this war isn't won yet and that we need supplies galore over here. You have probably already heard about our lack of ammunition on this front. This has really happened—officers have had to answer by indorsement because they used more ammunition than they were allotted trying to get the Germans out of a position. How can we fight a war with no ammunition? The war has probably been somewhat extended just on that basis or that account.

The weather here is really wet right now. It is a continuous drizzle and the river is rising all the time. It is already in the basement of many of the homes here but I think that is only natural. How is it with you? Did you have pretty weather to finish up your boll pulling? I hope so anyway.

Am planning to go to a picture show again tomorrow night. Of course, I guess it is another of those French affairs and I still can't understand too much of it but maybe I can get something out of the action.

Cpl. Glover D. McCarthy:

You wanted to know if I had changed any. Not in looks of course, but I am about three years older. You don't get any younger as the years go by but I have learned more in the last three years that a good degree would have learned me.

People are the best things in the world to have as friends and the very worst things to have as enemies. I have found that all people have good points as well as bad, if you look for them. And of course, how wonderful home is. I will try to make up for a lot of things when I get home that I was missing before I left.

I won't be home this year but hope to be back early next year. Don't worry for a minute about me. I still have plenty of luck left and I'll be back as good as new.

Pfc. Roy W. Aycock:

(Somewhere in France) I am writing to you this lonesome Sunday. How we boys do wish we were home today, but we have a job to do over here.

Mother, I didn't know how to appreciate you when I was home but I do now. Of course, I love my dear daddy, but there isn't anything like a mother's love. Mother, in this place they don't know what church is but I do. I can look back now and see how you have prayed and talked to me through tears. I have changed now and I know your heart will rejoice when you read this letter.

I hope and pray that my two dear brothers will do what I have done. They don't know what a relief it is to be a Christian.

Well, about this place in which I have to live—it is a pretty place but there isn't any place like dear old Texas to me and my dear mother. May God keep her well and happy as my prayers.

Bruce Burnett:

(Netherland, East Indies)
Dear Bruce (Campbell):

I was very glad to receive your letter a while back and meant to answer it sooner. Glad to hear you are getting along alright, though I guess you are having plenty of trouble trying to farm and I imagine this is one year when you almost prefer a failure because it is so hard to get it gathered. I remember that you once told me you didn't mind farming as long as you didn't make anything to gather.

Hope everything is going good there now and that you are getting out lots of cotton. Why don't you fellows get some Italian prisoners or do you think they would not be any good? Probably be more trouble than they are worth.

I would sure like to see you and all the coffee fiends that gather in the cafe and fight the war every morning. Who is winning there in the coffee shop, the Japs, confederates or the Texans? Are they still foolish enough to talk politics or have they perceived that there ain't no more politics, just Roosevelt.

I will try to write again before long and maybe I can do better. Give my regards to Joe and tell those loafers around there to save a place on the bench for me.

Kids Steal Show At Hereford Exposition In Dallas Recently

The kids not only stole the show but took home a pot full of money from the Greater Pan-American Hereford Exposition in Dallas which was held November 11-19.

From the opening day to the last muggy, rainy night, they were all over the place and their enthusiasm and professional interest in the cow business won the hearts of the cattlemen and of the people of Dallas as well.

The only sad spot came when the youngsters suddenly realized that after they had sold their animals that it involved parting with them forever and a few tears were surreptitiously wiped away.

Joe Ben Whitaker, a red-headed, freckled-faced 14-year-old from Jolly, Clay County, led his pet Bud, around the ring with enormous pride to the grand championship in the junior steer class. Joe's three-year-old bud, Alf, helped him win, with a show stick.

Dietrich J. Gambler of San Antonio showed the champion in the open steer classes and also took reserve championship in the juniors.

There were 52 entries by the 4-H Club members and Future Farmers of America in the show and sale.

For his 820 pound champion beef, Joe Ben took \$2,116.50, or \$2.56 a pound, and that wasn't hay. Earl Gartin, Greensburg, Ind., who handled the auction, said that this price, as well as the average brought for the other stock of the boys and girls, were the highest he had ever seen in a sale of this kind, and he has seen plenty of them.

Study Club Christmas Party In Clonts Home

The Knox City Study Club enjoyed a Christmas party and program in the home of Mrs. S. M. Clonts, Saturday afternoon, December 16. Mrs. Clonts' home featured the Yuletide theme with decorations and flowers.

Mrs. E. F. Branton, the club president called the meeting to order.

Mrs. C. C. Hoge led in prayer. The club members gave interesting roll call numbers. Anyone who misses a study club roll call this year will be a loser, because the individual roll call answer have proved to be a very interesting part of the Study Club meeting.

As an expression of courtesy and appreciation the Study Club voted unanimously to make Mrs. C. H. Moss an honorary member of the club, and to present her with a little gift for the new home she is soon to move into.

The club president presented the club with the two \$100 war bonds which were bought with proceeds from the Thanksgiving Banquet.

Each individual club member expressed deep appreciation for Dr. Rainey and concern for the Texas University situation, and authorized the corresponding secretary, Mrs. T. S. Edwards, to write letters to Judge Calloway and Sen. George Moffett expressing the club's interest and its desire to see our university's standards and prestige re-established.

The program numbers were so enjoyable that those who heard them felt that they could truly say with the poet:

"Let Christmas be a bright happy day; but let its brightness come from the Radiant Star of Bethlehem."
Mrs. G. T. Hardberger gave the "History of Christmas Carols," and selected two Christmas carols and two Christmas hymns for the club to sing. Mrs. Bedford Smith directed the singing of the songs; Mrs. E. Q. Warren played the piano.

Mrs. Bedford Smith gave the club a most interesting Bible Quiz. The club relaxed from serious thoughts to enjoy the pretty Christmas tree laden with its many useful little gifts.

From the candle-light dining table, centered with a Christmas Poinsetta, Mrs. Ottis Cash served coffee and gum-drop and icebox cookies.

The club will meet next on January 6 with Mrs. John A. Wilson hostess. The next meeting will be the annual election of officers and parliamentary drill. Any member who is absent from this January business meeting without an acceptable excuse will be fined according to the club constitution.

WAR LOAN DRIVE GOES OVER TOP BY \$10,000.00

Knox City and surrounding community went "over the top" with its quota of the Sixth War loan drive, with a final figure of \$121,638.75.

The local quota was \$111,000.00. Officials of the drive were highly elated that such good results were possible in the face of present adverse conditions at this time on the battlefields of Europe.

Christmas . . . 1944

There won't be a flake of snow in the South Pacific Christmas night, not a single tinkling sleigh-bell. But the tender joy of Christmas fills fighting American hearts on every atoll and palm-fringed isle.

In Europe, our sons and brothers are too busy holding back the hordes of a mad-man to take time out for the simple observance of Christmas. But they too, in the pandemonium of warfare, will be thinking of loved ones at home this Christmas. Man cannot be denied the silent meditation that comes with Christmas.

Christmas is something that happens to people. It wells up and overflows from the hearts of every human being. It goes far beyond the traditional forms of American observance. It adopts a hundred different forms all over the world and transcends them all. Christmas is the greatest emotional experience shared at one time by mankind.

So let not the absence of a loved one depress you or steal your holiday joy. The Spirit of Christmas is working in his heart as in yours; he is sharing your Christmas with you just as certainly as if he were greeting you in the glow of your own lighted tree—as he will on a Christmas yet to come!

Christmas Has Many Ideals To All of Us

By Rev. T. A. Keenan, Pastor First Baptist Church

Herald Will Not Be Published Next Week

Christmas comes but once a year and then not very often does it hit along the first of the week. Christmas has long been regarded the newspaperman's holiday, so with that in mind, the Herald will not be published next week. After a week like this one we can use the rest. We are thankful for the splendid support of everyone in getting out this Christmas edition. We hope you will enjoy it. See you after Santa has been here and gone.

T. D. CUMMINGS HEAD KNOX CITY SINGING GROUP

Mr. and Mrs. Ansel Waldrip were hosts recently to a group of singers with a program directed by Mrs. Lloyd Waldrip and Mrs. Bedford Smith.

Mrs. Lloyd Hamilton gave a Christmas solo, accompanied by Mrs. E. Q. Warren at the piano. A business session was conducted by W. M. Rowan and T. D. Cummings was elected president of the group.

Next Meeting will be the second Sunday in January at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Hitchcock.

PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Ansel Waldrip were hosts to about fifty of their friends last Sunday evening at their lovely home south of Knox City.

The house was beautifully decorated for Christmas and games of 42 and Pollyana and singing, with Mrs. Howard Word at the piano, were enjoyed by all.

Refreshments of hot fruit punch, sandwiches, potato chips, olives and pickles, were served.

Mrs. G. D. McCarty received word this week that her nephew, Lt. Col. Leonard Brown had been wounded in action in Leyte recently.

Pfc. Grady Paul arrived Saturday night for a 30-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Paul. He just returned from eight months in England.

Billy Dean Davis Is Now Naval Officer

Midshipman Billy Dean Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Davis of Rudoso, New Mexico, was among 1023 men commissioned as Ensigns, U. S. Naval Reserve, in ceremonies held today in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York. The group was the 21st class to be graduated from this oldest and largest Naval Reserve Officer's School, and brings the total number of graduates from the New York School to more than 18,700.

Principal speaker at the ceremony Ralph A. Bard, the officer's oath was administered by Commodore John K. Richards.

Hospital News

Patients in Hospital December 19

C. E. Parks, Childress
Omar Reid, Munday
W. C. Taylor, Benjamin
S. L. Poyner, Munday
Mrs. C. B. Ramey, Seymour
Mrs. Raymond Lane, Munday
Mrs. J. D. Gray, Vera
Joan Hodges, Rochester
Mrs. Rex Paterson, Benjamin
Truman Cypert, Knox City
Mrs. R. S. Avery, Aspermont

Patients Dismissed Since Dec. 12

Mrs. H. S. Neely and baby son, Throckmorton.
Mrs. J. P. Cusimano and baby son, Knox City.
Mrs. R. H. Underwood and baby Rochester.
Mrs. C. G. Campbell and baby daughter, Vera.
Mrs. Earl Duke and baby son, Benjamin.
Mrs. Roy Carver, O'Brien.
Mrs. M. L. Verhalen, Knox City
Mrs. W. D. Warren, Goree
Mrs. T. S. Edwards, Knox City
J. W. Howell, Knox City
Mrs. J. D. Lovell, Benjamin
Joe Jenkins, Rochester
Frank Johnson (Col) Troup

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Duke, a son, Benjamin.
Sgt. and Mrs. Troy Myers, Munday, a son.
Pvt. and Mrs. Frankie Kinman, Old Glory, a daughter.

Deaths

A. G. Willmon, Rule
W. M. Byrd, Munday

WFA Offers 27c For Canded Eggs; Others Pegged At 24c Doz.

R. O. Dunkle, County Agent, has just received the following telegram from M. L. Wilson, National Director of Extension:

"Minimum 1945 producer price of 27 cents per dozen for candled eggs announced for Tuesday morning papers by Administrator Jones. Price will be supported by purchases from dealers upon certification they in turn have paid producers no less than support price.

"In areas where marketing facilities for purchasing candled eggs from producers cannot be made available, minimum producer price will be 24 cents per dozen. In these areas WFA will stand ready to purchase eggs from farmers at 24 cents per dozen straight run. Purchasing agents to be designated in all areas prior to beginning of heavy egg production. WFA hopes candling facilities can be provided all areas to avoid storage and transportation difficulties. WFA 1945 purchases will be on basis of good used cases, or in new fiber cases.

"To cover all sections of country, purchases of dried and frozen eggs to be correlated with purchases of shell eggs for support price purposes.

"WFA will have need for substantial quantities of high grade eggs for export and armed forces. Domestic demand for graded eggs and demand of governmental agencies expected to maintain usual grade differentials in price. Notify extension editor complete story being air mailed or special delivered."

Lt. Edward Havran Gets Army Promotion

The promotion of Edward F. Havran, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Havran, Knox City, from second to first lieutenant, has been announced by Headquarters, Eighth Air Force.

Lt. Havran is serving as a Flying Fortress navigator in the 401st Bombardment Group commanded by Col. Harold W. Bowman, of Arlington, Va. He has been awarded the second oak leaf cluster to the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement while participating in a number of combat operational missions over Germany and Nazi-held territory."

Joe Lynn Cash Has Birthday Party

Joe Lynn Cash celebrated his fifth birthday with a party in his parents' home. Mr. and Mrs. Ottis Cash, Joe was five on the 14th of December but waited until Saturday to have his party, for the convenience of his friends.

After several interesting games, refreshments of birthday cake, fruit punch, Christmas candy and nuts, were enjoyed. Lot of excitement was provided for the youngsters when Joe opened his many nice presents.

Children present were: S. E. Park, Jane Moss, Belinda Joyce Coates, J. Tom Graham, Sue Richardson, Sud Leaverton, Bedford David Smith, Kay Huntsman, Nickie Leaverton, Dona Gale Fitzgerald, Susanne Rogers, Kay Dean Heister, Glenda Gale Fisher, David Neil Perdue, Carol Armstrong, Jimmie Seale Dutton, Juanette Bruce, Robert Lynn Wall, Roma Jan Spikes, Julian Harlan, Joe Lynn Cash.

Others present were Mrs. James Dutton, Mrs. A. D. Bruce, Mrs. Harlan, Mrs. Alton Fitzgerald, Mrs. C. A. Richardson, Mrs. Allen Hester, Miss Essie Mae Leaverton, Miss Exa Pays Hutton, Mrs. Joan Hutton.

Word was received by the Herald at press time, of the death of Mrs. Mary Humphries, 91-year-old Knox County pioneer. Mrs. Humphries died Wednesday night at 11 o'clock. Funeral services will be held Friday from the Methodist Church at 2:00 p. m.

The Weather

Observations furnished by Roy Baker and Mrs. Louise Finley

Daily Temperatures			
Date	Highest	Lowest	Rain
Dec. 14	66	29	0
15	62	28	0
16	58	27	0
17	65	30	0
18	58	22	0
19	65	22	0
20	72	36	0
Rainfall To Date			
Total rain this week	.009		
Total this date last year	13.77		
Total rain this year	21.92		

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That sets Christmas apart,
To make it a day of all days.
And may its true peace
And good will never cease
To bless you in manifold ways.

Doris Beauty Shop

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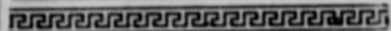
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SUBSCRIPTION RATE, YEAR \$1.50

Cape Charles, located at the entrance to Chesapeake Bay, Va., was named by the English settlers in 1607 in honor of Princes Charles, son of the then King James of England.

Troops of the North and South met in the first battle of the Civil war on July 21, 1861.

It was in the first battle of the Civil War, known as the Battle of Bull Run, that General "Stonewall" Jackson received his nickname.



LOYALTY works both ways. You have been loyal to us, and we are loyal to you.

To you, our friends, who have so helped us to make 1944 successful, we send the friendliest of

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

CASH'S Service Station

Sinclair Products

Locals

Mrs. Gentry Day and daughter, Sharlyn, have returned from a visit with relatives at Floydada and Canyon.

Miss Essie Mae Leaverton, who teaches in the Pampa schools arrived Friday to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. B. L. Leaverton.

Miss Exa Payne Hutton, teacher in the Pampa schools, is here to spend the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. Hutton, and Mr. and Mrs. Otis Cash.

Mrs. Dan Steakley met her husband in Fort Worth Friday afternoon. Lt. (jg) Steakley has been stationed at Staff headquarters in Pearl Harbor for the past 18 months.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Roberts of Duncan, Oklahoma, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Spikes and family.

Martha Jane Jones is home from Abilene Christian College for the holidays.

Pvt. Travis Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Thompson, arrived Friday evening for a 26 day furlough. Travis has been in the service three years and for the past two and one half years has been stationed in the Aleutians.

Dr. and Mrs. T. P. Frizzell, Jr., went to Dallas one day last week to meet Ken, home for the holidays from his school in New Jersey.

Tom Paul Frizzell, III, spent the weekend here with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. T. P. Frizzell, Jr.

J. O. Warren received word Sunday his nephew whose home was in Hamilton, had been killed in an airplane crash in Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Brown and children, Lola and B. J., of Fort Worth will spend the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. Elmo Stephens and family.

Mrs. C. A. Reed and Mrs. Rob Johnston spent Tuesday in Fort Worth.

Miss Marjory Propps, student at Minnesota University, is here to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Propps.

Sgt. Jack King, a patient at McCloskey Hospital, will be here to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. N. E. King and Miss Anna Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Lawson and Mrs. Hugh Webb will spend Christmas with Mrs. Lawson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Jones at Vernon.

Joe Russell spent several days last week in Fort Worth, Dallas and Abilene on business.

Pvt. Elmer Hardwick, recent graduate Paratrooper of Fort Benning, Ga., is here to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hardwick.

Mrs. Bennie London, G. D. London and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Denzil Condon, all of Throckmorton, will spend Christmas with the Ancil Waldrips.

Miss Bernice Swift, teacher in the Corpus Christi schools, is here to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Swift.

Doris Elaine Clontz, student at NTSTC, Denton, is here for the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Clontz.

Miss Ann Rice of Denton is home for the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Rice and Miss Ruth Rice.

Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Bridges spent last week in Roby with relatives of Mrs. Bridges'.

Ted Hobbs, SC(B)EC, arrived Monday night for a 30-day leave with his wife and children. He has been stationed at Pearl Harbor for the past nine months.

Miss Mattie Ruth Riddle of Abilene will arrive Saturday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Riddle.

Miss Joyce Corley, Harvey Lee Reynolds and Otice Green, all students in Texas Tech, are here for the holidays with their parents.

Mrs. Buddy Angle arrived Friday night from Pasadena where her husband, Sgt. Angle, has been stationed for the past several months. Sgt. Angle is now at POE camp.

Capt. H. G. Benedict of Dallas is here for the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Benedict.

Roy V. Black, S2C, who has just completed boot training at San Diego is home on a 5-day leave with his mother, Mrs. L. A. Glandon, Lois and Jim. From there he will be sent to a gunnery school.

For extra boil pullers, see Dave Whitford, W. W. Hyde and T. D. Cumings. Three of them gathered 3000 pounds from 1 to 6 p. m. Tuesday.

Mrs. C. C. Coates left Wednesday for Corpus Christi and other points in South Texas to spend several weeks visiting with Mrs. J. W. Coates and family.

Holiday guests of Dr. and Mrs. T. S. Edwards are Lt. and Mrs. Kenneth Edwards and children, Brownwood, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hampton, Sandra Lyn and Tom Lauren of Dallas, Miss Lyn Edwards and Mrs. Wynn Cochran of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Den Davis and son, Ensign Billy Den Davis, were here for several days visiting and plan to be back for the holidays.

Mrs. Lizzie M. Turner of Santa Fe is here to spend the Christmas holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Shirley Park and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hull have been notified of the death of Sgt. J. R. Cheek, who was killed in an airplane crash in New Guinea. J. R. was the nephew of Mrs. Hull. They have left for Fort Worth to be with the family.

CITIZENS STATE BANK EXPRESSES APPRECIATION

Expressing our appreciation of the spirit of cooperation that has existed between our friends and this bank for so many years.

Our greatest **CHRISTMAS WISH** is that all members of your family will be at home and you may enjoy the Holiday Season with them.

And to those mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers and sweethearts of the loved ones in the armed forces, especially those on the battlefields thousands of miles from those that love them, our prayer is may GOD guard and protect them, comfort them in their suffering, and bring them back sound in mind and body as son as is God's will.

The shareholder, directors, and employees of the Citizens State Bank.

SANTA FE CARLOADINGS UP FROM PREVIOUS PERIODS

The Santa Fe System carloadings for the week ending December 16, were 24,819 compared with 21,440 for the same week in 1943. Cars received from connections totaled 13,125, compared with 10,645 for same week in 1943. Total cars moved were 37,944, compared with 32,085 for same week in 1943. Santa Fe handled total of 37,157 cars in the preceding week of this year.

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The Beauty Shop



Christmas JOY TO ALL 1944

★ The message of good will that emanated from Bethlehem 2,000 years ago not only transforms the world at Christmas but is the foundation of every honest transaction. We depend upon your good will; you depend upon ours. Your good will has been a priceless asset to us during 1944 and other years. We thank you for the confidence you have placed in us and wish you the manifold blessings of a happy Yuletide.

J. M. Edwards Grocery

MR. and MRS. O. W. CAUSSEY and DONALD A. D. BRUCE J. T. CYPERT MRS. HAZEL DUNLAP WAYNE WATSON



CHRISTMAS AGAIN!

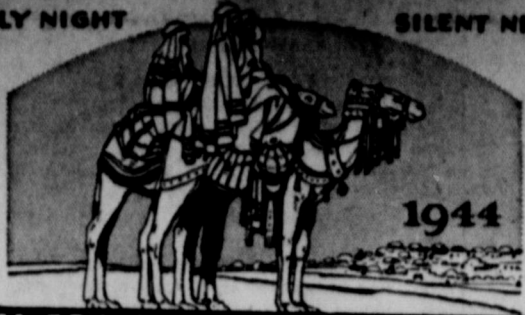


Who will say that smiles were brighter or spirits keener at the Christmases of our fathers than they are today?

At any rate, friends and neighbors, that's the kind of a Christmas we are wishing for you this Yuletide of 1944—just a good old-fashioned Christmas!

Hamm's Service Station

HOLY NIGHT SILENT NIGHT



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

In this Holiday of Old, we take sincere pleasure in this Christmas Season of 1944 to extend our new valued friends a sincere wish for a Joyous Christmas and a New Year enriched by the blessings of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Cobb's Dept. Store

Mrs. G. W. Coats Elmer Miss Vera McGuire
Mrs. L. V. Dodd Pete Mrs. H. E. Wall

Hereford Directory Lists Four Breeders In Knox County

An amazing amount of information on the Texas Hereford industry, including a brief summary of its history, is compressed into the comparatively small volume comprising the 1945 Texas Hereford Directory, just off the press.

More than 7,000 copies are being sent to the principal buyers of pure bred cattle in the United States.

The directory is an authentic inventory of the thousands of Herefords being produced in Texas, the greatest Hereford breeding state in the Union. Listed by counties is data on all the members of the Texas Hereford Association, their ranches and cattle.

Knox County has four Hereford breeders listed in the directory. They are:

League Ranch, Benjamin. Jack Idol manager. Herd of 125 registered cows and 650 commercial cows established in 1935. Bloodlines; Richley Domino, and other popular families of modern Herefords such as Don Axtells, Super Dominos, Mixture Dominos and Diamonds.

Jamison Farms. Owned and managed by O. L. Jamison, Knox City. Herd of 85 registered cows and 25 commercial cows established in 1938. Bloodlines, Hazlett and Anxiety.

Lee Smith, Knox City. Registered herd. Established on the most popular blood lines.

Big 4 Ranch, Truscott, Texas. Herd of 850 commercial cows. Bulls are of Domino line.

In the foreword, Jack Frost, president of the Association, outlines the purpose of the organization and prospective purchasers are advised that every member has signed the code of ethics and that the Association guarantees that every buyer will get what he pays for.

WAR'S PACE REFLECTED ON CIVILIAN HOMEFRONT WORK

The intensified pace of military operations everywhere is reflected in continued firm controls of civilian economy and further official steps to concentrate needed manpower and materials into war production. Thus Americans, as they celebrate Christmas day with appreciation of the fact that their fighting men have enabled them to keep lighted the Christmas spirit, are aware that they are about to open a new year of hard, incessant work with victory still to be earned.

Increased Cotton Acreage And Yield Asked for 1945

Calling attention to the U. S. Department of Agriculture outlook report that "present indications are that 1945 will be another favorable year for cotton farmers, at least so far as prices are concerned," the Texas War Cotton Production Committee today urged farmers to make plans to increase yields per acre in 1945 on all suitable land that can be planted to cotton under the present government program.

Returns from the 1944 American cotton crop, with lint cotton at parity prices and cottonseed prices far above parity, have been the highest for any year since 1928; and the Department expects the favorable income situation to continue next season unless production falls greatly.

Through wider use of improved practices recommended by the Extension Service, Soil Conservation Ser-

vice and other agencies, Texas farmers can materially increase their cotton yields and income, L. E. Ellwood, Extension cotton specialist and chairman of the Texas committee, said.

"Proper land preparation and the planting of adequate acreage to good planting seed are the first steps toward insuring increased yields and total production in 1945," Ellwood said.

"Even with Texas average yields per acre the lowest for any major cotton state, cotton has been the best 'pay crop' most Texas farmers could grow for many years. The opportunity for making it even more productive and profitable in 1945 is great, and taking advantage of the opportunity will mean more money for all growers, business and industry in the state," Ellwood pointed out.



We've got it on good authority that this town is among the first along Santa Claus' route, and that he's scheduled to make a long stop here!

We hope that "Santa Claus will be good to you," and that this holiday time will be one of exceptional joy and happiness to you and your family.

MODEL TAILOR



May we take this opportunity to thank all our good friends and customers for a splendid years business.

We have had our share of the good things along the way and want to wish all of you the best that can happen this Christmas and in the New Year.

May 1945 be a victorious year and one that will live in our memories.

O'Brien Co-Operative Gin Co.

S. N. REED, Manager

O'BRIEN, TEXAS



May You Have Many a White Christmas!

While we may not have snow to cover the fields this Christmas, Northern Star Cotton is covering this territory like a blanket of snow.

Fields of snowy white Northern Star Cotton are contributing greatly to making prosperity and happiness a reality to farmers of this section.

Northern Star Seed Farms

S. N. REED, Manager

O'BRIEN, TEXAS



... It's Christmas!
So Let's Celebrate!

Let's celebrate by recalling on every day what Christmas is and what it means. Let's celebrate by never doubting that eventually Good shall triumph. Let's celebrate by making children happy and by opening our hearts to those in need.

That's the way to have the Merry Christmas we wish for you.

City Cycle Shop

Red Cross Planning Big Christmas For All Service Forces

Christmas preparations begun several months ago by Red Cross workers here at home will help bring a traditional Yuletide to our servicemen all over the world in American Red Cross clubs, in hospitals, at camp, and at the front. Even those miles out at sea will not be forgotten.

A special American Red Cross gift package will be distributed to every American serviceman and woman in hospitals overseas. Those who visit Red Cross clubs will find there, first of all, a list of churches in the community where special Christmas services are being held, plus a Christmas dinner, carol singing, and holiday decorations provided by the folks at home. Of the more than 5,000 Christmas decoration kits shipped by the Red Cross for overseas use, 800 were prepared by members of the American Junior Red Cross.

These kits, with whatever Red Cross workers can get together in the way of native trees and materials, will also provide decorations for hospital wards and recreation halls overseas and for outpost stations. Sailors and marines who sit down to Christmas dinner aboard naval vessels will have holiday menu covers made for them by the Junior Red Cross, and aboard many a transport carrying service men en route, Red Cross workers will organize parties.

New York's Broadway Avenue is 1 1/2 miles in length.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

*Jingle bells, jingle bells,
Jingle all the way,
O! what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh!*

We have much to be thankful for this Christmas, and we want to express our thanks to you.

May this Christmas season of 1944 be an especially happy one for you.

Jackie's Laundry



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

1944

WHAT stancher tree than the oak, and what stancher friends than ours? Each year at Christmastime we realize more keenly than ever that our success in this community is deeply rooted in the firm soil of friendship. We cannot tell you in so many words how much these friendly associations mean to us, and how we cherish them. But we know you will understand.

In this spirit of appreciation we send our sincere good Christmas wishes to you and to all those dear to you.

W. E. CLONTS

Hardware-Furniture



Letters To Santa

Union Grove Primary Grades

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a Teddy bear, a set of dishes, and a story book, "Little Black Sambo."

Love,
Cornella Tidwell

Dear Santa:

I want a big wagon, a big car and a big truck.

Your friend,
Donald Wayne Corley

Dear Santa Claus:

Will you please bring me a color book and a pretty doll. I have been a good girl.

Mary Ellen Montandon

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a doll, a playhouse, a Teddy bear, and a ball.

Julia Velez

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a toy fire engine and a toy cat. I don't want much for Christmas on account of the war.

Your very true friend,
Jimmie Leach
P. S. I forgot to ask you to please bring me some apples, oranges and nuts.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a doll and some dishes. Are you coming to town on Christmas? Are you coming to my house?

Love,
Peggy Ann Edge

Dear Santa:

Bring me a car, a baby doll, a playhouse and a ball.

Rosa Velez

Dear Santa Claus:

Christmas is coming soon, and I have been good. I want a big doll and a sailor suit.

Your friend,
Dorothy Jean Pack

Dear Santa Claus:

How are you, Santa Claus? Christmas will soon be here. I want a gun and a scabbard.

Joe Swearingen

Dear Santa Claus:

Please give me a pair of shoes, a pair of socks and a toy cat for Christmas. Are you coming to my house Christmas?

Love,
Barbara Turner

Dear Santa:

Will you please bring me a gun and a PT boat. Please bring me a bond, too, and a horse.

Love,
Arvin Don Oliver

Dear Santa Claus:

Will you bring me a doll, a Teddy bear, a ball, and a toy dog for Christmas. This is all.

Love,
Dolores Contreras

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl ten years old. I know you are terribly busy and can't get much help, so I'm not asking for much this year. All I want is a doll and some fruit, candy and nuts.

Your little friend,
Wanda Jane Cullum

Dear Santa:

I'm a little boy four years old. If you'll bring me a wagon and some fruit, nuts and candy, I'll be so happy.

Your little friend,
Charles Ray Cullum

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a doll, a doll bed, and a black toy dog for Christmas. My little sister Paye wants a doll and a black toy dog, too.

Thank you,
Florence Reeves

Dear Santa Claus:

Please give me a football and a gun. I want a real live horse and a real live pig, too.

Your friend,
Donald Joe Pack

Dear Santa Claus:

Please send me a toy reindeer and a toy jeep.

Thank you, Santa Claus.
Larry Beauchamp

Dear Santa:

How are you tonight? I want a machine gun for Christmas. Will you bring me a machine gun?

Love,
James Montandon

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been a good boy. I want a toy dog and a box of candy.

Your friend,
David Contreras

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a toy farm set with toy horses, dogs, pigs, cows, and chickens. Also, bring me a toy barn and a farm house with the set.

Thank you,
Oscar Lee Wilson

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a toy blackboard, a box of chalk, and an eraser.

Your friend,
Richard Linville

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a doll, a doll bed, a toy table and a toy Christmas tree. That is all, Santa.

Love,
Dean Williamson

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a gun and a scabbard.

Your friend,
Charlie Williamson

Dear Santa:

I want a gun, a car, a boat, a ball, and a tank for Christmas.

Cled Swearingen

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a gun with a scabbard and a toy tank for Christmas.

Your friend,
Jerry Williamson

YULE FOOD PARCELS FOR AMERICAN WAR PRISONERS

American Red Cross Christmas packages containing the ingredients for preparing a turkey dinner, complete to plum pudding, as well as small gifts, will be distributed this year to American prisoners of war and civilian internees held in Europe.

Included in the packages are such gift items as games, cigarettes, pipes and tobacco, wash cloths and pictures of typical American scenes.

Candy, nuts, fruit and chewing gum are included in addition to the plum pudding.

The packages were prepared in August to allow for Christmas delivery in spite of wartime transportation delays. They will be distributed in addition to the regular weekly food parcels supplied through the Red Cross to all American prisoners of war in Europe.

Black horses are affected by heat more than are horses of any other color.



WE THANK YOU

All during 1944 we have been storing up our gratitude to the people of this community, as they have come in day after day. Now that Christmas is here it is time to make delivery. So here it comes... our gratitude to you in one great big wish for a big, happy, merry Christmas.

Thompson Cafe



Turkey and cranberry sauce and plum pudding are symbols of the lighter side of Christmas. We want you to have these, too, this Yule season of 1944, plus all the other joys that give Christmas-time its transcendent glory.

We welcome this opportunity to extend to each and all our heartiest greetings.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Reed

Reed's Grocery & Frozen Food Lockers



Pete's Hatchery

Merry Christmas and a
Victorious New Year

---PETE



We have much to be thankful for this Christmas, and we want to express our thanks to you.

May this Christmas season of 1944 be an especially happy one for you.

O. A. "Ode" GREEN

Star of Hope Must Guide Nations To World Peace

BETTED THAN TINSEL

The aid has been thick with promises to farmers. In the recent elections both political parties sought to win the favor of farmers by promulgating elaborate and lavishly expensive agricultural programs.

No farmer should be fooled. Such Tinselly solicitude backed by billions of taxpayers' dollars cannot go on forever. In the long run the public will have to pay the farmers prices that will make agriculture a self-supporting business. In attaining this objective the farmer has no better ally than his own marketing organization—the business managed cooperative.

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Cut Flowers for all occasions

Special Attention Given To Telephone Orders

HOWELL'S
Quality Flowers

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FOR VICTORY



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UNITED
STATES
WAR
BONDS
AND
STAMPS

From THE LION MAGAZINE

When Christ was born on that Christmas morn two thousand years ago it was the Star of Bethlehem, shining brightly in the dark sky, that led the Three Wise Men of the East to his manger, there to adore the babe that was to grow up into the Man of Peace, to become the Savior of the world and the Hope of mankind.

For four thousand years the world had been torn by the strife between good and evil, with evil steadily gaining dominance through the perversity of men's hearts. Humanity seemed plunged in an abyss of selfishness and oppression from which it could be saved only by a return to Godliness and righteousness. The need for redemption was at its greatest when suddenly that Star of Bethlehem lit the firmament and flashed forth its promise of a happier tomorrow, bringing new faith to despairing hearts.

And even as the Star was guiding the Wise Men, representing the mighty of the earth, into the presence of the new-born Savior, an angel of the Lord came to the shepherds in the field. The glory of Heaven shone around them, the most lowly in the land, while they, too, received the promise and heard the joyous song of the angel chorus, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men!'

Ever since then the Star of Bethlehem has been the symbol of peace and good will, and of a happier future. It is the Star of Hope, which is still shining today, as lustrous as it was that Christmas morning of long ago; and its light will guide us out of the war that at this Christmas time is still engulfing the world, and will lead us into an era of peace which, if we will but follow Divine commands, will prevail forever.

Just as the Three Wise Men of the East were shown the way to the Savior's manger by the Star of Bethlehem, so will it surely guide the leaders of our Allied Nations to the wisdom that will inspire the kind of peace which, because of its justice and good will to men, will endure. The cloud that lay over the earth before it was pierced by the rays of the Star of Bethlehem twenty centuries ago is analogous to the shadow of war that has distressed our lives during recent years. But such a peace of justice and good will shall surely disperse the darkness and bring again the sunshine, because it will bring to all men security and liberty, prosperity and a richer spiritual life.

No matter how wise or how filled with good will they are, our statesmen will find fruitless their efforts to build a happier world upon the ashes of war unless they have the understanding, support, and co-operation of the people. The obtaining of such support plainly is a matter of public education, a matter of organizing public opinion and directing it into proper channels.

Equally obvious it is a job that can be done best, quickest, and most thoroughly by soundly established, well organized bodies of public-spirited citizens of influence, and enthusiasm, and capacity. It is a job for the Lions. The Lions have through the years, and especially during these years of war, proved themselves a tremendous power for accomplishment in every constructive task, and especially for the direction of public thought and endeavor. They have proved themselves enormous factors in the winning of the war, and they will likewise prove themselves leading factors in the winning of the peace.

The Star of Bethlehem did not shine in vain two thousand years ago. It heralded a new force of mankind, in the person of the Christ whose birth it announced; and it inaugurated a new era of enlightenment that revolutionized the whole world. The Star of Hope must not shine in vain today, when all humanity so deeply need a new force—or rather a revival of the old—to guide it into a greater and happier future.

WM. CAMERON EMPLOYEES WILL GET CASH GIFTS

More than 800 employees of Wm. Cameron & Co. will receive cash as their Christmas gifts this year, E. R. Bolton, president of the company announced this week. Each will receive 12% percent of his total salary for the year, or the equivalent of one and one half months salary.

Cameron employees who entered the military services during the year will be included. This method of Christmas remembrance has been used by the Cameron company for the past five years.

10% OF INCOME
IS OUR QUOTA
IN WAR BONDS

TSCW NATIVITY PLAY



Miss Laura Neilson, Honey Grove senior, has the part of Mary, mother of Jesus, in "The Story of the Christ Child," Nativity Play produced annually by students at Texas State College for Women, Denton. The dramatization was written nine years ago by Dr. L. H. Hubbard, president of the College.

HOMES FOR HENS

OPA is working on the problem of prices for prefabricated poultry and livestock house, livestock feeders and other non-dwelling structures commonly used on farms. Approximately 13 thousand lumber yards are engaged in making and selling these units, a 90 million dollar business in 1942. The new regulation to be issued shortly will provide a pricing formula for sellers to go by, and is expected to reduce the general level of prices farmers are now paying for these structures.



Christmas
JOY TO ALL
1944

★ Christmas is here. And once more we find ourselves at a loss for words to express how we feel about your loyalty to us during 1944. But we know you will understand.

We wish for you and your family the best of Merry Christmases, and the best that this happy season can bring in both material and spiritual blessings.

Ross'
News Stand

IN THESE LAST SHORT DAYS OF 1944

when beaming faces tell that Christmas is very, very near, we are reminded again of the supreme value of friendship. He who has no friends, though he may have amassed a fortune, cannot be happy.

We have many friends in this area—friends from many years back as well as friends who have become friends during this past year. These friendships are a great source of pride and happiness to us.

To all these friends we wish a very Merry Christmas Season.

T. E. ROBBINS, Agent



THE STAR IN THE EAST



Down through the ages has come the story of the shepherds tending their flocks at night, awed by the Star in the East.

During this sacred season, mellowed by the thought of those who cannot be with us, we have abundant reason for gratitude. We have come a long way since the dark Christmas of 1941. The Star in the East shines brighter now.

That this may, indeed, be a Merry Christmas for you and yours is our ardent wish.

We wish you and yours a most pleasant Holiday Season. Our most earnest prayer for 1945 is for Peace and the early return of your boys and our boys to their homes and careers.

Knox City Lions Club



Christmas trees are again gleaming in the windows!

Just about time for us to be thinking of how much we are indebted to you.

And just about time for us to call upon two little words that carry more cheer and good will than all the big words that have ever been coined—

Merry Christmas

Thomas Shoe
Shop



ALL the good old fashioned spirit of the season is expressed in this hearty MERRY CHRISTMAS.

You've been the best of friends to us in 1944 and here's wishing for you the very best!

Paul Barber Shop

Servicemen Send Souvenirs To Tech

Three cases of Eskimo souvenirs are on exhibit at West Texas Museum on the Texas Tech campus. Some of these have been stored in the museum for several years, but others have recently been sent there by servicemen stationed in Alaska.

Among the novelties may be seen an Eskimo raincoat made out of seal gut and sewed with grass thread; seal and walrus skin gloves; women's dress boots; walrus hide shoes; black rawhide boots; scrapers; wooden combs; spear heads; a jade adze; hide knife and soap-stone lamp, all from Point Barrow, Alaska.

In another case is an ivory knife for skinning seal, models of boats, and sleighs made of ivory, a cribbage board, seal skin bags, Eskimo dolls dressed in fur, a seal harpoon and an Eskimo fan with wooden center surrounded by fringe of white reindeer hair and used by girls when dancing.

Other articles are a boy's cap made of 12 squirrels tails mixed with mink and trimmed with beads, a reindeer horn, walrus tusks, a grass rug with designs in seal stitched on with linen thread and edged with muskrat, an Eskimo wolf dancing hat, a grass basket, scoops and hats made of driftwood, food bowls made by heating driftwood and bending it to the desired shape, and seal skin rug trimmed around the edge with fur from the bellies of muskrats.

Of the 272 words in Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, 203 are words of one syllable.

Texas Youth Wins Award In Market-Garden Contest

PAUL REVIER, 16, R. F. D. 2, Lubbock, planned, planted, hoed and harvested his way to a sectional award in the 1944 National Junior Vegetable Growers' Association production and marketing contest. Winners were announced in the association's tenth annual convention at Rochester, N. Y., by Prof. Grant B. Snyder of Massachusetts State College, advisory chairman for the junior growers.

As the major award winner in the state, Paul receives \$100 of the total provided in the national contest by the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company. Other Texas awards consist of \$25 war bonds won by Lillian Roeder and Charles Krane, Jr., both of Shiner. Paul, son of F. F. Revier, lives on a 261-acre farm in Lubbock county. He cultivated a three-acre garden on which he grew five kinds of vegetable produce with a market value of \$285. He is president of the junior class in high school, has served as president of his local Future Farmers of America chapter, and from the state organization has received the F. F. A. State Farmer degree. His activities include two years in 4-H Club work and service as agent for a Waco bureau in an emergency survey of cotton insects.

Youths in 44 states competed for sectional and regional awards



Paul Revier

and for a national championship. In the Southern Region, Howard Blalock of Durham, N. C., won top honors and a \$200 scholarship. The national championship and its \$500 award, Prof. Snyder announced, was won by Donald F. Sullivan, 19, Potsdam, N. Y.



I GIVE YOU TEXAS
by BOYCE HOUSE

I expect the Ranger Times was the first paper in West Texas to charter an airplane in order to "cover" a football game. The Bulldogs were playing the Steers at Big Spring so Publisher Walter Murray, because of the publicity value of the stunt, hired a plane; and your columnist (who was then the editor-managing editor-city editor-sports editor) climbed aboard.

All went well until we sighted Big Spring and then Pilot Travis Boggs made a sharp right turn without taking me into his confidence and the plane tilted at such an angle and with me not strapped in that I found myself looking into the upturned faces of a telephone line crew on the highway below. I really "pulled leather" and barely escaped joining them.

When we landed Editor Stanley Norman who was on hand to greet us, remarked "That looked like a sharp turn to us on the ground." My reply was that I was like the negro who went for a "hop" over an airport and the pilot cut all kinds of fancy turns and then, after one particularly sweeping loop, straightened out and yelled, "I'll bet 50 percent of those folks down there thought we were falling then." His dusky passenger answered, "Yas, seh, and 50 percent of 'em up here thought the same thing."

On the return flight, before we reached Banner, darkness had fallen and the landing field was not equipped with lights. The pilot had arranged, however, for a pool of gasoline to be in readiness, with the airport mechanic to set a match to it when he heard the motor approaching. The blaze looked mighty comforting to me.

We made a perfect landing. Next day, the flier confessed "That blaze was so bright it blinded me and I had to land by guess."

Anyhow, the Times had made newspaper history by chartering a plane to cover a high school game.

How's that? Oh, Ranger won.

Oliver Wendell Holmes said, "If a man wants to be a success in life, he should choose his grandparents with great care."

Irrigation was started in America by the Mormons, on the edge of the great Salt Lake.



RECOGNITION AT LAST

An organization of business men known as the Committee for Economic Development, has been credited with formulating the basis for a sound postwar Federal tax system. Even most rabid critics term the work of the committee "a big step in the right direction," in spite of the fact that the committee, while attempting to outline a fair, adequate, and reasonably simple tax structure, proposes abolishment of the corporation tax, thereby relieving corporate stockholders from the evil of double taxation. And Life magazine, after ob- based on an acceptance of these fiscal facts of life."

However, the only thing basically new or revolutionary about the present proposal is that it has been accepted in the spirit that it was put forth a sincere effort to stimulate thought on the proposition that capital and labor will sink or swim together. The welfare of one depends on the welfare of the other. If taxes undermine industry, the people will pay in lost jobs. Farsighted leaders in both public and private life have sought to get this idea across for many years.

Of course it will be revolutionary indeed if the tax laws are actually revised to encourage expansion and promotion of jobs in private industry as advocated by the committee. Dividing the American people against themselves in tax matters has been a sure-fire vote getter for so many long years that it may be hard for some politicians to realize that at last an informed public is demanding greater statesmanship in public office.

GREETINGS



A Merry Christmas

MAY the blessings of God be with you, our friends, and with all of us... in our souls and upon our hearths. We can offer no more gracious greeting this Yuletide.

Robinson's Cafe



WE HOPE old Santa will not forget you this Christmas of 1944, but that he will cram that stocking so full it can hold no more.

Good cheer, good fellowship, and Merry Christmas to you all!



GOOD WILL



FISHER CAFE



SLEIGHBELLS TINKLING DOWN OLD ROADS, FARM HOMES GLEAMING IN THE DARK, THE SPIRIT OF KINDNESS BROODING OVER THE LAND, YES, 'TIS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS AND ALL MEN ARE KIN.

WE HOPE THAT YOUR CHRISTMAS WILL BE MERRY AND BRIGHT, AND THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE A FULL SHARE OF THE GOOD THINGS THIS HAPPY SEASON BRINGS.

Cotton Growers Co-Operative Gin Company

ROY SMITH, Manager



EVER THAT SAME STAR

The wise men saw it over the hills of old Judea... it glows in the Christmas sky tonight, though clouds may obscure the heavens. It is a beacon of hope in a world in which there is ever so much room for improvement. Its spirit travels around this earth, encouraging, sustaining, and beautifying.

Our Christmas greeting to every man, woman and child in this community... a greeting as warm and hearty—we hope—as if it were made to each in person with a friendly smile and a shake of the hand.

Thanks a lot folks!

Knox City Elevator

HUBERT C. BROWN, Owner

C. S. WOODWARD, Manager



CITY BARBER SHOP

Merry Christmas!

☆ Whether Christmas be white or green, we hope it will be full of charm for you and yours, with an abundance of all the good things that are part of happy Yuletide . . .

Lowrey Dry Goods

WAC Switchboard Operators Praised by Officers



In Cairo, Egypt, Private First Class Harriette Ryan, WAC, of French Lick, Indiana, and Technician Fifth Grade Pearl Fraund of Chicago, Illinois, receive praise from staff officers for their capable handling of important calls through their board. More women are needed for vital Army jobs in the WAC.

Natives of many far-off lands are getting used to the sight of the trim military figure of the Wac as she goes about her business in the Army. For Wacs have a great opportunity to see many famous places that few Americans ever get a chance to see.

Private First Class Harriette Ryan of French Lick, Indiana, and Technician Fifth Grade Pearl Fraund of Chicago, are stationed at an American Army camp at Mena House, near Cairo, Egypt. On duty as switchboard operators, these members of the Women's Army Corps win high praise from American and British staff officers. Their work is interesting and the Army jobs they are handling are vital.

Private Ryan and Corporal Fraund

spend many a pleasant off-duty hour seeing the sights of the city of Cairo and will have a lot of interesting souvenirs to bring home with them when they return to this country.

Wacs are doing important work in all corners of the world. In communications they are radio operators, typewriter and switchboard operators. They are supply sergeants, mess sergeants, and jeep drivers. They are reporters, secretaries, and personnel clerks. In fact, there are 239 vital Army jobs that members of the Wacs are filling.

The Army needs more Wacs. Women who are between 20 and 50 years of age and who meet the physical and educational requirements may be eligible to join the Women's Army Corps. Information on the enlistment procedure may be obtained by visiting the nearest U. S. Army Recruiting Station, or by writing to The Adjutant General, U. S. Army, Washington 25, D. C.

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Collector

War Bonds Safest
U. S. Investment

About the safest and the surest thing in this world of uncertainties is a war bond issued by the United States Government. Here is an investment worth as much in a depression as a boom. It is backed by all the wealth of America. If lost or destroyed in any way it can always be replaced.

First of all is this matter of safety. A war bond is as safe as the dollar bill in your pocket. The same security guarantees payment of both. At the end of 10 years you are certain to get 100 good solid American dollars for every 75 invested.

Next is the guaranteed redemption values of war bonds. If any emergency, the owner can always convert to cash without loss. You can look on your bonds now and see what they will be worth at any future date. These values will never be influenced by the ups and downs of the financial market. A farmer with money invested in these bonds always has financial insurance against the "hard year."

Last, but not least, there is no danger of losing your money if it is invested in war bonds. These bonds are registered in the name of the owner or co-owners. If stolen, they are no good to the thief. If stolen, burned or destroyed or lost in any way, the Treasury will issue duplicate bonds free of charge.

No investment is quite so safe as a war bond, yet these bonds pay the highest rate of interest of any government securities now available.

Many of us hold money and savings for use in emergency. Was there ever an emergency more serious than the one our fighting men are trying to resolve at this moment? Was there ever an emergency not only in the national sense, but in a personal sense, that we should move more aggressively to meet? We at home can help meet this emergency through the purchase of war bonds.

Yes, and what's more, not only are we privileged to enlist our dollars for fighting service, but we have a guarantee backed by the faith and credit of the United States Government for their safe return.

All E Bond sales reported to the Treasury before New Year's day go toward that all-important E Bond quota. Let's send the word around the world to our fighting men and to our enemies also, that once again we have reached and surpassed a war loan goal. Don't let this week go by without buying that extra bond.

Knox County War Price and Renable the clerks to get their month-first day of each month hereafter to tioning Board will be closed on the ly statements out to District office.

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a doll with long hair and a suitcase with it's clothes in it. And I want a ring and a bracelet. Thanks.
Patsy Lue Loper
Knox City

Dear Santa:
Please come to see me Christmas with lots of toys, candy and nuts. Mother said, "You didn't have toy pianos in war time," so please bring me one after the war.
Patricia Ann Denton
Knox City

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy. I am six years old. Santa, I would like most for Christmas for you to bring my daddy back. He is a sailor and his name is George Davis. He is a Seaman 2nd class—that is the way mother writes him. But Santa if that is asking too much just send me a little landing barge. Santa I am a good boy and tend to my little baby brother for mother.
Clarence Veldon Davis
Knox City

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl two years old. Please bring me a wagon, ironing board, and a broom. I want some candy and fruit, too. Thank you.
Kay Dean Hester
Knox City

Christmas Greetings 1944



With gratitude for your continued friendship we pause during this busy Christmas season of 1944 to wish you the happiest Christmas of them all.

Milford's Cafe



AS WE APPROACH the beloved anniversary of a great Event we are reminded again of the many Christmas seasons we have seen come and go. Time has changed everything except friendship.

We are proud of the fact that we number among our customers many of the town's "oldest inhabitants"—friends who have become dearer to us with the passing years.

Once again we say Merry Christmas to all.



Porter & White
Feed Store



Keep CHRIST in Your
Christmas

THE
Lutheran Church

OF KNOX CITY

SERVICES:

December 24 — 11:30 p. m. December 31 — 11:30 p. m.

(At the First Christian Church, Knox City)

H. G. LOHRMANN, Pastor



Your good will has been a priceless asset to us during 1944 and other years. We thank you for the confidence you have placed in us and wish you the manifold blessings of a happy Yuletide.

FRIZZELL'S DRUG STORE

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Christmas
Cheer to All!

E. E. Thompson's
RED & WHITE
GROCERY



Thanks!

We want to thank our many friends and customers in Knox City and surrounding territory for their splendid support in the past year. We have had a good ginning year and at this time want to express our deep thanks and extend to all of you the wish uppermost in our minds—a Merry Christmas and a happy and victorious New Year!

Knox City Gin

E. R. CARPENTER, Manager



THE confusion, the bustle and indecision of the holidays is now over. The last gift has finally been selected, the last package wrapped, tagged and duly ribboned. Now let's settle down to the real enjoyment of Christmas.



E. Q.'s.
Auto Supply

Texas Oil Operators Score Worldwide Petroleum Pact

A request that all treaties between the United States and other nations relating to any phase of the petroleum industry be submitted to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee so that full and complete hearings can be had on all such treaties at one time, was contained in a joint statement issued by Grady Vaughn, of Dallas, and Glenn H. McCarthy, of Houston, co-chairman of the State-wide Committee of Oil Operators. The Statewide Committee has waged a vigorous campaign against ratification of the Anglo-American Petroleum Agreement.

The joint statement came upon the heels of a report from Washington that the Administration is preparing to withdraw the Anglo-American Petroleum Agreement from the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Senator Tom Connally, of Texas, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, has said that so many protests against the Agreement have been received by members of the committee that there is little likelihood that his committee would even consider the treaty.

Reports from Washington indicate the Administration will attempt to revise the objectionable features of the Agreement before asking the Senate for ratification.

A substitute treaty has been drafted by the P. I. W. C. This substitute treaty creates an international oil commission with advisory powers only. The Anglo-American Petroleum Agreement proposes to set up an international oil commission with life and death powers over the petroleum resources of the United States.

The oil industry, school officials, public officials and civic groups see in the Anglo-American Petroleum Treaty a threat to the economic life of Texas. A large portion of the state's revenue is derived from taxation levied on the petroleum industry. Under the provisions of the Anglo-American treaty this revenue could be cut off by the international commission simply by placing Texas oil resources in an international petroleum pool and regulation of the oil industry from a foreign capital.

The Statewide Committee believes that further attempts will be made to put the Texas oil industry into some sort of an international cartel and the Committee's request that all such treaties and agreements be submitted to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee at one time so that they can be disposed of at one open hearing.

The Anglo-American Petroleum Agreement was submitted to the Senate for ratification without the contents being made public. Only after the Agreement was sent to the Foreign Relations Committee did the oil industry and the people of Texas know just what the Agreement proposed to do with the oil resources of Texas and other producing states.

The joint statement said: "Speaking for the Statewide Committee of Oil Operators, it is our sincere belief that all proposed treaties between the United States and other nations relating to any phase of the petroleum industry and the sale of its products, should be submitted to Foreign Relations Committee of the United States Senate so that full and complete hearings can be had in order that the industry and all interested parties will be allowed full and complete participation."

LIVING FAITH

The Scriptures require more than a simple admission and feeble acceptance of the truths they present; they require a living faith, that so incorporates their lessons into our lives that these truths become the motive power of every act.

—Mary Baker Eddy

What You Buy With WAR BONDS

Mosquito Bar

Among the casualties returning to the United States from the Solomons are men who have lost their hearing, not from injury, not from shock, but from attack by insects upon men who have been without mosquito bar protection.



We'll never know how many lives this mosquito bar has saved and you probably never will know just how much good your purchases of War Bonds have done, but you should know that regular and increasing purchases are necessary.

U. S. Treasury Department

FARM MACHINERY BEHIND SET SCHEDULE

One measure of the concentration on war needs is the fact that the War production Board finds output of farm machinery, exclusive of wheel tractors, repair parts and attachments, about 25 percent behind manufacturers schedules for the four months ended October 31. Military needs, more critical than in recent months, are creating shortages in components for farm machinery.

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Knox City, Texas



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ODT ISSUES WARNING TO CHRISTMAS TRAVELERS

Warning that Christmas travel will be difficult and beset with trouble has been given by E. O. Walker, district rail director of the Office of Defense Transportation.

From his Dallas office, the ODT official also pointed out that transportation of troops and war equipment and holiday furlough trips of service men will be made more difficult by crowding of trains, buses, and terminals. The public is being urged to forego Christmas travel in order to expedite victory in the war.

Adult male seals are called bulls; females, cows; the young seals, pups.

1944



There's a joy in the heart That sets Christmas apart, To make it a day of all days. And may its true peace And good will never cease To bless you in manifold ways.

J. C. Wooldridge Co.

What If Everyday Were Christmas?

By Rev. Lloyd Hamilton, Minister First Methodist Church

Many of us are saturated with the phrase, "Christmas comes but once a year," but I am wondering what would be the results if every day were Christmas.

This idea fits in with the old negro camp meeting where a great deal of excitement is characteristic of their services. In their services there were a great deal eloquent preaching and the singing was full of fervor. There was one song that was very popular. It ran something like this, "Every Day'll be Sunday By-and-by." By it they meant that if every day were Sunday they could sing and preach all the time, and there would be very little, if any, of the ordinary round of toil and worry. Of course, this meant too, that God was to be recognized seven days of the week. And perhaps we could go ahead with our subject and feel that God should be recognized three hundred and sixty five days of each year.

What if every day were Christmas? There are some that this idea would make no appeal to at all. One can readily think of the tired mothers, broke fathers, tired salespeople, worn by the excitement of Christmas trade. And perhaps it would only be the children that would welcome Christmas, as we have it every day in the year. Let it be granted that Christmas is misused, that it is often a season of excesses and extremes even so, who of us would do away with Christmas? For despite all the excesses of the holiday season and the hardships it works on many, is there not a glory in every Christmas celebration?

Christmas is a season of high idealism. It is the one season of the year when men and women who have spent most of the year thinking about self, stop to think about others. The idea of putting self behind and thinking of others makes its appeal to the most indifferent. Some how or the other, the idea that, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," finds lodging in the hearts of all of us. The "dog eat dog" idea of daily life is lessened if not forgotten. For this brief season each year it seems that the human race truly belongs to One Family. There is a delight in seeing everyone happy. And it seems that we are all willing to do all we can to see that none are left out on this great day.

This is the day of the year that we are reminded to take Jesus seriously. It is the one day of the year when the Sermon on the Mount becomes real. The Beatitudes take on new life. Even, "Peace on earth, good will toward men," becomes workable. John 2:16 is no longer the dream of a mad man, but a part of life. It is at this season that we take Christ at his word. We give, we sacrifice, we find joy in living like he taught us to live.

Christmas exalts the home and glorifies the family. Perhaps this is the saddest Christmas season that any of us have known, and we hope it is the saddest that we will ever know. Christmas away from home isn't much Christmas. Around many tables will be empty chairs. And there will be no less empty chairs than empty places in our hearts. We will all be thinking of the boys and girls away from home, and in like manner we will be aware that they are thinking

Health Letter

There are many persons who naturally hoard anything and everything including old clothes, boxes, and other useless articles, some of which constitute no greater danger than a possible fire hazard, but a very real danger is present when this tendency is applied to hoarding old medicine in any form.

Most medicine finds itself into the home through a doctor's prescription for some specific illness. For the sake of safety, left-over medicines should be destroyed immediately after they have fulfilled their purpose and never stored in the medicine cabinet for future unprescribed use in case of another illness, according to Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

"Self-medication with the use of left-over drugs which were of great benefit to some previous illness can sometimes turn a simple ailment into a very serious condition of actual poisoning," Dr. Cox said. "This is particularly true of the indiscriminate use of sulfa drugs which have been prescribed for some previous specific condition."

Retaining in the medicine cabinet old left-over drugs can often bring about unnecessary tragedies. About three years ago one two-year-old child in this state, attracted by all of the bright bottles and colored medicine he found in a bathroom medicine cabinet, swallowed some pills which had been used for an adult heart condition and died within less than two hours time.

"It is wise to use medicines as indicated for the illness for which they are prescribed by your doctor, and when they are no longer needed, destroy the remaining medicine immediately," Dr. Cox said.

There are nine million pounds of metal in the dome of the Capitol at Washington.



With gratitude for your continued friendship we pause during this busy Christmas season of 1944 to wish you the happiest Christmas of them all.

Russell Boyd
Lonnie Dickey

GRAYTEX SERVICE STATION

TO MY MANY GOOD FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

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The all-around efficiency which gets several times as much white light from black coal has benefited YOU in many ways.

It has made your electric service better and cheaper year by year. It has met tremendous wartime demands for electric power, without delay, shortages or rationing. It has held the price of electricity at an all-time low, while other costs went up.

These results come from the sound business management of the nation's light and power companies—and from the hard work of men and women who know their business—and who are preparing for even greater accomplishments tomorrow.

*Some plants use less than 1 pound; some more, because of differences in coal and equipment. The nation-wide average is 1.3 pounds per kilowatt-hour.

West Texas Utilities Company



Greetings
1944

EACH CHRISTMAS as it comes and goes proves anew that love is the only binding power of the world. In these dark days of late December when the brightness of smiles make ample amends for lack of brightness overhead, we again send our most hearty Christmas Greetings.

Leon Ice Co.

Clarence Leon, Owner
E. L. Hall, Mgr.

Coronado's Route Traced Across Texas High Plains

Gems of Thought

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Love is never lost. If not reciprocated it will flow back and soften and purify the heart.—Washington Irving

Faith, like light, should always be simple and unbending; while love, like warmth, should beam forth on every side, and bend to every necessity of our brethren.

—Martin Luther.

It is the very essence of love, of nobleness, of greatness, to be willing to suffer for the good of others.

—Spencer

"Love one another, as I have loved you." No estrangement, no emulation, no deceit, enters into the heart that loves as Jesus loved. It is a false sense of love that, like the summer brook, soon gets dry.

—Mary Baker Eddy.

Divine love is a sacred flower which in its early bud is happiness, and in its full bloom is heaven.

—Eleanor L. Hervey

How shall I do to love? Believe. How shall I do to believe? Love.

—Leighton.

Recent interest has been aroused in tracing Coronado's route across the Plains following a tour made early this year by Dr. Herbert E. Holden, professor of history at the University of California at Berkeley. Dr. W. C. Holden, head of the department of history and anthropology at Texas Technological College, accompanied the Bolton party on the inspection trip in West Texas.

Dr. Holden has made an intensive study of all records dealing with the Coronado expedition and has made a personal inspection of most of the area involved, comparing and checking the topography of the country against the descriptions. In a recent address before the Teen Museum Association he outlined the famous explorer's route.

Coronado spent the winter of 1540-41, Dr. Holden says, at some pueblos which he commandeered near the present town of Bernalillo on the Rio Grande about 20 miles north of Albuquerque. Having heard from the Turk, an Indian slave, the fabulous stories of Quivira, Coronado determined to go in search of the place. With his army, 1000 horses, 500 cattle, 3000 sheep, 1000 friendly Indians and servants, he went first to Cicuye pueblo, two miles south of the present town of Pecos, New Mexico. To this point there seems to be no doubt of his route, but from there on various accounts are confused.

Following a study of the records and after careful comparisons of these accounts with the topography of the country, Dr. Holden traces the explorer's route from Tiguex to Anton Chico by way of the pueblo of Galisteo, south of the present town of Lamy, and over Glorieta Pass, the same route now used by the Santa Fe railroad.

A bridge was built across the Pecos, Dr. Holden thinks at Anton Chico, and he points out that this was necessary because the Pecos in those days, according to all accounts, was a deep, swift moving stream. Especially would a bridge be necessary to get the sheep across the stream.

After leaving the bridge, the expedition probably reached the plains not very far north of Santa Rosa, N. M. Dr. Holden thinks Coronado stayed on the Llano Estacado from Santa Rosa to the Querecho village, near what is now the city of Hereford, on the plains about 150 miles east of Anton Chico. Eight days after leaving the bridge the party encountered the first buffalo.

It is likely the expedition crossed the Palo Duro to Tierra Blanca, so thinks Dr. Holden, thence to the North and South Tules, to Blanco, and possibly to the Yellowhouse.

Dr. Holden doesn't think the expedition reached the caprock, but much wandering occurred on the trackless plains. One account says: "The country is so level that men became lost when they went off a half a league. One horseman was lost and never saw again. No track was left where they went, and on this account it was necessary to mark the road with cow (buffalo) dung, so as to return, since there were no stones or anything else."

Quivira, which is in northeastern Kansas, was reached by a route that paralleled the Canadian river, on one side or the other. The return trip to Tiguex took 40 days, which according to Dr. Holden's estimate of travel of 15 miles per day, would cover the approximate distance of 600 miles.

EUROPEAN NEEDS RUN FROM HORSESHOE NAILS TO HOOKS

The demands on productive resources to keep the world of the United Nations going is pointed out by the urgent pleas for everything from horseshoe nails for Sicily and fishing hooks for Greeks to water-pumping machinery for the Netherlands and raw cotton for the mills of France to be made into tent duck for allied forces. These pleas are being laid before the Central Relief Section for relief and rehabilitation of the combined production and resources board and WPB's combined raw materials board.

Navy Urgently Needs Men To Train For Technical Positions

The Navy needs radio men. Opportunity to train in one of the war's newest and most thrilling fields—"Radar."

Radio technicians have many important duties in the Navy, such as installing, repairing and maintaining radio communication equipment, radio direction finders, submarine detection apparatus and other extraordinary electronic devices.

Upon release from the Navy after the war, the radio technician will find countless new opportunities open to him. He will have a thorough ground work in ultra high frequency electronics, that will still be unknown to commercial engineers. A radio technician will be qualified for many positions in such fields as television, industrial electronics, broadcast radio, aircraft radio and many other scientific occupations.

Upon successfully passing the Eddy test you may be enlisted as a Seaman First Class, with pay to start with \$66.00 per month. Men who have successfully passed their pre-induction physical examination between the ages of 18 and 38 and men of 17 years of age may take the Eddy test at the Navy recruiting station, U. S. Post Office Bldg., Wichita Falls, any day of the week.

The recruiting station is open from 8:00 a. m. to 6 p. m., and Chief Jack Cravens of the Navy recruiting station urgently requests that you come by and find out first hand complete information that the Navy is offering at this time to inductees and volunteers. There is absolutely no obligation.

A Navy recruiter will be in Monday every Tuesday around 2:30 p. m., except the following dates: Dec. 25, and January 2 and 9, 1945.

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GOOD CHEER! There's nothing quite like it. And good cheer is an affair of the heart. It cannot be withheld and hoarded to gain added value with the days or years. Good cheer must be spent!

Let us all radiate good cheer this Christmas of 1944, for there are reasons enough for good cheer we but pause to reflect.

Merry Christmas greetings from all of us to all of you.

Jones Drug Store



AS WE APPROACH the beloved anniversary of a great Event we are reminded again of the many Christmas seasons we have seen come and go. Time has changed everything except friendship.

We are proud of the fact that we number among our customers many of the town's "oldest inhabitants"—friends who have become dearer to us with the passing years.

Once again we say Merry Christmas to all.

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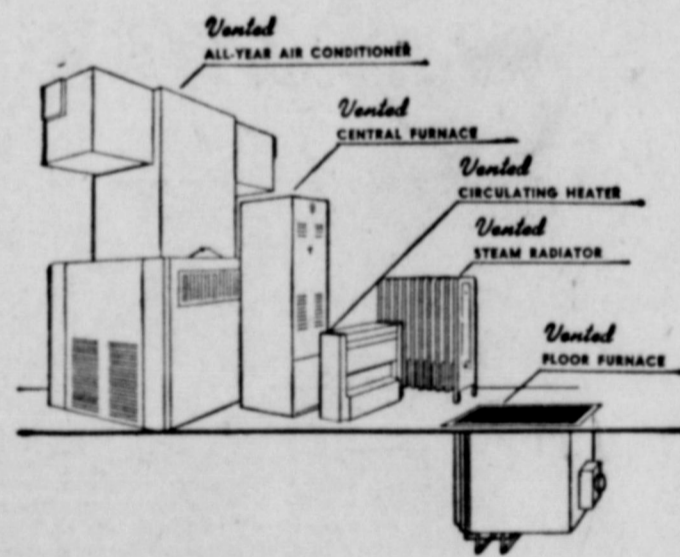


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Your friend,
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Dear Santa:

I am a little girl six years old and have been pretty good this year. Will you please bring me an iron stove, silk dress and hat to match, big doll, plastic wrist watch, blouse and a bracelet.

If you don't have all these things, I will take just what you give the rest of the little girls in Knox City.

Love,
Jane Moss



Letters To Santa

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl seven years old. I am a good girl so please bring me a doll, black board and a story book.

You can leave some fruit, nuts, and candy if you have any left when you get to my home.

Don't forget the other boys and girls.

I love you,
Janet

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy five years old. I am a good boy so please bring me a jeep, airplane, football, candy nuts and fruit.

Don't forget the other boys and girls.

I love you,
Glenn

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy about four years old. I have tried to be a good little boy. Would you bring me a train, doll, table and chairs, wheelbarrow, candy nuts and fruit. Please Santa, don't forget my little brother and bring him something just like mine.

Love,
Roy Richard Poteet
Knox City

Dear Santa:

For Christmas I want a wagon and a little car.

Jimmie Burt

Dear Santa:

I am five years old and I want a helmet with two stars and a tommy gun. Please bring Charlotte a train so I can play with it.

David Perdue

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a good boy. Please bring me a table and chairs. Be sure and see my daddy in San Diego.

Lots of love,
J. Tom Graham

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me some little dishes. Come to see my little friends and cousins. Please go to the Philippines where my daddy and uncle Sonnie are.

Sincerely,
Mary LeNelle McElroy

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a doll, doll bed, ironing board, iron, a story book, and a lot of fruit, nuts and candy.

Thank you,
Martha Stephens

Dear Santa Claus:

My uncle Jim said he had you in Amarillo, but I still believe you will come. Please bring twin guns and scabbards, a football, Tinker toys, a game and a big story book. Thank you. Don't forget the nuts and candy.

Wayne Stephens

Dear Santa Claus:

I'm a little boy four years old and I want you to bring me a gun, jeep, some airplanes and soldiers, some books and a dollie, some nuts and candy. I will be a happy boy when Christmas comes.

Benjamin Bennie

Dear Santa:

I am writing you what I want you to bring me Christmas. I want two scabbards and two guns to fire with a belt to carry them on. I want a rope, some fruit, candy and nuts.

Your friend,
Zelvin Eads

P. S.—Also bring me a bath robe. If you don't have these things, just bring what you have.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a football, and a pair of boots, airplane, and some Tinker Toys, and a pistol packing mama doll. And bring my big brothers a baseball and some boots.

With love,
Ross Edd Lankford

Dear Santa:

I'm a little girl four years old. Please Santa, bring me a buggy for my dolls, a toy tractor, and a good story book.

Be good to all the children who do not have a daddy with them this Christmas and don't forget the boys and girls who are in the services, fighting for children like me. Many thanks in advance.

Forever yours,
Juanette Bruce
Knox City



Texas rarely are backward about advertising the old home state, but S-Sgt. Red Kimbrough of Coleman went the rest one better when he landed in Southern France wearing a small Lone Star flag on his right shoulder. "It wasn't an affront to my country," said the veteran of Salerno, "but I've had many pals leave this outfit and I decided that it might make them happy to know that old Red was going in there with Texas on his mind."

A "shuttle March" through France brought to Sgt. Gilbert Ricketson of Llano, among other things, a case of arthritis which sent him home for treatment. Some of the 'other things' were the Purple Heart and the experience of seeing German troops surrendering in droves. "About all we had to do was to walk out of line and a bunch of Germans would come over with their hands up," he told homefolks. "They had no leaders—they were just trying to get away. Our air forces had just cleaned them out."

Posthumous award of the Congressional Medal of Honor to Maj. Horace S. Carswell of San Angelo has been strongly recommended, by no less authority on bravery than Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault. Maj. Carswell died trying to land his badly damaged B-24 so that his bombardier, without a parachute, might have a better chance to live. "Hungry and aggressively," said Carswell's group commander, Col. John G. Armstrong, "he waged war against the enemies of his country." Maj. Carswell's toll included a Japanese cruiser and destroyer, another Jap vessel sunk and others damaged. He made bombing runs from as low as 600 feet. Gen. Chennault points out in a glowing tribute:

Other Texas heroes of recent note, winners of the Silver Star for gallantry in action, included T-Sgt. Virgil O. Eckroat and S-Sgt. Theodore Duckworth of Pampa.

Sgt. Eckroat's feat was accomplished on the Italian front, after his company had been pinned down, shot up and badly disorganized by enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. Eckroat assisted the wounded men, brought one to safety across a 100-yard stretch of exposed terrain and finally reorganized the remaining men in time to repulse a German counter-attack. Not yet through, he immediately launched a renewed attack on the objective.

Sgt. Duckworth's company encountered an enemy strong point in Brittany. The Texan led a volunteer detail of four men to the rear of the hostile position and directed such an effective volume of fire that an entire machine gun crew was wiped out and four prisoners taken. Sgt. Duckworth's company then moved on to its objective.

It wasn't funny at the time, but Sgt. Abner Spruell will get many a laugh with his story about "ears in the seat of his pants." The Waco sergeant sat down in a shell hole near Sarrguemines. He was tired. But he didn't sit long, because he heard a whirring sound in an object just beneath him.

Sgt. Spruell jumped, quick and he jumped far, and it was a good thing. He had been sitting on a German buttercup mine, which explodes three seconds after contact.

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa:

Please send me tinker toys and a train, nuts, candy and fruit. Don't forget C. H. Ann and Jane Moss.

Yours truly,
Sam T. Edwards

Dear Santa Claus:

I want you to bring me a P-51, B-26 and P-60, some nuts and candy and fruit. Don't forget Mr. Moss and his family.

Yours truly,
D. C. Hughes

SIXTH ARMY GROUP HAS ENVIABLE FIGHTING RECORD

Sixth Army Group, France—"We'd fired preparations on this fort at Belfort a few days ago and when the French infantry attacked, the Germans waved the white flag. They didn't even fire a shot. Your artillery is too much for us," they told the French. Made us feel pretty good, that did."

The battalion's 155mm howitzers 933rd Field Artillery battalion, Lt. Col. Sam H. Long of Tupelo, Miss., was speaking. His battalion was one of the American artillery battalions supporting the French drive from Belfort along the Swiss border into Germany.

The battalion's 155mm howitzers have been firing in support of French troops for a year now, in Italy and France. For their effectiveness in smashing enemy fortifications, blasting enemy batteries in counter-battery fire, and smashing enemy supply columns, the battalion was awarded the Croix de Guerre by the French.

The battalion Croix de Guerre isn't the only one. Three of the officers and one of the men in the battalion have been awarded individual Croix de Guerres for heroism in action when they were with the French in Italy. More than 50 medals, from Legion of Merits to Air Medals, are worn by members of the battalion.

The big guns, usually kept far behind the lines, have often fired on their targets almost from infantry mortar positions. On one occasion they were firing on targets only 1900 yards away.

The battalion took part in one of the longest sustained drives American troops have made since the war between the States when they fired support of the French drive from Cassino to 18 miles below Florence in Italy in May and June.

Pvt. Roy D. Simmons of Knox City is a member of this organization.



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★ Christmas is here. And once more we find ourselves at a loss for words to express how we feel about your loyalty to us during 1944. But we know you will understand.

We wish for you and your family the best of Merry Christmases, and the best that this happy season can bring in both material and spiritual blessings.

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McGaughey**
County Supt.

**10% OF INCOME
IS OUR QUOTA
IN WAR BONDS**

The Family Altar

By Rev. Violet Byers
Co-Pastor, Foursquare Church

MERRY CHRISTMAS! During this week these two words have been said by millions of people wherever English language is spoken. For some it will be a time of merrymaking, because loved ones are home for the holiday season, and again for others it will only be a time of memories, a time of wishing that loved ones could come home. But still we hear them say, "Merry Christmas."

It is sad to say that in a nation that is called Christian there are literally millions of people who do not know the true meaning of Christmas. To them Christmas is only a time of exchanging gifts with friends, and in many cases the value of the gift received is a cause of contention between them. Oh, that we might get back to the old time Christmas when it was not on a commercial basis, when Christmas was looked forward to for months by the whole family and gifts were made by hand and laid away for that great occasion, and as the time drew near the kitchen was the most popular room in the house. And then the big event of going to the woods with Dad to get the Christmas tree, and the fun decorating it.

As Christmas morning dawned the family would be found kneeling in worship of the One whose birth they were celebrating.

Nearly 2000 years ago astronomers were watching the sky because it had been prophesied that a King would be born, and that His star would herald His coming. And as they watched, behold a star shone out bright and clear, one that had not been there before and by that sign they knew that A Saviour had been born. At once they set out to find that Saviour, but it was many days, yes many weeks journey but they followed the star until they came to the place where the young child was, and there they laid before him the best gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Friends of the Family Altar, are we giving to Jesus the best gifts that we have to offer? Gifts fit for a King to use? Or are we giving Jesus the leftovers of our lives. Jesus asks that we present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God which is our reasonable service.

Truly, dear ones, GOD on his great throne was lonely that first Christmas morn as he had given his only

begotten Son to go as a missionary to a world that was deep in sin. Why did he give his Son to be born of a virgin, Matthew 1:21, "And she shall bring forth a son and thou shalt call his name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins." Jesus cannot save us against our wills, we must be willing to surrender to Him. Let us give Him the best gift this Christmas, the gift He died for, and we will then be able to say, "Merry Christmas," because we know that Jesus loves us.

God bless you all and gain, "Merry Christmas" from

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Join The Red Cross—Do Your Bit

Chris Moody and family, Mrs. Jerrill, all of Truscott, spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Pete Moody.

Mrs. J. V. Hardwick and small son are here to visit Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hardwick for about a month.



**Christmas
Cheer to All!**

All during 1944 we have been storing up our gratitude to the people of this community, as they have come in day after day. Now that Christmas is here it is time to make delivery. So here it comes . . . our gratitude to you in one great big wish for a big, happy, merry Christmas.

**Brazos Valley
Gin Co.**

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TEXAS THEATRE
Knox City, Texas

Sat. Dec. 23 Only—Matinee & Night

"Hands Across The Border"

Starring ROY ROGERS

Also Comedy & Newsreel

Preview Saturday Night—Sunday & Monday, Dec. 23, 24 & 25

"And the Angels Sing"

Dorothy LaMOURE—Fred McMurray
Bety Hutton

Also Comedy & Newsreel

Tuesday & Wednesday, Dec. 26 & 27

**"Roger Touhy
GANGSTER"**

Freston Foster—Victor McLaglen

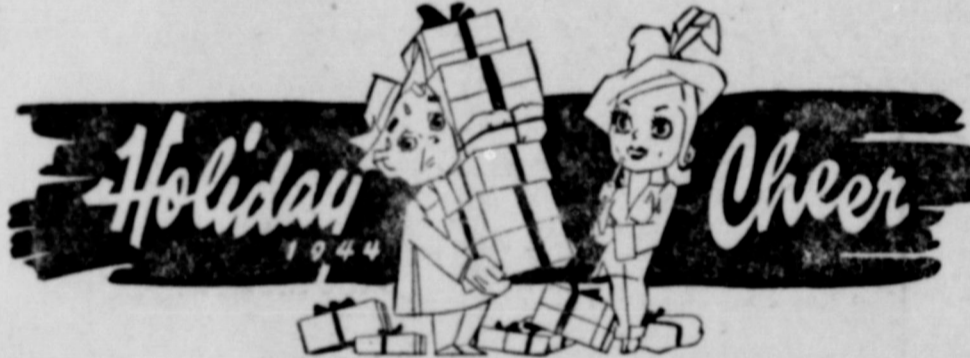
Also Selected Short Subjects

Thursday & Friday, Dec. 28 & 29

"The Seventh Cross"

Starring SPENCER TRACY

Also Comedy and Newsreel



*Wishing our many friends the best
of everything at Christmas
and in the coming
New Year*

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