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"When The One Great scorer Comes To Write Against Your Name He Writes Not If You Won Or Lost But How You Played The Game"

Friday, December 19, 1947

From The Editors Window

BY MRS. J. S. YEAGER

Again we arrive at the happy season that comes only once a year—Christmas.

Here in America, the land of the free, the observance of this yuletide season should be one of real joy and thankfulness.

We should give thanks to the Most High for peaceful surroundings, plenty to eat and plenty to wear, and plenty to spare.

How different the picture in other lands. Lands that have been ravished by that terrible monster of sin—war. We are reminded of a description of the feelings of a nation, recorded in the Scriptures, who like some of the nations of the earth today had been taken over after a war and were captives in a foreign land. Here are the lines: "By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion.

"We hung our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof.

"For there they carried us away captive required of us a song; and they that wasted us required of us mirth, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion.

"How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?"

According to our encyclopedia the time when the Christmas festival was first observed is not definitely known.

Other dates had often been celebrated as the day of the Nativity, but finally December 25 was universally adopted.

There is no evidence, however, that the date is absolutely correct. But Christians, the world over, love to celebrate the Savior's birth and do so each year by doing good to those in need, by sending gifts to those we love, by special religious services in various churches, and by general merry-making and rejoicing.

In celebrating the birth of the Savior of the world there are always some who seem to think nothing of why the yuletide is revered by the Christian world, and indulge in selfish so-called pleasures which, in most instances, do no good at all and often bring danger and harm, not only to themselves, but to innocent people as well.

It would not be amiss for all of us to ask ourselves the question: "Whose birthday are we celebrating?"

We believe there is a Santa Claus. We firmly believe it—the kindly spirit in mankind that is known as love and good-will, the spirit that prompts the good deeds, the smile to the face of the sick and tired, the aged, the lame and the blind and to those in trouble and poverty.

The spirit that moves man to bring joy and real happiness to the children, yes, we believe there is a Santa Claus.

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

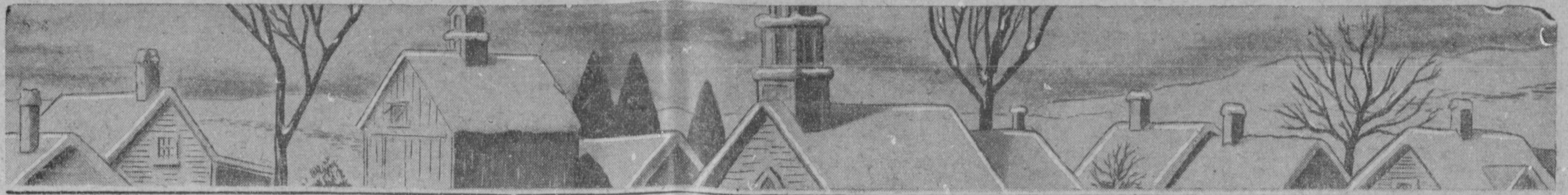
And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:8-15.

"What sweeter music can we bring, than a carol for to sing the birth of this our heavenly king? Awake the voice! Awake the string! Great, ear, eye and everything."

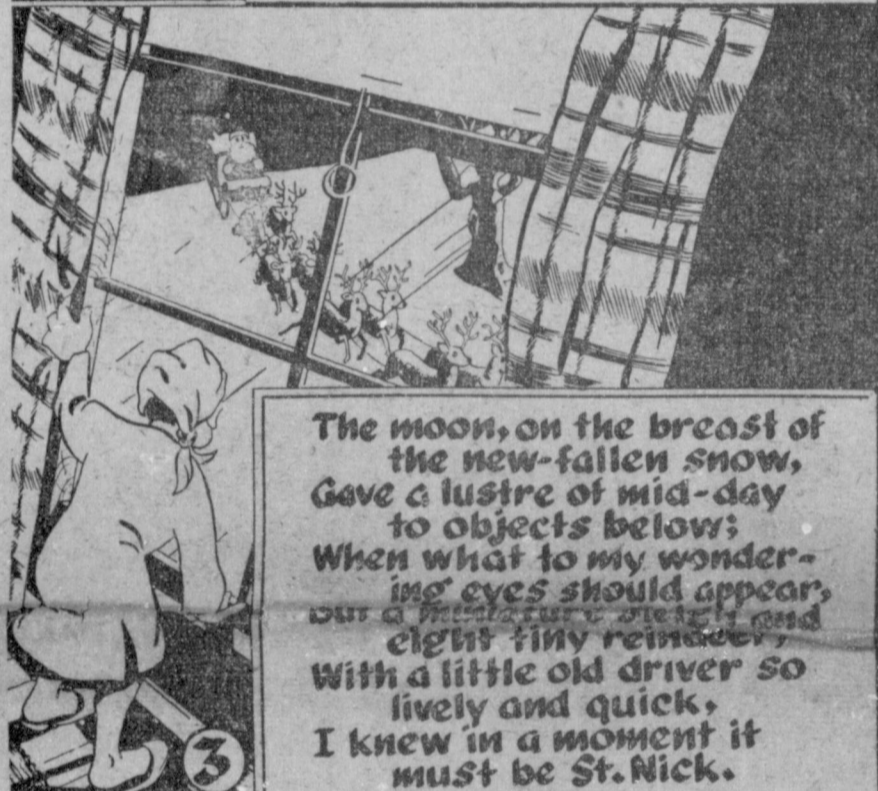
Our heart and hand have gone out to the war sufferers in foreign lands across the seas at this yuletide season, and we are glad our nation can alleviate the sorrows of a suffering world, at least, for a time and we trust that those who are captives in foreign lands may soon be able to sing "the Lord's song" in their own home lands again.

To all our friends everywhere we wish you, one and all, a very merry Christmas and a happy, peaceful New Year.

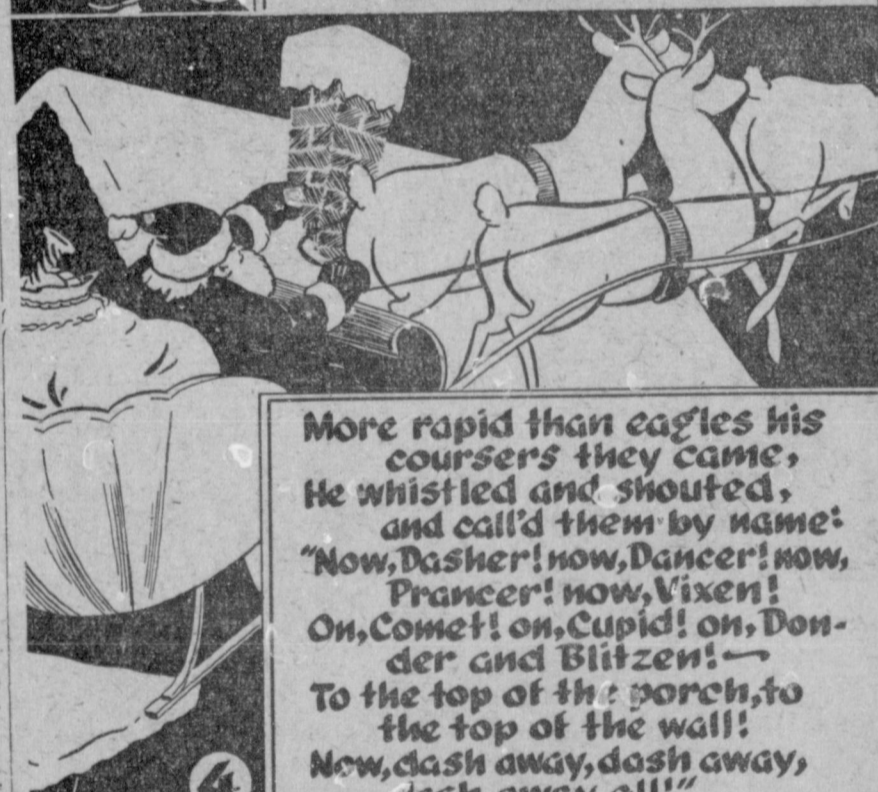


And mamma in her kerchief,
and I in my cap,
Had settled our brains for
a long winter's nap,
When out on the lawn there
rose such a clatter,
I sprang from my bed to
see what was the matter,
Away to the window I flew
like a flash,
Tore open the shutters
and threw up the sash.

A Visit from St. Nicholas



The moon, on the breast of
the new-fallen snow,
Gave a lustre of mid-day
to objects below;
When what to my wonder-
ing eyes should appear,
But a little old driver,
With eight tiny reindeer,
With a little old driver
so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it
must be St. Nick.



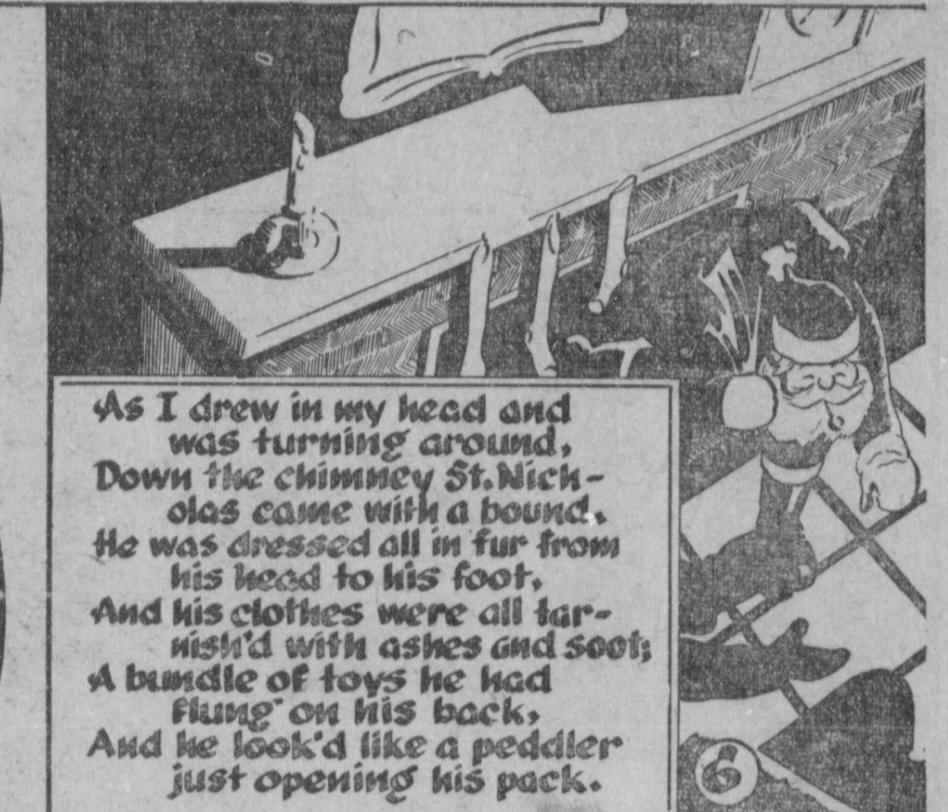
More rapid than eagles his
coursers they came,
He whistled and shouted,
and call'd them by name:
"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now,
Prancer! now, Vixen!
On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Don-
der and Blitzen!"
To the top of the porch, to
the top of the wall!
Now, dash away, dash away,
dash away all!



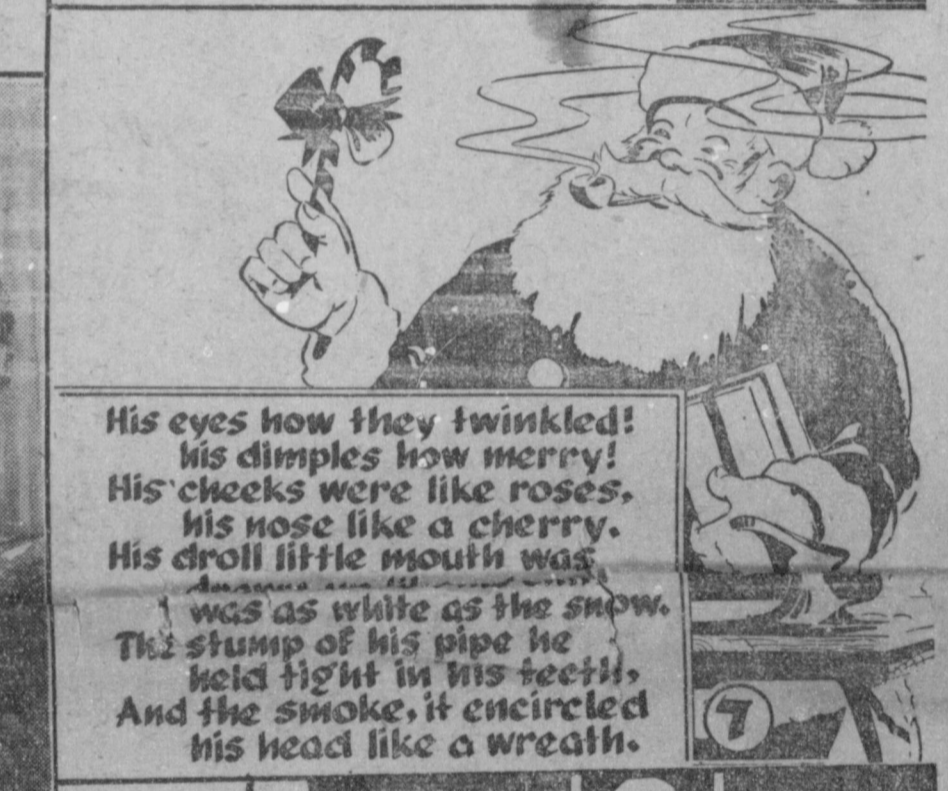
As dry leaves that before
the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an ob-
stacle, mount to the sky,
So, up to the house-top the
coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of toys
and St. Nicholas too,
And then in a twinkling I
heard on the roof,
The prancing and pawing
of each little hoof.



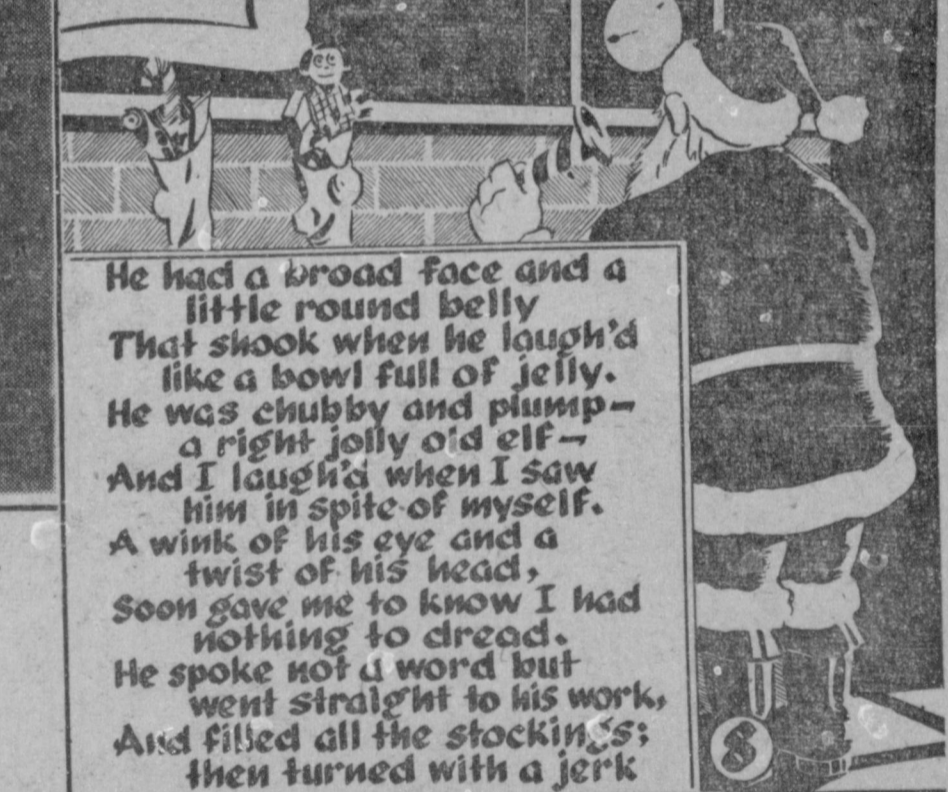
'Twas the night before Christmas,
when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring,
not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by
the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas
soon would be there;
The children were nestled all
snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums
danced through their heads.



As I drew in my head and
was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nich-
olas came with a bound,
He was dressed all in fur
from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tar-
nish'd with ashes and soot;
A bundle of toys he had
flung on his back,
And he look'd like a peddler
just opening his pack.



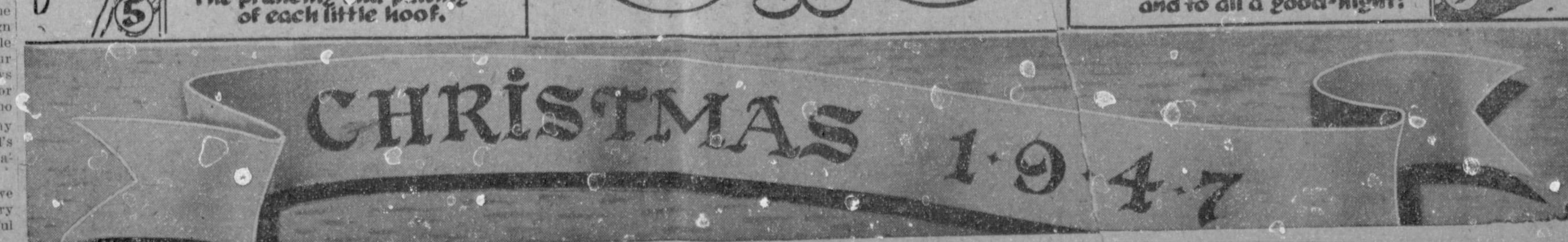
His eyes how they twinkled!
his dimples how merry!
His cheeks were like roses,
his nose like a cherry,
His droll little mouth was
as white as the snow,
The stump of his pipe he
held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke, it encircled
his head like a wreath.



He had a broad face and a
little round belly
That shook when he laugh'd
like a bowl full of jelly,
He was chubby and plump—
a right jolly old elf—
And I laugh'd when I saw
him in spite of myself,
A wink of his eye and a
twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had
nothing to dread,
He spoke not a word but
went straight to his work,
And fill'd all the stockings;
then turned with a jerk



And laying his finger aside
of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the
chimney he rose,
He sprang to his sleigh, to
his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like
the down of a thistle;
But I heard him exclaim, ere
he drove out of sight,
"Happy Christmas to all
and to all a good-night!"



Buy And Use Xmas Seals

RELIEF

MRS. BLACKBURN REPORTS ON SALE OF XMAS TB SEALS

The United States already has extended post-war assistance to foreign countries totaling \$13,250,000,000, exclusive of anything which may be done under the Marshall Plan, according to a compilation based on figures from the Budget. Senator Harry S. Byrd, Democrat of Virginia, in commenting on the report, pointed out that, in addition to the recorded total, this country also has extended another "\$3,000,000,000 or more in unrecorded relief and aid difficult to calculate." Thus, he estimated that the over-all figure, either expended or authorized to date, reaches a level between 19 and 20 billion dollars.

Mr. and Mrs. Blyn Stewart and daughter moved to Brownwood last week.

First-hand knowledge of tuberculosis makes one especially interested in the annual TB Christmas seal and bond sale now being conducted by the Callahan County Tuberculosis Association, Mrs. L. L. Blackburn, treasurer, said today. She revealed that patients suffering from the dread disease are among the appreciative purchasers of seals and bonds and that letters accompanying their checks show their interest.

Also, other persons in the county show their appreciation of being able to help in the campaign in their expressions, as the following contributor has done: "An enclosing one dollar to cover one sheet of 1947 Christmas seals. May God bless each of you as you carry on this great work. Wishing you the compliments of the season."

Proceeds from sales, the association's only money raising campaign, each year are to be used in a fight against tuberculosis.

TB stands first among the causes of death of men, women and children between the ages of 15 and 45. Approximately 2,000 persons received letters through the mail containing sheets of Christmas seals. They are urged to purchase as many as possible, returning the rest along with their checks of \$1.00 per sheet to the Callahan County Tuberculosis Association, Box 653, Baird, Texas.

Atwell News

By Mrs. Ben Riffe

Rev. Robert McGinnis of Brownwood preached both morning and afternoon services at the Baptist church Sunday. Mrs. McGinnis and son accompanied him here and were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Rouse.

Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Morgan and family of Cross Plains spent Saturday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones.

Mr. J. M. Jones and Gussie of Cross Plains and Roy Jones of Abilene attended church here Sunday and all visited in the Sam Jones and Dayton Sessions home.

Messrs Edgar Sessions and Royce Wrinkle left last week for San Angelo to hunt work.

Coleman Pillans left last week end for San Antonio to take up his position at Coca-Cola Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Clint Brashear and Mrs. Dayton Sessions attended the funeral of Uncle Bob Jones at Cottonwood last Tuesday.

Friends and patrons of Dr. Floyd Clark, of Cisco, are grieved to hear that he isn't doing so well and is being treated in a Galveston hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jones and Mrs. Willingham of Leuders visited in the Ben Riffe home Wednesday of last week.

Sheriff Nichols Warns Against Check Forgers

Cross Plains business men are warned, says Callahan sheriff S. S. Nichols, to be particularly cautious of accepting checks which may be forged through the holidays. "Be sure you know your checks and their signers before you cash them", Nichols said.

A wave of forgeries of check signatures seems to pass through the country around holiday season each year, the sheriff declared, and indications are that this year more are being passed than heretofore.

It is more often than not impossible to apprehend forgers during holidays, the officer declared, inasmuch as they are usually just passing through, stop in a store, make a few purchases, give the clerk a line about 'do you know so-and-so, or I am related to this one or that one', pay for their purchases and receive some change, usually of relatively small amounts, and are gone. Then when the check is returned the taker, due to being busy when the check was taken, is wholly unable to remember who the giver was.

It is, therefore, no particular person's fault that the money has been lost, however recovery is extremely difficult as officers in this county can attest from the same happenings at Christmas time in 1946 and other years.

Therefore, the sheriff says, extreme caution is advised in acceptance of checks where the giver or his signature is not recognized.

Buy Bonds And Keep Them

ALL
GOOD WISHES
WITH GREETINGS AND OUR BEST WISHES FOR THE
SEASON OF THE YULETIDE.
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PUTNAM, TEXAS

MILD and MELLOW
No other cigar at 9c contains such high quality tobacco. Yes, there is plenty of the choicest HAVANA tobacco grown on the island of Cuba in every Malibu cigar. Try one today. You will enjoy it from the first to the last puff.
Try one today! They cost only 9c
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MELBA
THE CIGAR SUPREME

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Season of
JOY
IS OUR
Sincere Wish

TO ALL THOSE WHOM WE HAVE SERVED THE PAST YEARS AND THOSE WHOM WE HOPE TO SERVE IN THE FUTURE.

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BROADWAY BEAUTY SHOP
Cisco, Texas



Get this quick 3-WAY RELIEF!

- Offensive cough due to colds, smoking? Get this prescription-type formula of proven cough-relief ingredients long used by doctors. Quick, long-lasting relief 3 important ways:
- 1. Eases throat tickle
- 2. Soothes raw, irritated membranes
- 3. Helps loosen phlegm

STILL ONLY 5c

SMITH BROTHERS COUGH DROPS

Boll Weevil Kill Thought Now Found

It was thought by the Department of Agriculture that they had found a sure way to kill the boll weevil in cotton and every other insect that destroys cotton. If experiments by the department pans out it thinks they will.

Benzene hexachloride mixed with DDT gives outstanding control of heavy infestation of practically every known cotton pest in experiments at Waco reported by the DDT mixed with benzene hexachloride, containing three per cent gamma isomer, killed boll weevils,

pink boll worms, cotton aphids, leaf worms, flea hoppers, tarnished and rapid bugs, thrips, loppers, stink bugs, web worms and army worms.

These Benzene Hexachloride mixtures give a much quicker kill of the boll weevil and longer protection against the cotton leaf worm than did calcium arsenate, the standard boll weevil poison.

It also reported another new poison, chlorinated camphene, gave promising results against practically all types of cotton insects in laboratory experiments, that fields treated with it produced 46 per cent more cotton than those treated with calcium arsenate.

Mix Lemon Juice AT HOME TO RELIEVE RHEUMATIC PAINS

Money back—if this recipe fails

Many of the thousands of folks who have been taking lemon juice for rheumatic pain—have found that by adding two tablespoons of Allenru to one tablespoonful of Lemon Juice in a glass of water, they get faster relief for the aches and pains caused by the gouty phases of rheumatism, neuritis and lumbago. Allenru is a 20 year old prescription made just to relieve such symptoms. Costs little at druggists.

GLASSES by
Dr. R. L. Clinkscales,
Optometrist
406 Reynolds Building.
CISCO, TEX. PHONE 653.

A Shining Light

May the stars of Christmas shine brightly over your homes as you look forward to the observance of the greatest day of all.

Let us celebrate the Yuletide with rejoicing and good cheer. Let us celebrate it with a genuine thankfulness in our hearts for the blessings that have been ours to enjoy. Let us look forward to a New Year of tremendous possibilities.

You have been generous to this organization in the past and for that reason we extend our sincere appreciation for your thoughtfulness. May the Holiday Season be one of much happiness.

First National Bank
BAIRD, TEXAS

A Merry Christmas

TO YOU
OUR
FRIENDS
AND
PATRONS

F. N. Hassen Dry Goods
Cisco, Texas

Your Local
USED COW Dealer
Removes Dead Stock
FREE
For Immediate Service
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CENTRAL
Hide & Rendering
Company

STUFFY NOSE
TICKLY COUGH

Get FAST UP and DOWN Relief

Miserable with coughs from colds or smoking... stuffy nose? Here's relief—fast... up and down! Famous medication goes down to ease tickle, soothe irritated membranes. Menthol vapors go up to bring cool comfort. Smith Brothers are richer in menthol—plus exclusive medication. Look for "Trade" and "Mark" on orange box. **STILL ONLY 5c**

SMITH BROTHERS MENTHOL COUGH DROPS
MEDICATED

TO
WISH YOU A
Merry Christmas
.. And ...
A Happy New Year
BLESSED WITH HEALTH
AND CONTENTMENT

TO OUR FRIENDS

First National Bank
Cisco, Texas

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND A GENUINE
THANK YOU
FOR YOUR LIBERAL
PATRONAGE IN
THE PAST

A HAPPY NEW YEAR
Ferguson Shoe Store
Cisco, Texas

TO
WISH YOU A
**Merry
Christmas**

... And ...

**A
Happy
New Year**

BLESSED WITH HEALTH
AND CONTENTMENT,



Altman's Style Shop
Cisco, Texas

**Bud Flemming And
Mrs. Cunningham
Wed Saturday Nite**

Bud Flemming and Mrs. Ollie Mae Cunningham were married at the Baptist parsonage Saturday night with the Rev. E. N. Balderee, pastor of the Baptist church reading the ceremony.

Mr. Flemming is the son of Mrs. Lula Flemming, manager of the Home Telephone Company here and a graduate of the Clyde high school. He has employment with the Tex Harvey Oil Company, he was formerly employed by Dean Bros. several years before going with the Tex Harvey Co.

Mrs. Cunningham came here with her husband about three years ago and has been manager of the Orr Drug Store ever since the death of her husband shortly after coming to Putnam. The couple have many friends who wish them many years of happy and prosperous married life.

They are at home in the North part of Putnam where Mrs. Flemming had made her home.

Miss Ila Mae White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. White is in the Callahan county hospital where she had an operation Monday. She is doing nicely and will be able to return home in a short time if she continues her recovery.

Tourists from the United States spent about \$214,000,000 in Canada last year.

**Mrs. J. B. Shannon
Elected Member Of
Beta Upsilon Club**

Mrs. J. B. Shannon teacher of English and director of choral music at Putnam high school attended the annual Christmas party of Beta Upsilon Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society at Cisco, Saturday night, December 13. During the business session which followed a holiday supper, Mrs. Shannon's membership was transferred from Omega Chapter, Brownwood, to Beta Upsilon, Cisco. Delta Kappa Gamma is a national honor society for women teachers. Mrs. Shannon was initiated into Omega Chapter in December of 1945. She is the youngest member of Omega Chapter and was nominated because of her outstanding achievements as a teacher in Brooksmith public school and in Daniel Baker College.

Mrs. Vernon Donaway was in Dallas visiting with her husband Sunday, who has been in a veterans hospital at Dallas for some time. Mr. Donaway has recovered sufficiently that he came home with her, but has returned to the hospital. She stated the doctors had promised him that he would be able to come home again Christmas for a few days. Mrs. Donaway wishes to extend thanks to her many friends who have mailed them cards of sympathy and extended other courtesies.

The English Walnut originated in Persia.

**Abilene Stock Show
Set For March 6-10**

Catalogues on the annual Abilene Fat Stock show to be held March 6-10 under sponsorship of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce, are off the press. Approximately 1,800 in cash prizes will be awarded. J. I. Moore, Abilene Vocational Agriculture teacher, will again be superintendent of the show with county agent Elmo Cook as assistant.

The Taylor county show will be held on Saturday before the district show opens on Monday this year, which should be an improvement. Heretofore, the county show has been held on Monday followed Tuesday by the district show.

Chlorine dioxide is very efficient for bleaching flour.

Almost 2,000 miles of the Mississippi River are navigable.

To make a pound of butter 0.77 quarts of milk are required.

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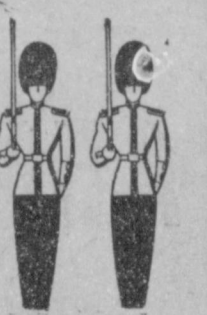


A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Thompson's Variety Store
BAIRD, TEXAS

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

THE BEST OF GOOD THINGS FOR YOU AND YOURS IS THE SINCERE WISH OF THE MEMBERS OF THIS FIRM. WE'LL BE THINKING OF YOU DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON, FULLY AWARE OF YOUR FINE ASSOCIATIONS AND FRIENDSHIPS THAT HAVE MADE THE PAST YEARS SO PLEASANT FOR US.



Nick Miller

"The Man's Store"
CISCO, TEXAS

Compliments



OF
THE YULETIDE SEASON

Your friendliness and good will during the past year has been greatly appreciated. Please accept our sincere thanks and good wishes.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

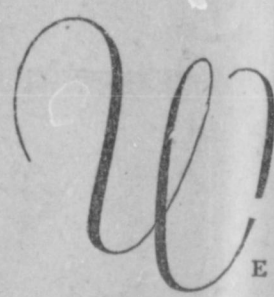
Glenn's Furniture Co.

Cisco, Texas

Merry Christmas
THE SEASON'S
WARMEST GREETING
AND
**SINCERE
GOOD WISHES**
FOR
CHRISTMAS
AND THE NEW YEAR

Sutphen Motor Co.

Dodge Plymouth — Dodge Job-rated Trucks
Baird, Texas



WE WISH TO send you a message of good cheer for the Holiday Season, and to wish you a Season of joy and contentment.



And we are not without appreciation when thinking of the splendid patronage that has been ours. Thank you for whatever part you may have had in the progress of this firm.

Happy Christmas

**OUR WISH FOR
YOU AND YOURS**

White's Grocery

PUTNAM, TEXAS

**Merry Christmas
Neighbors!**



We hope everybody at your house is enjoying the associations of friends and loved ones, which is so important on this happy occasion.

And as we express this Christmas wish, we also want to say, "Thank you," for your consideration and patronage.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Parson's Electric Company

Baird, Texas

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

AND BEST WISHES
FOR THE NEW YEAR

MAY THE HOLIDAY SEASON BE A JOYFUL ONE AND THE NEW YEAR ONE OF USEFULNESS, HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS TO EACH OF YOU.



HOME SUPPLY CO.

Cisco, Texas

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Vet School Taking 14 Day Yuletide Recess

Callahan County Veterans Vocational schools will dismiss classes December 22 for a 14 day Christmas recess, it was announced yesterday by L. C. Cash, coordinator.

Classes will be resumed Monday, January sixth.

180 veterans are now enrolled in the vocational training program. The faculty includes 11 teachers, not including Cash or B. M. Jobe, who serves as secretary and registrar.

Renew Your Subscription

Sleep Necessity Of Life Says Dr. Cox

Sleep is a necessity of life and health, according to Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, and habitual loss of sleep will tend to retard the body's recovery from the fatigue of the day's activities.

"We may be able to go without sleep for a night or two, but too little sleep for a prolonged length of time will undermine the health of a rugged person and sleep that is lost cannot be made up," Dr. Cox said. "When good health can be protected to such a large extent merely by sleeping, and thus allowing overtaxed bodies and minds to secure the proper rest, it is hard to understand why so many persons are heedless of this important health measure."

Some individuals require more sleep than others. How well we sleep is as important as how long we sleep. A "good night's rest" means a sufficient number of hours spent in sleep to enable the individual to feel well, do efficient work, and to keep in a cheerful humor the next day.

"A comfortable bed, and fresh air in our sleeping quarters," Dr. Cox said, "will help us to sleep soundly at night, especially after some outdoor exercise such as a brisk walk. Don't mull over your problems and ideas after you have gone to bed. Make your plans early in the evening for a good night's rest by slowing down from the physical and mental work of your daily life, and dismissing your problems from your mind. When you arise each morning, rested and with a feeling of general wellbeing, you will be amply repaid for your thought in planning a 'good night's sleep.'"

FOREIGN TEACHERS

The national Education Association is sponsoring a Thanksgiving-to-Christmas campaign for funds to help feed and clothe teachers abroad. Each teacher in the United States will be asked to give at least \$1, according to Wm. D. Givens, executive secretary of the Association.

Mrs. M. D. Heist entered the Graham hospital at Cisco Tuesday morning for treatment for an infection. Last report she was quite ill.

Cottonwood News

By Hazel Kessess

Mr. Anderson Woody of Merkel visited Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Woody and family Sunday.

Lambert Davis of Eden is visiting his father, Mr. L. E. Davis, and wife this week.

Mrs. J. J. Gosset of San Antonio visited the R. F. Joys home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Winchester and children are moving to Cisco where he is employed.

Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Robbins and children returned home with Blondy Robbins to Long Beach, California where they will spend Christmas.

Bro. C. R. Myrick and family were called to Brownwood last Wednesday night by the sudden illness of his brother there. His brother was buried Friday. Death was caused by a heart attack.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis of Putnam visited Mr. and Mrs. Norman Coffey Friday.

Citrus fruits have been cultivated in the Orient for at least 2,000 years.

HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION ADOPTS CONSTITUTION

By laws and constitution of the Central Division of the United States Highway 80 Association were adopted at Colorado City last Tuesday at a meeting of officers and a general meeting of directors from Shreveport to El Paso and another meeting was set to meet in Eastland on January 11-12, 1948 at which time the division will be solidified and the ball started rolling for the organization of the Eastern Division from Shreveport to Savannah, Georgia.

The invitation of Fred Brown of Eastland was accepted on behalf of that city, Ranger and Cisco. The Central Division was subdivided into three sections with an active organizer over each. Chris Fox, executive vice president and general manager of the El Paso Chamber of Commerce, has the stretch from El Paso to Pyote. Jimmie H. Green, Big Spring, from Pyote to Arlington, and Hugh Sawyer, Longview Chamber of Commerce manager, from Arlington to Texas border.

M. N. Caldwell, Colorado City, presided at the session. L. A. Chapman, Colorado City, secretary-treasurer. Other members present were Green Fox, and Delbert Downing, Midland Chamber of Commerce manager.

Distillation of hardwood produces methyl alcohol, charcoal and grey acetate of lime.

There are more than three million miles of highways in the United States.

Enough milk is produced annually in the United States to fill a river 3,000 miles long, 40 feet wide and 3 feet deep.

L. L. BLACKBURN
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
BAIRD, TEXAS

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND A GENUINE
THANK YOU
FOR YOUR LIBERAL
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A HAPPY NEW YEAR

White Auto Store

Cisco, Texas

For Best Selections Christmas Specials

REDUCED PRICES ON MANY GIFT ITEMS.

- \$39.75 Gift Robes, Velvets and Crepes **\$34.95**
- \$29.75 Gift Robes, Velvets and Crepes **\$27.50**
- \$3.50 Gift Slippers, Warm Shearlings **\$2.98**
- \$2.25 Nylon Hose, 51 Gauge **\$1.98**
- \$1.98 Gift Slippers, Wool Felts **\$1.69**

HATS

All Winter Hats Now

Half Price and \$1.00

Special Sale Groups

Coats, Suits and Dresses

Reduced to \$10.00 -- \$19.95

New Shipment Just Received

Gift Scarfs, Lingerie, Spring Coats

ALTMAN'S

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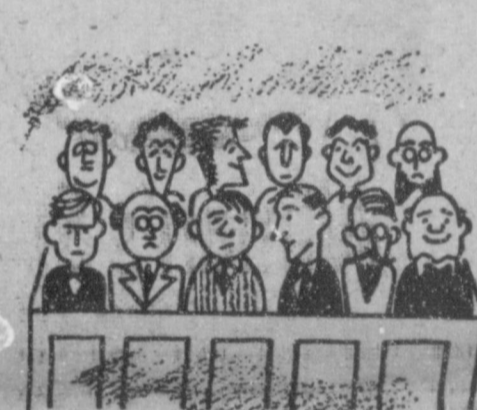
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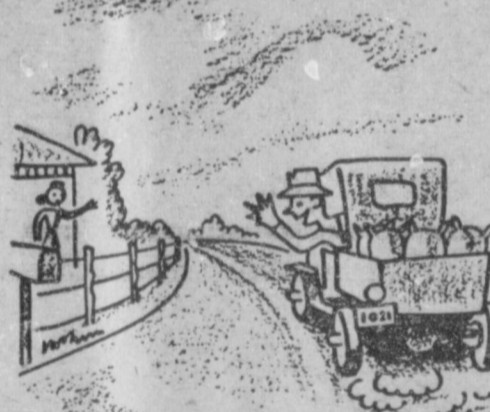
STATE CONFEDERATE TAXES
Last year T & P paid \$16,898 for the support of Confederate Civil War veterans.



OTHER STATE TAXES (except school taxes)
Though T & P's contribution to the state general fund was only \$33,350 last year, it normally averages \$117,750 per year.



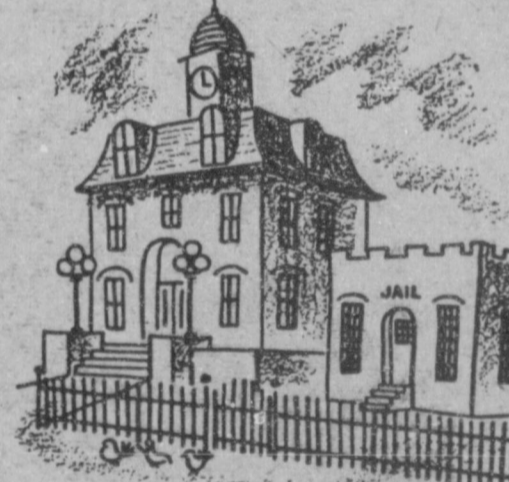
COUNTY JURY FUND TAXES
T & P paid \$19,667 into the funds counties maintain to pay county jury fees and pay expenses of district courts.



ROAD TAXES
Of the money T & P took in last year, \$142,692 went into state and various county road tax funds.

TAXES TEXAS and Pacific

Besides being a progressive, public-spirited service organization, the Texas and Pacific Railway has been a tax-paying "citizen" of many of the towns along its line in Texas and Louisiana for over 75 years. In 1946, T & P and its subsidiary lines paid \$4,580,387.00 in taxes, or \$12,549.00 per day. These cartoons show how some of the money you spent with the T & P was returned to you.



COUNTY COURTHOUSE AND JAIL TAXES
T & P paid \$45,534 into county funds for permanent improvements to county courthouses and jails.



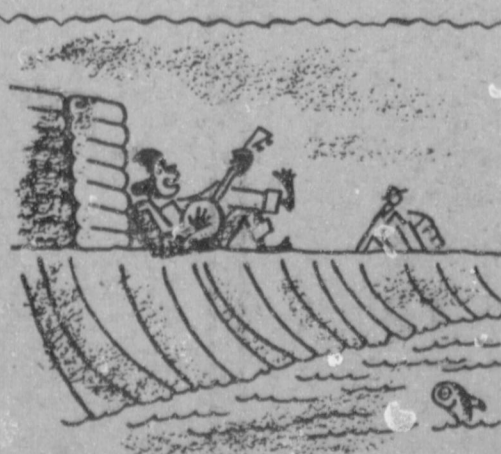
ALL OTHER COUNTY TAXES
In 1946 T & P paid \$117,983 into the various county tax funds of the counties and parishes along its line in Texas and Louisiana.



ALL SCHOOL TAXES
Last year the T & P paid \$496,589 in school taxes, principally in Louisiana and Texas. This is T & P's largest state tax payment.



CITY TAXES
Last year T & P paid city taxes amounting to \$221,493—nearly a quarter of a million dollars for general city expenses.



LEVEE AND DRAINAGE TAX
T & P paid into various levee and drainage tax funds a total of \$90,169 last year.



FEDERAL TAXES
Uncle Sam comes in for his share of the T & P income, too. Tax payments to the Federal Government for 1946 amounted to \$1,544,716.

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**Merry
Christmas**

... And ...

**A
Happy
New Year**

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AND CONTENTMENT



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PUTNAM, TEXAS

**Accidental Gunshot
Kills Youth At Cross
Plains Last Tuesday**

An accidental shot from a .25 calibre Colt pistol in his own hand Tuesday afternoon ended the life of Linnie B. Congor, 18 year old World War II veteran son of J. D. Congor, former Cross Plains resident now living at Hawley. The pistol discharged while young Congor was attempting to demonstrate to friends that an automatic would not fire with only one shell in the clip. The tragedy occurred at a garage on Highway 36 operated by I. W. Morgan about four o'clock where the youth was visiting his cousin, Darwin Anderson, who is employed there. The blast entered his head just above the right temple, lodging in his brain. He was rushed to a Baird hospital where he died shortly after arrival without regaining consciousness.

Graveside funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Cross Plains cemetery with Rev. D. L. Barnes, local Methodist pastor, officiating. Higinbothams were in charge of arrangements.

Linnie B. Congor was born at Cross Plains on May 2, 1929. His mother was the late former Miss Hattie Spencer, daughter of the late Bruce Spencer, Sr., and Mrs. Spencer now living in California. He attended school at Cross Plains in his early years, moving away with his family when about nine years of age.

Entering the army in May 1946, he took basic training at Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland and shipped overseas immediately for duty in Tokyo, Japan. He returned to the states and was released in September of this year. He was to have returned to a hospital at Fort Sam Houston in January for a checkup on a disorder contracted in the Orient.

Survivors include his father and step-mother, five half sisters and three half brothers, his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Julia Congor of this city and maternal grandmother, as well as a number of uncles, aunts and cousins.

**Miss Susan Haynes
Dies In Fort Worth**

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon in Cisco for Miss Susan Haynes at the Church of Christ with services being conducted by Leon Savage, minister, with Rev. Dick Crews, pastor of the First Christian Church, assisting. The Thomas Funeral Home in Cisco was in charge of arrangements.

Miss Haynes was a sister to Mrs. Bill Harder and are all former Putnam residents, moving to Cisco several years ago.

Active pall bearers, selected from members of the Church of Christ to which she belonged, were: Neal Moore, Wallace Smith, Clarence Phippen, Roy Huffmyer, Allen Burman and Gordon Strawn. Honorary pall bearers were the entire membership of the Cisco Chamber of Commerce, where Miss Haynes had been assistant secretary for the past 12 years.

Miss Haynes has many friends here who offer sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Harder and other friends and relatives.

**HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
ANNOUNCES PRIZES FOR
JUNIOR WRITING CONTEST**

AUSTIN, TEX., Dec. 10. — The Texas State Historical Association has announced a first prize of \$100 for the winner of the 1947-1948 Junior Historian-Writing Contest. Seventeen papers will receive awards totaling \$420.

Contest entries may deal with any topic in Texas history, but contestants are urged to work on some subject related to their community or local history. Some suggestions for topics are: cattle, trails, saddles, Indian depredations, transportation, natural history, exploration, oil, economic, political, or biographical subjects.

"Any boy or girl in Texas under 21 years of age may become eligible for competition," stated H. Bailey Carroll, Editor of the Junior Historian, the magazine of the Association which is written almost exclusively by young Texans.

April 1, 1948, is announced as the closing date of the contest. All interested are invited to write for further information to the Junior Historian, Box 2131, University Station, Austin 12, Texas.

U. S. milk production increased from about 20,841,000 quarts in 1946 to about 55,688,000 quarts in 1947.

imposed restrictions, more rigid than formerly. However, instead of discontinuing any type of training here the inspectors placed themselves on record as commending the type of instruction being offered in Callahan county and the fine spirit of cooperation and liaison between veterans and school officials.

**Veteran Schools Are
Lauded By Big Shots**

Regional directors of the Veterans Vocational Training Program completed an inspection of the Callahan County set-up last week and at the conclusion of the official visit expressed themselves as being highly pleased with the local schools in every detail.

"Upon the basis of what we have seen, the Callahan County set-up is among the most efficient in all Texas," the regional director declared.

Purpose of the inspection was to discontinue any phase of the training which did not meet recently

**106 DRIVERS LICENSES
SUSPENDED IN TAYLOR
COUNTY THE PAST YEAR**

Texas Safety Department reports that during the year there had been 106 car licenses had been suspended in Taylor county during the past twelve months. The report discloses that 96 were suspended on account of drunk driving.

Licenses suspended in the state totaled 5,737 of which 4,450 were for driving while intoxicated. Figures for other West central Texas counties were as follows: Callahan 11 suspensions, 10 for DWI, Coke 1, Ford none, in either category, Haskell 11, all for DWI, Howard county 124 and 113, Jones 28 and 27, Kent none, Knox 9 and 9, Martin 2 and 2, Mitchell 7 and 6, Nolan 48 and 46, Runnels 41 and 40, Scurry 4 and 4 and Stonewall 1 and 1.

Highest number of suspensions were made to persons between 23 and 25.

Total accidents for the year in Texas, up to October 1, was 25,677, with 1,575 persons killed, and 13,164 others injured. Nearly 5,000 car accidents occurred during Oct. with 125 killed and 1,821 others injured.

**Murphy Deep Test
Nears Ellenburger**

Verdict is expected this week end on the Woodley Petroleum Company et al number one Mary Murphy deep oil test, seven miles Northwest of Cross Plains. The top of the Ellenburger lime, from which production is expected, will be probed and plug set if tests prove promising. The test would then be treated with acid, preparatory to bringing the well in.

Thorough checks were made of the Caddo lime in the well, a formation which has been considered likely, however, production from this strata was held unlikely.

The test is 1,508 feet from the N 1/4 and 330 feet from the West lines of the Mary Anthony survey.

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FOR THE NEW YEAR!

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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THANK YOU
FOR YOUR LIBERAL
PATRONAGE IN
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**Merry
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THE SEASON'S
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AND
**SINCERE
GOOD WISHES**
FOR
CHRISTMAS
AND THE NEW YEAR

DEAN DRUG COMPANY
The Rexall Store — Cisco, Texas

Cisco Woodmen Hold Celebration

About 100 Woodmen of the World and their families celebrated their 50th anniversary of the Cisco Lodge with an enjoyable program and light refreshments served at the close while Loren Parks and his comedians furnished music during the evening.

The celebration was under the direction of Nathan Thedford of Mineral Wells, district manager of the WOW, who presented Judge Arthur Busby Meridian, Miss, who spoke on the subject of brotherhood of man and fraternity in action. Out of town visitors were State Manager, George W. Hines, Sr., and his son, George, Jr., of Abilene. District Manager Ray Clark and Mrs. Clark of Brownwood; Mr. and Mrs. A. Bettis, Dublin, and Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Ewing of Shilo, Texas.

Cows were imported into the Jamestown colony of America in 1611 and into the Plymouth colony in 1624.

Hart United H. D. Club Holds Party At Mrs. Wagley's

The Hart United Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Susie Wagley the night of December 12.

A nice program was rendered by club members, with the social hour being spent playing various games. Christmas gifts were distributed to all present after which refreshments were served.

The following members and visitors were present: Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Smith and son, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Yarbrough, Mr. and Mrs. Burette Ramsay, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Price and son, Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Wagley and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Wagley and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Coffock and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bailey and children.

Next club meeting will be Jan. 8 in the home of Mrs. H. O. Smith. After wishing the hostess best wishes for a Merry Christmas, the crowd said good night to meet in a new year, 1948.

Buy And Use Xmas Seals

Local Couple Attend Golden Wedding Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Sargent and Delores attended the golden wedding anniversary of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Fulbright, at Carlton the past week end. Mr. and Mrs. Fulbright are the parents of eight children, all of whom were present for the occasion. There are also 12 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Among those attending were John and James Fulbright and Mrs. Fay Burris, all of Hamilton; Mrs. Annie Pinnell of Cisco, Mrs. Ruth Ganske of McDade, Texas; Mrs. Della Barnett, Dublin; Clayton Fulbright, Jacksboro; and Mrs. Corda Sargent, Putnam.

Three sisters of Mrs. Fulbright were also present, Mrs. Florence Doyle, Mrs. Raymond Willford and Mrs. James L. Smart, all of Hamilton.

The anniversary dinner was enjoyed by all and friends attended open house from two until six o'clock. Coffee and wedding cake, which weighed forty pounds, and was topped by a miniature bride and groom decorated in gold, was served.

The honored couple were presented many lovely gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Holcomb, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. John A. Pruet, granddaughters and their husbands, all of Cisco also attended.

Improvement Funds To Pay Hosp. Bonds

AUSTIN, TEXAS, Dec. 1. — County hospital bonds can not legally be paid with moneys from the county general fund or with taxes levied for such purposes. Attorney General Price Daniel held in an opinion given out last week. He said that the question already been fully determined by the court and by the Attorney General's Department.

Such bonds must be paid for from taxes levied out of permanent improvement funds, Daniel pointed out.

The opinion was sought by Eugene Talbot, county attorney of Smith county.

CONGRESS INVESTIGATING TREASURY DEPARTMENT

According to reports, Presidential "political appointees and the whole vast structure of federal bookkeeping came under fire by the Congressional committee when delved into the handling of billions of dollars by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation during World War II.

Mr. Coleman Andrews, former chief of the general accounting office, told a house sub-committee on federal expenditures that the gov't. bookkeeping is so bad one really does not know whether the treasury has a surplus or deficit in the last fiscal year.

The surplus of \$737 million the treasury announced was just a balance of cash, he said, and even businesses which are broke usually have some cash on hand.

Turning to RFC accounts, he said they were so inapt that the story of what became of war time billions could only be disclosed "if you dig hard enough but it will never be apparent in any government reports."

Andrews appeared as the first witness in the house group's investigation of RFC's expenditures. Former Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones was RFC chairman from 1932 to 1945.

Read the Classified Ads

Thomas E. Shockley Dies In Cisco Monday

Thomas Y. Shockley, 89, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Alice Hanson, in Cisco last Monday after a long illness.

Funeral services were held by Rev. E. N. Baldaree and Rev. Fronie Blackwell with interment in the Corinth cemetery, near the Corinth Baptist church, between Cisco and Eastland.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. George Howard of Ft. Worth, and Mrs. Alice Hanson, Cisco; five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them. Matthew 7:12

Automobile Plates To Be Ready Feb. 1

Automobile plates for licensing operators will begin to arrive soon, so as to be on hand by February 1st. The new plates go on sale on February 1, but the deadline on using the 1947 plates will be March 31, 1948.

People as a rule don't buy any plates before March and make a big rush to secure them along toward the last of the month.

The road and bridge fund is usually running low by this time and this fund goes into this fund until it reaches \$50,000. The state general fund gets none of the auto license funds until it reaches above this amount.

MECHANICAL COTTON HARVESTER SUCCESS

Experience with mechanical cotton harvesters in the Big Spring area on the ragged end of 1947 crop may have an enduring effect on future harvests of cotton.

Concensus among the thirteen ginners of Howard county is that cotton harvested with strippers is returning slightly higher samples than that picked by hand. In addition, 300 to 400 pounds less cotton have been required lately to make a bale than in the case of manually gathered cotton.

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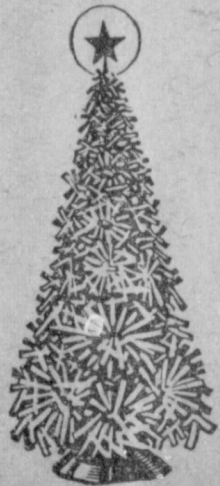


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We thank you for your consideration last year, and look forward to your continued good will next year and for many years to come.

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A Merry Christmas

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