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A Light in a Dark World

A CAROL FOR CHILDREN

By OGDEN NASH

GOD rest you, merry innocents,
Let nothing you dismay,
Let nothing wound an eager heart
Upon this Christmas day.

Yours be the genial holly wreaths,
The stockings and the tree;
An aged world to you bequeaths
Its own forgotten glee.

Soon, soon enough come crueler gifts,
The anger and the tears;
Between you now there sparsely drifts
A handful yet of years.

Oh, dimly, dimly glows the star
Through the electric throng;
The bidding in temple and bazaar
Drowns out the silver song.

The ancient altars smoke afresh,
The ancient idols stir;
Faint in the reek of burning flesh
Sink frankincense and myrrh.

Gasp, Balthazar, Melchior!
Where are your offerings now?
What greetings to the Prince of War,
His darkly brandied brow?

Two ultimate laws alone we know,
The ledger and the sword—
So far away, so long ago,
We lost the infant Lord.

Only the children clasp his hand,
His voice speaks low to them,
And still for them the shining band
Wings over Bethlehem.

God rest you, merry innocents,
While innocence endures,
A sweeter Christmas than we to ours
May you bequeath to yours.

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A Christmas Eve on the Old Frontier

By AUSTIN CALLAN
Calvert, Texas.

ABOUT FIVE years ago West Texas was a sparsely settled country. Loving bands of Indians continued to raid over a wide area. The chain of forts built from Red river to Rio Grande for protection of settlers were still occupied, and one of the most important was Fort McKavett, situated on the headwaters of the San Sala river in what is now Menard county.

Across the river front this fort was a little village called "Scab Town." In spite of the noxious name, it was the liveliest settlement on the Texas frontier. Men lived there who later were foremost in establishing the Texas cattle industry. Such familiar names in cow circles as Tankersley, Henderson, Mann and Moss, were familiar in and around "Scab Town."

Old-timers remember a Christmas Eve celebration held in "Scab Town" in 1875. Pioneers attended the event from Fort Concho, Fort Chabourne, Fort Lancaster and surrounding ranch settlements. Among the prominent guests was General Mackenzie, in command of Fort Concho, then a frontier fort near San Angelo. He came with an escort of soldiers in a government carriage drawn by four handsome black horses. Lieutenant Bullis, of the famous "Seminole Scouts," accompanied General Mackenzie.

There were hard-bitten men in "Scab Town." It was a rendezvous for some notorious characters—gamblers and rascals from other States. But men and

women of culture were also there. Christian women had brought their Bibles to the frontier and were familiar with the story of Joseph and Mary, the three Wise Men, and the Star that heralded the birth of Christ in a manger in Bethlehem.

The plan of the women in charge of the program was for a Christmas tree with gifts on it for every child in the settlement. The men cooperated and added such attractive features as horse-racing, a sumptuous supper and a dance.

The noted frontier hunter, Jap Brown, furnished the music. Two young men, Harry Levy and Jim Neill, were sent to fetch Jap who lived at Camp Colorado, 80 miles north of Fort McKavett. These young men had a narrow escape from five Comanche Indians who intercepted them while they were crossing the Colorado river. Only the feet pines of the two boys saved their scalps.

The Christmas tree was the largest that could be found in the nearby hills. A government wagon was borrowed from Fort Lancaster to haul the tree in, and willing hands set it up outdoors on the fort's parade ground.

Many persons in that vicinity had never seen a Christmas tree. But none who had not heard of the Christ Child and that Christmas was the anniversary of His birth.

Wait the Coming of Santa Claus.

The children were happy and expectant as they awaited the coming of Santa Claus. The grown-ups were also happy because of the social features in connection with the tree—a supper and dance.

Some Notorious Characters.

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Christmas tree was a superb specimen of wild mountain cedar. After being decked out and covered with gifts, it looked strikingly beautiful.

Every child was remembered with some kind of gift. Their faces brightened and their hands clapped when Santa removed gifts from the tree, held them up and called out names of recipients. A bag of candy, an orange, or apple would delight a child in those days. No mechanical toys or flaxen-haired wax dolls had yet come to the frontier.

The supper and Christmas tree that followed were a great success, nor was the event marred by any show of rowdiness. It had been predicted that toughs would shoot out the lights and

Home-Made Trimmings.

The Christmas tree was decorated with a committee of women headed by Mrs. O. H. Phillips. No store-bought trimmings were used. They were made at home. Home-made trimmings included a large star cut out of cardboard and covered with tin and paper at the top of the tree. Hand-drawn pictures grouped about the star in a circle to make a garland. Hand-drawn pictures and poems were hung on the tree's branches. Ornaments and tinsel were made and there were no electric lights. The project was completed by midnight.

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Jolly Time.

When the last gift had been taken from the Christmas tree everybody young and old—struck out for the ballroom. An old warehouse had been converted into a ballroom. Its contents were removed and stacked outside on the ground, its floor waxed and its walls decorated.

Pioneer folks danced on every occasion. It was their past-time and dancing was held in high repute. At every celebration or get-together a dance followed. A wedding wound up with supper and dancing.

That Christmas Eve night in "Scab Town" was long-remembered by the jolly time had by the frontier folk. The ballroom was a scene of revelry. Soldiers, rangers, ranchers' cowboys, college graduates from the East, all swung their partners in a round of gawdy and common fellowship.

A man named Thomason called the square dances. He spoke the language of cow-boys and formed the frontier belles "sage hens" and the men "wild cats." He kept every one laughing with his wit and funny primaces. The dance lasted until dawn when pistol shots announced the coming of Christmas Day.

There have been many changes since that memorable Christmas Eve celebration in "Scab Town." The town itself has succumbed to the march of time. The buffalo and antelope are gone. But there remain the memory of a brave past, of round-ups, of great herds of cattle going up a long trail and little shoppes that wouldn't get along.

Letters for Santa Claus

The New York Times.

ON A thin shelf deep in the general store no farther at Eighth Avenue and 254 Third Street, New York City, a little pile of letters is growing larger each day. The letters are addressed to Santa Claus at various places, the North Pole, the Arctic Circle, way up in the sky, or just no where. Some are happy little notes of delight and anticipation from children who quite innocently will receive all or nearly all that ask for; others are "please" notes from youngsters who reproach Santa for having forgotten them last year. A few are written by adults, but all tell of the hopes and dreams and even the desperate needs of children. And all have been stamped in neat red letters "unavailable address."

The writers had failed to properly address the letters, had left off cities, towns, States, and street numbers, so the postal clerks could not send them to their destinations. Postmaster Albert Goldman keeps separate the letters that seem to come from the poorest children and from the wealthiest. Every year a few kind-hearted persons ask for some of the addresses. Last year 49 letters were sent to 329 letter-writers.

Trusting Youngsters.

The children who write these letters are trusting youngsters to whom Santa Claus is very real, youngsters such as the girl who hopes that good health this past year, dear Santa, I remembered you in my prayers. When doubt about Santa does appear, it is expressed in such forthright questions as those of the 6-year-old boy who writes: "My brother says that north passes through here. Don't you live in the north?"

Some of the letters have real stamps on them, others have Christmas seals or those absurd little blue stickers that come with toy postoffice sets. The writers use all sorts of mediums; pencil, crayons and even ink, with whole phrases lost in the blots. There is a good deal of moisture used in sealing the envelopes and they are decorated with fingerprints in ink, glue and other substances.

The approach to Santa is as different in the various letters as children are different. One breezy lass writes: "I'm sorry I forgot to write you last



"Dear Santa Claus."

naughty girl." The scrubby little writing goes sadly down hill, but it turns and starts bravely back again with the words, "but I promise to try to be better if you'll bring me some new story books." The prize letter follows: "DEAR SANTY: I am a poor boy, 9 years old, and I go to school and I study hard. My teacher is grand and mitey party. She says when I grow up I'll be a fine man and my mama and papa will be proud of me. Santa, a big boy, told me that you wasn't real, you was phony. I didn't believe him and I told him so. Santa, I want a muffer, a tord ball and hat and a bicycle."

"Everywhere, everywhere Christmas is night! Christmas in lands of fir-tree and pine, Christmas in lands of the palm and vine; Christmas where snow-pinks, colums and white, Christmas where corn-fields lie green and bright."

A Little Child Shall Lead Them

By W. G. VOIRPE.
Houston, Texas.

DECEMBER 25th millions will celebrate another Christmas day. It is unfortunate that most of the observance will be limited to this hemisphere, for menmen seeking power are interfering with its celebration in a large part of the world. In countries where dictators have robbed those whom they have made slaves, the people will remember Christmas and the Prince of Peace as best they can. They will not forget the beliefs they cherish though their freedom has vanished and their souls are sorely tried. The courageous British to whom Christmas has always meant much will not fail to observe the holiday though bombs may fall and their homes may be partly in ruins. The Englishman who lives above all else his home and his independence will still wish his neighbor "Merry Christmas" and enjoy his Christmas dinner if it is humanly possible. Bombs, torpedoes and big guns can't destroy the British spirit or their cherished traditions.

The Kindly Thoughts.

In the United States Christmas will be celebrated much as it has since the colonial days when the sturdy pioneer brought from the forest his wild turkeys to roast on the spit that hung in his giant fireplace. People will send greeting cards to friends they haven't seen for years, but still fondly remember. Following the custom established centuries ago by the Three Wise Men who followed the star of Bethlehem to the manger, they will exchange gifts. It matters not whether they cost little or much. The kindly thoughts and the well wishes they represent are what count most.

Little folks will, as their parents before them did, hang their stockings from the mantel expecting Santa Claus to fill



Songs of Yuletide

In churches, parlors will be given over almost entirely to the playing and singing of Christmas music and the recital of Dickens' Christmas Carol by famous actors.

On Christmas Day families will gather at the home of the grandparents as they have gathered for generations. They won't have to get up so early as was necessary in the horse-and-buggy days, but they will come by auto, train and motor bus to meet one another around hearth-stones of their childhood. On this day few will go hungry for men and women with generous hearts and open purses will unite to help those unfortunate who can't help themselves.

As we gather on this happy day in homes that are safe from bombs, around the pines decorated tree or the heavily laden dinner table, may we breathe a prayer of thanks that we live in a land where freedom still reigns, where rulers are chosen by ballots instead of bullets, where knowledge and skill are ranked higher than brute force, where tolerance, faith and understanding still prevail. May we realize that in this land of ours we still recognize the teachings of that Child of the manger Who preached this tolerance, and faith and understanding.

TOYS---100,000 Varieties

By L. H. ROBBINS.

THE YOUNG America may hang up the "expectant" stocking beside the "realistic" Christmas Eve this year as confidently as ever. For Toyland is not shaken by the defense preparations or by the thundering of the dictators. Mindful of its duty to deserving childhood, Toyland this season has turned out no fewer than 100,000 separate and distinct varieties of toys, according to authorities who have had the time and the enterprise to count them; and these products, valued at the record high of \$240,000,000, are now ready for buyers.

Once upon a time store-bought toys

in America were costly, for they had to be brought from Europe, and they were few in kind. Ben Franklin in his boyhood spent his all for a tin whistle. Toys of his day included tin bean-blowers and trumpets, magic spyglasses, bows and arrows, little wells for drawing water, play dishes of wood, marbles, hoops, pennins, jumping-jacks, jumping-ropes, and not much else.

Plain People's Toys.

Rocking-horses with real manes and tails and waterbed birds that warbled when you blew through them were for children of wealth, as were china dolls, set-out paper dolls, colored glass

toys buying an important factor, department stores reported.

Recent surveys estimate that toy sales nationally are about 30 per cent larger than in the corresponding 1940 period.

A factory representative for a national toy company says: "The demand for toys is increasing rapidly. The demand for toys is increasing rapidly. The demand for toys is increasing rapidly."



TOYS

CURRENT COMMENT

By A STAFF EDITOR
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The Season's Greeting

MERRY CHRISTMAS! Does that sound a little odd this year? How can we be merry in a world that seems utterly to refuse the message of Christmas, "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men?" "Why," someone may say, "the world isn't a bit better than it was 1940 years ago!"

Is that true? It is not necessary to go back to the first Christmas to check that statement. Just review the literature back a generation. Read the pathetic Christmas stories written by Charles Dickens and others.

Those stories were bent on calling attention to the well-to-do to the fact that the suffering poor were all about them. Child beggars wistfully peered in windows to glimpse just a little of the brightness, joy and beauty of a home at Christmas time.

All public aid for the poor was stigmatized by calling the recipient a pauper and the institutions, almshouses. Even religious organizations were late and late in realizing that they owed a duty to the poor.

Once more Christmas music and Christmas good wishes abound. And millions have the true spirit of Christmas and want to share it with every one.

No doubt this charitable impulse is intensified by the strain of war. Back of every noble prompting is a deep sense of gratitude that our country can celebrate Christmas without bombing raids and amid comparative plenty.

And so, with profound sincerity our people are singing reverently, "God Bless America." With unparalleled generosity they are plugging their gifts and repeating the resolution, "Let no child be forgotten this Christmas."

The First Christmas Day

It was nearing night when the man sought lodgings at the little inn. He and his wife were very tired for they had come a long way.

"Can't find a place for you and your wife. We are filled up," said the innkeeper. "All these people coming in to pay their taxes have taken all the space."

Caesar had issued a decree that the people should gather so they might be properly taxed, each man to go to the city of his nativity. So this man and his wife had journeyed to Bethlehem, he being of the House of David. There

had been many on the road. The journey had been a tiresome one. The man and his wife sorely needed rest.

"But where can I go," asked the man. "My wife is about to have a baby and we must have a place where she can get rest."

The inn keeper wasn't impressed as he should have been, but he did say: "There is a stable out there where you might find a spot to sleep in for the night."



So the man and his wife went to the stable. History proves what a grave mistake this inn keeper made. Had he known what was to take place in that humble stable he would have turned out his highest-priced customers and given the couple the room. His inn would have become the best known inn in all the world.

Instead, a deserted stable and a manger lined with hay have been emblazoned on the pages of history, made famous in story and song through the ages and will continue their march of triumph through the ages yet to come.

And such humble surroundings was born a baby whose birth changed a world, a baby whose fame will never die, whose works will ever live. On the morning of His birth angels visited the shepherds in the field and the stars sang, "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men." A bright star in the firmament pointed the way to the wise men who came with gifts to lay at the feet of the little babe in the manger. It was the first Christmas day.

Tell the Story to the Children

In this troubled, war-torn world let us not only remember ourselves, but let us bring before the spiritual eyes of our children the birth of the little baby who, when he became a man, preached peace and the love of man for man. He brought a new order into the world, an order which is not lost and will some day rise again in other lands. Let us who are here in America and who stand for human freedom, be sure to tell the simple and beautiful story of the birth of Christ.

Find a quiet time, some afternoon or evening in the midst of Christmas preparations, and in simple language, if your boys and girls are little, tell them about the first Christmas. Pictures they see and carols they hear then take on new meaning. For the older children you can read the story from the Bible. Perhaps you might read parts of it to the little children, but only after you have told it to them in your own words.

The Thought Behind the Gift

Every time we give—anything—something of ourselves goes with it.

The thought we have first is wanting to give. Second, the energy we expend in choosing the gift. Third, the time we take in wrapping it gaily. Fourth, and especially, the precious words we write to send along.

All these bits of ourselves make up this present that goes out from us to some dear one at Christmas time.

The thought, the kindness, the love, can come only from those who have an "understanding heart."

And I know of no effort whose reward is so rich. For it is not what we give, of course, it's "what we share." Only if a bit of ourselves goes with it, is the gift worth giving.

So it is good to remember that it isn't the money we spend that matters, it's the thought behind it that is so dear.—Annie Hurst.

New Plants to Produce Rubber

To increase facilities for production of synthetic rubber and lessen the dependency of the United States on the natural product, which must be transported over miles of ocean, chiefly from the East Indies, the Defense Plan Corporation has completed lease agreements for construction and equipping of two large factories to manufacture chemicals needed to make the synthetic product.

Both lease agreements were made at request of the Rubber Reserve Company. One was with the Monsanto Chemical Company for a \$2,200,000 plant in Galveston county, Texas, to manufacture chemical products of an undisclosed nature. The other was with the Carbide and Carbon Chemical Corporation for a \$2,500,000 plant at Charleston, W. Va., to be used for production of butadiene, from which synthetic rubber is made.

Center of Population

The center of population in the United States in 1940 was in Southwestern Indiana thirty-five miles south of Terre Haute, the Bureau of the Census reported.

In 1930-40 the population continued the westward movement begun 150 years ago, Bureau officials said. Since 1790 the population center has moved 602 miles.

The greatest advance was 80.6 miles in 1850-60 and the least was 9.8 miles in 1910-20.

The term "center of population" as used by the Census Bureau means the point upon which the United States would balance if it were a rigid plane without weight and the population were distributed thereon.

age pensions, war and weather. We can find a way to lick Hitler if we sharpen our barlow knives and start whittling again. A sharp knife will sharpen our wits and shavings from soft pine will illustrate how to move down Hitler.

Until recently I had prided myself at being a jack-of-all-trades. I have done everything—from fixing windmills to stopping leaks in the roof. But I struck a snag when wife put me to work hanging wallpaper. I tried my best to hang it and I did—around my neck—and it stuck there. After pulling it from around my neck I felt it sticking to my legs. I tried to stomp it off but the more I stomped the more it stuck. Wife heard the noise, came in the room and stood gazing at me pitifully. That made me mad and I pushed her aside and bolted for the bathroom. While bathing I could hear her laughing. I was licked and knew it, but it pleased me to be licked by such paltry things as paste and wallpaper.

A high school junior has defined ignorance as a state of mind that knows nothing and don't know that it knows nothing. The junior is about right. There's an old saying, "where ignorance is bliss it is folly to be wise." But I doubt this old saying. I never saw an ignorant man who was blissful. Aware of his ignorance, he is hog-tied at the start and may have an inferiority complex. All of us are more or less ignorant, but we can seem smart by looking wise and keeping our mouths shut. I was ignorant in the Texas Legislature, but kept my mouth shut and nobody knew the difference. As a matter of fact, the Texas Legislative body would get credit for more gumption if some of its members talked less.

Auto and truck owners are receiving questionnaires from the government as to use of their motor vehicles in case this country gets into war. I don't have an auto or truck, but I have a perfectly good radio that I shall gladly loan the government. It might be useful. When not fighting, the soldier boys could tune in on jazz, Mickey Mouse stories, or how to be successful in soap. They could learn what kind of soap to use, what cereal has vitamins, TNT, and what is good for an acid stomach.

Common Colds

In one-week period ending November 15, a survey by the American Institute of Public Opinion found colds reported in one-third of American homes, with an estimated total of 18,000,000 persons affected.

This means that approximately one person in every seven was suffering from the common malady whose cause and cure has baffled medical science since the earliest times.

The common cold has made enormous inroads into the economic efficiency of every civilized nation.

In workdays lost in the United States, in addition to medical treatment, the cost of colds has been estimated at a billion dollars annually. One estimate, by the National Association of Manufacturers, is even higher—\$1,500,000,000.

Despite painstaking and continuous research by medical experts, the exact cause of the common cold remains unknown. It is believed that the infection is caused by a virus. The exact cure likewise remains unknown, although some serums have been administered as a preventive with considerable success.

Grapefruit Gives New Lactic Acid

A new use for grapefruit as the source of lactic acid which is used widely in medicine and industry has been developed by two Department of Agriculture research workers, according to a patent (No. 2,261,926) awarded to Arthur J. Nolle and Harry W. von Loesbeck of Winter Haven, Fla.

This research team has developed a method for converting some of the constituents of grapefruit juice into lactic acid by a novel process of fermentation. Heretofore this acid has been derived largely from starch, molasses and dextrose. It is also present in sour milk.

The method possibly opens a new industrial market for grapefruit.

The inventors dedicate their invention to the free use of the people of the United States.

Champion Cornhusker

Deep in the rows of eight-foot corn, twenty-two farmyard athletes competed in November, near Tonia, Ill., for the 1941 national cornhusking championship which was won by Floyd Wise of LaSalle county, Ill., who husked more than 60 ears a minute during the 80-minute grind.

He kept the lead over twenty-one rivals representing the best the Corn Belt could offer. About 115,000 spectators attended the husking.

When the gun sounded the end of the competition at the Theodore Schafer farm, Mr. Wise's wagon was out in front with the biggest load. After the gleanings from his row of corn had been deducted the judges found he had picked 45.37 bushels. It was a scant bushel under the all-time record.

Falls 5 1/2 Miles

In the brief space of 116 seconds Arthur H. Starnes, 43 years old, veteran parachutist, made the longest free fall ever survived by man. He stepped from an airliner at a height of 30,800 feet above the ground and plummeted for 29,300 feet, or 5 1/2 miles, before ripping open two parachutes and floating safely to earth near Chicago.

During that brief interval Starnes body swept from a temperature of 46 degrees below zero, Fahrenheit, at his peak altitude, to the 60 degrees above zero at ground level. And at the same time he fell from air so thin that its density was only four pounds a square inch to the approximate 14.7 pounds on the ground.

When he landed, save for a bruised lip bitten when the shock of the opening parachutes checked his downward plunge, he was unharmed.

"We've proved that man can make long sustained drops without losing consciousness," said Starnes. "We've proved he can fall for long intervals at high speeds—for I was falling at times as fast as 190 miles an hour. And the average speed for my fall was 170 miles an hour, or 285 feet a second during the free drop."

Starnes believes that the information gained from the pneumograph, barometer, stop watch, motion picture camera, and the heart count taken during his fall will be valuable to the military and service flying pilots who may be forced to bail out of

their planes in high altitude combat may be properly equipped for the experience as a result of this data.

There is no recognized record for a free fall. The National Aeronautical Association's files show the longest previously recorded fall was 25,925 feet by N. Evdokimoff, a Russian, who jumped from a height of 26,575 feet.

Strike Loss 24,284,981 Days

Some 24,284,981 man-days of defense effort were lost because of strikes during the first fifteen months of the rearmament program, official Labor Department reports showed.

During the period from July 1, 1940, to October 1, 1941, there were 1,960,331 workers involved in strikes in all industries. The increase in strikes over the previous year was principally in industries manufacturing defense materials.

Competent authorities estimated that the last time, if applied entirely to the manufacture of airplanes, would have produced at least 10,000 pursuit planes, with enough time left over to build two or three good-sized warships.

During the first five months of this year there were 1,593 strikes, involving 1,115,079 workers. The American Federation of Labor called 838 strikes, involving 238,088 workers, and the Congress of Industrial Organizations 600, affecting 836,267 workers, the Labor Department said.

Niagara Falls Water to Aid Defense

More water will be diverted from Niagara Falls to aid defense production. Recently the Federal Power Commission authorized the diversion of 5,000 cubic feet of water a second from Niagara Falls to the Adams plant so that the increasing demands of defense industries in the Buffalo area for power could be met. Additional diversion to speed up the plant's generators was indicated when the FPC disclosed that Canada and the United States were negotiating a new treaty to provide for additional utilization of water at Niagara Falls for defense purposes.

Forty-five years ago the Adams plant introduced the first alternating hydroelectric generator to the world with the transmission of alternating current twenty miles from Niagara Falls to Buffalo and proved that the real future of the electric power and light industry lay in the utilization of alternating current, a prime form of energy which can be transmitted efficiently over great distances.

New Ocean-Flying Boat

A sleek thirty-ton flying boat capable of carrying forty passengers 3,000 miles non-stop at a speed of 200 miles an hour was exhibited recently at Stratford, Conn., by American Export Airlines.

The big plane is one of three such aircraft, now in advanced stages of construction, with which the new transatlantic airline plans to maintain regular passenger and express service between New York and Lisbon.

Measuring eighty feet in length and having a wing span of 124 feet, it will carry a fuel load of about 4,000 gallons of gasoline. The aluminum alloy hull is divided into six water-tight compartments, any one of which can be sealed in the event of damage.

Powered by four Pratt & Whitney air-cooled engines totaling 4,800 horsepower, the craft will be able to fly at 18,500 feet with all engines functioning.

Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which, being interpreted, is, God with us. Mat. 1:23.

THE AMERICAN FAMILY . . . By George



Old Joe Dumb says he doesn't care if he has a family, but he says he'll be all right if he has one.

Grass Root Reveries

By JOE GANDY
Winnaboo, Texas

SEASONS come and seasons go without paying the least attention to human needs. I needed an overcoat for winter, but the season didn't wait until I was able to buy it. I wanted a ventilated shirt for summer, but the season didn't wait for me to buy it. I finally got together two bucks and bought the shirt at a late summer sale, but now it's too cold to wear it. By the time I get an overcoat it will be too hot to wear it.

This busted civilization I mean boasted civilization is a problem when it comes to clothes. The cave men solved it by wearing furs, but now all furs are worn by women and men shiver while paying for them. Nature is kinder to animals and birds than people. In winter it provides them with an extra coat of hair and feather, and with sense enough to take care of themselves, while people depend on the government and wishful thinking.

However, winter has some good points. It gives us more time to get acquainted with the family as we sit by the fireside and read the news in the papers. I like to read about the Russians driving the Germans back by counter attacks. I like to read about Congress waking up from a Rip Van Winkle sleep with a bill to stop strikes in defense plants. I like to read about the local football team licking the stuffings out of some other town's team by a score of 19 to 0. I like to read the advertisements. It's surprising how much information there is in advertisements. I would never know the latest styles and what they cost if not for advertisements. I can remember when merchants didn't advertise prices. All goods were marked by a secret code known only to clerks in the store and

the proprietor. Now you know what a thing will cost and whether it has a calling too high for what is left in your pocketbook after you pay the grocer, the butcher, the baker and the automaker.

Whether I have turkey, yaller-legged chicken or sowbelly and beans for my Christmas dinner, I am going to be deeply thankful. Everybody this Christmas should get down on their knees and thank the Lord that they live in America—the land of plenty in this time of famine throughout Europe, Asia and part of Africa. Little children will have no Santa Claus in these countries and most of those who hang up stockings will find them empty next morning.

Their childish minds will wonder why there is war and why men are so cruel and selfish to one another. Hungry and cold, they will look out on a bleak world Christmas morning. This is one of the stark tragedies of World War II. "And Jesus called a little child unto Him and said: 'Verily, who shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.'"

It is sad to see old institutions disappear. One of these institutions was the Whittiers Club that gathered around the red hot stove in the grocery store on cold days, chewed issues and co. discussed paramount issues and whittled. There were some real philosophers, scholars and statesmen among the whittlers, who could now tell us what to do in these doubtful times. Men still gather around the grocery stove on cold days but they don't whittle and they don't know where we are headed for or who is going to stop John Lewis. About all they discuss is old

BRIEF TEXAS NEWS--from Over the State

WORKERS' UNEARTH \$300
State highway workmen unearthed, near Houston, an old sack that contained \$300 in gold and silver coins, all bearing dates earlier than 1900.

BURGLAR PREFERRED EGGS TO MONEY
A burglar broke into a Dallas cafe, took four dozen eggs and ignored the money in a cash register.

THROWS AWAY RABBIT FOOT
A negro who received three tickets for traffic violations in Dallas in one day was so disgusted that he threw away his rabbit foot.

20,000 CATTLE BRANDS
J. Frank Dobie, who wrote the book, "The Longhorns," is authority for the statement that there are 20,000 cattle brands registered in Texas. These include longhorn and white face cattle.

LIVES UP TO NAME
Rosebud, a Falls county, Texas, community of more than 1,500 population, boasts that it had a rosebud in every yard in the town this year.

ALL-NEGRO JURY
An all-negro jury, believed to be the first in the State, was impaneled at Corpus Christi in the trial of Owen Jackson, negro, charged with slaying another negro.

ELECTRIC FARM SERVICE INCREASE
The number of farms in Texas receiving central station electric service has increased from 11,406 to 98,000 in the last seven years, the Rural Electrification Administration reported.

COUGHS UP 8-INCH STRING
Ray Steel, age 13, near Tyler, coughed up an 8-inch string that had been in his right lung 12 years. Previous to expelling the string, Ray had slight hemorrhages and was in ill health. Now he is gaining weight and feels better.

GOOD CROPS OF DEER AND TURKEY
The State Game Department reported good crops of deer and turkey in Southwest Texas. It also estimated that 20,000 hunters, in and out of the State, would take the field this year in search of deer, turkey and quail.

NEW REGIONAL WEATHER OFFICE
The U. S. Weather Bureau, headquarters at Washington, D. C., will establish a regional office in Fort Worth to direct weather forecasts for the Southwest. It is expected to increase accuracy of forecasting and reporting.

HUGE CHRISTMAS CANDLE
A Christmas candle, probably the biggest in the world, 12 feet tall and 13 1/2 feet in circumference at the base, is on exhibit in a Dallas department store. Manufactured in a Long Island, N. Y., factory, it weighed 4,600 pounds and will burn, it is said, 50 years.

GOLD WATCH IN COLLECTION
Reverend G. R. Thomas, of Beaumont, was surprised to find a gold watch and chain in a collection plate at a recent Sunday morning service. He announced the discovery from the pulpit and was told to keep it, that it was an appreciation gift from the congregation.

846 WILDCAT WELLS
During the first 10 months of 1941 oil operators in Texas located 846 wildcat wells, but only 130 of these were brought in for oil producers, while 26 were gasers. The remainder were dry holes. The percentage of dry wells was 82 per cent, slightly more than four wells out of every five drilled.

WOMAN'S PRAYER ANSWERED
Bay City Tribune: "When the husband of Mrs. Smith Loftin, of Beaumont, died she offered a prayer that she might join her companion of half a century. She dropped dead at the foot of the grave where her husband's body was being lowered. She was buried beside him."

FIRES IN PASTURE LANDS
Fires in pasture lands over the State have been considerably greater than usual this fall due to the rainy summer and dry November along with carelessness of campers and smokers. Some farmers have employed furrows or fire-breaks along edges of their land to prevent roadside fires from sweeping through their pastures.

STATE'S INCOME
The State's income for the fiscal year 1940-41 far exceeds its expenditures, Comptroller George H. Sheppard announced. Receipts totaled \$280,198,599.81, compared with expenditures of \$196,265,522.97. Eighty-five per cent of the expenditures were for education, highways and pensions. Totals of \$58,722,990.16 went for education; \$48,285,664.69 for highways; and \$84,406,200.20 for pensions. Largest revenue producer was the gasoline tax, which yielded \$1,887,095.88, or 25.42 per cent of the total income.

HIRE TRAPPER
Madison county stockmen have hired a trapper to catch wolves that have been killing livestock in that county. The wolves kill many more animals than they can eat.

SWANKY CHAIRS
Swanky leather chairs, each embossed with the State seal, have been installed in the House of Representatives, Austin. They cost \$57.27 each and replace old wooden chairs.

DEATH CLAIMS PAID
The aggregate death claim benefits paid out in Texas by insurance companies amounted to \$20,362,000 for the first nine months of 1941, representing payments on 18,130 policies.

LEAD IN AIR WARNING POSTS
With 924 posts organized, Texas continues to lead the South in number of aircraft warning service observation posts. Next highest State is Georgia with 618 posts. The air force will use these posts in army maneuvers.

BILL OF RIGHTS WEEK
Commemorating the 150th anniversary of the ratification of the bill of rights, Governor Coke R. Stevenson designated December 8 to 15 as Bill of Rights Week in Texas. The Governor declared in a proclamation that liberty is not only a heritage but a fresh quest for each generation.

MIDGET MULE
The smallest mule in Texas is owned by J. R. Wood, 2708 Washington street, Houston. The mule, a midget, is 27 years old, 30 inches high and weighs 100 pounds. Mr. Wood said the diminutive mule had a shorthorn mare for its mother and a small jack for its father.

LEADERS IN POULTRY AND EGGS
Fayette county sold more eggs last year than any other county in the State, according to figures released by Commissioner of Agriculture J. E. McDonald. This county sold 3,891,170 dozens of eggs. Gonzales county led in chicken sales with 3,162,695. Dewitt county led in turkey sales.

PRISON SYSTEM CROPS SHORT
The State Prison Farm System sustained heavy crop losses this year. Corn and cotton were almost destroyed by the Gulf Coast hurricane and the vegetable crop was badly damaged by too much rain. Usually each year the System runs its surplus vegetables.

PINE TREE WISS SUIT
The State of Texas cut down an old pine tree, hauled it to a Gilmer, (Upshur county), court and from original survey markings made on it in 1848 won title to twenty-eight and one half acres on East Texas oil land. Five wells on the land have produced \$250,000 worth of oil.

FINDS \$114 IN OLD SOCK
Roland Lee, Fort Worth cleaner, found an old sock in the pocket of a customer's dress that had been sent to his plant for cleaning and pressing. The old sock contained \$114 which Lee retrieved from the sock and returned to owner.

BIG CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR CAMP BOWIE SOLDIERS
Here are some of the items on the soldiers' Christmas Day dinner at Camp Bowie, Brownwood: Turkey, giblet gravy, dressing, cranberry sauce, iced celery, oyster stew, candied sweet potatoes, waldorf salad, snowflake potatoes, creamed peas, sweet mixed pickles, stuffed olives, bread and butter, mince pie, fruit cake, mixed nuts, assorted fruits, coffee, milk, ice cream.

AUTO KILLS DUCK
Herb Kamlah, garage owner of McAllen, (Hidalgo county), didn't go hunting, but had free duck for dinner. While driving to work at dawn his auto crashed into a fat mallard flying low ahead of the auto and killed it instantly.

AUTO TAGS BLACK AND GOLD
Texas automobile license plates for 1942 will bear black letters and numerals on gold backgrounds, it has been announced.

LOANS TO ELECTRIC CO-OPS
Loans amounting to \$1,646,000 have been made by the Rural Electrification Administration to seven Texas rural electric co-operatives. The REA announced.

ENDS 25-YEAR FREEDOM
McAllen Monitor: "A Berger man known as T. H. Cole was returned to Louisiana State prison from which Berger Police Chief Dale Lane said he escaped 25 years ago."

20 YEARS FOR \$10
James Lewis Stone, age 27, convicted of robbing a filling station at Arlington, (Tarrant county), of \$10 was sentenced to 20 years in the State penitentiary.

REALISTIC PAINTING
Lubbock Journal: "Miss Bernie Hellums may become a great painter some day. A student at the State Teachers College, Denton, she painted the picture of a begonia so realistically that a humming bird which flew in the classroom window went straight for it and flitted from painted blossom to painted blossom trying to get nectar."

THE OLD GOURD (GLORIFIED)
The Anderson County Gourd Club, formed to perpetuate and glorify the old gourd dipper in East Texas, was only interested in the sentimental, not the commercial aspect of the gourd crop, until it received an order recently for a carload of the things. Needless to say, the club could not fill the order.

SIX BASS WEIGH 45 POUNDS
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bailey, of Palestine, (Anderson county), have caught in a 6-week period six bass that weighed 45 pounds. One of the six weighed 10 1/4 pounds, caught by his band, but wife came back by catching an 8 1/2 pounder. As proof of the catch they have all heads mounted.

SWALLOWS NICKEL
Baby Ranfal Thompson, of Dallas, put a nickel in his mouth and swallowed it when he stumbled his toe. Sent to a hospital, a doctor removed the nickel with a bronchoscope. The coin had lodged in the child's food passage.

LOST HIS LOAD
A Santa Fe passenger engineer, near Silsbee, thought he was making good time for some reason or another. Then he looked back to discover that he had lost his load. A cow tumbled under the train and uncoupled the coaches.

HOME PRESENTED TO QUADRUPLETS
The 33-month-old Badgett quadruplet sisters and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Badgett, have settled down in their new \$20,000 home which was presented to them by Galveston residents.

AS DEADLY AS NAZI BOMBERS
Texas City Sun: "On October 14 the British air ministry announced 217 persons killed by bombs in the United Kingdom during September. State Police Director Homer Garrison announced that 178 traffic deaths were counted in Texas during the same month. State traffic deaths for the first 9 months of this year totaled 1,370, 13 per cent increase over first 9 months of last year."

SUICIDE UNNOTICED
An auto parked four days in front of the municipal airport administration building, Dallas, contained the body of George Owens, a salesman. He had shot himself to death and was sitting upright in the auto. For four days pedestrians passed near the auto but did not suspect that the man was dead.

ATTENTION, QUAIL HUNTERS
Any hunter killing a quail with a band on his leg is urged to send the band to the State Game Department, Austin, Texas. Birds are banded in an attempt to obtain scientific information and aid quail studies now being conducted along with restoration work in various parts of the State.

CHARLEY LOCKHART RESIGNS
Charley Lockhart, State Treasurer for many years, has resigned. In a communication to the Governor, Lockhart gave as his reason for resigning impaired health and "the increasing responsibilities of the office."

AUTOGRAPHS OF PRESIDENTS
In the University of Texas Library is a rare collection of the autographs of Presidents of the United States—from George Washington to Woodrow Wilson. It is part of the Miriam Latcher Stark Rare Book Collection.

SAN JACINTO MONUMENT A POSTOFFICE
A fourth-class postoffice has been established at the San Jacinto Monument. The Moore, monument director, said the office will provide the 350,000 annual visitors the opportunity to mail souvenirs bearing the monument postmark.

THAT'S ALL
Plugerville Press: "Inspector R. T. Bailey, of the State Liquor Control Board, heard a tamale vendor in San Augustine, (San Augustine county), crying his wares: 'Hot tamales and that ain't all.' Bailey stopped him and, in the vendor's double boiler, found moonshine liquor. It was confiscated and the vendor fined. Next time Bailey heard him, the tamale salesman's song was: 'Hot tamales—and that's all.'"

DEATH ENDS 22-YEAR SEARCH
For 22 years relatives searched for David Mitchell, 85-year-old farmer. They found his body in a pool near Gladewater. Five days after death by drowning, Mitchell's body was identified at a funeral home by his two daughters. They last heard from him 16 years ago.

GIDEONS PUT BIBLES IN DALLAS SCHOOLS
Permission to place 1,550 Bibles in the Dallas public schools—one in each teacher's desk—was given the Gideons by the Dallas Board of Education, which notified the teachers that the Bibles can be read at any time by them, but they are not required nor compelled to use the Bibles in classroom studies.

PREACHERS HAVE CAUSE TO STRIKE
"Preachers have as much cause to strike as anybody else, but they don't," Dr. Poe, pastor of the City Temple Presbyterian Church, Dallas, told his flock at a recent Sunday service. Dr. Poe declared that "a preacher would no more go on strike than a nurse would in a time of plague, than a doctor would with a desperately sick patient, than a captain would with his ship in a storm, than a fireman would in the midst of a holocaust."

COTTON GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS
The Cotton Christmas Committee of the State-Wide Cotton Committee, headed by Burrell C. Jackson, of Hillsboro, will try to sell Christmas shoppers of Texas through newspapers, radios, chambers of commerce, civic clubs and other organizations on the desirability of gift goods made from American cotton. "There is a wide-spread misunderstanding, particularly among women, that cotton goods are of cheaper quality than goods made of other materials," Jackson said. "We want to correct this idea and show the people that some of the finest and most fashionable articles on the market are made from cotton."

TOYS—100,000 VARIETIES
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ber of toy manufacturers, asserted that there would be plenty of toys to go around, although in many instances "the child won't get just what his parents want to buy him." Toys of rubber and metal will be scarce, the representative said, but there will be a plentiful supply of many kinds of toys not of scarce materials. Retail stocks will be spotted during the Christmas market, with those stores which bought early having good supplies and stocks of some others failing to meet demand.

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CHRISTMAS BELLS
By HENRY W. LONGFELLOW

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

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

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

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead; nor doth He sleep!
The wrong shall fail,
The right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men."

The McCoy's Wrong Number By Boughner

AUTO KILLS DUCK
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A LITTLE FUN

Jokes to Make You Laugh

Beginner
Mandy Johnson: "Ain't yo' son too young to jine de army?"
Eliza Jackson: "He's to'able young but he's jinin' up wid de infantry fust."

Hasty Diagnosis
The doctor told the movie actress that she was run down and needed a change. "A change?" said she. "Do you know that during the last 18 months I've had three husbands, two divorcees, four cooks and seven landlords? What other change can you suggest?"

Technicality
Mother: "Stop pulling that cat's tail."
Sonny: "I'm not pulling its tail, I'm just holding it and the cat's doing the pulling."

Dry Cell
Judge: "What's your name and occupation and what are you charged with?"
Defendant: "My name is Sparks. I'm an electrician and I'm charged with a assault and battery."
Judge: "Put him in a dry cell."



Willing to Comply
Speed trap (grinding gear): "Just a minute, madam, didn't you see the war on you back there?"
Lady Speeder: "Certainly! And I waved right back. What did you want me to do, throw you a kiss?"

Real Salesmanship
The shoe store proprietor was interviewing applicants for a vacancy in his store.
"Suppose," said the boss to one applicant, "that a lady customer you were fitting should remark that one of her feet was bigger than the other. What would you do?"
"I'd say to her," replied the applicant, "Madam, on the contrary, one of your feet is smaller than the other."
"The lady's gone," promptly answered the store owner.

Don't Worry
New Cow hand: "Hey, Cooks, they ain't no oysters in this here oyster stew."
Cook: "Don't worry, son, they ain't no horse in that horse-radish either."

Strong Belief
Mrs. Jones: "She is a woman who has gone through a great deal for her belief."
Mrs. Brown: "Indeed, and what is her belief?"
Mrs. Jones: "That she can wear a No. 5 shoe on a No. 7 foot."

One Better
Bobby: "Did you know, Uncle Ike's got a wooden leg."
Tommy: "That's nothing, My Aunt Fanny's got a cedar chest."

Ferryboat Days
"A story comes from the old Red river ferryboat days," says Dr. J. B. Cranfil, of Dallas, "in which Joe Taylor, now Dr. J. J. Taylor, editor in chief of the Dallas News, played such a conspicuous part. When Joe ran a ferryboat he had to be away from his job one day and selected Uncle Isaac, an old antebellum darkey, to run the ferryboat for him. That day a man came from the Oklahoma side, looked up into the face of Uncle Isaac and said:
"I haven't no money, but I wish you would row me across the river."
"Uncle Isaac looked at him quizzically and replied:
"Boss, if you ain't got no money, it don't make no difference which side of de river you's on."

Quick Recovery
Opie Read, the humorist, was playing golf in a foursome when his ball landed in a sand trap. Hidden from view he hacked away at the ball. When he finally drove it out and rejoined his friends, he was asked: "How many strokes, Opie?"
"Three."
"But we heard six!"
"Three," said Opie, "were echoes."

Pertinent Point
The teacher had been talking about the principle of turn-the-other-cheek.
Teacher: "Now, Willy, what would you do supposing a dog bit you?"
Willy: "How big a boy are you supposing?"

No Accidents
An insurance agent, writing a policy for a cowpuncher, asked if he had ever had any accidents.
"No," said the cowboy, then added, "trying to be helpful, 'A bronc kicked in a couple of my ribs and a rattlesnake bit me a couple of years ago."
"Well," said the agent, "Don't you call those accidents?"
"No," replied the cowboy, "they done it on purpose."

An Exception
Tourist: "What a quaint little village you have here. Truly, one half of the world is ignorant of how the other half lives."
Native: "Not in this village, mister; we knows how every one lives and what they eat."
Just a Memory
Mrs. A: "I suppose you carry a memento of some sort in that bucket of yours."
Mrs. B: "Yes, it is a lock of my husband's hair."
Mrs. A: "But your husband is still alive."
Mrs. B: "Yes, but his hair is gone."

Christmas Candies

Candy making for the Christmas season is a perfect excuse for a family party. Mother, dad and the children can turn out a great variety of their favorite sweets in one afternoon or evening, if they all lend a hand.
Let dad take charge of the taffy and fudge. Both of them need a strong right arm for the pulling or beating. If he starts the taffy cooking first he can get that pulled while the fudge is cooking to the right temperature for beating.
The younger members of the family will enjoy mixing fondant candies, from either uncooked fondant or the regular creamy fondant which mother has made up ahead of time.

spoon butter, teaspoon vanilla extract.
Put chocolate in small pieces, combine with sugar, milk or cream, salt and corn syrup and heat slowly, stirring until sugar is dissolved. Cover pan until mixture begins to boil. Remove cover and boil until mixture reaches 210 degrees F. forms a soft ball in cold water. Remove from heat and add vanilla and butter.
Put 1/2 cup STIK, let stand undisturbed until lukewarm. Beat until creamy. Pour into buttered pan and mark into squares. Place half a walnut meat in center of each square.

Fondant
Two pounds granulated sugar, 1 cup light corn syrup, 1 cup water.
Place ingredients in saucepan and stir over heat until sugar is dissolved. Cover pan and boil for a minute. Remove cover from pan and boil without stirring until syrup reaches 235 to 240 degrees F. or until a small amount forms a soft ball in cold water. Pour syrup into shallow enameled pan or platter. Let stand undisturbed until lukewarm. Stir until material forms a cheese-like mass, then knead until smooth and plastic. Store in tightly covered container for several days, if desired.

Fondant Candies
Work any desired flavoring into fondant, form into small shapes and dip in melted chocolate, or top with halves of nut meats or candied fruit.
Knead shredded coconut, chopped dried or candied fruits or chopped nut meats into fondant. Form into small shapes. Layers of different colors and flavors can be put together and cut into squares.
Creamy fondant can be turned into the most festive of homemade candies by the addition of fruits, nuts and chocolate.

Every job needs a good supervisor, and we suggest that mother act in that capacity. She'll probably be kept busy straightening out snarls for the rest of the workers, and seeing that they have all the utensils they need.
Given below are recipes for candies that will be delightful in gift boxes or for serving at your own holiday parties. If you follow the directions to the letter and use a candy thermometer to test the finish point, they will turn out successfully.
Chocolate Fudge
Two cups sugar, 2 squares unsweetened chocolate, 2/3 cup milk or cream, 2 tablespoons light corn syrup, 1/2 teaspoon salt, a table-

THE BIBLE

The Bible is the oldest printed and the most frequently printed book. The highest price ever paid for a book was for a Bible. The Christmas story is the most popular story in this book, which, among all the other publications offered for sale at this season remains the "best seller."

It is not strange that the Bible of universal appeal and ageless virility has attracted the collector, Museum, monastic, reigning princes and high ecclesiastics, librarians and scholars, book sellers and antiquarians have collected Bibles through the centuries. There are about 40 complete, or nearly complete, Gutenberg Bibles in existence. One is in the Vatican, Rome, one in the British Museum, London, and one was purchased through a dealer from an Austrian Benedictine monastery by the U. S. Library of Congress 10 years ago for a million and a half dollars; the top price for a book. There are also about 1,200 single sheets, worth several hundred dollars, of the Gutenberg Bible, which Printer Gutenberg, who averaged three feet in width, 8600 for each Bible, went bankrupt in the undertaking, by chambers of varying size, as burial places. They were printed at Cologne, Germany, by Tudele in 1525, very rare in the world. The first in English depths and, according to printed in England was the Rheims-Doan Bible, because War, the catacombs were a shrine for tourists, who went down into the dark corridors with lighted candles in hand, and the echoing voice of a guide to lead them. Recently it was discovered that the catacombs had been used for Rome's defense.

of it could mean imprisonment.

The King James version came out in 1611, the "authorized version," recognized for 300 years, longer than any other edition, as the standard English Bible, and still considered one of English literature's noblest monuments. The Bible was first printed in America in 1661, at Cambridge, Mass., a translation into Indian language by the Indian missionary, John Eliot, and dedicated to Charles II, King of England.

Of the books given as Christmas remembrances this year the Bible will top the list. The Christmas story of the Romans have installed electric lights and running water. The galleries are patrolled by warders equipped with gas masks. The new shelters are a pre-arranged, chiefly because it is the seat of the papacy and a treasure house of art. But the British have warned that R. A. F. planes have bombed the city. The early Christmas Eve, the galleries, asked what would amount to \$600 for each Bible, went bankrupt in the undertaking, by chambers of varying size, as burial places. They were printed at Cologne, Germany, by Tudele in 1525, very rare in the world. The first in English depths and, according to printed in England was the Rheims-Doan Bible, because War, the catacombs were a shrine for tourists, who went down into the dark corridors with lighted candles in hand, and the echoing voice of a guide to lead them. Recently it was discovered that the catacombs had been used for Rome's defense.

CATACOMB SHELTER

Around and underneath Rome, 1,000,000 living for a fantastic city of catacombs. The celebrated catacombs of Rome extend for miles, mostly in the suburban areas, customarily below the metro. The early Christians fled to the catacombs, averaging three feet in width, 8600 for each Bible, went bankrupt in the undertaking, by chambers of varying size, as burial places. They were printed at Cologne, Germany, by Tudele in 1525, very rare in the world. The first in English depths and, according to printed in England was the Rheims-Doan Bible, because War, the catacombs were a shrine for tourists, who went down into the dark corridors with lighted candles in hand, and the echoing voice of a guide to lead them. Recently it was discovered that the catacombs had been used for Rome's defense.

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OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

All over town, and for miles around, folks are getting ready for Christmas. In the good old-fashioned way, Christmas of 1941 is going to be a great Christmas. You can tell it by the way folks have been planning and shopping and talking. Yes, it's going to be a real Christmas, a particularly special Christmas, for Rome, the Eternal City, has not yet been bombed, chiefly because it is the seat of the papacy and a treasure house of art. But the British have warned that R. A. F. planes have bombed the city. The early Christmas Eve, the galleries, asked what would amount to \$600 for each Bible, went bankrupt in the undertaking, by chambers of varying size, as burial places. They were printed at Cologne, Germany, by Tudele in 1525, very rare in the world. The first in English depths and, according to printed in England was the Rheims-Doan Bible, because War, the catacombs were a shrine for tourists, who went down into the dark corridors with lighted candles in hand, and the echoing voice of a guide to lead them. Recently it was discovered that the catacombs had been used for Rome's defense.

FORGOTTEN

Some 1900 years ago in the little town of Bethlehem, the Christ Child was born of Mary, wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in the manger. Angels heralding His birth to the shepherds on the hillside proclaimed a message which man at times has chosen to ignore: "Peace on earth, good will toward men." The Christmas of 1941 finds most of the world at war, the rest preparing for it. And all because some few have forgotten about "good will toward men." And ye shall be my people, and I will be your God. Jer. 30:22

HE DOUBLES IN DANGER!

STUNT ACE MALCOLM POPE, WHO DOUBLES FOR THE STARS, CRASHED THE MOVIES AT 60 MILES AN HOUR



An Onboard Steeplechase at Cypress Gardens, Winter Haven, Florida

THAT'S MALCOLM POPE LEADING

THERE GOES ANOTHER ONE OUT. HEY, THIS IS DANGEROUS!

WAIT'LL THEY HIT THE FIRE HAZARD

I'D WANT TO BE DOING MORE THAN 60 THROUGH THAT STUFF

SUPPOSE THEY SPILLED—OR STALLED?

40 Feet through the Air From an Inclined Platform Jump

The Last Hazard!

GREAT RACE, POPE. I'VE GOT A MOVIE CONTRACT FOR YOU. LET'S CLING IT WITH A CAMEL

A CAMEL ALWAYS GOES WITH A HAPPY ENDING. THEY ALWAYS TASTE SO GOOD

THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A CAMEL. SWELL FLAVOR—AND THEY'RE MILD BY FAR, WITH LESS NICOTINE IN THE SMOKE!

THE ONLY FINISHER—AND THE WINNER—MALCOLM POPE!

THAT GOES DOUBLE FOR ME. A CAMEL IS JUST WHAT I WANT

CAMEL THE CIGARETTE OF COSTLIER TOBACCO

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CAMEL THE CIGARETTE OF COSTLIER TOBACCO

TEXAS FARM NEWS REPORTS

The first commercial tung crop for Southeast Texas is estimated at 500 tons. There is no tung oil mill in Texas, but the product may be sent to Louisiana where several mills are in operation.

An ordinary turnip seed planted in Dawson county produced a turnip which weighed 6 pounds and 11 ounces, and measured 25 1/2 inches around, according to report.

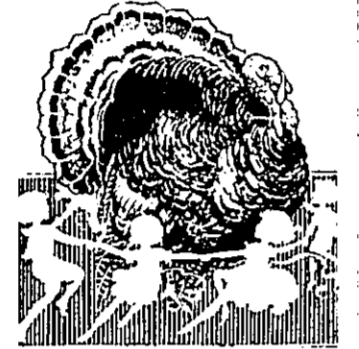
J. E. Pearsons, Grand Saline, (Van Zandt county), has found that planting vetch and turning it under increases his yield of crooked neck cane by more than 35%.

So far as is known, the first registered cattle in Hopkins county were brought in recently when Tom Riley Lindley, dairyman living west of Sulphur Springs, purchased three head of registered Milking Shorthorn cattle. These cattle are said to be noted for both milk and beef. Two young heifers and one young bull were bought.

Arsenic is driving H. L. Hughes and his depleted crop of minks to the mountains. Hughes reported he has lost 300 minks as a result of arsenic poisoning, adding that the arsenic apparently was blowing in on his mink farm from nearby cotton fields where the poison was intended to kill cotton pests. Laboratory tests revealed the cause of the deaths, the mink farm operator said. Hughes is planning to move his farm from near El Paso, (El Paso county), to mountain country in New Mexico.

A report on the cotton spinning industry for a recent month shows 104,662,016 active spindle hours in the State. The average hours per spindle in Texas was 431—slightly above the national average of 408 hours per spindle.

Texas, traditionally the home of the booted and spurred cowboy, actually raises more sheep than cattle, a report of the livestock industry in the State by Commissioner of Agriculture J. E. McDonald, shows. Leading all types of livestock production in the State, sheep reported totaled 8,447,809 head. Cattle are second with 6,281,537, including 1,146,766 milk cows, the Commissioner said.



Farmer of East Texas will be able to meet the call of the nation for increased food production for national defense without greatly expanding physical plants or from nearby cotton fields where the poison was intended to kill cotton pests. Laboratory tests revealed the cause of the deaths, the mink farm operator said. Hughes is planning to move his farm from near El Paso, (El Paso county), to mountain country in New Mexico.

Mrs. L. A. Westbrook spotted a baby pecan tree in her yard, and spaded it up to transplant it. She found the roots entwined around an old baseball. The ball, she figured, was a home-made one with a pecan in the center.

Ray Allen, of Ennis, (Ellis county), displayed a chicken hatched without eyes on his farm. The chick was perfectly shaped and formed with the exception that it had no eyes. It was a Rhode Island.

A new smooth lawn barley named Texas and developed at the Dorton station of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, is being made available to farmers this year. Its qualities include resistance to disease and superiority in yield in Central Texas, according to report.

When Dr. S. N. Parks, of Lancaster, (Dallas county), killed one of his White Leghorn hens for his Sunday dinner recently, he discovered the chicken had a 26-inch egg sack containing seven fully-developed eggs and six immature eggs ranging in size from a large walnut to one inch in diameter.

J. E. McDonald, State Commissioner of Agriculture, reported that "For the first time in over 20 years Texas farmers are receiving \$60 a ton for cottonseed." The statistical position of fats and oils, plus the supply and demand were given as reasons for justifying the price.

Burning the woods this winter won't help rid the farm of insect pests, according to information released from the A. & M. College of Texas Forest Service. This practice has been proven ineffective in controlling insects which attack agricultural crops.

What is believed to be the largest cock's comb ever to be grown in the section around Victoria, (Victoria county), was displayed by Mrs. F. A. Meissner. The huge flower weighed 5 1/2 pounds and was 39 inches in circumference.

Texas' share of the 1940 parity payments to farmers was \$29,849,684. It was recently announced in Washington. The total for the entire nation was \$205,834,629.

Seeded ribbon cane was introduced into Caldwell county for the first time this season by Judge M. O. Flowers. The variety, made a showing superior to any other cane grown in this section of the State, it is said. The seed, a bantam hen is raising six quail on the farm home of H. R. Lively, Madisonville, (Madison county). The six young quail were hatched out by the bantam, and she mothers them with all the enthusiasm she would give a regular chicken brood. It was reported.

Texas farmers during the 1940-41 season used approximately 8,000 tons more fertilizer on their crops than in the 1939-40 season, according to a report issued by Dr. G. S. Fraps, State chemist in charge of the administration of the fertilizer laws in Texas. A total of 115,850 tons were used over the State.

An industry that is growing by leaps and bounds in Wilcox county is that of growing gladioli. Northwest of Raymondville is a 45-acre field owned by Glenn Flinn. Each season 700,000 cut "glads" are shipped to Northern markets and 200,000 bulbs sold to wholesale buyers. Fifteen acres of young bulbs and 10 acres of bulbets are grown each year by Mr. Flinn.

Her exceptional butterfat yield has qualified the purebred Jersey cow, Ox-fonde Mary Flavia, owned by C. M. Andrews of Greenville, (Hunt county), for the silver medal award of the American Jersey Cattle Club. In her recently completed official test the medal winner produced 122.40 pounds of butterfat and 7,356 pounds of milk in 305 days, milked two and three times daily.

Fourteen acres of sandy hillside land in Dallas county are yielding better than 5 tons of high grade Dalmatian sage, according to T. L. Allen, who has pioneered in this new field with his small experimental crop never before grown in Texas. The grower is realizing \$1,200 a ton, or more than \$400 an acre. Allen sees an opportunity for sage to become of service to many cotton farmers whose land is capable of raising more profitable crops.

The rat poisoning program to have been put on in Montague county recently had to be postponed because of a shortage of red squill powder. The red squill is made from a bulbous plant grown in the Mediterranean Sea area, and Hitler sees to it that very little is imported. It is done to this country from that region. County Agent Avie Elliott reports the program may be cancelled.

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Of Texas' 167,934,720 acres of land area, about 132,000,000 acres are suffering erosion damage, according to a recent survey of the Soil Conservation Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. This damage includes 11,000,000 acres ruined for further immediate crop production.

A \$15 credit can be earned by East Texas farmers who plant forest trees on their lands this winter, according to provisions contained in the 1942 State AAA program, the Texas Forests Service, a division of A. & M. College, has announced. The \$15 credit has been specially provided for reforesting worn-out and idle farm acres. It is not charged against or deducted from regular allotments.

Dr. A. B. Cox, cotton expert of the University of Texas, estimates the cotton surplus in the State at 3,000,000 bales. He says the recent movement to have Texas girls wear cotton hose is good, but that as far as helping the Texas cotton farmer is concerned, "if every woman in the State switched to cotton stockings," Dr. Cox said, "the increase in cotton consumption would hardly make a dent in Texas' huge cotton surplus."

Lester Harriss, on a farm five miles northeast of Brownwood, (Brown county), robbed his tree-imb bec gum and got about two gallons of light colored and exceptionally sweet honey, it is reported. The honeycomb was nearly as large as the top of a barrel in width and about 24 inches in length, and was strangely located on the west side of the tree, exposed to the sun. No effort had been made by the bees to find a secluded place to hive.

Two scientists at the Texas College of Arts and Industries report their experiments indicate that "blue bugs" may play a role in the transmission of fowl paralysis.

Mrs. Mabel Kay, who has led the Tri County Dairy Improvement Association for the last three months, says she firmly believes that it pays for a dairymen to feed bulk in a grain ration even if it is added extra by feeding bulls. She attributes the increased production to better utilization of feed due to the added bulk.

One of the most important cash income "crops" in Kerr county this year will be fur taken from the ring-tail fox and coon in this section. Estimates indicate that the number of fur-bearing animals is at least equal to last season when the county yielded over 4,000 skins. Skunk and opossum quotations are predicted to be some better than last year.

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CHRISTMAS IN COAL MINING TOWN

The infinite play of Christmas is Madrid's! Not the Madrid of war torn Europe but the peaceful little New Mexican coal mining hamlet nestled among the hills in the northern part of that Republic, about six miles from Walden, on the Santa Fe main line.

It is a far cry from the arenas of strife and turmoil to this village of coal mines, where the meaning of Christmas is exemplified in such a true Christian spirit.

For this year the 400 coal miners and their families again plan a Christmas party to which they invite the world to share in peace, kindness and good will. The party will be more elaborate than ever, and as approximately 60,000 tourists were attracted last year, the villagers expect a greater influx this year.

The history of the annual celebration goes back some 15 years when the coal laborers decided to decorate yards of their unpretentious dwellings with illuminated Christmas trees. This led to keen competition and finally, when virtually every yard was so dressed, the coal company officials and workers decided upon efforts toward an annual party.

Each year additional lights were added, additional space on the hillside was used, until today more than 50,000 colored electric light bulbs lend a beneficent luster to a beautiful theme.

The lighting, while an important adjunct to the general Yuletide picture, is but one of the many features blended to make a perfect Christmas picture in the isolated hills. Paucity has been developed to a high degree, and the thousands of annual visitors leave with pride in the knowledge that here in America the simple Christmas spirit is undimmed.

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With a new ring to our voice, let us shout, "Merry Christmas!" For this year we have much to make us merry despite the sadness of war. Here in the land of America Santa Claus will fill stockings and adorn lovely Christmas trees as of yore. Here little children shall not be hungry, nor cold, nor homeless as they are in foreign lands. Here we shall remember the kindly words of the Saviour, whose birthday we celebrate and who said: "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

This has been a busy and happy year for our club. Many new members have joined and I wish we could print on this page all the letters club members have written me during the year. It would make me proud of the interest shown in our club work.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR is my sincerest wish to all.

SHOOTING STAR

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Walter was a little boy on the edge of a great desert. He sunbathed in the morning and in the afternoon. He rode down the long dry road to his home. He was a boy of about ten years of age. He was a boy of about ten years of age. He was a boy of about ten years of age.

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REDWOOD TREES ONCE GREW WIDELY

The big redwood trees, now a natural wonder only of the coastal regions of upper California and lower Oregon, once were widely distributed over the northern half of the world.

This has been ascertained by the discovery of fossil remains of the giant tree, which have persisted materially unchanged through many geological eras. Some of the redwoods standing today were stately trees when Columbus discovered this continent; their age exceeds 1,200 years. Their ancestors shaded the dinosaurs.

Changes in climate wiped out the far flung redwood forests of other oceans. The tree will grow only where moisture is abundant and temperatures mild. These conditions obtained during the age of reptiles over many areas of the earth where the climate is now much drier and colder; so much colder in some places that no trees of any sort grow there now. That is true, for instance, on St. Lawrence Island, in the Bering Strait, midway between Alaska and Siberia, and in Greenland.

It seems likely that the species was even more widely distributed than excavation has yet revealed. But stone remains of redwoods have been found on our Middle Atlantic Coast, in coastal Texas, at a number of points in the Mississippi Valley and on the plains between it and the Rockies. The tree has left behind its ancient distribution in Ireland, England, various points in continental Europe, Siberia, China, Japan and Iceland.

CHRISTMAS TREE FETE HELD IN MINE SHAFT

A Christmas tradition born seven years ago will be observed by miners far below the earth's surface. A brightly lighted Christmas tree, 1,300 feet down a shaft of the Greenwood Mine of the Inland Steel Company of Ishpeming, Mich., will beckon to miners for their Yule party.

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"The American home is particularly vulnerable to accidents of all kinds during the Christmas and New Year holidays," warns Mrs. Chester E. Edwards, chairman of the safety division of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. "But," she adds, "if reasonable care is taken, additional holiday hazards may be avoided." She suggests that women in homes all over the country take the following precautions:

Use decorations and Christmas tree trimmings, if possible, that are fire-resistant. Do not expose any decorations to direct contact with electric light bulbs, candles or fireplaces. Dispose of wrapping paper from gift packages at once. Burn them or place them in a metal waste can until they can be removed from the premises.

Inspect portable electric cords and discard those that are frayed and worn. Beware of cords under rugs. They are easy to trip on.

Keep a fire extinguisher handy to put out small fires. Provide a number of ample ash trays. They will help protect furniture from burn scars and reduce the danger of careless smoking and use of matches.

To prevent falls and other accidents: Before trimming the Christmas tree, fasten it securely so it will not fall and cannot be knocked over. Use a ladder, not a chair. Beware of toys with sharp edges and exposed machinery where fingers might be caught.

Explain electrical toys before allowing very young children to play with them. Outside lighting displays should be installed by a competent electrician, if any special wiring connections or extensions are needed. Christmas tree ornaments are made of very thin glass. Clear away broken decorations without delay. Place your tree as far as possible from the fireplace, and see that Santa distributes his gifts from near the tree, not near boys and girls. Records show that they might ignite his highly inflammable costume.

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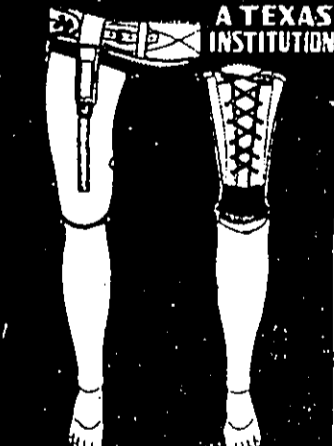
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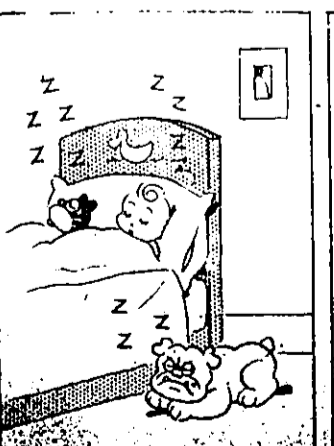
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By John Rosol

CHRISTMAS MENU HELPS

A table loaded with goodies is the most welcome sight I can think of to greet the young folks back home to spend the big holiday. Here are a few timely helps you may welcome:

Steamed Chocolate Pudding
2 cups sifted flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon soda 1/3 cup shortening
1/4 teaspoon salt 1/2 cup sugar
1 egg, well beaten
3 squares unsweetened chocolate, melted
1 cup milk

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder, soda and salt, and sift three times. Cream butter, add sugar gradually and cream together. Add egg and chocolate, beating until smooth. Add flour, alternately with milk, a small amount at a time, beating well after each addition. Turn into greased mold, filling 2/3 full, cover tightly and steam 2 hours. Serve hot with hard sauce or foamy sauce. Garnish with whipped cream if desired. Serves 10.

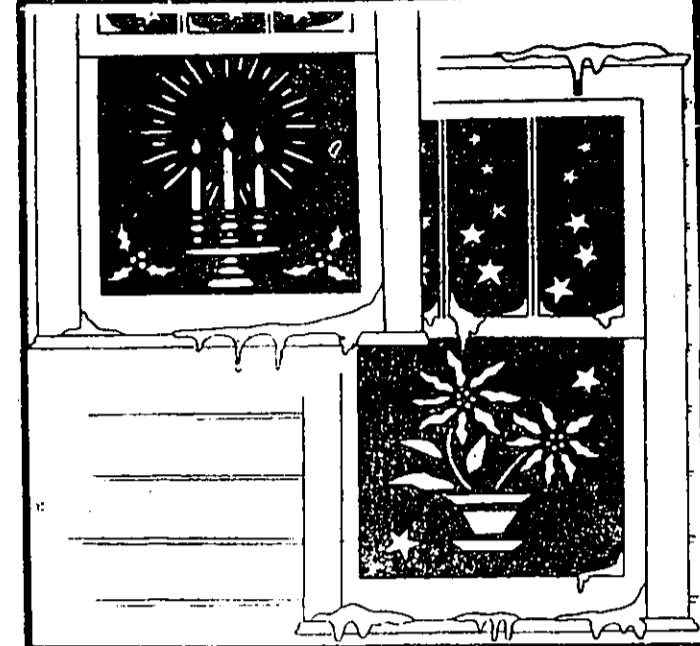
Foamy Sauce
1/2 cup brown sugar, firmly packed
1 egg yolk, unbeaten
Dash of salt
1 1/2 cups white, unbeaten cream
1/2 cup cream, whipped

HOUSEHOLD HELPS

MRS. MARGARET STUTE, Editor, 1809 Ashland, Fort Worth, Texas.

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Decorate your windows for the holiday season with these two attractive designs. Bright candles and holly, and the poinsettia and stars come on transparent blue tissue sheets, that are to be backed with cardboard or heavy black paper from which the design has been cut. Place a light behind them, and let your windows pattern these joyous symbols of the Yuletide. Both designs come as C9235, price 15c, and directions are included.

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THIS YEAR OF GRACE

This year of all years we face life with a new reverence for Christ's birthday. This year we can better understand the meaning of, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

That thought uppermost, we can celebrate Christmas with lighter hearts and can sit down around a bounteous table knowing that a forgiving Father rules the universe and that He "doeth all things well." Furthermore, and it is a comforting thought, we shall share this Christmas with countries overseas who hunger and are fighting for Christian liberty. Our ships will carry some food to them.

Christmas toys reflect the desire of people to forget the horrors of war and we are glad to see the return of many simple toys that have been absent from counters for many years. Need for metal has curtailed the production of mechanical toys. Dolls are especially lovely this season. It almost makes you wish you were a little girl again.

"Have a soldier for Christmas dinner," is a slogan that will be paralleled in many ways. We cannot have a happy Christmas unless we make someone else happy. If your son is serving in an army camp, have him bring a home a family to share the Christmas dinner. If you do not have a son in the army, then attract through your church or USO organization.

What fun it is to plan decorations for the Christmas table. It seems that the more limited our resources the more resourceful we become. It is a time, if we bring into play our imagination, there will be no limit to what may be achieved.

The major theme for most Christmas dinner parties is snow sports. Last year we used dark blue crepe-paper covering on which we pasted Santa riding gayly in a sleigh between white pine trees (these around the outside border). At one end of the table we arranged, with little expense, a forest scene. We made artificial trees by cutting long strips of white crepe paper (double thickness held together with rubber cement). To do this, cut the strips crosswise of the grain, an inch and three-quarters wide; snip the strips at

HOLIDAY TABLE DECORATIONS

tern intervals along one edge to make bangs about an inch deep. Then cut the bangs slightly upward, so as to do with an attach leather. Wind the strips spirally on tape cores, beginning at the lower edge as you pass, leaving each row with one above. Make round, oval, or round discs of pasteboard covered with white crepe paper, which attach with string, give an inch-wide ring of silver-colored pasteboard.

Little artificial, now tipped green trees, in among the white trees, may be used in the setting. Here, too, may room wild deer and fawns, that, little dolls riding on a sleigh may be used skimming over a snow-bank made of white tissue paper and sprinkled with artificial snow. Any number of ideas may be worked out if you are patient and will take the time to do them.

FROM A CO-ED TO HER MOTHER

EDITOR'S NOTE: In this department we introduce a new feature of interest for the whole family. A letter from a mother will be reproduced from month to month. Please write us whether or not you like the feature.

DEAR MOMS: Now that I have taken the great step from high school to college, I am beginning to realize my responsibility.

How often I wish I was back in the good old high school days. You know, we were "big-shots" there—we were seniors. Now, that is different. Here we are nothing but "fish."

If we want to attend classes that is our responsibility and no one to tell us to do so. Everything we do we must decide for ourselves.

There is much social activity. We have our informative lectures as well as our entertainments. Now, that the National Defense program is on the way to being a very major issue, much of our time is taken with that. There are, of course, bandages to be wrapped; first aid course to be taken, problems to be discussed, even fundamental projects that women can do in the way of defense.

There is assembly work, airplane and machines of all kinds to be learned. I am learning that to be a successful co-ed you must develop many facilities. This includes religion, education, entertainment, health, leadership, ability to do as told and much more.

I find in college you not only learn the fundamentals of lessons but, equally as important, the ability to co-operate, to live with other people. In other words, to give and let live.

This feeling of belonging did not come all at once but had to be worked hard for. It had to be really earned. Once this feeling is achieved, you have, they say, something to be proud of.

Although I am home-sick at times, they keep us so busy I have little time to think about home. I miss you, dad and the boys, but I do hope I can make you proud of me and thus repay your many sacrifices.

Now that I have this picture of college days out of my system, I will write you more intimately of our life here in my next letter. Love to all, including friends, Your daughter, ELISA.

CHRISTMAS MENU HELPS

This grapefruit sherbet is a new and attractive dessert, or can be served with a meat course. It will add novelty to your Christmas or New Year dinner.

1 1/2 cups sugar
1/2 cup water
1/2 cup white karo
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 1/4 cups unsweetened grapefruit juice

1 cup grapefruit sections
1 cup seedless white grapes
Heat sugar, water and karo together until sugar is dissolved. Add lemon juice, grapefruit juice, grapefruit sections and grapes. Turn into trays or mold refrigerators. Freeze ring once just before serving. If set is frozen. Makes 4 servings. desired, omit grapes. Sherbet or with meat course.

MAGIC IN THE NAME

There is something in the air that makes you feel a thrill and humming of songs—perhaps causes you to want to break into Jingle Bells or Good Saint Nick, or something. A smell of cedar drifting through the night can set one's heart to thrumming with memories of yesterday. For after all Christmas and yesterday are closely related. Don't you remember how long between the holidays it was until after you were up

then they all ran back to a continuous string back on them and all are, just yesterday now the Yuletide hand again. Christmas is magic in the name.

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1/2 teaspoon vanilla.
Sift sugar. Add 1/2 of sugar to egg yolk and beat until light. Add salt to egg white and beat until foamy throughout. Add remaining sugar 1 tablespoon at a time, beating after each addition until sugar is blended; then beat until stiff. Combine egg yolk and egg white mixtures. Fold in whipped cream and vanilla.

Cinnamon Cookies
Beat 6 egg whites very stiff.



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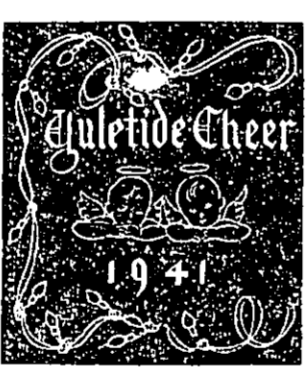
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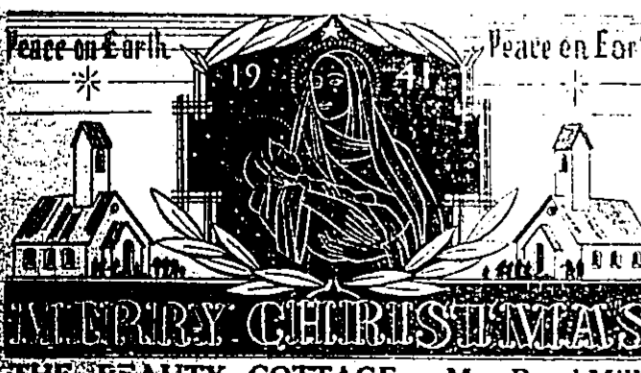
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