64TH YEAR

ELDORADO — SCHLEICHER COUNTY — TEXAS Thursday, December 23, 1965

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School Bond Vote Called For Jan. 15th

At their meeting Tuesday night, the trustees of the Schleicher County Independent School Dis-Saturday, January 15th, in the and out-of-county readers, a warm Jan. 31st. amount of \$175,000.

This election has been in the talking stage for some time and is for an overall improvement program of school properties to in-

Moving in of Eagle football field beside the high school gym;

New Band Hall; An addition to the school building to provide more room for the 30th. Subscribers will receive the Vocational Agriculture depart-

And finally, new stage curtains

The Success expects to print the ing Edition. ballots for this special election within a week, so that absentee timers as well as young people will voting can begin.

who have property rendered for nostalgic look at the year 1925, school taxes and who hold a 1965 which was drawing to a close 40 poll tax receipt.

The Success will carry more on

Cotton Gin Report

Damp, drizzly weather of the past week has not been conducive to cotton gathering and records at the gin reveal that only 26 bales were processed since our last re-

Last Wednesday morning the gin total was 3600 and yesterday morning it was 3623. Seventeen of these There is still some more cotton to come and it would come in quickly if there was a week of dry wea-

cher county, and the yield has over.

cotton acreage will be in the Yes, we can learn a lot from these Schleicher county.

Holidays Coming Up

Service stations in this and other towns, along with cafes and home. No two words mean more motels, are about the only business or go together better. establishments that will be open Saturday, Christmas Day.

Here, the Court House and City Hall and their employees are also taking this Friday, Christmas Eve day, for a holiday. So if you have any business to transact at either place, take care of it no later than today, Thursday.

New Year's day will also be a general holiday. Both Christmas and New Year's fall on Saturday this year.

School turned out at 2:30 p.m.. Wednesday, for the holidays, and classes reconvene the morning of January 3rd.

State Inspector To

Siebird Henderson, state livestock inspector, will be here soon to work with all sheepmen, and to lag in the Sheriff's office. Monday inspect all sheep in the county for afternoon, a total of only 245 pay-

Mr. Henderson stated that it cers to pen their flocks for inspection. He would appreciate it, however, if the producers could accompany him on this inspection.

All flocks in the State of Texas must be inspected by April 1, other batch of proposed amend- also lighted. 1966. The sheep population being ments to the State Constitution some 6 million for the state of will come up; there is always poswhich approximately 140,000 are sibility of a "wet" election; and as

in Schleicher county. This inspection became necessary due to the embargo or penalties being assessed by sheep going a valid and current poll tax reinto other states which requires ceipt in order to vote. a minimum of two dippings be-

sides the expense and delay.

Post Script

and sincere greeting of the Christ-

The public-spirited merchants and individuals who have placed their greeting messages have done so in the spirit of the season.

Two issues of the Success are combined in this one. This is the final Success for 1965; we will not publish a separate issue on Dec. next paper on January 6th, 1966.

We have a number of features, to replace those that have been stories, special ads, etc., carrying in use since the present school out the Christmas theme throughplant was constructed back in 1950. out the two sections of this Greet-

In the second section, the old-Voting will be limited to those article which takes a lengthy and years ago.

We have a preview of politics this election in our issues of early which will again command attention in 1966.

To the Success crew, this Christmas edition is one of the most enlightening editions we put out all year. We are carrying 45 letters to Santa Claus from the Third Grade pupils of the local elementary school. To many adults these Santa letters will seem quite boring, but only to those who have not learned to read as yet.

For those of us, adults, that have learned to read we will find the time we spend reading these children's letters quite rewarding. bales were turned out Tuesday. think also that we adults can take some lessons from these children on ways to enjoy Christmas. All too often we are concerned with the buying of gifts and the work At the beginning of the season that must be done to prepare for it was reported that 6,500 acres Christmas and the inevitable pay were devoted to cotton in Schleiling of bills after Christmas is

already averaged over half-bale As you read deeply between the lines of these letters you can not Under the new acreage allot- help but see the bright, shinment plan for 1966, gin men ex- ing faces displaying a hope for the plain that acreage will be cut from future, a thankfulness for the past 35 to 40%, and it is likely that and an awareness of the present. neighborhood of 4,000 acres in kids and their faith in the unseen, their unselfish attitude in wanting others around them to enjoy the wonders of the Christmas season.

> No two words are jollier, merrier or happier than Christmas and

> Ask a first-time-away college student what coming home for Christmas means. Ask the GI away land.

Ask loving grandparents of 55,000-1. whose far-flung family has come back to roost for one joyous reun-

Christmas isn't just how or when or what or why. Christmas is where. And the happiest where we know is home.

With our subscribers:

Mrs. Claudia Galbreath has entered a new Christmas gift subscription for Mrs. Nolan McDonald at box 168, Kingsland, Texas.

Mrs. N. G. Hodges has entered a subscription for O. V. William-Work with Sheepmen a subscription for O. V. Williamson at Route 1, Box 204, Cottonwood, Calif.

> Poll tax payments continue to ments had been made.

The year 1966 will be an imporwould not be necessary for produ- tant year politically, with much interest expected to center in both

local and higher races. There will be the Democratic primaries in May and June, and with strings of colored lights, and General Election in November; and the Memorial Building which is phrey, Mrs. A. K. Bailey, Mrs. always there will be city and school officials to be elected. All of these call for the voter to have

Although suits are now going through courts contesting the vali-As in the past, all producers of dity of the pill tax as a prerequi- Shannon hospital on Monday, Dec. pasas and died four months later the county will want to co-operate site for voting in local elections 13th. He was operated on for a of a sudden heart attack. with this endeavor. Failure to do in Texas and three other states, torn cartiledge of the knee. He And in the national news, man's

With this Christmas Greeting, be SURE of being qualified to vote Edition of the Success, we extend all through the coming year is to trict called for a bond election for to all our Schleicher county friends pay the poll tax no later than

We have another article on local politics coming up, printed elsewhere in this Success issue.

—ps— Danny Becknell has moved from a McGinnes house to a Mattocks

Raymond Phipps is new in Eldorado and is in a Phillips house. Mr. Phipps is here with the rail-

Guerrero Wins Top **Decorating Prize**

Judging took place early this week in the decorating and lightfind interesting reading in the ing contest which is sponsored each Christmas season by the Eldorado Lions club and the Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce.

The First National Bank was awarded the plaque for the bestdecorated business house.

Winners of the three cash prizes were announced as follows: Best yard scene, \$15, Eluterio Guerrero;

Best window, \$5, Leo Prater; Best door, \$5, Howard Derrick. The committee judged the displays on the artisic effort of the resident. The committee reported that all decorations were of ex-

treme high quality. "Too many qualified for honorable mention to name individuals. Courthouse and lawn decorations were especially cited as the most beautiful in years," a committee spokesman said.

After being fractured and acidoff and has been flaring strong flow of gas. Unofficial estimates rate the well at from 8 to 10 million cubic feet.

This well is located a short distance beyond Eldorado city limits and is on a half-section block which includes a large number of city lots.

tended 7/8 mile southeast in the Eldorado multipay field of Schleicher county with completion of Tenneco Oil Co. No. 1 Robinson who's done a hitch in some far- one mile southwest of Eldorado, for a calculated, absolute open brand-new home and a brand-new gas per day, with gas-liquid ratio retired from the establishment.

> 4½-inch casing set at 6,442 feet, on total depth of 6,975 feet.

The Eldorado field now has about a dozen shut-in gas wells waiting for pipeline outlet. Sinclair has completed surveys for a area to their plant at Hulldale. and Mozelle Taylor took over the Construction will get under way Java Junction cafe. as FPC permit has been issued.

Operation EYE-SORE Kenneth Vaughan, Reporter

A number of business houses have Christmas displays which present quite an appearance after dark when they are lighted.

Especially attractive is the Court House which is festooned

News Of The Sick

Mrs. Ben Hext returned home yesterday from Galveston where she had undergone tests at a hospital and released with a good bill of health.

As This Year 1965 Draws To A Close—

As the year 1965 fades into his tory, a quick look at the past 50 issues of the Success reveals that it has been a busy year locally. and a significant one nationally.

As the year got under way, resi dents of this area were recovering from an epidemic of a flu-like virus which affected a majority of families during the Christmas and New Year's holidays of a year ago.

This was the year some promotion was done on an area-wide water district, but local promoters failed to get their bill through the legislature.

Eldorado, along with other towns of West Texas, sent aid to Sanderson after that town was devastated by a flood early in the sum-

Larry McGinnes attended sessions of the American Legion Boys State in Austin. Three prisoners from the State Penitentiary addressed the local high school students and told how they had gone astray in their younger years. The program was "Operation Teen-

The local school completed integration in September. Also, the school trustees adopted a \$408,000

James Mika brought in the first bale of cotton and was given the traditional gift of a hat by the Lions club.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hext and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Edmiston were honored on their Golden Wedding anniversaries.

Mrs. Babe Rutledge and her family joined her husband, Bob Rutledge, in Holland to make their home. Mrs. Rose Doyle and family spent the summer in Venezuela with her husband, Kenneth Doyle, where is is working.

Here in Eldorado, we had some changes and improvements in the business district and over the

The County Park is being ex panded in area and a pitch-and-putt golf course and driving range are being devloped.

Some paving has been done on ized early this week, the Mallard streets adjoining the school prop-No. 1 McWhorter well has kicked erty. Also, the area just south of in space. the high school gymnasium is being cleared for future location | gle included Selma-to-Montgomery of the football stadium.

A new water well was drilled at the airport and has been incorporated into the city's water system act. to make it more efficient.

Some mass meetings were held Canyon gas production was ex- Eldorado, but no concrete plans and the United Nations. were made.

In an expansion program, El Dorado Woolens completed and oc-Sonora highway and held open house in April, which about 1500

General Telephone Co. comdialing nationwide by 1967.

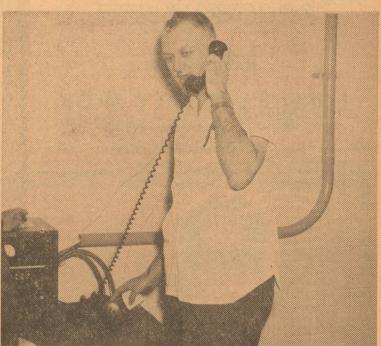
Other news in the business dis-McEwens moved their Friendly issue.) pipeline to take gas from this Wash to a larger building, Shorty

Rev. Johnny Griffith's Assembly of God church took over the Eastside Baptist church property on the Menard highway, and in other church news, Rev. G. D. Callis came on the job as pastor of the newest church here, the Apostolic Church which is holding services in a newly completed building in eastern Eldorado.

A number of people saw the New Year of 1965 come in, and passed away during the following 12-month period. These included Ward C. Parks, Mrs. Robert Nixon, Ruth Danford, J. C. Carr, Ren Mc-Cormick, Ed Willoughby, Mrs. J. M. Hoover, Bob Anderson, Jim Willoughby, C. N. Shaw, J. F. Kinser, and Henry Landon Turn-

The Rev. C. M. Nyquist was suc- at Monahans. ceeded as local Methodist pastor in June by D. G. Salter. Rev. Tommy Whitten entered the Nyquist was transferred to Lam-

New Telephone Equipment Put Into Use



ELDON CALK, Mayor of the City of Eldorado, is shown as he made the first long-distance call in the new telephone building, as the new dial equipment was put into service last week.



C. C. McLAUGHLIN, who was local telephone manager here for many years before his retirement, is shown as he prepared to pull the switch to disconnect the old dial telephone equipment. The McLaughlins have continued to make their home here in Eldorado since their retirement. -Staff Photos

The continuing civil rights strugmarch; race riots took place in the Watts section of Los Angeles. Congress passed the voting rights

The World Fair closed near New York City, with a financial on getting a retirement home for loss. Pope Paul visited New York

Other news highlights have included the Viet Nam war, electrical power failure on the cupied their new building on the eastern seaboard, and passage of the medicare bill by Congress.

With the death of Sir Winston Ask a brand-new family with a flow of 5.1 million cubic feet of people attended. Joe M. Christian Churchill, we lost yet another link with the World War II period. Other prominent figures whose Production was through perfor- pleted their new dial equipment deaths occurred included Adlai ations between 6,294-6,314 feet, in building, changed out all local Stevenson, twice Democratic nomphones, and we are now using the linee for President; and Albert new 7-digit numbers. We're to be Schweitzer, who operated a hos- in the home ec. rooms before pital in Africa.

(The Success will print a more trict included: a new 4-unit addi- detailed local news review of the the Student Council. tion was built at Shaw's Motel, the year 1965, in the Jan. 6, 1966

McAllister Youth Killed

Michael Scott McAllister, 19, son of School Supt. Kenneth C McAllister of Sanderson, was killed in an automobile accident Sat-urday afternoon in Fort Stockton. Home Town Boy urday afternoon in Fort Stockton. Five others were reported injured in the two-car collision at a rainslick intersection.

The McAllister family lived here about a dozen years ago and Mr. McAllister was a coach in the local school system.

Funeral services for the Mc-Allister youth were held Monday in Fort Stockton and interment was made in a cemetery there.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude A. Roth and T. Jackson Jr., L. L. Harris, Lon family of Piedmont, South Dakota, are here to spend the holidays with the Delbert Edmiston family. The women are sisters. The Roths will also visit the R. T. McDaniels

New Babies

McCormick of Midland on Decem- Gilbert Lowe. so could penalize all sheep men these court actions are apt to drag returned home on the 18th and is in the future, County Agent W. G. on for many more weeks or doing well at home. He is the son Godwin pointed out.

And in the national news, man's McConmick of Midiand on December Continuing exploration of space ber 20, a son, weighing 7 pounds was climaxed by our Gemini 6 and Gemini 7 space vehicles meeting Van McCormick of Eldorado.

Gemini 7 space vehicles meeting Van McCormick of Eldorado.

School Parties Held Tuesday Evening

The Jr. High and High School parties were held Tuesday night at the Memorial Building, which was beautifully decorated in the Christmas Holiday theme.

Rusty Meador was master of ceremonies for the high school party, and the Wee Seven provided entertainment. Sam Henderson was recognized as Most Popular Boy, and Karen Griffin was Miss EHS. At the Jr. High party, Kay Mann and Randy Yates, and Bob Page were 8th grade favorites, and Peggy Hill and Keith Williams were 7th grade favorites.

Wednesday morning, the school faculty had an informal gathering classes began and that day was also Dress-Up Day, promoted by

In elementary school, the gift exchanges were held in the classrooms of the respective grades following the lunch hour. School turned out for the holidays at

Makes Good

Information has been received by The First National Bank of Eldorado, that John W. Alexander, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Alexander, has recently been elevated to the position of Assistant Cashier of the Mercantile National Bank at Dallas.

John was employed by the local bank here for several years. He has been with the Mercantile National Bank at Dallas for several years, being employed in the department handling the financing of cotton.

HERE ON LEAVE

Joe Lowe, who has been in the Navy for over a year, arrived in Eldorado Tuesday for a 30-day vi-Born to Mr. and Mrs. Len G. sit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs.





CHIRISTMAS

Ever/

SCHLEICHER COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Orval—Jack—Fenna—Bobbie



tunity to say, "Thank You" to all our good friends. May the season be filled with happiness for one and all!



ELDORADO VARIET

Gene and Vernell and Beth and Mary Lynn McCalla



FRIENDS SEEM CLOSER TO US, MEMORIES ARE MORE DEAR AND WISHES STILL MORE HEARTFELT WHEN CHRISTMASTIME IS HERE

> MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR

SHAW'S MOTEL

Mrs. C. N. Shaw and Employees



Austin.—Expansion of the bruellosis eradication program has touched almost every section of the state, as control moves from and El Paso in that order. established West Texas to the Valey and Deep East Texas.

Area testing toward initial certification is under way in Atascosa, Brooks, Coryell, Falls, Hamilton, Hood, Jack, Limestone, Mc-Lenan, Milam and Roberts coun-

Armstrong, Bosque, Crane, Duval, Erath, Potter, and Ward counties have qualified for certification or re-certification.

Twenty-one more counties peti-tioning for Brucellosis programs are Angelina, Cherokee, Hardin, Houston, Jasper, Jim Hogg, Nacogdoches, Newton, Orange, Panola, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, Tyler, Wichita and Zapata counties.

Attorney General Rules

Overlapping bills in the Legislature will balk Texas National Guard Armory Board plans to dispose of unneded armories "encumbered by debt" at Ranger, Carrizo Springs and Santa Anna, according to interpretation of an opinion by Atty. Gen. Waggoner Carr.

Another seven or eight armories are expected to become surplus to the places where data may be after the Guard-Reserve mergerwithout authority to dispose of

In other opinions Carr held: Texas draft boards soon may
—Wife of Kendall County sheriff take married men up to 35 years cannot be employed to prepare —Hale County justice of peace, will be done for the first time precinct 1, place 2, does not come since World War II. into existence until commissioners court declares precinct contains a

land at Abileen State School. -State Comptroller has authority to set up special accounts for gifts students who show no progress." and bequests to Water Rights

Poverty Programs Advanced

Commission.

Gov. John Connally announced approval of Community Action Program grants in Kingsville \$38,234); Comal and Blanco counties (\$18,649-; and Atascosa, and Karnes and Wilson counties (\$16,-

A \$223,710 Neighborhood Youth Corps grant to train 210 youngthe governor's authorization.

Cuero Project Report OK'd

Sen. John G. Tower's Austin office advises that a proposed Bureau of Reclamation Feasibility Report on the \$117,300,000 multipurpose Cuero Project in the Guadalupe River Basin of DeWitt and Gonzales counties has been

Report is being transferred to the State of Texas and to interested federal agencies for review before it goes to the President and

Annual yield of water from the proposed reservoir will be 229,000acre-feet for stage 1 development. and 342,000-acre-feet from twostage ultimate development.

Oil Exploration Encouraged

Texas now is encouraging exploration in the Gulf of Mexico on both state and federal leases by adopting a special offshore allowable yardstick giving offshore wells bonus production allowables. New Texas schedule, effective Jan. 1, matches the special offshore allowable Louisiana has been

granting, as least in general. This was a double Christmas bonus for companies operating offshore, since the Texas Railroad Commission announced its decision as it increased regular statewide production for January

to 32.6% of capability, a rise of 69,587 barrels in calendar day allowables.

Bonus production allowables will apply not only to state-owned tracts in the Gulf of Mexico, extending out 10.5 miles, but also to federally-owned lands beyond that point to the Continental

State Land Commissioner Jerry Sadler, who administers the offshore leases owned by the Texas Permanent School Fund, called the announcement "a Christmas gift for the Texas schools."

Hospital Programs

State Board of Health has allocated, tentatively, to various health facilities in Texas, more than \$16.6 million in federal Hill-Burton hispital construction, modernization and equipment grants. Final allotment is subject to federal agency approval.

Texas In 2020

More than 30 million people are expected to live in Texas by 2020, and about 2/3 of them will be living in 15 of the more urbanized

According to a Texas Water Development Board report, seven of the 15 will have a population exceeding a million. Eight counties will have populations ranging from 400,000 to 1,000,000.

This study, directly related to the State Water Plan, is due public presentation in the late spring of 1966. It will be the basis for water requirement projections to 2020. Counties in the "over-a-million"

category will include Harris, Dallas, Tarrant, Bexar, Travis, Nueces Dominent other counties will be

Jefferson, McLennan, Galveston, Brazoria, Smith, Lubbock, Hidalgo, and Gregg.

These 15 counties are expected to comprise 2/3 of the population. In 1960, the 15 contained half of the total state population. State Water Plan will project

water requirements for the expected population growth in each river and coastal basin.

Sleeper Act Introduced

This new act could serve as a boon to the state's economy.

Gov. John Connally named the Cordinating Board of Higher Education as the state agency and appointed Joe W. Tyson Jr. as state director.

Tyson said his office will work actively to make potential users aware of the wealth of data available. Agency will not keep such data itself, but will direct seekers

Draft May Take 35-Year Olds

Texas draft boards soon may old who have no children in order meals for prisoners in county jail. to fill armed forces quotas. This

Col. Morris S. Schwartz, state selective service director, made the announcement to Texas college -Board of Mental Health and and university registrars. He urged Mental Retardation can sell sur- the education officials to let Selplus land at Abilene State School. ective Service know as soon as Board of Mental Health and Men- draft-age young men drop out of tal Retardation can sell surplus school or lighten their work load -as "the nation can provide useful occupations for the perennial

Actually, raising the age bracket from 26 to 35 won't produce many more eligible men, according to Schwartz's calculations. He estimated there are less than 3,000 in the outside age range due to the number who qualify for defer-

ments because of dependent child- of the cost of building, remodeling ren or other reasons.

dedicated students in school" to mission set in motion planning and will help make this possible.

Mammoth Job Tackled

6-million head. This is to remove the double-dipping requirements placed by other states on the sheep from Texas.

Dipping rules were imposed when two outbreaks of sheep scab were discovered in Texas earlier in the years.

Dr. S. B. Walker, executive director of the Texas Animal Health Commission, said the two agencies should complete the mammoth task by April 1.

Short Snorts . . .

House Speaker Ben Barnes has of the average family's budget. appointed Reps. John R. Harrison Most families spend three and five of Pasadena, J. E. Johnson of per cent of their income on pre-Hiuston, Chet Brooks of Pasadena, sents. To avoid running bigger Lee Duggan Jr. of Houston and bills than intended, the family J. Charles Whitfield of Houston should keep a running total of the New discoveries in science and to study the possibility of putting amount of gifts bought, for cash, technology valuable to business, industrial and commercial interests will be made available to the state through a federal program.

This new set and of state through a federal program.

This new set and of state through a federal program.

This new set and on credit. And, if you're paying over a period of several months, credit charges should be figured as part of the cost.

en or other reasons.

Selective Service. Schwartz emin the state, and 33 cities have phasized, wants to leave "serious, applied for aid . . Highway Comcomplete their work, and feels construction of last 10-block secreporting drop-outs or those whose tion of U.S. Interstate Highway 35 study load drops below fulltime in Laredo - Major expansion of highway routes in Del Rio and vicinity also wer ordered Department of Agriculture is mak-State and Federal livestock ins- ing emergency loans to eligible pectors are going to inspect all farmers in Harris. Mitchell, Pecos the sheep in Texas, estimated at and Rockwall counties due to weather losses and insect infestation.

Buy Within Budget

Christmas is a time of joy and giving, yet the large family, in the excitement of the holiday, family dinners and other activities, may incur too heavy an expense.

Careful thought and planning can make things easier on the pocketbook and reduce the post-Christmas concern about overdue bills. Gifts are an important part

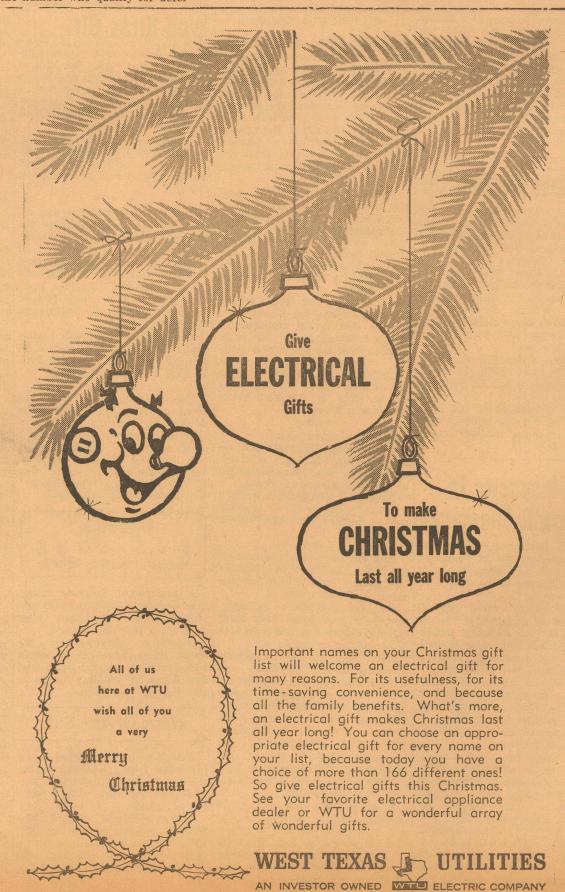


CHRISTMAS WISHES

We want to say thank you to all our friends and customers for your friendship and patronage during this year. We wish for you a very pleasant and happy Christmas.

Whatever else is lost among the years. Let us keep Christmas Its meaning never ends.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stigler And Family



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Many and the second



Itlay the joy

and peace

of Christmas

be with you today

and always

from your Mobil Consignee and butane dealer:

Jack Halbert, Jr. and family

An Old Fashioned Christmas Tree

If you want to celebrate your Christmas in the 1890's tradition, t's not as difficult as you might think. For the top of the tree, you can cut a star out of gold construction paper. You can also cut chains from the same paper to string along the branches. Or if you prefer, make your strings of popcorn and cranberries.

Then you should have loads of cookies, candies, and gilded nuts. Star-shaped cookies, gingerbread men, and Beech-Nut sours—hard candies that capture the turn-of-the century flavor—any of these would do just fine.

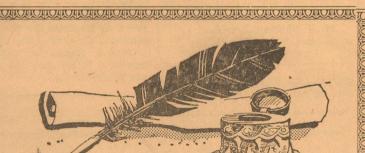
You can put the sours in little transparent bags and attach them to the tree. You can also use the candies to stuff gifts and fill stockings with. And if you want a real Gay Nineties touch, you can just fill a dish with sours, and keep it standing on a foyer table for your Christmas guests.

Also, your Gay Nineties Christmas wouldn't be complete without at least a half dozen cornucopias on your tree. To make these, simply take coolred construction paper, preferably gold and silver, rol it into a cone, and attach the ends together with masking tape. Then Caroling As Old As you punch two holes in the top rim through which you thread a piece of red or green string. With the string you attach your cornucopia to the tree, and once you fill it to the brim with Beech-Nut sours you have a delightful (and tasty) Christmas decoration.

Then if you want to go all the way to make your Christmas tree an old-fashioned one, you can try to locate some 1890's toys to put under it. Say, a hobby horse, carousel—or maybe a Teddy Bear.

Gift Giving

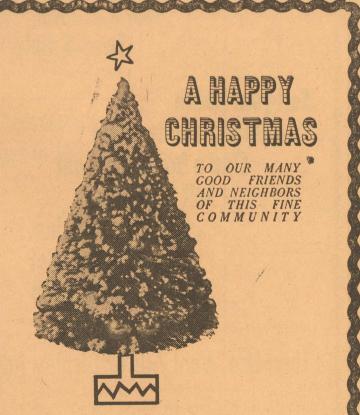
The exchange of presents at in a hermitage in Grecchio, Italy. Christmas is not a tradition of After this many churches began ity, the exchange of gifts was changed to Christmas and the gift-giving tradition has grown with the progress of Christianity.



To each of our good friends and neighbors who made our stay and service in Eldorado so pleasant we wish a most enjoyable Christmas and a Happy New Year.

THE C. E. GOGSWELLS

116 W. 10TH-COLORADO CITY, TEXAS



THE RATLIFF STORE

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ratliff

and Mrs. McMillan and Mrs. Sudduth

New Year Feasting

Feasting is an important part of the New Year observance. So i the offering of a proper toast. Our ancestors believed that a good meal on the first day of the year would assure that there would be

plenty in the days ahead.

In the United States, turkey is somewhat traditional. In some sections ham is essential. In portions of the south. blackeyed peas are a favorite.

To many Swedes, glogg is as important as food as part of the holiday fare. This traditional drink is made with claret wine, sweet ened with sugar and flavored with almonds, raisins, dried orange peel, cinnamon, cloves, and cardamon. It is usually set afire before serving.

The Scots named New Years Eve "Hogmany" grouping it with the whole New Year's season as "Daft days." Scottish children flood the streets on New Year's Eve shouting, "Hogmany," expecting cakes and fruits from neighbors just as American children do at Hallo-

A popular Spanish table treat is sopa, rice cooked with olive oil tomatoes, vegetables and meat par-

Christmas Itself

Christmas caroling is almost as old as Christmas itself—though not in the form we know it.

An early historian wrote that in the Second Century the bishop of Rome urged his people to sing "in celebration of our Lord." Christmas hymns go back to the Fifth Century, when most of them were written in Latin.

St. Francis of Assisi is regarded as the father of caroling as we know it. In 1223, St. Francis placed a creche (miniature Nativity scene)

modern vintage. In early times, displaying a Nativity scene at even before Christianity, priests urged their pagan followers to exchange gifts at the New Year. At story. The actors composed carols first, the gifts were collected by the priests who then distributed them to the poor. With Christian-stroll down the street, singing. In that way, street caroling was born.

Joseph Mohr, a pastor in Oberndorf, Austria, composed "Stille Nacht," or "Silent Night," on Christmas Eve, 1818. Franz Gruber, the local schoolmaster and organist, composed the music the same day, and the hymn was sung for the first time at Midnight Mass

that night.
Charles Wesley, brother of John Wesley, wrote, "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing-" in 1739. Phillips Brooks, a noted Boston clergyman, wrote "O Little Town of Beth-lehem" in 1868 after visiting Bethlehem.

Though not a carol, Handel's noble "Messiah" is a Christmas tradition. It was first performed in Dublin in 1742. "Joy to the World," written in the early 18th Century by Isaac Watts, was set to the music of a segment of the "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night,' written in 1703 by Nahum Tate, was set to music taken from "Siroe," an opera by Handel.

No one knows who wrote "The First Noel." It appeared in print in 1833 in a book called "Christmas Carols Ancient and Modern,' and is believed to be very old.

The author of "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," also is unknown, but he lived before Shakes-

So if you should go caroling this Christmas season, think of other carolers of years gone by, of the people of Charles Dickens' time in their beaver hats and cutaway coats, of English villagers in hose and jerkin, of good St. Francis, and of the priests of the time of the Christian Roman Empire who, before caroling as we know it existed, sang "in celebration of our Lord."

New York . . . City Of Worship

New York is a city of three thousand houses of worship. Most of the temples schedule special Hannukah services, while the churches have Christmas events. The afternoon Christmas Eve service at the Chapel of Intercession is followed by a procession of children carrying lighted lanterns to the grave of Clement C. Moore, author of the poem, "A Visit From St. Nicholas." The blessing of the manger takes place Christmas Eve at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. There are Christmas carillon concerts at Riverside Church.

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Mr .and Mrs. Hollis McCormick served refreshments to a number of friends on December 15th, honoring Don McCormick on his 73rd birthday. Present in addition to the McCormicks were Mrs. L. M. Hoover, Miss John Alexander, Mrs. Elizabeth Ballew and W. F. Mea-

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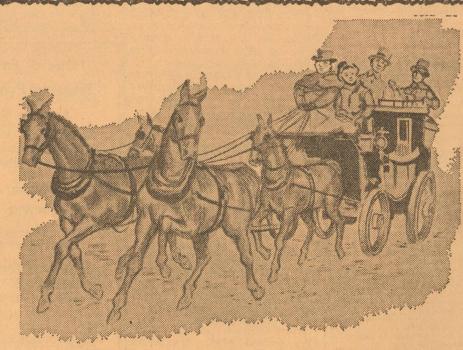


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Mrs. O. A. Harris and family c

DO PEOPLE read these small ads in the Success? You just did.

In Those Days

Compiled From Success Files ONE YEAR AGO

Dec. 24, 1964—Tom Whiteley, 82, brother of J. C. Whiteley of this place, died at Hico.

A virus epidemic, similar to flu, was sweeping the area.
Ernest K. Nimitz was visiting

here after completing his term of active Army duty at Fort Bliss. Guy Frank O'Banion, father of Frank O'Banion of this place, died in San Antonio.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Dec. 22, 1960—A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mund.

Pictured on the girls high school oasketball team were Verna Lux, Joan Griffin, Judy McGregor, Jan Davis, and Susie Scott. Also Kathy Sauer, Tissie Enochs, Joyce Wood ward, Mary Ann Nixon, and Linda

Joe Ed Spencer of Eldorado was elected to the National Honor Society at Sul Ross college.

Army Specialist James Lee Swain of Oklahoma City visited here with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Swain. Clarence McNeal died at the age of 55.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Morehouse were visiting here from Washing-

12 YEARS AGO

Dec. 24, 1953—Lewis Jordan directed the Methodist choir in a Christmas recital program, and the church was planning to have a New Year's Eve watch night ser-

Jack Jones, Bill Oglesby and Dwight Wiedenmann won the Christmas decorating contest. Dorothy Carrell married Edward

Mrs. J. O. Lindsey of Hamburg, Arkansas, was spending Christmas here with her son and his family, Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Lindsey.

Servicemen home visiting or ave included O. T. Conner, Kum Mund, and Henry Mittel, Jr W. M. Patterson died at the age of 83 at Whitney. He was the

father of W. M. Patterson Jr. of this place.
Billy Kenneth Cheek was home for the holidays from Baylor.

Dec. 26, 1930—Miss Lula Mae Bruton became the bride of Ray Alexander, in a ceremony in the

Methodist parsonage at Sonora. Dec. 29 was date set for an appearance here by the Art Names

Tent Show.
J. D. Tant and Alvo Johnson, both members of the Firm Foundation Church of Christ, debated pros and cons of women Sunday

School teachers. Little Miss Tommye Patricia Ballew fell from a car being driven here in town by her mother, and bruised her face. The mishap oc-

curred on Main Street. Miss Lodice Putman was home from her school in Santa Rita, for

the holidays. College students home: Victoria Jones, Daniel Baker College; Alvin Luedecke, A&M; Margaret Tisdale, Sul Ross; and Peyton Cain,

Sul Ross. A daughter was born Dec. 22 to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Roberts.

Lelia, Lena and Roscoe Parker were visiting here for the holidaps from Sul Ross.

Home from Schreiner Institute at Kerrville were Morris and Jack Whitten and Harold Isaacs.

End-of-the-year advertisements were printed from: Hamburger Bill, W. H. Parker & Son, San Angelo Telephone Co., Mrs. Kate E. Robinson, Whitten Service Station, Andrews Market & Grocery, Wright's Cash Store, Williams Man's Shop, West Texas Lumber Co., Cash Service Station, Brooks Store, Self-Serve Grocery, man's, G. B. Shoemake & Sons,

and the First National Bank. Mrs. John A. Martin of Del Rio passed through here Dec. 10 on her way to Abilene to attend the funeral of her father, Tom Taylor.

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Community Calendar

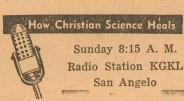
Dec. 27, Monday. Holiday dance for school young people. Jan. 5, Wednsday. Lions club meets 12:15, Memorial Building.

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Former Congressman Charles South Dies

Charles L. South, former Congressman of the 21st District here in West Texas, died in an Austin hospital Monday after a heart at-

Mr. South served as a representative in Congress from 1935 to 1942, the year he was defeated by O. C. Fisher, present Congress-

Mr. South served with the Reconstruction Finance Corp. during World War II and for several years afterward. He practiced law in Coleman and Austin and served in the Texas Legislature, after his period in Congress.

Coleman, his former home. He which election, the following bal-

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Walker Jr. came in Monday afternoon from Texas Tech, Lubbock, to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Walker Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Granvil Hext.

Advertisement For Bids

The Schleicher County Indepen dent School Board will accept separate bids until 4:00 P. M. January 10, 1966, in the office of the Superintendent of Schools on the following discontinued vehicles:

2. Suburban Carryall Bus, Chev-

rolet, 1955, Engine No. 0446243T-255X-Driving Condition. 3. 1956 Blue Chevrolet, 4 door Sedan, purchased from Surplus Property in Spring of 1963, Engine No. A56K119465. Driving Condi-

4. 1953 Chevrolet Pickup, known as the old School Pickup, Motor No. LBA 544691. Non Driving Condi-

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will be held in said District in accordance with the duly enacted Resolution of the Board of Directors of South Concho River Flood Control District, as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that in order to provide funds necessary for the planning, maintenance, operation, organization, administration, and to accomplish the other purposes of the South Concho River Flood Control District as set forth in the Act of the Legislature of the State His funeral was held in Austin of Texas creating said District, a Wednesday, with interment at tax election shall be called at was born in western Virginia in lot shall be submitted to the qualified property taxpaying electors of said District:

OFFICIAL BALLOT

FOR the authorization of the Board of Directors of South Concho River Flood Control District to assess, levy and collect an ad valorem tax at a maximum rate not exceeding ten cents on each one hundred dollars valuation, and provided such valuation for any tax year shall not exceed the valuation being assessed by the County

for ad valorem taxes. AGAINST the authorization of the Board of Directors of South Concho River Flood Control District to assess, levy and collect an 1. Vocational Agriculture Chevrolet 1961, ½ Ton Pickup Serial No. 1C154K103288—Driving Condition, and provided such valuation for any tax year shall not exceed the valuation being assessed by the County for ad valorem taxes.

(Scratch or mark one statement so that the one remaining shall indicate the way you wish to vote

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLV ED that said election shall be held on Tuesday, January 11, 1965, from 8:00 o'clock a.m. to 7:00 o'clock p.m.; One polling place situated at the Women's Club Building, in Christoval, Texas, for voters residing in Tom Green County, Texas, with G. C. McBee acting as Presiding Judge; and a second polling place situated at the Home Place of Joe A. Wagley on U. S. Highway 277, one mile North of Eldorado, Texas, for the voters residing in Schleicher County, with W. O. Enochs acting as Presiding

Judge. WITNESS MY HAND this the 10th day of December, 1965. M. G. Shurley, President

South Concho River Flood

Success office.

Control District SALES PADS for sale at the

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Mackey and sons, Jerry and Jacky, of Levelland visited their son, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Mackey a few days the first of the week.

Miss Dana Owens left Wednesday, as soon as school closed, for Take notice that a tax election | El Paso where she will visit during Christmas.



ATTRACTION . . . There's something about a Christmas tree, burning brightly in the night, that warms the heart, no matter how chilly the weather may be. Reflected against a background of city lights, this tree is a colorful reminder of the significance of this great holiday season.



been nursing for years can probably stand heavier cuttings for holiday gifts than most home owners realize, horticulturists report.

Tests show that English holly, especially can be cut rather severely over a period of years without reducing total yield or damaging the tree. Appearance of the tree, rather than possible damage, can pretty well dictate

the extent of pruning. In addition to cutting holly for gifts, the home owner may often be approached by professional holly cutters wishing to buy holly. Properly done, this pruning can

serve to improve the shape and maintain the size of the tree. Owners should be cautioned, however, to be sure the cutters' are professionals.

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Two Men Gave 'Silent Night' To the World

"Silent Night, Holy Night," will ring this Christmas in many different corners of the earth. In the mountain town of Oberndorf, Austria, however, they will probably ring clearer and more distinctly. For it was here, some 141 years ago, that the carol was sung for the first time.

The background story of this famous song begins on a sad note, for that night of December 23, 1881, Father Joseph Mohr, the parish priest, and his friend Franz Xavier Gruber, schoolmaster and church organist, had made a depressing discovery: that mice had eaten away the bellows of the church organ, and there would be no music for Christmas services.

Storm Lifts

As the two men were making their way through the wind and snow-swept streets of the village. it is said, the storm suddenly lifted and suddenly all was serene. Father Mohr looked up to the snowy peaks and clear skies and mut-tered to himself, "Silent Night, Holy Night. All is calm, all is bright.'

Immediately Gruber repeated the words, and both men were struck with the same idea—the beginning of a Christmas carol. The two hurried on to the schoolmaster's house and there, for the rest of night, worked diligently on a melody and suitable verses. Remembering that there would be no organ music, they kept the melody simple, one that could be played easily on a guitar.

Holiday Music There was music that Christmas in Oberndorf, after all, for Father Mohr and Franz Gruber led the villagers in the first public singing of what has become perhaps the best-loved of all Christmas Carols.

The organ that wouldn't play also figured in the popularization of the Oberndorf carol. The song became traditional in the Oberndorf region, but in the year 1830 when an organ builder came to fix the organ he heard the song, memorized it, and carried it across the mountains—and to the world.

One year after the organ builder memorized the song and carried it with him from town to town and village to village, the carol was included in presentation of a musical festival in Leipzig, Ger-

Great orchestras and great singers "discovered" the song and in the ensuing years it has become a part of our Christmas heritage.

Father Mohr never lived to see the greatness the song would achieve. He died in 1848 and his parishoners had to pay for the priest. Gruber, the schoolmaster, lived 15 years longer, but also died poor and obscure, perhaps-perhaps not—aware that the world would always be thankful for "Silent Night, Holy Night."

Hawaijan Holiday

Although many Hawaiians have seen ice only as frozen in mechanical refrigerators, the trees used by the islanders for Christmas decorations are painted white to simulate snow.

Christmas dinner is usually a private feast for the family. Open-house hospitality is rather difficult at Christmas because Hawaiians are always ready for a party and if families didn't close their doors for the holiday the home would be invaded by happy hordes of hungry guests seeking food and

New England Tots Had Toys in 1880's

Old Sturbridge Village, Mass., is known about the country for its annual "Muster Day," but this recreated New England town of 150 years ago also comes in for attention at Christmas because of a unique collection of early American toys.

In the early 1880's, Christmas was just another day—unless it happened to fall on a Sunday, as the austere Puritans did not observe the holiday. But children of the day were like children of every period and every country. They did have toys and playthings.

Most of the toys of the day, of course, were probably hand-made carefully and painstakingly by parents. Most of them were made of wood, although some were tin, probably made and sold by the local tinsmith.

The collection of toys at Old Sturbridge Village include miniature furniture pieces, doll beds, wooden rocking horses, and even a pair of ice skates.

Examination of the toys of these early American children indicates that, just as Christmas hasn't changed, neither has the children's preference in toys.

"B" Girls Play In Touranment Here

pated in the Eldorado Tournament last week-end playing three games

They squared off against Nueces Canyon Thursday and lost 64-16 to a formidable opponent. Maureen McCravey and Nell Neff scored 6 each, Stella Hubble 2, and Shane Henderson 2. Jan Wagley had 5 rebounds, Jacque Davis 4, Billie Gayl Blaylock 5, and Debra Murr 1.

On Friday the contest was much more even as the girls took on Christoval. Eldorado led 7-5 and at half-time it stood 23-15 in favor of the Eagles. Stella Hubble hit for 17 and Maureen McCravey 11 with Nell Neff getting 4 and Shane Henderson 2. However during the third period the green and white made only 2 points to 9 for Christoval and the Eldorado girls led only 25-24. The game was nip and tuck until Eldorado began to hit and surged out to win 34-28.

Jan, Billie Gayl, Jacque, Debra, Patsy Robledo, Tanya Yates and Dorothy Lozano did a good job defensively.

At 8:30 Saturday morning the "B's" met Rocksprings and were defeated 44-16 but not without a fight. The first quarter score was 6-11 but Rocksprings experience was too much as they pulled out to a 28-8 half-time lead. Third quarter score was 38-10 and Stella Hubble had 8 points, Maureen Mc-Cravey 6 and Shane Henderson 2.

good defensive game. 2-2 with both losses coming to Powell, hostess and Mmes. Frank

Cougars Beat Eagles

11 points none of the other Eages were able to consistently hit and the Eldorado boys lost 46-36. The Eagles led 23-18 at the intermission but a rash of errors cost them 15 points and the Cougars took a 31-25 lead.

Donald Rogers was on the Derrick had 11. Scoring was a little slow as Derrick had 8, Rogers 7, McGregor 6, and Halbert 4.

The fourth quarter the Eagles began to pick up and hit for 11 points as Christoval made 13. One bad quarter was the difference. The Cougars hit at a torrid pace

Braves Nip Eagles

host to Iraan and lost a close contest 40-47. Danny Halbert was in foul trouble early in the game and in double figures. Chris McCravey had 8, Jay Halbert and McGregor had 6 each and Joe Phillips contributed 5. Danny Halbert added led with 8 and Derrick 6.

Iraan burned the nets for an 18-10 first quarter lead but Eldo- the Social Security Office at 3000 score. During the third stanza the Eldorado crew scored 10 with Mc- program benefits. Cravey and Jay Halbert contributing 4 each and the score stood 34-32 in favor of Iraan. As the last quarter opened the Eagles in hustwith two starters out it was a difficult role.

and real desire to play ball as ager. they came from behind.

They will be off for a few days tournament at the San Angelo Coliseum December 28-29.

The Eagles are 5-5 on the season and won first in the Lake View Tournament.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Burton moved to Lufkin the first of the week. Mr. Burton will take retirement from Service Pipe Line Co., effective Jan. 1.

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Eaglettes Are 15-0

The Eldorado Eaglettes met the Iraan Bravettes in Eldorado Monon the red and black.

This is the longest win streak an Eldorado girls has ever had and the girls still have a tournament and 8 games remaining on their schedule.

Marsha Mund had 14 and Karen Griffin had 15 in the victory. Libby Preston and Martha Sue Page did a good job in hitting 8 each and Maureen McCravey, Susan Hill, and Susan Mobley hit 2. Marsha and Karen did not play in the fourth quarter and only briefly in the third so that others could gain some experience.

The girls hit 70% from the free throw line and 44% from the floor to maintain their good average.

Guards Chris Edmiston, Jane Cain, Shirley Hubble, Nancy Jurebounds of 12, 4, 3, 2, and 2. Joan near Van Horn. Doyle, Beth McCalla, and Billie Gayl Blaylock played well defen-Eldorado — 17 12 14 8—51 Iraan — 9 5 5 2—21

They then attend the Lake View girls tournament Jan. 6, 7, and 8.

The El Dorado Chapter DAR met | holidays. December 17, 1965, at the West Texas Cafe, with the First Vice All the guards again played a President, chairman of the social So far this year the B team is committee, Mrs. Elizabeth Rae strong varsity teams. The B team W. Meador and Mary Davis Coupe. will play Christoval there Jan. 6. co-hostesses. Mrs. Luke Thompson regent, presided.

The chapter was opened by the chaplain, Miss John Alexander. The beautiful Christmas letter by the President General, NSDAR, was read by the regent. Mrs. Er nest C. Hill, chairman of National Defense, reported. Program chairman of the day, Mrs. J. E. Hill, very graciously presented Mrs. Mary Davis Coupe. A beautiful word picture treated the chapter to the reign of the unmatched boards for 17 rebounds and Gary First Lady Dolly Madison in the a Christmas dinner.

On a Christmassy decorated dinner table, an old fashioned turkey dinner was served to: Mmes. Luke Chompson, Elizabeth Rae Powell, V. G. Tisdale, Frank W. Meador during the third period to push Ernest S. Goens. Ernest C. Hill, ahead. Eldorado — 12 11 2 11—36 N. Ramsay, Mary Davis Coupe, L. Christoval — 9 9 15 13—46 M. Hoover, Miss John Alexander N. Ramsay, Mary Davis Coupe, L. and Miss Miltia Hill, guest.

Individuals Must Apply Monday night the Eagles were For Medicare Coverage

The 1965 Amendments establish-Scott McGregor sprained an ankle sons 65 or over which will help pay numbered 75,000. in the third quarter. Gary Derrick both hospital and doctor bills. How led the scoring with 12 but again ever, this is not automatic and the no other Eagles were able to hit individual must apply for it un less he is already receiving Socia Security benefits or Railroad Re tirement benefits. If he is an Old-Age Assistance recipient the wel-Rebounding was weak as Joe fare department will supply him with an application form.

Everyone else should come to rado fought to a 28-22 half-time West Harris in San Angelo and make application for the Medicare

"We are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. ing began to foul and Iraan hit We have been open on Saturday three free shots to go ahead 37-32. mornings for the past several Again the Eagles fought back but weeks but next Saturday, Christmas Day, and the following Saturday, New Year's Day, we will be The Eagles showed enthusiasm closed," said Floyd Ellington, man-

The next scheduled visit here in Eldorado by a representative from until preparation for the holiday the Social Security ofice is set for January 14th. Neil Tarvin will be at the court house from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. that day.

Mystery Of Magi Leads To Legends . . .

Familiar to all is the visit of the Magi to Bethlehem—and yet little is known about it. In the books of the New Testament, only St. Matthew reports the visit.

St. Matthew called them "wise men from the East." In the legends that have developed, they are sometimes called "Magi", because this word, meaning "august" was the name given the priests of the ancient Medes and Persians.

Tradition says they had heard that a bright new star would announce the coming of a Saviour to the world. After years of watching, they saw the star and set out from Babylon to find Him.

In Bethleehm, they gave the Christ Child gold in a shrineshaped casket, a sign that they accepted Him as their King; frankincense, a symbol of His deity; and myrrh in a golden horn, a prophecy of His death.

Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Gus Love and Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Whitis will have Mr. and Mrs. Bob Whitis here for the holidays. Roy Lynn Love is home from college at San Mar-

Personal News Items

Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Wright of Fort Worth (former Eloise day night and pinned a 51-21 loss Whitten) visited her father, Buren Whitten and family and Mattie Royster over the week end.

> Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Newport and Genie are spending Christmas in Commerce with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. James Williams and Keith are flying to Detroit, Mich., where they will visit their daughter, Jimmie Dell, Dr. and Mrs. Skip Wiegand and baby daughter.

St. Mary's Episcopal church will hold The Christmas Eucharist, Friday evening, Dec. 24, at 8:30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sauer and Paul, Louise, John and Mary, will be here during the coming holicek and Sherry Yates had re- days to visit relatives. They live

Mrs. L. D. Ochsner, home from Angelo State College where she is a dorm supervisor, will go with Mr. and Mrs. George Ochsner to The girls will open in January Austin to spend three days Christby going to Robert Lee on the 4th. | mas with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Scherz and sons, Dorr and Drew. She will return to Angelo Sunday, January 2.

> Johnny Lawrence is home from the University of Texas for the

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy O'Harrow and baby are spending the holidays at the O'Harrow ranch. Mr. and Mrs. O'Harrow are both attending Texas Tech at Lubbock.

Jimmy Cheek is at home from Baylor University, Waco, for the

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Humphrey expect their children and grandchildren to visit during the holiday season.

Mrs. Ruby Fowler of El Paso and the Julian Morehouses of Los Altos, California, will be here after Christmas visiting the S. D. Harpers, L. Steens, and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Boyer will have the Larry Boyer family of San Angelo and the Jony Carothers family of Waco here during the coming holidays to visit.

100,000 BELONG TO T.S.T.A.

Austin.—The Texas State Teachers Association—the state's largest professional organization—surpassed the 100,000 membership mark Monday (Dec. 20), Charles H. Tennyson, executive secretary, has announced.

The TSTA, organized in Mexia in 1880, has now doubled its membership since 1950 and has grown ed a Medicare program for all per- by 33% since 1960 when its ranks



best for use as a Christmas tree? Forestry experts and U.S. Department of Agriculture experts say that there is no "all-round" best

Here are some facts about the most common species which may be helpful in selecting the right tree for your home:

Balsam fir-once the most commonly used, is now relatively scarce. It has short, flat, dark green needles attached to opposite sides of the limbs in a featherlike arrangement.

Top Tree

Douglas fir—the top commercial tree. It has blue-green or dark yellow-green needles, soft and pliable, attached all the way around the limbs, giving it a bushy, full appearance.

Scotch pine-long needled variety. It has needles which are arranged in clusters on the branches. It holds its needles exceptionally well.

Black spruce—a hardy tree, but has a dark, un-Christmasy color. It is widely used for dyed and treated trees.

White spruce—another hardy, attractive tree, but unfortunately it gives off an unpleasant odor. Some things to look for in selecting a tree: retention of needles; full symmetrical shape;

Tree Customs

limbs without sagging; fragrant

odor, springy branches.

The Christmas tree custom was started in the United States by Hessian soldiers fighting with the British Army in 1776. German immigrants who later came to this country continued the custom as they had done in the "old country." Christmas trees were in general use in America by the mid-eighteenth century. The first White House Lawn Christmas tree appeared in 1923, placed there by President Calvin Cool-



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Eaglettes Win Tournament In 3-Day Round Of Games



EAGLETTES "A" TEAM—Show left to right on the front row are: Joan Doyle, Sherry Yates, Captain Marsha Mund, Captain Karen Griffin, Chris Edmiston, Susan Hill. Back row: Manager Kathy Robinson, Shirley Hubble, Nancy Kay Jurecek, Beth McCalla, Libby Preston, Jane Cain, Martha Sue Page, and Susan Mobley.

harder when the tournament cham- 16-15. keep the Eldorado title for the fourth consecutive time.

Saturday night the girls in green and white plastered Nueces Canyon 46-33 in the finals. Nueces Canyon had rolled over all previous opponents except the Uvalde Jr. College team this year but the Eaglettes took a 12-3 first quarter lead and were in danger only when

So You Want To Go Back To An Old-Fashioned Christmas?

"Tis the season to be jolly." But then there are minority opinions on everything. Plenty of folks are complaining that Christmas isn't what it used to be. They say stacks of Christmas cards, frantic lastminute shopping, "Amahl and the Night Visitors" on the T-V, and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" on the stereo do not make

"We've got to get back to the old-fashioned Christmas," they cry. But we'd better not go back too far. To put it bluntly, the Puritans were against Christmas. They labeled it a "wanton Bacchanalian crowd an excellent ball game aga feast" and spent their first Christ- inst excellent competition. mas on these shores pointedly re-On the second Christmas several Nueces Can. 3 13 5 12-33 "lusty young men" who were found I "pitching ve barr, playing at stooleball and such like sports" in the lettes blasted Lake View 51-28 bepublic streets caught what-for from Governor Bradford, in person. So the oldest of old-fashioned American Christmases will hardly do for Mobley 4, and Libby Preston 2.

Marsha Muhu and 15 Iron.

Brenda Matthews, Rocksprings; and Karen Griffin and Marsha a precedent to the followed in 1965.

By 1827, however, Christmas had evolved to the point that an Episcopalian bishop was complaining that, "The devil has stolen from us . . . Christmas, the day of our spiritual redemption and converted it into a day of world festivity,

shooting and swearing."
And by 1876, The Youth's Companion, a popular magazine of the margin. The Lake View guards time, was lamenting the passing couldn't stop Eldorado and on the old-fashioned English Christmas.

"We in America have received many, if not most, of our Christmas customs from our parent country, 'merrie England'; but in England Christmas is no longer the day of games and fine old traditional ceremonies it once was. the Christmas game, in the times of good Queen Bess, lasted for more than a month, a week is all the modern, money-making English can devote to it."

Could it be then that this perenfashioned Christmas" is something the floor. that comes up with each new gen-

1966

pionship is at stake. That is exact- caught up and passed them and There weren't many rebounds ly what happened last Thursday, held a 23-16 half-time advantage. because Comstock didn't shoot in Texas which permit the trans-Friday, and Saturday, as they The third quarter was nearly a much but Chris Edmiston had 6 fer of cotton acres across county mowed down four opponents to repeat of the first as Eldorado and Jane Cain 7. popped in 6 baskets for 12 points while the Panthers made 1 basket and 3 free shots for 5 points. The fourth quarter the Eaglettes went into a control game cashing in on free shots to go on to victory. The Eldorado fems boast a spectacular defense in Jane Cain, Chris Edmiston, Shirley Hubble, and Beth McCalla. Chris and Shirley had 13 and 11 rebounds while Jane had 7. Beth and Shirley rotate as starters depending on the

> tinue the excellent defense and ball handling. The offensive unit of Marsha Mund, Karen Griffin, Libby Preston, and Susan Hill did a tremendous job not only in scoring but also in defensive ability. Several times the little hustlers stole the ball from the Nueces guards. Karen Griffin notched 24 and Marsha 12 while Libby had 8 and Susan 2. Susan Mobley and Martha Sue Page played in the fourth quarter to round out the offensive unit. The team work and skill exhibited by these girls gave the home

Score by quarters: jecting joy and doing carpentry. Eldorado — 12 11 12 11—46

> Girls Beat Lake View The semi-final round the Eaghind a 24 point performance by Jane Cain led the defense with 9 rebounds before fouling out. Chris Edmiston also retired on fouls. Beth McCalla, Shirley Hubble, and Sherry Yates took over and had help from Nancy Jurecek and Joan Doyle. Half-time saw the Eldorado crew leading by a 34-12 numerous occasions could not get the ball across the line because of the defensive efforts of both the

Eagle forwards and guards. Comstock Stalls

points against 16 for Comstock in lene. B. B. Manly, Jr., chairman of the second round of the tourna- the Consumer and Marketing Ser-It is rarely that the yule log is ment although Comstock made vice's Cotton Classing Office said burned nowadays . . and whereas every effort to stall the entire the big rush failed to materialize game. The Eaglettes jumped to a due to unfavorable weather. The 10-4 first quarter lead and 21-8 weekly classing total reached 35,half-time. Few fouls occurred with 499 samples through Friday night Eldorado taking 5 free shots and and the season mark rose to 279, making 4 and Comstock made 6 988, which incidentally is already of 13 attempts. Not only did the more than the 1964-65 total. nial dissatisfaction with present Eldorado fems hit 80% from the customs and long for "the old- free throw line but also 41% from

Karen Griffin had 17 and Marsha Mund 15 while Susan Hill and

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However the Eaglettes and Martha Sue Page 2.

Eldorado —— 10

Girls Beat Brady

Comstock — 4 4

Thursday night the Eaglettes met Brady in the opening round of the tournament and beat them 44-20. Marsha and Karen put on their usual offensive show hitting to the buyer and seller to decide. some 18 and 22 respectively. Marsha drove in for four quick points and Karen 8 in the first period with Libby adding an additional type of offense facing Eldorado. Toward the final quarter of the game Joan Doyle, Sherry Yates, and Nancy Jurecek came in to conquarter that was disaster for Brady cotton on the acreage retired. as the Eagle defense allowed them | Conservation Use only 1 point to 10 for Eldorado. free throw line and 40% from the limited. And, in any county, not floor, both excellent percentages, core than 10% of the cotton allot-Eldorado — 14 9 11 10—44 ment or of the total cropland can

Mund, Griffin, Edmiston, Cain Are life of the program. All Tournament

The Eldorado girls basketball Stabilization and Third place was won by Lake View over Mertzon 40-35. The consolation title was won by Rocksprings 41-34 over Brady.

The All Tournament guards were Jimmie Wittenburg, springs; Geneva Lott, Brady; Chris Edmiston and Jane Cain of Eldo-

The forwards were Suzi Luce Marsha Mund and 15 from Karen and Kay Wells of Nueces Canyon; Mund of Eldorado

> Marsha Mund was named the Outstanding Player of the tournament and Karen Griffin won the free throw trophy making 16 of 21 for 76%. Marsha and Karen are co-captains of the Eldorado

San Angelo Area Cotton Report

Abilene.— Cotton harvesting switched from the desiccated fields in the Abilene and San Angelo areas to frost killed cotton in the The Eldorado girls scored 42 area west and north-west of Abi-

The quality of the San Angelo area cotton improved with the greatest change in staple lengths. Last week the 1,460 samples from District 7 were 38% white, 58% light spotted and 4% spotted. "Barkies" totaled slightly less than 2%. Tht average staple length was 29.39/32 inch compared to 28.95/32 inch for the preceding

Both micronaire and pressley readings continued very good.

The cotton market continued its trend of less demand for Middling Light Spoted and higher qualities and slightly lower prices on all qualities. Some buyers made accommodation purchases of Middling and Strict Low Middling cotton at even to slightly less than Commodity Credit Corporation loan rates. Middling Light Spotted cotton sold at selected points and brought 75c to \$1.75 per bale premiums over CCC loan rates. Strict Low Middling Light Spotted and lower qualities of colored cotton moved freely at \$2.50 to \$3.75 per bale over loan rates. Cotton having micronaire readings below 3.3 were generally discounted the same as the CCC loan rates.

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Jerusalem and the Holy Land at this time of the year attract thousands of Christians from throughout the world. In Bethlehem they find the Church of the Nativity, traditional scene of the birth of Christ. From the Mount of Olives, where Jesus prayed and wept over Jerusalem, visitors can see the great beauty of the Holy City. Near Jerusalem is the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed the night before he was killed. The tomb of Mary, mother of Christ, is close by. In Jerusalem is the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, erected over the place where Christ was crucified and buried. And these are but a few of the many shrines and Holy places to be visited.

Buying And Leasing Cotton Alloiments

Much interest continues in the The Eldorado girls seem to fight | Nueces caught up and went ahead | Libby Preston contributed 4 each | buying, or leasing of cotton acreages to be transferred to some of our farms. There are 61 counties lines. Farmers can also buy or lease cotton acres within any coun-4—16 ty in the state so long as these will be planted on farms within that county

The question we are asked is, 'How much can I afford to pay for such cotton acres?" This is up

However, the 1966 program contains a Cropland Adjustment Program which will permit any farmer with a cotton allotment to two for a 14-7 lead. Half-time contract with the government to score stood 23-13 as Brady kept retire this acreage for a period control of the ball. By the end of of from five to 10 years. He would the third stanza the lead had ex- receive a payment of six cents per tended to 34-19. It was the last pound on the projected yield of

The amount of acreage which The Eaglettes hit 72% from the can be put under this program is - 7 6 6 1-20 be contracted in any single year

Also, the county Conservation ship over Nueces Canyon 46-33. program in 1966. However, there be purchased in those counties that exchanged gifts after the game.

on the amount of cotton acreage duction. that could be sold or leased to other farms.

Where cotton acreage is sold or leased, the land could be planted in any crop the farmer desired including soybeans. Good Time

It simply means that farmers who have cotton allotments which are not considered economical units, this is an opportunity for them to sell or lease these allotments. But, such transactions must be completed by January 1.

Farmers who buy acres, should base their payments on projected yields. Where cotton acreage with a 300-pound projected yield is transferred to a farm where the projected yield is 600 pounds per acre, it will take two acres of the low yield to equal one acre of the

No farmer can add more than 100 acres to his allotment. Where low yields are being bought and transferred to high yielding farms, of course you would have to buy more than 100 acres to get 100

Must Be Approved

All these transfers must be approved by the ASC committees in the counties involved in the transaction. Where acreage is sold or and not more than 25% during the leased within a County, these records must be cleared in the Coun-Agricultural ty ASC office.

We think it would be good for tournament last week-end saw the committee can exclude cotton the economy of Rolling Plains if host Eaglettes win the champion allotments from the retirement a sizable acreage of cotton could bers of the club were present and

does not seem to be any limitation are fast going out of cotton pro-

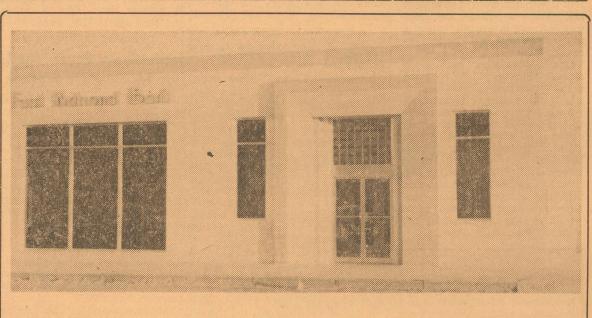
Local Jr. High Girls Beat Menard Monday

Featured by stalwart guarding and a driving lay-up offense, the Eldorado Junior High School girls swamped Menard Monday night at Menard 68-10. Arlene Hartgraves hit for 21 points, Randy Yates 16, Dale Montgomery 12, Vicki Preston 8, Peggy Hill 4, Sheila Murr 5, and Linda Derrick 2. Starting guards Terry Martin, Marsha Ballard and Peggy McGrew held their opponents to one field goal in the contest which saw reserves of both A and B groups used freely-Kay Mann, Mary Lynn McCalla, Lisa Whitten, Linda Derrick, Gail Robinson, Gwen West, Susan Rogers, Julia Garza and Claudia Mea-

The local girls now have a 2-0 record, both games against schools undergoing rebuilding programs, so they have not been truly tested as yet. Their next appearance will be with Junction A and B in the local gymnasium January 3.

CHRISTMAS PARTY HELD

Mrs. Frank Bradley and Mrs. Ernest Finnigan were in charge of the decorations and arrangements when the Merry Makers "42" club held their Christmas luncheon and party at the West Texas Cafe on Thursday, Dec. 9. Thirteen mem-



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First Baptist News

Circle Met Monday

The Maurice Doyle circle of the First Baptist church met for misthe home of Mrs. Fred Watson. Mrs. Jess Blaylock, circle chairman Mrs. Kenneth Vaughan. E. W. Brooks, prayer chairman, nine members and a visitor, Mrs.

The circle voted to give \$10 for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering from the treasury. Christmas shut-ins; toys were taken to the humor. church for children for Christmas.

Way in Brazil?" was taught by

called the meeting to order. Mrs. Refreshments were served to

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ful trimmings of the Yuletide.

practices of widely different peo-ple—the Spanish, French, Ger-mans, Wends, English, and of course immigrants from the Unit-

tree, for instance, and the quaint if heartless promise of presents for the good and punishment for the mischievous.

'exas Christmas; they brought the first formal story of Christ's birth in their homes. north of the Rio Grande. Their story had a continuity and uniformity as to date and place, but its actual text showed miraculous conformity to Apache and Lipan belief. These Texas Indians found Child's birth.

padres were following a conver- poor children. sion campaign outlined by Pope Gregory in the year 601. He advised his cardinals that conversion of the pagan peoples would be impossible without offering a religious ritual comparable to their own.

Because they are wont to sac- place. rifice oxen to the devils, some celebration should be given in exchange for this . . . they should celebrate a religious feast and worship God by their feasting, so that still keeping outward pleasures,

they may receive spiritual joys." As early as 1599 the Texas Indians were introduced to Christmas pageantry. In that year the ladies and nobles attached to Juan Onate's expedition enacted the march of the wise men to Bethlehem. The scene was near present El Paso.

By 1700 the peoples of the Rio Grande were not only staging their own pageants, but making their own adaptations. A miracle play, 'Los Pastores," was enacted at most Texas missions. The characterization of one shepherd was strictly a New World waggish touch. The natives, Indians or Mexicans or however you describe them, named him Bartolo and baskets were prepared for two roared at his indolence and good

Then came the Canary Islanders to what is now San Antonio, 15 families of them sent over by the Spanish crown. Their custom of a posada introduced the Yuletide posada introduced the Yuletide Christmas" popularized Dancer, carol centuries before it was Prancer et al throughout America. brought westward by pioneers of families took part, moving from tion. house to house with their serenade, finally stopping for refreshan improvised manger.

was all Spanish, of course, until the household stood ready to rethe early 1820's. The first group ceive callers on Christmas Eve. of Stephen F. Austin's colonists Supposedly the custom was inreached the Brazos country in De- herited from the English. cember 1821. The first Anglo-American Christmas was uncom- into Texas by the Germans launch fortable indeed, but did not go ed quite a traffic in mistletoe. The unobserved. James Cummins and parasitic plant was sacred among his party named the stream on the Druids; the wise Boniface let which they camped Christmas the early Teutons employ it as a Creek.

Sabine. Jared E. Groce moved his each year. slaves and household effects to to his slaves and their children, mas Gift" was as institutional in the plantation country as holly decorations and family worship.

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Christmas customs are taken for | Two decades later came the ranted now-the decorated ever- custom which found quick accept green, the sprigs of mistletoe, the ance all over America—the Christpageantry, the time-honored fic- mas tree. The use of decorated tion that only "good" boys and evergreen dated back to the 8th girls receive presents from a myth-ical donor and all the other fanci-missionary to the Goths conceived of the practice as a substitute for But these holiday wrappings did human sacrifice at the foot of not come to Texas as any one tra- Odin's sacred oak. Boniface prodition. They appeared, in fact, as posed adornment of a fir as a

ship and decorated with candles.

Some of these customs were brought direct from foreign lands gration Society brought the Christti Texas before the rest of the mas tree to Texas and the New country knew them. The Christmas World in the early 1840's. Probmas tree to Texas and the New ably the first mention of it was in a travel book about Texas in

"John Meuseback (head of the It can be said that the Spanish society) said his German settlers priests began the evolution of a would spend most of Christmas Eve trimming and decorating trees

It impressed the traveler as a "charming custom. Other Americans agreed. In two decades the Yuletide tree was common prac

Out of Europe. too-in the basic Christianity easy to accept, 1850's-came the early versions of for they paid homage to the son St. Nicholas, which Americans of Unsen, the creator. And this have changed to Santa Claus. son, according to the old chiefs, Count Alphonse de Saligny introwas stretched out to die on the duced Texans to the French councrossed spines of a great cactus.

Apaches quickly agreed to join in 24, 1843. But the German and the commemoration of the Christ Dutch version gained quicker approval. This was the legend of St In inviting Indians to join their Nicholas, a third century church-colorful ceremony, the Spanish man, who distributed presents to

> The Dutch children laid out. their shoes for the legendary benefactor to fill. Probably the Alsatian settlers brought into Texas by Henri Castro were responsible for stockings hung by the fire

Czech and Bohemian immigrants brought the interpretation of Yule-tide as a time to reward "good children" and punish the others.

Three characters appeared at their Christmas Eve pageants-St. Nicholas, an angel and a devil. The trio sat as a court to "try" all children in the community. Obedient ones received presents and others light blows. The "trial" takes place in the public square at Jarrel, in Central Texas.

The Wends, settling in the Giddings area, included family pets in the family's Christmas. It was the oldest son's responsibility to repeat the story of Christ's birth to the dogs, cats and barnyard animals.

Sven Magnus Swenson, a Swedish immigrant who founded a mercantile empire here in Texas, brought the version of mythical reindeer to Texas as well as the first repeating pistol seen in the Lone Star Republic. Swenson regaled Texas audiences in the 1840's with the Scandinavian concept of a present-giver who travel-

Shortly afterward, the famous oem. "Twas the Night Before poem. Apparently the names were pro-English descent. Groups of nine ducts of the poet's own imagina-

Still another modern custom ments and prayers recited before dates back to early Texas times. Small lanterns over doorways or The Texas Yuletide observance swaying in tree-tops meant that

Another trimming introduced decoration, although it had been By 1822 the Yuletide influence used as a pagan symbol. The of the Southern plantation civili- Georgetown area now ships out zation had been brought across the thousands of pounds of mistletoe

These respective origins soon Texas in 50 covered wagons. The Christmas morning of 1822 found quickly into a broad American Planter Groce distributing presents tradition. There is no such thing as a "Texas" Christmas, of course something for every man, woman and never was. So many varied and child. The tradition of "Christ-customs took roots quickly here because Texas attracted so many homeless peoples in such a hectic rush. Nowhere else in the United States did so many cultures meet and blend so quickly. Each gave the Christmas tradition its own flavor and brightness. -Curt Carroll in Texas Parade.

Methodist Notes

The F.B.F. young adult class held a covered dish supper Wednesday night in the Bob Joyce home in Glendale. Those attending all brought boxes of home-made candy to be given to the West Texas Boys Ranch.

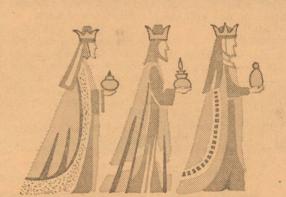
"Minutes of the Previous Meeting" will be Rev. Dempsey G. Salter's sermon topic Sunday morning, Dec. 26th. Rev. Salter and Larry McGinnes will attend a Convocation on the Methodist Ministry in San Antonio, Dec. 27-28.

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For the third time in ten minutes she arranged the few items left on the toy counter. These last minute shoppers were so messy. All except that charming man in the tweed coat. He'd been the only bright spot in a hectic day.

"Well, did you buy yourself the Christmas present?"

Elaine turned to see Helen Smith grinning at her. Helen was in cosmetics.

"Not yet, Helen. Mr. Rogers says I can take the doll off the shelf at exactly five o'clock. Isn't she adorable? I hope no one runs in to buy her at the last minute."

"Not at that price!" scoffed Helen. "Unless your prince charming returns."

"Prince charming?"

"Don't kid me. That chap in the tweed coat. Now there's MY



"That doll would make a fine present for some little girl."

idea of a Christmas present! He was in at least twice today again —wasn't he?"

"Three times," said Elaine, blushing. "He's been my best customer."

"And greatest admirer, if you ask me."

"Oh cut it out! Judging from the toys he bought he must have a dozen kids. No one's given me a second look in twenty-nine years. I don't think they're going to start now."

"Really? Well take a peek at who just walked in the door!" Helen scurried away.

Elaine held her breath. The man in the tweed coat was heading straight for the toy counter. For a second Elaine had a wild urge to hide the precious baby doll. He was upon her before she could move.

Back Again

"Hello again!" he said gayly. "Say, you've done a land-office business since I was here last. Not much left, is there?" His gray eyes studied the counter and the shelves behind Elaine. "That doll would make a fine present for some little girl."

Elaine's heart sank. "It's—it's more for a big girl," she stammered. "Besides—it's so expensive."

at her for a long moment, then said: "I'll buy the doll."

"Yes sir," said Elaine, turning quickly. She regained her composure while wrapping the doll. "Is it for one of your little girls?" she asked.
"For THE little girl."

"You THE little girl."
"Oh—and those other presents
you bought?"

He leaned across the counter. His eyes twinkled. "There's eight boys," he whispered confidentially.

"Eight?" Elaine stepped back.
"Goodness—what a big family!"
The man in the tweed coat was laughing. "Yes, isn't it? Too bad they're not mine. I'm just an

"But the little girl—she's

Surprise

He stroked his chin thoughtfully. "I sincerely hope so. This morning I asked Mr. Rogers what she wanted most for Christmas, and he said: 'The baby doll on the shelf over her head.' To me it seems like an odd present, but I guess you know what you want." He held the box out to her.

Elaine gasped. "Me—you mean me?" The clock struck five. "Oh, but you—I mean we—could have

"YOU could have saved. And if you'd bought the doll it wouldn't have been a present from me, would it? And then I wouldn't be able to ask a favor of you."

"A favor?"

"To have supper with me. And to have Christmas dinner with me tomorrow if you're not tied

"I'll get my coat," said Elaine breathlessly.

LITTLE MARY'S CHRISTMAS GIFT

BY ONA F. LATHROP

SOMETIMES I wonder about this young generation coming up. They have such big ideas, and they want to start in where we left off, instead of at the bottom as we did. And yet they know what true love is. Little

George and I didn't get married until we had the down payment on a home, and we had a proper engagement and wedding, with rings for each and all the other traditionals. But nowadays—

Mary's Chirstmas gift proved

that!

Our Little Mary fell madly in love her last year in high-school. She talked us out of college and into letting her marry that crazy Bill Fenton at the age of eighteen. He'd found a job—of sorts.

Little Mary didn't want a big wedding. No, no, she'd be married in a suit at the J. P.'s. All my dreams of chantilly lace over satin with my own long veil for her, and the brides-maids in pastel colors went glimmering. But I didn't say a word.

They moved into our little garden guest-house but insisted on paying rent, even though George secretly salts it away in an emergency fund for them. And Bill never did give Little Mary a ring. At the time, she didn't seem to mind.

"Who wants a silly old ring? Bill and I would rather have a dog." So they bought 'The Grey Ghost,' a very expensive Weimaraner, instead of an engagement



"Somebody's going to get a fine Christmas gift."

or wedding ring. They paid so much a month, as they did on all their furniture. And now that they have little Marietta they don't pay much attention to him.

George shakes his head. "All this installment buying—I dunno, Mary—when we'd be glad to loan them the money." But I admire their independence. "Bill has big ideas," I'd say.

Sometimes when Little Mary's friends were throwing big weddings, she'd look a trifle wistful and say, "Maybe I was a little hasty, but I don't care. Bill says he'll buy me a ring as soon as he gets on his feet. Bill has big ideas. He's going to buy into the business as soon as we get the car and furniture paid for."

George just guffawed when I told him that. "Thinks he's going to be a big shot any day now, eh! Oh well, they'll come out all

It was Morry Young who gave away the secret. He's the jeweler in our town, and when Little Mary went in to make a payment on their silver, he winked knowingly and said, "Somebody's going to get a pretty fine Christmas gift." Little Mary teased but he wouldn't tell her more. "Can't say another word," he grinned. "Just that a young man I know is making payments every month now on something mighty fine."

Little Mary came home bubbling. "Oh Mom, I'll bet Bill is giving me a diamond wedding ring for Christmas. Morry says—" and there were stars in her eyes, and I knew then how much she'd missed it all.

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As the gifts were distributed, we held our breath. At long last, George, playing Santa, pulled out the big box and placed it in Mary's lap. "As if I didn't know," she gasped, smiling across at Bill, who shouted, "Go on, open it up."

Little Mary untied the huge bow with shaking fingers. She lifted the lid gingerly, expecting to repeat the process. But instead a cotton-wrapped monstrosity loomed up. Quickly she tore away the cotton.

"But Bill! Oh Bill!" she moaned and drew forth—a thirty-two-cup silver percolator.

Somehow it didn't look like a coffee-maker to me—it looked exactly like Grey Ghost, the Weimaraner. But Bill had Little Mary in his arms, and her heart was in her eyes even if the stars were gone, as she kept saying, "Darling, it's exactly what I

wanted."

I guess they know r
love is anyway.

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