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ELDORADO—SCHLEICHER COUNTY, TEXAS (76936)

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School To Turn Out Friday For Holidays

The local schools will turn out this Friday afternoon at 2:30 for the ensuing two weeks of Christmas and New Year's holidays. Classes will reconvene the morning of Monday, January 5th.

Christmas gift exchanges will be held Friday following the lunch period in the home rooms of the six elementary grades.

The Am. Legion Christmas party for pre-school age children through age 12 will be held for an hour starting at 1:30 in the elementary gym. Santa and Legionnaires will distribute the bags of candy.

Buses are to run at 2:30 p.m.

4th Annual Deer Hunt Sponsored By Masons

Eldorado Lodge #890 A. F. & A. M. played host to ten boys from the Masonic Home and School this past week-end at the fourth annual deer hunt. As in the past, this year's hunt was held on the L. L. Watson Ranch in eastern Schleicher County. The Watsons have served as host for each of the four annual hunts.

Schleicher County Sheriff Orval Edmiston, Treasurer of the local lodge, reported that a total of 31 deer were carried to San Angelo for processing. After processing the meat will be carried to the Home by members of the Eldorado Lodge. The Home and School are located in Ft. Worth. —J. P. Ragsdale, sec., Eldorado Lodge.

Christmas Party Set By Legionnaires

Arrangements are reported complete for the annual Christmas party for county children. Willard Gentry is Commander of The Bev McCormick Post of The American Legion which puts on the event each year at this time.

The party will be held from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. this Friday, Dec. 19th, at the elementary gym at school.

This party put on by Legionnaires and Santa Claus is always a highlight of the Christmas holiday season here, and several hundred bags of candy will be distributed to local children from pre-school through age 12. Parents of pre-schoolers are especially invited to bring their youngsters. Santa will be assisted by Legionnaires in distributing the candy bags.

This year's party has been paid for out of the local Legion Post treasury.

Gen. Tel. To Modify Billing Procedures

Eldorado telephone customers will be getting their bills on different dates beginning in January, according to Jack Goss, San Angelo division manager for General Telephone Company.

"In order to provide more efficient service from our business office to our customers, bills will be mailed at intervals during the month for the San Angelo division," Goss said.

Effective in January, Eldorado customers will receive their bills on the 1st of the month instead of the 22nd. The fractional charge or credit necessary to adjust accounts to the new billing date will be shown on the first statement, Goss said.

S. S. Man Here Today

Peter Gonzales, social security representative for the San Angelo Social Security Office, has scheduled his December visit to Eldorado. He will be at the County Courthouse on Thursday, Dec. 18th (today) from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Anyone who wants to file a claim for benefits, get information, or transact other business with the Social Security Administration may contact him at this time. Persons who are unable to meet with him are encouraged to call the office in San Angelo.

OPEN HOUSE SET MONDAY AT METHODIST PARSONAGE

The Rev. and Mrs. Keith Wyatt invite all members and friends of First United Methodist Church to a special Christmas Open House at the parsonage on Monday, Dec. 22, from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m.

Post Script

More Greetings To All

Again this week, we are carrying Christmas Greetings from our local public-spirited merchants. This Success issue, dated Dec. 18th, is a companion to the one for last week, Dec. 11th.

This week's issue is completely filled with Christmas advertising and news, and anyone who missed a Christmas Greeting ad is now invited to come in and order a New Year's Greeting, for our next paper coming out Jan. 1st.

This issue has the Letters To Santa Claus from our local Third Grade pupils.

Around the business and residential areas this year there are more lighted displays in evidence, although this town is not having a Decorating Contest again this year.

The last two Christmas seasons were more austere ones when every one was urged to curtail unnecessary lighting and save energy.

By now, you should have your plans made for the coming Christmas and New Year's holidays.

You should, by now, have the major part of your shopping done, and you should have sent and received most Christmas cards. This is a good time to check the return addresses on the Christmas cards you receive and bring your address book up to date.

Christmas Day is now just a week away so we urge you to pause now from the commercial overtones of the season. Keep Christ in Christmas by contributing to the Christmas benevolences of the church of your choice.

Make a special point, too, of attending your church's special services during this season.

Holidays Are Set 25th & 1st

Thursday, December 25th, is a General Holiday and will be followed exactly one week later by January 1st, New Year's Day, and also a general holiday.

The local Court House will take those holidays named along with Friday, Dec. 26th, to make a four-day week end.

Do your shopping with local merchants with the holidays in mind.

School will turn out this Friday afternoon, Dec. 19th, for the ensuing two weeks.

With our subscribers:

The Willard Gentrys have subscribed for Mr. and Mrs. Jack Colquitt, 2966 Darby Drive, Dallas, Texas 75227; and for Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Valentine of Box 432, Edgewood, Texas 75117.

Vicki Tyler's new address is 2401 Southmore (#248B), Pasadena, Texas 77506.

George B. Spence is a new subscriber at 208 Pineview Drive, Beira, Ohio 44017.

Band Tryouts

Region Band Tryouts were held Friday in Brownwood.

Lisa Smith and Jim Bob Byrd were named All-Region. Willie Day was named an alternate.

Jim Bob was also named All-Area.

His next competition will be in Austin to select All-State students in Band.

Killebrews Announce Daughter's Engagement



CAROLYN KILLEBREW

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Killebrew have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Carolyn Louise Killebrew to Mr. Joseph Clay Hudson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Parker of Christoval.

No Success Issue Next Week, 25th

The Success crew have published the Christmas Greeting issues Dec. 11 & 18, and there will be no separate paper published for Thursday, Dec. 25th. This enables us to do end of the year book work as well as take a few off, following our custom of some years' standing. Our next issue will bear date of Thursday, Jan. 1st.

Shop will be open part of the time.

Presbyterians Schedule Special Christmas Party

The annual Sunday School Christmas Party will be held at the First Presbyterian Church Sunday evening, Dec. 21, at 6:30 p.m. Members are to bring sandwiches and dips and other finger foods for a snack supper. The program will be presented by the Sunday School classes. Santa will be present with surprises for all.

All friends of the church are invited and especially the boys and girls. Marvin McAngus is Sunday School Superintendent and Mrs. Paul Page Sr. is in charge of the program.

1st Christian Church Sets Christmas Program

Beginning at 10:00 a.m. on December 21st, the First Christian Church will have their Christmas Program. Immediately following services, there will be a church dinner, then the annual Christmas tree.

Reverend Dean W. Brigham, minister, will be present as a guest, with his wife Faye, from San Angelo. Mr. Brigham is still recovering from a lengthy illness. During his absence, Mr. Bill Gentry has been conducting services. Anyone not having a church home is cordially invited.

Nursing Home Notes

Christmas is always a special time of the year to us as it is to everyone. We enjoy Christmas here in the nursing home because it always lifts our spirits and brings us all closer together.

This week will be a busy one. The FHA girls are coming to see us Wednesday evening and are going to sing. They decorated our Nurses' station this year and it is so pretty and we appreciate it so much.

Friday evening we are looking forward to the Baptist girls who are going to come and sing carols for us.

Sunday is our annual Hospital Auxiliary party which is always a special treat. The time for that event will be at 3:00. We also understand they are going to present a program.

We would like to wish Winnifred Beaman a happy birthday the 16th of December. Mrs. Beaman just had her 87th birthday.

Mr. Wren Jackson will be celebrating his birthday on December 27th at 2:00 with a party given by his family. Mr. Jackson will be turning 96 years old. Miss Georgia Springston also will be celebrating her birthday on the 27th of December. She will be turning 87 years old.

Bingo Winners this week were Mrs. Elva Daniels with two games, Erna Rexroat with two games and Gertrude Nixon with two games. Other winners were Beulah Harris, Maggie Sluder, Carrie Blakeway, Ella Casbeer.

Out of town visitors were Mrs. Mary Jess Childress to visit Georgia Springton, and Chris Hilliard to see Mrs. Beaman from Houston. Flossie Crawford enjoyed a visit from Maxine Stephens from San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hawkins and Richard came to see John Hawkins and they make their home in Lampasas.

Inflation is when sitting on your nest egg doesn't give you too much to crow about. —Ruthie Dacy A. D., Beulah Harris A. C.

Mrs. Barr Honored On Her Birthday Dec. 15th

Mrs. Blanche Barr was honored on her birthday, Monday evening, Dec. 15, by her many friends and neighbors. It was a very pleasant surprise for her.

Many came and many called. She received calls from a daughter in San Jose, California, a daughter in Montgomery, Alabama and two daughters in Wichita Falls, Tex. The hostesses were two of her daughters, Mrs. Lester Nixon and Mrs. Farris Nixon.

Schleicher County 4-H Food Show Winners

The Schleicher County 4-H Food Show was held Sunday, Dec. 14 in the Memorial Building. Forty-eight 4-H'ers participated in the affair. The judges were from San Angelo and Ozona.

Winning top honors in the Senior Division was Donna Cantwell with Grand Champion. Reserve Champion went to Judy Pitts. Honorable mention went to Elizabeth Niblett and Cherie Niblett.

A Blue Ribbon was awarded to Cynthia Schooley for her entry and red ribbons went to Laura Gentry and Debby Patton.

In the Junior Division, Sherri Walling won Grand Champion and Lori Patton won Reserve Champion. Honorable mention awards went to Patricia Trimble and Cindy Hausenfluck.

Blue Ribbon winners in the Junior Division were: Melissa Sauer, Joan Schrier, Lindy Gentry, Sherry Powell, Deanna Yocham, Deanna Clark, Danette Dunagan, Lou Ann Turner, Lynna Sauer, Patti Hausenfluck, Margaret Turner, Shanna Swift, Karen Homer, Gina Patton, Shelly Squyres, Susan Crippin and Diana Harris.

Red ribbons went to: Sandra Miner, Martha Atkins, Tracy Sauer, Mitzi Mittel, Jill Pitts, Tina Williams, Mary Guerrero, Leticia Fuentes, and Jamie Hicks.

Renetta Robinson won Grand Champion in the Sub-Junior Division. Reserve champion went to Kelly Squyres. Honorable mention awards went to Jill Hicks and Michele Kent. Blue ribbon winners were: Teresa Williams, Belinda Turner, Jennifer Patton, Sherri Field, Mendy Edmiston, Dorothy Atkins and Wendi Dunagan.

The District 4-H Food Show will be held Feb. 21 in Sweetwater. Representing Schleicher County will be: Donna Cantwell, Judy Pitts, Elizabeth Niblett and Cherie Niblett in the Senior Division. Junior representatives will be: Sherri Walling, Lori Patton, Cindy Hausenfluck, and Patricia Trimble.

42 Christmas Party Held At Stanfords'

Mrs. Truett Stanford was hostess last Thursday when she entertained the club with a Christmas party in her ranch home.

A covered dish luncheon was served at noon, and later gifts were exchanged from the beautiful decorated Christmas tree.

The afternoon was spent playing 42.

A business meeting was called to order by the president of the club Opal Parks. Mrs. Mable Griffin asked to be voted out of the club because of ill health. Mable has been a member of the club for many years. The club regrets to see her resign.

We all had fun at the party. Those present were: Rose Brannan, Mary Joiner, Allie Cheatham, Maudie Bassinger, Virginia Griffin, Jake Spencer, Zelma Henderson, Annie Speck, Opal Parks, Mable Griffin and Bessie Doyle.

Mrs. Annie Speck will be hostess Jan. the 8th when the club meets again. —Rep.

Christmas Cantata Was Well Received Sunday

A near-capacity crowd filled the First United Methodist Church last Sunday night for the cantata presentation by The Community Choir, under direction of Mrs. Robert McWhorter. Maxine Page was organist and Mary Christian pianist. Rev. Gene Stark was narrator for the cantata, "Carol of Christmas," by John W. Peterson. The choir closed with the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah.

Refreshments were served to all during the fellowship hour afterwards in the church ed. building. Members of the Community Choir were:

Sopranos: Jan Crippin, Ruth Davis, Louise Kuykendall, Becky Moore, Helen Page, Frances Peters, Betty Richardson, Margaret Rountree, Susan Stark.

Altos: Mabel Blaylock, Charlene Gunstead, Debbie Joy, Mary Robinson.

Tenors: Tom Byrd, Joe Christian, Weldon Davis, Lynn Meador, D. T. Yates.

Basses: T. P. Robinson, Willard Gentry, Bill Gunstead, Jim Hardy, Pat Ragsdale.

First Half, 500 Bales, Already Been Ginned

As the dry norther swept into the area early Monday morning there were a dozen cotton trailers on the gin yard waiting to be ginned at Mikeska Gin, when it resumed operation Monday afternoon.

The gin total stood at 500 at that time.

The cold norther was not conducive for cotton stripping at that time and will be delayed until the weather warms up. Cotton farmers don't mind the dry weather but wheat farmers are in need of moisture for grazing for livestock.

If the total cotton crop is to be 1,000 bales, then the first half of it has already come in.

Lions Club Holds Final Pre-Holiday Meeting

Boss Lion Ronnie Mittel presided at the meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 17th, of the Eldorado Lions Club. This business session of the club was the final pre-holiday meeting. The club will not meet the coming two Wednesdays, Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve, and Dec. 31st, New Year's Eve.

A gift was presented to Fred and Flora Riley, long-time cooks for the club.

Programs earlier in the month included a speech by Howard Derrick who discussed the Sheep Producers Council on Dec. 3rd, and on Dec. 10th a film was shown of the Eagle Band participating in the recent contests at Brady.

Local Club Now 100%

During Boss Lion Mittel's presidency, the Eldorado Lions Club has for the first time achieved 100% Membership in the Lions Crippled Children's Camp at Kerrville. This calls for \$10 per member to be contributed during the club year. Already \$500 has been given to the Camp on behalf of the local club's 50 members.

Since 1953, the Texas Lions Camp for Crippled Children has provided summer fun for the blind, deaf, mute and crippled youngsters of Texas at its Kerrville facility.

At other times of the year, the Kerrville facilities are used for rehabilitating the blind, and for rehabilitating diabetics.

The Texas Lions Camp hums with activity, achievement and excitement for 12 full months each year—the delightful tinkle of happy laughter in the summer camping days; the muted tap-tap-tap of a cane during the other months.

The doors of the Kerrville camp are always open—because the hearts of Texas Lions remain open always.

A. G. McCormack is the local representative for the Lions Crippled Children's Camp.

Next Meeting Set Jan. 7th

The next meeting of the local Lions Club will be at noon on Wednesday, January 7th. L. D. Mund, chairman of the club's Program & Entertainment Committee, will be the January program chairman.

Eagle And Eaglette '75-76 Cage Schedule

Dec. 18, Mertzton, here, 6:30, A&B boys.

Dec. 18, 19&20, Iraan Tournament, A&B girls.

Jan. 6, McCamey, there, 5:00, A&B girls and A&B boys.

Jan. 8, 9, & 10, Big Lake Tournament, A boys.

Jan. 8, 9 & 10, Robert Lee "B" Tournament, B boys.

* Jan. 9, Mason, there, 6:30, A&B girls.

*Jan. 13, Wall, here, 4:00, A&B girls and A&B boys.

Jan. 15, 16 & 17, Eldorado "B" Tournament, B girls, B boys.

*Jan. 16, Menard, here, 4:00, A&B girls, A&B boys.

*Jan. 20, Junction, there, 5:00, A&B girls, A boys.

*Jan. 23, Robert Lee, there, 6:30, A girls, A boys.

*Jan. 27, Mason, here, 5:00, A girls, A&B boys.

*Jan. 30, Wall, there, 4:00, A&B girls, A&B boys.

**Feb. 3, Menard, there, 4:00, A&B girls, A&B boys.

*Feb. 6, Junction, here, 5:00, A girls, A&B boys.

*Feb. 10, Robert Lee, here, 6:30, A girls, A boys.

*Feb. 13, Mason, there, 6:30, A & B boys.

* District games.

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS FROM LOCAL THIRD GRADERS

(The Success thanks Walter Wallis, elementary principal, and the 3rd grade teachers, Mrs. Stigler and Mrs. Garlington for their cooperation in providing these Letters to Santa.)

Dear Santa Claus, I want a three speed bike. My sister Annette want a Ragy Ann, And my other sister Gloria wants a doll' cloths. My other sister Diana wants a baby alive. My mother wants some dishes. And my father some cloths. Your friend, Frank Barajas.

Dear Santa Claus, I want a baby dig And a operation game. My bother wants a work book and a wagon. And my sister wants a camoer and a raod. My Mother wants a dish top And my father wishes for a new wash. And I want to go see you to tell you some more things I want from you. We are coloring Christmas. Your friend Alma Zapata.

Daer Santa Claus, My mother wants a sofa and my fother does to. And my letter brother wants a wagon. And my big brother want a skates. And I want a rill football. I'm in the third grad. I hop that you see me everyear. Your friend, Kenny Gutierrez.

Dear Santa Claus, My dady wats a new belt and a rug. My mother wats a new vackum and a new talbe. My sister wats sum new shoes and a T. V. Your friend, Duwain Moody.

Dear Santa Claus, My Father wants a tool set and my Mother wants a stove and my too bothers wants a basketball thing and I want a flag and may siser want a doll and may Grandmother wants a stove. Thank you Santa Claus. Your friend, Mike Mejia.

Dear Santa Claus, I wish for a baby alive. My brother's wish for jep's. My Mother wish for a dimen ring. My Father wish for a old car. I'm in the third gade class. Yiur friend, Sulema Esquivel.

Dear Santa Claus, My brother Adon wants some racing cars. And my other brother Sammy want some walking talkings. And I already have my present. And they do not have there's, please Santa. And my mother wants some dishes. And my father wants some per of pants. Your friend, Steven Santellano.

Dear Santa Claus, I want a wagon and my sister want a wagon too. My ant whan a little dog and my little friend W a little car. Your friend, Ceferino Daron.

Dear Santa Claus, My brother wants a cross for Christmas. And my baby sister wants a doll for Christmas. And my sister wants a thee two feet dill for Christmas. And my father wants gun. And my mother wants a dess for Christmas. Box 734. Your friend, Felix Chavez, Jr.

Dear Santa Claus, I wish you will bring me a BeeBee gun. And my brother a foot ball And my sister a play Dog. And my baby sister a play bear. And my big sister a Bike. And my Mother a rug. And my father a toll box. Love you, Mike Belman.

Dear Santa Claus, I am in Mrs. Garlington third grade class. I want a baby That away. My Brother wants a foot ball shart. My Daddy wants a tool set. My mother wants a bed sped. Your friend, Conne Key.

Dear Santa Claus, My sister Janie wants a dall far Christmas. My sister Rosa wants a bear. I want a dall that tokx and a doll that walk. Your friend, Marta Reyes.

Dear Santa Claus, Will you brin my sisters a baby alive doll. Will you bring my baby broter a paly car and trakes. Will you bring my Mother a new bedroom. Will you bring my Daddy a new car. Will you bring me a bicke and a big doll. Your friend, Alicia Fuentes.

Dear Santa Claus, Would you please bring one big train, one little doll, for the baby bring three baby That-away, Oh yes please bring my Mother a Punch Bowl set, and don't forget my Father Oh and have a Merry Christmas. Your friend, Della Heffernan.

Dear Santa Claus, I would like to have some wrangler pants, and some shirts, some smocks, some shoes, some good books, some records, and a fur coat. My sister would like a new sister. My Father would like some tools. My Mother would like some cook wear. I hope you have a nice trip. Your friend, Kelly Leggett.

Dear Santa Claus, I think you are a very nice fellow. Will you please bring me a gas powered airplane and a soccer game. Please bring my brother Mark a Glass cutting kit. Oh, yes, do not forget my Mother and Daddy. Your friend, Wade Wallis.

Dear Santa Claus, I want you to bring me tow Walky Toky and bring my littl brother a track and bring my big brother tow Walky Talky and my sisters them three balls and bring grandfather a new tiol box and my fother bring him a new tool boox and my grandmother some covers and bring mother some covers to. Your frend, Jessie Arispé.

Season's GREETINGS



We'd like to take a moment of the season to tell you how much we've enjoyed knowing you and serving you this past year. Our special and sincere Yuletide wishes to you and your entire family.

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Dear Santa Claus, Will you bring my sister Sheila a Baby Alive this ciming Christmas. Please bing my Daddy a new toal set my mom croas nekles and a new bed sped. Your friend, Lisa SoRRells.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of which Rev. Gene Stark is pastor, will have charge of the services this coming Sunday, Dec. 21st, at the Nursing Home, starting at 3:30 in the afternoon. The service Dec. 28th will be given by the First Christian Church.

NOTICE

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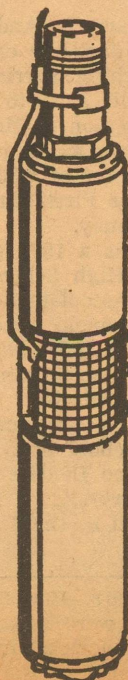
LEGAL NOTICE

Being certified by the Commissioner of Agriculture of the State of Texas for this purpose, the Mohair Council of America, 516 Central National Bank Building, San Angelo, Texas 76901, proposes a referendum election on February 10, 1976, under provisions of Article 55C, Vernon's Civil Statutes on the proposition of whether or not mohair producers in the following counties shall assess themselves an amount not to exceed 2½ cents per pound on all mohair sold to be collected at the first point of sale, and to elect members for a 12-person commodity producers board to administer proceeds of such assessment to be used for advertising, promotion, market and product development, education and research programs designed to encourage production, marketing and use of Texas mohair.

Counties included in the referendum are: District 1—Terrell, Crockett, Pecos, Brewster, Presidio and Jeff Davis. District 2—Val Verde, Kinney. District 3—Edwards. District 4—Bandera, Real, Medina, Uvalde. District 5—Mason, Llano, Gillespie, Kerr, Kendall, Comal, Blanco. District 6—Schleicher, Menard, Sutton, Kimble. District 7—Mills, Hamilton, San Saba, Coryell, Lampasas, Burnet, Hays, Travis, Williamson, Bell. District 8—Irion, Sterling, Coke, Tom Green, Concho, McCulloch, Coleman, Runnels, Nolan, Taylor, Callahan. District 9—Brown, Eastland, Comanche, Erath, Stephens, Palo Pinto, Jack, Parker, Hood.

The referendum and election will be held by physical ballot with voting place to be at each county ASCS office in the referendum area or in the county courthouse in counties that do not have ASCS office facilities. Polls will be open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. Producers who will be away from their particular voting box location on election day may obtain an absentee ballot from county agent offices, wool and mohair warehouses or from the Mohair Council of America. Absentee ballots must be mailed in the self-addressed envelope to the central balloting place at P. O. Box 222, San Angelo, Texas 76901, before midnight three days prior to the election date.

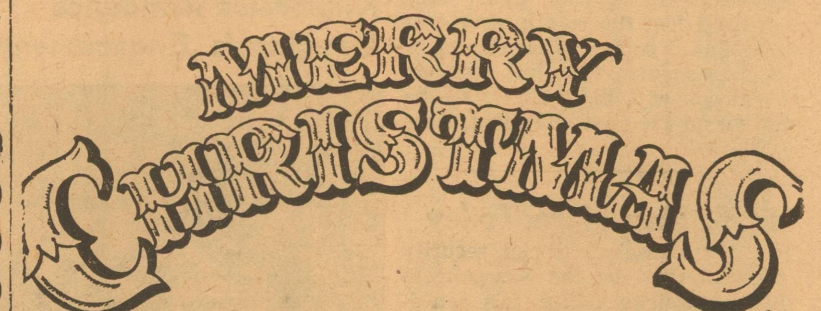
Any person within this referendum area engaged in the business of producing or causing to be produced mohair for commercial purposes is eligible to vote, including owners of ranches and their tenants and sharecroppers, if such person would be required to pay the assessment proposed.



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Acts 1-8. But you shall receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you and ye shall be witness unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

The spirit of God is the drawing power that is telling you to separate yourself from the unclean things of this world. The Lord is talking to you now as you read this bringing the writings of the past weeks to your memory. We have been praying God, set their soul afire for you, and he is doing just that. We haven't had a revival of souls in our church yet but we know God is working on the other end of our Prayers. God has that power to bring you to break tradition, to give up the pretty brick buildings, the padded pews. The ear tickling sermons and the false Gods just to know the anointed of God preach something to save your soul.

Matt. 7-14. Because strait is the gate and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Just tonight as I taught a Bible class, I looked at the pews which came from the old Bailey Ranch Church. People used to sit on them and hear preaching that would stir them and they would still get stirred if they would come sit on them. There hasn't ever been any one come into our church, but what they didn't feel the presence of God and the drawing power that wanted them to come back.

People, all you got to do is come on back away from your social group and be led by the Lord.

All you got to do is come on and others will follow. The Holiness Churches have always been run down in some form or fashion, but

so was Jesus and the Apostles. Where the presence of God is there are going to be some battles.

You may say, Bro. Ford how many are in your church now? There are six, Sis Ford, Sis Barr and the children and I. This question often arises, because people want to be where the crowd is. But remember few will find it.

The reason the church isn't running over is because the Holy Ghost will change your ways, or you won't stay. I have had people to come to church and they were so carnal minded, till they would say I can't live up to what you preach. If they would repent and be Baptized in Jesus' name for remission of sin and receive the Holy Ghost like in Acts 2-38 said, they could live for God like I preach. You can't bear up under Paul's preaching without the Holy Ghost for Paul preached with the anointed of the Holy Ghost.

I know that some people are doing all maybe they know to do, but by the Holy Ghost I know your fruits and how you are being fed so I cry for your soul. After being here nine years, I know everyone and everyone is special to me.

The drawing power of God draws and draws, but it will give up and the Lord will leave you over to a rebate.

May you let the spirit search your life. I pray keep the offerings coming in. Mail to Box 115, United Pentecostal Church, % of Bro. Ford. Sincerely yours, Bro. Walter Ford.

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Marilyn Flage has been appointed Interim Executive Director for the El Camino Girl Scout Council headquartered in San Angelo. This action was taken by the Board of Directors to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mrs. Dorothy Fallin.



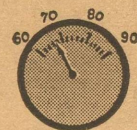
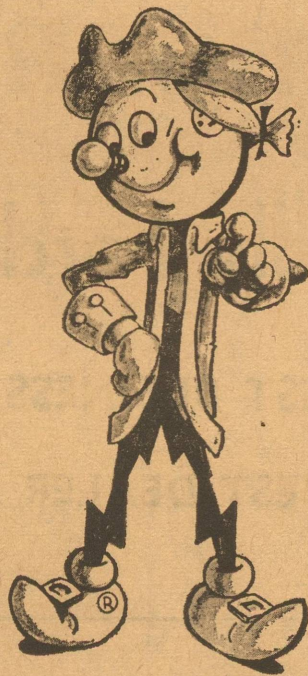
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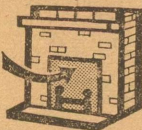
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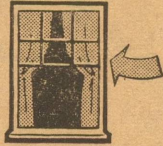
Tips To help YOU to Conserve and Save Energy on Winter Heating



For savings on energy, set the thermostat on the temperature setting that provides adequate comfort. Don't continually switch it up and down. Remember, the lower you set the thermostat in the winter the more money you save on energy.



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Winners last week:
Blakeways, 1st;
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FJankie Williams and June
Jones, 3rd;
Billie Andrews and Winnie He-
len Hilliard, 4th. Merry Christmas!

**Something For Nothing:
There's Always A Catch**

A variety of newspaper or mag-
azine ads, as well as many other
promotions, fill mail boxes more
than usual at this time of year.

Be particularly wary when you
are offered something-for-noth-
ing. When you buy, be sure you
know just what you are to re-
ceive, how much you are to pay
and when you will receive.

Nearly always the cost of the
free item is included in the price
of the item for which you pay.

The intelligent consumer should
realize that it is unrealistic for
a merchant to hand out free
gifts indiscriminately.

You would think that we would
be exceedingly suspicious of any
something-for-nothing deal. Ac-
tually, the promotions are thriv-
ing as never before.

Christmas Rewards

The Birth of Christ is cele-
brated at Christmas. But, in effect
it is everybody's birthday, and
the celebration going on all over
the world. Therefore, Christmas
is many things — some real,
some only felt.

Christmas is the excited gleam
in the eyes of children; it is the
happy music (to celebrate a
birth) and talking and laughing;
It is bright-painted toys and de-
corated trees. It is the tinkling
of bells and the taste of candies.
It is the calm fulfillment that
follows hectic days of prepara-
tion.

There is a feeling of compas-
sion for the less fortunate that
glows more warmly on this day
than any other day.

Christmas is the time of the
heart's inventory, the time of
being together and going home.

Most of all, Christmas is the
time of transformation of moth-
ers and fathers, grandmothers
and grandfathers, into the chil-
dren they once were — and still
are — for a very short time this
one day of the year.



MAYBE, SOON . . . Santa should be along before long or,
has he already arrived? For animal lovers, a puppy is an ideal
Christmas gift, appreciated long after the holiday is past. This
young fellow seems to be taking the holiday in stride.

Hot Bunwiches Are A Great Idea

- 2 cups coarsley diced, cooked turkey
- 1/2 cup diced celery
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped onion
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- 2 hard cooked eggs, chopped
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- 1/4 teaspoon paprika
- salt & pepper to taste butter or margarine hamburger buns

Combine turkey, celery, onion, cheese and eggs. Moisten with mayonnaise and season with paprika, salt and pepper. Spread generously between buttered halves of buns. Wrap each sandwich in foil. Heat at 375 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes. Delicious — simple, and a good way to use left over turkey.

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To holidays and other days throughout the busy year
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"May all God's special blessings
be yours on Christmas day!"

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First Baptist Notes

The Rev. Gene Stark, pastor, announces Christmas season events as follows:

Children's Night at Christmas will be presented Dec. 21 7:00 p.m.
Candlelight Celebration of the Lord's Supper will be on Christmas Eve at 6:30 p.m.
Goal of the local church for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is \$962.50.

School Menus

(All meals served with buttered rolls and milk.)

Wed., Dec. 17: Beef stew with vegetables, cheese strips, sliced peaches, cornbread or crackers, sugar cookies.

Thursday, Dec. 18: Turkey and dressing, giblet gravy, French sliced green beans, cranberry sauce, fruit cup, applesauce cake/icing.

Friday, Dec. 19: Sandwiches, pork & beans, potato chips, orange halves, ice cream.

Dec. 19th to Jan. 5th: Christmas & New Year's holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rieken and Terrie and Mike of Denver City visited here recently in the John Nikolauk home.

Women's Division To Be Included In Show

A Women's Division will be included in the Schleicher County Stock Show this coming January. Five divisions for this department have been planned. These include: needlework, canned fruits and vegetables, pickles and relishes, jams, jellies and preserves, and hobbies and crafts.

Copies of the entry forms and rules and regulations for this event are available from the County Extension office. The dates for the show are Jan. 9 and 10. Entry forms are due in the County Extension office by Jan. 1, 1976. Plan now to enter!

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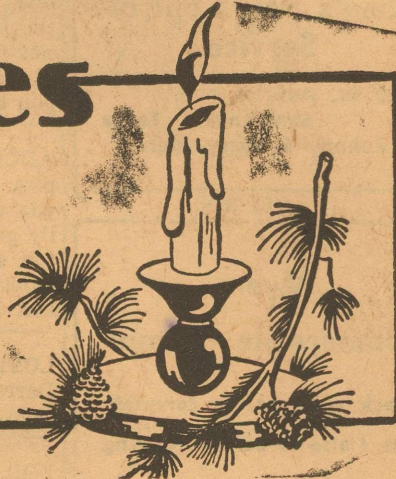
Call Patsy Kellogg
853-2205 Angelo Hwy.
(to Jan 1*)

WITH THE LIGHTING OF THE

Christmas Candles

At this season of good cheer, may they signify joy and gladness to fill your heart for many days to come.

All of us in this firm extend to all of you in your home, Holiday Greetings.



And May 1976

Be a Good Year For each and all of our friends



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Merry Christmas to All...

and Happy New Year

We wish to take this opportunity to express a sincere and heartfelt thank you for all the courtesies, kindness, warmth and welcome you have extended to us during the past year.

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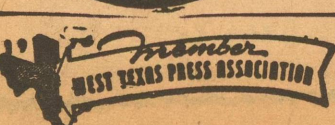
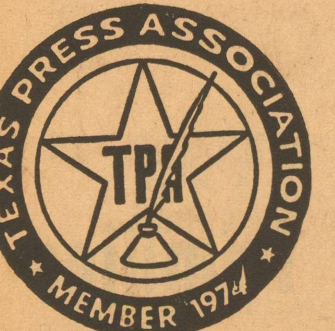
Notice of entertainments where a charge of admission is made, obituaries, cards of thanks, resolutions of respect, and all matters not news will be charged for at the regular rates.

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Front page advertising announcements to be charged for at a rate equal to three times the regular rate.



Community Calendar

Dec. 18, Thursday. Social Security representative at Court House, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
Dec. 19, Friday. Am. Legion Christmas party for youngsters at 2:00 p.m., elementary gym.
Dec. 19, Friday. School dismisses 2:30 p.m. for ensuing two weeks for Christmas, New Year's holidays.
Dec. 21, Sunday. Party for Nursing Home residents. 3:00 p.m.
Jan. 8-9. County Livestock Show.

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Fire! Fire! Fire!

It seems this is all a lot of people need, to get them on the streets to find out where the fire is. This has become a real hindrance to the Firemen. There have been times lately that so many people arrive at the Fire Station that the Firemen have trouble getting the trucks out and on the road.

Also, it is reported that less and less people pull over and let the Fire Trucks pass.

If your house were on fire wouldn't you want the trucks there as quickly as possible? Please, Citizens of Eldorado, stay away from the fires, and give us a chance to perform our duty.

We strive to do a good job for our community and only with your co-operation can we be successful. -Fire Dept. Reporter

-SCRATCH PADS for sale at the Eldorado Success office.

MEMORIAL PROGRAM

Your Memorial Gift is a fitting tribute to a loved one. This remembrance helps support the research, education and service programs of the American Cancer Society.

Memorial gift funds may be sent to your local Unit of the Society.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

We have the appropriate cards to send to the family and to the donor, and will send your check to the American Cancer Society in Austin.

HELEN CARLMAN
Memorial Chmn. Schleicher County

We're greeting you with warm good wishes for Christmas

THE EARL YATES FAMILY

EIGHT 1/2-German puppies to give away; about eight weeks old. Call 853-2559 or see V. M. Owens at 301 West Oaks.

FOR SALE: New Sylvania T. V. 12-inch. Purchased just a few months ago. Am very disappointed with the programs. Cost new \$140; will not take less than \$100 cash. H. B. Feddersen; inquire at the octagon rock house.

ADORABLE Miniature Poodle Puppies. Available Christmas Eve. If you are looking for a perfect family pet, we will have three puppies for sale. Ten dollars each. Male from Purebred Registered Poodle litter. Call 853-2340. 1*

LOST: Two Suffolk ewes. Notify Darrell McDonald, box 14, Eldorado, or call 853-2272. 1*

FOR RENT: 8' x 35' mobile home with tip-out, \$125 a month. Call 853-2112.

FOR SALE: 1962 Chev. pickup in fair condition, \$350. Or will consider a trade of equal value. Call 853-2112.

PERSONS INTERESTED

in joining an Alcoholics Anonymous group in Eldorado are invited to come to the Memorial Building each Friday night. Fellowship 7:30 and meetings will start at 8:00.

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

In Those Days

Compiled From Success Files

ONE YEAR AGO

Dec. 19, 1974—John Justice was succeeding J. H. (Skeet) Mace as local Foxworth-Galbraith manager.

Mrs. Sophronia Jeffrey died at the age of 96.

Nancy Baumann's engagement to Bob Lester was announced. Their wedding was set for February 1st.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Dec. 17, 1970—Keith Williams was presented Mr. EHS and Dana Walker was Miss EHS, as the high school Christmas party was held.

The Pete Isleib family flew in from Alaska to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. (Pete) Parker.

Funeral services were held in the Catholic church for Pedro Alvaradi, 104.

A piano was reported stolen from the Pentecostal church.

Mrs. Kate Kinsler died at age 89 and was buried here.

David Blakeway rear-ended a vehicle driven by Mary Bruton, and the mishap put her in the hospital for a while.

Mikeska Gin reported that the ginning season was drawing to a close, with 2735 bales processed to date.

Funeral services were held in Whitesboro for former Eldoradoan, Bob Burkart, who died at age 47.

Gail Robinson made All-District Band at the meet held in Lampasas.

12 YEARS AGO

Dec. 19, 1963—Leslie Baker was elected president of The First National Bank to succeed the recently deceased Ed Hill. Jo Ed Hill was elected vice president.

Funeral services were held for Carl Stevens who died at the age of 47.

C. J. Hahn, president of the Lions Club, announced that judging would take place in the Christmas decorating contest which the Lions were co-sponsoring with the Chamber of Commerce.

At the high school Christmas party, Joan Griffin was presented as Miss EHS and Mack McAngus was Most Popular Boy.

The Eagle cage team selected Lynn Meador and Richard Preston as captains.

Sidney D. Maxfield moved to Henderson after retiring Sinclair.

50 YEARS AGO

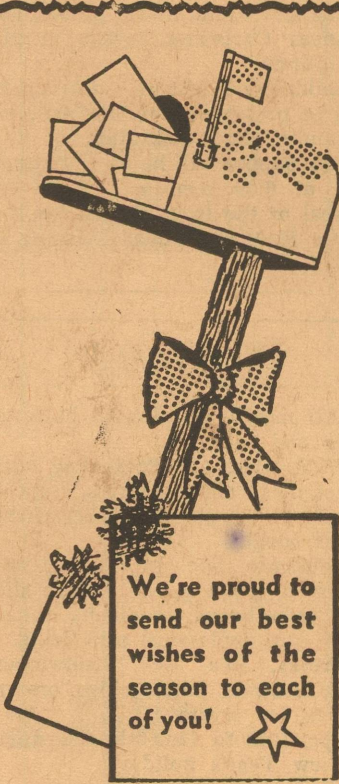
Dec. 18, 1925—Ed Finnigan has sold his 640 acre stock farm 12 miles northeast of Eldorado to C. W. Haynes, and has bought the E. B. Ross ranch five miles north of town.

At a Buckner Orphan's Home program at the Baptist church, music was rendered by a male quartet consisting of J. W. Whitten, W. T. Whitten, E. W. Brooks, and W. O. Alexander. Maggie Lee Isaacs and Isabelle Isaacs gave a violin duet.

Mrs. C. B. Reagan's music pupils in recital included Hollis Reagan, Roberta Milligan, Nell Campbell, Lula May Bruton, Dell Armentrout, Vivian Reagan, Miss Hooker, Agnes Wright, Mildred Young, Anna Florence Page, Margaret Tisdale. Jym Newsom, Mildred Smith, Louise Williams, and Margaret Williams.

ELDORADO LODGE

No. 890 - A. F. & A. M. Stated meeting 2nd Thursday in each month, at 7:00 p. m. from Oct. 1 to April 1, and at 8:00 from April 1 to October 1. Visiting brethren welcome.



WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION ON CHRISTMAS MAILING YOUR POST OFFICE FORCE

LETTER & LEGAL rag bond paper is for sale in ream boxes at The Eldorado Success.

Christmas Question

For some reason, most of us have come to look upon the first day of the year as the ideal time for examination of conscience and for the setting up of a new set of ideals. Would not Christmas be a much better time? What better time than Christmas for all of us to ask this question of ourselves: "What am I contributing to my fellow man; to Christianity; and to the world in which I live?"

Mighty Mistletoe

Perhaps the reason that most young ladies do not object too strongly to paying the penalty for standing beneath the mistletoe stems from an ancient superstition—that the maiden who was not kissed at least one time beneath the mistletoe at Christmas would not be married in the following year. In olden times, a berry was plucked from the mistletoe with each kiss.



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.



That prized holly tree you have 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.

A CHRISTMAS RESTITUTION

BY D.L. ALEXANDER

MARY WENDELL stood at her bedroom window scratching at the frost on the glass. It was bitterly cold outside, with a hard wind blowing. Deep snow covered the ground and clung to the leafless trees, and the birds who had neglected to return to the warmer south huddled in such shelter as could be found.

Mary's face wore a look of sorrow and dejection, and a sob rose once in a while to relieve the tension that otherwise threatened to engulf her.

She had tried to save a little money for Christmas, but after paying her bills she hadn't a cent left. Christmas hadn't mattered much because Donnie had been too young to know about such things. This year he had heard people talk about Santa Claus and had asked questions.

It was the day before Christmas, a time of cheer and good will. But there was no cheer in her heart. Life had been trying for her since she had left Concord and cut herself off from her friends of former days. Sickness and the loss of one job after another had kept her on the edge of destitution.



"May I come in," he inquired.

"Mommie, will Santa bring me something?" Donnie had asked when she had put him to bed the night before.

"I don't know, darling," she had answered, knowing she couldn't buy him even a stick of candy.

She raised her head and looked at the crib where he was sleeping. He was well covered and warm. She left the window and went into the sitting room where a cheery fire dispelled most of the cold. She went to the window and pulled the shade down as if, unconsciously, she could dispose of the black mood that assailed her.

In the center of the room she fell to her knees. "Oh, God," she prayed in anguish, "please lift my burden from me. I know I did wrong, but I know you have forgiven me by allowing me to keep my little boy. Please, God, provide me with the means of making this a happy time for him, in recognition of Your Son's sacrifices for us. Amen."

Visitor

A knock on the door brought her to her feet. She glanced that way but didn't cross the room until it was repeated. Then she opened the door to confront a tall, blond man in army uniform who stood in the dimly lit hallway. She recognized him instantly.

"Why, Donald Bruce," she cried hoarsely.

"May I come in?" he inquired. She was too startled to answer, so he laughingly brushed her aside and entered.

He took a quick look around the room and noticed the evidences of poverty. "Why did you quit writing?" he inquired.

"There wasn't much to say," she answered weakly.

He went to the doorway of the kitchen and looked inside. Then he crossed the room to the bedroom doorway, saying: "It seems to me there could have been a lot to say."

His eyes took in the crib and the baby in it. He hurried across the room, Mary following him. He looked down and studied the face of the sleeping child for a few minutes, and then turned to Mary with an unspoken inquiry in his eyes.

"That's why I left Concord—to avoid the talk and gossip," she said.

He looked again at the child searchingly, and then said: "Why didn't you tell me?"

"I didn't think you would care." "Good Heavens, woman, do you think I'm heartless? Do you think I'd have left you to face all this alone without my help?"

He held his arms out to her, and she flew into them, the tears coming freely.

A voice came from the bedroom. "Mommie, has Santa come yet?"

"In a little while, dear, and He's going to bring you a new papa," she answered.

LAST MINUTE PRESENT

BY F.L. ROWLEY



ELAINE glanced up at the clock. Fifteen minutes more and the doll would be hers. Mr. Rogers had promised to let her have it at half price if no one bought it before closing time. Ever since she was a little girl Elaine had wanted a baby doll—just like this one.

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."

His eyes were sharp. He looked 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." "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 uncle."

"But the little girl—she's yours?"

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 saved—"

"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 up."

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

BRIDE SELECTIONS FOR:

Claudie Meador.....bride elect of Bradford Lee
Mrs. Wayne McGirnes Mrs. Mike Dempsey



Large Shipment of Fall Jewelry
HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Cathy's
Charlie, Cathy, Liz, Charis, Ashley Phone 3-2645



Mary Scott put another pecan pie in the oven. She planned to finish the preparations, even if some of the food were left over until Christmas of next year.

She had been upset since Fred had called so say one of the children had come down with the flu and they would not be coming for Christmas dinner.

Jack's situation was different. He lived a thousand miles away. He had always brought his family to "grandma's", just as everyone else did. Coming so far to see his mother was one thing; to see his sister was something else.

Mary had known that it would all end when mother died. She and Fred and Jack had been close, all of their lives. Even after they had teenagers of their own, everyone returned to the old homestead each Christmas. It had been a tradition of many years standing. A tradition that now had apparently ended.

It had ended of course, last Christmas. Mother had died in mid-December. They had all agreed not to get together last Christmas, but everyone had appeared enthusiastic when Mary suggested they gather at her house this year. She knew now they just didn't want to say "no" at the time.

Kid Stuff

Billy came bounding in with all the energy of a fourteen-year-old. "Say, mom. Guess what! All the kids are going to get together Christmas afternoon on Galt Hill with out sleds. We're going to have races and everything."

Mary laughed. "You feel real sure you'll get that sled for Christmas?"

"Sure, I will." He winked. "Old Santa hasn't let me down yet."

Ann, sixteen, entered. "You had better mend your ways, then, young man. You don't get good presents when you've been a bad boy."



"Ah, you sound just like a sister."

"A sister who is not going to be on that hill with your wild children. Mom, some of the kids are planning a sleigh ride. Chap-eroned. Billy Smith has asked me. Can I go?"

"When will it be?"
"Christmas night. Everyone agrees we should be with our families Christmas Eve and Christmas day."

The Idea

Later, as Mary was re-arranging the lights on the Christmas tree, the words came back to her. "Everyone agrees we should be with our families Christmas Eve and Christmas day."

She had always been with her family, her entire family. That is the way it should be. There had never been a question, so long as mom had lived, as to where everyone would spend the holiday. But, mom was gone. Fred and Jack would spend the Christmas with their wives and children. And, come to think of it, Ann and Billy and she and Bill would spend theirs together.

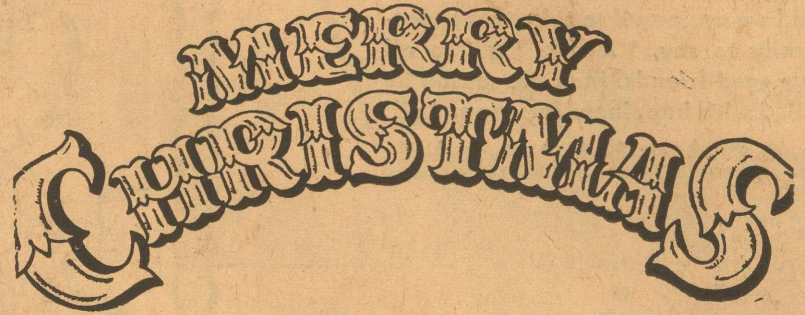
Last Christmas had seemed like a dream. The most pleasant memory was the quiet hours the four of them had spent Christmas Eve, the walk through the snow to church, the children's delight upon discovering the presents under the tree when they returned home.

Mary suddenly realized that, even though she had been looking forward to seeing her two brothers and their families, she had, on one or more occasions, thought about the quiet hours her own family would share before they arrived.

She met Bill at the door. "Fred called. Tommy has the flu."

Bill put his arm around her shoulders. "Well, dear, then we'll just spend a quite, happy Christmas, the four of us."

"Yes, it will be happy, family Christmas just the same. We can do our visiting some time other than Christmas."



from

Charles, Frankie, Joan & Becky

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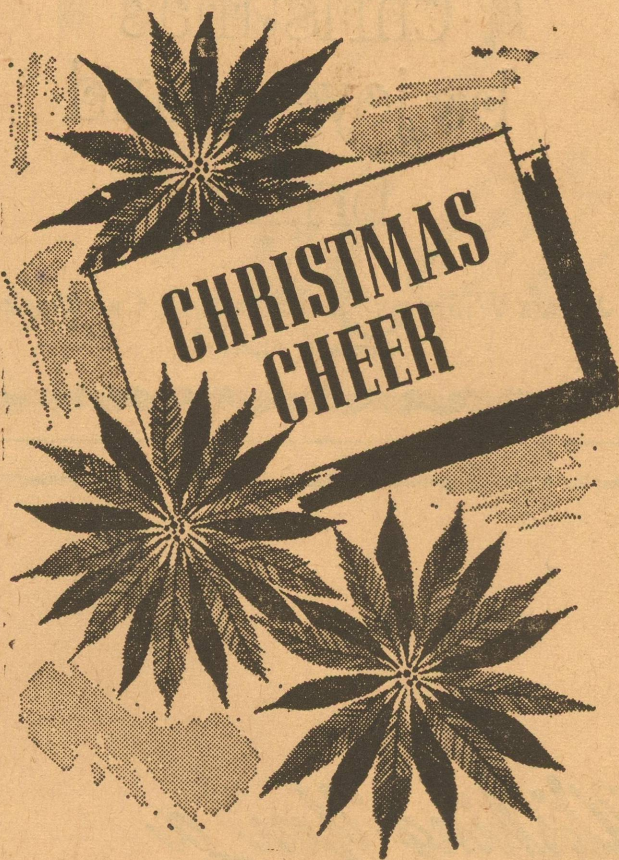
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Junction Stockyards, Inc.

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No Sale December 26th

Regular Sale January 2nd

Special Cattle Sale January 9th

Memorials To The County Museum

In memory of T. R. Spence by Janet and Rohland Reider of Fort Collins, Colorado, and Mrs. Margaret Frost.

In memory of Royce Smith were received by Mrs. Keno Ogden, Mr. and Mrs. Ben L. Isaacs and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Ballew and Ethel Etheredge; and Margaret Frost, and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Young of Kingsland.

Tole & Decorating Club Holds Meeting

The Tole and Decorative Painting Club met on Monday, December 1st, to complete plans for our pre-holiday sale and to discuss our Christmas party. We have three new members for a total of 20 members. We also voted to change our meeting time to 4:00 p.m., so that members who work at the school will be able to attend more meetings. Our next meeting will be on Monday, January 5th at 4:00 p.m. Vidette Sallee will present a program on board preparation.

We held our pre-holiday sale on Saturday, December 6th. We hope everyone who came by enjoyed our display of items.

Mrs. Mildred Stanford invited us to her home for our Christmas party on Tuesday, December 9th. We exchanged gifts and had lots of food and fun! —Rep.

TOPS #899 HOLDS MEETING

TOPS had their weekly meeting Tuesday night. Darlene S. won the fruit basket; also she was our queen for the month of November. There was a total of 9 lbs. ¼ oz. lost for the week. Rosetta was queen for the week.

Anyone interested in losing weight come by and visit. We meet every Tuesday night at 7:00 o'clock at the Memorial Bldg. —Rep.

BRIDE SELECTIONS FOR

Claudie Meador

bride elect of

John Bradford Lee

December 27th

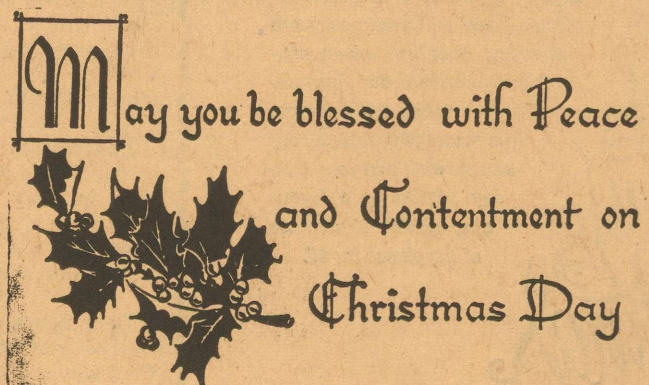
WESTERN AUTO ASSOCIATE STORE

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:

Because of Federal and State Regulations, the Dump Grounds will be open to the General Public on Saturdays only from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. A man will be there to show you where to dump.

Dead animals will not be allowed.

By Order Of The City Council



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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 24

1:00 TO 5:00 FOR REFRESHMENTS

And A Lot Of Visiting With Old Friends

—JENNIE

IT'S CHRISTMAS

and we are proud to take this opportunity to say, "Thank You" to all our good friends. May the season be filled with happiness for one and all!



FROM ALL OF US.

Closed Christmas Day & New Year's Day

C. C. LEASE SERVICE CO., Inc.

John Edward Meador David Meador
and Employees

Christmas Greetings



This message is warm with friendliness and filled with good wishes for Christmas

Mikeska Gin

"The Lord reigneth: let the earth rejoice." PSALM 97:1

SEASONS GREETINGS



Closed Christmas Day

MITTEL TEXACO

Gail and Peggy Mittel

and daughters

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS FROM LOCAL THIRD GRADERS

Dear Santa Claus, Would you bring me a magic hat? My sister wants a ten speed. My father wants a gun. Have a Merry Christmas. Yours friend, Shanna Burlison.

Dear Santa Claus, I would like a deer nife, a bike and a many bike. My brother would like a mouse trap game and my sister would like a baby doll and my Dad would like a gun and my mother would like a dryer for Christmas and have a save trip for the north pole. Your friend, Jim.

Dear Santa Claus, How are you? I'm just fine. Will you bring me a Baby That-A-Way, and a Tom Tumb cassette, and a Rumpleskintin cassette and a Winnie the Pooh and Tigger too cassette. My brother Greg wants a Smash up derby set and a Minnesota Vikings football helmet radio. That is all we want. Your friend, Kara Sue Garlitz.

Dear Santa Claus, My bother Jason wants a Pink Pather, My Dad a wallet, My Mom wants some dishes. And don't forget me I want a Holly Hobby doll. Have a Happy Christmas. Your friend, Tracy Cansler.

Dear Santa Claus, I want you to get me a Baby Thataway and my brother Timmy a mortar bike. And I have Jeffery he wants a play truck. And my big brother wants a tape deck. His name is Hank. And my biggest brother Tommy wants a big big mortar-bike. My Mom wants a camper with carpet. Your friend, Sandy Hutcherson.

Dear Santa Claus, Would you please bring me a baby alive and for my mother bring sowing machine and for my father a watch and please bring Hope a new jacket and for Jessica some new shoes and for Erica Liz bring her some quilts and say hig to Mrs. Santa that is all I can say. Your friend Rachel Martinez.

Dear Santa Claus, Will you please bring me a make-up barbie set and a teeter totter watch? And my sister Sherri wants a baby alive and a bicycle. And my sister Stacy wants a Jewel Box and a Tammy's Tears baby doll. Have a happy Christmas. Your friend, Stephanie Field.

Dear Santa Claus, Will you give me a doll, a bike, a watch. My sister Ludmilla a ring a doll, a watch, a bike a stuffbear. My other sister Lorita a playhouse, a doll, a bike a stuffmonkey. Have a very nice Christmas Mr. Santa Claus Miss Santa Claus. Your friend, Rhonda Boyer.

Dear Santa Claus, Would you please bring me a coat, saddle and boots. My sister wants Quarter Horse, and saddle. Mom wants a billfold. Dad wants a new hat. Merry Chistmas. Your friend, Bob Reynolds.

Dear Santa Claus, I would like to have a grils bike, tennis racket, clothes, barbie hair style, stuff animals. And my sister Cherly would like a baby tender love, clothes, barbie doll. And my brother Bruce would like a truck and a loader. Have a very Merry Christmas. Your friend, Lori Walling.

Dear Santa Claus, I wood lice a BB pallet gun. A racing track, a pear of gloves. A 410 sat gun. And a train track. A foot ball. A pear of glaves and Thats all I would like. Your friend, Matthew Dahlberg.

Dear Santa Claus, I like to have a train, and mother a coffeepot. And I don't know what my brother want's are my father want's. Your friend, Bobby Williams.

Dear Santa Claus, I would like for you to bring me a Snoopy Move viewer and my brother Roman he wants a toy Jeep and my other brother Raul he wants a Jeep to, and my big brother wants a xex Milon Doler man. and bring my little baby brother a little to truck. Have a nice Christmas. Your friend, Cecilia Garza.

Dear Santa Claus, Would you please bring me a horse. I could ride in may back paster and a saddle, a bridle, a saddlerug and a country air rifle. Happy Christmas. Your friend, Ron Sauer.

Dear Santa Claus, I would like a twelve gage shot gun and my brother would like a Dragster farmulin one and Mother would like a Class cutter and my dad would like a tool set with two homers, two renches. Your friend, Mike Ramera.

Dear Santa Claus, I'll tell you what we want. Lets start with Daddy. Bring him a shaver. Bring Mom cooking set. Bring my sister a curling iron. Bring my brother an archery set. And bring me barbie dolls with clothes. Your friend, Martha Tobias.

Dear Santa Claus, I would like a holly hobbie sewing machine, and a clock, to tell time with. My brother wants a real horn and a metal tool box. My sister wants a toy blue telephone and a toy camera. Thank you very much. Your friend, Renetta Robinson.

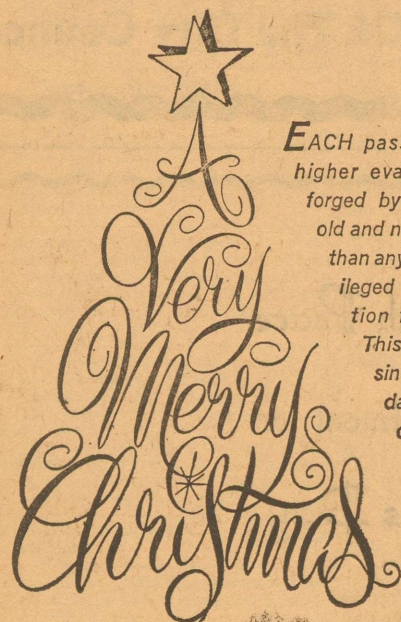


We Will Be Closed For The Holidays

Dec. 20th thru Jan. 4th

Lee's Drive-In

Winona Halbert



EACH passing year brings us a higher evaluation of the bonds forged by pleasant associations, old and new. At Christmas, more than any other time, we are privileged to express our appreciation for these friendships. This message brings you our sincere wish that your Holiday Season be a joyous one, with a full measure of happiness for all.

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Mr. and Mrs. Granvil Hext
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May your Christmas be joyous and bright!

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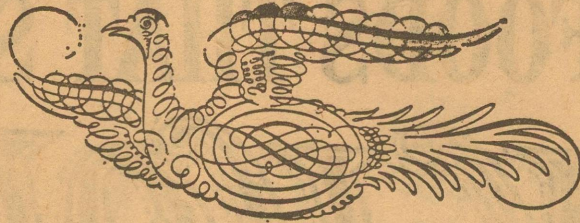
The Western Co.



FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP, GOOD WILL AND LOYALTY, MAY THE HAPPINESS AND GOOD CHEER OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON BE YOURS FOR ALL THE DAYS TO COME.

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Christmas Blessings

May this holy season of Christmas, with it's message of love and peace, enrich your lives with many blessings.

ETHEL McANGUS & CHILDREN

Junior High School '75-76 Cage Schedule

Thursday, Jan. 8, Christoval, here, 4:30, 7th h& 8th girls, 7th & 8th boys.
Monday, Jan. 12, Menard, there, 5:00, 7th & 8th girls, 8th boys.
Monday, Jan. 19, Junction, there, 5:00, 8th girls, 7th & 8th boys.
Thursday, Jan. 22, Sonora, here, 4:00, 7th & 8th girls, 7th & 8th boys.
Jan. 29, 30, & 31, Junction Jr. High Tournament.

In Those Days

Compiled From Success Files

ONE YEAR AGO

Dec. 26, 1974—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Watson were being honored on their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a reception on Dec. 29th.

Pat and Bob Sykes were Special Gifts chairmen of the fund drive under way for The Arthritis Foundation.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Tony Allen Clark of La Pryor.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Dec. 24, 1970—Winners of the decorating contest were announced as: Jack Jones, door; Domingo Pina, yard; Luther Guerrero, best overall decorating.

The Shugart apartment building on the Angelo highway was deeded to the school by Jack Shugart.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Whitten.

Mmes. Luke Thompson, J. E. Hill and Elizabeth Rae Powell were hostesses at the DAR Christmas luncheon.

The Sonora Bronc football team defeated Pflugerville 45-6 to take their third Class A state title in five years.

The Commissioners ordered a new ambulance to serve this county.

The Joe Ray Stanford family arrived here from California to spend the holidays with relatives.

12 YEARS AGO

Dec. 26, 1963—Mr. and Mrs. Rance McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. Lum Davis were called to LaFeria in South Texas to the funeral of S. A. McDonald, 89. The deceased was father of Rance McDonald and Mrs. Davis.

The Am. Legion Christmas party for children was being held and Billy Frank Blaylock was post commander. Mrs. Oliver Teele's choral groups had charge of music.

Funeral services were held at Tuscola for Mrs. Marie Windham, 48, sister of H. W. Scott of this place.

C. J. Hahn presided at the final pre-holiday meeting of the Lions Club. Joe Kreklow and Lynn and Rusty Meador rendered piano selections.

At Abilene Christian College, Genelle McCalla, a senior home economics major was entering her hand-made wool coat in the national Make It Yourself With Wool contest.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Swain announced the engagement of their daughter Doris to Charles Vanacek.

50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 25, 1925—F. H. Watson reports that the Van McCormick residence that he is building is near completion and that it will cost about \$3,000 when done.

Beeler Brown, who is working in Big Lake, is home for the holidays.

Miss Joyce Johnson became the bride of O. R. Burden, assistant superintendent of the Texas Pipe Line Company.

T. P. Robinson, one of our prominent business men, is having a new residence built in northwest Eldorado in the West Addition.

Edwin Johnson, Walter Ramsay, Kenneth Cheek and Earl Calhoun, who are attending Simmons College in Abilene, came in Tuesday for the holidays.

Malone Hill, who is attending medical school in Galveston, is here for the holidays.

Ruth DeLong, Lizabeth Hinyard, and Tillie Young are here from McMurry College at Abilene.

L. T. Barber and Eula Wright were married Dec. 25 in the bride's home, with Rev. J. C. Young officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Baker have gone to El Paso to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baker.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

To our host of good friends, we send holiday wishes, with appreciation for your loyalty and good will.

COUNTY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

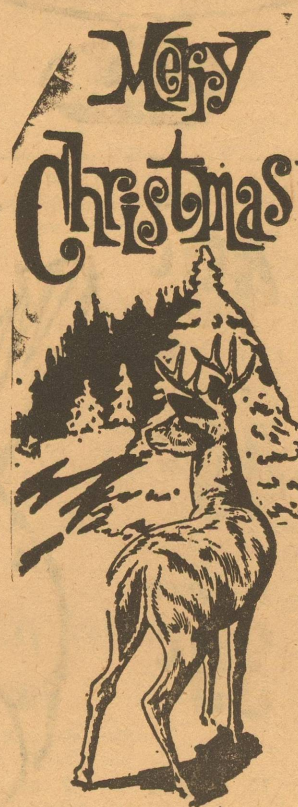
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25 & 26

FOR CHRISTMAS

And All Day New Year's — January 1st

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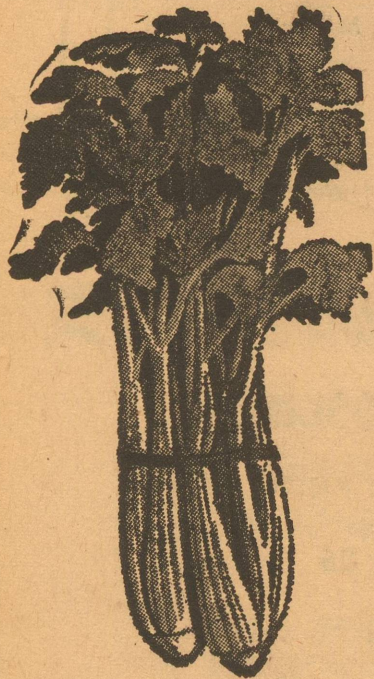
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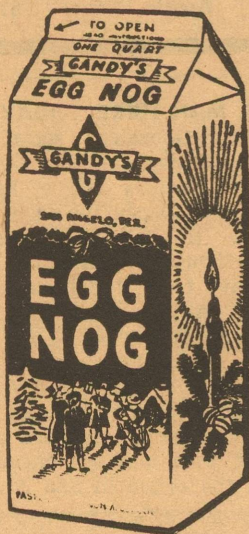
FRESH EACH
Cocoanuts . . . **59¢**

PEPPERIDGE FARM STUFFING MIX 8-OZ. BAG **39¢**

Del Monte MANDARIN ORANGES 12-OZ. CAN **39¢**



GANDY'S 32 OUNCE
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KOUNTRY FRESH QUARTERS SWEET POUND
Cream Butter **\$1.29**

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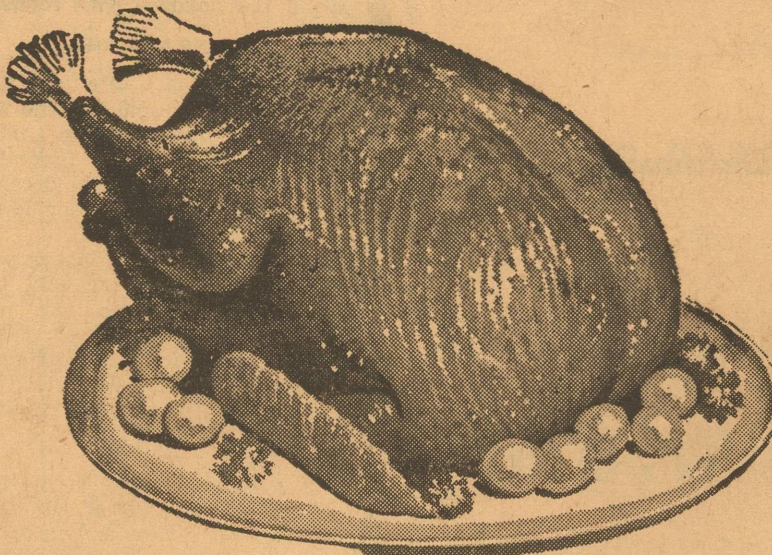
WILSON'S BONELESS LB.
FULLY COOKED HAMS **\$1.98**

KOLD KOUNTRY 12 OUNCE
Orange Juice **49¢**

PET RITZ 2 COUNT
Pie Shells **49¢**

KOLD KOUNTRY 10 OUNCE
Broccoli Spears **39¢**

KOLD KOUNTRY 10 OUNCE
Cauliflower **39¢**



Norbest TURKEY HENS 10- TO 12-LB. AVG. **69¢ LB.**

BUTTERBALL TURKEY HENS 10- TO 12-LB. AVG. **79¢ LB.**

GLADIOLA 5-LB. BAG
FLOUR . . . **79¢**



KOUNTRY FRESH BROWN 12 COUNT
N'Serve Rolls **39¢**

MR. SALTY 10 OUNCE
Pretzel Sticks **67¢**

DIAMOND 3-LB. CAN
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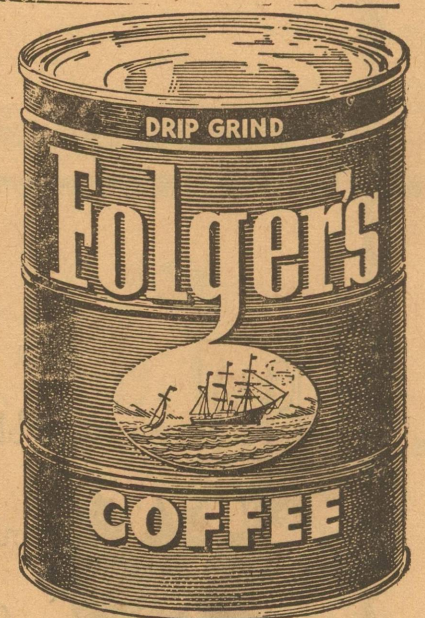
DEL MONTE 303 CAN
Pumpkin . . . **39¢**

DEL MONTE - CUT 303 CAN
Green Beans **29¢**

FOLGER'S 1-LB. CAN
Coffee **1.18**

KRAFT'S MINIATURE 10 OUNCE
Marshmallows **39¢**

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