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Wintry Blast Brings Ice, Snow to Area

According to the calendars and almanacs, winter officially began Wednesday, but according to the people of McLean and other parts of the panhandle, winter actually began Tuesday night. The cold weather dipped into

the McLean area shortly after sunset Tuesday evening, and got colder as the hours went along during the night. A light rain fell and turned into ice shortly after. Then light flakes of snow fell, and by Wednesday morning trees, houses, streets, and everything else exposed to the weather for several hours were glistening forth with a cover of ice.

The weather remained below freezing Wednesday morning, although traffic had melted some of the ice on the streets by noon. Streets and highways remained dangerous, however.

Little damage was done in McLean by the ice, although some trees appeared to be bearing about all they could stand Wednesday morning. The added weight did break some of the Christmas light strings downtown in McLean.

W. C. Meharg, manager of the Southwestern Public Service company, reported Wednesday morning that about 11 miles of a line owned by the West Texas Utilities company between Lela and the Gray County line had gone out during the night. McLean was temporarily without electric power as a result of this feeder line breaking.

The Pampa Daily News reported that an unusual storm occurred there Tuesday night. A great deal of thunder and lightning accompanied the incoming of winter at Pampa. Some thunder and lightning came here, but was not so great as that reported at Pampa during the freezing weather. Rain also fell at Pampa.

Grade School Gives Annual Yule Program

Members of the Grade School played to a full auditorium when they presented their annual Christmas program in the McLean High School Monday night.

Directors of the program were Mrs. C. L. McGee and Mrs. McWilliams. Dicky Sligar served as piano and organ accompanist. The program was as follows: Welcome, Principal Haydn Bodenhamer; "Jingle Bells," by group; "Deck the Halls," by group; "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," by group; "Up on the Housetop," by group, with action by James Jolly; "The First Noel," by group; "Christmas Lullaby," by Marie Watson; "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," by group; "The Birth of Silent Night," by 7th class; "Silent Night," by group; Nativity scene, with Owen Rhea as reader, special chorus singing "O Little Town of Bethlehem," solo, "Away in a Manger," Mario Coleman, trio, "We Three Kings," by Glen Howard, Harley Knutson, and Warren Henley.

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing," by group; musical interlude; "The Window of Charvel," 5th class; "O Come All Ye Faithful," by group; "Joy to the World," by group.

Rev. Petty to Lead Services

Rev. Herman L. Petty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Petty, who is a student in Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary of Fort Worth, will occupy the pulpit at the First Baptist Church Sunday morning and evening.

Rev. Petty, accompanied by his wife and small son David, arrived in McLean this week to spend the holidays with relatives.

Twenty-one guns comprise the national salute to the flag.

Tax Inequalities in Gray County May Be Eliminated by Survey

That the inequality of taxes and the non-conformity of land values in Gray County may be eliminated is a possibility, but there is considerable grading to be done before action is definitely taken.

The action to be taken is up to the commissioners court, but there are several angles to be considered, it has been brought out in meetings of the court recently.

Reason for wanting the action is that many land valuations are unequal, according to the court, and a number of properties have never been rendered for county tax purposes.

Two years ago the city of Pampa and the Pampa school district had such an appraisal made of their taxable properties. As a result of this, the county, if similar action is decided upon, has two choices: the first choice is to have made a survey of the entire county, which would include a re-survey of the Pampa city and school area; the second choice is to extend the survey over the entire county and not include the Pampa area, but make a deal with the school and city officials to use their card valuation system which has already been worked out.

The Southwestern Appraisal company of Fort Worth, the group which made the survey two years ago for Pampa and the Pampa

school district, will extend that survey to include the rest of the county for a fee of \$5,900 (the amount is a possibility, but the company offered to do the same thing in 1947 for \$3,750). Cost to re-survey the Pampa area would make the cost much higher, it was explained.

The city and school at Pampa, however, want something in exchange for the use of their card tax files by the county. The city, through its manager, Dick Peppin, asked for \$2,900 annually for the Pampa library, stating that it felt that aid could be given to the library there if \$1,000 can be given to the McLean library each year. The city also asked for aid in defraying the expenses of the Health Department in the county, and it is estimated this cost will be about \$6,000.

The school, in its requests, asked for county aid in completing the survey in Roberts County that was taken into the Pampa school district under the Gilmer-Aikin law, and in grading one of the school grounds.

Altogether, it was estimated that for the county to get the survey extended and use the city and school card systems, a cost of about \$17,500 would be necessary. This would include extending the surveys, copying the city-school tax cards, aiding the library, meeting the school's requests, and sharing the expenses of the Health Department.

Most Local Stores To Remain Closed On December 26

Most retail stores in McLean will remain closed all day Monday, December 26, following Christmas Day, it was learned here after a brief survey of businessmen.

All grocery stores plan to close, it was announced, and usually other stores follow suit and also close.

School in McLean was dismissed Wednesday afternoon, and classes will be resumed Monday, January 2.

State Football Champs Soon To Be Decided

After next Monday, everybody interested in knowing will know who the state football champions in Class A and Class AA are.

For the final game of the season, as far as high school football is concerned, will be played Monday afternoon at Abilene by the two state Class A finalists, the Wildcats of Littlefield and the Black Cats of Mexia.

The final Class AA game will be played Friday afternoon at Fort Worth between the unbeaten, untied Wichita Falls Coyotes and the once-beaten Austin Maroons.

Littlefield has come to be known to fans as the upstart team this year, since the Wildcats have never before advanced to the stage they have now reached. The Wildcats lost an early-season game to Dalhart, and later were by Sudan. Since then they have been gaining more and more power, last week downing Garland 27-13 to gain the berth in the finals.

The Mexia Black Cats, undefeated throughout the season, slipped by Uvalde 7-6 last Friday to win the right to meet Littlefield. Despite the undefeated, untied record of the Black Cats, Littlefield will be favored.

In the Class AA finals last week, Wichita Falls whipped by Highland Park of Dallas 21-0 in a display of both offensive and defensive power. Austin, not expected to go any farther, upset Port Arthur 20-14 to gain the right to meet the Coyotes.

3,968 Bales Now Ginned

The more than 4,000 bales of cotton will be ginned in McLean this year was almost a certainty this week, as the two ginners reported that a total of 3,968 bales have already been processed.

There is still some cotton remaining to be ginned. Ginners S. R. Jones of the McLean Gin and L. H. Earthman of the Paymaster Gin stated, and it is believed the 4,000 mark will easily be reached.

A fire Tuesday at the Paymaster Gin fortunately caused little damage. The fire started on the gin yard, and five bales were scorched, Earthman said. The bales were not damaged to a great extent, and will be re-processed.

Meharg Heads Dime Drive

W. C. Meharg, manager of the Southwestern Public Service company in McLean, has been named McLean chairman for the March of Dimes campaign in this area. The drive will be conducted in January.

Announcement of the choice of Meharg was made last week by Gene Fatheree of Pampa, county chairman of the drive.

Approximately \$11,000 was collected in last year's drive in the county for the polio fund. Most of the money was used before the middle of the summer, and Gray County joined the rest of Texas and the nation in the emergency fund drive during the fall.

Charles Dana Gibson created the "Gibson Girl."

Santa Claus to Pay Visit to City Saturday Morning, to Give Candy

Here Comes



Santa Claus...

Free Motion Picture for Children Will Be Shown at 10 O'Clock

Santa Claus will pay his annual visit to McLean Saturday, will talk to the kiddies, and hand out candy to all the children who come to town to see him. He will be at the Avalon theater Saturday morning following the free movie to be given for the children.

Prize Winners In Decorations Are Announced

Winners in the home and downtown decoration contests were by Dr. J. H. Kritzler, Lions Club president, who accompanied the out-of-town judges on their tour of the town Monday and Tuesday nights.

Taking first prize of \$10 in the all-around home decorations offered by the Lions Club was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Dysart. Second prize of \$5 went to Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Meador. Honorable mention was given to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Powers, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Thacker, and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Campbell.

The window in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Crockett was judged most beautiful, and won the American Legion's first prize of \$10. Second prize of \$5 in the home window division was won by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sheddick. Honorable mention for window decorations went to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cooke, Mr. and Mrs. Dysart, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cash.

In the business contest, the window of Bill Day's Furniture store copped the Lions first prize of \$10. The \$5 second prize was awarded to the window of Lentz's Flowers shop. Honorable mention was given to Sheddick Jewelry, Southwestern Public Service company, and Cooke Chevrolet company.

The first prize winner in the all-around contest, that of the Dysarts, features a tall Christmas tree inside the house with a smaller one atop the roof to represent a tree going through the roof. In addition, the Dysarts built a fireplace outside the house, with logs "burning" in the fireplace, and spotted with a red light. The winning window, that of the Crocketts, consists of a beautiful Christmas tree behind a frosted window. In the business window division, Bill Day's window features a home fireside scene, with organ, tree, etc.

Dance Planned For Teen-Agers

Teen-agers will be treated to a formal dance at Fun Nite at the American Legion Hall Friday night at 8:30 o'clock, sponsors said this week.

Music will be furnished by the Sunset Ramblers. Hostesses will be Mrs. Opal Allison, Mrs. Grace Windom, and Mrs. Ruth Lowary.

The motion picture, about one and one-half hours in length, will begin at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, and all children of the area are invited to attend, Bill Howard, manager, said.

Santa expects to arrive some time during the showing of the motion picture, and will hand out bags of candy to the children as they leave the theater. He will arrive between 11:15 and 11:30 o'clock Saturday morning.

The visit of Santa Claus is being sponsored jointly by the Lions Club and the Andrew H. Floyd post of the American Legion. The free movie is being given through the courtesy of the Avalon theater.

The visit of Santa will climax the holiday activities which have been sponsored by the McLean Lions Club. Money to stage the activities was donated by business men and other individuals in McLean.

The first of two turkey tosses was held December 10 and the second December 17. None is to be held this Saturday. Last Saturday, a greased pig scramble was added to the turkey toss features, but the pig got mixed up in a crowd of people and was unable to cause much scrambling.

Firemen Dine, Then Re-Elect All Officers

Members of the McLean Volunteer Fire Department met Thursday night of last week for their annual steak dinner, enjoyed educational films, and then re-elected all officers to serve again during the coming year.

The steaks served by the firemen were even bigger and thicker than usual, and big, thick steaks have long been the feature of the occasion.

Guests present included Former Chief John Sparks, Former Fireman T. N. Holloway, Councilmen E. J. Lander, Guy Beasley, and Guy Hibler, and Lester Campbell. Presenting the movies was Byron Vermillion of the Southwestern Public Service company office at Amarillo. One film was a safety film, another entitled "This Is America," and a third a humorous film telling the story of electricity.

On display at the meeting was the new reusciator recently bought through the sponsorship of the firemen.

Re-elected as officers of the department were Boyd Meador, chief; Leo Gibson, assistant chief; Marvin Hindman, secretary; Pete Fulbright, hose guard; and Miro Pakan, drill master.

Cotton Farmers Approve Quotas

Farmers throughout a 20-state area placed their stamp of approval by a margin of nearly 10 to 1 on the return of pre-war marketing quotas on cotton as a means of preventing the production of unmarketable surpluses.

Unofficial returns indicated that about 560,000 okayed the return of the quota system, compared to 65,000 against the quotas. In Gray County, the vote was 50 for and 11 against.

The return of the quotas was given a steerable majority by voting Texas farmers. In the state 90,745 farmers said yes, and 14,861 said no.

The unofficial returns gave a

favorable vote of about 89 per cent. A two-thirds majority was necessary to have the quotas placed in effect again.

Under the control program, each farm is given a planting allotment. The farm's sales quota is the amount of cotton grown on its allotment. Sales from excess acres would be subject to a stiff penalty tax—roughly 15 cents a pound or slightly more than half the prospective market price.

Approval of quotas assured producers of a continued government price support of 90 per cent of parity, or around 26 cents a pound for the cotton. If quotas had been defeated, the price support for the 1950 crop would have dropped to 80 per cent of parity.

Parity is a legal standard for measuring farm prices, designed to be equally fair to producers and those who buy his products.

The size of the majority favoring quotas was larger than some farm leaders and department officials had expected. Reports of widespread grower dissatisfaction with acreage planting allotments had led them to believe the opposition would be stronger than it turned out to be.

Perhaps influencing the results is a promise of a house cotton sub-committee to ask Congress to change the control law so as to correct reported inequalities in planting allotments. Some farms have been asked to cut their acreage as much as 80 per cent.

By the Way

BY BETTIE

Dear Santa,
I've asked Mommie to let me have this space in her column that she writes for Mr. Campbell to introduce myself. I am new on your gift list as I am only 4 1/2 months old. My name is Janet Kay Warren and my Mommie says I have been an awfully good little girl. She says I can't talk yet, but I sure like to try so I've asked her to translate my jabber to read that all I want for Christmas is my two front teeth. They haven't come through yet and I'd sure appreciate something to chew on to help them along. I am looking forward to seeing you, Santa. Be sure and wear your bright red suit so I can pick you out of the crowd. Merry Christmas to you and all the little boys and girls everywhere.
Janet

White Deer football fans have gifted Coach George Watson with a 1950 Ford for Christmas. Bet

they had fun Christmas wrapping it. What a package!
Incidentally, another former resident of McLean who is now a football coach, Lloyd Hunt, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hunt of McLean, produced a winning grid team at Meadow this year. His team was undefeated in regular season play, finally losing to Olton in the bi-district game last month.

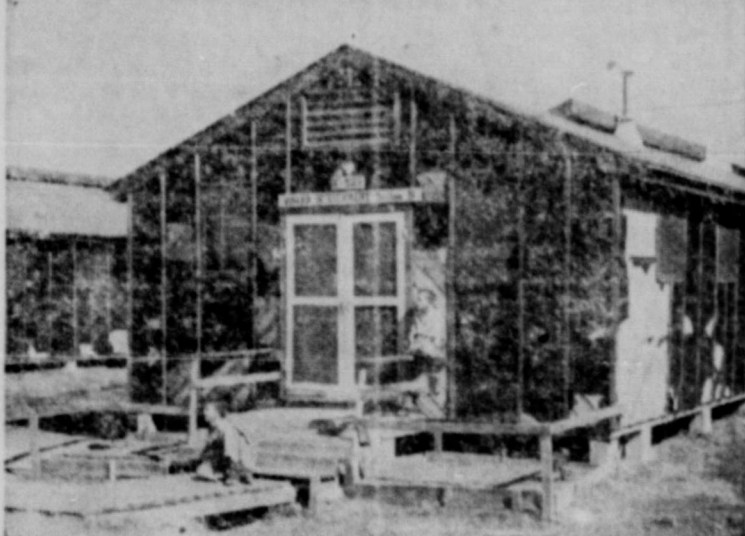
I'll bet the employees at the Post Office will welcome the New Year in a big way as it will mean the Christmas rush of mailing packages, Christmas cards, etc., will be over. They are plenty busy over there.

I'd sure like to get up a women's basketball team. Anyone who is interested, please give me a ring here at the News office. We could practice on Saturday's between 5 and 7 if it would be convenient for everyone.

Miss Ozella Hunt of Monahans is visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hunt.

Mrs. Elmer Decker of Mountainair, N. M., came Monday to spend the Christmas holidays with her son Bobby.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Burrows and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Robertson were in Clarendon Tuesday of last week.



CROWDED AND FALLING APART are many of the buildings at the Mexia State School, shown above, which houses the young feeble-minded of the State and senile men and women. The picture above shows a group of patients crowded on a porch (an attendant is in the foreground) because they have no other place to sit. Below, is one of the old tar-paper shacks at Mexia which in 1943 was used to house war prisoners. The picture shows how it is falling apart at the seams, yet it is still being used to house mentally deficient children.

LETTERS TO SANTA

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I want a bat and a little ball and a radio and a wagon and a set of Roy Rogers guns. Love,
Charles Rogan.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I want a doll for Christmas. I love you, Santa.
Joann.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a baton. Please bring my brother a B-B gun. Love,
Paulette Cooke.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I love you very much. I want a cash register and an evening dress.
Anita Nell Henley.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a billfold. I love you,
Orphus Tate.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a doll. Love,
Pat Kelly.



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News About—SOCIAL SECURITY

"Employees who have obtained temporary jobs during the Christmas shopping season are required to have social security cards," J. R. Sanderson, manager of the Amarillo social security office, said this week.

Sanderson said that every year about this time his office receives numerous inquiries from both employers and employees who believe that temporary work is not covered by the old-age and survivors insurance program. Others think that the law applies only if the employer has several people working for him. Both of these beliefs are incorrect, Sanderson emphasized. He added that the law covers all employees in business and industry, whether one person or several hundred are employed, and regardless of whether the work is part-time or full-time.

Persons may obtain application forms without charge at the Post Office Building, Room 324, or by writing the Amarillo social security office at that address.

Mrs. Herman Hunt and Mr. and Kenneth Preston have returned from taking Mrs. Hunt's grandson, Michael Hunt, to his home at Norfolk, Va. While on the trip they visited such places of interest as George Washington's home at Mt. Vernon, Stonewall Jackson's grave at Lexington, Lookout Mountain, and the U. S. Capitol at Washington, D. C. On their return trip they visited in Mississippi, Georgia, and Alabama.

Dick Smith, student at Howard Payne Baptist College at Brownwood, preached at the First Baptist Church last Sunday. Smith, son of Mrs. Rosa Smith of McLean, is here with his family to spend the holidays.

Dick Grigsby and Johnny Hutchison were in Amarillo Tuesday.

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Personal
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Mason, Co. of a 10 1/2 point Sunday morning 7 o'clock. He George Allen colored great- Armstrong.
Mrs. Bonnie and Mrs. Jack (widow) Saturday Mrs. Nida Rip
Mr. and Mrs. Hamrock were to the home of a Ropy and Green.
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Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Bailey of San Mateo, Calif., are the parents of a 10 1/2 pound boy, who was born Sunday morning, December 18, at 7 o'clock. He has been named George Allen Bailey, for his deceased great-grandfather, George Armstrong.

Mrs. Bonnie Swanson and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Devine of Amarillo visited Saturday in the home of Mrs. Nida Rippey Green.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Kohls of Shamrock were week-end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. S. Rippey and Mrs. Nida Rippey Green.

Walter Carr, who is ill in a Dallas hospital, is reported as doing fine this week.

Batavia is the capitol of Java.

State Honors to Texas 4-H'ers

In recognition of their top ranking records in the 1949 National 4-H Dairy Foods Demonstrations and Leadership programs, five Texas club members received awards of gold watches. The state winners and brief outlines of their records follow:



Harry Schneider



Betty Blackerby



Geroleau Giesler and Grace Giesler

To be chosen state winner in the National 4-H Leadership program is indeed an honor for it signifies that the boy and girl have performed an outstanding service in club and community events. This distinction went to Harry Schneider, 18, of Sequia, and Betty Blackerby, 17, of White-wright. Harry has served his club for four years as president and as junior leader of swine, beef, dairy and crop projects. Members exhibit at Houston and Dallas fairs and he helps younger members groom their animals. He also trains them in judging. He has given 99 talks on 4-H, 15 of them on the radio. In 1948 Harry was a national winner in the meat animal contest, being awarded a scholarship and trip to the National 4-H Club Congress. Betty as 1948 State canning champion, attended the National 4-H Club Congress, but she also won honors on her record books and has served her club as junior leader in clothing and food, and the county 4-H council as president for three years. She is an experienced speaker, having given 120

talks, five of them broadcast. She is active in community affairs, in high school athletics, and in craft work at 4-H camp. In recognition of these accomplishments, Edward Foss Wilson, president of Wilson and Co., presented Harry and Betty each with a handsome 17-jewel wrist watch. Tops in the 1949 National 4-H Dairy Foods Demonstrations program were individual — Alice Davis, 15, of Leming; team — Grace Giesler, 15, and Geroleau Giesler, 17, both of Victoria. Alice's prize-winning demonstration was "Cheese for a Change", while the team demonstrated "Around the Clock with Milk." Chosen state winners, each was presented with a 17-jewel watch by the Carnation Company. In carrying out the objectives of the program, these teenagers learned the fine points of public speaking and teamwork. They also developed poise and the ability to give a persuasive demonstration on uses of dairy food products. Alice was selected to compete for National honors by her state 4-H Club office.

All of these activities are conducted under the direction of the Extension Service of the State Agricultural College and USDA cooperating.

SANTA LETTERS

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a magic skin doll, a doll bed and a doll buggy. Your friend,
Retha Bragg.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me a pair of skates, a baton, and a billfold. Your friend,
Ella Gail Day.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a little boy. Please bring me a football and boxing gloves. Please bring me some Roy Rogers guns, too.
Gene Clark.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a doll, an ironing board and an iron. I want a set of dishes, too.
Nona Mae Rainwater.

X-Ray Shows TB



Paul Parker Photo
The doctor points to the diseased area of the lung as revealed on a chest X-ray. Because tuberculosis can be detected by means of chest X-rays before there are outward symptoms of disease, tuberculosis associations, which are supported by Christmas Seal funds, urge all adults to get X-rays at least once a year.

Mrs. Joe Burghart of Wheeler, Okla., visited friends and relatives in McLean over the week-end.

Mrs. E. S. Stanfield left Monday to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rippey and daughter Patty Ruth in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. K. S. Rippey visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lankford of Tulsa

last Tuesday and Wednesday.

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LETTERS TO SANTA

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Dear Santa,
I am a good boy. Please bring me a gun and scabbard, a farm set, and a road grader.
Ray Dilbeck.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I would like to have a bicycle, boxing gloves and a billfold. Your friend,
William Bradley.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I have tried to be a good girl and I want a magic skin doll, a baton, a doll buggy, and a pair of ice skates. Don't forget the other boys and girls.
Lou Ann.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a B-B gun and some candy and nuts.
Steven.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a cowboy suit, sheriff badge, bicycle, and I would like to have a pony, too. Bring all the other little boys and girls a gift, too. Your little friend,
Danny Douglas.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I have tried to be a good girl. I want a bicycle, a billfold, a doll with clothes, a sack of candy and nuts. Don't forget the poor. Your friend,
Dorothy Pakan.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I would like a pair of skates, a pair of boxing gloves, a checker set and a blackboard. I would like to see you on Christmas. Your friend,
Terry Lane.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a pair of chaps and a cash register. I have a little sister. Please bring her a doll. Love,
Bill Kingston Jr.

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At a teen-age dance, one boy cut in on another, and the girl asked: "Just why did you have to cut in when I was dancing with him?" "Sorry," said the boy, hanging his head in humility, "but I'm working my way through school and my partner just waved a \$5 bill at me!"

Money is often nothing but the worst of trouble, but it's the only trouble people want to borrow.

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Hunt's PEACHES	Halves or Sliced 2 1/2 can	21c
Hunt's Fruit COCKTAIL	2 1/2 can	33c
Eagle Brand MILK	can	27c

We join others at this joyous season in wishing the best of everything for you and yours during the coming year. We also take this means of expressing our most sincere appreciation for the fine patronage you have given us, for your friendship, for your courtesies. Our purpose during the coming years will be to merit the confidence you have shown in us, to treat you fairly and courteously.

Quality Meats

3 lb. can CRISCO	69c
Dressed TURKEYS	lb 59c
PORK CHOPS	center cut lb 45c
Armour's Ri-Cheddar CHEESE	2 lb box 65c

Pantry Provisions

Baker's Premium COCOANUT	4-oz. pkg. 2	35c
Hershey Bittersweet DAINITIES	2 pkgs.	35c
12 oz. Mug PEANUT BUTTER		35c
Chocolate Covered Cherry CANDY	Chase's 1 lb	49c
Armour's TREET	10 oz.	35c

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We Will Be Closed All Day Monday, December 26

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McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy 3 years old. I try hard to be good. Will you please bring me a truck, tractor, and airplane. Santa, I live a long ways out, but stop at the big red gate with R. O. camp on it. Thank you a lot.
Ronnie McCracken.
P. S.—Please don't forget my two big sisters, Pat and Peggy.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I want a pair of slip-on shoes, a pair of gloves, an Indian hat, and also a play cash register with play money. I hope you have enough to go around; if you don't you may leave off my Indian hat. I love you.
Mary Ann Carter.
McLean, Texas

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a baton, a bicycle, a pair of boots, and a doll buggy for Christmas. Please do not forget the others. Your friend,
Shirlene Guthrie.

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 5 years old and have tried to be a good girl. I want a bride's doll and some dishes. I also want some nuts, fruit, and candy. Remember the other little boys and girls. Love,
Betty Ruth Dilbeck.



COCONUT CRANBERRY PIE

Tint the coconut pale green. Against its background of ruby red cranberries, it will be as lovely a Christmas pie as Jack Horner ever pulled a plum out of.



- 1 package prepared vanilla pudding
- 2 cups milk
- 1 cup shredded coconut, cut
- 1 baked 8 or 9-inch pie shell
- 1 1/4 cups canned whole cranberry sauce
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/2 package (3 1/2 tablespoons) orange flavored gelatin

Place pudding powder in saucepan. Add milk gradually, stirring constantly. Cook and stir until mixture comes to a boil and is thickened. Add 1/2 cup of the coconut. Cool slightly (about 5 minutes), stirring once or twice. Turn into pie shell. Cool thoroughly.

Combine cranberry sauce and water in saucepan. Cook and stir until mixture comes to a boil. Remove from heat. Add gelatin and stir until dissolved. Chill until thickened. Spread over thoroughly cooled filling. Chill.

For Christmas tree garnish, cut a tree stencil from paper, place on pie, and fill open space with remaining coconut to form tree.

LETTERS TO SANTA

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I have tried to be a good girl and helped my mother always. Please bring me a bicycle, a baton, a rubber doll with a lot of clothes, a toy accordion, and candy and nuts. There will be something for you also under our Christmas tree. Please don't forget my mother, daddy, brother, two sisters, and my teacher. Your friend,
Helen Ruth Pakan.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll with hair that blows bubbles, and a little doll house. Jackie wants a little barn with cows, and a dump truck with a trailer. We have tried to be good. Thank you. Love,
Nancy Jean Hess.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I want you to please bring me a B-B gun.
O. K. Lee Jr.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I love you very much. Please bring me a doll for Christmas.
Laura Darnell.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please, Santa, bring me a doll and buggy and a suitcase. Sister wants a doll and buggy and suitcase, too.
Sandra Baker.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I have been a very good little boy. I would like for you to bring me two guns and holsters, a B-B gun, a police car, and a pair of skates. Love,
Randy Wayne Giesler.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a football and some house shoes. Good-by.
A. D. Reneau

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a magic-skin doll. I love you very much. My little sister a doll, too.
Adella Vineyard.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a record player, a bicycle, a baton, some candy and a doll. Your friend,
Patricia Shadid.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I want a pair of skates, a bicycle, a table and chair and some candy. Your friend,
Carolyn Patterson.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
FO: W. C. Murrell, if living, and if not, the unknown heirs of W. C. Murrell deceased, and their heirs and legal representatives,
GREETING: You are commanded to appear

and answer the plaintiff's second amended petition at or before 10 o'clock a. m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, the same being Monday, January 16, 1950, at or before 10 o'clock a. m., before the Honorable 31st District Court of Gray County, at the Courthouse in Pampa, Texas.

Said plaintiff's second amended petition was filed on the 3rd day of December, 1949.
The file number of said suit being No. 9565.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Ruth Goad, as plaintiff; Continental Oil Company, a corporation; John Deere Plow Company, a corporation; Gulf Oil Corporation, a corporation; First State Bank of Miami, a corporation; Tulsa Rig, Reel and Manufacturing Company, a corporation; J. C. Cox, deceased, and their heirs and legal representatives; H. T. Cox, deceased, and their heirs and legal representatives, and all of the parties above named to whom this writ is addressed, as defendants.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows:

Plaintiff sues in trespass to try title, alleging that on the 22nd day of May, 1944, she was, and still is, the owner in fee simple of the following described real estate and premises situated in Gray County, Texas:

The West One-half (W 1/2) of Section No. 175, Block M-2, B. S. & F. Surveys, containing 320 acres.

On such day also she was in possession of such premises; and afterwards, on the 23rd day of May 1944, the defendants, and each of them, unlawfully entered upon and dispossessed plaintiff of such premises, and withheld from her the possession thereof.

Plaintiff further sues, in the alternative, for removal of the cloud cast upon her title to the above described real estate by abstracts of judgment heretofore filed in the Abstract of Judgment Records of Gray County, Texas, by the defendants, Continental Oil Company, John Deere Plow Company, Gulf Oil Corporation, W. C. Murrell, J. C. Cox, and H. T. Cox; and by liens or claims of title of the defendants, First State Bank of Miami and Tulsa Rig, Reel and Manufacturing Company.

If this citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

ISSUED this 3rd day of Decem-

ber, 1949.
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT, at office in Pampa, Texas, this the 3rd day of December 1949.

DEE PATTERSON, Clerk,
District Court, Gray County, Texas
BY: MARY REYNOLDS, Deputy



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GREETINGS

With the pleasant thoughts
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A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Tax Payers

Due the City of McLean

All delinquent taxes, not paid by January 1, 1950, will be turned over to our Tax Attorney for collection. This will mean additional attorney fees and court costs if suit has to be filed.

D. A. Davis
City Tax Collector

A LITTLE CHRISTMAS NOTE
OF CHEER TO YOU

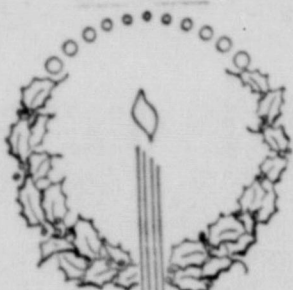


Season's Greetings

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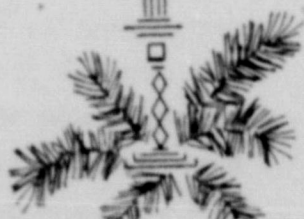
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May the blessings of
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County Judge

for 1949
Much
Joy



May peace
and happiness
be yours.
Merry Christmas

HUELYN LAYCOCK

County Superintendent

LETTERS TO SANTA

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I want a pair of high-top shoes and a toy truck, also two guns and a few nuts and bolts and an Indian knife. I love you.
James Carter

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I have been a fairly good boy. I would like for you to bring me a B-B gun, an adding machine and a jet plane. Be good to other little boys and girls. Love
Bobby Weaver

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a pair of mittens, first aid kit, sewing machine and a set of dishes. Do not bring me a doll for I already have too many. You can bring me some more playthings instead. I am six years old and go to school. I think I have been a good little girl. Thank you.
Paula Ouyton.

Alanreed, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 3 years old. For Christmas I would like to have a rubber doll, a pair of house shoes, a house coat, some new dresses and a tinker toy set. Please leave my things at my Granddad Word's house. As ever, a little friend,
Janet Adams

Merry Christmas!
IT ADDS MUCH TO THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS TO SEND OUR VERY BEST WISHES TO THOSE WHOM WE SERVE

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a B-B gun, electric train, Levi jacket and levis, Roy Rogers boots and a Roy Rogers hat.
Dickie Jack Smith.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I want a magic skin doll, buggy and a baby bed. Love,
Linda Patterson.

Brandenburg, Mont.
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 8 years old. I live way out here in Montana, but I used to live in Texas. I have four sisters: Jeanne, 11 years old; Sherry, 7 years old; Kitty, 3 years old; and Toy, 2 years old. I want a little typewriter for Christmas, also some stockings and bedroom slippers. Jeanne wants a basketball. Sherry wants a little sewing machine. Kitty wants a purse, and so does Toy. Don't forget my two Grandpas and Grandmas who live in Texas, will you? Also, all my aunts, uncles, and cousins. It sure gets cold out here but we will have a warm chimney for you to come down. Mom and Dad are being awfully good before Christmas, so don't forget them, please.
Dixie Pugh.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I want a doll that can cry and I want a piano, too. I want an accordion and I want some candy and nuts and fruit. I am a little girl 7 years old. I have been a good girl. I like you, Santa.
Bobbie Jean Turner.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I love you very much. I have a little brother and a little sister, Norris Jr. and Dorafaye. Santa, Norris Jr. wants a fire truck and a football and a gun. Dorafaye wants a pretty doll and a trick and some dishes, and please bring me a bride doll and a cash register and a real watch and please be good to daddy and mother. Bring us lots of nuts and candy and fruits. We wish you and Mrs. Santa a Merry Christmas. All our love,
Alice Cunningham.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I want a steam engine and parts to my electric train and a basketball and some candy and nuts. Don't forget my three sisters. I hope this isn't too much for you. Thanks. Your friend,
John Pakan.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I want a dolly, a rubber ball, a baton, a pair of house shoes, and some candy and nuts. Don't forget my brother and two sisters. Your friend,
Margie Pakan.

Alanreed, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a girl six years old. I am in the first grade. For Christmas I would like to have a rubber doll, a pair of house shoes with a zipper on them, and a color book and crayolas. Remember my teacher, Mrs. Knight, and all the little girls and boys. A little friend,
Marie Adams.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I've tried to be a good little girl this year, so will you please bring me a doll, set of dishes, and an electric stove. Also, some candy and fruit. Please don't forget all the other little boys and girls.
Donna Faye Hinton.

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Harrell's Junior Dept. Store

Merry Christmas

May this Yuletide hold everything that's wonderful and dear! The warmth and cheer of your own hearth-side . . . the fun of trimming the tree . . . the joy of being surrounded by your family . . . the true Christmas spirit of friends coming to call to extend their best wishes.

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The season of glad cheer and good fellowship is with us again—and everywhere we go we see as well as hear and feel this wonderful spirit! And we extend that spirit to you in our sincere, heartfelt wishes to you our friends and patrons—may yours be a most Merry Christmas!

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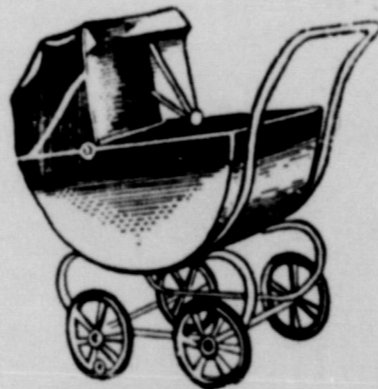
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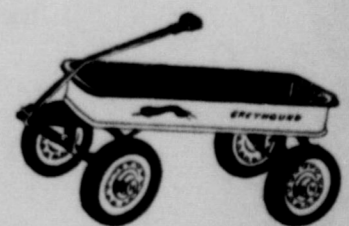
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SEASON'S GREETINGS



We have found that
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In appreciation
may we wish a most
pleasant Christmas
to you and those about you.

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COCONUT CHERRY DIVINITY

Coconut is a natural for your Christmas candy-making. Here its flavor is enhanced by toasting. Give your gift package variety by including variations of your favorite chocolate candy recipes, also.



- 2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/2 cup light corn syrup
- 2 egg whites, stiffly beaten
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Dash of salt
- 1/2 cup shredded coconut, toasted and crumbled
- 1/2 cup chopped raisins

Bring 1/2 cup sugar and 1/2 cup water to a boil and boil until a small amount of syrup forms a slightly firm ball in cold water (240°F.). While this mixture is boiling, bring remaining sugar and water and the corn syrup to a boil and boil until a small amount of syrup forms a hard ball in cold water (252°F.). Remove first syrup (240°F.) from fire and cool slightly, pour slowly over egg whites, beating constantly until mixture loses its gloss (1 1/2 minutes). Then add second syrup (252°F.) slowly, beating as before. Fold in vanilla, salt, coconut, and raisins, and turn immediately into greased pan, 8x8 inches. Cool until firm. Cut in pieces, 1 1/2 x 1 inches. Roll in additional toasted coconut, if desired. Make a 3/4 dozen pieces. Broken pecan meats may be substituted for raisins in this recipe.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,
I would like to have some doll clothes. I would also like to have a nice "Wedding Doll." And will you bring me some brown boots with a cowgirl on them. I would like some fruit and candy, too. Remember the other people all over the U. S. I'll see you Christmas.
Ruth Cooper.
McLean, Texas

and a train, and some cowboy gloves. Please bring Phil a rocking chair, telephone, and a wind-up toy. Be good to all the other little boys and girls. Your friend,
Sanford Kiser.
Kress, Texas

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me: 1. a hunting knife, 2. spring shoes; 3. football; 4. Pixie camera. I have been a good boy. Please bring me some candy and nuts. Love,
Dick Cooke.
Muleshoe, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy nearly 6 years old, and I have a little brother who is 22 months old. Please bring me a cowboy suit, telephone,

Dear Santa Claus,
Mother says I have been good this year. Bring me an ironing board, metal doll house, and a Negro doll. Please put them on my Christmas tree. Leave lots of candy and nuts, too. Love from
Neanine Dorsey.
McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I would like a doll and doll buggy. I would also like a blackboard. I have a little sister named Teresa, so please bring her some presents, too. I have been a good girl. Love,
Toni Mertel.
McLean, Texas

SEASON'S GREETINGS

The arrival of another Christmas season brings with it the joyous recollections of many pleasant and friendly associations with those whom it has been our pleasure to serve in this community.

Each year we find ourselves eagerly awaiting the Christmas season because in it we find the opportunity to express again our appreciation for your thoughtfulness and consideration.

And as we extend our thanks, we hasten to add our best wishes to you for the Holiday Season. May it be one of manifold blessings . . . a time of merriment and thanksgiving. May this Christmas be your happiest.



Stubblefield Dept. Store



To one and all, here and everywhere, we extend our sincerest hope that the Star of Bethlehem and the idea it represents, blesses you and all of yours. May we serve you again as we have done in the past.

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- Edith Florey, Clerk
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Star of Bethlehem Continues to Puzzle Modern Scholars

Once again Christendom sees the Star of Bethlehem and, like the Wise Men of old, rejoices with exceeding great joy.

Astronomers have discounted possibilities that the star may have been a natural phenomenon since such phenomena occur too far from the earth to serve as any sort of local guide. Modern opinion is, however, inclined to hold that there was a Star — although the story probably has been touched by Oriental imagery.

St. Matthew suggests that even the Wise Men may have lost sight of the star while they were in Jerusalem; hence, they rejoiced when it reappeared to their vision as they approached the Manger of Bethlehem.

Come to think of it, astronomers have sought an astronomically authentic star — and found it not; historians have sought an historically human Jesus of Nazareth — and are still arguing whether or not they have found Him; even zealous theologians, striving to harmonize messianic and eschatological theories with the illusive historical and human Jesus, have sometimes lost sight of the Babe in the Manger Who from His lowly stable draws unto Himself all who are weary and heavy-laden.

Pressing close to that sacred Manger, Christendom glimpses the Star of Bethlehem once more and rejoices in the light of righteousness and peace which has conquered every tyranny that evil men could think of, the light that shineth in the darkness and shall not fail.

SANTA LETTERS

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 8 years old and I am in the third grade and I want a rubber doll with a suitcase and some candy and nuts.
Your friend,

Velma Baker.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a big doll and a suitcase and some doll clothes. Bring me some candy. Thank you.
Cinda Kay Pugh.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am a little twin girl 6 years old and I have been good. I want a doll buggy, a little sewing machine, and a little iron. Don't forget the other little girls and boys. Yours truly,
Joy Mae Richardson.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little twin boy 6 years old and I have been good. I want a toy train and track, a truck that really runs and a sack of candy. Your little friend,
Roy Raye Richardson.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a very nice girl. I would like for you to bring me a doll house, a pair of skates, and a play typewriter. I would also like some candy and nuts. Be sure and bring the other little girls and boys something. Love always,
Doris Van Huss.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a doll that looks like a real baby, a Rudolph Riddy projector and watch and a pencil, a Rudolph ring, and slipper socks and an umbrella. Love,
Darla Jane Hill.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 5 years old and live with my Grandmother and Granddaddy Petty; so please do not forget to come and see me. I would like to have a fire truck like in the Variety Store, three little cars like I saw Saturday, and a grader so I can move dirt around. Of course I would like to have some of the goodies that come with Christmas. Please do not forget my little cousins that live in Missouri and my little cousin at Fort Worth, because the one from Fort Worth will spend Christmas with us. Love,
Vernon Kennedy.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 4 years old. I have been a good boy. Please bring me chaps, guns, spurs, and gloves. Thank you, your friend,
Ronald Alan Brown.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll buggy, telephone, doll, and dishes, and please remember my little brothers, Johnnie and Bobby. Love,
Judy.



A Christmas Scene

Nothing reminds us more of the holidays than a Christmas scene, whether it be one of a winter landscape, a roaring fireplace, or children playing with bright new toys. Christmas reminds us of well wishing, particularly to the people whom we enjoy serving . . . our customers. So we say to you with real appreciation,

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LES TALK BY LESTER

This is our Christmas edition. We believe it is the best we have put out since coming to McLean in November of 1946. We also believe in putting out Christmas editions, not just from the standpoint of additional revenue which we badly need, but mainly from the standpoint of the good and friendly spirit which always prevails at Christmas. We honestly believe that a Christmas edition, with the letters to Santa Claus and the Christmas stories, adds much to the spirit which the people of our area enjoy during the holiday season. For this reason we are proud once more to present our annual Christmas edition.

If you are one of the readers of this column who reads it merely to find out if my temper has been aroused, then you can stop here. I have no bones to pick, no axes to grind this week with anything of a local nature. I guess the Christmas spirit I mentioned above has hit me.

You see, I like Christmas, and all it stands for. I like the customs which have grown from the birth of Christ. I like the giving of gifts and the sending of greeting cards. I realize, as many of you do, that the giving of gifts and the sending of cards has been commercialized to a large extent, yet I feel that this commercialization has reaped benefits for the hearts of all of us.

My Uncle Len, who is now dead, also believed in Christmas. Uncle Len had his faults, I'm sure, but lack of belief in Christmas was not one of them. His belief in Christmas and in what it stands for was far beyond the same belief I have ever known in any other person.

Uncle Len didn't care about receiving gifts. A handkerchief made him happy. But he liked to give gifts. At one time, Uncle Len made fairly good money in his business of selling automobiles, and when he had the money, he spent it. He spent more money at Christmas than any other two or three members of my immediate family spent all together. He liked to give gifts, and he liked to give nice gifts.

He was the type of man who would give all his worldly goods to see one of his loved ones happy. And he loved all the members of his family, and his not-so-close kin, and his neighbors. I have seen him simply beam at Christmas time when he gave a gift and saw the recipient smile.

Sure, he had enemies—what car trader doesn't make enemies? He even may have done some wrong things in his life. But when Uncle Len died, he went to Heaven, as sure as there is a Heaven.

For Uncle Len believed in Christmas and all it stood for. That was sufficient to qualify him for entry through the Golden Gates of Heaven.

It's most peculiar how I sometimes get started on things in this column in which you probably aren't interested. But I do. One of the few privileges an editor in this free country of ours has is his own editorial opinion and comment, so long as it isn't libelous.

So at this Christmas time I would like to mention something about Socialism, and why I don't like it. I had the pleasure of attending the annual firemen's dinner last Thursday night, and among other things on the program, a movie entitled "This Is America" was shown. The movie depicted a small-town editor writing to his son in college concerning socialism. It was one of the best short movies I have had the pleasure of seeing in a long time.

The thought struck me as I sat here watching the movie that my Christmas and your Christmas wouldn't be the same this year if we were living in a socialistic and communistic country instead of a capitalistic democracy. I wouldn't be able to own a car (that is, I and the finance company wouldn't) if I lived in such a country. Even if I were an important government official, I wouldn't have one of my own, although the government might furnish me one to do business for the government only. I wouldn't have that car to go visit with my folks at Christmas.

And even if I did get there by bus or train or some other method, there would be no Christmas tree. You see, in such a communistic country, you haven't the right to believe in God, and if you don't believe in God, you wouldn't have much use in observing the birth of Christ. And

if you tried, you would probably be imprisoned or shot.

Even if you did get by with having a Christmas tree and observed the holiday which is so dear to all of us, chances are you wouldn't have the fine gifts to exchange. When you did exchange them, you couldn't actually claim them as your own, for in a true socialistic or communistic country, everything belongs to the state—even you.

The principal phase of such governments is state ownership. Yes, state ownership of practically everything. Tight-Eye Powers, for example, couldn't own his drug store, although he might be allowed to run it. But he would get only a meager living salary out of his work.

I do not believe I am a radical. But I do believe that we are drifting more and more towards socialism. Those of us who spent considerable time in the armed forces know what it is to live a life where everything is government-owned. There is waste, extravagance, graft, unsatisfactory medical care (the higher the rank, the better medical care you rate).

Let us pause at this happy holi-

day season and look back. Let us pause and begin thinking of the ways and means we can employ to halt this drifting-to-socialism movement. Next year is election year. Before voting for the candidates, look at their records, see how they stand on various issues, and then vote accordingly.

Generally, at Christmas we forget all the troubles we are having, we forget the trends of our government. But we should remember these things every day, and they should be even more important to us at Christmas, for that day means so much to all of us.

In closing this column, I would like to wish each and everyone of you a most Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. You all deserve both.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodie Hindman of Eugene, Ore., visited last week with the Hindman and Graham families.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Christie of Pampa visited Sunday in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Baker and Mrs. E. M. Christie.



Instead of thinking of the many fancy ways to express our wish, we simply say with appreciation and sincerity,

MERRY CHRISTMAS

BAILEY WELDING SHOP
Bill Bailey



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You have your choice of over 100 handsome, valuable premiums for only one book of Gunn Bros. Stamps! Solid brass Ornaments, Card Trays, Pottery Sets, Baby Cups, Milk Glass Decorative Pieces, Mirro Aluminum, Pyrex Sets, Hide-A-Brush, Baby Blankets, Kitchen Racks, Sporting Goods—these are just a few of the many, many lovely one-book items.

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- McLean Hardware Co.
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- Vogue Beauty and Gift Shop

See the Wonderful Premiums

Ask your dealer for a free premium catalog or visit Gunn Bros. Thrift Stamp Department, 210 W. 7th, Amarillo, Texas.

A Sleigh Full of BEST WISHES



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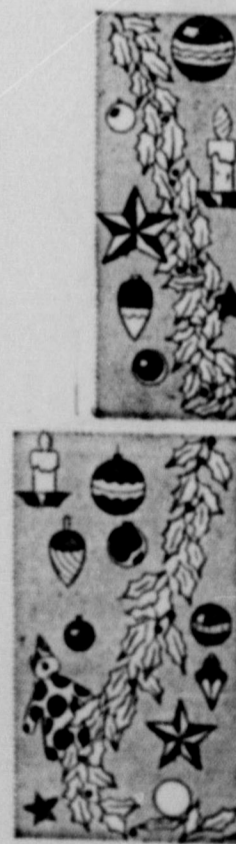
Fred Phone 9 Marlon



The crackling of holly leaves, mistletoe over the door, caroling voices of children... what else could this mean but Christmas? Yes, that joyous day is here and we of this organization wish you the most delightful one anybody could have.

McLEAN GIN
S. R. Jones, Mgr.

Yuletide Greetings 1949



Simple, unadorned thoughts are best at Christmas. So we would only wish you a joyful and happy holiday season, when every step you take increases your desire to be a friend to man. And a Merry Christmas to you.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

McLean Hardware Co.

Charles Cousins

John R. Broadhurst

WE ALL AGREE THAT
SANTA CLAUS
IS OUR PANHANDLE'S
1949
GRAND CHAMPION



LETTERS TO SANTA

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a truck and hangers, a doll in it, and some new records.
Your friend,
Caroline Stokes.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a pair of boxing gloves and a football. Your friend,
Ronnie Dale Smith.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a football suit, a sled, a magic set, an erector set, and some records. Your friend,
Lester Sitter.

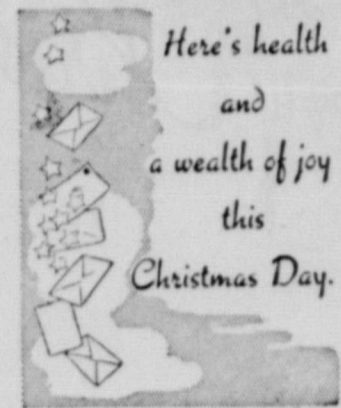
McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I want a cash register, a gun and some nuts for Christmas.
Malcom Connell.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I want you to please bring me an electric train.
Jay Green.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a pair of boxing gloves. Please bring me a football, and please bring me a B-B gun.
Jimmy Simpson.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
Santa, please bring me a set of guns. I am a good boy. Santa, please bring my sister an over-night case.
Jerry Smith.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a pair of skates, a bride's doll, a baton, a bicycle, and a billfold. Your friend,
Alma Cardeen Pool.



OLA GREGORY
County Treasurer



John Scott Feed Store

NEWS FROM KELLERVILLE

(Too late for last week)
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Immel made a business trip to Amarillo Sunday.

Cpl. S. L. Richardson of Ft. Sill, Okla., was home over the week-end to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Richardson.

The M. E. Brown family has moved to Alanreed.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Thompson honored their son Luther with a party on his 14th birthday December 12.

The Lazy Daisies met in the home of Mrs. Marshall Thursday for a Christmas party. Gifts were exchanged and refreshments of cherry pie with whipped cream and coffee were served to the following: Mesdames Jack Harris, Joe Harris, Owen, West, Roles, Thompson, Barker, Holmes, Watson, Immel, Drum, McReynolds, Marshall, and Brown.

A music recital was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harris D'Spain last Sunday week. Participating in the recital were Margaret D'Spain, Evelyn June West, Helen Parren, and Gail Sargent.

Punch and cookies were served to the following who attended the recital: Mr. and Mrs. Jim Vermillion, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Parren, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Sargent, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wells, Mrs. Mildred Scruggs, Mrs. West, Mrs. McClellan, Glenda Thompson, W. W. Hughes, Mrs. Gill and Miss Gill of Shamrock, Miss Doris Hedges, and those on program.

LIBRARY NEWS MERRY CHRISTMAS

Helping you find the books for your reading pleasure the past year has been my business.

It is a pleasure to extend my very best wishes to my friends through the holiday season.

May the coming year hold much happiness for each of you.
Lady Bryant.

NOTICE

In showing the pictures at the Presbyterian Church Tuesday of last week which were taken by my brother, Woodie Hindman, we tried to get word to all who knew Woodie, or would like to see the pictures. If anyone was missed, we are sorry. Thanks to F. H. Bourland who helped in calling.
Mrs. Mattie Graham.



"I wish you'd let DYSART MOTOR CO. keep that battery charged."

You May Not . . .

. . . be able to get your wife to pull your auto like the fellow pictured, so let us check that battery for you now before the long winter season. Some cold morning you'll wish you had, so come in today.

Dysart Motor Co.



From All of Us

Christmas Greetings

Yes, 'tis a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year from us here at the McLean Food Store. And we want to thank you for your patronage during 1949, and invite you back all during the coming year. We also say Merry Christmas with these Holiday Dinner specials.

Mr. and Mrs. Lafe Smallwood . . . Burl Puett . . . Perry Carruth

treat yourself to these **Holiday Specials**

Pure Lard Rex 4 lb. ctn. 49c

PINEAPPLE

Crushed or Sliced

No. 2 can 33c

Del Monte **PEACHES** in heavy syrup

No. 2 1/2 can 25c

Chocolate Cake Fudge **MIX** Pillsbury pkg. 29c



Cudahy's **BACON** lb 55c

Sirloin **STEAK** lb 49c

Beef **ROAST** lb 43c

Buy a Wilson's Certified Ham for Christmas

We Will Be Closed All Day Monday, December 26

JELL-O pkg. 5c

PRODUCE

California **ORANGES** 9c lb

Maryland **YAMS** 9c lb

BANANAS 12c lb

McLean Food Store

Lafe Smallwood Phone 139

Friendly, Courteous Service

LETTERS TO SANTA

McLean, Texas
 Dear Santa, I would like to have a B-B gun and B-B's, a football suit and helmet. Your friend,
 Melvin Butrum.

McLean, Texas
 Dear Santa, If you think I have been a good girl, you may bring me a pair of roller skates, a baton, a toy telephone, a billfold, and some nuts and candy. Your friend,
 Hazel Goughly.

McLean, Texas
 Dear Santa, If you think I have been a good

girl, will you please bring me a bicycle, a table and some chairs. Your friend,
 Anita Marie Back.

McLean, Texas
 Dear Santa, I would like to have a bicycle and a baton. Your friend,
 Janetta Seay.

McLean, Texas
 Dear Santa, I would like to have a buggy and a doll. I cannot ask for too many things but I would like to have a baton and camera. Your friend,
 Mary Ellen Erwin.

Kids' Day King and Queen



Selected from among several hundred boys and girls as an inspiration to all underprivileged children, Leo Smith, 10, Shreveport, La., and Karen Ash, 6, Muscatine, Ia., were named "King" and "Queen" of National Kids' Day. O. E. Peterson, executive secretary of Kiwanis International, announced this week.

The boy king will reign on the observance date, Saturday, Nov. 19, as a symbol for all American youth while the queen will represent those who have overcome serious ailments or other handicaps to enjoy normal lives. The Shreveport boy, eighth in a family of nine children, is the son of a widow, Mrs. Enma Smith. Described as a typical American youngster of the Huckleberry Finn type, he was chosen on the basis of leadership displayed last summer at a Kiwanis Boys' camp for underprivileged children at Lake Caddo near Shreveport.

The pretty blue-eyed queen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ash. Little Karen recovered from a rare heart ailment in May, 1949, following an extremely delicate surgical operation. Funds to make possible the operation were sponsored by the Muscatine Kiwanis club. Now a healthy girl, Karen is a pupil at St. Mary's school in Muscatine and leads a normal life in every way.

SANTA LETTERS

McLean, Texas
 Dear Santa, I love you very much. Please bring me a piano. I have a little baby sister. Please bring her a pretty doll. I have a brother. He wants a fire truck. I want a cash register and a set of dishes for Christmas. Love,
 Betty Jean Bale.

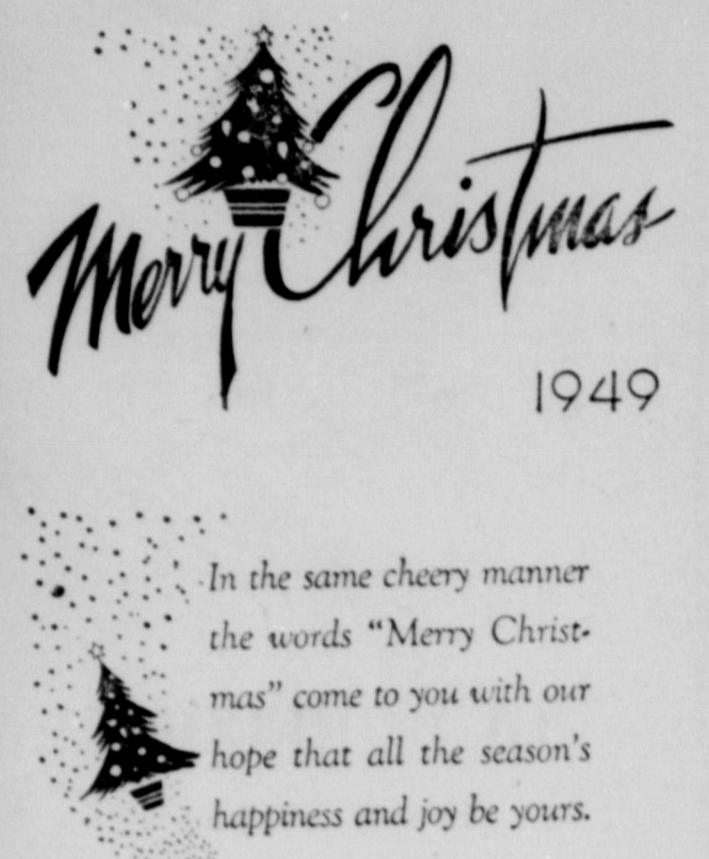
McLean, Texas
 Dear Santa, I want a doll, a doll bottle and a camera. Your friend,
 Vera Nell Young.

McLean, Texas
 Dear Santa, Please bring me a pair of boxing gloves and a B-B gun. I want a bicycle and a bat and ball. Thanks a lot. Your friend,
 Jerry Biggers.



LONGAN FEED STORE

H. Longan



LEWIS M. GOODRICH
 District Judge

ROME USO OFFERS AMERICAN HOSPITALITY TO GI'S



ROME, Italy—A favorite American "home away from home" for visiting U. S. GI's in the Eternal City, is the popular USO Club located near Vatican City. Thousands of American soldiers, sailors and airmen on leave here gravitate to the Rome USO, where they enjoy the familiar USO recreational and welfare services available back in the U. S. To hundreds of servicemen of all faiths, most prized USO aid is its arrangement for group audiences with the Pope.

Above is shown a group of visiting GI's in front of the Rome USO meeting an American tourist riding in a traditional Roman "taxi." The Rome USO is one of 17 service centers outside the United States.

McLean
 Lions Club
 Tuesday, 12:05
 Lions Hall - Visitors Welcome

Season's GREETINGS

WITH VERY BEST WISHES
 for THE HOLIDAYS

Christmas Suggestions:
 Pot Plants, Corsages,
 Wreaths, Poinsettias

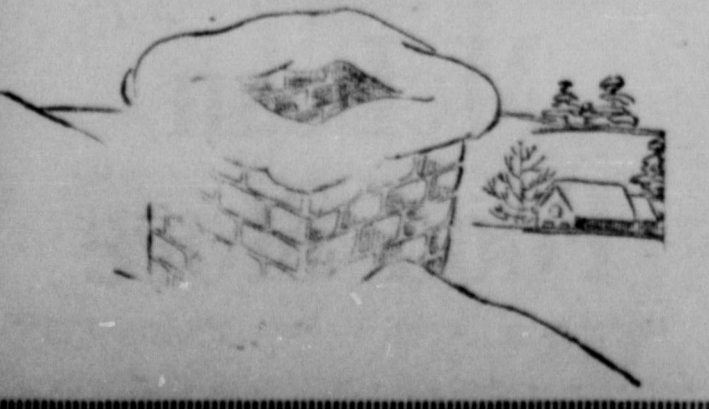
McLEAN FLOWER SHOP
 Verna Burris Phone 13W



It won't be long until old Saint Nick will be knocking at your chimney, bringing you loads of happiness and joy. But before he arrives, we want to drop in for just a little visit to wish you a

JOYFUL CHRISTMAS

C. J. & BILL CASH
 Your Magnolia Agents



Season's Greetings

1949

The candles are burning low for 1949, but the bright and cheerful dawn of a New Year is yours for the taking.

May you and yours enjoy all the blessings of a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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WHITE Auto Stores
 THE HOME OF GREATER VALUE



As the years roll by we realize more and more how much it means to have the confidence of folks like you.

It is a pleasure to wish you a Merry Christmas.

H. D. BUTRUM
 Skelly Wholesale

THEY CERTAINLY DID MEET!



ALEXANDRIA, Va.—These twin brothers in Uncle Sam's uniform, Privates John and Philip Braatz from Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, find that the USO keeps its promise. Attached to nearby Fort Belvoir, the boys visited the big USO Service Center here, and met up with pretty junior hostess Carol Hughes, of Washington, D. C. Result: Three staves and fun all around!
The Alexandria USO is one of 170 USO operations serving the 1,000,000 men and women of the Armed Forces here and abroad.

M. D. BENTLEY

REAL ESTATE
and INSURANCE

265A Main McLean, Texas

A son, Donald Ess Crocker II, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ross Crocker of Tullia December 17. Mrs. Crocker is the former Alice Billy Cortis of McLean.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cortis visited over the week-end in Tullia with Mr. and Mrs. Don Crocker and Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Bourland and family.

Society

Pioneer Club Has Christmas Party In Hess Home

The Pioneer Study Club held its annual Christmas party Thursday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Jake Hess, with Mrs. Jesse Coleman as hostess.

Mrs. Dee Coleman was in charge of the program on Christmas. Mrs. Bob Thomas sang "A Star in the Sky," accompanied by Mrs. Bill Day at the piano. The leader presented an interesting program on Christmas, the Madonna and holy family. Pictures of famous paintings of all nationalities were shown. An object lesson was also illustrated: that all nations portray the Madonna in that particular nation's characteristics.

The holiday theme was carried out in the decorations. White Peonies, a gaily lighted Christmas tree, a Nativity scene, and a fireplace mantel completed the holiday theme. Mrs. W. S. Lentz poured coffee at a lace-covered table adorned with a plasticfoam Christmas arrangement. Presents were exchanged.

Holiday refreshments were served to Mesdames Jim Back, Miro Pakan, Earl Stubblefield, Bob Thomas, B. L. Webb, June Woods, Jake Hess, Dee Coleman, Jesse Coleman, Logan Cummings, Bill Day, C. R. Griffith, Forrest Hupp, Carl Jones, W. S. Lentz, John Mead, C. J. Magee, and Miss Bonnie Jean Smith.

Melvin Butrum Named Honoree At Birthday Party

Melvin Butrum was honored with a birthday party at his home Tuesday afternoon, December 13.

The dining table was covered with a lace cloth, and a cake baked and iced in the shape of an American home with tiny snow-clad trees formed the centerpiece.

Games of bingo and jig-saw puzzles were played and favors were given to each child present.

Refreshments were served to 21 guests, Betty Dickinson, Cleta Sue Heasley, Fionelle Crockett, Lou Ann Graham, Pat Shadid, Dorothy and Helen Pakan, Phyllis Hancock, Caroline Stokes, Carolyn Hugg, Jeanie Simpson, Jimmy Rice, Billy Crockett, Jimmy Allison, Ronny Smith, Bobby Miller, Butch Carter, Joe Howard, David Stevenson, Melvin and Jimmy Butrum.

Mr. and Mrs. George Terry and daughter Ann were in Amarillo on business Monday and visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hayter of Lefors Monday evening.

Mrs. Floyd Riley and daughter Janice of Ontario, Calif., left Sunday after a two-weeks visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Watson.

Progressive Club Christmas Party In Andrews Home

The Progressive Study Club met December 8 in the home of Dorothy Andrews, with Zenobia Tindall as hostess.

Luella Stokes led the Christmas program by telling the Christmas story from the Bible. Other numbers were two readings by Vernene Day, group singing, and a piano solo by Caroline Stokes. At the close of the program, gifts were presented to everyone by Santa in miniature, namely, Pat Andrews.

Delicious refreshments were served to Margaret Young, Ruby Watkins, Luella Stokes, Eula Pae Stokes, Mary Lou Pharis, Lillian Mercer, Mary Howard, Patty Denton, Vernene Day, Odie Claborn, Mabel Bizzell, Marion Bentley, Dorothy Beck, Dorothy Andrews, and the hostess, Zenobia Tindall. Visitors were Karen Day, Marsha and Pat Andrews, Caroline Stokes, and Bethie Mantooth.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Slaughter visited Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wagner and Gladys Slaughter in Shamrock.

Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Smith were in Pampa Tuesday on business.

Miss Jewell Cousins of Borger is home for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Webb have returned from a visit to Rogers, Ark., and eastern Oklahoma.

Mrs. Pearl Burr has returned from a visit with relatives at Skellytown.

Santa will probably catch us delivering flowers for your Merry Christmas—we haven't had a minute to address our Christmas cards. May we express our appreciation and pleasure in serving you in both the flower shop and the implement store. Most of all we value your FRIENDSHIP. It isn't the Texas Prairie but the FOLKS who live here that makes us proud to call this HOME. We count our friends among the rich and the poor—MERRY CHRISTMAS TO OUR TREASURED FRIENDS.

The Tisdals
Stuart Felice
Pamelle Cheramy
Aprell
Shamrock, Texas

ALL KINDS OF
INSURANCE
FIRE AUTOMOBILE
SOUTHLAND LIFE

T. N. Holloway
Phone 38

SANTA LETTERS

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a B-B gun and a football.
David Crockett.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a little boy. Please bring me a gun, some spurs, and a fire truck.
Jerry Ray Kunkel.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
Please bring me some boxing gloves, a B-B gun, a football and a basketball.
Glenn Cox.

If you wish success in life, make perseverance your bosom friend, experience your wise counsellor, caution your elder brother, and hope your guardian genius.—Addison.

The first oil pipeline was of wood construction, five miles long, and had a capacity of 800 barrels daily.



Hearty
CHRISTMAS
GREETINGS

from . . .

PATTERSON MAGNOLIA
SERVICE STATION

Fred and Junior



Like your Christmas stocking—our wishes for you contain nothing but happiness. May this be a Merry, Merry Yuletide and the Happiest New Year for you and every member of your family. And may we also add our thanks for your patronage during the past year, and invite you to continue that patronage in the New Year. Our intent is to serve your food and household needs completely, efficiently, and courteously.

Holiday Food FEATURES

WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 26

FLOUR Mother's Pride 25 lb. sack \$1.59

SUGAR Pure Cane 10 lb. sack 88c

Dromedary DATES nkg. 23c



We have a complete line of candy and nuts.

SHOP HERE AND SAVE



FOR YOUR HOLIDAY MEALS

HAMS
Wilson's Certified Skinless
lb 49c

BACON
Armour's or Cudahy's
lb 43c

Armour's Cloverbloom BUTTER
lb 69c

PUCKETT'S GROCERY & MARKET

OVER THE WORLD

From East to West . . . all across the world, this day is being observed as a period of blessings. With deepest feeling, we extend ours to all of our dear friends and to all of our neighbors.

AND MAY 1950 BRING YOU JOY



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JOHN F. STUDER
County Attorney



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Now better equipped to "deliver the goods" than ever before, tough, truck-built GMCs offer powerful, valve-in-head gasoline engines or famed, 2-cycle Diesel models . . . strong, sturdy chassis with rugged axles, springs and brakes . . . outstanding performance and dependability, unexcelled efficiency and economy. There's a better-built GMC for all hauling jobs . . . for every transportation task . . . Christmas time and all the time!



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FOR SALE
 For Sale—No. 1 Johnson grass hay. See Ernest Godfrey, McLean, Phone 1002FS. 49-3p

House for sale—2 blocks east of high school. 6 rooms and bath. See E. E. Smith. 49-3c

For Sale—One used table-top cook stove. Callahan's, Phone 184. 1c

For Sale—6 room modern house to be moved. \$385 will handle small house; balance \$20.00 per month. Also have some good 4, 5, and 6 room houses.
 Boyd Meador 1c

BARGAINS AT THE McLEAN ELECTRIC CO.

Hand Scooter, \$17.95 value—\$10.00
 Toaster, \$21.95 value - - \$16.00
 Toaster, \$19.95 value - - \$15.00
 Arvin Radio, \$16.45 value—\$15.00
 Electrolux Sweeper, \$69.95 value - - - \$55.00
 Wafler Irons, \$21.50 value—\$18.00
 Universal Irons, \$11.95 val.—\$10.00

Also Heating Pads, Electric Blankets, and many small appliances, all at a bargain.
 Prestone - - - - - \$3.50 gal.

For Sale—One used Electrolux refrigerator. Still have lots of Christmas gifts. Callahan's, Phone 184. 1c

FOR RENT
 For Rent—Nicely furnished 2-

room apartment with bath, private entrance. Also will have 4-room furnished apartment with bath, vacant December 1. See Harris King. 4-tfc

LOST
 Lost—2 black and white spotted greyhounds. Phone 7F2, Alanreed, J. T. Trev. 1p

MISCELLANEOUS

TREE THEFT—If the man in a blue pick-up who was seen stealing an evergreen tree from my farm entrance Sunday afternoon, will mail me \$10, no further action will be taken. Make of pick-up and tire treads are known also. None of my trees are for sale. I hope the man who took the tree enjoys it in his home as much as we enjoyed it at our farm entrance. T. A. Landers. dh

Expert local and long distance moving. For more information, call Bruce and Sons, Phone 934. Pampa. Agents North American Van Lines, serving the nation 44-tfc

Xmas Specials: Wallpaper sale, 14c up; R. & B. red paint, \$2.14; R. & B. green paint, \$2.52. Give her paint and paper for Xmas. W. C. Shull (next door to post office). 50-2c

If you have any butchering you want done, bring it in now. I will be leaving January 1. Can be contacted at home at any time. W. A. Ayers. 50-3p

We have a new stock of Fiesta this week. Callahan's, Phone 184.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McCabe and daughter Jacqueline LaRue of Eunice, N. M., are here for Christmas, visiting relatives and friends also at Shamrock, Kellerville, and Skellytown.

PLAN CHRISTMAS TREE
 A community Christmas tree will be featured at the Heald Methodist Church Saturday night. The public is invited. It was announced.

The Holidays— DRIVE CAREFULLY

"Don't let death take your holiday."

This was the warning issued this week by Col. Homer Garrison Jr., director of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

"Too many people either do not, or will not, associate the Christmas holidays with anything as grim as death," Col. Garrison said. "And yet this month's death rate is consistently high. Last year, more than 3,000 motorists and pedestrians died in December alone."

The Department of Safety is emphasizing the subject of holiday hazards during December in cooperation with the Texas Safety Association.

Col. Garrison pointed out that December, last year, again successfully defended its title as the deadliest month of the year from a national standpoint. Both pedestrian and motorist fatalities were higher at that time than at any other time of the year.

"A lot of things go into the making of a record like that," Col. Garrison said. "Low visibility, slippery road surfaces, fogged windshields, more drinking drivers, and long hours of darkness that cover the peak hours of traffic every day are the factors chiefly responsible for such a high fatality rate."

Maintenance of windshield wiper, defroster, and brakes, use of chains, lower speeds, and abstinence from alcohol before and during driving were the preventive measures urged by the Department of Public Safety and the Texas Safety Association.

"Don't Let Death Take Your Holiday, is more than a slogan," Col. Garrison said. "Remember—that very thing happened to more than 3,000 people last year!"

Pharis Now With Dysart Company

Guy D. Pharis has joined the Dysart Motor company staff as salesman, J. Lester Dysart, local Ford dealer, announced this week.

Pharis, an experienced car dealer, has been with the Hibler Truck and Implement company for the past few months. Prior to that time, he was in the used car business in McLean.

Ether is produced by distillation of alcohol with sulphuric acid.

Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party Held at Church

The Ladies Auxiliary of the First Presbyterian Church met Tuesday for their annual Christmas program.

The basement of the church was decorated throughout with holiday decorations and a lighted Christmas tree.

Mrs. F. H. Bourland was leader of the following program: Prelude, "The Holy City" Mrs. Travis Stokes; theme song, "Let the Beauty of Jesus"; missionary names and prayer, Mrs. C. Meyers; solo, "O Holy Night," Mrs. Ruth Kemp; scripture, "Christmas Story," Mrs. Bourland; "Fear not, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people," Mrs. F. E. Hambright, Mrs. Bill Webb, Mrs. W. W. Shadid, Mrs. Troy Corbin, and Mrs. Carl Jones; true and false on Christmas story; closing prayer, Mrs. Mattie Graham.

Gifts were exchanged at the close of the program.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. T. E. Crisp, Mrs. F. E. Hambright, Mrs. Haskell Smith, and Mrs. C. O. Goodman, to Mesdames F. H. Bourland, Travis Stokes, Bill Webb, Troy Corbin, W. W. Shadid, Carl Jones, R. L. Harlan, K. E. Windom, Jess Kemp, John B. Rice, Cort Meyers, Arthur Erwin, S. R. Jones, C. E. Cortis, J. B. Hembree, Mattie Graham, George MacDonald, Mittie Paschal, K. L. Goodman, Misses Betty Nowell, Carole Smith, and Marjorie Goodman; and Troy Don Corbin and Dennis Lee Goodman.

McLean, Texas
 Dear Santa,
 Please bring me a green wagon, and a pop gun with some caps. Thank you.
 Dennis Lee Goodman.

Ted Pardue and daughter Patricia of Amarillo were weekend visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Westfall.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Green left this week for a visit with their son, Earl Green, at Roseville, Calif.

DOG ODDITIES



By Harry Miller, Director, GAINES DOG RESEARCH CENTER

AFTER A TUSSELE WITH A PORCUPINE, FREDA, A GERMAN SHEPHERD OWNED BY MRS. RUTH PRATT, HANNAWA FALLS, N. Y., WALKED 15 MILES ALONE TO HER VETERINARIAN'S OFFICE TO HAVE THE QUILLS REMOVED



A CLINTON WILMERDING, PLAINFIELD, N. J., HAS HAD DOGS AS A HOBBY FOR OVER 70 OF HIS 70 YEARS

THE PRIZE FOR THE BEST GORDON SETTER IN THE NATIONAL BREEDERS DOG SHOW, PHILADELPHIA, 1934, WAS A CASE OF RARE WINE

Inhabitants of New Zealand have the longest life expectancy. Penguins are birds, but they never fly.

Special Storage Suggested for Summer Bulbs

Gladiolus, tuberose, canna, dahlia are summer flowers that require special storage through the winter months. Heves Ernest R. Houston, Chairman A. & M. College horticulturist.

Corms have matured when foliage begins to turn low and the bulbs are ready to dig. When dug carefully, cormlets attached to the are not lost.

Storing Method

"After soil and old roots been removed, the corms are stored in dry sawdust or loose in a box," Houston claims. "The container should be placed in a cool cellar where there is some moisture but no water."

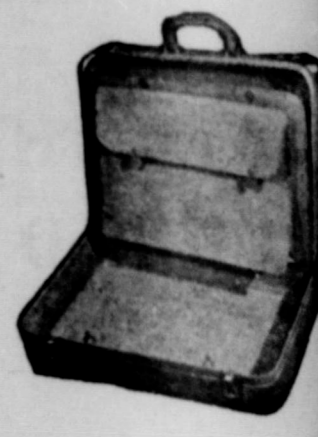
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TREE THEFT—If the man in a blue pick-up who was seen stealing an evergreen tree from my farm entrance Sunday afternoon, will mail me \$10, no further action will be taken. Make of pick-up and tire treads are known also. None of my trees are for sale. I hope the man who took the tree enjoys it in his home as much as we enjoyed it at our farm entrance. T. A. Landers. dh

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Xmas Specials: Wallpaper sale, 14c up; R. & B. red paint, \$2.14; R. & B. green paint, \$2.52. Give her paint and paper for Xmas. W. C. Shull (next door to post office). 50-2c

If you have any butchering you want done, bring it in now. I will be leaving January 1. Can be contacted at home at any time. W. A. Ayers. 50-3p

We have a new stock of Fiesta this week. Callahan's, Phone 184.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McCabe and daughter Jacqueline LaRue of Eunice, N. M., are here for Christmas, visiting relatives and friends also at Shamrock, Kellerville, and Skellytown.

PLAN CHRISTMAS TREE

A community Christmas tree will be featured at the Heald Methodist Church Saturday night. The public is invited, it was announced.

The Holidays— DRIVE CAREFULLY

"Don't let death take your holiday."

This was the warning issued this week by Col. Homer Garrison Jr., director of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

"Too many people either do not, or will not, associate the Christmas holidays with anything as grim as death," Col. Garrison said. "And yet this month's death rate is consistently high. Last year, more than 3,000 motorists and pedestrians died in December alone."

The Department of Safety is emphasizing the subject of holiday hazards during December in cooperation with the Texas Safety Association.

Col. Garrison pointed out that December, last year, again successfully defended its title as the deadliest month of the year from a national standpoint. Both pedestrian and motorist fatalities were higher at that time than at any other time of the year.

"A lot of things go into the making of a record like that," Col. Garrison said. "Low visibility, slippery road surfaces, fogged windshields, more drinking drivers, and long hours of darkness that cover the peak hours of traffic every day are the factors chiefly responsible for such a high fatality rate."

Maintenance of windshield wiper, defroster, and brakes, use of chains, lower speeds, and abstinence from alcohol before and during driving were the preventive measures urged by the Department of Public Safety and the Texas Safety Association.

"Don't Let Death Take Your Holiday, is more than a slogan," Col. Garrison said. "Remember—that very thing happened to more than 3,000 people last year!"

Pharis Now With Dysart Company

Guy D. Pharis has joined the Dysart Motor company staff as salesman. J. Lester Dysart, local Ford dealer, announced this week. Pharis, an experienced car dealer, has been with the Hibler Truck and Implement company for the past few months. Prior to that time, he was in the used car business in McLean.

Ether is produced by distillation of alcohol with sulphuric acid.

Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party Held at Church

The Ladies Auxiliary of the First Presbyterian Church met Tuesday for their annual Christmas program.

The basement of the church was decorated throughout with holiday decorations and a lighted Christmas tree.

Mrs. F. H. Bourland was leader of the following program: Prelude, "The Holy City" Mrs. Travis Stokes; theme song, "Let the Beauty of Jesus"; missionary names and prayer, Mrs. C. Meyers; solo, "O Holy Night," Mrs. Ruth Kemp; scripture, "Christmas Story," Mrs. Bourland; "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people," Mrs. F. E. Hambright, Mrs. Bill Webb, Mrs. W. W. Shadid, Mrs. Troy Corbin, and Mrs. Carl Jones; true and false on Christmas story; closing prayer, Mrs. Mattie Graham.

Gifts were exchanged at the close of the program.

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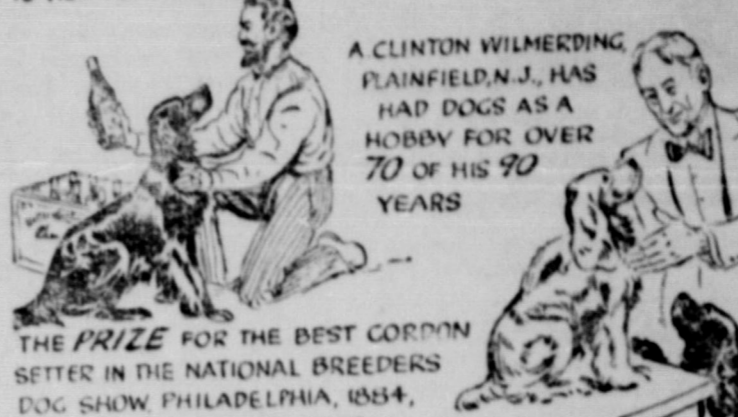
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DOG ODDITIES

By Harry Miller, Director, GAINES DOG RESEARCH CENTER



AFTER A TUSSELE WITH A PURCUPINE, FREPA, A GERMAN SHEPHERD OWNED BY MRS. RUTH PRATT, HANNAWA FALLS, N.Y., WALKED 15 MILES ALONE TO HER VETERINARIAN'S OFFICE TO HAVE THE QUILLS REMOVED



A CLINTON WILMERDING, PLAINFIELD, N.J., HAS HAD DOGS AS A HOBBY FOR OVER 70 OF HIS 90 YEARS

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Inhabitants of New Zealand have the longest life expectancy. Penguins are birds, but they never fly.

Special Storage Suggested for Summer Bulbs

Gladiolus, tuberose, canna, and dahlia are summer flower bulbs that require special storage through the winter months. Heves Ernest R. Houston, Oklahoma A. & M. College horticulturist.

Corms have matured when gladiolus foliage begins to turn yellow and the bulbs are ready to dig. When dug carefully, cormlets attached to the bulbs are not lost.

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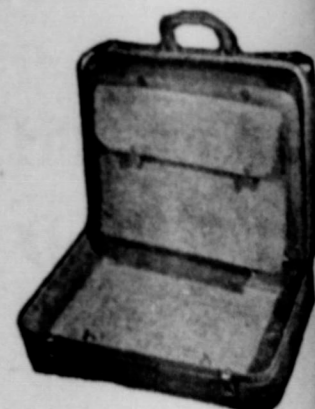
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DEE PATTERSON

District Clerk

U.S. Stands Low On List of Nations Getting New Year

From the precise instruments of the naval observatory in Washington, and through the great Arlington radio towers, America and much of the world will learn the exact instant when the old year has passed and 1950 has taken its place. And it is from another haunt of science in the capital, The National Geographic Society, that one learns when and where the new year begins.

The United States, accustomed to ranking itself pretty highly in world esteem, has to content itself with being about sixth-rate in the eyes of Father Time, the society points out. For time serves up the new year to Australia, Asia, Africa, Europe and most of South America before he gets around to the first of our citizens in Maine.

Then, for three more hours, the people of California must munch the crusts and pick the bones of the old year before they receive a fresh helping of time; and the residents of Alaska must wait two more hours beyond that.

When the New Year actually is born it will be 7 a. m. December 31 in our eastern cities; 6 a. m. in the central time zone; 5 a. m. in the mountain zone, and 4 a. m. in the Pacific coast states.

While the New Year celebrations in all countries are basically similar, there are many interesting variations and special features. For example, in Great Britain the king's honor list provides a large topic of conversation on New Year's day. The wassail bowl is an important part of the New Year observance in England, and "open house" is generally kept in town as well as country.

New Year's customs always have had a joyful theme. Few tears ever mark the death of the old year, but there is always gladness at the advent of the new era which mankind always hopes will prove to be better than the old one.

Santa Affected By Restrictions

It's difficult to understand, but the genial spirit of Christmas, Santa Claus himself, hasn't always had it easy. There have been occasions when laws or traditions or regulations have put certain curbs on the old gentleman. Here are some examples:

In Newark, N. J., Santa is required to pass a stiff physical examination before he can serve in a department store. And even then he is barred from kissing any of the children who perch upon his knee.

In Charleston, S. C., charity Santas have been forbidden to make a pitch on public streets on the grounds that children flocking in to see them may create a traffic



hazard. And in Washington a few years ago, when the postmaster general was asked to print a Santa Claus stamp at Christmas time he rejected the proposal with a scornful, "I should say not!"

Outside the U.S.A., Santa has had trouble, too. In Montreal, Canada, an influential organization fought against holding of the city's annual Santa Claus parade on the ground that it was "merely a display of grotesque and vulgar buffoonery." A prominent journalist in Rio de Janeiro fostered a movement to do away with Santa Claus (Papa Noel) in Brazil and substitute a toy-bearing grandfather Indian. In Mexico City the minister of education recommended that the Aztec god Quetzalcoatl, instead of St. Nick, should bring gifts to children.

In the field of opinion, Santa has encountered some detractors. A Prof. Ivan E. McDougle, sociologist at Goucher college, Baltimore, declared: "The Santa Claus myth has lived too long. Parents should substitute philosophy"—whatever that is.

A Toronto psychiatrist got in his blast. "It should be made clear to children," he said, "that Santa Claus is not necessarily a real man any more than any other character out of a story book."

New York and San Francisco Fairs commemorated the 15th anniversary of George Washington's inauguration.

Crystal City is the spinich capital of the world.

Cape Horn is at the southernmost tip of South America.



COCONUT TREE CAKE

When folks get up from Christmas dinner, they'll never want to eat again — you think. But chances are, about four hours later the same day, you'll get no refusals if you offer this Coconut Tree Cake.



- 2 1/4 cups sifted cake flour
- 2 1/2 teaspoons double-acting baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup shortening
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 eggs, unbeaten
- *Milk (see below for amount)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

*With butter, margarine, or lard, use 1 cup milk. With vegetable or any other shortening, use 1 cup plus 2 tablespoons milk.

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and salt, and sift together three times. Cream shortening, add sugar gradually, and cream together until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating very thoroughly after each. Add flour, alternately with milk, a small amount at a time, beating after each addition until smooth. Add vanilla.

Turn into 13x9x2-inch pan which has been lined on bottom with paper, then greased. Bake in moderate oven (375°F.) 35 minutes, or until done.

Spread top and sides of cake with Butter Frosting. For Christmas tree garnish, cut a tree stencil from paper, place on top of cake and fill open space with shredded coconut to form tree. Decorate corners of cake with slivers of maraschino cherries.

Butter Frosting

- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3 1/2 cups (1 pound) sifted confectioners' sugar
- 2 egg yolks
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 tablespoons top milk (about)
- 1/2 cup shredded coconut, cut

Cream butter well. Add salt, then sugar gradually, blending after each addition. Add egg yolks, flavoring, and enough top milk to give a spreading consistency. Add coconut and mix thoroughly. Makes 2 1/2 cups frosting.

Seasons are caused by the fact that the axis of the earth is not perpendicular to the rays of the sun.

On the basis of population, the three largest countries in the Americas are the U. S., Brazil, and Mexico.

The changing glow and full effulgence of God's infinite ideas,

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Rats have caused more deaths than any other animal.

Most Antarctic explorers have been English.

Three states in the Union have four-letter names—Ohio, Iowa, and Utah.

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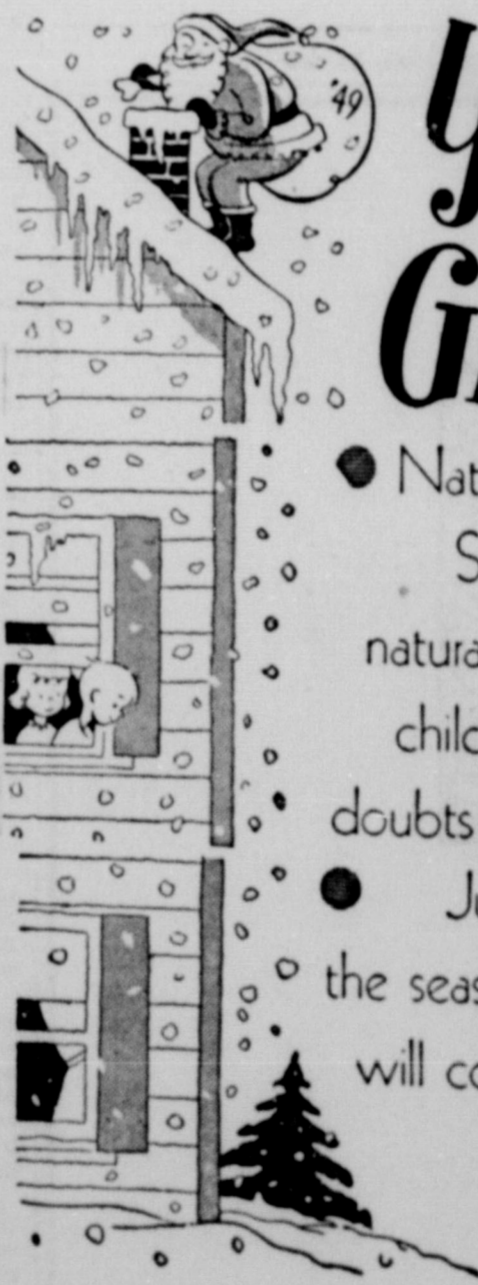
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Let's do it up
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Yuletide Greetings

Naturally, there is a Santa Claus---just as naturally as there are children. No one even doubts that any more.

Just give way to the spirit of the season and your share of joy will come.

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LETTERS TO SANTA

Kellerville, Texas
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 Phyllis Tindall.

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 I have been a good boy this year. I would like to have a good wrist watch. Your friend,
 William Barnes.
 Old Faithful, Yellowstone National Park's famous geyser, erupts once every hour.



PLAY IT SAFE

Don't Mix Gaiety With Danger When Celebrating Christmas

While Christmas is the merriest of all seasons of the year it can also be a time of tragedy if certain hazards aren't avoided and some particular precautions taken.

The National Safety Council annually points out that the Christmas holidays are the most dangerous of the year, usually replete with casualties, home accidents, fires and falls.

The council has listed the following "don'ts" and precautions which if remembered will help make this Christmas season a safe one:

The Christmas tree shouldn't be placed near a stove or fireplace. Don't give children any toys that could prove dangerous, such as those with sharp points. If toys are operated with electricity, be sure some grownup supervises their use.

The Christmas tree should not be decorated with lighted candles. Carefully-wired electric bulbs definitely are much safer.

"Don't leave a lighted tree unguarded at any time. One should be on the lookout for fire all the time the tree is lighted. Especially dangerous is the practice of some families in leaving the Christmas tree lighted and unwatched all night long. One should never use a rick-

ety, unsafe ladder in decorating the tree.

Don't place Christmas candles near the tree, curtains, paper wreaths or any other inflammable decorations.

Remember, the Christmas tree can be made fire-resistant. According to the United States forestry service, it can be done in this manner: Divide the weight of your tree by four and buy that many pounds of ammonium sulphate. Dissolve it in water—one and one-half pints of water to each pound of ammonium sulphate. Cut the end of your tree trunk on a diagonal. Put some of the solution in a jar and stick the diagonal bulb of the tree into it. Add more solution as the tree drinks it up.

Don't be excessive about Christmas "spirits."

Keep toys out of places where people might trip over them.

Remove the tree from the house before it dries out.

During Christmas you'll probably have many guests, so sprinkle salt or sand on icy steps and sidewalks.

The Full of CHRISTMAS
 May you receive the rich blessings of a happy Christmas
E. L. PEIRCE

SANTA, swell fellow that he is, has told us that you've been mighty good folks the past year and so we're hoping that you will enjoy the festive occasion of Christmas to its fullest extent.

Johnnie F. Mertel
 Shoe Repair & Leather Goods

The Scots have always made a big fuss over New Years, and no wonder. The wassail bowl goes round at New Year's time, filled with savory liquid and nostalgic memories.

Traditionally, the wassail bowl itself should be an ornament of graceful design; its contents should be warm and spicy—with sweetened wine, ale, sugar, and nutmeg.

Custom dictates that at the stroke of 12 on New Year's Eve, the head of the household should sip the mixture and then pass it among those present. A favorite custom of the Scots has been to pile into wagons or sleighs carrying kettles full of the wassail, cheese and buns. The party stops at various houses in the community and the refreshments go round at each stop without paying much attention to the approaching dawn.

"Open House" on New Year's Day was quite the vogue in the United States around the turn of the 20th century. Newspapers carried columns of "at home" notices announcing the hours during which visitors would be received. And having duly received, hosts and hostesses closed their receptions and joined the procession of callers at other "open houses."

Human nature being what it is, receptions were often "crashed" by strangers prompted by the accessibility of free punch, and a succession of several "open houses" sometimes resulted in the most welcome guests arriving in excessively boisterous or mellow moods and contributed to the abandonment of the publicly announced "open house." But intimates still toast each other around a private wassail bowl and "drink a cup of kindness yet for Auld Lang Syne".

Knots in pine logs are almost imperishable, decaying much less rapidly than the log itself.

Man's first weapon in warfare was the slingshot.

Wyoming granted women suffrage in 1869.

Legend of the YULE LOG

In Virginia, the old Dominion, storied land of early American history, there is an old tradition of the origin of the Yule log that is retold every Christmas.

As the family sits around the Yule log and sips their Christmas eggnog on Christmas eve, the ancient legend is recounted again.

One very cold Christmas eve, when the frosty wind howled across a world of snow, an old man was sitting in his little cabin wishing that he had a fire to warm him.

Suddenly he heard the cry of a little child away out in the cold. The old man hobbled to the door and gazed out across the snow. The wind and the snow came rustling in and the old man shivered until his "onliest two teef" chattered with cold.

The plaintive cry of the child came again above the whistle of the wind. It went straight to the old man's heart and he wished with all his power of longing that he might have the strength to go out and find the unfortunate babe.

The cry came a third time — and then a wondrous thing happened. A miraculous power filled the old man's veins. His muscles became strong and tense, his crutch fell back into the cabin and he stepped from his threshold out into the snow.

Hurrying over the snow with a speed he had not owned since boyhood, by and by he came to a little child lying in a snow bank.

He bent down and touched the child and a great new strength flowed over him, a strength which seemed to give him wings as he sped back to his cabin.

Arriving there, he placed the child upon the bed, tenderly drew the ragged coverlet about it and then looked to see if there were a bit of furniture he could use to make a fire with which to warm the little one.

At that precise moment a great log rolled across the threshold and into the fireplace. The little child looked at the log with gleams of light that kindled the log with the most brilliant fire the old man ever had seen.

The dingy little room immediately was filled with radiance and warmth, and as the light enwrapped the child he laughed and laughed with a melody like a song from the heart. The old man turned his eyes to where the fire burned and watched the flames leap in beautiful rainbow tints over the log, and as his old eyes watched, the colors seemed to form the shape of the Cross in the fire.

The flames of the Cross leaped higher and higher, blue, red, yellow and white, and as the old man watched this display, suddenly and magically there appeared a table in the center of the room, covered with a Christmas feast such as never before had been spread before his eyes. And never again was the old man hungry or cold, and never after that was there a Christmas in old Virginia without the Yule log and the Christmas Child to give light and warmth.

And that is the story of the Yule log as it is told in Virginia every Christmas eve.

Passing through the Panama Canal from the Atlantic to the Pacific, one travels from west to east.

Would-be inventors of perpetual motion machines always find their chief obstacle to be the loss of power by friction.



AND I WANT . . . This is a candid camera shot of a little girl being interviewed by a genial Santa on the subject of her desires in the line of Christmas presents. The rapt expression on her face is typical of small girl-and-boyhood when a lovely crisis like this presents itself.

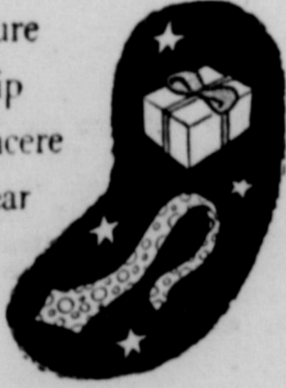
No greater wish could be ours than this:
 MAY CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR BE
 THE MOST GLORIOUS OF YOUR
 LIFE AND THAT THE NEW YEAR
 MAY BRING YOU HEALTH, GOOD
 FORTUNE AND GREAT HAPPINESS.

We very much appreciate the opportunity you have given us to serve you in the past and even more do we appreciate you as a friend.
 May we deserve this friendship always.

Shedrick Jewelry



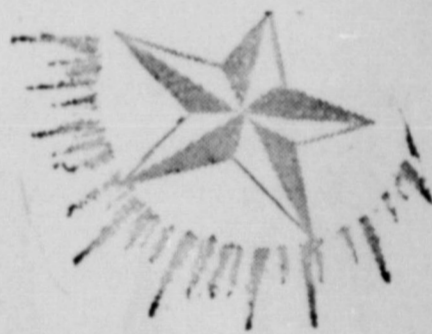
As a partial measure of our friendship we express the sincere hope that this year holds for you a perfect Christmas.



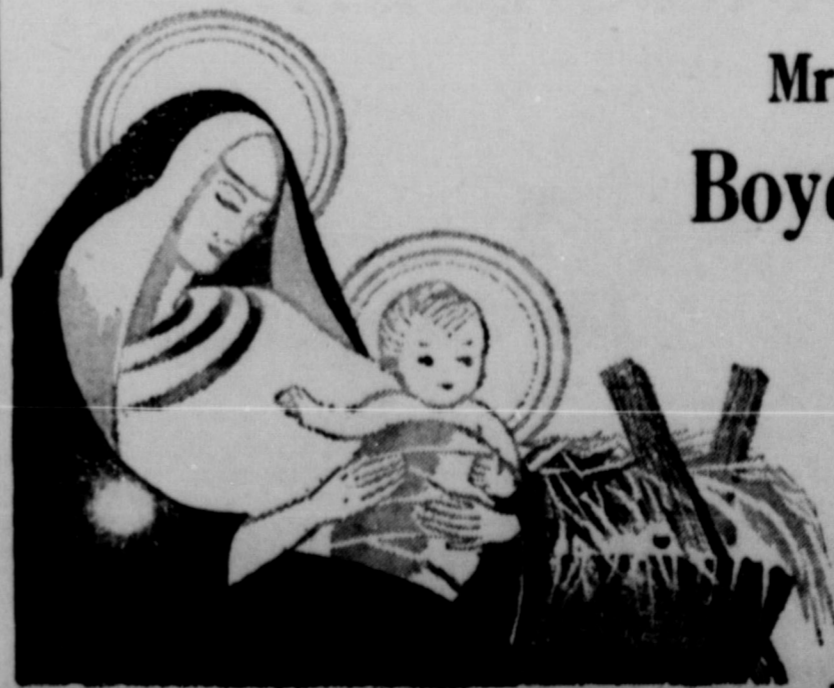
May it be touched with the same kind of serenity that accompanies a Christmas Eve snowfall.

Brooks Dry Goods
 Quality Merchandise

'Neath the Star



Symbolic to all is the star that shone on Bethlehem about two milleniums ago. Here was represented the hope and aspiration of mankind. Let us pray that in coming days we are given strength and wisdom to follow in His path of peace and charity.



Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Meador

Time Not Constant In the Celebrations Of Christ's Nativity

While December is now the month in which Christ's birthday is celebrated by Christians all over the world, research and study show that Christ's nativity has been celebrated in January, March, April, May, September and October by various peoples.

And although few people know it, it was for the purpose of substituting a Christian festival for pagan ones of Romans and Druids that celebrations of Christmas in December were popularized.

No historian pretends to fix the actual date of Christ's birth or the date at which Christmas became a general festival.

About all that is known is that during the fourth century the feast of the Nativity was observed in all western world churches at different dates.

The confusion resulting from celebrations in seven months of the year caused the western church authorities to meet in 340 to set a definite date for the celebration. The eastern churches did not cooperate until the sixth century when December 25 was set as the day to be observed.

The question has arisen innumerable times as to why December was selected as the month for rejoicing. The answer is that this month was chosen in order that a Christian festival could compete with those of the pagans, because December was noted for its feasts and holidays in nearly every civilized land.

Greeks, Romans, Saxons and Scandinavians all took part in the celebration of these festivals which had originated before the birth of Christ.

From the Saxons came the ceremony of burning the Yule log. The Saxons burned great bonfires in honor of their god Thor. From the Romans came the giving of presents, for this custom has been traced to the Roman Saturnalia.

It may seem strange to claim that the pagan riotousness might be the forbear of the Christian holiday of goodness and love, but intermingled with that which was objectionable, were things that have gone straight to the hearts of people throughout the Christian world.

The true work of art is but the shadow of the divine perfection—Michelangelo.



PRESIDENTIAL CHRISTMAS TREE . . . This was the annual community Christmas tree in Washington, D. C., as it blazed with light last year. President Truman, at his home in Independence, Mo., pushed a button to turn on this holiday brilliance by remote control. The White House shows dimly in the background, framed by the tree and huge Christmas candles.

A Happy New Year? Then Pay All Debts

Want to assure yourself a happy and prosperous New Year?

Well, first of all make sure that all debts are paid before midnight on New Year's Eve. This ancient Chinese custom is designed to start the New Year off with a clean slate and, although its origin is lost in antiquity, solvency is still a good foundation for prosperity and friendly business relations.

If you are unmarried and would like to remove the 'un' from your status, be sure to put on the left stocking before putting on the right one when you dress New Year's morning—and try to be as left-handed as possible during the day, thereby increasing the potency of the charm which is supposed to aid



love's progress. Marriageable maidens who look out the window on New Year's morning, can anticipate being married before the year is out if they see a man before they see a woman.

Be sure to wish everyone a "Happy New Year," but keep your fingers crossed for luck while giving or receiving the greetings; and don't forget to say "rabbits" as soon as you wake up in the morning.

An old English custom, presumably founded on the superstition that whatever you do on New Year's Day is indicative of your fortune during the ensuing year, advises opening a bank account on January 1.

Since your New Year will be, to a certain extent, what you make it, resolve to make it a happy and prosperous one.

Mart was so named because in early days it was a busy trading post, and mart means market.

The Galveston News, now the Dallas Morning News, began publication in 1842.

Russian People Are Also Able to Say "Merry Christmas"

"S Rojdestvom Kristovym." That's what a Russian would say to you if you were in Russia on Christmas day and he wished to extend the season's greetings.

The phrase is the Russian's way of saying: "Merry Christmas." In the past, the Russian's Christmas was closely associated with his church; but how the day is observed now that the religious life has been subjugated in the Soviet, one would have to be behind the "iron curtain" to know.

But it was not always like that. In other days, the Russian Christmas was much like the Ukrainian. There was a Santa Claus known as "Dedushka Moroz" and there were traditional gifts of red boots for children and golden slippers for young girls.

In certain parts of the country the "babushka" (grandmother) was the legendary dispenser of gifts. According to one story, she repented of unkindness and ever since has tried to make amends by distributing gifts to children at Christmas.

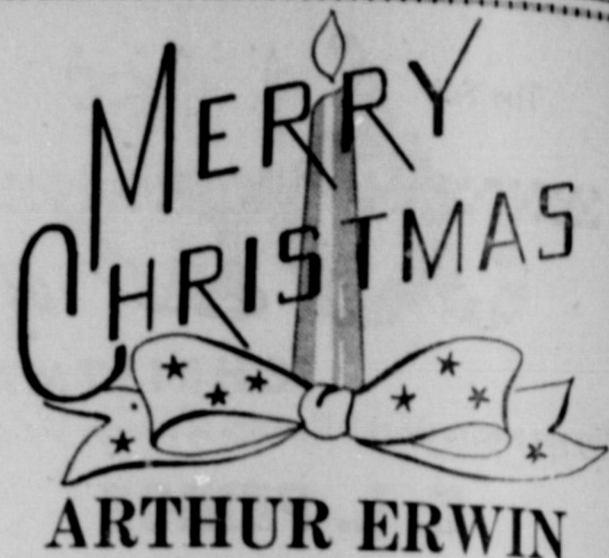
Memphis, Texas, was so named because when settlers were trying to decide upon a name for the town, a letter addressed to Memphis, Tenn., was sent there.

The United States produces the greatest amount of iron and steel in the world.

We must form perfect models in thought and look at them continually, or we shall never get them out in grand and noble life.—Mary Baker Eddy.

The Secretary of State is the only cabinet member who does not have to make an annual report to the President.

Seven octaves and a minor third constitute the tone range of standard piano.



New Year Resolutions Silly So Say Psychiatrists

In the opinion of some of the nation's leading psychiatrists, the practice of making New Year resolutions is "silly."

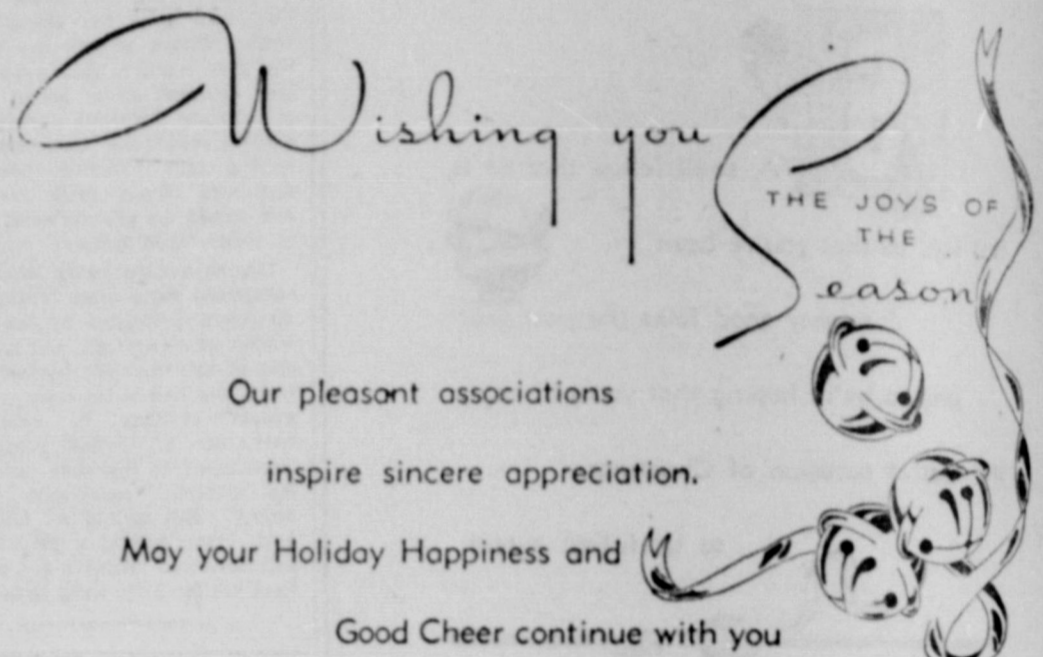
They believe that any person going around making resolutions and informing all and sundry of his decision is something of an exhibitionist and, in addition, is being childish.

The experts add that these persons "probably never carry out the resolutions anyway."

Some agree that New Year resolutions have little value. They feel that resolutions aren't the best way of curbing difficulties and correcting one's self. They point out that, instead, the best method is giving thought to what causes trouble and trying rationally to correct these faults.

Children especially, the experts argue, should not be encouraged in "making resolutions." They contend a "child should be taught to do the best he can at all times and not save his difficulties for any particular time, and attempt to tear them all up by one superhuman effort that is almost sure to fail."

The beautiful is the most useful; most helpful to mortals, for it in art; but the sublime is the elevates the mind.—Joubert.



Our pleasant associations

inspire sincere appreciation.

May your Holiday Happiness and

Good Cheer continue with you

throughout the coming twelve months.

GREYHOUND DRUG

Jack and Mae Plummer

Wishing you
a very merry
Christmas...



Dr. J. H. Kritzler

There is a spirit that pervades our world during this season. You feel it in the joy of giving gifts . . . in the offering of wishes to those around you . . . in the hymns and carols. It is especially necessary, in these times, to spread this spirit to all . . . to attend the church of our choice and pray that the light of the Lord show us our way once more.

Cooke Chevrolet Co.



Christopher Columbus was the first white man to celebrate New Year's day in the western hemisphere.

While his ships were being repaired on January 1, 1493, he enjoyed a sumptuous dinner with two savage monarchs on the island of Haiti.

After his meal, historians say, the discoverer of America had his first smoke of tobacco.

History of the New Year Goes Back as Far as Ancient Egypt

Everywhere throughout the world for thousands of years man has celebrated the passing of time. He has done so in various seasons and to the accompaniment of different customs — but always the holiday has been one of gladness and joy, of hope and brightness, of light and laughter.

The history of the celebration of New Year's day goes far back into antiquity. It is only in relatively recent times that New Year's day has been observed on January 1. The holiday has been a movable one and various races have marked it in different seasons. For instance, the ancient Persians and Egyptians celebrated New Year's on September 22, the autumnal equinox, while the Greeks did so at the winter solstice, December 21. The vernal equinox, March 22, marked the beginning of the year for the Jews.

At the New Year season through the ages, man has taken new stock of himself, and has pledged himself to higher, finer things and has resolved that ere the year ends, he will have done those things which would move him nearer Utopia.

New Year's Day has always been actively celebrated in the United States and from Colonial times to the present it has been a day of great significance. Presidents have received the public at great receptions on that day, and the custom of visiting friends and relatives is one which has survived until the present.

New Year's eve seems to be growing in popularity as a time of jollity and good fellowship and the average American feels lost unless he can "go somewhere" and "do something" on the turn of the year.

Of the many legends and traditions which have grown around the significance of the New Year, the one most persistent is that what you do on the first day of the year will be an indication of what will happen in the months to follow.

As an example, to open a bank account at New Year's was considered lucky in old England.

So deep-seated was the general belief in the "first thing" determining "future things" that even after the festival was declared a general holiday, many clung to their old-time beliefs, and to insure work for the coming year would set the pace by spending at least an hour or two in some useful pursuit.

The first day of the year has been more generally observed than any other holiday and over a longer period.

Omens of good luck have always been associated with the new year, all founded more or less upon the belief that a supreme power was vested in some unseen deity who could bring good luck if properly appeased, or mete out punishments.

The Romans named their new year in honor of Janus, the two-faced god, who had the power to look back over the past and also, in a prophetic way, could look into the future.

He was represented with a key in his hand symbolizing his power to open doors and gateways, and this holiday was one of great gaiety lasting several days.

The festival was not observed in midwinter, but in the spring, when the Roman year began, and had only 10 months. Later, when two months were added to the calendar, January and February were placed at the beginning of the year and New Year was celebrated on the first of January.

The "first foot" — the first person to enter the house on New Year's day — plays a significant role in the family's future fortunes, according to several old superstitions concerning the beginning of a new year.

To bring good luck, the first arrival must be a dark man, but if he also brings a gift and "carries in" more than he "takes out" then the house is assured peace and plenty for a whole year. The most auspicious gift as luck bringer is a lump of coal or a red herring.

Human merit or demerit will find its proper level. Divinity alone solves the problem of humanity, and that in God's own time. "By their fruits ye shall know them."—Mary Baker Eddy.

A Spaniard named Toledo brought the first printing press to Texas in 1613.

The art which is grand and yet simple is that which presupposes the greatest elevation both in artist and in public.—Amiel.

Calves with rickets, due to lack of Vitamin D, have been completely cured by running outside in the sun or by eating sun-cured hay.



END OF THE RAINBOW . . . The rainbow of at least one human desire had fulfillment at the end when Judy Sue Warschauer found herself face to face with the doll of her dreams—and it was the very one she wanted for Christmas.

News About—SOCIAL SECURITY

Q. What are the requirements for drawing old-age retirement benefits under the Social Security Act?

A. There are three conditions: (1) Be 65 years of age or older; (2) Be fully insured (that is, to have worked the required minimum amount of time in "social security" work); and (3) Be retired from work covered by social security.

Q. Does this mean I must be completely retired before filing for benefits?

A. No. A person is eligible to draw his checks while working in any kind of work not covered by social security. This would include the person working for himself as well as being employed in the other excepted types of work.

Q. If I am eligible for payments at 65 but do not need the money, can I let the payments accumulate until I do need them?

A. No. The Social Security Act allows for retroactive payments only for a period of three months. Therefore, when you file you would only be able to file for current payments and for the three months preceding the month of filing. To avoid loss of some of your payments you should file as soon as you are entitled.

You are invited to visit or write the Amarillo Social Security Administration field office located in the post office building for further information on the old-age and survivors insurance program.

Watermelons are white inside until they are cut and air oxidizes the meat, turning it red.

Copernicus, the famous astronomer, was a Pole. His real name was Kopernik.

MEASURED TIME

The ancient Egyptians were among the first people to figure out any so-called "exact" measurement of time: Their calendar of 365 days was divided into 12 periods of 30 days each, with the remaining five days tacked on to the last period or month without any provision for leap years.

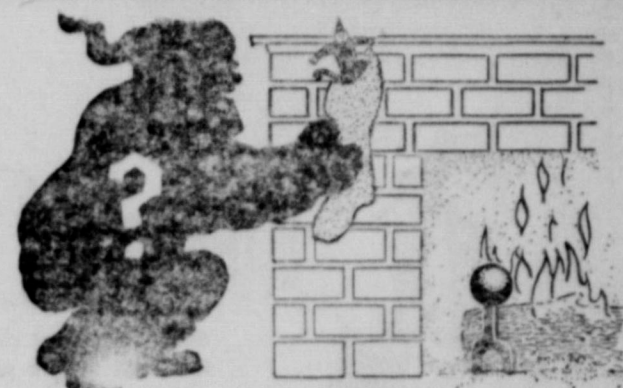
Actually, the solar year consists of 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, and 46 seconds. Consequently, a well-ordered system of Leap Years is necessary to keep the calendar and the solar equinoxes congruent.

The Gregorian calendar, devised and presented to the world in 1582 by Pope Gregory XIII, provides that years divisible by four—exclusive of the years numbering the centuries—shall have 366 days, and the century marking years shall be leap years only if they are divisible by four after the ciphers have been removed.

This system guarantees the accuracy of the Gregorian calendar until, at least, 2500 AD.

And if this accuracy is unique, the Moslem calendar is unique because of its inaccuracy—or rather, its regressive accuracy.

The 12 lunar months which comprise the Mohammedan year begin with the approximate new moon without any intercalation to keep the months geared to the solar equinoxes. Thus, the months retrogress through the entire solar year in about 33½ years.



Who is This Man?

Why, everyone knows that it's old St. Nick himself, and it's time again to begin to notice that as always, the old fellow brings with him joy, and cheer for the Christmas season. May this Christmas be one of jolly remembrance for you.

MARGARET'S GIFT SHOP
Western Union

Sardines are packed closely in cans because the fish are cheaper than the olive oil in which they are packed.

The highest problem of every art is, by means of appearances, to produce the illusion of a loftier reality.—Goethe.



Wishing You
A HAPPY

CHRISTMAS

Stewart's Texaco Station



The Yule is a season for songs and rejoicing. Our earnest hope is that all you friendly people may share in this spirit to the utmost

And for what it's worth, we offer our heartiest wishes for a very Merry Christmas

G. & G. Automotive Supply

Leo Gibson

Gene Greer

From All of Us at
Dysart Motor Co.

Isn't One New Year's Day Enough? TAKE YOUR CHOICE OF SIX

Six New Year's Days in one year?
The New Year's Day of January 1 comes twice a year. In that part of the Occident whence lies America and sundry other places, January 1 comes on January 1; but in that part of the Occident wherein the orthodox Greek faith prevails, January 1 falls upon January 13.
In China, the New Year falls upon February 8. Continuing in the east, if one reached Siam on April 1, he would discover he had arrived on New Year's Day.

Suppose the mythical traveler reached Arabia on September 4. He would find a great salaaming, gift-giving and a general air of festivity. The reason: New Year's Day, Mohammedan version.
And that isn't all. In Abyssinia, New Year's Day falls upon September 10.
In conclusion, were you in Jerusalem on October 3, you would have arrived in time to help celebrate New Year's Day there—or Rosh Hoshana, as it is called, the Hebrew "head of the year."

Great Barrier Reef along the Northeastern coast of Australia has the largest coral formation in the world.

The Texas Republican, first printed at Nacogdoches in 1819, was the first newspaper published in Texas.

Idolatrous Rites Caused Ancient New Year Ban

Although it is not generally recalled, Christians at one time were prohibited from participating in the social customs prevailing at the season of the New Year.
The reason for this was that while the Christian emperors kept up the custom of observing the New Year, the people continued so many idolatrous rites that the church applied a ban upon participation in the rites.

Finally, after December 25 had been fixed as the date of Christ's nativity, the church made January 1 a religious festival. This has been observed in the Roman church since 487 and in the Anglican church since 1549.

Vitamin D is the rarest among ordinary foodstuffs.



Christmas carols express better than anything else, probably, the true spirit of Christmas.

The word "carol" itself signifies joy and was originally used to accompany a dance. William Wallace Fyfe concludes that the term carol "signifies a song of joy or exultation." Another definition states: "A carol is a hymn of praise especially such as is sung at Christmas in the open air."

In England, which gave America most of its carols, they were sometimes gay and sometimes convivial until the time of the Puritans, who tried to suppress the Christmas spirit.

After the Restoration, the religious nature of the day was for a time almost forgotten in the reaction from Puritanism, and the carol was temporarily lost in the songs.

There are many quaint customs associated with the early carolers that might be used today to break the monotony of going from house to house singing Christmas hymns.

It was about the 16th century that caroling became a Christmas custom, and is supposed to have been brought to England from Italy by the traveling clergy. The first real Christmas carol is attributed to St. Francis of Assisi who made a model of the Bethlehem manger to help him tell his people the Christmas story.

The idea of caroling fitted admirably into the English conception of Christmas as a combination of religious celebration

and a great home day with neighborly feeling, so it grew and flourished in that country.

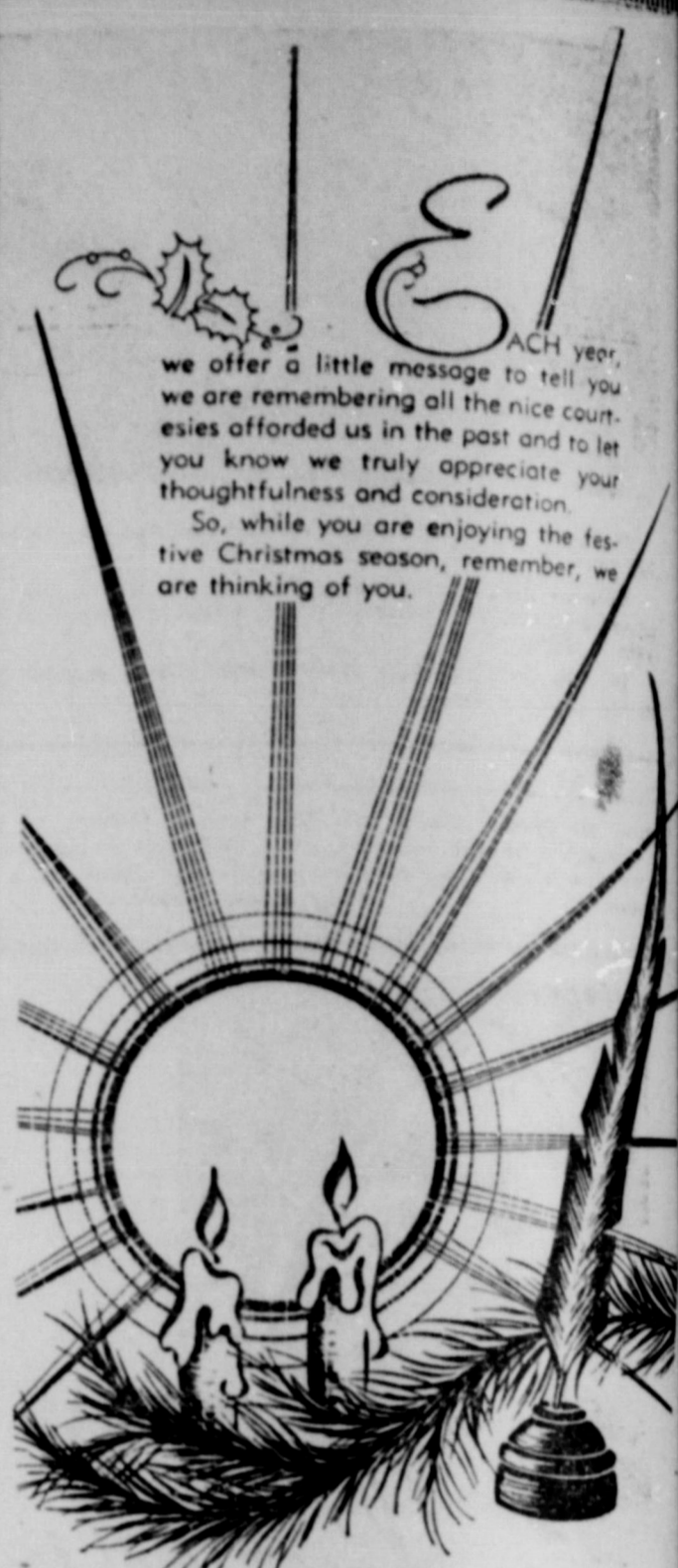
Little bands and groups of singers which sprang up in the towns and villages came to be known as "waits." A natural explanation of the name seems to be that it refers to watching and waiting, for Christmas Eve is called the Vigil of Christmas.

As early as December 21, which is the day dedicated to St. Thomas, mummers and carolers would begin going from door to door, announcing the great feast at hand. It was natural for the householders to offer hospitality to these Christmas troubadours, and gradually in many places the custom of giving aims and presents of various kinds was established.

This benign custom threatened at one time in England to become a profession and to lose its original simple charm.

For a period beginning just when no one knows and ending in 1820, there were in London and Westminster companies of "waits" whose leaders held office by public appointment and who obtained an exclusive right to solicit contributions from the public.

The carolers were often accompanied by entertainers who gave a spirit of revelry to the occasions. The mummers often interrupted the singing to give their interpretation of "St. George and the Dragon." Tumblers, dressed in bright red, would perform their arts of skill to entertain the onlookers.



EACH year, we offer a little message to tell you we are remembering all the nice courtesies afforded us in the past and to let you know we truly appreciate your thoughtfulness and consideration.
So, while you are enjoying the festive Christmas season, remember, we are thinking of you.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Bill Day Furniture

Merry Christmas

Since we cannot shake each one of you by the hand to give you our good wishes personally—we want to take this opportunity to express our hopes that this Christmas and the Coming New Year be one of joy and happiness for each and every one of you—our friends and patrons.

Harris King

It Happened on
NEW YEAR'S DAY

SANTA LETTERS
McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me an electric train and a sled. My little brother wants a tricycle and a wagon and a drum, and my mother wants a bedspread, and my daddy wants a shirt. Thank you.
Johnny Anders.

The night before Christmas...
Few experiences surpass in beauty that hush of wonderful expectancy that falls over the home on Christmas eve. This season of 1949 holds that in store for you.

And may the year 1950 bring you the happiness and joy you so richly merit and deserve.

McLean Electric Co.
Howard Williams, Mgr.

New Year's Day, aside from its festive connection, may not seem very momentous to the average citizen, but in the past it figured prominently in the making of history.

It saw the unfurling of the first American flag by George Washington, and the emancipation of Negro slaves.

Here is a list of important events that have occurred on New Year's day throughout the ages:

January 1
38 B. C. The era of the Caesars began.
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1349 A. D. Edward III, king of England, defeated the French before Calais with great slaughter.
.....
1735 Paul Revere born.
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1757 Calcutta, India, captured by the British.
.....
1776 First Union flag of 13 stripes unfurled by George Washington.
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1792 Kentucky admitted to the Union.
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1801 Union of Ireland with Britain.
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1814 American dragoons attacked the British who had seized Buffalo, N. Y.
.....
1815 General Jackson repelled British when they attacked New Orleans.
.....
1825 Great Britain acknowledged independence of South American republics.
.....
1863 Emancipation of Negro slaves became effective by proclamation of President Abraham Lincoln.
.....
1907 U. S. pure food law put into effect.
.....
1913 Parcel post system inaugurated.
.....
1919 New Year's day declared a legal holiday throughout the country except in Massachusetts and Washington, D. C.

Shaddock is another name for grapefruit.

Trade winds always blow from an easterly direction toward the equator.

The Season's Greetings

In the glistening lights and merry manner of the Christmas Season, may you find complete happiness and joyous festivity.
And in the calmness of Christmas Day it is our sincere hope that you will find deep and abiding faith to carry you through the years ahead.

American National Bank in McLean
Member F. D. I. C.

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J. B. Hembree, Vice President
T. A. Massey—Milton Carpenter—J. Alfred McMurtry
Ona Bell McPherson—James McClellan—Alvin Denton
Clifford Allison, Cashier
J. L. Hunt, Vice President



May the season shower you with excellent gifts of gladness.

VOGUE BEAUTY AND GIFT SHOP



HAPPY HOLIDAY to all of you. May no cloud appear to disturb its serenity. BEST WISHES 1949

Charlie Thut
County Clerk



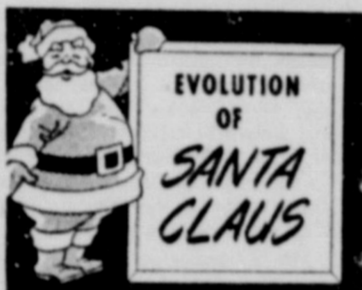
In the Christmas mood, we wish you all happiness. MERRY CHRISTMAS

THOMAS C. BRALY
District Attorney

"When a Feller Needs a Friend"



"Don't take it so hard," his canine pal seems to be saying to the scholar with the poor report card in the picture (top) by Lou Gardner, Detroit, which won first place and \$250 in the amateur class of the "Your Family Dog" photo contest sponsored by the Gaines Dog Research Center, New York. The photo of the Boston Terrier trying to keep his charge from wandering off won third prize in the same classification for Howard Nickerson, East Norwalk, Conn.



SANTA LETTERS

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
Mary Ann wants a doll house and Mary wants a doll buggy and a truck that hauls cars, and dirt diggers, and a table and four chairs.
Mary Ann Smith.

Christmas has rolled around once again and Santa Claus with round red cheeks, jolly smile and chunky figure looks the same as he did nearly 90 years ago.

His creator was Thomas Nast, one of America's greatest cartoonists. During the early 1860's he was asked to illustrate Clement Clark Moore's poem, "A Visit to St. Nicholas," better known to us as "Twas The Night Before Christmas." The result was Santa Claus as we know him.

Santa's creator was born in Bavaria in 1840, son of a musician in a Bavarian army band. When he was a fat little boy of six, Thomas' father left Germany to enlist in the United States navy, and Thomas' mother brought the boy to New York to live.

Along about the time stocky Tommy was 15 he landed his first job as an illustrator for Leslie's Weekly at \$4 a week. By the time he was 20 he was sent to England by the New York Illustrated News to sketch the Heenan-Sayers fight, an outstanding sports event of the day.

In 1862 he joined the staff of Harper's Weekly and began the series of emblematic drawings which continued throughout the Civil War. From those he created certain trademarks that have been the inspiration of cartoonists down to the present—notably the Republican elephant and the Democrat donkey.

Famous as the political symbols are today, Nast's Santa Claus probably holds first place in the hearts of Americans. Before Nast's day, a few artists had drawn Santa on one occasion or another, but could not seem to agree on how the old gentleman should look. Nast changed all that.

He located Santa's home at the North Pole and gave him a sleigh drawn by reindeer. He drew the familiar, fat, merry old fellow with red cheeks and white beard, dressed in red, wearing a cap and boots, carrying a pack of toys and smoking a short pipe.

The artist then gave Santa a spy-glass so that during the year he might pick out the good children from the bad, and also a big book in which to write their names and keep their records.

This conception of Santa Claus first appeared in 1863. Since that time, the pictured Santa has been the same, although the spy-glass and pipe seem to have been dropped by the way.

Rockefeller Center's R. C. A. building in New York is 70 stories high.

It is a lesson which all history teaches wise men to put trust in ideas, and not in circumstances. —Emerson.

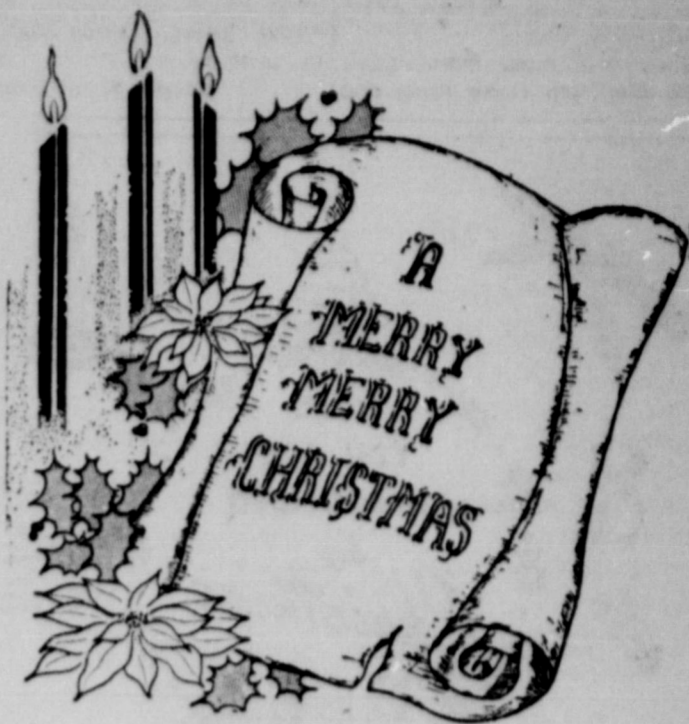
Romans Began Custom Of Gifts at New Year

Some authorities claim that the invading Roman legions introduced the custom of gift-giving at New Year's time into England by 'commandeering' a la Caesar, gifts and sums of money from the populace.

Medieval royalty, who were not as wealthy as they were reported to be, revived the custom as a means of replenishing the royal wardrobes, treasures and even larders. Queen Elizabeth relied on the custom for new petticoats, mantles, silk stockings, bracelets, necklaces, precious jewels, etc. Peers, bishops, clerics, ladies-in-waiting, physicians, cooks, everybody contributed.

Oliver Cromwell's Puritan government outlawed the custom, but it was re-revived when the Stuarts were restored to the throne. Individual circumstances governed the gift-giving among ordinary citizens and, since common pins were expensive in those days, middle class gentlemen usually gave their wives and daughters pins or 'pin money.'

Idiomatically, 'pin money' has survived the days of the expensive pin, while the custom of gift-giving at New Year's time has deteriorated into obsolescence in England and the United States.



From All of Us at MEADOR CAFE



CHEER AND HEALTH THIS Christmas AND ALWAYS

Callahan's
Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Callahan

ALL ABOARD...



Cicero Smith Lumber Co.

Carl Jones, Mgr.

McLean, Texas leave me a doll, buggy, and a record player. Merry Christmas to everyone,
 Dear Santa Claus, When you come down Santa Claus lane, stop at my house and

Margie Ruth Rallsback.

ELITE BARBER SHOP
 Feb Everett

66 SERVICE STATION
 W. L. Copeland

MAY ALL THE SEASON'S BEST BE YOURS THIS CHRISTMASTIME.

God willing, there will be no pain of sadness to mar the tender happiness that Christmas ought to bring to all of you.

F. E. LEECH
 County Tax Assessor-Collector

PERPETUAL CALENDAR

In 1918 in a high school classroom, a 15-year old sophomore, confused by discussion of the calendar, asked his teacher: "Didn't the Caesars mess up the calendar?" She snapped back: "Do you think you could make a better one?"

The boy, Willard Edwards, went home that night and thought up six calendars, one of which he considered superior to any he knew. One of them was up for discussion by Congress. It was presented to and received favorably by delegates at the world security conference at San Francisco. Edwards sees a possibility that his perpetual calendar soon may be the international calendar.

Edwards, a navy veteran of action in the Pacific, outlined his plans for the calendar. It would simplify the present system by a switch that would involve a change in only two days.

In the Edwards perpetual calendar, the year would have 354 days

plus New Year's day completely apart from any month or week. It would be followed by Monday, the first day of the year. There would be 12 months, falling into a regularly rhythmical pattern of 30, 30, 31 days.

Monday, which psychologically is regarded as the first day of the week, would actually be first in the proposed calendar.

Leap Year day, like New Year's day, would be an international holiday, completely apart from any month. It would come following Sunday, June 21.

Labor Day and Christmas, for instance, would always be on Monday. With the possibility of a fixed Easter, there would be six three-day holidays. This, Edwards contends, would be of great advantage in planning vacations, transportation schedules, school terms, and especially to business concerns.

And for those of superstitious persuasion, there would be no Friday the 13th to worry about.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Star Rt., Kress, Texas
 Dear Santa, I would like for you to bring me: 1. A hunting knife; 2. a pair of spring shoes; 3. Ford tractor; 4. Kaiser car; 5. Western Union set; 6. typewriter. I have been a good boy. Please bring me some candy and nuts, and my little brother a doll and a telephone. Thank you very much. Love,
 Don Cooke.
 McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, I am a little boy in the second grade. I think I have been pretty good. Will you please bring me an air rifle, a television set, tool set, work bench, and anything else you care to bring me. Love,
 Carey Don Smith.
 McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, I want a wagon, a cattle truck, bow and arrow, and helmet. Good-by.
 Jimmy.
 McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, Please bring me a tractor for Christmas and bring Ellen Kay a little puppy. Thank you, Santa. I'm a good boy sometimes. Yours,
 Jimmy Kritzer.
 McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, I want a tractor for Christmas and bring Ellen Kay a little puppy. Thank you, Santa. I'm a good boy sometimes. Yours,
 Jimmy Kritzer.
 McLean, Texas



The very fact that Christmas is with us again ought to bring joy enough, but we want to gild the lily by wishing everyone a wonderful holiday.

May you and yours enjoy the happiness in 1950 you so richly deserve.

HIBLER TRUCK AND IMPLEMENT CO.



WITCHING HOUR . . . All across the land, as the hands of the clock approach midnight on Saturday, December 31, young ladies—and other people, too—will be pointing out the time and saying, "Look, it's almost 1950." They probably won't be wearing swim suits, however.

Druids First to Use "Magic" of Mistletoe

The greens which are used for Christmas decorations found their way into early festivities because of certain virtues attributed to them by the ancients, and many of them which adorned pagan seasonal rites were later taken over to grace the ceremonies and celebrations of Christmas Day.

In both England and America, the holly and the mistletoe are associated with Christmas as invariably as are the plum pudding and Christmas tree.

It was the Druids who first used the mistletoe. "Heal-all" was their name for it. The plant was supposed to have curative values, and gradually they assigned to it all manner of magic powers.

Their priests, each year around the time when we now celebrate Christmas, would have high platforms built around the sacred oak trees which, in a manner of speaking, were "hosts" to the mistletoe. Robed in ceremonial vestments of white, they ascended these platforms, and with golden sickles especially made for the solemn occasion they cut away the mistletoe.

The Saxons also prized it and it was they who gave to it the name of mistletoe.

Eventually the green came to be regarded as a symbol of peace. Opposing warriors who met near it would call a truce, and it was customary to hang it over the entrance doors so that they who entered might be assured of friendship.

IT'S A FACT

That we wish each and all of our friends and customers the very

MERRIEST CHRISTMAS

CONSUMERS SUPPLY

Ted Glass Arthur Dwyer

May the stars in the heavens shine as never before on your Christmas happiness this year.

EARNEST BECK
 Your Commissioner

FROM ALL OF US TO ALL OF YOU—

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

. . . and we wish all of you a very Happy New Year, too. It's been a year of both good and bad, but we try to remember only the best and look for the best in the future.

. . . and thanks to all of you for the fine patronage you have given us, for your friendship, for your many courtesies.

Cliett Cleaners

Victor Jewel Jimmie