

# Merry Christmas

## WINNERS NAMED IN ANNUAL HOME DECORATION CONTEST

First place winners in the annual Christmas home decoration contest are Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bruner, it was announced Tuesday. The Bruner residence was judged as the most beautifully decorated home in McLean. As first prize they received a check from the Lions Club for \$20.00.

Second place winners were Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Bybee, who were given a check for \$10.00, and third place honors went to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Windom, Jr., with a check for \$5.00.

Judges for the contest were from out of town, and reported

many honorable mention homes, but named these to be the best in McLean.

The home decoration contest is conducted every Christmas by the McLean Lions.

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## TEEN TOWN FRIDAY

Teen Town will be held Friday night beginning at 9 p. m. Sponsors extend a special invitation to all college students.

## LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus:  
My name is Billy Webb and I have a little brother, Kirk Webb. I am 8 and he is 6. We live in the country. For Christmas I would like a bulldog tank, an invader set, a construction set, and a 190 piece battleground set. My brother would like a steel steel guided missile carrier, an army gift set, a 44 piece prehistoric set, and an army howitzer with soldiers.

Thank you, Santa Claus. Love,  
Billy W.  
McLean, Texas

Dear Santa:  
I am a little boy four years old. I would like for you to bring me a rifle, a dart set and a little service station. I have a big sister, age ten, and she wants a doll and a car coat. I have been as good as a boy my age could be this year. I love you,  
Ross Allen Lisman  
McLean, Texas

Dear Santa:  
Do you remember us? We are the three Reeves, John, April and James. We live on the farm. I am John. I am writing because I know how.

I want a gun and scabbard and a felt hat and a tool chest.

April wants a tiny-tears doll with a car-bed and an ironing board cover and an electric iron.

James wants the same thing I do. And remember our cousins, Becky and little Ricky. Love you, Santa.

John, April, James  
McLean, Texas

Dear Santa:  
For Christmas I would like a Mickey Mouse projector and some films and a screen, and a B-B gun. That is all I want.

Don Tidwell

He profits most who serves best.—A. F. Sheldon.

A life spent worthily should be measured by deeds, not years.—Richard Brinsley Sheridan.



**GATEWAY FROM DARKNESS**—Floodlights add to the cold loneliness of this scene, a time exposure of the Brandenburg Gate in East Berlin, as seen from Red-dominated territory. The famed structure is located just across the border from West Berlin, and lights in background trench into the Western-controlled portion of the beleaguered city.

## MEETING SET TONIGHT FOR MEN'S RECREATION PROGRAM

Tonight (Tuesday) at 7:30 a meeting will be held in the McLean Municipal Building to organize a recreation program for the men of McLean and surrounding area who are interested. Freeman Melton, Jr., superintendent of schools, stated that the program would consist of organizing basketball teams which would be set up on a schedule of playing one or two nights a week.

Melton reported that several men in McLean had expressed interest for such a program, and that the outcome would depend on the interest shown in attending the meeting. All men of the area who are interested are urged to either attend or be represented by another man.

Also, if any of the churches are

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Callahan were in Childress Sunday to see his mother, Mrs. Margaret Callahan.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Boyd Sunday were Mrs. J. V. Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Burton Boyd and children, Lane and Ann, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Boyd of Dumas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Grigsby and children of Fort Worth spent the week end in the A. L. Grigsby home.

Dinner guests in the Howard Gipson home Sunday were Mrs. Mae Gipson, Mrs. E. Poplin and Roy, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gorman, Kenneth and Karen, of Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Collis, Cheryl, Linda, Laveta and Vaneta of Hale Center; and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Gipson, Pete and Paula of Olton.

Mrs. T. A. Massay was gone to Wichita Falls to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Reedy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Clifton spent last week in Ada, Okla., with her sister, Mrs. Oral Smith, and in Pauls Valley with her sister, Mrs. Ray Campbell, and their families. They also visited in the Harve Williams home in Pauls Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Price and children, Randy and Cathy, of Houston are spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Price.

Gary Joe Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Graham, underwent a tonsillectomy in Highland General Hospital Saturday.

Monta Jean Kenndey of Canyon came Friday for a visit with friends and relatives.

## Four McLean Tigers On 2-A All District Squad

## NEW OFFICERS ELECTED AT FD SUPPER

Officers were elected for the forthcoming year at the annual steak supper of the McLean Volunteer Fire Department, held last Thursday night in the Legion Hall.

Elected to serve as chief for the next year is Boyd Meador, with S. A. Cousins and W. W. Boyd to serve as assistant chiefs. Johnny Jo Hutchison was elected secretary, Charlie Morgan hose guard, and John Anders, R. L. Brown and Jimmie Morris drill masters.

At the steak supper as guests of the firemen were County Judge Bruce Packer of Pampa, Mayor Ed Lander, and Aldermen C. P. Callahan, Jess Kemp and Odell Mantooth.



S/Sgt. Howard Gipson is in the hospital in Tachikawa, Japan, recovering from a knee injury.

Pfc. Fred Smith of El Paso is spending a two-weeks furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd B. Smith.

## Rodney Gunn Honored at Tech

Rodney D. Gunn, son of Mrs. Odessa Gunn of McLean, is one of four Texas Tech seniors to be designated as distinguished Air Force ROTC cadets. Lt. Col. N. B. Wilkerson, AFROTC commanding officer, has announced.

Cadet Major Gunn is a petroleum engineering senior at Tech. He and his wife, the former Genie Havens, have a daughter, Ray.

Distinguished AF ROTC cadet candidates are designated at the end of their junior year. At that time they must be in the upper 25 per cent of their college class and the top 25 per cent of their military class. The cadets must remain in the top 25 per cent of their group while attending summer training camp and demonstrate sustained leadership ability.

Those selected as distinguished cadets are eligible to apply for a regular AF commission after graduation from Tech.

## BIRTHDAYS

- Dec. 28—C. J. Magee, Carl Watson, Mrs. Jess Kemp, Vickie Mae Christie, Odessa Preston.
- Dec. 29—Margaret Jean West.
- Dec. 30—Delma Butrum, Eddie Kent Wilson.
- Dec. 31—Mrs. Lavada Cash, Lydia Ann Smith.
- Jan. 1—Glenda Smith, Mrs. Joe Hindman, Betty Milam, Mrs. W. H. Floyd.
- Jan. 2—Clyde Allen Windom, Louise Dwight, Velma Pearl Baker, Opal Patterson.
- Jan. 3—Pat Miller, Bobby Gilbreath, Allog Wilson, Evelyn Kimbrell.

Four McLean Tigers were elected to the 2-A All-District football squad, it was reported this week. Named to the top team were Kent Wiggins, Bennie Woods, Billy Crockett and David Crockett.

The all-stars were named following White Deer's victory in state Class A championship Saturday night in Sweetwater. The Bucks defeated Elgin 44-22 in the final contest.

White Deer placed a majority on the all-district squad with six players. Along with McLean, Panhandle placed four; Canadian and Clarendon had three each; and Lefors placed two.

The team was selected by coaches of the district.

Wiggins, a leader in the McLean forward wall, made the team as left guard and Woods, another outstanding lineman, was at right tackle.

Both Billy and David Crockett were placed in the all-district backfield. No first and second team distinction was made, but 22 men were picked for the squad.

In addition to the four men on the all-district team, Don Cash and Jim Rice received honorable mention. Cash, an end, was one of the top defensive men for the Tigers and Rice quarterbacked the squad.

The complete team is as follows:  
Left ends—Jeff Bearden of White Deer and Roy Bonner of Panhandle. Bearden, an all-state candidate, caught nine touchdowns in White Deer's first 13 games.

Left tackles—Calvin Stracner of Lefors and A. G. Sullivan of Panhandle. Stracner, who has been nominated for state honors, was a team leader who was seldom fooled on defense.

Left guards—Kent Wiggins of McLean and Milton Mann of Clarendon.

John Richardson of Clarendon and Jimmy McKernan of White Deer were named as centers.

Right guards are Bryan Coday of White Deer and Jimmy Wright of Panhandle. Coday, an all-state candidate, has been a defensive stalwart for White Deer, though he's only a junior.

Bennie Woods of McLean and Bob McCreary of White Deer are the right tackles. Right ends are Ronnie Cade of White Deer and Clois Beaty of Canadian.

The quarterbacks, Tommy Johnson of Lefors and Kenny Abraham of Canadian, are among the top boys in the state at that position. Johnson scored 130 points, and gained over 1,800 yards in total offense. Abraham scored 125 points and tossed nine touchdown passes.

Hershel Powell, White Deer, and David Crockett, McLean, are also a pair of top-notch backs. They're at the left halfback positions. Powell made more than 2,000 yards rushing, and scored more than 130 points. Crockett scored 90 points.

Right halfbacks are Leland Adcock of Panhandle and Hobby McPherson of Canadian.

Billy Crockett of McLean and John Murrow of Clarendon are the fullbacks. Crockett a potential all-star, has tallied 108 points.

Coaches picking the team were Otis Holladay, White Deer; Clint Williams, Panhandle; Grady Burnett, Canadian; Jack Riley, McLean; H. W. Callen, Lefors; John P. Jones, Memphis; and Tom Jink, Clarendon.

Receiving honorable mention for the team were left tackles and left ends, Tommy Briggs, Canadian; Lynn Spires, Clarendon; Tommy Powell, White Deer; and Kenneth Fields, Lefors.

## THREE INJURED IN WRECK WEST OF McLEAN

Three persons were hospitalized Sunday night when the car in which they were traveling overturned one-half mile west of Alanreed.

Milton Luckert, 16, driver of the car, and his mother, Mrs. Marion Luckert, received slight injuries, while the third passenger, Mrs. Mattie Fritz, was seriously injured. Mrs. Fritz is Luckert's grandmother.

According to investigating officers, Luckert lost control of the car, causing it to swerve off the highway and overturn. The family, from Pomona, Calif., was traveling east. They were taken to Highland General Hospital in Pampa by Richerson-Lamb.



**HEISMAN WINNER**—West Point's Pete Dawkins, this year's winner of the Heisman Memorial Trophy as the "outstanding college football player of 1958," poses with the trophy. Award to the cadet from Royal Oak, Mich., was made in New York City.



## Festive Rites Originated In Dim Ages Past

From the dim ages of long ago have come many of the festive rites and customs of our Christmas season.

The symbolic use of a tree dates back at least 4,000 years, when Egyptians celebrated in honor of their Sun God, in the month corresponding to our December. They believed that the sun died every night and was born again in the morning, and that late December and January brought the turning point, when the sun remained with them a little bit longer each day. This was a season of rejoicing, and the palm trees became their symbol, as it put out a leaf every month and the twelve leaves symbolized the complete year.

A few thousand years later came the feast of Saturnalia, also held in December, but the tree the Romans used was a tall conifer, loaded with decorations. Roman legions carried this symbolism over the Alps into Gaul; and about 15 B. C. the tree was used in Yuletide celebrations of the Germans.

Hundreds of years passed, and a tree became the symbol of celebrations connected with the patron saint of Russia and of children—Saint Nicholas, who in his lifetime was Bishop of Myra, in Asia Minor.



# SOCIETY



MRS. DWAYNE PATTON  
Almeda Gibson  
And Dwayne Patton  
Are Married

Wedding vows were exchanged Saturday, December 20, by Miss Almeda Gibson, daughter of P. M. Gibson, and Dwayne Patton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pearl

Patton of Alanreed. Scene of the double-ring services was the First Baptist Church in Alanreed. Rev. R. M. Cole of Tulsa officiated.

Miss Percy Sharn played traditional wedding music.

Miss Cary Post of Norman, Okla., was maid of honor. She wore a pink linen princess-style dress with pink accessories. Her corsage was of white carnations.

Roger Vanasse of Dennison served as best man for his brother-in-law. Ushers were Murrill Hill and Darrel Gibson, brother of the bride.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a white waltz-length brocade satin dress with white accessories. She carried a bouquet of white carnations on a white Bible.

Mrs. Adella Vineyard registered the guests as they entered the church, which was beautifully decorated with baskets of white mums.

Mrs. Gibson chose a gray silk dress for the wedding, and Mrs. Patton wore a brown silk print.

The bride chose a navy blue suit for travel to Dayton, Ohio, where the couple will make their home.

Out-of-town guests attending the ceremony were Mr. and Mrs. John Messer and daughter of

Wellington grandparents and aunt of the bride; Mrs. Loyd Bullock, aunt of the bride, and Sue Bullock of Vigo Park; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Patton and daughter of Tulsa, Okla.; Mrs. Roger Vanasse of Dennison; Misses Noretta and Doris Patton of Dallas; Mrs. R. M. Cole of Tulsa; Kenneth Gibson of Altus, Okla.; Mrs. Carl Allsup of Norman, Okla.; and Miss Ann Woods of Dallas.

## Liberty HD Club Has Christmas Party

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Eustace was the scene Saturday evening for the annual Christmas Party of the Liberty Home Demonstration Club. Mr. and Mrs. Eustace were assisted by their daughter, Mrs. Earlene Walton of Abilene.

Christmas carols were sung and progressive 42 was played by the group. Gifts were exchanged from a beautiful ceiling-high tree. Christmas decorations were featured throughout the house.

Present were Messrs. and Mesdames Orphus Tate, Roy McCracken, J. J. Rallsback, Walter B. Iley, Elton Johnston, Wallace Rainwater, Olen Davis and Bill Bailey.

## Pioneer Club Gives Christmas Party

The Pioneer Study Club met recently in the home of Mrs. David Fultz for its annual Christmas party.

As guests arrived, they were served egg nog by Mrs. Jesse Leonard and Mrs. Jack Riley, who were co-hostesses with Mrs. Fultz for the occasion.

For her program, Mrs. Earl Stubblefield gave the history of many Christmas customs after prayer by Mrs. Fultz. She then read a very interesting story by Bess Streeter Aldrich entitled "Star Across the Tracks."

Members brought gifts for Girsitown and also participated in a gift exchanger after the program.

Christmas dessert plates and coffee were served to one guest, Mrs. Morris of Skellytown, and members, Mesdames Sinclair Armstrong, Jim Back, Harold Bunch, J. O. Coleman, Harold Fabian, Jim Hathaway, Guy Hester, Forrest Hupp, Creed Lamb, Clyde Magee, Freeman Melton, Morris Brown, Jack R. Riley, Alice Short Smith, Earl Stubblefield, June Woods, H. W. Finley, and the hostesses.

Such as thy words are, such will thine affections be esteemed; and such as thine affections, will be thy deeds; and such as thy deeds will be thy life.—Socrates.



LADY BRYANT

It has been my pleasure to serve you in 1958. May we share this promise through the coming year.

"My Wish"  
I have one word in which is bound  
All that I wish for those I love,  
One word, whose soft, euphonious  
sound  
Holds all of men's true treasure  
trove.

I pray you find this little word  
And that you learn its real in-  
tent  
So few possess, though most have  
heard  
Of this blessed gift of God,  
Content.

May this be your  
Happiest Christmas

## Christmas Party for Baptist Juniors

Officers and teachers of the Junior department of the First Baptist Church gave the children their annual Christmas party Friday night at Fellowship Hall. Games were played under the direction of Mrs. James Thacker. Christmas carols were sung and the children exchanged gifts. Each one was given a bar of candy and an apple.

Some 31 boys and girls and the following adults were present: Mr. and Mrs. James Thacker, Miss Eunice Stratton and Mesdames F. E. Stewart, Joe Suderman, A. J. Goodwin, and L. F. Giesler.

## Roy McCrackens To Celebrate Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Roy McCracken will celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary Thursday, Jan. 1.

They will have open house from 2 till 7 p. m. at their home east of town. A cordial invitation is extended to all their friends.

## STRICTLY FRESH

Smile; as dismal in appearance as most any city after the Christmas lights come down.

Fellow across the desk from us says that the train has been asked Santa for is just what is wanted.

Merchant we know says it the first business day of Christmas weekend should be known as Gift Exchange Day.

Many a friendship has gone to smoke with a certain type of gift cigar.



What would the red ink industry do without the support of the Christmas shopper?

## Good Meal Masquerades Under 'Lion's Head'

BY DOROTHY MADLON

Here's a recipe from Hong Kong called "stewed lion's head." But don't worry. There is no lion in it—just good, American egg noodles, pork, crab meat, and cabbage.

### Oriental Meat Balls (Six servings)

One pound ground pork, two 6½-ounce cans crab meat, drained; 1 tablespoon sherry, if desired, or 1 tablespoon water, 1 tablespoon soy sauce, 2 teaspoons sugar, ¼ teaspoon ginger, cornstarch, 3 tablespoons salad oil, 1 medium head cabbage, cut in wedges; 2 teaspoons salt, 2 cups soup stock, 1 tablespoon salt, 3 quarts boiling water, 8-ounce package medium egg noodles (about 4 cups).

Combine pork, crab meat, sherry or water, soy sauce, sugar and ginger. Mix well. Shape into two-inch balls. Coat with cornstarch.

Heat 1 tablespoon oil. In it brown meat balls on all sides. Remove balls from pan.

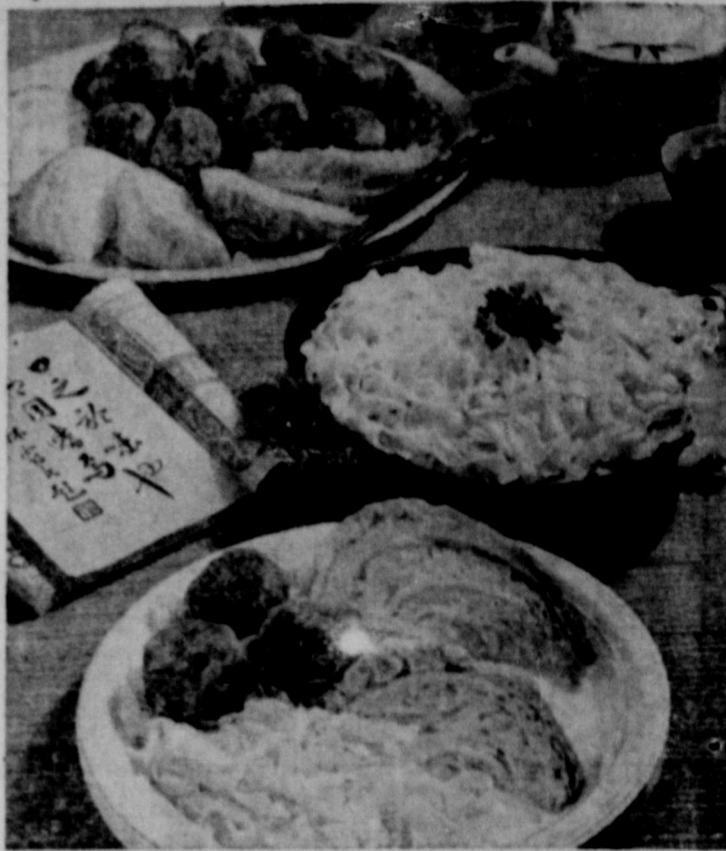
Add remaining oil, then cabbage, and cook over low heat until slightly browned on all sides.

Add meat balls, 2 teaspoons salt and soup stock. Cover and cook over low heat 20-30 minutes.

Meanwhile, add 1 tablespoon salt to rapidly boiling water. Gradually add noodles—keep the water constantly boiling. Cook uncovered, stirring occasionally until tender. Drain.

### Stuffed Green Peppers (Six servings)

Three medium green peppers, 1 pound lean pork, ground; 2 leaspoons sherry or water, 2½



The family will roar approval of this hearty fare, but you might reveal its name—"stewed lion's head"—after dinner.

teaspoons soy sauce, ½ teaspoon sugar, 1 tablespoon cornstarch, 2 tablespoons salad oil, 2 teaspoons soy sauce, 1 teaspoon sugar, 2 tablespoons water.

Cut peppers in half and remove seeds. Meanwhile, combine pork, sherry or water, soy sauce and ½ teaspoon sugar. Mix well.

Stuff peppers with meat mixture and coat with cornstarch.

Heat oil in pan; add peppers and brown lightly on all sides. Drain off drippings on pan. Combine remaining ingredients and add to peppers. Cover and cook over low heat 30 minutes.

## Cousins Family Holds Reunion

The Cousins family enjoyed their annual Christmas dinner and party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Cousins Sunday, Dec. 21.

A delicious dinner and visiting were enjoyed by Mrs. Max Rhea and children, Cathy, Mike and Lissa, of Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. J. Perryman of Beeville; Miss Jewell Cousins of Borger; Mrs. Charles Lowry of Clarendon; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Beck and children, Nona Ruth and Sue, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dougherty and the host and hostess.



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the joys of  
the Holiday  
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## Editorial

### CHRISTMAS AND THE IRON HORSE

The Christmas season is an extraordinarily busy one for certain enterprises. And this frenzy of activity is not confined to those who sell gifts and greetings.

For instance, the railroads have long been preparing for Christmas—and with good reason. They will transport the bulk of more than six billion gift packages and greeting cards which the post office department expects to deliver in the brief December 1-Christmas Eve period.

To do that huge and concentrated job, the rails are ready to expedite the equivalent of more than 62,000 standard-sized mail cars measuring 60 feet in length. The rail rolling stock available to the department is sufficient to provide a daily average of more than 215 solid-mail trains, each 12 cars long. Then, in addition, the rails expect to transport thousands of cars of express and freight loaded with holiday merchandise.

We look to the railroads to successfully undertake the really big hauling tasks—not only at Christmas time, but every day of the year.

### WHAT DO THEY LEARN?

We hear a lot of discussion about the shortcomings of our educational system—our public schools and colleges. Apparently everything is taught but pride in our own country.

Too many young people start life with the hazy idea that there is something fundamentally wrong with our business and industrial system and that only government control or ownership of all phases of production can cure imperfections.

This thought seems to be borne out by the number of representatives in legislative halls, both state and national, who promote socialization of business and industry. Are such public officials a product of our educational system which gave them their understanding of the difference between free enterprise and socialism—the difference between a government where public officials are the servants of the people and one where it is the master?

Do we have too much teaching of social fads and theories at the expense of the principles and ideals of our original form of government?

### KEEP CORK IN BOTTLE

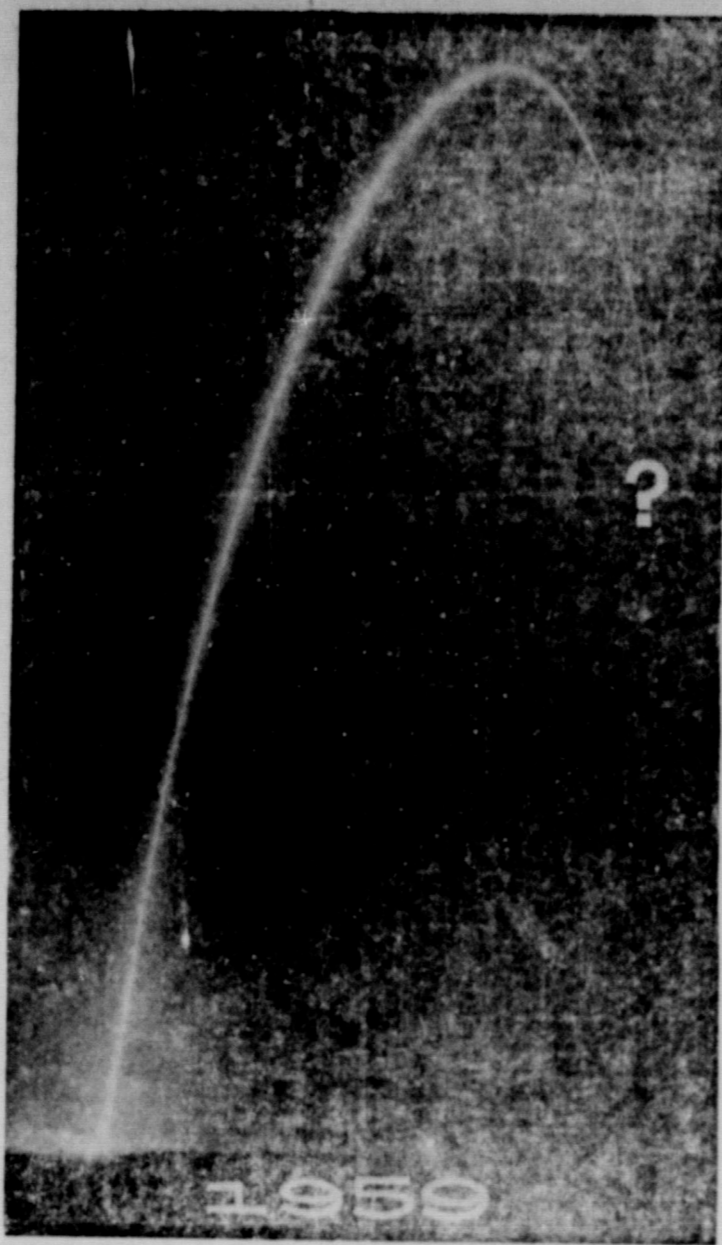
It's the season to be jolly, and nobody argues about that, but merriment at the Christmas office party that has its source in the bottle can set the stage for tragedy. Surveys show that a sizeable percentage of Christmas accidents occur in the early hours of the holiday period and many of these can be traced back to the office party, which at its close turns celebrants loose to find their way home when, in fact, they are in no condition to be on the streets.

The National Safety Council and Traffic Safety Commissions are asking all business and industrial concerns

EVERY GOOD WISH FOR A



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GOOD WILL TO ALL—That Christmas message is rung out by the bells of tiny churches throughout Switzerland like this one at Valais almost buried under the accumulation of several snowfalls.



DOLLS, DOLLS, DOLLS—For every little girl in all the world there will be a doll this Christmas. Here Santa puts the finishing touches to a group that will make many children happy during the Yule season.

### Tradition Of Yule Log Is Thing Of Past

An old and honored Christmas tradition—the Yule log—has almost vanished from our holiday celebration. Logs and fireplaces are not as common as they were once, but the tradition of the Yule log was carried on in England for centuries.

It was introduced into Great Britain by the Vikings who burned it to honor the God Thor. The custom was adopted by the English as part of the Christmas festivities.

With great pomp and ceremony, the very best log that could be found was brought into the house and placed in the great fireplace.

The fire was lit and the servants of the house gathered with the master and there was much singing and celebrating the coming of the Christmas holiday.

According to the custom of those days the holiday season lasted twelve full days and the log burned during the entire time.

At the end of the holiday, any fragments of the log that remained were carefully collected to be used again the following year to kindle the new Yule log.

Celebrating today does not last for twelve days, but the superstition that all decorations should be removed by the twelfth night to prevent bad luck in the New Year still survives.

to take a new look at their office parties and either keep the cork in the bottle or eliminate the parties.

All through the Christmas season, when in many parts of the country the weather is at its worst, the provocation to drink and drive is greater than at any other time during the year. If every driver would determine to skip that last one-for-the-road, much highway tragedy would be prevented this holiday season. It would mean a Merry Christmas instead of irreparable loss to legions of people.

### Legends Vary About First Christmas Tree

There are many legends about decorating the Christmas tree. One dates back to Boniface, who as England's missionary to Germany in the 8th century, "replaced the sacrifices to Odin's sacred oak to a fir tree adorned in tribute to the Christ child".

Others say that the tree and its candles should be attributed to Luther. Another says the practice dates to the Teutonic practice of bringing trees into homes to appease the god-like spirits that were believed to inhabit forest timbers.

But there is a legend more beautiful than all the rest. According to it, when Christ was born a group of stars looked down upon an olive tree, a date palm and a pine tree which stood over the manger.

Seeing that the pine had nothing to offer in His honor while the others gave fruit and dates, they descended from the heavens to rest upon the pine's boughs as an offering—and that was the first Christmas tree.

### Saint Nicholas

The remaining bones of Saint Nicholas are preserved today in the museum of Antalya in Southern Turkey. Most of them were stolen by pirates almost a century ago. Those that remain are carefully preserved.

### Homemade Food Gifts Delight To Receive

The Christmas season is traditionally marked by tasty things to eat. And food gifts made in your kitchen add a personal note to the celebration. Such gifts say "Merry Christmas" with an especially warm touch. From a practical standpoint, they're easy on the pocketbook, too.

Perhaps your family has some special recipe for cookies, cakes or puddings. Whatever it is, homemade food gifts are easy to make and delightful to receive.

When wrapping food gifts, let your imagination have a free rein. Clever packages can be made from plastic refrigerator dishes, wicker bread and cracker baskets, cookie sheets, or a wooden cutting board.

### Yule Was Not Always Celebrated On Dec. 25

Like Easter, Christmas was once a movable feast, celebrated on a different date each year.

In 337 A. D. St. Cyril, bishop of Jerusalem, with the permission of Pope Junius I, appointed a commission to determine, if possible, the precise date of Christ's nativity.

The theologians finally agreed upon December 25, and since the year 354 this date has been celebrated.



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**CHRISTMAS PACKAGES**—It took a lot of time, care and patience to produce these beautiful Christmas packages. The ribbon and paper that went into the wrapping was first started in production three years ago. Most companies that produce this type of gift material must work several years in advance.

**Christmas Greetings**

Be merry ...  
and may you all have  
the sparkling ingredients  
for a full cup  
of happiness!

**WILLOUGHBY**  
GARAGE & SALVAGE  
Mary & Bob

**Merrie Christmas**

At this happy time of the year,  
may you be blessed with the spiritual  
joys of the Christmas Season.

**PHILLIPS 66**  
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R. J. TURNER Retail

**Holiday Hazards**

**Be Careful In Placing,  
Decorating Your Tree**

**R**EGARDLESS of warnings by fire departments and safety officials, millions of American homes become dangerous fire traps at Christmas time. Fire at any time is tragic, but at this happiest of seasons it is more so.

There are a number of simple, easy ways to reduce the hazards of fire in your home during the next few days.

Location of the Christmas tree in your home is of vital importance. Do not let it block an exit, or set it up near a stairway which would provide an upward draft.

Be sure your tree is fresh and it should be kept outdoors until actually needed. When setting it up, stand it in a bucket of water or wet sand and brace it well so there will be no danger of it falling.

It is most important that the decorations be flameproofed or made of noncombustible materials. Lighting sets and extension cords should be in good condition. If in doubt have them tested.

**Inspect Tree Daily**

Even these precautions are not enough, however. Make it the duty of some member of the family to inspect the tree every day during the holiday season. This way you will know immediately if it has become too dry and should be discarded.

The switch used for turning on the tree lights should be placed some distance from the tree. Never use an outlet or plug under the tree or run electric trains around the base.

There are a few other simple rules that should be observed if decorations are used around the house. Keep them away from chairs and other places where people may smoke. And keep plenty of ash trays handy during the holiday season.

**Never Use Candles**

It is traditional to have lights in the windows at the season, but never use candles. Keep curtains and other flammable material pulled back at least six inches from any electric light.

And on Christmas morning, or on any other time you open presents, remove all gift wrappings and packing material from the living room and dispose of them immediately.

It can be a happier Christmas if you know there is no danger of fire.



**NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS**—And not a creature was stirring except young Miss Janice Sande who creeps out of bed to investigate her Christmas stocking. Alas, Santa hadn't reached her house yet!



**HAPPY PICTURE**—Where can anyone find a happier picture of the joy of Christmas? Here a child receives a gift from Santa, she with the joy of receiving and he with the joy of giving.

Planning holiday party menus and shopping lists early will eliminate extra trips to the store.



By Shirley Sargent

"JUST because we live ninety eleven thousand miles from civilization," Betty Abernathy said steadily, "is no reason we can't have modern conveniences."

Jim Abernathy, who was as stolid as his wife was slight and enduring as she was excitable, placed a record on the turntable before answering mildly. "Darling, we have electricity, running water, and Poverty Flat is only twenty miles away."

"Oh, I hate logical men!" Betty looked out the window of their mountain home at the far flung snow-covered peaks. "Here's Christmas coming and I bet you haven't an idea in your head."

Jim tamped his pipe slowly. "Betty, before I brought you here, I warned you that the adjustment from city life would be difficult and promised to make things as easy as possible. I hope to have TV in by Christmas day."

"Oh, Jim you are a darling. But how?"

"Leave it to me, he felt confident then he counseled. "Do you realize that neither of the Cullens have ever seen a set outside a magazine?"



"You'll have a good picture here," the expert decreed, "but your set will have to be up here."

"Heavens, that's right. They've been here since Nathan retired ten years ago."

**Community Present**

"Yes, and ten years back TV was still in its infancy."

"Heavens," Betty repeated "Jim, let's make it a community Christmas present. Think how they'll enjoy it."

Jim drove the twenty miles to town in their fire engine red jeep with frequency in the ensuing weeks. Getting reception at 5,300 feet was a real problem. At the cabin, they could have sound, but no picture. Nathan Cullen and he scouted a nearby ridge with the TV man from Poverty Flat.

"You'll have a good picture here," the expert decreed, "but your set will have to be up here."

"Here?" Jim glanced at the encircling pine trees with dismay. "What about now?"

Nathan, a giant of a man even in his seventies, answered briefly. "Put up a tent with a woodstove in it. Effie's keen on seeing TV for Christmas. Puts me in mind of a child."

It took the men two days to erect a satisfactory antenna on the often windswept ridge and another day to set up a "Theater" as Nathan called their tent.

Christmas night, they all poured out of the jeep into the already heated tent where the TV set reposed in walnut splendor.

"My," said Effie excitedly, when the test pattern flickered on the screen. "That's a new game to me. Not much like checkers."

Nathan and Effie leaned forward, never taking their eyes from the big twenty-one inch screen. Even the commercials enthralled Effie.

**More Fun Than TV**

Effie cried watching one Christmas drama. "My, those poor people have so many troubles. It must be so of living in cities. Poor things."

When Jim came back from stoking the fire, Betty whispered to him. "She's more fun than the TV."

A second play, a spectacular, was so entrancing that they were reluctant to turn off the set. When they trooped out to the jeep, they discovered four inches of fresh snow. Jim dropped the enthusiastic Cullens in front of their redwood board and batten home.

"You certainly gave us a Christmas present," Nathan said.

"My, yes," Effie said, "now we've seen that life can be beautiful."

Once in their own home, Betty exploded. "Did you hear that silly woman? Our life is beautiful. We

though I couldn't help thinking that we're pretty lucky. Jim Peace, simplicity, freedom—why, we have all that and more."  
"If TV made you feel that way," Jim said, taking her in his arms, "I'll take you up to the 'Theater' once a week just so you'll keep that Christmas spirit throughout the year."

**Down The Chimney**

Saint Nicholas knew an old nobleman who was very poor and who did not want anyone to know of his poverty. Wishing to give him a gift of money Saint Nicholas crept to a window of the house and saw the old gentleman asleep by the fire.

The good Bishop climbed to the roof of the house and dropped his gift down the chimney, thinking it would fall on the hearth at the nobleman's feet.

However, it so happened that the gentleman's daughter had had some stockings to dry by the fire and the money fell into one of them. From this kindly deed of the good Bishop has grown the wide spread custom of hanging stockings at Christmas time.

**Died In 1087**

The anniversary of Saint Nicholas' death in 1087 eventually became a festival in the Russian church, and in time the name became corrupted to Santa Claus and associated with the festivities of the Christmas season, with its tree, its decorations, the holly and the mistletoe.

These today are the joyous symbols of Christmas.

**LOOK FOR SANTA**

American children look for presents in their stockings or under the Christmas tree. In Italy they seek them in "Urns of Fate" and the children of Norway seek them in hiding places all through the house.

**Stocking Hanging  
Became A Custom  
Through Accident**

With delight and great expectations every American child hangs his stocking by the fireplace at Christmas time. Thereon hangs a fascinating tale of adventure.

Once upon a time—so the legend goes—kindly Saint Nicholas, who was in reality Bishop of Myra, in Asia Minor, unintentionally originated the custom of hanging stockings by the fireplace on Christmas eve.

Saint Nicholas was a kindly man and jolly, and very rich. He loved to make mysterious journeys into the country and poor sections of the community to bring secret gifts to the poor. For a long time his identity remained hidden, but he was caught at last with his sack of gifts on his back.

**Merry Christmas**



May your home be blessed with joy and your hearts overflow with happiness this Christmas Day.

**RICHERSON-LAMB FUNERAL HOME**



There's nothing half-way  
about our wishes for your  
Merry Christmas!



**Merry Christmas**

A package of good wishes  
to all our friends.

**PUCKETT'S FOOD STORE**



The gently falling snow softly filters the tones of the steeple bells. Our hearts are filled with the nostalgic thoughts of spending Christmas with our loved ones... our voices are hopefully raised in a prayer for peace.

**MASTER CLEANERS**  
Bill and Lynn



And they went up...

## Roads Were Not Paved For First Yule Trip

THERE were no modern highways leading from Nazareth to Bethlehem when Mary and Joseph undertook their memorable journey nearly 2,000 years ago. The way was rough and hard and dangerous.

As far as routes were concerned, there were three. The western route led along the sea-coast and through the plain of Sharon. This route was unpopular with pious folk like Mary and Joseph who shunned the heathen cities rowdy travelers and the ungodly as much as possible.

The shortest route via the fruitful plains of Esdrasion into the mountains of Samaria and through Shechem and Bethel, was not very popular either. The road was tolerable, but steep; however, the Jews had little use for the Samaritans, and vice versa.

The Jordan route, which descended into the Jordan valley and followed the river's east bank around Jericho, was favored by the majority of Galilean travelers who for the Passover and other religious events went down to Jerusalem at regular intervals and knew their way around as well as suburbanites know their way around modern metropolitan areas.

If the Jordan route was a little round-about, it was fairly level—and steeped in Jewish history, from the shadow of Mount Tabor where

Joseph did not choose the western route when they planned their very special journey. Whether they chose to go by way of Shechem and Bethel, or around the walled city of Jericho may never be determined definitely.



But, the distance—nearly 100 miles—was, in any case, unrelenting and conquered only by persistent plodding. And when Mary was too tired to go another step, Joseph took the packs upon his own shoulders so she might ride the little donkey which trudged faithfully at his side.

This was a hard journey and Mary appreciated the shelter of the stable that night—no one could have been more grateful or more happy than Mary. And she brought forth her first-born son, and laid him in a manger.



### IT'S CHRISTMAS WHEN

Elevator operators say good morning;  
Bus drivers don't slam the door on your feet;  
Jimmy's teacher says he's a perfect angel and oh so bright;  
Your secretary limits her coffee break to one a day;  
Your wife is the first to shut off the alarm clock;  
Your son says that's okay Dad, you take the car tonight;  
And your boss says here, try one of my pills.

Saul in desperation sought his "witch" of Endor, to the tomb a little before Bethlehem where the first Joseph buried his beloved Rachel.

When you water a Christmas tree, add a few tablespoons of sugar to bring out the fragrance of the pine.

It is fairly certain that Mary and

# These Churches Of McLean Area Invite Your Attendance Each Sunday

## PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

Alanreed, Texas  
Paul F. Cooper, Pastor  
Sunday:  
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.  
Evangelistic Service 11 a. m.  
Worship Service 7:30 p. m.  
Wednesday:  
Auxiliary Meeting 2:30 p. m.  
P. H. Y. S. 7:30 p. m.

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Alanreed, Texas  
J. I. Herndon, Pastor  
Sunday:  
Sunday School 10 a. m.  
Worship Service 11 a. m.  
Training Union 6:30 p. m.  
Worship Service 7:30 p. m.  
W. M. S. Monday 2 p. m.  
Wednesday:  
Prayer Service 7:00 p. m.

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Kellerville, Texas  
J. R. Lawson, Pastor  
Sunday:  
Sunday School 10 a. m.  
Worship 11 a. m.  
Training Union 6:30 p. m.  
Worship 7:30 p. m.  
Wednesday:  
W. M. U. 7 p. m.  
Prayer Service 8 p. m.

## KELLERVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Eddie Tarbet, Minister  
Sunday:  
Bible Study 10 a. m.  
Worship 11 a. m.  
Worship 6 p. m.  
Wednesday:  
Prayer Meeting 7:30 p. m.

## PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

McLean, Texas  
G. W. Roachella, Pastor  
Sunday:  
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.  
Preaching 11 a. m.  
Preaching 7 p. m.  
Wednesday:  
Prayer Meeting 7 p. m.

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

McLean, Texas  
David Fultz, Minister  
Sunday:  
Bible Study 10 a. m.  
Worship Service 10:50 a. m.  
Bible Study 6 p. m.  
Worship Service 7 p. m.  
Wednesday:  
Ladies Bible Class 2 p. m.  
Bible Classes for all ages 7:30 p. m.

## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pakan Community  
George Dolak, Pastor  
Church services are held the last Sunday of each month at 9 p. m. Other services are conducted at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Shamrock.

## THE NAZARENE CHURCH

McLean, Texas  
Sunday:  
Sunday School 10 a. m.  
Worship 11 a. m.  
Evangelistic Service 7:30 p. m.  
Wednesday:  
Prayer Meeting 7:30 p. m.

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

McLean, Texas  
Jesse R. Leonard, Pastor  
Sunday:  
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.  
Worship Service 11 a. m.  
Training Union 6:30 p. m.  
Worship Service 7:30 p. m.  
Wednesday:  
Sunbeams 6:45 p. m.  
Teachers and Officers Meeting 6:45 p. m.  
Bible Study and Prayer Meeting 7:30 p. m.  
Choir Practice 8:00 p. m.  
Dr. Joe Suderman, Music Director  
Free transportation to Sunday services

## ASSEMBLY OF GOD

McLean, Texas  
G. L. Cowart, Pastor  
Sunday:  
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.  
Worship 11 a. m.  
Evening Worship 7:45 p. m.  
Wednesday:  
Prayer Meeting 7:45 p. m.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

McLean, Texas  
Gerald L. Hill, Pastor  
Sunday:  
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.  
Westminster Fellowship 6:00 p. m.  
Evening Worship 7:00 p. m.  
Tuesday:  
Presbyterian Women 2:30 p. m.  
Wednesday:  
Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p. m.

## FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

McLean, Texas  
Jack Riley, Pastor  
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.  
Worship 10:55 a. m.  
M. Y. F. 6 p. m.  
Worship 7 p. m.  
Wednesday:  
Choir Practice 7:30 p. m.

## HEALD METHODIST CHURCH

Dale Swain, Pastor  
Sunday School 10 a. m.  
Worship 11 a. m. each  
2nd Sunday  
Worship at 10 a. m. on 4th and 5th Sundays  
W. S. C. S. 2 p. m. each  
2nd and 4th Wednesday



THE PICTURE OF JESUS  
David Fultz, Minister  
McLean Church of Christ

Many pictures have been painted by artists of the possible physical portrayal of Jesus. No one knows whether these are true representations of what He looked like as Jesus did not leave that kind of picture for man.

What He did leave is of far greater value. He left a picture of a sinless life that we might follow in His steps and gain everlasting life. The way is revealed to us in His word. The Bible tells us the kind of life Jesus would have us to live, and the way He lived before us.

The picture it reveals is a picture of love. A loving Father sending His Son to die for man, and the Son willingly giving His life that man might be redeemed. Christ then saying to His disciples, "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; even as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." (John 13:34-35) His is a picture of love that is greater than that of self, and goes beyond the power of our comprehension, causing the apostle Paul to say, "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and the knowledge of God! how unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past tracing out!" (Romans 11:33)

It is a picture of service. Jesus went about doing good to all men. He washed the disciples' feet, and manifested in every way that He came not to be ministered unto, but to minister. He taught His disciples that the one among them who served the most would be considered the greatest.

He left a picture of performance of duty both to God and one's fellow man. And was the living example of what Solomon referred to as the whole duty of man, to "Fear God and keep His commandments."

The picture of Jesus is one that never fades for it is portrayed in the life of His disciples, as the apostle Paul said, "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I that live, but Christ liveth in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith which is in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself up for me." (Gal. 2:20)

Does the world see Jesus living in me?

## Cranberry Punch for Yule Parties

Pineapple bells floating in a bowl of cranberry punch add zest to your holiday parties. You can make the bells by pouring pineapple juice into small bell-shaped molds. Then freeze them. When you are ready to serve the punch, dip the mold quickly into warm water and slide the bells into the punch.

The following recipe for spiced cranberry punch makes about 12 servings.

**Spiced Cranberry Punch**  
1 pound cranberries (fresh or frozen)  
1 quart water  
1 tablespoon whole cloves  
1/2 cup water  
1/2 cup sugar  
2 tablespoons lemon juice

Cook cranberries, water and cloves until skins of cranberries burst about 5 minutes. Be sure cranberries are soft. Strain through cheese cloth. Mix pulp with 1/2 cup water. Mix well and strain again. Heat, add sugar and boil 2 minutes. Chill. Just before serving, add lemon juice.

To vary this punch, you may want to use some very thin slices of lemon and some mint leaves in place of the pineapple bells.

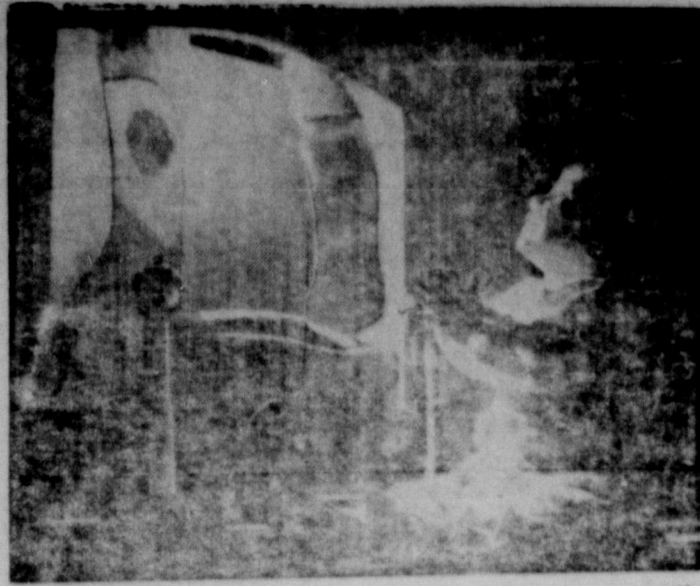
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**Greetings Friends**  
There's no limit to all the cheer we wish for you at Christmas

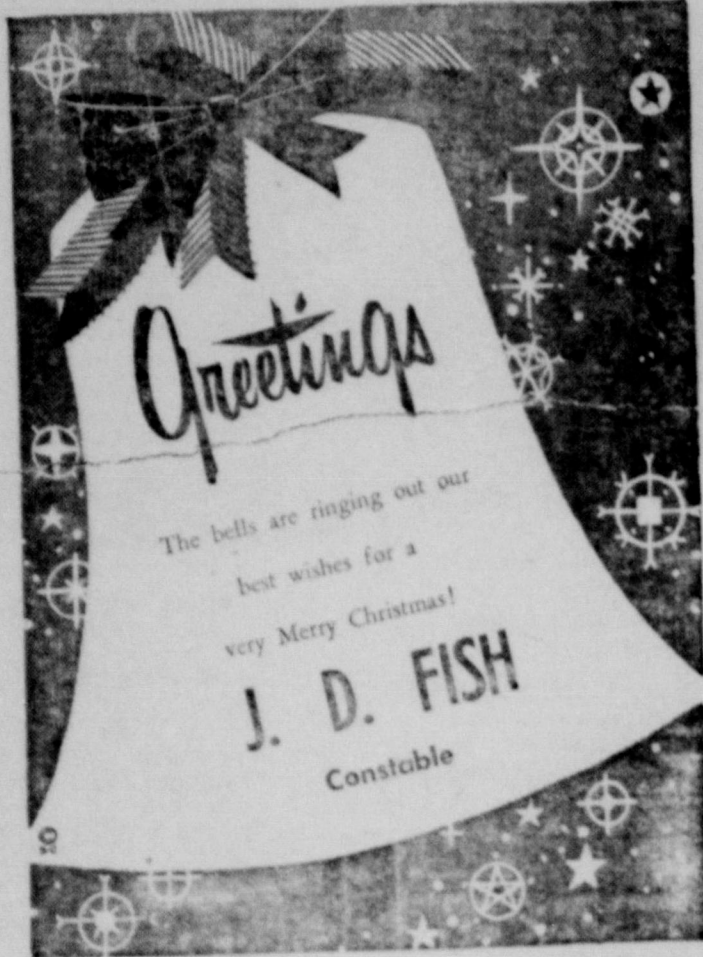
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**COMPLETE JOY**—Remember back when Santa Claus was the most important person in the world to you? That's the way this young lady feels as she expresses complete joy over the expected arrival of Santa.



**EDWARDS AUTOMATIC LAUNDRY**  
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A merry, merry  
Christmas and  
a happy New Year



**ELLISON CHEVROLET CO.**

**Christmas is the time**

**For Sumptuous Meals Everywhere In World**

**SUMPTUOUS** meals to celebrate Christmas, along with merry-making and the gathering of friends and relatives, is traditional in every country that celebrates the holiday.

The main dishes, of course, vary from country to country, but tradition remains and some of the dishes have not changed for hundreds of years—except to taste better as we get older.

Serving a boar's head was an old English custom. It was brought into the banquet hall on a large platter accompanied by trumpet flourishes. It has been replaced today by stuffed turkey and a wide assortment of pies, topped off with plum pudding covered with flaming sauce. All of it a banquet fit for a king.



A tasty dish that was originated by the Puritans and is very American, is the mince meat pie. Originally this dish was served with a tiny figure of the Christ child in the center.

The earliest known recipe dates from the early 17th century. It calls for beef tongue, chopped chicken eggs, raisins, orange, lemon peelings, sugar and various spices.

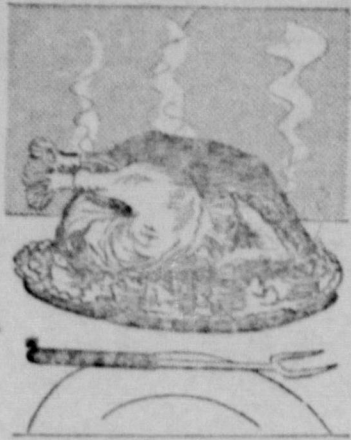
Rice pudding is the traditional spener for a Norwegian Christmas feast, followed by the Christmas pig whose growth has been watched carefully throughout the year.

Sometimes as many as fourteen different kinds of cake are served in Norwegian homes.

The Christmas feast in Sweden always features a large selection

of buns, cakes and loaves, of all shapes and colors.

The Danes center their feast around a plump Christmas goose, served with hot cabbage and sugar-browned potatoes and stuffed with apples and prunes.



The French also serve the traditional goose at their Christmas feast, along with buckwheat cakes with sour cream, roasted chestnuts with milk or wine, and all types of cakes and candies with which to end the meal.

The Swiss feature a pear cake called the "Bireweige" which resembles a shiny loaf of bread. It contains a spicy, flavorful concentrate from air dried pears mixed with raisins.

Here in America the Christmas turkey is the most popular dish, served with a variety of vegetables. Followed, of course, with a variety of pies and cakes—most often the fruit cake.

Because of mixture of traditions and beliefs in the United States the Christmas feast varies more than in other countries.

**Children Need Help To Calm Down For Christmas Season**

Many parents dread the coming of the Christmas season because their already active children seem to become more exuberant.

This is natural since Santa Claus and hidden packages, as well as the mad rush of shopping and holiday preparations, stimulates a child's emotions. Sometimes they are so keyed up they are almost hysterical.

Child development specialists believe that by creating a quiet atmosphere in your home and explaining the joys of the holiday, you will help prepare your child for a more peaceful Christmas.

More time should be spent in getting children ready for a reverent Christmas rather than a commercial one. Christmas will be a joy for the entire family when you and the children pause to understand and share together the true meaning of the Christmas message.

Be careful what you tell a child about Santa Claus. Retractions are difficult to make later.



Join us today as we pray for a rebirth of the spiritual way so that men of all nations may live in complete harmony!

**CALLAHAN'S PLUMBING & GIFT SHOP**

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Callahan

**Bayberry Candles Have Long Been Part Of Tradition**

To learn your luck for the year they say,  
Burn a bayberry dip on Christmas day.

If the flame burns bright and the light shines clear,  
Good luck will be yours throughout the year.

This old verse repeats the tradition from the early years of our country that burning a bayberry candle on Christmas eve would insure one of a long and happy life.

The settlers of our country found that the bayberry gave off a wax that would make fine candles. Since animal fats were important as food and for other uses, it was the bayberry candle that was used as much as possible. It was usually the task of the children to gather the berries.

Candles have always been associated with Christmas and many legends give them a place in the observance of this holiday.

In Ireland, for instance, on Christmas Eve a large candle was burned which could be snuffed out only by one named Mary.

Even today homes that never use a candle, or have one about during the rest of the year, have mantels, windows and dining tables decorated with them during the holiday.

And on Christmas eve, with the family gathered about the tree and fireplace, nothing adds to the atmosphere like the warm, soft glow of Christmas candles.

**Christmas Cards**

Henry Cole, an Englishman, mailed the first Christmas cards in 1846. The cards bore the now famous greeting: "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You." The cards depicted a Victorian family assembled at the Christmas feast.

**Christmas Outlawed**

Christmas was outlawed by the Puritan government of England in 1643. With the restoration of the Stuarts, Christmas customs and traditions were revived, but Christmas never regained its former prestige in Great Britain.



**CAROLS IN THE SNOW**—With nature providing the snowy atmosphere, this famous chorus from St. Thomas Choir School is happy to practice carols they will sing during the Christmas season.



In the spirit of friendship and good will that is Christmas... we thank our many customers for their continued patronage!

To all, our sincere wishes for holiday joy!

**DR. JOE SUDERMAN & FAMILY**

**AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK IN McLEAN**

Our Christmas message to you:  
a happy holiday season filled with festivity and bright prospects for the future.

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**SANTA'S HELPERS**—Recalling the days when a Christmas tree could be had for a few strokes with an ax, these hardy Canadian youngsters drag their symbol of Yule cheer. Today, most Canadians, just as shoppers throughout the world, buy trees at the local market. Export of Christmas trees to the United States and Latin America has been booming in recent years.

### Mistletoe Once Symbol Of Evil

Today mistletoe is recognized throughout the world as a symbol of lasting peace and from this has come the custom of giving a kiss of love or peace beneath it. Once, however, it was considered a weapon of death. Later it was considered a magical medicine. It was a mistletoe arrow, according to Norse mythology, that Loki used to kill Balder, the sun god, after Balder's mother had obtained a promise from all living things, other than mistletoe, that they would not harm him. Balder was restored to life and it was ruled by the gods that the mistletoe would never again be used to do harm. Ancient Europeans considered the mistletoe a magical medicine. They carried it about with them for health and luck, and believed it a cure for ulcers and epilepsy as well as a charm promoting fertility.



*Greetings*

It's nice to extend warm and friendly greetings to all you wonderful people!

**CICERO SMITH LUMBER CO.**

MERRY CHRISTMAS  
CORINNE'S STYLE SHOP



Season's Greetings

**MEAD'S BAKERY**  
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### Prepare Your Yule Shopping List To Save

In all probability you will have completed your Christmas shopping by the time you read this article, but you might put some of its suggestions to work next year.

Did you prepare a holiday shopping budget? Did you stick to it? Many people claim that Christmas is too commercial. This, of course, is not necessarily true. But every year millions of people, filled with the holiday spirit of giving, spend far more money for gifts for friends and relatives than they can actually afford.

It's wise, therefore, to prepare a gift list well in advance of Christmas and really balance it against your budget. This way you can determine how much you can spend for individual gifts without taxing your savings or putting a burden on your future income.

Gifts that you make yourself are always appreciated because they are gifts of your time and effort.

It is proper that the spirit of giving should be a part of Christmas, but giving should be within the means to give. It is the gift that is important and not what it cost.

Many people are embarrassed when the holiday is over because they find they have given someone what they consider a "small" gift while they may have received something very costly.

Be wise and have a really happy Christmas in the future. Buy within your means and there will be no thought of those New Year bills nagging at you during the holiday.

### Live Christmas Trees Are Widely Used Throughout Country

Live Christmas trees are widely used throughout the country, but many of them die because they are not properly planted, or cared for while in the house.

A live tree will be delivered with the roots wrapped in burlap. Place the tree in a tub and pour cold water over the ball. After it has been well soaked, wrap the ball in a plastic sheet and tie it loosely around the tree.

Occasionally open the plastic and add more water and be sure to keep it away from the heat of a radiator.

Plant the tree outdoors the weekend after Christmas. Dig a hole the same depth as the burlap ball and a foot wider.

Place the tree erect, leaving the burlap around the ball. Fill the hole with loam and give the tree a deep watering.

Finally, spread a mulch over the root area. If the tree has been planted at a windy corner of the house, erect a protecting screen to mute harsh winter winds.

No mention is made of Nazareth in the Old Testament. In fact, at the time of Christ the town was so insignificant that the term "Nazarene" was applied to Him in derision. Yet Nazareth became and continues to be one of Christendom's holiest places.

### Joseph Proved His Great Love For All Time

In the long history of humanity there have been many love stories. The literature of the world is full of them. But none approach that of Joseph and Mary!

When Joseph and Mary were espoused—as we would say engaged—Joseph was considered an old man and Mary a young girl.

He was even thought of as being older than he actually was, because Joseph was a sedate, careful man who enjoyed the conversation and companionship of a group of selected friends rather than boisterous pleasure. And he was a religious man, too.

He was very much in love with Mary and he longed for his wedding day. And then Mary told him what had come to pass.

Here is where the great love Joseph had for Mary was proven to all mankind for all time.

What was he to think? Such things just didn't happen. He wanted desperately to believe, but at first he could not. He only knew that he would never make a public example of her. And even this would mean much criticism of him.

Yet he was determined that he would protect Mary and the unborn child. He must have suffered great mental anguish as he thought about what he must do and how he would accomplish it. And he prayed!

Then one night, after he had exhausted himself with tortured thinking, he fell asleep and the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

And when Joseph awoke, he did as the angel had bidden him and took Mary as his wife.

There has never been such a great display of trust, faith and love.

### Christmas Rose Very Popular As Yule Flower

Growing in popularity, the Christmas rose has become a serious competitor of holly, mistletoe, poinsettias and other plants that decorate our homes at Christmas time.

The diminutive plant puts forth seven or eight white roselike blooms tinged with pink. It has lustreous dark green foliage and a mature plant is no more than a foot high.

A cold-weather plant, the Christmas rose flowers naturally in December or January. It withstands snow and low temperatures. It does not propagate well in the United States. Most of them are imported to florists from Belgium and the Netherlands. They develop best in soil peculiar to the western parts of those countries.

#### Grows In Low Countries

Gardeners in the Low Countries grow the plant from slips taken from the parent plant after it has finished blooming in January. The shoots are grown under glass.

In incubation a Christmas rose's leaves are pruned regularly to give it added strength for blooming. After three years of care the plant is mature and ready to put forth its famous winter blossoms.

Ancient Romans were familiar with the Christmas rose and eagerly sought it for medicinal use. They believed that eating the roots would "clear the brain, cure stupidity, and relieve insanity."

#### A Christmas Legend

Like many flowers, the Christmas rose has its own special legend. According to the story, a poor shepherd girl watched the Wise Men come with rich gifts to present to the newborn Christ Child, and she wept because she had no present to offer. An angel suddenly appeared.

Learning the cause of the girl's distress, the angel waved a wand. Instantly, glistening white flowers carpeted the ground. The young shepherdess gathered blooms. When she presented her gift, the Infant smiled. As His fingers touched the delicate white flowers, they became tinged with pink.

The plant's legendary association with Christ carries to regions where it blooms in early spring. There it is often called the Lenten rose.

#### Christmas Giving

The first Christmas gifts were those which the Wise Men carried to Bethlehem to lay before the Christ Child in the manger. Their gifts, given in adoration, were precious items of the day—gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The latter two were gum resins used in medicines and perfumes. But, then as now, it is the spirit of giving rather than the gift itself that makes it most appreciated.

#### Twelfth Night

"Twelfth Night," which many towns celebrate by a community burning of Christmas trees, is derived from the custom of early Christians who celebrated the feast of the Nativity of Christ for 12 days, placing special emphasis on the last or twelfth day. The "Twelfth Night" tree burning is also said to commemorate the light of the Star of Bethlehem.

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Merry Christmas

BEST WISHES TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

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Our wish to our many friends:  
May your Christmastime be filled with spiritual blessings.

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Greetings TO ALL...

McLEAN FLOWER SHOP

Legon and Verne





By Patricia McCune

BRIGHT-EYED Julie Foster sat tensely beside her patient husband, Paul, as he drove the expensive and not-yet-paid-for car to her youngest sister's. "Some Christmas this will be," Julie grumbled, nodding her dark head at the unpretentious pile of Christmas packages in the back seat. "We just haven't brought a decent thing."

Paul sighed. "I bought presents for your two sisters, their husbands, and their kids. After all, you were sick. I did my best."



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As the late afternoon sky grayed, Paul pulled into the Sheraton's long gravel driveway, and ten-year-old Georgie and his younger brother, towheaded Bruce, dashed out to meet them.

"Wait for me!" plump Barb called and in a moment there were hugs and kisses and "Merry Christmases" all around. Julie couldn't help feeling that Barbara's three children were disappointed when they discovered the simple-looking Christmas packages on the back seat.

### A Beautiful Tree

"Cynthia and Ed and little Pam will be here any minute," Barbara said as Big George herded everyone into the old sprawling house. Paul brought in their gifts, placing them carefully around the glittering tree. How forlorn they seemed to Julie, all in their same store wrappings, all looking outrageously like what they were. She didn't meet Paul's eyes, but hurried to the door as Cynthia, Ed and seven-year-old Pam arrived.

"Did you bring us something big, Aunt Julie?" Pam asked, jumping excitedly from the car, and in spite of Cynthia's stunned silence and Julie's sickening embarrassment, the others laughed.

"Why, Pam," Cynthia scolded, "what a thing to ask!" "Aunt Julie's been sick," Julie explained unnecessarily. "Just got out of bed yesterday." She saw the exchange of glances between her two sisters. They probably suspected already that Paul's business was slipping. Wait until Cynthia saw all the books under the tree.

Christmas began cold and clear. The day was bright and the eager children awakened early. With the first sign of light, Georgie leaped out of bed. "Get up, get up!" he shouted, banging on bedroom doors. "It's Christmas!"

Julie had to admit there was laughter and joy and fun all day. No one minded receiving the books. They were even pleased, she thought.

"Best Christmas ever," Barbara said when Julie and Paul were leaving.

"You say that every year," Julie laughed.

"No, I mean it." "Me, too," Cynthia added, and strangely enough, Julie agreed with them. It had been the best Christmas.

She thought about it a lot on the way home. "Do you think it was the best Christmas ever, Paul?"

He nodded without speaking. "Why?" "Don't you know?"

Julie Understands "Yes," she spoke softly, as Paul's hand closed over hers. "No big presents—" She waited before going on and pressed Paul's hand against her cheek. "Oh, Paul, I didn't realize. You probably tried to tell me, but I honestly didn't know what the bikes and playhouses were doing to everyone, especially Cynthia and Barbara and—you. I didn't know our Christmases had been tense and frustrating because I bought things they couldn't afford for their own kids or for each other."

... couldn't afford them, either."

"I never would have understood if you hadn't bought the books."

"Well, kids should have good books."

Julie smiled. "Merry Christmas, Paul," she whispered and could tell in the dark, without looking up, that he was happy.



By Tullita Fernandez

FO CARLOS the four blocks home seemed like miles of empty desert. Six-year-old legs are not constructed for the speed his excitement demanded. He had so much to tell.

"Mamacita! Mamacita!" Carlos squealed tumbling through the door. "Yo tengo mucho hambre."

"Carlos! I love you! Here we speak the English. These Estados Unidos—how you say?—they're home now. English we speak all time."

"Si si, Mamacita," Carlos said, hanging his head. Then he grinned broadly as the words came. "I have hungry... I am hungry. First I eat. Then I tell."



How was he to tell his big news in the unfamiliar tongue?

Carlos, his cheeks flushed, his black eyes snapping, nearly choked on the tortilla he was busily stuffing into his mouth. How was he to tell his big news in the unfamiliar tongue? "Mamacita, aqui—here," he corrected himself quickly. "we, the boys, the girls, make a letter—write the letter to Santo—Santa Claus."

### Letter To Santa

"Yes? And did you write this letter, little one?"

Carlos nodded, relieved that Mamacita had understood. "I wrote. I told Santa Claus I want a burro. You think he bring burro, Mamacita? Teacher say Santa Claus bring things written in the letters."

Mamacita puckered her mouth thoughtfully. "A burro? Where you keep burro? Is no place in city—"

"In the shed, where auto is put. Papa have no auto."

When Papa came home from his work in the artichoke fields Carlos told him of the letter to Santa.

"You think he bring me burro, Papa?" He asked, searching Papa's face.

Papa grinned, showing his strong white teeth. "Maybe, Carlos, my son, who knows what happen in this big country? Maybe two burros, Santa Claus bring for the Christmas."

The winter days passed. Each morning, Carlos was sure the day would never end, but time to go home came quickly. Darkness fell early, his street became a fairy-land of colored lights and wonderfully decorated trees. Still Christmas didn't come. Santa didn't answer his letter. Carlos began to doubt—a little—that Santa Claus had received it. A dozen times a day he had to be reassured that, of course, Santa had his letter.

Though Carlos hadn't expected to find Pedro under the Christmas tree—burros didn't live in houses—he was disappointed at not finding it there. And Mamacita insisted on cooking breakfast Christmas morning, like it was just any morning; insisted also that Carlos eat before he opened his gifts.

At last Papa chuckled him under the chin. "You go now, Carlos. You look around good."

### Mysterious Package

Carlos ran. In the garage his eager eyes saw only the familiar: a jodge podge of household discards and tools. No burro stood looking at him with soft eyes. Blinking back tears, a big package stood against one wall, but it was too thin, even the skinniest of burros couldn't squeeze into such a flat package.

Carlos turned, wiping his eyes on his sleeve and ran into Papa. "What you say we open this package, Carlos?"

Carlos nodded. Papa could open the package if he wanted. Carlos knew it contained no burro. The paper peeled off under Papa's hands. Little by little the shiny, red thing inside was revealed. Then Papa lifted it out. A bicycle! A bright red bicycle. "Look at that!" Papa said. "Santa Claus knows what kind of burro boys in the United States ride. What you think, Carlos?"

Carlos was speechless before the beauty of this incredible steed. Slowly he ran his hand over the glowing leather seat, then looking up into Papa's beaming face he asked, "Is it really for me, Papa? All mine?"

"Yes, son. All."

"I will name him Pedro and ride him on the sidewalk—maybe in the fields. Run Papa! We go tell Mamacita Santa bring Pedro."

### South America Is Adopting Many Of Our Yule Customs

North American customs, or the celebration of Christmas are becoming more popular in Latin American countries. Our southern friends, however, have many holiday traditions we could well adopt.

In Mexico, for instance, during the nine days before Christmas, candlelight processions are formed nightly. They are called Posadas.

This ritual reenacts the Holy Family's journey to Bethlehem and its difficulty in finding a place to

it is arranged for the marchers to be refused entrance at a home, then admitted with rejoicing and great festivities.

Also, Mexico has a tradition called breaking the pinata. A fragile earthen jar—the pinata—is filled with candy, toys and trinkets and suspended from the ceiling.

Guests are blindfolded, spun around, and allowed to hit at the pinata with a stick. When it is smashed, everyone rushes for the shower of treats.

The youngsters of many Latin American countries look forward to January 6—the Epiphany—and a visit from the Three Wise Men when gifts are received.

Children address their letters for Christmas to the Baby Jesus, care of St. Peter in many Latin American countries. And in Colombia, it is a custom for merry-makers to masquerade in the streets on Christmas eve. Whenever a friend detects another's identity, he claims a reward.

Whatever you do, don't burn it in the fireplace, no matter how small it may be. A dry tree will burn with almost the speed and fury of film or cellophane, and is dangerous.

If you live in the country throw them in ditches in the fields. They make excellent shelter for wildlife.

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### Discarded Trees Can Be Put To Many Good Uses After Christmas

Many people find they have a problem of disposing of their Christmas tree after it is taken down. There are a number of things that can be done with it.

It can be put in the yard, if you live in a cold, snowy area, and from it you can hang suet, pieces of meat and dry bread for the birds.

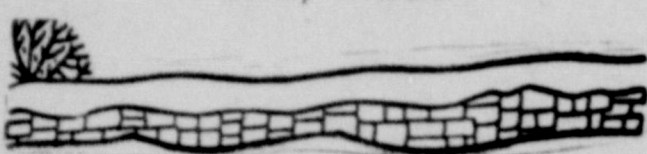
Or, you can cut off the long branches and plant them as wind-breaks to protect outdoor plantings. Tepees can be built around exposed shrubs and tender plants. This will protect them from wind and prevents snow and ice from accumulating and bending plants out of shape.

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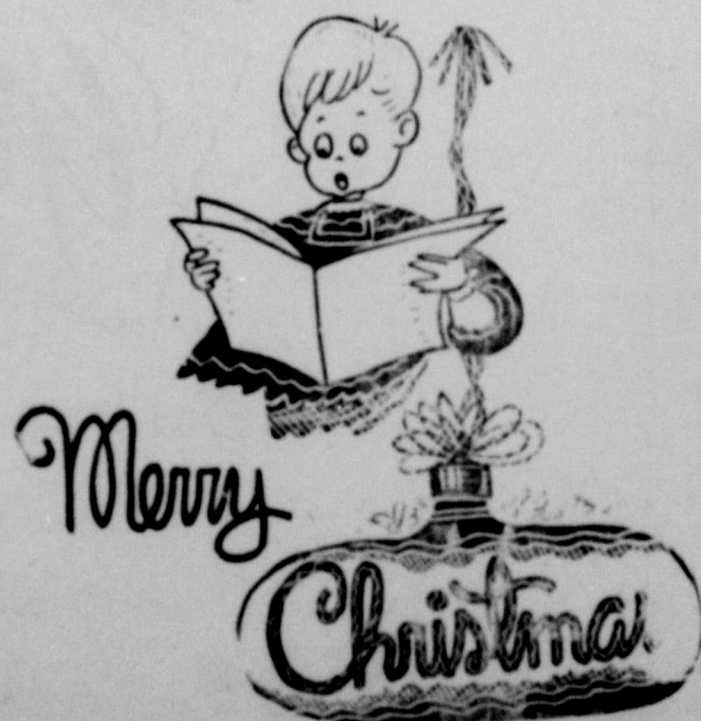


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**Torn By Strife**

**Holy Land Continues To Attract Thousands Of Pilgrims During The Christmas Season**

**TORN** by strife, tensions and a bloodshed, divided by barbed-wire and a no-man's land, with conflicting political currents and thoughts, the Holy Land at this time of year continues to hold for thousands of pilgrims the great secret of eternal peace and salvation.

From this hard, inhospitable land, still struggling with conflicts that have existed for thousands of years, the Jews, Christians and Moslems have spread their beliefs. Although this conflict goes on constantly, at this season of the year when Christians from throughout the world make their pilgrimages to Bethlehem, the tensions and regulations are somewhat relaxed.

For a short time the hearts of most men sing: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."



Church of the Nativity

From Bethlehem to Jerusalem is five short miles. One might say five short miles from birth to Calvary for the Life that has meant more to humanity than any other. And along that road are many places of importance in Christ's life.

To begin the journey from Bethlehem one must start, of course at the scene of the nativity. Here stands the impressive Church of the Nativity, the doorway to which has been narrowed so that only one person at a time may enter.

Monks of many sects care for the church and during recent years there's been bitter controversy among them who shall have cus-

tody of different sections. One may enter the grotto, traditional scene of the birth of Christ.

There are two roads from Bethlehem to Jerusalem now. On one, just outside the city is Rachel's tomb. This road is closed and pilgrims must go by the new one which passes the Milk Grotto, near the Church of the Nativity, where tradition says a few drops from Mary's breast fell to the chalk floor. Years ago mothers wanted the chalk which they believed would insure them adequate milk for their infants.

On this route one gets the first glimpse of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives. From this ancient grove, where Jesus prayed and wept over Jerusalem, the city reflect the sunlight in rays of gold and its beauty is breath-taking.

From here one sees the wall built by Herod and just beyond it, within the city, the Dome of the Rock which tradition says marks the place where Solomon built his temple and Jeremiah hid the Ark of the Covenant. Moslems say Mohammed ascended to heaven from this spot.

Near here is the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed the night before he was killed. Today the garden is cared for by Franciscan fathers with great love and devotion. In it are olive trees said to date from the time of Christ's entry into the Golden City. It is a place of serene peace and beauty.

Near here, too, is the tomb of Mary, mother of Christ. It is said that the first Christian martyr was stoned to death by the wall of Jerusalem, a short distance away.

One can not enter the city today as Christ did on his way to Calvary. The Golden Gate is blocked. One must enter by the Dung Gate into the North African Quarter which was damaged by shells during the Palestine War.

Upon entering the city one is overcome with its magnificence and religious meaning. Close at hand now is the Dome, which was first seen from the Mount of Olives,

where great temples have stood for centuries.

David erected here his altar to God and his son, Solomon, erected the great temple which Nebuchadnezzar destroyed in 586 B. C.

In another temple on this spot Christ, at the age of twelve, discussed religion with the elders. Here, too, shortly before his crucifixion, he threw the money-changers out of the temple.

Temple after temple has been built here, to be destroyed and then rebuilt. Christ foretold the destruction of the temple from which he chased the money-changers. The Romans destroyed it, along with the rest of Jerusalem, in 70 A. D.

In the seventh century the Arabs erected a mosque on the spot and later the Dome of Rock which is the third holiest place in Islam today.

And from inside the Dung Gate can be seen the holiest of places in Christendom—the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, erected over the place where Christ was crucified and buried.

A number of different Christian orders have shrines at the church. It is much like it was when completed in the twelfth century by the Crusaders.

One of the traditions of the church is that the keys are kept by a Moslem of the family of Nusaibeh. This custom has been in practice since the time of Saladin who was Sultan of Egypt and Syria from 1174 to 1193.

Supposedly by letting the family of Nusaibeh keep the keys to the church it will keep peace among the many Christian factions.

"If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning."

This passage from the Bible seems to sum up the feeling of mankind toward Jerusalem. From here has come three religions and the city will forever remain the center of these cultures.

More blood has been shed and more sorrow felt in this Golden City than any other on earth. At least five times it has been utterly destroyed.

The agony the Holy City has experienced is beyond description. Jesus predicted the destruction of Jerusalem. It is written in St. Mark:

"And as he went out of the temple, one of his disciples saith unto him, Master, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here!"

"And Jesus answering said unto him, Seest thou these great buildings? there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down."

And again the account is related in St. Luke:

"And as some spake of the temple, how it was adorned with goodly stones and gifts, he said,

"As for these things which ye behold, the days will come, in



Garden of Gethsemane

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

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which there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down."

So the strife in the Holy City continues today, but it shall remain sacred to Christians, Jews and Moslems for all time.

**Bethlehem Church**

Pilgrims, rich and poor alike, worship at the fourth century Church of the Nativity at Bethlehem on Christmas Day. There is a High Mass, during which the image of the Christ Child is carried from the church through a series of underground chapels. The ceremonies come to a climax before three adjacent shrines. The Altars of the Nativity, the Wise Men and the Manger.



**LIGHT GIANT TREE**—Thousands of spectators gather every year in New York's busy midtown area to witness the traditional lighting of Rockefeller Center's Christmas tree. Millions of others witness the event on television. Over 6,000 sparkling fire lights and 24 floodlights set the tree ablaze with Yule colors.

**That Fits Your Holiday Plan**

Pick the Christmas tree to suit your holiday plan.

If you intend to keep the tree for only a few days, the Norway spruce has the traditional shape and good color and is perhaps your best buy. Its one failing is that it sheds its needles fairly soon.

Longer-lasting, but more expensive are the balsam fir, Douglas fir and any of the long-needled pines.

Whichever tree you buy, make sure it is fresh and not tinder-box dry. Tree experts say to merely

feel the twigs and needles as a test. If they're dry and brittle, look at another tree. If you're not quite sure about the touch test, bang the tree butt on the floor. A shower of needles will tell you the tree is dangerously dry.

For general attractiveness and quality, select the tree that has pyramidal shape branches that come well down to the base and abundant and attractive foliage. This applies to all Yuletide trees for ornamentation—spruce, fir or pine.



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May all the blessings of the season be realized by our many friends!

And as the Great Christmas Story unfolds again, we extend the wish that the true spirit of His Day may come to pass soon -- for all men on earth and for all time to come -- with good-will unto all, and peace, forever more!

**McLean Lions Club**



# Mr. Sun is up

By Patricia McCune

"MARTHA, it isn't everyone we'd trust to stay with the boys," dark-eyed Lillian said as she and Joe left Friday noon for the mountains.

"Don't worry about a thing," Marha Drake smiled. "Merry Christmas."

Although Martha had given a weekend with Davey and the twins as a Christmas present to Lillian and Joe Johnson, she knew they were giving her the weekend, too. Martha hoped that in the Johnsons' cozy home, inky Roger Burton would see her less as an efficient secretary and more as the girl he wanted to marry.

That night, as the three blond boys slept soundly, Martha and Davey sat in the happy atmosphere.

There was soft music, by one o'clock Roger had left and Martha was in bed, but it was still dark when a small hand softly caressed her cheek.

"Mr. Sun is up," Davey whispered. "Where's Daddy?"



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"Davey, your daddy and mother have gone to the mountains for a few days, you remember. And Mr. Sun is not up. It's dark, Davey. Get back into bed."

"I'll get in with you," Davey decided, climbing over her still unrested body.

With the first graying at the window, Davey's hands gently touched her cheeks again. "Mr. Sun is up," he announced.

"Davey, give me another half hour to sleep, please. Aunt Martina's really tired."

But it was only a moment before brown-eyed Johnny was pulling at her from the other side.

Martha realized that her morning had begun. Mr. Sun was up.

Davey gulped breakfast and flew outside to the mud almost immediately, but it was mid-morning before Johnny and Joey were back in bed.

Now to see what Davey's doing, Martha thought, hurrying to the back. As Martha stepped outside, the door caught with a sickening click behind her.

Ten minutes later, Roger sauntered up the front walk in time to see her disappear through the window she had frantically broken to get in.

Some weekend this was going to be. Why did Roger have to see her climbing in the window? "Well, I'll have a wonderful dinner, with juicy, rare steaks that Roger loves and he'll forget all about the silly business of being locked out," she told herself.

### Dinner Burned

But that night, just as Martha was ready to remove the steaks from the broiler, Davey crept into the kitchen. "Johnny isn't in bed any more," Davey announced. "He's gone."

"Gone!" Martha repeated, racing to the boys' room. "Johnny's gone!" Martha cried and then saw him on Roger's arm like a sack of flour. Relief surged through her, but momentarily, as the burning smell sizzled in from the kitchen.

Sunday showed early promise of being a better day, even though Davey was up with Mr. Sun as usual. It was the laundry that broke the spell—Davey's muddy corduroys, crib sheets, pants shirts, sleepers, diapers.

"It's no Christmas present to come home to all this," Martha sighed. "I guess I'll just do a load or two as soon as Johnny and Joey are napping."

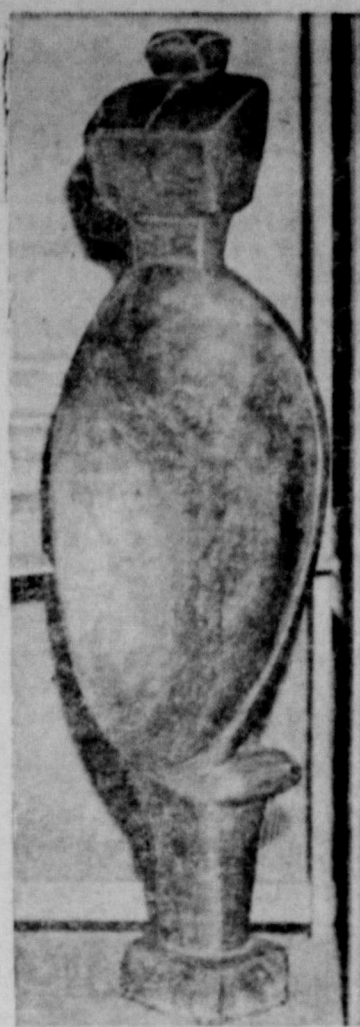
The washing machine was humming through its third load when Roger arrived, but the third load was just too much. In sudden revolt, with a devastating noise, the machine ground to a halt and quickly overflowed. Johnny and Joey screamed and only Roger kept the soapy water from flooding the house.

"Some weekend," Martha lamented later. "Did Lillian say I was dependable? First I locked myself out and then ruined our dinner. Now I've wrecked the machinery."

With his warm eyes glowing with love, Roger took her hand. "It isn't what happened that counts. It's what you do about it. You always thought of the children first. I like that. Tomorrow after work, let's go Christmas shopping. Now I know what I want to give you."

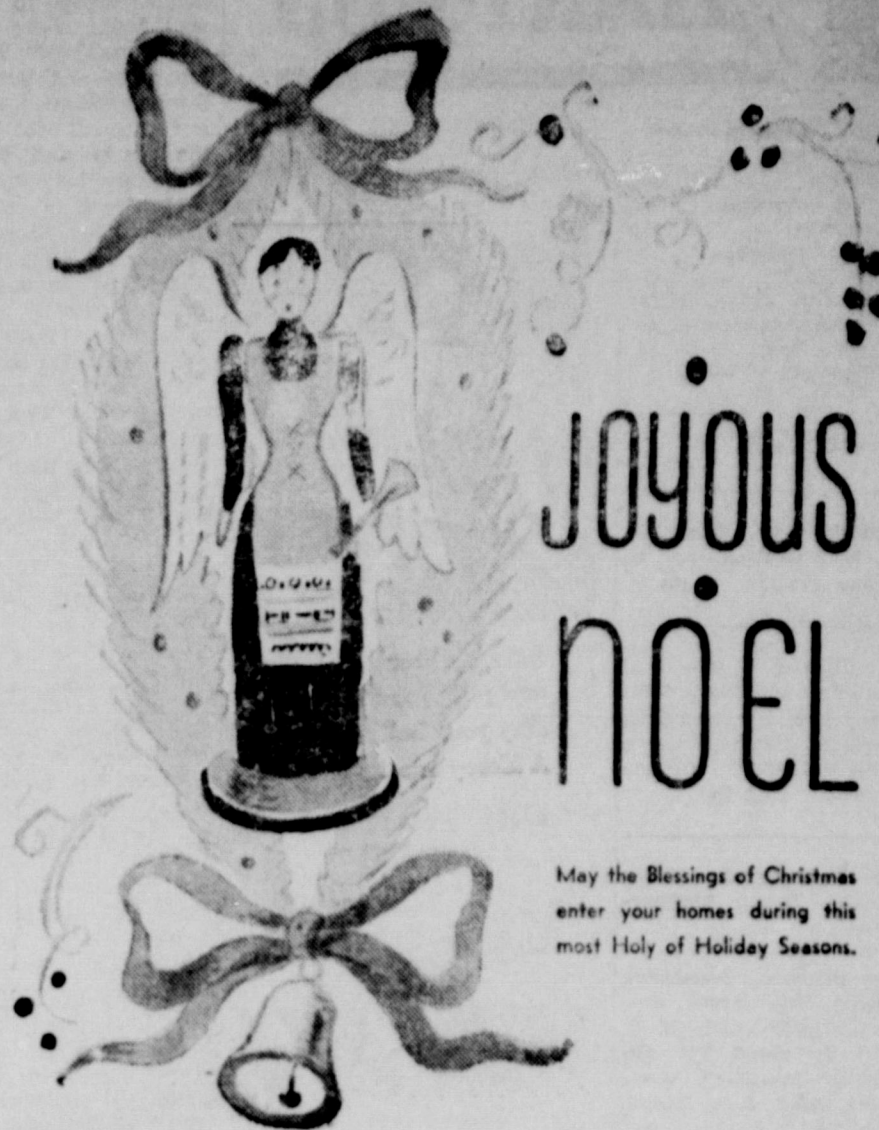
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### STIRRING SCULPTURE—

The object, above, is "Woman in Form of a Spoon." So says its creator, Sculptor Giasonetti, who designed the bronze work. It was on display in Paris at an art show sponsored by United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

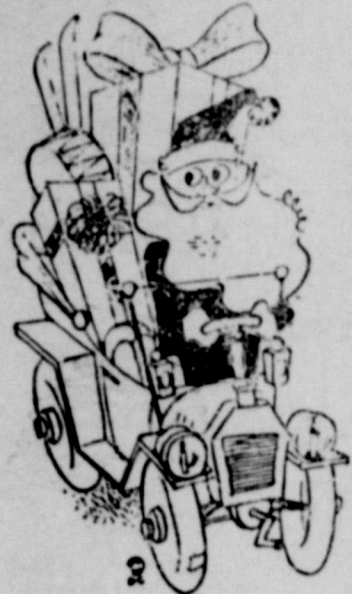


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As you know I live south of the park—and last Sunday night I was awakened by a knock at my door. I got up and raised the shade and the first thing that came into my view was the baby Jesus in the manger and the beautiful figures representing the virgin birth of my savior. About that time a group of young voices started singing Silent Night, Holy Night, followed by other beautiful songs.

The beautiful night and the lovely songs brought Christmas to the heart of an old man and I thank God that I am still able to enjoy the good things of life: good health, good cheer and good friends.

May all of you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

John Sublett

John Byrd Guill, George Burrow and Bob Sherrod made a business trip to Wellington Monday.

Mrs. Johnnie Guill went to California last Monday. She returned Friday, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Leon Patterson.

Mrs. Fannie Dan Alsop and Carolyn Post of Norman, Okla., spent the week end in the John Byrd Guill home.

# Locals

Mrs. Scotty McDonald and children of Pampa spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Odesa Gunn.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Jones visited in Memphis Sunday with her brother, Bob Ayers, and family.

Jimmy Etrum accompanied his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barrett of Amarillo, to Webb City, Mo., for a few days visit.

Darel Lee is home after completing six months military training.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Trimble and children of Houston came Tuesday to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Corinne Trimble.

Ralph Francis of Dumas spent Tuesday night of last week in the home of his aunt, Mrs. Luther Petty.

Mrs. Calvin Pickett and girls, Carolyn and Patsy, of Amarillo were recent visitors of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Petty.

Mr. and Mrs. George Italsback of Pampa visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Italsback.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hiett of Shamrock visited Mrs. W. M.

Tibbets Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Clifton attended funeral services for Mrs. Ollie Sprayberry in Dalhart last Wednesday.

College students home for the holidays include Patricia Wiggins, Molly and Pat Miller, Donna and Janiece Magee, Gerald and Nancy Tate, E. W. Riley, Wayne and David Woods, Gayle Mullanax, Jackie Don Bailey, Rosie Lee Smith, Glenda Smith, Barbara Brown and Neal Shull.

Marie Watson from Abilene Christian College is visiting this week with her parents in McLean. Monday and Tuesday of this week Marie and LaVon Watson visited in Dumas.

Thursday, L. M. Watson and family from Lakeview visited with his parents in McLean.

### Christmas Carols

Our custom of singing Christmas carols—not as prevalent as in former years—dates back to ancient times when waifs and minstrels sang them in the streets. The first true Christmas carols which spread to many European countries, originated in Italy during the thirteenth century.

## THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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A SAFE CHRISTMAS

for a Happy New Year



**Greetings...**

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

**TERRY'S ELECTRIC**



**Merry Christmas**

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### Plan Your Outdoor Decorations To Protect Evergreens

In decorating the shrubs around your home, which is becoming a more popular Christmas custom every year, plan your decorations carefully so you will not injure valuable evergreens.

Tree experts report that many home owners are giving their evergreens a hot foot with overly-powerful Christmas lights.

These experts advise against using light bulbs stronger than 15-watts. They are bright, but do not generate enough heat to burn foliage, even on direct contact.

Even when using small bulbs, however it is wise to inspect the lights every day or so. If the foliage is turning brown in the vicinity of the lights, then the lights should be moved.

It takes many years to grow beautiful shrubbery and even an outstanding light display at Christmas time is not worth marring valuable evergreens that can be a source of beauty all year long.

Little progress can be made by merely attempting to repress what is evil; our great hope lies in developing what is good.—Calvin Coolidge.

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 Tuesdays  
 12:05 p. m.  
 McLean Methodist Church  
 Visitors Welcome

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**Merry Christmas**

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