

Roaring Springs NEWS

By LULA M. SWIM
Lt. and Mrs. H. C. Smith visited in Carlsbad, N. Mex., this past week.
Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Ferguson went to Lubbock last Wednesday.
Capt. Fred G. Simpson visited in Canyon this past week.

Do "Plate-Sores" Bother You?

If your "GUMS" itch, burn, or cause you discomfort, druggists will return money if the first bottle of "LETO'S" fails to satisfy.
MATADOR DRUG STORE

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Goss and family moved to Calif., this past week.
Gus Cooper is home on leave and at the end of that time he will receive his discharge.
Freddie Earl Brandon is home with his discharge.
Mrs. H. T. Hastings of Bovina went home Sunday after spending two weeks in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Swim, Jr., and family. Mr. J. T. Swim, Sammie and Lula M. Swim accompanied her to Plainview where she caught the bus.
Lt. and Mrs. Clyde E. Smith of Enid, Okla., visited here over the week end.
Lee Ray Swim of the U. S. Navy and from Vernon visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Swim, Sr., Sunday.

MUCH INTEREST . . .

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Littleton Rattan, chairman, D. P. Keith, vice chairman, Nelson McMahan, regular member, P. L. Marshall, first alternate, Elzie Stone, second alternate.
Northfield: Marvin H. Leary, delegate, T. B. Simpson, alternate delegate, William T. Moore, chairman, John E. Payne, vice chairman, Fay G. Tipton, regular member, J. D. Spray, first alternate and J. A. Tipton, second alternate.
Whiteflat: Frank Edwards, delegate, O. T. Casey, alternate delegate, A. K. Wilkinson, chairman, T. M. Dixon, vice chairman, James E. Taylor, regular member, Ben Edwards, first alternate, Ben Keltz, second alternate.

County Committee Named
Delegates to the County convention met in the AAA office Monday afternoon, December 17, and elected the County Committee. Members elected by the delegates to serve on the County Committee for 1946: Walter L. McWilliams, chairman, Lawrence A. Washington, vice chairman, Roy P. Burleson, regular member, Marvin H. Leary, first alternate and Frank Edwards, second alternate.
An educational program will be conducted in each community soon after the first of the year to acquaint all producers with the new set-up, and assist them in any soil conservation problems that may confront them, Mr. Reeves announced. Dates of community meetings will be announced when the community committeemen meet and set definite dates.

VISIT IN BROWNWOOD
Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Doss, with their daughter, Doris Ann, and son, George Doss, H. A. 2/c, spent the week-end visiting relatives in Brownwood, while the latter was home on a 5-day leave from his base at San Diego, Calif.

Golf derived its name from the Dutch word kolf, meaning club.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Fletcher and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Harmon and family visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Fletcher of Lubbock Sunday.

Mrs. J. F. Bridges, Joe Bridges, Jr., Mrs. Zella King and daughter Sharron Kay, visited in Vernon last Thursday and Friday.

The pie supper at the Roaring Springs Methodist Church last Friday night was a great success with the help of the auctioneer, Ed Hutson. The cold weather kept a lot in, so there was just a fair crowd out. Proceeds were \$85.00.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Graves and children and Mrs. Lucille Lytle and baby son all of Amarillo, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bowen over the week-end.

Li. Maurice Reilly . . .

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Each room has a Jap girl who is the maid and servant combined, and she really took care of us. The room was beautiful, all Oriental style, with a huge veranda overhanging the river. As we entered the door we took off our shoes . . . you enter the room only barefooted as is the custom in any Japanese home. Within a few minutes our maid (Sally we tagged her) was back with silk robes for us to wear to the bath, and sandals. We could not leave the room until we had the robe on just right, sash (or obi) on to her satisfaction, and then we were off to the bath. Sally waited right there to lead us back from the bath. In the center of the bath was a big circular pool, about 50 ft. in diameter, with a huge fountain in the center. Around the big pool were smaller pools holding the sulphur water in all stages of temperature, and also fresh cold water to get in as you come out. We had quite a time in the big tub.
After the bath, we had supper in our robes and sandals. When we returned from supper our beds were ready. They make the bed right in the middle of the living room (our room consisted of 3 small rooms and the big porch). First they put down three big silk comforters, then a white quilt, then a sheet, then a big silk comforter over the sheet. It got plenty cold that night and I needed all the cover. It was the most wonderful bed I have been in, in my whole life.
The next morning we had another sulphur bath, and breakfast. Breakfast consisted of a bowl of oatmeal, two cold pickled herrings, and a plate of cold asparagus. Can you imagine eating that . . . and that is considered a good breakfast by the Japanese. By noon we were on our way back. Now this entire stay at the Grand Hotel cost us 30 yen apiece. That is \$2. In American money. (Or in other words it cost a little over a pack of cigarettes, at 20 yen per pack. A pack costs us 5 cents, so our stay there really cost us about 7 to 8 cents of our money).
We left Chitose yesterday morning and flew non-stop to Guam in 9 hours, 40 minutes. On the way down we circled Tokyo and took another look at that badly destroyed city.
It was quite an experience for us all, and we wouldn't take anything for it.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Stallworth of Amarillo, visited here last week-end in the home of her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Barkley.
Week-end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Sheridan were his mother and sister, Mrs. J. H. Sheridan and Mrs. Annie Gaines of Amarillo.
Claus Scott and Walter Smith of Vernon, visited the former's sister, Mrs. Ward Rattan, over the week-end.
Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Ratcliff arrived here Wednesday from California, for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Ratcliff Sr.
Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Barkley made a trip to Ft. Worth last week and were accompanied home by their daughter, Mrs. Haynes Baumgardner, who will be joined here during the holidays, by her husband, Captain Baumgardner.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Hamilton attended the funeral services for A. F. Sommer, at Quanah, last Monday.

Mrs. A. B. Aldrich returned Saturday night from Paducah, where she visited her daughter.

Visitors here the past week in the home of Mrs. Lucille Priest were her brother, James Clifford Dees of Boston, Mass., a cousin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Huckabee and two children of Johnson, Calif., and a sister-in-law and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Carver of Orange.

John Farris Fish of Roswell Military Academy, Roswell, N. M., is spending the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Farris Fish.

Joe Berry Meador arrived

home Tuesday from Texas Tech to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Meador.

Mrs. Vance Gilbreath and her mother, Mrs. A. W. Ford, left last week for San Antonio, to meet and accompany Lt. Gilbreath home, he having arrived there from the Panama Canal Zone.

Lewis Newman made a business trip to Dallas last week, and also visited his niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ellis of Irving. Mr. Ellis is a former publisher of the Motley County News.

FOR SALE: One Grocery and Service Station. See Clyde Bedwell, Matador. (c-indf)

FOR SALE: One 5-burner New Perfection stove. See Clyde Bedwell, Matador. (c-indf)

Mrs. Laura Krey, author of "And Tell of Time" and "On the Long Tide" is spending three months writing at the University of Texas, and gathering material from the University Archives for forthcoming books. At the present time she is working on two novels, and is planning a third novel on Texas.

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FOR HARSH RASPY COUGHS
DUE TO COLDS
Soothes throat membranes
Relieves hoarse phlegm
Eases throat irritation
By the makers of
Vaguetone
CITY DRUG STORE

Miss Frances Selgier, student nurse at Baylor Hospital, Dallas arrived home Wednesday morning to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Selgier.

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SUNDAY MENU

DECEMBER 23, 1945

- Baked Young Turkey
- Celery Dressing
- Giblet Gravy
- Cranberry Sauce
- Celery
- Parsley Potatoes
- Fruit Salad
- June Peas
- Mince Pie
- Coffee



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Chicago Hoodlum Dies in Manner of Gang Killings

Chicago hoodlum died in a manner reminiscent of the killings of the prohibition era. The victim, Thomas Patrick, 34, an ex-convict, was left at the wheel of his automobile by two men who shot bullets into his head. The killers, who had been riding in the back seat of the car, then stepped out and were driven away by a companion following them in another auto.

CHRISTMAS FOR NEEDY HORSES

Christmas cheer is coming to old Dobbin. On Christmas morning each of the city's 1,000 neediest nags will receive a present from the anticruelty society—a six-pound bag of oats, bran apples, carrots, corn and shorts. The oldest and coldest will get blankets. Even the "underprivileged" animals' owners will be remembered—with the society's 10 commandments on the care of horses.

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Awarded Citation



First motion picture star to receive Cosmopolitan magazine's citation of the month by Louella Parsons is Claudette Colbert, shown in a scene from "Tomorrow is Forever."

LETTERS TO SANTA

Roaring Springs, Texas
Box 201
December 20, 1945
Dear Santa:
Please bring me a table and chairs, and bring me a ring and water coloring set. I am six years old.
Love,
Rebecca Ann Cooper
In civilian use the Pre-Fab "Dallas Hut" has become a "Homette".

U. S. Constitution Was Written by One-Armed Penman

The constitution of the United States was written by a one-armed man who wore an artificial leg, reveals Miss Mona Fletcher, political science professor at Kent State University. "The man's name was Governor Morris and he was a

talented politician," she explained. "Because of his interesting handwriting, he was asked by delegates to the constitutional convention of 1787 to pen the final copy of the famous document."

Morris suffered the loss of his limbs during the American Revolution.

Texas, the sixth state in population, contributed more than three-fourths of a million men and women to the armed forces.



Noel! Adeste Fideles!
Holy Night!

Mark! The Herald Angels sing. Once again the air is filled with song and music... the music of the spheres. Once again it's Christmas with all that this sacred holiday implies.

We hope that this Christmas of 1945 will be a truly happy Christmas for you and yours.

MAGNOLIA
PETROLEUM COMPANY
T. J. DAFFERN, Manager

Motherly Gal Favored By Veterans That's the Type They Are Likely to Wed, Says Sychiatrist

Los Angeles, Dec. 22.—Pinup girls were all right in the foxholes, barracks and aboard ships, but when war veterans return home they will — and should — marry the motherly type. That was the conclusion of a symposium held here on the state of mind of returning war veterans. As Maj. Norman Levy, Chicago neuropsychiatrist who served with the Fifteenth air force, put it: "Exposed repeatedly to dangers and frustrations of army life he can do little about it, it is natural for a soldier to feel utterly abandoned. MARRIAGE TO MOTHERLY CURE FOR WAR NEUROSES. "Also, naturally, he then

builds up the most fantastic wishes and desires for love. "In his attempt at self-cure he tries to recapture a feeling of security by unconsciously turning toward women of the maternal type."

Practically every chemical industry of any size is now represented in Texas.

CRADLE COUNSEL

By Meredith Moulton Redhead
Baby Food Counselor
Heinz Home Institute



Month-Old Matters

If you were the first woman catapulted on a rocket to the planet of Mars, the shock to your system could be no greater than that your baby experiences in getting born. After nine months of shelter and nourishment within his mother's body, he suddenly finds himself in a world where he must breathe air, eat food, see, hear, cry, and feel. That's a lot to expect of a small chap suddenly. So it's no wonder he spends most of his time just eating and sleeping.

Since he can't account for himself as yet, the best way to check his progress is to watch his weight. Poundage is one of the surest indications of his response to, and use of, food. Most babies lose weight at birth. The ordeal of getting born generally takes them down an ounce or two. But by the second week the birth-weight is usually regained; and from then on, if all goes well, he will probably gain four ounces every week.

It would simplify matters if growth-rates could be standardized; but your baby is an individual already, and will no more conform to norms now, than later on in life. He grows according to his personal rhythm; and the amount and kind of food you serve him, as well as the frequency of feedings, must be adjusted to the needs that are uniquely his. Your doctor is the best person to decide such details for you.

Complicated though it may seem at first, his food during this period is simple in comparison to his menu six months from now. Whenever possible you should breast-feed your baby. Human milk was designed for the human infant, and in most cases is an ideal food. But if you can't breast-feed your baby, your doctor will suggest a bottle formula suitable for your own baby.

The actual quantity of food your baby eats will not always be the same. He is as susceptible to daily whimsies as you are—often more so. If he is in one of his "I won't" moods, don't force him to eat. He is the best judge of what he wants and can take.

Sometimes during the first month—either the second or third week—your doctor will undoubtedly suggest feeding the baby a form of vitamins D and C. While milk—either breast or bottle—is adequate for growth at this age in almost all other respects, it does lack these vital vitamins D and C.

From fish liver oils and vitamin D concentrates you can get the needed vitamin D, as well as vitamin A. The particular form of vitamin D, and the proper quantity to serve your baby, are matters for your doctor's say-so. The necessary vitamin C can be provided either through orange juice or tomato juice. Since vitamin C is easily destroyed by heat, neither orange nor tomato juice should be heated. And when either of these is to be diluted, it should be combined with cool water that has previously been boiled.

By the end of the first month you should be securely settled in a well-organized feeding schedule that will lay the foundation of good eating habits and sound nutrition for the rest of your baby's life. As the infant digestive system develops and he becomes more capable of handling other foods, his menu will expand to include cereal food, strained fruits, strained vegetables, strained soups, and strained meats.



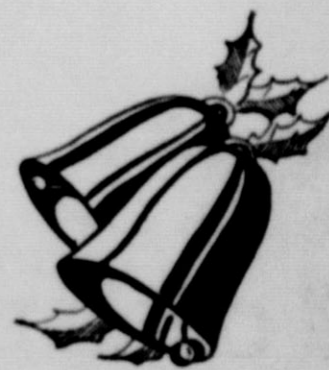
BE OF
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Although loss and grief have visited many of us in the passing year, the Star of Bethlehem rises steadfastly once again, ushering in another Christmas and promising "peace and good will".

QUANAH, ACME & PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.



GRATEFULLY acknowledging your thoughtfulness and patronage during the past twelve months, we extend Best Wishes of the Season to each of you. May it be our privilege to continue to be of service to you in the months to come. It is our purpose to serve you to the best of our ability. Our heartiest good wishes are with you.



for a
**Merry
Christmas**

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THE
Joy
of
CHRISTMAS

There is no joy to surpass that of Christmas and we are hoping that you will receive an abundance of it this Christmas and for many years to come. May you have a shower of nice things and may the joy that comes so naturally at Christmastime go with you through every day of the coming year.

Campbell Food Market

ONE PRICE—THE LOWEST

Jim Clewer N. J. Smalley Gordon Russell Tom Edmondson

Memories Pass . . .

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satin-covered guest register was hand-made by a niece, Miss Louise Ruse of Groesbeck, Texas.
Included in the list of those who called, or sent gifts, were the following: A. A. Harp, Bill Stafford, Afton; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Seay, Mr. and Mrs. J. W.

Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Bird, James E. Meador, Doug Meador, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Sheats, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Moore, Mrs. Marjorie Harper and Beverly, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Courtney, H. F. Pipkin, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Patton, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Pitts, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Whitaker, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Beauchamp, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. John

MISS TOMMY DARSEY BECOMES BRIDE OF JOE MURPHY HEFNER IN RECENT CEREMONY

Before a decorated altar, in the First Methodist Church of Crosbyton, Texas, Miss Tommy Darsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Darsey of Whiteflat, became the bride of Joe Murray Hefner of Crosbyton, on December 5. The double-ring ceremony was performed by Rev. J. W. Watson.
Miss Peggy Tussey, accompanied by Mrs. Maurine Green at the piano, sang "Always" and "The Bridal Chorus" from Wagner's Lohengrin.
The bride was attired in a light blue suit with brown accessories. She carried a white Bible covered with an orchid. Her attendant was Miss Willena Wilkinson, and Dan D. Darsey, brother of the bride, served as best man.
Mrs. Hefner graduated from Matador High School in 1940, after which she attended Texas Technological College, Lubbock. At the time of her marriage, she was employed by the Southwestern Associated Tele-

BOB MURPHY WEDS ASHLEY-FAULKNER CALIFORNIA GIRL

Announcement was made this week of the marriage of Miss Sharon Ann Hughes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Hogin of San Diego, California to Bob Murphy, recently discharged from the U. S. Marine Corps. The ceremony took place in Yuma, Arizona, December 2.
The bride wore a blue suit with white accessories and a gardenia corsage. She was attended by Mrs. Darrell F. Johnson, who wore a light brown dress with a gardenia corsage. Pfc. Darrell F. Johnson, U. S. M. C., of Camas, Washington, served as best man.
Mrs. Murphy is a graduate of Junior College in Pasadena.

ASHLEY-FAULKNER RITES ANNOUNCED

Miss Elva Ashley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ashley of Grady, New Mexico, became the bride of Meritt Faulkner, son of Mrs. C. M. Hammersley of Plainview, in a ceremony performed here Wednesday evening, December 19, at 7:15, in the home of Rev. G. E. Turrentine, pastor of the Methodist Church, who officiated.
Attending the couple were California, where she majored in science.
The bridegroom attended Matador schools and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Murphy of this city. He has recently returned home after 33 months overseas duty, where he served with the First Division of the U. S. Marine Corps.
The couple arrived here recently for a visit and will remain until sometime in January, when they will return to make their home in San Diego.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Green, Jr. bridegroom. The bride wore a blue suit with brown accessories and a gardenia corsage.
Mrs. Faulkner was reared in Winters, Tex., where she finished high school. The bridegroom was reared in Matador and finished school here in 1941. He assisted with the football coaching in the latter part of the season this year. He recently received his discharge from the armed forces.
The couple will visit relatives at Plainview through the holidays, after which they will return to Amarillo, Texas, where Mr. Faulkner is employed at the Panhandle Fruit Co. He plans to enter Texas Technological College, Lubbock, next semester.
Miss Paula Patton of San Diego, Calif., is here to visit relatives and friends during Christmas holidays.
Mrs. Gertrude Nelson, with her daughter, Dorothy and son, Bonnar, left Sunday to spend Christmas with relatives at Midland.



to one and all 1945 Christmas Cheer

● The long awaited occasion is here—CHRISTMAS—and with it the opportunity of renewing friendships. We cannot tell you how much these friendships have meant to us. We treasure them, every one.

Let us celebrate the Yuletide with rejoicing and good cheer. Let us celebrate it with a genuine thankfulness in our hearts for the blessings that have been ours to enjoy.

MOTLEY COUNTY INSURANCE CO.

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phone Company in Lubbock, Texas.
Mr. Hefner is a graduate of Crosbyton High School. He attended West Texas State College, Canyon, before entering the armed forces. He has recently been discharged from the U. S. Navy.
The couple left immediately after the ceremony for a wedding trip, after which they will be at home in Lubbock.

EL MATADOR

NEW STUDENTS

We are very glad to have Carolyn Rattan, freshman, and her brother Bob, senior, join our student body. The Rattans came to Matador from Salinas, California.

BASKETBALL

Basketball suits have been issued to the following girls: Mary Jaunice Wilkinson, Mary Murphy, Jerry Hayes, Frances Schweitzer, Ernestine McWilliams, Betty Price, Wilma Faye Smith, Evelyn Shelton, and Mary Sutton.
The girls played their first game at Flomot, Tuesday, and were defeated 19-13. The boys won their "B" game, but lost the "A" game.
The girls suffered another defeat Wednesday night when the Quitaque teams came to Matador. The M. H. S. boys won both the "A" and the "B" games.

ALL HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Santa was due to visit M. H. S. Wednesday, December 19, but due to the fact that he couldn't find his clothes, Mr. Tunnell presided at the all-high-school Christmas tree. The following program was given: Invocation, Rev. H. G. Verner; Group singing, led by Mr. Tunnell; Devotional, Rev. Turrentine; Group Singing; Girls Chorus: "Beneath The Christmas Tree"; Chareen Ketchersid; Quartet, Gid Simpson, Jolene Bloodworth, Earlene Laughlin, and Gordon Russell; "The Legend of the Black Madonna", Dorothy Woodruff; Accordion number, "White Christmas", Rosemary Bloodworth; Group Singing; All-High-School Christmas Tree; Benediction, Principal Bert Ezzell.
Mr. Ezzell acted as Master of Ceremonies. The girls chorus was composed of the following freshmen and sophomore girls:

Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. U. L. Willie, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Cammack, Mr. and Mrs. D. I. W. Birnie, Mr. and Mrs. Vance Gilbreath, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Reilly, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Whitworth, W. J. Whitworth, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ford, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cammack, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Willett, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Burleson, Rev. Geo. E. Turrentine, Miss Mary Keith, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Meador, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Schweitzer, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Daffern, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Patton, Miss Rachel Patton, Miss Maggie Bryan, P. B. Barton, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Moore.

Mesdames John Smith, C. W. Morris, J. S. Lambert, C. M. Bird, W. W. Bain, Joe Meador, Leonore Luckett, Margaret Newman, Harrison Williams, A. W. Ford, A. L. Barton, Claude Jeffers, W. D. Long, Bess Patton and Mollie Wason.

Bill Cox, Clovis, N. M., Mrs. Ernest Shearer, Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Russell, Blum, Texas, Mrs. Fannie Drace, Amarillo, and Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Wasson, Lubbock.

All of Mr. and Mrs. Russell's family were present with the exception of two grandsons in the armed forces, being Sgt. James Edward Russell and Pvt. John M. (Sonny) Russell. The family record is unique in that there have been no deaths.

WE WISH YOU A
Merry Christmas
AND A
Happy New Year



MR. & MRS. H. H. COURTNEY AND HAL

AN OPEN LETTER To The People Of Motley County

For more than ten years I have served this county in an official capacity, first as Deputy Sheriff and for the past five years as Sheriff, Tax Assessor and Collector. I am grateful for the support, which you as citizens, have given me.

I want to take this means of expressing my most sincere thanks for the many favors which you have bestowed on me, both at the polls, when I was a candidate, and in aiding me in fulfilling my duties of office. I do not believe there is a county or a group of communities anywhere in the world, where so many good people reside, as in Motley county.

After careful deliberation, I have decided to announce to the public, that I will not be a candidate in 1946. You have been good to me and I want to thank you, but I feel in view of the period of years I have served, it is time I retire.

Again, let me thank each of you with the deepest gratitude of which I am capable, and wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

H. H. COURTNEY

SPOT CASH GROCERY

VERNON DOSS, Manager

Broker's Tip won only one race in his entire career—the Kentucky Derby—according to an article in the December issue of Cosmopolitan magazine. When he ran dead last the following week in the Preakness he was retired.



to one and all 1945 Christmas Cheer

WHEN we see little boys and girls shaking hands with Santa Claus this thought comes to mind:

We would like our expression of appreciation for your patronage to be a hearty shake of the hand for each of you. As we seem to be denied this opportunity, please accept this, while a substitute for a handshake, as no less sincere in wishing you a

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Roaring Springs Gin

Roaring Springs, Texas

★ Fashions ★



All-season coats with removable button-in lining, shown above as pictured in the November issue of Good Housekeeping magazine, may be worn over formal town clothes. These coats have a sophistication that did not exist in raincoats of a few years ago.



Dressing Bark Wounds

GOOD trees are a valuable asset in the landscaping of any farmstead and of course they should be protected from abuse. It is inevitable, however, that occasional accidents will happen, and then it's up to the farmer to give first aid.



Small wounds can be dressed by smoothing off the injured bark area as they are discovered. Tree wounds heal at the sides and not at the top or bottom, so the bark should be traced to a pointed oval outline. The edges then will be all side edges and will heal rapidly. Oranga shellac may next be applied to protect the bark edges against drying. Paint should not be used, because most paint materials are injurious to the living bark. The shellac will prevent drying, but not decay. A tree wound dressing should be used for that purpose. In case of large wounds it is advisable to call in a tree expert.

Christmas Day

"THE trouble with having such an all-fired modern family and trying to keep up with them," Alice told herself as she looked around the hotel dining room on Christmas Day, "is that modernism and Christmas just don't go together."

Her face felt as stiff as a hardened jelly mold from holding the smile she was determined not to relax, and internally she was positively wound up from the effort to emulate the rest of the gay, noisy people who were here instead of being at home where Alice thought they should be on that day above all others that has made your own freude the place they waited for the entire she and William were alone, sitting at opposite ends of the long table watching their children dance. Each one had been permitted a guest of his own age, but Alice's eyes were focused on her tall, dark-haired Bill and his slim, golden-haired girl, Rosemary. Bill would soon be eighteen, that was why he fixed her attention.

William came over and sat beside her. "Happy, Alice?" he said, and covered her hand with his. She returned his smile. After all, this spree was costing enough to have bought three or four turkeys for home consumption. "You were right, dear," she said. "The youngsters love it."

"Rosemary told me this is the one orchestra of all on the air that she'd choose to see," he said proudly. "It's a holy wonder her folks would let her out of the house on Christmas Day."

"The Custers are pretty old-fashioned people," said Alice, feeling that she was complimenting the girl's family.

"We're good for the Custers," said William. "They need stirring up. It's a fine thing for Rosie to get out and see a bit of the world."

"They're having their Christmas dinner tonight," said Alice. "Mrs. Custer has invited Bill before the young people go to the dance."

"Come on, Alice, let's show these kids what for." In spite of the crowd, William covered the ground as he had in college when she fell in love with him. She was glad that she had managed to have her hair done Saturday. The gardenias the children had given her to wear to church yesterday were still fresh. She'd let Sister wear them tonight if her date didn't crash through. Bill had bet Sis fifty cents he wouldn't.

The orchestra melted into "White Christmas," and young Bill tapped his father on the shoulder. "Mom's favorite, Dad. Let's change."

Alice said, "You dance almost as well as your Dad."

"Look at him, will you?" said Bill. "Quite the old boy."

Before long everyone was helping Bill and Sister dress for the dance. Bill lost his wager, and whistled over the red roses that were just right on the turquoise blue of Sister's frock.

She said Bill looked simply gorgeous in his tuxedo and when his father saw him he said, "Too bad they don't wear 'em in the army, son."

They heard Bill call Rosemary's number on the phone downstairs and then he closed the door for privacy. "Wouldn't you think," said Sister, "he'd give the poor girl a chance to take a bath? I bet she gets good and sick of him."

Suddenly Alice remembered a call she had forgotten to make about the baskets the church distributed yesterday. She flew to the upstairs' extension, and when she heard Bill still talking in leisurely fashion, she opened her mouth to say, as she often did when necessary, "Hang up, you two, I need the phone."

But she didn't say those words or any others. She listened a few moments and her eyes filled with tears. The disappointment and hurt at the way her family had preferred to spend their Christmas vanished as her very best Christmas present of 1945 was received on the wire.

"Heck no," Bill was saying. "I can hardly wait for an old-fashioned Christmas dinner. That hotel business was all Dad's idea, so Mom wouldn't have to cook and wash dishes all day. None of us liked it at all. Mom had a good time, though."

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Amarillo Woman Aids Museum

CANYON— A \$1,000 contribution to the building fund of the Plains Museum here has been made by Mrs. Avery Turner of Amarillo. This sum will be used in completing a two-story annex to the museum, for which \$60,000 is being sought. The building is on the West Texas State College campus.

Mrs. Turner and her husband the late Avery Turner, came to the Panhandle as a young married couple and grew up with the West. Mr. Turner was connected with the Santa Fe railroad. They became interested in the Panhandle-Plains Historical society when it was first organized and have made many contributions to its work.

When the first unit of the museum was completed, Mr. and Mrs. Turner contributed valuable collections of historical records and artifacts and obtained many collections from other sources. Since Mr. Turner's death, Mrs. Turner has continued her work as a patron of the museum. She also has written two valuable books on the early history of the Panhandle.

"I am very glad to make my contribution to this worthy enterprise," said Mrs. Turner in presenting the thousand dollar check for the museum building fund.

COME TO CHURCH SUNDAY



When Snow Lies Softly on the Hill

Now, when the fir trees wear white collars, when the birds make tiny stitches in the snow and our footprints hurry towards the warmth of home and the companionship of loved ones, it's time to wish all our friends the fullest joys of the Christmas season. So, hello everybody . . . and Merry Christmas!

ALDRICH SHOP

A. B. ALDRICH, Manager



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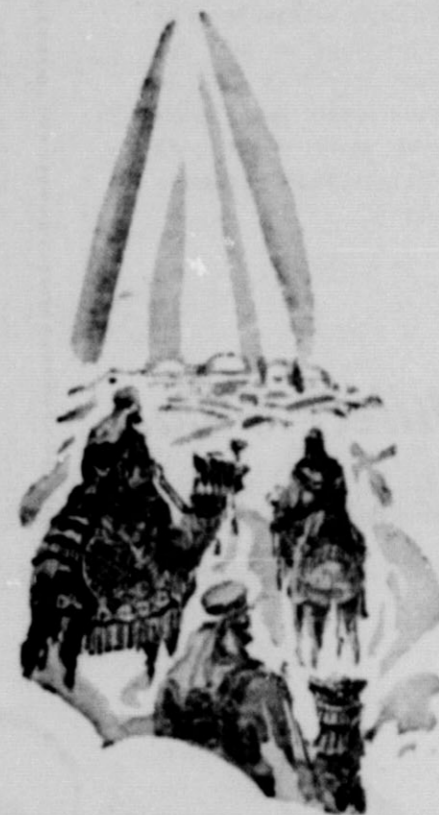
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Greetings at Christmastide

Christmas is the season of the open heart and the open door. Let none stand out in a cold or be unremembered.

Unselfish interest in others is the keynote of happiness at Christmastime. May each gift you receive breathe love and devotion and bind the ties of home and friendship more securely.

As for ourselves, we desire to express our appreciation for your loyalty to us in 1945, and wish you a Merry Christmas.

Burton - Lingo Co.

CHARLIE KEITH, Manager

BEST WISHES

for a Season of

GENUINE HAPPINESS

It's time for Santa again and we're sure you are busy getting ready for him. Please take a moment to accept our greetings on this glad occasion. Our Christmas is complete only when we have taken the opportunity to renew our pledge of friendship to each of those whom we have been in a position to serve the past twelve months. We wish you the best of everything.

Farmers Coop. Gin

H. C. DUNCAN, Manager



MERRY CHRISTMAS
☆ TO ONE AND ALL ☆

OUR FOREFATHERS

celebrated Christmas sometimes under the greatest of difficulties, to say nothing of danger. Today, in warm, lighted homes we welcome the arrival of Yuletide, without thought of those early hardships. It might make our Christmas a little happier, our hearts a little more thankful, to take thought of these things.

In the reverent spirit of this glorious season we now wish each and every one of you the deep joys which only Christmas can bring.

That best part of a good man's life—
His little, nameless unremembered acts
Of kindness and of love.

—WILLIAM WORDSWORTH



Parker Studio

Appointments Day and Evening
PADUCAH, TEXAS



1945 SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS 1945

EVERY holiday has its significance, but none can compare with Christmas. It is the one time of the year when self-seeking gives way to selflessness, and all are united in one common attitude of good will towards our fellowmen.



Our entire personnel joins in wishing Christmas joy to those whom we have served, and to others as well. Accept our sincere thanks for the privilege of being of help in making this Christmas of 1945 truly merry.



Skaggs' Grocery

V. J. SKAGGS, Manager

ACT I LEADS TO ACT II



Nancy Walker, star of the Broadway musical comedy, "On The Town," salvages fat from a between-act nap in her dressing room, because she knows it will help her get up for her personal laundry. If you want more soap for laundry, try use more nylons, electric appliances, tires, for your household and personal needs, save used cooking oil.

THE 1945 SETTING FOR CHRISTMAS

Snow was falling. Belgium had relaxed and the atmosphere around the countryside was like a peaceful prelude to Christmas - now only a few days away. Shadows pooled around the edges of this setting, however; tanks crouched; guns waited, ominous. Then, suddenly, the peaceful atmosphere exploded, the shadows leaped, and Christmas was the Battle of the Bulge.

This is not particularly happy reference at this stage of the season, but sometimes contrast enhances our sense of appreciation; and with the approach of Christmas this year we can find deeper meaning for its message of peace and goodwill by pausing a moment to look back.

For, despite ruffled currents of international controversy, war has rolled off the horizon of

our daily lives. It is remote for most of us; and yet, when we look back, we remember that Yankees died last Christmas and that the tide of Allied victory had turned and was running in reverse.

That was in Belgium. On the other side of the world other Yanks were dying; and, while the victory march was gaining momentum, it was still far short of the final tempo which sent the Japanese crashing to defeat.

So Christmas, 1944, was anything but peaceful. Germany's bloody fist had striking power left, and in the Pacific even the most optimistic military forecasters saw the war with Japan as dragging on for several years. Violence remained; the two-throated rumble of weapons and industry drowned out the meaning of the season; and, throughout the world, mankind forgot.

But that was 1944, and now the emphasis is on the home front again. Some of us had

overlooked the nearness of the other things, but now as we readjust ourselves we find the value of contrast. For, while we still have ruffled currents here, as well, we have the reality of peace.

We also have Christmas ahead of us - in the full meaning of the word and season, which symbolizes peace. We remember the other things, too, but not as shadows on this Christmas; we remember them as reasons for full enjoyment and appreciation of the peace.

For the peace is the Christmas gift of 1945. It is a gift from mankind, and ourselves. We fought for it; we won it; and now it is finally ours. And finally, too, we can be merry with traditional Yuletide spirit, while remembering that the only reason for perspective is to keep that peace.

Some mortals are so in love with themselves that when they show attention to others, they expect alimony.

COME TO CHURCH SUNDAY

PLENTY OF
SOFT WATER

14 Good Machines

STEAM

OPEN SATURDAYS

MATADOR LAUNDRY

BUNYAN PRICE, Mgr.

FROM EACH OF US TO ALL OF YOU



A Joyous Christmas

1945

Again may you know the fragrance
Of hemlock, pine and holly.
Again may friendly voices call
A greeting warm and jolly;
And again may the meaning of
Christmas,
Deep and still more true
Bring faith and hope and gladness
To the hearts of yours and you.

Time To Hang Up Your Stocking

★ One of the biggest items in your Christmas stocking this Yule season of 1945 will be our note of thanks to you and our wish for the biggest, merriest, happiest Christmas you have ever had.

Leon Ice Co.

Earl Laughlin, MANAGER

A lot of men would like to see their wives in something flowing, like the river.

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY



HOLY-NIGHT · SILENT-NIGHT

CHRISTMAS Greetings

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FOR YOUR MANY EVIDENCES OF GOOD WILL IN 1945 WE SINCERELY THANK YOU.

AND HAPPY, PROSPEROUS, NEW YEAR

Dr. J. G. Ketchersid

Dentist

Matador



The Season's
GREETINGS



MAY YOU ACHIEVE THE ULTIMATE IN HAPPINESS ON THIS GLORIOUS OCCASION.

CITY BAKERY

MR. and MRS. R. L. BRANDON



Christmas
Good Cheer
1945
Horse's Blacksmith Shop



Christmas Joy
1945
J. Farris Fish
Lawyer. Phone 77



Christmas Greetings to all
1945
Matador Produce
W. B. Wason, Mgr.



Merry Christmas
Fidings of Joy
1945
West Texas Gin
Joe Gaines, Mgr.

BRINGING BEST WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS



Hampson's Grocery



Merry Christmas one and all
1945
W. R. Cammack
County Judge



Christmas Joy
1945
De Luxe Beauty Shop



TO WISH YOU Christmas Joy
1945
Vogue Beauty Shop



GREETINGS

and All Good Wishes for the New Year



AS the light of Christmas again brightens our faces and lightens our hearts, we turn our thoughts from ourselves to help others. For this is the spirit that first saw the light of day in a stable at Bethlehem, two thousand years ago, and which has endured ever since.

May God bless and protect you and your dear ones and bring happiness to your home this Christmas season.

Modern Cleaners

OBER JOHNSON, Manager
Ex-Serviceman



It's Our
GOOD FORTUNE

to Have Friends Like You

We consider ourselves fortunate indeed to have the fine friendships that have been ours to enjoy in this community. Because we value these associations we look forward to the Christmas season. It gives us a splendid opportunity to express our appreciation for all past favors and to wish you all the good things we can think of and which are deservedly yours.

... and We Are Truly Grateful!

Stanley Clinic

DR. J. S. STANLEY

AS ANOTHER Yuletide season arrives, with all its friendliness and goodwill, we pause to add our Greetings to each of you with whom we have come in contact since last Christmas. And to those of you whom we hope to serve next year, the same genuine Merry Christmas.

It has been a genuine pleasure to serve you and we trust we may continue in the same capacity in the months to come.

Good luck and Merry Christmas!

PHILLIPS "66"

ROY ROBERTS, Agent

VERNON LATIMER, Retail

Feline Found Dead In Quadruple Crash

Altho no tangible evidence of guilt could be found, a mysterious black cat was blamed by some persons for a highway accident which killed one person and the cat, and damaged four cars.

one mile east of Tacoma. The body of the cat, also killed in the wreck, was found on the seat beside Lang. When a third car stopped to offer assistance at the wreck, it was struck by a fourth car. No one else was injured, altho the cars were damaged. The youth's parent's, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lang, said they had never seen the cat before, but presumed Vernon had picked it up shortly before the fatal accident.



ABLANKET of snow on the roof, peace and stillness and warmth and firelight, the lovely litter of Christmas on the living room floor. Certainly there's a Santa Claus, and as we wish you a Merry Christmas we add this wish for good measure: May good old St. Nicholas come laden, this Christmas of 1945, with more of the good things of life for you than you have ever before enjoyed.

Harry Willett & Co.

MATADOR, TEXAS

TASTY DESSERTS ARE POSSIBLE DESPITE THE SHORTAGE OF SUGAR

Lack of sugar need not prevent you from topping off your Thanksgiving Day dinner with a luscious dessert.

Indian pudding, gingerbread and other favorite desserts can grace your Thanksgiving Day table is made from the proper recipes.

One of the many dessert recipes requiring little or no sugar which have been worked out in the kitchens of the Good Housekeeping Institute is the one for deep dish honey apple pie.

Ingredients are one half cup bran cereal; one and one half cups sifted all-purpose or cake flour; one half teaspoonful salt; one half cup shortening; one quarter cup cold water; six cups sliced sour apples; one half cup honey; one tablespoon lemon juice; one quarter teaspoon lemon rind; one quarter teaspoon salt; one quarter teaspoon cinnamon; two teaspoons butter or fortified margarine.

Crush bran; add flour and one half teaspoon salt. Reserve one quarter cup of this mixture in a bowl; cut shortening into rest of crumb mixture. Blend water and

the reserved mixture; add to crumb-shortening mixture while mixing with a two-tined fork until blended. Form this pastry into a ball; roll out on lightly-floured board to one eighth inch thickness. Cut strips two and three quarter inches wide from pastry to line sides of ten by six by two inches baking dish, allowing three quarters of an inch at top for fluting. Arrange apples in baking dish; combine next five ingredients; pour over apples. Dot with butter; arrange one half inch pastry strips, lattice fashion, over top. Seal edges; flute. Bake in hot oven of 425 degrees F. for forty minutes, or until apples are tender. Serve "as is" or with plain or whipped cream. Serves six. Nutmeg may replace cinnamon.

Japan To Get Living Needs;

U. S. Plans Strict War Curb

Every effort will be made by the United States to give conquered Japan food, clothing and shelter, but rigid control will be exercised to make certain she will not be able to make war on us again.

Essentially that is the position which has been taken by our government, according to the State Department and Representative Sol Bloom, chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Representative Bloom summed up our attitude toward Japan in a statement in the December issue of Cosmopolitan magazine where, in he said:

"A tiger is a tiger—even though hand-raised and bottle-fed from cub days. In the long run, tigers will attack their masters. I know the Japs. They cannot be trusted, and our policy for the future of Japan must be to keep the Japs at arm's length. Give them enough leash—and the tiger will attack again."

Regarding aid to Japan, Bloom said:

"Whether Japan can provide fuel, food, clothing and housing for her people, I do not know. If she can do so, she must. Black markets must be eliminated first, and after such elimination, if we find Japan has not enough food to go around, we must do something. If

they need help and we don't help them, we'll have a sorry time bringing them around to our way of thinking. The teaching of all religion is: We've got to help our neighbors."

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Advertise It In THE TRIBUNE

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Tribune Ads Pay

Reality In Toys

Lethal souvenirs have stirred critical reactions among forward looking citizens; and now the approach of Christmas suggests another aspect of a problem which goes to the root of personal and social thinking.

Not that the Yule season means an accent on concern; it merely raises an unavoidable question in the year's assortment of toys and holiday souvenirs for children.

A glance over the list . . . around the windows . . . shows that the psychology of war has left too many seeds in simulated weapons. For there are two are real and lethal; those that are simulated and purely psychological.

Some say, of course, that such things as mock guns, tanks, and the whole panoply of war reproduced with startling mimicry of detail are only games . . . toys; but it follows psychologically that when the simulation is too close they are weapons, also. They are weapons against the psychology of the child.

No one wants to go around with the proverbial "blue nose" at Christmas, but one can't help thinking that such a toy as a full-sized replica of a sub-machine gun—replete to bolt and clip—isn't any toy at all, but an example of poor judgment.

Conn Named Only Logical Louis Foe

In the final quarterly ratings of 1945 the N. B. A. named Billy Conn as the only logical contender for Joe Louis' heavyweight crown. In other divisions, Archie Moore and Freddie Mills were listed as the challengers for Gus Lesnevich's light heavyweight title; Jake Lamotta, George Abrams, Holman Williams and Rocky Graziano were deemed worthy of a crack at Tony Zale's middleweight honors; Ray Robinson was thought the logical foe of Welter King Red Cochrane; Champ Ike Williams was menaced by Lightweights Beau Jack, Bob Montgomery and Willie Joyce, and Willie Pep was okayed for a chance at Feather Champ Sal Bartola.

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Raymond Massey, right, star of International Harvester's "Harvest of Stars" radio program; Howard Barlow, left, conductor of the Harvester orchestra, and Lt. Don Tracy, former 4-H Club member from York, Neb., discuss the 4-H story that will be dramatized on the radio show Sunday, Dec. 2, at 2 p. m. eastern time, NBC network. The program will honor the 4-H Club organization which holds its 24th annual congress in Chicago Dec. 3-6. Lt. Tracy is in charge of a 622-acre Army Air Forces convalescent farm at Furling, N. Y. The program will tell the story of the rehabilitation of battle-fatigued airmen.

Vodka as Anti-Freeze

ANTI-FREEZE—Antifreeze fluid for automobiles was scarce when a hard freeze hit here Saturday but two United States information service officials, James L. Stewart, Los Angeles, and

Richard W. Beckman, Ames, Iowa, solved the problem. They emptied three bottles of the potent, cheap and almost undrinkable vodka sold here to their auto radiator. It worked.

Christmas 1945

Ours to Cherish—The Precious Gift of Peace

Once again the world can fully enjoy the true Christmas spirit.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Southwestern Associated Telephone Co.

We Greet You

OUR FRIENDS

at

Christmas

This is a picture eagerly anticipated each Christmas Season. We enjoy sending our best wishes to the fine people of this area and we trust we may have this privilege for many years to come.

Our dealings with you in the past have been pleasant for us and we hope you have found them equally satisfactory. Our goal has been to please our customers in every transaction and it is our purpose to maintain this policy.

The management and personnel join in wishing you a host of good things and a very Merry Christmas.

MATADOR DRUG

KENNETH JEFFERS, Manager

Wishing All Our Friends

A Merry Christmas

And A Prosperous New Year

A Salute

to our friends and a big, hearty Christmas wish to you all, this merry, merry Christmas season.

Looking back over the year calls to mind our greatest source of pleasure has been our contact with folks like you.

THACKER SUPPLY CO.

ROARING SPRINGS

Colorful Christmas In Mexico Blends Religious, Social Festivities

BY PAT FLYNN

Editor's Note - Acknowledgment of assistance in the research necessary to prepare this article is given to Alejandro Gallo, Jr., chief of department of tourism, and to Senor Ferrer, secretary of the relations of Mexico. The author has written this version of Christmas since 1940 for publication throughout Mexico and the Southwest.

MEXICO, D. F. - While thousands of American tourists stream across the border intent on spending Christmas holidays in the tropical climes of this nation, few realize that the Mexican Christmas begins on Dec. 25 and continues through Jan. 6, with Dec. 25 and Jan. 6 being the occasion for gifts in profusion as accorded by Posadas. As hundreds of Panhandle people are planning trips to Mexico, and no better season

could be arranged than in December and January, a lesson in Santa Clause lore is timely.

"Feliz Navidad" is one way of saying "Merry Christmas" in Mexico. To the Spanish speaking people it means "Happy Nativity". While the English interpretation of Christmas features songs in the snow, plum puddings glowing with flame, holly and tinsel covered Christmas trees, it is almost impossible to translate the Spanish expression of the true Christmas feeling in Mexico. "La Noche Buena". Perhaps one could best interpret it, "The Blessed Eve". In Mexico, Christmas is approached with joy and reverence. Preparation is long and fiestas and celebrations continue through January 6, traditional date the Wise Men from the East, who started their search on Dec. 26 for the Christ Child after seeing the star in the East, arrived at the Holy Manger. Celebrations Start Dec. 15 Mexico's Christmas tradition



Pacific G. I. Chapel

Religion held an important place in the hearts of our fighting men. Chapel shown above as pictured in the December issue of Cosmopolitan magazine was built in the Admiralty Islands by the Seabees.

rocks we can line the highway to Jerusalem - here is lovely green moss!

Then back again, to the labor of building the little village, the houses with their small back gardens (made complete with vegetable gardens, washing on the line, and chickens in pens), the lighted Inn, with thatched roof, and often guests arriving in carriages, the manger, the hillsides covered with woolly sheep.

Little pools are contrived, dishes holding water set in the mossy hillsides, sometimes even running streams which meander through the hills on beds of bent tin, to be carried away and out of sight to the patio.

Now, the Star. This is made usually of bright tinsel, suspended from the ceiling on a fine, almost invisible cord; often it is a real light with electrical connections.

Mexican Theme Used

That the scene is often very Mexican in character worries no one, least of all the small

artists. In fact, the little builders of the Nacimiento often erect their own home into the scene and dress dolls in copies of their individual clothing, affecting a leap across time and space which not even Einstein could duplicate.

On Christmas Eve the Holy Child is placed in the arms of the Virgin and far away, along the highway to Bethlehem, the Three Wise Men are started on their journey; they come near each day until Jan. 6, the day of the Reyes Magos (or Magician - Kings) when they arrive at the manger, bearing gifts.

Usually the Nacimiento is left for all to admire through January and until Feb. 1, the day of Candlemass, when the Infant is raised and stands in the arms of Mary. Later that month the Nacimiento is taken down, all the small figures, stones, animals and houses are stored away and saved for another Christmas.

Exchange of presents occurs

twice for Mexican children, on Christmas Eve and on the day of the Three Wise Men, Jan. 6. Mexican feasting is very different from that of the United States; it is lighter and more typical of Mexico. The Christmas dish is tamales. Dainty little tamales of the north. A mere touch of corn pasted around a morsel of spiced chicken and pork is preferred. The thicker and dryer tamales of Mexico City, so often made with a green sauce and chicken, or perhaps even pink tamales, sweet ones made with strawberry preserves, the luscious dark, juicy tamales of Oaxaca, wrapped and steamed in banana leaves. These are taken with chocolate or with stote, a Mexican hot drink made of corn paste boiled with milk, vanilla, chocolate, or spices for flavoring. The Bunuelos are other Christmas dainties. These are crisp egg cakes fried until they are puffy, powdered with cinn-

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Tidings of great joy
1945
Merry Christmas

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MATADOR LIONS CLUB

ally starts on Dec. 15, the day the Posadas begins. This is a Spanish custom dating back to Colonial days, not only because of religious significance of the rites, but because it affords unlimited social enjoyment. The Posadas begins in an enacted representation of the search of the Virgin Mary and Joseph for lodgings, before the birth of Christ. The Holy Family went from house to house but the answer was identical, "search elsewhere", until on Christmas Eve an inn keeper in Bethlehem took pity on them and gave them shelter in his manger.

The Posadas version in Mexico is similar in enactment. Several families unite in carrying out the program. Each evening shortly after dusk, the party arrives at the house designated. Singing traditional verses they ask for admittance, and are denied. However, after marching around the house with lighted candles, carrying images of Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph, the pilgrims are allowed to enter. After a few prayers, the evening is given over to entertainment, to games and stunts and dancing, and of course a pinata for the children, because children are as always part of each Mexican fiesta. A pinata is a huge gourd or jar filled with sweetmeats, covered and decorated with colored paper to simulate a pig, duck, or airplane, or whatever object most appeals to the fancy of the small revellers. The children take turns striking at the pinata with a decorated pole, and when it

is broken the goodies come tumbling out.

This program is the same every evening, terminating toward 11 o'clock with tamales, sandwiches and wine, or some other confection, until the Blessed Eve. Then the religious feeling becomes uppermost. The home selected for the scene of the last Posadas has prepared a manger scene or Nacimiento. The images of Joseph and Mary, the animals present at the birth of the Savior, the shepherds, all are ready. The pilgrims carry with them the image of the infant Jesus. As they enter, the Child is placed in the arms of the Holy Mother. Then all kneel to recite prayers. Following this ritual, there is merrymaking until time for the Midnight Mass. After mass, with the children in bed, the adults sit down to typical Christmas menus of tamales and chocolate.

Children Participate

For the children there is another activity connected with Christmas of greater importance to childhood, an activity bringing into play all the child's imaginative and creative instincts. This is the preparation of the Nacimiento. For while many Mexican homes now decorate and install Christmas trees, and the children wait expectantly for Santa Claus, there are but a few homes that do not prepare the manger scene also, and in the majority of Mexican homes it is the Nacimiento which is most important and most beloved.

Preparing for Nacimiento begins on or about Dec. 15. The children of the household, the mother, older sisters, aunts and if they are fortunate with them, she also, go to the store room and find boxes of images, little houses and animals. These are carefully saved from year to year. They are carefully examined. Perhaps they need mending. Maybe St. Joseph's beard needs painting, or one of the cows in the manger has a broken leg, perhaps an ear has fallen off the burro. Here is where grandma comes in as she knows how to mend everything. She makes a leg of wood for the cow with darning cotton and a bit of glue, the burro's ear she contrives from cutting a piece of blue-grey cloth, stitched to make it stiff.

Then all rush to the sala, or big living room, to choose the site. It must be within view of the street windows, so the curtains may be parted on Christmas Eve in order that all passersby can look in at the lighted scene. Now begin preliminary surveys and foundation work, the small engineers consulting with parents only when they are stumped. They construct a hilly terrain, with boxes of different sizes covered with burlap. Over this they spread earth and stones. They next add grass, flowers and trees. Again grandma (or Mama Grande, as she is called in Mexico) knows just what to do. They make an expedition to the countryside, or the hills if near. Or, perhaps to the home garden of some friend and receive presents of many small plants, cakes of moss, little bushes which can be made to simulate trees. It is more fun if they can go to the country, for here they gain many inspirations. Here is a type of stone needed for the home; with these



CHRISTMAS IS THE TIME for friendliness, for the open house and the open heart - - -

It is the time, too, for us to greet our friends, to thank them for their consideration of us, and to wish them all a very Happy Christmas.

At This Christmas Season May You Be Blessed with Every Happiness

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**THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: MAY PEARL CARTER.
GREETING:**

You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's 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

the 21st day of January, A. D. 1946, at or before 10 o'clock A. M. before the Honorable District Court of Motley County, Texas, at the Court House in Matador, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 5th day of December, 1945.

The file number of said suit being No. 1212.

The names of the parties in said suit are: C. L. Carter, as Plaintiff, and May Pearl Carter, as Defendant.



**TIDINGS of
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**A very happy
CHRISTMAS**

Elbert Reeves



*Best
wishes for
Christmas*

Doug Meador
Commissioner Precinct 1



**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**
☆ TO ONE AND ALL ☆

City Barber Shop
Henry, Emmett & Homer

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: A suit for divorce, alleging that plaintiff resides in Motley County, Texas, and that the residence of defendant is unknown; that plaintiff and defendant were lawfully married in Crosby, County, Texas, on or about March 1943, and lived together as husband and wife until about February, 1944; that plaintiff was kind and affectionate toward the defendant and provided for her support, but defendant was unmindful of the duties and obligations of her marital vows and refused to keep house and cook and prepare meals for plaintiff. That plaintiff is a member of the Baptist Church, and defendant, since their marriage, joined a sect or organization known as Jehovah Witnesses, and entertained wild and extravagant ideas and notions in matters pertaining to religion and the manner of life one should live; that such differences of opinion in matters pertaining to religion caused plaintiff and defendant to quarrel, and defendant told plaintiff that unless he accepted her vows on the matter he would not be saved, but would be lost. That about February, 1944, defendant abandoned plaintiff and went to an assembly or convention of Jehovah Witnesses, and since which time he has not seen her. That such acts on defendant's part caused plaintiff great mental pain and worry and loss of sleep and rest, thus injuring his health. That defendant's actions and conduct toward him are of such nature as to render their further living together as husband and wife, insupportable. That no children were born of said marriage and none adopted, and that no community property exists.

Issued this the 5th day of December, 1945. Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Matador, Texas, this the 5th day of December, A. D. 1945. R. A. Seay, Clerk District Court, Motley County, Texas. 41-12-27

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Leonard made a recent trip to Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Tribute Paid . . .

(Continued From Page 1)

the Kingdom of God. Later he established the little Washita Mission and helped build the Mt. Scott Mission. How well I remember his work among my people. He lived to see the change in my people from the wild pagan life to change, not only in dress costume and to civilized life, but from savagry to the Christian religious beliefs of which I am one who believes as he did. When people were killing each other, he thought of a better way . . .

"I am doing Mission work among the Otoe Indians, who have no churches - only Indian pagan beliefs - trying to estab-

lish new Sunday Schools here and there. Your church may be willing to help a little "Home to Home" . . . There are almost 700 Indians on this reservation yet Pagan.

"Hope to see you all some day. I remain, your friend,
Guy Quotone

Mr. and Mrs. Price Hennon also their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Price Hennon Jr., all of Albuquerque, N. M., are spending the holidays here with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wilkinson of Oklahoma City, and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin McAdams of Lubbock, arrived Friday to spend the holidays in the home of P. B. Barton, father of Mesdames Wilkinson and McAdams.

Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Wilson

left recently to visit his father at McAllen, Texas.

NOTICE: An estrayed white face yearling heifer is at large. Owner may have her by paying for this advertisement. Animal weighs about 500 pounds, and is earmarked Under-bit to the right. Mrs. C. W. Whitaker, 412 southeast of Floreat.

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Just one play, "Able's Irish Rose," the only successful one she ever wrote, swelled Anne Nichols' bank account by \$5,000,000, according to an article in the December issue of Cosmopolitan magazine.

Christmas Joy

PEACE ON EARTH - GOOD WILL
TOWARD ALL MEN

EVERY holiday has its significance, but none can compare with Christmas. It is the one time of the year when self-seeking gives way to selflessness, and all are united in one common attitude of good will towards our fellowmen.

Our entire personnel joins in wishing Christmas joy to those whom we have served, and to others as well. Accept our sincere thanks for the privilege of being of help in making this Christmas of 1945 truly merry.



THANKS FOR YOUR FINE PATRONAGE

Sherrod A. Williams
THE MAN'S STORE
Paducah, Texas



Christmas is always a welcome event with us, for two reasons:

First, because we enjoy the spirit of friendliness that is all-prevailing; second, because it affords an appropriate opportunity of expressing our sincere appreciation for your valued patronage.

It has, indeed, been a pleasure to serve you, and in sending you our best wishes for a Merry Christmas we do so with the hope that the Christmas season of 1945 will transcend all of its predecessors in real happiness for you.

SPEARS' GIN



★ Stealing over the countryside is the blessed peacefulness of Christmastime. The very air seems charged with it. Even the birds—what few remain—appear to share in the general rejoicing that has come over the world.

We earnestly hope that this Christmas season of 1945 will bestow unusual blessings upon you and yours . . . that it will bring to your home the soft glow that even Christmas tree lights cannot bequeath—the full joy of Christmas seasons long past but forever remembered. May such a Christmas be yours!

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JOHN MEASON, Manager
Roaring Springs



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It is the time, too, for us to greet our friends, to thank them for their consideration of us, and to wish them all a very Happy Christmas.

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Christmas Greetings



Although our message may be brief, we want you to know it is with genuine appreciation of your thoughtfulness in the past that prompts us to present compliments of the season. Our every good wish is for you at this happiest of all holidays.

BISHOP'S GROCERY AND FEED STORE

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The Precious Gift Of VICTORY



Season's GREETINGS

Christmas is more than just a day! It is the hopes and prayers of people everywhere who have tasted fear and pain and want, as well as security and comfort and plenty. Christmas is the memory of all memories within the hearts of all, the recollection of little things and great things that make up the lives of each of us.

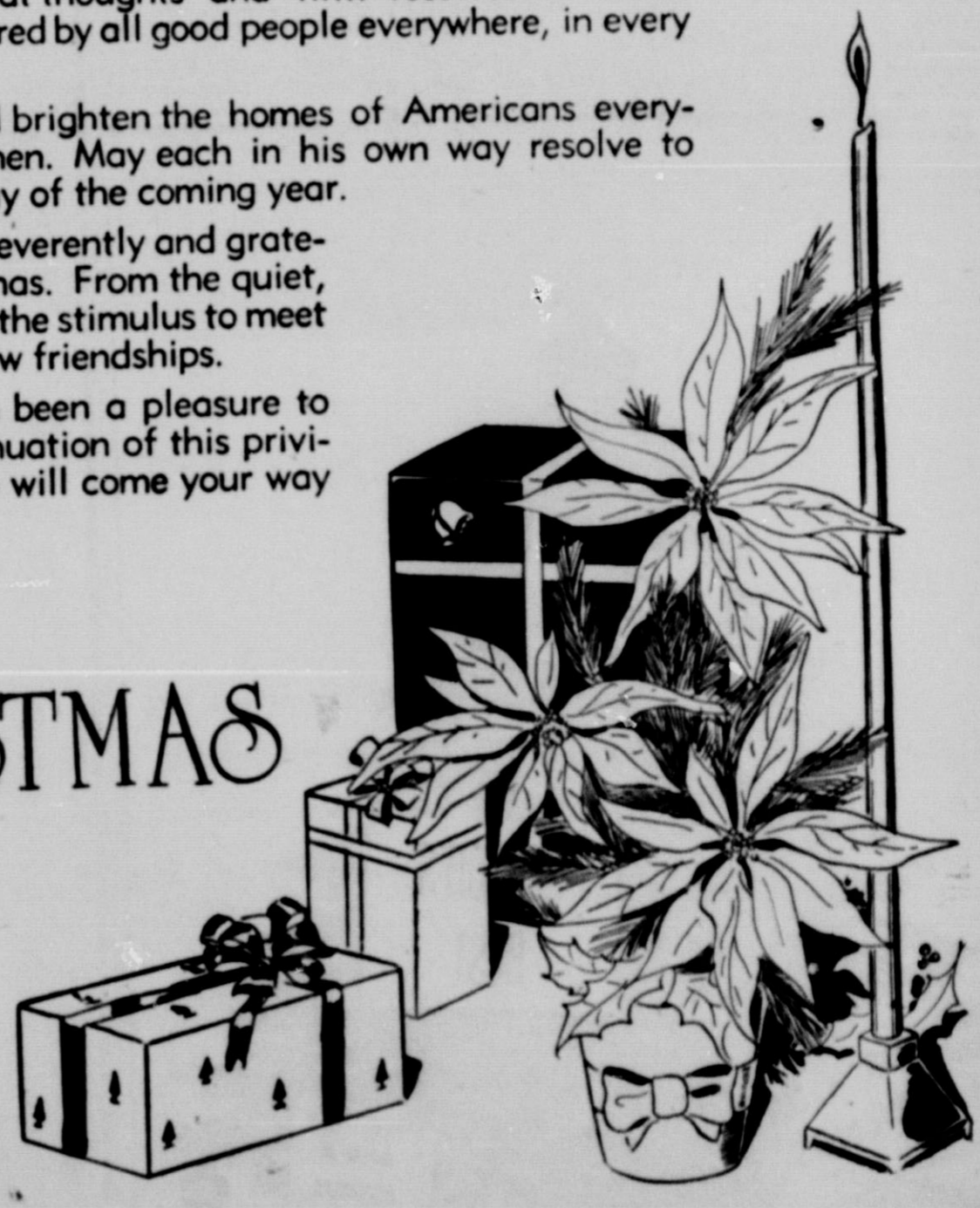
Christmas can be, and should be, the rebirth of great thoughts and firm resolves to make ideals and ambitions come true. It is a day to be honored by all good people everywhere, in every city, in every village, in every home.

Twinkling lights and gleaming Christmas trees will brighten the homes of Americans everywhere. The spirit of good will lives in the hearts of men. May each in his own way resolve to keep the spirit of Christmas alive throughout every day of the coming year.

Let us celebrate this great occasion thoughtfully, reverently and gratefully in keeping with the true significance of Christmas. From the quiet, comforting happiness of the Yuletide may we receive the stimulus to meet the New Year with new ambitions, new hopes and new friendships.

Please accept our Greetings of the Season. It has been a pleasure to serve you in the past and we look forward to a continuation of this privilege in the future. It is our wish that all good things will come your way this season and for many seasons to come.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



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Gifts of God

By GEORGE S. BENSON
President of Harding College
Searcy, Arkansas

Looking
Ahead

DRAW on your imagination for a moment. Consider with me an altogether improbable circumstance. Suppose a well-groomed man of easy speech should mount an improvised platform in the public square of an agricultural county-seat town next Saturday afternoon, play a popular phonograph record through a loud speaker to get an audience, and then should say:

"Ladies and Gentlemen—there is just so much water in the entire universe; so much and no more. Any time you drink more of it than you need to quench your thirst, you are greedy because some unfortunate person somewhere on earth wants water. He is thirsty. His throat is dry and his lips are parching. And it is all for want of the water which you so wantonly swallow."

Crazy SUCH a speaker would soon lose his audience. People would walk away and leave him. Some of them might think about having his head examined because they know his ideas are out of joint. There is no connection whatever between one man's abundance of water and some far-away stranger's thirst. The need of the sufferer, even if he were a victim of cruelty, is apart from the owner of a good well.

But the speaker might hold his audience if he said something like this: "Ladies and Gentlemen—there is just so much wealth in the world; so much and no more. Anybody with more than he needs for food, clothes and

shelter is greedy because there are many people in China and India who never had a square meal in their lives. They stay poor because a few people get very rich."

Read to THIS speech is no poverty nearer true than the latter one about the water. Both have some facts in them but they are not related facts. I am not trying to say that wealth is free and cheap like water, but I am saying this: My neighbor's fine home and big car have cost me nothing. He has more than I have because he (or his father maybe) has more wealth-creating ability than I have.

There is such a thing as oppression of the poor. There is such a thing as exploiting labor. It is a crime which Jesus decried openly. It is also a short-sighted vice because it leads toward poverty and not toward wealth. "Good money circulation" is a manifestation of prosperity and it occurs only in lands where workers are well paid and thus permitted to maintain good homes and live in comfort.

Workers are paid well in America, twice as well as in England and six times as well as in Russia, and America is a rich country. Families live on \$1 a month per person in China—China is a poor country. Is China poor because America is rich? No! Without the United States as a customer, and supplier, the Orient would be poorer still. The difference is that we have liberty, and they have oppression.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Roaring Springs, Texas
Dec. 18, 1945

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy 3 years old. I have been a good little boy and I want you to bring me a toy telephone, a see-saw and a swing.

Please don't forget my new little brother. Bring him a rattle and a piggy-bank.

Yours truly,
Sammie Dean Swim

Roaring Springs, Texas
Box 17

Dear Santa:
Dec. 17, 1945

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy 4 years old. I want a big wagon, a horse, a bull cow, two guns and a two-gun scabbard and a pair of cowboy boots. Don't forget my little cousin, Laymon Jay.

Your friend,
Bobby Joe Moore

P. S. I live two miles north of Roaring Springs at the Buzz airfield. I also have two sisters and one brother. And don't forget my mother and daddy.

PEOPLE DO- STRANGE THINGS

BOSTON - Bullets without guns were back in the news this week as shooting of a South Boston boy by a streetcar added to the recent flurry of freak accidents.

Kenneth Floyd, 13, of 625 E. 57th street, was standing on a corner as a streetcar passed. A

cartridge on the tracks exploded as the wheels passed over and sent the boy to the City hospital with a bullet in his knee.

NEW YORK - With crime a daily subject during the recent wave in the metropolitan area, Joseph Brodsky, proprietor of a drug store at 783 Clinton avenue, had become accustomed to almost anything. At least he showed no surprise when a holdup man walked in one night this week.

"Remember me?" the thug asked.

"Yes," said Brodsky, and did, because it was the second hold-up by the same hand in three weeks. "Shall I remove my trousers as I did last time?"

"No," came the reply. "Just hand over the dough and give me ten minutes."

STAMFORD, CONN. - French wooing is not at all in keeping with the matrimonial ideas of Sgt. Lothar Bacheneimer, of this city, who arrived from overseas this week to find that the mayor had given him a good recommendation as a prospective husband of a would-be bride in Tarcy, France.

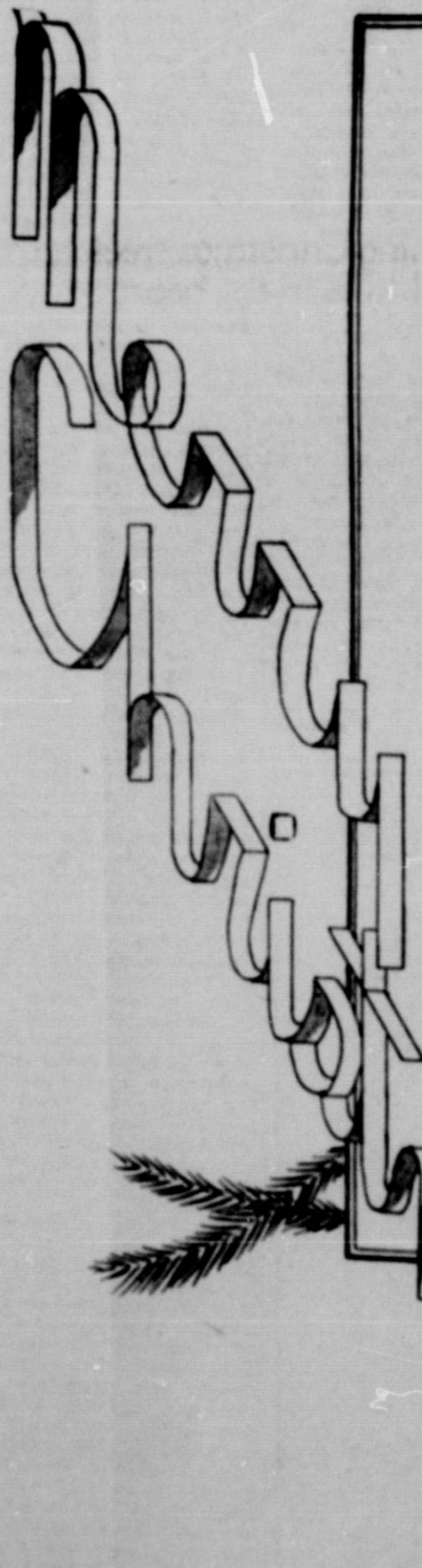
The character reference was the result of a request for information about the girl's "betrotthed" from her parents. But Sgt. Bacheneimer protested that he had only met her once and danced with her once.

"Thanks anyway," he told the mayor. "If and when I finally decide to marry I expect to marry an American."

Spaniards call bull-fighting, their national sport, tauromaquia.



Of
Peace!



There may be better ways to express Christmas greetings but to us, no other words convey so explicitly the genuine sentiments of the Yuletide, than to say to you "A MERRY CHRISTMAS!" We say it with all the feeling of appreciation, with a genuine understanding of those whom we serve and with a sincere desire to be of service to you for many years to come. May many good things come to you and yours this Christmas.



Greetings at Christmastide

When Snow Lies Softly
on the Hill

Now, when the fir trees wear white collars, when the birds make tiny stitches in the snow and our footprints hurry towards the warmth of home and the companionship of loved ones, it's time to wish all our friends the fullest joys of the Christmas season. So, hello everybody . . . and Merry Christmas!

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Cradle Counsel

By **MEREDITH MOULTON BROWN**
Baby Food Consultant
Hulse Home Institute



Vitamin A Is Vital

Strained foods you feed your baby represent the flowering of research. Many learned distinguished men have dedicated their lives to discovering and identifying elements that are necessary for granted in these tiny bodies. Vitamin A is an essential element.

Thirty-five years ago scientists attempted to rear laboratory animals on highly purified diets of protein, lard, starch, and fat. Instead of growing, however, the animals sickened and died. When almost milk added, only a slight growth occurred. But when the lard was replaced by cod liver oil, the animals flourished and grew.

Scientists threw the spotlight of research on butter, seeking health-essential element it contained. This was soon identified as labeled Vitamin A. Today, we know that Vitamin A performs important functions in the human body. It promotes growth, is essential for normal adjustment of the eye to night light, aids in maintaining a nice, smooth-textured skin. The human body has a remarkable

capacity for storing Vitamin A; but babies are born with a limited quantity, which must be replenished and increased at once. Because of this, and because of the baby's special need for Vitamin D, physicians usually recommend cod liver oil or other fish oils very early in life. Your baby's body needs to be fortified with a Vitamin-A-bank account, to see him through illnesses or emergencies when his Vitamin A intake may be restricted. Particularly in Vitamin A, important to the formation of your baby's teeth. Lack of this vital vitamin frequently means poorly formed, even deformed teeth.

Fortunately for mothers who are zealous about feeding their babies properly, a good doctor-prescribed diet inevitably includes ample amounts of Vitamin A. For nearly all the foods fed to babies are good Vitamin A suppliers: fish liver oils, butter, liver, egg yolks, yellow vegetables—carrots, sweet potatoes, tomatoes—the yellow fruits—apricots and peaches—the green vegetables—spinach, kale, and turnip greens.

It is good news to busy mothers that most of these Vitamin A-rich foods are ingredients of the strained baby foods, now on the market. Strained beef and liver soup, strained carrots, strained spinach, strained tomato soup, strained vegetable soup, and lamb and liver stew with milk and cereals—all these are notably rich in Vitamin A. Serving them, according to your doctor's menu-schedule, will assure your baby a plentiful Vitamin A endowment.

Wise Men Came From the East

Church tradition, presumably concerning the Biblical mention of specific gifts as presented to infant Jesus by the Wise Men, identified the Magi as Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar.

There could have been more than the legend reports that there were 12 Wise Men and that their way to Bethlehem had been guided for generations.

Some learned men who lived in the Eastern land appointed themselves to watch for the star of Bethlehem which they believed to announce the birth of the new year. Each year, after the crops were harvested, the patriarchs

ascended to a cavernous retreat upon the plateau of a high mountain to pray and praise God in silence for three days while they watched for the star.

This went on for generations; when one of the patriarchs died, his son or kinsman would take his place.

Finally the star appeared, descending upon the mountain and having within itself the form of a child beneath the stilted of a cross.

The Sign spoke to them and commanded them to go to Judea. The journey to Bethlehem is said to have necessitated two years of pressing travel and, though in their haste they provided no food for themselves, neither food nor drink failed in their vessels.

FASHIONS



If you enjoy knitting you can make serviceable garments such as those shown above as pictured in the November issue of Good Housekeeping magazine. For the experienced knitter who enjoys extra detail and the excitement of knitting in two colors, the mittens will offer a challenge. Brother's suit is knit in two pieces, pants and shirt. Sister's dress, belt, motif belt and shirtwaist yoke are in one piece.

My Daily Prayer

Author Unknown

"This coming year I'd like to be a friend to everyone;
I'd like to feel each day well spent
at setting of the sun;
I'd like to know that I have done
at least one kindly deed,
Before I lay me down to sleep that
I have given heed—
To some one's cry for sympathy,
or friendship or that I
Have made the day seem brighter
to some chance passer-by,
And that the world is better still in
just some little way,
Because I've tried to live the very
best I could each day."

"I'd like to be a ray of light when skies are overcast,
I'd like to help some one who failed
to blot out all the past,
To start again despite the storms,
and find the skies are blue,
To know that in this good old world
there's lots that's fine and true,
I'd like to be the kind of person
everyone will love,
And make the world seem just a
little more like heaven above;
I'd like in all my dealings to be true
and just and fair,
That God will help me do these
things shall be my daily prayer."

Miracle Plays Still Held

Among more tradition-observing communities of the world, old-time miracle plays are still performed, often in the form of elaborate dances, in solemn, but lavish, settings against the colorful background of tropical foliage.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Flomot, Texas
Dec. 14, 1945

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy five years old and I try to be a good boy and mind my mother. I would like to have a car, a knife and fill my sock with fruit and nuts. Remember all the other little girls and boys.
My little sister wants anything you have for her. Be sure and remember Mother and Daddy.

I love you,
Aubrey Herston Cromer

Whiteflat, Texas
December 15, 1945

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl five years old and I have one little brother. We have been pretty good children. Please bring us a doll, table and chairs, car, dishes, candy and fruit. Don't forget my mother and daddy.
Your little friends,
Martha Modena and
Rube Linsten Lynch

Matador, Texas
December 18, 1945

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a doll and a doll bed and a color book, a cut-out book, a cowgirl suit and some gloves.
Thank you,
Cara Sue Latham

Roaring Springs, Texas
December 13, 1945

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl four years

Texas Junior Grower Wins Award in National Contest

EIGHTEEN-YEAR-OLD Johnnie J. Szymanski of Wallis captured the top Texas award for efficient production and marketing in competition with youths from 46 states in the fifth annual contest of the National Junior Vegetable Growers Association.

Szymanski was named winner by the association's adult advisor, Prof. Grant B. Snyder of Massachusetts State College, during the junior growers' 11th annual convention in Cincinnati, O. He received a \$100 award from the \$6,000 in contest scholarships provided annually by the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company.

Two other Texas gardeners were named as winners of \$25 Victory bonds at the convention.



Lillian M. Roeder, 16, and Charles W. Kram, Jr., 16, both of route 1, Shiner, were the bond winners.

The son of Frank Szymanski, route 1, Wallis, the Fort Bend County youth worked a two-acre project and harvested 17 kinds of vegetables worth \$655.13. He also worked five acres of cotton, two acres of corn, had 75 hens and a baby beef animal in his 1945 4-H Club projects.

A "key grower" and assistant to the president of Central Cotton Improvement Association, vice-president of Orchard Future Farmers of America and president and junior leader of Central 4-H Club, Szymanski was selected as one of 24 outstanding Texas 4-H club boys in 1945 and was given a two weeks' trip into Mexico. He was a football and basketball player in high school, from which he graduated in 1944.

Jim J. Jell of Columbia, Miss., received a \$200 scholarship award as southern regional champion. James L. Ammon of Albany, Ore., was named 1945 national champion and winner of the top scholarship award of \$500.

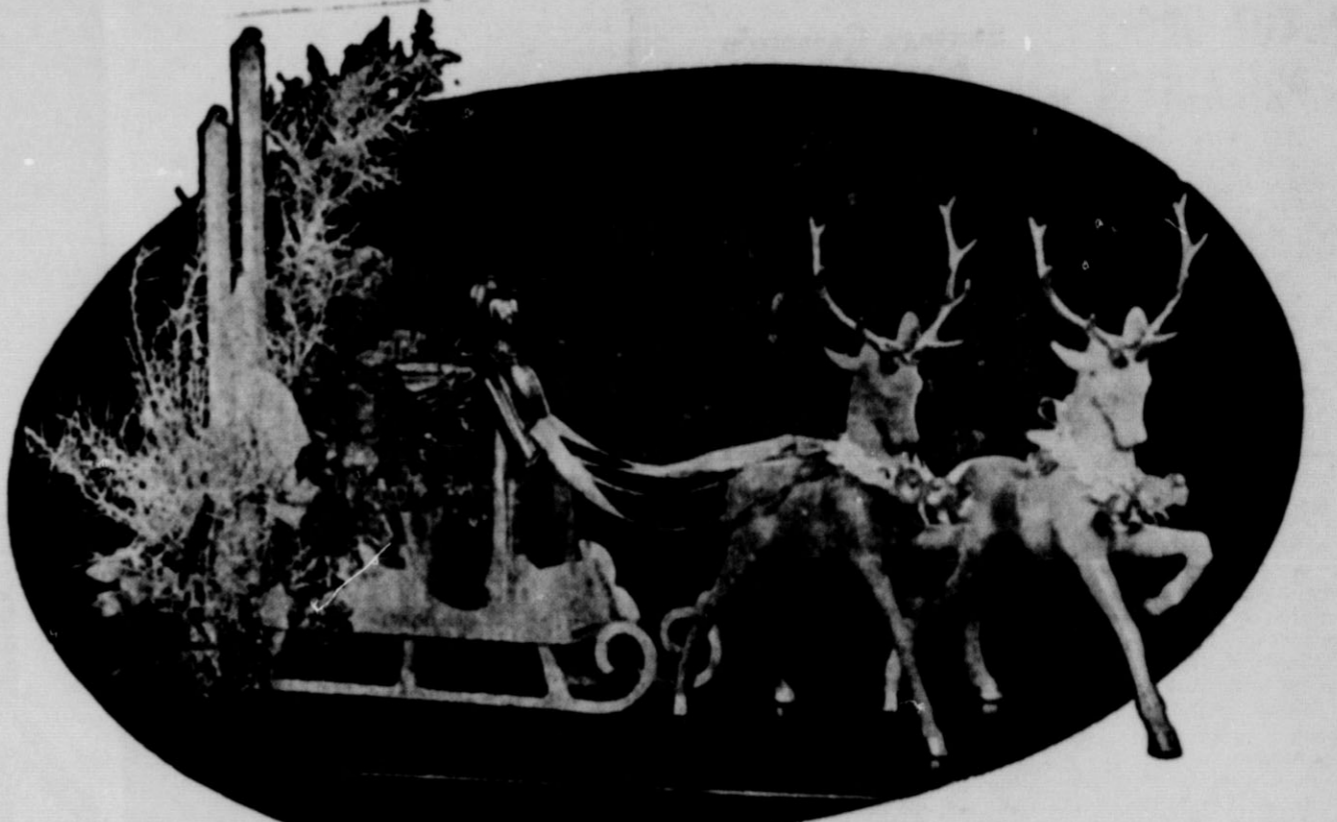
I want a tent to make a playhouse in, a doll and a telephone. Please bring them if you can.

I love you,
Gail McWilliams

Matador, Texas
Dec. 14, 1945

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little colored girl. I have been very good. Please bring me a doll, a pretty little chair, a bear like my old one. Please remember my daddy in the Navy.

Thanks a lot,
Linda Carrel Lynch



Christmas - Peace!

And now comes another Christmas to be added to your store of memories. We hope this Christmas of 1945 will be a very enjoyable one—a truly happy one—fulfilling all the fine traditions of Christmas.

Accept our hearty thanks for the pleasant business associations of the past year. Once again we say

Merry Christmas!

Matador Variety

W. F. JACOBS AND PERSONNEL

WISHING YOU

JOYOUS CHRISTMAS

It has been our pleasure to enjoy many happy experiences in this community each year. The one we enjoy most of all, perhaps, is the opportunity of sending Christmas Greetings to all those fine friends of ours. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated and we are mindful of your friendships when we extend to you our sincerest wishes for a bright and cheerful Christmas.

Greetings To Our Returned Servicemen And Those Still In Service

BRASELTON

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ROARING SPRINGS



By IRAN HERRITT
Miss Home Institute



How To Make Proteins-Plus

Paste products' popularity soars as meat and poultry go to war. Macaroni, spaghetti, noodles now do yeoman duty in the kitchen. They're good. They're filling. But they're inadequate alone. All paste products need sauces and seasonings to give them character. And a shot of nutrients is essential to enrich them. For paste products are protein-poor, need bolstering if they're to make adequate meat substitutes.

Because most protein foods are rationed—they're fighting foods, you know—you can't likely add enough of one protein to do the job. If you could, you'd serve that food instead. But you can get the same effect by using small portions of several protein-rich foods, and building up the protein, bit by bit. The recipe below shows how it's done.

You add a little meat—one precious pound of ground pork. Then you up this with half a cup of grated cheese. Vegetables, green pepper, celery, and onion contribute their own trifle. . . . Not much, it's true, but in a case like this each little helps. And over all you pour a can of soup—condensed cream of tomato soup. This soup provides a binding sauce, and the lime, heart-seaming flavor macaroni needs. Try creating protein content this way.

Tomato Macaroni Casserole

Cook as directed on package—
1 8-oz. package elbow macaroni.

Brown together until meat is well browned and vegetables are tender—

- 1 lb. ground pork
- 1 medium green pepper, chopped
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 medium onion, chopped.

Add—

- 1 teaspoon salt.

Add, mixing well—

- 1 11-oz. can condensed cream of tomato soup, undiluted.

Place in well-greased casserole and sprinkle with—

- 1/2 cup grated cheese.

Bake in a moderate oven (350°F.) for 45 minutes. Serves 6.

Tomato Macaroni Loaf

Cook as directed on package—

- 1/2 cup elbow macaroni.

Is—

- 2 tablespoons fat

Sauté—

- 1 teaspoon chopped parsley
- 2 teaspoons chopped onion
- 2 tablespoons chopped green pepper.

Combine—

- 1/2 cup grated American cheese
- 1 11-oz. can condensed cream of tomato soup, undiluted
- 2 eggs beaten
- 1/2 cup bread crumbs.

Combine sautéed vegetables with macaroni-soup mixture, and place in a loaf pan lined with well-greased waxed paper. Bake in a moderate oven (350°F.) for 1 hour. Allow loaf to stand for 15 minutes on top of the oven before removing from pan. This makes slicing easier. Serves 5. Note: Slices of hard-cooked egg may be placed on bottom and sides of loaf pan for garnish.

Here's How to Banish Washday. Stoooping

IT IS the stooping, bending and toting that make washday tiring. Dorothy Holladay points out in nationally circulated *Capper's Farmer*.

Among many homemakers who have changed their washday habits to eliminate fatiguing motions, she cites Mrs. Carl Frey of Iroquois county, Ill., in the magazine read by



can also be sorted on a table or counter or from the table to several baskets placed on chairs. Mrs. Frey's sliding clothes-basket saves time and bending. Holes were bored in each end of a sturdy wooden clothes hanger. From these holes wires are fastened. At the end of the wires are hooks to hold the handles of an ordinary basket. The top of the basket is then waist-high.



A clothespin apron snaps over the hanger. The hanger hook slides along the clothesline as she pushes the contrivance ahead of her.



1,250,000 farm families. Mrs. Frey says that time and energy saving methods make washing easier, beside saving an hour each washday. Here are some of the tips she gives other housewives:

The washing machine should be high enough for ease in working. Mrs. Frey has elevated hers by putting bricks under the legs. A wooden platform built to fit would serve the additional purpose of insulating the washing machine.

Sorting clothes on the floor requires constant stooping. Mrs. Frey separates clothing into several baskets set on wooden crates. Laundry

Roaring Springs, Texas
Box 17

Dear Santa:

I want to tell you what I want for Christmas. I am a girl 11 years old. I want a teddy bear coat for Christmas and a caped doll and a set of dishes. And don't forget my sister and my two brothers, and also my little cousin, Laymon Jay. And I want to wish every one a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Your friend,

Ruby Faye Moore

P. S. I live two miles north of Roaring Springs at the Buzz airfield. I hope you find me.

Gene Sarazen began his golfing days as a caddy. Handball originated in Ireland about a thousand years ago.

Over 400 rodeos are held in the United States each year.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Whiteflat, Texas
Dec. 18, 1945

Dear Santa:

I will be three years old the 27th. You know I'm too small to write, but Mother said she would tell you just what I say.

Santa, bring me a negro doll and a white doll, too. I already have my tree. Don't forget my big sisters, Ernestine and Annette. Also bring Mother and Daddy something. Don't forget to fill my stocking. It will be one of Annette's old ones, as I

have never worn stockings.

I love you,

Quida Jane McWilliams

Matador, Texas

Dec. 13, 1945

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a book, ball, and tinker toys. I am 4 years old.

Eugene Stephens

Matador, Texas

Dec. 13, 1945

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a sewing set, book, beads, colors, and a blackboard if you have plenty to spare. I am 5 years old.

Virginia Stephens

JOHN HAMILTON LEADS BUSY LIFE AT NAVY STATION

Former District Attorney, now Lt. John Hamilton, USNR, stationed at Melbourne Navy Air Station, Melbourne, Florida, leads a busy life according to a special feature article appearing in the station's publication, the "Melbourne Helicat," issue of December 5.

In two pages devoted to Lt. Hamilton and his work, the article contains the following excerpts: "Lt. John Hamilton has been aboard the Melbourne Naval Air Station since March 1943. Besides being yard officer he has the duty of legal assistance, fire marshal, supervision of the Navy prisoner of war guards and investigation officer. During his tour of duty here, there has never been a flaw in any of his departments."

Resigning his office here in Texas, Lt. Hamilton enlisted in the Navy and following the completion of his training, was assigned to Florida, where he was joined with his wife and family. He is the son of G. E. Hamilton of Matador.

More than 20,000 persons visited the Tower of the University of Texas Main Building between January 1 and November 1, Mrs. B. L. Frazier, guide, reveals. The Tower is atop the 27th floor of the Main Building, and is a popular spot for Austin visitors to come to view the city and surrounding country.



Westfield, N. Y.—Nov. 1—Grape-picking time in New York State and grape picker Marian Nowak full of enthusiasm despite the fact that this year's crop of the energy-laden fruit is small. New grower-owned ship plan of The Welch Grape Juice Company is bringing prosperity to the whole region and the farmers are already planning a mammoth vintage festival in 1946.

Matador, Texas
Dec. 4, 1945

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a desk and chair. I want a doll, a black-

board and chalk, a ball and paper weight, some clothes and a bride doll.

I love you,

Rose Carolyn Donov



To Our Friends!

We greet you at Christmastime with all the sincerity in the world. May the season hold abundant joy for each of you, our friends. And may the coming years see the fulfillment of your every ambition, hope and desire.



A HAPPY HOLIDAY



Western Dry Goods Co.

C. W. GIESECKE AND PERSONNEL

Higginbotham-Bartlett Co.

MATADOR, TEXAS

Germany's Rulers



Future peace of the world may depend on how well the four men shown above as pictured in the December issue of Cosmopolitan magazine work together. On their success or failure may rest the future of the United Nations Organization. They are General Eisenhower (top left), Marshal Zhukoff (top right), Field Marshal Montgomery (bottom left), and General de Tassigny (bottom right).

THOROUGH CLEANSING OF THE SKIN HELPS IMPROVE THE COMPLEXION

Most women could improve their complexions immeasurably by spending more time making certain that the skin is thoroughly cleaned before the make-up is applied. Better cleansing makes complexions clearer, brighter, smoother, fresher, a fact of which many women seem to be unaware, according to an article in the November issue of Good Housekeeping magazine.

The fact is that face-cleansing is often skimped," the article says. "Soap users wash hastily and leave soap on the skin. Cream users grease their faces once lightly and call themselves clean in spite of the film of dirty cream that remains. So good skins dry and wrinkle; the tiny dents and wrinkles clog with waste, and fine complexion gray and coarsen. Longer and more lavish rinsing is the easy answer for soap ad-

diets, with a spot of cream if the skin is dry. Two coats of cream leave the face much fresher than one, and for a really clean job cream should be followed by skin freshener or by soap and water washing.

"The trick is to find out which method or combination of methods does most for you. Then be thorough. Never skip, never skimp, and prettier skin will reward you."

Francis Scott Key never wrote anything of consequence except the Spangled Banner, according to an article on famous persons with one achievement to their credit in the December issue of Cosmopolitan magazine.

NEW EMPLOYERS SHOULD FILE FOR BUSINESS NUMBER

Many returning veterans are going into business for themselves for the first time. Some are men who have never been employer of labor before. These individuals are reminded that any new employer should file an application with the Social Security Board for an identification number for the business. This is necessary even though only one person is on the payroll, and perhaps works only part time. Each employer is required to keep a record of the worker's social security account number for use when it social security tax return to the collector of internal revenue.

Interested individuals, who live outside of Lubbock, should watch the newspapers of their cities for the announcement of when a representative of that office will visit their community. New employers may secure identification numbers either by calling at the Lubbock office which is located at 1311 Texas Avenue or by writing this office for application form: SS-4.

When Snow Comes

Snow is not only the harbinger of another season but of a subtle change in our minds. Habit is so strong upon us and self-abstraction is so much a part of our lives that we are not even aware of what our towns actually look like until a mantle of snow brightens and changes everything.

Everything looks so fresh and clean that we are surprised. We throw our heads back and take a look around. The dingy junkyards look like a medieval castle; a snow fort the kids built challenges it. People caper and clown more, their outlook has brightened as well as the material features of the community.

Some of us hum Jingle Bells, others surreptitiously reach down, fashion a snowball, and test the old eye by tossing it at a tree or a pole. We decide to walk through the countryside and enjoy the gaiety that has fallen upon us; or maybe the brisk cold air relaxes us and we go home and toast our toes before the fire. Still others are pleased to sit at home with a good book, rather than go out to dinner or a bridge party. Things, but almost universal is the lifting of our hearts. At last we have found time to do all the little things we have put off so long.

Egyptians played billiards hundreds of years before the Christian era.

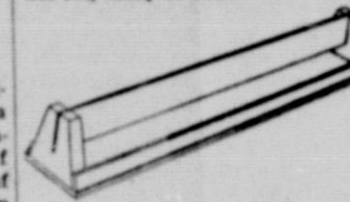
Christmas Trees Adorned With Soap

Time for planning Christmas decorations brought a useful tip this week from the Milwaukee Journal on how to use soap and water to give Yule trees a frosted, snowy appearance. The recipe: Use three or four



Asbestos Chick Feeder
PROVISION for adequate feeders in the brooder house is one of the numerous repair and replacement tasks which should be undertaken during the winter months so that the brooder will be ready for spring hatches.

Pennsylvania State College has developed designs for chick, intermediate and hen feeders which are made almost entirely of 3/16-inch asbestos cement board. Use of asbestos board, with its smooth, hard surface, provides feeders which are easily cleaned and disinfected. Deterioration from moisture is eliminated because asbestos board will not rot, decay or rust.



In constructing the chick feeder, the two end uprights are made of lumber one inch thick, 4 inches high, 3 1/2 inches wide at the bottom and 1 1/2 inches wide at the top. A piece of 3/16 inch asbestos board 2 1/2 inches wide and 24 inches long is inserted in 1/4-inch slots 2 1/4 inches deep in each end piece to prevent chicks from scratching the feed out and to keep them from roosting or standing on the feeder. The floor is formed of asbestos board 4 inches by 24 inches nailed to the bottom of the wood uprights. The two side pieces are asbestos board 1 1/2 inches wide and 24 inches long.

cup of soap flakes to one cup of water. Beat in an electric beater until it is very smooth and fluffy. Then spread it immediately over the branches of the tree, scattering it on with the hands.

New and The Old

When we observe an old tradition this year and put on the season's Yule log, we needn't think that we are doing it for the last time. The atomic and electronic age is on the threshold of our lives, but it won't change everything.

Of course we may burn atoms instead of coal in the not too distant future. Scientists made such a prediction this week while heralding a complete new day of gadgets and streamlined simplification of our lives.

That means that we will be "turning on the heat" in more than a figurative sense somewhere along the future, but the meaning will be essentially the same. And so will human nature, and its appreciation of some of the simple, homey, forthright things that will never change.

Like the Yule log, for instance. Perhaps the future will decree against this, too; but somewhere there is always a compromise and a happy blending between the old and the new. That's why we'll take their atoms and their helicopter, too, and put them to work in our own direction.

Remember that five acres on the hillside that you used to admire in the days of the gasoline automobile? Well you can drop down now and park your helicopter; you can go through your plastic door into your glass brick house; and you can have an automatic shave while atoms are cooking whatever vitamins the day decrees. But afterwards, when the television set is bringing Broadway drama to your hearthside, you can toss another log on the fire and relax just like in the "old days."

"Centers" for extension work from the Extension Teaching Bureau of the University of Texas are set up throughout the state to be of service to schools and industries. Dr. R. C. Hammock, acting director, reports. Education centers at the present

time are located in Abilene, Sweetwater, Burnet and Galveston. Petroleum engineering centers are in Dallas and Fort Worth, and chemical engineering centers are in Port Arthur and Galveston.

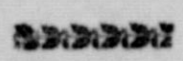
GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY



Noel! Adeste Fideles!
Holy Night!

Mark! The Herald Angels sing. Once again the air is filled with song and music . . . the music of the spheres. Once again it's Christmas with all that this sacred holiday implies.

We hope that this Christmas of 1945 will be a truly happy Christmas for you and yours.



R. A. Seay

COUNTY AND DISTRICT CLERK

Christmas



As the Yuletide bells ring out the message of joy to the world at this glad season of the year, we wish to add our expression of goodwill and Christmas cheer to all those whom we know and those whom we would like to know.

May the Season bring forth all the joy and happiness that is rightfully yours and may you enter into a New Year with an abundance of happiness and health, enough to continue throughout the coming twelve months.

Our very best wishes to you, and you, and you!

Greetings

There's a in your future!

MATADOR AUTO COMPANY

C. M. GLENN
PAUL M. PATTON

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J. R. BERRYMAN
DICK GROVES



Each Christmas season we realize more fully the value of friendships. Every year we look back over a period of happiness achieved only through the consideration and courtesies extended by our neighbors and friends.

Since you have been so good to us, we believe old Santa will be

good to you. We hope he drives right up to your front door with a sack full of everything your heart desires to make your Christmas complete.

Here's our Best Wishes, not only for this Christmas, but for the twelve months between now and next Yuletide.

CITY DRUG STORE

MATADOR, TEXAS
MR. and MRS. R. M. STANLEY and PERSONNEL

Plan a Bathroom to Please Entire Family



CALL a family consultation when you're planning that new bathroom is the advice given farm folks in an article in nationally circulated *Capper's Farmer*. Then you'll not be forever after wishing the fixtures had been installed some other way. Juggle space and fixtures on paper, then when the final decision is reached, the work of installing the bathroom may go ahead without confusion.

If the family is large, you'll need more than one bathroom. Or if there can be only one, it should be planned to accommodate more than a single person at a time. Simple partitions, like those used in the bathroom pictured above, will do the trick. The lavatory and toilet are separated from the tub. Further convenience is provided by the extra stool in the tub compartment.

Between adjoining bathrooms a partition bath may have a stool and

lavatory available to each room and a tub compartment connection with both. If there are several children to get ready for school at once, have two lavatories in the bathroom. Better still, put one of the lavatories with a stool downstairs. Make a complete second bathroom by adding a prefabricated shower cabinet.

A bathroom ought to be pretty as well as utilitarian, the *Capper's Farmer* article points out. That will be easy enough with the good-looking fixtures now being manufactured. Porcelain enamel will be made in almost any shade your artistic heart desires. You'll also have a wide variety of wall finishes to choose from—plastic-finished wall-board, wallpaper, tile, tile board, paint, wall linoleum, structural glass. Linoleum and tile are the most popular floor coverings. All these are available in many colors and designs.

DR. COX URGES USE PRECAUTION

IN—With the hunting now open, Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, is urging that all hunters or other persons spending time in wooded areas use all possible precaution against being bitten by ticks which may infect the victim with relapsing fever. He further advises that when a tick is found, it be removed from the body as soon as possible and that care be taken not to crush the ticks in handling them.

"Tick bite fever is contracted," Dr. Cox explained, "either from the bite of infected ticks or by absorbing the infectious material thru breaks or scratches in the skin." According to Dr. Cox, the disease does not spread from person to person by direct contact but only thru the bite of an infected tick or body louse. Prompt removal of the insect is of the utmost importance.

Relapsing fever is characterized by sudden onset, intense headache located in the front part of the head and pains in the back and limbs. The fever lasts from three to five days before slowly declining. The temperature will then remain normal for about a week when the fever repeats itself. There may be three, four, or even more such relapses, which accounts for the name of the disease.

Dr. Cox said that the wearing of suitable clothing so as to prevent ticks getting next to the skin is of importance in the prevention of this disease. The insects may be removed with the fingers but the use of tweezers is recommended since this helps to prevent leaving the head embedded in the skin. After removing or handling a tick, the hands should be washed carefully with soap and warm water.

Sausage Casserole Makes Savory Meal



There's nothing quite like a corn-sausage casserole as the main dish for a cold evening supper, invites Marjorie Griffin, rural home editor of *Capper's Farmer*, nationally-circulated farm magazine.

Corn-Sausage Casserole.
 1/2 lb. sausage
 1/2 lb. onion
 1/2 lb. green pepper
 1 cup flour
 1 cup milk
 1/2 cup butter
 1/2 cup salt
 1/2 cup. pepper
 1/2 c. whole kernel corn
 1/2 c. canned tomatoes
 1 c. fine cereal

Use link sausages or bulk sausage shaped into links; brown them in a heavy frying pan and drain well. Brown chopped onion and green pepper in meat drippings. Add flour and seasonings and mix well. Add corn and tomatoes and simmer until juice has partially evaporated (about one-half hour). Pour into casserole; arrange sausages on top in pinwheel shape. Sprinkle cereal over top. Bake at 400° F. about 15 minutes. Serves 6.

New Dishwashers

Dishwashers for which so many farm homemakers have been waiting should appear early in 1946, declares the Rural Home editor of nationally circulated *Capper's Farmer*. There will be free standing portable models separate from the sink and others built into the sink. Some open from the top and others from the bottom.

Dominoes originated in France.



MERRY WEBBY CHRISTMAS

Lengthening shadows of a year just closing bring to mind the many helpful things you have done for us this past twelve months. Mindful of your many courtesies, we take this means to send each of you our very best Greetings and to wish for you a multitude of good things and many happy days for all.

TO OUR SERVICEMEN: WE APPRECIATE THE PRECIOUS GIFT OF PEACE!

Hall-Scruggs & Co.

Paducah, Texas



Christmas Greetings to all

TOWERING ABOVE A CARE-BOUND WORLD IS THE CAREFREE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS. INDEPENDENT OF TIME, INDEPENDENT OF PLACE, INDEPENDENT OF CIRCUMSTANCE, IT EMBRACES ALL. NONE CAN ESCAPE ITS MAGIC SPELL.

FOR YOUR MANY EVIDENCES OF GOOD WILL IN 1945 WE SINCERELY THANK YOU.

SOUTHWESTERN SEWER COMPANY

"GUARDIAN OF COMMUNITY HEALTH"

FROM EACH OF US TO ALL OF YOU



Christmas Greetings to all



Christmas is always a welcome event with us, for two reasons:

First, because we enjoy the spirit of friendliness that is all-prevailing; second, because it affords an appropriate opportunity of expressing our sincere appreciation for your valued patronage.

It has, indeed, been a pleasure to serve you, and in sending you our best wishes for a Merry Christmas we do so with the hope that the Christmas season of 1945 will transcend all of its predecessors in real happiness for you.



Jameson Machinery And Trucking Company

ED JAMESON, Manager

COLORFUL...

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mon and sugar and bathed in honey or dark sugar syrup.

Christmas Day itself is a great day for calls, and one eats everywhere in Mexico. In one house you may be offered rompope and polvorones. Rompope is a drink made of many egg yolks boiled with milk and almond paste, liberally dashed with cognac. The polvorones are dainty cookies made of sugar, butter and flour, so light they melt to powder on the tongue. In other homes the sweet fruit liqueurs of Tenancingo and other Mexican towns are preferred.

American Toys Used

American importation of toys are demanded in Mexico and received from Santa Claus and the Three Wise Men, particularly engines on real tracks, bicycles, automobiles and other mechanical toys. Still Mexico is a great producer of toys; something in the national tendency for little children confers a talent for knowing how to please them, and the Indian craftsmen of Mexico excel in fancies and handmade toys children treasure long after they are past the age to play with them.

Most outstanding is that race of dolls woven from straw. They have always been made in Mexico, for woven straw is the material of many home objects and it is natural to make toys of it too. The favorite straw toy is the revolutionary soldier, with his wide straw hat, his straw his straw pistol, and cartridge belt, and his little bare straw feet. Naturally this straw man has his own family; his wife in her big straw hat and her reboso, with a straw baby in her reboso; little children, even horses, pigs, dogs and tiny mice, all painstakingly woven. The majority of these toys come from Toluca, in the state of Mexico, a town famous for its marvelous straw baskets. Naturally, all sorts, sizes, designs and colors of little straw toy baskets are made for Christmas too.

Various other types of dolls are made for little girls, wear all the colorful and exotic costumes of the many Mexican states. There are Tehuanas in their embroidered silk blouses and lace head dresses, with great lace flounces to their skirts; China Poblanas, glittering with spangles of green and red skirts; Chiapas dolls in the dresses of net embroidered with

animals and birds in bright colored wool; dolls of Yucatan, dressed in white muslin, carrying chickens and vegetables to market, riding burros, weaving, painting boxes and gourds and planting crops. All are typically Mexican.

Little dishes are made for all the dolls. There are sets of small cazuelas and charcoal stoves; sets of blue Amethyst, and amber glasses from Guadalajara, and tiny dinner sets of Oaxaca, like the large dinner sets for adults in every detail, and as carefully painted. Furniture for the dolls is also available for the dolls at Christmas time, from country style beds and chairs of rough pine and braided leather to elegantly woven sets from rattan.

Miniatures Are Specialty

Mexican children take special pleasure in collecting the miniature instruments which are a specialty for Christmas. These come from Capulco of Merida and are made usually from hard woods, intricately decorated with inlay work of shell and mother-of-pearl. Tiny banjos, guitars, violins, even ebony pianos with shell keys are bought to furnish dolly's house, and later the young women who own the little instruments keep them for a cherished decoration for her dressing table.

Of course there are the little bull rings for small boys who dream of being toreros when they reach manhood. These are complete with bulls, horses, toreros in costume, banderilleros, everything, even the manos sabios in their gray flannel costumes, whose duty it is to drag the vanquished bull from the arena.

Mexicans make enchanting little nine or ten - pin sets, the nine pins in the shape of peons, in serapes and big hats. All sorts of small carved wooden toys for boys... balls, tops, canes, baseball bats... come from towns near Mexico City. There are bright colored riatas, or ropes, and jumping ropes for girls, woven doll hammocks, and bigger ones for children (from Yucatan), purses for little girls, all types of jewelry for children, from woven bracelets of silk and straw to strings of beads carved from Puebla onyx.

Christmas in Mexico, though children are not aware of it, is a sort of cross-section of all the arts and crafts of the republic.

But, if you prefer to spend the Christmas holidays in the larger cities of Mexico, you are in for more surprises of the season. The big hotels and night clubs have Posadas, or gay for-

mal dances evening after evening until Christmas, and on New Year's Eve the ball is at its gayest and most exciting. On the stroke of the New Year's Eve one rushes to kiss one's dearest. Mother first, then wife, sisters and all the others of the family. Then, for approximately an hour, one watches the Mexican indulging in the abrazo where men seize each other by the right hand, shake a moment, then give a jerk, pull each other close, and slap each other fondly on the back. They they retire, still shaking hands. The women run toward each other extending their lips like little birds, kissing each other daintily, first on one cheek then the other.

Celebration Ends Jan. 6

There are more parties, dances and visits until Jan. 6, the Day of the Wise Men, when the children expect and get more presents.

One rite, typical of Mexico, which extends thruout the entire holiday season is the giving of gifts at the door to any who call. The visitors are usually poor children, little Indians from the mountains or villages, who come in bare feet, holding out shy brown hands for whatever gift is to be theirs. Most housewives have ready a little store of toys, oranges and packages of candy and cookies wrapped in red paper, as well as scarfs, sweaters, and often times even shoes, to be given to whatever little feet they will fit. These wordless callers continue thru New Year's and it is to the credit of the Mexican generosity

they are seldom sent away empty handed.

The most cherished gift among householders is a Noche Buena plant called the Poinsettia in the United States. This lovely plant, with its great red velvety flowers, is native to Mexico and blooms profusely during the holidays. Gardens, bare of other flowers, are a riot of red blooms at Christmas. It is to the Mexican what holly and Mistletoes are to the English at Christmas. It is typical of the Mexican love of flowers, and especially of this one, that very often the Christ Child in the Nacimiento holds a Noche Buena flower in His hand.

Whatever your greeting may be, Merry Christmas or Feliz Navidad, the spirit is the same and is the pageant celebrated by all Christians this Christmas, each thankful war is ended and that visiting with each other is again in progress. All are trying to commemorate the birth of Christ. Natives of Mexico this year join with their "Amigos" of America in prayers that peace will continue as the Christ Child would have it; that a better understanding of the Americas will result; that a good neighbor policy will be written in the manner Jesus would wish, a good neighbor policy by Christian-loving people who will extend the rights of La Noche Buena thruout the world.

And, as you prepare for your pleasure trip thruout Old Mexi-

SKITTISH KITTY

Queenie, a gray cat belonging to 15-year-old Don Br leaped sixty feet from the day perch on the waving of a palm tree and landed tarpaulin held below.

The frightened kitty on all fours and jumped the tarpaulin to the ground. Now Don is trying to get her from under a house.

NEW YORK - The late Thur Cunningham, former Comptroller, always had for budget details, and when mirrors erected a bronze in his memory in Cunn Park they had this in mind as well as other attributes.

Neither the admirer Comptroller Cunningham ever, had reckoned with things as buzzsaws. But of this week Mr. Cunningham turned up in effigy with bronze ear sawed off by

co this or next month, pay respect the benefits of Latin neighbor who is being the greatest birth of in traditional fiestas for pleasure and enjoyment, desire to be friendly and it. Your Christmas holiday be much better if tempered a bit of friendly understanding and willingness to coo with Mexico.

The Season's GREETINGS



MAY YOU ACHIEVE THE ULTIMATE IN HAPPINESS ON THIS GLORIOUS OCCASION.

YULETIDE HAPPINESS



At this time when Christmas trees are beginning to glow in the windows everywhere, and the holly wreaths are going up, we want to send you our best wishes for a very Happy Christmas. You have made 1945 a very pleasant year for us, for which we are duly grateful.

The Red Ball Gin

ENNIS MOSS, Manager
Rearing Springs, Texas

H & M Feed & Grain

G. V. HENSARLING

ENNIS MOSS

Christmas, with all its joys and happiness, is here again, bringing the spirit of peace and contentment into the lives of those about us. At no other time of the year do we find the feeling of good will and good fellowship as much in evidence as during this glad occasion.

May we take advantage of the occasion to express our own sentiments and to wish you the compliments of the season. Our thoughts are with our friends and we are hoping for them a grand Christmas and we want this to be the merriest of Christmas greetings.

THE MERRIEST of CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to Our Friends and Customers!

TRAWEEK HOSPITAL

DR. A. C. TRAWEEK, Sr.

DR. A. C. TRAWEEK, Jr.