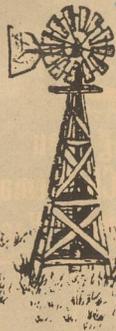


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Stable Shelters The Child As Angels Tell of His Coming

Shepherds and Flocks Bathed in Light of Star

GOSPEL OF ST. LUKE

And it came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria).

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David):

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with

the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away, from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another. Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS.

And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord.

And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.

And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the

consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.

And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law.

Then took him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation.

Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people in Israel.

And Joseph and his mother marveled at those things which

were spoken of him.

And Simeon blessed them and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against;

(Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned unto Galilee, to their own city Nazareth.

And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

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THE GIFTS OF THE LITTLE ANGELS

Long ago on a clear, cold night
 A Babe was born. A star shown bright.
 The little angels of heaven honored Him
 By placing a gift on every limb
 Of a beautiful Christmas tree.
 On the very top was placed a star
 So it could be seen near and far.
 "The Babe will need to have a light.
 I'll give Him my candle to brighten the night."
 One angel had coins to spend.
 He hung them on the tree. It made the boughs bend.
 One angel had a song to sing.
 It whistled through the tree with a golden ring.
 "Praying hands will be my gift.
 My praise to Him I will lift."
 "I think that love is what He needs.
 It can never repay Him for His deeds."
 The last little angel was in despair.
 "I have nothing for the tree, I fear."
 Then it dawned upon himself.
 "Oh, yes, I have, I'll give myself."

"Son Beams"

By June Keltz

"Peace on earth, good will to men." where is this peace so beautifully expressed by the heavenly host as they announced the birth of Jesus to the shepherds?

It can't be found in our government. Just as the scars of Watergate are diminishing, an Iranian wound is opened and once again we trusting citizens realize we can't trust man. So our peace is not in Washington.

Perhaps peace will emerge from financial security. Never! Just one illness, one crop failure, one job loss and CDs become ODs.

Many search for peace in the stability of their home life, but without warning our homes are being broken apart by the enemy. Where love was once a commitment "through better or worse," it now takes flight; sometimes with thought, sometimes not. Children, whom we thought to be obedient and permanently rooted, become rebellious and disappear.

Maybe we could find peace in the church if we could just go

there and live as Anna did. Not even the local church is in need of peace as turmoil and division have become rampant.

The only real peace to be found is in the person of whom the angels were speaking. "For He Himself is our peace." (Eph. 2:14) "And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." If it were possible, I would place peace on a silver platter and pass it out to every living soul as a Christmas gift because I remember the anguish and unrest in my own heart as I searched in all the wrong places. Peace is offered to all; not from a silver platter but from a heart of love. Jesus said in John 14: 27 "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful." We eagerly accept gifts from our friends and families, so let us not refuse the most precious gift ever offered to man—Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.



Home Economically Speaking
 By Carolyn Halsell

ARE YOU EXERCISING?

During the holiday time you have probably increased your food consumption. Are you exercising also during this time? You should be because exercise could help you keep off unwanted holiday pounds.

Exercise builds up your metabolic rate which in turn burns calories. Combining a smart diet plan with exercise can help you lose weight faster. Have you ever noticed that with just dieting your weight loss slows down the longer you diet? That's because the metabolic rate decreases with a diet by 10-15%.

Many people believe that exercise increases the desire to eat, but the researchers don't agree. Studies show a decrease in appetite following strenuous exercise in most people, especially those who are normally inactive. Exercise releases fat into the bloodstream which maintains blood sugar levels. Since a drop in blood sugar stimulates hunger, exercise reduces hunger pangs.

Exercise also has psychological benefits. It can give you a sense of accomplishment, self-esteem, well-being and self-control. With these positive feelings, you feel better and can commit yourself to stay on a diet easier.

So, put on your walking shoes, grab a family member and chat while walking instead of sitting around the kitchen table eating. You and everyone else will feel better if you do.



Early Paper Deadline

Deadline for the January 1st issue will be Monday, Dec. 29, noon.

SCHOOL RESUMES JANUARY 5

Motley County School will resume January 5, 1987.

Businesses To Be Closed Over Christmas Holidays

Billie Dean's Restaurant, First State Bank, Matador Hardware, Pay 'n Save will be closed Christmas Day.

Businesses to be closed Dec. 25 and 26 will be Matador V & S Variety, Guys and Gals, Stanley Pharmacy, Thacker Supply, Higginbotham.

The Windmill will be closed from Dec. 25 to Jan. 2.

Use The Library For 1986 Tax Deduction

1986 marks the last year that taxpayers can claim deduction to non-profit organizations such as your library.

If you are in need of a tax deduction this year, please remember that the Library is still working on getting a building and needs all the funding available to it.



Do you remember this? A manger scene displayed in front of the old Matador Grade School made by various eighth grade classes under the direction of Mrs. J.E. Edwards.

Library Notes

by Sara Hurt

A GREAT BIG thanks to the volunteers in the library this week who gave th ir time so that, you the patrons, are not without a library being open.

Thanks to: James Bearden, Winifred Lee, Earlyne Jameson and Daisy Smith.

We welcome a new Friends of the Library member: The El Progresso Club. Remember dues are annually-from January to January so next years dues will start next month. These

membership dues go into the Friends of the Library Fund which in turn helps the library out with books, repairs, construction work, etc. Membership dues are: Individual - \$2.00, family - \$5.00, Supporting - \$10.00, Business firms, Organizations, and Civic Clubs - \$25.00, Patron - \$50.00 and Life - \$100.00.

If you are interested in Quannah Parker, Lee Peacock has prepared a manuscript on his life, also she has donated a geneology research on the "Lea" family.

The Friends of the Library still have ROLLER SKATES on sale here at the Library for \$2.50, ranging in sizes from 6-12.

We now have Income tax forms here at the Library for the public to use.

ATTENTION: The Library will be closed CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY and the following Friday afternoon December 26.

We have some new films to be checked out or viewed in the Library until January 15, 1987 which I will publish next week. Also we have two Christmas films for children that can be checked out until January 5, 1987.

LIBRARY HOURS

Tuesday - 8:30 to 12:00 and 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
 Wednesday - 8:30 to 12:00 and 2:00 to 5:00.
 Friday - 9:00 to 12:30 and 2:00 to 5:00.
 Saturday - 9:00 to 12:00.

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Recollections

by Duff Green

THE COWBOY'S CHRISTMAS BALL

Part II

Read Rollie C. Burns description of the dance, out at the foot of the plains, at the Will Slaughter Ranchhouse in 1881 where Mrs. Will Slaughter, the two Joe Browning's girls, Miss Degraffenried, Miss Scarborough, Mrs. Cooper, and Mrs. Sam Gholson and her two daughters acted as shock absorbers for thirty or more West Texas cowboys and over a period of three days and nights. That bunch of nine women could have made any of our modern Marathon Dancers look foolish and silly. Some of them had traveled a good seventy-five miles to reach that dance and all of them, excepting Mrs. Slaughter had ridden miles. The eats were like the "Loaves and Fishes," for they never seemed to diminish at all. Where the refreshments came from that the boys used to wash down the food with seem deleted. But don't you worry, for that too was like Noah's dew, abundant.

Occasions for recreation and diversion in cow-lands were few and far between; but when they came, they were colorful, gay, festive, durable lasting affairs to be remembered a lifetime.

In the eighties and nineties, both the Spur and Matador ranches gave cowboy balls. Everyone was invited and welcome to attend.

Men were known to be at those blow-outs that came from one-hundred and fifty miles away. Everything was free, furnished as part of the entertainment by the ranches. On each occasion it was a "run for your money" to be long remembered and those dances lasted continuously for seventy-two hours.

Who in this part of West Texas will admit he never heard the rhythmic timing to the sweet tones of the fiddles wail to old clay Kitchens calling, "Four to two and two to four and six around, or in the wee hours of the night when the eyes became sluggish, and the feet worn and tired, to see C.A. McKnight mount one of the benches placed around the wall in the District Court Room of the courthouse at Dickens, Texas and hear his clarion voice say, "Balance, all balance, corners turn, partner by the right, corner by the left and right or wrong all night long."

My! My! In my old days I can hear them still, the shuffling feet, the wailing sweet tone of Elis, Sam's, Ab's or Sid's old fiddle, or it might be two or more of them playing together; but the Bass Voil was missing and Larry Chittenden was not there to tell the world about it, so instead of its being a "Cowboy's Christmas Ball," it just became another dance that could be reached in every section of clime, up or down the land beyond the settlements, from No-Man's Land to the Rio Grande.



Letters To Santa....

Dear Santa,

My name is Abe. I have been a good boy.
I would like binoculars, a camera and walkie-talkies.
I will leave cookies and milk for you.
Be careful on Christmas Eve.
I love you.

Love,
Abe

Dear Santa,

How are you this year and how is Mrs. Claus? Fine I hope. What I wanted to say is, what I want for Christmas this year is, a police car with remote control, and a new jacket and a my pet monster. I will leave milk and cookies for you. I love you and God bless you.

From,
Alvie Cisneros

P.S. Please don't forget to take some cookies to Mrs. Claus.

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a doll and some Life Savers and some fruit. Thank you.

Kaci

Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Claus this year? I am fine. Here is what I want for Christmas, a jam-box with equalizers and for my whole family to be together and to be happy, too.

Sincerely,
Juliana Cisneros

P.S. I will leave milk and cookies for you, and don't forget to take some cookies to Mrs. Claus.



Matador Senior Citizens Report

By Iris Blevins

We had our last luncheon in 1986 on Dec. 19, with a large attendance. Nora Belle said our table grace for the food.

Each one filled their plates with some of the most delicious food you have ever tasted. When lunch was over, we sang "Jingle Bells" and "Silent Night" with Daisy leading, assisted by Nora Belle and Marian. The gifts were exchanged and all enjoyed the spirit of Christmas that was spread around by everyone.

Nora Belle mentioned some events that will be coming up later. The program was closed with a poem from our Motley Co. Tribune.

We thank Barbara for getting pictures of our luncheon and Christmas tree.

Come back to see us Barbara. Games of 84, 42 and dominoes were enjoyed by those who didn't need to go home.

We planned a New Year's luncheon. If you are having company, bring your covered dish and company and come on down and have lunch and play games or visit. Or you may go home at any time. We are thankful for each one that has helped to make 1986 a very interesting and pleasant year.

Let's all try to make 1987 a real success.

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David Zarate's painting as seen in Austin Capitol Rotunda exhibit. (Photo by JoAnn Dickson)

The Dicksons Attend Sesquicentennial Day

SESQUICENTENNIAL DAY FOR SPECIAL TEXANS was observed on December 13, at the Capitol Rotunda in Austin.

Over 1000 entries from students throughout the state were on exhibit.

Motley County School was represented in the exhibit with a painting by David Zarate. Margaret Stanley is David's teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dickson attended the two hour ceremony at the Capitol Rotunda.

Music was provided by the Austin State School Band and the Song-in-Sign group of Texas School for the Deaf.

The meeting was sponsored by the Council on Disabilities to

honor people with disabilities who helped shape Texas history.

One such person was Deaf Smith who captured enemy couriers with a secret dispatch that led to the Battle of San Jacinto where he fought gallantly at that encounter on April 21, 1836.

Among the speakers were Mayor Frank Cooksey of Austin; Judge Bob L. Thompson of Waco; Justin Dart, Jr., commissioner of Rehabilitation Services Administration in Washington, D.C.; Dr. Margaret Nosek of Houston, chairman of the Governor's Committee for Special Persons; and Bob Kafka, president of the Coalition of Special Texans.

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Reception immediately following ceremony

What Should Parents Tell Their Children About Santa Claus?

(Editors Note: The following story was copied from **Touchpoint**, the 700 Club magazine.

Pat Robertson was asked this question on **The 700 Club**. Here was his answer:

That's a problem for many parents of little children.

If you're not careful, you will invest Santa Claus with the attributes of God. After all, he is everywhere. He knows whether you've been good or bad - "so be good for goodness' sake."

And he comes down the chimneys of every house in the whole world at the same time.

Only God could do something like Santa Claus does.

So you have to explain to little children that it's a lot of fun and you're going to play Santa Claus (if that's what you choose to do), but Santa Claus is make-believe.

I know that sounds a little Scrooge-like but you have to do it. You say, "Now Jesus is real and God is real, but Santa Claus is make-believe."

Then you can have a lot of fun. If you want to put out stockings, by all means do.

After we put the kids to bed, my wife and I used to come in the house and I'd go "Ho, ho, ho," and she'd go, "Jingle, jingle, jingle." And the kids would leave milk and cookies. We went through the whole thing. But it was a big joke. We never let the children believe that Santa was real.

And a couple of them wanted to. I'd say "He's not real." And they'd say, "But I saw him down the street on the corner." I had to explain that the Santas on the street are real people. But they are make-believe Santas.

It may be hard, but don't play that game where you fool your children.

Because they will grow up to seven or eight or nine, whenever they find out it's a myth, and they'll say, "You fooled me about Santa Claus, so you've probably fooled me about God and Jesus, too." And they may throw all of it away.

Obituaries

Bonnie Spann

FLOYDADA (Special) -- Services for Bonnie Craft Spann, 50, of San Antonio and formerly of Floydada were held at 1 p.m. Tuesday in the Roaring Springs First Baptist church with the Rev. Donnie Howell, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in the Roaring Springs Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home.

She died Sunday in a San Antonio hospital after a brief illness.

She was born in Floydada and moved to Motley County in 1946.

Mrs. Bonnie Craft Spain, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Walter Craft, longtime residents of this community. She was Valedictorian of the 1954 graduating class of the Roaring Springs High School. She was a beauty instructor and a member of the Baptist Church in San Antonio.

Survivors include a daughter, Vickie Spann of Galveston; a brother, Jack Craft of Brownwood; two sisters, Clara Jetton of San Antonio and Mrs. Dee Adams of Floydada.

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. (Mark 12: 30, 31)

'Round Motley County



Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

DAVID MARTIN AWARDED DOCTOR'S DEGREE IN ATLANTA

David Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin of Flomot, received his Doctor of Chiropractic degree from the Life Chiropractic College in Atlanta, Georgia, Saturday, Dec. 13. The graduation exercises were held at the Georgia World Congress Center Auditorium in Atlanta.

Dr. Martin was recognized for having the second highest scholastic average in a class of 200 graduates. He was a member of the Children's Research Team and worked at the Free Clinic in Atlanta. Dr. Martin will begin his private D.C. medical practice this March in Denton, Texas. He is married to the former Jan Derrington and they have two children, Lindsay and Cole.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin and sister, Marilee Pilcher of Fritch arrived in Atlanta, Thursday, Dec. 11 to visit the family and attend the graduation ceremonies. Mrs. Martin and Marilee enplaned home, Sunday, Dec. 14 and Mrs. Martin visited in Fritch with Marilee until Wednesday, Dec.

News About Local People

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pohl attended Tech graduation Saturday. Their grandson, Bryan Limmer of Snyder received a B.S. degree from the College of Agricultural Science in Animal Production. He plans to work on campus and get his Masters degree.

Home for early Christmas at Jack and Decima Green's was Dr. Tom and Julie Green, Casey

Baptist Youth Present Christmas Pageant

A poinsettia "tree" decorated the choir area of First Baptist Church and formed the background for a program Sunday night by children and youth from three years through high school.

Presenting "A Christmas to Last All Year," were 63 children and young people, directed by Frances (Mrs. Roy) Hobbs, assisted by Olivia (Mrs. Kenny) Barton, Karen (Mrs. Ronnie) Davis and Judy (Mrs. Butch) Renfro. Elaine (Mrs. Fred) Risser was organist and Fred Risser engineered the sound.

Jenifer Davis, Mistress of Ceremonies, welcomed the audience and piano selections were played by Kobbi Risser, "Angels We Have Heard on High," and Tonya Hoyle, "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing."

The plot centered around a family, the Booths, bored with Christmas preparations, who found the true meaning of Christmas in a church presentation. The cast of character included Dena Renfro, Koree Campbell, Walter Linson, Paka Barton, Hali Patrick, Joely Ewing, Jeff Burkes and Brandon Eddleman, with Hali Patrick in charge of props.

Carolers at the Booth home included Tanya Barkley, Josh Palmer, Wade Patrick, Kobbi Risser and Jill Stanley.

Trish Palmer was Narrator for the Christmas program at church. "Decorating for Christmas" were Quintin Brandon, Tanya Barkley, Kyle Brandon, Laurie Hoyle, Doyle Lee, Jill Stanley, Lanie Barton, Scotty Scott, Misty Thomas, Jason Stanley, Paul Barton, Heather Hobbs, Amber Brandon, Tonya Hoyle, Lisa Jones and Clay

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Mr. Martin remained in Atlanta to help Dr. Martin and family move to Denton. They arrived in Flomot, Monday, Dec. 22 for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Myers of Lubbock visited during the week with Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Morris.

Mary Ellen Barton and Viola Stinson attended to business in Quanah, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter, Cindy, Christi and Keri visited Saturday and Sunday in Amarillo with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Shorter and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rhodes and sons. Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Shorter were in Amarillo to visit the families, Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert visited in Lubbock, Sunday with their daughters and families, Mrs. Sherrilyn Cook and Mrs. Gwen Reed. Their children, Keith Cook, Shae Lynn and Dustin Reed returned home with the Calverts to visit during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pohl and Corey, Elwanda and Gordon Simmons of Midland, Ed and Chris Davis, Mark and Dodie Northcutt of Lubbock, Jimmie Don and Donna Green and Brian, Krista, Melissa of Shallowater. Larry and Ann Simmons and Vanna of Elk City, Okla. Gary and Lisa Simmons of Portales, N.M. and joining from Matador was Pete and Dick Dirickson.

Baptist Youth Present Christmas Pageant

Ewing. "The Gifts of Christmas" cast included Blake Eddleman, Ashley Stevens, Jeremy Davis, Leigha Burns, Brandee Spray, Nicole Green, Natalie Burkes, Rachelle Renfro, Renee Davis, Brant Donaldson, Amy Stephens and Abe Hollenback.

The cast for "What Christmas Is" included candlelighters-readers, Leigh Barton and Brandi Barton, and the manger scene, Andy Renfro as Joseph; Lyndee Spray as Mary; Angels, Brooke Brandon, Sheryl Davis and Kobbi Risser; Shepherds, Dustin Davis, Thomas Lee, Mathew Linson, Wade Patrick, Jody Scott; Wise Men, Burr Barton, Josh Palmer and Tye Stephens.

Presenting "My Gifts," were Dusty Jackson, Casey Carson, Llan Barkley, Jason Barton, Robert Gillespie, Todd Thomas, Brant Donaldson, Abe Hollenback, Kaci Risser, and Samantha Osborn.

Following the benediction by Rev. Greer Willis, the audience was invited downstairs for refreshments. During the fellowship hour, the pastor and family, Greer, Glenda and GeNelle were presented gifts by the church.

Fifty poinsettias of various sizes were given to the church for the tree arrangement and as altar decorations. Afterwards they were delivered to special friends, shut-ins or nursing home residents, according to the wishes of the donors.

A special thanks was extended to Billy Donaldson of Pay 'n Save for the Christmas tree and for Christmas treats for the entire cast, and to the Men's Sunday School class for helping defray the cost of decorations.

Roaring Springs News

By Odessa Mullins

On Saturday, Ray and Grace Zabielski visited in Amarillo with their daughter Beverly and Louis Shorter, and attended a basketball game in which granddaughter Jennifer played on Monday.

Ray and Grace Zabielski drove to Jacksboro to visit their son Julian. Julian is teaching in the Jacksboro School.

Miss Lula Swim, accompanied by Mrs. J.T. Swim, kept a medical appointment in Plainview last Thursday; they also did some Christmas shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kingery of Corpus Christi are guests of his mother Mrs. Eliza Kingery who accompanied them to Amarillo Friday to visit their sister and daughter, Mrs. Newt (Bevis) Dickson, who had recently had gall-bladder surgery, having come through the operation well.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Williams stopped by Friday night to visit her mother and step-father Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Mitchell. The Williams were on their way to a Colorado Ski area for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Jamie Williams also stopped by to see the Mitchells.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Skidmore and children Craig and Jamie of Shallowater visited her grandmother Mrs. Polk Cooper and husband Saturday.

Mrs. J.D. Smith of Amarillo and son of the late Rev. Clyde Smith, visited his aunt Mrs. J.D. Mitchell and Mr. Mitchell Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim went to Bovina Saturday to attend funeral services for her aunt, Mrs. Mabel Dean Reynolds held in the First Baptist Church there at 2:30 Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Hattie Marshall had an eye check up in Lubbock Tuesday following surgery and received new glasses following recuperation with good results.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennie D. Dillard are spending Christmas with their daughter Mrs. Bruce Liger, her husband and son Joel, Jordan in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell Smith Mrs. M.S. Thacker and Miss Freda Keahy will be Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith, Julie and Chad in Dallas, Mrs. Smith is the former Michelle Smith.

Mrs. Lorine Osborn was a weekend visitor with her aunt Mrs. Edna Cook of Spur.

Mesdmes Beth Hinson, Ossie Lee Brown and Odessa Mullins were Lubbock visitors Tuesday of last week. Mesdmes Hinson and Brown attended a SPAG meeting while Mrs. Mullins kept a medical appointment for skin surgery with Dr. Robert Bloom. Mrs. Mullins went back for additional surgery Thursday; her son Bobby drove her to Lubbock to keep Thursday's appointment.

Jonathan Jones of San Jose, California is visiting his grandfather and wife, Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Mitchell and his son Jeremy Jones during the holidays.

The Mullins' visited Mrs. Billie Odell, Mrs. Mullins' sister, and Jimmy McCleskey, local resident, in Methodist Hospital Thursday. Mrs. Odell is in ICU because of acute emphysema. Mr. McCleskey had not been able to come home at news time.

Mrs. Bobby Mullins of Graham and daughter Teresa and granddaughter Kisha are guests of Mrs. Odessa Mullins during school holidays.

The Rev. Mrs. Edna Dillard was returned home Friday by her son, J.W. Marriatt of Lubbock, after a two weeks absence during which she had eye surgery and recuperated at the home of her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. M.D. Gunstream in Muleshoe. Mrs. Dillard reports the surgery successful.

4-H Raffle Ticket Winners

The winner of the Matador 4-H drawing for a ham was Louvaine Scuff of Matador. The winner of the Roaring

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By Earlyne Jameson

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The decorations aren't quite as gaudy, the last minute shopping rush isn't quite as frenzied and in a small town you can go Christmas caroling without a police escort. The trees, gifts, good food, special Christmas services and programs are wonderful elements of Christmas in a rural community.

By Christmas Eve you'll have watched at least two dozen "Christmas T.V. Specials". There

are families that will skip some of this "manufactured" spirit and read aloud the Biblical Christmas story. The cadences of its seventeenth century English and its choice of words in the King James Version are unmatched by anything that has come since. Then they will turn to Dylan Thomas's, "A Child's Christmas in Wales", a charming prose poem about what Christmas was like in the Thomas household as the turn into this century. Or go back even further and read Dicken's, "Great Expectations" or the same author's, "A Christmas Carol" the way Lionel Barrymore used to do when some of us were kids.

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- 4 cups unsweetened pineapple juice
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MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

Holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cooper this week are daughters and families Mr. and Mrs. Lynn (Pat) Minton, Cheryl and Carol of St. Louis, Missouri and Mr. and Mrs. Ken (Kay) Dunnam and Kourtney of Amarillo. Arthur Harmon of Amarillo also is visiting the family and in Matador with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jameson.

Dr. Wayne Cardenhead and Charles Harvey of Haskell visited Mr. and Mrs. T.W. Jennings, Tuesday.

Visiting during the weekend in the home of Mrs. Henry L. Martin

for a pre Christmas family celebration were her daughters and families, Mrs. Nathan (Carol) Gilbreth, Susan and Kathy of Sundown and Mr. and Mrs. Mike (Sharon) Davis and Kristy of Fritch. They also visited in Matador with Mr. and Mrs. Hal Martin and Ryan. Mrs. Ray Martin of Roaring Springs visited the family, Sunday. Mrs. Gilbreth and daughters returned home, Tuesday.

Mrs. Lorri Richmond, Buz and Brittany of Sweetwater, Okla. visited from Tuesday until Friday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Davis Harvey.



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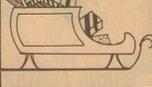
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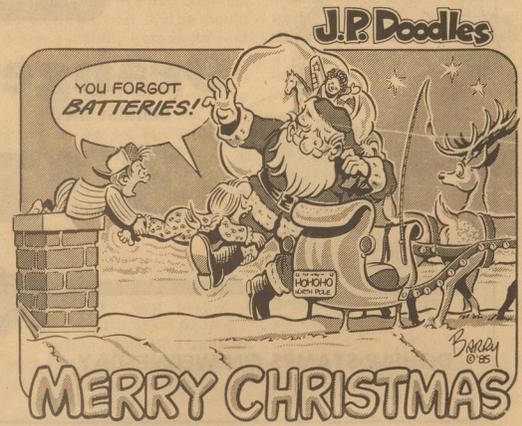
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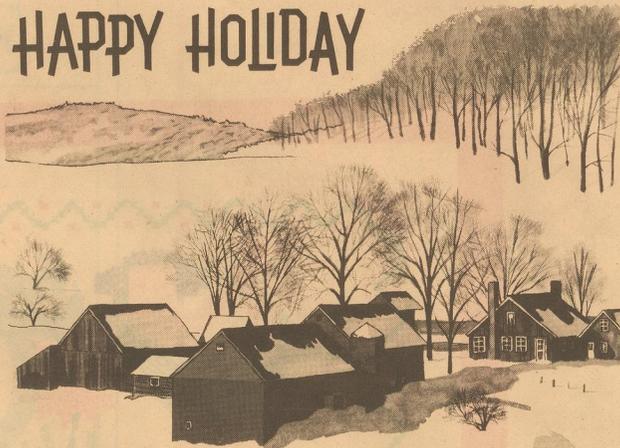


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We cordially

invite you to join us in celebrating a most joyous of seasons and a wonderful Christmas. It is our sincere pleasure to thank you all for your kind and loyal support.

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Christmas' favorite author

Of all authors, perhaps no other is as closely associated with Christmas as Charles Dickens.

His classic "A Christmas Carol" has been read and reread, and translated into stage, motion picture and television productions.

But, not many are aware that Dickens wrote other Christmas tales. They were fairy tales with a moral, published during the Christmas season in the 1840s.

According to researchers, Christmas was very special to Dickens. He saw it as a time when people were more giving and more open to change.

This kind of change was classically described in "A Christmas Carol" when the miserly Ebenezer Scrooge learns to celebrate Christmas with warmth and generosity.

One of the other Christmas books, "The Haunted Man" is written in the same vein. It tells of a chemist who had endured much suffering and betrayal in his youth. As he sits gazing into the fireplace on Christmas Eve, a spirit grants the unhappy man forgetfulness from the sad past. But, the chemist discovers that his happy memories are wiped out with the unhappy memories, as well. He realizes that he does not want to forget his past, after all.

Dickens was editor of a magazine for 17 years. Each year, he would prepare a Christmas issue, filled with songs and stories of the season. In addition to the five Christmas books he wrote, Dickens also published two volumes of Christmas stories.

Certainly it would appear that Dickens, like the reformed Scrooge, "knew how to keep Christmas well, if any man alive possessed that knowledge."



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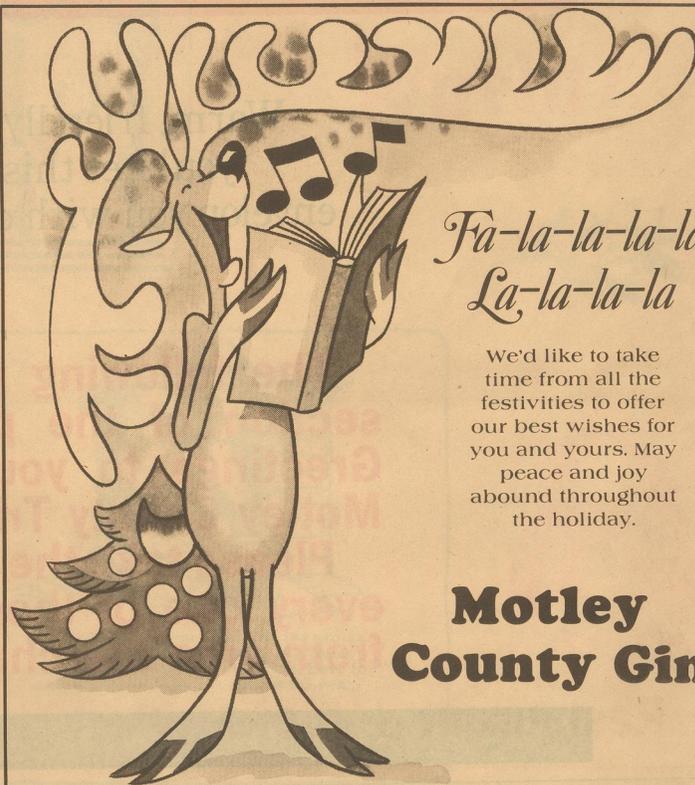
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*Fa-la-la-la-la
La-la-la-la*

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All of God's creatures great and small witnessed His coming and bowed before Him. Merry Christmas, and thanks for the friendship you've shown us.



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Have A Safe Holiday!

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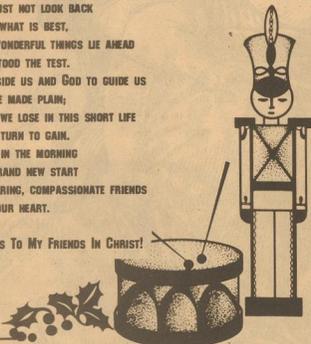
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WHEN YOU KNOW GOD

BY HAZEL SOLTWISCH

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TO YOU AND YOUR CHRISTIAN FRIENDS
THAT WILL ERASE ALL HURTS AND DISAPPOINTMENTS
WHEN A PART OF YOUR LIFE ENDS.
LIKE PAUL, WE MUST NOT LOOK BACK
FOR GOD KNOWS WHAT IS BEST,
AND BEAUTIFUL, WONDERFUL THINGS LIE AHEAD
WHEN WE HAVE STOOD THE TEST.
WITH FRIENDS BESIDE US AND GOD TO GUIDE US
OUR PATH WILL BE MADE PLAIN;
THERE'S NOTHING WE LOSE IN THIS SHORT LIFE
THAT GOD WON'T TURN TO GAIN.
TRUE JOY COMES IN THE MORNING
AND WITH IT A BRAND NEW START
BECAUSE WITH CARING, COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS
GOD HAS FILLED OUR HEART.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO MY FRIENDS IN CHRIST!



A star appeared

For centuries, the image of the star of Bethlehem has captured the imagination of believers and scientists alike at Christmas.

The Scriptures do not give many details about the star. Matthew's gospel tells us only that the Wise Men came from the Orient, saying, "Where is He that is born King of the Jews, for we have seen His star in the East and are come to worship Him."

Still, there are many theories regarding the star, some based on faith alone, others based on astronomical explanations.

One scientific theory is that the star may have been a supernova, a star that suddenly explodes into brilliance. Because the supernova is quite rare, it would have been regarded as a sign of supernatural significance in the time of Jesus. And, since the supernova remains brilliant for many months, such an occurrence would allow the Magi sufficient time to travel in search of the Infant.

Still another scientific theory is that the star was not actually a star, but a grouping of bright planets.

Another theory is that the star was really a comet. According to researchers, one comet appeared for around 70 days in the spring of 5 B.C.

The Wise Men that Mat-

they describes were probably astronomers. Other historians claim that the Wise Men were actually kings: Melchior, King of Arabia; Gaspar, King of Tarsus; and Balthasar, King of Ethiopia.

Matthew does not specify that there were three Magi. Our tradition celebrates three Wise Men, but Oriental Christians had a tradition of twelve.

Whether the star of Bethlehem was actually a star, a comet or a conjunction of planets, and whether the visitors from the East were astrologers or kings, the symbolism of the Magi following that light to the Infant Jesus is summed up by an expression so popular at Christmas time: "Today, wise men still seek Him."



Joyous Noel

In song and story, the meaning of Christmas inspires us with joy and reverence. It is a time to cherish the many blessings we all enjoy... friends, family, health and happiness... and to renew our faith in His words. We look gratefully to you, our customers and friends, whose kindness and trust we also cherish. May your joy be boundless throughout this special season.

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friends like you.



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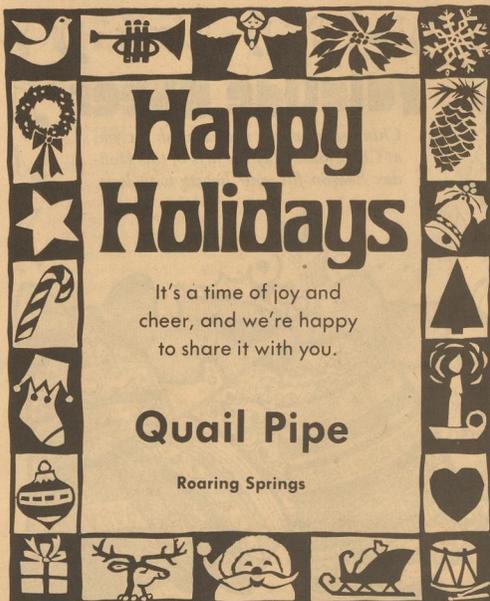
...and to all a good night!

May the magical sights and scents of the season embrace you and yours as you experience the joys of Christmas. It's been a pleasure to serve you.

Paschal Plumbing

Keith, Sherry & Bradley





Happy Holidays

It's a time of joy and cheer, and we're happy to share it with you.

Quail Pipe

Roaring Springs

Merry Christmas



Deck The Halls

Your friendship and support mean a lot to us. Have a very, Merry Christmas!

Jo-Barb-Dee

JoAnn & Bill

The Christmas spirit

Every year, you are sure to hear someone say, "I just can't seem to get the Christmas spirit!"

Just what is the Christmas spirit? Here is what some writers have to say about it.

Back in 1897, a famed editorial used the figure of Santa Claus to exemplify the Christmas spirit. "Yes, Virginia," wrote Francis P. Church, editor of the *New York Sun*, "there is a Santa Claus... He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give your life its highest beauty and joy."

Charles Dickens captured the spirit of Christmas in his description of Ebenezer Scrooge's overnight change from an unhappy miser to a generous employer: "'A merry Christmas, Bob!' said Scrooge with an earnestness that could not be mistaken, as he clapped him on the back. 'A merrier Christmas, Bob, my good fellow, than I have given you for many a year. I'll raise your salary, and endeavour to assist your struggling family, and we will discuss your affairs

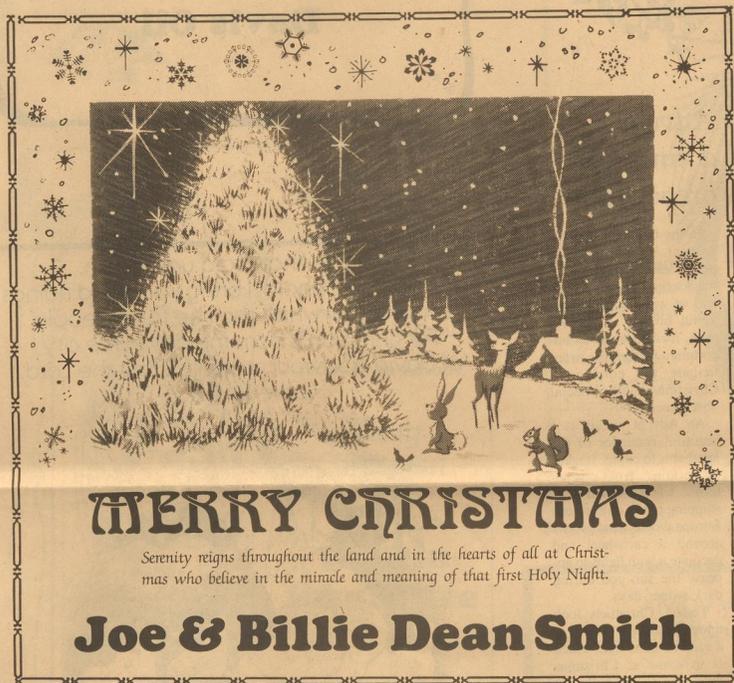
this very afternoon, over a Christmas bowl of smoking bishop, Bob!... Scrooge was better than his word.

He did it all, and infinitely more; and to Tiny Tim, who did not die, he was a second father.

He became as good a friend, as good a master and as good a man, as the good old city knew or any other good old city, town or borough, in the good old world."

This transformation of Scrooge's is a dramatic example of how Christmas brings joy to those who are open to its message.

The youngsters caroling for senior citizens at a convalescent home... the shopper who takes time to wish the harried clerk "Merry Christmas"... the church members collecting food and clothing to take to less fortunate neighbors... the co-worker who invites a lonely bachelor to share a family dinner... all these have experienced the joy of reaching out to others that is the core of the Christmas experience, paralleling the love of the Father reaching out to a sinful world through His beloved Son.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Serenity reigns throughout the land and in the hearts of all at Christmas who believe in the miracle and meaning of that first Holy Night.

Joe & Billie Dean Smith

Origins of holiday customs

Deck the halls with boughs of holly! The lively carol describes one of the oldest customs of the season. Where did it originate?

Most holiday customs have a rationale behind them, as does the practice of hanging holly.

The ancient Druids believed that holly branches protected them from evil spirits. When placed in the home, these branches provided a warm haven for the sylvan spirits. In time, the practice became associated with the holiday season.

We can also thank the Druids for the custom of kissing under the mistletoe. The ancient priests of Ireland, Britain, and Gaul regarded mistletoe as the soul of the oak, which was their sacred tree. Because the plant never touched the earth, the Druids believed it represented pure spirits. As it was a symbol of peace and good will, Druid enemies would drop their weapons under the mistletoe and embrace. This practice evolved into today's holiday custom.

The yule log has been associated with Christmas for centuries in many countries. This custom goes back to the Norsemen, who used it as a symbol of the rebirth of the sun at the winter solstice; the word *yule* is actually Norse for December. The yule log is always lit with a piece from last year's log, and in many countries, wine is poured on it as a blessing.

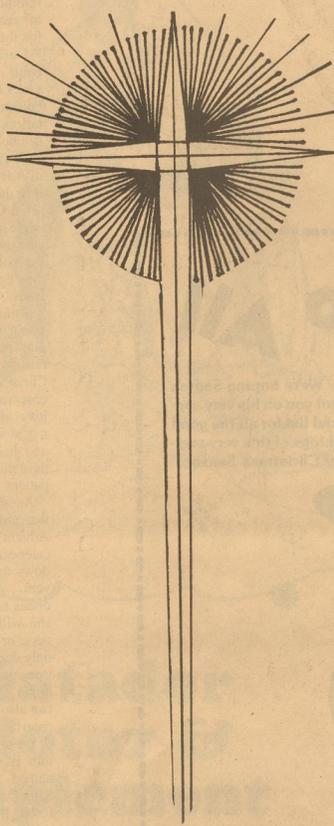
We can thank St. Francis of Assisi for the custom of placing manger scenes under the Christmas tree. Wanting to bring the spirit of that first Christmas to his parishioners, the good saint brought animals into his church, where he placed a manger. He scattered hay about the altar, where a mother and her baby represented Mary and the Infant Jesus. The villagers loved this tableau and soon the custom of creating nativity scenes evolved from that reenactment.

The wassail bowl, where holiday toasts are customary, goes back in tradition to hundreds of years. The

daughter of a Germanic chieftain is said to have offered a gold cup filled with wine to her host, with the words "Waes hael hlaforð Cyning," or "Be of health, Lord King." As the practice of drinking a wassail spread, those who could not afford wine used a mixture of hot oil, sugar, nutmeg and ginger, topped with toasted bread. That is how drinking to one's health became known as a toast!

The custom of gifting children at Christmas time probably originated with St. Nicholas, a bishop of Asia Minor in the 4th century. Because of his reputation for being generous — it seems the saint gave bags of gold to a poor man for his daughter's dowries — St. Nicholas was looked upon by children as the dispenser of goodies. This stately figure gradually evolved through the years into our own Santa Claus.

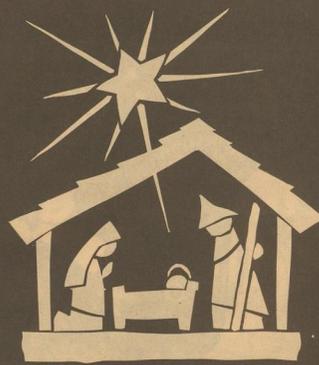
The practice of exchanging gifts is attributed both to an ancient Roman custom on New Year's Day, and the bringing of gifts to the Christ Child by the Magi.



We Wish You A Merry Christmas

Pizza Gold

Floydada



Away in a Manger

As we celebrate His triumphant birth, may we take this time to express our joy and faith in all mankind.

Assembly of God Church

Matador



*Merry
Christmas
to All*

May the gentle blessings
of the holy season touch
you and yours this Christ-
mas and always!

**West
Texas
Gin**



**Christmas
Quotes**

A Christmas gambol oft
could cheer
A poor man's heart through
half the year.
— Sir Walter Scott

Come, bring with a noise,
My merry, merry boys
The Christmas log to the
firing.

While my good dame,
she bids ye all be free,
And drink to your heart's
desiring.
— Robert Herrick



**Advent
a time of
preparation**

In the Christian liturgy,
Advent is the 4-week
period leading up to Christ-
mas, a time of preparation
and of awaiting the most
joyful holiday of all. As
such, it can provide an op-
portunity for families to an-
ticipate the coming of
Christmas with special
observances.

An Advent wreath is a
beautiful reminder of the
joy that is to come. It takes
its origins from pagan
times, when the sun-wor-
shipping tribes of northern
Europe would wind greens
around a cartwheel and
decorate it with lights to ap-
pease the sun god during
dark winter days.

Today, Christians look
upon the Advent wreath as
a symbol of the light which
is to come at Christmas
time. The wreath's circular
shape symbolizes God's
eternity. The evergreen
represents our immortality
and God's unchanging
nature. The four candles
remind us of the hundreds
of years mankind waited
for the coming of Christ.

During the first and se-
cond week of Advent,
violet candles are lit, sym-
bolizing longing and expec-
tation. A rose candle,
symbolizing joy and hope,
is lit during the third week
of Advent. A violet candle
is lit during the final week.

On Christmas Eve, four
white candles replace the
rose and violet candles, to
symbolize the coming of
the light of the world,
Jesus.

Some families incor-
porate songs and prayers
into these candle-lighting
rituals. Preparing for
Christmas through Advent
observances makes the hol-
iday all the more mean-
ingful when it does arrive
and helps make the time
pass more quickly for im-
patient youngsters.

Another Advent custom
that children enjoy is the
Advent calendar. These
calendars feature little win-
dows for each day of Ad-
vent. As the youngster
opens each window, he or
she will find a scriptural
verse or picture inside. Not
only does the calendar help
youngsters to "count
down" to the big day, it
can also be instructive and
entertaining.

Yet another Advent cus-
tom is the Jesse tree, so
named for the father of
King David, an ancestor of
Jesus. In a way, it can be
called the family tree of
Jesus, for it is adorned with
symbols of His ancestors.

Yuletide Cheer
*Chiming in with a special wish for you
at Christmas: May the joys of this Holi-
day Season fill your hearts with love.*



Davis Oil



* May the heavenly bells of
Christmas chime out with
good cheer & warm greet-
ings to all of our patrons.

Red Ball Gin

Roaring Springs

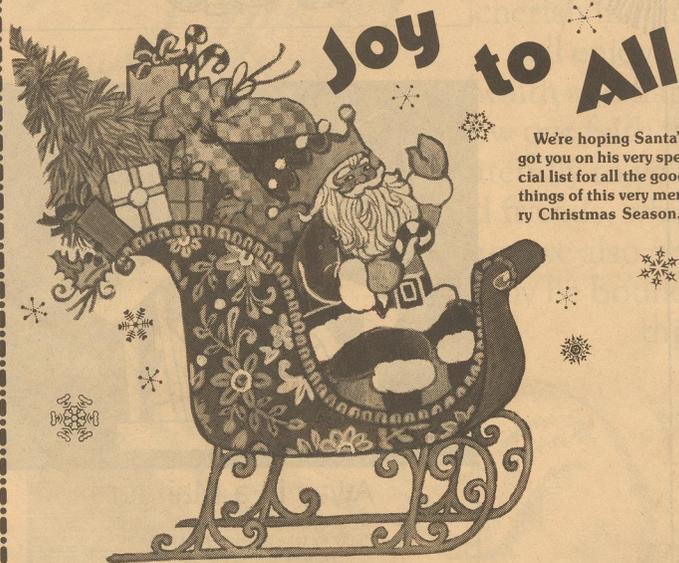


And the Angel said unto them,
Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings
of great joy, which shall be to all people.
For unto you is born this day in the city
of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
(Luke 2: 1-20)



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Have a
**Merry
Christmas**



The Pott's Family

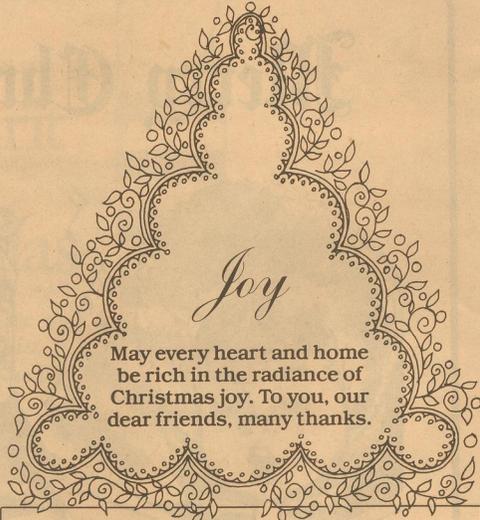
First Christmas Carol

The first Christmas carol composed in America was written in the Huron Indian language, by a Frenchman.

The lyrics were written in 1641 by a native of France, Father Jean de Brebeuf, for his Christian converts. He set the words to a popular French tune, "Une Jeune Pucele."

In his writing, the French priest described the Hurons' reverence for Christmas: "They built a small chapel of cedar and fir branches in honor of the Infant Jesus... Even those who were at a distance of more than two days' journey met at a given place to sing hymns in honor of the newborn Child."

After the Hurons were defeated by the Iroquois, they resettled near Quebec, preserving the Christmas carol among their traditions.



Summit Savings Assn.

Bessie Jean & Bunni



'Twas the Night Before Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse; The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.

The children were nestled all snug in their beds While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads; And Momma in her kerchief, and I in my cap, Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter. Away to the window I flew like a flash, Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow Gave a lustre of mid-day to objects below, When, what to my wondering eyes did appear, But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer.

With a little old driver, so lively and quick, I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick. More rapid than eagles his coursers they came, And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name.

"Now, Dasher, now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen! On, Comet! on, Cupid! on Donner and Blitzen! To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall! Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly, When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky, So up to the house-top the coursers they flew, With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas, too.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof The prancing and pawing of each little hoof. As I drew in my head, and was turning around, Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot, And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot; A bundle of toys he had flung on his back, And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.

His eyes, how they twinkled! his dimples, how merry! His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry! His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow, And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow.

The stub of a pipe he held tight to his teeth, And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath; He had a broad face and a little round belly, That shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf, And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself: A wink of his eye and a twist of his head Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work, And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk, And laying his finger aside of his nose, And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.

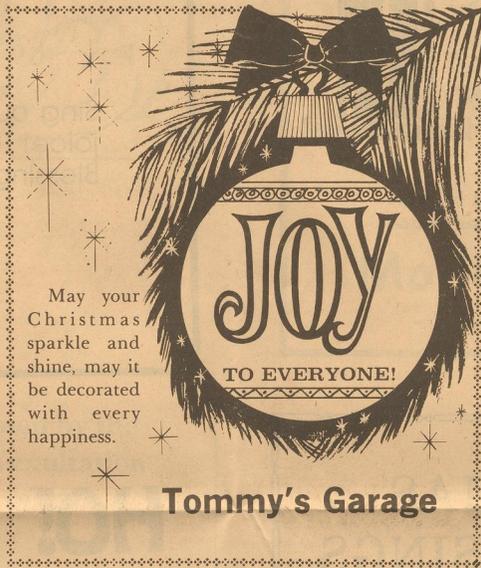
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle, And away they all flew like the down of a thistle. But I heard him exclaim ere he drove out of sight, "Happy Christmas to all...and to all a goodnight!"



May your home and hearth be blessed with the love and laughter of the season. To all our past customers and our future ones thank you for your trust and recommendations.

Merry Christmas!

Pipkin Insurance



May your Christmas sparkle and shine, may it be decorated with every happiness.

Tommy's Garage

May your holiday be aglow in the miracle of His love



Matador Motor & Implement

ADESTE FIDELIS

Let the carols of Christmas ring throughout the year, warming hearts and lifting spirits with joy.

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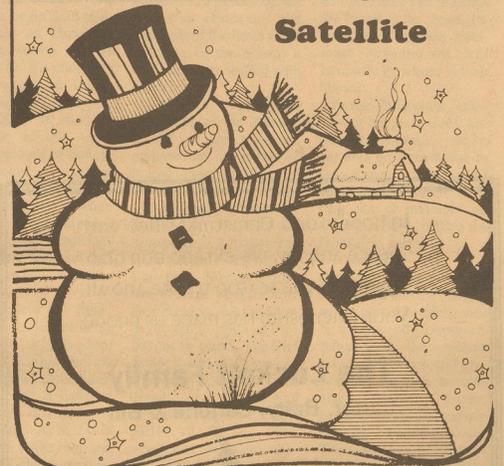
Don, Colleen, Bradley & Stachia



JOY TO ALL

Jolly greetings to all our good patrons. May all your holidays be filled with love and joy.

Motley Co. Satellite



Peace

From us to you, have a very merry Noel!

Zabielski Company

Bev, Bunni & Julian



The Nutcracker story

One of the classic Christmas stories for youngsters was written in 1844 by E.T.A. Hoffman: "The Nutcracker and Mouse-King."

This fanciful tale centers on two children, Fritz and Marie. Like all the other children in their town, they were looking forward to receiving gifts, especially from their godfather, Doctor Drosselmayer. For he was no ordinary doctor. An accomplished inventor, the doctor could make life-like puppets that walked, danced, played instruments and drilled with guns.

On this particular Christmas, when the door to the parlor was opened, the children found many delightful gifts under the tree. For Fritz, there was a squadron of red-coated hussars mounted on white horses; Marie found a beautiful doll which she named Claire. But, most intriguing of all was a nutcracker in the shape of a man. When you placed a nut between his teeth and pressed on his cape, the nut would crack.

The children delighted in playing with the new toy, but soon it was broken.

Heartbroken, Marie insisted on taking care of the wounded nutcracker.

It got late, and everyone drifted off to bed, except for Marie, who lingered by the toy cupboard. She made a bed for the nutcracker, promising to have her godfather take care of his injuries. The clock struck midnight and suddenly, an army of mice advanced on Marie, with the Mouse-King leading them. Marie heard the commotion in the

toy cupboard — it was the toys, rousing themselves to battle.

The nutcracker jumped from his bed, drew his sword and took command of the toy army. But, the battle went badly for the toys.

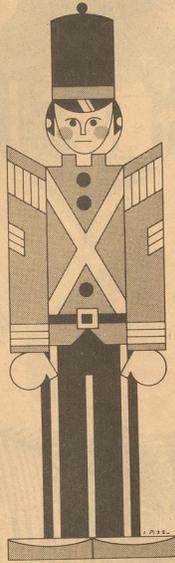
Marie sprang into action, taking off one of her shoes and throwing it at the Mouse-King and knocking him down. At this point, Marie fainted, and when she came to, her mother and the doctor were hovering over her.

When Marie told them what had happened, the doctor told her the story of the nutcracker, who was actually his bewitched nephew and who could only become young and handsome again when he had overcome the Mouse-King and had won the love of a charming young lady.

The years went by and Marie and the nutcracker shared many adventures, traveling to the Plain of Sugar Candy and the City of Jam. There they visited the Palace of Marzipan, in front of which a fountain of lemonade, orange juice and syrup gushed forth.

At last, Marie reached the age of sixteen. One day, she told the nutcracker of her love for him. Suddenly, a handsome young man appeared before her; it was Drosselmayer's nephew, freed from his spell. He asked for her hand in marriage, and together they reigned happily ever after over the Kingdom of Toys and Sugar Candy.

This delightful story has been adapted into a popular ballet and it continues to charm children and adults.



Merry Christmas



Sing out the carols! Let each heart rejoice! The Prince of Peace is born to us! Blessings of the season to all.

Caprock Gin

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

Wishing you peace, happiness and contentment this holiday season. Have a wonderful Christmas.



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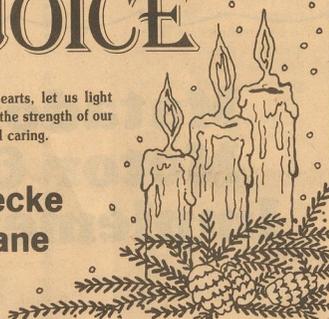
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REJOICE

With joy in our hearts, let us light up the world with the strength of our kindness, love and caring.

Giesecke Butane



In hopes for a Christmas filled with peace and joy, we extend our glad tidings of the season to one and all. Your friendship has made us proud.

The Lockett Family Carter, Betty, Carlene & Bill



Rejoice



May the star of Bethlehem light your way throughout the year, as it did for the shepherds long ago.

Rolling Plains Production Credit Assn.

Alan Bingham

Judy Renfro

The Spirit of Christmas

Bless us all, O Lord we pray; Make us safe this Christmas Day. Let us feel this season's joy; that fills the hearts of every girl and boy.



Matador Fire Department

BLESSINGS TO ALL



May the Infant Jesus bless you and yours with every happiness. We wish you a wonderful Christmas.

Motley County Tribune

Barbara, Michelle, Carla, Mary & Sherry

Rejoice! May your hearts be warmed by the blessing of His birth, as we sing in exultation of the harmony of His holy message.



We'd like to express our deepest feelings of friendship and goodwill to all of you.

Cooper Oil Company

J.B., Jean & Robin

Christmas festivities in other lands

The joy of Christmas is boundless — it circles the globe and is celebrated in as many ways as there are nations.

In Panama, for instance, Christmas is a time for visiting. The visits begin on Christmas Eve, when friends come to your home. Together, you go on to yet another friend's home. So the visits continue, until Christmas night, when it's time for a party. Children open their gifts at midnight in this country, where decorated trees, both artificial and green, add to the holiday atmosphere. On Christmas Day, special fruitcakes and yellow cakes are served in honor of the holiday.

Italian children look forward each Christmas to the arrival of *Babbo Natale* or Father Christmas. Another Italian custom popular with youngsters is the exchanging of *panettone*, special cakes baked at Christmas time. Attending mass and gathering together with other family members for a big dinner are other Christmas traditions in Italy.

In Brazil, the holiday celebrations begin at midnight on Christmas Eve. Factories sound off their sirens at this time, and the cities are brightly decorated with lights, as stores stay open all night. After church services, families gather together for a feast of turkey or lamb, tropical fruits and Christmas cake. And, they toast each other with champagne. In this country, you'll find only artificial trees in the homes, because of the warm climate.

Bavarian children eagerly await a visit from *Knecht Ruprecht* on December 6. This Santa-like figure distributes candy to good children, while naughty youngsters get a spanking from "Grumbles," a devilish figure carrying sticks or a switch. The *Christkindl* or Christ Child



brings presents on Christmas Day as well.

It's summertime in Peru during the Christmas season, so instead of going sledding, youngsters there go roller skating and biking on Christmas Day. The festivities begin with midnight mass on Christmas Eve, after which families go home for hot chocolate with *panettone* (an Italian cake bread) and open presents. There is food in abundance at this time, notably roast pig or turkey, either cooked on a spit or in the ground. Musical instruments are played while everyone sings folk songs and there is much dancing. Firecrackers are set off during these holiday parties in Peru.

St. Lucia's Day, December 13, ushers in the holiday season in Sweden. Tradition dictates that the eldest daughter of the family should rise at dawn to serve coffee and cakes to the household. As St. Lucia she wears a white robe and a halo of lighted candles. Public appearances by St. Lucia are quite common in Sweden today, where white-robed girls can be seen in schools and civic buildings on St. Lucia's Day.

Holiday festivities in Mexico begin with a parade on December 16. For nine

consecutive nights, "Joseph" and "Mary" search for a room at the inn, a reenactment known as *Las Posadas*. At the end of the nine nights, the searchers are finally given a *posada* and a *fiesta* follows. For the children, the highlight of the *fiesta* is the breaking of the *pinata*, a clay container stuffed with goodies.

Denmark celebrates Christmas as the greatest holiday of the year and preparations are elaborate indeed in this Scandinavian country. The season begins with Baking Day, when the dough is mixed for *brunkeage*, a paper-thin spice cookie served at Christmas. Mixing is done two or three weeks before the baking in order to allow the dough to ripen and the flavors to blend. Families gather for an early meal on Christmas Eve, and after dinner, the father and mother disappear into the parlor or living room, which has been kept locked. The doors are flung open to reveal the Christmas tree, decorated not only with ornaments but with small Danish flags as well. As the members of the family clasp hands and circle the tree, they sing Danish songs and carols.

In Argentina, families attend midnight mass on

Christmas Eve, then sit down to a big dinner with pork as the main course. After dinner, it's customary to enjoy a glass of *sidra*, similar to our cider, with *pan dulce*, or sweet bread. Another favorite libation is *clarico*, a blend of white wine, sugar and natural fruits of the season. After several toasts, it's time to visit friends and wish them a happy holiday. These visits continue until the wee hours of the morning! Children in Argentina don't receive their presents until January 6. The night before, they put their shoes outside the door or window, along with a tray holding a glass of water and grass for the camels of the Three Kings. In the morning, the grass and water will be gone, and presents are found in the shoes. Instead of Christmas trees, most Argentinians will have nativity scenes in their homes.

In the Philippines, celebrating begins a week before Christmas, when carolers go from house to house each night until Christmas. Church bells ring out at midnight on Christmas Eve, calling the faithful to services.

Everyone has new clothes for this occasion, as they crowd into the church, where a manger scene will be prominently displayed. Afterwards, the children take part in a colorful procession, wearing wreaths and chains. Later, everyone feasts on roast pig and rice cakes of all kinds. Then, it's time to open the presents! Philippine children also receive gifts on Christmas Day when they visit with their godparents.

Although customs may vary from country to country, throughout the world, Christmas is celebrated as a time of joy and coming together.



Good times, good friends, good cheer... we hope that you'll experience them all this Christmas and throughout the coming year. Thanks to all our customers.

Red Hen Market

Roaring Springs



The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, in hopes that Saint Nicholas soon would be there. Merry Christmas to all our customers.

Matador Variety

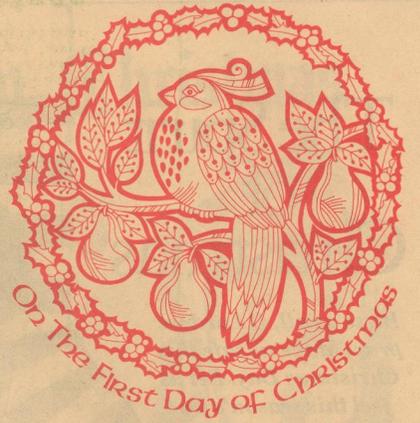
PEACE



JOY

Thank you, our loyal customers. We appreciate your trust in us.

Stanley Pharmacy



On The First Day of Christmas

Happy holidays to one and all!

Marshall Cable TV

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Long Ago

Winds through the olive trees
Softly did blow,
Round little Bethlehem
Long, long ago.

Sheep on the hillside lay
Whiter than snow;
Shepherds were watching them,
Long, long ago.

Then from the happy sky,
Angels bent low,
Singing their songs of joy,
Long, long ago.



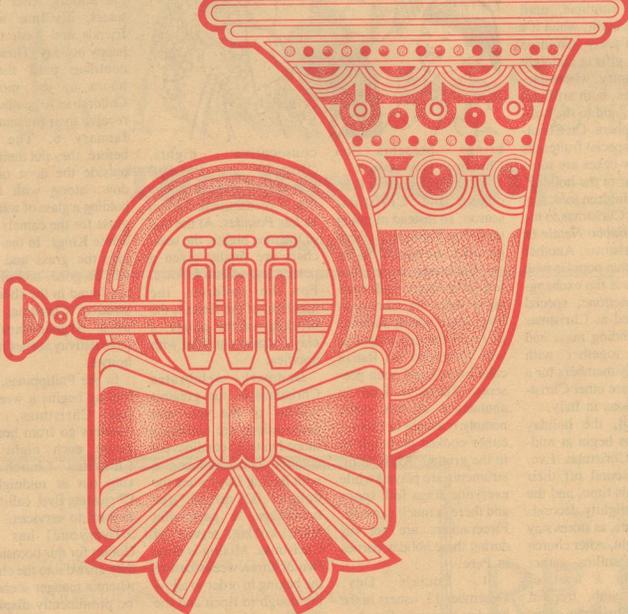
At Christmas, and throughout the year, we extend our thoughts of peace and brotherly love to all. Our customers are the best!

Allsup's

Bill & Barbara Jameson

Merry CHRISTMAS

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Your patronage has been a source of pride and happiness for us. Many thanks and a very Merry Christmas.

First State Bank

Although it's been said many times, many ways... Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Brannon Butane
Roaring Springs



Joy to the World!



The warmth of a crackling fire, the aroma of a Christmas tree, the taste of a candy cane, the joy on the face of a child. Love to all this season, and throughout the year.

Roaring Springs Jam Factory

