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By DOUGLAS MEADOR



The Spirit of Christmas is a flame that destroys hate, prejudice and envy, to allow the heart its natural freedom of love and friendship. It is a miracle that sweeps the world once a year to commemorate the greatest event in the history of mankind.

It was cold on the wagon seat beside my father as the horses plodded deep sand in the darkness. The wagon creaked and swayed in the ruts, but we could see the light that shone from a window in the one room house where my mother and brother waited. The adventure of going to town on Christmas Eve was over but my heart was singing as I clutched the single toy, a cast iron train with solid wheels. My father had given me a quarter to spend and I had bought the little train, and with it happiness. We also had a peck of fragrant apples, a few oranges and some candy. Advancing in the darkness, I looked at the stars and felt mist in my eyes. I have never had more nor have I wanted less in a lifetime.

As a boy I was told that cattle prayed at midnight on "Old Christmas" the sixth of January. One time I went to the lots at midnight to see, but the horses and cattle were no different than usual. They were content, moving now and then, but apparently satisfied that all was well with the world.

The most precious element in a gift is the pleasure it affords the giver.

One Christmas our community had a tree at the school house. It was a real cedar tree with real candles, and decorated with popcorn on threads. The single room was crowded as the teacher, in the absence of Santa, called names as he held up presents. Suddenly one of the limbs, coming in contact with a candle, started blazing. A buxom lady ran to the water bucket and doused the fire and about half the tree. It was a minor incident that in no way dampened the spirit of Christmas in the hearts of the congregation of friends and neighbors.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Holiday Basketball Tourney

Outsiders Matched At Roaring Springs

PLANS are set at Roaring Springs for the Annual Outsiders Holiday Basketball Tournament sponsored by the Roaring Springs Lions Club. The three-day tournament is scheduled in the high school gymnasium and will start Tuesday, December 30th at 5 p.m.

Second day of the tournament will be Friday January 2nd and the third day is Saturday, January 3rd. General admission is 75c for adults and 25c for children.

Lubbock is the defending champion (ownership of the Traveling Trophy will be claimed after winning three years in succession). Other teams in the tournament this year are Roaring Springs, Matador, Spur, Jayton, Estelline, McAdoo and Silverton.

Awards to be presented include five individual plaques for out-

standing sportsmanship and one team sportsmanship plaque. Each team must participate in all scheduled games to be eligible for awards.

Tournament rules include: (1) Any team member with evidence of drinking alcoholic beverages will disqualify his entire team. (2) Practice balls furnished. (3) Forfeit of game for more than 30 minutes delay in starting. (4) No team entry fee. Players pay same as spectators. (5) Ownership of Traveling Trophy claimed by winning three years in succession. (6) Furnish team roster to score keeper prior to game time. (7) Roaring Springs Lions Club is not responsible for accidents. In event of any disagreements, problem will be handled by the tournament board of directors.

Wife Goes to Laos; Thinks Mate POW

In the belief that her husband is a prisoner of war in North Vietnam, Mrs. Louis F. Jones of Apple Valley, Calif., the former Marion Alice Mitchell of Roaring Springs, has gone to Laos to seek his release.

Her companion in making the trip is Mrs. James Hughes of Santa Fe, N. M. whose husband, an Air Force lieutenant colonel, has been officially listed as a prisoner since he was shot down two years ago.

Major Louis F. Jones has been listed as missing in action since Nov. 2, 1967. He was with the 12th Tactical Fighter Wing based at Cam Ranh Bay Air Base. He is the son of Mrs. D. T. Jones of San Angelo, Texas.

The two American wives arrived at Vientiane, Laos, Thursday. Speaking on behalf of both, Mrs. Jones said: "We are glad to finally get here. We have been trying for two years to make this trip. It has finally come through. We have come a long way, hoping that we can learn something and do some good while we are here."

She said that she hopes to see Pathet Lao and North Vietnamese representatives.

"We were financed by the American people, volunteer people who agreed to help us," she said. "If our attempts fail in Vientiane, we fly to Switzerland and Moscow to push the process."

Mrs. Jones is the daughter of J. D. Mitchell of Roaring Springs

and the late Mrs. Mitchell. She has two children, Janie, 14 and Jon, 10, both of the home.

Drive to Check German Measles

A national drive is underway to check the spread of German measles or rubella and is being pursued by the Texas Health Department. A clinic will be held here in the school gymnasium, Thursday, January 15 for children six to ten.

Pre-school children may also receive the immunization. Cost of the vaccine is about \$2.25 for children not in school. Cost for children in school is paid.

Authorities say a child may have German Measles or rubella two or more times. The greatest danger, however, is the spread of the disease to expectant mothers. It is traced to the cause of many birth defects.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

J. E. (Jake) Edwards returned home Monday to spend Christmas at home, after being hospitalized in St. Mary's Hospital, Lubbock, the past week. Mrs. Edwards and daughter, Patty, drove to Lubbock to accompany him home.

Flomot Leads In Seal Drive

Flomot community, with Mrs. Harrison George as chairman, is leading the county in the annual Christmas Seal Campaign, according to an announcement made last week by Mrs. Robert Darsey, County Chairman.

Mrs. George reported \$39.58 collected in Flomot. Roaring Springs and Matador are as yet unreported.

Mrs. Darsey supervised the drive in Matador, with headquarters at Bob Stanley Pharmacy.

Cups for donations are located at the pharmacy and at El Matador Restaurant in Matador and the Roaring Springs Cafe in that community.

"A number of local contributors made donations direct to the Lubbock West Texas TB and RD Association, by mail," Mrs. Darsey said. "However, we hope to have at least \$100 to send in by the first of January, when the drive closes."

Karen Elliott Has New Honor

Miss Karen Elliott was presented the Gail Borden Scholarship of \$300 at the annual journalism honors day at Texas University, early in December.

The award goes to the student in the School of Journalism at UT, having the highest grade point average for the first three years. Miss Elliott earned the honor with a 3.8 grade point average on 4.0 system.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Elliott, Karen is managing editor of the Daily Texan, University newspaper. She is a senior and has received numerous honors on campus.

Families Receive Vietnam Addresses

Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Keltz last week heard from their son, Terry with the Military Police in Vietnam. He sent them his address and a tape recording describing his location.

His address is: Pfc. Ben T. Keltz, 455 84 5164, 188 Military Police Co., 3rd Platoon; APO San Francisco, 96215.

Dickie Garrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Garrison of Matador, arrived in Chu-Lai, Vietnam Thursday, Dec. 11. Sgt. Garrison is with Artillery in Chu-Lai and will be in Vietnam for one year. His address is: Sgt. Dickie A. Garrison, SSAN 455-84-7262, HNB 3rd BN 16th ATTY, APO San Francisco, 96374.

Returns Home From Hospital

Jim D. Knight has returned home from Amarillo, where he has been a recent patient in the Veterans Hospital.

He was transferred to Amarillo from the Lockney Hospital where he was treated for injuries received when thrown from his horse on Nov. 30. He is employed by W. E. Burleson and resides at the Mott line camp west of Matador. He and Burleson were riding at the Leonard place when the bronc which he was riding bucked and threw him.

Knight received broken ribs and a broken shoulder in addition to a back injury and face lacerations. His wife, and mother, Mrs. Bernice Knight were at his bedside during his hospitalization at both hospitals.

Nephew Killed In Vietnam War

Word has been received here by C. W. Giesecke that his nephew, Cpl. Jerry D. Giesecke, was killed in the Vietnam conflict Dec. 18th. He was assigned to the heavy artillery.

Cpl. Giesecke, 23, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester A. Giesecke of Comanche. He is survived by his parents and his wife.

Lions Plaques Winners Named

The judges have decided the four winners of plaques in the Matador Lions Club's annual Christmas decoration and lighting contest.

The Tribune received the results late Monday after decisions had been reached by out of town judges.

In the homes division, first place went to the Lewis Bostick home, and second to the Bill Moss home.

In the business division, first place was awarded Matador Auto Company, local Ford agency, and second place to Pete Williams Texaco.

Half of Crop Is Harvested

Half of the 1969 cotton crop in Motley County is harvested (perhaps more) according to an estimate made Monday by County Agent Bill Pallmeyer.

He said according to his latest check Saturday, about 3,000 bales had been processed in the county's four gins.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Mrs. J. S. Stanley arrived home Sunday from Dallas, to spend Christmas at her home, after a prolonged stay following surgery in Baylor Hospital. She was accompanied by her daughter and granddaughter, Mrs. Ruth Harrison and Stacy. Another daughter and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thrasher, came Tuesday to join them in spending Christmas with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. Stanley. Mrs. Stanley will return to Dallas with Mrs. Harrison and Stacy, Thursday for further treatment.

Mrs. L. F. Nipp is a patient in Crosbyton Hospital, where she was taken Wednesday of last week by her daughter, Mrs. W. C. (Rosy) Deaton.



A LITTLE GIRL is happy to meet Santa at Roaring Springs last Friday. She is Brenda Hurt, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hurt of Matador. —Tribune photo

Church Attendance Urged at Christmas

In observance of Christmas as a holy occasion, attendance in church services as announced, is urged by local ministers.

A "come and go" communion service will be in progress at the First Methodist Church, Wednesday night (Christmas Eve) from 6 until 8 p.m. and a brief service will be held Christmas Day at 10:30 a.m. it has been announced by the pastor, Rev. John Fitzgerald.

Rev. Fitzgerald announced also that Judge Leslie Thomas of Crowell will be guest speaker in morning services Sunday, Dec. 28. Evening services that day will be dismissed, as will the mid-week Wednesday night prayer service on Dec. 31, in the absence of the pastor.

Former Resident Named Vice President Of Methodist Hospital Board, Baytown

W. H. (Houston) Schweitzer, who was president of the San Jacinto Methodist Hospital board in 1966, has been reappointed to the board and elected vice president.

He and his family returned to Baytown in September from England where he was on assignment with Esso Europe. He served on the hospital board three years before going to Europe in 1966.

Schweitzer also has served as board chairman at St. Mark's Methodist Church and has held a number of offices in that church. He is a past state director of the American Society of Civil Engineers and has served on the East Harris Boy Scout District Committee.

A registered professional engineer, Schweitzer is materials manager for Humble Oil and Refining Co.'s Baytown Refinery. He graduated in 1943 from Texas Tech and went to work for Humble in Baytown. A veteran of World War II and the Korean War, he was a Navy Lieutenant. Schweitzer was born in Matador. His wife is the former Miss Jenn Etta Dodge of Big Spring. The Schweitzers live at 2302 Kipling and have three children. Bill, 19, is a civil engineering student at Texas Tech and Steve, 17, attends Ross Sterling High School. Carol, 11, is a student at Cedar Bayou Junior.

The children attended the American School of London while in England. —Baytown Sun.



IT IS THE TIME of year when Santa's work is heavy. About one of the busiest men in space, he paused here to soak his tired feet and have a cup of coffee. —Tribune photo



BEING FRIENDLY with a popular man, above is Laura Grandy. Santa is popular with all little people at this time of the year. —Tribune Photo

COME TO CHURCH CHRISTMAS

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 and about them: and they were sore afraid.

— Luke 11, 8 and 9

Hurricane Gladys

NEW YORK—Only one hurricane—Gladys—hit the United States in 1968, says the Insurance Information Institute. The storm, which hit Florida in October, caused \$2.58 million insured damage.

Christmas Time In Costa Rica

In this island country there is a variation of the presepio known as the portal. Instead of a manger scene under the tree or in a corner of a room, a whole room is filled with a replica of the Nativity, and people go from house to house admiring them.

The Christ Child has for centuries been accepted as the giver of gifts, but recently Santa Claus has also made his influence felt here. It is not uncommon to see a mannequin in a department store window, equipped with a beard and the rest of the Santa Claus regalia.

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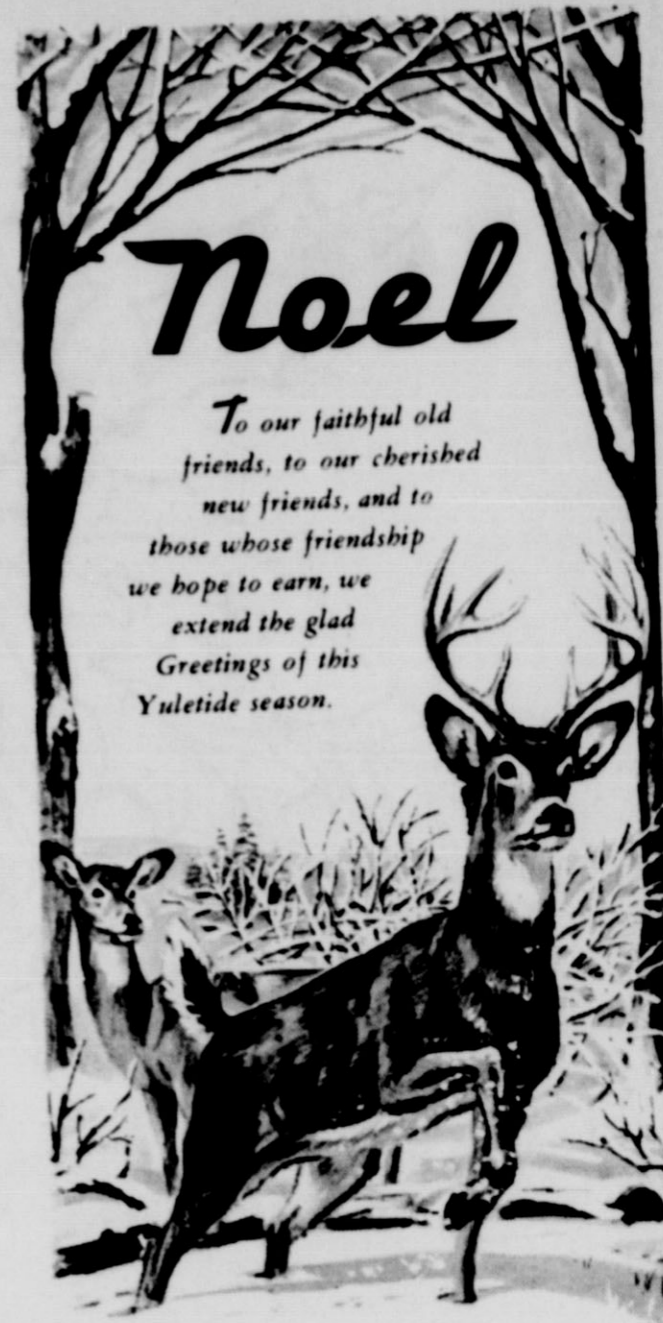
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Behold, a virgin shall conceive,
and bear a son, and shall call
his name Immanuel. *Isaiah 7:14*

For unto us a child is born,
unto us a son is given: and
the government shall be upon
his shoulder and his name
shall be called Wonderful,
Counsellor, The mighty God,
The everlasting Father, The
Prince of Peace. *Isaiah 9:6*

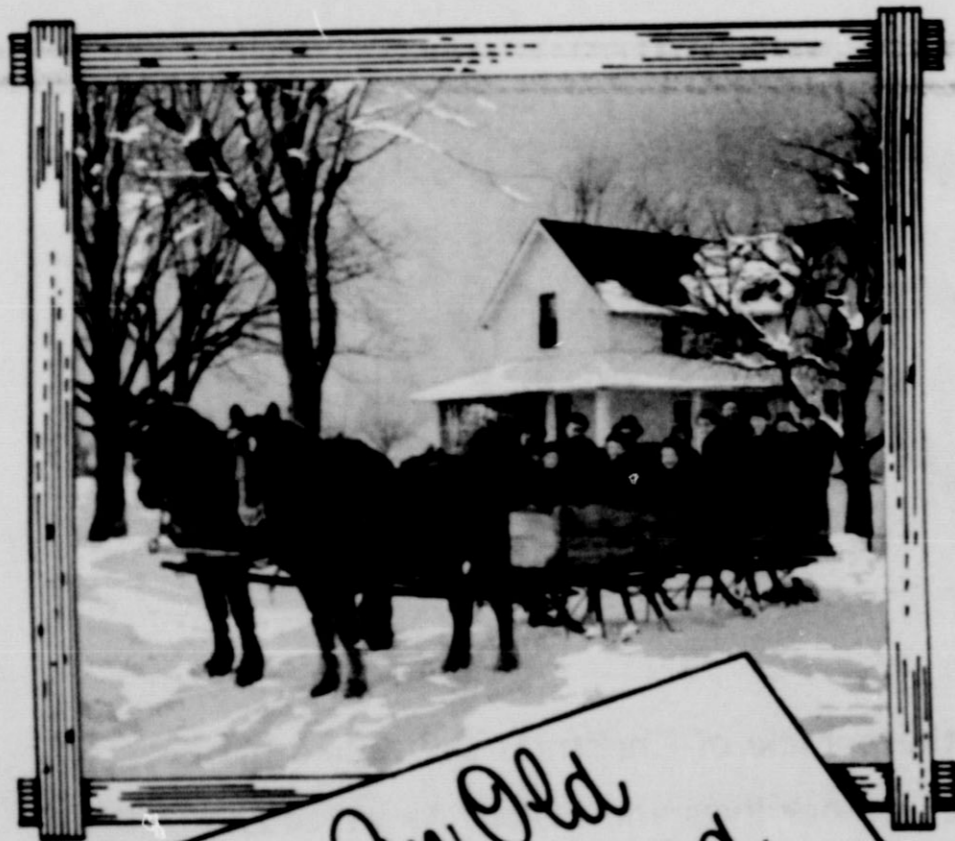


*To our faithful old
friends, to our cherished
new friends, and to
those whose friendship
we hope to earn, we
extend the glad
Greetings of this
Yuletide season.*

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**Customs in
Denmark,
Sweden and
Bulgaria**

Small metal trumpets that often trim Christmas trees began with a Danish custom. They used to play four hymns on them at Yule — symbolizing the four corners of the world.

In Swedish art, St. Lucia is sometimes pictured wearing candles in her hair. Her feast day, December 13, is a forerunner of Christmas.

In Bulgaria on Christmas Eve each peasant takes a lighted candle to the barn to awaken each animal, saying: "The Child is born and blesses you to-night."

Members of every family carry lighted candles on the way to church. Picture the winking, silvery streams of light threading their ways through the hills and valleys!

We have mentioned only a few of the customs which have prevailed in the European countries. Many of these customs are reflected in American Christmas celebrations. Also as befits a new country, it developed its own candle customs . . . these deserve an article all its own.

Melodious church bells conclude the celebrations of Christmas Day, ringing throughout the land until the last stroke of the clock chimes farewell to the Holiday.

State FAIR Plans

NEW YORK—A property insurance plan activated by insurance companies nearly a decade ago set the pattern for a government-industry program instituted in 1968 to make fire and extended coverage insurance readily available to persons who have difficulty obtaining such coverage, notes the Insurance Information Institute. A year after permissive legislation became effective, Fair Access to Insurance Requirements (FAIR) facilities were operating in 26 states and the District of Columbia.

NEW YORK—Every 43 minutes fire claims a life, says the Insurance Information Institute. Of the 12,200 persons who died in fires in 1968, about one-third were children.

**The Gift of Light
Makes Christmas Bright**



**We in WTU land
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help brighten
your holidays.
Merry Christmas!**

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IN THE TRADITION OF CHRISTMAS . . .

Christmas time! That man must be a misanthrope indeed, in whose breast something like a jovial feeling is not aroused — in whose mind some pleasant associations are not awakened — by the recurrence of Christmas. There are people who will tell you that Christmas is not to them what it should be . . .

Never heed such dismal reminiscences . . .
Dwell not upon the past . . . Reflect upon your present blessings — of which every man has many — not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some. Fill your glass again, with a merry face and contented heart. Our life on it, but your Christmas shall be merry, and your new year a happy one!

Holiday Moon

A waxing moon is more favorable at Christmas than a waning one, according to an old Scottish folk belief.

Christmas, 1608

"Wind, raine, frost, and snowe caused us to keepe Christmas amongst the Savages, where wee were never more merrie, nor fedde on more plentie of good oysters, fish, flesh, wild foule, and good bread, nor never had better fires in England . . . So John Smith wrote of the few days he and his men spent with the natives at the end of December 1608 when he was seeking provisions of the Indian chief, Powhatan.

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands"

Some say that ever 'gainst that season comes,
Wherein our Saviour's birth is celebrated,
The bird of dawning singeth all night long;
And then, they say, no spirit can walk abroad;
The nights are wholesome; then no planets strike,
No fairy takes, no witch hath power to charm;
So hallow'd and gracious is the time.

Hamlet, Act I, Scene I

Light Ye Candles

Then be ye glad, good people,
This night of all the year,
And light ye up your candles,
For His star it shineth clear.

— Old English carol



DID YOU KNOW...?

Did you know that the first Christmas stocking was first hung in either France or Belgium!

Did you know that mistletoe was used centuries ago to ward off witches and now it is used to lure a kiss!

Did you know that the first Christmas tree erected in a church in U.S., in 1851 shocked its Cleveland congregation. It was considered too heathenish!

Among the Fingo of the Orange Free State, a girl is given a doll when she becomes of age, which she keeps until she has a child, then her mother gives her a second doll, which she keeps until she has a second child. These dolls, too, are considered sacred.

It is said that one who sits under a pine tree on Christmas Eve will hear angels singing.

If the sun shines through fruit trees on Christmas Day, it is a sign that the trees will bear much fruit.

A white Christmas presages a prosperous year.

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Rejoice and be merry in song and mirth! O praise our Redeemer, all mortals on earth! For this is the birthday of Jesus our King, who brought us salvation, His praises we'll sing!
Anonymous



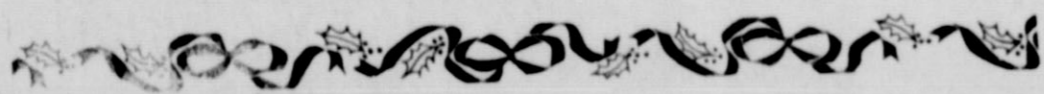
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MOST FAMOUS CHRISTMAS CRIB IN BASILICA, ROME

What is said to be "the most famous Christmas Crib in the world" is on view in the Basilica of Saints Cosmas and Damian, near the Coliseum in Rome. This *presepe*, truly a work of art and the only one of its kind, was created in Naples over 200 years

ago. A certain S. Cataido-Ferricelli and his wife, who had inherited the Crib from ancestors, presented the scene to the Third Order Regular of St. Francis.

This unique display is 45 feet long, 21 feet wide, and 27 feet high, and contains

hundreds of wooden, hand-carved figurines. They are the work of several artists of the 17th century, and portray various phases of Neapolitan life of that period.

The blue sky is alight with stars, the moon, a comet, and several angels hover. One is waking a shepherd who has fallen asleep near his flock. In the background are hills, valleys, the river Jordan, and lighted villages. On the balcony of his palace is Herod,

pointing out to the Magi the way to the manger in Bethlehem.

The surrounding scenes portray life as it must have been in Naples over two centuries ago.

The most important part of the Crib is, naturally, the Holy Family. The Magi are dressed in colorful Oriental garments, and kneel before the holy Infant, offering Him rich gifts.

Beseeching Agatha to intercede for her mother, Lucia is said to have effected a miracle, and Eutychia in gratitude agreed to give away a large part of her wealth to the needy.

As was the custom in those days, Lucia was formally betrothed without her consent. However, on learning that he was not marrying an heirless young man in anger denounced Lucia to the governor of Sicily, a vassal of the emperor.

When the guards came to drag her away to prison they found they could not budge her from the spot.

Then they set fire to her but she would not burn. In an agony of frustration they plunged their swords into her and killed her.

Perhaps because Lucia's name means Lux or "light" and also because she epitomized such a beautiful spirit, she became the patron saint of the blind. Her feast day is celebrated December 13.

In Sweden one daughter of a family is chosen to represent the Saint; she wears a crown encircled with lighted candles. In one hand she carries a tray of saffron buns with raisin "eyes," and in the other, a coffee pot. She visits each bedroom and wakens the sleeper with a song, offering buns and coffee.

In households where there are no daughters, a girl of especially fine character is chosen to play the part, and she rides down the street on a throne placed on a beautiful float. She is the living symbol of the joyous Christmas season.

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Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: For thereby some have entertained angels unawares.
— Hebrews 13:2

A Christmas gambol oft could cheer

A poor man's heart through half the year. — Scott

Merry Christmas
TO ALL

It's the season to pause and think about friends old and new ... and to wish them health and happiness!

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Story of St. Lucia, Personifies Light

Toward the end of the Third Century, A.D., in a Sicilian town named Syracuse, lived a girl, Lucia, daughter of rich and noble parents. Her father had died when Lucia was very young, and her mother, Eutychia, took care of her.

At this time the Roman Empire was governed by Diocletian. Though he had initiated many political reforms he was a tyrannical emperor.

Lucia while a young girl had dedicated her life to God and had resolved to give her earthly wealth to the poor.

Lucia persuaded her mother to visit the shrine of the early Christian martyr Agatha in Catania.

Silent Night

Throughout the years, the Miracle of Christmas has enriched our lives with an ever-present warmth, radiating the hope and promise of peace and good will for all mankind. As we count our blessings this Christmas season, let us not forget that Silent Night, long ago, when the Christ Child was born. His message of life eternal is the true gift of the season. Let us pray that the spirit of the Nativity live with us, now and always.

First Baptist Church

Merry Christmas

May Christmas shower its many joys on you and your loved ones and fill your hearts with deep contentment.

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Old Wives' Tales Woven Around the Christmas Season Are Favorites

Superstition has long colored our concept of history and particularly its religious tenets. Frequently in countries where literature and the arts flourish, so do "old wives' tales," for good or ill.

In Scotland some people believe that to be born on Christmas is to have the power to see spirits and even to command them. According to Sir Walter Scott the Spaniards attributed the haggard looks of Philip II to the terrible visions he was able to see because he had been born on Christmas.

By contrast, in Silesia a baby born on Christmas will become either a lawyer or a thief.

English mothers used to take sick babies to the door Christmas Eve midnight, when Mary was expected to pass with her Child. If the baby recovered it was a sign that it had been touched by the Child with healing fingers; if it did not, it was believed that He had called the baby to be His playmate in Heaven.

In the duchy of Swabia girls went to the woodpile on Christmas Eve to draw sticks. If a long one, their future husband would be tall; if a thick one, he would be fat; if crooked, he would also be crooked in figure. If she wanted to determine his business the girl would drop melted lead into a pan of cold water. The lead would congeal into a shape suggesting an occupation. No matter how odd the shape, the old wives would come up with an occupation which seemed to satisfy the girl.

On Christmas Eve a maiden would set a bowl of water outside a window to freeze. The form which the ice took would dictate her future husband's business.

In Northern England girls placed holly under their pillows and chanted:

Good St. Thomas serve me right
And send me my true love tonight
That I may gaze upon his face,
Then him in my fond arms embrace.

Some girls make an indigestible cake of flour, water and salt. They eat this on Christmas Eve and it is expected to make them dream of their future husband.

In Switzerland, if a girl accepts a bunch of Edelweiss at Christmas it is an act of betrothal.



FUN-LOVING KING RESTORES TREE TO YULE STATUS

Ironically it was the "merry monarch," Charles II, that much-maligned king of England, whose licentious adventures were the scandal of 17th century Europe who actually caused the Christmas tree's return into English life.

It is said that the Roundheads, who beheaded his father Charles I, had banished the tree as part of the Devil's work, but on Cromwell's demise and the return of the royalists, the fun-loving monarch restored this picturesque custom, much to the joy of the English-speaking world.

HAWAIIAN CHRISTMAS

Although many Hawaiians have never seen ice except in the form of a cube, they paint their Christmas trees white to simulate snow.

Christmas dinner is an elaborate affair — but one reserved for the intimate family group, behind locked doors and drawn blinds.

Hawaiian hospitality is such that were the doors not locked and the blinds not drawn, strangers would wander in, expecting the host and hostess to offer open-house hospitality of food and drinks. However, inexpensive gifts are exchanged by everyone.

15th Century Xmas Prayer

And go to Mary and make covenant with her, to keep her child, not for her need but for thine. And take to thee the sweet child and sweetly swathe it in his cradle with sweet love bands. Put from thee the cradle of self love and draw to thee the cradle of true love, for that liketh this child to rest him in, and so in thy soul sing lovelike and say:

Lovely little child, fairest of hue, have mercy on me, sweet Jesu.

And the while thou singest, be sorry and think how oft thou hast received thy God and laid him in a foul common stable to all the seven deadly sins... and seldom fully cleansed to God's liking, therefore oft sigh and sorrow and shrive thee to God as thou rockest the cradle, and sing and say:

Lovely little Child,
Anonymous

Tom-toms accompany the carol singing of Philippine students at Christian schools.

First Community Tree Illumination

Two Pennsylvania communities, Riverside, California, and Salem, Oregon, were the first towns in the U.S. to sponsor the lighting of outdoor Christmas trees. Though widely separated in their geographic locations, all four of these towns "lit up" in 1913.



Christmas is here again and to all our friends we wish a Holiday filled with great joy and good health.

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May the spirit of holiday
joy burn brightly in your
home and in your heart!

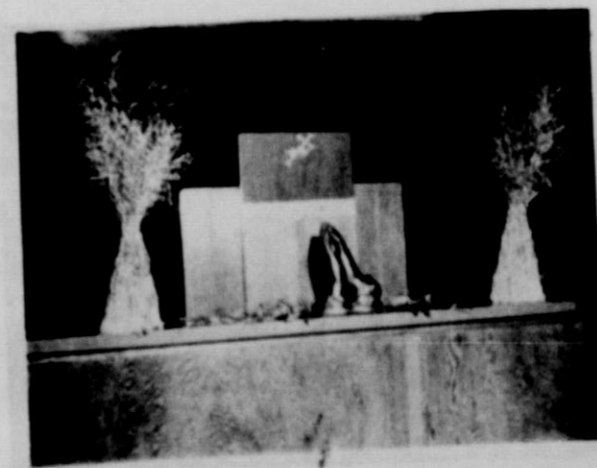


Forrest Campbell



The Peace and Promise of Christmas

Humble shepherds and mighty kings gave witness to the wondrous event of the birth of the Christ Child, and knew the great joy and peace that fills every heart on Christmas Day. May this gladness and contentment remain with you and those near and dear to you, enriching your lives in fullest measure.



First Methodist Church

Legend of Poinsettia Has Origin in Mexico



Many legends of the Christmas season are concerned with children. This one is about a little boy who wanted to give something worthy to the Christ child.

In a town in Mexico it was the custom for the people to take gifts to the church on Christmas Eve and offer them to the little Christ.

The boy, having nothing to offer, stood outside the church, dejectedly.

But, he thought to himself, at least I can pray. And so he knelt down outside the window where he could hear the organ music.

When he rose again to his feet he saw in the spot where he had knelt a beautiful plant with scarlet leaves and a yellow flower in the center.

Dumbstruck, yet realizing he was witnessing a miracle, he gently plucked the stalk and took it, full of wonder, into the church to lay on the

altar.

The Mexicans called the plant "The Flower of the Holy Night."

Years later an American Ambassador to Mexico, Dr. Poinsett, took the plant to the United States. Thus, the name "poinsettia." Ironically we do not know the name of the little boy who experienced the miracle.

poet, scholar has collected data on angels

If you want to get to know angels better (without resorting to the obvious) you should seek out a "Dictionary of Angels" that deals with the heavenly creatures.

As a matter of fact, all are not so heavenly, since the author has catalogued more than 300 demons, seraphim, avatars and others dwelling in the spirit world.

According to this expert, a typical angel is winged, male, immortal and speaks Hebrew.

Their main job is to serve the Creator, but they have

also been known to serve Man by acting as "guardians, counselors, guides, judges, interpreters, dragomen, cooks, matchmakers and gravediggers." Who among us doesn't have an angel of some type he communes with from time to time?

Most of the denizens are not connected with the Bible. There is Gavreel, who keeps people from "going

crazy in the night," and Mammon, a fallen angel who serves as a "horrible example" to us weak mortals.

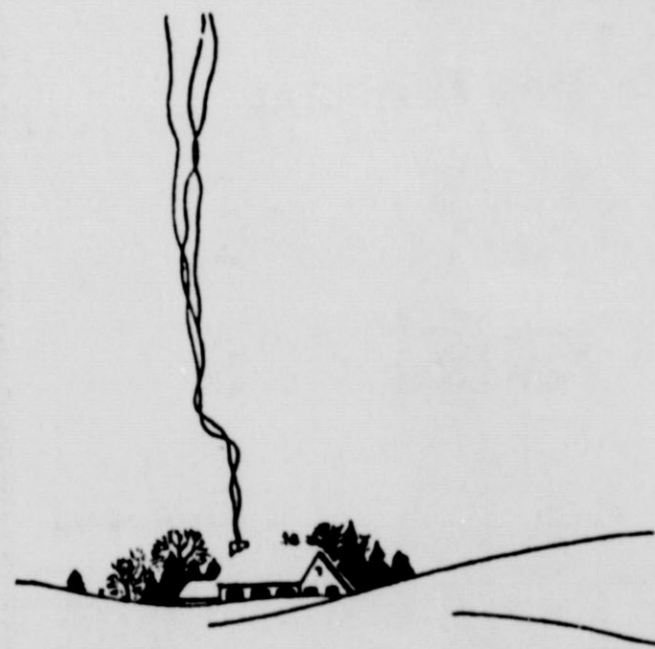
According to George Bernard Shaw, "In heaven, an angel is nobody in particular." Which only supports the premise that there are occasions and situations where you can have too much of a good thing . . .



Blessings at Christmas

We wish our friends and neighbors all the blessings of this holy, happy season. May the message of the first Christmas comfort and inspire you.

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Holiday Season

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'Xmas' Spelling Is Traced to Greek Symbol of the Cross

"Christmas" sometimes is written "Xmas."

"X" is the Greek letter symbol that is used to represent the name, "Christ."

This symbol has been discovered by many archaeological expeditions on the walls of early-Christian period catacombs.

Not long ago, a group of scientists discovered the name of Jesus, carved before 70 A.D., among the inscriptions on eleven early-Christian urns, uncovered in a cave on the Bethlehem to Jerusalem Road.



Christmas Has Many Names...

In Greece Christmas is called "Genethlia," feast of the Nativity.

Noel is the term used for Christmas in France.

An Italian name for Christmas is "Nativita" from which probably derived the Spanish "Navidad."

The German "Heilige Nacht" signifies "holy night."

The likeliest derivation of our own "Christmas" is from the Hebrew "mas" which means tribute.

WORDS TO LIVE BY...

A good conscience is a continual Christmas. *Benjamin Franklin*

It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas time, when its mighty founder was a child, Himself. *Charles Dickens*

Heap on more wood! The wind is chill. But let it whistle as it will, we'll keep our Christmas merry still. *Sir Walter Scott*

Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these My Brethren, you have done it unto me. *Matthew 25: 40*

What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb. If I were a wise man I would do my part, yet what can I give him: Give my heart. *Christina G. Rossetti*

Take what is: trust what may be: That's life's true lesson. *Robert Browning*



Best Wishes



May God grant you and your family these joyful gifts of this holy season . . .
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Matador Variety

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POPULAR HOSTS—Rev. Larry Heard, pastor of the First Baptist Church, his wife, Ann, and sons, Ricky (at right) and Jamie were hosts Sunday afternoon at open house at their home. The Christmas motif was in evidence throughout the house, with a golden centerpiece on the dining table claiming the attention of the guests. Gold sprayed holly and a large gold candle were surrounded by red velvet apples to form the decoration, made by the pastor's mother, Mrs. R. L. Heard of Whitharral. Christmas candies, cookies and cake were served with coffee and punch. —Tribune Photo

Tribune, Matador, Motley County, Texas, Christmas Day, 1969

Church and Society

Annual Christmas Party of WSCS Held in Celebration of Nativity

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church celebrated the Nativity with its annual Christmas party Tuesday night, Dec. 16 in the church parlor.

Mrs. Harry Willett was chairman of the program, bringing her message from the familiar Bible passage of Dr. Luke, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," was the opening carol sung by the group. The prayer was read by the leader.

Mrs. Charlie Johnson was in charge of games, following which were the gifts from the decorated, traditional tree.

Refreshments of hot punch, coffee and spice cake with whipped cream and cherries, mints and nuts were served. The pres-

dent, Mrs. Fred Simpson resided at the silver service. The table was laid with a white linen cloth, and napkins were white, trimmed with red poinsettias. The buffet featured a tiny coach drawn by white reindeer, made by Mrs. Clarence Jinkins.

Present, in addition to those mentioned, were Mesdames J. B. Cooper, Ethel Payne, Fred Bourland, J. R. Whitworth, H. K. Ford, Vance Gilbreath, Marvin Brotherton, N. B. McMahan, Olive Russell, John Hamilton, Myrtle Stubblefield, W. F. Jacobs, W. N. Pipkin, A. J. Daffern, Robert Darsey, R. E. Donovan, C. M. Colley, John Fitzgerald, Elbert Seigler, Curtis King, A. L. Fair, A. K. Wilkinson and D. E. Pitts and Miss Mary Slover.

Husbands are Guests of Members At Eternas Club Christmas Party

Husbands were guests of Eternas Junior Study Club members at their annual Christmas dinner and party held Thursday night, Dec. 18 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bundy Hal Campbell.

Mrs. Benny Billington and Mrs. Richard Newman were co-hostesses with Mrs. Campbell.

The house was beautifully decorated for the Christmas festivities which included card tables, laid with green covers, and cups and napkins in matching green decorated with a Christmas tree design. The dinner was served buffet.

After dinner, gifts were exchanged by men and women. Everyone drew a number and in turn took a gift from under the tree. The person following could take the gift already opened, or select one from the tree. The last number had the pick of any gift he chose. Much hilarity accompanied the selections.

Games of cards and dominoes

were played preceding a short business meeting called to order by Mrs. Billie R. Slover, club president.

In addition to the hostesses, others attending with their husbands, were Mesdames Stan Irvine, Guy Campbell, Vann Francis, Bill Palmeyer, Pat Seigler, Reece Timmons and Irvin Willard. Also present was Mrs. Eddie Tipton, whose husband was unable to attend as he is attending night classes.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Seigler and family Sunday were his son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Seigler and children, Larry and Janet, of Lubbock.

Mrs. Maggie Hamilton of Hereford visited friends and relatives here Monday, and spent the night with Mrs. John Hamilton. Tuesday, she drove to Childress to spend Christmas with her niece and family.

Change Announced In Wedding Date

A change is announced in the wedding date for Miss Beverly Murphy and Mike Peacock. The couple will exchange vows on Dec. 31, at 7:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church at Dickens. They had originally planned a May wedding.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Murphy of Dickens. Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Peacock of Roaring Springs are parents of the prospective bridegroom.



KAROL KING

Initiated In Zeta Chapter

CANYON. (Special)—Karol J. King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis King of Matador, has been initiated into the Texas Zeta Chapter of Alpha Chi, national general scholastic honor society at West Texas State University, in recognition of her attainment of the upper seven percent of the junior class academically.

In order to be eligible for Alpha Chi, Miss King had to maintain a minimum of a 2.10 grade point average on a 3.00 scale.

Miss King is an English education major.

LOCAL ITEMS

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Russell, Sunday for their family Christmas, were their sons and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Russell and children, Howie and Elaine of Hale Center, and Mr. and Mrs. James Ed Russell and daughter, Kay, of Dougherty.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hopkins and children, Jeanie and Tony of Perryton, visited here Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Turner and Ricky. Mr. Hopkins, a former Matador athletic coach, is assistant business manager of the Perryton schools.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Irvine and daughter, Nancy of Houston, arrived Monday to spend Christmas holidays with their son and brother, and his family, Coach and Mrs. Stan Irvine and Mike. Joining them here Wednesday for Christmas, were the coach's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Irvine and daughter, Jennifer of Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Kim Wilkinson visited Sunday at Lubbock in the home of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hurt. They were joined by another daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Strickland of Abilene for a Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Nix and children of Wellington are spending Christmas here with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. John Fitzgerald.

Shower is Given For Bride-Elect

A miscellaneous shower honoring Mrs. Rebecca Smith, bride-elect of Dwain Harris, was given Dec. 11 in the home of Mrs. Leota Goodwin of Afton.

Assisting Mrs. Goodwin were co-hostesses, Mesdames Dorr Blasingame, Coy Morris, Ralph Marshall, Ruth Lawson, Jimmie Legg, Ira Sullivan, Lenard Clements, C. B. Roberts, Buck Partridge, Charles Edwards and Charlie Gage.

Mrs. Edwards registered the guests. These included several from Lubbock, Abernathy and Crosbyton. Twenty-five persons registered and many beautiful gifts were sent.

Mrs. Buck Partridge presided at the refreshment table, which featured a Christmas arrangement and appointments. Other holiday decorations throughout the house repeated the Christmas motif.

Miss Leilani Jones To Wed in Houston

Former Matador residents, Dr. Ernest B. Jones of Big Lake and Mrs. Murray M. Hall of Houston are announcing the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Leilani to Lieutenant Peter Wood Pierce.

The marriage will take place Jan. 3 at 6 p.m. in the Chapel of Saint Luke's Methodist Church in Houston. The reception will be held in the La Fontaine Room of the Warwick Hotel.

Invitations to the wedding have been received by friends here. Dr. Jones will be remembered as a former dentist here.



MR. AND MRS. W. H. RIGSBY

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rigsby to be Honored on Fiftieth Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rigsby of Roaring Springs will be honored with a reception, Sunday, Dec. 28, on the occasion of their Golden Wedding anniversary.

The open house will be hosted by their children and will be held at the Roaring Springs School auditorium from 1 until 4 p.m.

Their sons and daughters are, O. E. Rigsby of Madill, Okla., C. R. Rigsby of Midwest City, Okla., Mrs. H. C. Grammel of Lubbock and Mrs. Robert Brittain of Deer Park, Texas. They have 9 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren who will also assist with hospitality.

Miss Eula Winfield and W. H. Rigsby were married Dec. 23, 1919 at Roaring Springs, with Rev. L. R. Stegall, the Baptist pastor officiating.

Mr. Rigsby farmed and worked at public work until 1939, when he went in the grocery store and filling station business five miles south of Roaring Springs on Highway 70. He has operated the business for 30 years.

Friends of the couple are invited to attend the reception.

Rev. and Mrs. Larry Heard and sons, Ricky and Jamie visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Heard of Whitharral, Tuesday night, returning home Wednesday, when Mrs. Heard's parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Bozeman of Hereford came to spend Christmas in their home.

Greetings Sent From Ilo, Peru

From Ilo, Peru, Pina Sturdivant sends her Christmas Greetings to friends "at home." Dear Friends:

Christmas comes to Ilo again, but what a contrast in the hills this year! Due to heavy dews and some actual rainfall (honest to goodness drops of water which splat into the dirt and leave small craters of damp sand to witness their coming) the desert plains and mountains above Ilo have blossomed into a garden of purple and yellow flowers, an occurrence so rare the natives say it happens but once every hundred years. What luck to be present for such an event!

The pastors have brought their herds of sheep and goats up out of the narrow watered river valleys, onto the new verdant desert to feed, and one can see wild burros, and fox, iridescent butterflies and sprightly birds.

At night the campfires gleam across the hills, the Southern Cross rides majestically over the volatile Pacific, and one finds it easy to imagine another night in another land, the burst of the Glory of the Lord, the awe-struck shepherds, and the marvelous message which has rung down the ages in never-abating joy, an eternal promise.

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

Merry Christmas,
Pina Sturdivant



NATIVITY SCENE at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church emphasizes the meaning of Christmas. The creche, lighted at night, was set into place by the men of the Sacred Heart Society, directed by Jesse Zarate. Mass for the Feast of the Nativity will be held at 1 p.m. Christmas Day. —Tribune Photo



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Christmas Program Given by Seniors

The annual Seniors' Christmas program took place Dec. 23 prior to the school closing for the holidays.
 The story of Christmas was read by Patty Edwards. "Silent Night" was then sung by the girls of the class.
 "Jingle Bells" sung by Ronnie Welling, Carlton Simms, Albert Cook, and John Larry Markham, and "Here Comes Santa Claus" sung by Morris Price, Stanley Martin, Eddie Barrett and Darrell Cruse, introduced Santa Claus.
 After Santa took orders from the school, the class sang, "We Wish You A Merry Christmas" and gifts were distributed to the students.
 —MHS—

Matadors Chalk Double Victory

By Lance Jameson
 The Matador High basketball teams were the victors here December 9 against Roaring Springs girls and boys teams.
 The Matador girls jumped off to a 17-4 lead in the first quarter and held the advantage which grew to a final score of 52-27. Brigid Barton sunk the ball for 19 points, Brenda Wason 16, Debbie Smallwood 15 and Erma Lee 2.
 Welling's 16 points sparked the Matadors to a 56-42 victory. The triumph avenged last week's loss to Lakeview, and Marshall's 14, Lawrence's 12, Barnhill's 8 and Lee's 6 points helped pad the score against the Roaring Springs teams.
 —MHS—

Welling Named to All-Tournament

By Lance Jameson
 Matador's Ronnie Welling was chosen for the Boys All-Tourna-

ment Team Saturday night, December 13, at the closing night of the Silverton tournament
 The Matadors played Hedley Saturday night for third place, losing 53-59. Rickey Lawrence led the scoring, hitting the basket for 12 points.
 In the Thursday night game, Turkey won 60-43 Welling fired 18 points to lead the Matadors.
 —MHS—

Edwards and Lee Outstanding in Girls Tournament

By Lance Jameson
 Matador High School girls' basketball team won the third place trophy in Silverton's December 11-12-13 tournament with guard Patty Edwards and forward Erma Lee winning positions on the Girls All-Tournament Team.
 Matador survived close scrapes to remain unbeaten when they played Turkey in an overtime game Thursday night 35-33. Brigid Barton led the game with 13 points.
 Friday night, Silverton tipped Matador 49-40. Debbie Smallwood was ace scorer with 17 points.
 Matador romped over Hedley 44-27 Saturday night with Brenda Wason high scorer with 21 points, to win third place in the tournament.
 —MHS—

NINE WEEKS TESTS AGAIN!

Nine weeks tests have once again come and gone without too many hardships on the students.
 Because school turned out Tuesday for Christmas holidays, nine weeks tests started on Friday and continued Monday and Tuesday of this week.
 Semester tests will begin the week of January 5 when students return from the holidays.

Christmas Party Enjoyed by FHA

By Mary Ann Weesley
 The FHA enjoyed a Christmas party on Wednesday, Dec. 17 in the home economics room.
 Games were played and refreshments of spice cake and hot punch were served. To conclude the party, gag gifts were exchanged.
 —MHS—

Maverick Corral

By Olive Curlee
HEARD'S FIRST: This first grade has been writing the Christmas Story in booklet form. Angels and Santas have been hung on the bulletin boards and homemade Christmas decorations decorated their tree.
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GILBREATH'S FIRST: The Christmas tree is up in this room and they are making decorations for the room and the tree. They have written Santa Claus and have their letters in the mail.
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SECOND GRADE: James Stevens brought the second grade Christmas tree this week. They have some decorations on the tree, but not nearly all of them.
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THIRD GRADE: Mrs. Stearns, third grade teacher, was ill the 9th and 10th of this month. Mrs. Richard Newman was the substitute teacher.
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FOURTH GRADE: Mrs. Fred Shuttleworth, teacher in the Phillips, Texas school system, visited the fourth grade English class on Wednesday, Dec. 10. Mrs. Shuttleworth was interested in the Nebraska Linguistics program which the Matador school system has been teaching for the past two years.
 The fourth grade students enjoyed a Christmas party in their class room on Tuesday, Dec. 23 from 2:00 until 3:00. A colorful Christmas tree, adorned with decorations made by the students in their art class, was used, from which gifts were distributed by the room mothers. The boys and girls drew names and exchanged gifts. A program of Christmas readings and songs as presented by the students for their parents before refreshments were served by the mothers.
 Room mothers who planned the favors and refreshments, and served them were: Chairman, Mrs. Pat Seigler, Co-Chairman, Mrs. Kirby Campbell and others assisting were: Mrs. Zona Ruth Seigler, Mrs. J. D. Elliott, Mrs. James Price and Mrs. Reece Timmons.
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FIFTH GRADE: The fifth graders enjoyed decorating their windows with paper made to look like satined glass. They also have their Christmas tree up. They visited the High School library,

Friday the 12th, when Mrs. Groves took them on a general survey of the workings of a library.
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SEVENTH GRADE: Pamphlets, sent by the Upper Pease Soil Conservation Corporation, were used as background material for oral reports given by each seventh grade student. These reports were associated with Science and Geography.

Legal Notice

THE STATE OF TEXAS
 To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas—
GREETING:
 You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Motley County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
 THE STATE OF TEXAS
 TO: Joseph Moore, Defendant,
 Greeting:
 YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable District Court of Motley County at the Courthouse thereof, in Matador, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration

of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 2nd day of February A.D. 1970, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 8th day of October A.D. 1969, in this cause, numbered 1727 on the docket of said court and styled JESSIE MAE MOORE, Plaintiff, vs. JOSEPH MOORE, Defendant.
 A brief statement of the nature of this cause is more fully shown wit: Suit for Divorce against Defendant, and for custody of two Minor Children born to them as follows: PANSY ANN MOORE, A GIRL; and BEZILL MOORE, A BOY; Plaintiff alleges that Defendant voluntarily abandoned Plaintiff for a period of more than three years as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.
 If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.
 Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Matador, Texas, this 16th day of December A. D. 1969.
 Attest: Pat Sheridan Clerk,
 District Court
 Motley County, Texas.
 (SEAL)
 Dec. 18, 25; Jan. 1, 8

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"Cheap beef all over the ranch and you go and buy turkey!"

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Letters to Santa

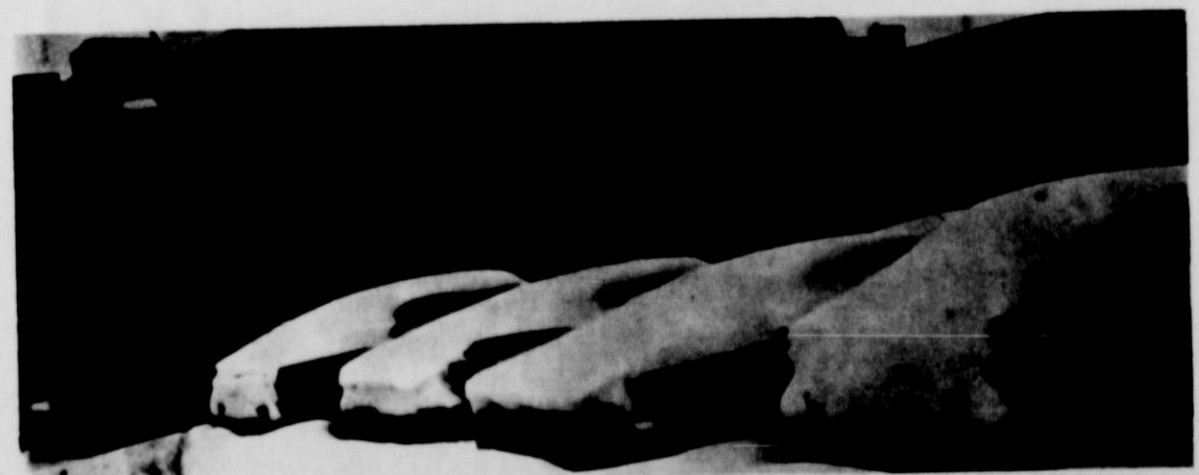
Matador, Texas
 Dec. 19, 1969
 Dear Santa Claus:
 Please bring me Barbee and

Ken and a bicycle. I have tried to be good this year.
 And please bring something for my little sister.
 Love,
 Brenda Renfro

Christmas Wishes



To our many loyal friends and devoted patrons we send heartfelt greetings. May the glorious inspiration of the first Christmas be with you and your loved ones throughout this holiday season, and abide with you for all the years to come . . . lightening your cares, brightening your lives, bringing you enduring peace and contentment.



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LICENSE APPLICATIONS will soon be mailed to motorists and they are cautioned about taking care of these forms, which are very necessary when it comes time to purchase the new 1970 license plates. This form is the only item necessary to present in order to purchase next year's license.

License Application

Don't Throw It Away

Texas license plates take on a "new look" for 1970 with their white reflectorized background and blue numerals. The new plates, which go on sale Feb. 1, 1970, will also feature another new feature—they will be obtained by showing a form which the state will mail to motorists Dec. 29th. The uniform mailing will mean that motorists will receive these forms the first week in January. They are necessary before a vehicle can be registered for 1970. No longer will it be necessary for a motorist to present the title in order to register his vehicle. Instead he will show the form, sent out by the state, which lists the year and make of his car, title number, motor number, fee and the registrant's name and address.

The new form is a triplicate document with one part to be kept by the applicant, one to be filed in the county tax office and one to be returned to the state. There will be no special numbers held for customers under the new system. The licenses will be sold in Chronological order. The fees are the same as last year and the midnight April 1st deadline remains effective. Persons wishing to have license plates mailed will have to include one dollar mailing fee.

State Livestock and Crop Survey Made

Some farmers and ranchers in Motley County have or will receive questionnaires relative to livestock numbers and crop production estimates. County Agent Bill Pallmeyer urges those who receive these questionnaires to complete them and mail to the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service, Box 70 Austin, Texas 78767. The survey is a joint responsibility of the Texas Department

of Agriculture and the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Statistical Reporting Service. Information provided by the questionnaires is valuable in planning and making estimates for agricultural programs.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bryant and her sister, Mrs. C. E. Woolery of Abilene visited relatives here Saturday as they were en route to Ralls for a week end visit with their brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Meador and children, Joe Douglas and Stacy.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Cox of Brownfield visited here last week end with Mr. and Mrs. Algie Groves, and also with Mrs. Cox's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Patton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Clements and son, R. D. visited in Carlsbad, N. M., Sunday and Monday with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith and son, Richard, and their other children, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith Jr., and small daughter, Kimberly of El Paso.

Miss Paula Palmer of Lubbock was the week end guest of Miss Mary Ann Woosley.

Tax Man Sam Ses:

New Forms will be Red, White, Blue

The good tax folks are concerned over the anxiety expressed by some taxpayers, that the new red, white and blue tax forms makes life harder for the little 1040A card form user. As most of you know, Internal Revenue punched the 1040A card plum out of existence this year and gave taxpayers more space and a better arrangement on an improved form 1040, to claim all of their deductions and credits.

A check by IRS showed that there were just too many cases of little taxpayers cheating themselves by filing a little card form instead of using one page of the form 1040. For more years than we like to remember we have been advising you to read those instructions and save yourself some money. This year you don't have any choice—you'll have to read the instructions, but you'll still find that it's beneficial, just like we told you it was about 10 years ago.



PVT. GABRIELLA BETHARD

COMPLETES BASIC—Pvt. Gabriella J. Bethard, granddaughter of Mrs. Stella Tilson of Rt. 1, Matador has recently completed her basic training with the Women's Army Corp at Fort McClelland, Alabama and is now on Christmas leave with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Bethard of Grand Prairie. She is a 1969 graduate of Grand Prairie High School.

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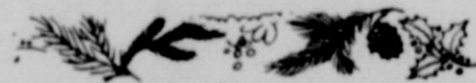
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SANTA was in Roaring Springs Friday afternoon, where he talked to many little boys and girls, getting a lineup on presents hoped for on Christmas morning. In the top left photo he is holding Jelene and Jerry Long, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Long. In the lower photo he is talking with Kelly Wilson, son of Supt. and Mrs. Tommy Wilson. Each child who visited Santa received a bag containing candy and fruit. —Tribune Photo

Roaring Springs NEWS

Mrs. L. A. Mullins
Res. Phone 348-3156

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Rice accompanied his sister, Mrs. Thelma Jarrett of Lubbock, here to help care for their mother, Mrs. Joe Rice, who is ill.

Rev. Henry Rhynes accompanied Rev. L. Stonecipher to Lubbock, Monday, Dec. 8, for medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray McCollom of Plano visited in the home of Tom Swim and daughter, Miss Lula Swim, and with Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Fletcher, this week.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Thurston Winegar during the week end were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Phares and Kathy, of Perryton, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sedgwick of Lubbock and Mrs. Molly Sedgwick of Floydada.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Sedgwick and children of Corpus Christi visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Palmer during the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Wes Burt have returned from a fishing trip to Breckenridge.

W. H. Riggsby and John Stokes of Afton attended Grand Lodge in Waco on the 3rd and 4th of December.

Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Riggsby were a son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Claude

Rigsby of Midwest City, Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Avery Payne and Mr. and Mrs. Rubin Payne of Lubbock attended funeral services last week in Mena, Ark., for B. L. Reed. He was an uncle of the men and a brother of their mother, Mrs. Dora Payne, who was unable to attend.

Mike Hull of Lubbock visited here Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hull.

Visiting Mrs. Hazel Gage several days last week was her brother, Jake Fowler of Mineral Wells.

Mrs. Wilma Dobbins of El Paso, and her daughters and children Mrs. Don Hossley and sons, Jimmy and David of Altus, Okla., and Mrs. Don Griffin and baby son, Monty Glen of Garland, visited Saturday with Mrs. Dobbins' brother and wife Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Thacker. They also visited another brother, Freeman Thacker, in Matador.

Service Guild has Christmas Party

The Roaring Springs Wesleyan Service Guild held its annual Christmas party for ladies of the community, Wednesday night, Dec. 17 in the home of Mrs. Guy Thacker. Mrs. Thurston Winegar, president, was in charge.

Mrs. Lem Miller gave the opening prayer and Mrs. Clark Forbis read the Christmas Story from St. Luke. Mrs. Winegar and Miss Freda Keahey gave readings and Christmas carols were sung by the group.

Refreshments were served to the following: Mesdames Clyde Clifton, Wesley Burt, M. S. Thacker, P. M. Cooper, L. A. Cottingham, Mamie Duren, B. L. Peacock, Carl Tardy, Eliza Kingery, Amy McIlroy, Mae Fletcher, Ethel Brown, J. N. Fletcher and Roy Bradford, Miss Lula Swim, the hostess and those on the program.

BROOKS FAMILY MEET IN SMALLWOOD HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brooks and their children and grandchildren met Sunday in Plainview at the home of a daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Smallwood and Judy, for their annual family Christmas.

Those present included Mr. and Mrs. Ed Whitaker of Brown-

field; Mr. and Mrs. Preacher Brooks of Meadow; Mr. and Mrs. John Avara, Rex, Jeff and Stacy of Denver City; Mr. and Mrs. McElton Skaggs and Britt, Mr. and Mrs. Connie Skaggs and Mrs. Eunice Schmidt, all of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Carpenter, Rodney and Randall of Stephenville; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Edwards, Terry, Suzzan and Michelle of Strawn; Mr. and Mrs. James Price, Paul and Scottie of Matador; and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Brooks, Mickie and Tim and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brooks, Roaring Springs.

Shower Held for Mrs. Rodney Long

A shower held Friday night in the home of Mrs. Ben Dillard, was a courtesy for Mrs. Rodney Long, the former Nona Winegar.

Sharing hostess duties with Mrs. Dillard were Mesdames J. D. Palmer, Ira Sullivan, Bennie Dillard, J. N. Fletcher, Bill Peacock, M. S. Thacker, Hazel Gage, L. A. Mullins, Milton Brooks and Buddy Hart and Miss Lula Swim.

Thirty-two guests called from 7:30 until 9 o'clock and were registered by Mrs. Hart. Other hostesses alternated at the refreshment table.

Christmas decorations were featured throughout the house, and at the table, which was laid with a white lace cloth over red. The centerpiece was a gold and green arrangement of ball ornaments and candles, surrounding a poinsettia.

Coffee and punch were served with cookies, mints and nuts.

Christmas Party Is Held By Club

Predicta Study Club met for its Christmas party, Dec. 18 in the home of Mrs. M. S. Thacker, with Mrs. J. M. Thacker and Mrs. H. C. Smith assisting with hostess duties.

The home was beautifully decorated throughout, with Christmas and other holiday emblems.

Mrs. Diane Norris served as program chairman. Christmas poems were read by Mrs. Norris, Mrs. Smith Rees and Miss Freda Keahey. Group singing was enjoyed with Mrs. Guy Thacker at

the piano. At the conclusion of the program, gifts were exchanged by the group.

Others present, in addition to those mentioned, were Mesdames Carl Tardy, J. N. Fletcher, John Scott, R. B. Myles, Frank Forbis, Lem Miller, P. M. Cooper, Clark Forbis, and Bob Clem and Miss Lula Swim. Mrs. Guy Thacker was a guest.

Each guest was presented with a beautiful Christmas handkerchief by the hostess.

ARRIVAL ANNOUNCED

S/Sgt. and Mrs. Jackie Martin of Killeen are announcing the arrival of a daughter, Kathy Jo, who was born Dec. 19. She weighed 7 pounds, 4 3/4 ounces. Grandparents of the new arrival are Mr. and Mrs. Thurston Winegar and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Martin.

WHITEFLAT NEWS

Mrs. Stella Tilson

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Race of Russellville, Ark., and children spent the week end with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Barton. They were en route to San Diego, Calif., to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Scrivner. Also visiting the Bartons were Mr. and Mrs. Pat King of Plainview.

Visitors with the H. R. Jamesons for the Christmas holidays were her mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Bristow of Hobbs, N. M., her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Laughlin and sons, Reny and Jay of Lamesa; Mr. and Mrs. David Pennock of San Angelo; and Mr. Jameson's mother, Mrs. Beulah Jameson of Dougherty.

Lonnie Harmon and sons, Steve and Tommy, of Pamoia visited here Sunday with his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cooper and Kay.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cooper drove to Paducah, Saturday to visit his mother, Mrs. J. A. Cooper, who is in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Edwards and children of Strawn spent Friday night and Saturday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Edwards. They also visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brooks at Roaring Springs Saturday night and Sunday.

Don Cox, student at Texas Tech spent the week end and Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Cox. Their other son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Cox were home Sunday, but returned to their jobs in Lubbock, Sunday night. They will also be home for Christmas,

visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Stevens, also. Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Whitaker from Friday through Sunday, were their son-in-law and two grandchildren, James Russell Neblett, Mary and Mike, also two friends of Mike, and Web Camp, all of Denton.

Tom Ross of Olton, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Ross, returned home Saturday from the Veterans Hospital in Dallas, where he received medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Tilson were in Lubbock and at Reece AFB, Tuesday on business and for check-ups. They were accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Stella Tilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Dixon and Elaine visited in Wheeler, Saturday and Sunday with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Risner.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Martin drove to Canyon, Friday afternoon to accompany their daughter, Carol, home for the Christmas holidays. Deborah Tilson, daughter of Mrs. June Tilson of Matador also accompanied the Martins to Matador. Carol and Deborah are students at West Texas State University at Canyon.

Norman Spray of Bedford visited from Thursday evening through Saturday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Spray. Visiting Friday evening with his parents and brother were Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Spray of Flomot. Also visiting the Sprays Friday, were Ron Townsend and George Jordan of Lubbock.

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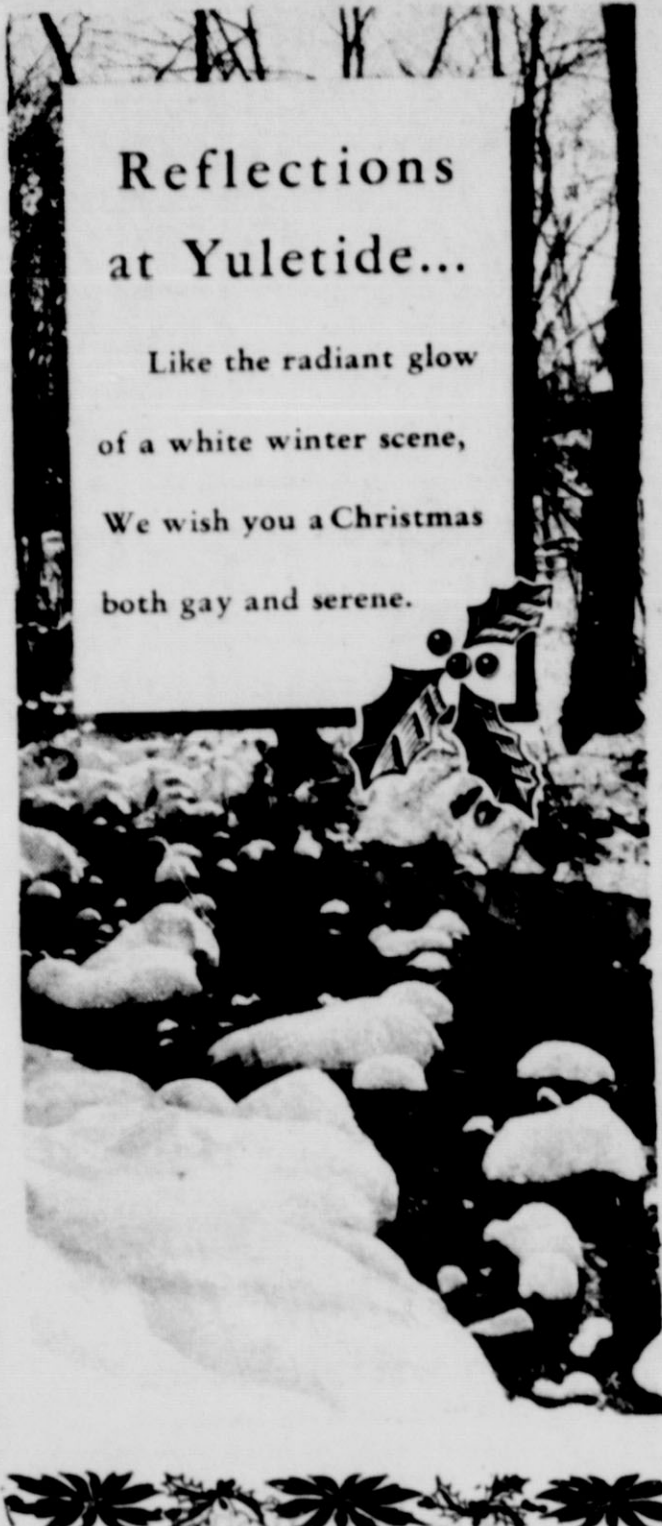
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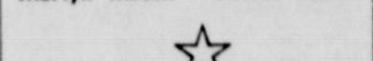
Mrs. Noble Whitworth visited here overnight, Sunday as she was en route to Abilene to spend the Christmas holidays with her relatives.

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We wish to take this means of thanking our friends in Motley County for remembering us so many times during illness the past year. We have been in and out of the hospital for surgery, and have received cards and get-well messages which we have been unable to acknowledge.

At this Christmas time, may we wish each of you the best of everything the coming year, and a peaceful, and happy Christmas.

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(Delayed) A memory candle service Saturday, Dec. 6 in the First Baptist Church, Flomot, united in marriage, Miss Donna Sue Rogers and Stanley Degan. The couple pledged their vows at 4 p.m. with Rev. Leo Cole officiating. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Degan, both families of Flomot.



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Miss Rosita Nall, cousin of the bride, was maid of honor. She wore a floor-length gown of American Beauty satin.

Morris Degan attended his brother as best man. Jerry Gilbert and Shannon Nall were ushers. Candelighters were Donnie Rogers and Joe Bob Crowell.

Sherry Degan was flower girl, Randy Rogers was train bearer, and Richard Rogers and Gary Don Gilbert carried the rings.

Miss Pam Morris, pianist, presented the wedding music and accompanied Miss Judy Shorter, who sang, "Always" and "Whither Thou Goest."

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the home of the bride's parents. Miss Anita Hunter registered the guests.

Upon their return from a wedding trip to Ruidoso, the couple are residing in Quitaque. Mr. Degan is employed at the Degan Gin in Flomot.

FLOMOT NEWS

College students home for the Christmas holidays include Miss Judy Shorter, and Coy Franks, attending Texas Tech in Lubbock; Bob and John Cole, from Clarendon College and Miss Anita Hunter from Wayland Baptist College, Plainview.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

A Christmas party was held Monday, Dec. 15, at 2:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Malcolm Turner, by the TEJ Sunday School class members and guests.

A program was given and included Scripture reading by Mrs. J. C. Franks, a reading, "Gentle Mary," by Mrs. L. B. Bilberry, group singing, "Silent Night," and reading, "No Room In the Inn," by Mrs. L. B. Turner.

Gifts were exchanged and refreshments of iced punch, candy, cookies, cake and coffee were served.

Present, in addition to those mentioned, were Mesdames H. S. Gilbert, L. E. Shorter, Allie Pritchett, Harrison George, Billy Roys and children, W. W. Merrell, Ralph Stapleton, Wade Martin, Fred McNeely, R. I. Thomas, J. L. Speer, Edith Washington, Dan Kingston, Ronald Clay and M. C. Washington, and Mrs. Ernest Fisher of Matador.

FLOMOT CHURCH CHOIR HAS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The choir of the First Baptist Church of Flomot presented a special Christmas program, Sunday, Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m.

The program featured scripture reading by Mrs. Dan Kingston, who also served as pianist; a solo, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks," by Mrs. Clayton Bond; a poem, "There Will Always be a Christmas," by Mrs. Wayne Hunter, with background music by the choir, composed of Dan Kingston, David Hunter, Miss Anita Hunter, Miss Donna Cole, John Cole, Bob Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kingston, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bond and Miss Judy Shorter.

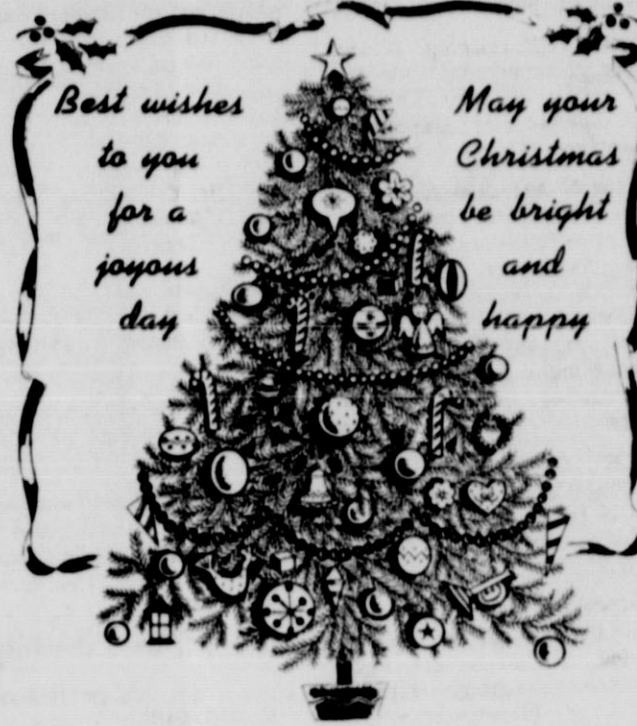
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Dear Friends: I wish to take this means to thank you all for all the nice cards and letters I received while I was in the hospital at Amarillo. I cannot express in words, my appreciation, only through my prayers. God bless each one of you.
W. C. Youngblood (1)

Christmas hymns by the choir, the pastor, Rev. Leo Cole drew a picture of the nativity, and as the last song was sung, the smaller children knelt.

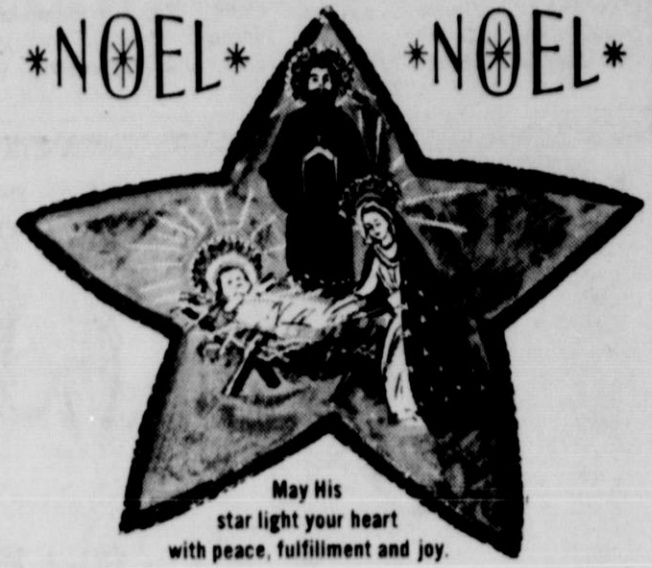
Following the special music at the church, the choir and children went carolling, then returned to the church for a party in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments of cake, cookies, punch and coffee were served and Santa Claus appeared with bags of candy for the children.



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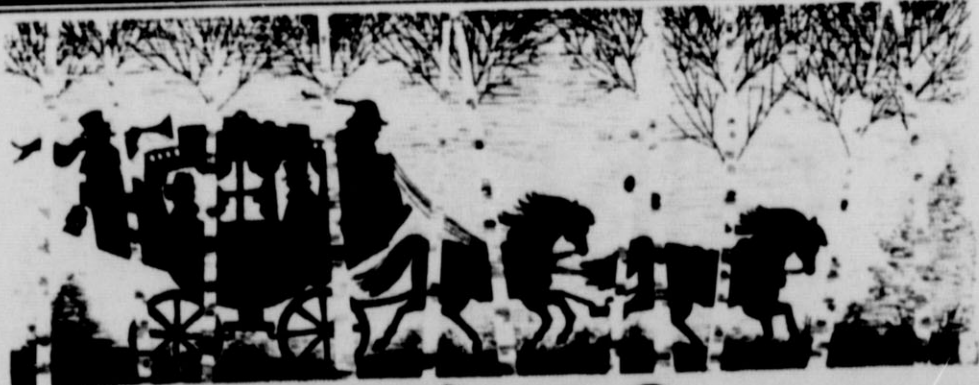
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