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**TRAIL DUST**  
By DOUGLAS MEADOR



Brown waves of sand lashed the shores of unpaved streets and hammered the big Star windmill on the courthouse square. Water had filled the long wooden trough and whipped over the low edge like a twisted veil. The stooped man and his small son waited for the team to drink. Several layers of brown, stained ducking were hand-stitched in effective reinforcement over the man's knees; his sweat-stained shirt bore the unmistakable mark of a cotton sack. They and boy, holding street, man and boy, holding street, man and boy, holding street...

**City Plans To Observe Christmas**

Matador will observe the Christmas holidays by "closing shop", resting and visiting. First State Bank here will close Friday at noon and remain closed until Monday morning. Almost without exception Matador business places will be closed Christmas Day and Sunday. Some firms have projected their plans to include New Year Day, Saturday, January 1, 1955. The Tribune plans to be closed most of next week also a newspaper dated December 30 will be published. No commercial printing will be processed during the period for renewal of subscriptions and other routine services.

**White Christmas Gifts Featured In Methodist Program**

Distribution of gifts for "White Christmas" for the community was the feature of a special program Sunday night at the Methodist Church. Organ prelude was played by Miss Roberta Jameson. Following Christmas carols by the congregation, Tom Hamilton read the Scripture and Rev. Marvin Brotherton offered prayer. "Dear Little Jesus Boy" was a solo sung by Miss Eleanor O'Kelly.

**Injured Paducahans In Good Condition**

Two young Paducahans, seriously injured last Saturday in the car-train crash that killed three others, were reported in good condition Tuesday. The five were riding in a car that crashed into a Quanah Acme and Pacific freight and killed Billy Ted Tomison, Jerry Hamilton and Neva Joyce Hamilton. Linda Joyce Tomison, sister of Billy Ted, suffering a dislocated hip and broken shoulder, Dr. C. C. Tate of Paducah said Tuesday her condition was good. She is in Richards Hospital at Paducah. Jackie Bearden, another injured passenger, suffered broken jaws. She has been moved from Paducah for dental surgery. Dr. Pate said both girls are all right. Wichita Daily Times. Billy Ted Tomison was a nephew of local resident, Jack Bearden, and the two injured girls, Linda Joyce Tomison and Jackie Bearden are his nieces.

**FORD TRACTORS TO BE SHOWN JAN. 7th**

First models of the five 1955 Ford farm tractors will be shown in Roaring Springs by Braselton Implement Company on January 7th. The announcement was made yesterday by S. J. Braselton, manager of the firm. "We extend a cordial invitation to everyone to come in and see these great new tractors," Mr. Braselton said. "The new tractors represent a major break with the past as far as Ford is concerned," Braselton declared, "inasmuch as Ford has been a 'single model' producer for nearly a half-century. Both models in the 800 series (850 and 800) have new five-speed transmissions and are powered by Ford's 'Red Tiger' 172 cubic inch engine. Standard equipment includes sealed beam headlights and taillight, safety starter and a new 'Rest-O-Ride' seat which permits the operator to 'float' on a cushion of rubber.

**PNEUMONIA PATIENT**

Janet Hunt, 18-months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hunt is a patient in Stanley Hospital, being treated for pneumonia. She became ill while at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hunt of Mangum, Oklahoma.

**LEAVES FOR HOLIDAYS**

Elmer Stearns left Sunday for Downers Grove, Ill., a suburb of Chicago, where he is spending the Christmas holidays with his daughter and family. Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Shaw.



**A Mystifying Drama On Plains Of Bethlehem  
Shepherds Rush Into Crowded City  
With Reports Of Spectacular Star**

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This news story might have been written many years ago in another tongue. It wasn't. But in any tongue in any year, the old story is ever new.—Amarillo Daily News.)

BETHLEHEM, First Day, A. D.—A mystifying drama stirred this town on the plains today as hundreds of travelers gathered for an imperial scope, is being held throughout the empire. Whole families, ox carts and baggage-laden donkeys crowded the streets. They sent up swirling clouds of dust and noise. Bazaars did a booming business. Inns overflowed and many visitors who couldn't find lodging camped in tents or slept in whatever shelter they could find. Inquiry disclosed that a young woman from Galilee gave birth to a baby boy last night in a stable. She was identified as Mary, the wife of Joseph of Nazareth, a carpenter who is said to be a distant descendant of the storied King David of the fallen, rebel kingdom of Israel. (Bethlehem is sometimes called the "City of David" by those hoping to renew the defunct dynasty that once ruled here. Old prophecies predict that a new "king" will be born here.) A Roman magistrate, who declined to be quoted by name, said, "Certain elements apparently are trying to exploit the case for subversive purposes and stir up unrest about it." The shepherds admitted they had spread their story abroad. Little groups huddled in the streets, talking animatedly. But they became guarded whenever a stranger approached. (continued on page six)

**HONORS GO TO 9 MATADORS**

Nine Matador High School football boys received honors on the South Plains Regional "B" Football squad. James Taylor, Harold Dean Martin, and Stanley McDonough, three seniors, were selected on the first team. Arvin Ellithorp, a sophomore, Alvin Ellithorp, a sophomore, and Garland Lynn, a junior and Garland Cartwright, a sophomore, were picked for the second team. Kenneth Baker, a senior, was chosen for the third team and W. E. Russell, a junior, was given honorable mention. Art Gatts and Charles Gillespie, sports writers for the Lubbock Avalanche Journal, selected Stanley McDonough as guard on the second team for the All-South-Plains High School football squad. Harold Dean Martin and James Dollar of Hale Center, tied as halfback on the second team. The coaches of the District 2B choice Harold Dean Martin, James Taylor, seniors, and Arvin Ellithorp, sophomore, as All-District. Tom Hamilton, C. H. Murphy, and Kenneth Baker, seniors, and Garland Cartwright, sophomore, as All-District on the second team. Coach Is Honored—Matadors' Coach Ray Hopkins was named in a tie with Coach Gene Tyler of Meadow, both class "B", as "Coach of the Year". Earlier in the season, the Childress Official Association selected Coach Hopkins as the coach they had rather work for during the 1954 football season. This was based on sportsmanship by the football boys and the coach.

**FARMALL TRACTOR BEING DISPLAYED**

Farmers can now see the new line of Farmall tractors at Thacker Supply Company, Roaring Springs. The new tractors, according to Melton Thacker, manager of the implement firm, "Are designed especially to save time, increase farming efficiency and to meet today's modern farming needs." The five new tractors constitute the 16 new models. They are the one-pow Farmall Cub, one-and-two-pow Farmall 100, two-pow Farmall 200, three-pow Farmall 400 and four-pow Farmall 400. The new models replace the former Farmall Cub, Super A, Super C, Super H and Super M-FA tractors. The new farmalls have more power than their predecessors, Mr. Thacker declared. All models have more convenient controls, easier steering features and stronger brakes. More versatile hydraulic systems are featured on the larger tractors. The completely independent power take-off and torque amplifier tractor drive, enables the operator to boost pull-power and change speeds on the go. Discussing the new Farmall tractors, Mr. Thacker said this week, "these tractors offer a power range to handle the work of any size farm."

**HERE FROM OREGON**

Mr. and Mrs. Winburn Montgomery of Portland, Oregon, former residents of Turkey, visited last week in the home of his family. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Montgomery. They will remain through the holidays, visiting relatives in this vicinity, and at the bedside of Mrs. Montgomery's father, who is ill at Turkey.

**COACH IS HONORED**

Coach Ray Hopkins was named in a tie with Coach Gene Tyler of Meadow, both class "B", as "Coach of the Year".

**Santa Coming to Matador Theatre**

**Teacher Injured In Car Collision**

Mrs. L. D. Wilkerson, county music teacher is a patient in Stanley Hospital as result of an automobile collision Wednesday morning at the corner of Canon and Bundy streets in north Matador. Mrs. Wilkerson's '52 Studebaker collided with a '50 Ford driven by Lonnie Doran, 13. The accident occurred about 8 A.M. as young Doran, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Tommie Doran, was making his morning paper delivery. Mrs. Doran was treated for a slight head injury at Traweck Hospital. Sheriff John Stotts, who investigated the accident said the Doran Ford sustained more damage than the Studebaker. Mrs. Wilkerson received an injury to her side, but was not believed in a serious condition, although she remained in the hospital overnight Wednesday.

**Skin Grafted On Joe Speer's Hand**

Joe Speer, Plomot rural mail carrier, in Methodist Hospital, Lubbock, as result of a serious hand injury Armistice Day, has recently undergone skin-grafting surgery. Friends this week said Mr. Speer's hand continues in a critical condition and that success of the skin-graft attempt will not be known until next week. Mr. Speer's injury resulted when his hand became entangled in a combine with which he was working Armistice Day.

**School Choir Program Presented Lions Club**

Final 1954 scheduled meeting of the Matador Lions Club was held Tuesday in the Methodist church basement. Despite its proximity to Christmas, the meeting was well-attended. Lions were impressed (and pleased) with the luncheon served by VFW Auxiliary ladies (Lions officials said the group might in the future agree to provide part of the regular luncheons). On the entertainment menu the Lions heard a series of delightful Christmas songs, presented by the Matador school girls elementary choir under the direction of Mrs. L. D. Wilkerson. The girls' sparkling singing received many rounds of applause. A special feature introducing the singing of both boys and girls, also received applause. Two special reading features by speech students of Mrs. J. R. Whitworth, concluded the appropriate program. Gifts of the club to Lions Scout leaders were presented to Freddie Welling and Algie Groves (in absentia). Boss Lion Whitworth announced that the Matador Community Chest, while being slightly delayed, is being shaped for an intense campaign. Lion Whitworth announced that the Lions annual street lighting contest is continuing. He said four prizes would be presented. One prize (plaque) will be given the business place winner. Three prizes of merchandise (1st, second and third) will be presented for the best decorated homes. The lighting prizes will be presented at the first Lions meeting in 1955, (January 8th) "Impartial" "out-of-town" judges will make the selections.

**Trips, Family Reunions, Dinners Will Highlight Christmas Holidays Locally**

Everybody in Motley county is preparing for the biggest homecoming event of the year, Christmas. Those who are not spending the holidays elsewhere have their homes gaily decorated in preparation for visitors, and several have held pre-holiday reunions. Arriving last week for a holiday visit with Mrs. Ethel Payne were her two sons and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Payne of Nara Vista, N. M. and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Payne of Lubbock. On Sunday, Mrs. Payne served her Christmas dinner with other guests present including Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Payne of Paducah, their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Todd of Plainview, and Mrs. G. W. Farr of Baton Rouge, La. Mr. and Mrs. Raworth Tilson of Springfield, Mass. have arrived to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Tilson of near Whiteflat, and with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Ketchersid at Hereford. They were visitors in Matador Monday, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Patton. M/Sgt. and Mrs. V. D. Martin and daughter, Ann, spent from Wednesday through Friday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Creed Jameson. They are here from Shreveport, La., and are returning to their home after the Christmas holidays. They will also visit with Mrs. Martin's family in Chickasha, Okla. Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Jameson had their Christmas dinner, with other members of the family present. They were, Mr. Jameson's father, Lem Jameson; Mrs. Jameson's sisters and families, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Farrar and children, Mrs. Shirley and Stanley of Brownfield; Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hall and son, Albert of Soper, Okla., and their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Travis and daughter, Deborah; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ratcliff and Mrs. W. M. Clifton, all of Matador. Mrs. A. A. Tipton left Saturday. (continued on page six)

**About The Picture**

For the third successive year the Tribune has used a local mother and her child to portray the Madonna in a pose similar to that created by famous artists through the centuries. In 1952, Mrs. Bateman Middlebrooks and her baby daughter, Clyda, posed for the photograph by Tribune editor, Douglas Meador. Last year's models were Mrs. Gerald Yeates and baby son, Rickie. Posing for the picture this year are Mrs. Leo Bennett Archer and her young son, Jon. Mrs. Lizzie Archer of 2511, 36th St., Lubbock is the child's paternal grandmother, and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Martin of Matador are the maternal grandparents. Mrs. Leo Archer is the former Joy Martin, and a former Tribune employee. Praise of the medium used by the Tribune to emphasize the religious aspect of Christmas, was contained in a letter from a reader, dated at Matador, Dec. 25, 1953: "Our word of praise here-with for the picture of the Mother and babe on the front page of this week's paper, our heart seemed to quicken as we unfolded the paper at the post office yesterday. We have never seen nor heard anything this Christmas that afforded such a thrill. "In the first place it brought back across the years the most beautiful picture ever made of my wife and son, made just after his arrival. "In the second place it reminded us again of the beauty and mystery of Motherhood. It has lent inspiration and spiritual reinforcement to us. "Surely we have nothing to fear so long as America continues to produce Mothers such as is depicted here, provided we men acknowledge and assume our responsibility."

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### Church and Society

#### Bethlehem Town Is The Of Program

Annual observance of Christmas emphasized in a Royal program at the Baptist church Tuesday night of last week. The program was given by the monthly meeting of the church with the Business Circle in charge.

and the Home", Mrs. Lee Burns, and "Seeking the Road Back", Mrs. Jessie Smallwood. Prayer and closing hymn concluded the program.

Prior to the meeting, the W. M. U. met with the Baptist Brotherhood for covered dish supper.

In their meeting, the Brotherhood saw the film, "Christmas Giving Around the World", explaining the Lottie Moon annual Christmas offering.

Attending the supper and programs were Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Campbell, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Lee Burns and family, Karan and Clinton, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Smallwood, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Stanley and son, James, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clower and sons, Dahl and Dwight, Mr. and Mrs. L. Rattan, Rev. Bruce Oliver, Rev. H. T. Harris of Whiteflat, Bill McCaghen, Jack Norman

#### Speech And Music Students Present Christmas Recital

Annual Christmas recital by students of Mrs. J. R. Whitworth speech and Mrs. L. D. Whitworth piano, was presented Thursday night, Dec. 16 in the high school auditorium.

Seasonal decorations on the stage formed an effective background for the program, which was presented in the following order:

"Hello Central", reading, Butch Waybourn; "A Christmas Story", reading, Max Barton; Dick Moss, Billy Williams and Pat Nichols; "Wooden Shoes", piano, Shelly Stevens; "The Kangaroo", piano, Treva Hicks; "Christmas Stars", Jana Jones; Judy Pitts; Barbara Slover; Paula Rae Snyder, Dianne Tate, Kathy Lawrence, Brenda Lawrence.

Playlet, "Merry Minutes" featured a huge Grandfather's clock, from which the minutes emerged as directed by a fairy, Olivia Ann Campbell, John Reid Thacker was a mouse, and Dean Tooke an elf. Minutes were: Cathy Clem, Lynn Ham, Ann Marshall, Johnny Thacker, Marsha Seale and Sharlene Berryman.

"Kris Kringle", piano, Marianne Damron; "Strange Gifts", reading, Harold Meason, Seve Sims and Dickie Garrison; "Campus Capers", piano duet, Sue and Sandra Stevens; "Santa's Gifts", reading, Larry Norris; "Minuet in G", piano, Christina Damron; "If Santa Should Stumble", reading, Tim Timmons; "Deck The Hall", piano, Wreathel Hicks; "Santa's Invitation", reading, Brenda Hicks, Carolyn Perkins; "Always In The Manger", piano, Sue Stevens; "I'll Not Play Jokes on Santa", reading, Kenneth Pitts; "Santa's Little Boy", reading, Bob Van Meter; "A Sad Case", reading, Marianne Damron and Charles Ezzell; "Winty Wind", piano, Sandra Stevens; "A Christmas Secret", reading, Gary Campbell;

"Dr. Christmas and Mr. Grumbly", dialogue, Thomas Edmondson and Roger Vinson; "Santa At Work", reading, Sandra Crump; "Gertrude's Dream Waltz", piano, Ida Lee Fair; "Getting Ready for Christmas", Wreathel Hicks and Barbara

Bird; "Silver Nymph", piano, Mary Newman; "The Friendly Beasts", reading, Christina Damron; "Mountain Belle Schottische", piano, Dixie Barton; "At Christmas Time", readings, Key Vaughn, Kenny Barton, Mike Barton; "The Christmas Tree", reading, Dixie Barton; "Santa and the Mouse", reading, Vella Ree Edwards; "Santa's Plan", reading, Ros Bearden; "A Christmas Stocking", reading, Johnny Ezzell; "Spring Violets", piano trio, Mary Newman, Sandra Stevens and Ida Lee Fair; "Grandpa's Christmas Trials", reading, James Bearden; "Prelude", piano, Sue McCaghen; "North Pole Hook-up", Johnny Ezzell, Carl Thompson and James Stanley; "The Janitor Cleans Up", reading, Butch Waybourn.

#### Phone Personnel Guests At Dinner In B. C. Cox Home

Mrs. B. C. Cox, local manager of General Telephone Company, with Mr. Cox and their son, Charles, Ray, were hosts Friday night, Dec. 17, at a Christmas dinner with the employees as guests.

The table was laid with a green linen cloth which matched the drapes, and was centered with green cedar, crystal balls and red candles.

Following the dinner, which was served buffet, the group enjoyed an exchange of gifts from a tree decorated for the occasion. Glen Rose, a guest showed several films of moving pictures including scenes of Alaska, a rodeo, and one made at a company picnic held this summer at Roaring Springs.

Those present were: Messrs. and Mesdames Pete Knight, Hub Swearingen, Cotton Marshall, J. B. Cooper, Alvis Lee, Bill McKelvey and Troy Fred; Inez Bailey, Glen Rose; Mesdames Howard Gwinn, Newton Fletcher and Lou Hughes and Miss Doris Dirickson; Miss Vonelle Athley and Roy Massey, of Tulsa.

Methodist WSCS Has Christmas Program

A Christmas program and tree party for the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church was held Tuesday evening, Dec. 14 in the home of Mrs. G. E. Hamilton.

With Mrs. W. C. Palmeyer as leader, the following program was given:

Subject, "The Christmas Story"; Christmas carols by group; Scripture, Mrs. James Priddy; solo, "Away In a Manger", Carolyn Pohl, accompanied by Mrs. Frank Pohl at the piano; talks, "The Heart of the Christmas Story", Mrs. Pete Meyer; "Children", Mrs. Williams; and "Peace", Mrs. Jewel Lawrence; prayer, Mrs. W. V. O'Kelly; reading, "The Small One", Mrs. J. R. Whitworth.

A game directed by Mesdames F. G. Simpson and Fred Bourland concluded the program which was followed by a gift exchange from the large and beautifully decorated tree.

Mesdames Harry Willett and A. J. Daffern served on the tree committee; Mesdames Nelson McMahan, Fred Bourland and Pete Williams on the menu committee; Mrs. Sterling Price on arrangements committee; and Mrs. D. E. Pitts and W. V. O'Kelly comprised the invitation committee.

Mrs. W. N. Pipkin presented Mrs. W. V. O'Kelly with a life membership pin.

Delicious refreshments of fruit cake, mints, coffee and cocoa were served to those appearing on the program; Mesdames Henry Ford, Ralph Stapleton, H. H. Schweitzer, W. Y. Higgins, D. E. Pitts, Sr., H. M. Murphy, G. E. Hamilton, C. T. Jenkins, J. P. Moore, B. M. Eubank, R. P. Middlebrooks, Jim Lancaster, F. M. Jenkins, W. D. Lipscomb, A. W. Ford, Vance Gilbreath, Jinks Wilson, Ted Steen, U. L. Willie, W. M. Graham, Homer Sheats, W. L. McWilliams, Walter Russell, Earl Stephens, C. D. Pipkin, W. F. Jacobs, Ethel Payne, and Joe Bloodworth; Miss Mary Keith, Neida Wilson, Mary Jane Hamilton and Barbara Bird.



### CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

The shining star of Bethlehem is the symbol of the spirit of Christmas we find in our hearts as we wish you, our many friends — ALL THE JOYS AND HAPPINESS OF THIS WONDROUS HOLIDAY SEASON

#### Spears Gin Thompson Feed & Seed

MR. AND MRS. MANLEY THOMPSON

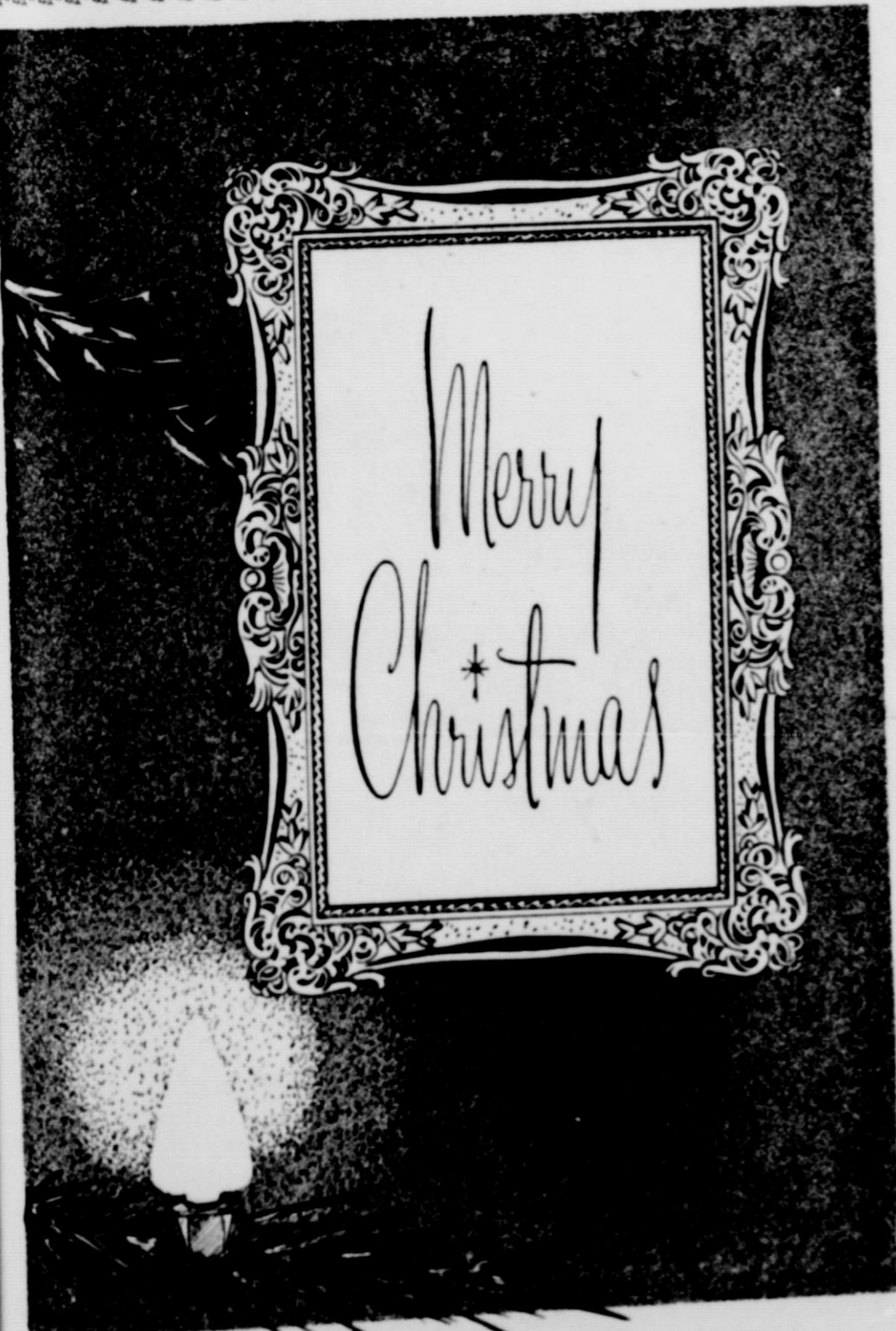


### Greetings

One of the memorable joys of Christmas is the pungent aroma of pine needles... Another is the privilege of wishing happiness to our friends.

#### IVY'S BEAUTY SHOP

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#### Matador Butane Co. The Iron Kettle

MR. AND MRS. ALBERT RATTAN AND PERSONNEL



Not because of custom only, but from our hearts — we extend our best wishes to you for a wondrous, joyful Holiday!

### Bob's Oil Well

CHARLES RAY COX, Manager

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# MATADOR BRAND

## School Displays Christmas Spirit

Getting ready for Christmas at school was just as exciting and interesting as it was at home and church. Soon after the Thanksgiving holidays the children in the primary grades made plans in art classes for room decorations for Christmas, and each child had a part in designing or making something to make the room attractive. When you walk down the halls at school you see all types of decorations, from the religious down to the Santa and his reindeer and sleigh. Excitement was in the air, and it was just as hard for the teacher to get the child's mind on his school work as it was for mother to get any help from her children just before Christmas. Making small gifts, and Christmas cards was another Christmas art project carried on by many of the classes. Christmas programs and recitals are always a highlight at school at Christmas time, and all grades planned special programs to present sometime during the season.

Music classes have been especially beautiful and interesting during the Christmas season, as all the beautiful carols were sung and enjoyed by all the children. Both old and new Christmas songs were sung and enjoyed by the boys and girls in their music classes. The students seemed to enjoy their Christmas recitals in speech and music more than any during the year.

The last day of school before the holidays Santa came through the hall at grade school, stopping by each room to say hello, sometimes left "goodies."

**FIRST GRADE:**  
The first grade was certainly ready for old Santa with a beautifully decorated room, and

all the boys and girls were very good, and wrote letters to him. The first grade entertained the P.T. A. for their Christmas program, and brought the most mothers out to hear them. This room also had Christmas presents Wednesday, Dec. 22, just before school was out, and they expected Santa Claus to be there with their room mothers to give out gifts and refreshments. "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year", sang the merry little Matador first graders to everyone.

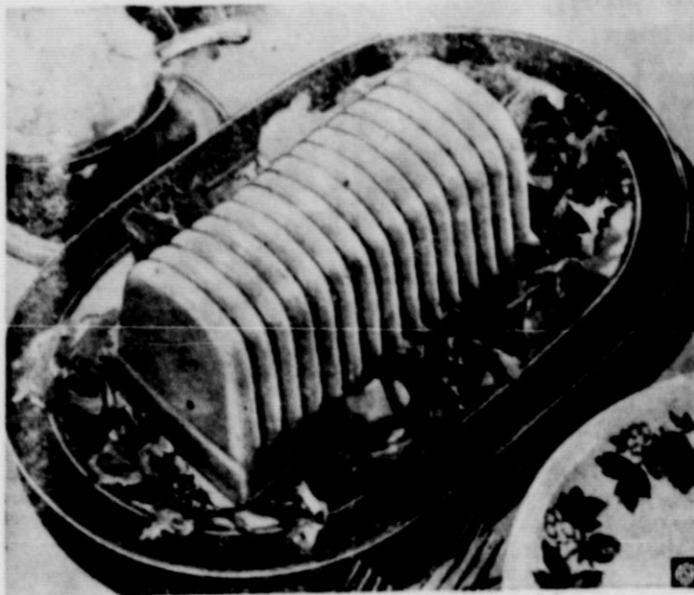
**SECOND GRADE:**  
The second grade had an interesting tradition of having a Christmas box in which they put their Christmas gifts, and in turn drew a gift from the box. The second grade presented the following program at their Christmas celebration:  
Song: Jingle Bells, Donald Hunt, Ken Pitts, Gary Campbell, Tommie Green and Muri Thrasher.  
Song: Old Santa Claus Lives in the Northland! Lynda Elliot, Ruth Lynn, Larry Keltz, Bobby Van Meter and Marianne Dameron.  
Christmas Poem: Charles Ezzell and Larry Norris.  
Song: Up on the Housetop, Carla Chambliss, Ruth Garret, Katherine Evans, Judy Cook and Gail Done.  
Song: Silent Night, Gene Martin, Carroll Nichols, Richard Campbell, Tim Timmons and Timothy Green.  
Poem: A Bright Idea, Tim Sturdivant.  
Song: Jacky Frost, Treva Hicks, Imogene Martin, Jane Briscoe and Linda Smith.

The room mothers for Christmas served refreshments. These mothers were: Mesdames Forrest Campbell, Bert Ezzell, Jack Green, Douglas Pitts, Jr., L. L. Lynn, James Sturdivant, Wilson Cook, Ted Elliot, and Benny Keltz.

**THIRD GRADE:**  
The third grade studied the Christmas story from the Bible, and made booklets of it, and their room decorations carried out the Christmas story from the Bible. The presentation of the Christmas story was held at the Christmas tree celebration in the third grade just before school was dismissed. Gifts were

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### Holiday For Leftovers



There's nothing that pleases the creative homemaker more than to prepare a pristine fresh party dish out of odds and ends that line the refrigerator after a few big holiday dinners and parties. A cup worth of cooked poultry, pecans from the festive nut bowl, a touch of pickle relish, a bit of crushed pineapple, a package of lemon-flavored gelatin contributed by the kitchen supply shelf—and you're practically set for this delicious and substantial molded salad entree.

#### Molded Holiday Potpourri

- 1 package lemon-flavored gelatin
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 dash of pepper
- 1 dash of paprika
- 1 1/2 cups hot chicken consomme\*
- 2 tablespoons vinegar
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup diced cooked chicken or turkey
- 1/2 cup finely diced celery
- 1 tablespoon chopped pimento
- 1 tablespoon chopped parsley
- 1/4 cup drained canned crushed pineapple
- 1/4 cup coarsely chopped pecans
- 2 tablespoons sweet pickle relish

Disolve gelatin, salt, pepper, and paprika in hot chicken consomme. Add vinegar and mayonnaise; blend well. Chill until slightly thickened. Then fold in remaining ingredients. Pour into 1-quart mold or individual molds. Chill until firm. Unmold on crisp lettuce. Garnish with additional mayonnaise and radish roses, if desired. Makes 6 servings. \*If desired, use 1 1/2 cups boiling water and 2 chicken bouillon cubes; omit salt.

exchanged and refreshments were served by the room mothers.

**FOURTH GRADE:**  
The fourth grade had the spirit of Christmas early, as they made Santa Clauses with white cotton mustaches and green standup Christmas trees immediately after the Thanksgiving holidays. They decorated hot dish mats to use as gifts, and stenciled wrapping paper. The children worked as a group and put the story of Christmas on

the blackboard with colored chalk.

In social science class the fourth grades studied Christmas in other lands each year, and tried to learn how other children celebrated Christmas and how many customs and traditions have been brought over to America from the other lands. In language arts classes, they spent the time telling Christmas stories and reading Christmas poems aloud in class.

Since the fourth grade enters picture memory every year, they studied several Christmas famous paintings, and had their bulletin boards decorated with famous masterpieces. One bulletin board had a beautiful manger scene on it, and a picture map of the Holy Lands under it.

A short program was given by the children at the traditional Christmas tree in the room, with each child exchanging gifts. Mrs. Luther Lancaster was chairman of the Christmas room mother group, and was assisted by the following ladies: Mesdames France Barton, Alfred

Barton, Marvin Vaughn, Tutt Garnett, Levi Wilkerson, Elbert Terry and Mrs. Skeet Burks. They served refreshments and distributed the gifts from the tree to the children.

### Christmas: "Good Time; A Kind, Forgiving Time"

Charles Dickens once referred

to Christmas as "a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time." This is an adequate description of the Christmas spirit. Why not make this an old-fashioned Christmas?

Elaborately planned parties, those great time-takers, shouldn't be a part of the Christmas scene. A homey, hospitable get-together will create an atmosphere in which everyone can relax.

Since Christmas is really "the children's hour", why not give them a greater part in preparing for the day? Children will get more delight from helping prepare and decorate the tree than in seeing only the finished product.

COME TO CHURCH SUNDAY



PERSONNEL OF

Matador Parts Co.

from all of us at W.T.U.  
to all of you...

Merry Christmas

and a  
Happy  
New Year!



West Texas Utilities  
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DEPARTMENT STORE

### Cocoa, Cake and Company



Folks who brave the wintry chill to pay you a friendly call deserve a warm welcome... There's a new cocoa on the market now that has been Dutch-processed to give a more full-bodied, chocolate-y flavor.

**Old-Fashioned Hot Cocoa**  
1/2 cup cocoa Dash of salt  
1/4 to 1/2 cup sugar 1/2 cup water  
1 quart milk

Mix cocoa, sugar, salt and water in saucepan. Bring slowly to a boil and boil gently 3 minutes, stirring constantly. Add milk and heat. (Do not boil.) If desired, beat before serving. Serve hot. Makes 6 or 7 servings.

### Guard Posted At Birthplace Of Christ

**Quells Arguments Arising Between Sects**  
By Wilton Wynn  
BETHLEHEM, Jordan: Policeman Mahmoud Selim patrols an unusual beat. He guards the star marking the spot where Christ was born.

as unofficial host to hundreds of travelers visiting the church he guards.

"I'm a Moslem, but I see three Christmases a year, more than most Christians," Selim chuckles. Because of calendar differences, Christmas is celebrated in Bethlehem at three different times, one for Roman Catholics and Western churches, one for the Orthodox churches, and one for the Armenians.

**Jealousies Found Wars**  
Jealousies among the three communities in the church have led to far-reaching international complications and even to wars.

Inside the gloomy grotto where Christ was born, every item is the specific property of one of the churches. An altar above the star belongs to the Orthodox, and Latins can never pray there. A few feet away is a reconstructed manger, the property of the Latins. Beside it is the altar of the Wise Men, where only Latins pray.

Two rows of lamps hanging from the sooty vaulted ceiling belong to the Armenians, while a third row consists of alternate Latin and Orthodox lamps. An asbestos curtain hanging along the crude stone wall is Latin property, while most of the icons are Orthodox.

During a Latin service, only Latin lamps are lighted. If an Armenian or Greek touches the property of the other, Mahmoud Selim may be called to quell a riot.

**Serious Disputes Few**  
"We don't often have serious trouble any more," Selim reports. "But once in awhile they begin raising their voices at each other. Just last week they had a big meeting to settle a quarrel about the lamps in the grotto."

The highlight of the Latin Christmas mass in Bethlehem is reached in this grotto when a Latin procession carries a statue of the Christ Child and places it on the Star of the Nativity. It then is placed in the manger, where it remains until after Epiphany.

Two stone staircases lead out of the grotto, to the right leading to the Greek Orthodox convent, to the left opening to an Armenian chapel. In the latter are two altars where Copts and Syrians are allowed to worship once a year.

To the left of the Armenian chapel, a low door leads to the more modern Latin Church of St. Catherine, where Christmas mass is attended by pilgrims

### Pensioners Share Meager Income

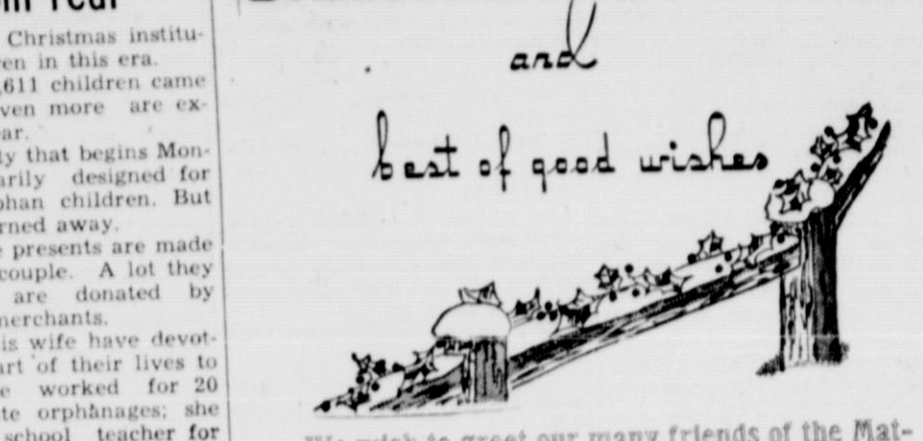
#### East Texas' Aging Mr. And Mrs. Santa Readying Kiddies' Gifts For 28th Year

GARDEN VALLEY, Tex., Dec. 18—East Texas' own special Santa Claus is ready to open the doors of a weather-beaten old home and pass out toys and candy to thousands of children. It's a 28-year-old custom of Neal Cain, 80, and his wife, Mary, 71.

**Broken Toys Repaired**  
They've spent hours repairing broken toys, donated for what

from all over the world. To the right is the main altar of the Church of the Nativity, belonging to the Greek Orthodox. Stretching out from the altar is the nave of the ancient Church of the Nativity. Dating back to 527 A.D., this huge rectangular structure offers a little to suggest a church except the aroma of incense and occasional bearded, robed, Oriental clergymen slipping along in the shadows of the walls.

### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



We wish to greet our many friends of the Matador area at this Good Christmas time. For your cards, visits, gifts, your many words of encouragement and for prayers we wish to say to you Thank you MUCH, and may the Christ of Bethlehem be near to you now and all thru the New Year.

Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Brotherton and Glen



"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

In the holy spirit of the true Christmas, with the warmth and benevolence of His Day - we say to all our many friends - May your holiday be rich with many blessings!

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The Christmas star still shines today as it did hundreds of years ago. As it guided the wise men to the newborn King—let it continue to guide each of us to renew that spirit of faith within our own lives. Let us find peace of heart that leads to complete happiness.

Merry Christmas

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### Christmas Party Held By Lodges

A Christmas party for I.O.O.F. and Rebekah lodge members and their families was held Monday night, Dec. 20 in the IOOF hall, with approximately 65 members, visitors and children present.

A program, in keeping with the occasion was given, with Mrs. J. C. McBride and W. B. Wason in charge. Christmas carols were led by Randall Whitworth, followed by a duet by Joyce Simpson and Sue Cross piano solo, "Silent Night", Linda Rae Thompson; solo, "Silver Bells", Edna Williams; quartet by Bruce Martin family; reading Mrs. J. R. Whitworth; song, Joe Martin, reading, Imogene Martin, and addresses by Bro. Berry Watson and Elbert Reeves.

Following benediction by L. Rattan, the group enjoyed an exchange of gifts, with Santa Claus in charge.

### Club Honors Two Having Birthdays

Two members of the '52-42 club were honored recently at a pre-holiday luncheon in the home of Mrs. C. P. Waybourn. Birthdays this month of Mrs. D. E. Pitts, Sr., and Mrs. A. W. Ford were celebrated.

Mrs. Waybourn was assisted in preparing and serving the turkey dinner, by Mesdames W. D. Lipscomb, A. K. Wilkinson, Clovis Murphy, Vance Gilbreath and Floyd Henderson. Guests present were, Mesdames L. J. Barkley, U. L. Willie, Ben Edwards and W. W. Clements.

### HD Club Has Guests At Christmas Party

Husbands and other guests were entertained by members of the Matador Home Demonstration club at an annual dinner and party last Thursday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Hamilton.

Entertainment included a

humorous reading by Mrs. Bill Palmeyer and songs by Mr. Hamilton, followed by a session of forty-two, concluding with an exchange of gifts from a decorated tree.

Refreshments of sandwiches and cocoa were served to Messrs. and Mesdames W. D. Lipscomb, Harry Willett, James Taylor, Ralph Stapleton, Sterling Price, and Mrs. W. L. McWilliams and Mesdames W. W. Clements, C. P. Waybourn, Turner Campbell and W. M. Graham.

### Pied 'Pinions

BY MRS. J. M.

When you're weary, mentally and physically... and all the woes of the world seem to sit on your shoulder... and work piles up until you can't see the top... and there aren't enough hours in the day to finish all the different projects... and each one needs to be attended to first... and a vise begins to tighten in your head... and in your chest. Then you look up and out and see the Christmas lights festooned across the skies, and you remember that they signify Christ as the Light of the World and all else fades into insignificance in a "peace which passeth all understanding."

### CHRISTMAS QUOTES

"But not alone at Christmas time... Comes holiday and cheer... For one who loves a little child... Hath Christmas all the year."—Author unknown

"God took centuries to prepare the world for Christmas and we have largely lost its meaning in the observance of it."—Royal Service Magazine

"May the molten gold of laughter flow across your heart at Christmas covering the scars of old remembered pain, leaving only happiness and the bright bubble of your dreams."—Priscilla Rodgers

"Christmas is a drift fence across prairies of the past to keep friends and loved ones from moving too far from our range."—Trail Dust

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

"Behold, I bring you good tid-

ings 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.—The Fulfillment from St. Luke 2:10-11.

In counting the cost of Christmas, do we consider the price paid at Calvary?

Edna St. Vincent Millay in her poem, "To Jesus On His Birthday", wrote:

"For this your mother sweated in the cold,  
For this you bled upon the bitter tree,  
A yard of tinsel ribbon bought and sold;  
A paper wreath, a day at home for me."

### IN APPRECIATION

We wish to take this means of expressing our grateful appreciation to residents of this area who came to our aid when our home burned recently. Words cannot express our gratitude for financial aid as well as gifts of clothing and household furnishings which have been given to us by citizens of Wake, McAloo, Spar, Dickens, Roaring Springs, Matador and other communities in this area.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Dove and Family.

### IN APPRECIATION

Words can not be found to express my appreciation to everyone who contributed in any way in helping me during my recent hospitalization. Your cards, letters and flowers, and especially the prayers for my recovery were deeply appreciated and I want to say sincerely, Thank You. If sickness should come your way, I hope to be able to do as much for each of you, as you have me. God bless each of you.—Susie Jameson.

(Mrs. Creed Jameson).

Roaring Springs, Tex.  
December 18, 1954

Dear Santa:

I am Gene. I want a little car truck, a tractor with three plows a motor truck and some clay.

I have a little sister whose name is Donna. She wants a doll and anything else you want to give her. I have another sister named Shirley. She wants a doll dishes and a puzzle.

From Gene Bridges.



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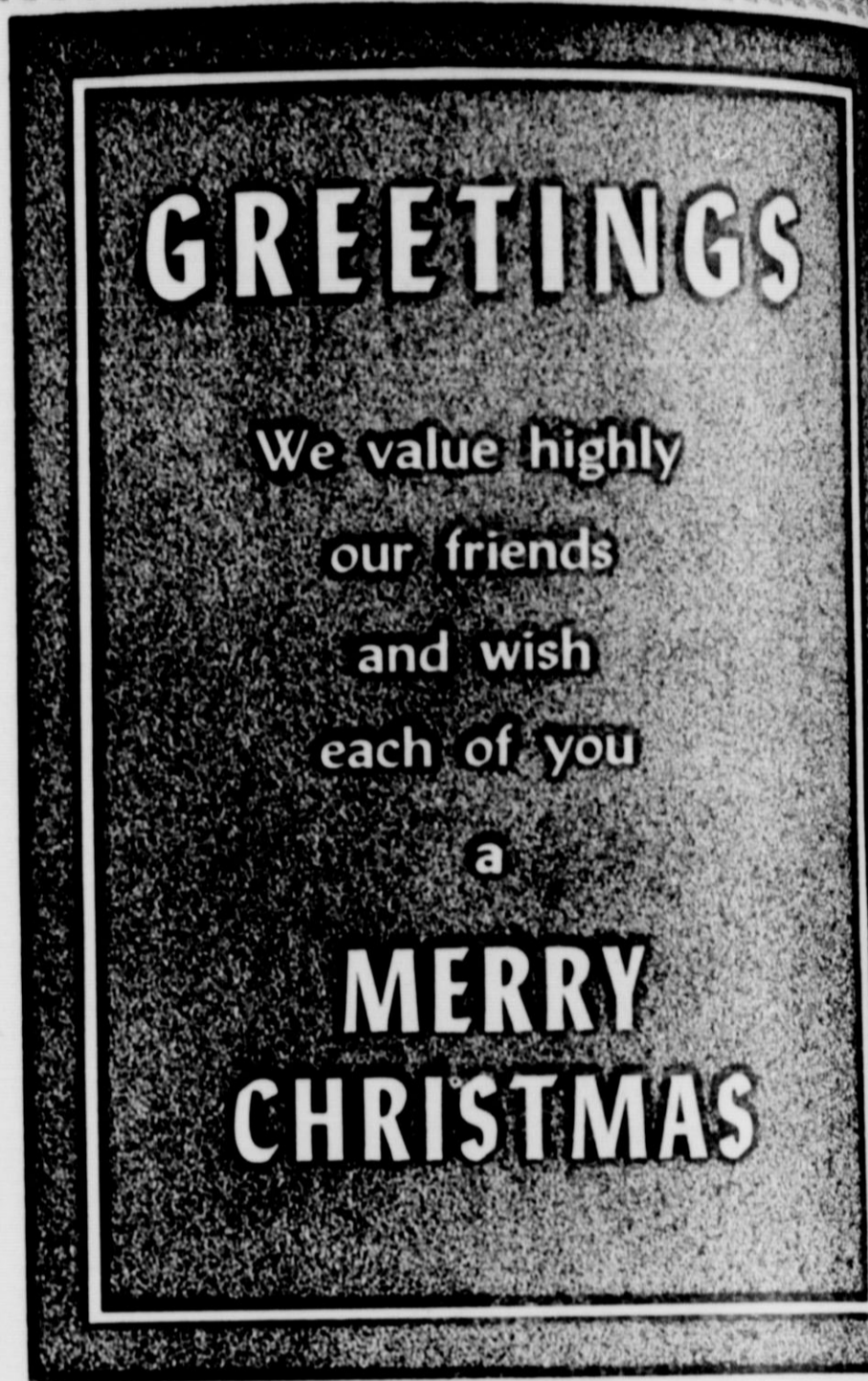
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# GREETINGS

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**SHEPHERDS RUSH . . .**

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However one shepherd, after visiting the stable, emerged extraordinarily calm—quite in contrast to his earlier excitement. He recounted their report. He said they had been tending flocks on a pasture north of here.

The night was still and clear. Some of them slept; others idled by the embers of a fire. Then a strange light appeared over them.

"An angel of the Lord came upon us," he related, "and the glory of the Lord shone round about us, and we were sore afraid. And the angel said unto us:

"Fear not for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, 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.'"

After the manifestation had vanished, the shepherd said, "We were as men struck dumb. They finally decided to come to see the child."

"We hastened here and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger, just as the Lord had made known to us. They have called him Jesus."

Roman officials, while outwardly unperturbed by the mat-

ter, reportedly have dispatched a courier with word of the affair to King Herod of Judea under whose jurisdiction it falls.

An inkeeper disclosed he had been forced to turn the Nazareth couple away. "We were packed in here like olives in a keg," he said.

At the stable, everything seemed placid outside. Little groups loitered in quiet talk. Some ventured inside, in one's and two's.

One townsman stopped to talk. "We have seen him," he said, and it is true. There is an infinite greatness here. The word is flesh among us.

"We have worshipped the Christ."

Some visitors dropped to their knees before the infant in worship.

The barn was an ordinary one stoutly built and warm. A cow and a few sheep occupied an adjacent stall.

The mother's condition seemed excellent.

**TRIPS, FAMILIES . . .**

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day for Clovis, N. M. where she is spending this week with her daughter and family. Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Fulkerson, whom she will accompany Friday to Odessa, where they will spend Christmas with another daughter and family.

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Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wason of Embudo, N. M. arrived Tuesday night to spend the holidays with his sisters, Mesdames A. J. Daffern, D. E. Pitts, Sr., and Fred Simpson, and their brother, Bill Wason. A family Christmas party will be held by the relatives, tonight in the Daffern home.

Dr. Mary Rosenstein of Houston has arrived to spend the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Traweck, Sr. Another daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Orvil Wells and daughters, Susan and Carolyn of Dal-last, will arrive Sunday for a post-Christmas visit.

**Laymen To Speak At Baptist Church**

Laymen of the church will be in charge of services Sunday at the First Baptist Church, it was announced by the pastor, Rev. Bruce Oliver, who will be out of town.

Mr. T. E. Long will speak at the morning hour, and R. E. Campbell, Sr. will be speaker for the evening service. Both men are able speakers and those who have heard them in the past will not want to miss the opportunity of again hearing them Sunday.

Rev. Oliver further announces that a church-wide "Watch Night" service will be held Friday night, Dec. 31, at 11:00 PM. Forrest Campbell will be in charge of the program, which will feature Representative Elbert Reeves as speaker.

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With all the gay trimmings of an old-fashioned Yuletide—that is bright with glowing candles and rich with golden carols—is our hearty thanks for your friendship. May you all enjoy the Best Christmas ever. . . .

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**Greetings**

May these be the gifts that Christmas will bring to you . . .

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### Young Belle Chimes In Holiday Greetings



No one loves the excitement of Christmas more than the very young. When they can be part of the holiday program at home, they make everyone happy and entertain themselves. This Christmas there are more colorful toys that have entertainment as well as educational value, and the role of family carolers will come naturally to the youngsters. One of the most charming ideas of the season is a set of Swiss musical bells with which the child can quickly learn to ring out Christmas carols or "Jingle Bells." It's all done by styrene plastic bell the child picks up. Two children can play the bells at the same time. You may want to have an early Christmas morning rehearsal before relatives arrive. It won't take the little tykes long to master one tune, and it will pay off in the pride of achievement which is so encouraging to youngsters this age. The bells are also marked with letters and numbers for children who can read. In almost no time the youngsters can add to their holiday program nursery rhymes, folk and popular tunes, which are also coded in color in the sheet music that comes with the toy. In pastel pinks, blues, yellows besides the traditional holiday colors, the eight Swiss musical bells come in a package which simulates a piano keyboard and serves as a music rack. They pack in notches which identify each plastic bell with a piano.

### The Legends Of Christmas

There are almost as many Christmas legends and superstitions as there have been Christmases. Countless customs from the Old World have been absorbed through the centuries into the celebrations that we participate in today. A few, however, have been passed down from one generation to another, remaining always the same. The Indians of Canada, for example, believe that the deer kneel in prayer each Christmas Eve. An early missionary probably is responsible for the idea,

but it still lingers and wily Indians have always attempted to catch the deer in the act.

In England, it is believed that the bees express veneration for the nativity by singing in their hives at midnight. The bee hives are always adorned with holly sprigs for the Yuletide season.

In Europe it was custom for a young girl to creep to the family woodpile on Christmas Eve and pull out the first stick that her hand touched. If the stick was a straight one, with no knots, tradition said that she would have a good husband.

Farmers in Europe also gave torches to their children and sent them singing into the apple orchards and the fields. The mice, caterpillars and moths

were said to flee before the approaching songsters.

In early Germany it was a belief that water turned into wind during the hour before midnight on Christmas Eve.

### Lessons From The Bible For Christmas

By Dr. Garry C. Myers

Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus about 2,000 years ago. When He walked here on earth, some thought of Him as a great teacher and prophet. We who call ourselves Christians

think of Him as our Lord and Master.

Here are some of the things Jesus taught as you will find them in the Bible:

Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness'

sake; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad; for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill can not be hid. Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

Let your light so shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Love your enemies, bless them

that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven.

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal; for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them; for this is the law and the prophets.

COME TO CHURCH SUNDAY

### Christmas Mass

Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve is the event of the year in Rome.

Every Roman Catholic church in the Holy City is crowded with men, women and children anxious to see the processions of church officials in their splendid robes. The larger the church, the more beautiful the sight. And, of course, the service at St. Peter's is the most magnificent in the world.

At St. Peter's all the men present are required to wear evening clothes and the ladies must be dressed in black, thus offsetting the brilliant beauty of the robes. Even the guards on duty are attired in elegant red and white uniforms.

# Season's Greetings

We would like to put into words the very nice things we're wishing you this Christmas. Yet, it is not so much the phrasing of a Christmas greeting but the thought that pervades it that counts. And so we send to all our friends the very old yet always new Greeting — A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

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## Simple Christmas Enlivened Frontier

By WAYNE GARD  
(Editorial Staff of  
The Dallas News)

MANY A TEXAS OLDSTER can recall the thrill he received from a simple Christmas on the farm or ranch. Even isolation or lack of cash didn't keep folks from giving presents. Dad could whistle a jumping-jack or other toy. Mother could make rag dolls and bright dresses and could bake holiday cookies in the shape of stars and bells. Wild berries and strings of popcorn made decorations.

On one Christmas Eve on the plains, the parents were called to help an injured neighbor. They left their three children and the dog. While they were gone, six Indians called, demanding "plenty hoggie meat." The older girl, Martha, thirteen, fried fat pork, made corn bread and brewed corn coffee. After their feast, the Indians started to carry off the two younger children.

Then Martha diverted the visitors by lighting the candles on the Christmas tree. The pop-

eyed red men put down the youngsters and began eating molasses cookies and candy from the tree. Spying a pair of red boots in the top, they had four-year-old Ned put them on and strut about. "Heap big chief," they said as they left in good humor.

IN THE PANHANDLE and South Plains, even a Christmas tree was a rarity. Yet, there and elsewhere, the cowboys managed to celebrate. The ranch cook did his part by providing a feast, and sometimes folks from several outfits would get together for a dance.

Larry Chittenden, in his famous ballad, "The Cowboys' Christmas Ball," has kept green the memory of a dance at Anson. The room was togged out gorgeous—with mistletoe and shawls.

And candles flickered frescoes around the airy walls. The women folks looked lovely—the boys looked kinder treed. "Til their leader commenced yellin'."

"Whoa; fellers, let's stampe!" Anson people have capitalized on Chittenden's poem by holding an old-fashioned cowboys' Christmas ball each December. The dust riz fast an' furious, we all just galloped round.

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"Til the scenery got so giddy that Z-bar Dick was downed. We buckled to our partners an' told them to hold on. Then shook our hoofs like lightning until the early dawn.

THERE NEVER WILL BE another Christmas dance like the one that cowboys gave at Buffalo Springs in 1905, thinks Mrs. R. L. Duke of Dalhart. Buffalo Springs was the headquarters of the most northern of the seven divisions of the vast XIT Ranch. Mrs. Duke tells of this dance in the Cattleman.

In 1905, she was a young woman teaching school in Moore County, near Dumas. At the dance, she recalls, she wore a

white Gibson waist and a 9-gored black silk skirt, fifteen feet around the bottom. The boys were in tailor-made suits—gray and navy blue—ordered from Kansas City and Chicago. The feast amazed homesteaders used to mush, beans, jackrabbits and salt pork.

The table was fifteen feet long and four feet wide. "In the center was a big roast pig with an apple in its mouth. He was flanked by roast beef, roast turkey, chickens and wild ducks." There were pies and cakes and piles of apples and oranges. The children, who had never seen an orange, were in ecstasy.

COME TO CHURCH SUNDAY

## Records Show Yule Customs Were Old In Fourth Century

The exact age of the Christmas festival is not known. Records show, however, that the holiday was spoken of in the fourth century as a custom of long standing.

Christmas began as Christ's Mass, or the Mass of Christ, sometime during the fourth century. It took that long after the blessed night for the great importance of Christ's birth to be realized by the people. Until this time it had been the custom of the church to celebrate the anniversaries of deaths, rather than births. Christ's birthday was the first to be made an oc-

casional for feasting.

The date for the celebration of the Christ Mass was selected by the church. So many years had elapsed that the actual date of His birth could only be a matter of conjecture.

The festival and spirit of Christmas spread through the Christian world. Pagan customs even as they do today, attempted to adapt themselves to the Christmas season.

For many years after the origin of Christ's Mass the church frowned upon the practice of exchanging gifts during the festival season. Later, however, the practice was condoned, in remembrance of the spirit of the Three Kings of the Orient who had followed a shining star to the crib of the new-born

Christ, bringing presents with a sense of humility.

## LETTERS TO SANTA

Matador, Texas  
Dec. 16, 1954

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a little machine gun, a light for my bicycle, a kodak and a fishing reel. I sure would like to have an air rifle. I would thank you so much.  
With Love,  
Tim Timmons

Matador, Texas  
December 17, 1954

Dear Santa:  
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**Natives Still Use Camels**

# Christmas Tourists to Jerusalem Now Make Journey Mostly by Air

BY WILTON WYNN

JERUSALEM, Jordan—Nearly 2,000 years ago, camels carrying the first Christmas pilgrims to visit Bethlehem plodded wearily up the winding road from Jericho.

They were the Three Wise Men from the East, the ancient counterpart of the modern pilgrim visiting the birthplace of Christ.

Most pilgrim-tourists arrive by air today, but if a traveler approaches Bethlehem by land this Christmas, he will arrive via the Wise Men's route.

The land road takes a roundabout route from the seaport in Beirut, Lebanon, through Damascus and Amman, down from the mountains of Moab to the west point on earth at the Jordan River near the Dead Sea. Then there is the long winding climb from Jericho to the Judean hills, past Bethany to Jerusalem and then to Bethlehem. Enroute, modern cars pass many a camel caravan reminiscent of the transport used by the three Wise Men.

The Wise Men went to Jerusalem before going to Bethlehem, and so will the tourist of today. His hotel will be in Jeru-

saalem.

When the Wise Men went from Jerusalem to Bethlehem, they probably left from the old city's Jaffa Gate on a direct, short route to the birthplace of Christ. Until 1948, the same route was taken by modern tourists. That direct road was less than five miles long.

After the Palestine war of 1948, however, the Israelis cut the road. Now Jerusalem Bethlehem traffic must take a route more than twice as long.

**MIDNIGHT CLIMAX**

At noon on Christmas Eve, the traveler will see Bethlehem's manger square filled with a brilliant procession, as the Latin patriarch makes his formal entry into the Church of the Nativity, preceded by a choir in vestments, consuls of Jerusalem in uniform and government officials.

On the afternoon of Christmas Eve, the traveler should drive down the slopes east of Bethlehem to Shepherd's Field, a tree-covered area enclosed by a stone wall. Here the YMCA conducts a service commemorating the announcement of the birth of

Christ to the shepherds who watched their flocks in a grotto on this site. A shepherd's meal of meat baked in the earth and flat Bedouin bread is eaten during this service.

Christmas Eve reaches its climax with the midnight mass in the church of the nativity, presided over by the Latin patriarch. At the conclusion of the mass, a procession follows a statue of the infant Jesus down a stone staircase into the Grotto of the Nativity where Christ was born.

As many as 10,000 persons gather outside the church on Christmas Eve, while only a few hundred can get inside. Travelers wishing to see the mass should arrange for tickets far in advance. Most travel agents in Jerusalem are given a quota of tickets.

The modern pilgrim visiting the birthplace of Christ faces problems the Wise Men never met. For one thing, he must understand that his Christmas visit will be to that section of Palestine held by Jordan, not Israel. Both Bethlehem and the old walled city of Jerusalem are on the Jordan side of the demarcation line which has divided the Holy Land since the Arab-Israeli war of 1948.

Although actual fighting stopped in 1948, the Arabs and Israelis have not yet signed a peace. Arabs maintain an economic blockade of Israel, and part of this blockade is a refusal to admit a traveler who has an Israeli visa in his passport. Exceptions sometimes are made, but it will have a lot of trouble to avoid getting an Israeli visa stamped in the passport.

Hotels here are not luxurious, but most of them are comfortable and moderately priced. The Arab-Israeli war left the biggest hotels on this Israeli side, but now enterprising Arabs have turned many old villas and convents into friendly, cheerful hotels with "atmosphere."

Most of these hotels stand just outside the medieval wall of Jerusalem, parts of which date back to the time of Christ and which encloses the Holy Sepulcher, Calvary, the Temple area, and countless other Biblical sites. Entering through arched gates into the cobblestone streets of Old Jerusalem takes the traveler back into the Biblical world.

**SEVERAL HOTELS**

Each of Jerusalem's hotels has a history in itself. The house of the famous old grand mufti of Jerusalem has been turned into Shepherd's Hotel. Atop a hill overlooking the old city stands the Claridge Hotel, until recently a Syrian Orthodox monastery.

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## Do Angels Bake This Angel Cake?



Homemaker angels most certainly do bake this heavenly angel cake—especially when they can use a packaged angel food mix during those busy days preceding holidays. This fruit and nut-studded cake captures the true Christmas spirit when topped with angelic heralds to spread Yuletide happiness and hospitality.

**Christmas Almond Angel Food**

1 package (17-oz.) angel food mix  
 1/2 teaspoon almond extract  
 1/2 cup finely chopped toasted almonds  
 1/2 cup chopped candied pineapple, drained  
 Pistachio Whipped Cream almonds

Prepare angel food mix as directed on back of package. After all the flour has been added, fold in almond extract, almonds, and pineapple. Bake and cool as directed on package. Then frost lightly with Pistachio Whipped Cream. If desired, decorate with paper angels.

**Pistachio Whipped Cream.** Place 1 cup whipping cream, 1 tablespoon sugar, 1/2 teaspoon each vanilla and almond extracts, and a few drops of green coloring in small chilled bowl. Beat until cream holds its shape. (Do not overbeat.)

A popular spot for Americans is the American Colony Hotel, built by a small group of religious Americans who came to Jerusalem in the 19th century and left their children and grand-children to carry on. The Zahra Hotel is a former British official residence. Inside the walls, the Imperial Hotel overlooks the citadel where Roman legions stood guard the night Christ was born.

Although Palestine is not far from the deserts of Arabia,

Christmas here will not be warm. Sometimes the skies are clear and sunny at Christmas, but always the weather is chilly and brisk. In 1953, it snowed three days before Christmas in Bethlehem, but the odds are against a white Christmas here. Winter is the rainy season, however, and rain may dampen the tourist's visit somewhat.

Because the Holy sites are grouped so closely together, the Holy Land offers an ideal spot for the hurried tourist of the

20th Century. The tourist department points out the visitor can participate in Christmas festivities and see practically all the most treasured Biblical sites—all on a three-day schedule.

## CHRISTMAS GREENS BRIGHTEN HOME

A few well placed Christmas greens can do much to brighten a house at Christmas time. Properly clipped, the branches will never be missed, and might improve the looks of the tree from which they are cut.

Hemlock, red cedar, juniper, yew, pitch pine, white pine, will make suitable material for a spray to decorate a mantle, door or a spray for a newel post.

In pruning, however, keep in mind the natural appearance of the tree from which you clip branches.

## 'Snapdragon' Popular

A game called "snapdragon" was very popular at Christmas time in England more than 200 years ago. To a limited extent it is still played in some parts of England, as well as in America.

The original game called for a quantity of raisins to be deposited in a large bowl or dish. Brandy or some other spirit was then poured over the fruit and ignited. At a given signal, the participants attempt to snatch a raisin from the blazing bowl.

COME TO CHURCH SUNDAY



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Christmas is upon us...and we cannot help but feel grateful to our many friends who have helped make the past so worthwhile and whose confidence in us gives added strength and promise to the future. In fullest gratitude we extend our sincerest wishes for A Joyous Holiday Season.

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## CHRISTMAS EVE IN OLDTIME FINLAND



The Christmas Eve bath was quite a tradition in Finland before the advent of modern plumbing.

The oldtime Finnish bath-room was usually a three-room hut, one room was used for steaming and scrubbing, one for rubbing, and one for dressing.

The hut was warmed by a stone oven, heated for hours before the scheduled bath, and the "bath-room" was really steaming. After bathing came the rub-down and the switching of the body with birch twigs to increase the circulation, topped off by a roll in the snow, supposedly to whet the appetite for Christmas Eve supper.

For supper there was usually stockfish and prune tarts to be enjoyed, plus the traditional barley porridge in which cream and sugar and almonds were mixed.

After supper the boys and men matched their strength, while the girls—garbed in the men's work clothes—blackened their faces and cognito and "see Christmas." The girls never spoke nor accepted food, but went from house to house merely to watch the festivities.

And when the evening's festivities were over, the smaller children made their beds in the clean straw spread on the floor in commemoration of the Christ Child.

### Indestructible Mistletoe

The flame-thrower and atomic energy—lethal instruments borrowed from modern warfare—are out to kill that ancient symbol of peace-making and love, the Christmas mistletoe.

The unusual battle front is Australia where too many valuable trees each year have been receiving the kiss of death from the harmless looking shrub. Despite mistletoe's popular reputation as the Yuletide promoter of romance, it is a public-enemy parasite in the woodlands, killing off the trees that play it host.

Australian foresters have finally resorted to the flame-thrower as a quick executioner for the plant and are using radio-active tracers, furnished by the U. S. atomic energy commission, to study how the mistletoe saps the water and mineral salts from the trees, starving them to death.

Everyone knew the song but nothing of its authors. Father Mohr was dead. Franz Gruber had moved to another village. But Erk finally found him in Hallein. Gruber wrote down the full six stanzas that had been composed by Father Mohr and added his account to how the song had been written. Methodically, he dated his story—Dec. 30, 1854.

So this year marks the 100th anniversary of the discovery of the whole story of "Silent Night."

For years, each Christmas Eve, "Silent Night" was sung at Hallein in the house where Gruber lived, to the accompaniment of his own original guitar. Later the song was carried from Hallein around the world by radio.

This Christmas "Silent Night" will echo all around the world. Children and grownups will sing it, in Mexico, in England and Germany, in far away Japan. They sing the same song even though the words are in different languages. But in every language, the words carry the same message of gladness.

### The Santa Legend Should Be Explained, Psychologist Says

"Children enjoy Santa Claus more when they know what he really is," Duke University psychologist Dr. Gelolo McHugh says.

"No one enjoys finding out that he has been kept in the dark," says the specialist in child psychology, "and children are no exception." The real meaning of Santa Claus is the joy of giving to make others happy, says Dr. McHugh, and no child should be deprived of this privilege.

Later parents have the difficult job of explaining that there is no jolly old Christmas man. Dr. McHugh points out. When the truth comes out the parent has placed himself in the position of being responsible for Santa's disappearance.

Santa should be a part of Christmas, however, Dr. McHugh believes, but from the

very beginning, he should be treated as a wonderful pretend game. This method has proven successful with many children, the specialist says, including his own two young boys.

Children, who love to make-believe, are perfectly capable of enjoying Santa, reindeer, chimneys and all, while knowing in their hearts, when they stop to ask themselves, that he is a pretend person, he says.

The child who takes part in the Santa game doesn't have to wonder on Christmas morning why Santa didn't like him well enough to bring the expensive toys that were ordered from the North Pole, the psychologist points out.

The young Indianapolis mother who recently wrote a Christmas letter for her 5-year old son just before her death in an airplane crash, had wonderful understanding, Dr. McHugh says. She ended her letter by telling her little son that "anyone who loves and gives is real Santa."

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### "Silent Night" Ranks As The Universal Christmas Hymn

There are many Christmas carols but only one universal Christmas hymn, "Silent Night." Since its birth over a century ago in an obscure Austrian village, this simple melody has gone all around the world. Wherever Christmas is celebrated, "Silent Night" is sung.

Many people think "Silent Night" is a folk song, but it isn't. Hertha Paull explains in the December Catholic Digest. The words were written by a village priest, Father Joseph Mohr, and set to music by the local school teacher, Franz Xavier Gruber. The organ in the village church was broken so the first time "Silent Night" was heard, it was sung by its authors to a simple

guitar accompaniment. Mohr and Gruber never expected their Christmas hymn to become famous. But in spite of its humble origin, it traveled throughout Germany. It was sung for kings and queens and carried from valley to valley by itinerant peddlers who heard it and loved it.

No one really knew where the melody had come from. Finally, the king of Prussia commanded a performance in Berlin. Not satisfied with the explanation that the author of the song was unknown, he ordered his royal concertmaster, Ludwig Erk, to find out who had written it. Erk's search took many years.

Seasons  
Greetings...

Holly-gay, poinsettia bright  
and sparkling as the Christmas  
lights are our wishes — that you,  
our many friends — will find the  
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business friendships as we value our personal  
friendships.

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TO EACH OF YOU

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## Quick and Easy Shopper's Meal



Let's face it! This is the time of year the budget is apt to be pinched, and we may find that shopping takes longer than planned. But the family still has a hearty appetite and wants a good meal. A main dish that is a penny-saver, easy to fix, yet attractive and downright good eating is the answer.

Hot Tomato Juice  
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Buttered Lima and Green Beans  
Tropical Shortcake  
Lettuce Salad  
Milk

### DeLuxe Supper Casserole

8 slices bread  
3/4 tablespoons butter, or margarine  
1 cup canned luncheon meat, chicken, tuna, or salmon  
1 small onion

1/2 lb. American cheese  
1 can (12 oz.) whole kernel corn  
3 eggs  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
2 cups milk

Spread bread with butter and cut each slice into about six strips. Arrange a layer in bottom of an 8 x 12 oiled baking dish. Cut meat (or break fish) into bite size pieces. Put a layer of meat, chopped onion, grated cheese and corn over bread. Repeat layers. Beat eggs and add salt and milk. Pour over mixture in baking dish. Bake in a moderate oven (350° F.) about 30 to 35 minutes. Serve at once. Six servings.

**Tropical Shortcake:** Mix a pound can of drained fruit cocktail with a sliced banana and a cup of sweetened whipped cream. Cut a can of date nut bread into 12 thin slices. For each serving put fruit mixture between two slices and heaped on top. Six servings.

## "Old Christmas" Will Be Celebrated In Indian Ceremonies Throughout New Mexico

SANTA FE—Ceremonies of unique interest take place in Pueblo Land on Jan. 6, when newly appointed governors of the various pueblos assume office.

Known as Old Christmas, or the Day of Epiphany, events commemorate the coming of the Magi to Bethlehem. Following the Feast of the Three Kings, Indian dancing occurs in the plazas. The eagle dance appears at San Ildefonso. Taos offers the famed hunting dances of deer and buffalo, all in honored remembrance of these animals which for ages have furnished food and clothing to the red man.

Jan. 6 is in reality beginning of the Indian New Year. Up and down the Rio Grande at San Felipe, Santo Domingo, Cochiti, Santa Ana, and San Juan commemoration of "Old Christmas" takes place. Installation of the new Governors climax the festivities. High point is the presentation of the "Rods of office" to incoming officials in recognition of their authority. This custom, begun centuries ago by Spanish conquerors, was continued after the American occupation of the territory. In 1863 Abraham Lincoln gave ebony canes with silver handles to governors. Passed to succeeding

governors they have constituted badges of office ever since.

Celebration of Old Christmas is an important New Year's event in New Mexico. For further information regarding this and other interesting mid-winter happenings, write the State Capitol, Santa Fe, N. M.

## Yuletide Customs 'Round The World

**MEXICO:** A pretty custom of Mexico is the game of the "pinata" in which the children find great joy. The "pinata" is an elaborate and colorful earthenware bowl resembling a face or an animal, filled with fresh fruits, peanuts, candy and good luck charms. The children gather around in a circle and one after another is blindfolded and has his turn at breaking the "pinata." After many attempts, it is finally broken, and the scramble begins with each child keeping whatever he manages to find.

**BULGARIA:** A large round cake, called KRAVAL, which is decorated with the figures of a bird, a flower and a cross breaks

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## Send The Spirit With Your Gift

By Ross Phares

(Ross Phares is a member of the East Texas Baptist College at Marshall.)

**THIS IS THE DAY** of big business, big everything—including giving. Generosity is an instinct not to be discouraged. But now that, in its bigness, it has become organized and considerably impersonal, one may wonder if some satisfaction and joy may not be lost to both the giver and the receiver.

This giving through organizations, apparently, is one of the signs of the times—a necessity in this streamlined age. Therefore we should encourage it and be thankful that we have devised organized means to assist the needy. But let's hope that we can retain as much as possible of the personal element, lest in these organizing times our giving becomes purely socialized.

Many possibly, when they contribute to one of the benevolent organizations, are beginning to get a feeling of a duty done, a civic activity accomplished.

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**IN THE PROCESS** of giving there is no substitute for the sparkle kindled in dull or discouraged eyes, the gleeful scream or dance of a little child carried out of this world by receipt of a mere trinket. A hug or a kiss may remain richer and more lasting memory of expressed gratitude than one's name stamped on a bronze plate. A giver's name published on a donor's list is certainly a minimum of recognition, but it can not touch the soul like a clasping handshake and the impassioned voice of the desperately needy saying: "I don't know what we would have done without it."

At this season it would not seem amiss for givers to spend a few moments reflecting upon the gifts made through organizations. Possibly all that many

have seen of them is a check. Somehow it seems that there should be something more tangible about contributions. Perhaps when we really visualize what our gifts might be accomplishing in this needy world the vision might be much more enriching than we ever thought. Possibly such reflection might make us want to give more.

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**Texans have been known** from the days of the first pioneers as generous neighbors—attending the sick, rebuilding destroyed homes, plowing crops for the disabled, rearing orphans, giving showers for couples starting housekeeping. The list would be long for these practices of generosity are part and parcel of the Texas tradition.

Organization is a necessity of the times—but let's hope that social workers, professional charity agents and bookkeeping will not make the system so cold and impersonal that it will take the brotherly love and Christian spirit out of giving.



# SEASON'S GREETINGS

Good friends . . . gifts given and received . . . gay voices ringing out — bells caroling "Merry Christmas" — These are the many things that add up to the true and rich spirit of the holy day — To all our friends, we say "The best of cheer for the holidays."

## STANLEY HOSPITAL

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To the many greetings that come your way at Christmas time, we take this opportunity to add ours, with a note of thanks for your continuing friendship and patronage — we say,

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO OUR MANY FRIENDS!

### THE THOMPSONS

Earl, Jewel, Kenneth, Donna Sue, Bob and Shirley

### McAdoo News

By Mrs. G. G. Allen

(delayed)

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Elby of Bristow, Okla., spent Sunday and Monday night in the home of his sister and family. Mr. and Mrs. Will Eldredge. They also visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Formby and Mr. Ewell Buckner.

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Allen and Clea Nell spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Fox of Glenn.

Mr. and Mrs. John Formby, Mrs. M. C. Formby, Mrs. Palo Grisson and Mrs. G. G. Allen were shopping in Lubbock, Thursday.

Mrs. Jim Earley spent Sunday night in Ralls with Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Cooper and Buzz.

Marvin Fredricks, who is stationed at Clovis AF Base is spending a 10-day leave with his wife and other relatives.

Mrs. Robert Toland was honored with a pink and blue shower at the activity building Tuesday, Dec. 7. Pink lemonade and cake were served with miniature baby saucers as favors. Many lovely and useful gifts were received.

Mr. and Mrs. Coy Powers and children visited last Saturday night and Sunday in Levelland with her mother, Mrs. Annie Dean and Mary Katherine, and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dean.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Williams and Debra spent the week-end in Lubbock with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Williams.

Mrs. Bill Wilson and baby left last Monday for Gravit, Ark., where she will visit in the Don Spradling home until the arrival of her husband from Germany. He is expected to arrive at Camp Chaffee in the near future and she will join him there.

Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Pate and daughter moved Thursday into

### Tangerines Here In Time For Holidays



Deck the halls with holly (and with tangerines, too), and all the other symbols of the season. And keep Christmas week merry by planning easy refreshments for friends and relatives who call.

Tangerines, the delicious little kid-glove fruit from Florida, are real Christmas treats, treasured by children for their aromatic goodness, and the fact that they're so much fun to peel and eat out of hand. Get dozens of them for the holidays, hang them on the tree, put them in the toes of stockings, and serve them for interesting and different desserts, such as the one pictured here, Tangerine Chrysanthemums. Makes a mighty pretty buffet platter to set before your guests, doesn't it?

This year's crop of tangerines is particularly good. The fruit is firm and juicy, and you'll find that the sections combine well with other fruits for salads and fruit cups. They're also delicious cooked with sweet potatoes, or used as a garnish for ham.

**Tangerine Chrysanthemums**

Cut tangerine peel in six sections; peel down 1/4 of the way but do not remove. Cut sections of peel with scissors into very fine slivers. Spread the sections apart sunburst fashion. Fill centers with raisins and salted nuts. Serve with cheese as interesting last course.

the local Baptist parsonage from their former home at Jud. He is the new pastor of the McAdoo Baptist Church and took up duties on his arrival. Everyone seemed happy to have a pastor Sunday, since the congregation has been without one for several months. Willie Phifer, Henry Harris, G. B. Morris, John Burrow and Howard Hickman made the trip to Jud, to assist the Pates in moving to their new home here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Miller have had their daughter from

Lubbock and a son and family from Hereford as visitors in their home during the last week.

### Cotton Production For 1955 Set At Ten Million Bales

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 6 Support prices and acreage allotments tell the story of cotton

production in Texas for 1955.

The state's share of national production next year must come from 7,612,779 acres, which is the '55 allotment for Texas. This compared with 7,642,000 acres harvested this year. National production for next year is set at 10,000,000 bales of upland and 30,000 bales of long staple cotton.

The support price for upland cotton will range from 82.5 to 90 percent of parity.

John G. McHaney, extension agricultural economist says the total carryover of cotton in the U. S. on August 1, 1955—about the time Texas farmers harvest their new crop is estimated at 9,200,000 bales. This compares with a carryover of 9,600,000 bales on August 1 this year. Total cotton supply for 1954-55 is estimated at 23,000,000 bales, including the carryover. Last year's total was 22,000,000.

The economist says domestic mills are expected to consume more cotton this year. Exports are predicted to jump 700,000 bales over last year. Smaller foreign stocks and a higher rate of consumption abroad are the reasons for the expected export increase.

The Agricultural Act of 1954 calls for a "set-aside" of some 3,000,000 to 4,000,000 bales in '55. McHaney explains the amount put in set-aside will be counted when marketing quotas are computed but excluded when price supports are being figured.

Roaring Springs, Texas  
December 11, 1954  
Box 182

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl four years old and have been pretty good. Please bring me a bride doll with a dancing dress, also a suitcase and don't forget my little friends. I will be at my Granddaddy Taylor's.

I love you,  
Cathy Clem.

Matador, Texas  
December 13, 1954

Dear Santa:

I have been a nice little girl. Will you please bring me a doll and some tinkler toys and some candy, nuts and fruit and please remember my brother, Joe, as he has been good too. We both love you.

Ima Jean and Joe Martin.

**Joy to the World...**

The beauty of Christmas has gladdened the heart of mankind for centuries and its glorious story has inspired men of good will, the world over.

Our wish today is that you enjoy to the fullest, the blessedness, the good cheer and the fond memories of this radiant Holiday Season.

Household Supply Co.  
**HARDWARE**  
MATADOR ★ TEXAS



There is no Time quite like Christmas for remembering the Friendships we Cherish and there are no Wishes like the Old tried and True ones--

Best Wishes for a



Christmas

CITY BAKERY

MR. AND MRS. ROY SMITH AND PERSONNEL

**Greetings**

OF THE SEASON

Greeting our friends at Christmas time has become more than a habit with us. It is a manifestation of a deeply felt appreciation of the understanding and good will that we have been privileged to enjoy over these many years. And it is for this reason that we are so anxious now, to extend to everyone our sincerest wishes for a most enjoyable Christmas and a very happy New Year.

**SPOT CASH GROCERY**

MELVIN MEASON

RALPH JONES

JOHN BRISCOE

NELL WEBB

RICHARD TURNER

### 1,500-Year-Old Building Located Near Well Remains Of Old Church Found Recently Near Jerusalem Are Attracting Visitors

By ERIC GOTTGETREU

JERUSALEM, Israel Sector—The remains of a 1,500-year-old Christian church, newly discovered as attracting visitors this Christmas season.

The church was situated near the well where, legend says, Mary and Joseph rested on their trek from Jerusalem to Bethlehem.

The mosaic floor of the church and the foundations of an adjacent monastery were unearthed in the precincts of a 3,000-year-old Judean town. The finds were made on a hill close to the Israeli collective settlement, Ramat Rachel. From it one looks down on Bethlehem in the south, the Judean Desert and the Dead Sea Canyon in the east, and the towers of Jerusalem in the north.

The well is mentioned in the writings of the sixth century Father Theodosius. Recounting Christian legends of his time, he relates how Joseph and Mary quenched their thirst at that well, from then on known under the Byzantine-Greek name "Kathisma"—resting place. The name recurs later also in Arabic in the Holy Land call the place "Bir (well) Kadismou."

Another tradition identifies the well with a legend that the three wise men on their way to Bethlehem stopped there to drink.

Father Theodosius says that a church and monastery near the well, also named Kathisma were donated in honor of a certain Theokotos by a Jerusalem Christian woman named Ikalia.

**Thick Wall Found**

The church was originally 43 feet wide and 65 feet long, fairly big for that time. Nothing is known regarding the height of the building as no complete columns or side walls have remained intact. The best preserved part is the mosaic floor of one of the aisles showing various geometrical designs of red, blue, grey and white stones. A big cross hewn in stone was found along with marble fragments which apparently formed part of the chancel screen, Byzantine ceramics and a number of oil lamps.

Outside the eastern front of

the church a thick wall—probably part of a city wall—was dug out. It is built in a technique which experts say resembles the lower strata of the citadel of the old city section of Jerusalem.

The excavations are being carried out on behalf of the Antiquities Department of the Israel government and will be continued next spring. The work is being directed by Yochanan Aharoni, an archeologist trained at Hebrew University.

### World's Christmas Legends Numerous

Multitudinous legends claim innumerable origins for the Christmas tree. One better known legend concerns an early Christian missionary, sometimes identified as St. Wilfred, who once came upon a group of Druids preparing to make a human sacrifice under a large oak.

He had the oak cut down and, as it fell, a young fir tree sprang up in its place. The missionary seized the evidence and made the fir tree a symbol of the new faith; henceforth, the tribesmen were to set this symbol of immortality in the halls of their lodges at Christmas and surround it with feasting and love and the laughter of children.

The legend of the Faithful Pine which sheltered the Holy Family during the flight to Egypt is less well known perhaps, but so very charming and touched by the mysticism appropriate to the Nativity scene.

### Mike Extends Yule Greetings To GIs

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18—President Eisenhower Saturday joined defense leaders in extending a Merry Christmas to American servicemen stationed throughout the world. He said he hoped that the new year will bring peace and goodwill among men.

The President in his special holiday greeting to the Armed

Forces, said:

"At this year's Christmas season I send to each of you personal greetings and the earnest hope that this time will be a joyful one for you. Above all may it strengthen within you the satisfaction that comes from knowing that you serve a just and worthwhile cause, and that for your efforts your fellow countrymen are grateful. Wherever your post, station, or billet, and whatever your assignment, your goal is to help bring closer a peaceful world of justice and freedom and of brotherhood among men of good will. May this Christmas time inspire in all of us a warm and humble dedication never to rest until in homes throughout the earth men, women and children can know such a world.

"And as I salute the Armed Forces of the United States, I wish for each member a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

### The Christmas Tree Dates Back To 1604

The Christmas tree seems to have originated in Germany, and can be traced back with certainty to the year 1604.

There is a pretty legend in connection with it which gives credit to St. Winifrid as the inventor of the idea.

"In the midst of a crowd of converts he hewed down a giant oak which had formerly been the object of their Druidic worship. As it fell backward like a tower, groaning as it split under in four pieces, there stood just behind it, unharmed by the ruin, a young fir tree, pointing a green spire toward the stars. Winifrid let the ax drop, and turned to speak to the people. 'This little tree, a young child of the forest, shall be your holy tree tonight. It is the wood of peace, for your houses are built of the fir. It is the sign of an endless life, for its leaves are called the tree of the Christ-child; gather about it, not in the wild-wood, but in your own homes; there it will shelter no deeds of blood, but loving gifts, and rites of kindness.'"

The Christmas tree was introduced into the Court of St. James about 1640, by Prince Consort Albert of Saxe-Coburg, and the custom spread rapidly among the aristocratic families of London, and was almost immediately adopted by all classes throughout England.

COME TO CHURCH SUNDAY

# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



# to Our Friends

## Matador Motor & Implement Company

MR. AND MRS. MIKE HOYLE AND PERSONNEL



## Merry Christmas

To every one — everywhere — we offer  
this age-old wish . . . That the magic  
peace, contentment and happiness of the  
Yuletide linger on and bring  
joy to you and yours for all time to come.

Best Wishes To Our Friends and Customers  
**Farmer's Coop Gin**

NED SHANKS, Manager



The Holiday Season affords us the opportunity to express our appreciation to our many friends for their good will and thoughtfulness during the past year.

And with this appreciation goes our wish for a memorable Christmas—one that will be abundant with good cheer and good health followed by a New Year of contentment and good fortune.

## Motley County Farm Bureau

VARNER McWILLIAMS, President  
FRANK PRICE, Secretary

Contend He's Buried There

# Japanese Buddhists Visit "Christ's Tomb" Annually

BY ERNIE HILL  
Chicago Daily News Writer

TOKYO, Dec. 24.—One of the world's strangest religious processions is held Christmas morning in northeastern Japan when oriental Buddhists lay wreaths on a tomb they contend to be that of Jesus Christ.

Christian Japanese in the vicinity of the town of Heral have given up the belief that Christ is buried there. But Shintoists and Buddhists disbelieve the Bible stories given them by American missionaries.

They do believe, however, that Christ was such a great man that His birthday should be honored even by disbelievers. So they visit the tomb each year while their Christian brethren sing "Little Town of Bethlehem."

Japan's Buddhists contend Christ was not crucified but lived out a full life in northern Japan, dying at the age of 106.

A document is in existence in the town's archives which the Buddhists contend Christ wrote himself.

This has led to belief here that Christ landed in Japan when He was 21 years old, that He preached the gospel for 12 years before He went to the Chinese mainland and landed at Macao.

Returning, it is contended, He was threatened with crucifixion but escaped with His disciples. Buddhists say Christ's brother was crucified in His place. A cross has been erected on a mound at Heral in honor of Christ's brother.

Legend has it that Christ went to Siberia, later reached Alaska and then came to Heral, where He married a Japanese woman.

Scholars for many years have attempted to trace the origin of this story but have had little luck. One baffling phase of the situation is that the Japanese in

this area sing a Hebrew song at festival time. They don't understand the words because the song has been handed down for generations.

Since Christmas has become a popular holiday in Japan, celebrated even by Buddhists and Shintoists, the northeastern Japanese tomb has become a spot of interest at this time each year.

### ST. NICK'S SPIRIT

It is thought that St. Nicholas died about 345 A.D. and for 30 days following his festival day his genial spirit roamed the earth, filling the hearts of mankind with love and generosity. He gave the gifts without thought of return—the true spirit of St. Nicholas and Christmas.

### Small Towns First To Light Outdoor Trees

It was a small town that first thought of lighting an outdoor community Christmas tree.

Four communities are believed to have thought of the idea about the same time—as early as 1913. Two of them, McDonald and Germantown, were in Pennsylvania. Salem, Ore., decorated a large Sitka spruce.

Riverside, Calif., illuminated a large evergreen, an Afacuria.

The first national Christmas tree was in 1924 and was sponsored by the American Forestry association. The event is now televised every year for all parts of the country to see.

The most spectacular outdoor displays in the United States are at the White House and Rockefeller Center in New York. The New York display is possibly the most elaborate in the world.

But it was the small towns that first thought of the idea.

Today, nearly every community in the land has some kind of Christmas decorations. Many communities string colored lights across the street and decorate light posts with evergreens. Many suspend bells and stars at street intersections and have dazzling community trees.

### SMALL AMOUNT OF PLANT FOOD WILL KEEP NEEDLES ON TREE

If you have the type of a tree-holder that permits the tree trunk to rest in water, you will find that a small amount of plant food dissolved in the water will aid in retaining the needles on the tree, and keep the needles green. If you use a pebble or rock filled pail to support the tree, cover the pebbles or rock with a plant food solution.

Use one teaspoonful of plant

food, powdered form, to each gallon of water in the container, or use one plant food tablet to each gallon.

### Things That Make Christmas Spirit

By J. W. BUTLER

(Mr. Butler is retired president of the Texas City National Bank in Texas City. He delivered this as an address to his Rotary Club.)

An ESSENCE so elusive as the spirit of Christmas can not be caught by the point of a pen or imprisoned in a column of type or defined in a few spoken sentences.

The spirit of Christmas is distilled in loving hearts and transmitted through sparkling eyes and laughing lips and kindly fingers. It is compounded of faith and love and gladness and good will. When the festal sea-

son that crowns the year for all of Christendom has come, this mystic spirit finds ways without number to convey its message.

It speaks through whispering boughs of evergreens. It gleams from wreathed holly, warms from the gorgeous red of pretty poinsettias and glows from the flaming tips of tiny candles. It sets lights and wreaths in the windows of mansions and cottages. It suspends bits of mistletoe under the arches of hospitable doorways. It incites deft fingers to add to the homes of the happy a hundred touches of beauty.

It inspires grateful hearts to remember the aged, the homeless and the orphan. It spreads on dining tables the year's most sumptuous feast. It prompts open house and gleeful gathering of love is reflected in eager eyes.

IT UNFURLS prodigal banners of smoke above old chimneys—old chimneys startled by an extraordinary roar in the

flue, and uncommon mirth about the heart. For the spirit of Christmas brings back underneath the old roof tree innumerable feet that have traveled far.

It revives in the breasts of silver-haired mothers the joy of other years. It quickens the steps and straightens a bit the stature of the fathers growing old. It marks the homecoming of the children away at school. For a day at least it vitalizes the year and fills hearts of all ages with gladness of youth. We, who have grown older, treasure the memory of the legend of Saint Nicholas and all it meant to make our hearts beat faster in childhood.

The spirit of Christmas becomes vocal in the glee of little children, and visible in the smiles of reunited friends, and tangible in bountiful gifts for those we love and those who need.

BUT, AFTER ALL, these are but the outward signs of the spirit of fluttering of the leaves as a mysterious breath blows

through the forest. The spirit of Christmas is something far more mystic, far more heavenly than any or all the features of our yuletide celebration.

What is it that stills for a day the feverish stir of man's life and locks the door of sleep that knits anew the web of old friendship on Christmas Day? What is it that floods a myriad of homes with light and laughter and love giving? What is it that for this one day in the year sets all the world at work to make little children happy? What is it that makes the thought of good men and women everywhere turn to the pool and the lonely on Christmas Day?

What is it? It is the spirit of Christmas. And to define the spirit of Christmas I am poor for words. But this much is certain: There is in it the gleam of a star! There is in it the echo of an angel's song! There is in it the smile of a Holy Child! There is in it the love of Heaven come down to earth!—Dallas News.



# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Beautiful indeed is the Christmas story . . . the history of how, so many years ago, the Wise Men saw the shining star and followed it to a rich and wonderful reward. As we observe again the birth of Him, it is time to find new faith and new hope in the true spirit of Christmas. It is in this spirit that we send greetings to all our friends. And for your loyal and friendly patronage this past year, we extend our sincere thanks. We want to continue to be of service to you in the future.

**HALL-SCRUGGS & COMPANY**  
PADUCAH, TEXAS



We're sending you our very best wishes, gift-wrapped in a beautiful Christmas package, and tied firmly with a generous bow of enduring friendship.



**Peg's Garage**

### 2,000 On Hand For First Showing Of Film World Premiere Of "Day Of Triumph," A Story Of Jesus Christ, Is Held At Tyler

TYLER—This East Texas city which prides itself on being the "Rose Capital of the World," took in stride for a night a new role as world movie capital. Some 2,000 persons pushed into a theatre last night to see the world premiere of "Day of Triumph," a story of Jesus Christ. It was the first commercial film of the life of the Saviour since Cecil B. DeMille's epic "King of Kings" was produced in 1927. The filming was the first ever done of Christ's life and teachings in sound and color. First Commercial Venture The Rev. James Friedrich, who for some 17 years has been

making religious films, produced "Day of Triumph" as his first commercial film venture. The filming was backed in part by The Fair Foundation, established here by R. W. Fair, Tyler philanthropist. Robert Wilson, former Fort Worth and Dallas resident who one time worked at Radio Station WFAA in Dallas, played the role of Christ in the film. He was here for the premiere, screened twice for two capacity audiences of 1,000 persons each. "It was an humbling experience," said Wilson. "I only hope that the motion picture public can get some suggestion of the character of Christ from the

film. I believe they can." Friedrich, in paying tribute to Fair, said he would attempt in the future to produce one commercial religious picture each year. He said he had recently acquired, at an undisclosed price the motion picture rights to "The Big Fisherman" by Lloyd Douglas. It also deals with the life of Christ and the Disciple Peter. Dr. Walter Kerr, a Methodist minister here who was formerly in the theatrical business in New York, praised the film. Kerr was a technical advisor and said he believed seeing it was "one of the best ways to understand the life and teachings of Jesus Christ."

### Roaring Springs NEWS

Mrs. L. E. Cooper, Correspondent  
Phone 981, Roaring Springs

Mrs. Lois Smith and Mrs. Bill Bailey shopped in Spur, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kirksey and daughters, Jan and Ann, of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sinclair and children, David and Terry, visited during the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Duff Green.

W. E. Brown of Plainview, looked after business here Thursday. He was enroute to Cleburne on business.

Herman Havis spent the week end in Lubbock with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Meagow and daughter, Joan of Spokane, Washington, are house guests of her mother, Mrs. Ruby Cooper.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Griffith and sons, Stanley and James of Abilene and Joe Peck of Levelland spent the week-end here with their mother and sisters, Mrs. T. B. Peck and Misses Gladys and Esther Peck.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Duran of Lubbock were week-end guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Duran.

Mrs. Bob Cooper and Gwen and Robert, Mrs. Trudie Hodgins and Mrs. L. E. Cooper shopped in Childress, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Nichols and children of Amarillo, visited here during the week-end

with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Nichols and other relatives.

Mrs. Lois Smith and Poik Cooper visited in Lockney, Sunday, with Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Tiner.

Pfc. John Hunter of Ft. Hood and Mrs. Faye Marshall of Plainview were week-end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Kingery of Lubbock visited here during the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Homer Kingery and other relatives.

Li. Col. and Mrs. Robert E. Work and sons, Mitchell R. and Joel C. of Reno, Nevada, are here for a holiday visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mitchell. They are enroute to Washington, D. C. where he will be stationed.

John L. Meason and Wayland and Glenard Moore, who attend Texas A&M are home for the holidays.

Seaman Bobby Joe McMurry of Dalhart, is here visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Farris. He has just returned from a year in China, and is home on leave.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Moss of Floydada visited here Sunday with relatives.

Carol Peck, Jr., has returned to his home in Levelland, after a visit here with his grandmother, Mrs. T. B. Peck.

L. J. Jackson of Plainview, and Junior Jackson of Muleshoe visited with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Jackson, Sunday.

### MOTHER DIES

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Dye and children were called to Floydada last week by the illness and death of Mrs. Dye's mother, Mrs. Mary A. Norton, who passed away Thursday night.

Beside Mrs. Dye she is survived by one son and five other daughters. Funeral services were held in Floydada, Friday, and interment was in Brownwood Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Saturday.

### CLASS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Gleaners Class of the Baptist Church enjoyed a Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Lem Miller, Tuesday evening. Mrs. C. R. Mathis gave the devotional. Games were played and gifts exchanged.

A Christmas refreshment plate with coffee, was served to the following: Mesdames Lois Smith Alfred Conway, J. P. Cooper, J. D. Mitchell, Duff Green, Melton Brooks, Carl Tardy, John A. Scott, Tom Yeates, Herman Tooke, Joe Duran, C. R. Mathis, Melton Thacker and Mrs. Miller.

### CHRISTMAS DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. David Campbell had their Christmas tree and dinner Sunday, Dec. 19. Turkey and all the trimmings were served to the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hickson, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wason, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wason and daughters, Brenda and Charla Kay of Matador, and A/2c and Mrs. Don Wason of Amarillo, who are leaving soon for Washington, D. C. where he will be stationed.

### Service Guild Has Christmas Party

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the Roaring Springs Methodist Church, held its annual Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Clyde Williams, with the W.S.C.S. members as guests.

Mrs. W. C. King read the Christmas Story; Mrs. Williams read a poem written by Mrs. W. A. Lewis about the Christ Child, and Mrs. Minnie Smith offered prayer.

A beautiful Christmas tree filled one corner of the living

room, and each one present drew a gift, after which, a delicious refreshment plate was served with coffee and cocoa to those on the program and the following: Mesdames Alice Braham, S. D. Hunter, Wesley Burt, Hazel Bridges, Lige Cooper, J. T. Swim, Jr., Duff Green, David Campbell, Melvin Thacker, W. A. Lewis, Clyde Clifton, Newton Fletcher, Misses Bess Medlen, Freda Keahey, Lula M. Swim and the hostess.

### EASTERN STAR VISITORS

At the regular meeting of the Roaring Springs chapter, Order of Eastern Star on Dec. 14, visitors present included Grand Deputy Mrs. R. J. Harmon of Quitaque, Harold Jones, Rotan, member of Grand Credential Committee; R. J. Harmon, Mrs. Harold Jones, and Mrs. Bernice Cox of Matador.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurston Winegar and daughters, visited in Lubbock during the week-end with his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Winegar. Mrs. Curtis Goodwin and Mrs. Virie Henson shopped in Spur, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wells visited in Paducah, Sunday, with their children.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ferguson shopped and visited in Plainview, Monday.

### ARRIVAL ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Lee of Happy are announcing the arrival in their home, of a daughter, Betty Kay, who was born Dec. 12. Mrs. Lee will be remembered here as the former Georgia Grace, daughter of Mrs. A. L. Grace.



WARMEST YULETIDE WISHES!



W. F. McCAGHREN  
AGENT

# Greetings

...to our friends—  
A CHRISTMAS alight  
with our sincerest wishes  
for a star-studded, happiness-filled  
Yuletide season!

COWBOY BOOT SHOP  
D. L. DAMRON, Manager



Our Merry Christmas wishes ring out truer, and clearer than any other greeting we could extend to you.

Roaring Springs Gin  
BILLY HAND, Manager

# Happy Christmas!

The true joy that descends upon each of us during the Yuletide season, comes not alone from the gifts that we give, but in the spirit of giving. The feeling of complete happiness that fills us when we know we've brought a touch of joy to a loved one is the secret that has kept alive the true meaning of Christmas.

It is in this unselfish spirit that we extend to our friends and neighbors the Season's Greetings.



Jameson Machinery Co.  
ED JAMESON, Manager



### "Fort Christmas" Drawing By Columbus Used As Design On New Postage Stamp

(By Calvin Sutton, Staff Writer for Fort Worth Star-Telegram)

Where was the first Christmas celebrated in the Western Hemisphere?

That question occurred to the people who produce "Believe It Or Not" as they hunted a subject for their always-unusual Christmas cards. Each year these cards picture some Christmas "Believe It Or Not" incident and are always mailed from the sites of the featured occurrences.

Christopher Columbus being the first Christian to land in this hemisphere, it follows that he might have been the first to celebrate Christmas in the new world.

Doug Storer, president of "Believe It or Not", followed through on that course and found that Columbus did celebrate Christmas on land in this hemisphere.

A couple of months after his 1492 landing, Columbus' three-ship fleet ran into bad weather and one of his ships—the Santa Maria—was wrecked. Most of the men were saved, but there was not enough room for them on the Nina and Pinta.

So Columbus took his expedition ashore in the harbor of what is now Cap Haitien. Using the timber of the wrecked ship, he started building a fort.

Work was started on Christmas Day, so the fort was appropriately named "Navidad" or "Christmas". The leader either before work started or after it was completed, sketched "Fort Christmas" on paper.

Storer found that sketch and used it to design a stamp. He got it approved by the government of Haiti, and it looked as if he

had a rare combination of card and stamp to send friends. But Hurricane Hazel came along, and Haiti rushed to reconstruct. Minor things like stamps were forgotten.

The American didn't give up, but he had to think up an angle in a hurry. He did. It was to produce the stamp and turn proceeds over to hurricane relief. This idea was approved by Haiti's government and so the stamp was prepared.

It is a 50-centime (10-cent) air-mail. Half those issued are in red, the others in gray.

Last week this column received one of the "Believe It or Not" Christmas cards, picturing Columbus and his sketch of "Fort Christmas". It was mailed in a first-day cover bearing one each of the stamps, canceled at "Cap Haitien."

Believe it or not.

### McAdoo News

By Mrs. G. G. Allen

#### W.S.C.S. CONCLUDES STUDY

The McAdoo Methodist W. S. C. S. met in the home of Mrs. J. C. Arnold, Dec. 17 to finish the study on India, Pakistan and Ceylon. The lesson was on Napper, centrally located in India, and the central location of our missions. Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Simmons and Mrs. Boucher took parts in the lesson. Mrs. Graham gave a test over the preceding lessons. The devotional was taken from Matthew 2:1-12. Mrs. Simmons gave the benediction. Following the program, a social hour was observed with a Christmas tree.

#### Matador IOOF Lodge

Meets every Tuesday night. Earl Thompson, Noble Grand. Ralph Nichols, Secretary. Visiting brothers welcome.

**DR. O. R. MCINTOSH**  
OPTOMETRIST  
211 South Main Street Phone 157  
Floydada, Texas  
Eyes Examined Glasses Fitted

Jake Grizzle and son, Gary visited Sunday in the home of their daughter and sister, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Harris and baby Mr. and Mrs. Billy Harris and children visited last week in Midland with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Billy G. McCombs.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Gunn and family spent Sunday with relatives in Girard.

Bro. and Mrs. J. C. Arnold left Monday for California, where they will spend the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Tedford of Lubbock visited Sunday in the home of her parents, the John Powers. Little Dale Tedford returned home with his parents after spending Friday and Saturday night in the Powers home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Nickels attended a Christmas party in Dickens, Saturday night, honoring the old settlers of Dickens.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Barton were shopping in Lubbock, Saturday.

Mrs. L. E. Bass, Mrs. T. J. Brantley and Mrs. Doyle Gunn were Lubbock shoppers, Friday.

Mrs. Mattie Brumfield of Dallas is visiting in the homes of Mrs. Molly Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nickels.

Mr. and Mrs. Levis Pullen of Spur were Sunday visitors in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Pullen.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Williams and Judy of Abilene, are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Williams. He filled the pulpit at the Church of Christ for Sunday morning and evening services.

Bro. Coffey of Amarillo spent Thursday night with the Tommy Joe Coffeys.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Tooke and Charlie Stephenson made a trip to Sanatorium, Wednesday to take Buck Stevens for admittance to the McNight Sanatorium.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Neff and children spent the week-end in Springlake with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Lumsden.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Hardin and children visited them on Sunday.

Bro. and Mrs. L. W. Pate and daughter, were Sunday dinner guests in the C. A. Allen home.

A/2c Bill Quattlebaum, Lowry AFB, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Quattlebaum. A daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Davis of San Angelo were weekend guests. Another son and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Quattlebaum and children of Spur were Sunday visitors and at-

tended services at the Methodist Church.

H. F. Morris of Kalgary is spending the week with his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harris.

Mrs. T. H. Rigby and Mrs. Tutthill were shopping in Roaring Springs, Monday.

Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Dennis and Lyndell were: Ralph Dennis and Mrs. Jewel McLaughlin of Lubbock; her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Britt Baker of Hamlin; Mr. and Mrs. Claude McLaughlin and James Ralph; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Perkins; Ken Ray and Vickie; Billy Gerold all of Lubbock; J. M. Dunlap of Duncan Flat and Mr. and Mrs. Loyd McLaughlin, Mary and Kayruth of Carlsbad, N. M.

Refreshments of sandwiches, coffee and cocoa, pickles and potato chips, were served.

Mrs. W. H. Moore and Mrs. Henry Harris entertained their primary and junior Sunday School classes with a party Friday night in the Harris home. Games were played, gifts exchanged and refreshments of pops and popcorn were served to approximately 25.

Mesdames Billy Harris, J. E. Wooley, Rusty McWilliams, G. B. Morris, Chas. Harris and H. S. Armstrong were joint hostesses when they entertained their Childrens B.T.S. and Sunday School classes with a Christmas party at the activity building. Gifts were exchanged and Santa Claus presented each child with a sack of nuts and fruit. Approximately 20 children attended.

#### LETTERS TO SANTA . . .

Matador, Texas  
December 19, 1954

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl 7 years old and I go to school. I have been very good. Please bring me a doll and suitcase. Don't forget the other little boys and girls around here.

Thank you very much,  
Carla Chambliss.

Matador, Texas  
December 19

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl 6 years old and I have two older sisters who are 8 and 9 years old. We are trying to be good. Of course we forget sometimes.

I want a pair of house shoes and a basketball. Treva wants a dresser and house shoes and I want a typewriter and house shoes and we want 3 Saucy Walker dolls and 3 bicycles (we like the English type).

My little brother is 14 months old and is kinda bad sometimes. He wants a tricycle and wagon, dog and house shoes.

Don't forget all the other boys and girls.

Love Santa,  
Brenda Hicks

Matador, Texas  
December 19, 1954

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl 5 years old. I don't go to school, but would

like to.

Please bring me an electric iron. Remember the girls and boys that are not as fortunate as I am.

Thank you very much,  
Charlotte Chambliss.

Matador, Texas  
December 19, 1954

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl 5 years old. I don't go to school, but would

like to.

#### MOVE TO TURKEY

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Tidmore and daughter, Carolyn, left Tuesday of last week to make their home at Turkey, where he has opened a welding shop. He formerly served as minister of the local Church of Christ.

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Brenda Hicks

Matador, Texas  
December 19, 1954

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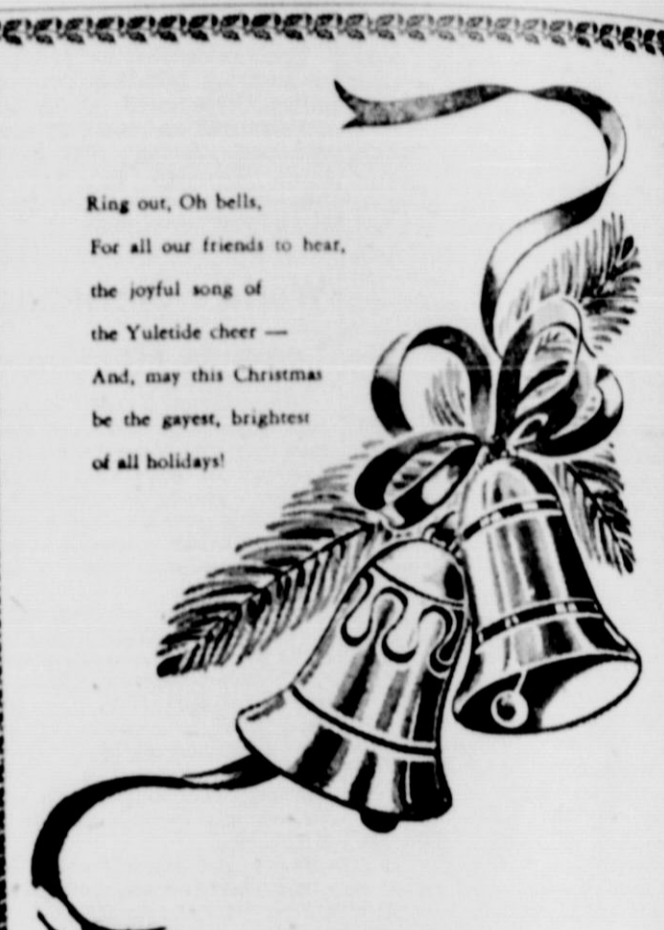
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Christmastime is in the air

May your journey through the days ahead carry you over many pleasant ways.

**Merry Christmas**

**Magnolia Petroleum Company**  
T. J. (Jeff) DAFFERN, Agent

**Merry Christmas**

That JOY be with you this happy season — is the sincere wish we extend to all of our many friends! "Merry Christmas" is still the warmest greeting of the season.

**RED BALL GIN**  
ROARING SPRINGS

**Dallas News Writer Advises**

**WHILE CHECKING PLUGS ON TREE LIGHTS  
CHECK YOUR CONNECTIONS WITH CHRIST**

(EDITOR'S NOTE: One of the most forceful Christmas messages it has been our privilege to read appeared in Saturday's Dallas News. It was contained in the regular Saturday column feature, "Down To Earth", written by John F. Anderson, Jr., D.D. We believe our readers will be as impressed as we were and reprint it in its entirety, as follows:

In his autobiography, The Unexpected Years, Laurence Housman tells of something that happened while his play on the Nativity of Christ was in rehearsal. At one point in the play all the lights were to be turned out except one that was spotted on the manger of the Christ Child. As that point was reached in the rehearsal, someone inadvertently turned off every light so that the stage was in total darkness. A voice cried out, "Here—you've switched off Jesus."

There is only one thing worse. Some have never had Him turned on in the first place. They are like the woman who returned her new electric iron to the store and complained that it didn't heat properly. The service department tested it, found it in good order, and suggested she have her home wiring checked. "Oh," she replied, "I don't have electricity. I take the iron across the street to my sister's house, plug it in until it gets hot then take it home. But it doesn't seem to hold the heat long enough for me to do much ironing."

We forget the value of electricity until a storm interrupts the current, not only plunging the house into darkness but also suspending every operation from roasting to radiating and from shaving to sewing. But if the power of electricity is indispensable, what about the power of God? We have done well through modern medicine to add

years to life. What we need now is to add life to our years.

The family on St. Johns Drive has every electrical gadget that money can buy, but they still lack the peace and poise that St. John the Divine had as he prayed beside his dim oil lamp. Their lives are like the completely furnished house in the new development beyond the light poles in Pleasant Grove. Everything is in place, but—no power!

Fortunate is the neighborhood, no matter how secular the street name, if it has one of those integrated, dependable, forceful personalities of whom Ruskin wrote, "Their power is not in them but through them." And the reason it comes shining through is that they are in contact with the Source of all power for bright living, the Son of Righteousness. Ask them about it and they simply smile and say:

"I know not how that Bethlehem's Babe

Could in the Godhead be;

I only know the Manger Child

Has brought God's life to me!"

In a group of visitors touring through Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico was a boy of 11 and his 7-year-old sister. Following the well-known custom, the lights were turned off when the party reached the deepest point in the caves. The darkness was so dreadful that the little girl began to cry. Bravely the boy put his arm around the shoulders of his young sister and reassured her by saying, "Don't you cry. There's a man here who knows how to turn the lights on."

Yes, lad, that's wonderfully true. He who uses a star for a spotlight on the Judean stage can surely brighten our heart's dark corners too, for "In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in

the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

That is the way St. John tells the Christmas story in the first chapter of his gospel. And then he continues in verses 9 and 12: "The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. . . . But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God."

While checking the plugs on the Christmas tree lights, wouldn't it also be well to check your connection with Him who is the Bright and Morning Star?

**Annual Christmas Party And Dinner Held At Boys Ranch**

Young cowhands at America's First Boys Ranch held their annual Christmas party last night at the ranch and today many of the boys will leave to attend the Christmas holidays with relatives. Others will be entertained by friends.

The party opened with a turkey dinner, attended by President Cal Farley, members of the board of directors and their families and a number of visitors.

Gifts were presented to the boys gathered in the gymnasium after a musical program by Bill McEachern, pianist, and Harry Renek, accordionist, from Station KGNC-TV, and Swede Tolzein, violinist. Johnny Linn of KGNC-TV served as master of ceremonies.

Each boy was presented with a pair of cowboy boots, the gift of Roy Rogers, and clothing including jackets, trousers, shirts and other articles purchased with gifts from friends of the boys.

The boys got one big present—a Ferguson tractor and accessories from Jack SoRelle, of Amarillo.

Turkeys for the dinner were given to the ranch by C. S. Lambie of Amarillo and a group of Hereford residents.

COME TO CHURCH SUNDAY

*Season's Greetings*



We say in all sincerity that it has been a real pleasure for us to be of service to you in the past. Our greeting comes from the heart . . . you have our best wishes for a glorious Holiday.

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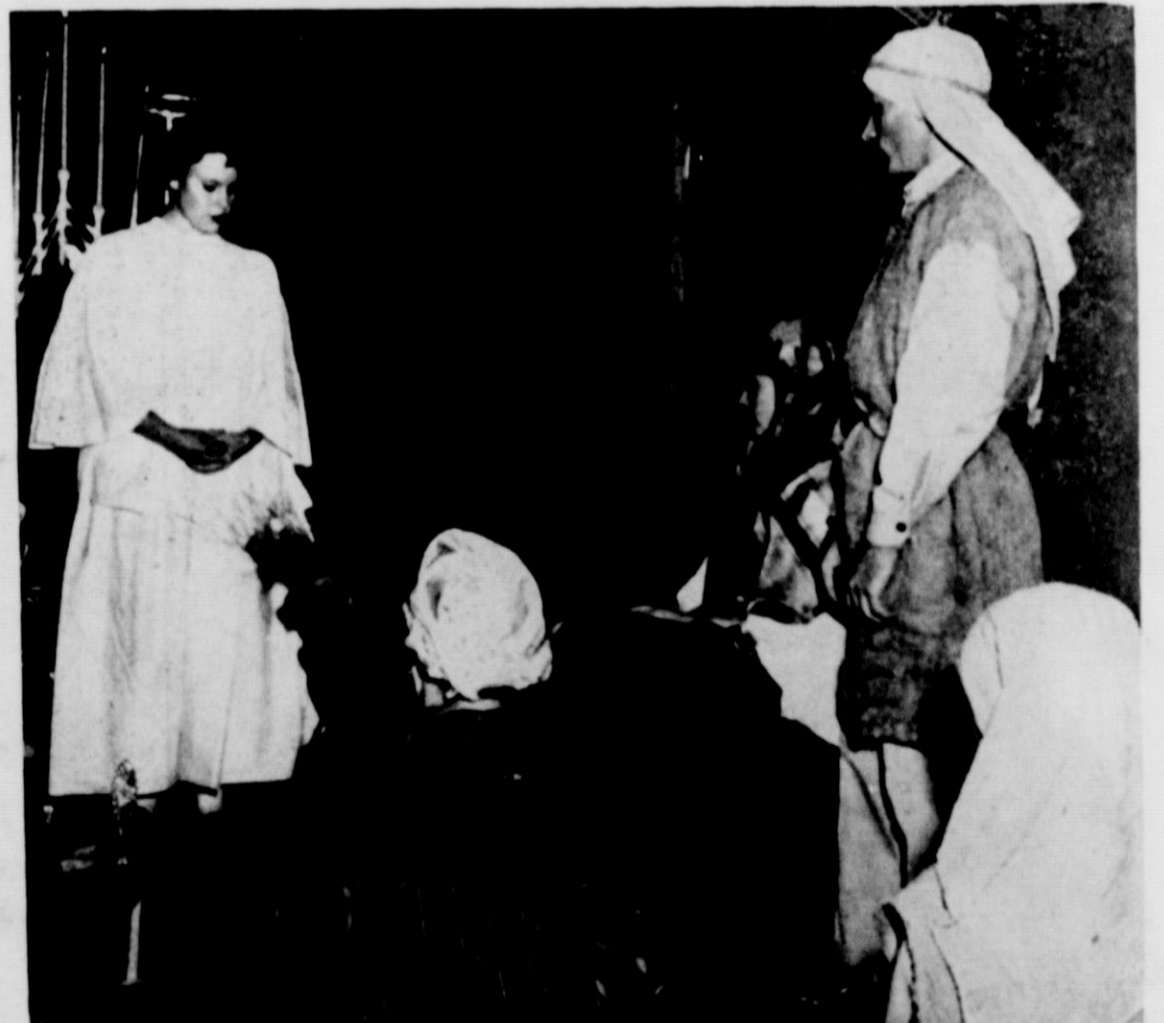
**A FRIENDLY MESSAGE  
FROM GOOD OLD SAINT NICK!**

Christmas is many things beautiful! It is the excitement of happy children . . . the silent reverence of folks at prayer . . . the family gatherings . . . the carolers singing . . . the feeling of well-being . . . peace and good-will of man to man! Above all — Christmas is people! And to you, dear folks who are our friends and customers: HAVE A WONDERFUL

CHRISTMAS!

**West Texas Gin**

JOE M. GAINES, Manager



**Christmas Greetings**

WE WILL BE CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY

**Waybourn's Cafe**

MR. AND MRS. BILL WAYBOURN