

# Teepee Curve Claims 4 in Family

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# Matador Tribune

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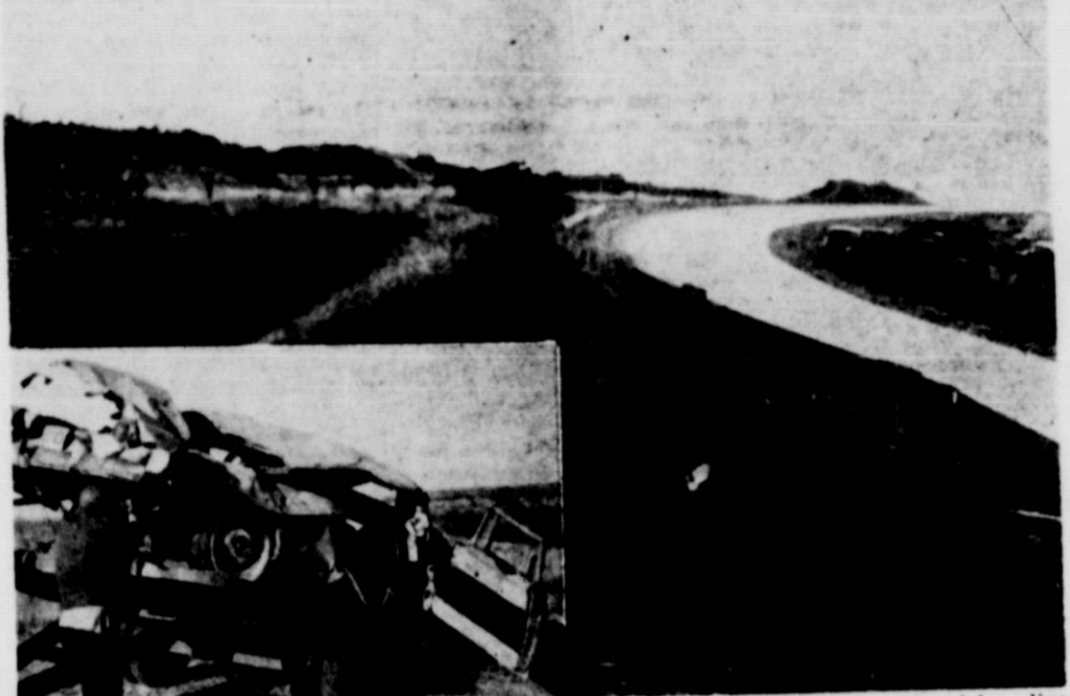
PRICE SEVEN CENTS

## Boys, Girls Await Santa's Arrival

Boys and girls are anxiously awaiting the arrival of Santa here Saturday morning on the city's big, red sleigh. He is scheduled to appear at 9:45 a. m. on Main street about 9:45. He will be accompanied by Sheriff John Stotts. He will invite the boys to be his guests at the theatre to see a special performance designed for young boys. After the show Santa will be in the theatre lobby where he will be assisted by the Lions Club in distributing free nuts and fruit to the boys as they leave.

## City Closed Extra Day

With Christmas falling on Sunday, Matador will close Monday in observance of the holiday, it was announced Tuesday at the Lions Club meeting. Arrangements have been completed for the distribution of gifts as a part of the community's annual program.



CURVE OF DEATH, above, shows the Teepee Creek hill where fatal accident claimed four lives early Monday morning. The car left the highway in lower right hand corner of picture, leaped 65 feet across ravine and became a battered piece of wreckage 150 feet away at the head of the ravine. Car is being loaded on trailer near where it finally stopped (after being hoisted out of the gully). Inset shows the car in which four members of a family died.

## Injured Child Rescued From Wreckage of Car

**SPEEDING TO ETERNITY** beneath Matador's gay Christmas lights at the intersection of Main and Highway 70 early Monday morning, four members of a family plunged through the freezing darkness for the remaining ten miles to keep their appointment with death on Teepee Creek curve. The fatal error in failing to turn a steering wheel, the terrifying instant of wheels in space and the impact that took four lives like blowing out the flames from four candles.

Those doomed in the instant were Charles M. Tockey, 30 of Lubbock, Mrs. Dorothy Robinson, 28, of Oklahoma City, formerly his wife, Bobby Jo Robinson, age 20 months, Mrs. Robinson's son and Richard Earl Tockey, 7, son of the couple. Time of the accident is believed to have been about 4 a. m. It claimed more lives than any in Motley county's history.

### Word of Appreciation

The Tribune desires to express its appreciation to the pastors and ministers of the various Motley county churches for their Christmas messages appearing in this issue. All pastors were invited to use space in the issue for any message they felt significant to the occasion. The newspaper is grateful for the cooperation it received.

Seriously injured was Charles Ray Tockey, 9, who was found beneath his dead brother's body. Latest report from the victim is that he is recovering from the harrowing experience and may soon be released from the hospital.

The Tockey family was en route from Lubbock to Oklahoma City. Evidently driving at tremendous speed, Tockey crossed Teepee Creek bridge, but failed to negotiate the curve. The 1935 6-cylinder Ford broke a guard post as it left the highway, leaped 65 feet across a deep ravine and almost exploded from the impact, finally coming to rest out of sight from the highway in the gully. Mrs. Robinson was thrown from the battered wreckage against an embankment and apparently killed instantly. Tockey was crushed to death in his car. The 20-month-old child and the 7-year-old son were believed killed instantly. Charles Ray, suffering a broken arm, severe shock and other injuries, was alone in the below 20-degree December darkness. The car stopped approximately 150 feet from where it left the highway.

### En Route To Oklahoma

The impact tossed personal belongings out of the ravine and across the curving highway. The car was completely hidden from view. An estimated more than two hours later (about 6:15), some Spanish-American cotton pickers stopped where the clothing and other possessions were scattered on the highway. They heard the feeble cries of the little boy.

The travelers hurried to Matador and notified Sheriff John Stotts. Together with Deputy Jinks Wilson, he rushed to the scene. In the meantime another motorist had stopped, surveyed the tragedy, rushed to town and asked Mrs. Bill Waybourn at Waybourn's Cafe, to call an ambulance. Within a few minutes a Eudy-Scal ambulance was on its way.

A number of large trucks began stopping at the accident scene shortly after the arrival of Sheriff Stotts and Deputy Wilson. The men could hear the child's crying from the car wreckage but could not reach him. The car had lodged on a ledge in the ravine and when attempts were made to pry open the twisted steel, it threatened to fall. Finally a chain was procured and tied to a truck, held (continued on back page)

## LIGHTING WINNERS SELECTED

Winners were announced late yesterday of the annual Lions Christmas lighting contest. In the homes contest first place went to Dr. J. S. Stanley; second place, Loyd Latimer and third place, Albert Rattan home. Window decorations in the Eudy-Scal Funeral Home received the business place award which is an engraved plaque offered by the Lions Club.

## Flomot Churches Plan Homecoming

The Churches of Flomot are making plans to hold their annual Homecoming on Sunday, January 1, 1936, to which every resident and former resident is invited. Each visitor is urged to make a special effort to get to Flomot to attend Church services at their former home church. Lunch will be served in the Methodist Church basement. A short program and business session will be held in the early afternoon with the remainder of the day spent in visiting and renewing old acquaintances. A cordial invitation is extended by the homecoming committee and officers, Sam Ross is president and Wiltburn Martin, secretary of the organization, and program committee is comprised of a representative each from the Methodist and Baptist churches and Church of Christ. All former pastors and ministers of the Flomot Churches are receiving a special invitation to attend.

## Baptist Church Nears Goal For Missions Fund

First Baptist Church is nearing its goal of a \$1,000 contribution to the Lottie Moon Christmas fund offering for foreign missions.

When the pastor, Rev. Ray Manning, announced the amount of the goal which he suggested for this church, very few, if any of the membership believed it would be reached. Wednesday, the collection had reached a few dollars over \$750.

Of all the offerings which our denomination supports, the Lottie Moon fund is the most worthy, in my estimation," Rev. Manning declared. "If it were not for this offering, few of our young ministers or missionaries would ever be able to carry the message of salvation to our foreign mission fields around the world. I feel confident that with additional contributions Sunday, we will attain our goal."

Christmas Vesper services at 5 p. m. Sunday will be held instead of the usual evening worship. Training Union hour also is changed and will be held at 6 p. m. instead of the usual time of 6:30. The changes are only for Christmas Day, it was stressed, and a cordial invitation is extended everyone, to attend all services Sunday.

## Marshall Rites Held At Lubbock

Funeral services for Perry Lee Marshall, 55, former Matador resident, of Moriarity, N. M., were held Friday at Lubbock at the 17th Street and Avenue N Church of Christ with R. W. Poynor, minister, officiating.

Burial was in City of Lubbock cemetery under the direction of McDonald Funeral Home. Mr. Marshall was killed in an accident near his home last Wednesday afternoon.

He is survived by his wife; a son, W. T. Marshall of Moriarity; three daughters, Mrs. Lou Moore and Mrs. Bennie English, both of Lubbock, and Mrs. Ben Scott, Harlingen; a brother, Ben Scott, Harlingen; and 3 of Torrence Winnie Barton, Mrs. Treva Warren and Mrs. Vesta Wages, all of Fort Worth. Pallbearers were, Boyd Buckman, A. B. Meador, Charlie Hunter, R. N. Lawson, L. A. Cox, Aubrey Pounds, Hugh A. Rush and Bub Park, all of Acuff community near Lubbock, where the Marshalls formerly lived before going to Moriarity.

## Methodist Church Observes Annual Service Of Gifts

Annual "White Christmas" services of gifts for community Christmas baskets was observed Wednesday night at the Methodist Church, followed by a family night social which was held in the church basement.

A huge Christmas cake containing a large white candle commemorating the birth of Christ, and surrounded by 12 smaller candles highlighted the occasion.

The gifts, principally articles of food, were presented in an unusual manner. Older women of the church were selected to light the 12 candles, each representing a month of the year, with each woman lighting the candle of her own birth month. In turn, all others who had birthdays in that month, brought their gifts and placed them on the table. Mrs. W. N. Pipkin was in charge of the ceremony.

## HERE FOR HOLIDAYS

Sgt. and Mrs. W. D. Martin and children arrived Wednesday from Shreveport, La., where he is stationed, and will spend Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Creed James, son.

## RETURNS HOME

Mrs. Leonora Luckett has returned home from an extended visit in Waco, in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Rowe Sams and Mr. Sams. En route, she visited a few days in Spur with another daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Godfrey.

## CHORAL PROGRAM IS OUTSTANDING

Program presented Sunday night at the Methodist Church by the Matador High School Chorus under the direction of Mrs. L. D. Wilkerson, was declared by many to be the most outstanding ever given.

The church sanctuary was filled to capacity, and doors were opened in the rear of the building, to class rooms, where part of the audience was seated. Scripture reading was by Rev. Ray Manning, Baptist pastor. A lighted cross presented an effective background for dramatization of the Christmas story as the chorus sang the various hymns proclaiming the birth of Christ. Organ and piano selections further enhanced the service. Benediction was by R. E. Campbell, Sr.

## RETURN HERE TO LIVE

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sims and son, Stevie, have returned here to make their home, after selling their ranching interests at Channing, where they have been living the past several months.



FIRST BORN son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank (Pete) Williams, above, is Rodney in his mother's arms. He was born December 6th. Mrs. Williams is the former Bessie Jean Green. Grandparents of the baby are Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Green and Mr. and Mrs. Buford Williams. This is the fourth successive year the Tribunes has used a local mother and child as representative of Mother and Child paintings by old masters.

## Stan Stotts Injured When Gun Explodes

Stan Stotts, son of Sheriff and John Stotts, suffered serious injury this afternoon while hunting when a shot gun exploded in his hand. Stotts raised the double-barrel gun to a quail and the cart exploded when he fired it, blowing a hole in the barrel.

The piece of gun barrel which was blown away was about one and a half inches long, and over his left hand, shattering the bone and tearing away the skin.

Jack Spry and Melvin who accompanied him on hunting trip brought Stotts to Stanley Hospital where he received treatment. Examination showed that about one-fourth of bone had been blown out of his thumb. Young Stotts is a student at Sul Ross and is home on the holidays.

## Former Flomot Resident Dies

Word has been received by relatives in this vicinity, of the recent death of W. J. Brian, Jr., 36, whose mother, Mrs. W. J. Brian, Sr., resides at 1612 Burnett St., in Wichita Falls. They are former residents of Flomot, and Mr. Brian was a nephew of Mrs. W. B. Barton.

Besides his mother, he is survived by 1 sister and 1 brother. Mr. Brian, whose home was in Ohio, died of a heart attack. Funeral services were held Sunday, December 18.

## High Officials of Lions Attend Luncheon Here

Lions service. He said Lionism is firmly established in South America and doing outstanding work. In conclusion of his inspiring address, Lion Self stressed that Lions exercise greater faith in prayer, faith in God and faith in themselves. He has a record of perfect attendance to Lions meetings for more than a quarter of a century. Visitors introduced included: Cpl. W. F. McCaughren, Jr., of Scott AF Base, Ill.; Rev. W. J. Scott AF Base, Ill.; Rev. W. J. Denham; Boss Lion John Stevens Rushing announced that the club would not hold its regular meeting, January 3 and that the directors would also omit meeting unless an emergency should arise. He said the third Tuesday meeting (in January) would be held as scheduled.

## German Student Enjoys Expanse of West Texas

America in general and Texas in particular are wonderful to Udo Strasilla, 18, a smiling and handsome German youth who is a senior in Littlefield High School. Strasilla's home is Berchtesgaden where Hitler's hide-out was located. His family was in the printing business until they were driven out by the Czechs and their property confiscated. The youth made the principal address Tuesday night at the Patton Springs FHA mother and daughter banquet. His pleasant manner won the hearts of his audience. Before the meeting was concluded contributions amounting to about \$45 were given to him for a Christmas present. His first purchase yesterday was a pair of Levis. He visited the Tribune Wednesday afternoon with Albert

Rattan in whose home he was guest following the Patton Springs banquet. Young Strasilla came to America in February through the sponsorship of the Littlefield Rotary Club and Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Jones of Littlefield, and entered school immediately. His trip to America followed a three years correspondence with the Jones family. He speaks English fluently. Asked if he liked America, he said: "It is wonderful but I like Texas best. I think I brag about Texas like a real Texan. I like especially the wide expanse of the open spaces. I like America's freedom, the cars, television and the homes. I hope to get my visa extended so that I can attend Tech College and study engineering."



**Joyous Christmas Wishes**



May the Christmas spirit of Peace and Good Fellowship shine in your heart now and always.

**PAT SHERIDAN**

**Pied 'Pinions**  
BY MRS. J. M.

From QUOTE, The Weekly Digest. We should remember that it was a Jew who wrote, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." It was an Episcopalian who wrote O Little Town of Bethlehem. Martin Luther himself wrote A Mighty Fortress Is Our God. I was a Presbyterian who wrote Rock of Ages. A Catholic wrote Silent Night. If we can share our hymns with one another, we should be able to do the same with other things—Bible Coin Unity.

Last year we clipped from the Lubbock Avalanche, a poem by the Rev. Louis L. Pabor, pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church. The editor's note suggested that the title of the poem might well be "The One Who Caused Christmas To Be". Paraphrasing the popular "The Night Before Christmas", it is titled: "The Week Before Christmas". 'Twas the week before Christmas,

When all through the town Every creature was stirring, From the mayor on down; The housewives were frantic With myriad chores, Buying last minute gifts— Putting wreaths on the doors. The children were whooping And yelling with glee, Sneaking peeks in the closet— Hanging balls on the tree. While dad in his suit That was worn in the seat, Ne'ertheless was resolved That this Yule wouldn't be beat. In his mind there was hope — For the little ones, too, That the money would stretch Yet another week through. Away to the stores We all flew like a flash, Buying tinsel and dolls, Doing all on the dash. For the time was not much That was left to complete The joyful task that we yearly repeat.

So the people were rushing To this place and that, Everyone in a hurry. No time for a chat. While the clerks on their legs That were aching and dead Couldn't help but look forward To a night spent in bed. More rapid than eagles, The mail man would come Bringing cards from afar — And with them were some From folks near forgotten, Alas and alack! Only one thing to do — Send greetings right back! "There's Dolly and David, And Peter and Jim! And Clara and Charlie, — We hardly know them! We met them just once, Eight years ago May, But if we don't write them, Just what will they say?" And so we continue Our annual frolic; We love it, and hardly Could live on without it. Despite the mad rush That leaves mothers half dead, We eagerly look for the Christmas ahead. But one thought occurs as we readily see How the world treats the One Who caused Christmas to be: When the Christ Child was born In that gone yesteryear The world hardly noticed, Nor gave e'er a care. No room could be found there For Him in the inn. He was placed in a manger, His life to begin. Do we with our Christmas Commercial incline To crowd the Christ out Of our hearts at a time When He above all should be specially shown?

As the One who for us Came down from His home? May the real Joy of Christmas Be yours as you sing With the angelic choir To your heavenly king: To God be all glory For rescue from sin, And on earth be there peace, Good will toward men!

**Teachers Honored At Roaring Springs**  
Superintendent Paul Sweatt and Mrs. Sweatt of the Roaring Springs Schools entertained the faculty members at an annual Christmas coffee last Wednesday from 4:20 to 5:45 o'clock in the afternoon. Pecan pie and fruit cake were served with coffee or hot chocolate. Supt. and Mrs. Sweatt presented the teachers with attractive memo pads and pencils. Other gifts were also presented, including a cuff link tie clasp set to Mr. Billy Tate by the grade teachers. Mr. Snyder was presented with a piece of "folding money" by the high school teachers, and the entire faculty presented Mr. Sweatt with two shirts and a tie.

**VISIT PARENTS**  
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rattan and children, Tom Ed, Suzanna and Richard spent the week-end at Post, where they visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Cook who observed their Golden Wedding anniversary.


**Very Merry Christmas**



We think you're angels, all of you, our friends and neighbors, tried and true. We wish you plenty of Christmas Cheer... and fortune's nod through the coming year!

**DAY by DAY**  
Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Day.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Day & Personnel


**GREETINGS**



May your Christmas happiness last all year long.

**BILL PALLMEYER**  
COUNTY AGENT

**Cheerful Holiday Wishes**



Mind if we pop up with a Yuletide wish for everybody? May your Christmas be a joyous one, remembered for years to come.

**HOUSEHOLD SUPPLY COMPANY**

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**



**to Our Friends**

**The Motley County Farm Bureau**

To all of you, whose friendship and loyalty have made this such a happy season for us, we send our warmest Holiday Greetings...and a sincere wish that the New Year may prove memorable for the many joys that it will bring to you and yours.



**Greetings**

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**Continental Oil Company**

**BILL McCAGHREN, Agent**  
DEALERS: Bob's Oil Well, Campbell Chevrolet Company  
East Side Station, Matney Service Station



## Church and Society

### P-T. A. PROGRAM PRESENTED AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Matador Parent-Teacher Association heard a program of organ and piano music, and readings at its final meeting of the year, Wednesday, Dec. 14 in the First Baptist Church.

A piano and organ duet by Kay Norman and Sue McCaghen, playing "Holy Night", opened the program, which included the following: "Angel Serenade" organ, Kay Norman; "Liebestraum", organ, Charlotte Campbell; "Star of the Night", organ, Betty Neighbors; "Christmas Medley", organ, Raynita Dunning.

Readings: "Too Much Turkey" Thomas Lee Edmondson; "Little Star", Wreathel Hicks; and "Gold, Frankincense and Myrr",

Vella Ree Edwards. Two pianists: Dixie Barton, Wreathel Hicks and Pat Cooper; and Sandra, Sue and Shelly Stevens; piano solos: "Rhapsody", Karan Burns, and "Christmas Time", Gary David Campbell; Boy's Orchestra composed of Tim Timmons, Larry Keltz, Butch Waybourn, Gary David Campbell, Richard Campbell and Charles Ezzell, concluded the program.

Refreshments of spiced tea and Christmas cookies were served in the basement from a table covered with a red and gold India print cloth, centered with an arrangement of red and gold ornaments and a gilded pineapple. Dillylite tea service accentuated the golden decor.

Mrs. Melvin Meason, P.T. A. president announced that the third grade received the attendance award for the meeting.

### La Nelle Rattan And Wesley K. Byers Married In Recent Rites At Tucumcari

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Rattan of Matador are announcing the recent marriage of their daughter, La Nelle, to S. Sgt. Wesley K. Byers, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Byers of Amarillo, Texas.



Mrs. Wesley Byers

Double-ring ceremony uniting the couple was performed by Rev. F. D. Hankins of Tucumcari, N. M., in his home. Rev. Hankins is a former pastor of the bride, when he served as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Whiteflat.

The bride wore a street length dress of powder blue brocade silk and cotton. Her accessories were navy blue and she wore the traditional something old, new, borrowed and blue, and a six pence in her shoe for luck.

The couples' only attendants were Miss Beth Crawford of Floydada, and Pfc. A. C. Pratt of Chicago, Illinois.

Mrs. Byers is a 1954 graduate of Matador High School. She attended Baptist College in Plainview, and transferred to West Texas State College in Canyon, where she was enrolled as a sophomore at the time of her marriage.

Sergeant Byers graduated from Canadian High School in 1950. He attended West Texas State College for one year previous to his enlistment in the Air Force.

After his release from the Air Force in May, he resumed his studies at West Texas State until November, when he re-enlisted in the Air Force. Sgt. Byers plans to make this his career, and is a musician in the Air Force Band.

The couple left immediately after the ceremony for Parks Air Force Base, near Hayward, Calif., where he has been stationed. For travel, Mrs. Byers chose a tweed suit with matching accessories.

They are at home at 525 "B" Street in Hayward.

gene Watson, Roaring Springs. Red candles, greenery and Christmas ornaments formed the centerpiece for the dining table which was laid with a red net Christmas cloth. Tea and coffee were served from silver services at each end of the table, with the hostesses alternating in pouring. Dainty cookies, mints and nuts were also served.

### Christmas Day Set For Wedding

Christmas Day has been set for the marriage of Mrs. Lorene Looney of Lubbock and F. Z. Martin of Matador, it was announced this week by the couple.

The wedding will take place at 10 a. m. in the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Mayfield, in Ropesville. The Rev. Mr. Browder will officiate.

The bride will wear a navy blue suit with ice blue hat and white and ice blue accessories. She will carry a white Bible topped with carnations.

When the couple leaves for a short trip she will wear a brown suit with navy accessories.

The couple will be at home at 104 N. Ave. U. in Lubbock.

### Two Classes Have Christmas Social

Two classes of the Baptist Sunday School held Christmas socials Tuesday night, the T.E.L. class meeting in the home of Mrs. H. S. Watson and the Fidelis class in the home of the teacher, Mrs. R. E. Campbell, Sr.

Mrs. Ben Keltz, teacher of the T.E.L. class read a Christmas story in a short program for that group, and Mrs. Watson, read from the Scriptures. Singing was then enjoyed, followed by an exchange of gifts from a decorated tree.

Refreshments of cake, hot chocolate and Christmas candies

were served to Mesdames Margaret Newman, A. A. Tipton, Ben Keltz, Joe Campbell, C. C. Renfro, Arthur Fulkerson, A. A. Groves, T. J. Darsey, and Bertha Garrison.

Devotional for the Fidelis class was led by Mrs. Elbert Reeves, with prayer by Mrs. J. L. Wood. ruff. Mrs. D. P. Keith, class president, introduced the other class officers, and then turned the program to Mrs. George Cullin, who, with the aid of Mrs. Colquet Warren, conducted entertaining contests. Gifts were exchanged from a decorated tree.

A salad plate, with hot punch, was served preceding the program, to the following: Mmes. R. A. Day, Elbert Reeves, Alfred Barton, L. J. Barkley, Veina Fulfer, E. F. Springer, Virgie Rattan, J. P. Neighbors, T. E. Cammack, Floyd Henderson, J. R. Moore, Farris Fish, Besie Patton, H. O. Stanfield, C. P. Waybourn, A. A. Harp, Frank Stafford, Ben Meador, J. D. Craven; Miss Rachel Patton, Miss Amy Glenn, Miss Verlin Reeves, those on the program and Mrs. Campbell.

### Christmas Party

Annual Christmas dinner party held by the telephone personnel and their husbands and wives, was also in the Cox home, on Monday night. Miss Vonelle Atchley of Tullia attended as the guest of Charles Ray Cox.

Entertainment included a gift exchange from the decorated tree.

### VISIT RELATIVES

Lt. and Mrs. R. L. Holt visited here from Saturday until Tuesday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Holt. They were on leave and en route from Fort Eustis, Va., to New Orleans Army Terminal, where he will be stationed. Lt. Holt completed a transportation officers basic course at Fort Eustis on Dec. 13, graduating 4th in a class of 81.

### COME TO CHURCH SUNDAY

## NOEL

With happy memories of many pleasant friendships, we extend our sincerest wishes for a joyous Christmas to all

**VAUGHN DRUG**

### BUSINESS WOMEN ENTERTAINED IN B. C. COX HOME

Business and Professional women of Roaring Springs and Matador were guests at a tea Sunday afternoon from 3 until 6 o'clock in the home of Mrs. B. C. Cox, manager of the local General Telephone System.

Hostesses with Mrs. Cox were the other telephone personnel, and included Mmes. Pete Knight Hub Swearingen, Inez Bailey, J. B. Cooper, Gordon Simmons, Jake Simpson and James Meador of Matador, Mmes. Newton Fletcher, Arvil Harris and Eu-

## Season's Greetings

As brightly as the star of Bethlehem, that Silent Night, may the spirit of the first Christmas shine forever in your heart. May its message of Peace and Good Will become an abiding source of hope to you and yours.

Personnel Of  
**Matador Parts Company**

## Season's Greetings

To all of our wonderful friends and neighbors... we hope that Santa arrives bearing a sleigh-load of all the good things in life. May the season find you rich in the blessings of Happiness, Peace and Health. The season's best to all.

**Danhandle Compress & Warehouse Co.**  
ROARING SPRINGS  
L. E. Davis, Manager

## Christmas Wishes

Our warmest wishes to you and your dear ones for a joyous Holiday.

### MATADOR HARDWARE AND FURNITURE COMPANY

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

We hope this glorious season is filled with joy and good health for our many friends.

### IVY'S BEAUTY SHOP

Mrs. Ivy Cooper, Owner



We all join in Wishing you a  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**STANLEY PHARMACY**  
 R. M. STANLEY, OWNER

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Matador, Motley County, Texas, Thursday, December 22, 1955

**Putting Christ Into Christmas Brings  
 The Meaning Of God's Gift To Mankind**

Rev. Ray Manning, Pastor  
 Baptist Church, Matador

July 14, 1789, Jean Lenoir, a Frenchman living in an obscure town in Paris, wrote in his diary "Nothing of importance happened today." Just a short time away was the Bastille, and every day a mob had gathered there. They killed the king, freed the prisoners, destroyed the building, and started the French Revolution. This changed the whole course of the life of France. Yet, a man in his diary that nothing of importance had happened. How often, it is with us at Christmas time. Busy with the details of the holiday, we are apt to ignore the fact that Christmas marks the birth of Jesus, the most revolutionary event in history. Accustomed to the chores of Christmas, we oftentimes go through the motions of celebration without being aware that Christmas can have any real meaning for our own hearts.

The apostle Luke wrote (Luke 1) in his gospel the message of the angel "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy." Christmas is great joy! Consider the importance of putting Christ into our Christmas, for it is nothing quite so gaudily noisy out of place as Christmas without Christ. When we put Christ into Christmas, our spirit and sense are reawakened. This gives us courage in the face of blustering threats of life. We suggest some simple ways to put the Christ of all ages into this season that bears the name? As we think, let us think of what He has done for the marvelous salvation, the birth, and the promise of the eternal life awaiting the seeker of a place for Jesus in your heart.

In our giving, surely there should be a place for Him. Give freely to His causes. His needs, and the needs of our fellow men. In the giving of our talents, and money to Him, we will come a peace and satisfaction that will surpass all understanding. Put Christ back into Christmas in your life by putting Him into your living there is a big choice for Christ; put Him first in your choices and desires. Then come the feeling that He is back in Christmas which marks the birthday of the great God. As we work in the office, on the farm, in the store,

live with Christ! Let Him be your partner.

Our hearts naturally think of others at this time of the year, remember those who need our help and inspiration. The Christian can glorify his God by ministering to those who are needy and destitute. Jean Lenoir missed the greatest event in the history of his country; it is possible for the Christian to miss the happiness and understanding of the greatest event in his life... Christ and Christmas.

"All hail the power of Jesus' name,  
 Let angel prostrate fall,  
 Bring forth the royal diadem  
 And crown Him Lord of all,  
 And crown Him—Crown Him—  
 Him."

**Letters to Santa . . .**

Matador, Texas  
 Dec. 12, 1955

Dear Santa:  
 I am in the first grade. I have been good. Please bring me a piano and a stove.  
 Love,  
 Teresa Marshall

Matador, Texas  
 Dec. 12, 1955

Dear Santa:  
 I have been a good boy. I go to school. Please bring me a drum.  
 Love,  
 Don Nolen

Matador, Texas  
 Dec. 12, 1955

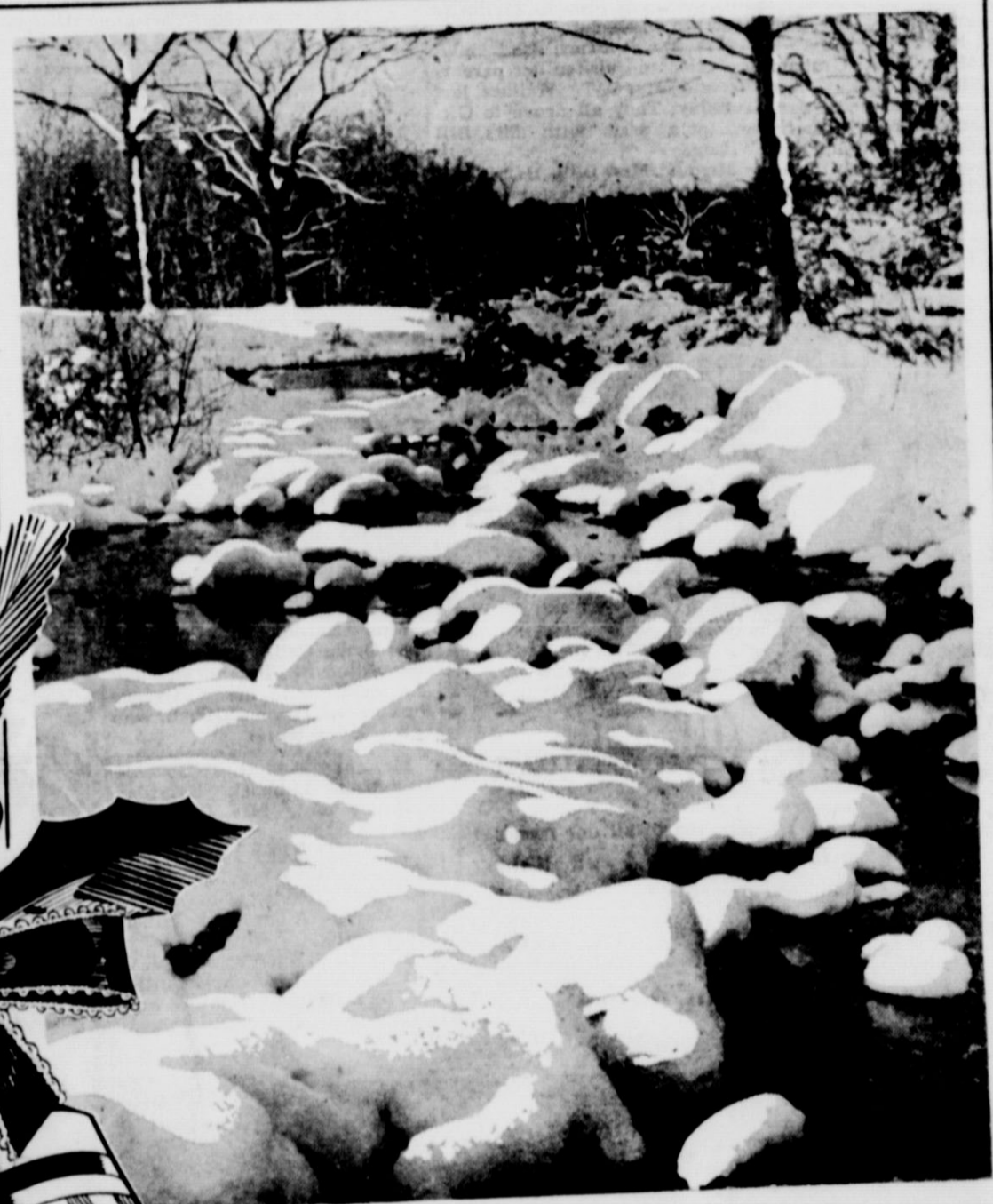
Dear Santa:  
 I have been a good little girl. Please bring me some slicky skates and a baton.  
 Love,  
 Susan Hunt

Matador, Texas  
 Dec. 12, 1955

Dear Santa:  
 Please bring me an accordion and some dishes.  
 Love,  
 Charlotte Chambliss

Matador, Texas  
 Dec. 12, 1955

Dear Santa:  
 I have been a good little boy. Please bring me a drum, two guns and a new hat.  
 Love,  
 Gary Cain



**Greetings**

At this gay, holiday time let us offer you all the best wishes from our staff! May your Christmas be bright with the many blessings of the season . . . Rich in friendship, bright with gifts of happiness and lasting pleasure. And our wish is not just for Christmas, but for every day of the year 'til the next Yuletide!

**Matador Motor & Implement Company**  
 Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hoyle and Personnel

Greetings to All

It is the season to be jolly... and happy are we to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.

**IKE'S GROCERY**  
 MR. and MRS. CHANT LEE



## FOUR DIE ...

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the wreckage until the bodies could be removed.

The injured boy was rushed to Stanley Hospital and the four bodies taken to Eudy-Seale Funeral Home.

Identity of the dead man was delayed because he carried no driver's license. The car registry was traced to Lubbock, and relatives located. One brother of the dead man, George Tockey, stationed at an Air Base near Los Angeles was located through the Red Cross. He flew by jet plane to Lubbock and was here in about four hours after leaving California. Another brother, Verloise Tockey, lives in Lubbock.

The deceased was a paint contractor.

### Burial in Oklahoma

Besides his brothers Mr. Tockey is survived by his wife, Mrs. Leona Tockey of Tatum, N. M. Mrs. Robinson is survived by the one son, Charles, Ray, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Sparks of Oklahoma City; one brother, Richard Sparks and one sister, Shirley Sparks, both of Oklahoma City.

Two Eudy-Seale funeral cars left here Tuesday afternoon bearing the quartet on the remainder of their ill-fated journey. Funeral services for the mother and two sons were held yesterday afternoon at 4 p. m. from the Capitol Hill funeral home in Oklahoma City. Mr. Tockey's body was taken to Vin-

ita, Oklahoma for burial. Construction is now under way to eliminate the dangerous curve east of the Teepee Creek bridge.

### Thanks, Everyone

The Tribune staff extends sincere wishes to everyone for a Merry Christmas. We regret the delay in this issue of 20 pages which we hope will be in the mail before daylight Friday morning. This printing of 1,600 copies represents 19,200 impressions on the Miehle press. We appreciate the excellent response of business firms and individuals to our Christmas greeting edition.

Douglas Meador, Lila Meador, Earl McBride, Norman Beauchamp, Mrs. R. E. Donovan and Mrs. Ruby Beauchamp.

### G. S. CRAVENS TO CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Craven of Eastland, formerly of Matador, will return here to observe their Golden Wedding anniversary Monday, Dec. 26.

Open House will be held for the couple, in the home of their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Craven, with their other children as joint hosts. They are Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Craven of Waco.

Granddaughters will assist with hospitalities. They are, Misses Cora Ann, Rachel Alene, Francine and Patti Craven, Matador, and Miss Vernell Craven of Waco. There are two grandsons in the family, Johnnie, son

of the Vernon Cravens, and Richard, son of the Arvil Cravens.

All former friends of the couple are extended a cordial invitation to attend the celebration which will be held from 2 to 5 p. m. No written invitations are being mailed, and this means is taken to extend the invitation.

Matador, Texas  
Dec. 20, 1955

Dear Santa Claus:  
I would like to have a new sweater, a cash register, some doll dresses, and a dolly bed for Christmas.

Thank you very much,  
Dana Latimer

Matador, Texas  
Dec. 20, 1955

Dear Santa Claus:  
I would like a Davy Crockett rifle and a pair of skates. Please don't forget my little sister, Nancy, and she wants a doll stroller for Christmas.

Thank you, Santa,  
James Latimer.

Mrs. H. M. Wagley is visiting in Pampa in the home of her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wagley, who came Friday to accompany her there. She had just returned from a visit with a daughter at Moran, and with relatives in Dallas, Fort Worth, and Arlington.

### In the Want Ads

OVERLOAD SPRINGS for pick-ups, 4-ton size \$16.50, 4-ton size \$23.40. Peg's Garage. 14tn

MY PLACE: 11 acres for sale, would exchange for suitable place closer in. Mrs. L. R. Browning. 36-ctfn.

FOR SALE: Weiner pigs. W. T. Gwinn, Rt. 1, Roaring Springs. 38-p4t.

FREE RENTAL SERVICE: If you have a house or farm to rent or wish to rent see F. C. Bourland Real Estate Company. Phone 56. 1tn.

CAR BATTERY: 12 month guarantee. Exchange. Installed \$8.95. Peg's Garage. 43-ctfn.

FOR SALE CHEAP: Five-room house, 1 lot. Rosa Williams. Roaring Springs. 21-1tn.

SPARK PLUGS, 60¢ each. Peg's Garage. 41-1tn.

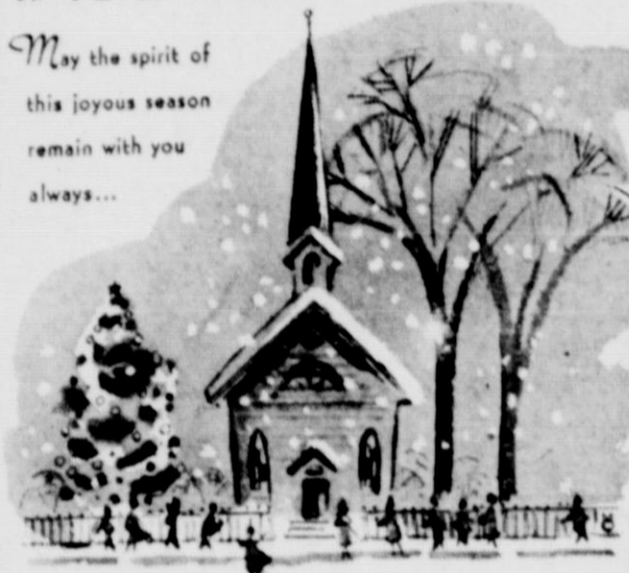
FOR SALE: My home place 7 miles southeast of Matador. 500 acres, 150 in cultivation, rest in grass. Good 6-room house with bath, butane and lights, 2-car garage. Outbuildings fair. 2 windmills and earth tank, all fenced in 3 pastures. All royalties go with property. Half cash, balance terms. Immediate possession. A. D. Beauchamp. 38-ctfn.

KNOW ABOUT TEXAS—The 1956 Texas Almanac is now on sale. Larger than ever before—more information than ever before. Only \$1.25. Stanley Pharmacy. 37-ctfn.

SHARPEN—Lawn mowers, butcher knives, saws, yo-yos, grass and hedge shears, scissors, hoes and all kinds of edge instruments. Expert work. C. E. Parks. 22-ctfn.

## A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

May the spirit of this joyous season remain with you always...



THE MOTLEY HOTEL

## Holiday Greetings

We wish to thank our many friendly customers for making this a very pleasant year.

We are looking forward to serving you better next year.

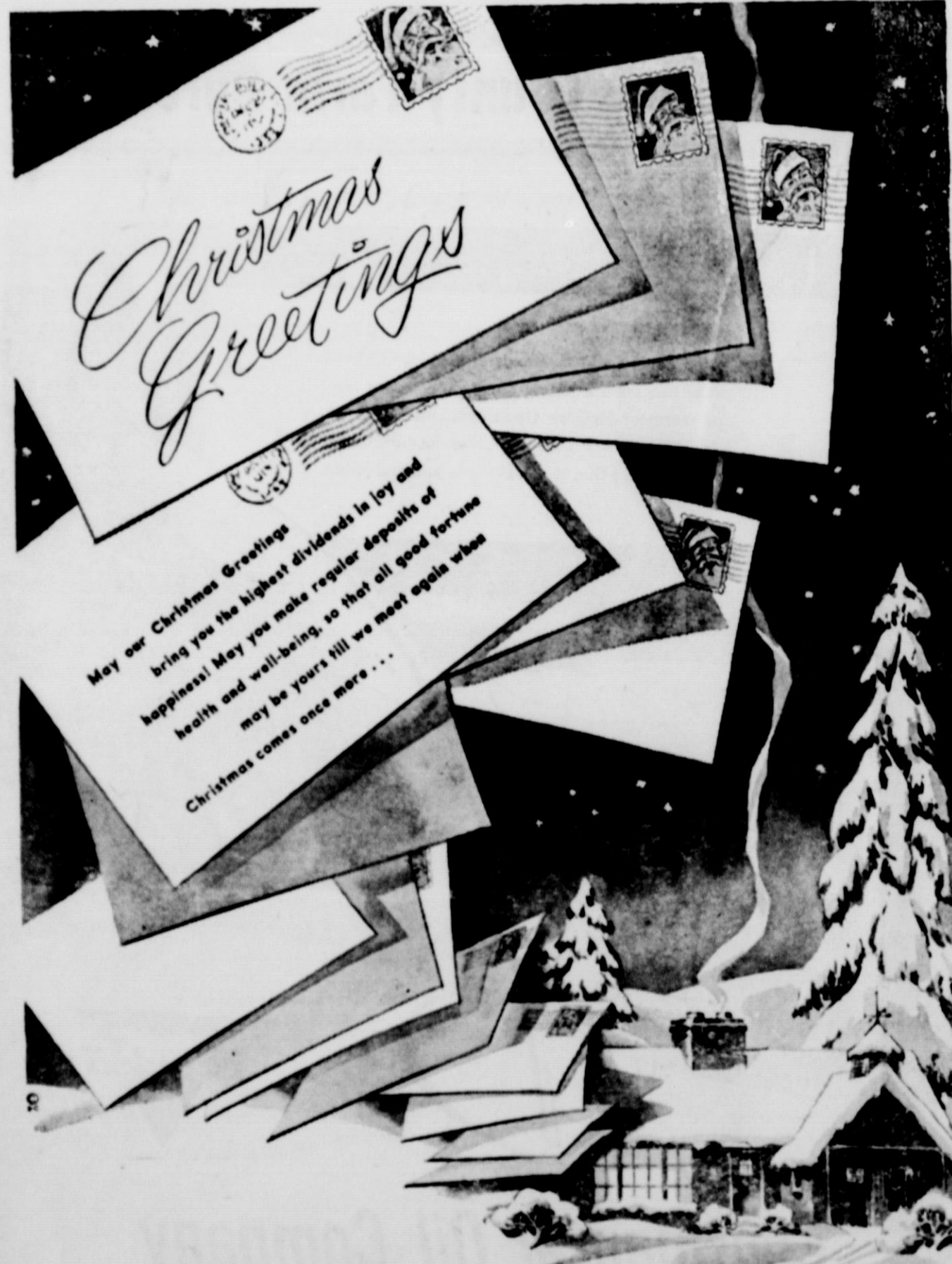
Please come in and complete your Holiday shopping before 5:30, Saturday, Dec. 24. We plan to close at that hour so the clerks can be home Saturday night.

We will be closed for inventory beginning December 26.

Thanks,

## Cooper Variety Store

Roaring Springs, Texas



Christmas Greetings

May our Christmas Greetings bring you the highest dividends in joy and happiness! May you make regular deposits of health and well-being, so that all good fortune may be yours till we meet again when Christmas comes once more...

## Charlies Grocery

Charlie Meador

and Personnel

Billy Wason

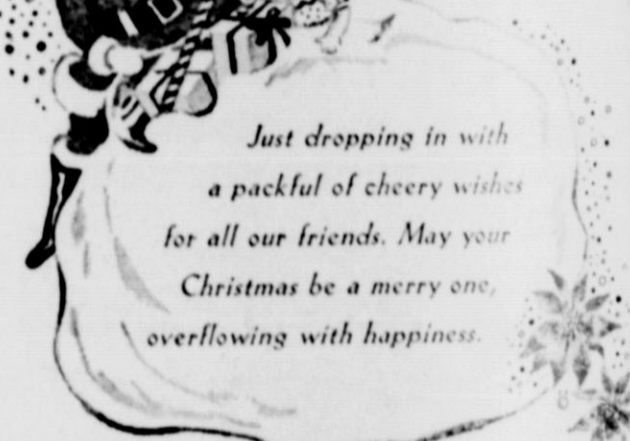
## CHRISTMAS Joy and Peace

The season of rejoicement is here and we extend to you our sincerest wishes for a cheerful and peaceful Yuletide.



## COWBOY BOOT SHOP

## Merry Christmas!



Just dropping in with a packful of cheery wishes for all our friends. May your Christmas be a merry one, overflowing with happiness.

## Farmers Co-Op Association

Nolan Barmore, Manager

## A CHRISTMAS GREETING

Let us harken to the clear-voiced choristers, as they hail the approach of another Christmas! May you partake in fullest measure of all of the joys of the season and carry its inspiration with you into the New Year.



## Jameson Machinery Co.



Matador, Matley County, Texas, Thursday, December 22, 1955  
**Red Most Of Life In South Turkey**

**Original Santa's Home Far Removed  
 From Legendary North Pole Dwelling**

By MICHELE JACKS

DEMRE, Turkey, Dec. 20—Caravans occasionally pass through this sleepy Turkish town. Citrus fruit comes only to the high mountains that sit back from the

sleigh with a team of reindeer. But it was here in Demre (pronounced dem-ray and formerly Myra) that Santa Claus lived most of his life and died 16 centuries ago—a beloved bishop and later saint of the Christian church. A tomb, empty but supposedly his, still rests in a small and often rebuilt church that bears his name—the Church of St. Nicholas.

It is not easy to get to. You can

go by jeep over a winding bridgeless road lined in some parts by Greek-Roman ruins. Small boats also come to Demre from villages and cities along Turkey's southern coast.

It was by boat that St. Nicholas was supposed to have arrived early in the 4th Century from his native village of Patara, about 40 miles away. He died here Dec. 6, 342 A.D.

Scores of legends are the basis for today's belief in Santa Claus as a kindly, jolly character with a great love for children.

The best known concerns an impoverished nobleman and his three daughters in Patara when Nicholas was a well-to-do young man in the then thriving seaport.

At night, in secret, Nicholas hurled three bags of gold coins

into the nobleman's run-down house to provide dowries for his daughters. The girls, of course, were then able to marry in style and live happily ever after. The legend presumably gave rise to Santa Claus' practice of giving secretly, at night and as a surprise.

As a bishop of Myra (Demre) he healed the sick, saved the sailors from the sea and provided grain for his townspeople when famine threatened.

Nicholas also had his troubles. Records in Turkey indicate the Romans imprisoned the future saint awhile during a vast purge throughout Asia Minor.

The Church of St. Nicholas has been rebuilt several times. The only remnants from Nicholas' time are now underground, sur-

rounded by silt washed down from the mountains. It is no longer used.

**Taken By Italians**  
 In 1807 A.D. Italian merchants from Bari removed the relics of the saint from his neglected church and took them home. There they built a church to house them that still stands. Turkish historians say the Italians left two of Nicholas' bones behind, and these are now in the museum at Antalya, nearest large city to Demre.

Whatever the true story, it was from Bari that Nicholas' fame spread. The day of his death (Dec. 6) became a time for giving gifts and rejoicing.

**MOVE TO MISSISSIPPI**

Mr. and Mrs. A. Q. Carson and daughter, Sue, left Thursday for Lake, Mississippi, their former home, to again make their home in that community. They have been residents here the past three years.

**IN APPRECIATION**

I wish to take this means of expressing my appreciation to friends for cards, flowers and visits during my recent illness in Stanley Hospital. Your thoughtfulness has meant much to me.  
 Mrs. Charlie Parks.

**RECENT PATIENT**

Mrs. Charlie Parks was dismissed Monday from Stanley Hospital, where she was a patient the past week, suffering an attack of flu.

**RECENT VISITORS**

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Davis of Albuquerque, N. M., were visitors here Thursday in the home of her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Cox, and mother, Mrs. W. T. Patton. They were en route to Norfolk, Va., to spend Christmas holidays with their son and family, Lt. (j.g.) and Mrs. Don Carlos Davis, and their baby son, who was born in August.

**RETURN FROM HART**

Former residents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Spray and son, Joel Dean, who have been making their home near Hart, for the past two years, have returned to their home just south of town. Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Stafford, who have been farming the Spray land, have moved to the L. A. Carlisle farm at Whiteflat.



We extend sincere wishes to all our friends and neighbors for a Christmas that is full of all good things and a heart that is full of happiness.

**TEXAN CAFE**



May the gladness of Christmas linger with you like the delightful music of a sweet song.

**MATADOR WELDING SHOP**



**Two things that make for SAFER driving!**

The first and most important thing is you — the driver. The courtesy, care, and common sense you show count more than anything else.

The second thing is the car itself. All cars are safer today. That's shown by the number of accidents in relation to the number of miles passenger cars are driven. The figure's down sharply.

Chevrolet has always made safety a major consideration, introducing many such features as the all-steel top, into its field. And this '56 Chevrolet is the safest one ever built. Its lively new power means safer

passing. Its special Ball-Race steering—oversize brakes with Anti-Dive control—bring easier, surer driving. The Unisteel construction and safety door latches of its Fisher Body—the nailed-to-the-road stability that comes from advanced suspension and better balance — the sweeping panoramic windshield — all these things add to your safety.

Seat belts with or without shoulder harness? Instrument panel padding? Of course, they're available at extra cost. As your Chevrolet dealer, we'll be glad to show you the many safety features of the '56 Chevrolet.



**CAMPBELL CHEVROLET CO.**  
 MATADOR, TEXAS



**HAPPY CHRISTMAS**

As old as our faith, as young as our hopes, is the spirit of Christmas. May it once more lift your heart, lighten your cares and brighten every corner of your life. May its infinite joy and glorious promise abide with you and your loved ones . . . now and always.

**Phillips '66'**  
 EDMONDSON & SON, PHILLIPS JOBBERS  
 PHONE 68-J. 83-M



**CAMPBELL CHEVROLET CO.**

R. E. Campbell, Jr. Jack Prather John Irwin  
 Forrest Campbell Earl Strickland  
 R. E. Campbell, Sr. W. A. Goolsby C. R. Davis



### McADOO NEWS

By Mrs. G. G. Allen

#### Rehearsal Dinner Given For Couple

The wedding party of Miss Margy Allen and A. L. Albert Edward Worth was honored with a rehearsal dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Tidwell immediately following the rehearsal at the Methodist Church in McAdoo, Saturday evening, Dec. 17.

The bride-elect's chosen colors of orchid and yellow were carried out in table decorations, from which the meal was served buffet style.

Included in the party were the bride-elect's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. A. Allen, her brother, Bruce and sister, Carol Ann, all of McAdoo, a brother, Jack, of Lubbock and another sister, Mrs. Clarence Williams and Mr. Williams and children, Nadine and Lorry of Abilene, A. Z. Bart Johnson of Fort Worth, Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Arnold, Frances Harris, Ophelia Fewell of Crosbyton, Marquitta Barton and Marilyn Steadham.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Wheeler of Hereford were week-end visitors in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. McWilliams.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Baum visited in Levelland from Thursday to Saturday in the home of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Forest Keith.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Graham visited in Abilene, Sunday. Her brother, J. A. Pratt accompanied them home after a visit here. Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Baum visited in Crosbyton, Sunday in the home of their daughter and family, the Sanford Masons.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Neeley of Afton were Sunday visitors in the Ellis Powers home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Nell and Mr. and Mrs. Noble Neff were shopping in Lubbock, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Deer of Slaton were Tuesday supper guests in the Ben F. Eldedge home.

Mrs. T. R. Jones accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Lavoise Jones of Lubbock to Austin, where they visited Troy Don Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. John Formby and Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Formby attended funeral services in Hereford, Thursday for their infant granddaughter and great-granddaughter, Little Linda Kay Formby, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clint Formby.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Griffin and children are visiting their parents, the Jim Griffins and C. A. Allens.

Melvin Callihan has returned to his home in Arkansas after spending several weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Callihan and assisting in gathering crops.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Harris are visiting relatives in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Brownlow and children of Lubbock were Sunday dinner guests in the G. G. Allen home.

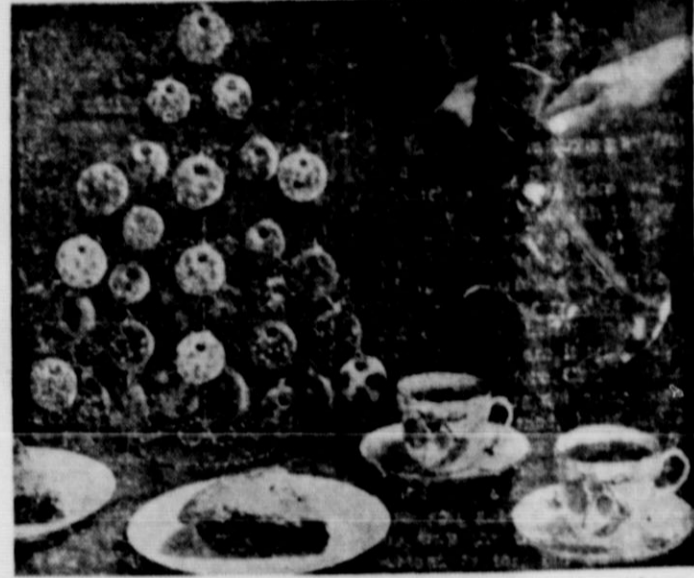
Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Fredrick and baby of Clovis, N. M. visited recently with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leamon Brantley.

Mrs. Edwin Bass and children of Brownfield visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Phifer over the week-end.

Mrs. James Bruce and children of Slaton visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Wallace, last Tuesday. They all drove to Girard for a visit with Mrs. Bill Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Harris and children visited last week-end with relatives in Midland.

### Christmas Decor You Can Eat



Here's a quick and easy way you can make unusual and beautiful Christmas tree decorations that look good enough to eat. In fact, you can eat them—they're made from frozen ice box cookie rolls obtainable in the frozen foods section at your grocer's. There's no end to the variety of decorations you can make from Simple Simon frozen cookie rolls. Let your imagination run wild. Decorate each cookie differently, using frosting, colored sugars and cake decorating candies. Let the children in on the fun of making these easy, tasty ornaments. Also hang cookies on a small wire or plastic hors d'oeuvre "tree" to make a festive table or buffet decoration.

#### Christmas Cookie Tree Ornaments

Slice Simple Simon frozen cookie rolls and place on cookie sheet. Put one piece of uncooked macaroni through each cookie about 1/4 inch from the edge to make hole for hanging cookie. Bake according to directions leaving macaroni in cookie.

To decorate: Remove macaroni while cookies are warm. In a bowl, mix 1 cup sifted confectioners sugar, 1/2 teaspoon vanilla and 1 to 2 tablespoons milk to spreading consistency. Add food coloring if desired. Frost a few cookies at a time, sprinkle with colored sugar and decorating candies. When icing hardens, put ribbon through holes and hang on tree.

For a holiday dessert treat, serve Simple Simon frozen mince pie. It's flaky, tender pie crust chock full of real old-fashioned mince meat. All the work is done for you—just simply bake!

Sunday dinner guests in the H. L. Dennis home were her mother, Mrs. Jewel McLaughlin of Lubbock, Ralph Dennis, Texas Tech, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd McLaughlin and family of Carlsbad, N. M., Mr. and Mrs. Claude McLaughlin and Ralph, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Fisher and baby, also Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Perkins and children, all of Lubbock.

Bruce Allen and Marvin Tidwell spent Monday night in Brownfield in the A. W. Butler home.

Chip Formby of Hereford is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Formby.

Mrs. Harold Brantley and Mrs. Orvin Callihan and children visited in Midland one day last week with the Lawrence Pipkins and Orvin Callihan, who is employed there.

Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Boucher visited in Lubbock, Saturday with her aunt, Mrs. Jessie Gilmore.

Mrs. Rose Allen and David of Muleshoe were Sunday visitors here and attended the wedding of Margy Allen and Albert Worth.

Mrs. John Burrow, Mrs. J. J. Griffin, Mrs. Leamon Brantley and Mrs. Laverne Brantley were among the shoppers in Lubbock, Monday.

Several children of our community have been on the sick list the past two weeks. The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Williams was hospitalized at Lubbock for several days. The small son of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Powers was also hospitalized recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Fewell, Mrs. M. A. Adams and Mrs. Minnie Gollhar all of Crosbyton were McAdoo visitors Sunday and attended the Allen-Worth wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Phifer and Lavelle, and Mrs. Katie Phifer left Tuesday morning to spend the holidays in California with Mrs. E. E. Phifer's mother, Mrs. Eula Carmack and Mrs. Katie Phifer's son, Leslie and family and other relatives.

#### Christmas Social

The Friendship Class of the McAdoo Methodist Church was graciously entertained with a Christmas social in the home of Mrs. J. C. Arnold, Friday, Dec. 16. During the social hour, Bible games were played. Gifts were exchanged and refreshments of sandwiches, fruit cake, coffee and cocoa were served. Candy canes were favors. The following ladies were present: Meses J. W. Jones, Katie Phifer, T. A. Harvey, M. A. Graham, Viva Griffin, L. B. Pipkin, L. E. Bass, O. T. Boucher, Roxanna VanMeter, John Cornelius and the hostess, Mrs. Arnold.

#### COME TO CHURCH SUNDAY

**FRED G. SIMPSON**  
REAL ESTATE  
MATADOR, TEXAS  
Farms - Ranches - City Property  
Rentals  
PHONES: 116-J and 194-R

#### Matador IOOF Lodge

Meets every Tuesday night.  
D. L. Dammron,  
Noble Grand.  
Ralph Nichols,  
Secretary  
Visiting brothers welcome.



### MERRY CHRISTMAS

The time for joy, the time for peace;  
The time for pleasures that never cease.  
We wish you all at this time of year  
A plentiful measure of Yuletide cheer!



### TRAWEEK HOSPITAL



### A merry Christmas

Our Yuletide best to all our friends  
...for a season packed with all the  
wonderful things that Christmas means!

#### MODERN BEAUTY SHOP

Annie Mae Jackson, Owner



### Season's Greetings

As shepherds watched their flocks...  
a Star shone brightly in the hush of a  
Holy Night... a Babe was born  
in a manger... and a new spirit of  
Peace and Good Will came into the world.  
May that spirit abide  
with you and your  
family now and always.

### Higginbotham-Bartlett Company

Roaring Springs, Texas

# Greetings



For all our friends we wish this to be a season  
of significance. A holiday when peace mingles with  
merriment, love with good fellowship, good works  
with good will. And may the spirit of Christmas abide  
with you and those dear to you, now and always.

### ROARING SPRINGS GIN

ROARING SPRINGS, TEXAS  
Billy Hand and Personnel





BRIGHT DISPLAY . . . Long noted for its pleasing Christmas decorations, Chicago's Merchandise Mart, which boasts more floor space than any other structure in the world, presented this gala Christmas greeting to the people of Chicago.

### FLOMOT NEWS

By Mrs. L. B. Turner

#### Church Announces Christmas Services

Services Sunday at the First Baptist Church, Flomot, have been set up one hour earlier, according to an announcement by the pastor, Rev. Dingle Leonard. The Christmas Day services will be as follows: Sunday school at 9:00 AM. Worship service 10:00 AM. Training Union 11:30 AM. and evening worship 7:30 PM. The Junior choir will be in charge of the evening services, and a cordial invitation extended to everyone to attend.

Little Timmie Washington of Lockney visited his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Gordie Washburn, Friday while his parents were shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Green, Virginia and Andy of Matador spent the day Wednesday in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Bourland.

Mrs. Lela Speer and Mrs. Lela Beebe of Dickens, and Mrs. Wayne Hunter, Annett and David of Quitaque, were guests of the J. L. Speer family, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Windell Morris of Pam went to Idalou, Sunday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Snow and to bring their baby, Cindy Sue, home.

Carolyn Tanner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Tanner was born to Stanley Hospital Monday morning. She is suffering from asthma and pneumonia.

Let Lt. and Mrs. Jack McGann of daughter, Marilyn Sue of Leonard Wood, Mo., arrived Wednesday for a visit with her father, Raldo Martin and her relatives. Lt. McGann is in regular army and has served several months. He received his rating of First Lieutenant, Tuesday, December 14th.

Wade Martin, prominent farmer, received injuries to three fingers Thursday, when his hand became entangled in the V-belt of his combine. He was taken to Stanley Hospital, Matador, for treatment, and remained for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Joe Martin and children of Plainview, were overnight guests Saturday, in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gunn and daughters of Amarillo, visited Saturday night and Sunday.

Homecoming on Sunday, January 1. Each church will hold its own morning service, and will go to the Methodist church for a basket lunch in the church basement.

#### Flomot HD Club Christmas Party

Flomot Home Demonstration club members held their Christmas party Friday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Lois Martin.

The living room was decorated attractively with the Christmas tree as the center of attraction. The dining table held a miniature church and Christmas dainties of candy, nuts, fruit, popcorn balls and cookies. As club members and their guests arrived, their gifts were placed under the tree.

After a short devotional, gifts were presented and each person revealed her secret pal. There were many surprises and Christmas cheer reigned supreme.

Those attending were: Mmes. L. E. Shorter, Harmon Moseley, J. E. Monk, Ike Gilbert, J. T.

Bural, Pearl Martin, Malcolm Turner, Raldo Martin, R. L. Anderson, W. T. Ross, R. M. Martin, Ford Johnson, Ike Reed, Wayne Martin, Jack Landry, M. C. Washington, A. J. Bynum, Maudie Marler, Wilburn Martin, Berry Barham, J. C. Franks, Gordie Washington, Lizzie Crowell, L. B. Ibsell, Leon Cloyd, L. B. Turner, L. W. Crowell, R. I. Thomas, W. H. Webb, Bert Cloyd, Bill Sauls of Flomot, Mrs. W. L. Nall of Turkey, Mrs. Jack McGann of Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., Mrs. J. C. Moss of Anson, and Mrs. Cordell Light of Amarillo. Twelve sons and daughters of club members enjoyed the party along with their mothers.

#### Birthday Dinner

A birthday dinner, Friday, Dec. 16, was given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Ross honoring Mr. R. L. Anderson on his 80th birthday. The two couples, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Ross and James Ross made up the birthday list,

but the day was one of pleasure as the two families are friends of long standing. After the dinner, pictures were made.

S. W. Skinner of Roswell, N. M., was here last week, looking after business interests and visiting in the Ike Smith home. Mr. and Mrs. Iec Carson,

their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Billie Joe Carson and baby and Tom Ross and daughter, Jan of Olton were recent visitors in the W. T. Ross home.

## Young, Tender Fryers

CHOICE QUALITY, BATTERY FED

About 8 weeks old, 2 to 3 pounds

### Thompson Feed & Seed



"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!

## STANLEY HOSPITAL

Dr. J. S. Stanley — Dr. E. E. Denney and Personnel



PEG'S GARAGE

Peg and Beatrice



### Roaring Springs NEWS

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

#### Attend Tea

Among those who attended the tea in Matador Sunday afternoon for business and professional women, sponsored by Mrs. Bennie Cox, manager of General Telephone Company and her operators, were: Mesdames Deon McInroe, Melton Thacker, Carl Tardy, Lem Miller, S. J. Braselton, W. A. Lewis, Paul Sweatt, Bob Cooper, Wesley Burt, J. D. Mitchell, J. T. Swim, Jr., Paul Nichols, Lois Smith, Misses Gladys Peck, Lula M. Swim, Freda Keahey and Ben Wilson.

#### Wesleyan Guild Meets With WSCS

The Wesleyan Service Guild and Woman's Society of Christian Service of Roaring Springs Methodist Church, met in the home of Miss Lula Swim, Wednesday, Dec. 14, and enjoyed their annual Christmas party. Miss Swim read the Christmas story of the birth of Christ, from the second chapter of St. John. Rev. C. D. Dameron offered prayer, and Miss Freda Keahey told a very interesting Christmas story.

The group sang several carols, after which a refreshment plate of sandwiches, congealed salad, fruit cake, coffee and cocoa, was served to the following: Misses C. D. Dameron, S. D. Hunter, Lige Cooper, Clyde Clifton, J. T. Swim, Jr., Hazel Bridges, Wesley Burt, Newton Fletcher, Tom Swim and Paul Sweatt; and Misses Freda Keahey, Inez Sloan and Lula Swim. Visitors were Rev. C. D. Dameron, Mrs. Iva Meason and Mrs. Duff Green.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor M. Chalk returned Friday from a visit in Dallas. They were accompanied home by a daughter, Mrs. Jewel Sandoz, who visited until Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Sloan of Crowell, are visiting here with their daughter, Miss Inez Sloan, who will accompany them home Thursday and visit during the Christmas holidays.

Sunday guests of the Duff Greens were Mr. and Mrs. John Kirksey and daughters of Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. Jewel Lawrence and children of Matador.

Mrs. Bateman Middlebrooks looked after business in Quanah Monday. She was accompanied by Mrs. W. H. Moore of McAdoo and Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Middlebrooks of Matador. Mrs. W. A. Hill and children of Lubbock were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Cooper.

Mrs. C. O. Wise of Happy was a recent guest of her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Tate.

Mrs. R. L. Parks of Paducah was a recent guest of her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Omar Parks.

Miss Ethel Scott and Seaman Scott of Dougherty, visited here from Sunday through Wednesday with their sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Corby Lee Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fink of Childress, visited here recently with Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Harris. S. N. Davis looked after business in Amarillo, Monday. His daughter, Mrs. Ted Kingery and children, accompanied him home to visit through the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Taylor of Portales, N. M., were week-end guests of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Clem.

Sunday guests of Mrs. Eva Kingery were a brother, Olin Jameson of Carlsbad, N. M., and Mr. and Mrs. Arvil Kingery of Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Byars and Eldon Byars of Enochs, visited here recently with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Conway.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Dillard visited in Muleshoe recently, with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Deibert Sprayberry.

Mr. and Mrs. Avery Payne and Mrs. Donna Payne looked after business in Spar, Friday. Among the boys who are attending college, who are home for the Christmas holidays are: John L. Meason and Carl Long of Texas A and M; Bob Estes from Phoenix, Arizona; Stanley Nolen, Hardin-Simmons, and Bobby Campbell, ACC, of Abilene; Bob Stafford and Bill Woodin, Texas Tech, Lubbock; Danny Moore and Darwin Scott, Baptist College, Decatur.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Campbell of Floydada visited here Thursday with the David Campbells.

John Louis Farris, who is in the U. S. Marine Corp, stationed at Barstow, Calif., is spending his Christmas leave here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Farris.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gibson visited in Colorado City, Sunday with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Gibson. Their granddaughter, Carol accompanied them home to visit through the holidays.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Melton Thacker were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Goodwin, Mrs. E. E. Moss and Mrs. James Moss and children of Lubbock.

Rev. and Mrs. C. D. Dameron left Tuesday for Corpus Christi to spend the Christmas holidays with a son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dameron. Another son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frazier Dameron of Gainesville, Fla., where he is athletic coach at the State University, will meet them in Corpus Christi.

Bill Cooper and J. N. Fletcher, Jr., spent the weekend in Lubbock with Louis Hodgins, Lesley Kingery and Van Earl Bradford.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Nolen and children spent the week-end in Lubbock with friends and relatives.

Mrs. J. P. Moss of Floydada, visited here Wednesday with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Smith visited here Friday with his mother and sister, Mesdames Minnie Smith and Harry Duvai. They were en route to their home in Childress.

Mr. and Mrs. Orvil Doak of Portales, N. M., spent the week-end here with her father, J. W. Cooper.

Mrs. Bertie Faulkner of Plainview is the house guest of her mother, Mrs. C. D. Wilson and sister, Miss Beno Wilson.

Mrs. Bob Cooper and son, Robert shopped in Childress, Monday. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Gentry of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nichols and Mrs. Ethel Maze shopped in Amarillo, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Gunter visited in Tulsa, Okla., with relatives during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Carpenter looked after business in Paducah Saturday.

Mrs. J. H. Williams is the house guest of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Williams, in Houston.

#### Tips on Choosing Christmas Tree That Will Last

If your Christmas tree sheds needles all over the living room last year, chances are you weren't careful enough in buying a "fresh" tree.

Touch-typing will help you pick a choicy tree. You can tell by the feel which trees are better able to withstand the hot siege indoors.

If twigs and foliage aren't reasonably resilient or needles feel dry and crumbly, better pass up the tree. Chances are it will look like a hatrack before Christmas day.

And if you're not quite sure by the touch method, bang the butt of the tree sharply on the floor. A shower of needles will tell you if the tree's drying out, even before you get it home. Of course, the way the tree looks is an important factor, but an attractive tree that will lose its beauty in short order is hardly a bargain.

The ideal holiday tree boasts the traditional pyramid shape, with lush branches reaching to the base. The two favorites in the market places are Balsam fir and Norway spruce. The slower-growing Balsam fir is more expensive than the spruce, but it retains its beauty longer indoors.

Then how about decorating your windows and mirrors? Cotton, white spray paint or white paper snowflakes always look pretty. But if there's an artist in your family, why not have him paint a scene of a jolly Santa on a window or mirror with tempera paints?

COME TO CHURCH SUNDAY

#### Making Your Own Holiday Decorations Adds To Pleasure

Make your holiday decorations and you will not only save money, you'll have fun.

A kissing ring for a doorway can be made by covering two embroidery hoops with ribbon or tinsel. Place them at right angles to each other and add a bell, ball ornament or sprig of mistletoe inside. Attach a bow at the bottom if you wish. Instead of embroidery hoops, you may use can rings painted with gilt or tempera paints.

Evergreen branches can be used in many ways. Have you ever tried covering the wood moulding about a door with them? Or bending a wire coat hanger into a circle and attaching greens to it to form a wreath? You can add ball ornaments or bright cranberries to brighten it a bit.

Then how about decorating your windows and mirrors? Cotton, white spray paint or white paper snowflakes always look pretty. But if there's an artist in your family, why not have him paint a scene of a jolly Santa on a window or mirror with tempera paints?

COME TO CHURCH SUNDAY

GREETINGS



MATADOR AUTO COMPANY

FORD ——— MERCURY

COME TO CHURCH SUNDAY



Best wishes for Christmas

May this joyous Yuletide season bring to you and your loved ones an abundance of health, happiness and good fortune.

Molley County Abstract Co.  
Mr. and Mrs. George Cullin

## Christmas Greetings

May the joyous tidings of the First Christmas re-echo in your heart today. May you find renewed hope and courage in its glorious promise of Peace on Earth, Good Will to all Men. May its infinite happiness abide with you and your family now and always.

Spears Gin

Thompson Feed & Seed

Mr. and Mrs. Manley Thompson



### Christmas Recital Feature Of Season

Annual feature of the season is Christmas recital in which E. D. Wilkerson and Mrs. J. Whitworth present their and speech pupils. The recital was held Thursday, Dec. 22, in the school auditorium, with the following program given:

"The Little Stockings", (pre-arranged group) Barbara Slover, Lee Jeff Lawrence, Patty Sully, Sally Case, Linda Vin, Michelle Smith, Billy Wil, Pat Nichols and Debbie ... "Rudolph, Red Nose ...", Barbara Slover, ... "The Christmas Tree", ... "Two Sides", Suzann and ... "Ed Rattan", "The Streamlin- ...", Treva Hicks, James Case and ... "Indian Dance", ... Gary Campbell, "Jingle ...", and "The Rainbow", ... Stevens, music numbers; ... "Ready for Christmas", ... Perkins, Judy Pitts, ... Hicks, "Happy Hilda ...", Scottie Robbins and ... "A Little March", Wreathel ... and Pat Cooper; and "Sil- ...", Barbara Bird; "San- ...", Harold Meason, John Lynn Barnhill; "In ...", music, Wreathel ...

"Christmas Comes To School", ... Ezzell, Marianne Dam- ... Scottie Robbins, Gary ... Ezzell, Charles Ezzell, Ken- ... Pitts, Butch Waybourn, ... Margaret Irwin, David ... Roger Vinson, Thomas ... David Thompson; ... numbers: "Moonlight

Waltz", Sue Stevens and "O Little Town of Bethlehem", Pat Cooper; "A Shopping We Will Go", Mary Newman, Barbara Bird, Wreathel Hicks, Mike Barton, Key Vaughn, Kenny Barton; music numbers: "Marche", Sandra, Sue and Shelly Stevens, and "Voices of Spring", Dixie Barton; "Legend of the Christmas Tree", James Lewis Stanley; "Spinning Song", music, Mary Newman; "Beautiful Christmas Star", Dixie Barton, Cheri Barton, Sandra Crump, Christina Damron and Vella Ree Edwards; "Rustic Dance", music, Sandra Stevens; "Peace On Earth", Ronnie Steen; "Legend of the Poinsettia", Jan Barton; music selection, "Valse", Dixie Barton, Wreathel Hicks and Pat Cooper.

### COUNTY AGENT PALLMEYER SAYS:

#### Longer Life For Christmas Plants

With proper care those potted Christmas plants can give your home a colorful holiday air throughout the winter months.

Here are some pointers on how to keep them looking lovely longer. Plants often fail because they are drowned with too much water or are allowed to dry out in the warm dry atmosphere indoors. If the pot is wrapped in metal foil, plants may suffer from lack of drainage unless a small hole is cut in the bottom of the foil cover. A potted cyclamen will bloom

### Observance Grew With Christianity

The observance of Christmas as we know it today is one of joy and peace, making it difficult for us to realize that the holiday has not always been universally recognized and observed.

When Pope Gregory sent out missionaries in 601 A. D., he told them to let pagan converts weave the harmless features of their festivals into the spiritual fabric of Christmas observance.

The popularity of the Christmas observance grew with the progress of Christianity, but there were setbacks. Abuses of Christmas reached such a pitch in feudal England that the Puritan Parliament outlawed the holiday in 1644. The observance declined until the middle of the 19th century when Charles Dickens published his heart-warming "Christmas Carol."

### TRUE CHRISTMAS CAROL

Charles Wesley, a Methodist minister England wrote "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" on a Christmas morning. The brother of John Wesley, founder of Methodism, was inspired by the pealing of church bells when he penned the famous carol.



TELL ME, TELL ME... This lovely lady has succeeded in bringing Old Santa into view by gazing into her crystal ball, yet it seems that the vision isn't clear enough to foretell the gifts that he is bearing. Oh, well, Christmas is only a short time away.

for several months if kept at a temperature of 65 to 68 degrees where it can get morning light. Never allow soil to dry out completely while the plant is blooming. When it starts to lose leaves, allow the soil to become drier than in the growing season—but not powder dry. Some moisture must be present to keep the corn from drying up completely. Store in a cool dark place to carry it over a second season.

African violets need a sunny window during the middle of winter but can be put in the shade about the last of February. Let the soil get dry before watering, and then use water several degrees warmer than room temperature.

Primroses need abundant light in winter and do best at about



Many Christmas legends and customs are part of the folklore of our ancestors in all parts of the world. Many of them, too, are a mixture of early Christian and pagan observances which time and Christianity have given new meaning.

Santa Claus, our American giver of gifts, is little known elsewhere in the world. In Eastern and Southern Europe, it is the Wise Men who arrive bringing gifts. In Hungary the gifts come from the Angels, in Poland from the stars, in Greece, St. Basil is the gift-bearing patron saint.

Popular tradition has it that the candle we place in our windows at Christmas is a custom originated by early Christians to whom the candle represented the star that guided the Wise Men to the stable at Bethlehem. One interesting legend tells of a shoemaker who, though poor, always placed a candle in his window at night to guide weary travelers, and so inspired the villagers that soon each window contained a lighted candle.

The holly bush, long associated with Christmas, and with many legends was once called the holy-bush, because in its natural state the berries ripen at Christmas time.

The Wassail bowl, which today is Christmas punch, is said to have come to us from the ancient Saxons. Wassail was a word of greeting which meant literally, "What Hails?", or "How fare you?"

At Christmas time, traditions of the Old World live again. Pinatitas, doves and festive straw chains from South Europe; wheat sheaves, paper and carved wood from Scandinavian countries; angels, stars, Czechoslovakian bells and gold German stars are all bits of Old World charm that we recreate in our homes.

65 degrees. Too much watering rots them, but they should not be allowed to dry out completely.

The Jerusalem cherry and ornamental pepper like cool temperatures, high humidity and plenty of sunshine. Smoke or gas in the room will cause leaves to drop.

Poinsettias will stay attractive for most of January if kept at temperatures around 65 degrees. Let them dry down gradually and plant outdoors.

Roaring Springs, Texas  
Dec. 19, 1955

Dear Santa:  
I am a pretty good little girl seven years old. Would you please bring me a doll with a pony tail, a panda teddy bear, and a telephone switchboard set. Please remember all the other little girls and boys, and especially my teacher, Miss Sloan.  
Love,  
Nona Kay Winegar

Merry Christmas

Once again we are happy to wish all of you the most wonderful, happiest Christmas ever!

MAGNOLIA SERVICE STATION  
Lloyd Latimer

CHRISTMAS Greetings

We hope you and yours enjoy a hearty Holiday... brimful of the love and joy that make Christmas.

MATADOR BUTANE CO.

Season's Greetings

One of the special joys we find at Christmas time (along with trimming the tree and exchanging gifts) is reflecting on all the wonderful friends we have... and wishing each and everyone of you a most delightful holiday season.

West Texas Gin  
Joe M. Gaines, Manager

GREETINGS

The scene is set for Christmas—every heart aglow with a spirit that makes this the happiest of Holidays. To all our cherished friends we extend this sincerest of greetings—May Christmas fill your heart and home with all its brightest cheer and may good health accompany you throughout the coming year.

Spot Cash Grocery

Melvin Meason, Nell Webb, John Briscoe, Jerry Seawingen, Jim Clower



Matador, Texas  
Dec. 12, 1955

Dear Santa:  
I want a B-B gun and 9 packages of B-B's.  
Love,  
Alvin Martin

Matador, Texas  
Dec. 12, 1955

Dear Santa:  
Please send me a walking doll a table and chairs, a vacuum cleaner and a real horse.  
Love,  
Frances Martin

Matador, Texas  
Dec. 12, 1955

Dear Santa:  
I am in the first grade. I have been a good girl. Please bring me some slickey skates and a bafon.  
Love,  
Shelley Stevens

Matador, Texas  
Dec. 12, 1955

Dear Santa:  
I want a football, an electric football game and two guns. I have been a good boy.  
Love,  
Mark Manning



The evergreen bough, mistletoe and holly used as Christmas decorations have been associated with ceremony and curious custom for thousands of years.

Ancient Romans raised an evergreen branch at the December festival of Saturnalia, honoring the god of sowing.

Long before the Christian era, the mistletoe sacred and hung it over their doorways as charms. They also worshipped the oak and their priestly Druids brought in a great Yule log at the feast of the winter solstice and lighted it from a brand of the log of the year before.

In parts of Europe the first trees used for Christmas decorations were dormant branches of fruit trees. They were brought indoors several weeks before Christmas and forced into bloom by Christmas time. Holly, the subject of many superstitions, was also used because its prickly leaves were thought to represent the Saviour's crown and its red berries drops of blood.

In parts of Sicily an olive tree is decorated today with oranges. In some countries flowers are used instead of evergreens, in keeping with a story told all over medieval Europe that on the night of the Nativity the trees of the forest, though cloaked in ice and snow, burst into bloom and bore fruit.

All over the world this Christmas each country will celebrate the occasion in its traditional way.



### Season's Greetings

May the spirit of brotherhood that is the meaning of our Christmas spread its teachings of Peace and Good Will around the world.

**C. W. GIESECKE, Agency**

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Giesecke

Floydada, Texas

Roaring Springs, Texas  
Dec. 19, 1955

Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl 4 years old. I think I have been pretty good. Would you bring me a doll, a Zippo monkey, and a nurse set? Remember all the boys and girls everywhere.  
Love,  
Sharon Gayle Winegar

Matador, Texas

Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl in the fourth grade. My name is Frances

Marie Rigby. I want an accordion and a two-way telephone and a bride doll.

I have a little sister in the first grade. Her name is Zelma Fay Rigby. She would like very much to have an accordion and a doll.

I have a little brother that would like a pair of gloves and a little truck and a train. His name is Joe, five years old.

Remember the other boys and girls.  
Frances Marie, Zelma Fay and Joe Rigby.

Tribune, Matador, Motley County, Texas, Thursday, December 22, 1955



**Greetings**

May the season bring life's brightest ornaments—the Joy of Loving, the Fun of Giving.

**MATADOR LAUNDRY AND MODERN CLEANERS**  
C. B. HALE, Owner



Here's wishing all our friends and neighbors a very, very Merry Christmas

**BILL PIPKIN**  
Insurance Agency  
FIRST STATE BANK BUILDING PHONE 300



TALKING TO SANTA... It's an old, old story that's new every year for thousands of children, this visiting Santa in the big department store to talk about what's to be in the Christmas stocking. Most always, there's a proud parent standing nearby to do a little prompting if necessary.

Tribune ads don't cost, they pay

# O, Holy Night



"Hark! the herald angels sing..."

THIS CHRISTMAS, as we rejoice in the commemoration of the birth of our Lord, let us remember the good his teachings have brought to all mankind.

MAY OUR HEARTS be open this Christmastide to His message that by the power of God's love alone can we be inspired to great deeds and wise action.

**WE WILL BE CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY**  
**Waybourn's Cafe**

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Waybourn



As you celebrate the Birthday of Him, who was born in Bethlehem upon the Holy Night of long ago, may the true spirit of Christmas surround you and your loved ones, lifting your hearts anew with its glorious promise of "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

**Matador Variety**

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Jacobs & Personnel





**M**ay the blessings  
 of Christmas  
 be with you  
 all through this season and  
 the coming year.

**The First State Bank**

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**CHRISTMAS IS TIME FOR LOVE AND PEACE**

By Rev. Dinzel Leonard, pastor First Baptist Church, Flomot

The Christian mission enterprise is one of the most hopeful programs in the world today for ultimate peace. We know by studying the lives of nations and of countries of the past that we of the United States are not immune to the judgments of war falling upon us. As the nations of the world continue the race for superior strength in atomic power, our fears seem to increase as to the outcome.

It is at this time of year when we the people can take such a great part in world peace. The time of Christmas is a season when we seem to renew our love for our fellow man. Let us this Christmas build Christian fellowship that is genuine and give to the world an example of love that is real. Let us promote peace and love among people of all walks of life.

We must realize that Jesus Christ, has set the example for us to follow. That example was not greed, strife, hate, envy, or

*Bethlehem:  
Many Languages  
Join Together  
In Holy Praise*

As the angels sang on that first Christmas night, so will there be singing in the village of Bethlehem in this year of 1955.

Bethlehem caroling is in many languages. An Arab choir will join with the voices of tourists and pilgrims in a simple outdoor service. In a grotto which might have been the shepherds for the watching shepherds, the Christmas story will be read from the Gospel of St. Luke.

The stone buildings and churches of Bethlehem will be filled with thousands of pilgrims who have journeyed here for a pontifical mass at midnight in St. Catherine's Chapel and the procession which later leads down a flight of stone stairs to the grotto beneath the Church of the Nativity.

According to tradition, nearly 2,000 years old, the grotto is the site of the stable where Jesus was born when Joseph and Mary could find no room at the inn.

During the ceremony an infant figure of Christ is placed first on a silver star, then in a manger in a wooden crib where it will remain until the feast of Epiphany.

On both sides of the Israel-Jordan border, a short distance from Bethlehem, tent cities are set up to facilitate border crossing formalities for almost 2,000 Christians living in Israel and temporary Christian residents of Israel traveling to Bethlehem for Christmas. The formalities do not take much time. In one tent, pilgrims get stamps for their permits; in another, their luggage is checked; finally their money is changed.

Then they cross the border, Bethlehem bound, just as was Mary and Joseph on a similar night long, long ago, and just as are fervent travelers from all parts of the world in this year of 1955.

**Thousands Send Cards To First Family**

Last year some 15,000 Americans sent Christmas cards to President and Mrs. Eisenhower.

This number was almost twice the total received by the Eisenhowers the year before.

About 75 per cent of the senders wrote personal messages on their cards last year and most of them said they were praying for the First Family.

**TEXACO TIPS**  
By **J. C. SONIER**



"She handles the cars that are hard to start."  
If your Car is hard to start, let us help you. It could be one of a number of things, and we more than likely have the answer handy. We're at your service.

**S & S Texaco Service**  
Big Enough to Accomodate  
Small Enough to Appreciate  
Bailey & Bundy Phone 170

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all a very merry Christmas, and urge every one to attend your church Sunday, December 25th. Can you think of a better way to celebrate the birthday of the "Prince of Peace?"

**THE WISE MEN OF THE ATOMIC AGE**

In this, the tenth year of the atomic age, there is only one gift that the wise men of our

day can bring to the Christ Child that will be sufficient to the hour. In the use of the immeasurable power of the atom we may be partaking of the physical strength of God, but moral law declares that we cannot use these powers against the innocent and helpless without using them against God.

So our Christian civilization is drifting into a great dilemma—as dangerous as it is great. Only the Christ Child can save us. For the Holy Child came to draw

men to God, that we might understand the Heavenly Father and the gentleness and mercy, unending truth, irreproachable justice, and immeasurable love which are his. The hope of the world rests in our dedicating the atom to the fulfillment of divine will.—Charles A. Wells in Royal Service.

Matador, Texas  
Dec. 12, 1955  
Dear Santa:  
I wish you would bring me a

doll, some skates and a train. I have been good.  
Love,  
Melba Spray

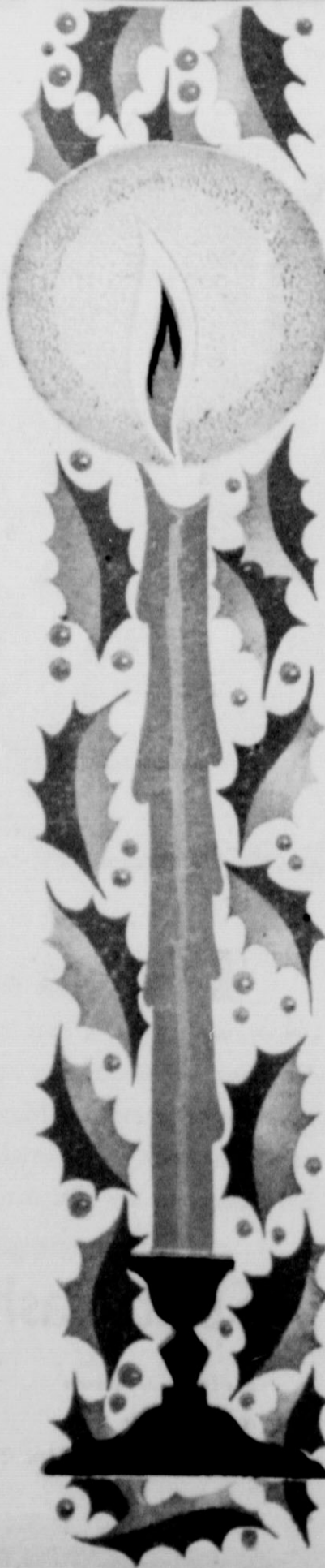
Matador, Texas  
Dec. 20, 1955

Dear Santa:  
Here we three girls are again, and of course we hope we have been good enough for you to come to see us.  
My oldest sister is Wreathel. She wants a doll and radio. Then Treva wants a doll and buggy,

and I want a doll and We all three want hood and a duster.

Remember Santa, we little brother who is two, sure gets into our dolls. So, bring him a horse, a helmet, a football and a

We love you,  
Brenda Hicks.  
The man who works good earth controls the human race.



**Christmas Greetings**

In the spirit of an old-fashioned Yuletide... warm with good fellowship and rich in friendship... we wish you the Season's heartiest greetings. May your Holidays abound with good health and high happiness and leave you with a treasure trove of bright memories to cherish through the year ahead.

Quannah Cotton Oil Co.



### Christmas In June Is Observed By Group In Holy Land; Find Christ Little Known

Last summer when Rev. Abe ... pastor of College ... Baptist Church in Lub ... attended Baptist World ... in London, his party of ... the Holy Land while ... of eleven coun- ... three continents. ... brief resume of ... and his impressions of ... today):

We flew from the noisy city of ... across the Red Sea—over ... Arabia and finally ... the Promised Land. We ... the Gaza Strip ... the ancient city ... We came near Mt. ... on our flight to the Holy ... We entered the Hashamite ... of Jordan from the ... and flew east of the Dead ... the river of Jer- ... into Jerusalem ... one had to tell you that ... on sacred ground in ... Holy City. We stayed in a ... which before had been a ... The Arabs were very ... and courteous in every way. ... the city of Jerusalem, there ... many holy places. From our ... we could see Mt. Zion ... David lived; Mt. Myriah, ... Solomon's Temple stood; ... Mt. Olives, the place from ... Jesus ascended to heaven. ... from our hotel we could ... the Valley of Hinnom; The ... of Kidron; The Garden of ... We visited many ... places including Golgotha, ... Place of the Skull, where ... was crucified and the Gar- ... Tomb where Jesus was ... and rose again from the ... This Tomb of Joseph of ... is empty today which ... that we have a living ... which is our real hope ... assurance.

From Jerusalem we journeyed ... or 11 miles on the new road ... the little town of Bethlehem, ... which is the birth place of our ... It was all that we had ... it to be and even more. ... a brief visit at the Tomb ... Rachel and the Shepherd's ... near Bethlehem we came ... the streets of this ancient ... People were riding don- ... and living much as they did ... and three thousand years ... The little stores sell Christ- ... cards, Bibles and curios to ... travelers in order that they ... have a bare living. ... Christmas Carols

After buying a few things we ... our way to the Church of ... the Nativity, and saw the Grotto ... the Manger, located in the ... segment of the church. ... We sang Christmas carols even ... though it was in the summer

time (June-July) and we closed ... with a devotional hymn, "What ... Friend We Have in Jesus." It ... was a very high moment for ... everyone of us and our minds ... went back to the time when the ... angels sang on the hill sides not ... too far away, "Glory to God in ... the Highest, And on Earth Peace ... Good will toward men."

There is not much peace in ... this country at Christmastide ... this year. There are Arab ref- ... ugees living in tents all over ... the Judean hills. They live a ... very wretched and miserable ... existence. Jordan has the rocky ... hill country while Israel has the ... fertile valleys. There is a No- ... Man's land between them. The ... hatred is very intense. We pass- ... ed through this No-Man's land a ... few days later and visited the ... beautiful country of Galilee. We ... visited the Jordan River where ... Jesus was baptised; and went ... down to the shores of the Dead ... Sea which is 1300 feet below sea ... level.

We passed through Mendel- ... baum Gate in the city of Jerusa- ... lem and visited on the Jewish ... side for a number of days. The ... Valley of Sharron and the Sea ... of Galilee were the most beauti- ... ful and interesting places to ... most of us. We also visited Cana, ... where Jesus turned the water ... into wine and Nazareth, where ... he was brought up in the home ... of Joseph and Mary. After ... spending the night on the Sea of ... Galilee and seeing the ruins of ... Old Capernaum, we journeyed ... the next day to Mt. Carmel, ... where we spent the night over- ... looking the city and Bay of ... Haifa. We saw the ruins of Caes- ... area and went through the ... streets of old Joppa.

Jesus is little known in the ... land where he was born and ... reared. May we pray for these ... people that they may know the ... Prince of Peace and have the ... love of God dwelling in their ... lives.

Matador, Texas  
Dec. 12, 1955

Dear Santa:  
I am six years old and I go to school. Please bring me a ballet doll, a baby bed, a pojo stick, some slickey skates and an accordion.

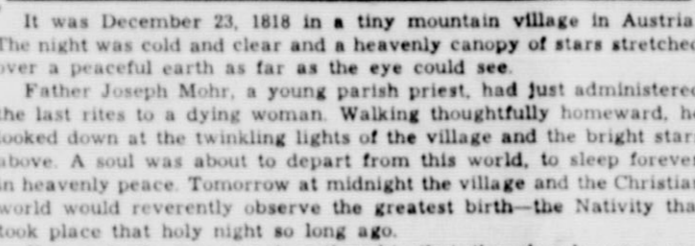
Love,  
Marsha Seale

Matador, Texas  
Dec. 12, 1955

Dear Santa:  
Will you please bring me a gun, a boat, an airplane and a submarine.

Love,  
Gary Markham

### On a Silent Night



It was December 23, 1818 in a tiny mountain village in Austria. The night was cold and clear and a heavenly canopy of stars stretched over a peaceful earth as far as the eye could see.

How sad, the young priest thought, that the church organ was broken and the musical program for the holiday services had been cancelled. Franz Gruber the organist, had suggested they find a simple melody that could be sung to the accompaniment of a guitar. Give him the words, he'd said, and he would compose the music. Give him the words . . . and there would be music.

As he thought of birth and life and death and looked down upon the sleepy, starlit village below, Father Mohr found these words. They sing the praises of the Holy Infant born to the world, and we wonder if they do not also ask for the departed soul "rest in peace."

Thus came the famous "Silent Night, Holy Night." Franz Gruber, true to his word, put Father Mohr's words to music that will endure till the end of time.

Matador, Texas  
Dec. 12, 1955

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a ballet doll, a bride doll, a piano, a jumping rope, slickey skates and a doctor set. I am six years old and in the first grade.

Love,  
Judy Pitts

Matador, Texas  
Dec. 12, 1955

Dear Santa:  
I have been a good girl, please bring me two dolls, a baton and a sack of candy.

Love,  
Helen Taylor

### Income Tax Forms In Mail By Jan. 10

The 1955 income tax forms and instructions to individual tax payers will be mailed between December 27 and January 10 from Kansas City, D. L. King of the Plainview Internal Revenue office announced today. "Taxpayers should postpone their inquiries regarding these forms until after January 10," he said.

"Taxpayers receiving tax blanks and instructions by mail should not misplace or discard them, but should save them for use in filing their tax returns, since the supply of instruction pamphlets is limited," he added.

A study of the new tax forms shows a few changes which make the return easier to complete. A new tax table for married taxpayers filing jointly eliminates the complicated computation on the return for figuring tax on split incomes.

Farmers who file and pay estimated taxes by the January 15, 1956, deadline may also obtain the forms they require at district and local offices. Most post offices have a supply of tax forms for local residents.

Jamestown, Va., founded in 1607, was the first permanent English settlement in North America.

The Cox Family  
*Bennie, Allie & Charles Ray*  
WISHES YOU  
**A MERRY CHRISTMAS**

As an expression of our thanks and good will, we are extending to all our friends and neighbors our very best wishes for a joyous and memorable Yuletide season.

**Cheerio!**

Santa's come to town! And, in his sleigh are tucked away our warm and friendly greetings to each and every one of the wonderful folks whom we have served!

HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY!

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

A gay and glorious Holiday  
Season is our sincere wish for all our wonderful friends.

**Christmas Greetings!**

May you enjoy peace and happiness throughout the year.

**Red Ball Gin**  
ROARING SPRINGS  
M. S. Thacker

H. C. Smith



### High School English Students Write Themes, "Why I Believe in Christmas"

Christmas, to me, is a symbol of love. To believe in Christmas is to share in this love, to share in joy and happiness of others.

At Christmas when our family and friends are gathered around the Christmas tree, there seems to be a closeness that is lacking the rest of the year.

We each give and receive gifts from people we love and who love us. It does not matter how large or small the gift—it is knowing that someone cared enough to remember!

More than anything, Christmas is the time of the year set aside in remembrance of Christ's birth. The birth of the only person whose love shall never end.

I believe in Christmas. I can see it—in the busy rush of homes and lawns, in the excited eyes of children, and in the hearts of people. (Charlotte Campbell, English D.)

Christmas means more to me than just getting presents, eating good food and getting out of school. It is a time to worship Christ and be happy and gay. If everyone is happy it will make the unhappy ones gay.

I believe in Christmas because it is Christ's birthday. I like to give presents, especially to needy ones, because when I give them it is just like giving them to Christ. I also enjoy visiting shut-in people and singing Christmas carols.

When Christ was born everyone wanted to see Him. And that is why we should be happy that Christmas is here. It is the most happy time of the year.

I think that everyone should spell Christmas. C-H-R-I-S-T-M-A-S

instead of X-M-A-S. When you spell it X-M-A-S, it leaves out Christ, and we should never leave Christ out of our lives. (Karmen Jenkins, English D.)

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Have you ever really thought about just why you believe in Christmas? Probably not, because we take Christmas for granted. We believe in it primarily because we were taught to do so, and because we have read and heard the story of Christmas many times.

I believe in Christmas for another reason, as well. Of course, you have to have a little imagination to understand what I mean. Have you ever watched and listened to nature and her creatures on Christmas Night? Not likely—only the dreamer does that. But I have watched; and I have dreamed; and I believe in Christmas because:

On Christmas Night the stars shine brighter,  
The West Wind in the trees blows lighter,  
The coyote's howl is gay, instead of mournful,  
The owl's cry is kindly, instead of scornful,  
The world's dark corners hold no fears,  
And from the darkness comes no sound of tears,  
Cattle low in peace and content,  
And all nature awaits the Heaven-sent.

One night a year, at Christmas, I understand  
Peace on earth, good will toward man.  
Nature has not been taught to believe in Christmas, but all of nature knows the time—and show it. (Pina Sue Sturdivant, English IV.)

—M. H. S. B.—

**School Calendar**

January 2—Holidays end.  
Jan. 6—Quitaque basketball game here.  
Jan. 10—Silverton basketball game here.  
Jan. 11—PT A Meeting.  
Jan. 11-12—Mid-Term Exams.  
Jan. 12—Turkey basketball game here.  
—M. H. S. B.—

**School Trustees Served Dinner**

The Matador School trustees were served dinner, prepared by the junior homemaking girls, in the dining room of Matador High School, Wednesday, Dec. 7.

The members present were Curtis Graham, president; Frank Pohl, secretary; Bill McCaghren, Nelson McMahan, John Stevens, Forrest Campbell and Bert Ez-zell, superintendent.

The meal consisted of steak and brown gravy, scalloped potatoes, green beans, cranberry relish, head lettuce and French dressing, hot rolls, cherry pie and coffee.

### Grade School News

**FIRST GRADE:**  
The first grade had a Christmas party and drew names for exchanging of gifts. They decorated their room last week.

**SECOND GRADE:**  
The second grade decorated their room for Christmas this past week. A party was planned and given and they drew for their gifts. The boys and girls drew from separate boxes.

**THIRD GRADE:**  
The third grade decorated the border of their room to portray the scene of Christmas in the manger. They drew names and had their Christmas party and exchanged gifts.

**FOURTH GRADE:**  
The fourth grade cleverly decorated the border of the blackboard with scenes of Santa and his reindeer. Names were drawn and they had a party with each

person receiving a gift from the one who drew his name.

**FIFTH GRADE:**  
The fifth grade has put up many Christmas decorations. They have pretty red poinsettias in the windows. Names were drawn for Christmas gifts and they were kept secret until the exchange of presents.

**SIXTH GRADE:**  
The sixth grade decorated their room with Santa Claus. Their door was also beautifully decorated.

On Monday, the Red Raiders and the Longhorns, two teams of the sixth grade, played a basketball game. Red Raiders won the game 17-16. Albert Thrasher was high pointer for the Red Raiders and Sue Cross for the Longhorns.

In geography, the class has been studying about Russia. They are making a scrapbook in their study.

### SEVENTH GRADE:

The seventh grade went on a field trip where they studied rock specimens.

In history, the students have drawn posters to illustrate some period in Texas history. They are now working on Christmas posters which will decorate the border of the blackboard.

**EIGHTH GRADE:**  
The eighth grade room is decorated with scenes of the Christmas Story drawn on the blackboard with colored chalk, by Jan Barton and Daphene Lynn. Silhouettes of the students make an attractive border for the blackboard.

The Diesel engine was invented by Rudolf Diesel in 1897. Rayon was discovered by Sir Joseph Swan in 1883.

### Legend Reveals Christmas Trees Came From Egypt

Legend has it that the Christmas tree originated in Egypt, where the first trees were palm trees.

The Germans brought the tree to America, however, as they also introduced it to England. The German Prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria, introduced the first tree into England

when he had a tree for his daughter.

Martin Luther is said to have brought the first Christmas indoors for decoration in the 16th century.

When you fasten ornaments on your tree this year you are commemorating a century of Arabian legend that relates plants blossomed and trees miraculously ripened fruit on the first Christmas.

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## THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Let us stop, this day, to reflect on the true spirit of Christmas...the spirit of Charity and Good Faith  
...the spirit of Humility and Good Will Towards All. And let us pray that from this day forth, the Christmas Spirit will abide with us through all our lives, that we may be the better for it. May we take this opportunity to wish all our friends the very best on Christmas and for all of the days to come.

**Greetings**

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# The Quests of Christmas

By Lorene Tilford,  
Missionary in Taiwan

In Southeast Asia the quests of Christmas now are not unlike those of the first Christmas. Men and women still go up from their homes to be enrolled by their governments because the state seeks to tax them, to exploit them, to use them, to promote selfish ends (Luke 2:1-5).

In the Philippines, the displaced and homeless, modern fathers and mothers are asking for shelter, a place to spend the night. While we feast in our comfortable homes, countless refugees in Korea, Hong Kong, Jordan, Egypt, and Indo-China will not have even a crib in which to lay their new born sons because there is not enough room nor love in our hearts for others (Luke 2:7).

In simple villages of Taiwan (Formosa), the Philippines, and Thailand, peasants and laborers, hungry-hearted folk are saying to one another, "Come, let us go find the Babe of Bethlehem of which we have been told a little by the missionaries, and let us see what God has brought to pass." And when they find the Lord, peace comes into their hearts for they become men of good will, (Luke 2:15).

And behold, students, professors, intellectuals, wise men from all these countries of the Orient like Japan and Malaya and other countries of Southeast Asia are asking of the Occident, "Where is he who has been born King? For we have come to worship him." And led by the word, like the prophets of old, they find him and fall down and worship him and offer to him their gold, influence, and service (Matt. 2:1-2, 11).

Godless ideologies, selfish materialism, and deceitful men are searching for Christ to destroy him, to replace him, to use him for their own ends, but the Spirit of the Lord appears to all who respond through faith and

obedient wills; and to these, Christ is alive, saving them and bringing them peace. (Matt. 2:13-16).

Listen to the full message of the angel choir, "Be not afraid for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which is come to all the people for there is born a Saviour who is Christ the Lord, for God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son to come to earth to seek and save those who are lost and who soever believeth on him shall not perish but have everlasting life." (Luke 2:21, John 3:16).

So the quests of Christmas continue but the supreme quest is the quest of the Christ of Christmas seeking and saving the hearts of sinful men.

"O come to my heart, Lord Jesus, there is room in my heart for thee."—From Royal Service.

## Old German Custom Christmas Starts Early In Section

Schulenburg, Texas—Christmas begins Dec. 6 for South Texas children who will follow the ancient custom of their German ancestors of hanging stockings in hopes of visits from St. Nicholas.

There will be candy, fruit and small toys from St. Nick as a sort of warmup for the trees and larger presents that Santa Claus brings Christmas Eve.

St. Nicholas and Santa Claus are definitely two different gentlemen in the minds of the children. Newcomers to the communities soon fall in line with this "Little Christmas" custom.

In addition, there will be special visits by St. Nick at homes and schools where he will distribute sweets. Sometimes he asks younger students to recite for him, sing or perhaps answer a question of religion or geography.

The German immigrants who settled in South Texas around the middle of the nineteenth century brought with them the legend that call for gifts on the eve of St. Nicholas.

The saint, according to the legend, was a devout nobleman who lived in Asia Minor during the fourth or fifth century. He spent his life giving away the family fortune to help the poor.

He invented the custom of leaving gifts in stockings when he set out to help the daughters of a nobleman who had lost his money and could not provide dowries for the girls.

One night, while all the family was asleep, Nicholas slipped into the nobleman's house with an ingot of gold. Searching for a good place to leave the gift, he spied one of the daughters' stockings hanging from the mantle to dry by the fire.

The second daughter hung her stocking the next night, and she too awoke to find an ingot of gold. The third daughter similarly found her dowry.

The daughters, the legend goes on, never learned who left the gifts in their stockings, and to this day the spirit of secret giving is still alive on the Eve of St. Nicholas.

To conserve your soil and feed livestock, produce more and better grass and hay.

## THE GREATEST GIFT EVER GIVEN BRINGS PEACE AND JOY TO THOSE WHO ACCEPT IT

By Rev. W. J. Denham, pastor  
Assembly of God Church,  
Matador

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."—John 3:16.

God gave his Son that we might have life through Him and in this Christian life we have happiness and peace. And Christmas should be a time each Christian should look forward to, not just a time to exchange gifts and enjoy a big turkey dinner—but a time of fellowship with Jesus, the greatest gift ever given.

Jesus said in St. John 14:27, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." We cannot have peace without the Prince of Peace. The expensive gifts do not bring peace or happiness.

The greatest gift that was ever given was about two thousand years ago, and through this gift we find peace and joy that nothing can take its place. When our sins are forgiven. In St. John 10:28, we are promised eternal life through Jesus.

It is nice that we can exchange gifts, for Jesus taught that it is more blessed to give than to re-

ceive, and each one of us can make it a better Christmas by giving in the spirit of Christ.

This should be the most sacred time of year to each one of us as we observe the birth of our Savior. Christmas to many people will be a burden, and it will take the next year to clear the expenses. Maybe the reason so many of us have heart attacks and nervous breakdowns is because we obligate ourselves too much and do not accept the greatest gift—Jesus—as our partner. You can have the same joy and happiness that the Wise Men found when they came to the manger and found Jesus, as recorded in Matt. 2:10.

In Isaiah 12:3, we read, "Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation." You can have this

happiness and joy by taking this great gift into your life. Christmas without this gift—Jesus—would be void. In Nehemiah 8:10 we have a great promise, "Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy unto our Lord; neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the Lord is your strength." Also we find in Psalms 16:11, "Thou wilt shew me the path of life; in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."

The Lord has promised us joy and happiness. The Wise Men came and found that joy, as did the shepherds that day. Since then there have been many to find the same joy. The ruler that came by night to Jesus found

happiness, for it was he who came with Joseph of Arimathea and took the body of Jesus to prepare it for burial (John 19:38-39).

Friends, to you who read this message, if you have this happiness may this give you a desire to help someone who does not know this greatest gift of all—Jesus our Savior. And to you who do not know Him, please take Him so that this will be the best Christmas you have ever known.

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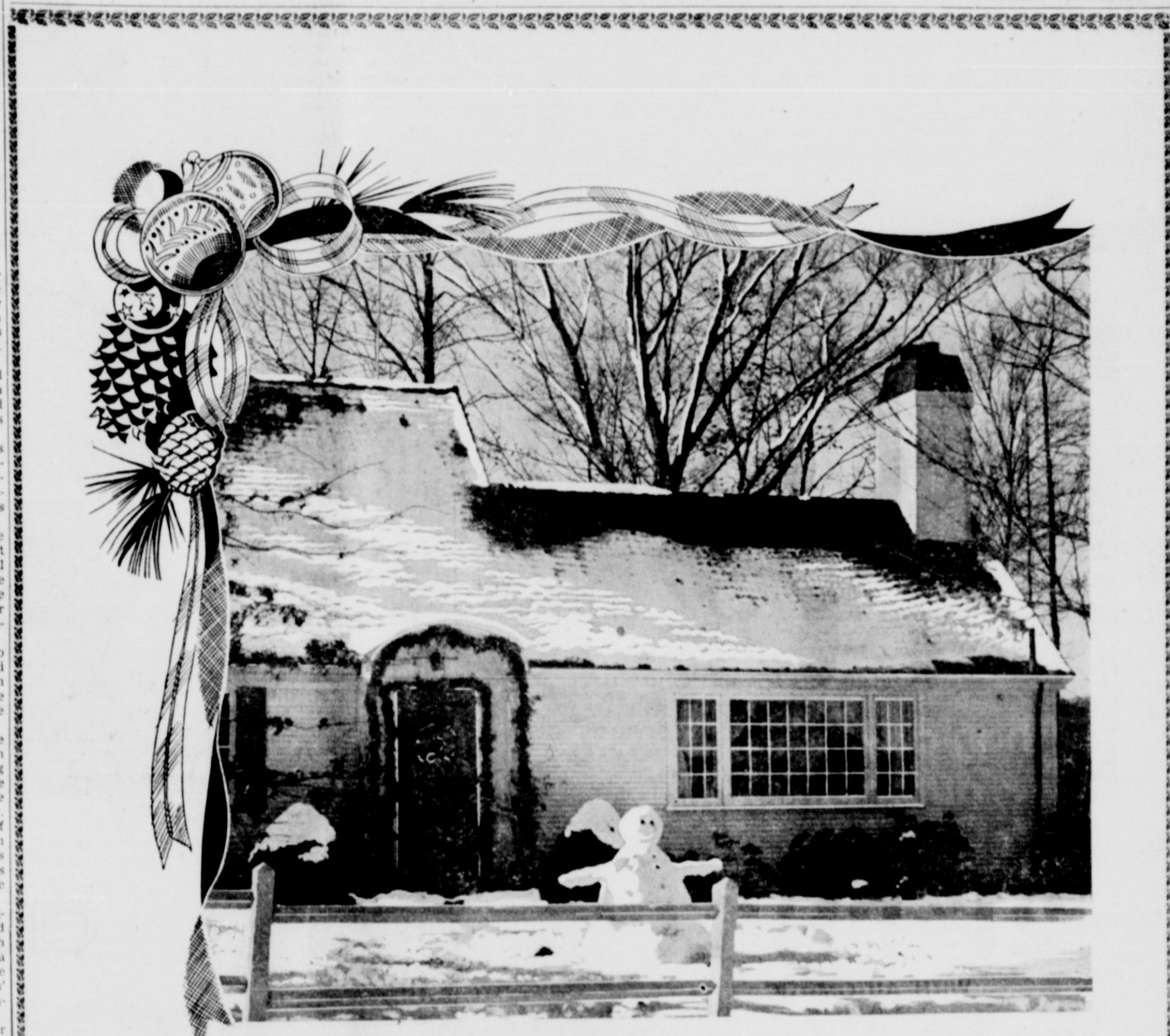
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## Holy City Today Filled With Poor And Homeless

As they have done since the first Christmas, Christians will this year follow the Star to the stable-grotto beneath the Church of the Nativity, the traditional birthplace of Jesus of Nazareth in Bethlehem.

Always small and poor, Bethlehem is even poorer today than most people would believe. A recent visitor said, "Wanderers fill the streets—anyone can see why Mary and Joseph found no room in the inn."

Last Christmas, shepherds watching their flocks outside Bethlehem had to be especially watchful lest the sheep trap themselves in the barbed wire of the narrow no-man's land separating Jordan and Israel. Bethlehem, on the Jordan side of the wire, has as well been sorely affected by the hostility and the uneasy truce. It is crowded with Arab refugees who formerly lived in Israel.

The effect of the conflict has been crippling of Bethlehem's chief industry, the making and selling of objects of piety from olive wood, Dead Sea stone and mother-of-pearl. Except at Christmas, pilgrims are so few that the profit has gone from the business.

On Christmas Eve, however, the dusty city takes on new life. Christian diplomats living in divided Jerusalem expect to be escorted to the little town over the unused highway through no-

man's land. Pilgrims from the Israeli side pass through the Mandelbaum Gate.

Pilgrims rich and poor alike, worship together in the fourth century Church of the Nativity. There is a High Mass, during which the image of the Christ Child is carried from the church through a series of underground chapels.

The ceremonies come to a climax before three adjacent shrines. The Altars of the Nativity, the Wise Men and the Manger Outside. Christians from many lands will sing as angels sang nearly 2,000 years ago: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

### Letters to Santa . . .

Roaring Springs, Texas  
Box 153

Dear Santa:  
I have tried to be real good this year. I am 7 years old. I want a doll with short hair and a pink suit, and a doll house and a puppet. My big sister wants a Dorset watch. She is ten years old.

I have 3 little brothers. They are 2 months, 2 years and 5 years old. They want 2 gun sets, a train and two trucks and some kind of clothes, such as shoes and some baby toys. Don't forget our teachers, Mrs. Miller, Miss Keahey and Mrs. Whitworth, and don't forget others.

Sandra, Karen, Billy, Harry, and Jammie Williams.

Matador, Texas  
Dec. 12, 1955

Dear Santa:  
I want a bicycle and a David Crockett set like the Alamo.

Love,  
Luis Moore

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It was Christmas in the village of Trenton. Snow-covered rooftops gleamed white in the pale moonlight and the night echoed with the boisterous song of Hessian Mercenaries celebrating the season of peace on earth—celebrating with greater spirit than wisdom. Christmas trees, first to be seen in America, dangled tinsel and toys. The cobbled streets were alive with laughter.

Across the Delaware things were not so merry. Especially did this holiday season of 1776 find little merriment among the soldiers of the Continental Army, under command of George Washington, spending the icy Christmas on the frozen hills of Pennsylvania overlooking the Delaware.

In almost constant retreat since his loss to Lord Howe in the battle of Long Island, Washington was in a desperate situation. Supplies were almost gone. The new year would end the enlistment period for many of his tattered soldiers. England had already promised to pardon all who had taken up arms against the Crown if they would return peaceably to their homes. Washington knew he must taste victory now or never.

By lantern light, he loaded 2400 men, 18 cannon, ammunition, and horses into flat-bottom boats. With lanterns extinguished, the boats began to make slow progress across the river that was clogged with floating ice blocks.

When the church clock at Trenton struck 7 a.m. a young American officer named Alexander Hamilton looked down upon the town from a high hill where he had managed to set up his artillery. Washington gave the signal and the rumble of the cannon echoed through the silent streets of Trenton.

Caught completely by surprise, the Hessian soldiers flung away their guns and swords and fled for their lives. As the Hessian commander lay dying from a bullet wound, he directed an aide to read a message he had received the night before but had not opened. It warned him of Washington's impending attack.

The village of Trenton and 1,000 prisoners were Washington's prizes. He probably could not foresee at the time that he had given his nation a great Christmas present. His daring attack and surprising victory laid the foundation of independence upon which the nation still grows and prospers.

Roaring Springs, Texas  
Dec. 16, 1955

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a doll. That will be enough as we need other things.

I love you,  
Diana Denison

Roaring Springs, Texas  
Dec. 16, 1955

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a B-B gun. I promise to be careful with it.

I love you,  
Billy Dawson

Matador, Texas  
Dec. 12, 1955

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a B-B gun and six packages of B B's.

Johnnie Martin

The Season's Greetings

We extend to our many good friends a sincere wish for a Yuletide laden with a wealth of the good things in life. May every day be filled with the blessings of good health, happiness and warm friendships.

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Merry Christmas

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**Gabriel's Department Store**

## The Q

By Loren Missionary

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Matador, Tex.  
Dec. 12, 1955

## His Name Shall Be Called Wonderful; And From Everlasting To Everlasting

By Rev. W. V. O'Kelly, Pastor  
Methodist Church, Matador

His name shall be called  
**WONDERFUL**.—Isa. 9:6

God told Isaiah seven hundred  
years before Christ was born  
that his name should be called  
Wonderful.

Christ is eternal. He did not  
have his beginning at Bethlehem  
but is from everlasting to ever-  
lasting. John 8:58 tells us, "Ver-  
ily, verily, I say unto you, before  
Abraham was I am." We use the  
same adjectives to describe him  
that we use to describe God. He  
is exalted and God gave him a  
name that is above every name.

It is significant that he came  
into a very poor family as a lit-  
tle baby. Surely he is the God  
of the poor.

He is wonderful in his prom-  
ises. No other ever made such  
claims as he. "I am the way the  
truth and the life." "I am the  
Good Shepherd." "I am the resur-  
rection and the life." "The  
spirit of the Lord is upon me be-  
cause he hath anointed me to  
preach the gospel to the poor, he  
hath sent me to heal the broken-  
hearted, to preach deliverance  
to the captives, and to recover  
sight to the blind, set at liberty  
them that are bruised."

Note the change he has  
brought in the few short years  
since he came. When he came  
almost half the people in the  
world were slaves, the blind  
could not even be counted, there  
was no organized relief agency,  
not an orphan home, not a  
single institution for the deaf or  
dumb, not a hospital in the  
whole world. Every benevolent  
institution on earth has been  
built because of the spirit of  
Christ.

**Message Is Wonderful**  
He is wonderful in his mes-  
sage. "Peace on earth and good  
will to men." A peace made pos-  
sible by his blood—our sins nail-  
ed to the cross. This is our secu-  
rity in a universe like this. We  
dread and sink away from in-  
iquity, but not when he washes  
away our sins in his shed blood.  
His message is one of giving.

Because I believe in Jesus and  
that it is more blessed to give  
than to receive, I believe in  
Santa Clause as symbolic of the  
spirit of giving. We give our  
loved ones gifts that are costly,  
but "God so loved the world that  
he gave his only begotten son  
that whosoever believeth in him  
should not perish but have ever-  
lasting life."

He told his followers to de-  
clare this message, and made  
the greatest promise ever made  
to man, "And lo, I am with you  
always, even unto the end of the  
world."—Matt. 28:19b.

Jesus was the Word of God  
incarnate. "The word became  
flesh and dwelt among us."

He is wonderful in his pur-  
pose. Sin was the black night  
behind the star of Bethlehem.  
Bethlehem's star is a way to for-  
give us. He came to seek and to  
save the lost. "Neither is there  
salvation in any other, for there  
is none other name under  
heaven given among men where-  
by we must be saved."

Honored is the woman that  
bears a child, and Mary, Christ's  
mother, has forever honored  
womanhood and where his gospel is  
preached womanhood is elevated.  
Because Christmas is the  
best time of the year for chil-  
dren, it is the best time of the  
year for parents. People ought  
to go home Christmas if they  
can. Remember you will never  
have but one mother and father.  
Honor them at this time of year.

In my Church one Christmas,  
after we had put up the Christ-  
mas tree, we had a funeral for  
a dear old Christian father. We  
wondered if we should remove  
the tree for the funeral. His son  
said, "No. Leave it up. This is  
the best Christmas Dad ever  
had."

We believe in immortality be-  
cause we believe in Christ. Let  
us put Christ back into Christ-  
mas.

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on the Columbia River, contains  
the world's most powerful hy-  
dro-electric plant.

## New Zealand Bans Christmas Cards Of "Pagan" Design

Auckland, New Zealand—New  
Zealand has virtually vanished  
"pagan" Christmas cards in  
what the island's printers de-  
scribe as "a revolution" in pub-  
lic demand.

The concentration on cards  
with religious themes for this  
year's Yule has followed a cam-  
paign which began a year ago in  
the small town of Kaitiaki, in  
New Zealand's far north. Under  
the slogan, "Put Christ back into  
Christmas," women of the town  
bought up all stocks of non-  
religious cards and publicly  
burned them.

With the campaign spread  
across the country, cards with  
non-religious cards themes have  
become increasingly difficult to  
buy. "Cards which have nothing  
to do with the spiritual side of  
Christmas," a printer here said,  
"are virtually gone from the  
market."

Under present regulations and  
policies, no one is drafted under  
age 21 in Texas except volun-  
teers or delinquents. But the law  
obligates males to register at 18.  
Since the present law was en-  
acted in June, 1948, all males  
born since August 30, 1922, have  
had and now have legal obliga-  
tion to register, except those not  
yet 18.

## Selective Service Registrants Warned About Violations

Austin—A total of 5,686 Tex-  
ans registered at local draft  
boards in November, nearly all  
of whom were 18-year-olds.

Federal law requires men to  
register on their 18th birthday,  
or within five days thereafter.  
Lt. Col. Martin D. Lewis, deputy  
state Selective Service director,  
pointed out.

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A man who fails to register as  
required, upon prosecution and  
conviction, is subject to fine up  
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Colonel Lewis said that recent  
cases had been discovered where  
men had altered registration  
certificates after registering.

"Such alterations are also pun-  
ishable by fine up to \$10,000,  
five years imprisonment, or a  
combination of fine and impris-  
onment," Colonel Lewis warned.

## IRELAND KEEPS CANDLES SHINING IN THE WINDOWS

Dublin—Of all the old Christ-  
mas traditions which have sur-  
vived the modern age in Ireland,  
none is more devotional than the  
age-old practice of placing a  
candle in the window on Christ-  
mas Eve.

Hundreds of years ago when  
tallow was hard to get, Irish  
peasants sacrificed what little  
fat they could afford in order  
that their little candles could  
glow in welcome to the Babe of  
Bethlehem.

In the cities, brilliantly lit  
Christmas trees may shine from  
every other window, but in the  
countryside and especially in  
the more remote mountain dis-  
tricts, candles flicker with a  
softer and, it seems, more ap-  
propriate light. It is a grand  
sight to look over the bleak Irish  
countryside on Christmas Eve or  
early Christmas morn and see  
the single candles, shining like  
stars in the cottages on the hill-  
sides as the people return home  
from midnight mass.

In Dublin, there has been a  
tendency in recent years to get  
away from the glittering Christ-  
mas tree in favor of the single  
candle in the window, or oc-  
casionally, a softly lighted crib  
with the miniature figures of  
Mary, Joseph, the Wise Kings  
and the shepherds gathered  
around the Christ Child.

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## "Did You Know" Age-Old Yule Customs Revealed

Did you know that the greet-  
ing "merry Christmas" originat-  
ed in Britain? Or, that the Ger-  
mans are said to have initiated  
the adornment of trees as a  
Christmas custom.

Did you know that the Druids  
believed that evergreens in the  
home meant eternal life—and, at  
Christmas this old-time belief is  
still carried out in swags, wall,  
mantel and doorway Christmas  
decorations?

Did you know that the Poin-  
setta—traditionally the Christ-  
mas plant, originated in Mexico  
—and that now, more than 2,  
000,000 poinsettias are produced  
annually in the U. S. for Christ-  
mas?

Did you know that the Christ-  
mas stocking is said to have  
been first hung up either in  
France or Belgium?

Did you know that Mistletoe  
was used centuries ago to ward  
off witches—and now it is used  
to lure favored ones beneath it  
—to share a kiss?

Did you know that the first  
Christmas tree erected in a  
church in the U. S. (1851) drew  
from its Cleveland congregation  
—that it was too heathenish?

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## Elementary Elim

The Diary of Mary White

September 2, 1955, Friday

This day nearly scared the daylight out of us for a while then ended in a wonderful way. It was a bright clear day with the temperature in the upper 40's and our hopes were high for it was mail day and the weather certainly couldn't hinder a plane today. I could go contentedly about my work until 10:30 then I began to cock one ear to hear the hum of a motor. Eleven o'clock came, then twelve. Oh dear, why did he have to miss today of all days. We were waiting for letters from mother, R W's mother and many others—our friends. Could we live another week without them?

Twelve fifteen Motors. Yes, it was Fred all right—he's the pilot of the regular mail plane. He came in from the south, dropped down then as he went over the runway he gunned the motors and went up again. This time he came from the north and tried to land. Same luck. Off he went into the wild blue yonder and left us. My heart went down to the bottomless pit and stayed there. David, the postmaster told us the wind was changing directions too often to give him time

to get in. I didn't even think there was enough wind to matter but up on top where the runway is, I guess there must have been.

David said he'd probably leave the mail sack at Moses Point and some of the natives would bring it over on the boat sometime in the afternoon. Hope surged again. I patched jeans, fixed zippers and sewed on buttons with a fury all afternoon thinking that if I was extra busy time would pass faster. R W put on his boots and trudged down the beach about three miles. That was supposed to ease the disappointment. He came back with sea crabs to add to Roger's fish collection. Nobody seemed to want any supper except Roger. He stowed away enough beans for the entire family. I ate a forlorn little bowl of wilted corn flakes. Theretha munched on a dill pickle and R W drank his inevitable coffee. About 6:00 plane motors again. Glory be, it was Fred again. Oh, please, let him make it down this time. He is not scheduled to stop here on his return but bless his heart he made a try at the runway and the Lord must have heard my

prayer and held His breath for the plane got on the ground. Love those bush pilots. They never let you down if there's a ghost of a chance. I danced circles until David got the mail put up. We got another transmitter, plus parts for the one here, plus a whole new radio and transmitter sitting in the hall still in the crate. We are going to have to move out to have room to set up all the radio equipment. David got through putting up the mail about 6:45 and we finished reading the last one at 9:15 p. m. There were 44 letters, or I should say 43 letters and a pay envelope. Bless those 43 hearts who remembered us this week when we needed it so badly and bless Juneau for that pay check. We needed it no less. We can go to bed tonight with some measure of warmth in our hearts for we are more than richly blessed in our friends.

September 3, 1955, Saturday

Have never seen a lovelier fall day—air clear, sky blue, water placid and no wind or insects. Five families moved back from fish camp today and I watched one boat come in. Before it hit the beach little Eskimos began to hit the water. I counted six then I lost count because other children already on the beach got in the way. I'm beginning to wonder about the size of the schoolroom and is the bean pot large enough. Had to doctor an ailing head today. A dog cut a gash in the back of Jimmie's head in July. He went to Nome

to the hospital and had it sewed up. He also had a gash on his right cheek. It healed O.K. but the one on his head didn't and the mother just today discovered that it hadn't healed. It is a puffed up ugly looking thing helping R W with the radio. As he went down the hall once, he was singing. "I'm walking behind you on your wedding day". That struck me as odd, but this one slayed me: A little boy walking under my window singing, "Let me go, lover, let me go." Oh, the strange bits of our culture that do get transmitted. I've watched these children playing outside the window when they didn't know I was around. Some of them have the merriest little laugh and eyes that talk, but when they see me or I speak to them, their faces become dead-pan. I don't quite understand this. If they won't laugh because I'm around, then I'll go away.

September 4, 1955, Sunday

Temperature 45-50

Another nice day. Fog for about an hour this morning, then sunshine. Meant to spend a leisurely Sunday but ere I had sipped my breakfast coffee, the blanket-blank stove began to smoke again. Turned it out and let it cool then got the bright idea of cleaning it with the vacuum cleaner. Oh gee, oh gee, so nervous that I stretch myself trying to put her at ease. Finally she relaxed with a cup of coffee and we had a nice visit. She's the one I shot with pencil in and her daughter is the girl who was playing with Marelda on that Wednesday afternoon.

Made four loaves of bread and baked them and put prunes and beans to soak for hot lunch, shampooed hair and ran dirty, salt-water Roger and Theretha through the bath tub; then my own sooty self. R W did the dishes so I'm ready to snooze, but let me tell you this one before I go to bed. Ben Andrews, a nice, intelligent looking guy about 25, who has a pretty fair command of the English language was helping R W and Harry in the radio room. They needed some other tool so Ben went to get it and the other two went to my kitchen for a cup of coffee. I heard Ben come back to the radio room, and knowing R W and his coffee drinking, I thought I'd better tell Ben where they were, so I went down the hall and said, "They are in here in the middle of a cup of coffee, Ben." From the puzzled look on his face I soon surmised he was trying to get those two grown men into a coffee cup, so I hastily repeated in different phraseology. "They are in the kitchen drinking coffee." The puzzled look disappeared. What a crazy language we have anyway!

(to be continued)

Matador, Texas  
Dec. 12, 1955

Dear Santa:  
I am in the first grade. I want two guns. I have been a good boy.  
Love,  
Larry Elliott

Matador, Texas  
Dec. 12, 1955

Dear Santa:  
I want a bicycle, a football, a new hat, a sled and a new saddle.  
Love,  
Joe Meador

Matador, Tex  
Dec. 12, 1955

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a bicycle, doll house, a nurse-kit, a blackboard and some doll clothes.  
Love,  
Brenda Lawrence



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### Children Expect Realistic Toys

Santa's helpers, the toymakers of America, made something like \$900 million worth of toys last year, using up a fabulous supply of plastics, paints and lacquers, adhesives and other new materials developed by industrial chemistry.

Toy consumers—America's precocious children—have come to demand a realism in toys that was unheard of a few years ago. If a youngster gets a toy automobile, it must look like one of the latest styles he sees on the highways, a jet airplane must look like the pictures he sees in magazines. Most little girls won't look a second time at any doll that doesn't cry, walk, have washable hair and a wardrobe that ranges from evening clothes to a bikini bathing suit.

Expected to be big hits among toys this Christmas season are all various types of "do-it-yourself" kits for youngsters of all ages—kits they can use to make practically everything from atomic submarines to 1955 model sports cars. In addition to do-it-yourself packages for advanced children, most manufacturers this year also are furnishing the completely assembled toy for the younger set.



**FLORIDA STYLE . . .** Sure, it's Christmas in Florida, too. But white sand must substitute for snow, a sea-grape for an evergreen, but what's the difference when two such expert and lovely decorators are on the scene.

### Outdoor Decorations Began in Small Towns

Today nearly every community in the land has some kind of outdoor Christmas decorations and in nearly every big city you can find two or three spectacular displays.

It was a small town that first came up with the idea of lighting up the outdoors at Christmas time, but no one is quite sure which town gets credit for the idea.

Four communities are believed to have thought of it about the same time, as early as 1913. Two of them, McDonald and German town, are in Pennsylvania. Salem, Ore., decorated a Sitka spruce and Riverside, Calif., illuminated a large evergreen, an Aracuria.

The little metal trumpets decorating Christmas trees date from early Danish custom of blowing in the Yule with four hymns representing the four corners of the world.



**NEW ADDITION . . .** Santa Claus for a reasonable facsimile thereof, fondles a new member of his reindeer team presented to him by proud mama, Blitzen (left). This was the first fawn born to the group of Alaskan reindeer flown last year from Alaska to Santa's workshop in North Pole, New York.



**SINGING SANTA . . .** It seems that Santa Claus is everywhere this time of year. In this photo he is shown unloading some of the more than 11,000 Christmas trees shipped from Canada to the United States.

### Old German Custom

### Christmas Starts Early In Section

By Pauline Trumarco

Wichita Falls, Texas—A 75-year-old native of the Isle of Cyprus, who will spend her first Christmas in the United States as a permanent resident, finds the long-range preparations for the holidays bewildering in comparison to the slow-paced Grecian way of life to which she is accustomed.

Mrs. Donna Myriantopoulou, who arrived in Wichita Falls re-

cently and is living with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fious Ralli, at 1613 Hursh, says that it is amazing to see how the American people begin preparing before Thanksgiving for the holiday which lasts one day, while on Cyprus the people do not begin until Dec. 15 and the festivities last 15 days beginning Christmas eve and ending with Epiphany.

Although Mrs. Myriantopoulou visited the United States in 1950, when she spent 12 months in Las Vegas, Nev., this is her first visit in Texas and Wichita Falls which has impressed her favorably because of the many churches she has seen.

According to her, many of the Cyprian holiday customs are similar to those of this country with religious services, teas,

gifts and Christmas trees highlighting the activities. However, Christmas is not the high point of the season.

On the island far in the Mediterranean Sea, the festivities reach their zenith on New Year's Eve when St. Basil visits the family and brings gifts to the children and grown-up. Feasts of pork, cake, fruit, nuts and retsina, the national beverage, are served. The New Year's cake, similar in tradition to England's Christmas pudding, is cut and the fortunate who finds coins under their slices are believed to have won good luck for the new year.

Christmas Day is observed with religious services beginning at 5 a. m. and lasting for two or three hours. Epiphany closes the season with a colorful procession

from the cathedrals to the sea where the bishop blesses the waters by lowering a cross into its depths commemorating Christ's baptism in the Jordan.

This Christmas will be the first in the United States that Mrs. Myriantopoulou has spent with the Fious Ralli family including the little 14-month-old, Donna Ralli, who was born in Wichita Falls and had never met her grandmother before this. Mr. Ralli, a civilian instructor at Sheppard Air Force Base, tells of his mother's desire to see rodeos and cowboys as pictured in movies she has seen at theatres in her native land.

When lightning strikes the sand hills near Odessa, Texas, jagged streaks of glass are formed.

Matador, Texas  
Dec. 15, 1955  
Box 56

Dear Santa:  
I am six years old and in the first grade. I have been a good girl. Please bring me a walking doll, iron and ironing board. Please bring my brother, Jack a Davy Crockett gun and guitar. Bring something for Carter also and remember all of the boys and girls.  
Love,  
Zezy Luckett

Roaring Springs, Texas  
Dec. 16, 1955

Dear Santa:  
I want a fire truck and a big truck. Please come to see me.  
Love,  
Steve Bustamante

Roaring Springs, Texas  
Dec. 16, 1955

Dear Santa:  
I want a doll with real hair and with a pink blanket around it. I would like a doll house, I am seven and my birthday is June 3rd.  
I love you, Santa  
Karen Williams

Roaring Springs, Texas  
Dec. 16, 1955

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a walking doll, some dishes and a cat, petticoat.  
Thank you,  
Ruth Beard



# Season's Greetings

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