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THE SPEARMAN REPORTER, Hansford County, Thursday, Dec. 23, 1954

## A-MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.....

and to all a Good Night. As the sandman sends tousel-headed  
tikes off to dreamland, Santa takes over! Softly and  
swiftly he moves through the night, working  
his magic in every home, in every heart...bringing  
joy and laughter... the pleasure of receiving...  
the happiness of giving... all wrapped  
up in the Wonder of Christmas!



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By Royce Fields

**THE JOLLY SANTA**, ringing his bell in an appeal for contributions for the needy, grinned his cheeks as Dick Slater dropped a bill into the kettle. The donation was a salute, not only to the Yuletide spirit, but to Dick's own good fortune. He had a home, a lovely wife named Jean, and a smaller reproduction of himself named Pete. What more could a man want?

One other thing made this a great day for Dick. He was on his way to fulfill a dream. While they were still engaged, he had bought a strand of simulated pearls for Jean. Somehow the feeling had grown on him that, until he could replace the phony baubles with a string of real ones, he wouldn't be a success in the eyes of his dark-haired, brown-eyed Jean.

"Put this card on the outside of the package," he told the clerk who wrapped his gift. On the card he had written: "TO A REAL PEARL—A STRING OF THEM!" It was beginning to get dark when Dick got off the train in suburban Roseville where he lived. He started to walk briskly toward his home, two blocks away. Happy in the glow of having at last realized his cherished dream, he didn't see the figure lurking in the dark alley till the man stepped out and thrust the gun into his abdomen.

"This is a stickup!" the thug snapped hoarsely. "Turn around and get your hands up!" A feeling of relief flooded Dick as he remembered he had spent most of his money on the necklace. Then the thought hit him—the necklace itself was in his pocket! "Listen fellow," he pleaded, over his shoulder, with the gunman, "I have a Christmas present for my wife in my pocket. Take my money, but leave me that."

The hoodlum didn't answer. Methodically, he continued taking everything out of Dick's pockets. As his hand started to remove the precious little package, Dick Slater went wild! He whirled, slapping with his left hand at about where he thought the gun would be. He caught nothing. The thief merely stepped back and brought the heavy gun crashing down on his victim's head.

AS THE DARKNESS cleared away, Dick became aware that he was in a hospital. Gradually, he realized Jean and little Pete were beside his bed.

"Oh Dick!" Jean half sobbed, half laughed. "I've been scared! The doctor says you only have a slight concussion, though, and you're going to be all right!" As his head continued to clear, the realization of his loss overwhelmed Dick.



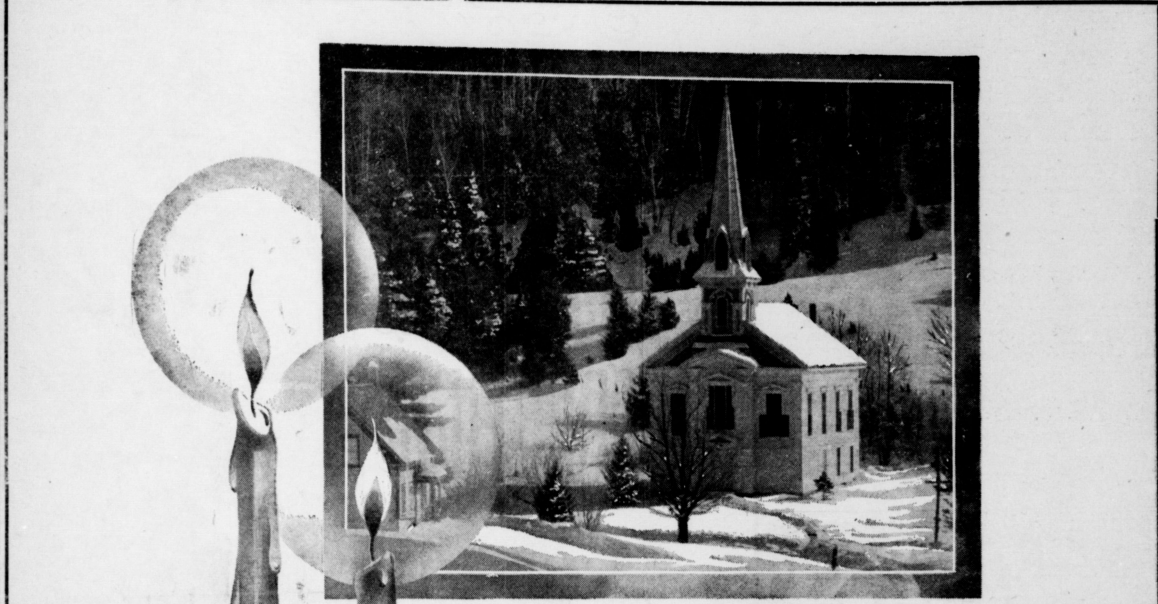
The thief merely stepped back and brought the heavy gun crashing down on his victim's head. "I had a present for you, Jean," he began. "I know, Foolish," his wife cut in, "and you almost lost your life trying to save it." "But it was the string of real pearls I've always wanted you to have, Jean. You know how much they meant to me!" "Yes, I've known the silly obsession you've had about my wearing simulated pearls," Jean said almost sternly. "It never seemed to occur to you that my husband and little Pete were the real pearls in my life!" "Well, this is going to be a bum Christmas for you," Dick said glumly. "and I thought it would be the best yet."

"It's going to be," Jean told him. "Look!" She put her arm under his shoulder and lifted him to a sitting position. In one corner of the room was a beautiful little Christmas tree. Piled high under it were the gifts he and Jean had wrapped for little Pete. Jean went over and brought back two of the packages. One was her present to him—a watch he had wanted. The other package suddenly, he recognized it—the pearls! "Yes," Jean said, "my pearls. When the police caught the thief, he hadn't time to open them even."

for the protection and maintenance of our land and water resources. Conservation of these resources is urgent and it pays. The Agricultural Conservation Program is entirely voluntary. Any farmer who believes he can do the needed conservation job on his farm without the aid of the limited funds available under the program is urged to do so. You will be given an opportunity to request the Federal Government to share the costs. It is desired to aid you in carrying out eligible practices on your farm during the 1935 program year. The 1935 program year begins January 1, and ends December 31. The period for filing requests under the program is from September 20, to December 31, 1934. The form on which the request for cost-sharing must be made, may be obtained at the ASC office, Spearman, Texas. Please study carefully the conservation practices for which ACP cost-sharing is available in connection to the conservation needs of your farm and try to decide, on which one or two practices ACP cost-sharing is most needed. In doing so we hope you will make full use of any conservation plan you have had developed for your farm. A list of the practices in the county program is enclosed.

- EXHIBIT A**  
Hansford County, Texas.  
Under the provisions of Section 311 of the Agricultural Act of 1934, Public Law 409, 53rd Congress, approved August 29, 1914, any farmer who has a farm in excess of the 1935 acreage allowed for any of these practices on any farm in which he has an interest as land, tenant, or share cropper, will be eligible for any Federal cost-sharing under the 1935 Agricultural Conservation Program on that farm, or on any other farm. Farmers will have to certify to the following practices:
- A-1. Initial establishment of permanent vegetative cover for soil protection or as a needed land-use adjustment.
  - A-2. Establishment of additional acreage of vegetative cover in rotation to retard erosion and to improve soil structure, permeability, or water-holding capacity.
  - A-3. Initial establishment of field strip cropping to protect soil from wind or water erosion. Maximum cost-share: 50c per acre.
  - B. Controlling competitive shrubs to permit growth of adequate desirable vegetative cover for soil protection on range or pasture land. Mowing or grubbing Yucca. Maximum Cost-share: 75c per acre.
  - B-1. Pitting, listing or chiseling noncrop grazing land to prevent soil loss, retard runoff, and improve water penetration. Maximum Federal Cost-Share: \$1.00 per acre.
  - B-2. Constructing wells for livestock water as a means of protecting established vegetative cover. Maximum Federal Cost-share: 85c per foot.
  - B-3. Constructing or selling dams, pits, or ponds for livestock water as a means of protecting established vegetative cover. Maximum Federal Cost-share: 8c per cubic yard.
  - C-1. Initial establishment of permanent sod waterways to dispose of excess water without causing erosion.
  - C-2. Reorganizing farm irrigation systems to conserve water and prevent erosion.
  - C-3. Leveling land for more efficient use of irrigation water and to prevent erosion. Maximum Federal Cost-share: 50c of the cost, not to exceed \$15.00 per acre.
  - C-4. Constructing or lining reservoirs for irrigation water. Maximum Federal Cost-share: 8c per cubic yard.
  - D. Establishment of additional Acreage of summer legumes for summer protection for erosion.
  - D-1. Establishment of a vegetative cover to protect cropland throughout the 1935 crop year. Maximum Federal Cost-share: 50c per acre.
  - E-1. Initiation of stubble mulching into the farming system as an expansion of stubble mulching to improve soil permeability and to protect soil from wind and water erosion. Maximum Federal Cost-share: \$1.00 per acre.
  - F-2. Control of Blindweed as a necessary step in the control of wind and water erosion.

Earl S. Chapman, Office Manager, Hansford County ASC.  
Hunting is fun but it took a grim Texas toll last year. Nineteen deaths in 1934 came from gunfire either while hunting or while preparing for hunting.  
Pity the fellow who is long on dollars and short on common sense.  
The almighty dollar figures in a multitude of angles and triangles.  
Some people live by their wits. Others by the lack of other people's wits.  
One-half the world tries to prevent his better-half from knowing how he lives.  
The man who continually boasts about his principles usually means his prejudices.  
Action speak louder than words but many people attempt to shoot actions down.  
Very truly yours,



# Season's Greetings

For us, each new Christmas seems to hold an added significance... a deeper meaning. It's because we realize that whatever we accomplish from year to year is made possible through the cooperation and good will of our patrons and friends. We are grateful for this manifestation of loyalty and confidence and it is with full sincerity that we extend our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

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**20th Century Club Christmas Party**

The Annual Christmas party of the Twentieth Century Club was given Thursday, December 16, in the home of Mrs. Pete Fisher. Co-hostesses with her were Mrs. Marvin Jones, Mrs. J. D. Wilbanks and Diana Hubbard. Christmas decorations were used through the house, with the high point being the lovely Christmas tree, around which were pretty exchange gift packages.

Mrs. Woodville Jarvis gave an interesting program on "Keeping Christ in Christmas." She gave the history and legend of each of our Christmas practices. A lovely refreshment plate was served to Mesdames T. D. Samsing, R. W. Morton, W. Jarvis, E. C. Wombie, Pat Cates, J. R. Keim, J. H. Buchanan, R. V. Converse, Joe Traylor, Wayne Hutchinson, Paul Smith, P. A. Lyon, Ralph Blodgett, George Buzzard, Fred Holt, Bill Gandy, N. F. Renner, O. C. Holt, Raymond Kirk, D. B. Keim, Olin Sheets, G. C. Bullhart, F. J. Daily, Dick Kilgore, J. C. Renner, Bill Miller, Fred Hoskins, Delon Kirk, and the hostesses.

**Gladiola Club Christmas Party**

The Gladiola Flower Club met in the home of Mrs. Craig Hutchison Dec. 16 for their annual Christmas party. Cards were set with green table clothes and topped with center pieces of huge white candles and silver tree ornaments. Place cards were small white felt stockings trimmed with pine cones and sequins. Gifts were exchanged and refreshments of canapes, salad, cake and coffee were served to Mesdames Lloyd Buzzard, Harold Crooks, Irvin Davis, George Collard, Craig Hutchison, Bill Jackson, Ervin Lamb, Don Knox. Hostesses were: Mesdames R. E. Sanders, Dub Davis, Marcus Larson, Louis Schnell, Bill Shelby, Johnnie Lee.

Dr. and Mrs. Spiller and Phyllis of Thermopolis, Wyo. were guests of the Joe Days and the VE Rossos this weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Garnett returned home Saturday from the National Farm Bureau convention in New York.

**Letters To Santa Claus**

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want you to bring me a machine gun and police gun; and my little brother Joe Edd has been a pretty good boy so bring him a hop-a-long Cassidy gun. I have been very good.  
Thank you Santa,  
Jim David and Joe Edd Crawford

**Loveless Twins Over TV Dec. 30**

Lela Loveless, and Lona Loveless are twin sisters of Mrs. E. A. Greever of Spearman. Their husbands, H. M. and H. S. Loveless also are twins.  
Many friends of the Greever's have expressed a wish to meet these twin couples and by radio KGNC on Wednesday Dec. 29, at 8:00 p. m. you will hear them. Then on TV channel 4 Thursday Dec. 30 at 7:00 p. m. Gracie Marx will present them to you from his program.  
The Loveless twins live in California, but have visited here many times.

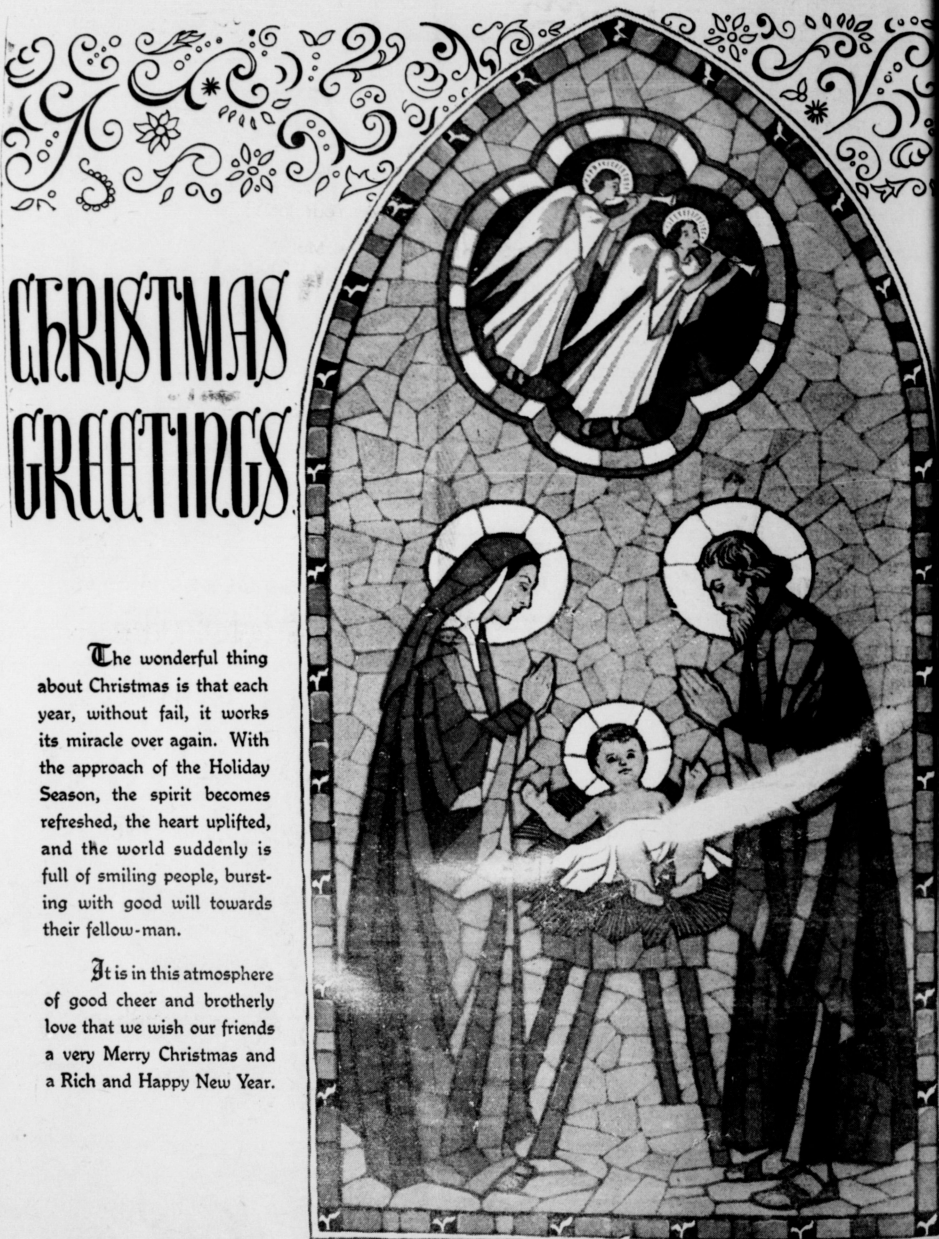
**Gruver Music Club Christmas Party**

Members of the Gruver Music Club entertained their husbands with a Christmas party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Bort, December 14, 1954 at 7:30 P. M.  
Games of Canasta and Bridge were the entertainment feature of the evening.  
The hostesses, Mrs. Bort, Watkins, Rafferty, and Eddleman, served Fruit cake with whipped cream and coffee to the following guests and members:

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Alexander, T. J. Bergin, A. C. Bort, I. F. Cator, W. J. Eddleman, Glendon Eiling, Paul Gumsford, R. P. Hintersgarat, K. E. Irwin, C. V. Lowe, W. L. Maupin, E. M. McClellan, Jr. Wm. Murrell, C. E. Ottinger, Aubrey Pedit, Tillie Poston, E. T. Rafferty, E. H. Taber, Claude Watkins, Eugene Wood, and Mrs. Cecil Holt, and Mrs. R. L. Thom.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Fuller are home after a weeks visit in Amarillo.

# Sincere Christmas Greetings



## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The wonderful thing about Christmas is that each year, without fail, it works its miracle over again. With the approach of the Holiday Season, the spirit becomes refreshed, the heart uplifted, and the world suddenly is full of smiling people, bursting with good will towards their fellow-man.

It is in this atmosphere of good cheer and brotherly love that we wish our friends a very Merry Christmas and a Rich and Happy New Year.



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 No. 52 4-tc

**FOR SALE—20 Inch girls bicycle.** Call 4401 after five hrs. Floyd Close.  
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 No. 52 5-tc

**FOR RENT—Three room furnished home.** Mrs. R. D. Hall. No. 32 3-tc

**FOR SALE—Apartment.** Size Range, good condition, Mrs. Leo Campbell Phone 6291.  
 No. 2 1-tc

**LEASE ROYALTY MINERALS WANTED.** I am interested in buying leases, royalty or minerals in the Hansford county area, if the price is reasonable. Please state price and location in first letter. GEORGE B. BLAKE 1104 10th Street Lubbock, Texas.  
 No. 1, 8 1-tc

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** Marcia Martin. Phone 4756.  
 No. 2, 3-tc

**LOST—Liver and White Female Cocker dog.** Tagged. Return to J. O. Hollar, 168 Dresden st. No. 2 1-tc

**FOR SALE—Lovely tea aprons.** Also pretty kitchen aprons all new patterns. 213 N. Bernice, Mrs. Hughes, Phone 2231.  
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A Warm Welcome Awaits You

**SUNDAY**  
 9:45 a. m. Bible Study  
 10:55 a. m. Morning Worship  
 6:30 p. m. Training Union  
 7:30 p. m. Evening Worship  
 O. L. Bryant, Pastor

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 Please note that all of our evening services are now thirty minutes earlier than during the summer.  
**Sunday**  
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 Preaching 11:00 A. M.  
 Communion 11:45 A. M.  
 Young Peoples Classes 6:00 P. M.  
 Evening Worship 7:00 P. M.  
**Monday**  
 Men's and Boy's Training Class 7:30 P. M.  
**Wednesday**  
 Ladies' Bible Class 8:30 P. M.  
 Mid-Week Bible Classes 7:30 P. M.

**FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**  
 Spearman, Texas  
**SUNDAY**  
 9:45 A. M. Church School  
 "There Is A Class For You"  
 11:00 A. M. Morning Worship Service - Subject of sermon: "The Gospel Of The Incarnation"  
 6:00 P. M. Methodist Youth Fellowship Services.  
 7:00 P. M. Evening Worship Service - A Musical Program by The Young People.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
 3:00 P. M. The Woman's Society Of Christian Service Meeting.  
 7:00 P. M. Christmas Tree and

a Program. Santa Clause will be present.  
 There is an urge in each individual to be a better person. To be better we must have God's help. Come, worship God with us.  
 Aubrey C. Haynes, Minister.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
 Spearman, Texas  
 Sunday School 9:45 a. m.  
 Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.  
 Message, Christmas Joy.  
 Evening Service  
 All Youth Meeting at 8:30 p. m.  
 Worship Hour 7:30 p. m.  
 The C. Y. F. will bring the evening service as is their custom.  
 December 21, the Chi Rho will have their Christmas party.  
 December 22, the Sunday School program will be held at 7:30 p. m.  
 The significance of the birth at Bethlehem is expressed most fully by a way of life.  
 C. N. Van Dyke, Minister  
 Remember when the mercury skids, so does your car.  
 Women should remember that it is easier to drive a man to drink than it is away from it.  
 Odd isn't it, that a feller can reach a greater height if he has more depth.

**First Methodist Church**

Spearman, Texas December 19, 1954  
 Minister Aubrey C. Haynes  
 Organist Mrs. Bob Schnell  
 Choir Director Mrs. John Berry

Morning Worship Service 11:00 A. M.  
 Enter In Silence - Wait In Reverence - Join In Worship  
 Organ and Piano Prelude, "Venita Adoremas"  
 Choir Call To Worship  
 Baptism of Infants  
 Hymn No. 95, "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (Congregation Standing)  
 The Affirmation Of Faith  
 The responsive Reading Page 629, Second Reading  
 The Gloria Patri  
 All To Be Seated  
 Hymn No. 89, "Joy To The World"  
 Announcements  
 The Offertory, Organ and Piano, "Christmas Fantasy"  
 The Holy Scripture  
 Three Pastoral Prayer  
 The Lord's Prayer  
 Choral Response  
 Solo: By Mrs. Donna Cruce  
 Sermon: "The Gospel Of The Incarnation"  
 Prayer  
 The invitation To Christian Discipleship.  
 Hymn No. 111, "Fairrest Lord Jesus"  
 Reception Of Members  
 The Benediction  
 The Doxology  
 Organ and Piano Postlude, "Joy To The World"  
 Go In Peace - With Love - To Serve

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

Church School	9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship Service	11:00 a. m.
Methodist Youth Fellowship	6:00 p. m.
Evening Worship Service	7:00 p. m.
W. S. C. S. Meets Wednesday at Mrs. A. C. Haynes	3:00 p. m.
Christmas Program	7:00 p. m.

We need the Church and the Church needs each of us. Attend the services of your Church.  
 The Church School has a class for you. Come to the Church School and bring a friend.  
 Mrs. Roy L. McClellan and Mrs. Billy C. Ray are in charge of the nursery this morning.

This is the means by which your Minister and his wife says Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

Evening Worship Service 7:00 P. M.  
**Christmas Musical Program**  
 Organ Prelude By Susan Sheets  
 Prayer By Johnny Campbell  
 The Doxology "Silent Night" By Junior Band  
 Solo: "The Birth of a King" By Kay Chambers  
 The Offertory By Susan Sheets  
 "Silent Night" Joe Lynn Copeland  
 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" and "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear" By Mona McLean and Phyllis Alexander  
 "First Noel", "O Holy Night", "Joy To The World", Organ and Piano By Susan Sheets and Mary Frances Richardson  
 "All Through The Night, "Jingle Bells" By Junior Band  
 The Benediction  
 Organ Postlude By Susan Sheets

# Sincere Christmas Greetings



We have come to the end of another year of pleasant associations with those whose confidence and good will we value so highly.

Once more it becomes our pleasure to send our friends and patrons our heart-felt greetings and to wish them

a Christmas abundant with good cheer...one that will usher in a New Year of peace, happiness and prosperity.

## EQUITY

Hardesty, Okla. Rt. Hansford County, with ing officers: E. J. Joh siding Judge, C. W. I Judge.  
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# THE AMERICAN WAY.

*'The Bible is a book in comparison with which all others in my eyes are of minor importance, and which in all my perplexities and distresses has never failed to give me light and strength'*



GENERAL Robert E. LEE

## The Bible - Source of Light and Strength

The workman who is thrifty at home seldom wastes his employer's time on material.

It would appear that the family tree of some confidence men must be a slippery elm.

The man who has talent for criticism will unwise if he fails to use it on himself.

The reason some men are misunderstood is that they possess nothing worth studying.

Lots of men live to see the day they can rejoice because they didn't get what they wanted.

Most people will agree that the last sparrow would be a more

A man who refuses to try to help himself finds little sympathy when he seeks outside assistance.

Opportunity sometimes comes to the man who waits, but the astuter secures a key to the door of success.

Many a career is wrecked for lack of ambition to push its boat through the rapids of life.

Some politicians express an opinion and then hope and pray it comes in on a slow freight.

Sometimes a man blackens the reputation of his friends in an attempt to white wash himself.

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary were issued to me as Independent Executor of the Estate of John F. Sim, deceased, by the County Court of Hansford County, Texas, on November 8, 1934. All persons holding claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me within the time prescribed by law. All persons owing said estate are hereby notified to make payment to me. My Post Office Address is Box 336, Perryton, Texas, and I reside at 117 South Harvard, Perryton, Ochiltree County, Texas.

Dene S. Wildhagen  
Independent Executor of the Estate of John F. Sim, deceased.

No. 2, 4th  
County Judge,  
Hansford County, Texas.

ATTEST:  
Fred J. Hoskins, (SEAL)  
County Clerk & Ex-Officio  
Clerk of the Commissioners' Court, Hansford County, Texas.

# Happy Christmas!

The true joy that descends upon each of us during the Yuletide season, comes not alone from the gifts that we give, but in the spirit of giving.

The feeling of complete happiness that fills us when we know we've brought a touch of joy to a loved one is the secret that has kept alive the true meaning of Christmas.

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

Berry's Cleaners

# Merry Christmas

To our faithful old friends, to our devoted new friends and to those whose friendships we hope to earn—we wish a most cheerful Christmas and a New Year filled with all the good things in life—Health, Happiness and enduring Peace.

We extend this greeting, not because it is the customary thing to do but because it is a sentiment genuinely felt, for as the years go by our appreciation of cherished friendships becomes greater and greater.

Gruver Motor Company  
Gruver, Texas

Hansford County, with the following officers: E. J. Johnson, Presiding Judge, C. W. Richardson, Judge.

In Voting Precinct No. 7, at the Old School House Gruver, Texas, with the following officers: Gordon Stedje, Presiding Judge, Reuben Tebeck, Judge.

In Voting Precinct No. 8, at the Phillips Plant, Star Rt. Guyton, Okla., Texas, with the following officers: Dale Lewis, Presiding Judge, A. B. Benson, Judge, J. M. Hampton, Clerk.

In Voting Precinct No. 9, at the Morse School House, McCrex, Texas, with the following officers: Ward McCoy, Presiding Judge, W. Roscoe Parks, Judge.

In Voting Precinct No. 10 at the Spearman School House, Spearman, Texas, with the following officers: C. Ralph Blcgett, Presiding Judge, Mrs. J. H. Buchanan, Judge, Mattie Ruth Richardson, Clerk, Mrs. B. J. Garnett, Clerk.

The said election shall be held under the provisions of Chapter 1, Title 22, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, as amended, and only legally qualified electors who own taxable property in the County and who have duly rendered the same for taxation shall be qualified to vote and all such electors shall vote in the election precinct of their residence.

The ballots of said election shall have written or printed thereon the following: "FOR AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF HANSFORD COUNTY TO LEASE THE COUNTY HOSPITAL."

"AGAINST AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF HANSFORD COUNTY TO LEASE THE COUNTY HOSPITAL."

Each voter shall mark out with black ink or black pencil one of the expressions, thus leaving the other as indicating his vote on the proposition.

A substantial copy of this order signed by the County Judge and attested by the County Clerk shall serve as proper notice of said election. Notice shall be given in accordance with the provisions of Article 704, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, as amended. The County Judge is authorized and directed to have a copy of said notice posted at the Court House door and in each of the election precincts in Hansford County, Texas, not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the date fixed for holding said election. He shall also cause said notice to be published on the same day in each of two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published within Hansford County, Texas, the date of the first publication to be not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the date set for said election. Except as otherwise provided in said Chapter 1, as amended, the manner of holding said election shall be governed by the laws governing general elections.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 10th day of December, 1934.

Johnnie C. Lee.

# Merry Christmas

One wish is good and two are better. So, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year too!

It is our privilege each year to express our warmest Christmas Greetings to those we are proud to call our friends and patrons. May we say once more that we have appreciated your confidence in the past and that we will never cease trying to make each new year rich in neighborliness and good will for you. To everyone we wish a Merry Christmas and a Bountiful New Year.

Worth Galbraith Lumber Company







# The Spearman Reporter

HANSFORD COUNTY  
160 producing gas wells  
producing world's best  
gas for U. S.

THE SPEARMAN REPORTER, Hansford County, Thursday, Dec. 23, 1954

## With best wishes for the Holiday Season

How good it is to hear the  
refrains of the beloved Christmas  
hymns, coming to us as gentle and  
soothing echoes of heaven to our  
souls. They cause our hearts  
to throb in accord with the universal  
joy of all good people everywhere. It is  
with this feeling of rejoicing and  
good will that we offer you  
our best Holiday wishes. May your  
Christmas celebration be  
one that will be long remembered  
for its happiness and  
good cheer... and may  
the New Year bring to you  
peace and contentment.



Johnnie Lee, County Judge  
Bettie Uptergrove, Secretary  
Joe Day, Commissioner Precinct No. 1  
Ed Vernon, Commissioner Precinct No. 2  
B. W. Renner, Commissioner Precinct No. 3  
Weldon Greene, Commissioner Precinct No. 4  
Fred J. Hoskins, District and County Clerk  
Keezee Ricardson, Deputy Clerk  
J. B. Cooke, Sheriff, Tax Collector  
Orville Walker, Deputy Sheriff  
Helen Fisher, Deputy  
Gene Hart, Deputy  
James P. Linn, County Attorney  
Merle Washington, County Treasurer  
G. E. Oakes, Justice of the Peace  
A. L. Wilson, Veterans county service officer  
Bill Goldston, County Agent  
June Gibbs, County H. D. Agent



Newspaper advertising is still the unquestioned "best buy" in the advertising field.

The President is getting enough of the political life to last a long time, it seems to us.

The special session of the Senate is not expected to accomplish much and will live up to expectations.

For the first time in years, there are hardly any major undefeated football teams left to be "rusted".

Politics is a great American sport but should be kept out of the schools, the church and private clubs.

The Democrats are sure to sound off with a few committee studies of their own in the Congress.

**SEWING MACHINE PROPERLY USED WILL PAY FOR ITSELF MANY TIMES**  
June C. Gibbs

A sewing machine is one of the greatest household conveniences, and if it is used wisely and skillfully it will pay for itself many times.

Miss Nema Robertson, clothing specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, says the machine itself is a marvel of efficiency and if properly cared for will perform beautifully for many years. If you are buying a new machine, learn to care for it the very first day.

A valuable sewing instruction book comes with the machine. Usually the book contains a chart giving the size of needle and thread and the number of stitches per inch to use on different fabrics. Keep it near the machine so you may refer to it often. If the book has been lost, get another from the local sewing machine agent.

A bulletin giving instructions for cleaning the sewing machine may be obtained from your local home demonstration agent. Ask for bulletin "F.B. 1914, Sewing Machine Cleaning and Adjusting."

**PANHANDLE A.M. COLLEGE**

Goodwill, Nov.—(Special Presentation of the Community Hunt of Voice Panhandle Community Chorus is scheduled for Sunday, December 12, at 8:00 p. m. in Hughes Strong Auditorium on the Panhandle A. M. Campus, Milton Bradley, director stated.

"The Messiah" is an annual presentation of the Community Chorus and includes the Panhandle Aggie A Cappella Choir and songs from the entire Panhandle. The presentation is open to the public.

The Chorus includes Joyce Thatcher, Guyton; Nolan McWhirter, Goodwell; Mrs. Eugene Meyer Goodwell; Mrs. O. S. Fisher, Guyton; Mrs. John Whitson, Guyton; Marie Stedje, Guyton; Mrs. Leon B. Field, Texoma.

Mrs. V. A. Lattie, Goodwell; M. L. Carter Jr., Guyton; Truman D. Hayes, Goodwell; L. W. Spears, Balko; Mrs. L. W. Spears, Balko; Bill Moore, Guyton; Cecil Watson, Gray; Shanon Watson, Gray; L. J. Godley, Hardesty; Donnie Massey, Texoma; Mrs. Ted Wilk, Doshier, Hardesty; Mrs. Harold Bams, Texoma; John K. Stetler, Goodwell; Mrs. Oscar Williams, Goodwell; Mrs. Thomas Foster, Goodwell; Martin Barham, Guyton; Mrs. W. W. Groves, Goodwell; Nelda Brock, Texoma; Mrs. Eugene Wilson, Texoma; Mrs. W. E. Benson; Paul G. Taylor, Balko; Juanita Reisinger, Goodwell.

**BEHIE SMITH, SPECIALIST IN CONSUMER EDUCATION FOR THE TEXAS AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE**

Most meat can be kept safely for a few days under refrigeration. But ground beef or hamburger should be used soon after it is bought. It tends to spoil more quickly than cuts of meat. Never refreeze meat carefully cooled in the refrigerator and covered to keep it from drying out. When gray is left over from a meal, store it in a covered container separate from the meat.

**CATTLE AND SHEEP SHOW ADVANTAGE OF GRAZING TOGETHER**

College, Station, Dec.—Cattle and sheep grazing together at the Station Agricultural Experiment Station each have made consistently higher gains than when grazed separately.

Only small differences were noted in weight gains and mohair production when goats were pastured with cattle and sheep. These are the findings of a

study commenced in 1929 and recently concluded. The studies are reported by Leo B. Merrill, range management specialist at the station and Dr. Vernon A. Young, head of the department of range and forestry of the Texas A. and M. College system.

Tests were made in 12 90-acre native grass pastures with the following stocking rates; heavy, 48, moderate 32 and light 16 animal units per section of land. Six sheep or six goats or one cow makes a single unit.

Cattle made "significant" gain both per acre and per head during the five year test when grazed in combination with sheep and goats, regardless of stocking rate.

Under heavy grazing, average weight gain for each cow was 40 pounds, or a gain of 12.5 pounds per acre for cattle grazing alone, 14.6 pounds for cattle and goats together and 15.9 pounds for a combination of all three. Moderate and light grazing exhibited similar comparisons in the gain of cattle.

Average gain of the three stock

People not only fail to take advantage of the many opportunities which are available to them, but they also fail to take advantage of the opportunities which are available to others.

Some people are light to back money. Anyone who is light to back money is light to back his own success.

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**KEEPING CHRISTMAS**

by Henry Van Dyke

Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background, and your duties in the middle distance, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground; to see that your fellow-men are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy, to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life; to close your book on complaints against the management of the universe, and look around you for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness— are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.



**FULL REHEARSAL FOR THE BIG DAY . . .** Robert wanted Nick, the dog, to have dinner with him at his private table, but Dad and Mom were not enthusiastic until Robert demonstrated that Nick's table manners are impeccable. He did it with dress rehearsal, which you see here. Nick seems to be enjoying nonchalantly an after dinner cigarette.

**'Lord of Misrule,' 'Hodening Horse' Make Noel Jollier**

A DIFFERENT playtime observance for your Christmas festivities is the game "Lord of Misrule."

When your guests have all arrived and have been greeted by the music of the minstrels and the song of the carolers, it is time for the most honored guest of the evening to arrive. With much fanfare the "Lord of Misrule" is announced. He enters with great pomp and ceremony and takes his place as the master of ceremonies for the evening.

The Lord of Misrule comes to us from the Tudor courts where he was elected annually to reign over the Christmas festivities. His word, during the festivities, was law, and the ridiculous commands he laid upon the guests had to be obeyed.

At your party, the Lord of Misrule will command each guest to do his bidding. He may call for singing, dancing, pantomime, imitations and stunts of all kinds. Failure to do the bidding of the Lord of Misrule results in the payment of a forfeit. And here another unusual note may be injected. The forfeit, instead of being paid to the Lord of Misrule may be paid to another Christmas character, the "hodening horse."

It was the custom in Kent, England, for young men to go from house to house with the hodening horse, an imitation of a horse's head attached to a long stick. Two lads, forming the body of the horse, were hidden from view by a covering of cloth resembling horse's skin. The hodening horse was accompanied by paraders who rang the bells throughout the town and begged for money or food.



**ALLERGES TO WINKERS . . .** All these boys who have clean this time of year, get a little more obviously in the pump more obviously somewhere else.

**Chemical Solution Protects Christmas Trees From Flames**

To fireproof your Christmas tree, which is still a hazard even with electric lights, select your tree four to six days before you intend to decorate it. Then weigh the tree and buy one-fourth as many pounds of ammonium sulfate as the tree weighs. This chemical is available in most stores that sell seeds and fertilizers.

**You Can Make a Big Christmas Candle**

You can make a big, long-burning candle to fit into your Christmas decorations if you have a number of odds and ends of partly burned candles around the house. Melt them and pour into cardboard containers and remold. Use ice cream cartons, oatmeal containers or others. Use plain cord for a wick. When the wax is beginning to set, tie the wick to a pencil and suspend it in the wax. Let set hard, remove carton and there is a nice candle for your table.

**1 B. C. and 1 A. D. Were Not a Year Apart**

According to our calendar, one would naturally assume that between the year 1 B. C. and the year 1 A. D. there should be a year called zero. As a matter of fact, no such year exists, as far as historians are concerned, and the year 1 A. D. follows directly after the year 1 B. C.

**Why Christmas Candles?**

On Christmas Eve the Christ Child wanders all over the earth seeking deserving people—people who are kind and thoughtful of others, and people who have loving hearts. Lighted candles are placed in the windows by such people so that He may not stumble and in the course of His search He may find a very little and but, no matter how small and rough His path may be.



**GREETINGS**

Always at Christmas time, there comes that special delight in extending to our many friends the greetings of the Season. This year, more so than ever before we appreciate the good will and close friendship that exists between our patrons and ourselves. It is with this fine relationship in mind that we wish you the fullest measure of Yuletide cheer and happiness and a prosperous and healthy New Year.

**Gruver Elevator's Incorporated**  
Gruver, Texas

Vertical text on the right edge of the page, partially cut off, containing various small notices and advertisements.



...serves as a moisture seal... prevents the drying of the... roses while in market channels... Rose plants normally are handled from the field in bundles of 10 of the same grade... Five rose varieties, both waxed and non-waxed, were shipped from Tyler to Weslaco and Spur and were grown to maturity... Commercial growths are fast turning to this method... Complete results of the Tyler tests are given in Progress Report 1724. Copies are available

### Far-Off Lands Come to Life In Yule Toys

**GEOGRAPHY** comes down to the chimney on Christmas Eve. In the flood of toys soon to spill into the nation's living rooms will be the touch of many different lands. Beside a teddy bear, replica of Australia's marsupial fur koalas, perhaps will stand a carved wooden farm scene from German Bavaria, a South American gaucho doll, or a miniature pagoda made in Japan.

Similarly, the United States, now the world's leading toy maker, sends abroad its wild west costumes, its shiny playtime trucks and cars and earth-moving equipment. Its small-scale railroads and sky scrapers to delight children all over the globe. Toy industries in Germany and Japan are on the upswing again. Germany was among the first nations in the world to make tin horses on wheels, engines that ran, animals that walked, birds that sang. Now U.S. buyers go back to cities such as Nurnberg for the output of ingenious middle-aged inventors.

### Man of Bethlehem

Jesus Christ is a God whom we can approach without pride, and before whom we may abase ourselves without despair.—Pascal. As the print of the seal on the wax is the express image of the seal itself, so Christ is the express image—the perfect representation of God.—Ambrose. The devotion to the person of Christ that steers clear of the doctrines and precepts of Christ, is but sentimental rhapsody.—Merrick Johnson. This is part of the glory of Christ as compared with the chiefest of His servants that He alone stands at the absolute center of humanity, the one completely harmonious man, unfolding all which was in humanity, equally and full on all sides, the only one in whom the real and ideal meet and were absolutely one. He is the absolute and perfect truth, the highest that humanity can reach; at once its perfect image and supreme Lord.—French.



**NATIVITY SCENE . . .** This scene is repeated on thousands of lawns of private homes and public buildings in the home towns of the nation during the Christmas season.

### Christmas 'Open House' Was Early Saxon Custom

**AT CHRISTMAS**, the great hall of the Saxon lord was thrown open to peasant and noble alike—all mingling democratically and exchanging gifts and hearty cheer during a great feast and festivities composed of dance and song. With a tremendous burst of shooting, the Yule Log was dragged into the hall and placed upon the open fire pit. These democratic Christmas festivities lasted until the last dying embers of the log. In our south, prior to the Civil War, the slaves, following this Saxon custom, would seek a log in the cypress swamps to extend the length of their Christmas freedom.

...the Agricultural Information Office, College Station, Texas. School teachers deserve support and appreciation, whether they are always right or not—which they cannot be. The recent cold snap made the season change official, and also sold a lot of anti-freeze, fuel oil and overcoats. Intelligent editorials should stress both sides of an issue and express an opinion. Editors who always come out fighting with solutions to every problem of the day, every day, often do more misleading than leading. It is estimated that \$10,000,000 worth of radio-TV coverage was given the Mc-Carthy-Army hearings. Even more valuable treatment was given the show in the country's newspapers. All that or a drama with no conclusion! Support prices and acreage allotments will be important factors in the outlook for cotton

...in 1955, Domestic mills are expected to consume more cotton than in 1954 and exports likewise are expected to jump by 700,000 bales. Careful planning and increased farm efficiency are the tools Texas farmers must use in 1955 to fill the gaps caused by lower farm income, acreage allotments and adverse weather. "Stored Grain Insects" is the title of a new publication released by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Identity, prevention and control of insects which infest stored grain are among the subjects covered in the new bulletin. It is available from local county agents or by mail from the Agricultural Information Office College Station. The 9th annual Turfgrass Short Course will be held in the Memorial Student Center at Texas A. & M. College, December 13-15. It's time to "weather" off farm buildings. Recent cold snaps are warnings of the more severe weather to come. Include equipment in the weatherproofing program. Don't get caught away from home after dark unless the tractor and trailer are properly marked and lighted for night driving. The Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Committee points out that it costs less to be safe than paying for accident. Some of the fellows who say they are "fit as a fiddle" sound more like a tuba. It's an I for an I when two golfists get together. It's important to know where we stand, but more important to know where we're going. He who is prejudiced is usually down on something he's not up on. You can't push yourself forward by putting yourself on the back. The greatest reward for a job well done is in having done it.

...The daydreamer leads a day-to-day existence. Ability and reliability make a good team. Fear is a darkroom where "negatives" are developed. The salesman who is lost in his work has found his future. As a man grows older and wiser he talks less and says more. 'Tis best to learn the trade and not just the tricks. Handwriting on the wall usually means there's a child in the family. Many a woman has discovered that once she buys just a "Dior" dress she's flat-busted. You can sure bump into plenty of trouble trying to dodge duty. We learned long ago that the best way to make a fire with two sticks is to be sure one of them is a match.

...FOR YOUR DECORATING PROBLEM See Maude Mathews I now have a shop open for business at my home. I do upholstery and make draperies, of all kinds. Have basic supplies and samples of materials on hand for this work, and for Retail. My shop located: 304 So. Endicott Phone 2971 Maude Mathews

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# Merry Christmas

To you—our patrons and neighbors—we wish all of the good cheer and friendly spirit of the coming Yuletide season.

May the New Year be one of success in all of your endeavors as well as a year of health and happiness for you and yours.

## CONSUMERS SALES COMPANY

Spearman, Texas



# Tragedy At Jackson Well Number

Hansford citizens were shocked and grieved to learn that the first tragedy of the growing Hansford county oil field had

taken the life of fifty two year old Sheldon Wilson, Monday morning of this week.

The story of the accident as carried in the Borger News-Herald, written by Jack Porter is printed below. It is a complete story of the accident, and this newspaper aided Mr. Porter in assembling the facts. Here is the story.

Flames from a 3,000-gallon butane tank explosion licked out this morning, taking the life of one Perryton man and seriously burning two other oil field workers at a drilling site three miles south of Hitchland, in Northern Hansford county.

Burned to death in the 6 a. m. explosion was Sheldon Wilson, 52, a specialist in child psychology, employed by the city of Perryton but was substituting for another oil field worker at the time of the blast. His charred body could not be removed from

the burning debris for some time, workers said. Of the six men working at Jackson Well Number 2, where the explosion occurred, L. O. Ward, 25 and Edwin Baker, 19, also received serious burns. Ward, a pumpjack for W. R. Bradshaw Drilling Company of Tulsa which was working the well, received second and third degree burns about the hands, face and heels. A spokesman for the Perryton hospital described his condition as "serious."

Baker was taken to the Spearman hospital where he was hospitalized for first and second degree burns about the head, face, arms and back. Both men are residents of Perryton.

Alfred Wolff of Spearman and Steve White and Jek Doyle, both of Perryton, the other three workers, survived the blast without injury.

## Christmas Don'ts

- To keep your Christmas a truly merry one, keep these don'ts in mind.
- DON'T give children dangerous toys, or toys with sharp points. If they operate with electricity, be sure you supervise their use.
- DON'T decorate the tree with lighted candles unless it's absolutely unavoidable.
- DON'T place the tree near a stove or fireplace.
- DON'T leave lighted tree unguarded at any time.
- DON'T use a rickety, unsafe ladder in decorating the tree.
- DON'T place Christmas candles near the tree, curtains, paper wreaths or other decorations.
- DON'T overlook the opportunity to make your tree fire-resistant.
- DON'T leave toys exposed where people can trip on them.
- DON'T allow steps and sidewalks to become icy in cold weather.
- DON'T drive recklessly.

## The Santa Legend Should Be Explained, Psychologist Says

"CHILDREN enjoy Santa Claus more when they know what he really is," Duke University psychologist Dr. Geleto McHugh says. "No one enjoys finding out that he has been kept in the dark," says the specialist in child psychology, "and children are no exception." The real meaning of Santa Claus is the joy of giving to make others happy, says Dr. McHugh, and no child should be deprived of this privilege.

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

Santa should be a part of Christmas, however, Dr. McHugh believes, but from the very beginning he should be treated as a wonderful pretend game. This method has proved successful with many children, the specialist says, including his own two young boys.

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

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

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

## Here's How To Choose Your Christmas Tree

NEARLY 30,000,000 Christmas trees will be sold in the U. S. this year. Select one which will retain its needles well indoors. A simple treatment will keep the needles from drying out, make the tree less flammable and keep it green longer.

Choosing the tree: Select a balsam or Douglas fir. Their needles fall last two or three weeks after doors. A balsam is easily identified by its fragrance, rigid branches and two thick rows of needles which do not stab the hand. Douglas fir has the best of the fir has long pointed red buds. Other firs have globose buds. All have soft needles. A spruce drops its needles soon after it's placed in a room. A Norway spruce, however, makes an ideal community Christmas tree outdoors. A white spruce is better than a Norway spruce for indoor use. Pines recognized by extra-long needles can be used. Hemlocks and junipers are of little value as Christmas trees.

Preventing needle drop: Cut at a slant an inch off the base and set the tree in a bucket of water or wet sand 24 hours before bringing it in the house. Then anchor tree firmly in a holder that contains water or moist sand. Do not place it near a radiator.

Fire precautions: Internally—No tree can be made completely flame-proof. Government experts suggest reducing flammability by standing tree in a solution of either ammonium sulfate, ammonium phosphate, calcium chloride or ammonium sulfamate four to six days. First weigh tree and divide by four. That will be number of pounds of material required. To each pound add one and a half parts of water. During treatment, keep tree in cool, dark place. Externally—Mix nine parts water glass (soluble sodium silicate) with one part water containing teaspoon of wetting agent (such as solvent soap) per quart. Dip tree into solution or spray it on tree. This will give shiny finish to needles.

Christmas Greens: Measure height of ceiling before buying tree. If branches must be trimmed from tree, use them for door spray, mantle piece or swags for newel post.

**Greetings**

This Christmas, our hearts once more are filled with a feeling of rejoicing as we recall the rich friendships and grand associations that have been our proud possessions these many years. To all our old friends and new acquaintances we extend our warmest and heartfelt greetings for Christmas and the New Year.

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## Early Yuletide Thought Pagan By Christians

CHRISTMAS, like any other blessed institution has had to fight its battles. The first great enemy of Christmas was the Roman empire whose pagan emperors determined to blot out all kinds of Christian rites.

Then when Roman Emperor Constantine Christianized the empire other enemies of Christmas arose. One course of contention was: Is December 25 really Christmas? Some said Christ was born on January 6; others held for March 20. Some set April 21 as His birthday. Nobody knew with complete confidence just when to celebrate Christmas. At last, in the fourth century Pope Julius I settled the matter in favor of our present date. His decision was accepted.

From the first there had been among Christians a certain hostility toward the Christmas festival. The celebration of birthdays in general was considered heathenish and something taken over from the pagans. Nor did the enemies of Christmas fail to observe that many pagan customs had crept into the feasting of the day. Christmas and the days of Advent that go before it occur at the time of the winter solstice, when the days cease to grow shorter, and begin to lengthen—when the sun having declined its furthest from zenith, begins to climb again. The period was one of festival in many parts of the world, and was held sacred by many religions. Then occurred the Roman Saturnalia, with its wild excesses, and the people of the north, too, had a great midwinter feast with days of hearty eating and deep drinking.

From the Saturnalia came banquets and dancing and rollicking in masks and the giving of gifts. Our Christmas dinner and Christmas presents and Christmas cards and the wearing of Christmas masks in various parts of the world date back to the Saturnalia. The mid-winter feast of the northern peoples was called Yule, hence our Yuletide and Yule log. The burning of the Christmas log descends from northern tree worship. So does the Christmas tree.

Santa Claus seems to date from later Christmas times. He is good St. Nicholas, of course. The hanging of stockings comes from the legend that the saint, among his other charities, used to provide doweries for poor girls. The older form of the Christmas stocking custom was for poor girls to hang up stockings in the hope that benevolent St. Nicholas would place marriage portions in them.



SANTA'S BOLL CALL. . . In a big city Santa needs a platoon of helpers to make the rounds. Here he checks up in New York to see if all of his aides are on hand for the big Christmas Eve delivery.

INFLATION . . . Santa supervises while one of his helpers inflates a doll. The benevolent old gent looks on with interest. Perhaps he is thinking inflation is not confined to economics.

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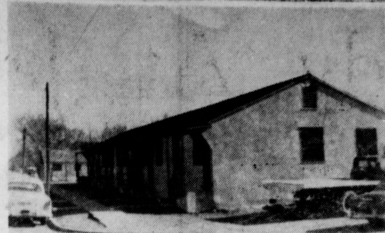
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Silence is really golden to those who are paid to keep quiet.

You can get rid of your past by building a future out of it. The man who lives only for himself runs a very small business.

Half the people who preach preparedness don't have a cent laid up for a rainy day.

In various central European countries the Christmas Crib, staged in a box, is carried through the streets by groups of singing children during Christmas time.



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**MCKIBBON APARTMENT HOUSE IN THIS CITY** -- Located on West 5th. Avenue half block from Spearman schools.

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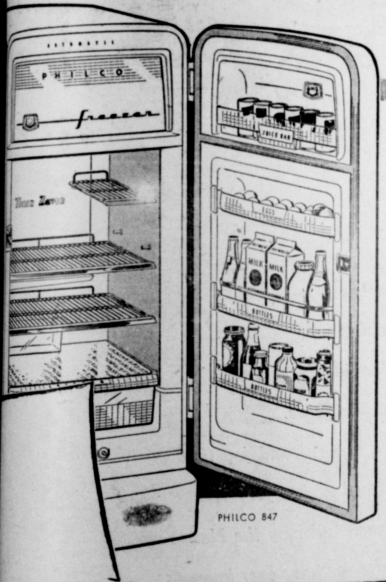
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 Glenn McGibbon  
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GRUVER, TEXAS**

**BILL BURTON, PASTOR**

**Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.**

Prelude "All Hail The Power" Rosalie Hughes, Organist No. 1  
 Invocation Pastor  
 Announcements I. W. Ayres, Jr.  
 Hymn: "Joy To The World" No. 137  
 Hymn: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" No. 143  
 Prayer Organist  
 Offertory  
 Special Music  
 Sermon: "The Meaning of Christmas" Pastor No. 187  
 Invitation: No. 187  
 Benediction

**Evening Worship 8:00 p. m.**

**A SERVICE OF LIGHT**

Prelude Organist  
 Christmas Carols Choir  
 Call-to-Worship Pastor  
 Lighting of the Candles Processional by the Choir  
 Invocation: The Lord's Prayer In Unison

**THE PROMISED LIGHT**

First Reader Ethel Ives  
 Second Reader Aubrey Rasor  
 "Watchmen Tell Us of the Night" Choir

**THE COMING OF THE LIGHT**

"While Shepherds Watched Their Flock" Choir  
 "Angels From The Realms of Glory" Choir  
 Manger Tablets: Sue Lowrey—Mary, Bernie Boyd—Joseph  
 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Junior Choir  
 "Away In A Manger" Beginner & Primary Choirs  
 Nativity Story Readers  
 "Joy To The World" All Choirs  
 "Glorious is Thy Name" Choir

**AN INVITATION TO LIGHT**

Scriptures Pastor and Readers  
 "Silent Night" All Choirs  
 Invitation "O Come, All Ye Faithful" No. 143  
 Benediction

**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

Today 9:45 a. m. Sunday School for all ages  
 11:00 a. m. Morning Worship  
 2:00 p. m. Rehearse Christmas Program  
 4:00 p. m. Christmas Program at School  
 7:00 p. m. Training Union for all ages  
 8:00 p. m. Christmas Program  
 Monday 5:00 p. m. Worker's Conference-Booker, Tex.  
 Wednesday 3:00 p. m. Christmas Tree - Downtown  
 7:00 p. m. All Church Fellowship Film: "The Guiding Star"  
 8:30 p. m. Prayer Service to close  
 Thursday 9:00 a. m. Visitation Day  
 7:30 p. m. Young People's Night - To pack treat sacks - go caroling.  
 Friday 7:00 p. m. Christmas Tree Program - Santa Clause  
 Saturday The Birth of Our Savior

**IF JESUS CAME BACK TODAY**

If Jesus came back today  
 What would the people say?  
 Would they cheer Him and strew the way  
 With garlands of myrtle and bay  
 As they did on the distant day  
 When He came to Jerusalem?  
 What would America say  
 If Jesus came back today?  
 We fashion great churches and creeds  
 But the heart of the people still bleeds  
 And the poor still rot in their needs.  
 We display with pride His cross  
 In the midst of our pagan life  
 While we hug to our hearts the dross  
 Of our selfishness and strife.  
 What sacrifice have we made  
 To live the love He prayed?  
 What willing blood have we shed  
 To do the deeds He said  
 To be popular and well fed  
 We forsake the way He led  
 And follow a ghost instead!  
 Vincent Burns

**PASTORAL GRAPHS:**

May I say, in behalf of my family and myself, THANK you for the privilege of serving you and being your pastor these past six months. We came to Gruver on May 13, 1934, and have enjoyed our work with this wonderful church so very much. As we come to this Christmas season, we wish for each and every one of you, the Lord's richest blessing from His bountiful storehouse. May the New Year bring you all the joy and happiness that is rightfully yours, and for our church, may it be a year of great growth and service such as we have never known before.

I should like to believe that the joy and fellowship and kindred spirit which is so evident and abundant in this season, would be carried over by each of us throughout the weeks and months which are before us. The spirit of unselfishness and love, the feeling of oneness, and the spirit of helpfulness could make our Februarys and our Marches seem so gay and bright. After all, did Jesus manifest this kind of life only at His Birthday Season? How happy we are when we like Him, think first of others.

And so to each and all, The very best to you and yours, both materially and spiritually, now and in the years to come.

BILL BURTON

Please remember the dates for next week. Sunday, December 26 we will have student night at Christmas. Our Young People will have charge of the night service. Friday night December 31 we will have All Church Watch Night Service, and you will enjoy the evening.

**THE GUAGE**

Sunday School Attendance	168
Training Union Attendance	116
Additions For Baptism	1
Offering Thru the Sunday School	\$130.75
Offering for Little Moon-todate	\$459.00

**WELCOME:** Douglas Stewart who came for baptism Sunday morning

# Sincere Christmas Greetings



*Christmas is for everyone. Its wonderful spirit reaches*

*out to men the world over. It is a heart-warming*

*season, one in which we cherish the happiness our*

*old and new friends have given us over the years.*

*So it is with a great deal of sentiment and joy that*

*we extend this greeting with our good wishes for*

*a truly Merry Christmas. And may the New Year be*

*the happiest and most successful you have ever known.*

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our surplus with people in India, Korea, Germany and other places, who do not even have the barest necessities of life. This is one way of "Putting Christ Back Into Christmas."

The government has agreed to its share of giving by releasing surplus commodities to church agencies. For every \$1.00 donated through CROP, \$20.00 worth of surplus commodities will be sent plus church World Service to the Church of the distributing. The people of the world will know that the people of the United States do care and are not just giving them a "hand-out."

The CVF of the First Christian Church is in charge of the Christmas caroling in Spearman. Any one interested in participating in the Christmas caroling should phone 4596.

If for some reason the carolers do not get by your house, call the Christian Church 5721. If you wish to contribute. Some one will then come and take your donation.

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### The Importance Of Wildlife Conservation

By Betty Whitson

Wildlife conservation has so many important phases I cannot cover all of them in this short essay. But the few I have space for will prove the importance.

Man or machinery can outpollinate a hive of bees. Agriculture needs the various insects, even if the bad must come with the good. The preying insect eats the destructive insect, and those that are not found will not flourish if birds are plentiful.

The earth worm works faithfully in the water conservation program as he tills the soil so moisture is conserved, especially around trees and shrubs.

Aside from wildlife assisting us in the production of crops, there are a dozen and one benefits we get from wildlife. From the standpoint of variation, can you imagine a succession of days with never a bird, butterfly, rabbit or some live creature being seen?

There are some good in our worst and most objectional wildlife; skunks eat a lot of rats and mice, as do many snakes. And as dangerous as rattlesnakes are, they sharpen our sense of caution. Too, they eat a lot of objectional insects and mice that harm growing crops and stored grain.

Nature has set a balance of her gifts to men with good predominating. We are still not so far along with modern living that we do not need any part of wildlife for food. Fish gives variation to our meals and needed minerals to

our diet. They provide the minimum daily requirement as protein. We are still not so far along with modern living that we do not need any part of wildlife for food. Fish gives variation to our meals and needed minerals to our diet. They provide the minimum daily requirement as provided by government standards, cheaper than any other meat.

Here, on the High Plains, wildlife is not to be pitied. But just do well here and we can put enough wild ducks and geese in our deep freezers during the hunting season to vary our meat dishes for several months.

With wanton killing of these water fowl we would soon have the "whooping crane" situation and no wild ducks and geese. It is helping in the important work of conserving wildlife. It gives birds protection and encourages them to stop on their migratory flights.

There are approximately 75 different species of birds on the High Plains and some dozen or more who stop on their migratory flight and spend most of the winter here.

These birds we need, not for food but for the joy they bring in both color and song.

With the speed of modern living and the death devices of man and science our wildlife could soon become extinct. And it might be just that, if we do not recognize the importance of conserving it.

Try to imagine how lifeless and void a summer would be without a mocking bird nesting and her mate flitting all about, singing all day and most of the night.

Fall would be dull indeed without the flight of wild ducks, geese and other migratory water fowl.

Could we endure a whole winter without the little, native birds chirping and breaking the still monotony?

Would it even be Spring if a robin didn't come bob-bob-bobbing along in some bright, crisp morning to announce its coming? This makes wildlife conservation important. God's gifts to wild creatures can teach us many a lesson in patience and divert our minds from the common places.

Wildlife conservation is important, so that our way of knowing and enjoying the wild-life about us will not be altered.

I am positive that we should observe every rule we know to preserve and encourage others interested in it.

Conservation of our wildlife goes right along with our soil conservation practices and our water conservation program.

These are all gifts from God and entrusted to us.

Betty Whitson  
Spearman High School  
Spearman, Texas.

### Social Security News Block

J. R. Sanderson, District Manager of the Amarillo Social Security Office announces that a representative from his office will be in Spearman, on December 2, at 1:00 P. M. He can be contacted at the County Judges Office.

This representative, Sanderson can furnish any assistance or information which could be obtained by calling at the office in Amarillo. In addition to issuing social security cards, original and duplicate, taking of applications for retirement of survivors insurance payments, etc., this representative can answer questions concerning the new 1954 Social Security Amendments.

No questions can be answered concerning Old-Age Assistance, Railroad Retirement, or Unemployment Compensation. Sanderson cautioned, because these are not a part of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Program.

### IN FASHION NOW

More and more we see the elegance of fabric being played up by clothes designers. The evening coat is an example. It is usually fashioned of some dazzling material and is popular for small parties as well as formal dances and trips to the opera.

Some of these coats are a bit over done. Remember when you are shopping for coats that it would be best to choose a neutral color that will go well with several gowns.

These coats range in price from the very expensive to "frankly expensive." Don't try to economize too much. This is often the most expensive thing you can do in the long run. If you have a limited amount to spend for your evening coat, it would be a good idea to make one yourself or have one made.

Trendy shoes are a must with this kind of outfit. Treat yourself to a pair of the exciting new sandals. They are very bare and you will need a pair of sandals!

foot stockings. If you make your own evening coat or have it made, why not make an evening bag to match? You will enjoy this new addition to your wardrobe, particularly when you make the rounds of the Christmas parties.

The great thing about the United States is not that all citizens are equal but that all can make a place for themselves if they have the determination.

Just ten years ago, the cold weather was striking hard at millions of Allied soldiers fighting in Europe. We have much to be thankful for ten years later.

Whether the United States has reached maturity as a nation will be seen in the next few years—when we will demonstrate to the world whether we learned anything from our isolationism between the world wars.

Very little change in price and production is the beef cattle outlook for 1955. Demands for all meat productions next year will be about the same as this year. Beef consumption is expected to be about 78 pounds per capita.

Laying hens need plenty of fresh air but chilling drafts can cause trouble. Ventilate the laying house to prevent cross-ventilation.

Credit is as important as any facility used by the present day farmer or ranchman. To aid commercial bankers, the fourth annual Farm and Ranch Credit School is being held at Texas A. and M. College from December 5-8.

The "Latest and best" describes the information to be passed out during the annual Dairyman's Short Course to be held at Texas A. and M. College, Dec. 2-3. Persons interested in the dairy industry are invited to attend.

Texas farmers spend more than \$35 million annually for repairs on tractors and equipment. Proper maintenance and adjustment would save a big slice of this bill. Up to 10 percent of the petroleum bill—about \$85 million annually—could be saved if tractors and related equipment were adjusted for optimum operation.

It is easier to tell people how to run their business than to hold down a tough executive job.



Angelic voices ring out in carols of praise and thanksgiving in this Joyous Season, and with them soar all our renewed hopes and prayers for peace and brotherhood among all men. At this time we would like to extend to all our friends our sincerest wishes for a Christmas unmatched in true happiness and well-being.

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

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

*Greetings*

It's not easy to express  
in cold type the warm appreciation we  
have for the loyalty and good will of  
our many friends. Our sincere thanks for your  
friendship is second only  
to the pleasure we've had in serving you. To one and all we wish a  
joyous Christmas and a bountiful New Year.

Dr. R. L. Kleeberger  
Spearman, Texas

Universal Motors  
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FIRST METHODIST (WOMAN) Spearman, Texas  
SUNDAY:  
9:45 A. M. Church School  
There Is A Class For You  
11:00 A. M. Morning Worship Service - Subject: Dr. Sermon: "Witness Of The Spirit"  
6:00 P. M. Methodist Youth Fellowship Services.  
7:00 P. M. Evening Worship Service - Subject: Dr. Sermon: "The Unrecognized Christ"

WEDNESDAY:  
The Woman's Society of Christian Services Will Not Meet This Week  
7:00 P. M. Mid-Week Service  
Prayer Meeting  
7:30 Choir Rehearsal.  
FRIDAY:  
11:00 P. M. Watch Night Service - Don't Miss This Service.  
Come, worship God with us. A cordial welcome awaits you at each service of this Church.

### Oslo News

By J. P. Knudson  
Mrs. James Stedje held a coffee party recently in her home for Mrs. Burton Olson, thus giving ladies of the community an opportunity to become acquainted with her.  
Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Christoferson and the Gordon Stedje and Bill Johnson families were dinner guests in the Clarence Johnson home on Sunday.  
Our Sunday school Christmas pageant will be given in our church next Saturday night, Dec. 25, at 7:00 o'clock. The public is invited.  
The Terry Huse family planned to leave on Thursday of this week to spend some of the holidays with relatives and friends in Bosque County, Texas.  
We are sorry to report that Harold Oeller is not improving in his health. At this writing he is a very sick man in the Baylor Hospital in Dallas.  
Mrs. Clara Stedje entertained

### Oslo News

the Jodie Knudson family for dinner on Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Johnson and little Erick were in Amarillo on Friday.  
John David Knudson arrived on Saturday from Texas U. to spend the holidays at home here.  
Mrs. Mary Brandvik is also back after visiting for quite a few weeks with her granddaughter in Tucson, Ariz.  
Miss Marie Stedje spent this last weekend with Miss Melba Brown, a teacher at Boy's Ranch.  
Our Luther League held its Christmas party and annual meeting in the parsonage on Sunday night. The new elected officers are Kathryn Knudson, president; Adelina Dahl, vice president; Luanna Olson, secretary; Gerald TeBeest, treasurer; Richard Hill, Postnet testament secretary; Marie Sogn chairman of the entertainment committee.  
FOR SALE OR TRADE—Equity in some vacant property in Lubbock. Would trade for lots in Spearman or Gruver. Bill Miller at Reporter Office. No3-1111

### R. H. Fulton Developing Hansford Oil

One of the big factors in the development of the Hansford oil field is R. H. Fulton, Independent of Lubbock, Texas. We print below a story appearing in the Amarillo regional news paper last Sunday:  
R. H. Fulton, the pipe line contractor of Lubbock is showing the way to many of the oil companies in the development of the new business, Hansford County. Starting the first of the year Fulton has drilled six producers, two dry holes and has three drilling. In his oil produces he brought in the biggest well so far drilled in the Texas part of the Anadarko Basin, the No. 2, LaSater, completed for 1,250 barrels. Last week the Fulton No. 3, Matthews, in section 103, block 45,

HATC survey, after fracturing three 29 barrels an hour for three hours on a three-quarter-inch choke from the Morrow sand at 7,195-7,205. No water. The Fulton No. 3 LaSater, in section 72 block 45, HATC survey, a south offset to the well, flowed 35 barrels an hour for three hours from perforations at 7,183.92 in the Morrow sand.  
Humble O&H Co. has been the most active operator in the county. It has drilled seven oil wells, five gasers and 3dry holes. Humble has the largest gasers in the county, one for 28,000,000 feet and one for 30,000,000 feet.

vice-President of the council for the past two years and before that time was Council Chairman of Explorers Scouting.  
Serving with Mr. Rust will be the following Council officers: Vice-President, Don Cain, Pampa; Charles Bean, Borger; Alton Boxwell, Perryton; and Bill Houser, Gilymon. Council Treasurer, Gene Fatheree, Pampa, and Council Commissioner Carl J. Fisher of Phillips.  
The Adobe Walls Council will close 1934 with a boy membership of 4500 and with more than 1700 volunteer adult leaders. There are now Boy Scout units in some 50 communities of the Council.

### The Adobe Walls Boy Scouts

R. J. Rust of Phillips has been elected President of the Adobe Walls Council, Boy Scouts of America, for the coming year. He succeeds C. A. Huff of Pampa, who served as president during 1933 and 1934.  
Mr. Rust, who is Area Supervisor for the Electrical Division of Phillips Petroleum Company, has been active Scoutmaster for many years. He served as First

The secret of success lies in finding a more efficient way of doing your work not finding away from it.  
As a rule men are more interested in getting their bite than in giving their bit.  
The best entertainment is not that concerned with dirt, lures, sex and trashy dialogue, plus emphasis on drinking and smoking.

### Egyptians Made Elaborate Dolls For Children

No one knows for sure who made the first doll, but it can be assumed the earliest figures were sacred gods and ancestor images. These doll-like forms were not toys for the delight of children, but solemn religious figures that preserved the tribe from harm.  
Then, somehow, somewhere, a change took place. Dolls became a toy for girls and the most popular Christmas toy of them all.  
Dolls have been discovered in Egyptian tombs and ruins, some even had real hair; some were ivory, carved by craftsmen for a king's daughter, others were made of straw by an overworked mother in a peasant's hut.  
In ancient Greece dolls were played with and cherished by little girls until they were ready to be married. Then their dolls were taken to the shrine of a favorite goddess and, often with tears, presented to her. The Roman children played with dolls, too, but after the fall of the Empire there came a long period in which there is no record of dolls.  
Not until the thirteenth century when dolls were made in Nuremberg and dressed in the fashions of the times did little girls again play with dolls. They were here to stay.  
By and by in Europe, the French fashion dolls became all the rage for children to play with but as models from which fine ladies could pattern their own modish costumes.  
In America the Indian children had dolls of their own made of rawhide and feathers and wood. Pioneer children had dolls much like these, and some were made of braided cornhusks or nuts, or corncobs, or rags, and were dearly loved in spite of their plainness.  
Much later, lifelike dolls were imported from Germany, where the doll industry had reached enormous proportions. These dolls had fine china heads with carefully painted faces and kid bodies that were jointed at the arms and legs. Later there came the Japanese-made dolls, which were inexpensive enough for almost any child to own. Then the American-made dolls began to appear—the special dolls, the kewpies, billikens, Buster Browns, teddy bears, Fatsy dolls and Shirley Temples and photograph dolls, with all the host of others that have followed and which are still to come. For dolls always will be part of childhood and part of Christmas as long as there are little girls and boys to play with them, and parents and fond kinfolk to buy.

### CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

UNITED STATES—Merry Christmas—Christmas tree, mistletoe and Santa Claus.



BRAZIL (Boas Festas)—A family dinner is first on the list of festive celebrations in Brazil. Christmas trees, gift exchanges and other typical U.S. holiday customs are being adopted in South America.



HOLLAND (Hartelike Kerstgrooten)—Land of old St. Nicholas, forerunner of our Santa Claus. In former years the Dutch celebrated for a month. St. Nick scattered his gifts about the floors of Dutch homes as early as December 6.



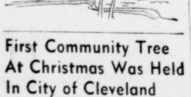
ITALY (Bono Natale)—Shepherds gather in villages on Christmas Eve to play musical instruments as town-folks sing sweet Nativity songs. Thousands flock to St. Peter's in Rome on Christmas Day.



GREECE (Kala Xristouyeha)—Decorated trees, greeting cards and gift exchanges are season highlights. New Year's Eve is really the top holiday, with big dances, parties and other celebrations for young and old.



PHILIPPINE ISLANDS (Maugayang Pasko)—Church services, singing and dancing are Yuletide favorites in the islands.



### Burial Place of Santa Said to Be in Italy

SANTA CLAUS, otherwise St. Nicholas, otherwise the one-time bishop of Myra in Asia Minor, is buried in Bari, Italy. His body was stolen from its original tomb in Myra and secretly borne to Bari by Italian sailors, who thought back in 1087 that a saint's body brought prosperity and good luck to your town.  
St. Nicholas, who was tortured and imprisoned for his faith during the reign of Emperor Diocletian, found no rest in his first tomb at Myra. Always some expedition was attempting to remove his remains. However, once buried again in Bari, the saint's body was credited with curing 30 people of distemper and performing other miracles. So Bari became a place of pilgrimage, and the legends about St. Nicholas multiplied apace.  
We owe curruption of Santa Claus as a secret dispenser of gifts to a story that St. Nicholas once saved three girls from a life of prostitution by throwing purses of gold through a window in Patara, thus permitting a poverty stricken nobleman to give his daughters suitable dowries as custom demanded.  
In addition, St. Nicholas was credited with restoring life to some boys who had been slain and dismembered by a wicked innkeeper of Myra—hence the occasional stained glass windows in which the saint is shown beside three lads in a tub.

### First Community Tree At Christmas Was Held In City of Cleveland

THE COMMUNITY Christmas tree idea was born in Cleveland, Ohio in 1912. The community raised funds to defray the cost of the tree and celebrations through the sale of preferred stock in Cleveland, the city of good will (unlimited), incorporated under the laws of the commonwealth of good cheer.  
Holders of preferred stock were entitled to "dividends payable daily in the form of happy voices of robust children, the contented faces of friendly fellow citizens and the advancement of the city of good will."  
Sale of stock was pushed everywhere, the most unique place being the Cleveland stock exchange where the stock was listed at the head of other securities. The sale brought \$12,000, which purchased Christmas cheer for 13,000 citizens, as well as the first community Christmas for the city.



TIME OUT . . . Santa Claus passes in his Christmas Eve parade and his cream ones as a 48-oz hamburger stand.

### SNOWMEN FOR YOU . . .

Your local lumber dealer may have patterns for these plywood and hardboard "snowmen" which you can make yourself. If not, use this picture for a pattern and go to work.

Dear Friends,  
It's been a long, hard pull getting ready for Christmas! But it's been worth the many hours spent at the workshop. For when you stop and think of the sheer delight reflected in every face on Christmas morn, it makes you feel really glad that your efforts have brought happiness like this into the World.  
So, have a Merry Christmas friends... and a very Happy New Year, too!  
Sincerely,  
Santa

Corner Drug Store



# The Spearman Reporter

THE SPEARMAN REPORTER, Hanford County, Thursday, Dec. 23, 1954

HANFORD COUNTY

180 producing gas wells

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS

The stage is set! TIME: Christmas! PLACE: Everywhere!

Santa, in the star role, portrays the merriest of well-wishers with skill and sincerity.

We applaud his performance and endorse his message. Now we offer an encore;

a Christmas wish to all: "May you enjoy an abundance of pleasures during this Holiday Season and throughout the Year to come!"

CUT RATE GROCERY and MARKET



Christmas Concert  
and  
Band Queen Coronation  
Presented By  
Gruver High School Band  
Glen A. Truax, Director  
Gruver High School Auditorium  
December 20, 1954 7:30 P. M.

Program

March	The Liberty Bell	Sousa
Cornet Trio	Three Melodiers	Buchtel
	John Boney, Bob McFaddin, Billy Bob Harris	
Popular	This Ole House	
Selection	The Green Cathedral	McKay
Solo Clarinet	Clarinets Out Front	Buchtel
Popular	Sh' Boom!	
Selection	When We Were Young	Buchtel
Popular	The Man Upstairs	
Sacred	Holy, Holy-Holy	Dykes, Arr Buchtel
Sight Reading	To Be Selected by the Director	
Popular	White Christmas	
	Santa Clause Is Coming to Town	
	Rudolph The Red Nose Reindeer	
Solo	The Downfall of Paris	Kathy Truax
Solo	The Jolly Dutchman	Al McClellan

Accompanied By Kathryn Knutson

Queen Coronation

Procession of the Queen Candidates and their Escorts	
Announcement of the Queen	Bob McFaddin
March	The Stars and Stripes Forever
	Sousa

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE

SLEIGH BELLS used in this Christmas Musical Program were loaned our band for this concert by Emil Knutson. They are a rare Antique and are from Denmark.

Band Queen Candidates

Gloria Delano	Mariene Gruver	Gail Wells
ESCORTS		
Robert Dahl	Selden Hale	Bill Shrader

Band Officers

President	Bob McFaddin
Vice President	John Boney
Secretary	Kathy Truax
Treasurer	Gail Wells
Social Chairman	Gloria Delano
Drum Major	Bill Shrader
Twirlers:	Barbara Charon, Ella Mae Clawson, Lue Melton, Sue Melton, Janet Wade.

Personnel of the Band

<b>PICCOLO</b>	<b>CORNETS</b>
Louise Knudson	John Boney *
<b>FLUTE</b>	Billy Bob Harris
Mona Hale	Jimmy Harvey
Louise Knudson	Dale Irwin
Kathryn Knutson	Bob McFaddin
<b>OBOE</b>	Lue Melton
Adeline Dahl	Clara Powell
<b>CLARINETTS</b>	Gene Sanders
Barbara Charon	Leroy States
John Cluck	Gail Wells
Gloria Delano	<b>FRENCH HORNS</b>
Bonnie Drake	Cecille Van Buren *
Jay Fulfur	Ernestine Wilson
Erlene Jagers	<b>BARITONES</b>
Pat Lane	Bill Shrader *
Sue Lowry *	Rex Williams
Sue Melton	<b>TROMBONES</b>
Carolyn Miller	Leslie Barkley *
Wayne Shott	Robert Dahl
Patti Struman	<b>BASS</b>
Key Winger	Al McClellan
Wayne Winkler	<b>BELLS</b>
<b>BASSO CLARINET</b>	Luann Cator
Janet Wade	<b>PERCUSSION</b>
<b>SAXAPHONES</b>	Bobby Berry
Billa Mae Clawson, Alto	Larry Claire
Cari Cooper, Baritone	Merlene Gruver
Seldon Hale, Tenor *	Judy Ottinger
Francis Morris, Alto	Kithy Truax *
Dean Sparks, Alto	<b>TYMPANI</b>
	Kathy Truax *

\*—Indicates First Chair Players

U. S. NAVY TOPS.

According to James Fighting Ships, a standard reference work on the world's navies, the United States Navy of 5,000 vessels in the largest peace-time fleet ever maintained by any nation. Russia tops the United States only in numbers of submarines, according to Jane's, which added that the Soviet Union is building "substantial forces" of cruisers, destroyers and submarines.

PAJAMAS FOR AIRMEN?

The Air Force is said to be studying the possibility of issuing pajamas to enlisted personnel. The Men's Pajama Institute, which announced the study, says

pajama wearing would speed up adjustment to military life, make airmen more comfortable in leisure hours and keep them cooler in the tropics and warmer in the arctic.

If you have any surplus money use it to pay your debts.

Now that the elections are over, we can get down to the truth again.

Why is it that the ignorant talk and the intelligent so often remain silent?

Running a church is a demanding job and those who do it have no easy days.



# Seasons Greetings

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

Gruver Lumber Company  
Gruver, Texas

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ains and make sure the  
aren't wasting too much seed.  
Less waste results if the feeders  
are only about one-half full,  
says the specialist.  
When a bird goes without  
water, she stops laying. Hensar-  
ling suggests some type of heat-  
ing unit for water fountains in  
areas of much below freezing  
weather. Soil heating cables,  
lights and commercial  
heating devices are in common  
use to keep drinking water  
from freezing.

A hen needs approximately 14  
hours of light to keep her stimu-  
lated for high production, he  
adds. As the days become short-  
er, production will drop unless  
artificial light is provided. One  
tested and proved method, Hensar-  
ling says, is to use 60 watt  
bulbs every 12 feet or 40 watt  
bulbs every 10 feet mounted  
seven or eight feet from the  
floor. Shallow dome reflector  
will help intensify the light if  
brushed off occasionally to re-  
move the dust.  
Finally, Hensarling says, it  
probably is time to cull again. A  
good culling every two or three  
months will keep the flocks out  
and profits up.

**Watch For Turkey  
Cutback In 1955**

College Station, Dec.—Turkey  
raisers have an eye on reduced  
production in 1955 because of  
today's low prices.  
Such a trend is expected after  
a record \$1,045,000 birds this  
year, says John G. McHaney,  
extension agricultural economist.  
The extent of cutback in 1955  
depends upon the number of  
breeder hens held for hatching  
egg production, says the econo-  
mist.  
Sixteen percent more light,  
breed birds and about six per-  
cent more heavy type turkeys  
were fed out this year. Prices,  
generally, are five to six cents  
a pound below last year.

Despite these figures, McHaney  
says Texas has not kept pace  
with other turkey producing  
areas. "The 'in and out' increase  
and decrease the total tur-  
key supply and effect prices received  
by all producers. The stable and  
efficient producers are the ones  
who build a retail industry and  
put it on a competitive basis with  
other higher producing areas,"  
says McHaney.

**Burr Cotton May Be  
Stored On Ground  
On High Plains**

College Station, Dec.—Burr cot-  
ton may be stored successfully in  
the field if the stream area is  
well drained, the cotton is dis-

is put down and green bolls  
are at a minimum.  
These are results of continuing  
studies of the Texas Agricultural  
Experiment Station at Lubbock.  
Field storage of machine strip-  
ped cotton will help eliminate  
the congested around gins during  
the peak season and allow for-  
mer smaller inventories of trail-  
ers and other temporary storage  
facilities.

In the latest tests reported by  
D. L. Jones, station superintendent,  
11, five 500 pound piles of cotton  
in the burr were put on the  
ground in November of 1951 and  
1952 and subjected to various  
weather conditions during the  
next six weeks. In test "A", the  
cotton pile had no fence and no  
cover. Other tests included com-  
bination of fencing, cover and  
artificially.  
When ginned the cotton was  
graded and other fiber tests were  
made. Each indicated the field  
stored cotton when put in stor-  
age was 12.6 percent in 1951 and  
14.8 percent in 1952. Both years  
the cotton had less than five per-  
cent of green bolls.

Complete results of the studies  
are shown in Progress Report  
728. Copies are available from  
the Agricultural Information Of-  
fice, College Station, Texas.

**Take Stock,  
Plan For '55**

College Station, Dec.—Careful  
planning and increased farm ef-  
ficiency are the tools Texas farm-  
ers must use in 1955 to fill  
the gaps caused by a drop in  
farm income, acreage allotments  
and the weather.  
Total crop harvests and live-  
stock production in the state this  
year compare "very favorably"  
with recent years, says C. H.  
Bates, extension farm manage-  
ment specialist. But based on net  
income, Bates says the farm pic-  
ture is quite different.  
Prices of farm and ranch  
products are running about six  
percent below 1953. This is due  
largely to slightly lower price  
and higher costs of farm pro-  
duction.

Dr. Bates, particularly in the  
Southwest, has further hampered  
farm operations.  
Acreage allotments on several  
major cash crops will reduce  
potential production. Stocks of  
most commodities are large and  
there's not much chance farm  
prices will rise above those of  
this year.

Livestock fed costs promise to  
remain high during the first  
half of the year. Bates suggests  
that producers who do not have  
adequate reserves of feed must  
expand such as school buses. Bi-

The specialist also says this  
is a good time to expand soil  
improvement programs on over-  
worked cropland. He advises farm-  
ers to take steps to curtail the  
"leaks" in farm income caused  
by insect damage to crops and  
livestock.  
Finally, farm records help give  
a clear picture of any year's  
operation, and January 1 is an  
ideal time to start such records.  
"It will take better farming  
to increase profits," in 1955,  
Bates concludes.

**Parity And Acreage  
Allots. Tell Cotton  
Outlook For 1955**

College Station, Dec.—Support  
prices and acreage allotments  
tell the story of cotton produc-  
tion in Texas for 1955.  
The state's share of national  
production next year must come  
from 7,612,779 acres, which is the  
'55 allotment for Texas. This  
year was harvested this year. National pro-  
duction for next year is set at  
10,000,000 bales of upland and  
30,000 bales of long staple cot-  
ton.

The support price for upland  
cotton will range from 82.5 to  
90 percent of parity.  
John G. McHaney, extension  
agricultural economist says the  
total carryover of cotton in the  
U. S. on August 1, 1955—about  
the time Texas farmers harvest  
their new crop—is estimated at  
3,200,000 bales. This compares  
with a carryover of 9,600,000 bal-  
es on August 1, 1953. Total  
cotton supply for 1954-5 is esti-  
mated at 23,000,000 bales, includ-  
ing the carryover. Last year's  
total was 22,600,000.

The economist says domestic  
mills are expected to consume  
more cotton this year. Exports  
are predicted to jump 700,000  
bales over last year. Smaller for-  
eign stocks and a higher rate of  
consumption abroad are the rea-  
sons for the expected export in-  
crease.  
The Agricultural Act of 1954  
will for a "set-aside" of some  
1,000,000 to 4,000,000 bales in  
'55. McHaney explains the y  
amount put in set-aside will be  
counted when marketing quotas  
are computed but excluded when  
price supports are being figured.

**Trends In Rural  
Education In Texas**

College Station, Nov.—Rural  
schools in Texas are keeping pace  
with urban schools despite a 66  
percent drop in number since  
1910.  
Courses of study have broad-  
ened and "special services" pro-  
grams such as school buses, Bi-

arrants and counselors now are  
employed in schools serving the  
state's rural areas.  
These are findings of a study  
by Dr. R. L. Skrabanek, profes-  
sor of agricultural economics and  
sociology at Texas A. and M.  
College. Studies were made of  
schools in Castro, Schleicher,  
Lynn, Burleson and Tyler coun-  
ties.

Attendance of students in the  
five counties was 92.9 percent a  
record which will be hard to  
improve in the future. Dr. Skra-  
banek notes.  
Pupil-teacher ratios have been  
reduced to less than 25 students  
for each classroom teacher. The  
survey showed the average rural  
teacher has 12 years classroom  
experience.  
Cost of a rural education has risen  
in recent years \$242 for  
each student compared with \$217,  
the state average.  
Consolidation accounts for the  
large reduction in number of  
schools. "One of the most com-  
mon arguments against consolida-  
tion is that some children spend  
more time riding buses and  
they are unable to take advantage  
of available educational facili-  
ties," says Dr. Skrabanek. The  
validity of this belief also was  
tested.

He found that although non-  
transported students had better  
attendance records and slightly  
higher grades than transported  
students, no relationship was  
shown between distance students  
were carried and their classroom  
performances.  
Complete findings of the sur-  
vey are given in Rural Educa-  
tion in Transition, bulletin 783,  
and is available from the Agri-  
cultural Information Office, Col-  
lege Station, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Fisher and  
Tim visited in Oklahoma most  
of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Hester  
drove to Amarillo Thursday.

**TAKE INSURANCE ADS.**

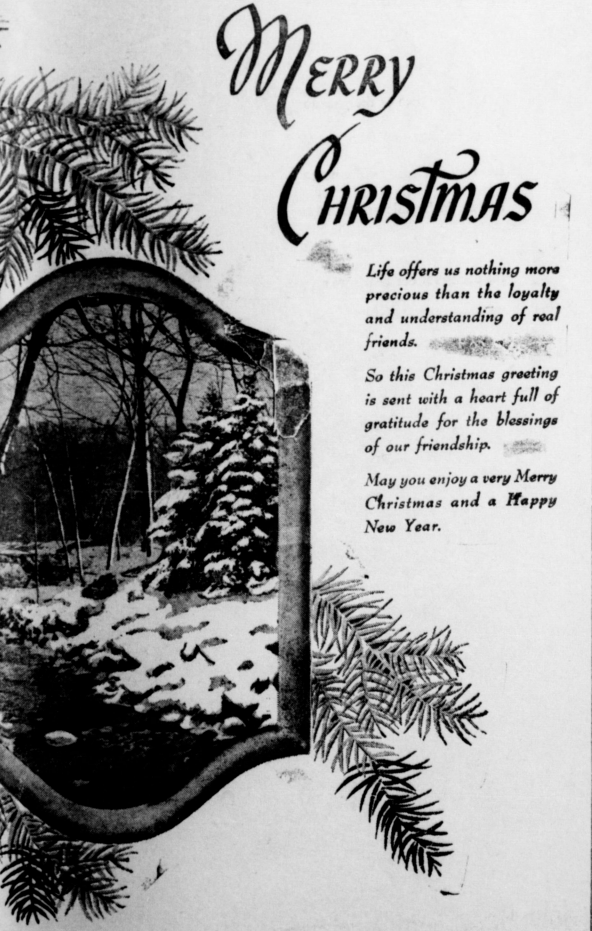
The Federal Trade Commis-  
sion has accused 17 companies  
in the health, hospital and accid-  
ent insurance business of "false  
and misleading advertising." To-  
gether, the 17 firms—including  
the four largest in the field—re-  
present annual premium pay-  
ments of more than \$300,000,000,  
or about one-third of the total  
health and accident policies writ-  
ten on individuals in the country.  
Individual hearings on the charges  
are to be held in December.



To All  
A Merry Christmas

At this joyous season of the  
year, when everyday cares are  
overshadowed by good fellowship  
and kind thoughts, we extend to our  
many friends our sincerest holiday greetings.  
A Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

PEDDY'S BUTANE' Gas and Oil Company  
Gruver, Texas



MERRY  
CHRISTMAS

Life offers us nothing more  
precious than the loyalty  
and understanding of real  
friends.  
So this Christmas greeting  
is sent with a heart full of  
gratitude for the blessings  
of our friendship.  
May you enjoy a very Merry  
Christmas and a Happy  
New Year.

John R. Collard, Jr.

Real Estate, Insurance and Loans

**A  
JOYOUS  
CHRISTMAS  
to ALL**

As the joyous songs of Christmastide  
ring out again, telling the happy  
story of "Peace on Earth, Good Will  
to Men" we extend the Season's  
greetings to our many friends. May  
your Christmas be one of conten-  
ment and good cheer. May the New  
Year bring you a full measure of  
happiness and good fortune.

**Byrd and Shook Service Station**  
Gruver, Texas



Texas dairy farmers is expected to continue and may tighten in 1935.

Texas corn hybrids 24 and 28 made the highest yields in the state this year in the corn performance testing program of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

A Christmas reminder from the Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Committee—Your holiday season will be joyous and safe as you make it. Don't take unnecessary chances in the home

or on the highway. We need our farm families hale and hearty for the jobs ahead, says the committee.

The largest advertisers always advertise where they get the most for their money.

Most compliments are not true—but that makes them even more enjoyable.

How Hollywood managers to put over the dislutes in current movies is one of the modern miracles, and a reflection on the intelligence of the movie goers.



### Christmas Meditation

"What's the Christmas Spirit, Daddy?" The child peered gravely over the magazine where she had found these words, confidently awaiting an answer.

"Well, girl, it's . . . it's a lot of things, big and small. And hard as you'll find it to believe, Santa Claus is part of the small. You see, the Christmas Spirit isn't likely to visit you when you're knee-deep in your own picture; you've got to be heart-deep in kindness.

"Remember how bleak and barren Main Street looked early this month? And you know how it looks now, with the wintry harshness all shut out by those evergreen arches, and strings of lights. Well, that's sorta like the way the Christmas Spirit changes people . . . and towns . . . and the world. It takes all the grey coldness out of streets, and human hearts—and brings in something fine and fragrant like evergreens; something bright and sparkling like those streamer-lights of red and green and frosty-blue. It stirs up the best part of human nature, that's usually buried too far down. It turns on a long, warm, friendly smile inside of us.

"Remember the midnight service at church last year? There, more than anywhere else, you'll feel the touch of the Christmas Spirit. So many things play a part in it—the crisp silence of the night . . . the lights of the church, throwing long, golden patterns across the snow . . . frosty breath in the starlight, and faces rosy-fresh in the cold . . . a certain closeness and warmth that you'll never find anywhere—except at a Christmas midnight service.

"And then, girl, when you stand with the others and throw all your being into one of those great Christmas Carols, and the organ has a silver sound you never heard before, with your heart riding on its melody—then the Christmas Spirit is all around you, like a gentle snowfall. And your thoughts are soaring far, far above all the glitter and surface-shine of Christmas, up and out through the midnight stretches searching the skies for the Star of Bethlehem.

"It's—so much more than I can say, and what I've said is probably hard for you to understand, huh?"

She smiled across at him, her eyes shining in the lamp-glow. "I do understand, sorta better, anyway . . . and it is even more wonderful than Santa Claus, isn't it Daddy?"

And the winter wind whispered outside the window, anxious of the bright glory within—for the radiance of the Christmas Spirit was with them, there in the room.

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### CHRISTMAS WISHES

There's no time like Christmas time to wish all of our friends—  
Good Cheer, Good Health and Peace.

Cutter Food Market  
Gruver, Texas

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# A Joyous Christmas

As joyful voices herald the approach of another Christmas season, we are grateful for the friendships and close associations it has been our privilege to enjoy.

At no other time of the year do warm feelings and fond words seem more fitting and sincere and so, in humble appreciation of our good fortune, and from the bottom of our hearts we say, "A Joyous Christmas To All!"

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Dorothy Mae Smith

### Jimmie Hester Is Elected Shrine Prexy

Noble Jimmie Hester was elected President of the Hanford county Shrine club at the regular stag meeting of the organization held at the Memorial

Building Friday December 17th. Roy Lee McClellan was elected vice president of the organization and Richard Holton was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

Nineteen Nobles were present for the Christmas party, which was outstanding from the standpoint of a Christmas banquet, and friendliness. Noble Jimmie Hicks, retiring president made a short talk and reviewed some changes made in the Constitution of the Shrine Temple at Amarillo. He thanked the members for whole hearted co-operation and expressed his personal pleasure at the large attendance recorded at the meeting.

President-Elect Jimmie Hester made an excellent talk, and reviewed some of the club activities, including giving a registered cow to girls ranch, paying for all meals of many children at the Spearman and Gr-

ver school lunch room and helping to purchase the girl scout bus.

The best way to accumulate money is to save some of what you are making now.

Empty heads appreciate empty honors and there are plenty of both these days.

Unfortunately, no one is interested in you good excuse for not doing anything.

The man who overtalks—about himself—rarely succeeds in fooling the public very long.

Intolerance is one subject many people write about and then fail to practice.

Three years ago today the big problem, inflation, and getting a new car.

### Lions Hear About Plans For City Sewer And Water Facilities

Mayor Gibner and Alderman Freeman Barkley were guests speakers at the Spearman Lion club Tuesday of this week. They gave a report on costs and need for extension of our present city sewerage system to include most all residences of the city. Also included in the plans were prospects for erecting a 250 thousand gallon overhead storage, plus several miles of water mains. This needed improvement would provide for a 14 cent reduction on fire rates, and is recommended by the state fire insurance commission as well as consulting engineers.

Mr. Gibner showed a map of the proposed expansions and suggested that any citizens of Spearman would be welcome to come to the bank or city office and look over the plans and study the needs.

Both Gibner and Barkley were positive that the needed improve-

ments could be made by voting a \$160,000.00 bond. They stated that due to the excellent financial condition of the city this bond could be voted and liquidated without raising the taxes or valuation of city property. This, Mayor Gibner explained, because the city is rapidly getting on a cash basis and most all other bonded indebtedness will be virtually liquidated by February 1955.

Gibner stated that the city was showing a small profit now on water and more profit on gas. He said the city was considering purchase of a new asphalt paving machine so that the near 8 miles of paving in the city could be repaired by city employees. Gibner said there was a possibility of constructing new paving in the city if so machine is purchased. He made it plain that this purchase would be made from city funds and not to be included in any pro-

posed bond issue. Gibner said there was some plans being considered for purchasing a gas well in this area at some future date.

### Sam Watson And Crew At Lion Club

Bandmaster Sam Watson and a group of four hungry looking lads wearing ill fitting band uniforms presented a program of semi-classical music, with lots of emphasis on the emi. The program went over big with the Lion club members and although the band leader Dan Smith called the group the Hun-gry Five, Boss Lion Buchanan complimented their music calling them the "arty" five. Bandmembers in addition to Bandmaster Sam Watson were Thomas Bell, Don Smith, Chucky Blackburn and Elvis Pool. They are regular members of the

grade school band.  
**CORRECTION**  
Mrs. Roy Jones was one of the hostesses to a recent bridal shower for Miss Georgia Buzzard. When the social item was printed in the paper Mrs. Jones name was left out of the list of hostesses; and this to let the public know that a correction is made to this effect.

### Better Homes Christmas Party

The Better Homes HD Club had their annual Christmas party December 17 at the club house. Games of dominoes and pitch were played.

Those present included Mr. and Mrs. John Kenney and J. M. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Crooks and sons, Mrs. Ed Beck and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Honing and family, Dwight Hutchison, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Stowe and girls, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bryan and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Novak, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Novak and family.



## A PRAYER for Christmas

As the curtain begins to draw across the old year, we pray that the spirit of Christmas be kept in the hearts of men not only this one day... but every day. For with Christmas in our hearts nothing in life could ever quench the joy or dim the light of our peace.

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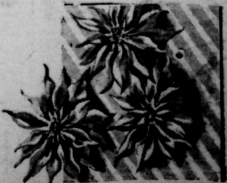


## Peace... Good Will...

Simple words - yet how deep is their significance to-day! In these few words is recaptured all the soaring glory and spiritual beauty of Christmas. We know it is the hope highest in all hearts at this time and in greeting all our friends we express our message with the sincerity of a prayer -  
"May the blessed Peace of Christmas be yours forever  
May the spirit of Good Will prevail over all."

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Washington News Letter From Congressman Walter Rogers

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE 18TH DISTRICT: CHINA BLOCKADE The big question international-

By the debate, pro and con, on the proposal for an economic blockade of China. The ardent supporters of Chiang Kai-shek in this country are the strong advocates of a physical blockade of the China ports.

2 DESTROYERS TO JAPAN The United States Government has turned over two destroyers, the U. S. S. Ellison and Macomb, to the Japanese Government on a loan basis.

NEW ROCKET The Pentagon has announced that several batteries of a faster than sound rocket, capable of carrying an atomic warhead will be sent to Europe for the use of forces under the command of General Alfred M. Gruenther, Supreme NATO Commander.

Income Tax Forms Federal Income Tax forms for taxpayers in the Internal Revenue Service's southwest region office will be easier to read and decipher this year.

Highlights And Side Lights From Your State Capitol By VERN SANFORD Texas Press Association Austin, Texas—Highlighting the news in Austin is the resignation of U. S. District Attorney Charles Herring.

RHEUMATIC, ARTHRITIC VICTIMS PRAISE PAIN-RELIEVING POWER OF SAFE NEW "FILM-COATED" TABLET Quickly Curbs Deep-Seated Pains Without Stomach Distress

Advertisement for Ar-Pan-Ex tablets, describing its benefits for rheumatic and arthritic victims. Includes a testimonial from Mrs. Mary Creamer and a list of distributors.

attorney's post. He has Republican National Committeeman Jack Porter's backing for the job. State Bugindi Program Karl Kamrath, Houston architect and chairman of the state planning commission, says that state plans for new buildings in Austin will probably be delayed until the capital city's new "Master Plan" is developed, so that city and state plans may dovetail.

State voters recently approved a constitutional amendment authorizing the transfer of surplus money from the Confederate Pension Fund to a building fund for building and a new state office building. Another Attempt If you wear glasses you'll be interested in the latest move by the Legislature to pass an optometry bill granting the board dictatorial power.

Democratic Harmony Maybe there is going to be a little more harmony in the Democratic Party. Governor Allan Shivers expressed that possibility in a press conference here. He said that the trend of a party meeting in New Orleans seemed to indicate a feeling on the part of Democratic leaders to yield somewhat in their attitude toward southern conservatives.

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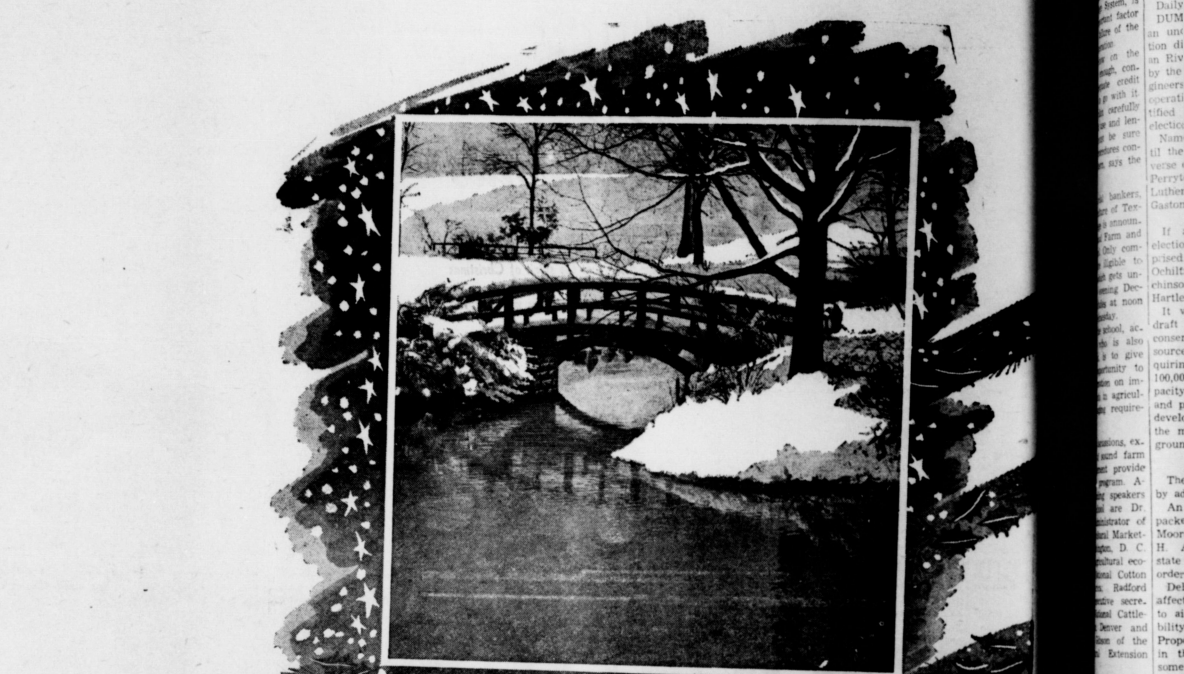
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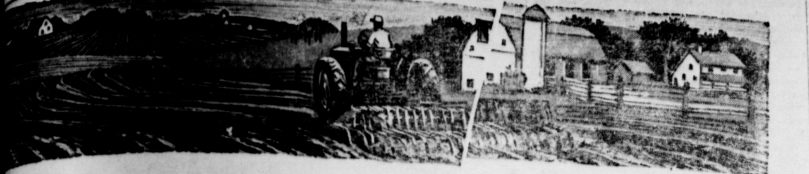


A Very Merry Christmas to All our friends and a Happy New Year, too! Once again, at the close of another year we are mindful of the importance of your good will and friendship. With the holiday season at hand we are most anxious to wish everyone the Merriest Christmas ever and a New Year filled with happiness and success.

Advertisement for Gruver State Bank, Gruver, Texas, featuring a photograph of the bank building and text describing its services.

Vertical text on the right edge of the page, including 'FOR' and 'Elec To Nex'.





# HANSFORD COUNTY... farm & ranch news

## Election Is To Be Called Next Month

By AL HALL  
Daily News Regional Staff  
DUMAS, Dec. 9.—Petition for an underground water conservation district north of the Canadian River was granted here today by the State Board of Water Engineers. To become valid and operative the district must be ratified by popular vote in an election to be called in January. Named as interim directors until the election were R. V. Converse of Spearman, Harlan Hawk, Perryton, Pete Metcalf, Dalhart, Luther Browder, Stratford, and Gaston Wells of Dumas.

If approved in the January election the district will be composed of all or parts of Hansford, Ochiltree, Sherman, Moore, Hutchinson, Libscomb, Dallam and Hartley counties.

It will have the authority to draft and enforce regulations to conserve underground water resources by preventing waste, requiring permits for wells of over 100,000 gallons daily output capacity, to require spacing of wells and production therefrom, and to develop comprehensive plans for the most efficient use of underground water.

regulations on well-spacing and well-production."

Principal opponents of the position were a delegation from Dalhart County headed by County Judge W. D. Henson, and L. B. Williams, Amarillo civil engineer, who said he represented the estate of J. P. Sneed Jr., Elizabeth Sneed Robnett, L. J. Hale, W. H. Taylor and W. H. Coon.

Judge Henson testified that Hartley and Dalhart counties

were not protesting the creation of the district as a whole, but inasmuch as the Texline District was already in existence, it was his feeling that landowners in the area should be included in the Texline District. "The conditions in these extreme western counties of the proposed district are much different," he said, "and we feel that local administration would be preferable." The Texline Dis-

trict is excluded from the 9-county area.

Williams said he had conducted a water survey for a client in 1941 and had found a water table along the extreme southern boundary of the district as presently delineated. "This is not a difference of geological opinion," he declared, "but information gathered from actual test drillings, and he declared that one of his clients had drilled three dry holes in

southeastern Moore County, and for this reason he asked that the block of more than 50,000 acres be excluded from the district.

Judge Otto Dent, a member of the board of engineers, explained to the opponents that provisions were made for the exclusion of specified areas. This would afford them protection, or they could vote against creation of the district when the election is called.

With the preponderance of evidence favoring the creation of the district, the state board, including the third member, A. P. Rollins, ordered designation of the district, and named the interim directors.

When precincts were declared, Ochiltree and Libscomb counties, Hansford and Hutchinson, Sherman, Moore, Dallam and Hartley. The five directors will have 15 days in which to qualify by furnishing a surety bond for \$5,000 each. They will order the election within 30 days after they have a quorum.

When the preferential election is held it will be tabulated county by county, exclusive of municipal-

ities. The latter will be counted individually. Thus any county or any municipality may accept or reject the proposal.

## New Bulletin On Stored Grain Insects Is Out

College Station, Dec.—Identify, prevent and control of insects which invade stored grains in the subject of a new bulletin recently released by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Titled "Stored Grain Insects," the publication estimates that insects eat up to two percent of the nation's farm-stored grain each month. Losses are due primarily to unclean storage structures, or moisture which encourage a buildup of the insects.

The bulletin pictures the common stored grain insects of Texas. It tells how clean and prepared bins for storage using a residual spray of DDT, methoxychlor or TDE.

Different controls for insects in grain to be used for seed and for food are listed. Fumigants—how

## How To Keep Fruit Cakes Moist During Storage

By June C. Gibbs

Since fruit cakes are better if allowed to ripen, now is the time to make them if you haven't already. Keeping fruit cakes moist during storage is often a problem to many homemakers.

Miss Jimmie Neil Harris, foods and nutrition specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, says glaze fruit cakes helps to maintain moisture, and storing them in air tight containers is very important.

Basting during storage with fruit juices keeps them moist, too, and it gives the fruit cakes a rich satisfying flavor.

After forty a cucumber in the hand is worth two in the tummy.



*With sincere good wishes that this Christmas may bring you such Peace and Joy as the shepherds found when our Saviour was born...*

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An audience of more than 200 packed the district courtroom in Moore county court house when H. A. Beckwith, chairman of state board called the hearing to order at 10 a. m.

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It's never too late, if you are still alive, to be careful on the highway.

It's well to remember that some of the finest friendships were made in church.

Respect will not abound in this country if the farmer loses his profits.

Beauty is not a necessity for a woman but it surely makes life easier for her.

Food, rest, mental peace and exercise are the four keys to ripe old age.

A good-looking woman can always attract the wolves—if she wants to attract them.

The man who is always up with his work must have very little else to do.

Some people do not care to improve their lot—they are hopeless.

### CHRISTMAS CHEER

Dorothy Boys Kilian

NAN RAYMOND, seated in white starched loneliness at the desk of Ridgdale's ten-bed community hospital, stared disconsolately at the tiny table tree which she had just finished trimming.

"Would it be just too much to ask you to take Christmas Eve duty for me, Nan?" Grace, the other night nurse, had asked her some days ago.

"I know you aren't going to be able to get home for the holidays anyway, and my family is right here in town."

The urgent ringing of a bell broke in on her lonely dream—the handbell of the patient in room two.

"Old Smithers: I wonder what long-winded complaint she'll have now," Nan groaned.

She opened the door. "Mrs. Smith, every grey hair in place, was sitting bolt upright in bed. 'I'm expecting a visitor tonight. Where is he?' the old lady snapped."

"If anyone asks for you of course I'll bring him up," Nan forced herself to answer politely.

"It's almost nine o'clock, and Algernon wrote definitely that he'd make it for Christmas Eve," Mrs. Smith glared at Nan. "It's bad enough being here, let alone trying to celebrate alone."

"I'm not celebrating either, Mrs. Smith."

"Oh, you—you're young and strong and well, this is your job!" The woman sighed. "How well I remember Christmas when I was your age! Sit down a minute and I'll tell you about the time we—"

The old lady ignored her excuse. "The time we invited the church choir to supper and to help decorate our tree before choir practice," she went on. "Well, somebody began a carol as he tied a popcorn ball to a branch, and do you know, before the last apple was hung on the tree, we had gone through our whole blessed program."

"Did you always put a star on the top of your tree?"

"Oh, my, yes," Mrs. Smith smiled. "I'll tell you just exactly what we did use for decorations. Let's see, now. There were the popcorn balls, and cranberry chains."

When the doorbell downstairs rang suddenly, Mrs. Smith brought herself up in the middle of a sentence and chuckled. "Thank you for listening to an old bore, my dear. Now you just go see if that isn't Algernon."

A young man, bare headed, with coat collar turned up to meet a tassel of sandy hair, smiled at her through the gloom. "Are you the unfortunate gal who's taking care of my Granny Smith?" he asked.

An imperious voice called from upstairs. "Is that you, Algernon?"

The young man grinned at Nan.

### HIS and THAT



### Around Gruver.

Our column will be brief this week. We had intended writing a complete Christmas Message, but an unexpected trip to Amadillo yesterday knocked that out. But we do want to wish you

all a very wonderful Christmas. In many of our homes we have gaily decorated Christmas Trees. Not many of us see in them the message of Christmas, yet it is there. Briefly, here it is: The Christmas Tree is a symbol of Life, Light, and Joy. It is not accident that we use an evergreen tree for Christmas. Other trees at certain times of the year are more beautiful. But now their beauty is gone, their leaves are dead. But now the evergreen comes into its own.

It is still green, the symbol of life, and life is the message of Christmas. For Jesus came to bring eternal life to all who trust Him. Then the tree is the symbol of light, because it is light. The more lights we can put on our tree the better. Light and life go together. You need light to have life. So your Christmas tree reminds you that He who came to bring life also said "I am the light of the world". Finally the Christmas "Tree is the symbol of joy. Where ever there is a gaily decorated Christmas Tree, there is joy and laughter. Well, when

we have the Life that Jesus gives, and the Light he puts in our lives, there is real joy. For Jesus said "My Joy I leave with you". So catch the message of the Christmas Tree. Merry Christmas to all.

College boys and girls will be here for Christmas. Many are already here, some are on their way, and a few will not get here until late in the week. Next week we'll tell you all we can about them.

Last week one or two paragraphs were left out of our column. We said we wanted to welcome two new citizens, but one got left out. Mr. and Mrs. John Ireland also welcome a daughter into their home last week. The young lady was named Patricia Ann. Mrs. Ireland is the former Patsy Rafferty. Congratulations.

Now we have another one. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gruver are the happy parents of a new daughter. Mrs. Gruver is the former

Mary Cotter. We do not have the particulars. Congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Francis are grandparents. Their daughter Carrie Neal is the mother of a baby girl. But again we lack the details. But we are happy for all concerned.

Last week we told you of Dean Cluck and Coy Miles Holt, being home on leave. Well we are glad to report that Bill Kindy made it too. It means a lot to these boys to get home for a few days. Bill will not go back to el Paso, but will report to Camp Chafee Ark. He will go to radio school.

You all remember Buck Luttrell. He used to play Basket Ball and did a good job. Then he joined the navy, and we have not heard much about him. Well he too made it home for Christmas.

Donald Mason, and Donna Kindy, both students at P. A. M. C. are home for the holidays.

Well that's all for now, so let us say it again. We wish you all a MERRY CHRISTMAS.

### Card Of Thanks

The patients of the Hanford Hospital take this means of expressing their sincere thanks to the various groups who visited the hospital and sang Christmas carols. We greatly appreciated the music and the spirit which prompted this program.

FOR SALE—Fryers. As many as you want. Dressed or on foot. Call 4301 after 6:00. No. 3 2tc

FOR SALE—Modern, 2 bedroom home with double garage. Located in Waka. See Mrs. H. L. Bishop, Waka.

Church-going is one of the hallmarks of a proper community spirit, among other things.

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### Quaint Rehearsal Of Christ's Birth Found in Old Carol

"Auld Lang Syne" has become such an integral part of our modern New Year's eve that no celebration, however gay, would be complete without it.

The music sheets for those nostalgic strains simply say "Robert Burns—Scotch Air," and Robert Burns generally is supposed to have written it after he had settled down on a farm and taken himself a wife, following the sweeping success in 1788 of the second edition of his "Poems." Well and good, but Auld Lang Syne was not exclusively a Burns product, nor did he claim it to be.

In a letter to George Thomson, a publisher, Burns explained:

"It is an old song of olden times, which has never been in print. I took it down from an old man's singing."

Modern scholarship has discovered that Burns was wrong when he told Thomson "Auld Lang Syne" never had been in print. Its refrain, at least, was printed obscurely long before Burns heard his "old man singing."

Further, the original song often has been credited to Sir Robert Aytoun (1570-1638). Aytoun was one of the earliest Scots to use the lowland dialect as a literary medium.

Millions of Americans descended from non-British stock are perpetually mystified by this dialect, nor does it seem to make much sense in the standard English translation.

Regardless of its original author and origin, it was Burns who gave "Auld Lang Syne" its immortality. And though the bells now welcome the New Year with joyous peals, symbolizing mankind's hope for a bright future, the nostalgist of "Auld Lang Syne" summarizes an adherent reluctance to leave the security and friendship of the past and embark upon a future which, however promising, may not be more pleasant. Thus, it remains a part of the English speaking heritage to "Drink a cup of kindness yet For Auld Lang Syne."

### Christmas Eve Memory Check

Did You Remember . . . to take home a few extra toys? If you are expecting two or three neighborhood small fry to drop in, you can be sure six will show up. And three toys and six children do not enhance "Peace on Earth."

Did You Remember . . . to check the Christmas tree lights? Not day before yesterday. Not last week. We mean right now. A few stores are still open and you can supply new ones.

Did You Remember . . . that you told all those people to drop in for refreshment tonight? Better check on the cake, cookies, soft drinks, and other goodies.

Did You Remember . . . those last minute Christmas cards? If not, you can send telegrams to friends too far away for cards to reach them by December 28. You can even have a messenger call at your house while the guests you invited in for snacks are there, and probably everybody will remember someone far away who should have a Christmas greeting.

Did You Remember . . . to hang some kind of Christmas decoration outside the house, so passing strangers may enjoy some of the Christmas glow that is in your home and reflect it around your town? Remember, everyone has a part in this Christmas cheer, not just your small circle, and the more cheer you scatter, the more you will gather.

### First Christmas Card Was Created in 1842

Over 250 years ago English school children wrote Christmas expressions of good will called "Christmas pieces." From this school chore came the gracious custom of sending Christmas cards.

The first known Christmas card was created in 1842 in London by a young etcher named William Egley.

In the United States, Louis Prang published the first Christmas cards. During the 1870's and 80's Prang produced thousands of beautiful cards and has become known as the grandfather of the business.



# Christmas

On that blessed night, the world was hushed with wonder, and hope arose anew for all mankind . . . Christ the Saviour was born. Today, we pray for His guidance, that we may find peace in our hearts and renewed faith in a world in which men everywhere shall live in good will and understanding with one another.

R. L. McCLELLAN AND SONS  
CASE Farm Machinery Dealers



# The Spearman Reporter

HANSFORD COUNTY  
160 producing gas wells  
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gas for U. S.

THE SPEARMAN REPORTER, Hansford County, Thursday, Dec. 27, 1954



We hope that this Christmas brings fulfillment of your every wish and that it finds you happily surrounded by the things and people you love. For this is what makes for contentment—and nothing is more precious! And if our greetings were to add one iota to your enjoyment of the holiday, then our Christmas will be happier too!

Will J. Miller, Publisher  
Wm. M. Miller, Sports Editor  
Joe S. Kirk, Shop Foreman  
Mrs. Wm. Miller, Asst. Manager  
Mrs. Delon Kirk, News Editor  
C. Ross Payne, Church Editor  
Rev. Herbert Hughes, Gruver Ed.  
Rev. J. P. Knudson, Oslo Reporter



# RED HOT MORSE MUSTANGS WIN SPEARMAN TOURNA

The galloping Mustangs of Morse High School made a clean sweep of the Spearman tourney, as their boys defeated Gruver, 53 to 41, Sunray 48 to 42, and Borger in the finals 52 to 48 for the championship.

The Spearman girls were defeated 34 to 28 by Stratford, but it was a much better game than the score indicated. Judy Meek bucketed 12 points in the final game, with Cates and Martin making eight points each.

The Spearman boys played good, smooth basketball, but the Borger team was just too much for them in their semi encounter. The Lynx were smooth, played well for this early in the season, but Borger, with their outlandish long shots, was just too much for the Lynx.

Spearman B 30-Sunray 59  
Morse 47-Stratford 50  
Sunray 45-Darrouzett 53  
Spearman 28-Stratford 43

### All Tournament Teams:

**BOYS:**  
Renolds, no. 21 Sunray  
Davis, no. 99 Gruver  
Nolmer, no. 7 Spearman  
Schoenhals, no. 40 Darrouzett  
Stone, no. 21 Stratford  
Ingram, no. 33 Stratford  
McGee no. 10 Darrouzett  
Reid no. 23 Morse  
Staten no. 25 Morse  
Elvis Pool, no. 1 Spearman

Richardson no. 6 Morse  
Parker no. 10 Stratford  
Hill no. 6 Sunray  
Meek no. 20 Spearman

Trophies for the tournament were given by the following business firms: Boys: First State Bank, second place, Spearman Hardware, Consolation McClellan Chevrolet and McClellan Krause. Sportsmanship, Jim Neely. All-tournament team trophies, Cut Ridge Grocery. Winning team basket balls, Spearman Reporter. **GIRLS:** First place, B and C Grain Consolation, Owens Sales Co. Sportsmanship, Spearman Drug. All-tournament team trophies, R. E. Lee Oil, Floyd Lecker and Grocery, Orange Die Station and Hansford Abstract. Winning Team basketballs, Bertry Cleaners, Wardrobe Cleaners, Foxworth Galbraith Lumber.

### Local Church To Host Convocation

Rev. Calvin Springer, Pastor of the Union church announced this week that this church will be host to a Panhandle Full Gospel Convocation the last week in December. The Convocation will begin with the Sunday night service, December 27, and last throughout the week. A good crowd of folk from out of town and out of State is expected. Ministers from various parts of the country will be attending as guests, as well as to help with the week's program. The church has recently undergone an inside face-lifting. New hard wood floors, and carpets have been laid. The walls have recently been re-painted, and new Opera seats have been installed. This adds to the comfort and beauty of the church, as well as extending the seating capacity. One owns people

are invited to come out and view the new interior, and enjoy these good song services, and evangelistic preaching. At another place in this paper is an advertisement announcing this Christmas Convocation, and listing the daily services and their times. You are cordially invited to attend any and all of these services. The convocation will close with a Watch night service on December 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Stowe spent Sunday in Amarillo visiting Mr. and Mrs. LA Ballard and Mr. and Mrs. Mort Lynch at Pantex.

Human nature is not even enough to explain the rows that center on religions. Americanism—the greatest the family income, the greater is the family's need.



By Joyce Madison

**EARL STEPPED OFF** the mine lift and took a deep breath of chill December air. Guess a fellow rans on a farm never gets over hankering for fresh air, he thought. He lighted a cigarette and looked out over the city below. It sprawled like a huge Christmas tree, a thing of beauty by night, but drab and colorless by daylight. Butte, Montana.—the richest hill on earth—and that hill honey-combed by men carrying away her riches.

By Papinta J. Knowles

**THE PLAN** had been forming in his mind since he lost his wheat plot in the fall and the creek overflowed the bottom, ruining most of his corn. Every year, since he had bought the farm four years ago, something had gone wrong. Last year he had lost several head of cattle, the year before he had had trouble with his sheep.

Mom wouldn't approve of throwing the wad the first night. Mom would say Min was not a lady. But Min was a pleasant fellow from the mine and the rooming house.

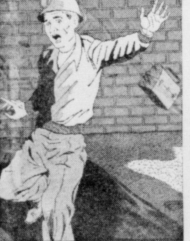
He shared one large room with some dozen other miners, whose sickness coughs racked the night. The mine, the bar, the bunk—that was his life. Better than the ranch though. The ranch furnished endless drudgery from sun up to sun down. The mine was only for forty hours.

It was a dry winter and he was making good time on the short cut. The gravel path was lost in darkness. His miner's helmet sat cockily on the back of his head as he hurried along, sliding sometimes on the down grade.

Suddenly the path gave way under him and he was falling through space. An old mine shaft! There were plenty of them in Butte. He spread-eagled his arms and they caught solid ground in front, leaving him suspended over the pit. His feet sought for a hold, but the ground was frozen and he could make no impression. He flailed against the wall, his shoes slipping like a spinning tire.

His whole life flashed before him. Happy carefree days of childhood. They seemed carefree now. Perhaps chores were a necessary evil. Eternal milking, swilling, pitching manure. Chopping holes in the ice for the stock, hauling feed. Never year for town but some of the stock were out and had to be caught. Always something.

**SHE RAN AWAY** and came to a Butte. Never been back. Three years now. He was a hard rock miner. Friendly Butte! Not to a boy away from home. Forty hours for the mine. Forty in the bars. Forty in the rooming house. What'd he do with the rest of his



Suddenly the path gave way under him and he was falling through space.

time? Always had plenty 'til now. It was running out pretty fast. His arms were getting numb. He would have to let go and then...

St. John's bells chimed out the hour. One! Two! Three! Great booming tones. Four! Five! Six!

Six o'clock was winter supper time on the ranch. He could picture his parents sitting at the table. Evening devotions.

A calm settled over his strained nerves and he could think clearly. Since he fell forward into the pit and his arms were resting on the far side, it must be narrow. He kicked behind with one foot and struck earth. He braced himself with both feet, and with a mighty push scrambled over the edge.

Sick from the ordeal, he lay quietly for a long time. Finally he sat up, lighted his miner's lamp and threw the beam into the hole. Then whistled softly and looked about, recognizing the site of a burned gas station. He had been dangling over the grease-pit, his feet only a few inches from the bottom.

Suddenly a longing for the ranch and family possessed him. He jumped to his feet and ran down the hill. If he hurried he could catch the bus and be home for New Year.



"And here's your New Year's gift," she said, smiling. "One of our best future farmers."

them. And even Reiney, the wealthiest farmer in our county, said he had had ten years of hard luck before the tide turned. He wasn't a quitter, Jim."

Quitter. Jim stared at the road ahead in silence. He sensed a feeling of shame from the impact of Sally's words. Was that the way he looked to her: a quitter? His lips tightened in a firm line.

Sally laid her hand on his arm. "Jim, I'm sorry," she said, "but all the time I was in the hospital I planned for Joe—on the farm. You see, dear, each New Year is a challenge to us in the job we're trying to do. We shouldn't look back; we should look forward and have faith in the New Year, faith that it won't be like the old—it will offer us something better."

Jim pressed Sally's hand, and suddenly he was aware of an anxious feeling to top the next ridge so that the old farm would be in sight. So long as we live by faith and hope, he thought, no hardship could be so great but that it could be endured and surmounted in the end, if we work and never give up. He knew it now. That was the spirit of the New Year.

# Christmas Greetings



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"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.

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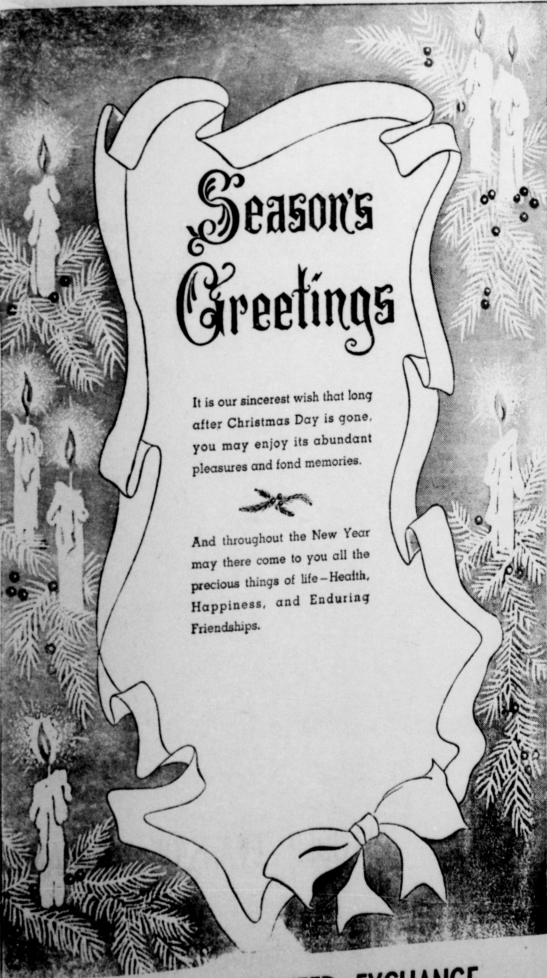


### SEASON'S Greetings

Christmas has a merry way with all... it gives joy and laughter to the children, warm and cheerful feelings to the grown-ups, and best of all the grand memory of its joy continues throughout the year.

To all our friends we wish a Holiday Season filled with happiness, good health, and contentment.

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### Season's Greetings

It is our sincerest wish that long after Christmas Day is gone, you may enjoy its abundant pleasures and fond memories.

And throughout the New Year may there come to you all the precious things of life—Health, Happiness, and Enduring Friendships.

**BORGER TYPEWRITER EXCHANGE**



### Season's Greetings

In extending our sincerest greetings to our friends at this time we find an ever deeper meaning in the spirit of Christmas. For it is the furthering of friendship and brotherhood with others that brings to us the true joy of living... A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

**WHITE HOUSE PROPERTIES**



### Texas Hybrids 26 And 27 Make Highest Corn Yields In 1954

College Station, Dec. 21. — Texas hybrids 26 and 27 made the highest yields this year in the state in field tests.

The two varieties exhibited a wide range of adaptation by ranking near or at the top at different locations in the experimental area of Texas.

Results of the tests were compiled by members of the Department of Agronomy at Texas A. & M. College and are given in Progress Report 1732.

Texas 30 and 32, other new yellow hybrids produced slightly less than 23 or 26 and were not as consistent in their performance, the report says. The former hybrids made high yields under favorable growing conditions but not under adverse conditions.

Texas 30 was superior in the 34 tests to other yellow hybrids in resistance to lodging, stalk breaking and in freedom from insect and disease damage.

The new hybrid, Texas 17W, gave the most consistent results among white varieties. A. & M. agronomists say it was the highest yielding variety at locations where serious drought prevailed. But on a statewide basis it harvested less than the yellow hybrids.

Texas 17W is noted for two to three day earlier maturing date, which gives it the advantage of limited moisture.

White hybrids Arrow 101W and Texas 18W also were high yielders but were not as consistent as 17W.

Because of weather unfavorable to corn production, the agronomists note that the average of 16 bushels to the acre for the entire average is the lowest since hybrid corns have taken a prominent place in Texas. The last average yield of less than 16 bushels was harvested in 1944 when only three percent of total acreage was planted to hybrids.

Copies of the report, Summary of 1954 Texas Corn Performance Test, are available from the Agricultural Information Office, College Station, Texas.



### Miss Deewe To Wed Mr. McClellan

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Deewe of Campbell, Texas are announcing the approaching marriage of their daughter, Joan, of Spearman, to Wilson Eugene McClellan, the son of Mrs. and Mrs. Lee McClellan of Spearman.

The wedding will take place January 1, 1955 at six o'clock p. m. in the First Methodist church in Spearman. Mrs. Gene Morris of Tyler, and Roy L. McClellan of Spearman will attend the couple.

The public is cordially invited to attend. Formal invitations will not be sent.

### Crawford Entertains

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Crawford entertained members of their families with a Christmas dinner Tuesday, Dec. 21.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. P. K. Banister of Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Don Cruce and children, Mrs. Gertrude Reinhardt, Bus and R. C. Banister, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Bennett of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Keane and boys of Perryton.

Games of canasta and dominoes were enjoyed after dinner. Mrs. Banister was unable to attend due to illness. She returned home Wednesday after a short stay at Shattuck hospital.

### Cost-Price Squeeze To Continue On Dairy Farmers

College Station, Dec. — The cost-price squeeze on Texas dairy farmers will continue and may tighten in 1955.

John G. McHaney, extension agricultural economist, says prices for milk in relation to the cost of feed probably will be lower than this year. Prices for products on the whole may stay about where they are, McHaney predicts.

Farmers will enter 1955 with about the same number of cows as a year earlier. Total milk production in the U. S. next year is expected to equal the record 124,000,000,000 pounds in prospect this year.

McHaney says the high production of the past two years has been produced on very poor pastures in many areas. With revived grasslands, he says, next year's milk flow could exceed this year's.

The price outlook is not too favorable from a supply standpoint. Stocks of all dairy products in July were 5,000,000,000 pounds greater than a year earlier.

The average price received by U. S. farmers for all milk will be about \$4.00 per hundredweight in 1954 compared with \$4.32 in 1953 and \$4.85 in 1952, a decrease each year.

### Visit For Cruces

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Crawford visited several days last week at Las Cruces, N. M. in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Cruce.

While there they attended the New Mexico A. & M. College presentation of the Messiah.

Their daughter, Donna, is vocal soloist with the college chorus.

Another daughter, Mrs. David Alexander, is also a student at A. & M. and Robbins Business College. The Crawfords and Marilyn visited Saturday with David Alexander who is in basic training at Ft. Bliss.

The Three Cruce Children Billy, Janice and Judy returned home for a weeks visit with their grandparents Don and Donna arrived Saturday night for their vacation here and at Mineral Wells.

The members of every profession, with few exceptions, stress the importance of their profession, which means, incidentally, themselves.

Merry Christmas!

We sincerely hope that you and your loved ones will share in every Christmas pleasure.

And may the New Year be one of good health and contentment for all our many friends.

NEW SECRET Franklin Life Insurance

Merry Christmas

TO ALL OF YOU FROM ALL OF US

REDDY KILOWATT Your Electric Servant

Reddy Kilowatt and all employees of C. P. S. Co. join in wishing you the happiest of Holidays!

Most of our folks will have the day off, too, but Reddy will be on the job as usual to brighten your home and lighten your home tasks.

May you enjoy the best of everything in 1955 - including more and better electrical living!

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### Greetings for Christmas

We would like each shining ornament on your Christmas tree to reflect joyous Season's Greetings and our best wishes for a very Happy New Year.

OWENS SALES COMPANY

## SEASON'S GREETINGS

We hope that you will enjoy this Christmas surrounded by all the things dearest to your heart. And may the New Year bring to you all the success and happiness that make for a rich and meaningful life.

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### Former Hansford Sheriff Automobile Accident

Survived by three sons, Joe with the FBI in Philadelphia, Rex with an oil company in Arabia, and Calvin with an oil company in South America. Other than Ward and Elizabeth, nephew and niece, he is survived by five sisters: Mrs. J. V. Walker, Gruver, Mrs. Mae Stueben, Bozger, Mrs. Jessie Galley, Odessa, Mrs. Anna Forester and Laine, Long Beach, Calif. three brothers, Johnnie Spivak, Boise City, Okla., Ernest Gruver, and Robert, Long Beach, Calif.

### Decorations In City Pending This Year

The family tonight, and driver of the car. The 14th and 15th Christmas decorations, which should be ready by the 20th.

### Tests

10-20-0 fertilizer was recommended at planting time it was too full to make the application. If soil samples are submitted now ahead of the spring rush, Thornton says the recommended fertilizers can be purchased and stored. They'll be on hand when needed and there'll be no question about getting the kind and amounts needed, he adds.

Doing the job now is insurance against not doing it when the rush of farm work begins with spring operators and too, results will be available for planning next year's cropping program.

Local county agricultural agents can supply information and the blanks which should be sent to the soil testing laboratory with each sample.

The chief business of every citizen should be able to live his life correctly, without telling too many people what to do.

If you attempt to see all the pictures and read all the books that reviewers call "musts" you will not have to quit work.

Paul M. Butler, Indiana attorney, was elected Democratic National Chairman.

### Fifty Millionth Chevrolet Is A Beautiful Golden Bel Aire Job

Region would solve all the world's problems if the religionists could agree upon what religion tells them to do.

It is getting to the point where an individual who doesn't agree with a minority is accused of being un-American.

Many reformers get confused and think the only way to save the world is to make everyone else like themselves.

France is seen to be gaining as a factor in world markets.

Grandpa Lee McClellan is sporting a beautiful new four door Chevrolet, which is painted gold, and it represents the fifty millionth car produced by General Motors.

The beautiful new anniversary model Chevrolet is a beauty, and it is rated the finest in the world.

This new golden anniversary model Chevrolet is a beauty, and if you can catch Lee when he isn't too busy, he will give you a ride in the most beautiful Chevrolet you ever rode in!

### "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.

Our very best Holiday wishes to you and yours this gay and festive season.

Thanks for being so nice about placing empty cartons and paper in the Receptacle.

I appreciate your Patronage. We will close Thursday Dec. 23, and will open January 1, for all winter operation when weather permits.

### SIMS DAIRY KREEM

Spearman, Texas

**GREETINGS**

To all our friends and neighbors we give voice to greetings in the true Christmas tradition. With them go our very best wishes for a happy holiday... full of joy and peace, good health and contentment.

### CHAMBERS DRY GOODS

### Christmas at home...

It is our sincere hope that this Christmas will find you surrounded by family, friends and all those you love... enjoying the full warmth of the spirit of this happy Holiday.



Riches and expensive gifts do not alone make a Christmas merry. The simple, familiar wishes of neighbors and friends are just as important for a full enjoyment of the holiday. Mindful of this we are anxious to voice our homey, old-fashioned greeting: "To all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

### SPEARMAN DRY GOODS CO. Roy Russell

### CRAWFORD IMPLEMENT CO. Ott Crawford



# JOE SMITH IS ONE OF HANSFORD COUNTY PIONEERS



## The Man Who Introduced The Shovel, Lush Fields, And Modern Deep Irrigation To Hansford County

Joe Smith pioneered one of the first irrigation wells in the county. He saw the end of the drought and the possibility of the doubling on the yield, by lifting the water of the ground, by scientific force to water the parched earth, instead of plowing up the soil and waiting for God to send the rain from above to make a crop. The Bible says the devil is the prince of the winds, and it seems he has tried to blow this country away, with the help of those who do not do scientific farming when the droughts are on. God furnished the shovel and God furnishes a reservoir for the water. He has given the human race enough knowledge to dig deep into the earth, to make the water run like a river on dry ground, to save both the soil and feed from crop failures. Work is the answer to about nine-tenths of our prayers, which are legitimate, reasonable and sensible in this life. God has already done His part and all we will have to do to get the blessings, is to do our part. As the prophet has said, "Faith to believe that a desert will blossom as a rose." We can make the proverb come true, by the energy we put in that faith. Joe Smith talked of this irrigation many years before he put his faith into practice. His actions and a bumper crop, is the answer to his faith. If we could do the praying and let God do the work, "over-production" would be all we could hear. In that case, the human family would have nothing to do, or even make them think, to work to the end of their faith to save the soil and produce a crop, when the parching winds continue to dry up a crop by blowing the silt away and leaving this country as a barren desert.

When Joe Smith put on a demonstration, that it can be done, many other farmers said, "If he can do it, we can too." Every project which has been advanced, for the glory of God and the good and safety for humanity, someone had to have the vision and the energy to pioneer into a new field to prove it can be done. This county owes Joe Smith a standing vote by thanks for having a vision to see and show that crops can be made here, by using mechanical devices, instead of paying Dr. Crick money to disturb the elements and try to bring the rain, which he never does, and I don't believe he ever will. There were farmers in this county who put in money to him, that I would have thought they would never have given a nickle to see the Statue of Liberty turn a hand-spring.

Joe put his money in a hole in the ground where he knew the water was, and he put his money in an engine to pump the water out. He stayed with the irrigation ditches to see that the water was properly spread over the ground to produce a crop, which made even those who said, "It cannot be done" sit up and take notice. A proven fact needs no argument it will work. This irrigation is like the wind, it is here to stay. The Panhandle of Texas and Oklahoma could feed the world, with the cooperation of men with faith and en-

ergy to put that faith into practice. As the irrigation crops produce more food, it will automatically put more people to work. Too many people have gone broke waiting for a next year's crop, and the next year has been postponed until they could not hold on any longer.

It has been my good pleasure to visit demonstrations stations, county fairs, state fairs, and world fairs in different states and cities. The greatest yield ever made on an acre of cotton, was done by a colored man in the state of Georgia. He said the cheapest labor he could hire to produce the best and biggest yield for his crop was fertilizer. He himself, furnished the best dirt and sweat to make that fertilizer take hold, to show what it could do with the cooperation of a farmer who did his part. The cheapest labor that can be employed on the plains, is water to make the soil settle down and keep it out of the air. God has left this project in the hands of his people, so if they neglect the importance of irrigation, they will have to suffer for it with lean crops and empty bread-baskets. Man, by the help of God, can assist nature but they cannot change nature. Those who have led the way in any project, which has saved the day and blessed humanity, had to have first Faith and energy to put that faith into practice and financial backing to put the proposition over.

It has been my good pleasure to visit Joe's irrigation project from the time he started it, until he had demonstrated to the people in the county, that irrigation is the only sure way to produce a crop every year, with no complete crop failures. Man can utilize what God has put here for his success and he can stay here with the assurance, he will always have something to live on. This project will save the situation of an over-crowded population. It will put more people to work on the farms and more people can live off of less acres. Now we see irrigation wells all over the county and many of the adjoining counties. There is not a doubt in my mind, irrigation is the only salvation for the farmers. Work is the answer to a reasonable and workable prayer. Work is the answer to a successful farmer. Work will turn a desert into a bread-basket for the world. When the desert begins to blossom like a rose, then is when the work is being done by people who have vision and by those who know the possibilities are here. It is up to the farmers to harness and develop these possibilities, so it will help the people to help themselves, with the help of God, and to take care of God's children. Amen. A successful farmer doesn't do his farming on paper. He doesn't plant his seed in the signs of the moon. He puts his seed in the ground in season. The Bible tells of seed-time and harvest, summer and winter, heat and cold. The successful farmer knows he must do his farming in season. To be successful farmer requires as much scientific knowledge on farming, as it does for a Doctor or any other scientific man to succeed.

The man who can succeed and make a success on the farm, can make a success in any other business in life. Good farmer know that work is the answer to what it takes to make a good crop, and to take care of it when it is ready to harvest. It is one thing to be a good farmer, and another thing to be a "straggle farmer", to live on a farm. The best farmer raises something to take to town with him to sell, instead of going to town to bring something back with him to live on. What I mean, he has something to meet the medium of exchange from the city to the farm, to keep both the farmer and the city people fed and at work and he has something to pay for the products it takes to run the farm.

This is logical and reasonable both to the producers and the consumers. The farmer is the backbone of the world, but he has to have the manufacturer to make him the best farmer, which he can possibly be, in his chosen profession. The best farmer we have is not only the best producer in the community, but he is the best preserver of the soil. He builds it up instead of wearing it out.

Joe was telling me what the Banker told him when he left Oklahoma. He said, "When you get to Texas, if you can make a good crop be sure to lay back enough seed to plant the next crop. There is no telling how many crop failures you will have." This was good advice but Joe did not need it. He prepared

for the drought. If that Banker should come up at harvest time he would say, "Joe, fill that quoinset, I want to send my customers up to buy maize seed, to plant their next crop so they can pay the note off from the expense of the last crop they failed on." He showed the Banker he does make a bumper crop, when the crops are a failure in this section. He has done it by his skill and judgement to run the jumps day and night and to save the irrigation tubes when needed to be put on a dry row. Any man who makes a success in life will give his good wife credit for keeping his feet to the fire and urging him on when the going was rough and tough.

Any man who appreciates a master, farmer that handles his

farming like an artist who is painting his master-piece by giving it the finishing touch, would appreciate the cultivation and the crops which Joe Smith is the master of. I know good farming when I see it, for I have experienced that type of work myself. Any man can tell a first class farmer by looking at his crop, if it is only by driving by a farm and taking a glance as you pass by or should you come to a standstill and see the grain pour from the spouts of the combines. I have never seen any farmer in my life, who does any cleaner farming than our friend, Joe Smith. In his conversation to me, he said, "It takes as much water and work to produce a weed as it does a stalk of maize, and the maize looks so much bet-

ter to me." This practice will show up as well on the Bank account, as it does to the eye of a good farmer. Any man with the right appreciation would have to take off his hat to Joe for the magnificent job he does in farming. There are two alternates to his good farming; he knows to do and secondly, he does it without hesitation. A man has to think to be a good farmer, but he has to work to make his thoughts come true by the abundant production which is a reality to his at harvest time. To be a worthwhile success in any profession, we would have to give the right answer and credit to work.

I am not taking this opportunity just to blow Joe Smith up as a balloon on farming, that he



# Season's Greetings...

It's Christmas! And there's fun all around...

we see it in the merry gleam in people's eyes

...in the festive air of mistletoe and holly pinned up about the house.

We see it, too, in the gay gift wrappings strewn 'round

and in the tinsel and shining lights that decorate Yuletide trees.

And we express the fun and good will of this holiday season with our own joy-filled wish for you... that this be truly the Merriest Christmas and Happiest New Year of all!

### SPEARMAN SUPER SERVICE

### Gene And Sparky

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one of the most interesting and profitable ways to invest your money is to buy shares in a company that is growing rapidly. This is especially true in the case of a company that is in a new and exciting industry. The growth of such a company can be very rapid, and the potential for profit is high. However, it is important to do your homework before investing. Look for a company that has a strong management team, a clear business plan, and a competitive advantage. Also, consider the overall economic environment and the industry's prospects. Investing in a company that is growing rapidly can be a very rewarding experience, but it also carries a higher risk. Make sure you understand the risks involved and only invest what you can afford to lose.

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FOR SALE—Fryers. As many as you want. Dressed or on foot. Call 4301 after 6:00. No. 3 2-1c

FOR SALE—Double garage home with double garage. Located in Waka. See Mrs. H. L. Bishop, Waka.

Opinions are necessary but it is not necessary to persuade everyone else to agree with yours.

Nearly everyone has an idea which could make a fortune; if you haven't, maybe you're sub-normal.



Joy... Peace...  
at Christmas

Once more we pause to welcome to our hearts the spirit of this blessed season. May it renew the great warmth of reverent love in the hearts of all men, and may this Christmas Day herald the fulfillment of all our prayers for joy and peace to all our brothers throughout the world.

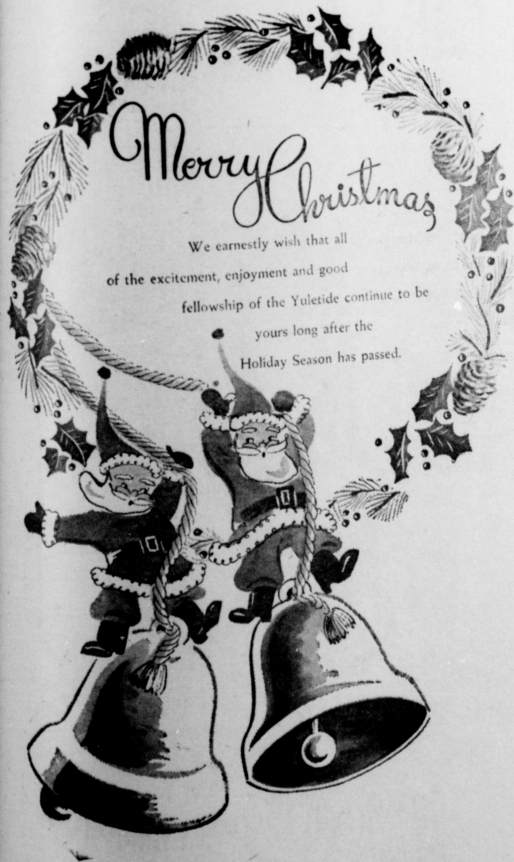
WESTERN AUTO ASSOCIATE STORE

Season's Greetings



Christmas is wonderful... and its arrival always brings to us the realization that we have such wonderful friends. May your Holiday Season be filled with outstanding happiness.

ORANGE DISC SERVICE STATION



Merry Christmas

We earnestly wish that all of the excitement, enjoyment and good fellowship of the Yuletide continue to be yours long after the Holiday Season has passed.

JOE TRAYLER FORD AGENCY

Season's Greetings

Once more may the Christmas Star send its blessing down with the same glad meaning it brought to Bethlehem. And as we yield our hearts to the spirit of tenderness which pervades the Christmas air, may we remember the heavenly love which came into this world the night Christ was born.

Let us remember, too, that we keep Christmas truly, only when we permit the love of the Christ to enter our hearts and lives. May you enjoy a truly Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



SPEARMAN STEAK HOUSE

Open Christmas day from 8:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m. ONLY



## Stinnett Cagers Defeat Gruver

STINNETT, Dec. 21 (Special)—Stinnett's A and B boys teams took victories over the Gruver boys' teams here tonight and the girls added a third Stinnett victory.

Stinnett's A team trimmed the Gruvers 33-35, leading 20-10, 35-19 and 43-26 at the quarter marks. Atherton paced the Rattlers with 19 points while Mitts plowed in 17 for the Greyhounds.

Stinnett's B boys trimmed the Gruver B's 32-25, as Hembree, Nelson and Body hit six each for Stinnett and Gruver's Sturmsma paced his team with nine.

Stinnett's girls won, 34-24, as Kelly hit 13 for the Stinnetts and Gruver's Jones hit 13.

## Winterize Farm Machinery It Pays

College Station, Dec. — Up to 30 percent can be added to the life of farm machinery by giving it proper winter protection. And too, says W. L. Ulich, Extension agricultural engineer, time will be saved in getting the machinery back on the job when it is needed next spring.

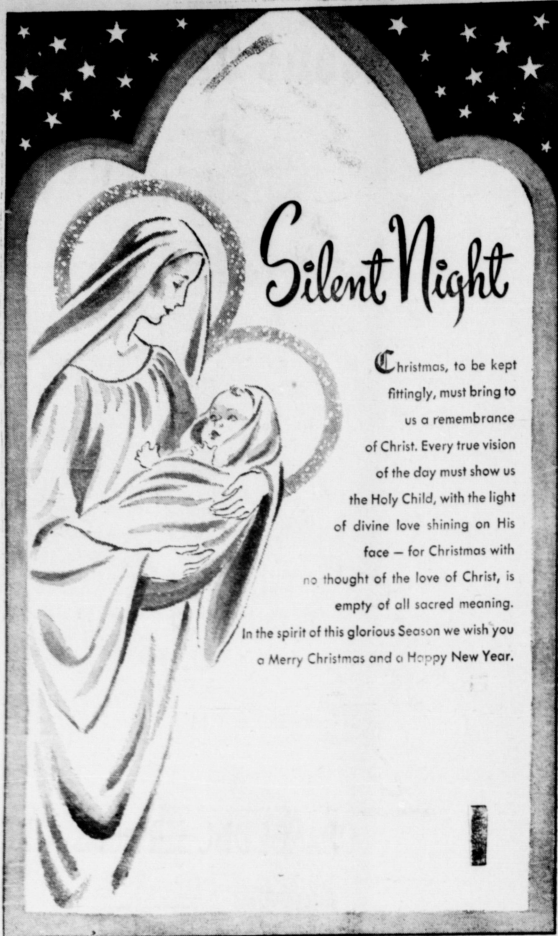
Here are suggestions from the engineer for winter care. Keep machinery under shelter when it is not in use. Bright metal parts, such as plow wings, mower sickles, cultivator point and other working parts should be coated with grease or a rust preventative. Rubber tires should be blocked up to take the weight of the machine off of them while in storage.

Drain the gasoline from auxiliary motors. Remove the spark plugs and drop three or four ounces of cylinder oil in each cylinder and turn the motor over a few times.

The cooling system on all motors not used during the winter months should be drained. Place a cover over the engine exhaust pipe to keep out moisture. Grease all points on machinery when it goes into storage and charge all batteries. It's a good idea, says the engineer, to remove batteries from the motor and check them at regular intervals to see that they remain fully charged.

Finally, says Ulich, while the machinery is in storage give it a thorough inspection for worn and broken parts. Make note of the repairs needed so they can be made before the machine is put back into operation.

Proper winter care of farm machinery is a practice, concludes the specialist, which if carried out can make the farm operation more efficient.



# Silent Night

Christmas, to be kept fittingly, must bring to us a remembrance of Christ. Every true vision of the day must show us the Holy Child, with the light of divine love shining on His face — for Christmas with no thought of the love of Christ, is empty of all sacred meaning.

In the spirit of this glorious Season we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

CLUB CAFE--BILL GOULD



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Times change — but not so of extending to those who friendship we to maintain.

This year a happy to send of the season wishes for good Christmas time the New Year.

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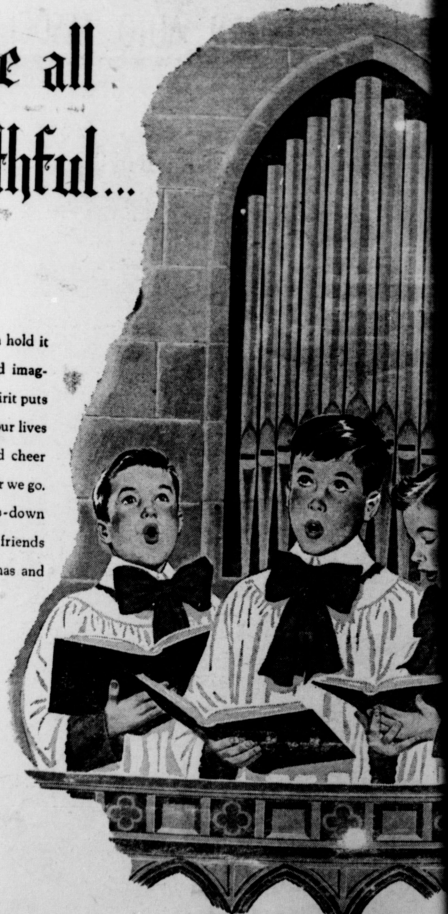
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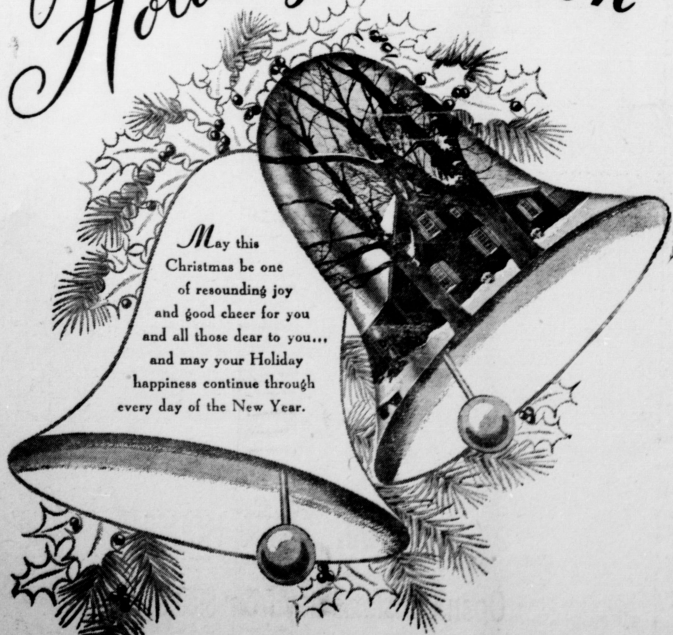
# Come all ye faithful...

Christmas...what a hold it has on the hearts and imaginations of man! Its spirit puts a beauty and joy into our lives so we may carry good cheer and good will wherever we go. In this spirit of deep-down gladness we wish our friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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Maxine Banister

# With best wishes for the Holiday Season



May this Christmas be one of resounding joy and good cheer for you and all those dear to you... and may your Holiday happiness continue through every day of the New Year.

Spearman National Farm Loan Association  
E. N. Richardson, Secretary-Treasurer

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