

# AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM

the 1937 pro- approved by the Agriculture representative staff for the 1936 and

a payment for diversion from the general soil-depleting base except upon approval of the County Conservation Committee. This approval must include the fact that home consumption needs of the farm are taken care of before any diversion of acreage is made. Each state will have a hand-book giving details of the program as they apply to that state with no reference to exceptions applicable to other states. This will enormously simplify the administration of the program. The book will be prepared by the Conservation Committee approved by the Secretary of Agriculture.

in issuing the new program Sec. Wallace said, Despite drought and other handicaps, the majority of farmers who took part in the 1936 conservation program approved its principles. Hundreds of community and county meetings were held at which the growers discussed plans for next year. Many suggestions for program improvement and for simplifying administration were made. We considered all of them carefully and incorporated as many of them as could be well fitted into a national program for agriculture.

The modifications are intended for the most part to adapt the program more closely to the

needs of various regions. As you will recall, this is in line with the statement made by H. R. Tolley at the time the 1936 Agricultural Conservation Program was announced.

For the 1937 program additional emphasis has been placed on soil building and more money will be available for soil building practices. Such practices, together with the shifting of acreage to soil conserving crops on land previously devoted to soil depleting crops are essential to any sound plan for restoring soil fertility and preventing erosion.

The new program should not only improve the soil but it also should protect the interests of consumers and help to preserve the economic gains which farmers have made during the past four years.

### The Mistletoe Hunt

By FRANCES GRINSTEAD

"By-O Baby Bunting, Daddy's gone a-hunting"

When the mothers of young children in the east Oklahoma countryside sing this nursery song to their little ones they may out of loyalty to Mother Goose add the next two lines:

"For to find a rabbit skin,  
To wrap the Baby Bunting in."

But that isn't exactly what daddy does down there. When it comes the time of year that the baby needs warmer covering, daddy takes his gun and goes out to shoot down mistletoe! This he sells for the Christmas trade and buys Baby Bunting a different kind of raiment. For mistletoe, with its well-known holiday meaning, grows in abundance there and is always found high among the bare winter branches of the native elm. Little boys climb for it, of course, but the quickest way to gather it for commercial use is to shoot it down.

"Open season" for mistletoe hunting begins about the last of November and the demand increases steadily until Christmas. Truck loads of the green sprigs with their wax-white berries are driven to the cities of the north for the holiday trade. As the mistletoe is not always uniformly ripe at the time it is wanted, much "hunting" is required to find sprigs whose berries are at a stage to suit the demands of the buyers. At such times the roadsides may be strewn with discarded mistletoe, for the condition of the berries cannot be seen until the sprig has been shot down. But such waste is not lamented, for mistletoe is a parasite that reappears in abundance each year, however ruthlessly it may be treated.

### Luke's Christmas Money

by Martha B. Thomas

LITTLE LUKE, watching his father splice rope, was suddenly struck with an idea. "It's just one strand after another, isn't it dad?" "Yes, just one strand after another that makes the rope that holds the ship. It's the way most things are accomplished, boy, when you come to think of it."

A cold wind blew around the fish shed back of the wharves. Other men were busy, too, tying snood-knots on trawls, hoping a good day would come for fishing tomorrow. Luke walked away and up the hill. Christmas coming in a week! He knew his father and mother had been busy planning something for his happiness then. But what had he done? Nothing at all. He stood stock still, his thoughts all mixed up in a queer way, with the strands of rope that made the line, the hundreds of snood-knots the fishermen were tying. "Just one thing done, and then another to make the whole," he reflected.

Then, walking slowly again he seemed to see two one-dollar bills folded away in his pocket-book. And trawling back from the money a row of different pictures of himself, working hard to earn those two dollars. Planting seed potatoes in the spring, hoeing them, weeding in the hot sun, even watering his own plot when the weather was dry. Then, in the fall digging them up. Selling them . . . for two dollars. One bit of work after another. What next? He took more steps. Money was earned by the work of one person to buy something which was the work of another, Luke smiled. He knew "what next," very well indeed.

So, on Christmas morning, though Luke was delighted with his own gifts, he had an almost dizzy pleasure in watching his father and mother unwrap a pair of bedroom slippers and an apron he had given them. "My potato money!" he shrieked. "I got it by doing one thing after another . . . just the way the rope grows, strand after strand."

Luke's father looked puzzled, but his mother kissed him and said "Merry Christmas, dear!"

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### CHRISTMAS BUCKLES

By Luella B. Lyons

TIMOTHY BROWN knew not a soul in Hartsburg well enough to merit an invitation to a Christmas dinner, for he had opened the little shoe repairing cubby hole in the postoffice building only ten days previous to the holiday. And the little restaurant served no turkey either, for they had probably figured everyone would be eating elsewhere.

Rather blue and unhappy, Timothy slipped back to his workbench, there to get caught up on the avalanche of work that had poured in upon him. The first pair of slippers—yes, he remembered the pale, thin little girl that had brought them in. "My aunt bought them for 25 cents at an auction of second-hand things in the city and sent them to me; but they do need repairing before I can wear them. But I've only 25 cents to my name—could—would you repair them for that amount, Mr. Brown?" Of course, he assured her that it wouldn't cost that—not to her, of the sad and wistful eyes!

"Why, I may be a shoe rebuild-er, but if those buckles aren't worth a fortune then I'd better get out of this business," he shouted to the empty little room as he suddenly discovered the winking little buckles were not of the dime store variety.

Luck was with him when he sent a messenger for the poor girl owner of the second-hand slippers, and at the jeweler's home the pair were in luck—the expert in gems told them that the buckles would positively remove the girl out of the pauper class, for they were really worth a fortune.

Happy and merry Christmases may come and go, but Timothy will never be lonely again, for the lucky little girl later said "yes" to Timothy, not out of gratitude but because of love at first sight.

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### Christmas Carols

By Katherine Edelman

WARREN ELMORE was mad—angry through and through. For the first time in his business career he had had quarrel with his partner. Of course it had been all Peter's fault, but even that thought didn't help so very much. The old saying, "It takes two to make a quarrel" kept bothering him.

What was it that his wife had told him to get at Grant's? He asked himself the question as he entered the big department store. He asked Muriel, that was it! Both-er Christmas shopping, anyway; why didn't Beverly tend to things herself?

As he walked down the crowded aisles, he was conscious of music from the balcony. An orchestra was up there playing Christmas carols. Warren Elmore forgot his peeve against the world; he hurried up and joined the happy crowd. His voice joined in "O Little Town of Bethlehem." It was followed by the glorious "Adeste Fideles." Then came "Silent Night." As its beautiful strains filled the store Warren Elmore was conscious that all anger was disappearing from his heart. . . . He wanted to get back to the office, to slap old Peter on the back, and tell him they were a pair of fools for letting such a small thing interfere with their friendship. . . .

And man-like, he purchased six pairs of hose for Muriel instead of three on the way out. A store that took time and thought for Christmas carols should be rewarded a little bit, he believed.

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### KEEPING TREE FRESH

IF A Christmas tree is set in water when it first comes into the house and is kept in water while it is part of the Christmas decoration, it will remain fresh and green for at least a week longer. Water should be replaced as it evaporates. If the base of a Christmas tree is trimmed with a sharp knife just before it is mounted, the pores will be left open, allowing water to rise in the stem to the living cells which are still trying to provide the tree with food and moisture. Spruce and fir retain their needles longer than most other Christmas trees.

### BUYING THINGS

Tom—Has your wife done all her Christmas shopping yet?  
Dick—Oh, yes; last month. Now she's started to buy a few things.

### Christmas in the Air

By Martha B. Thomas

OLD MR. SADDLER had the most unique and delightful ideas. Unquestionably he was the happiest man in town, though he hadn't much money, and lived in quite a modest way, in quite the smallest house. People loved to drop in for a chat. Old men came for a smoke by his fire-side. Women brought their children to spend the afternoon when they were busy. Mr. Saddler welcomed everyone as if he were a king in a palace.

One snowy day when every foot-step creaked underfoot, and the whole world looked buried under white wool, several people on their way here and there dropped in to see Mr. Saddler. A bright fire crackled on the hearth. A green wreath hung above the mantel-piece. There was a distinct smell of a rich pudding having been recently cooked.

"This place has more Christmas about it," declared one guest, "than any place I've seen. How do you do it? After all, there's only one green wreath."

"Well, I hardly know how to tell you," said the host. "I guess it's just that I feel Christmasy . . . and maybe it sort of fills the room like steam from a pudding. I know," he smiled at them, "you think me peculiar at times, but it's what goes on in your heart that makes the outside you live in, pleasant. And here's another thing. Laugh if you like, I shan't mind. I like to think that all the happy chimes of church bells at Christmas keep traveling around the world until it's time to ring them again. Why not? And the fine songs and anthems and all the joyous laughter of children. We speak of planets being so many 'light-years' away from the earth . . . and sound taking thus and thus a time to reach a certain place. Well then," he smiled at them, "I guess I just sort of hear those things. Maybe I have a good receiving-set in my head. And perhaps I sort of," he waved a hand around, "broadcast my happiness here in this room."

The guests nodded. "Maybe you do," they said, "anyhow we feel chock full of Christmas."

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### Spirit of Christmas

By Katherine Edelman

SURRENDER yourself to the Spirit of Christmas! Let its joy thrill you—let its peace steal softly across your heart! Open your ears to the magic of its message—open your eyes to the miracles it accomplishes!

Read again Dickens' Christmas Carol, the best known and most inspiring of all the Christmas stories. And don't feel ashamed, if at the end, as Tiny Tim whispers, "God bless us, every one," you find your own eyes wet with tears.

Open the Book of Books, and let Luke tell you about that first Christmas—of the long journey to Bethlehem, of the birth in the humble manger, of the shepherds keeping watch over their flocks. Listen to the heavenly music that was heard upon the hills, to the thrilling words of the angel, "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." Bow your head and give thanks for the Prince of Peace who came, saying with the angels, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Let Matthew tell you of the coming of the Wise Men from the East, with their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, which they presented to the Christ Child.

Then, with the Spirit of Christmas in your heart, go forth and help make Christmas a brighter and a happier day for others!

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### Christian Science

"Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon which will be read in all Churches of Christ, Scientist on Sunday, December 20.

The Golden Text is: "Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands" (Hebrews 1:10).

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "There is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him" (1 Cor. 8:6).

The Lesson-Sermon includes also the following passage from the Christian Science textbooks, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "God creates and governs the universe including man. The universe is filled with spiritual ideas, which He evolves, and they are obedient to the Mind that makes them" (page 295).

A few good White Rock Roosters. See Ray S. Kern one half mile west of Spearman.

### FOR SALE



Of Words there are many. And the thoughts they can express are legions, yet none can be more sincere than our simple Christmas Wish to you for a Merry Christmas, good health and prosperity through the new year.

## Spearman Hardware



Friends, Romans and Countrymen, once started a world famous speech. But the two words, Merry Christmas have had millions of speeches started by them. We say Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

## Baggerly Grocery

# Merry Christmas TO EVERYONE

We deeply appreciate the business you have given us during the past 12 months and look forward with pleasure to the prospect of serving you in 1937. May your Holidays be Happy Days and the New Year bright with the Good Things of Life!

A Citizen and a Taxpayer  
COMMUNITY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY  
Alert and Eager To Serve You



Trying days are but testing times and friendships proves itself when man smiles through and pauses to speed a cherry, happy thought on its way. One thought to you today is Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

## Max Lackey



The soft light of Christmas Eve's twilight falls on the town of Spearman, we extend our wish for a Merry Xmas and hope that All's Well.

Every soul in Spearman we wish the heartiest Merry Christmas and good cheer.

## DELON KIRK



Our assets we like to count the only money cannot buy, your good will. This Holiday Season we extend to you customer alone, but as a friend the best wishes for the coming year.

## CAMPBELL Tailor Shop

Phone 113



# SOCIETY

Elizabeth Ann Miller—Call 10

## MR. AND MRS. OWNBEY ATTEND BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ownbey returned last week from Stamford, Texas where they attended the birthday celebration of her mother Mrs. M. E. Kirk, 81 years old.

A large dining room was decorated with pink and white and the table was loaded with everything to eat.

Those present were: D. E. McKennon and children of Stamford, Texas; R. E. McKennon, wife and children, Tuxedo, Texas; Doyle McKennon, wife and son, Tuxedo, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McKennon, Tuxedo, Texas; J. P. McKennon, Tuxedo, Texas; Earl McKennon, wife and son, Tuxedo, Texas; Mrs. Fred McKennon, Lamesa, Texas; Miss Abbye McKennon, Stamford, Texas; Robert H. Kirk, Lamesa, Texas; Mrs. Laura Juple, Idalov, Texas; Cain Kirk and family, Breckenridge, Texas; Mr. Wilson W. Kirk, DeLeon, Texas; and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ownby, Spearman.

## WREN LOFTIN IN SPECIAL PROGRAM

Miss Wren Loftin, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. A. F. Loftin, who is a Junior in West Texas State Teachers College sang alto in the Christmas Vespers Program given by the Madrigal Club of Canyon Sunday afternoon. The club is directed by Wallace R. Clark, who is recognized throughout the United States as an authority on madrigal music.

## GRUVER GIRL IN XMAS PROGRAM

Miss Royce Parks of Gruver, who is a Senior in West Texas State Teachers College, and is majoring in Piano was a member of the Madrigal Club, which gave Sunday afternoon. Wallace R. Clark, director, is a distinguished musician.

Mr. and Mrs. Royal Crawford and children of Tulla, Texas are visiting relatives here this week.

Mrs. Edna Moore, mother of Mrs. H. C. Campfield is spending the holidays in the home of her daughter Mrs. H. C. Campfield. Mrs. Moore lives in Amarillo.

## BUNDLE FEED

Hegari, two and one half cents per bundle. See Postmaster at Waka, Texas. 3t

## BLODGETT NEWS

Mearl Beck is baling sudan this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Church and Max were Perryton shoppers Tuesday.

J. J. Haun and family were Christmas shopping in Amarillo Monday.

John Slavin was a caller in the J. F. Sim home Tuesday.

Mrs. Ralph Blodgett and Mrs. J. M. Blodgett were transacting business in Spearman Wednesday evening.

Hix Wilbanks and Fred Linn were buying calves in the Blodgett community Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Sim, Mrs. Ralph and J. M. Blodgett attended an Agricultural meeting in Perryton Thursday.

Miss Mashburn, district county agent, Miss Tartar, county agent, Mrs. Roach, chairman of the county council and Mrs. Jack Carter, secretary of county council, on their achievement day at the pantries and wardrobes of the different clubs of chiltree county spent an hour inspecting Mrs. Churches wardrobe and the council products the club ladies had there for inspection. They were pleased with the work of the members. A decided improvement over last year.

Mrs. Ralph Blodgett, Mrs. M. Beck, Harvey Morse, Mrs. Earl Church and family attended the play at the High school Friday night.

Earl Church took a load of turkeys to Borger Friday and spent the night there.

A. D. Reed went to Amarillo Friday for Mrs. Reed. She will spend a few days with her mother Mrs. C. C. Beck before returning home.

Mearl Beck was a caller in the J. Powell home Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dessen went to Hot Springs, New Mexico Sunday to spend the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. Alva Garner and family.

Among the Christmas shoppers Spearman Saturday were, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Beck, and baby; and Mrs. Olin Williams and child, Verna Kenney and child, and Mrs. J. F. Sim, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Church and boys, Mrs. E. S. Uptergrove, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. O'Jord Jack, Clovis Uptergrove, J. J. Haun and J. Powell, Mearl Beck and Ralph and J. M.

## MRS. A. F. LOFTIN PRESENTS STUDENTS IN PIANO RECITAL

Music students of Mrs. A. F. Loftin were busily engaged from 6 p. m. to 8 p. m., Monday evening of this week when they enjoyed a party at their teacher's home and presented a musical recital and playlet at the First Baptist church auditorium. The party, a Christmas event was well planned and included the exchange of greetings and presents.

In the recital thirteen of the music students presented twelve beautiful piano selections. The playlet was presented by less advanced music students, and offered a charming way of introducing piano numbers by students. Students taking part were:

Winifred Hoskins, Billy Jack Glover, Millie Jo Sparks, Loree and Winnell Jackson, Fran Schubert, Anona Hull, Mary Haun, Geraldine Stephen, Elizabeth Ann Miller, Patricia Snider, Vera Beth Hoskins, Ruby Jo Simmons, Joyce Dalaney, Aryls Womble, Louise Kiker, Jewell Brandt, Rita Roach, Elinor Faye Womble, Nadine Hardin, and ushers, Misses Ida Mae McLeod and Elvengene Dixon.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little boy 4 years old. I would like for you to bring me for Xmas a tool chest a foot-ball candy, nuts, and oranges.  
Carroll J. Richards  
Riviera, Texas.

Dwight Hutchison is visiting his parents during the vacation. He is going to school in Wichita, Kansas.

## METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Ward Redus, now instructor in the Theological department of Southern Methodist University and one of our own preachers, will fill the pulpit here next Sunday at the 11 o'clock hour.

Sunday school promptly at 10:00 o'clock. The evening service at 7:30. Leagues, Junior and Primary at 6. Young people at 7. We welcome visitors and strangers.

## BOOK REVIEW CLUB

The Book Review Club met at the home of Mrs. Clay Gibner. The books reviewed were "Come and Get It" by Edna Ferber, given by Mrs. Marvin Chambers and "Lucy Gayheart" by Willa Carter given by Mrs. Charles Pyles. After the book reviews a lovely luncheon was served to the following: Mesdames Hutton, L. B. Campbell, Bill Miller, Marvin Chambers, Bill Whitson, Charles Pyles and the hostess.

## GRANDMA WILBANKS DRESSES PRIZE XMAS TREE

Grandma (A. M.) Wilbanks, one of the outstanding citizens of our city, demonstrated again, the resourcefulness of the pioneer ladies of this section of the state. Grandma has a large pine tree in the front yard at her home. She purchased equipment and decorated the tree herself. . . . and it is the best looking Christmas tree in Spearman. Drive by her home and see it.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Curtis and daughter Dorothy Lee of Omaha, Nebraska are spending the holidays with Mrs. Elmo Kelly.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Lyon and Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Boykin were Amarillo visitors last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Aln Reed of Dallas, Texas are here for the holidays, visiting with Mrs. George Reed and family.

## PRESENT CHRISTMAS PAGEANT MONDAY

The Young People of the Methodist church assisted by the choir presented the Christmas pageant "What Child Is This", on Monday evening in the church auditorium. The scene represented an out of door picture with cedar and large fir trees. An electric star added greatly to the picture. Amber and blue spot lights were used effectively for emphasis.

The cast in order of appearance was as follows:

1. Processional, the choir, O Little Town of Bethlehem, followed by the Christmas renders, Helen Richardson and Robert Neilson.
2. We Three Kings of the Orient, Sung by Messers Bill McClellan, P. A. Lyon and G. L. Boykin, portrayed by R. L. McClellan, Charles Allmon, Perren Lyon with Wilson McClellan, Jim Boykin and Bob Lee as pages.
3. Good King Wencelas, sung by Elma Gunn, portrayed by L. M. Womble as the king, Bruce Douglas as the beggar and Jerry Dale Gibner, page.
4. The Angels and Shepherds, Hark The Herald Angels Sing, the choir.
- Angels, Florence Holton, Elsie Ruth Porter, Betty Morton, Jane McCurry, Reba Parker.
- Shepherds, Eileen Tompkins, Georgie Maize, and Ann Davidson.
5. Luther's Cradle Hymn.

group of junior Epworth Leaguers, with lighted candles.

6. Christmas Brings Joy, composed of a group of singers with villagers Martha Delon Kirk, Elizabeth Ann Miller and Paul Buchanan trimming Christmas tree.

7. The Angels and Shepherds. While Shepherds watched their Flocks, choir. Angels same group as scene 4, Shepherds, Marvin Lackey and Bruce Douglas.

8. God Rest You Merry Gentlemen, trio of carollers, Billye Hitchcock, Marie Parker and Oleta Sumrall.

9. Finale, The Madonna, Dixie Ruth Buchner, attended by small angels, Verna Lee Gibner and Billy Lowe, The Shepherds and Wise Men in adoration about the child.

There's A song in the Air, choir, Sleep my little Jesus, Mrs. Clay Gibner, Silent Night, choir, with congregation standing; Benediction, Rev. Hitchcock.

Choir: Pianist, Miss Ruby England, Director, Lester Boykin, Mesdames, Robert Douglas, Sid Clark, R. E. Lee, Tuttle, H. P. Bailey, C. A. Gibner; Misses Cline Gantt; Messers, Lyon, Bill McClellan, Elma Gunn, Pope Gibner.

Assistant County Agent Vern Martin and family will spend the holidays with relatives at Crosby, Texas. They leave Wednesday afternoon of this week.

Elsie Reed, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, is spending her vacation with home folk.

Fred Holt of Texas A. & M. College is home for the holidays visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Ben Holt.

Dan Archer is visiting his parents during the holidays. Dan is a student at Texas Tech, Lubbock.

Roy Wilmeth, senior at Texas Tech, is spending the week with his friends and parents.

Doris and Buster Kirk, students at Texas Tech, Lubbock will spend the holidays at home.

Francis Reed, Goodwell returned yesterday from school and will visit his relatives.

Viola Hanners, who attends a business college in Lubbock, will spend her holidays visiting home folk.

Wren Loftin, Fern Gower, Merle Baggerly, Mary Brandt, West Texas State Teachers College, are at home for the Xmas holidays.

Ruth and Beth Wilbanks, Texas Tech, Lubbock will spend the Yuletide season with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Hix Wilbanks.

Miss Virginia Barkley, secretary at C. I. A., Denton, Texas, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Barkley.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Britton will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives at Winers and Abilene, Texas. They leave for the holiday visit Thursday morning of this week.



## SPEARMAN BUS MEN PAY SHARE BOY SCOUT EX

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To Wish You All The Joys Of The Season Every Happiness in the New Year.

## Mizar Truck Lin



May pleasant memories of the jolly old linger long after the holidays are over.

## High School Gro

## GAY TIMES AHEAD



Wise heads will have a new coiffure for Holidays; a coiffure that is easy to maintain throughout the round of holiday affairs.

## BERTHA'S BEAUTY SHOPPE



May you have a Joyful Christmas and happy the New Year through.

DR. F. J. DAILY



We hope the pleasure we have had in serving you has been mutual, and take this opportunity to thank you and extend our hearty greetings For your happiness.

## W.M. GLOVER



—May this holiday bring you the joy which you yourself would have it bring. With this season comes our heart-felt wishes that you may enjoy a Merry, Merry Christmas. We also wish to thank our friends for their loyalty and cooperation during the past year.

## JIMMIE DAVIS

CHRISTMAS 1936 happiness to all..



May we Add Our Simple Greeting to the Many You Will Receive At This Season.

# FRANK HARDIN