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Annual Livestock Show To Be Held Here December 29

A. D. Pettit, Vocational Agriculture instructor and advisor for the local FFA Chapter, announced this week that the annual Santa Anna Junior Livestock Show would be held on Saturday, December 29th this year. Usually the show is held early in January, but for several good reasons the show will be early this year.

During the weekend the show is usually held, mid-term exams will be in progress in the local schools, and having the show early will prevent any conflict in dates. Also the show being held during the Christmas Holidays will give the FFA and 4-H Club exhibitors considerably more time to get their animals ready for showing, plus giving them something to do after Christmas is over. Two of the local feeders, Wess Wise and Milford Blanton, plan to enter five fine wool lambs in the Odessa Livestock Show, which begins Monday, December 30, and the lambs entered there will be shown in the local show. The early date will also give the local feeders more time to prepare their lambs for the annual county show, which will be held January 13-14-15.

The Odessa Show only allows five entries from each school, and they only show fine wool lambs. This is a good show and they have a good sale for lambs that place. The Odessa Show places 20 lambs in each of two divisions, light weight and heavy weight lambs. Usually all 40 are sold at good prices.

Mr. Pettit said he did not expect to have as good lambs this year as some he and his boys have had in the past, but did expect them to be in good competition in all the shows they enter.

Judges for the local show will be Raymond Walston, Menard Rancher, for the sheep show and C. H. Sergeant of Bangs for the swine show. Pettit said he did not know of any cattle that will be shown.

The show animals will be on display all day and judging will begin at 1:00 p. m.

Good Rain Is Excellent Christmas Gift

The best Christmas gift this county and adjoining counties has received in sometime is the good rains that fell Tuesday and Wednesday. The government gauge at the Coleman Gas Company office showed a total of 1 1/2 inch rain Wednesday morning and the good moisture was still falling. Reports from over the county indicate that about the same amount fell in most areas. The good rains are a mighty fine gift from the one whom we honor on His birthday next week. Let's all thank Him for the gift from above.

Practically every person in our area has been suffering for the lack of rain. Farmers and ranchers have been hurt, and hurt bad. Most small grain crops were about gone and with the prospects of feeding foundation herds through the winter, the outlook was very dim. However, the good rains should make the small grain start growing again and should be considerable help to a lot of grazing land.

Hope and pray the rains will continue and the long drought we have suffered will finally be broken.

Mr. and Mrs. Nobel Teel and sons of Richland Springs, visited here with relatives, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bartlett, last weekend.



The Santa Anna News Staff and Correspondents

School Holidays Start Friday

Cullen N. Perry, Superintendent of the Santa Anna Schools, announces the annual Christmas Holidays for the local schools will begin after the regular day of school on Friday, December 21, and will continue through January 1, 1957. Regular classes will resume on Wednesday, January 2, 1957.

On Thursday night of this week the annual School Christmas Program will be presented in the high school auditorium. The program will consist of a series of short programs presented by classes and combination of classes and groups.

Everyone is invited to attend and there will be no admission charge.

On Friday night one of the two all high school parties will be held in the school gym. Each year the high school students hold two all school parties, one during the first semester and one during the second semester.

More Toys Needed

The Santa Anna Fire Department and Lions Club Christmas Cheer baskets are still deeply in need of useable toys that families have no further use for. These toys will be put in Christmas Cheer baskets going to needy families of this area who have children that otherwise will get no toys on Christmas morning.

All the baskets will be delivered on Christmas Eve and if you bring your toys in not later than Saturday of this week, they will still have time to get in the Christmas Cheer baskets. Your cooperation is urgently requested.

A large box has been put just inside the front door of The News office where the toys can be left. A number of toys have already been brought in, but many more are needed. Will you help?

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY

Highway Dept. Allots \$78,400 For County Repairs

The Texas Highway Department will spend \$78,400 for improvements on highways in Coleman County during 1957. D. C. Greer, State Highway Engineer, has announced. This is in addition to the regular construction and maintenance program.

The State Highway Commission has approved this appropriation of \$78,400 to improve already existing highways in this county, and there will be little or no additional right-of-way requirements, Greer said. At the December meeting of the Highway Commission, \$30 million was allotted to 196 Texas counties for road improvement during 1957. The \$30 million is being spent for shoulder widening, seal-coat jobs, additional surfacing and for widening of structures and highways in these counties.

The three projects in Coleman County will be under the supervision of the local highway district personnel.

"We should have this program moving by spring," Greer said. "We believe the \$78,400 spent in Coleman County will go a long way toward bringing these highways up to date."

The \$78,400 in Coleman County will be spent on the following projects:

On F. M. 53 from U. S. 84 in Coleman, west, a distance of 9.0 miles, additional surfacing and reconstruct base.

On F. M. 666 from 0.5 miles south of Voss, south, a distance of 4.2 miles, seal coat.

On F. M. 1026 from 5.6 miles south of State 206, south, a distance of 3.4 miles, seal coat.

Christmas is an occasion for clearing the heart of all grudges, for forgiving all offenses and all enemies — a good time to forget and to forgive. It is also a good time to forget self and think of others.

Attend church regularly.

Christmas Cantata At Methodist Church Sunday Afternoon

A Christmas Cantata entitled, "The Babe of Bethlehem," will be presented Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the First Methodist Church in Santa Anna.

The choir, under the direction of Miss Elsie Lee Harper, will be assisted by ladies from the First Presbyterian Church.

Everyone in the community is invited to attend this musical program.

There will be no regular Sunday evening worship services at the church.

Lions Club Cancels Meeting Next Week; To Meet Dec. 31st

The Lions Club voted Tuesday to cancel their regular meeting next week and the following week to meet on Monday, December 31st, at the noon hour.

The Christmas and New Year holidays fall on their regular meeting days and because of the importance of these days, the club will honor them.

The last meeting of the year will be held at noon Monday, December 31st. All members are requested to be present.

Mrs. J. E. Goen returned home Monday morning from Richland Springs, where she had visited for nearly a week with her sister, Mrs. R. Nettleship, and other members of the Lafferty family. On Friday Mrs. Goen plans to leave for California, to spend Christmas with her son, Johnnie Goen and family and other relatives.

A daughter, who has been named Teddie Gall, was born on Thursday, December 13, in the Santa Anna Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wristen. She was born at 6:20 p. m. and weighed seven pounds and four ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wristen and Mrs. T. J. Wristen, all of Santa Anna. Mrs. T. J. Wristen is a great-grandmother.

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Prizes Totalling \$448.88 Will Be Given Away Monday At Christmas Party

Merchants cooperating in the annual Santa Anna Christmas Program and the Community Chamber of Commerce will award 40 prizes the afternoon of December 24th to lucky persons who attend the annual Christmas party. The program will be held between the bank and the hotel buildings, weather permitting, and will start at 2:30 p. m. In case of bad weather the program will be held in the W. R. Kelley Building at the corner of North 1st Street and Wallis Avenue.

All the prizes to be awarded

"Duval County, U. S. A."

This week we begin a series of ten articles by two of the top newspaper reporters of the world concerning activities during the past several years in Duval County, Texas. These articles will cover many phases of the Duval County story that have never been written or told. We urge you to read them, each week as they appear in The News.

Written solely for the Texas Press Association, they are distributed to TPA member newspapers for publication.

TPA has designed 16 "better government" bills with the help of the attorney general's office, and the newspapers of Texas will make a diligent fight to get the coming session of the Texas Legislature to pass these bills. They are designed to prevent such activities as has taken place in Duval County, in the state insurance business and in the Veterans Land activities. Considerable newspaper space will be used during the first part of 1957 to tell the people of Texas who the bills are for and how to get them passed.

These articles are the first of many that will be used.

We hope you will read the articles and when the opportunity presents itself, you will urge your state legislators to help pass these bills.

Babson Predictions To Be Published Next Week

The Santa Anna News will publish Babson's Business and Financial Forecast for 1957 next week. Watch for it.

A careful checking of the Babson Predictions made in the Business and Financial Forecast for 1956 upholds the remarkable average of the past years by being 85% correct!

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY

ATTENTION Correspondents - Advertisers

With Christmas Day coming on Tuesday of next week and New Year's Day coming on Tuesday of the following week, it is going to be rather hectic getting these two issues of The News in the mail on time.

In both instances we would appreciate everyone having any news for publication on those two weeks, getting it to us on Monday if at all possible. We urgently request advertisers and our rural correspondents to get their copy in on Monday.

If advertisers cannot get their copy in until Wednesday, we will accept it as late as about noon, but not any later.

Attempting to operate very short-handed works a hardship on all of us when we have a holiday during the week. It is urgent that we have your cooperation for these next two weeks.

Any news that is not published in either of these two issues will be published the following week, unless its value has already passed. If you get the news to us early it will be published that week.

It is likely that both issues will not get in the mail until late on Thursday afternoon or sometime that night. However, they will be mailed as soon as possible and we will also appreciate your cooperation along that line.

are on display in the Stockard Building next door to the former Service Cafe.

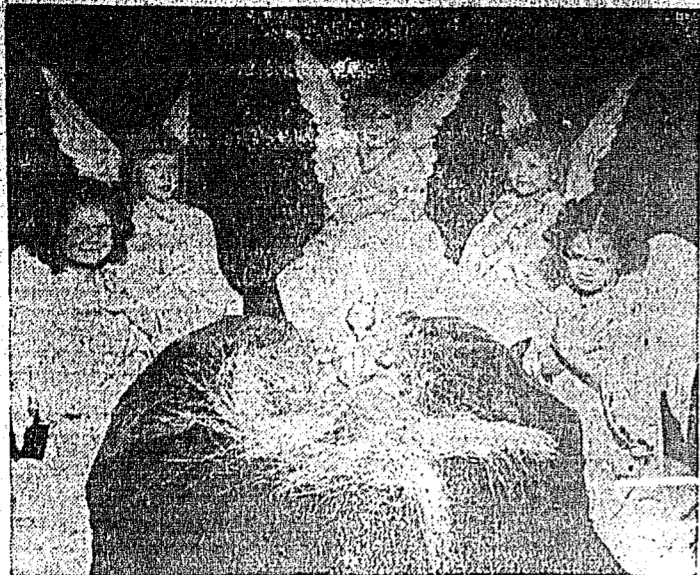
The Community Chamber of Commerce prizes are as follows: Two-piece bedroom suite, \$130; electric fry pan, \$20.00; table lamp, \$19.00; electric fry pan, \$19.00; table lamp, \$10.00; electric mixer, \$18.00; electric waffle iron, \$18.00; electric bean pot, \$8.00; T. V. trayette set, \$9.95; carving set, \$5.95; cake server, \$5.95; 12 tea glasses, \$4.95; rubber rug, \$3.95; electric toaster, \$4.95; rubber rug, \$3.95; waste-paper basket, \$3.00; towel set, \$4.00; colorvision snack set, \$5.50; apron set, \$2.92; set of hand towels, \$1.98; and apron set, \$2.98.

Prizes contributed by local merchants are: Electric iron from Phillips Drug, \$10.95; gift certificate from Purdy Mercantile Co., \$5.00; gift certificate from Grammer's Dept. Store, \$5.00; two year subscription to The Santa Anna News, \$3.00; gift certificate from Burris Dry Goods, \$5.00; electric pop corn popper from Blue Hardware Co., \$5.00; gift certificate from the Ladies Shop, \$7.00; electric corn popper from Western Auto Associate Store, \$3.95; basket of groceries from Harvey Grocery, \$10.00; basket of groceries from Piggly Wiggly, \$10.00; basket of groceries from Hosh Grocery, \$10.00; gift certificate from Gandy's Creamery, \$5.00; dressed turkey from Griffin Turkey Farm, \$5.00; dressed turkey from Stewardson Turkey Farm, \$5.00; casserole from Moore's Variety Store, \$3.00; foot stool from Papa Harris' Cabinet Shop, \$3.98; pacra glitter from W. R. Kelley, Jr., 98c; pacra glitter from W. R. Kelley, Jr., 98c; and a 14-kt. gold plated jewelry set from Lindley's Truck Harbor Service Station, \$20.95.

Happy Birthday

"Happy Birthday" to all who have birthdays during the next week. Below are listed the birthdays we have this week.

- DECEMBER 22
Mrs. J. T. Avants
Blake Williams
Billy Campbell
- DECEMBER 23
Mrs. Dick Bass
Dave Ellis
- DECEMBER 25
Tom Todd
- DECEMBER 27
Mrs. Pleas Williamson
Roland Curry
Sandra Hartman
- Would you like for your name to be published on your birthday? If so, please be sure to let us know when it is. Next week we will publish names of those having birthdays between December 28 and January 3, 1957.



PERFECT ANGELS . . . Being good is always easier when it gets near to Christmas time and these little ladies, dressed for the role of angels in a Christmas pageant, are certainly taking their roles to heart.

Cagey's Christmas Break

BY D. I. ALEXANDER

HE WAS known as 61,653 by the prison officials; but his fellow prisoners gave him the name of Cagey Wilson because of his concentration on all the angles of any problem or proposition that came up for consideration.

Cagey was known as a model prisoner. He had only broken the rules once, and with deliberation. He had heard others talk of "The Hole," until he was curious to see what it was like. He smoked while lying on his bunk, which was against the rules, but instead of being sent to The Hole he only received a severe reprimand from the guard who caught him.

The admonition to "keep your eyes and ears open and your mouth shut" won the respect of the others and kept him out of trouble and he enjoyed the confidence they reposed in him.

Where men have little but future deviltry to occupy their minds every insignificant occurrence becomes momentous. Some of them caused Cagey much speculation; like the time the dormitory night guard had him stand before him for the purpose of memorizing his face and figure, an unusual proceeding.

"You have your own time to serve, and no one else can serve it for you," he had also been told. It had strengthened his resolution to shorten that time if he possibly could.



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Christmas was approaching, but it had little meaning for any of them. They sneered at the prom-

ised turkey dinner with an apple for dessert. It did not appeal to them when their thoughts and talk revolved about merrier Christmas's they had enjoyed outside the walls. It filled them with restlessness and resentment.

Cagey easily fell into the prevailing mood. He thought of the old folks and friends at home, and the cheer that the season brought with it. He found it hard to fight off the fits of depression that came, and was in a receptive humor the day Big John Mallory slyly remarked there might be a break for freedom. And when Big John proposed later on that he join them he agreed to give it careful consideration.

Great Temptation

He pondered over the possibilities. The temptation was great, but to find himself without shelter in winter, without food or a safe refuge was not attractive. He could not return home, for that would be the first place they would look for him. To go into hiding would necessitate his dependence on doubtful loyalty of friends. His prison uniform would betray him wherever he went. He reluctantly gave up all thought of leaving.

The attempted break came the day before Christmas. The conspirators seemed to be favored with good luck. It was foggy, and their movements went undetected at first. They reached the roof of the prison and made their way to an outside corner, where they fastened an improvised rope.

A guard, coming on duty early, discovered the dangling rope. He called the guard on the roof by telephone and apprised him of the situation. When the would-be escapees returned to the roof they were fired upon by the guard and easily captured.

Time for Gladness

Cagey heard of the fiasco immediately and was thankful he had been cagey about the affair. He was more thankful after dinner when a runner came to summon him to the warden's office.

"Cagey," the official began, "you have been a good prisoner, obeyed the rules and made it easier for those who have had to look after you and the others. You have been conscientious about your duties, and have a clean record.

"The Governor asked me to make up a list of worthy men recently, and I included your name. The runner will take you to the commissary where you will be fitted out with citizen's clothes. You will then return here, and it will give me great pleasure to hand you a full and unconditional pardon, signed by the Governor.

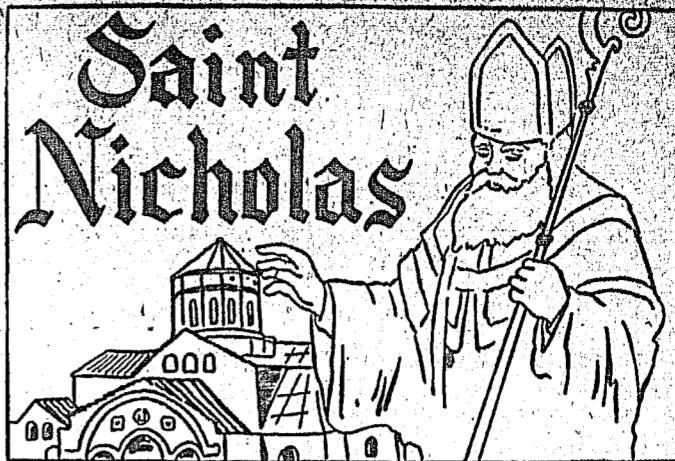
"The Governor and I both wish you a happy future as well as a Merry Christmas."

CHRISTMAS TREES

Tradition has it that Christmas trees were first used in Germany when Christian missionaries chopped down trees worshiped by the pagans and made a decorated tree part of the Christian celebration.

Earliest records of the use of Christmas trees in the United States indicate that German immigrants, who wanted to preserve the type of Christmas they had in Germany, were responsible for popularizing the use of trees in this country.

Carbon paper and sales pad at the News office



The original Santa Claus was St. Nicholas who was born in the ancient port city of Patara, in Southern Turkey, on the Mediterranean coast, during the 3rd century. St. Nicholas was for many years Bishop of Demre (ancient Myra) and it was at Myra that he died in 342. He is buried in Demre in a church which bears his name, the Church of St. Nicholas.

Renown for his many kind deeds, and especially for his loving generosity towards children, the good bishop has become a legendary figure in the folklore of many nations. To accommodate the many travelers who visit the Church of St. Nicholas in the blue mountains of Demre, the Turkish government recently completed a new road. Just last year the government honored him by issuing a special stamp in his name.

Biblical tradition is very rich in the ancient land of Turkey. In the city of Antioch, where the followers of Christ first called themselves Christians, the site where St. Peter led the first Mass can still be seen. Many other saints, including the Apostles Paul, John, James, Luke and Barnaby were born in this region. Mary, Mother of Christ, retired after the Crucifixion to the city of Ephesus, where her abode has been excavated and opened to the public by the Turkish government.

DRIVE SAFELY — Public enemy number ONE is the stop-sign passer.

St. Luke, one of Jesus' disciples, was a physician. Attend church regularly.



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Ancients Believed Christmas Greenery Held Certain Powers

The holly and mistletoe used today for Christmas decorations found their way into early festivities because of certain virtues attributed to them by the ancients.

The Druids were the first to use mistletoe, which they called "Heal-all." They believed the plant to have great curative powers and gradually assigned to it all manner of magic powers.

Each year, about the same time that we now celebrate Christmas, their priests would have high platforms built around the sacred oak trees, which, in a manner of speaking, were "hosts" to the mistletoe. Robed in ceremonial vestments, the priests ascended these platforms, and with golden sickles, cut away the mistletoe.

The Saxons also prized it and it was they who gave to it the name of mistletoe.

Eventually the plant became to be known as a symbol of peace. Opposing warriors who met near it would call a truce, and it was customary to hang it over entrance doors so that those who entered would be assured of friendship.

Today, in both England and America, holly and mistletoe are associated with Christmas as invariably as are the plum pudding and Christmas tree.

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Cleveland News
 By MRS. MANLEY F. BLANTON



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Those visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Herring Sunday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dean, Mr. and Mrs. Manley Blanton. Mr. Herring is improving very nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Phillips of California came Thursday to spend the holidays with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Moore and Terry.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Blanton, Terry and Tommie, Mrs. Manley Blanton, were shopping in Brownwood Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Clifton and baby of Odessa, visited Sun-

day with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Clifton.

Mr. and Mrs. George Caldwell and children of Comanche visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Caldwell.

Mr. Hill Blanton of Owen attended church at Cleveland on Sunday and had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Phillips. Mr. and Mrs. Horace Phillips of Santa Anna also were visitors in the Moore home.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Blanton visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Blanton and boys. Sorry to report Mr. S. E. Blanton on the sick list. Hope he soon will be well again.

We are happy to report Grand mother Clifton getting along nicely and has been moved from the hospital to her home in Brownwood.

Tuesday morning we had nice rain and some ice on the trees. It is still raining at this writing and we hope it continues.

We are wishing for everyone a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

May this holiday season bring to the world peace,
 Everlasting joy and sincere faith which we pray,
 Remains to bless the hearts of one and all for the
 Best of the days of life on earth--through the long
 Years and the many Christmases which are yet to come.

Christmas is indeed the happiest and by far the
 Holiest of our great holidays. It is now we must
 Remember that on a starry night long, long ago,
 In the humble surroundings of a crude and simple
 Stable, there was born a child, a Saviour of men.
 Through the Holy Birth of this King of Kings, all
 Mankind is blessed with the inspiration of faith
 And the hope of eternal redemption--outlined in the
 Sacred goodness of that One Wonderful Life on earth.

Christmas: Our Great Holiday Began As Strictly Religious Festival

Although records indicate that the Christmas festival was spoken of in the fourth century as a custom of long standing, the exact age of the holiday is not known.

Christmas actually began as a strictly religious observance and was officially recognized in the fourth century as Christ's Mass, or the Mass of Christ. And it is quite significant to note that until this time it had been the custom of the church to celebrate the anniversaries of deaths, rather than births, so Christ's birthday was appropriately the first to be made an occasion for feasting.

It was many years after the first observance of Christ's Mass before gift-giving became a part of the festival season. The church finally condoned the practice, in remembrance of the Three Kings who had traveled far to present their gifts to the new-born Christ.

In other centuries, too, the feast of Christmas was to be the subject of controversy. In England, during the Reformation, many believed the undue jollity of Christmas day to be sacrilegious. The English Parliament, on December 24, 1652, ordered that "no observance shall be held of the five and twentieth day of December, commonly called Christmas day; nor any solemnity used or exercised in churches upon that day in respect thereof."

Naturally, the edict proved to be very unpopular with the masses of the people, but it had its effect and it was many years before Christmas was once again regarded as a holiday.

And England was not alone. The Puritans of Mass. bay colony had a law that imposed fines for observance of Christmas and Gov. Bradford once issued a statement publicly ridiculing certain young men who declined to work on Dec. 25, "ye day called Christmas."

home. One of them copied it down and sent it in to the Troy Sentinel, keeping the author anonymous. Through the years the poem became famous. Finally, 22 years later, Dr. Moore officially admitted authorship.

The famous Christmas expression "Peace on earth, good will towards men" actually is a mistranslation. The original Greek, as written by Saint Luke, reads: "Peace on earth to men of good will."

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"MASONRY IN TEXAS" IS PRESENTED TO SANTA ANNA HIGH SCHOOL

The Santa Anna High School, along with other high schools in Coleman County, has been presented with a copy of the new volume, "Masonry in Texas," by James D. Carter, Ph.D., of Waco, who spent many years of research on the project.

The student body was recently presented with the volume during a high school assembly. "Masonry in Texas" is credited with being of great historical significance and a valuable contribution to Texas History. Dr. Carter has explored every legend and tradition in which any Lodge or Masonic Personality is purported to have any connection with the history and development of Texas during the stirring days of the Republic and before.

"Masonry in Texas" is now in the High School Library. It is recognized that the book may not be used extensively by high school students and an invitation is extended to all Masons and others to check out the book for a period of time and use it.

The library is open during the entire school day and the school would welcome extensive use of the volume by those who are interested.

The book was delivered to the local school by Ben E. Godfrey, Recorder, Suez Temple of San Angelo.

CHRISTMAS ODDITIES

Early Americans, especially those in New England, did not celebrate Christmas. They even looked upon it as a day of evil, calling it "the multitude's idol day." In 1659 in Massachusetts a law was passed which read: "Whosoever shall be found observing such a day as Christmas... either by forbearing of labor, or feasting in any way; shall be fined 5 shillings." Governor William Bradford sentenced three youths to jail for playing on Christmas day.

Clement Clark Moore, famous author of the poem "Twas the Night Before Christmas," was for many years deeply ashamed of this poem. Dr. Moore, a professor of Divinity at New York Theological Seminary, wrote the poem in 1822 in an off-hand moment and casually read it to some friends gathered in his

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SPECIAL NOTICES

ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

Notice is Hereby Given: That the Annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Santa Anna National Bank of Santa Anna, Texas, will be held at the office of said Bank on the 8th day of January 1957 at 2:00 p. m. for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Respectfully,
O. L. Chaney
Executive Vice President and Cashier. 51-1c

CARD OF THANKS

To those who expressed their sympathy in so many beautiful and practical ways during our recent bereavement, we extend our heartfelt thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach and John. 51p

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for the many cards and notes during Mr. Richardson's illness. May God bless each of you.

Mr. and Mrs. George Richardson. 51c

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,
I've been a long time since I wrote you. I would like to have a doll, dishes and a pair of shoes and some clothes.

More I would like to have all the little girls and boys have a Merry Xmas.

Merry Xmas,
Garlynn Powell

Box 26
Santa Anna, Tex.
Dec. 17, 1956

Dear Santa,
I have not written you a letter in a long time. I have been thinking about it, but I haven't got around to it. I am 9 years old and I'm in the 4th grade. I would like to have a doll, dishes, some clothes. I wish I could tell you all the things I want, but there are so many of them that I couldn't hardly tell them all to you. But there is one thing I really want you to do. I want you to let all the children in the world to have a happy Xmas. This means very much to me. So please do what I told you to do. Please have a happy Xmas yourself. Good-by.

Merry Xmas,
Karen Gayle McCluskey

Santa Anna, Texas
December 18, 1956

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 4 years old and I want a dolly and baton. My brother Ronnie, wants a gun and trucks and cars. Don't forget my big brothers and sister.

Love,
Cindy and Ronnie Hartman

Dear Santa,
I am a boy 8 years old. I would like to have a B-B gun and a log cabin set for Christmas. I like surprises.

Your friend
Dan D. Evans

December 12, 1956

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a dump truck and some other toys. Don't forget my big brother.

Thank you
Bill Watson

Ft. Stockton, Texas
December 14, 1956

Dearest Santa Claus,
I'm a little boy 1 1/2 years old and can't write of course. Mommie said she'd write you a letter tho, if I'd tell her what to say. There's several things I'd like to have, in fact I hardly know

where to begin. Mostly I want a little jumping horse, one that's on springs you know, a red wagon, little fuzzy house shoes, some toys you can pull and make racket, and what ever else you can spare. Also Santa when you go by my grandmother's and granddaddy's leave them a note and tell them I hope they have a good Christmas too, cause I sure love them both. In case you don't know who they are, it's Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Rehm, Uvalde, and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Deal, Rockwood.

Please remember all the other little boys and girls. I know they were good too. Mommie and daddy think I have been pretty good, so don't you reckon you will think the same thing.

I sure hope so. We will have you some hot cocoa and cookies when you come by. I know you'll be tired.

I love you,
Randy Deal
Mondahans Star Rt.
Ft. Stockton, Texas.

P. S. Thanks Santa for sending me my little cowboy boots early. I sure do like them.

Dear Santa
Would you please bring me a walking doll, play car, can, cans, train and house shoes? Don't forget the other boys and girls this Christmas. I am five years old.

Your little friend
Gleina Russell

Dear Santa Claus
I would like for you to bring me a football, and a electric train, bicycle and a big wagon. Do not forget my two sisters.

I "THINK" I have been a good boy most of the time.

Yours truly
John Gregg

Rockwood, Texas
December 17, 1956

Dear Santa Claus
I have been a good boy. I would like to have a guitar, a baseball glove and a cap gun, and some fruit, candy and nuts in my stocking.

Love
Warren Bruce Wallace

Rockwood, Texas
December 17, 1956

Dear Santa Claus
I am a little girl three years old and think I've been good enough for you to bring me a pajama baby doll and a little suit case and a stocking full of candy, fruit and nuts.

Remember all of the little boys and girls, especially my sister, Jo Anne, my brother, Bruce and my little cousins, Marty and Lynn.

Love
Denise Wallace

Shields News

By Mrs. E. S. Jones

A large crowd attended and enjoyed the Community Supper Saturday night. Mr. A. B. Carroll gave a talk on Civil Defense. Visitors were Mrs. B. B. Fowler of Bangs, Wamorn Upchurch, Miss Martha Ann Martin, Jack Miller and Miss Mitzen, all of Abilene.

Mrs. Beatrice Vercher of Coleman, visited Monday with Mrs. J. Z. Vercher and Mrs. E. S. Jones.

Mrs. Hermen Oilbreath entered the Coleman Hospital Tuesday. Sorry to hear of her illness but hope she will soon be home again.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McClure and Mr. and Mrs. Noble Carpenter spent Wednesday in Abilene, Christmas shopping.

Sunday guests with Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Carroll were Bro. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Curry of Coleman and Mrs. E. S. Jones.

Saturday Leta Gay McClure visited with Karen Jones.

Mr. Booker Watson received word Thursday of the death of his brother, Mr. Cully Watson of Pittsburg, Texas. We extend sympathy to the family.

Mrs. Ralph McWilliams of Crews visited this week with friends in our community.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Shelton, Mike and Randy, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Berhna, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Shelton.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Milligan were in San Angelo Sunday visiting with her brother, Kinch McClain and family.

Mrs. George Stewardson returned from Fort Worth Wednesday. She had been there several days with her daughter, Mrs. Darwin Watson, who had surgery and is doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Curry of Coleman visited with Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Scarborough Sunday afternoon.

A Merry Christmas to all our citizens.

Kit Douglas Dies In Elkhart Early Tuesday Morning

Kit Carson Douglas, 67, former resident of Trickham and Santa Anna, died at 2:55 a. m. Tuesday, December 18, after an illness of about two years, suffering from cancer. He had major surgery some two years ago and again about four months ago. He has been a bed patient since the last surgery and grew worse during the last few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas were well known in this area and are well thought of here. They lived here 24 years, moving to their

former home at Elkhart, Texas, in 1948. Both Mr. and Mrs. Douglas were born in Elkhart and they own property there.

Funeral services were held in the Elkhart First Methodist Church at Elkhart at 2:00 p. m. Wednesday, December 19, with burial in the Pilgrim Cemetery. The Hessel-Foster Funeral Home of Palestine was in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include the wife, Mrs. Althea Douglas of Elkhart; six daughters, Mrs. V. R. Burns of Abilene, Mrs. E. L. Cowan and Mrs. P. A. Rains of Big Spring, Mrs. B. A. Rogers of Dallas, Mrs. J. A. Morris of Boerne, and Mrs. W. R. Mulroy, Jr., of Waco; three sons, Ralph Douglas of Big Spring, Leslie Douglas of Abilene and Craig R. Douglas of Crane. Nine grandchildren also survive.

Mrs. W. R. Mulroy, Sr., of Santa Anna, attended the funeral services.

Services In Kermit For Aldridge Infant

Funeral services for Douglas Warren Aldridge, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Aldridge of Kermit, were held Tuesday, December 11th.

The infant, who died at birth, is survived by the parents, one sister, Debra and one brother, Dwayne.

The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Aldridge of Santa Anna and the maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Havener of Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Vanderford of Santa Anna, are great-grandparents.

Relatives from here attending were Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Aldridge and Van, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hosch and Mrs. O. H. Havener of Brownwood.

George Richardson got moved to his home here on Wednesday of last week, from Abilene, where he had been for several weeks, during which time he had surgery. His sons, Willis and Curtis, brought him and Mrs. Richardson, along with his sister, Mrs. Maude Linam, who had been with them in Abilene. Mrs. Linam left for her home at Lockhart Saturday. Mr. Richardson is improving.

Mrs. Cassie Stiles and her son, Thomas Stiles and family, moved back to her home north of town recently, from Bangs, where they had lived for nearly a year, while he was working in Brownwood. Tom is taking shots and getting ready to leave for Pakistan, where he will work on a pipeline. While he is away his family and his mother will continue to live on her place.

"DUVAL COUNTY, USA"

This is the first in a series of ten articles by New York newspaper reporters Frederick Hodgson and Franz Rosenwald, who recently spent several weeks in Duval Co. and South Texas, gathering facts for this series.

Ballots, Bullets, Beatings, Booty: That's The Story of Duval County

STORY NO. 1

By--FREDERICK HODGSON

NUEVO LAREDO, MEX.-We, Franz Rosenwald and I, have just been looking over the parking lot where a dark, baby-faced pistolero, Alfredo Cervantes, abandoned his big green automobile, Texas license EL2340, a few hours after he'd killed young Jacob Floyd in Alice, Texas, 86 miles away.

Cervantes must have had a wild ride that night almost four years ago, and his knuckles must have been white on the wheel as he drove onto the Rio Grande bridge from Laredo.

What if the Rangers were ahead of him?

What if they'd caught his fellow killer, Mario "The Turk" Sapet, and El Turco had talked? Cervantes breathed easier perhaps as he recalled that El Turco wouldn't dare talk. The life of El Turco, the braggart, the hired assassin, wouldn't be worth a plugged centavo if he uttered a word that would lead to the men "higher up," or to Cervantes. It was a comforting thought.

The center of the span was nearer now. The two officers there, one American and one Mexican, were talking, paying little attention to the approaching automobile. In a second he was past them. He was in Mexico. He was safe.

Here in Nuevo Laredo Cervantes had a couple of quick tequilas at the International Gardens, Ricky Callione's place, to steady his nerves. Then he paid his three pesos—twenty five cents—and vanished.

And to this day El Turco, now serving 99 years in Huntsville Prison, hasn't talked. He wouldn't live long, even in Huntsville, if he did. And the Turk knows it.

What's all this got to do with Boss George Berham Parr, the tottering Duke of Duval?

The answer, mister, is plenty, but plenty!

Dictatorships, whether they're red as in Russia, black as in Mussolini's Italy, brown as in Hitler's Germany, or red, white and blue as in Parr's Duval, follow the same pattern—ballots, beatings, bullets and booty. The ballots are phony but the others are real. All four figure in the story of Duval County, Texas.

To non-Texans looking in, to observers such as Franz Rosenwald and myself, the political situation in Duval County is utterly fantastic—and frightening. That it can happen here, in America, the home of the free, brings one's thinking up with a jolt.

Dictatorship developed in Duval because the right set of political circumstances existed. And, with Attorney General John Ben Shepperd operating the battering ram, it's now being broken up—because the right set of circumstances exists.

Being outsiders, we are not presuming to point out that circumstances favorable to a clean-up of Duval County could have been brought about any time during the last 50 years, but weren't. Let's just say that the fact that Attorney General Shepperd dared to take on George Parr after 50 years made this series of articles possible.

What if the right set of political circumstances for dictatorship were to come about in other counties, in Texas or anywhere else? Or in whole states? Or even in the entire United States?

That idea isn't intended to be funny. Hitler rose to power because of "the right set of political circumstances." So did old Archie Parr, founder of the dynasty in the Duchy of Duval.

Franz Rosenwald was born and raised in Berlin, and he watched the ridiculous little man with the Charlie Chaplin moustache destroy the Weimar Republic and set up the Third Reich. His personal tragedy under the Hitler terror was great.

Like myself, Rosenwald didn't believe that such a place as Duval County could possibly exist in the Western world, until he came to Texas and saw for himself. Until he talked to little people who had been beaten and ruined, the little people whose names do not appear in the papers. Until he talked to the families of men who had been killed.

Until he talked face to face with one of the killers, a professional murderer, a hired pistolero.

Rosenwald, who has lived under the red shirts and under the brown shirts, and who doesn't like either of them, has written sev-

eral pieces in this series. And he shows the startling similarity between the methods of Boss Parr and the methods of Hitler's bully boys.

Back in April of this year Rosenwald and I called John Ben Shepperd long distance from New York and talked about a book, and possibly a motion picture, about the Duval story. Then he sent us a long telegram, reading in part "The Duval story is a sordid one that America should know, not because of what's happened there but to prevent a recurrence anywhere in the country. Our office will cooperate in every way."

Later we met Mr. Shepperd in Atlantic City, New Jersey, and heard him address a session of the National Association of Attorneys General, of which he is president. We were talking in his hotel room when he received word that Boss Parr had "given back" the 55,000-acre Dobie Ranch, a piece of real estate that Parr had bought for himself with Duval County funds.

The Duval story looked pretty grim even from that distance, just how grim we didn't realize until we hopped an airplane to Austin. There we hired an automobile from Avis and covered more than 4,000 miles of South Texas and Mexico and had a good look at the Duval story for ourselves. We weren't prepared for what we saw and heard.

Texans have lived so close to the Duval story for the past half century that it's old hat by now. Sometimes in the papers there is a story about a killing, the story told out of focus, without relation to the background. Or a spot news story about an indictment, a trial, or a sentence—again told out of focus, because that's the way newspapers have to work. Sometimes Boss Parr hits the front pages with a political pronouncement when he endorses a candidate, or damns a candidate, for reasons of his own.

But, by and large, the full story of Duval hasn't been really and fully told, has never been pulled together, all in one place and in complete focus so that the whole picture, clear and sharp, can be seen at one time.

That's what Franz Rosenwald and this writer propose to do. And we'll tell the story in terms of real, live people, the people who, like the men of the Alamo, of San Jacinto, of Goliad, are fighting—and dying—for the right to be free.

Chat & Stitch Club Christmas Party

Members of the Chat and Stitch Club held their annual Christmas Party December 14, in the home of Mrs. L. O. Garrett, with a covered dish luncheon.

The party rooms were beautifully decorated in the Christmas theme, the tree being the center of attraction.

After the buffet style lunch, gifts were exchanged and members spent the remainder of the afternoon enjoying various games and singing Christmas carols.

Those present were: Meses. Louis Zachary, C. M. Moseley, J. J. Horner, Arthur Casey, Jess Howard, Pierre Rowe, A. B. McClanahan, Dale Smith, Edgar Shelton, E. E. Geer and the hostesses.

20th Century Club Enjoys Christmas Dinner and Party

The 20th Century Club had a turkey dinner and party in the home of Mrs. Ed Jones, beginning at 12 noon on Friday, December 14. The menu consisted of turkey with all the trimmings, including a variety of colorful salads, vegetables, including candied yams, relishes, hot rolls, mince and apple pie and lots of coffee. The meal was enjoyed buffet style.

Most were seated near the large fireplace, where a bright fire burned during the hours. The mantle was decorated with a line of greenery, some silvered with little red boots placed at intervals.

Immediately following the dinner, there was a gift exchange from a beautiful tree.

Following the gift exchange, there was an interesting program beginning with the singing of beloved Christmas songs, with Mrs. Sam Rutherford at the piano and Mrs. Charles Bengel leading.

Unusual Christmas stories were well told by Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Bengel.

Others present for the dinner and most of the features were: Mrs. W. E. Vanderford, Mrs. Warren Aldridge, Mrs. Bill Pritchard, Mrs. D. H. Moore, Mrs. W. A. Standley, Mrs. Clifford Stephenson, Mrs. A. L. Oder, Ellen Richards, Mrs. Roy Stockard and her young grandson, Roy Mike.

The next meeting of the club will be on Friday, January 4, 1957 in the home of Mrs. Clifford Stephenson, president.

Christian Church Supper In Honor Of Redecorating Job

On Saturday night the supper at the First Christian Church Annex took place as announced. The affair was a culmination of the redecorating of two large connecting rooms, wallboard and painting, sandpapering and revarnishing of woodwork. With harmonizing drapes, cleaned and pressed, everything was looking good.

The supper, with roasts, chicken, vegetables, salads, relishes, pies and lots of coffee, was enjoyed by a very good crowd of adults and a few children.

A pretty tree in the east room, had a shower of many nice things, mostly gift wrapped for the homes for orphans and aged at Juliette Fowler.

On the other side of the tree there was a fine shower of beautiful and useful gifts for the pastor, Bro. Jimmy Henderson, his wife and their three children. He was very much surprised and expressed appreciation.

The group then adjourned to

the church where Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holland showed pictures of Camp Christian, on Lake Brownwood, where they are managers. The camp is owned by Christian Churches of the 6th District.

The moving pictures were very clear and interesting. Camp facilities are greatly in demand. Groups from other states as well as Texans, making reservations there. Members in the 6th District think they have the best location on the lake.

FHA Girls Entertain FFA Chapter

The Future Homemakers of America gave the Future Farmers of America boys a Christmas Supper Friday, December 14.

They were served sandwiches, tuna salad, olives, potato chips, cookies and cocoa.

On the stage was a huge Santa Claus, and a Christmas theme was carried out in the entire decoration. The program consisted of a play by the Junior C. Y. F. Kay Kingsbery read an appropriate poem and Sharon Hoke sang "White Christmas."

Carolee Campbell read "Twas the Night Before Christmas, in Texas That Is". James Curtis was presented the pen which is given each Dreamboat.

The affair was largely attended.

—Reporter

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Crescencio Rodriguez of Brownwood, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Amelia, to Raymond Vasquez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Venio Vasquez.

The ceremony will be performed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Brownwood at 9:00 a. m. Saturday, December 29th. Friends of the families are invited to attend.

Mrs. Collier Hostess For Self Culture Club Christmas Party

The Self Culture Club met in regular session on Friday afternoon, December 14, in the home of Mrs. Sam Collier, for a Christmas program.

The Christmas theme was carried out in decorations and other features. Mrs. Collier met guests and directed them to the dining room, where they were served cake squares topped with whipped cream and a cherry, with coffee or tea. Nuts were on the table, and red and white striped candy canes were plate favors.

Silver coffee and tea services were used. On the table was an arrangement of poinsettias. Pine sprays and cones were on the buffet. Poinsettias and pot plants adorned the living room.

James Mallow, Band Director, presented several of his pupils in a musical ensemble of Christmas music. Those participating were Jackie Mobley, Pete Simmons, Gary Hosch, Darlene Mercer and Linda Riley.

Miss Bettie Blue, program chairman, presented Mrs. Norval Wylie, who read a most interesting article on "Rangers in Santa Anna at Christmas". This referred to the Christmas of 1862. A number of prominent southern leaders were here at that time, among them being General Fitzhugh Lee. That Christmas an Indian was killed and two fine turkeys. They had the turkeys for their Christmas dinner and managed some other good food.

There was a fine attendance of the members, and two visitors, Mrs. William Tryon and Mrs. F. E. Kollwitz.

Mrs. Todd Hostess To Needlecraft Club Christmas Party

The Needlecraft Club had its annual Christmas dinner on Thursday, December 13, in the home of Mrs. R. L. Todd.

The hostess met guests at the door, accompanied by a little white Santa Claus.

The beautiful decorations for the day were made by Mrs. Todd's daughter, Mrs. Thomas Doster of Coleman. The bountiful turkey dinner, with fruit pies as dessert, was served amid appropriate decorations.


Mrs. J. E. Watkins invoked the blessings at the table. Mrs. John Brown read the scripture portions of Luke, 2nd Chapter. Mrs. Ine. Caton "White Christmas" and "Noel".

Two games were played. A card from Mrs. Tom Wheatley of Galveston, a member, was read. Those present signed a card, which was sent to Mrs. Wheatley.

The next feature was exciting when secret pals were revealed with gifts. The motto of the club was read by all, as follows: "There is a destiny that makes us brothers, none goes their way alone. All that we send into the life of others, comes back into our own."

All the club members were present on this happy occasion.

Tenny Carol Wristen of Big Spring, is here for an indefinite visit with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wristen.



Holiday Bargains

Prices Good Friday, Dec. 21 Through Monday, Dec. 24

CRISCO	3-lb. Can	89¢
FOLGERS COFFEE	POUND CAN	99¢
OLEO DECKER'S IWANA BRAND	Lb.	19¢
PEACHES LIBBY'S	LARGE NO. 2 1/2 CAN	32¢

CHOCOLATE COVERED	PITTED
Cherries Box 49¢	DATES lb. 29¢
MISSION BRAND	Pumpkin No. 2 1/2 Can 19¢
English Peas Ea. 15¢	SWEET
CRANBERRY — KIMBELLS	Potatoes No. 2 1/2 Can 18¢
SAUCE Can 18¢	LARGE CRISP HEAD
TEXAS PINK	Lettuce lb. 15¢
GRAPEFRUIT DOZEN 69¢	Carrots 1-lb. Pkg. 9¢
LARGE, GOLDEN	FRESH
BANANAS 2 lbs. 25¢	Cranberries lb. 23¢
LARGE GREEN	BEEF
CELERY Stalk 19¢	Seven Roast lb. 29¢
PURE PORK	Fryers lb. 39¢ — Chicken Hens lb. 39¢ — Hams lb. 59¢
SAUSAGE lb. 45¢	

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- Childrens Slips
- Childrens Suits
- Childrens Pants
- Childrens Sox
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- Mens Jackets
- Mens Handkerchiefs
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- Mens Pajamas
- Mens Jewelry

Grammer's Dept. Store

SANTA ANNA

Mrs. McDonald Hostess For Fidelis Class Party

Mrs. Elton McDonald was hostess for the Fidelis Class of the First Baptist Church, when it met in her home at 2:00 p. m. on December 12. Mrs. Faye Casey assisted in the hospitality features and in the elaborate decorations, carried out in the receiving rooms. Games were enjoyed.

The table was laid with a red Indianhead cloth, on which all the ladies signed their names and the hostess will later embroider them. The devotions were led by Mrs. Ed Jones and Mrs. Melvin Lamb, the teacher, led in prayer.

Refreshments of tuna sandwiches, apple sauce cake, topped with whipped cream, a variety of home made candies, and coffee, were served.

Two visitors, Mrs. A. G. Purvis and Mrs. Paul Pembroke, attended.

Others attending were Mrs. Jewel Schrader, Mrs. Jesse Benton, Mrs. Fannie Gober, Mrs. Marie Hill, Mrs. Nona Rowe, Mrs. Seibold Rowe, Mrs. Earl Hardy, and Mrs. Carl Autrey. This nice affair was thoroughly enjoyed.

Open House At Methodist Parsonage Monday Night

Open house was held at the Methodist Parsonage Monday night, honoring members of the church and friends, for the Christmas Season.

The house was decorated in the Christmas theme. Poinsettias were on the table, which was covered with a lace cloth. The center-piece was an angel with a gold violin arrangement. On the buffet was a picture of the Christ-child with lighted candles and a lighted church in the decorations.

Mrs. J. Frank Turner and Rev. and Mrs. Frank Turner, Jr., greeted guests at the door. Mrs. O. L. Cheaney and Mrs. Tom Hays presided at the coffee service and others in the house party were Mrs. Al Houdek, Mrs. Dorothy Watson, Mrs. Chester Galloway, Mrs. W. B. Griffin and Mrs. J. M. House.

Among those attending the Third Sunday Singing in Coleman last Sunday afternoon were Mrs. Will Parker, Mrs. C. J. Deer, Mrs. May Sharp, Mrs. Ethel Bobo, Mrs. Mamie Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rutherford, Mr. Calloway, Lew Story, Louie McCain, Clinton Lowe and Mrs. Nettie Mitchell.

Melvin Pollock, Don Davis and Carol McClellan came home at the weekend from Abilene, where they are students at McMurry College. Their holiday will last through New Year's Day.

Last Saturday Mrs. G. W. Teagle was very happy to have her son-in-law, Colonel Ward Blacklock, from the Stock Control Branch, Distribution, Quarter, masters Division, Washington, D. C., and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Blacklock of Round Rock, as dinner guests. Mrs. Blacklock was not able to come to Texas with Col. Blacklock and Ward Truett, Jr. The little son had to stay in Washington to take care of his mother, who was ill.

Curtis Richardson and daughters, Barbara Ann and Eula Marie, of Abilene, visited late Sunday afternoon and a while Sunday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Richardson.

ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AS CHRISTMAS GIFTS

College Station — Small electric appliances, such as fryers, mixers, waffle irons and coffee makers, make useful, interesting gifts. Extension home management specialists point out that such gifts are appreciated the year round by homemakers.

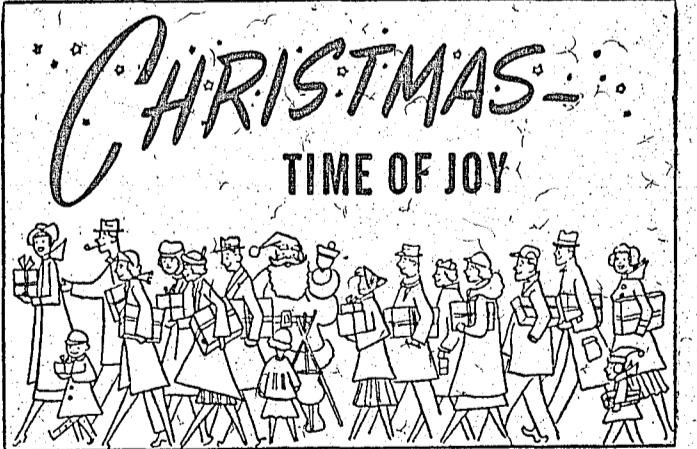
Before you buy, however, make sure the person you have in mind really has good use for such a gift. Next, consider stor-

age space. Only when such pieces of equipment can be placed on counters, movable tables, or open shelves will they get frequent use.

Make certain every piece of equipment you buy has the Underwriters' Laboratories seal of approval. Remember that electrical housewares give best performance when plugged into convenient outlets connected to circuits not already loaded to capacity with other equipment or lights. Many with heating elements pull 1200 to 1500 watts in full operation. This means that only the homemakers whose home has adequate wiring in the kitchen and dining areas will get full use of such equipment.

Little farms are the best filled. Little books are the best read, and little songs are dearest loved. And when Nature would make anything especially rare and beautiful, she makes it little — little pearls, little diamonds, little bows. Life is made up of little things. Day is made up of little beams, and night is glorious with little stars.

The best gifts are tied with heartstrings.



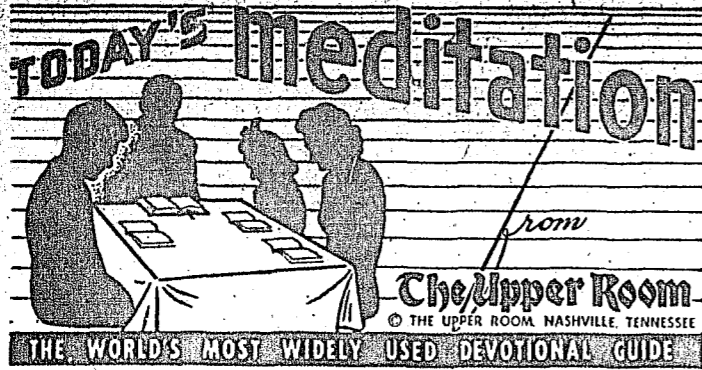
Christmas—a time of joy and peace, tree lights, tinsel, and snow—and time for renewal of that perennial cry, "Christmas is too commercial."

It's been said for years, and to a certain extent it has always been true. Many are too concerned with today's commercial world to have time for the observance of Christmas. Others are so busy buying presents, selling presents, and generally making Christmas an ordeal, that they, too, are unable to place the emphasis where it rightly belongs—on the religious and spiritual level.

Yes, there is much about Christmas that is commercial, or rather, that has been commercialized. Yet Christmas itself, and the spirit that belongs to the holiday, is always the same. As individuals, we each "make" our own Christmas within our hearts. Our feelings, our motivations and our outward actions, weigh these well and you will know what Christmas means to you.

How often is it also said that Christmas belongs to the children. If this be true, then the observance of Christmas would have been forgotten long ago. Tinsel and glitter, presents under the tree, stockings by the fireside, this is the meaning of Christmas to the young in heart; but all these are merely adjunct to the true and significant meaning of Christmas; that on this day a child was born in Bethlehem and because of this birth mankind may hopefully strive for eternal salvation.

The true Christmas is not commercial, nor does it belong only to the young. Through faith, good will and charity do we enter into the proper observance of this great holiday and only the truly hard-boiled, the cynical, the greedy, and the disbelievers; only these, through their own lack of virtue, are not a part of the true celebration of Christmas.



They saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him. (Mathew 2:11.)

We had sent up our creche on the low bookcase by the picture window. As packages arrived, we laid them near the creche. One morning I noticed that the packages had become so numerous that they were beginning to hide the small manger scene.

I called the children and said, "I wonder if we see what is happening." They did see and quickly began to plan and rearrange so that the tiny baby again had his proper place of prominence.

Do we see what is happening to us when we allow the hectic round of activities that we have come to associate with Christmas to crowd Christ out of our hearts and homes? Dreading the shopping, gift-wrapping, and

card-sending, cleaning, baking, and entertaining, one mother signed, "I'll be glad when it's over".

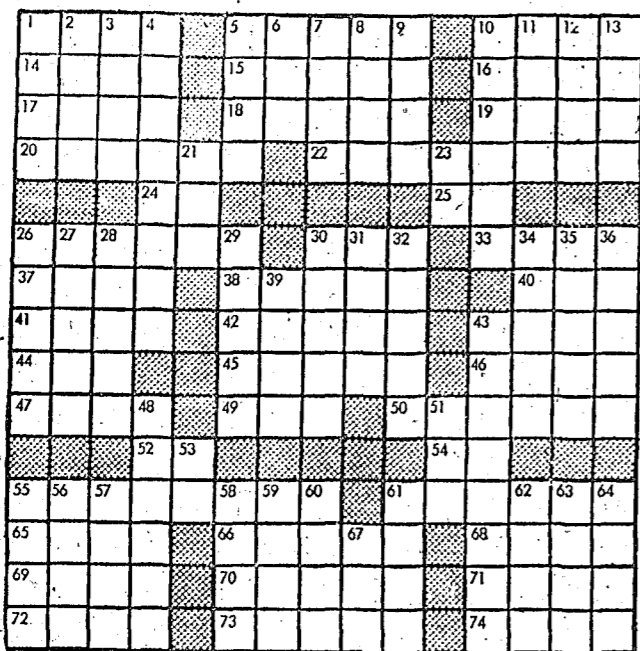
On a loved one's birthday we honor him and find ways to express our love for him. Let us likewise hold in highest place and count it all joy to show our love for Christ on His birthday.

PRAYER
O Christ, I would make room in my heart for Thee. Cast out my sin and so make my heart a habitation wherein Thou canst dwell, honored and loved. Help me to allow nothing to separate me from love and fellowship with Thee. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
Today I will honor Him whose coming gives hope and brings joy to the heart of man.

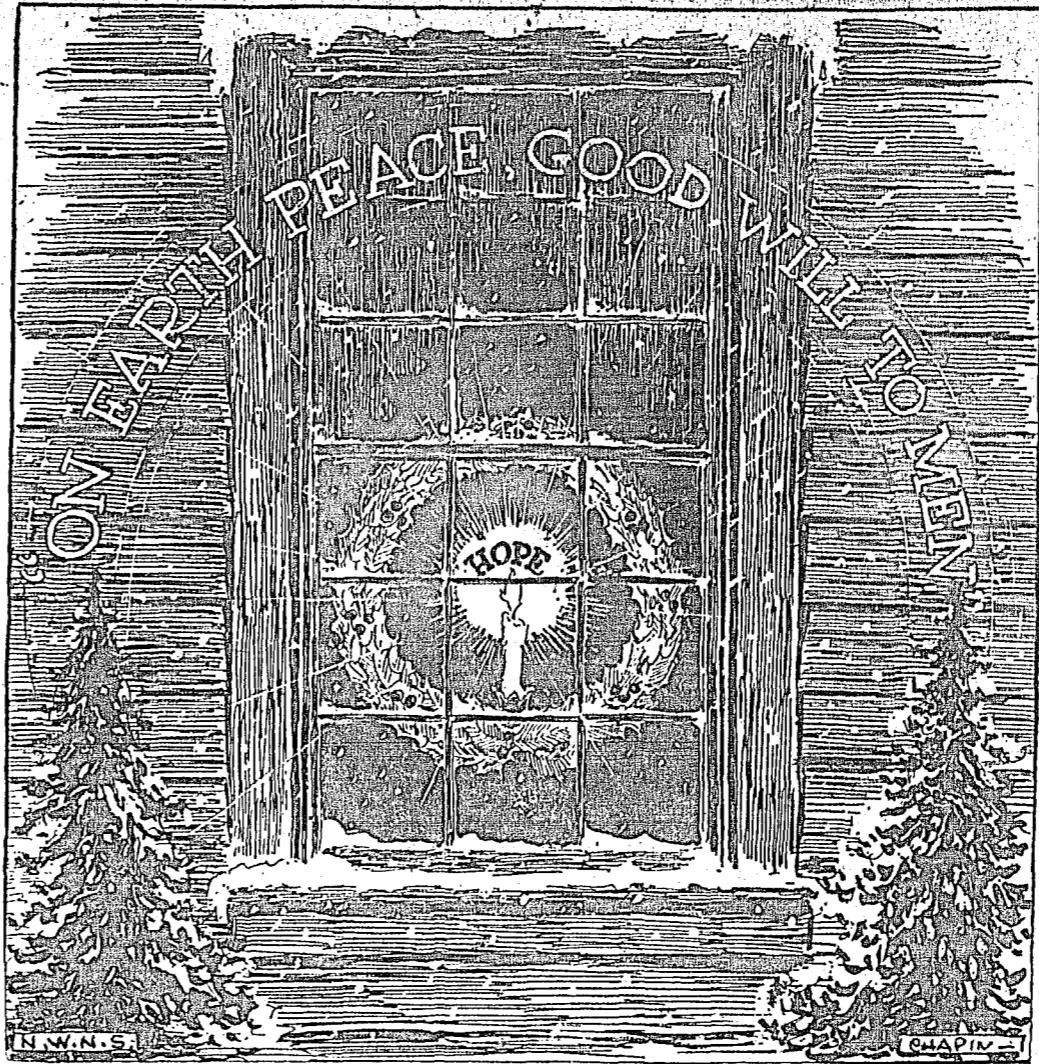
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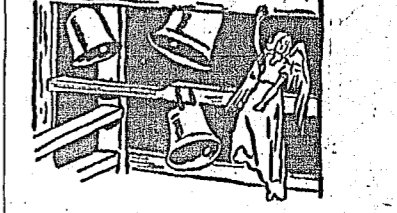
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 - 15 Indian boat
 - 16 Italian coin (pl.)
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 - 18 Century
 - 19 Plant
 - 20 Country
 - 22 Dress
 - 24 Child for "mother"
 - 25 Symbol for tellurium
 - 26 Part of foot, ball shoe (pl.)
 - 30 Rib
 - 33 Narrow opening
 - 37 To warm
 - 38 Musical instrument
 - 40 To anger
 - 41 Alleviate
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 - 45 To frighten
 - 46 River of Siberia
 - 47 Narrate
 - 49 Combining form, feast day
 - 50 Fragments
 - 52 Cooked yam
 - 54 Correlative of either
- DOWN**
- 1 Mend by stitching
 - 2 Appellation of Athens
 - 3 Throw
 - 4 Rate
 - 5 Read metrically
 - 6 Ugly old woman
 - 7 Tierra del
 - 8 To wander
 - 9 Require
 - 10 Regions
 - 11 Employ
 - 12 Algebran scoop
 - 13 Departed
 - 14 Cereal grain
 - 15 Pronoun
 - 16 To swindle
- PUZZLE No. 425**
- 16 Rent
 - 17 Artist's stand
 - 18 Involuntary muscle contraction
 - 19 Icelandic tales
 - 20 Extrap. ordinary person
 - 21 Small openings in skin
 - 22 Climbing plant
 - 23 Scurvy
 - 24 Leaves of elongated fish (pl.)
 - 25 Equator
 - 26 Part of foot, ball shoe (pl.)
 - 27 Rib
 - 28 Narrow opening
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KEEP YOUR CHRISTMAS CANDLE LIGHTED



school buses have traveled 410,000,000 (million) miles in transporting children to and from school. They annually travel 82,000,000 (million) miles, a distance equal to 3,280 times around the equator. It was also noted that in more than half of the accidents listed that the bus actually was not involved in the collision, that cars and trucks were hit either behind the school buses or in going around them. The Texas law requires that when school buses are loading or discharging passengers all vehicles approaching from either direction come to a full stop.

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Typewriter paper at the Santa Anna News.

NIWOT NEWS BY THE NIWOT KIDS

Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Miller visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Baugh Wednesday. The Rev. Whitefield will preach at the Cleveland Methodist Church the Fourth Sunday.

Mrs. Royce McIver and daughter, visited Tuesday morning with Mrs. Alton Benge in Santa Anna.

Mike and Regina Cupps visited Thursday and Friday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Wagner.

Mrs. Beula Fleming, Margie and Mrs. Duane Rasberry and Donna Kay visited Mrs. C. L. Curry of Bangs Monday and Saturday mornings.

Dinner guests Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Alton Benge were Jimmie Reed, F. Wagner, Robert Perry, Dixie Jo Baugh and Naomi Baugh.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Avants and family visited Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hibbets.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrel Cupps and his father, Mr. E. R. Cupps, enjoyed a deer hunt around Junction Thursday and Friday and brought back a deer.

Mr. Bill Williams visited Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hibbets.

Mrs. Mae Flores of Bangs visited her daughter, Mrs. Dick Baugh, Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ellis, Jerry and Anita, visited Mrs. Ellis' brother, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wells and family in Lorraine Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Perry visited Mr. and Mrs. Silas Wagner Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Dick Baugh and girls, Mrs. John Perry were all shopping in Coleman Friday afternoon.

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY AT ROCKWOOD

Mrs. L. Brusenhan, Jr., honored her daughters, Mary Etta and Loretta Broadway with a surprise birthday party Sunday, December 16th. Birthday cake, ice cream, punch and bubble gum were served to Mickey and Debbie Stewart, Sherry and Susie Day, Mary and Lajana Miller, Louise, David and Ronnie Cooper, Janice Jackson, Larry Avants, Nicky Van Johnson, Bob and Larry Rutherford, Korky and Mark Wise.

Peggy, Barbara, Linda, Larry, Judy and Tommy McIntire, Candy Polk of Salt Gap, Sharon and Diana Conner of Brownwood, Mrs. Ollie Estes, Mrs. L. Brusenhan, Sr., Mrs. Elec Cooper, Mrs. Joe W. Wise, Mrs. L. Brusenhan, the hostess, Judy Brusenhan and the honorees, Mary Etta and Loretta Broadway.

ROCKWOOD W.M.S. HAS BOOK REVIEW

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Rockwood Baptist Church met at the church Monday afternoon, with a book review on "Foreign Missions", given by Mrs. F. E. McCreary and Mrs. Lon Gray.

They packed home made cookies for the shut-ins.

Present were Mrs. L. Brusenhan, Sr., Mrs. Ray Caldwell, Mrs. Joe W. Wise, Mrs. Henry Smith, Mrs. A. E. King, Mrs. Gray and Mrs. McCreary.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cullins and children visited Sunday in the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Gassiot and family at Gould.

Four Major Deadlines Approach For Vets Now Being Released

Four major deadlines face veterans now being released or discharged from active duty with the Armed Forces, Dr. George T. McMahan, manager of the Veterans Administration Center, said today.

"The most important deadline," Dr. McMahan stated, "concerns GI insurance and affects veterans who have been released from active service since September 4, 1956."

Instead of having 120 days in which to apply for a special type of five-year term, nonconvertible GI insurance, these newly discharged veterans must apply before midnight, December 31, 1956.

This deadline was set by the recently enacted Servicemen's and Veteran's Survivor Benefits Act which revised the death benefits program for the beneficiaries of veterans who die as a result of service, Dr. McMahan said.

Veterans with service during the Korean conflict (June 27, 1950 through January 31, 1955) should remember that they have three years from the date of their discharge or separation to apply for education and training under the GI Bill, Dr. McMahan said.

He added Korean conflict veterans should also keep in mind that most of them have only a year from date of their discharge or separation in which to apply for dental treatment. Exceptions to the one-year rule are those veterans who are receiving disability compensation for service-connected dental conditions or those veterans whose dental disabilities are as a result of combat injuries or service injuries. They may apply at any time.

Dr. McMahan said the same rules for dental treatment apply to peacetime veterans and six-

month enlistees except that the latter two groups must have been discharged for disability incurred in line of duty or are receiving VA compensation for a service-connected disability.

GI home loan deadline for veterans of the Korean conflict period is January 31, 1965. "This date is far enough away so that Korean conflict veterans may take their time in selecting a home, farm, or business which will best suit their needs," Dr. McMahan said.

Further information on these deadlines and veterans benefits are available at the Waco VA Office at 723 Franklin.

Texas School Bus Drivers Have Excellent Rating

AUSTIN — Texas' school bus drivers, who, in driving 82,000,000 miles annually, consistently set the state's best safety record, drew a salute here today.

The Texas Railroads adopted a resolution lauding the diligence and good judgment with which the drivers protect the lives of Texas children.

Pointing out that the school bus drivers' record is seldom accorded the recognition it is due and that it is a wonderful example for other persons using highways, the resolution set out that a bus is listed in an accident report only on an average of once in every 410,000 miles. That is a distance equal to 16 times around the world at the equator.

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McMILLANS HOST AT CHRISTMAS DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Lee McMillan entertained with a dinner Sunday at their home in Rockwood.

Present were Mrs. R. L. Brinson and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Crutcher of Bangs, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McMillan, Mrs. Florene Speckle and Summie Lou of Brady, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Brock of Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Martin McMillan of Cross Plains, Mrs. F. E. Suttle and children of May, Mrs. Elton Halmon, Jerry Carl and Milana Kay, Mrs. L. V. Hillyer and Jim Hillyer of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Butry and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. McMillan.

Many After-Holiday Uses for Family Tree

There are a number of uses to which you can put your Christmas tree after it has served its purpose in the home.

You can cut off the longer branches and "plant" them as windbreaks to protect outdoor plantings such as low-growing boxwood, azalea, yew, rhododendron and juniper. Little teepees can be built around exposed shrubs and tender plants. This will protect them from biting, drying winds and prevent snow and ice from accumulating and bending the plants out of shape.

Other branches curved end up over flower beds when the ground is exposed will prevent heaving of soils during alternate freezing and thawing. Heaving may force bulbs and roots of perennials from the ground.

The entire tree may be used as a bird feeder in the back yard. It may be either anchored securely or fastened to a fence. Pieces of suet tied to its branches and a container of water nearby will provide a constant supply of food for your feathered friends.

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Rockwood News
By MRS. JOHN C. HUNTER

Mr. Will See, a former Rockwood resident, was buried in Trickham Tuesday of last week. Attending funeral rites were Mr. and Mrs. John Horseman, Boss Estes, Frank McCreary, Bob Steward and John Hunter. We extend deepest sympathy to the family.

Mrs. Pat Patterson of Irving has been at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Bill Steward.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Blackwell spent Thursday of last week at Stephenville with Mr. and Mrs. Roland Caudle and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey McSwain came home Wednesday. He has been employed at McCamey during the ginning season.

J. T. Avants, who has been employed at Anton, came home on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Freeman of Wichita Falls, were visiting friends Saturday. They were Monday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Steward. Mrs. Freeman will be remembered as the former Minta Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Lefty Moss and Pamela of Garland, spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Johnson.

Josh Bryan of Abilene visited relatives Saturday to Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Jackson of Dallas, are the parents of a daughter, born Saturday, December 8, weighing six pounds and 13 ounces. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Johnson are maternal grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Uless Maness spent Saturday shopping in Brownwood and visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Billy Maness and Mrs. Ara Ripley.

Weekend guests with Mr. and Mrs. Dave Ellis were Mr. and Mrs. Ercell Ellis of Knox City, Mr. and Mrs. Doc Ellis of Colorado City, Mrs. Denver Ellis of Junction, Dillard Ellis of Otney, and Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Heilman.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. King went to Dublin Sunday to meet Mrs. B. E. Hargen, Barbara and Carol of Fort Worth, who are with them for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Crimm and son, Edward, of Abilene, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Townsend.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Williams and Donald Lynn of Brownwood spent Sunday with Dr. W. G. Williams and family.

The Rev. Jack Conner and daughters were dinner and supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. Brusenhan, Jr., Sunday, December 16. He filled the pulpit at the Baptist Church at both Sunday services.

We are hoping all of our readers have the very best Christmas ever and a Happy New Year.

The Rockwood Home Demonstration Club is reminded of the first meeting of the New Year Wednesday, January 2nd, at 2:00 p. m. at the Community Center. Everyone is invited.

Whon News

By MRS. TOM RUTHERFORD



WHON, TEXAS

PLEASE LEAVE NEWS ITEMS AT WHON POST OFFICE

As correspondent for the Whon Community, Christmas Time has come around again. For each reader of the paper and for those who may hear about it, I wish for each and every one a Merry and Happy Christmas. Trusting that no sorrow will fall to any of the readers during the Christmas Season to make it not a pleasant season to always remember.

I think there are times when all people become discouraged. As for me I surely do. When it seems no one cares whether any news is in the paper or not. Then someone or several will make it a point to see that I get some news. Encourages me to continue as correspondent for the community. When I feel like discontinuing the weekly writing I always seem to get a lift from someone. So let me say "Thanks" to each and everyone who have helped in any way to keep our community represented in our county papers. Thanks so much and a Merry Christmas to all.

(Editor's note: Mrs. Rutherford, we appreciate very much what you are doing for your community by writing the news each week and we certainly hope you will not decide to ever discontinue writing it. Everyone in your community owes you a pat on the back. It is hard work and oftentimes very discouraging when it seems no one is cooperating with you. We appreciate you and here and now give you and all our correspondents a big pat on the back. We hope you as readers will do the same.)

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Jernigan of Austin spent the weekend with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lyon and Lana Kay.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Floyd of Brady and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Brown from Sanger, California, spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Switzer and children.

Patsy Rutherford and Joe Foeman of Abilene and Hilary Rutherford of Breckenridge visited Saturday and were supper guests with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rutherford.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rutherford of Rockwood, Mrs. T. J. Flippin and son of San Angelo, visited in the Tom Rutherford home Friday night and also with Mrs. Carter and Leon.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Strickland, Mell Shields and son, C. D. of Cross Plains, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Biggs of Coleman, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Dave Shields and boys.

Becky Turney spent several days last week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Turney. Linda and Gary Suddeth spent Friday night with the Turneys. Mrs. Rex Turney spent Friday night with Rex, who is working at Breckenridge. They visited his parents Saturday and the children returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rutherford and Lynda Sue visited with Mr. and Mrs. Buster Wallace and Nelda in Brownwood Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lyon and

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Holiday Spirit Dies Too Quickly

With all the excitement and haste that precedes Christmas, it often happens that the day after Christmas is an anti-climax. It shouldn't be, although many new toys will already be broken, a few are certain to be disappointed because they didn't get what they really wanted from Santa—and, of course, there are bills that must be paid.

Yet, it isn't quite right to put Christmas so far behind us when December 26th arrives. There are many things that can and should be done to keep the Christmas spirit alive. This is the time for everyone in the family to write thank-you notes. Writing at once to acknowledge a gift serves two purposes. The giver appreciates such prompt thoughtfulness and it's always much easier to write a thank-you note promptly than to keep putting it off.

The day after Christmas is also a good time to start taking memos that will help make the next celebration of the holiday a greater event. And, before discarding those Christmas cards and letters, be sure that your address book is up to date.

Take a look around you at some of the gifts your friends received—and you may get some idea that will help you do a better shopping job for upcoming birthdays, anniversaries, and for the next Christmas, which on December 26th, is less than a year away.

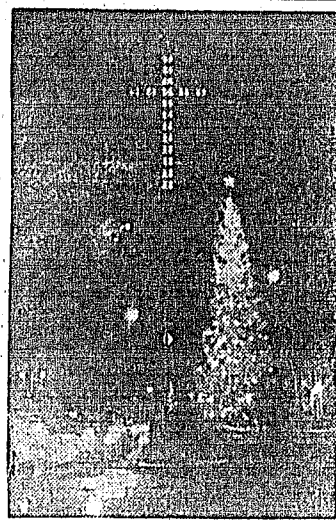
Lana Kay visited Mrs. Lyon's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Scott, in Eden, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Sammie Shields was transacting business in Brownwood Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Buse attended the funeral for Mrs. Buse's aunt, Mrs. Maggie Perry, in Brownwood Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Morris and boys visited Mrs. Carter and Leon Friday night.

Again a Merry Christmas to all.



CITY AT NIGHT . . . Christmas trees and shining lights are traditional along New York's Park Avenue. Dominating the fashionable thoroughfare is the giant cross on the New York Central Building at 46th Street.

Evergreens Mourning Symbols for Finns

Evergreens are never used as decorations in the homes and churches of Finland because the Finns regard them as symbols of mourning.

At Christmas most homes where there are children suspend a "heaven" from the living room ceiling. Such "heavens" consist of a cord framework covered with straw and different colors of paper ribbon, etc., and decorated with paper stars and silhouettes cut in various designs. The effect, when reflecting the frelight and the candles' glow, is mysterious and fascinating.

Candles are used profusely in the churches; the altars are banked and the windows are filled with them, so that before dawn on Christmas morning the churches beckon approaching worshippers like brilliant lanterns.

DRIVE SAFELY — Our cars and roads have been improved. Now let's improve our driving.

GOOD TIDINGS



GOOD TIDINGS . . .

"She brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn."

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them; and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid."

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, 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 Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

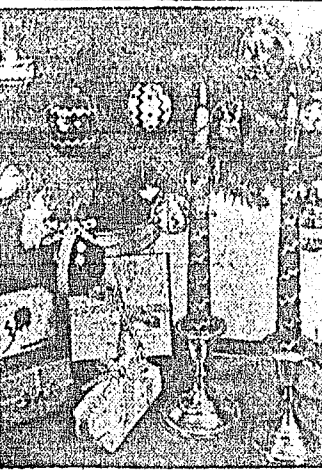
And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men."

Luke 2:7-14

Christmas Customs From Many Peoples

The observance of Christmas in the United States, is a combination of customs which have come to us from Germany, England, Italy, Turkey, and many other countries, customs which have been combined into a beautiful and varied observance.

Christmas customs, combined with a proper appreciation of the spiritual nature of the observance, gives the real meaning of Christmas and the universal message it holds for all mankind, "Peace on earth; good will to men!"



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A Merry Christmas To You

And A Happy New Year

TO GREET YOU AT Christmas

May the harmony and joy of this Holiday Season brighten the lives of you and yours. To all of you, our friends, our very best Yuletide wishes.



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Trickham News

BY EDNA R. DEAN

We had excellent attendance for Sunday School and Church Sunday. Rev. Frank Haynes Baptist minister, filled the pulpit for both morning and evening services. Plans were completed for our Christmas program and tree, which will be on Monday night, December 24, at the church. At the close of the evening service Rev. and Mrs. Haynes were presented a box of gifts from the community. Sixteen ladies and one child attended the Community Club Christmas Party on Thursday evening, December 13, at the Community Center. After singing two Christmas songs, gifts were exchanged and secret pals were revealed, and names were drawn for another year. Later, Christmas centerpieces were made, some for mantels, dining

tables and buffets. Doughnuts and coffee were served at the close of the meeting. We are happy to report Mrs. Neta Williamson is home after spending several weeks in a Ft. Worth Hospital. She is recovering satisfactorily from her surgery. Mrs. Melba Coker visited Monday night with Miss Wanda James. Miss Lou Featherston of Coleman spent Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Buck Mitchell. Miss Wanda James visited Sunday with Misses Kay and Mary Haynes. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Barney and daughters of Abilene and Mrs. Maud Burney of Coleman, visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Wylie McClatchey. Rev. and Mrs. Frank Haynes were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Craig. Mr. and Mrs. Bethel Powell of Bangs were afternoon callers. Mrs. Ruth Linroth and Mrs.

Irene Triplett of Bangs visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Will Haynes. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene James and children visited Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Craig. Mr. and Mrs. Marlon Ford and family visited Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Chester Davis of Brownwood. Mrs. Lucille Jones and children of Brownwood, came Saturday to spend the day with her aunt, Mrs. Beula Kingston. She had a telephone call about 1:00 p. m., that her dad, Tom Bingham of Eden, was real sick. She left at once to go to his bedside. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dean and Ruth visited Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Herring. Mr. and Mrs. Pete Seider and Bobbie of Indian Gap, visited Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Bledsoe and Johnnie. Rev. and Mrs. Frank Haynes, Mrs. Felton Martin and children, visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Earl York and boys and Mrs. Cole. Mr. and Mrs. Grady McIver

and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rankin McIver and Sherrie. Mr. and Mrs. Bernice McIver were afternoon callers. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Henderson and children, Mrs. Rosa Henderson of Santa Anna, visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Hilburn Henderson and family. Mr. and Mrs. Oil Martin were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wylie McClatchey. Mr. and Mrs. Royce McIver and Sabrina of Coleman, visited Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Grady McIver and family. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Haynes of Coleman visited Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Haynes and family. Mr. and Mrs. Karl Wallace of Fort Worth, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Chleo James Saturday. Mrs. Kay Turner Mitchell of Fort Worth, and her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Don Mitchell, of St. Louis, Mo., came Saturday for a visit until after Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Fred Turner and Gay.

Santa Anna Hospital News
Patients admitted and discharged from the Santa Anna Hospital during the past week are as follows:
ADMITTED:
Mrs. Dan Wristen, Jr., city.
Billy Dean Tucker, city.
Kenneth Miller, city.
Mrs. Wayne Jenkins, Coleman.
Mrs. Ivy Huffman, city.
Theola Stewardson, city.
Sidney Blanton, city.
Mrs. Leola Wilson, Coleman.
DISMISSED:
Delmo Elliott, Rockwood.
Mrs. Thomas Carter and baby, Coleman.
Mrs. Dan Wristen, Jr. and baby.
Kenneth Miller.
Mrs. W. R. Singleton.
Mrs. W. A. Furry, Bangs.
Mrs. Galle Dees.
Billy Don Tucker.
BIRTHS:
Teddie Gall was the name given a daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wristen, Jr., of Santa

Anna, on December 13, 1956. The daughter weighed seven pounds and three ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wristen Sr. of Santa Anna. Gary Wayne is the name given a son born to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Jenkins of Coleman, on December 14, 1956 at 6:21 p. m. weight was eight pounds and three ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jenkins and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Slaughter. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ing returned home Sunday afternoon from Lubbock, where they had visited since Monday of last week with his sister, Rita Ing spent the weekend there and returned home with them. A daughter, who has been named Lisa Lee, was born in a Brownwood hospital at 2:00 a. m. on December 12, to Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Herring. She weighed seven pounds and two ounces at birth. The Herrings have an older daughter, Lucretia. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ben Herring and Mrs. Preston West.



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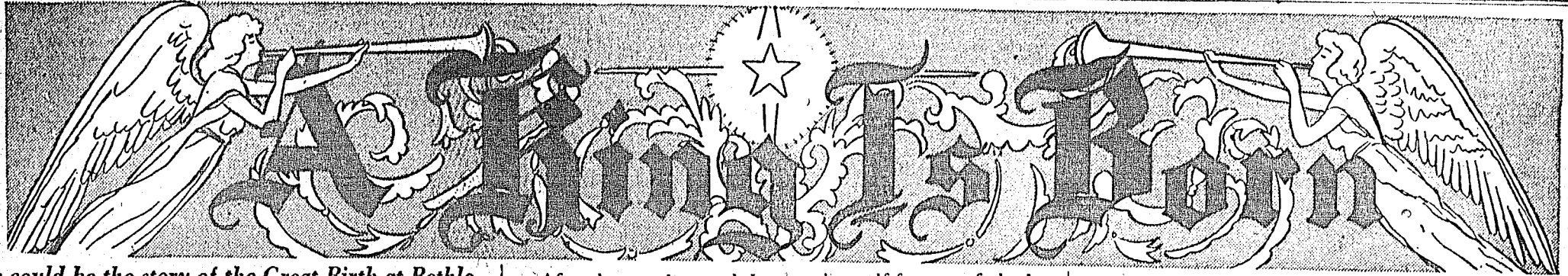
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This could be the story of the Great Birth at Bethlehem as it might have been seen through the eyes of two average citizens of the day.

IT BEGAN in Bethlehem, at registration time. King Herod had ordered that all should register, so my father and I had joined hundreds from near and far on the trek to the City of David.

The streets were noisy and crowded, but we were soon settled comfortably in the quarters father secured for us with a small bag of coins. Others were not so fortunate. Most of the accommodations had been taken earlier and that which was left commanded a price most of the travelers were unable to pay.



Though tired from our long journey, the noise and excitement of my first trip away from home caused me to spend a rather sleepless night. The Innkeeper had posted a "No Room" sign on the door, yet there was an almost constant rap from newly-arrived travelers seeking rooms, most of whom begged only for a place to stretch out and rest their road-weary bodies. The Innkeeper turned them all away, refusing to further cramp his already crowded guests. He almost forcibly closed the door on one insistent traveler who pleaded that he had a sick wife who must have shelter immediately.

"I have my troubles, too, my friend," was his caustic reply.



There were all sorts of interesting sounds in the darkness; the weary plodding of newly-arrived travelers, the scurrying of a dog, the braying of an ass, and the sound of a child crying in the night.

I walked to the window and then I saw the star.

It appeared suddenly, and was by far the most brilliant I had ever seen. So bright was its light that on the near hillside I could see a stable where a number of people were gathered; excited people, it seemed, because of the manner in which they moved about and gestured to one another. It was much too far for me to hear the sound of their voices, but I promised myself that on the morrow I would visit the stable and discover the cause of the excitement.

After the morning meal, I excused myself from my father's presence and started for the hillside. Nearing the stable, I was met by a young shepherd.

"There was excitement here last night," he said.

"Yes," I replied, "I saw it from my window. What happened?"

"A King was born, in this very stable."

"A King?"

"A true King. The King of all men."

"How foolish. Everyone knows that Herod is the only king. And, for a King to be born in a stable. What manner of King might he be?"

"The angels have proclaimed that He is the King of all men. I myself heard them." He looked up to the sky. "And, I saw them, too."

"And you saw this King?"

"I looked upon Him with my own eyes and I gave Him one of my most precious treasures—a newborn lamb. Of course, He could not speak, but His mother thanked me profusely for it."

"Then you are the foolish one, shepherd boy. I would not waste my time to look upon a King of sheep and animals who would be born in the cold dampness of a miserable stable, nor would I offer Him so much as a blade of grass. He be no King at all. Someone has deceived you."

I went away, telling myself that I did not believe the shepherd's story, yet, strangely afraid to enter the stable to look upon the child. Were He truly a King, I would have been terrified in His presence.



In the streets of the city, there was much whispering and gathering about. Moving from one group to another, I found that the excitement centered about the strange events that had taken place at the stable.

This I heard from the tongue of a venerable old man: "I looked upon Him as He lay there in the unkempt surroundings of that stable and it seemed to me that the very atmosphere seemed changed because of His presence. I say there is something exceptional about this child." And another, lifting his arms toward the sky, said in low voice, "Surely, this is the King promised to us long ago." A promised King, born in a stable, I thought. How confusing; it leaves me puzzled.

And there in the center of the largest group of all, I saw the shepherd boy, eager listeners pressing about him. He had been tending his sheep on a hillside, he said, when angels appeared, telling him to go to Bethlehem, where he would find a newborn King laid in a manger. He had been terribly frightened, but the angel had cautioned him to fear not, but to go to the stable with joy in his heart. Leaving his sheep untended, he had come to Bethlehem. Other shepherds had come too, as well as three men in royal robes who had come from a far distant land; guided, they said, by the light of a bright star that had bathed the stable and its surroundings in shining brilliance.

How I envied the shepherd boy at this moment—and chided myself for not having looked upon this King-child so that I too, might have a story to tell. After all, I had seen the stable and

the excited people from my window, but what sort of a story could I make from that?

My father's business had not kept him so occupied that he had not heard of the birth of the so-called child-King. As we were preparing to leave the city for the long journey home, he asked if I had heard anything in the market place. When I told him the things I had seen that night and the talk I had heard on the streets, he said that we would visit the stable as it was on the route that led us out of the city. "We must see the birthplace of the King," he said.

It was indeed a simple shelter, little more than four walls. Through a hole in the roof the morning rays of the sun slanted downward, casting a bright halo of light on the stable's only furniture, a crude manger where the child must have lain. Reflections from the sparse straw scattered there made it

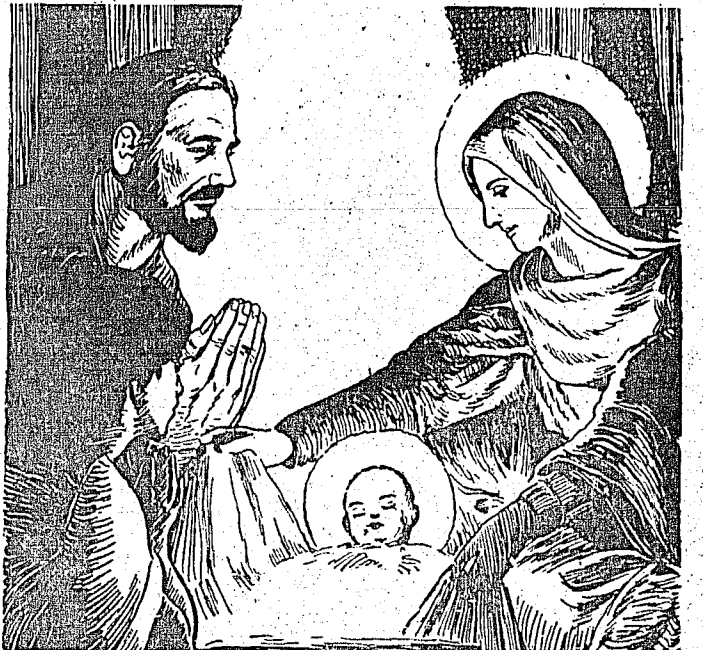


appear to be lined with shining wisps of gold.

"So, this is the birthplace of a King," my father said, in an unbelieving tone. "How uncomfortable for a King." He walked forward, stopping just outside the shaft of light that encircled the manger. He reached out as if to catch the sunlight in his hand and for a moment he stood there, motionless. Then he jerked his hand away, as if he had been burned by a torch.

Curious, I stepped forward and extended my own hand, half expecting to be burned or to experience some form of shock, but the ray of light felt only warm and comforting. Again my father extended his arm and this time he did not draw it back, but stood there his eyes resting unbelievably on the manger.

And then suddenly I saw the reason for his bewilderment, and impulsively I drew back. Here indeed was an illusion or a miracle!



The glittering light seemed to form an untouchable aura about the crude crib and though the hand could pierce that light and move back and forth, it cast not a single shadow upon the glowing manger, nor even slightly dimmed the gold-like lustre of the wisps of straw scattered there. This was no earthly light, no simple ray from the sun.

We knelt there in the stillness of the stable, a man who was no longer cynical; a child who had discovered faith. For one brief moment it seemed that the most tender scene was repeated; the God-like Child, wrapped in swaddling clothes, slept peacefully in the manger while the tender and loving hands of His Mother hovered about Him.

And in the distance, there sounded the voices of the angels repeating our whispered words of praise, "Hail to the King—A King has been born in Bethlehem!"



"Merry Christmas"—the most universal of all greetings—is repeated thousands of times around the world. Here's how the greeting may be extended in various languages:

Italian	Buon Natale!	Chinese	Tin Hao Nian!
Japanese	Kinge Shinnen!	Croatian	Sretan Bozic!
Norwegian	Gledelig Jul!	Czech	Vesela Vano!
Polish	Wesołych Swiat!	Danish	Glaedelig Jul!
Portuguese	Feliz Natal!	Dutch	Frolijke Kerstmis!
Romanian	Sarbatori Ferice!	French	Joyeux Noel!
Russian	Vesolye Rojdyestvo!	Gaelic	Nodlag Sona Duit!
Serbian	Kristos Se Rodi!	German	Froehliche Weihnachten!
Slovak	Vesela Vianoce!	Greek	Chrystovinal!
Spanish	Felices Pascuas!	Hawaiian	Mele Kalikimaka!
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WHEN you're taking down the Christmas tree, you'll want to avoid as much mess as possible. Take a large sheet or an old bedspread and lay on the floor. Wrap the tree in this and carry it out. Those fragile and festive ornaments will keep very nicely if you place them in egg cartons. Of course the original cartons are fine to use if you can hang on to them year after year. Have some pine cone left? They

THIS WEEK'S RECIPE
Baked Cranberry Pudding
(Serves 8-10)

2 cups flour
1 cup sugar
2½ teaspoons baking powder
3 tablespoons melted shortening
¾ cup milk
1 egg
2 cups cranberries

Sift together dry ingredients in mixing bowl. Add shortening, eggs and milk. Beat 2 minutes. Stir in cranberries. Bake in greased 9-inch square pan in moderate (350°F.) oven for 40 minutes. Serve hot with sauce made by melting ½ cup butter; add 1 cup sugar and ¾ cup light cream. Mix well and cook over hot water for about 5 minutes.

will burn nicely and fragrantly in your fireplace. Add a handful of bayberries if you can for an even more tantalizing odor.

Small bars of fresh pine soap are wonderful to place in your bathroom as a final and elegant touch for the holidays.

Balsam and pine incense burning in your laundry room or workshop during holiday time will send a merry atmosphere through the house and help the spirit linger even after the holidays are over.

NEATH THE MISTLETOE

Did you ever hear this story of the origin of the custom of kissing under the mistletoe? It has come down to us from Scandinavian mythology.

Balder, the Scandinavian Apollo, had been charmed by his mother against all injuries from fire, water, air, and earth. But his ancient enemy, Loki, the bad one, fashioned an arrow out of mistletoe. Being a parasite, it did not spring from any of the above elements. Balder was severely wounded by the mistletoe weapon, and was only brought back to health by the efforts of all the gods. Balder's mother decreed that the mistletoe plant should never again be used as a weapon. She was so grateful for her son's recovery, she promised

to kiss anyone who passed beneath the branch of mistletoe. And so it is, a man may demand a kiss of a maiden as she stands beneath the mistletoe at Christmas, but he must give her one of the berries. When the berries are gone, the mistletoe loses its spell, and kissing is over—except on a mutual basis.

—From 1001 Christmas facts and fancies.

WHAT'S HOLLY FOR?

Traffic was heavy, and one taxi driver tangled his mud-guard in another's fender. While the two cabs stood locked in fond embrace, driver number two grew red in the face and let loose an incredible stream of invectives upon driver number one. The latter bore it patiently as

long as he could. Then, holding up his hand to arrest the flow of abuse, he pointed to the little sprig of holly adorning his rival's radiator cap. "Ere, mate, give over, carn't yer," he exclaimed in injured tones. "What's the good of 'aving 'olly on yer bonnet if yer ain't 'olly in your 'eart?"

SARCASM

A very thin man met a very fat man in the hotel lobby. "From the looks of you," said the latter, "there might be a famine."

"Yes," was the reply, "and from the looks of you, you might have caused it."

Carbon paper and sales pad at the News office.



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As we prepare for another visit from Santa we like to pause to remember all the wonderful friendships we've made in the past and look forward to those of the New Year. We thank you all for your every kindness and hope you have a

MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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WHERE TIME STARTS

The starting point of time is the admiralty's date line, which curves east and west of the 180th meridian in such a way that it lies always in the ocean. First to welcome each New Year are the residents of the Chatham Islands, New Zealand, just east of the line. From its starting point, the New Year moves westerly at the speed of 1,000 miles per hour.

God has given us two hands—one to receive with and the other to give with. We are not citizens made for hoarding; we are channels made for sharing. If we fail to fulfill this divine duty and privilege, we have missed the meaning of Christmas. —Billy Graham

DRIVE SAFELY — The best safety device known is about nine inches above your shoulders.



The beautiful Christmas rose has played its part in the many legends associated with our Christmas observance.

An early story tells of the young shepherd girl who wept as she watched the Wise Men on their way to the Christ Child with rich gifts when she had nothing to offer as a present. An angel appeared and asked the reason for her distress. And suddenly the ground was carpeted with shining white flowers. The shepherds gathered some of the blossoms and took them as her gift to the Christ Child. When she presented her gift, the infant smiled, and as his fingers touched the white flowers, the petals became tinged with pink.

It is also believed that the Christmas rose helped popularize the custom of gift giving at Christmas time. In the days of knight-hood it was custom to hang kissing rings in the great halls. The rings were decorated with mistletoe and beneath them the young knights and ladies would meet, each bringing Christmas roses to their secret love.

FATHER AND MOTHER IN OLD ENGLAND AND THE AMERICAN COLONIES DECORATED THE CHRISTMAS TREE IN SECRET ON CHRISTMAS



EVE, THE CHILDREN WERE SURPRISED ON CHRISTMAS MORNING BY THE GLORIOUSLY DECKED TREE.



VISITS U. S. . . India's prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru releases "peace" pigeon on 67th birthday at New Delhi, before leaving for trip to London and Washington.

LEGEND NOT ONLY HAS IDENTIFIED THE WISE MEN AS GASPAR, MELCHIOR AND BALTHASAR, IT HAS CROWNED THEM AND GIVEN THEM KINGDOMS OF TARSUS, ARABIA, AND ETHIOPIA. IT HAS SYMBOLIZED THEIR GIFTS



AS SYMBOLIC OF WHAT JESUS WAS TO BECOME—GOLD FOR A KING, FRANKINCENSE FOR A HIGH PRIEST AND MYRRH FOR A GREAT PHYSICIAN.

THE WORD NOEL IS FROM THE LATIN WORD "NATALIS," MEANING BIRTH. GRADUALLY IT HAS COME TO MEAN CHRIST'S BIRTH, OR CHRISTMAS



FROM THIS MEANING IT ALSO TOOK ON THE MEANING OF "GOOD NEWS" OR "GLAD TIDINGS."



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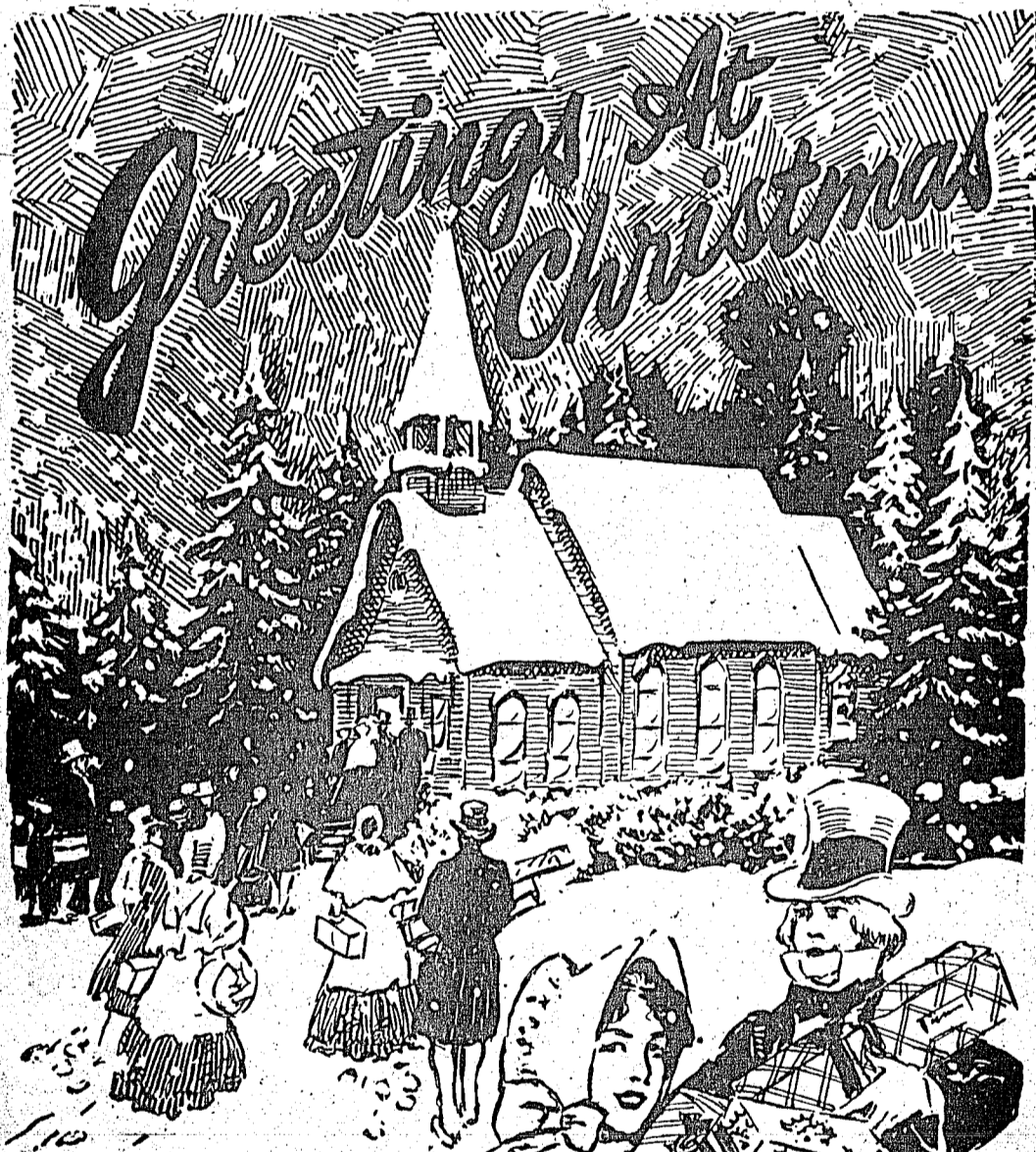


In the sincere spirit of Christmas we extend to you our greetings and a fervent hope that you have near those we know you hold so dear!

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**TO ALL OF YOU
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TURN ABOUT

A much-tried father was determined to stop his son from an acquired habit of borrowing. When Jimmy swaggered into the house and told his dad that he had used one of his shirts the night before, the "Old man" re-

plied: "Oh, that's all right son; I used a pair of your green socks this morning."

"Ha, ha!" retorted Jimmy, "the joke's on you, Dad; those were your socks I borrowed a week ago. And say, Pop, I took two gallons of gas from your tank last night, for my fiver. That's okey, isn't it?"

"Sure," replied the father confidently; "I bought that gas with your allowance money for next week. Run along, now, and have a good time."

DRIVE SAFELY — Start sooner, drive slower, live longer, be home for the holidays.



COLEMAN COUNTY'S LEADING JEWELERS
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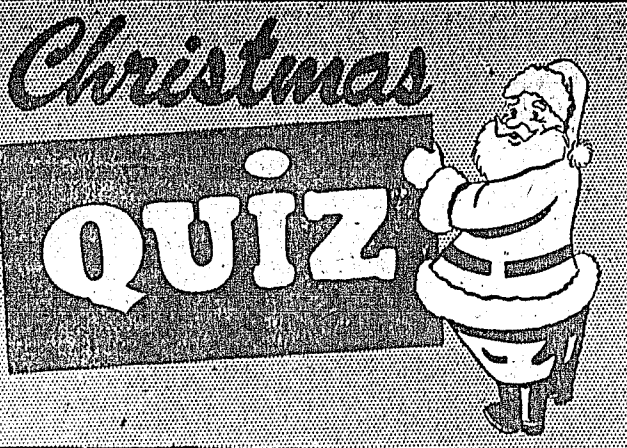
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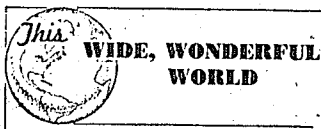
Densman Service Station
AND WELDING SHOP



1. What was the famous deed George Washington performed on Christmas day?
2. When did Santa's sleigh first make its appearance?
3. Where did the real Saint Nicholas live?
4. Legend has it that the crown of thorns was plaited from which Christmas plant?
5. What was the message inscribed on the first Christmas cards sent by Henry Cole?
6. What does the name Kris Kringle mean?
7. In Norse mythology, who killed whom with a mistletoe arrow?
8. For how long has Christmas been observed on Dec. 25th?
9. Where did the Yule Seal idea originate?
10. Who was Joel R. Poinsett?

ANSWERS

1. Crossing of the Delaware. 2. In Clement Moore's famous poem, "The Visit From Saint Nicholas." 3. Saint Nicholas was the Bishop of Myra, in Turkey. 4. From the holly plant. 5. "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you." 6. Christ Child. 7. Loki killed Balder, the sun god, after Balder's mother had obtained a promise from all living things, other than the mistletoe that they would not harm him. 8. Since 354 A.D. 9. In Denmark, the idea of Einar Holboell, a postal clerk. 10. An American statesman, Ambassador to Mexico, for whom the poinsettia plant is named.



BY FRANKLIN J. MEINE
Editor, The American Peoples Encyclopedia

THINGS very few people know about shoes: More than 800 generations ago the first sandals were woven from reeds; the shoe industry was started in 1629 in America when two English shoemakers came to Salem, Mass., on the Mayflower's third voyage to this country; until about 1700, shoemakers traveled from village to village and house to house, tailor-making or repairing shoes



for the entire family; the first shoemaking machine on record was invented in 1810 in England; more than half a billion pairs of shoes are manufactured annually in the U. S.; the largest single component part of the industry is the manufacture of women's dress and work shoes.

The squid, a 10-armed or tentacled resident of the sea, usually is pictured as a somewhat horrifying monster. The common squid isn't very awe-inspiring. It is dark gray in color with reddish spots and measures almost a foot in length. However, the giant squid reaches a record length of 52 feet, including tentacles. There are phosphorescent squids bearing light organs upon their bodies. Flying squids attain their motion by a series of leaps, sometimes landing on ships.

CHRISTMAS CANDLES ARE SYMBOLIC OF THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM AND OF ENLIGHTENMENT. MANY CENTURIES AGO, THE ENGLISH AND THE IRISH LIT YULETIDE



CANDLES NIGHTLY IN THEIR HOMES AND CHURCHES FROM CHRISTMAS UNTIL TWELFTH NIGHT.

Attend church regularly.

SATISFIED

Farmer: "Be this the Woman's Exchange?"
Woman: "Yes."
Farmer: "Be ye the woman?"

Woman: "Yes."
Farmer: "Well, then, I think I'll keep Maggie."

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY.



We'd like to chime in with our best wishes to you and yours for a wonderful Christmas and a bright New Year-full of good health and happiness.

Lester McClellan

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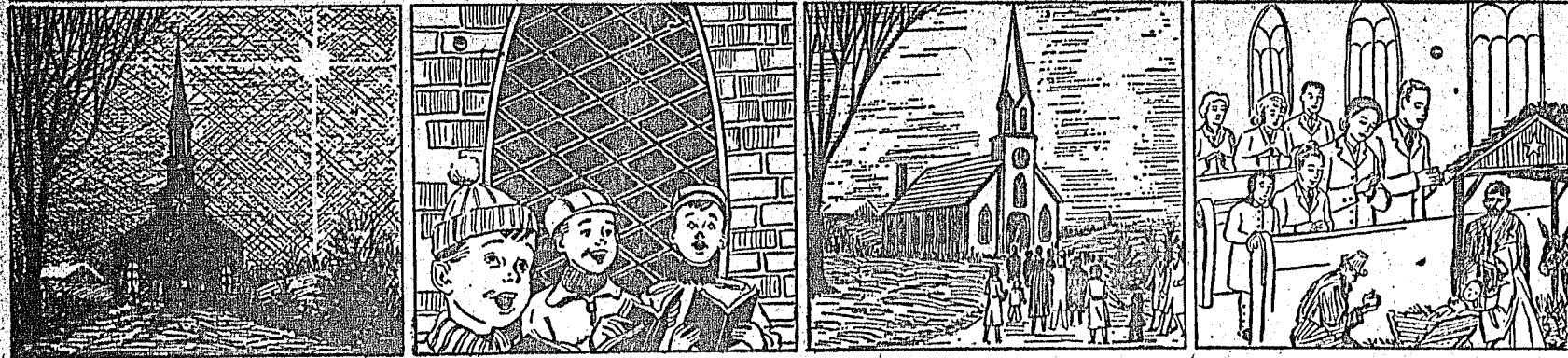
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MERRY CHRISTMAS to One and All and Peace On Earth To Men of Good Will.



In the distance there was a star, a bright and shining emerald in the sky, a guiding beacon for all those who would come forth in humble reverence to recognize the King of Kings.

And in the night were the voices of the shepherds, the rich and the poor, announcing His wonderful birth, their voices loud and clear, "Come forth and adore."

And so they came, the Wise Men and the shepherds, the rich and the poor, humanity united through One Great Love, sharing together the realization of their voices with prayer and each heart man's great hope for eternal salvation.

There in the manger they found the Christ Child, the silence of Heaven gathered about Him and they lifted up their voices with prayer and each heart filled with love and courage and hope.

GET THE HABIT; BE THANKFUL

If we knew how much the habit of being thankful might do for us, I am sure we would take time out every day to count up a few of our blessings. When the spirit of thankfulness takes its place in our consciousness, we radiate life from the very center of our being to the world about us. And our very wellspring of life is renewed within us.

MIND READER

After a great deal of trouble, the vicar of a country parish succeeded in reconciling two old women who had been quarreling for years. He even induced them to meet under the vicarage roof. In his drawing room they shook hands. After an embarrassed silence, one of them said: "Well, Mrs. Tyler, I wish you all you wishes me." "And who's saying nasty things now," snapped Mrs. Tyler.

NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

It was the night before Christmas and all through the house not a creature was stirring, with the exception of: Father, who wants to know what happened to the Christmas tree stand when he put it away last year... Mother, who is trying to answer the telephone and father at the same time...

Norman, aged three, who is calling from the crib and wishing to be informed if that noise he hears is Santa Claus... An expressman, aged 150 by the way he feels, who is delivering a rocking horse at the side door...

Aunt Agnes, who has just dropped the library table drawer, seeking a pencil to sign the receipt... Grandma, who can't remember what she did with the Bed-time Stories she brought for Norman's stocking and who wanders about like Lady Macbeth...

Anne, aged 16, who skips endlessly and wants to know if they can't unpack the new phonograph tonight instead of tomorrow so she can ask some boys in to dance while father trims the tree... A delivery man, who sounds like a troop of cavalry in the front vestibule and who is with difficulty convinced that he has the wrong house...

DRIVE SAFELY — Cultivate a respect for safety rather than a fear of accidents.

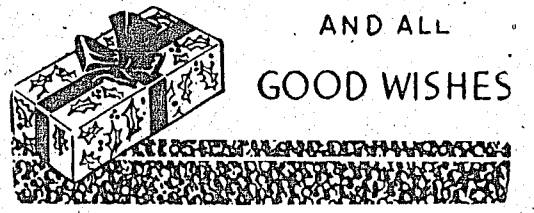
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GREETINGS at Christmas

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THE SWEETEST JOY OF CHRISTMAS

Would you taste the sweetest joy of Christmas? Then make glad the heart of a child. For where children are, there is the Spirit of Christmas. "For such as these," Christmas is the embodiment of all that abideth. And he who keeps Christmas with childhood, walks with faith. In faith, "Dear Santa" is scrawled by tiny fingers. In hope, little stockings are hung by the chimney with care. And love makes childhood's dreams come true. The magic touch of Christmas makes children of us all. It leads us to the very heart of the Day of Days. Through childhood's eye do we behold its eternal beauty.

"Now madam," said the saleslady in the hat shoppe, "here's a number that will never go out of style. Ten years hence it will look just as ridiculous as it does now."



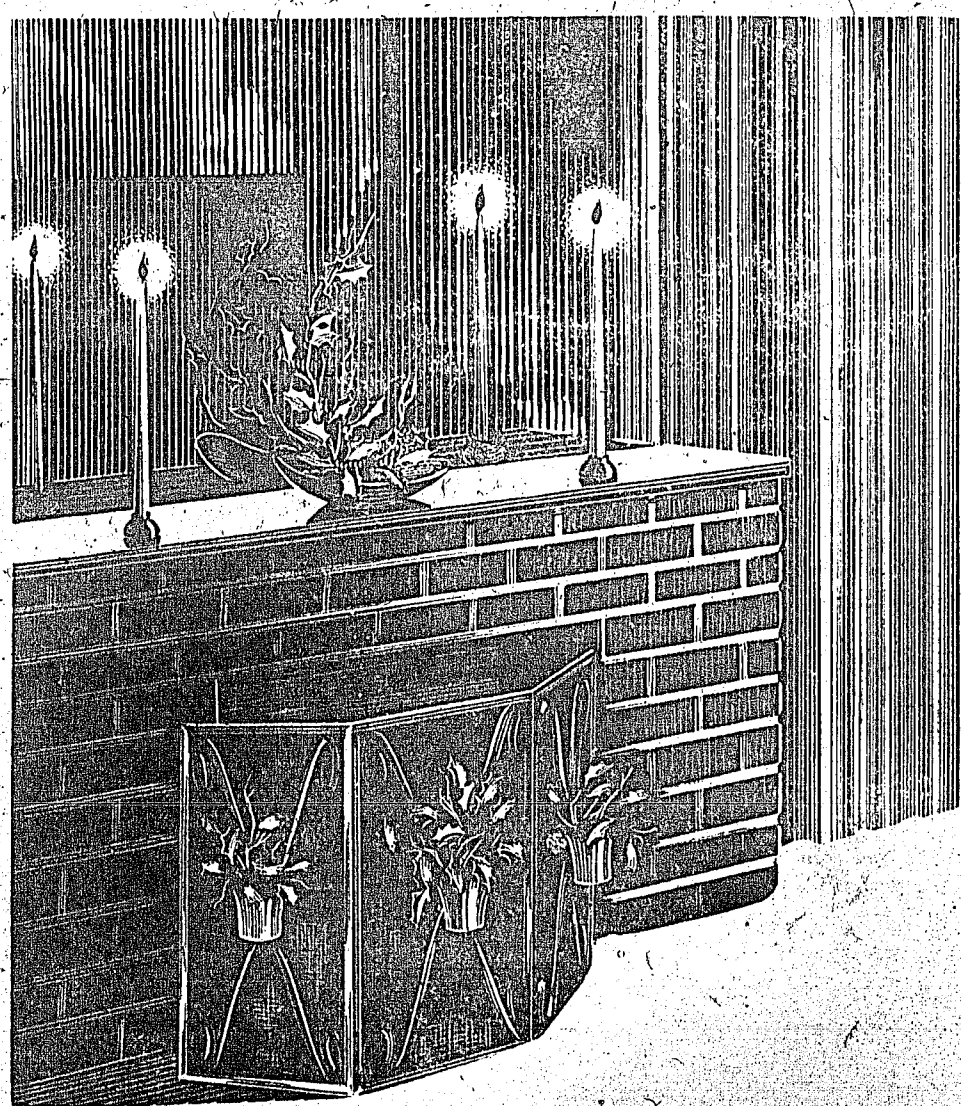
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May Peace be with you This Christmas and Every Christmas.



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Merry Christmas

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AMERICAN CAROLS

Three of our loveliest Christmas carols were written by Americans. In 1840, Edmund H. Sears composed "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" and in 1850 Dr. John Henry Hopkins Jr., composed "We Three Kings of Orient Are." "O Little Town of Bethlehem" was written in 1868 by Phillips Brooks.

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY

EARLY FESTIVALS

Prior to the fourth century, the Christians observed only Epiphany (the commemoration of the Baptism) and Easter with festivals and religious rights; the physical birth of Christ not being widely recognized. In such countries as Spain and Armenia, the month prior to Epiphany was a time of fasting and repentance.



SAY, NOW . . . From the looks of things, it appears this young gentleman has some serious doubts about the merits of the stocking hanging over his fireplace. Maybe he thinks it is, much too small to hold all the things Santa will bring or perhaps he thinks Christmas has already arrived and the stocking appears much too empty.

Christmas Tree, Though Beautiful, Potential Killer

Your Christmas tree is a beautiful and necessary Christmas decoration. It's also a potential killer. Decorative as it may be, your holiday tree is filled with pitch and resin—among the most combustible substances known.

Here are some suggestions that will eliminate the dangers of a tree fire in your home this holiday season:

Choose a small tree. It's less dangerous than a big one. Don't set it up until a few days before Christmas. Until then, keep it outdoors. Place it in the coolest part of the house, well away from fireplaces and radiators. And don't let it block an exit.

Stand it in water, or use a live tree planted in a tub. Never use cotton or paper for the decorations on or around the tree. Do not put electric trains under the tree. Use only electric lights, never candles, and see that wires are not frayed. Be sure that wiring sets for lights show they have been tested for safety. Provide a switch some distance from the tree for turning tree lights on and off. Don't plug or unplug them beneath the tree. Throw away all gift wrappings as soon as the presents have been opened. Don't let them pile up near the tree.

Don't leave the lights burning when no one is home. If needles near the lights turn brown, move the lights. When needles start to fall, take the tree down and discard it.

For happy holidays, see that children get at least their usual amount of sleep.

St. Francis Gave Much to Christmas

Some 400 years before Saint Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, performed the many acts of generosity and kindness which made his life a great legend and gave him the "Santa Claus" character we know today, another Saint—St. Francis of Assisi made other contributions to our celebration of Christmas.

St. Francis lived in the small Italian village of Garcia. In the year 1200 A.D., St. Francis arranged the first manger scene in a cave near the monastery where he lived. The scene was typical of that at Bethlehem. There was a manger filled with hay, an ox and an ass. St. Francis and his followers celebrated mass at the cave and sang hymns in honor of the Christ Child.

Himself a lover of music, St. Francis believed that the early chants (written in Latin) were too theological to be popular. He felt that Christmas music should be religious, yet should be more in keeping with the festivity spirit. He is generally credited with being the influence behind the more modern Christmas carols, which spread from Italy to France, from there to Germany; then to England and elsewhere.

Health to You



In the days of the Saxons, "wassail" was a popular greeting meaning "health to you." It later became a Yuletide drinking toast, and cups of hot wassail were given to visiting Christmas carolers.

Here is the recipe for a cherry bowl which will help extend a hearty welcome to your Christmas guests.

CHRISTMAS WASSAIL

- 2 quarts sweet cider
 - 6 whole cloves
 - 1 three-inch stick of cinnamon
 - 6 whole allspice
 - 1/2 cup light brown sugar
 - Juice of 6 oranges (16 to 20 punch cups)
- Simmer the cider, spices and sugar for 15 minutes. Let stand for 12 hours. Then add orange juice. Strain, reheat and serve.
- Serve wassail hot from a large bowl and green cherries, orange slices or small baked apples floating in it. Place the bowl on a holly-trimmed tray.

Santa, As We Know Him Today, Created By Two Famous Men

Santa Claus, as we know him today—jolly smile, round, red cheeks and chunky figure—is the creation of two famous men.

The first was Clement Clark Moore, author of "A Visit to St. Nicholas," better known to us as, "Twas the Night Before Christmas." Moore actually described Santa and gave him the famous reindeer and sleigh.

The second man, who put the actual likeness of Santa on paper to illustrate Moore's poem, was Thomas Nast, a great cartoonist.

Nast drew the familiar, fat, merry old fellow with red cheeks and white beard, dressed in red, wearing a cap and boots, carrying a pack of toys and smoking a short pipe.

The artist then gave Santa a spy-glass so that during the year he might pick out the good children from the bad, and also a big book in which to write their names and keep records.

This conception of Santa Claus first appeared in 1863. Since that time the pictured Santa has been the same, although the spy-glass and pipe seem to have been dropped by the way.

Since we can't visit all of you during this joyous holiday season, this is our way of letting you know how much we have appreciated your patronage and friendship throughout the past year. We promise to serve you as well in the future as we have in the past, to continue to deserve your loyalty and trust.

Mozelle's Beauty Shop

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BEST WISHES



May the warmth of this Christmas Season Abound in your home Throughout the year.

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Every Happiness



to those we know and serve in this community.

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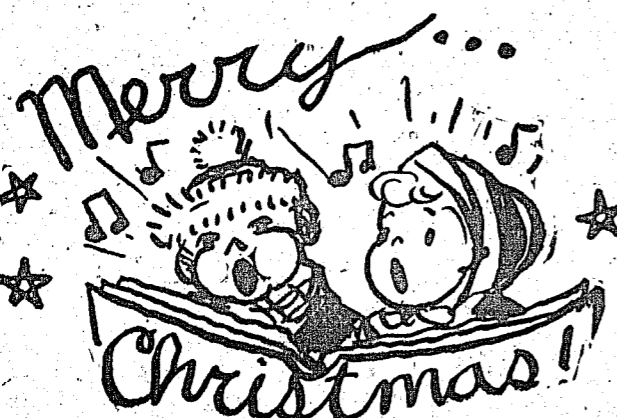
Coleman, Texas



May this Christmas ring in a New Year full of all the good things in life for you and your family.

Carl Autrey

HUMBLE SERVICE STATION



Hugh Capp's Studio

Coleman Mutual Bldg. — Coleman



We'd like to add to the chorus of warm wishes coming your way at this happiest of holiday seasons.

Talley & Son

SINCLAIR SERVICE STATION



PEARLY PULCHRITUDF . . . Susan Turner's jeweled costume crowned by massive headdress won her second prize at New York's Artists and Models ball.

Christmas Caroling Is Custom Which Began Centuries Ago

Christmas caroling, so much a part of our present-day observance of Christmas, is said to have begun about the 16th century.

The first real Christmas carol is attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, who made a model of the Bethlehem manger to help him tell his people the Christmas story.

Christmas carols were then supposedly taken from Italy to England by the traveling clergy. The idea of carolling fitted into the English conception of Christmas as a combination of religious celebration and a day of good will, so it flourished in that country.

Little bands and groups of singers which sprang up in the towns and villages were called "waits." A natural explanation of the name seems to be that it refers to watching and waiting, for Christmas Eve is called the Vigil of Christmas.

As early as December 21, which is the day dedicated to St. Thomas, mummers and carolers would begin going from door to door, announcing the great feast at hand. It was natural for householders to offer hospitality to these troubadours, and gradually in many places the custom of giving and receiving presents of various kinds was established.



HAIRDOS . . . "Mary Stuart" (lower) and "Biedermeyer" are two new coiffures exhibited at Berlin show by 40 hairdressers from Germany, Yugoslavia and Austria.

How Santa Claus, Ind., Got a Famous Name

A familiar looking old gentleman with a red suit and a white beard was partially responsible for naming the town of Santa Claus, Indiana.

Except for a lucky break, the town might have had another name and there would not have enjoyed the annual fame that it enjoys with each Yuletide season.

Originally the name Santa Fe was chosen, but officials in Washington suggested another name be chosen, since there already was a Santa Fe in New Mexico.

So it was that on Christmas Eve, in 1882, citizens of the nameless town gathered to select another name. Suggestions were tossed about for some time, until Santa Claus, making his yearly visits in the neighborhood strode in to get warm. He was fitted in proper costume and his arrival seemed to put one name in every mind.

And so the town was named Santa Claus.

Personalize Your Greeting Cards

You can personalize the greetings you send to special friends by making your own cards. Handmade Christmas cards are fun to make, send and receive and truly reflect the personality of the sender.

One simple way to make cards is to trace a design that reflects your family personality or a symbol of the season on a block of linoleum. Cut away all but the part you want to print, dip this part into colored ink, and stamp it on a folded piece of good quality paper. Then hand-letter your holiday message on the inside.

Other cards can be made by painting, or by cutting pictures and designs from last year's cards and putting them together in new designs to make fresh, personalized greetings.

EXPELLED . . . Soviet UN delegate Konstantin Ekimov sails for home after U. S. demanded his recall for part in abduction of Tanya Chwastow.

Attend Church Regularly

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY.

"We have seen His star in the east and are come to worship Him."
— MATTHEW 2:20

Christmas Blessings

A Blessed Christmas
and Joyant
Happiness
to you and yours



Happy New Year!

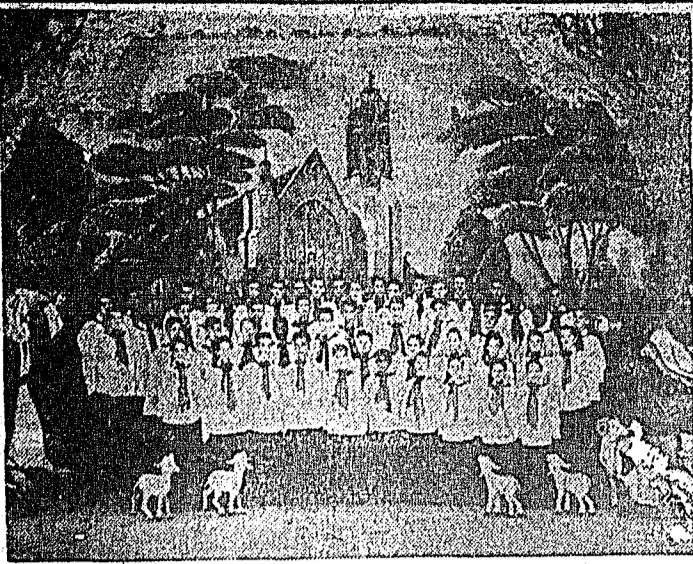
Santa Anna Hospital

GREETINGS

And best wishes
for the

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FAMOUS CHOIR . . . Choirs and carols are an important part of each Christmas observance and the famous Boy's Town Choir of fifty voices each year presents a stirring program of Christmas music.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Do you remember those glorious moments of Christmas when all the world was decorated with star-spangled, holly-wreathed, mistletoe-studded wonder and happiness, when you were only four, or six, or eight, or even ten years old.

Do you remember bouncing out of bed, early Christmas morning, so sure that good old Santa had not forgotten the toys and games that you had asked for?

Now that we count Christmases by the dozens, we can still cast our cares aside for a few days, relax and rejoice in the happiness that we can bestow on the junior members of the family and on those outside who are not so fortunate as we are.

This is the season when we forget "ME" and ask "Are YOU happy?" And in proportion as we apply that formula, will "Peace and Good Will and Happiness prevail." Let us hope and pray that it will.

Let no pleasure tempt thee, no profit allure thee, no ambition corrupt thee, to do anything which thou knowest to be evil; so shalt thou always live jollily; for a good conscience is a continual Christmas.

—Benjamin Franklin

A LETTER TO SANTA

(Note: This letter was first published in the San Antonio Express during the Christmas season of 1952. The writer was Miss Lois Weekes, then Society Editor, and now an Odessa housewife. It has a universal appeal and is especially fitting in these days when we sometimes tend to forget the real meaning of Christmas.)

(John C. White, Commissioner of Agriculture.)

Mr. Santa Claus
% Childhood Hearts
North Pole

Dear Mr. Claus:

I hope you will remember me, Santa. It's been a long time. You'd have to blow the dust away to look up my name in your files!

The last time I wrote you, I spelled Bicycle with a "K" — and I've been singing "Jingle Bells" an octave lower for several seasons now. My stocking size and my Christmas lists have changed considerably — and I

now recognize the value of a little mistletoe in the decor.

It isn't that I've underestimated you through the year, Mr. C., or forgotten our relationship. I've been giving your letters to my father to mail and its worked out beautifully since the Christmas he inquired as to my knowledge of your identity. My affirmative answer brought a "Well, start being a little nice to ME, then", from him. And we laughed and my mother cried.

I still believe in you, you see. I've followed your activities each Yuletide in the nation's press. I know you don't have time to read all the papers, but December's headlines — lots of them — belong to you. Annually, you crowd out the day-by-day boys who fade from year to year.

Although this is more a delayed "thank you" for the other Christmases than a suggested shopping list, there are a few things I'd like when you rein in the reindeer at my house this year.

Could you put the light from the children's faces, pressed against countless frosted window panes, into the hearts of the world? Could you transplant a little of the feeling of holly, the glistening tinsel, the angels atop the Christmas trees, the off-key Noels and the hushed hymns, to those who are spending their first Christmas away from all that? And especially, to those who never noticed it before.

Could you remind us all that it is a Birthday we are celebrating, not just an expense respite from the rest of the year? Could you put in our Christmas cards and our packages, the message and the warmth we really mean instead of the shopworn sentiment and the same old gifts?

Most of all, Mr. Claus, could you make sure that we'll never outgrow you — that Christmas will always be a way of life and that you'll be staging it always?

I think you will because, though you've seen central heating replace the chimney you've learned that America's front door is left unlocked each Christmas Eve. There is still room for the manger and the sleighbells in this age of automobiles and atoms. So don't every go mechanized, Mr. Claus.

Sincerely yours,
Lois Weekes



Merry CHRISTMAS

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To you and your loved ones from each of us at

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COLEMAN, TEXAS



May we extend to you our warmest of wishes for a Merry Yuletide and a Happy New Year . . . may every hour be filled with good cheer!

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Be big shot

Give the whole family an Electric gift for Christmas

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