

Santa Anna News

Early Edition Next Week

In order that the News Office staff might enjoy the holiday on January 1, along with all the other local merchants, it will be necessary for us to publish The News one day early next week, Wednesday, Dec. 31.

We will appreciate the cooperation of all who turn in news items for publication and of advertisers. We must have all copy at least one day early.

It seems that this has been a particularly hard year for us in that we have had to request early copy a number of times. We regret having to do this so often, but we have no control over the calendar as to what dates holidays will fall on.

We want to express our deep appreciation to all our correspondents who have been so faithful in getting us their news letters each week. They are doing a wonderful service for each community, and are deserving of all the cooperation of every member of each community. They appreciate your cooperation, and we at The News office appreciate your cooperation also.

Christmas Cheer Boxes To Be Distributed Wed.

The Santa Anna Lions Club in cooperation with the Santa Anna Volunteer Fire Department will distribute about 65 Christmas Cheer boxes on Wednesday, Dec. 24. These boxes will go to families who might otherwise not have much Christmas this year. Some boxes will be distributed in the rural areas, as well as here in town.

The Lions Club committee is composed of Ford Barnes, A. D. Pettit and W. B. Griffin. Griffin and Pettit are also members of the fire department.

The boxes contain several items of food, such as potatoes, corn meal, pancake mix, syrup, sugar, two kinds of beans, oats, hominy, tomato juice, oranges, apples, candy and various other items, depending upon the needs of the family the box is sent to.

The two organizations will split the cost of fixing these boxes.

County Group To Fight Bang's Disease In State

Members of the Coleman County Animal Health Committee, sponsored by the Farm Bureau and Breeder-Feeder, met last week in Coleman and decided to launch a program to eradicate Brucellosis (Bang's Disease) in Coleman County, and to join in a state-wide program to gain state laws for the control of the disease.

Livestock producers face a serious loss in the county unless the disease is brought under control. Actually there is very little, if any, of the disease in the county at the present time. However, most other states have laws controlling the disease and Texas does not. This would tend to make Texas a dumping ground for the diseased cattle. The livestock industry represents about 50% of the agricultural income in the county.

A series of educational articles is planned for publication in this newspaper beginning with the next edition. The public is urged to watch for these articles and study each one of them closely.

Mrs. Bertha Dean and her sister, Mrs. Stella Campbell of Lubbock, left Friday morning for Sheboygan, Wisconsin, to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schrader and family. Mrs. Schrader is Mrs. Campbell's daughter and a niece of Mrs. Dean. They plan to be gone about two weeks.

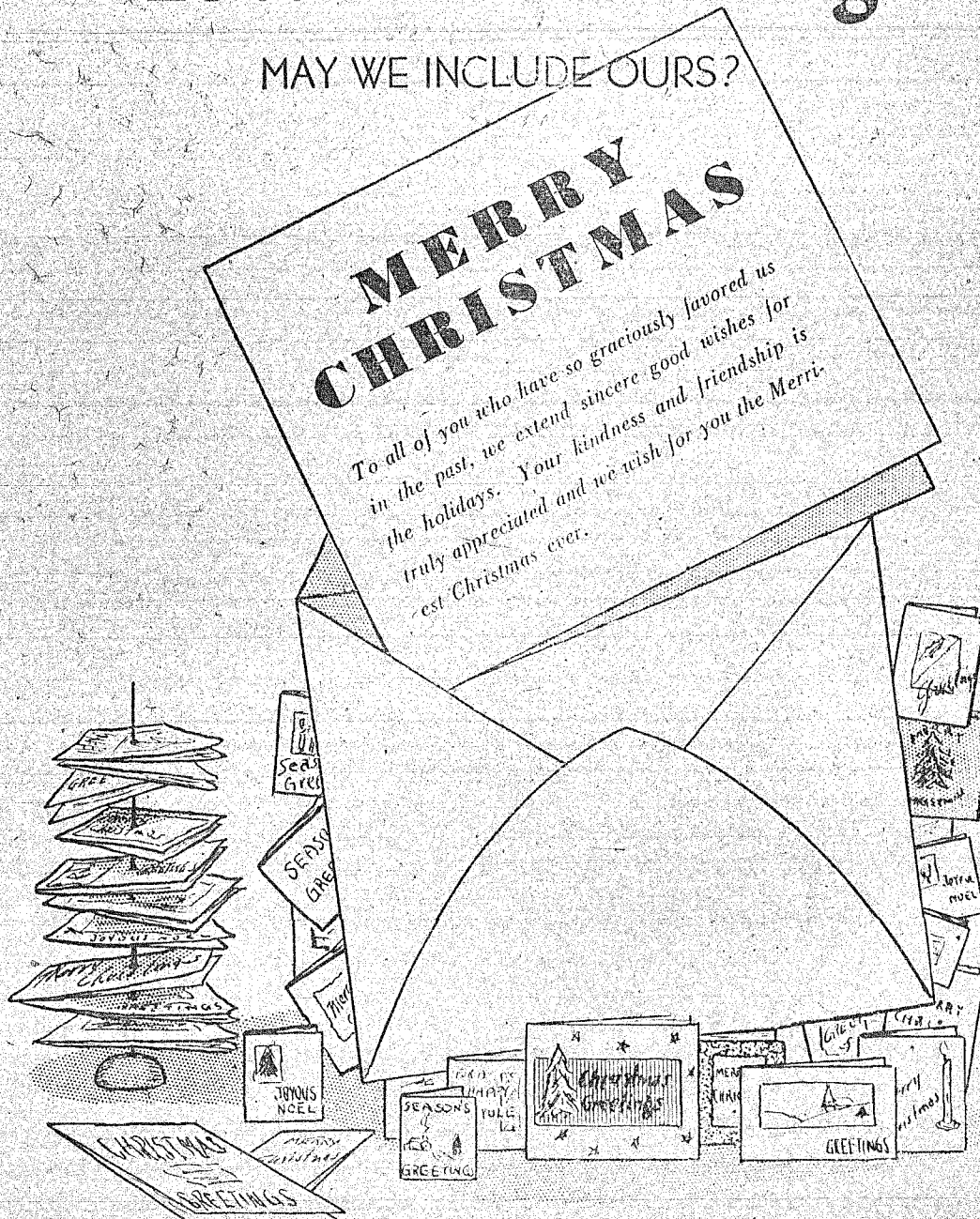
In Latin America a mulatto is a half-breed, a cross between negro and white.

Cape Horn was named after Hoorn in the Netherlands, by its discoverer Schouten, a Dutch navigator.

Louisiana has no counties. The state is divided into parishes.

We Hope You Receive Lots of Greetings

MAY WE INCLUDE OURS?



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32 Christmas Gifts To Be Given Wed.

Wednesday, Dec. 24, will be a big day in Santa Anna. Beginning at 3:00 p. m., 32 prizes worth several hundred dollars will be given away. At 10:00 a. m. the same day, \$25.00 in merchandise coupons will be given away.

All the prizes but five come from the Santa Anna Christmas Program, sponsored by most all the local merchants. These merchants have been giving coupons with purchases made in their stores for the past several weeks. These coupons will be used for the drawing to give the Christmas prizes away.

In this particular drawing, the person whose name is called must be represented by a member of his immediate family in order to receive that gift. If the name called does not answer within a reasonable length of time, another name will be called. This procedure will be followed until all 32 gifts are given away.

Included in the list of gifts is: 3-piece West Bend appliance set; West Bend electric skillet; 32-piece dinner set; 54-piece stainless steel table ware set; aluminum tea kettle; electric deep fryer; 3-piece set of luggage; 3-piece sauce pan set; lazy susan; 32-piece dinner set; electric bean pot; lazy susan; 3-piece set of luggage; 50-piece set of stainless steel table ware; West Bend electric percolator; table lamp; table lamp; 50-piece set of stainless steel table ware; 3-quart electric sauce pan; a 10-way electric deep fryer; a 72x84 blanket; a \$500 trade certificate from Grammer's; a 72x84 blanket; a casserole; coffee server set; a coffee warmer; dressed turkey from Griffin Turkey Farm; dressed turkey from Stewardson Turkey Ranch; one 5-piece Fashion Chef cookware; cookie jar from Moore's Variety Store; a 15-cup automatic electric percolator; and a child's stool from Western Auto Associate Store.

Library To Open December 31st

The Santa Anna Library will re-open Wednesday, December 31st, after being closed for the past several weeks. Mrs. Dovie Chapman has been employed by the Self Culture Club as librarian and will have the library open from 2:00 to 5:00 p. m. each Wednesday afternoon.

There are lots of excellent books in the library and the general public is urged to take advantage of the facilities and books.

President Warren G. Harding was Honorary President of the National Horseshoe Pitcher's Association.

Happy Birthday

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

- DECEMBER 26
Danny Tucker, Brownwood
Terry Wallace
- DECEMBER 27
Mrs. Pleas Williamson
Roland Curry
Sandra Hartman
- DECEMBER 28
Mrs. Billie Gregg
Linda Rae Riley
Mrs. Gertrude Martin
Linda Henderson
Blanche Boyd
E. E. McClintock
Fred Thomson, Portland, Ore.
- DECEMBER 29
Mrs. B. Wagner
Dick Deal
James A. Mallow
Paula Gayle Copeland
T. A. Jackson, Rockville, Md.
- DECEMBER 30
Marcia Sue West
- DECEMBER 31
Mrs. R. B. Archer
Mrs. Doug Moore
- JANUARY 1
Mrs. J. J. Copeland
Mrs. R. P. Earnhart
Mrs. E. W. Gober

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 January 2nd and January 8th.

Best wishes for a Happy
 Holiday Season

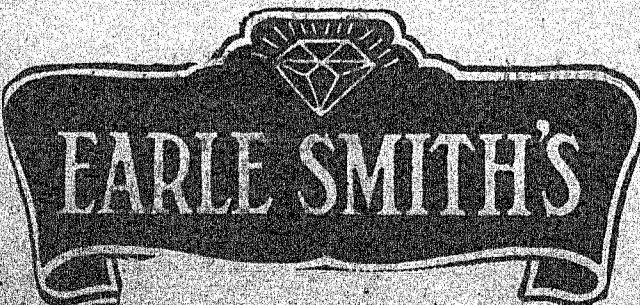
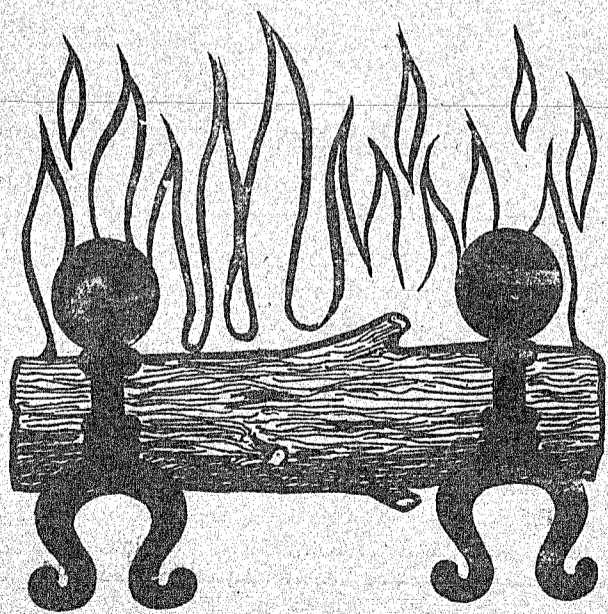
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Dear Santa Claus,
 I want a missile launcher, a guided missile carrier and a chemistry set.
 Don't forget my mean brother.

Thank you,
 Tommy Blanton

Dear Santa,
 I am trying to be a good boy. For Christmas I would like to have a chemistry set and record player.

My little brother, David, would like a big truck and a bowling set.

Remember my big sister and all the little children.

Love,
 Dickie

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want a pogo stick, a cooking set and a telephone set.
 I am nine years old and in the third grade.

Love,
 Donna Jean Williams

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want a B. B. gun with a round sight on it and a dump truck and a cannon.

Love,
 Joe Hawkins

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want a watch, a football, and a army truck.
 I have been a good boy.

Love,
 Mike

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want a tiny tears doll and a set of dishes. Janet wants a tiny tears doll and a teddy bear. Bring little Martin something.
 Thank you for the toys you brought us last year.

Emily Wells

Industry, in Austin County, is the seat of the oldest German settlement in Texas. It was founded in 1842.

Texas is the second state in the union in annual tornado frequency. Kansas is first.

Highest point in Texas is the top of Guadalupe Peak, 8751 feet, in West Texas.

Columbus' ships, on his voyage to the new world, were manned by adventurers and convicts.

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The News, Santa Anna, Texas, December 26, 1958

Dear Santa,
 My name is Randall Wayne Upton. I am 8 years old. I want a bicycle and a army truck and a machine gun on a stand.

Dear Santa,
 I want a watch for Christmas or anything you have.
 I am nine years old.

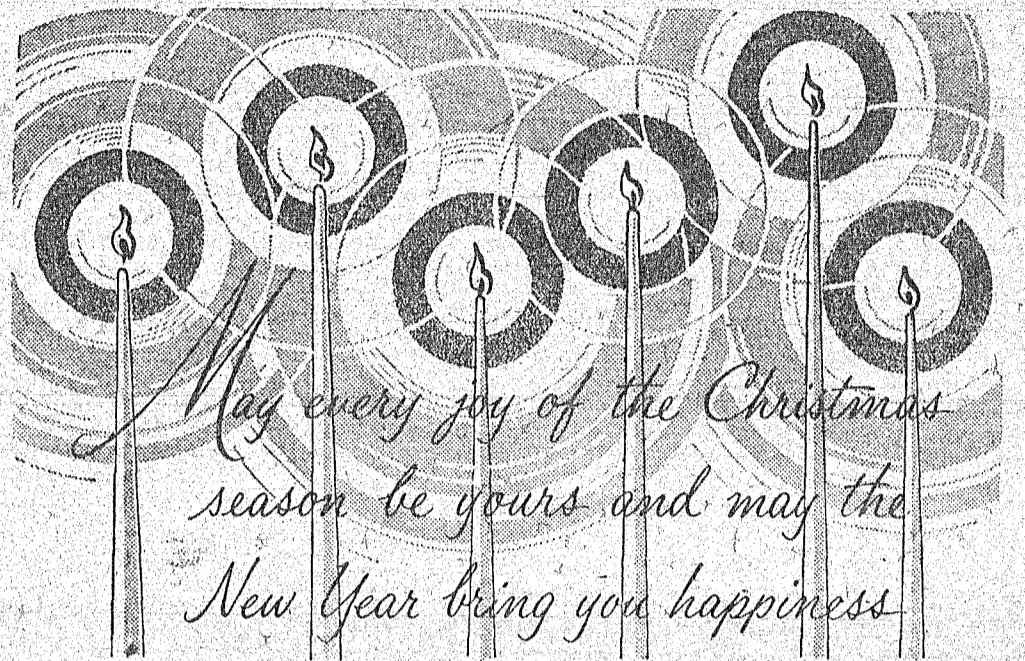
Your friend,
 Johnny Bates

Texas' first producing oil well was drilled at Melrose, Nacogdoches County, in 1856 by Lynis T. Barrett.

Dear Santa,
 I want a doll. And I want a color book and candy.

Remember Wayne and Bobby and Jean and Carl.

Love,
 Janice Langford

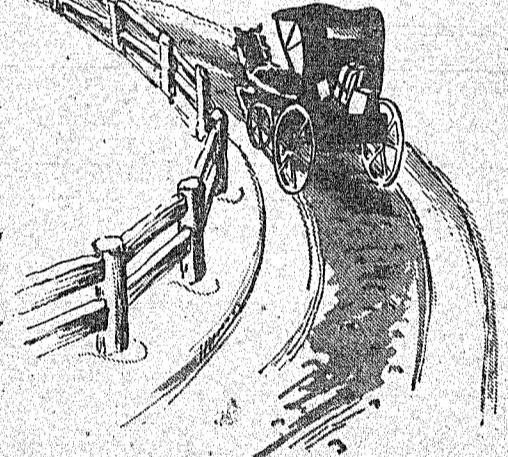


May every joy of the Christmas season be yours and may the New Year bring you happiness

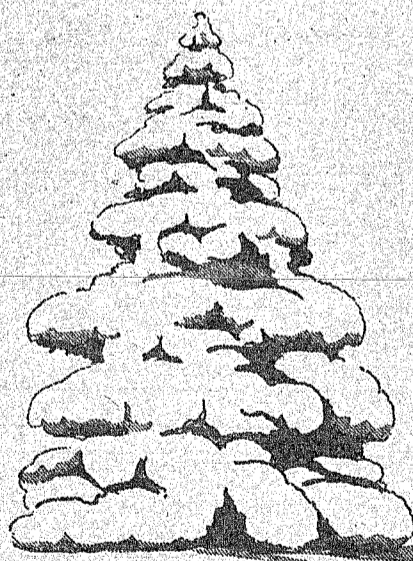
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Annual School Christmas Program Presented On Thurs.

The annual Christmas Program presented by the school system was presented in the high school auditorium Thursday evening, Dec. 18. A good crowd was present to see the variety program.

The second part of the program was presented by the Speech Class, under the direction of Page Mays. This was a one-act play and concerned the story of a reluctant Angel on Christmas Eve, that turned out to be not so reluctant.

The final part of the program was presented by the senior band, under the direction of James A. Mallow. They played a variety of music, and for the last part of this program the band was joined by the choral club for some Christmas hymns.

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I am five years old and would like to have a bicycle to ride to kindergarden. If you can please bring a birthstone ring, the month of August, I would appreciate it very much.
I have been a good little girl, most of the year, and hoped my mother.

I'll hang my stocking up for you Christmas Eve.
Thank you,
Bennie Jean Smith
2109 Sixth Street
Brownwood, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a big baby

doll like hubba and some boots. Bring Scott some boots, too.
Don't forget Carlton and all the other boys and girls.
I love you
Debbie Bowker

Rockwood, Texas
Route 1
Dec. 19, 1958

Dear Santa Claus,
I am five years old and have been a fairly good girl all year. Please bring me a doll, doll house, robe, house shoes and my stocking will be ready for candy, nuts and fruit. Please don't forget all other boys and girls.
Love,
Denise Wallace

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To The Resident Qualified Voters Of Coleman County Water Control And Improvement District No. One, In Coleman County, Texas:

TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held in The Coleman County Water Control and Improvement District No. One on the thirteenth day of January, 1959, at the Office Building and Community House in the town of Trickham in said District in Coleman County, Texas, for the purpose of electing five directors for the Coleman County Water Control and Improvement District No. One, said election being called by order of the Directors of the Coleman County Water Control and Improvement District No. One, of Coleman County, Texas, by order dated the 12th day of December, 1958. Said polls to open at 8:00 o'clock A. M. and closed at 7:00 o'clock P. M. The three directors receiving the highest vote shall serve for two years, and the other two directors shall serve for one year.

S/W. L. Vaughn, President, Board Of Directors Of Coleman County District Water Control And Improvement District No. One.

S/J. H. Martin, Secretary, Board Of Directors Of Coleman County District Water Control And Improvement District No. One.

1959 March of Dimes To Cover More Than Polio

With polio now being tamed by the Salk vaccine, the March of Dimes moves on in 1959 toward greater victories. It is expanding its health program to cover arthritis and birth defects as well as polio.

It will attack these diseases with the same successful three-pronged attack used against polio: Patient aid for child sufferers; Support of the best scientific medical research; and training of skilled disease fighters.

All three faces of crippling are symbolized on the 1959 March of Dimes campaign literature for the coming year. It is expected the drive will be made locally about as it has in the past. However, much more money is needed for the treatment and research than has been called for in the past.

Polio will not be neglected in this big new health program. New polio patients will get March of Dimes patient aid on the same basis as "old" patients paralyzed in prior years. The March of Dimes will also continue its search for better vaccines, better rehabilitation techniques and potential cures until polio is completely controlled.

Arthritis and rheumatic diseases, the No. 1 cripplers of United States manpower, affect at least 11,000,000 Americans. Many are children and young mothers and breadwinners in their productive years. Against this affliction the March of Dimes will muster all its strength and experience in seeking causes, cures and preventatives. Patient aid will be offered to children and adolescents through age 18 years.

Birth defects is the largest unmet childhood problem in the U. S. today. Some 250,000 infants a year are born with significant birth defects. Half of them are doomed to chronic illness and crippling. Many of these defects are preventable. Here again medical researchers supported by the March of Dimes will probe for remedies and preventatives. Patient aid will go to children through age 18 years with certain defects of the central nervous system.

Best wishes
for a
happy
holiday
season

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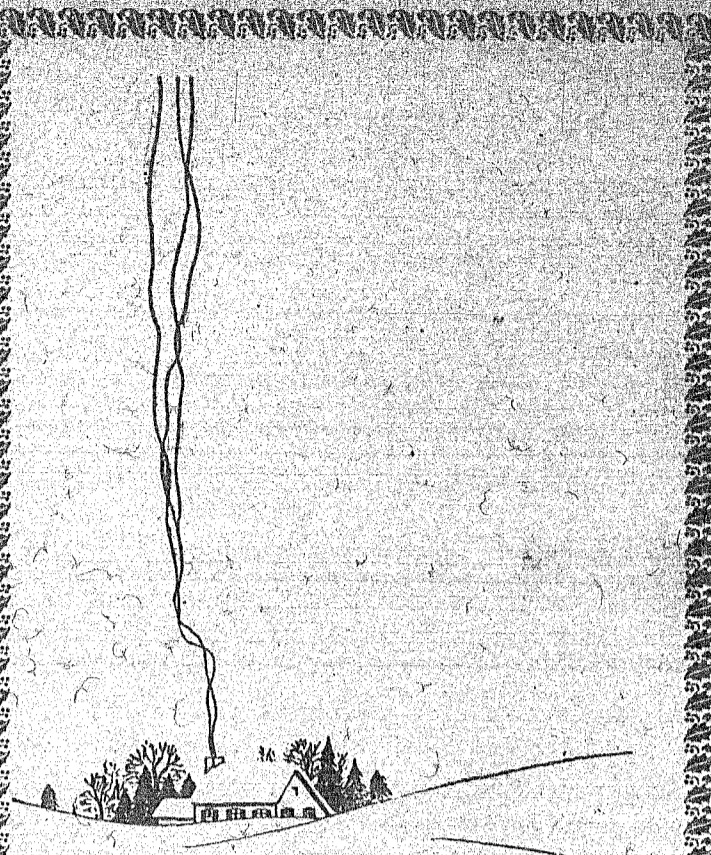
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**THE BLESSINGS
of
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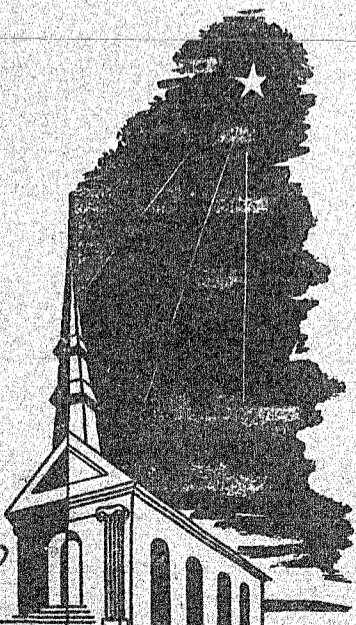
As we herald the approach of another Christmas season, we count our blessings in good friends and pleasant associations.

It is appropriate, then, that we extend our warmest greetings and add the hope that the coming year will be the best you have ever enjoyed and that from the experiences of the past we may gain strength for the problems of the future.

- O. C. FISHER**
U. S. CONGRESSMAN, 21ST DISTRICT
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May the Stars of Christmas
Shining down on you
Fill your house with Happiness
Throughout the New Year.

MERRY
Christmas



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Santa Anna, Texas

Rockwood News

By MRS. JOHN C. HUNTER
Lee McMillan was dismissed

from McCloskey VA Hospital Wednesday.
Mr. C. Blair was a patient in Coleman Hospital this week.
J. E. Richardson was greeting friends Thursday. He and Mrs.

Richardson have recently moved to Coleman to make their home.
Mrs. Lee Miller spent Wednesday night with Mrs. Roy Blackwell.

Mrs. Jessie Fowler of Bangs visited Mrs. Rosa Belle Hellman Thursday morning.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Tickner visited last Thursday in Cisco with his mother, Mrs. W. J. Tickner. They went to Fort Worth Monday to spend Christmas with their daughters and families.

Miller Box of Fort Worth, Evan and Joe Wise were on their hunting lease Thursday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonzo Moore of Brady visited Mr. and Mrs. Hyatt Moore last Sunday. Mrs. Boss Estes was an afternoon caller.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Brushenhan, Sr. spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Polk and Candy at Salt Gap. Other guests were Lt. and Mrs. Harold (Punkle) Underwood and Christy of Roswell, N. Mex., who are on a three weeks leave; also Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Atkinson, Linda and Jan of San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Brushenhan, Mary Etta, Nita Ann and Judy spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Hull at Purdon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brushenhan and Sae of Eden spent last Sunday with his parents.

Mrs. A. N. McSwane went to see her son, Jack, a patient in the VA Hospital at Big Spring, on Sunday; from there she went to Barstow to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Williams and family.

Mrs. James Watson, Cynthia and Cary of Andrews and Mrs. Wayne Thompson and Mike of Sweetwater visited last Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Drury Estes. Mr. and Mrs. James Estes and girls were Friday afternoon visitors.

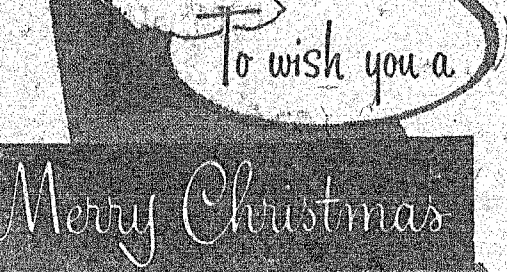
A. L. King was among the visitors at the Santa Anna Stock Show on Friday.

Mrs. Lee Miller spent the weekend in Coleman with her daughter, Mrs. C. N. Davenport and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Dean and children visited the S. M. Fellers home, near Trickham, last Thursday evening.

We wish for each of our readers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Wishing you the best of all your desires and a Happiness this Christmas that will continue throughout the coming year.



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For Her
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Coleman, Texas

THE TIME HAS COME...



While charting our progress, we look back with pleasure on your friendly relationship with us, and cordially extend to you the season's greetings and best wishes for a happy and prosperous new year.

AND

Thank you!

HOSCH BROS.

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Cleveland News

By MRS. MANLEY F. BLANTON

Mr. and Mrs. William Anderson and daughter of Fayetteville, Ark. came in Saturday to spend Christmas in our home.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Woods and sons of Monahans visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clifton and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Caldwell and children spent Sunday with Mr. Criss Caldwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Blanton and children spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Manley Blanton.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Howard and children of Lometa spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Howard. Monday they went on to New Mexico.

Mrs. Sidney Blanton and Mrs. C. T. Moore were shopping in Brownwood Thursday.

Those having dinner with Mrs. Jewell Powers Monday were Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Russell of Crane, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Henderson and children of Santa Anna, Mr. and Mrs. John Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Penny, and Mr. and Mrs. Elgean Gillian and children of Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Covey of Abilene spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Cupps.

In October 1918, Czechoslovakia formulated its declaration of independence, in Independence Hall, Philadelphia.

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Loyalty Class Enjoys Christmas Party

The Loyalty Class of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. Jos. Mathews Thursday, Dec. 18, for their annual Christmas Party and program. The meeting was at 3:00 p. m. Mrs. Seth Risinger was in charge of the program, which included singing two Christmas carols; a prayer by Mrs. W. A. Brandon; the devotional by Mrs. Edd Bartlett, from Luke 2:7-21, "The Christmas Story". Mrs. G. B. Smith presented Mrs. Mathews a Christmas corsage as a love offering from the class. Mrs. J. J. Gregg called the roll, with each member answering her name with the word "Christmas" in a wish, a rhyme, or a greeting. "A Christmas Story" was given by Mrs. Nona Woodruff. Secret pals for the past year were revealed with a gift exchange.

OES Group Attends Bangs Chapter Meet

Tuesday night, Dec. 16, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bass, Mrs. Charlotte Scott, Mrs. Blanche Grantham, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bostick and Lillian Herndon, Deputy Grand Matron of District 3, Section 5, were in Bangs to attend the regular chapter meeting. At 6:30 p. m. about 70 members, their families and visitors of the Bangs Chapter No. 467, were invited to the dining hall

for a turkey dinner, with all the trimmings. At 8:00 p. m. the business meeting opened with Mrs. Juanita O'Connor, Worthy Matron, and Excell Segrest, Worthy Patron, presiding. After the regular order of business, Mrs. Herndon made her official visit. After the meeting was closed, the members and visitors enjoyed an hour of fellowship and gift exchange from a Christmas tree. The Christmas theme was used in decorations throughout the hall.

Brothers Come For Man Admitted To Hospital Dec. 13th

Clarence Jenkins, the man the good Samaritan picked up east of town last week and brought to the local hotel and left money for his lodging and meals, was taken to the home of his brother in Paris on Thursday of last week. Through the efforts of the Salvation Army, it was found that he had three brothers living in Paris and some other relatives living in Lubbock. None of them had heard from him in about 6 months. After three telephone conversations with the Paris brothers, it was definitely established who the man was. Two of the brothers came for him, paid his hospital bill and took him home with them. So the story of the good Samaritan ends on a happy note for the man found wandering

out in the cold. He had spent at least one night and possibly more in the sub-freezing weather and had had very little to eat for several days. Besides being almost frozen and starved, he had a very sore heel.

T.E.L. Class Entertain With Turkey Dinner

The T. E. L. Class of the First Baptist Church entertained the husbands, associate members and the pastor and wife with a turkey dinner at the church annex Tuesday evening, Dec. 16th. After the dinner, the men went to the home of Sam Rutherford for an evening of entertainment. The women remained at the annex for a Christmas program. Mrs. Dovey Chapman gave "The Christmas Story" and Mrs. W. S. Stacy directed several games. Gifts were exchanged from a Christmas tree. All present reported a very nice evening.

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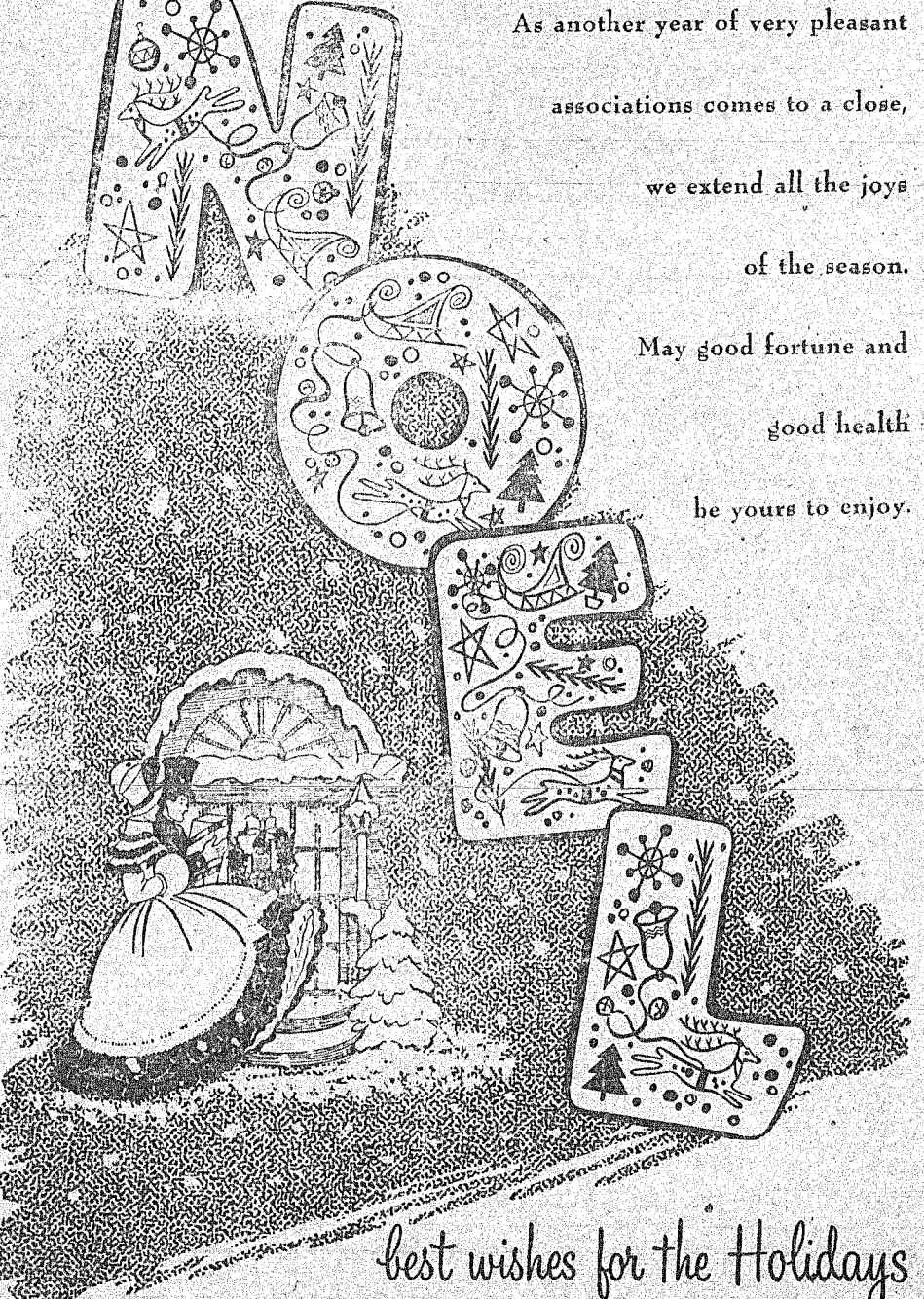
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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want a doll and a baton and a bicycle for Christmas. Put the candy in the ice box that got the rade on top of it.
 I saw you in Brownwood Dec. the 13, 1958.
 I want some fire work for Christmas. I like you.
 My brother want a manto and a big dump truck for Christmas.
 My sister want a baton for Christmas.
 I want some doll clothes for Christmas.
 I am going to color you a pic-

ture now.
 Bye Santa Claus.
 Love,
 Wanda Blount
 Dec. 15, 1958
 Dear Santa Claus,
 I have been a good boy. So please bring me a wrecker truck and a road grader and candy and fruit. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls.
 Your Friend,
 Ricky Cupps
 Dear Sant Clas,
 Sant I warnt a bired doll for Christmas.
 To dear Sant,
 Love, Bertha

Dear Santa,
 I am a little girl seven years old and I am in the second grade.
 I would like for you to bring me a life-size baby doll, and clothes for it, and a buggy. And Santa I have a little sister and brother. Debbie is five and she wants the same thing I want. And Randy is two. He wants a wagon, guitar, doll and buggy.
 Santa, I live with my parents at 901 Wallis Ave., Santa Anna, Texas, but I'll be spending Christmas with my grandmother and grandfather Blackwell, in Brady, Texas. And Santa, don't forget all the other boys and girls. I love you Santa.
 Your little friend,
 Karen Goodgion

Dear Santa Claus.
 We are twins, 8 years old, in the second grade.
 Maybe we haven't been good every day, but we try.
 Bring us something nice for Christmas, and please don't forget all the other little boys and girls.
 Thanks,
 Cleta and Leta Pollock
 Dear Santa Claus,
 I want a football helmet and shoulder pads and football shirt and a pair of boots and a surprize. And Santa my little brother, David, wants the same things. And don't forget to put something in our socks.
 Thank you,
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**Fort Worth-Dallas
Ex-Students Help
Band Uniform Fund**

(Editor's note: Following is a letter received from Sam Forehand, a former student of Santa Anna High School. The letter is self-explanatory. Your editor would like to express the appreciation of the Band Boosters and the band for the generosity of the former students living in the Fort Worth and Dallas area.)

Mr. John Gregg
c/o Santa Anna News
Santa Anna, Texas

Dear John:

Last Saturday night a group of ex-Santa Anna High School students of the Dallas-Fort Worth area had a reunion at the home of ex-student Mary Lee Ford Fields in Dallas. During the course of the evening Adrian Speck mentioned something about donations for the School Band uniforms and I am pleased to enclose my personal check, which represents donations from each as listed below, in the amount of \$30.20.

John, the reason I am mailing you the donation is that I am unfamiliar with where or whom the donation should go. Would you be so kind as to please present same to the proper person or persons, with our very best wishes.

Sincerely,
Sam Forehand
5416 Volder Dr.
Fort Worth, Texas

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**Exams For Hiway
Patrolmen To Be
Held In January**

The Texas Department of Public Safety will conduct preliminary field examinations for the position of patrolman on January 20, 21 and 22, announced Major Wilson E. Spier, Commanding Officer of the Midland Regional Office. Young men between the ages of 21 and 35 who can qualify and desire a career as a State Law Enforcement Officer may secure application forms at any Highway Patrol District Office, the DPS Regional Office or by writing Dept. of Public Safety, Box 4087, Austin, Texas. Any local patrolman will be glad to discuss the qualifications and benefits of the position with prospective applicants.

The Legislature authorized an additional 100 patrolmen to increase the strength of the Department of Public Safety and anyone interested is encouraged to submit their application before January 12, 1959.

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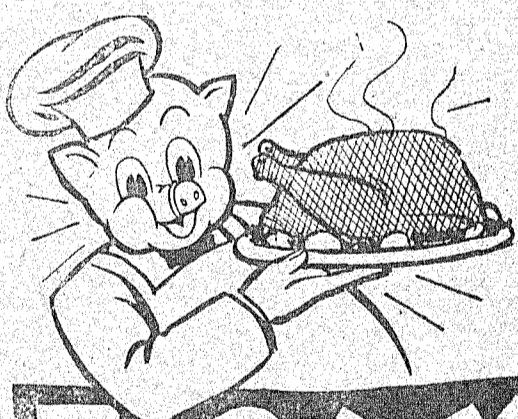
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Ten Days 'Til Christmas

BY SANDY GEORGE

Snow flurries blowing about the streets sent shoppers at a brisk pace. The dark, even clouds gave promise of a white Christmas. Shop windows of toys only added to confusion for Mike.

Mike was a big boy, and had just celebrated his sixth... a birthday so near the holidays that he was called a Christmas present to his parents.

His father and mother had birthdays in summer. As far back as he could remember he was told not to expect much for Christmas because he had just had a birthday. He wished that he had been born on the Fourth of July; he had heard that famous men had been born on that day, and he did not imagine that it had interfered with their Christmas presents.

Mike felt the half-dollars in his pocket, those he had received from his mother for keeping his room tidy. He liked to take them out and count them. There were four, and he knew that the four half-dollars were really two whole dollars.

In the store window on the corner were some monkeys. Real live monkeys! Just like the ones Mike had seen in the movies and at the zoo. If they had monkeys in the window, what could they have inside the store? He turned the door knob and let himself inside. Oh! The wonders that were there! Cages of beautiful birds; some whistled, some were singing, and some really could talk. All kinds of puppies were playing in pens off to themselves — and some frolicsome kittens in another cage.

Mike had always wanted a dog, a dog of his very own. But his mother said that they lived too close down town. When they moved to the suburbs she would think about it. He knew that when his mother began to think

about anything the answer was usually yes; and he had heard his father say that they were going to move soon.

A little dog just couldn't be much trouble. A little dog would no eat much. Mike knew that he could care for it himself. Just any little dog would do. Or should he get a kitten? Would two dollars pay for his choice? He slipped his small fingers through the openings in the kittens' cage and stroked their silky fur.

There were several customers in the store and Mike had gone unnoticed until he called to the tall man with the grey hair to ask the price of the white kitten with the black ears and tail.

"Just a minute, sonny," the clerk replied. "I'm busy, I'll talk to you later."

Mike stopped short in front of a cage that held a bird that looked like a blue canary. But he knew that it really was a parakeet; for he had just heard a lady tell the salesman that she had a parakeet just like it and that hers could sing "Jingle Bells."

Mike saw a big man in the rear of the store looking at the puppies. He went to look at the puppies, too. He reached inside the pen and touched the squirming little fellows that tumbled over themselves, and wistfully said, "I want a puppy."

"The one with the most perfect markings has a lame leg," said the big man gruffly. "Just because I want that one, it would have to be a cripple. Maybe they will get more in and I'll get a better selection. Anyway, it's 10 days 'til Christmas. There's no hurry."

The tall man, the shop owner, came toward them and Mike was surprised to hear himself ask, "Mister, how much is the little lame puppy?"

"Oh, sonny! You wouldn't

Christmas Tree Origin Uncertain

Many countries have their popular legends claiming for them the honor of having given the Christmas tree to the world. One tale bestows the distinction on Martin Luther.

Traveling alone one Christmas Eve through snow-covered country, the sky filled with thousands of glittering stars, the reformer was so impressed that, on arriving home, he tried to explain his feeling to his family.

Suddenly an idea suggested itself to him. Going into the garden, he cut down a little fir tree, dragged it into the nursery, put some candles on it, and lighted them. A popular engraving represents Martin Luther sitting in the bosom of his family with a lighted Christmas tree.

He may have a greasy hat and his trousers may be shiny, but if his children have their noses flattened against the window-pane a half hour before he is due home for supper, you can trust him with anything you have.

—Katheryn Launtz
Journal,
Washta, Iowa

Prof. Phillip Drinker of Harvard University invented the iron lung.

want him. He can't even walk well." The tall man with the grey hair started to move away.

Mike pulled his trousers above his knees and showed him the braces on both legs. "I don't walk well either, Mister," he said earnestly, "but me and the puppy will understand each other."

The big man was smiling as he held the door for Mike to slowly pass through, tenderly carrying the puppy with the most perfect markings, and the four half dollars still jingled a Merry Christmas in his pocket.

They walked out together, Mike and the crippled puppy, to happiness.

—Lion

Your Christmas Tree

BY M. ROBERT BEASLEY

Whether a person is seven or 70 — with the possible exception of a Scrooge — everyone experiences a feeling of exhilaration and joy at the sight of a Christmas tree. We may drive past vast forests of evergreen trees without the slightest emotion. But the moment one of those same trees has been transferred from its native surroundings into our homes, it brings with it the permeating air of festivity and gaiety.

To the youngster, the Christmas tree means toys and gifts and the awe-inspiring aura of Santa Claus; to the older people, who have passed beyond the enchanted world of Santa, it means "On earth peace, good will towards men." Irrespective of what individual meaning the tree might have, none of us would consider for a moment the thought of spending a Christmas without the traditional tree prominently displayed in our homes.

The origin of this fabulous tree is probably the most disputed of all American traditions. Many countries claim the honor of having established this custom, and there are hundreds of legends concerning its first appearance.

It has been definitely established that the Christmas tree was first introduced to America by German people who migrated to the New World. It was also from the Germans that we adopted the custom of decorating the tree with candles and presents for our loved ones.

One ancient legend attributes the entire idea of the Christmas tree to the Germans, by way of Saint Winfrid. According to this sage, the Saint was blessing a huge crowd of converts in a forest, which had once been used by the Druids as their worshiping ground. In the center of this clearing stood a giant oak tree, used in the pagan Druid worship. The Saint, in an effort to dispel this heathen worship, began chopping at the base of the great tree in the presence of the converts.

When the tree was partly hewn, a powerful wind passed through the forest, caught the tree and sent it toppling backwards in an ignominious heap. Everything in its path was shattered to splinters — except a slender fir tree, which remained standing, untouched and regal, with its spire pointing toward the sky. Because of this seeming miracle, Saint Winfrid immediately decreed that the fir tree be known from that day hence as the holy tree, or the Tree of the Christ Child. This, say German historians, was the beginning of the Christmas tree.

German records as far back as 1608 give reference to the tree as a regular feature of the Christmas season. For several hundred years the custom of the tree was confined to the regions along the Rhine, but eventually the tradition filtered throughout all of Germany.

Martin Luther, according to another legend, is said to have started the custom of the fir tree for the Christmas season. This story tells us that one

"God Bless Us Every One"

All the blessed sentiments of Christmas dwell in these words of Tiny Tim: Good will is there, gratitude to God, the soulful sense of the brotherhood of man that divine spark of unselfishness which glows supreme in the Yuletide, though it may be smothered with ashes in all the rest of the year.

"Every one" allows no exceptions. The rich, the poor, the kind, the cruel, the good, the bad — all are included. All do not deserve the divine blessing equally, but all need it equally, and in their several ways may be touched and purified and lifted up, for the moment at least, to realization of the spiritual meaning of life.

And if we are so unwise as to fail to see any cause for thankfulness, let us remember that it was the little lame youth, who had no material blessings at all, but a great and courageous soul, who pointed the way to the Christmas blessing.

Christmas Eve, Martin Luther was describing the beauty of a snow-covered forest under the glittering stars to his wife and family. To illustrate this beauty, he brought a small fir tree into the nursery, and placed candles and decorations on its branches. The tree presented such majestic beauty, not only to his immediate family but to the neighbors, that on the following Christmas Eve all the neighbors decorated fir trees in their homes. And, thus, goes the legend, was the tradition of the Christmas tree born.

In support of this theory, one of the most popular of all German engravings of Christmas scenes shows Martin Luther and his family grouped about a small fir tree set in a nursery.

The Scandinavians have a touching myth concerning a "service tree" which is said to have been born from the blood of two young lovers who were killed by violence on Christmas Eve. At this same spot on the following Christmas Eve, a beautiful fir tree grew. On certain nights during the Christmas season lights could be seen flaming in its branches; that no wind could extinguish.

The "mysterious lights" of this myth could well be the origin for the brightly-colored lights with which we decorate our 20th-Century tree.

Other authorities give credit for originating the Christmas tree to the ancient Egyptians. At the time of the winter solstice (comparable to our Christmas season) they would bedeck their houses with branches of the date palm — their symbol of perennial life in the renewal of each bounteous year.

At approximately the same time as the Egyptians were decking their homes with date palm branches, the Jews were celebrating their Feast of Chanukah. In this celebration, lighted candles are a feature. Some writers regard this as a possible origin of the decorated and lighted Christmas tree. History also reveals that the Greeks held a festival at this season known as the "Feast of the Lights," while the Chinese festival of a corresponding period is called "The Feast of the Lanterns."

The French have a legend concerning the Christmas tree. According to this saga a gigantic fir tree was discovered in the forest with its branches covered with candles. Some of the candles stood erect, while others were upside down. At the very top of this unusual tree appeared a vision of a child with a sparkling halo.

Unable to understand such an apparition, the people asked

the Pope to explain this extraordinary tree. The legend tells us that the Pope decided the tree represented mankind, and the child with the halo was the Saviour. The candles, he interpreted, were meant to indicate the good and bad human beings. Thenceforth, according to this myth, Christmas time was celebrated by everyone having a replica of this fir tree in their homes. This legend could well account for our practice of placing a figure of an angel at the top of our modern trees.

Other records, however, would indicate that the French borrowed the custom of the Christmas tree from the Germans in 1870. At that time German armies occupied France, and at Christmas time they held their celebration at Notre Dame. The tree idea apparently appealed to the French, and they adopted it into their homes. The French, however, differ slightly, since they usually plant the entire tree, roots and all, in a large tub.

Other authorities trace the tree back to the Roman festivals of Saturnalia. In this ancient rite, pine trees were decorated with images of Bacchus. Since the celebration occurred at the end of the year, it is believed by some that this is a possible origin of the Christmas tree.

Almost all authorities, however, agree that the first Christmas tree adopted by English-speaking people was introduced at Windsor Castle in 1844. Following the marriage of Queen Victoria to the German Prince Albert, the decorated tree custom was borrowed from Germany to honor the Prince of Wales, who later became Edward VII.

While not generally used, the tree was known in England before that period. The memoirs of Greville, dated December 29, 1829, tells us of a Christmas fete given in honor of Henry VIII, where "three trees in great pots were put upon a long table covered with pink linen." It was only with the marriage of Queen Victoria, however, that the Christmas tree became a regular English institution.

So this year as you decorate your Christmas tree, give some thought to the fact that the words, "On earth peace, good will towards men" are not a hollow, or empty salutation. Men, women and children in countries all over the world forget their hostilities and petty troubles in the presence of the Christmas tree. The sacred meaning of love and consideration, for which it stands, is a meaning understood by all ages and all languages.

At Christmas time... it is natural that we should think of our reasons for celebrating Christ's birth. One is that HE helps us to find peace of mind, surely one of the greatest blessings of this life.

I have long observed people who have the gift of inner peace, and have asked their secret.

Most often their answer is a reference to Christ's words, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you... let not your heart be troubled."

We find quiet peace in the fellowship of loved ones. Beautiful music brings peace to troubled minds and hearts. So does the beauty of nature, dew sparkling in the grass at dawn, or the silvery moon shining on rippling water at night.

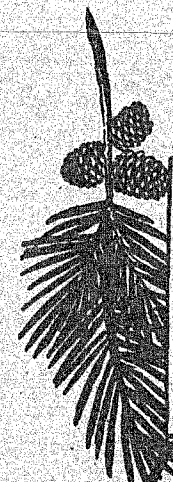
But this peace which the world gives passes away, while the peace that HE gives abides forever.

From the writings of Norman Vincent Peale



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For your Merry — and Safe — Christmas, the National Board of Fire Underwriters offers the following suggestions:

- SAFETY TIPS**
- Because the Christmas tree is a potential fire hazard, use caution in its selection, placement, maintenance. And to keep your Christmas merry, observe these safety suggestions:
1. Choose a small tree instead of a large one. A small tree can be just as pretty, less hazardous.
 2. Keep the tree outdoors until you're ready to install it.
 3. Don't set up the tree until just before Christmas.
 4. Set up the tree in the coolest part of the house, away from radiators, heaters, fireplaces. Stand in water to retard drying.
 5. Use fireproof decorations of glass or metal, never cotton or paper decorations unless flameproof.
 6. Don't set up electric trains around or near the tree.

7. Use electric lights — never candles. Inspect every electric socket and wire to make sure set is in good condition. Discard lighting sets with frayed wiring. When buying new sets, look for UL label of Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc.
8. Provide a switch at some distance from the tree for turning tree lights on and off.
9. Don't leave lights burning when away from home.
10. From time to time inspect the tree to see whether any of the needles near the lights have started to turn brown. If so, change the position of the lights.
11. When needles start falling, take the tree down and discard it outdoors.
12. Gift wrappings, of course should be discarded promptly and safely after presents are opened.

National Board Tells How To Help Prevent Loss of Life

Last year's Christmas death toll was one of the highest on record. In that one-day, mid-week Wednesday, fire took 26 lives.

How can you help to prevent loss of life and suffering this Christmas?

Here is what the National Board of Fire Underwriters suggests:

Set up tree in a cool part of room, standing it in a pail of moist earth or water, away from doors or exits.

Check electric light wiring and discard sets with worn or frayed cords and loose sockets. When buying a new set, get one bearing the UL label of safety against fire and shock.

Ornaments should be of fireproof materials, never cotton or paper, unless fireproof.

Don't set up electric trains under tree, and be sure switch for tree lights is at a safe distance.

Because portable heaters are often used during the winter months to provide added warm-

th without proper regard to the care necessary for their safe use, the National Board of Fire Underwriters makes these safety suggestions:

Keep portable heaters clean and in good condition.

Set heaters level, out of the line of traffic and away from combustibles such as curtains, bedding, etc.

Avoid using electrical portable heaters in the bathroom.

Be sure every gas heater is vented to the outdoors, unless

clearly labeled that this is unnecessary.

Delegate the job of filling and cleaning an oil heater to a responsible member of the family. Instruct that person to wipe up spills immediately.

Never fill or carry an oil heater while it is lighted.

Keep a door or window slightly open in any room where a gas or oil heater is in use.

Thirty-two men have served as President of the U. S.

Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure nineteen six, result happiness. Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure twenty pounds ought and six, result misery.

—Dickens
David Copperfield

Coal mines have been burning in Pennsylvania since the time of the Civil War. The Anthracite mine at Summit Hill is the most famous.



Tomlinson

BOOT AND SHOE SHOP
Coleman, Texas

It's an old American Custom

TO WISH FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES

MERRY CHRISTMAS

But each year we look forward to the occasion with more anticipation and eagerness because each year we find we have made many new friends whom we wish to remember and thank for their fine patronage.



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Colorado & Pecan Sts.

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Better friends we could not wish for... nor a happier occasion than this Christmas to wish them joy, success and happiness. Thank you for your friendships and loyalty.



To One and All

What Is Christmas Made Of?

It's made of friendship, good will, good cheer, love and happiness. Our greatest wish is that all those things be yours this holiday season.

AS WE PAUSED A MOMENT...to consider the real meaning of Christmas, we realized more fully what your friendship means to us. May your holiday be everything you wish for it to be.



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Berkett Highway

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Coleman County Electric Cooperative, Inc.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

December 8, 1958
Box 505
Santa Anna, Tex.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 7 years old. May I have a bride doll, a baton, some fruit, nuts, and fireworks? Santa, please don't forget all the other little boys and girls. I would also like to have a doll buggy.

I love you,
Glenna Russell

Rockwood, Texas
Dec. 6, 1958

Dear Santa Claus,
We are a little boy and girl, 7 and 9 years old. My name is David and my sister's name is Sandra.

I would like for you to bring me a B-B gun. Sandra wants a big teen-age doll. Please bring some candy and nuts.

Don't forget all the rest of the little boys and girls.

Your friends,
David and Sandra Yancy

Santa Anna, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 6 years old and will go to school next year.

Please bring me a doll with black hair, also doll stroller, set of dishes and house shoes. Please bring me some fruit and candy and don't forget my brothers and sister.

Thanks,
Cindy Hartman

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I want a tricycle, wagon and house shoes. I am a big boy of 14 months old. Don't forget my aunt Margie.

Love,
Rodney Sikes

Santa Anna, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a dollie and a baby bottle for Christmas. Please bring Jodie, my sister, a record player and some records and bring Russell, my brother, a jumping horse.

I have tried to be good and will take care of our toys.

Love,
Jannell Swindell
from Santa Anna, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a football. I want a bicycle-18 in. I live on farm.

Santa Anna, Texas
from Dale Herring

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bicycle 14 in. I want a doll.

Santa Anna, Texas
from Pamela June Herring

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a baton. And Carol would like to have a bicycle and tires.

Well I guess it is time for me to go. Goodbye Santa Claus.

from Betty Lou Hammond

Santa Anna, Texas
Dec. 11, 1958
Box 548

Dear Santa Clause,
I am a little boy 6 years old. Would like some toys, any kind, just to play with. Have to sisters. Doris, she only 10 years old, she like a doll and candy and fruit. My other sister will be 12 Dec. 15. She like some new gloves, a head scarf, candy and fruit. I am going to school and like to go and sure like my teacher. Got my first book yesterday and can read it.

Your little friend,
Henry Eugene Smith
love you Santa

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a babydoll that does not have hair and a bottle.

Please be good to my brother and sister.

Be good to other little children.

from Dorthea Carpenter

Dear Santa Claus,
My sister wants a baby with a bottle.

I want a Derreger Set.
Judy and Doyle Wright
Santa Anna
Second grade

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a walkie talkie. I want a football, too.

Eddie Voss

To Santa Claus,
I want a brum and a tiny tears doll. I will write you again next Christmas. So good bye until next Christmas.

from Judy

To Santa Claus,
And I want a pair of gun.

from Tommy

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toys you brought us last year.

I want a doll. Linda and I want a dish set. Linda wants sleepy head.

Rocky and Roddy want a farm set. Rocky wants a car. Roddy wants an animal.

Behn Dean
Santa Anna, Texas
Second grade

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a wagon, cowboy gut-

tar, dump truck, power shovel, football, bat, baseball, glove and cannon.

David Mays
U. S. A.

Dear Santa,
I want a football and I want a machine gun, just a play one, and I want a B. B. gun and a dump truck and I want an army truck with some army men and with a army canan.

Johnny Hogue
Santa Anna, Texas
Second grade
Box 663

Dear Santa Claus,
I want some skates. I want an electric train. I want a bicycle and I want an air plane with a motor.

My little sister wants a little bicycle. She wants some skates and guns with a rifle.

Jimmy Eubank
Santa Anna, Texas

NBFU OFFERS BABY SITTER SUGGESTIONS

Because Christmas is a time of much entertaining and visiting, obtaining baby-sitting services becomes a greater problem than usual. Coupled with this is parental worry over the fire-safety

of children left behind in a baby-sitter's care.

In most cases, parents realize the importance of fire safety — especially at this time of year — and have taken the necessary precautions in the placement, care and decoration of the Christmas tree.

Never-the-less, the National Board of Fire Underwriters concerned with your safety, offers these helpful suggestions to parents who employ baby sitters:

1. Know the sitter; make inquiries about training and family background.
2. Employ only sitters who have a sense of responsibility and who like children.
3. Try to have the same sitter regularly if possible, and one who lives nearby.
4. Have a preliminary interview with sitter. Acquaint her with children and pets, especially the watch-dog.
5. Give instructions orally and leave them in writing.
6. Show sitter all exits and how to get children out of house in case of fire.
7. Give the sitter the telephone number of the fire department, family doctor, and place to which they (parents or

adult members of the family) are going. Also, what neighbor to call in the event of any emergency.

8. If there is no phone, explain to sitter other means of notifying fire department in case of a fire.

9. Caution sitter against permitting child to play with matches, electric cords, or other electric appliances. Also, tell her to keep the child out of the kitchen, if possible.

10. If sitter is to bathe youngster, make certain she has had such experience.

11. Leave a first aid kit with sitter and explain how to take care of simple burns, cuts, bruises.

12. Be sure sitter understands that in a fire emergency she should get the child out of the house, then call the fire department, then notify parents.

13. Provide flashlights for use in case lighting should fail.

14. Always come home at the hour agreed upon; telephone if delayed.

15. Make suitable and safe arrangements for accompanying the sitter home.

President Woodrow Wilson's first name was Thomas.

Wishing You
JOY and HAPPINESS
not only at
Christmastime
but every day

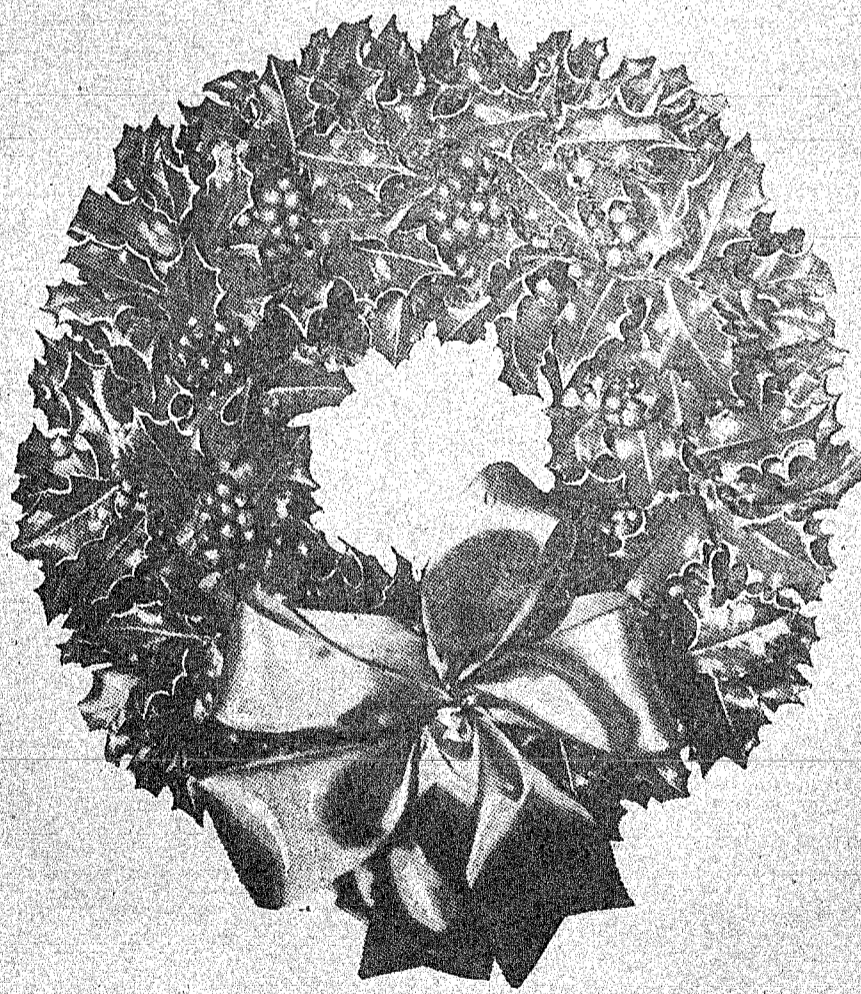
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Coleman, Texas



The Christmas Season Is A Time Of Great Joy And Good Fellowship Throughout The World. As People In Many Lands Exchange Holiday Greetings, Your Friendly Bank Would Like To Take The Opportunity Here To Express Their Pleasure In Serving You And Extend Their Wishes For A Very

MERRY CHRISTMAS

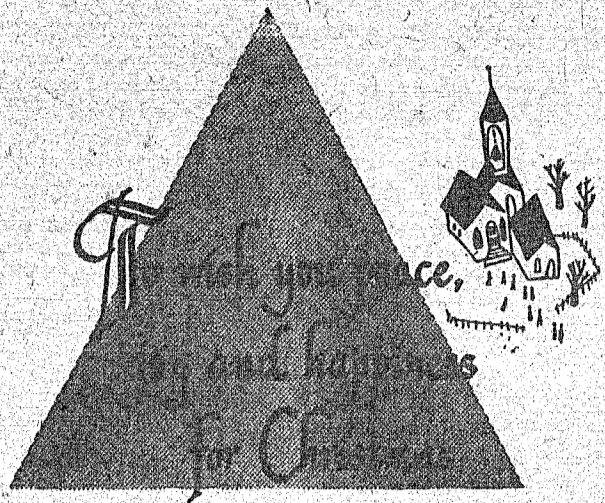


WE WISH ... That We Could Personally Hang A Bright Holly Wreath On The Door Knob Of Your Home — As An Expression Of The Bright Thoughts That We Hold For You Today. Since We Can't — Our Entire Personnel Join In Extending Their Best Wishes.

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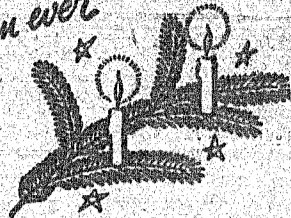
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MEAT MARKET

Coleman, Texas

Guy Cullins

Arthur Flippens

PLAN AHEAD FOR DRIVING THIS WINTER

Austin—The unsung heroes of the winter driving season can be found in many occupations, says J. O. Musick, General Manager of the Texas Safety Association.

"The official weather forecasts and the weather newsmen give us predictions which are amazingly accurate, and most motorists are wise enough to limit their driving when heavy rains, sleet storms or blizzards are developing," he declared.

"State and local traffic law enforcement officers remain on duty in all types of weather, and when Old Man Winter hits hardest, these officers must continue their patrols and be ready to direct traffic, untangle tie-ups and investigate acci-

idents," he continued.

"When inclement conditions prevail, highway crews are put to a severe test," Musick said. "Without their aid, traffic would be hopelessly stalled. However, because of their work, the cars, trucks and buses on essential errands usually can get from one place to another in comparative safety."

The safety official declared that the jobs of these highway heroes would be made easier if all drivers exercise logical care to meet usual hazards created by bad winter weather.

"Some drivers always are caught in such emergencies with rundown batteries, no defrosters or heaters, poor brakes or bad tires," Musick pointed out. Some can't see, some can't move, let alone move safely."

"In many parts of Texas, travelers or local citizens, wait till a blizzard strikes to buy

chains, and become stranded 'til rescued by the Highway Department or police. This costs everybody time and money. There will be instances of the engine stalling, cars skidding into wrong lanes or snowbanks, and drivers suffering from the cold or heart attacks after struggling with stalled vehicles for too long a period.

"It's important to bear in mind that weather is not the direct cause of most mishaps," Musick emphasized. "Accidents are caused by persons who forget to act properly to compensate for the changes brought about by the weather. We must learn to plan ahead and anticipate how we will act when various wintertime emergencies arise."

In Paraguay there is a firefly called the railway beetle which flashes a red light at the ends of its body and a green light along the sides.

Christmas Quiz

Here are a few familiar phrases from Christmas literature. Can you tell the source of these quotations?

1. "Not believe in Santa Claus? You might as well not believe in fairies."
2. "It was always said of him, that he knew how to keep Christmas well."
3. "'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house."
4. "I heard the bells on Christmas Day, their old familiar carols play."
5. "It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old."

Answers: 1. "The Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens. 2. "A Visit from St. Nicholas," by Clement C. Moore. 3. "The Night Before Christmas," by Thomas P. Church. 4. "The Christmas Bells," by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. 5. "The Angels' Song," by Edmund Sears.

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men.
—Longfellow

The old order changeth, yielding place to new
And God fulfills himself in many ways,
Lest one good custom should corrupt the world.
—Tennyson
The Passing of Arthur

President Thomas Jefferson compiled a Bible for his own use.

Friendship, peculiar boon of Heaven,
The noble mind's delight and pride,
To men and angels only giv'n,
To all the lower world denied.
—Samuel Johnson
Friendship: An Ode
Fires are unknown in the forests of the Amazon region because the wood is hard, living, wet and green and therefore does not burn easily.

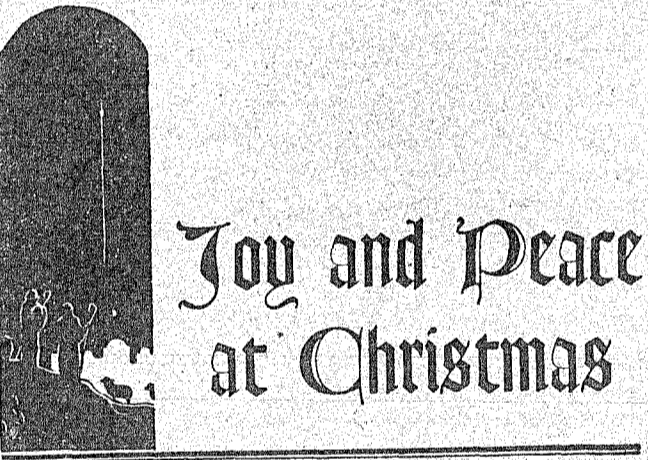
The chandelier in Centre Theatre, Radio City, New York is 25 feet in diameter and weighs 6 tons.

Tom Thumb's real name was Charles Sherwood Stratton.



*With the warmest of greetings
And best wishes, too,
For the Holiday Season*

Gray Mercantile Company
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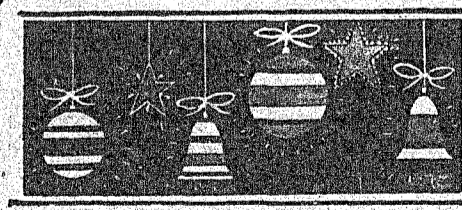


Joy and Peace at Christmas

May Christmas bring those richest gifts
of peace and joy to you
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Santa Anna Co-op Gin

*Wishing you
Joy and Happiness*



Merry Christmas
TO YOU ... OUR FRIENDS
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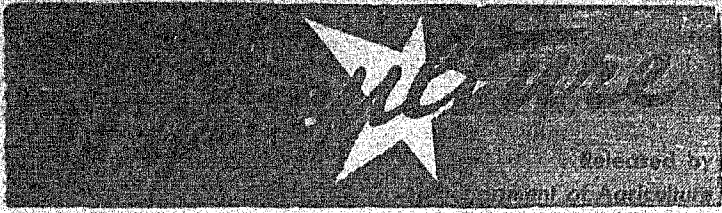
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READER'S NOTE: During the several years that "Lone Star Agriculture" has been around, only one article has ever been republished in this space. It is the following letter, ostensibly to Santa Claus but more appropriately to the heart of a hurried world. The letter was written in 1952 by the then society editor of the San Antonio Express, Lois Weekes, and it is proudly reprinted here during each Christmas Season as a vivid reminder for us all as to the real meaning and spirit of Christmas.

Mr. Santa Claus
c/o 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 years, Mr. C., or forgotten our relationship. I've been giving your letters to my father to mail and it's 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 nicer to ME, then," from him. And we laughed and my mother cried.

I still believe in you, you see. I've followed your activity 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 expensive respite from the rest of the year? Could you put into our Christmas cards and packages the messages and the warmth we really want, instead of that worn 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 ever go mechanized, Mr. Claus.

Sincerely yours,
Lois Weekes

Saint Nicholas

Several hundred years ago there lived a patron saint, Saint Nicholas, who in his lifetime was Bishop of Myra in Asia Minor. An old legend tells us that the kindly St. Nicholas unintentionally originated the custom of hanging stockings by the fire at Christmas. St. Nicholas was rich, and loved to make mysterious journeys bearing secret gifts to the poor. For a long time his identity remained hidden, but he was caught at last with his sack of gifts on his back.

St. Nicholas knew an old nobleman who was very poor, and who did not want anyone to know of his poverty. Wishing to give him a gift of money, St. Nicholas one day crept to a window of the house and saw the old man asleep by the fire. The good Bishop climbed to the roof and dropped his gift down the chimney, thinking it would fall on the hearth at the nobleman's feet. But it so happened that the man's daughter had hung some stockings to dry by the fire, and the money fell into one of them. From that kindly deed of the good Bishop has grown the custom of hanging up stockings at Christmas time.

Army Day is observed on April 16th, the date the United States entered World War I, in 1917.

Teddy Roosevelt Almost Took Holiday Tree From W. House

Teddy Roosevelt almost rode roughshod over the Christmas tree in his drive to conserve the nation's forests. But two little boys put the Christmas spirit — and the tree — back in the White House.

The Christmas tree was well-established in the United States when TR became president.

Research experts with The World Book Encyclopedia say a Harvard professor named Charles Follen set up one of the first known trees in America in 1832.

President Franklin Pierce put up a tree in the White House in the 1850's to entertain the Sunday school of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church. And President Benjamin Harrison continued the custom in the

1890's.

But some modern-day Scrooges convinced Roosevelt that the cutting of Christmas trees would soon deplete the nation's forests. TR promptly banned the tradition at the White House.

However, the old Roughrider forgot to consult his young sons. Archie and Quentin cared little about presidential edicts — and less about conservation. They smuggled a tree into the mansion on Pennsylvania Avenue and set it up in Archie's room.

The president relented, and ever since, the White House has had an indoor Christmas tree.

TR's concession also sent the Christmas tree industry soaring beyond the dreams of one of its founders — a Catskill farmer who brought his trees to market in New York City in 1851. And it helped pave the way for a new custom — the community Christmas tree.

In 1924, a Norway spruce was planted near the White House and later dedicated as "a national living Christmas tree."

Two years later, a giant California redwood in King's Canyon national park, named General Grant after the Civil War hero, was dedicated as the "Nation's Christmas Tree."

Reaching 267 feet into the sky from a base 40 feet thick, the tree is the second largest in the world.

Every year, nearby townspeople and visitors join in a holiday service and sing carols at the base of the sequoia, which was growing on the mountain slope when Christ was born in Bethlehem.

Your whole world is within that golden circle of lamplight in your cozy room. Here sit the people who decide your life, who mold and shape your destiny. They know you, perhaps, better than you do. They share your joy, your disappointments, and sorrows. They are there when you need them, with unselfish help and advice and encouragement. They bear the brunt of your bad temper, held in check by polite society. They see you at your most unglamorous times. They go where you go and do what you do. They love you through thick and thin. Orchids, leis and leis of them, to our families.

—Dorothy Hubbell

SO IT GOES

The silliest gift
Of the lot
Was the billfold
Father got.



BEST WISHES FOR A

HAPPY

HOLIDAY SEASON

Kerr's Shoe Store

111 Commercial

Coleman



Neighbors and Friends

What do we wish for you? We wish you the best... a real old-fashioned holiday, enjoyed in the warm circle of your loved ones and dearest friends... a festive season bountiful with joy, the warmth of fellowship, good health and high happiness.



From all of us to all of you, heartiest greetings of the season with sincere thanks for your valued patronage during the past year. To everyone, A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS.

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Mary Helen McClellan
Orene Peacock
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At This
Christmas Season
May You
Be Blessed
with
Every Happiness



Frank Lewis Furniture

107 West St.

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For your good will and friendly
patronage we extend a hearty

Thank You

May you have a Joyful Holiday



Wilson Grain

AND ELEVATOR CO.

"The Store With The Checkerboard Front"

106 East St.

Coleman



Joyous Christmas Wishes

The merry season is at hand
and we hope it contains
a multitude of blessings for each of you.
Thank you for your patronage
and good will

McClellan Radio & TV

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The News, Santa Anna, Texas, December 26, 1958

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KEEPING CHRISTMAS

By Henry Van Dyke

It is a good thing to observe Christmas Day. The mere marking of times and seasons, when men agree to stop work and make merry together, is a wise and wholesome custom. It helps one to feel the supremacy of the common life over the individual life. It reminds a man to set his own little watch, now and then, by the great clock of humanity which runs on sun time.

But there is a better thing than the observance of Christmas Day, and that is, keeping Christmas.

Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people,

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

Then you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing to stop down and consider the needs and desires of little children; to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old; to stop asking how much your friends love you, and ask yourself whether you love them enough; to bear in mind the things that other people have to bear in their hearts; to try to understand what those who live in the same house with you really want, without waiting for them to tell you; to trim your lamp so that it will give more light and less smoke, and to carry it in front so that your shadow will fall behind you; to make a grave for your ugly thoughts and a garden for a

day? Then you can keep Christmas.

Merchant of Mercy

In the little town of Waller, Texas, is a store unlike any other in the world, according to Dorothy Bidde in "Rig & Reel." Though anything can be bought there, from tomatoes to teapots, you wait on yourself. There aren't any clerks to be found there.

When you have located what you want, you will find no price tag on it; instead, just a notation of what the goods cost the shopkeeper. Ready to leave with your purchase, you stop at the counter near the door and wrap your package. Then you turn to the owner and hand him a piece

of money.

"How much change, please?" he asks, without querying the yardage or weight. Whatever amount you answer, is given to you promptly.

And on this basis "God's Mercy Store" has been doing business for twenty-two years. The idea evolved when A. D. Purvis, a small Texas farm owner, became concerned over the plight of his neighbors, who were poor sharecroppers and who were constantly in debt to the big plantation commissarie for their supplies.

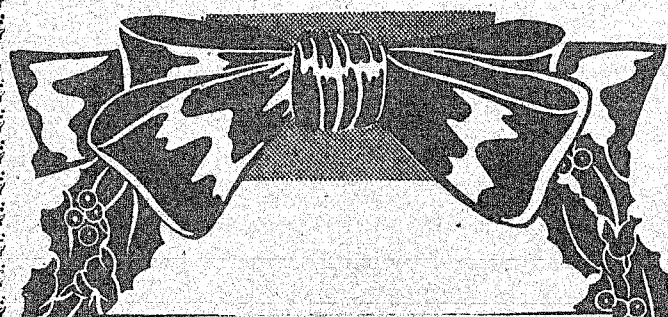
One day Purvis had a vision wherein he was certain a divine voice commanded him to sell

his property, go to the nearest town and establish a store where prices were fair and reasonable. Together with his wife and two small children he trekked to near Waller, and with the money from the sale of his farm he built a small shack. This was the beginning of "God's Mercy Store," the only successful enterprise in the world in which the customer decides on the storekeeper's profit.

Not what we give, but what we share,
For the gift without the giver is bare.

— J. R. Lowell

Vision of Sir Launfal, II



Wishing You

A CHEERY CHRISTMAS

It's the Season when friends greet friends,
with a cheery, happy message — it's the
Season when folks let loose the thoughts
that are in their hearts the whole year
through.

And that's the reason for this message. It
says a sincere "Thank you" for the business
you have given us — and to wish you a
wonderful Christmas — a Holiday Season
full of happiness, joy and contentment . . .



Delma Johnson IMPLEMENT COMPANY

203 Needham St.

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Merry Christmas



This year, as we send our compliments of the season, we wish to include our thanks for the splendid cooperation and patronage given us in the past.

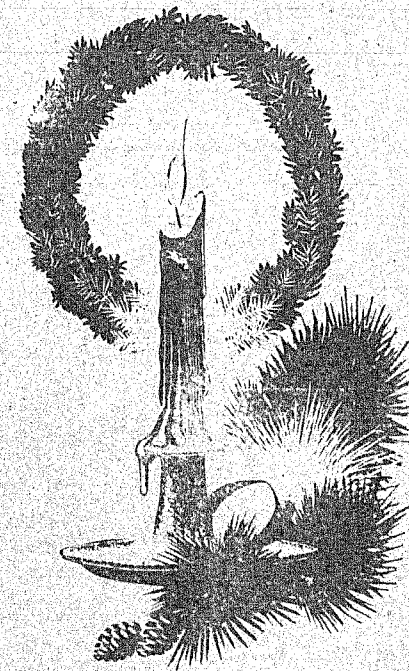
ALL GOOD WISHES

Hargett's Man Shop

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A Cheerful Christmas



When Christmas Comes . . .

. . . how good it is to send a word of greeting to a friend.

Friendships of customers like you are important. And we deeply appreciate how much you have done to make our past year a success.

May your Christmas be happier than ever before.

Burks Transfer & Storage Co.

407 East Elm

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They err who think Santa Claus comes down the chimney; he really enters through the heart!

If Winter comes, can spring be far behind?
—Shelley
Ode to the West Wind



MERRY CHRISTMAS

... AND BEST WISHES TO EACH OF YOU, OUR FRIENDS

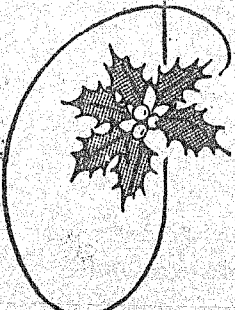
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HAPPY
holidays

Warm glow from the yule log... radiant lights on the Christmas tree... the happy look on the faces of your loved ones at Christmastime... may you enjoy them all at this great season.



W. L. (Bill) HINDS

Hinds & Lindsey Ins. Agency

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Saying Merry Christmas is our way of saying "Thank you" to all our many customers and friends. We take this way of saying, "It has been good indeed to serve you during the year now passing... and in the future we hope to be of greater service." May you have a wonderfully happy Christmas!

Season's Greetings



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TODAY'S meditation

The Upper Room
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THE WORLD'S MOST WIDELY USED DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Read Luke 2:6-14

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

On Christmas morning little Benny went to the kitchen where his mother was. He looked around and then asked, "Where's the birthday cake?" "What birthday cake?" his mother asked.

"This is Jesus' birthday, isn't it? So where's His birthday cake?"

Since Benny felt such a significance about Christmas, his mother would surely make a cake. Not having birthday candles, she put one large white candle in the center of the cake.

Later, as Benny thoughtfully watched the flicker of that large candle, he said, "Jesus' candle burns longer than all the rest."

All too often and in too many homes the real meaning of this day is lost in the rush, preparation, and commercialization of the season. Should not Christ have our reverence, praise, and adoration? Should not He be put first in our lives when celebrating His birth?

PRAYER:

Our Father, we thank Thee for the coming of Thy Son into the world. We thank Thee for the good news the angelic host proclaimed when He was born. May that song echo in our own hearts this day and throughout the year. In the spirit of Christ. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

We honor Christ best by welcoming Him into our hearts.

Ellan Beitler Shaw
(Wisconsin)

Texas Veterans To Participate In Policy Dividends

An estimated 265,546 Texas veterans who hold participating GI life insurance will receive \$13,001,900.00 in regular annual policy dividends during 1959. Dr. George T. McMahan, Manager of the Veterans Administration Center in Waco, announced today.

Dr. McMahan said this represents Texas GI policyholders' proportionate share in a national 1959 dividend total of \$256,000,000.00 declared recently for participating GI insurance.

He explained that the dividends are primarily a refund to policyholders of part of their premium payments, and are made possible because the death rate among GI policyholders continues to be lower than the tables upon which the premiums were established by law.

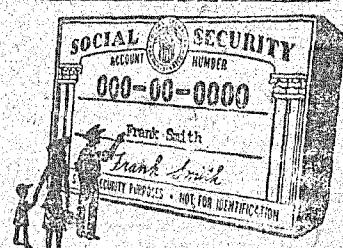
Policyholders are requested not to make dividend inquiries in advance, since this would delay processing time, Dr. McMahan stressed.

A breakdown of Texas GI policyholders' proportionate share in the 1959 dividend declarations shows that 250,470 veterans holding participating policies in National Service Life Insurance (NSLI), which originated during World War II, will

receive \$11,891,000.00 in dividends.

The other group, 15,076 veterans holding participating policies in U. S. Government Life Insurance (USGLI), which originated during World War I, will receive \$1,110,900.00 in dividends.

Dividends will be paid as soon as possible after the anniversary date of each policy during 1959. For example, if a policy was issued any September 1, the anniversary date will be September 1, 1959. Dr. McMahan pointed out. He added that dividends will be paid to holders of both term and permanent plan participating NSLI and USGLI policies.



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. My husband, who is 61, recently applied for disability benefits. I am 60. Am I eligible for benefits on account of my husband's disability?

A. If your husband draws disability benefits under social security, you will be eligible to draw benefits (at a reduced rate) when you become 62 years old.

Q. I understand that the last congress passed amendments to the Social Security Act which will increase the monthly payments of all persons who are now receiving benefits. When can we expect our first checks which will include the higher amounts?

A. In the past years each time congress has increased benefits payments, the increase was made effective with the first month after the President signed the legislation. This year, however, the law provides that

the increase in benefits will not be effective until the month of January 1959. Since social security payments are not made in advance, the check for January will not be delivered until early in February. Therefore, you can expect your check in the higher amount about February 3 or 4.

My picture of contentment: The chimes were ringing in the church tower. I was peeling potatoes while a pie cooled on the window sill. Grandma was up-

stairs listening to her favorite radio story as she mended the overalls. One boy sat on the kitchen floor licking the baking pans and another was in the yard while his Daddy showed him how to use a fly rod. The dog slept in a square of sunlight on the porch. God's in His heaven, all's right with the world.
—Katharine Piper

No matter what we have learned since 1492, today the world is flat.

IN THE TRUE SPIRIT

of the Christmas season



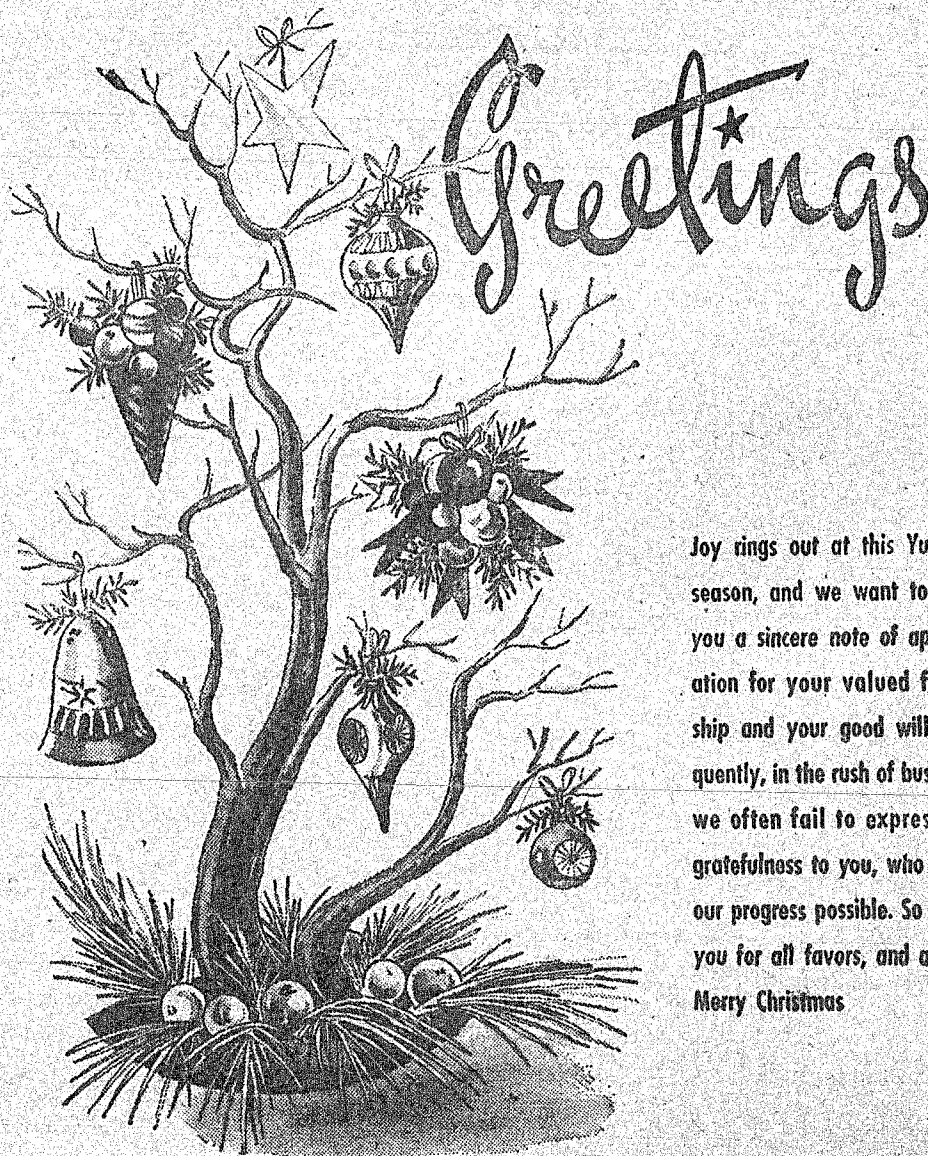
We feel a special pride... a personal glow of friendship's warmth within... when greeting those who have helped us along our business way.

May the joy and peace of **CHRISTMAS** be yours

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Joy rings out at this Yuletide season, and we want to send you a sincere note of appreciation for your valued friendship and your good will. Frequently, in the rush of business, we often fail to express our gratefulness to you, who make our progress possible. So thank you for all favors, and a most Merry Christmas

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