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"He Profits Most Who Serves Best"

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City Bond Carries - School Bond Election Saturday

Looking
'round

BY THE EDITOR

SCHOOL BOND ISSUE SATURDAY

One of the most important questions to face voters of this school district in a long time will be presented to them Saturday. Our school board has a fine chance to do something for this town and school that our neighbors are paying some awfully high prices for. It is proposed that we can get a physical education building plus some other very badly needed buildings for only \$40,000. Santa Anna has long been in the need of a building for physical education training and now it seems that it is almost in sight. Anyone knows that a student in school needs some kind of physical education. It takes training to be sports and there is no better place for the training than in our schools. The school board sees need for this sort of thing in our school curriculum and we, as voters, should give them the chance they are asking for.

Letters To Santa Claus Wanted Soon

Letters to Santa Claus should be put in the mail by the end of this week if they are to appear in the regular Christmas edition of the Santa Anna News.

The letters have been coming in rather slow considering the time of year, and we would like to have a letter from every child in our territory in this issue of the News.

All letters that are to be published in the News should be addressed to SANTA CLAUS, Santa Anna, Texas, and the letter will be sent direct to the office of Ole St. Nick. From there he will send us a copy of the letter so we may print it.

Mrs. R. A. Wilson of El Paso and her daughter, Mrs. Walter Buckholt of McKinney visited their sisters and aunts, Mrs. P. J. Van Dalsem, Mrs. Charles Oakes, Miss Blanche Boyd and Mrs. T. J. McCaughan, Monday.

Week-end visitors of Mrs. B. N. McCain and Louie, were her son, Mr. Murray McCain and wife and two children, Jack and Betty Agnes. They also visited Mrs. McCain's mother, Mrs. L. E. Peoples at Brownwood who is 91 years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Hogawaut of Kent, Ohio, visited with Mrs. Hogawaut's aunt, Mrs. J. C. Price and Mr. Price and her cousin, Mrs. Alford England and Mr. England Tuesday and Wednesday. They will visit other relatives in Coleman and return to Norton for the holidays.

Miss Wanda Henderson will accompany Mr. and Mrs. A. L. King of Rockwood and Travis of Lubbock to Ft. Worth Friday to attend the wedding of Miss Marjorie Ruth King, formerly of Rockwood. Miss Artie Jean King of Denton will join them and Miss Henderson will go back to Denton with her to spend Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Longbrake returned last week from Laredo, where he had been employed for several months.

Mr. and Mrs. Denzil McCombs and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rozzell and baby and Mrs. Clyde Modawell and children of Brownwood visited Sunday with the ladies' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Spencer.

Stage Show To Be Presented Friday, 4 p. m.

A stage show will be presented at the Queen Theatre Friday afternoon at 4 p. m. with benefits going to the needy families of and around Santa Anna. Admission to the show will be one toy.

This show will be composed of local talent and will consist of songs, games, dances, contests and everything to make you have a grand time for the one hour and thirty minutes it is to last.

The Lions Club is making an attempt to get toys for every needy boy and girl in Santa Anna. The admission to this show is a toy of some kind. It does not have to be new... just so it is a toy. If it needs repair, the Boy Scouts will take care of that part of it.

All the children are invited to attend this show, but it is not limited to children alone. Anyone as long as you have a toy, is invited to see this show.

Second Six Week Honor Roll Announced

The honor rolls for the Santa Anna Public Schools as announced by Supt. R. K. Green, for the second six week semester, are as follows:

Senior Class—12th Grade: Estelle Dixon, Coyita Griffin, Wanda Price, Jean Rowe, Elean Shield, Earl Jean Woodard.

Junior Class—11th Grade, Patsy Fulton, Sue Milligan, Patsy Price, Kathryn Stewardson.

Sophomore Class—10th Grade, Julia Bailey, Alwyn Brandon, Margaret McCaughan, Pauline Little, Shirley Matthews, James Milligan, Betty Price, Glen Scarborough.

Freshman Class—9th Grade, Geraldine Lewellen, James Vercher.

Eighth Grade, Annette Johnson, Frances McClellan, Evangeline Mulroy, Joann Morris, Sandra Shields, Billie Lynn Westbrook.

Seventh Grade, Tommy Bailey, Tom Davis, Delma Drake, Shirley Hale, Peggy Ford, Sandra James, Reba Medcalf, Winston McAden, Dennis Farmer, Annabelle Price, Jimmy Region, Donald Ross Williams.

Sixth Grade, Mary Jane Turner, Joan McClellan, Mary Floyd Stiles, Tommy Simpson, La Juana Burgett, Ola Taylor, Alan Shield.

Fifth Grade, Carolyn Bundren, Sylvia McAden, Bill Jap McClellan, Lois Ann Shields, Elizabeth Hunter, Tommy Gilmore, Betty Jean Seal, Tommy Starnes, Nancy Wylie, Benny Jack Garrett, Billy Wayne Lowery, Dixie Ann James.

Fourth Grade, Joan Niell, Barbara Ann House, Carol McClellan, Carl Wayne Parish, Eddy Rice, Jerry Scarborough, Janice Donham, Barbee Starnes, Pauline Voss, Carolyn Woods.

Third Grade, Jerry Bruce Snodgrass, Margie Martin, Joyce Mills, Daniel Gilbert, Larry Donham, Carol Jaehne, Jackie Mobley, Maynard Brown.

Second Grade, Linda Moore, Jerry Benton, Linda Riley, Nancy Jaehne, Carolee Campbell.

First Grade, Mary Baucom, Gene Benton, Dahlia Davis, Kent Green, Linda Lou Harrington, Kay Kingsberry, Maxie Lee Price, Donald Ray.

Mr. Roy D. Golston of Tyler visited his brother, Rex Golston Tuesday, who has been quite sick but is convalescing.

City To Close Two Days For Xmas Holidays

The Chamber of Commerce reports this week that the business district of the town will be closed two days for the Christmas holidays. The two days are Christmas Day, December 25 and December 26. The drug stores will possibly be open a part of the day on the 26th. Definite arrangements had not been made as to the service stations and cafes in time for this week's paper.

District Lion Governor Speaks At Club Meeting

Lion Frank Robertson of San Antonio, Lion Governor of the San Antonio District was the principal speaker at the regular meeting of the Lions Club this week. Lion Robertson gave a first hand report of the Lions International Convention held in San Francisco this year, and told of the Hardin-Simmons Band of Abilene winning first prize for the bands represented there. Lion Robertson's topic, which has now been delivered to 47 of the 71 Clubs in this District, was "Socialism in the United States". The discussion was very interesting and all members seemed to realize the need for a more democratic form of government than we have lived under for the past years.

Another interesting feature of the meeting this week was the fact that all members were to bring gifts for the needy children of our community. A large number of gifts were brought and turned over to Lions Bill McDavid and Bill Griffin to be assorted and distributed to the needy homes Christmas morning. Other gifts will be collected Friday afternoon at a stage show that is to be presented at the Queen Theatre and the price of admission is one toy, regardless of whether it be old or new. Any of the toys received at this show that need repair will be turned over to the Boy Scouts for repair and then will be added to the other assortment of gifts. Food baskets will also be given to needy old folks by the Lions Club Christmas morning.

Forty nine of the 78 members of the Club were present.

Funeral Services For Dr. Harry Farmer

Funeral services were held in Comanche Wednesday, December 10 for Dr. Harry Farmer, 52, a native of Comanche, who died at Cleveland, Ohio, the Friday previous.

Dr. Farmer, who was an X-ray specialist, was rather widely known in this section of the state. He and Dr. R. R. Lovelady had attended Howard Payne College and Baylor Medical school together.

After the body arrived in Comanche on Tuesday, Dr. and Mrs. Lovelady went over there and visited with the family and relatives.

Methodist Choir To Give Cantata

The Methodist church choir, under the direction of Miss Elsie Lee Harper will present a Christmas cantata, "The Babe of Bethlehem" by Hamblen, on Sunday evening, December 21, at 7 p. m. The public is invited.

ATTEND CHURCH SUNDAY

All three phases of the city improvement bond issue election for \$65,000 carried by a majority of almost 3-1 Tuesday. The vote was 126 for and 37 against the \$45,000 waterworks improvement issue, 122 for and 42 against the \$4,000 sewer improvement issue and 119 for and 45 against the street improvement issue.

The bonds are to be sold at a rate of 3 1/4 to 3 3/4 per cent and are to mature in 25 years. However the city holds and option to call in the bonds within 10 years.

The Board of Trustees of the Santa Anna Independent School District ask the voters of this district to go to the polls again Saturday of this week and vote on the question of \$40,000 for improvements for the public schools of Santa Anna.

This bond issue for the improvements of the public schools is a very important question in so far as the schools are concerned. The School Board has purchased eight buildings from Camp Bowie, valued by the War Assets Administration at well over \$10,000, for less than \$1,000. The money from this bond issue is to move these buildings to Santa Anna and erect them into buildings that are needed very badly for the progress of our school system.

The School Trustees state that the district is in fair financial condition, and that they will be able to carry these bonds without any increase in the tax rate. The tax rate is now \$1.00, which is lower than most districts in Texas.

The ballots for this election will read as follows:

"For the issuance of Schoolhouse Bonds and the levying of a tax in payment thereof."

"Against the issuance of Schoolhouse Bonds and the levying of a tax in payment thereof."

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

The election will be held at the City Hall on Saturday, December 20. Directors of the election will be: Leroy V. Stockard, Presiding Judge; John B. Lowe, Judge and Mrs. A. R. Brown and Mrs. Will Bell, Clerks. Go to the polls and vote for the Schoolhouse Bonds.

Last Rites For Mrs. Fannie Bouchillon

Funeral services were held here at the Methodist church December 11 at 3 p. m. for Mrs. Fannie Bouchillon, who died on December 10 in Brownwood. Rev. Henry Price conducted the services.

The deceased had been a member of the Methodist church since early childhood.

She was born May 20, 1872 in Arkansas and was married to Robert Newton Bouchillon in 1891. To this union 11 children were born. The husband and two children preceded her in death.

She and her family lived for many years in the vicinity of Santa Anna.

The five boys and four girls living are: Harvey Bouchillon, Lexington; R. M. Bouchillon, Santa Anna; Raymond Bouchillon, Brady; Dewitt Bouchillon, Santa Anna; Claude Bouchillon, Brownwood; Mrs. Annie Marie Lyndecker, Dawson; Mrs. Elma White, Lexington; Mrs. Docia Robinett, Brownwood; and Mrs. Alvy Modawell, Brownwood. Also surviving are 23 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Dr. and Mrs. R. R. Lovelady visited over the week-end with her brother, Clarence Moon at Junction.

Merchandise Balloons To Be Released From Bank Building Corner Saturday

Of Special Interest To Our Advertisers

Our next issue of the News will be dated December 26th, but we purpose to print and mail the paper early in the week.

Our next issue will be featured with GREETINGS ads, mostly, and we will make a special effort to get every business house in town represented in the advertising sections. As soon as this week's paper is put in the mails, our solicitors will pass around among you with sample greeting and season ads. Copies cannot be left, as time will be a factor with us. If, for any reason, our solicitors fail to contact you on their way around, we will appreciate if you will either come to the office or telephone us that you want an ad, and we will make a special effort to contact you.

Friday, Saturday and Monday will be used for collecting advertising copy. We will be busy on the job getting the Special Christmas Edition printed and ready for distribution. We purpose to have the paper in the mail Wednesday morning in time to make the routes, and your greeting ads will be in the homes of your customers for Christmas. Your cooperation will be appreciated. — The Editor.

Bargain Rates Expire Soon Renew Now

The Bargain Rates that are now in effect on the daily papers that come to this city will expire soon. Now is a very good time to renew your subscriptions under the Bargain Rates that are offered until the first of January. New subscriptions can be accepted to the Abilene Reporter-News and the San Angelo Standard-Times and on some other daily papers, but we cannot accept new subscriptions to the Ft. Worth Star-Telegram. Ft. Worth Star-Telegram, daily and Sunday, \$11.95, daily without Sunday \$10.60.

Abilene Reporter-News \$18.95 for Daily and Sunday.

San Angelo Standard-Times is \$9.95 Daily and Sunday, \$9.95 Daily only. The San Angelo Weekly Standard is \$1.50 per year.

Houston Chronicle is \$18.00 per year Daily and Sunday and \$13.20 per year for the Daily only.

We are also authorized agents for the Dallas Morning News and the San Antonio Evening News.

The price of newsprint is going up again the first of January. The increase will amount to about \$10.00 per ton, but we are not planning to raise the price of the Santa Anna News again until the next increase in the price of paper. The price of the Santa Anna News remains \$1.50 in Coleman county, \$2.00 outside of Coleman county but in Texas and \$2.50 outside the state of Texas. All these prices are per one year.

Let us remind you again that we are offering you absolutely free of charge a box of Christmas cards with each renewal to a daily paper and the Santa Anna News. If you want to renew the Santa Anna News only, the Christmas cards are yours for only 50 cents more. This offer is good only until the 24th day of December.

Advertising doesn't cost—it pays

Plans are being completed for a really big day in Santa Anna Saturday, December 20. Beginning at 10:00 a. m., 16 balloons will be turned loose from atop the Santa Anna National Bank building. Also at 3:00 p. m. and at 5:00 p. m., 16 more balloons will be turned loose.

The merchants of Santa Anna have volunteered to give different amounts of merchandise in trade from their stores. On each balloon will be tied a merchant's name with the amount of merchandise that can be received when the balloon bearing their name is presented at the store. There will be about \$200 in merchandise given away on this Saturday.

Santa Claus will be in town again Saturday afternoon. He will arrive here at about 2:30 p. m. and be here for about one hour. During this time the band will parade on the streets again and 'Ole St. Nick will lead the parade. After the parade, Santa will have some goodies for all the children.

Plan to come to town early Saturday and spend the day. A grand time is in store for all.

Mrs. Sim Welch, who had been visiting for several weeks with her 93 year old mother, Mrs. S. L. Taylor for several days, is at Harper Tuesday. Her sister, Mrs. H. M. Powers and Mrs. Mollie Snodgrass accompanied her home for a visit of several days and all will return here for the holidays.

John Mullen, State Evangelist for Christian Churches with the permanent endowment fund of Ft. Worth, worshipped with the Christian congregation Sunday morning. He was on his way to Ft. Stockton for special services Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Waller of Albany visited Sunday with his mother, Mrs. M. E. Waller, and also with Mrs. Waller's sister, Mrs. Payne Henderson. Also visiting in the Henderson home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Senor Nichols of Breckenridge.

Mrs. J. M. Self returned home last Friday from Houston where she had been for more than a week, having been called there because of the illness of her aged mother, Mrs. M. E. Sneed, who is very little improved, if any. While there Mrs. Self also visited her son, Donald Self and family and other relatives.

It Pays To Advertise

One of our good friends and a long-time subscriber to the Santa Anna News, who prefers to remain anonymous, was in the News office this week and reports that in one hour after the paper came out on a recent Thursday afternoon, she rented an apartment that was advertised in the issue. She said: "It pays to advertise."

Attention All Correspondents And Advertisers

Next week the Christmas Edition of the Santa Anna News will go to press on Tuesday. All material for the paper must be in not later than Monday afternoon to appear in this issue of the News. Your cooperation is solicited and will be appreciated.

Shield News

(Mrs. J. B. Weathers)

This community was saddened to hear of the death of an old friend, Mr. John Gilbreth of Muleshoe, who was in the grocery business here for several years. It has been quite some time ago, about 30 years. He has been in business several places over our state, finally settling at Muleshoe where he has lived for several years. He had been in failing health for some time. Those attending the funeral from here were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gilbreth, Mrs. W. L. Gilbreth, Mrs. John Dillingham, Richard Dillingham and possibly others whose names we failed to get.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Weathers spent the week-end with his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Lane of near Coleman. The Lanes have just returned from San Angelo where Mr. Lane was a patient at the Shannon Hospital for five weeks.

Visitors in the J. B. Weathers home Monday night were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Williams and son, Mr. and Mrs. Dub Lane and daughter and Rowena McClain.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Gilbreth are the proud parents of a son, born on Saturday. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

Quite a few people are on the sick list, some have colds and some have the flu.

Mrs. J. H. Arrant spent the week-end in Santa Anna with her daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Hays Hefner. She has been on the sick list several days but is feeling much better now.

Those visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Reasoner on Sunday were Jesse Tucker of Pleasanton, California, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Vance and Cecil of Coleman, Mr. Will Newton, Mrs. John Versher, James Donald and Mrs. Mary Pope.

Mrs. J. M. Weathers of Santa Anna, who is on the sick list, is visiting a few days with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Weathers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Weathers were bedtime visitors on Friday night with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tucker.

Visitors in the John A. Williams home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Roland Williams and children and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Williams.

Gouldbusk News

(Alene Menges)

The sun is shining so pretty this morning after our little rain yesterday and last night. I hope we have pleasant Christmas weather.

There were several from this community attended the Muzelle singing Sunday. There was a nice attendance and a real good singing. I wish more of our young folks would take an interest in the singings. I think there is no nicer entertainment than singing.

We are glad Aunt Luc Cox is well again.

Mrs. Eula Norwood spent the week-end in Coleman last week.

Mrs. Spruell made a business call to Coleman Friday.

Guests in the Bill Cornelious

home Saturday night were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Baker and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Henry and Alene.

Guests in the Sam Smith home Saturday night and Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Smith of Brady.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Livingston of Coleman were guests in the William L. Livingston home on Sunday.

Mrs. Bill Cornelious and Miss Nora Knight visited friends in the Coleman hospital Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Baker and Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Baker visited in the Henry home Friday.

Mrs. Glen Downey received word last week that Mr. Downey was in the states and would soon be home.

Alene Menges visited in the Wilton Baker home Sunday.

Rockwood News

(Mrs. Ray Caldwell)

Today is so bright and pleasant after a dreary, cold, rainy week.

So many in our community have colds and sore throats, but no serious illness.

Mrs. Bill Steward visited in Beaumont with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pearson and boys.

Mrs. J. W. Wise spent several days in Brownwood this past week with her brother and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Ding Snider.

Mrs. Ray Steward is at home after spending several days in the hospital at Santa Anna.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Estes and Raymond of Santa Anna visited here Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hyatt Moore and his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Boss Estes.

Hamilton Caldwell of Houston has been visiting here the past two weeks with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shufford.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Caldwell and Denny visited with Mrs. Charles Caldwell at the Brady hospital, Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell have a new baby daughter, of which we are all very proud.

Mrs. Woodrow Estes returned home Sunday after a visit of a week in San Antonio with relatives.

Misses Bobby June and Joyce Wise of San Antonio spent the week-end here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Evan Wise.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Wise are in Plainview sowing their place there in grain.

Ray Caldwell and Claud Box were deer hunting in Mason county over the week-end. Mr. Caldwell brought home a big pointer.

Ed Bostick, John Earl Box, Weldon Estes and Talmadge and Denny Caldwell attended the football game in Brady Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Buttry were business visitors in Ft. Worth this past week.

Mrs. E. C. Simon and her son, Leo of Lampasas, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Smith and family of San Saba, Mrs. Dorothy Cotton of

Chicago and Miss Helen Revis of Lampasas spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bostick. Mrs. Simon remained for a longer visit.

Mrs. Claude Box and Mrs. J. R. Gipson of Santa Anna were in Coleman last Sunday afternoon to attend the singing at the First Methodist church. They were visitors at the Central Baptist church to hear the Gospel Hour Singers present their program over station KSTA.

Mrs. Claud Box and Mrs. Boss Estes visited their cousin, Jim Meeks in the Coleman hospital and Mrs. Ray Steward at the Sealy hospital on Tuesday of last week.

Whon News

(Mrs. Tom Rutherford)

Our school will close Friday for the Christmas holidays. A program will be presented Friday night by the school children. Following them will be a tree. Everyone remember the program and encourage the teachers and children by your presence.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bryant and daughter, Francis Ann spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cozart.

Quite a few from our community were Christmas shopping in Santa Anna and Coleman Saturday.

Mr. Harvey, of Georgetown spent several days last week with his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Etoile Cozart.

Mr. Bob Averett, who has employment at Forsan, is here with his family this week.

Mrs. Davis and children are at Stephenville with relatives and plans to remain until after the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Fiveash were shopping and transacting business in Brownwood Saturday.

There are quite a few colds in our community. Mrs. Henry Smith was unable to attend the church services Sunday due to a cold. Patsy June Rutherford

is out of school with a sore throat.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Tucker and son of Brady were greeting friends in Whon Saturday and visiting Mr. and Mrs. Will Young. Mr. and Mrs. George Leonard and baby of Santa Anna spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Dave Shields.

Mrs. Etoile Cozart gave her husband a birthday supper last Wednesday night. Everyone to attend enjoyed it very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Shields and son, C. D., returned home from Floydada last week where they had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Walter Strickland.

Mr. and Mrs. Cap Holder and baby of Santa Anna spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Dave Shields. Cap has recently returned from overseas and has been discharged. They were brief callers with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rutherford Monday.

I wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas and a happy year following.

Sgt. R. D. Bass In Food Service School

The Food Service School takes pleasure in announcing the assignment of 1st Sgt. Richard D. Bass to the position of 1st Sergeant in the school.

1st Sgt. Bass enlisted in the Army in 1925 at Temple and started his Army career in food service work. He left a job as mess sergeant to become a 1st sergeant when the war began.

He served with the 36th Division through the N. African campaign and the invasion of Italy. He is awarded the following decorations and citations: The Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, the ETO Ribbon with two Battle Stars, the American Theatre Ribbon and the Combat Infantry Badge.

Mrs. Bass and their two sons, Beennie and Dean, have joined the sergeant. The family home is at Santa Anna, where Sgt. Bass has operated his own restaurant during interruptions in his Army career.

Mrs. Lorena Conley returned home Saturday after a three weeks visit in Lubbock with Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Current and David and Billy Ray Conley.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Rodgers of Route 2, Bangs were in Santa Anna Monday shopping and visiting friends.

M. L. Fiveash of Abilene was a visitor last week in the home of his brother, R. L. Fiveash.

A subscription to the Santa Anna News is the gift supreme for your absent loved one — A reminder every week of the coming year of your thoughtfulness.

Mr. Joe Flores was able to be moved from the hospital last week to an apartment in the home of Mrs. E. D. Weston which he and Mrs. Flores are occupying while he is being treated and convalescing.

NOTICE

We now have possession of the old Jack Bolander garage, next door to L. A. Welch. We are equipped to do expert **Mechanic and Welding Work**

We invite your patronage and ask you to visit our establishment! Work guaranteed!

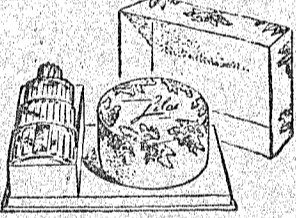
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Just imagine waking up some Xmas morning and finding more than forty, yes FORTY, \$50 bills in your stocking...

—\$2163.45 to be exact!

What a wonderful gift that would be—and, believe it or not, you can get it on Xmas morning 1947—if you'll start doing one simple thing today.

Start putting away \$3.75 regularly every week in U. S. Bonds. You can get these Bonds automatically through your Payroll Savings Plan.

If the Payroll Savings Plan is not available to you, but you do have a checking account, you can buy these Bonds through the Bond-A-Month Plan at your local bank.

Choose the sum you can best afford to save—from the chart below—and start playing Santa Claus to yourself today!

SAVE EACH WEEK	AND YOU WILL HAVE		
	In 1 Year	In 5 Years	In 10 Years
\$ 2.50	\$130.00	\$ 668.97	\$ 1,440.84
3.75	195.00	1,004.20	2,163.45
7.50	390.00	2,009.02	4,329.02
12.50	650.00	3,348.95	7,217.20
18.75	975.00	5,024.24	10,828.74

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Santa Anna Texas



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Parker Tailor Shop

Mrs. Alice Aldredge has returned to her home in Houston after visiting with Mrs. Vera Shield and Mrs. A. R. Brown and attending to business here.

Beverly Stockard visited from Friday night until Sunday at Texas Tech in Lubbock with her sister, Opal Mae Stockard.

Rev. M. L. Womack, who has been quite sick at his home for a week or more, is said to be improving. Bro. Womack's many friends wish for him a speedy recovery.

Cpl. Kenneth Moredock, who is in the Marine Corps and stationed at El Toro, California, came last Friday on a 15 days leave and is visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Moredock.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Edd Bartlett are expecting their daughter, Mrs. R. E. Albright and Mr. Albright and Rita Grace and her nephew, Clyde Bartlett, Jr., a student at L. S. U., all of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to arrive next Sunday for Christmas. Clyde Bartlett and son, Ralph of Merkel and Jimmie of Hardin Simmons, will meet them here. Clyde, Jr. will go home with them and all will return here for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Schultz and son Wilfred Ray of Comanche and her mother and aunt, Mrs. M. M. Black of Mullin and Mrs. George Keating of Comanche, visited here Sunday afternoon with a niece of the latter two women, Mrs. Sam Rutherford and Mr. Rutherford. Mrs. Rutherford had been sick but was able to be up.

Lynn May and daughter, Barbara Lynn of Hobbs, New Mexico, are here for a visit with his mother, Mrs. F. N. May until after Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Horner and daughter, who have been making their home for several months at Hobbs, New Mexico, have returned to this vicinity.

On Thursday, December 11 at a formal banquet, Darrell K. (Chick) Current was initiated into the Texas Alpha Chapter of Kappa Mu Epsilon, an honorary mathematical fraternity, at Texas Tech. To be eligible for this fraternity, a student must have a 2.0 grade average and must have completed the math course through analytics. Chick is a sophomore and a mechanical engineering major.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Campbell and Carolee went to Mart on Wednesday of last week, where they attended funeral services for her cousin, C. C. Ragsdale, who was killed instantly on Monday morning when the truck he was driving collided with a train at Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Adams of Slaton visited last Friday with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jordan and Mrs. Pearl Harris. Mrs. Adams is a niece of Mrs. Jordan.

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our friends and neighbors for their kind words and deeds and the floral offerings rendered at the death of our mother. — The Bouchillon children.

Classified

FOR SALE: We are now booking pedigreed Martin Milo Seed direct from W. P. Martin, originator of Martin Milo, also Arizona Hegari. Simpson Seed Co. 46-tfc

FOR SALE: We are booking pedigreed Kasch, Bagley, Qualla and Harper Cotton Seed for Spring delivery. Simpson Seed Co. 46-tfc

FOR RENT: Two room furnished house. See G. A. Hipp at Gray Milling Co. 48-51p

FOR SALE: Five room home and bath, two lots. See Hebert Jaehne, Phone 292. 49-51c

FOR SALE: Two room house to be moved. See J. B. Shipman. 49-4tp

FOR SALE: New overstuffed irizee studio couch. Call Red 187. 51p

FOR SALE: Second hand radio in good condition, 6 tubes. Macks Plumbing Co. 50nc

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Earnhart have as visitors for the holidays Mr. and Mrs. Robert Luedtke and Judy Ann of Ft. Atkinson, Wisconsin and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Cooksey of Miami, Florida.

FOR RENT: Three large room furnished apartment, with garage. Phone 224. Mrs. J. J. Kirkpatrick. 48-tfc

FOR SALE: Two new homes well located in Bangs. Call or see J. S. May at May Nursery, Bangs, Texas. 49-4tp

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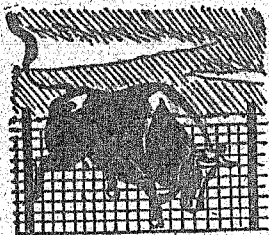
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Trickham News

(By Mrs. Beula Kingston)

Mrs. Jesse Earl York was operated on last week for appendicitis. Her mother, Mrs. Cole, is staying at her home and caring for the baby.

The H. D. Club ladies met at Mrs. Walter Stacy's last Wednesday afternoon for their annual Christmas tree and program. Gifts were exchanged and all reported a nice time. There were 17 members present. Mary Jo Garland was honor guest. A refreshment course of potato chips, spiced tea, chicken salad and sandwiches was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Whitley and her mother, Mrs. May Ruthertford visited Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Estes Sunday afternoon. As many of you know, Tommy has been seriously ill for 3 months or more and is still in very poor health.

Mrs. Dave Harrington and girls, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Estes and Janie, all of Brooksmith were bed-time visitors in the Harley Stearns home Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Bradley spent Sunday with his brother, Key Bradley and family.

This news was handed to me by Mr. and Mrs. Will Haynes: We went to South Texas and went through the Valley. We saw the citrus fruit orchards and visited Mr. and Mrs. Ged Mathews at Brownsville. (Mr. Mathews is a brother of Mrs. Haynes) and saw the big ships dock and unload bananas at Brownsville. We viewed the airports, airplanes and penitentiary, the cemetery and the old lighthouse at Port Isabel. We went over into Old Mexico and visited the cathedral while services were being held. We enjoyed the sunny beachhead and it was so warm people were wading. We really enjoyed the five days, but everything was dry until we reached Fredericksburg, coming back this way.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stacy and his mother were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dean and

family Sunday. They visited later with Mrs. C. F. Shield and Mrs. Vaughn and Nan.

Edward Hinsley of Indian Creek and Douglas Lykins of Santa Anna were guests of Geneva and Dorothy Stearns Sunday night and attended the singing here.

Mrs. J. S. Laughlin was honored with a birthday dinner Sunday. All her children were present and James Gray and family of Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Haynes and Nancy, G. K. Stearns and family and Gordon visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Stearns Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Williams of Brownwood visited his mother, Mrs. L. E. Page and Mr. Page Sunday.

Patsy McIver spent Sunday with Peggy Ford.

Although the weather was cold and rainy Sunday, there were 68 out for Sunday School. A few gathered Sunday night for the regular singing. An election followed, with Walter Stacy re-elected as president, and Mrs. Oscar Boenicke as secretary and treasurer. How about everyone taking more interest in the monthly singing? If you can't sing, come anyway. We need your support.

Sorry to learn that Mrs. Ben McIver has been ill the past week. Dr. Jane Johnson was out to see her Sunday and she is resting better today.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tucker and Sybil visited Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Page Friday.

Mesdames Marion Ford, Oscar Boenicke, Wiley McClatchy, Grady McIver, Walter Stacy, Marvin Whitley and Zona Stacy met at the school house last Wednesday night and quilted a friendship quilt. The men played 42.

Mrs. R. D. Kirkpatrick, who became so ill that she had to get Mrs. Mitchell to teach for her last Thursday and Friday, returned home Sunday. She was back at her post again Monday.

Visitors in the Harlie Stearns home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Pat Stearns and Charlotte Ann of Ft. Worth, Ed Stearns and family, Gene James and family, and Charlie James were afternoon callers on Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Holland and Joyce and Ray.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Downs visited her sister, Mrs. Leta Price and Truman last week.

Well, here it is December 10 and our first big frost and plenty of ice. But we are glad to see it come.

Glad Hand Class Party December 9

Mrs. Basil Gilmore and Mrs. Jim Daniel were co-hostesses on Tuesday evening, December 9, as they entertained in the Gilmore home honoring members and

In my news last week in regard to the death of Mrs. Jim Mathews and her daughter, Mrs. Neel (Doris), in California, it was not made plain as to how the accident happened. The highway patrolman, Joe Masini, rendered a verdict as follows: Apparently the panel truck was out of control and overturned several times, after hitting a soft shoulder on the road, pinning Doris Neel under it.

Mrs. Mathews was thrown out of the truck, receiving internal injuries and concussions from which she died. Mrs. Mathews was 46 years of age and Doris was 31. Paul Mathews sent the clipping from which I got this information from California.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Boenicke and Mrs. Shield visited Mrs. Ben McIver Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Irene Bobo and Mrs. Roy Miller of Coleman were also out with their mother over the week-end.

No more grumbling at Trickham about dry weather. Believe me, it rained again last night, sleeted and snowed some. Today is really cold, and tonight (Monday) is ready for the Lester Stamps Quartet.

Tuesday morning: the quartet arrived on time from Dallas and were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stacy. The church auditorium was packed. Everyone seemed to be enjoying the gospel songs. We were happy to have visitors from Brownwood, Bangs, Rockwood and probably other towns. I was glad to meet Mrs. Ray Caldwell, the Rockwood News correspondent. Mrs. Boss Estes informed me they were expecting to have their new Baptist church ready for services the first.

Mr. H. M. Kemp and family of Lingleville visited over the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. D. Kemp.

CARD OF THANKS
We take this means of expressing our appreciation to the members of the Christian church and friends for the wonderful pounding given us at the church Tuesday night. — E. H. Wylie and Mrs. Wylie.

Mrs. Crump Fetes Mystic Weavers Club

On Thursday afternoon, December 11, Mrs. C. A. Crump entertained at her home in Coleman with a dinner honoring members of the Mystic Weavers Club.

Christmas poinsettias, holly and autumn leaves were noted throughout the rooms of the lovely home. The dining table was laid with white linen and centered with an arrangement of bronze and yellow chrysanthemums. The appointments reflected the Yule season with individual place cards holding sprigs of berries tied with red satin ribbons. Small tables were laid with colorful cloths and centered with arrangements of berries. A delicious turkey dinner was served at one o'clock and

their husbands of the Glad Hand Sunday School Class of the First Methodist church.

The home reflected the Yuletide motif with a large beautifully decorated Christmas tree placed in front of the picture window. Arrangements of autumn leaves, holly, poinsettias and giant red candles were put at vantage points throughout the entertaining rooms.

Progressive games were enjoyed with high score awards going to Mrs. Chap Eeds and Harry T. Caton. Attractive refreshment plates held Christmas salad, wafers, stuffed olives, coffee and cookies shaped as Christmas trees, which were decorated in red and green.

With Mrs. Henry Price at the piano, Christmas carols were being sung when a loud knock at the door proved to be jolly Santa Claus in person. He carried a fat pack on his back and after visiting with the guests for a while, he distributed gifts from the tree to each one present and also goodies from his red sack. He brought a special gift, an electric clock, to Mrs. Chap Eeds, the class teacher, and a beautiful compact to Mrs. N. C. Watson, class president.

Present to enjoy this gala occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Chap Eeds, Rev. and Mrs. Henry Price, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Shields, Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Caton, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Crews, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Crump of Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mobley, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Riley, Mr. and Mrs. Elgean Shield, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Collin Price and Mesdames Herman Bunden and Erin Day, the hosts and hostesses.

games of bingo were enjoyed during the afternoon with winners blindly selecting comic prizes from a table grab box. Gifts were exchanged from the gaily decorated and lighted Christmas tree.

Late in the afternoon the guests reluctantly bade their charming hostess goodbye, declaring this festivity to be one of the happiest of the season. Members of the club in attendance were Mesdames Henry Price, Virgil Priddy, Harry Caton, Mark Davis, Jess Howard, Otis Bivins, Ted McCaughan, L. G. Bobo, Arthur Casey, Lovell Richardson, Erin Day, J. W. Burgett and Jack Shields.



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MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

Assistant Editor.

LIFE OF CHRIST

We, who date our letters from the birth of Christ; who know the history and importance of the Christian church, have difficulty in realizing the significance of such simple facts. We cannot easily picture him in the common environment of his day. Jesus' birth was at Bethlehem, owing to the enforced journey of his family to register at the ancestral home in a census taken by the Roman government. The actual home of his boyhood and young manhood was Nazareth, a small town near the

southern boundary of Galilee. We know that there were at least seven children in the family, and we know the names of the brothers of Jesus—James, Joseph, Judas and Simon.

The education of Jesus was doubtless the same as that of other Jewish boys of his class. The synagogue was the scene of much of the instruction of the child. Here, there were elementary schools where children were taught to read, and possibly to write and to solve simple problems in arithmetic.

There were higher schools that corresponded to our theological seminaries. Jesus did not attend these. Doubtless he was taking care of a widowed mother and six or seven younger brothers and sisters.

Jesus worked as a carpenter until he reached the age of thirty and was thought of by his friends as a normal young man.

At the age of thirty Jesus was baptized by his cousin, John the Baptist. Many have believed this was the time that Jesus became aware of his unique relation to the Father. He was no longer the carpenter; henceforth he was the Messiah.

The Galilean ministry upon which Jesus entered at the time occupied the greater part of his public life. The exact length of this ministry is not determined, but we may well imagine that approximately two years would be required. The news of Jesus' teachings and ability to cure diseases spread rapidly throughout the country, and the story of a crowded sabbath, full of demands for time and sympathy, may well illustrate the usual program of Jesus.

The method of teaching that

Jesus used with greatest success was that of the parable. Jesus chose 12 of his closest followers to aid him in his work. The 12 were to be disciples and apostles.

The multitude was troubled by the attitude of the rulers who violently opposed Jesus but did not dare lay hands on him. Soldiers sent by the priests to arrest him came back declaring that he did not speak like a man. After he was arrested by the Jewish officials, the Roman governor, Pilate, attempted to set him free, but was forced to order him executed. He was crucified between two criminals. "So Jesus died; and the manner of his going was such that even the modern world seemed to have fallen silent in wonder."

The resurrection followed his crucifixion after three days and he was seen several times with his disciples during the 40 days before his ascension.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

1. In what country was the tradition of St. Nicholas originated?
2. What is the name of a popular song about Christmas by Irving Berlin?
3. What are two names for Santa Claus in other countries?
4. What were the three gifts brought to Jesus by the three wise men?
5. Who is the author of "The Christmas Carol"?
6. Where was Jesus born?
7. In what countries do the children leave their shoes instead of their stockings for Santa to fill with gifts?
8. From the well known poem "Night Before Christmas," supply the answers to the following blanks:
(a) His cheeks were like.....
(b) His nose like a.....
9. What are the names of four of Santa's reindeer?
10. What is the last line of "Night Before Christmas"?

GIRLS BASKETBALL

On Thursday, December 4 at 7 p. m., the Santa Anna Girls played the Brooksmith Mustangs in the Zephyr tournament. We think they did some good playing for their first game. Although they played a good game,

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On December 5, also in the Zephyr tournament, the Santa Anna girls played the Lometa Girls in a consolation game with a score of 25-9 for Lometa. The third game played was December 9, at Brooksmith. The score was 12-7 for Brooksmith.

On December 12, we played Bayou at the May invitational tournament. The score was 44-6 for Bayou.

The second game was with Williams. The score was 20-18 for Williams.

ANSWERS TO CHRISTMAS QUIZ

1. Holland.
2. White Christmas.
3. St. Nicholas; and Kriss Kringle, Germany.
4. Gold, frankincense and myrrh.
5. Charles Dickens.
6. Bethlehem.
7. Holland and France.
8. (a) Roses.
(b) cherry.
9. Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donder and Blitzen.
10. Happy Christmas to all and to all a good night.

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Bruce Snodgrass has been absent from his place of business for several days, being confined at his home with flu, but is reported to be improving.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Sparks and Bobbie of Brownwood visited on Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lindley.

Those from Santa Anna attending the Baptist Workers Conference at Burkett on Thursday of last week were: Rev. and Mrs. S. R. Smith, Mrs. Dovie Chapman, Mrs. Seth Risinger, Mrs. Frank Goen and Mrs. John C. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Williamson are back at home from Temple where he had been a patient at the McCloskey general hospital since February. Their son, J. G. Williamson, Jr., went to Temple Sunday and brought them here Monday.

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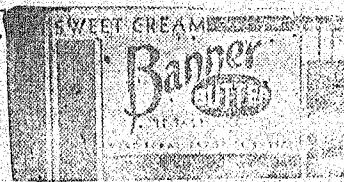
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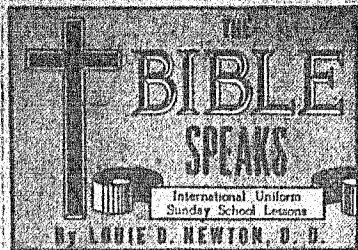
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The Prince of Peace

Lesson for December 21, 1947

IT IS Christmas now that we are all thinking about, and our lesson for Sunday helps us to rightly approach this blessed season of joy and thanksgiving.



Dr. Newton

Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6.

Thus Isaiah sings of the coming Saviour, and in countless hearts this glad refrain will sound and resound as we come on in these waiting hours for Christmas Eve. It is the season of giving, because God made the Best Gift.

The Christmas Story

WE NEVER truly observe Christmas until we live again in the message of John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

The Christmas story is the story of God's love. There is not enough goodness in man to produce the Christmas spirit — the true Christmas spirit. Only God could so love, and only God can create within our hearts the proper attitudes to worthily celebrate the birth of the Saviour.

Wisdom is fled from us if we drop down into the lowlands of commercializing the Christmas season by seeking gain for ourselves.

The Greatest Gift

THE gift of Jesus is the greatest gift for the reason that it represents divine giving. Jesus was not forced to give himself. "God commendeth his love towards us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." The gift was but an expression of the love that lay behind the gift.

If God so loved and gave, let us, by his indwelling Spirit, seek so to love and give. Boys and girls will thus find the answer to their desire to make suitable gifts to parents, and parents to children. Friends will thus find the answer to the often perplexing problem of what to buy for exchange with someone whom you suspect will buy something for you.

Perhaps it would be a wholesome thing if we could be delivered from the tyranny of "exchanging things" at Christmas, and be free to give as our hearts prompt us.

The Prince of Peace

THE bold prophecy in Revelation 11:15, which reads: "The kingdom of the world is become the Kingdom of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever," is the lifting thought of this lesson. That is Christmas fulfilled!

How this prophecy challenges our present world, of fear and suspicion! Instead of the hysteria which has characterized our nation for months, we should have been strong in the gentleness of God — strong enough to dismiss the thought of pillage by another — gentle enough to drive Communism from the earth.

For let us well remember that the program of the Prince of Peace is not one day out of the year. It is an enduring program of progress among all men of goodwill.

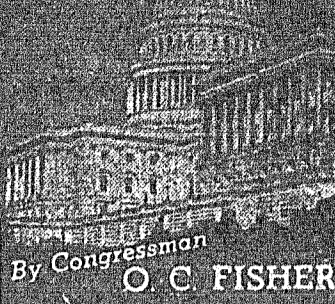
The Song of Triumph

IN VAIN shall we observe another Christmas season if we allow it to come and go without joining in the song of triumph which the angels would ever teach us. There is hope for this bedarkened world. There is a song for every heart. There is a light for every home. There is a gift for every life.

"Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace."

It is, then, the high and holy task of every Sunday school teacher, every parent, every Christian, to sing this song of triumph. Only through

Our WASHINGTON Letter



Aid Bill

Only time will tell whether the winter relief measure for three European countries will accomplish its avowed purpose. Those responsible for our national security are nearly unanimous in viewing the present extension of relief as vital to the nation's security.

Perhaps few people realize that in this atomic age a major source of the fissionable material for the atomic bomb is under the control of certain European countries, where continued independence of communist domina-

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Preaching services 11:00 a. m.
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Permit me, please, to wish for you, and each of you, the blessed experience of the inward happiness of Christmas with Christ.

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tion is of the highest importance to the U. S. and its future security.

The temporary relief measure, which is not to be confused with the Marshall Plan, will be mainly in the form of goods and commodities to France, Austria and Italy. We have some surpluses that can be spared this winter, particularly wheat. Our wheat production this year amounts to 1,400 million bushels, which is about twice as much as we have ever consumed in this country in one year. An amendment to prohibit export for aid of commodities in short supply in this country, which I supported, was not adopted. Controls over such exports, however, will be in the hands of the president. I also voted for amendments to restrict the exportation of fertilizer and farm machinery which I felt should not be exported when our own farmers can't get them.

An amendment to terminate assistance to any country if such country should become communist dominated, which I offered on the floor was adopted by a vote of 2 to 1. I am apposed to advancing any more American help to any country that is under control from Moscow.

One surplus we can easily spare at this time is mohair. A considerable surplus has developed in Texas warehouses and the market has been very dull this fall. Because of that condition I have renewed my request, made in October at the suggestion of Mr. Frank Montague of Bander, that the officials in charge of relief make use of some of this surplus and thereby relieve our own mohair industry of a cloud on our domestic market.

Christmas Plans
It is expected that the present session will end this week-end. I have accepted an invitation to be in Kerrville on December 19 to take part in dedication ceremonies on the \$2 million veterans hospital addition at Legion.

With the expansion of the buildings there and with the installation of the very best and most modern equipment to be found anywhere, the hospital at Legion will be one of the largest and best equipped for tubercular and other types of treatment in America. We have good reason to be proud of that institution. I will spend Christmas in San Angelo with my wife and daughter, and during the vacation period I hope to visit briefly over the district, particularly at the places where time did not permit me to go before I was called back to Washington in October. In the meantime, my Washington office will remain open and prompt attention will be given any matters that come in.

This being my last new letter of the year, I extend thanks to all the publishers of this district and to all my friends for their fine cooperation in the past. To everyone, I extend my very best wishes for a Merry Christmas

and a Happy, Peaceful and Prosperous New Year.

Prices Entertain Sunday, Dec. 14

On Sunday, December 14 Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Price were hosts to a family Christmas gathering in their home.

Christmas bells and decorations were predominant throughout the entire home. A lovely arrangement of poinsettias were displayed on the side tables and the low coffee tables. A huge Christmas tree was appropriately decorated in the Yuletide colors.

Santa Claus appeared at three o'clock and presented each child a stocking filled with candy, nuts and fruit. Gifts were distributed to those present.

A festive lunch was served to those present. They were Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Waldrop, honor guests; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pirtle, Carolyn, Rodney and Jo Ann of Coleman; Mr. and Mrs. Whit Boyd; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Boyd, Vernon and Sandra of Ft. Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Boyd and family of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Waldrop and family of Breckenridge, Mrs. Frank Priddy and Bobby Jack of Abilene, Mrs. Vernon Campbell and Carol Sue, Mrs. A. E. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Alford England the host and hostess and their children, Joe Sealy, Annabelle and Maxie Lee of Santa Anna.

Self Culture Club Met December 12

The regular meeting of the Self Culture Club, which combined a Christmas party and gift exchange was held Friday afternoon, December 12, in the home of Mrs. Hardy Blue. Decorations in the Christmas theme throughout the receiving rooms were unusually attractive.

A Christmas program was rendered, Christmas carols were played on the record player and Christmas poems were read by

Mrs. L. O. Garrett. Mrs. Banister told the legend of the Christmas poinsettia.

Mrs. Harry Crews read from the Bible the story of the visits of the shepherds and the wise men. Mrs. Ollie Weaver's subject was "One Christmas Eve in Mexico."

All the program was well given and edifying. Numbers were drawn for gifts that surrounded the nicely decorated and beautifully lighted tree in the living room.

Assisted by Mesdames Norval Wylie, Preston Bailey and Elgean Shield, the social committee, the hostess served refreshments of fruit cake and tea or coffee. The

lace laid dining table had a central arrangement of greenery with red berries on a reflector, a tall red candle with silver bells in the center and smaller Santa Claus candles flanking the arrangement on either side.

Those present were Mesdames Chap Eeds, S. R. Smith, Henry Price, Ollie Weaver, J. R. Banister, L. O. Garrett, Harry Crews, F. Z. Payne, Norval Wylie, Elgean Shield, Preston Bailey, J. L. Harris, A. D. Donham, Jr., A. L. Oder and Hardy Blue.

Mrs. Jimmie Ferrin and Mrs. Eddie Ferrin of Bangs have been visiting in Santa Anna this week.

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CHRISTMAS is preeminently a season of happiness. Then we celebrate the birth of Jesus the Christ. He is the supreme Joy-giver. He declared: "I came that they may have life, and may have it abundantly." All are beneficiaries of His generosity. We can best honor Him by accepting His proffer, and following His example.

A BASIC factor in producing the happiness which prevails at this gladtime is the fact that people generally spend time and thought and treasure for the comfort, happiness, and welfare of others. Each seeks, not his own, but others good. Thus we confirm His words: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

IF such Christlike attitude, aim, and activity produce happiness for a few days; the preservation of the spirit would perpetuate the gladness. Long ago a wise man wrote: "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." Attend your Church. **MERRY Xmas to ALL!**

**YOU IN THE CHURCH
THE CHURCH IN YOU**

Character is a by-product of the church. It is here that young and old alike are showered with benedictions that fortify and influence for a better citizenship and a stronger democracy. In the church the ministerial are molding religious character. Statesmen today declare that the church alone can furnish leadership to handle the affairs of state in these perilous times. Then we with our children should go to the church of our choice on Sunday. "You in the Church and the Church in you" form a combination for good.

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PAT INVITES SANTA TO METHODIST HOME

With eyes sparkling in anticipation, four year old Pat McKeever of the Methodist Home, Waco, Texas writes his Christmas needs, which include a cowboy suit and hat; and, incidentally, maintenance for another year. The Methodists of this area are Santa Claus to Pat and about 400 other children whose empty stockings are up for the annual Christmas offering that will take care of their food, shelter, clothing, health and training needs for another year, even at today's increased cost of living. Yes, the Methodist Home is "The Old Woman in the Shoe, who had so many children she didn't know what to do," but thousands of Santa Clauses will answer Pat and his hundreds of little pals before they enjoy Christmas with their own children.

Eastern Star Has Annual Banquet

The Eastern Star had their annual banquet Monday night, December 15 in the club room of the Service Cafe.

A fine chicken dinner with all the trimmings was enjoyed by the 66 members and guests present.

Tables were decorated in the five Star point colors and arrangements of cedar and mistletoe.

A group of girls in the Baptist choir rendered two vocal numbers with Mrs. Nettie Singleton playing the piano accompaniment.

The officers of the organization were introduced by the Worthy Matron, Mrs. Roy West; Worthy Patron, Mr. J. Edd Bartlett; Associate Matron, Mrs. Payne Henderson; Associate Patron, Rev. S. R. Smith; Secretary, Mrs. J. Edd Bartlett; Treasurer, Mrs. F. Z. Payne; Conductress, Mrs. Fred Rollins; Associate Conductress, Mrs. A. D. Donham, Jr.; Chaplain, Mrs. Carl Williams; Marshal, Miss Alta Lovelady; Star Points, Ada, Mrs. Clifford Parmer; Ruth, Mrs. Frank McCary; Esther, Doris Jane Henderson; Martha, Glynnda Myrl Gober; Electa, Mrs. W. D. Pinkerton; Warder, Mrs. Lois H. Niell; Sentinel, Mrs. Vernon Penney.

The organization meets on the Monday night after the third Saturday in each month.

Birthday Celebration For Arlene Welch

On Friday afternoon, December 12 at three o'clock, Mrs. L. A. Welch entertained at her home with a party honoring the third birthday of her daughter, Arlene.

The children enjoyed playing together and viewing the nice gifts that Arlene received.

They each helped to blow out the candles on the birthday cake which Mrs. Welch had baked and decorated. The cake was served with ice cream.

Those present besides Mrs. Welch and Arlene were: Mrs. Norman Hosch and Gary, Mrs. Bill Stiles and Carol, Mrs. Fred Goodenough and Sarah, Mrs. Al Davis and Sandra and Ora Beth Henderson.

Baptist W. M. S. Holds Bible Study

The W. M. S. of the First Baptist church met in the regular Bible Study Monday afternoon at the church.

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Orr - Jackson

The First Baptist church of Coleman was the scene of a lovely wedding on Saturday evening, December 6 at 7 o'clock, when Miss Alice Jacqueline Orr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Orr, became the bride of J. D. Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Jackson of Santa Anna.

The Rev. John J. Mueller read the single ring ceremony.

The altar was banked in fern and centered with an arrangement of white calla lilies tied with a large white satin bow and flanked by wrought iron candelabra holding cathedral tapers.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a bridal gown of white slipper satin fashioned with a lace yoke and long sleeves that extended to points over the hands. The full skirt extended

into a train. She wore a veil of illusion and carried a shower bouquet of gardenias.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, immediately following which the couple left on a wedding trip to Ft. Worth and other points.

They are making their home in Abilene, where the groom will enroll at Draughan's Business College in January.

He was employed here until recently at the Abernathy Service Station.

Out of town people who came to hear Dr. Ben H. Moore in the series of sermons on the book of Revelations, at the First Presbyterian church last week were, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Crump and Peggy and Patsy of Coleman and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Henderson of Brownwood.



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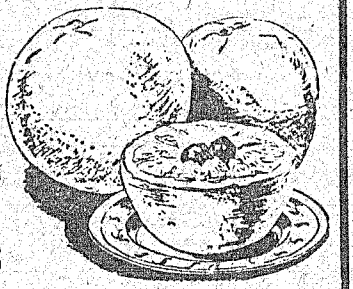
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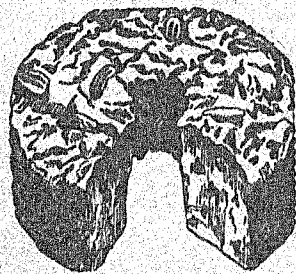


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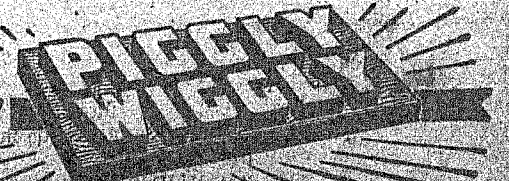
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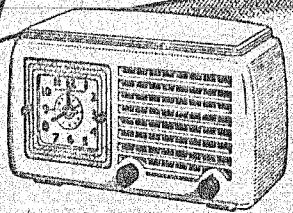
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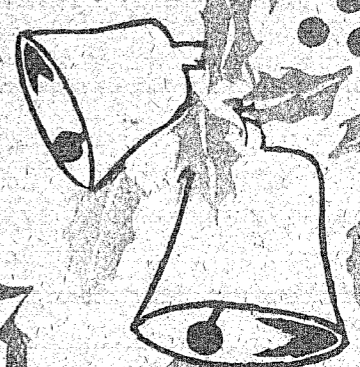
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Merry Christmas



JEAN JACQUES the THIRD, a Christmas Story

By F. MORTON SMITH
(Condensed from Boston Globe)

OLD JEAN JACQUES the Third lived in a brick two and a half story East India house, with a leaded glass doorway and a white post-ed rail about the edge of the roof. On one side of the great hall with its spiral stairway was the library. It contained hundreds and hundreds of books. Jean Jacques the Third loved books. He ate breakfast, luncheon, dinner amid his books, and came out of his library only to sleep or to put on his double cape and search among the book shops for a new volume.

Above the onyx fireplace was a portrait of a man arrayed in a black coat, white bowed stock touching the ears, nestling about the chin, firm lips, brown eyes and gray hair curling in wisps over the forehead. The portrait was Jean Jacques' grandfather, Jean Jacques the First, who looked down at Jean Jacques the Third, his grandson, and pressed his lips together.

Off to Read in Bed

The clock in the hall struck 11, and with the last stroke Jean Jacques the Third put a faded bit of yellow ribbon into page 31, volume 12 of Lacedpede's History of Europe, blew out the candles on the mantelpiece, pushed back the half burned log with his foot, selected for trivial literature "Art Applied to Industry," switched out the electric lights and toddled off to read in bed.

As his bedroom door closed, a door across the hall opened carefully. A head popped out—a head covered with short curls. The head looked up the hall, down the hall. There was not a sound—yes, a little sound—a wee mouse moved from behind a chest of drawers, came out, sat upon a rug, and with his paws tickled his ears and smoothed his whiskers.

"Good Thing for Mousie"

On the rug was a cat. The mouse sat on her head, his tail was on her nose. A hand went over a small mouth to squelch a giggle. "It's a good thing for you, mousie," thought the head,

"that the cat is braided into the mat, otherwise you might be in trouble."

A small body in a green Chinese kimona passed through the door. On her feet were red slippers.

"Gee," she said, "I'm glad old Ellen left the light on." She looked over the balustrade. "Dark as a pocket down there. Do I dare—" She straddled the mahogany rail, lay flat on her stomach and slid.

When she hit the post at the lower end, she swung off onto the floor and scuttled swiftly to the library.

She Lit the Candles

The flame from the burning log half illuminated the room. She closed the door, and stood on a stool and lit the candles on the mantel shelf.

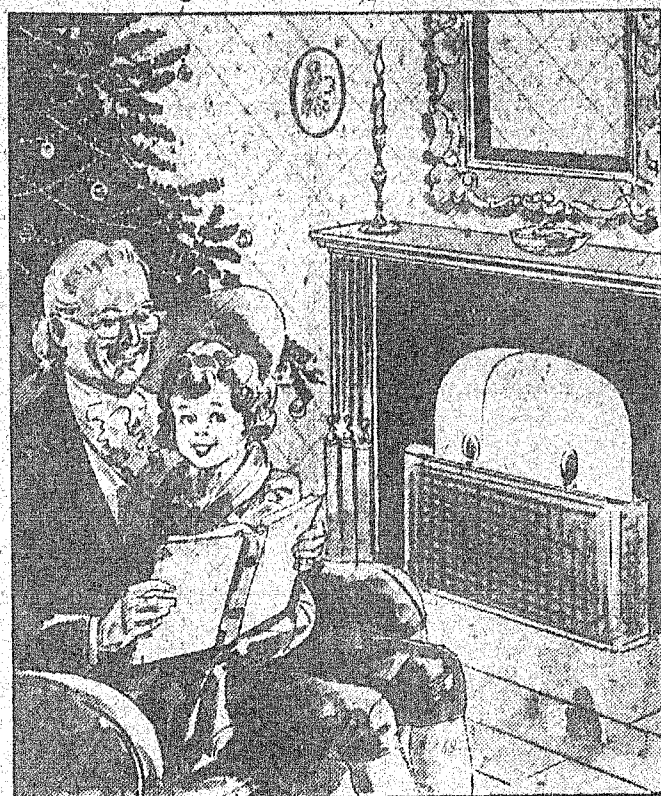
"I do wish Uncle Jean knew it was the night before Christmas. I tried to tell him this afternoon, but he never once took his nose out of the old history book and told me I was a nuisance. I do wish that I was poor like the ash man's children. They are going to have a tree and presents and hang up their stockings. Santa Claus will come to their house, because they are unfortunate, and just because I am rich and live in a big house full of books, he won't dare to come down our chimney, and if Uncle Jean saw his boots hanging in the fireplace he would take the tongs and hit them."

"Santa Claus All Bosh"

"He told me Santa Claus was all bosh and that he had no time to waste on tom-foolery. So I will eat dinner with Ellen in the dining room, and Joe will stand still as a post and pass things to me—when Ellen asks him to."

The little girl's eyes were full of tears. She went to the bookcase and from behind a pile of Atlases laid sideways took out a flat book with colored pictures on the cover. Then she pulled

a low stool close to the fire and sat down on it. "You know," she said to herself, "I have not read a single word in this book since last year, and then I went upstairs and hawled until I went to sleep. I'm not going to cry this time, I'm going to pretend. If I'm going to make believe, I had better hang up a stocking." So off came the stocking and was hung over the brass



"Oh," said Mary, "you are alive aren't you? I thought you were a ghost."

hook that held up the fire shovel and poker.

Began to Read Aloud

The flames played on her face—warmed her ankles. She wiggled her toes in her red slippers, opened the book upon her knees and began to read—aloud:

"It was the night before Christmas
When all through the house
Not a creature was stirring—
Not even a mouse—"

"I knew something was wrong," she said. "I knew it! Why, there was a mouse upstairs on the cat mat. Even this story can't come true in this house."

"Mary, Mary." It was a kindly voice. It came from behind her, near the door. It was not her uncle. She jumped to her feet. The book slipped to the floor. And as she looked up, she saw that the picture frame over the mantelpiece was empty. Her great-grandfather was not there.

"I'm Your Great-Grandfather!" "Mary," said her great-grandfather, "I have been upstairs and shut the mouse in the closet, so that he can't stir."

The electric light switch clicked, the chandelier blazed, and there, at the end of the room stood a man in satin knee breeches.

"Mary, I am your great-grandfather," he said.

"Oh," said Mary, "O how did you get out of the frame? How did you come to life? Are you real?"

"Touch me and see," replied the gentleman.

Mary held her hand out straight before her and walked toward him with her eyes shut, lest she should awake. The hand bumped into something soft—it was his stomach. It gave like a real stomach.

Thought He Was a Ghost

"O," said Mary, "you are alive, aren't you? I thought you were a ghost. I have read about them, and you can put your arm through a ghost anywhere, even his head."

"I am very much alive," said her great-grandfather, "very much alive. Mary, what was the book you were reading?"

BIG CHRISTMAS for Hollywood Kids

By HAROLD HEFFERNAN
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Hollywood, Calif.

JUST LIKE you and you and all the rest of the populace, Hollywood is bogged down today by frantic last-gasp preparations for the observance of Christmas.

Only a few shopping days and gift-exchanging days to go and things have hit a feverish pitch unparalleled in any holiday rush since long before prewar times. Production schedules stagger as actors slip outside doors and run off the lot to purchase a forgotten gift.

Store counters look skimpier than they have in years, clerks are haggard and what's left of the white and blue and gold-enameled evergreen trees on the Wilshire lots are selling at shockingly high figures.

Santa Looks Beaten

Even Hollywood's own official Santa Claus looks beaten up today. He's the stout and jolly character actor who has been riding down the Boulevard nightly during the period between Thanksgiving and Christmas, his luxurious motor-driven sleigh throwing up great fountains of artificial snow.

Salesman though he is for the merchants who combine to sponsor him each season, this particular Santa has become symbolic of the manner in which the movie folks celebrate the Yule season. They do it with a flair.

The reason Santa has extra big bags under his eyes this year is the snubbing he took from the film personalities. In seasons past it has been customary for Santa to compile a list of screen stars and each night select two of them to ride with him. Driving majestically down the boulevard sitting there with old Kris has been a high honor, coveted by every actor who hopes to attract attention to himself in this business.

But for some unpublished reason movie stars haven't shared that sleigh this year. Only those common radio people! And Santa looks and acts unhappy about it all.

Parties Galore

At any rate, studios will officially call it quits about noon on Wednesday and then everyone from the highest star to the lowliest office boy will begin partying from one sound stage and one office to the next, all mingling and toasting one another on the common footing that only a Yule celebration can create.

They'll all try to get home in time Wednesday night to help swing up the Christmas tree, attach the baubles and set the stage for the bigger and better display of gifts certain to greet the eyes of Junior in the morning.

This will be the all-important item to a majority of film-stars this year because, in case you haven't noticed, Hollywood has become a family town. And those kids, ever increasing, are also growing up to gift-appreciative age. Name almost any married actor with a marquee punch and you'll have one

There was a mouse and the story said there could not be.

"That's a Christmas book. I keep it behind the Atlases. Uncle Jean never looks at them. If he found it, why he would throw it in the fire, for it's all about trees and presents and the night before Christmas. Uncle Jean hates Christmas. If he ever knew it was Christmas, he would lock himself in here and not come out at all."

The man sat down in a chair. "You know," he said, "it is funny to look at the room where you always are, from the chair you used to sit in."

Sat in Same Chair

"Did you sit in this chair, grandfather?" asked Mary.

"Yes, every night before Christmas—a long, long time ago, and a little girl named Mary used to sit on my lap and I read to her a Christmas story before she went to bed."

"Where is Mary?" asked the little girl.

"O, she grew up and had little girls of her own," continued her great-grandfather. "She got too big to sit on my lap. Why don't you climb up and let me read to you the story you were reading to yourself?"

Not One Bit Afraid

"Okay," said Mary, and hopped into his lap. "You know," she went on, "I'm not one tiny bit afraid of you. You aren't a ghost, and fairies are always girls, so I guess you're only a grandfather, after all. Begin," she said—"begin here," pointing with her finger, "where I left off."

"The tree stood in the corner of the room. On it were hundreds of little pieces of cotton batting that looked just like snowflakes. The tip of each branch dripped clear water that had formed an icicle of glass, so that it could not melt inside the house. Festoons of fuzzy silver rope ran from limb to limb, round and round in shining whirls—and bright balls, oddly shaped (Continued on Page 5, column 5)

EVOLUTION of JOLLY Old Santa Claus

By HURST K. MAJORS
(Copyright, The Philadelphia Inquirer)

YOU SEE HIM everywhere at this holiday time, the "right jolly old elf" of Clement Clarke Moore's immortal poem: "The Night Before Christmas." You think of him as timeless and universal and in a way you are right. As a symbol of generosity and good will he is as old as Christmas.

Nevertheless, the red-coated old boy with the woolly whiskers today is our own countryman, as American as apple pie. Not only this but, by the long measure of centuries, he is almost a contemporary. The Santa Claus we know, in fact, just misses being brand new!

It is true that medieval Europe gave him his toy pack. Russia provided his fur-trimmed blouse and trousers and his high boots. Lapland donated the sleigh drawn by reindeer. And in the largely legendary form of St. Nicholas he first was brought to this country by small sons and daughters of Dutch settlers in the little town of Nieuw Amsterdam (New York).

But it was not until the 1860's, less than 100 years ago really, that Santa Claus emerged from history and myth to take on form and outline and be established as our own. Oddly enough he was introduced to the world by a famed cartoonist of the day, Thomas Nast.

Drew on Moore's Poem

Nast, who originated the Republican elephant, Democratic donkey, Tammany tiger and other national symbols, drew largely upon Moore's poem, published 30 years before, for his delineation. He pictured the apple-cheeked Santa with his "broad face and round little belly" busy in his Polar workshop, keeping an eye on children all over the world through a magic telescope, fumbling through stacks of letters with his chubby hands, perched on snowy chimney-tops, skimming the sky in his toy-laden sleigh.

Doubtless Nast never meant his Santa Claus to be taken seriously. But everybody loved the chubby little benevolent figure who in some way represents the childhood that lives on forever in all hearts. Doubtless for many a year to come he will continue to be our Christmas saint . . . and a long step from the Santa Claus who truly lived.

The Bishop of Myra

Half lost in legend is the story of the kind-hearted Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, who lived in Asia Minor in the fourth century. Tradition says that Christians of the town gathered at their church

one evening to elect a new bishop, were warned by an old patriarch to be cautious. "It is God's will that he who first enters this church tomorrow shall be our new leader," the elder told them.

Accordingly they barred the doors, and unbarred them in the morning to admit a stranger. A personable youth, he was acclaimed a bishop and began a career of glad-hearted giving.

Bishop Nicholas rode abroad on his white horse each December 6, on the eve of his birthday, with a basket of presents for good children and a bundle of birch rods for the others. Even today Old World youngsters who set out bowls of hay for the white horse on that enchanted eve find the

house to marry with dowries. Naturally he became the patron of all maidens, also of pawnbrokers whose three golden balls still commemorate the bags of gold.

Tomb Becomes Shrine

Nicholas died in 352, A. D., and his tomb in Myra became the shrine to which thousands made yearly pilgrimages. Seven centuries later his bones were removed to Bari, an Adriatic port just above the heel of Italy, there interred with pomp and ceremony. An oily substance, known as *Manna di Saint Nicola*, highly prized for medi-



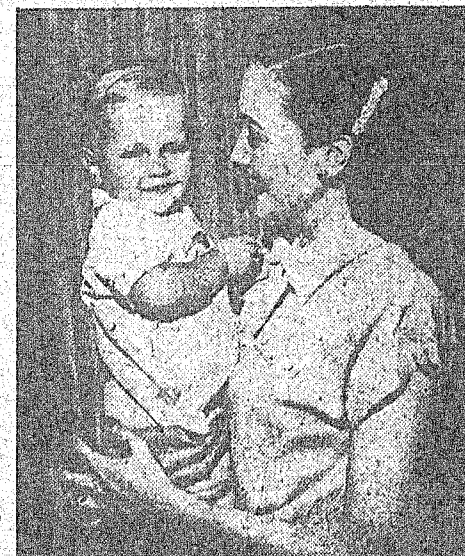
Jolly old Santa smiles in happy anticipation of his annual gift-bearing visits to good little children.

hay gone in the morning, the bowls filled with sweets.

The revered prelate restored life to three small boys slain by an innkeeper and so became the patron of children. Crusades of the Mediterranean, he quieted a storm which threatened to swamp the craft and at once was adopted as the patron of mariners. Silently and in the depth of night, when he still bestows most of his gifts, he dropped three bags of gold through a poor man's window, thus enabling the daughters of the

nal purposes, is said to flow from the vault.

The birthday eve of St. Nicholas, long since canonized, still is celebrated in many European countries, but the churchman long ago became obscured by legend while only his tradition went on. According to some historians, the Christmas saint was introduced into Germany by a Greek princess who married the German Emperor Otto II of the Holy Roman Empire in 972 A. D. (Continued on Page 5, column 2)



Dorothy Lamour and her 3-year-old son, Ridge Howard.

come accustomed to mixing careers with marriage—and as for babies, well, they just had no place in the overall picture. Those that did arrive were kept in the background for fear the parental box office rating would take a nose dive.

Today the married stars advertise their kids, ask the publicity boys to come out and shoot stills of them for publication, even drag them into their own productions, if only for brief glimpses. Alice Faye, for instance, has built almost an entire half-hour radio show around the inquisitiveness of her young daughters.

Here, after a quick survey, are a few of the headline homes that will have children romping merrily around the tree this Christmas morning:

Dana Andrews, three; Hedy Lamour, two (another expected); Bob Hope, four; Dick Haymes, two; Gene Tierney, one; Lana Turner, one; Dorothy Lamour, one; Don Ameche, four; Ronald Reagan, one; John Payne, two; Laraine Day, three; Betty Hutton, one; Ingrid Bergman, one; Mickey Rooney, one (expecting another); and Errol Flynn, two.

The baby market is, in fact, thriving to such an extent in celluloid glitter-homes that one or two impending bundles of joy could arrive, on doctor's schedule, to give added zest to the Great Day.

CURRENT COMMENT

By STAFF EDITOR

Christmastime

IT'S Christmastime again — Christ's birthday—the most important event on the Christian calendar, a day of Christmas trees and tinsel, gleaming lights and gay packages. It's the delight of the young and the joy of the old.

If you took Christmas apart, as an impatient child rips open a colorful gift package, you would find inside the Christmas spirit as bright and as warm as the sunlight, as glorious as the moon and the stars. And if the spirit of Christmas isn't there it isn't Christmas—no matter how bright the Christmas tree, or how many and costly the gifts thereon.

Christmas is inside of you. It's a heart-warming glow that comes of the knowledge that on this greatest of days you have done your part to bring happiness to loved ones and to your fellow man. For the joy of Christmas isn't something to be hugged selfishly to the family hearth. It's infinite—something to be shared and flung far and wide over land and sea.

Safeguard Your Home Against Holiday Fires

The joy and gaiety of every holiday season is marred by disastrous fires. Frequently the Christmas tree is the cause of a blaze. Short circuits from electric light cords, careless smokers, nearby open gas jets, electric or open fireplaces, all are fire hazards.

The least any parent can do is to obtain a tree as freshly cut as possible. The foliage of this tree will still be alive, and if it is placed in water and kept there during the Christmas season the leafage will remain green and moist, therefore less inflammable.

However, all trees can be made fire-proof by impregnating the cellular structure of the needles (or leaves) twigs and main trunk with a solution of sulphate of ammonia or calcium chloride.

Old Prayer Timely for Christmas Season

St. Francis of Assisi, wrote a prayer more than 700 years ago that seems very fitting for the 1947 Christmas season:

"Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is despair, hope. Where there is darkness, light. And where there is sadness, joy.
"O Divine Master, grant that I may

not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life."

Insects Threaten Brazilian Coffee Trees

From Rio de Janeiro come word that about 25 million coffee trees are threatened with destruction by an insect plague in the State of Sao Paulo, Brazil. No efficient weapon has been found to fight the plague which covers more than 70,000 square kilometers of the finest coffee land. Losses are ranging from 30 to 50 per cent of the total crop. The loss in quantity is aggravated by loss in quality. In the Feio River Valley, which comprises one of the world's richest coffee plantations, losses caused by the plague have been estimated at five million dollars.

Ex-GI's Equity in Real Estate

War veterans, without down payments, have acquired a 272-million-dollar equity in residential real estate in the three years since the first home loan under the GI Bill of Rights was granted, according to the United States Savings and Loan League of Chicago.

Repayments on veterans' home loans now total 272 million dollars, the league estimated. The sum includes monthly reductions on the debt incurred in the purchase of homes, and \$80,042,822 represents debts completely wiped out during the first two years and 10 months of the program, according to Veterans' Administration figures, the league added.

Passing Up Soviet Parties

Only a few years ago as many as 2,000 of the top celebrities of Washington trampled over each other annually in their rush to attend the Soviet Embassy's lavish parties observing the anniversary of the Communist revolution. This year's Embassy party was almost a wash-out. Very few ranking military men and not a single White House official or member of Congress bothered to show up. Less than 500 were on hand for the affair.

Tax Study Committee Reports

A tip-off on what Republican tax-revision plans for 1948 might involve was provided recently by a Special Tax Study Committee, headed by Roswell Magill, Columbia University law pro-

fessor and former Undersecretary of the Treasury. The Magill report to the House Ways and Means Committee proposed a "reduction in individual income-tax rates for all, with due regard for the cost of living of those in the lower income groups and for the needs

The 46 specific proposals of the Magill report include: (1) extension to all States of the income-splitting privilege which is now enjoyed by husbands and wives in the 13 community-property States and which enables them to lower their surtaxes; (2) reduction by 19

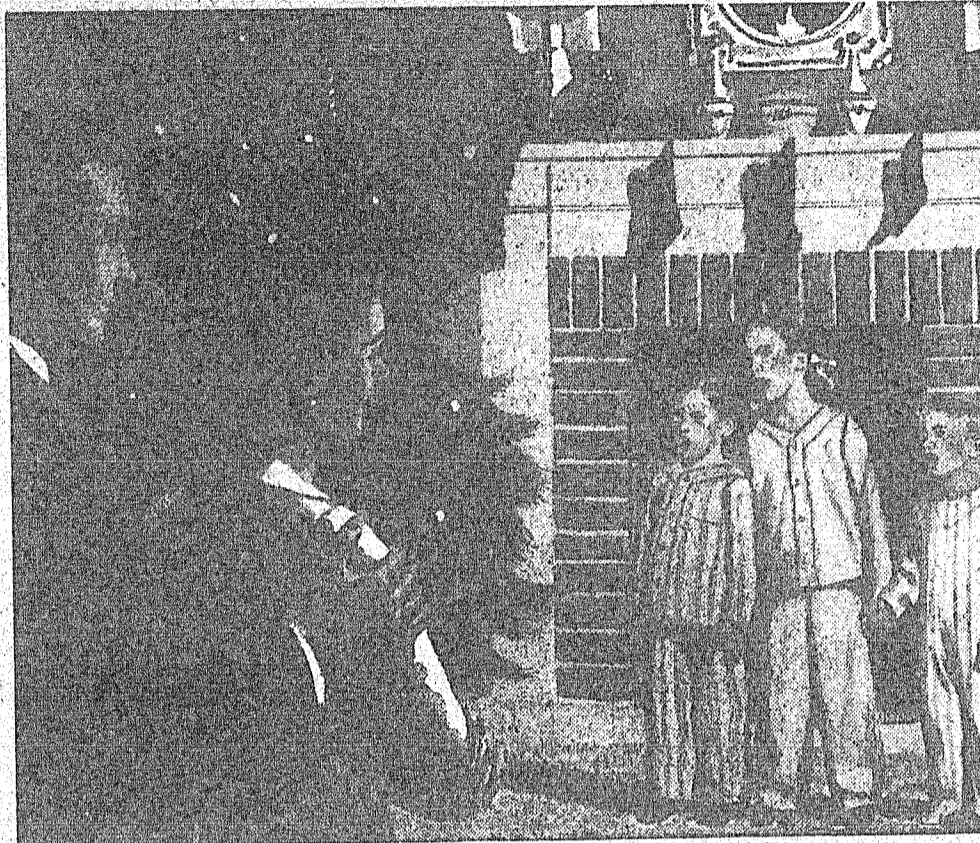
remains at the almost-forgotten low point of 12,000-to-one.

Financiers in Shanghai said that unless the runaway inflation slows soon to a walk, any future program of American aid would find it a great deal harder to stop.

New Things in This Old World

There's little truth to the old saying, "There's nothing new under the sun." For example:

A new device converts the back seat of the family automobile into a combination play-pen and baby bed. A



"Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright . . ."

per cent of so-called "double taxation," under which individuals pay income taxes on dividends from corporations whose profits already have been taxed.

Chinese Dollar Drops 145,000-to-1 of U. S. Dollar

The Chinese dollar has dropped to a new low of 145,000 to one U. S. dollar, according to word from Shanghai.

The Chinese government foreign exchange equalization committee, striving to keep within shouting distance of the black market, upped its open market quotation from 64,500-to-one to 73,000-to-one. The government's official exchange rate, virtually ignored now,

strong wall of fabric on a supporting arm stretches from one side of the car to the other. Fitted to the seat, it makes a well-padded and safe enclosure.

A broom, with steam-treated bristles that don't wilt in heat or dampness, is on the market.

A French chemist, working for the United States Army, has developed a solid gasoline. This fluid in the form of chunks will be easier to handle and less dangerous.

For the busy motorist who forgets to fill his battery with water, a new invention called the Aqualator will be useful. This device fits under the hood and automatically fills the cells of the battery. The gadget needs replenishing with water only twice a year.

Varieties of bananas and other exotic fruits soon will be brought to U. S. markets by air. Most of us know only the yellow banana, but there are other edible kinds too perishable to ship by boats.

Eisenhower Urges Keeping Air Power

General Dwight D. Eisenhower told the Aviation Policy Board that a "reasonably balanced" air force is one of the strongest assurances that the United States would be respected by the rest of the world.

This air strength, he added, was essential to maintenance of our support of the peaceful aims of the United Nations, as well as a reassuring factor for our weaker friends among the nations.

He said that he foresaw no immediate threat of war—"not in the next few years"—but that military strength must become more vital as scientific development displaced the weapons used in World War II with newer and more formidable ones.

"No nation in the world today is in a position to undertake a war of global proportions," he declared.

U. S. Foreign Food Shipments

During the last year the United States sent food to other nations at the rate of 8.6 per cent of its total production, or the equivalent of 271 pounds for every man, woman and child under the American flag. Thus estimates Senator Harry F. Byrd (D. Va.).

The figures are based on reports of federal departments and agencies. They may loom large in congressional debate on President Truman's emergency and long-range plans to aid Europe.

The great proportion of foodstuffs—from wheat to nuts—was shipped to feed civilians living in areas of Germany, Italy, and the territory occupied by United States troops. The total came to 3,481,000 long tons.

Other nations which shared in the American larder were: Great Britain, 1,003,000 long tons; Latin-American republics, 2,322,000 long tons, and France, 771,000 long tons.

The Friendship and Freedom Trains

A spokesman for the National Friendship Food Train committee said approximately 12,000 tons of food collected during the train's transcontinental journey would be sent to Europe in four ships next month.

Senator Arthur Vandenberg, intro-

ducing the European aid bill in the Senate, told his colleagues:

"The Freedom Train reminds all people that their heritage stems from liberty under law; that their richest blessing is a Constitution and a Bill of Rights which protects the spiritual dignity of man and the independence of the citizen; and that there are no values in life which could compensate us for the loss of these divine privileges.

"The Friendship Train exemplifies the devotion of our people to the humanities which make most of the world kin; demonstrates our instinct, our tradition and our impulse to feed the hungry and to feed the sick."

First Regular Television Program Launched

An important date in the television industry was marked in recent weeks when the first regularly scheduled sponsored television program was broadcast. Stars of the show are Jinx Falkenburg, the former artist's model, and Tex McCrary, one-time New York newspaperman. The program goes out over a fledgling NBC network in the New York area.

Another milestone in the march of television was passed when the Hotel Roosevelt, in New York, announced that it was installing television sets with a 10-inch screen in 40 of its 1,100 rooms. Guests occupying the rooms where it is available will get the service on request for an extra \$3 a day.

Safer Nation Goal in Drive

A never-ending drive to promote safety is being planned for the United States. It will seek to reduce the toll of accidents which each year kill 99,000 men, women, and children, seriously injure 10,400,000 more, and cost the country at least \$6,400,000,000 in damage.

The National Safety Council is promoting the campaign. It will be the "Green Cross for Safety."

The aim, says William A. Irvin, chairman of the board of trustees of the council, is to promote the practice of safety more widely in general daily life. The drive will be especially against home, school and farm accidents.

"The need for such a campaign is evident," says Mr. Irvin. "More than half of the annual toll of deaths, injuries, and property damage results from accidents which are outside the area at present covered by the organized safety work."

The lowest number of American deaths from accidents in the last 20 years was 89,000, in 1932. The greatest was 110,052, in 1937.

Accidents are as great killers as diseases. In fact, the only diseases which cause more deaths are heart disease, cancer, and cerebral hemorrhage, the records show.

Christmas Sales Expected to Hit New Peak

The old-fashioned Christmas will be back this year for the first time since the war. But it will be the costliest in history. After years of shortages, Yuletide shoppers this season will find stores stocked with the greatest variety of goods since pre-war days. Radios, home appliances, fancy household linens, and similar items once more can be written on shopping lists.

Most prices are up. But since more goods are available, more also can be found in the lower price brackets. Quality of the merchandise, too, is better than a year ago.

Americans are expected to run up the biggest gift bill of all time—but merchants across the country declare that most of it will not represent foolish spending. The accent is expected to be on practical gifts, and in most cases shoppers are expected to do a good bit of looking around before they buy.

The National Retail Dry Goods Association expects apparel and home furnishings to top the season's buying, with toys and personal gift departments making a good showing at the same time.

Production to Halt Price Rise

To prevent further rises in the price level, it is essential to close the gap between the money supply and the production of goods by stepping up production and preventing any further expansion in the money supply, the National Association of Manufacturers declared recently. The NAM announced that it is preparing a price investigation report for publication, which is designed to help distinguish between descriptions of how prices have risen and why.

Declaring that the "phenomenal" increase in the money supply in this country is a major factor in the current high-price structure, the NAM pointed out that the money supply has more than trebled since 1939, while physical production has increased only 70 per cent. This unprecedented gap between money and production exerts so strong an upward pressure on prices, the association continued, that it is surprising that prices are not even higher than they now are.

Grass Root Reveries

By JOE GANDY

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IT'S the "Christmas Spirit" that makes Christmas. Without it Christmas is just another day. Jesus gave to the world the Christmas spirit. Before His coming the world was harsh and cruel—exact "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." Christ condemned this harshness and taught a doctrine of brotherly love. By word and deed he went among the people, healing the afflicted and comforting the poor and needy. In His Sermon on the Mount He said: "Love your enemies, do good to them that hate you and pray for them that despitefully use you and persecute you." This quotation sums up the Christmas spirit and also the Christian spirit. What nobler thing on Christmas day than to do good to them that hate you and pray for them that despitefully use you and persecute you. By so doing you will rise to greater heights, will conquer any evil that may be in you and lick the stuffings out of the devil who is always just around the corner sowing seeds of hate, envy and discord.

Yes, we must lick the devil if we expect to have a happy Christmas, for the devil hates the Christmas spirit. He hates everything that makes people happy, kind and generous. You carry the ball for the devil when you shut yourself in on Christmas day and speak no word of cheer or bestow no gift on your fellow man.

Coon Creek folks, near my home, already have the Christmas spirit and are making great preparations to celebrate the glorious day. I have invitations to eat Christmas dinner with several friends. One friend said: "Joe, we ain't gonna have a turkey dinner at our house, but we gonna have the best roasted ribs and sweet taters you ever tasted." This friend knows his roast-

ed ribs, for he raises some of the finest Duroc Jersey hogs in our community.

Hurrah for Coon Creek and its big-hearted people. You can't live there and not get the Christmas spirit. As a matter of fact, the spirit lives there all the year round, but on Christmas day it breaks out like a rash and everybody catches the infection, including the grandpas and the grandmas. Just a few days ago I met Uncle Jim Higgins, 72 years old, and he took me aside and whispered: "Joe, don't tell anybody, but I got a Christmas present for my grandson and it's one of them little red wagons just like the kivered wagon that me and my wife rode in when we arrived here, flat broke, 50 years ago." Then he laughed, slapped me on the back and walked on down the street whistling, "Jingle Bells."

While looking through an old scrap book recently I came across this Christmas prayer:

"Dear Jesus, I thank Thee that there still is sunshine; that I still may glimpse the blue sky, and, while stumbling onward, continue to look up and up. I thank Thee for friends with the kindly smile and cheerful word, and with their help I can conquer obstacles and petty cares. Dear Jesus, I am grateful for blessings great and small, for a steadfast belief in an ever-guiding destiny which at the end leads to eternal life and glory in Thy Heavenly Kingdom."

Government figures that combined corporations of the nation made a profit of \$56,500,000,000 the first six months of 1947 are being widely quoted by labor leaders. But what neither government nor labor leaders mention is that \$24,000,000,000 of that amount was taken by government in taxes. Some of the biggest corporations made a profit of only 3 per cent

on their investment. That is not a big return from which to pay dividends and plow back earnings into the business. People should know the whole truth about taxes. I haven't figured out what my profits will be in 1947. If I earn no more than 3 per cent on my investment I will have just about enough to buy peanuts.

An editorial in Grit Magazine says let's quit talking about another war, quit thinking about it, and apply ourselves to the task of making the United States the most progressive and prosperous Nation in the world. That's a good thought, especially at Christmastime. Russia, according to top military men, is not prepared for war and will not be prepared for some years to come. Meantime, let's keep our powder dry and be on the alert in case Russia gets tougher and tries to put over a fast one.

Government surveys show that farmers work an average of 65 hours a week. Inflation would end if everybody worked an average of 65 hours a week. It's simple arithmetic that when we work less we produce less and therefore pay more for what we produce. God's original plan was for man to work six days a week and rest the seventh day. But man thinks he is smarter than God, so he works five days a week and rests the sixth and seventh days.

I hope for a deep freeze in December—a hog-killing freeze. I have three fat porkers ready to be killed and made into spare-ribs, backbone, home-made sausage and hams. Christmas week is a delusion and a snare without spare-ribs or sausage sizzling in the pan. What finer breakfast than fluffy biscuits, home-cured ham, poached eggs, peach preserves and a cup or two of fragrant coffee. I feel sorry for city folks who eat a breakfast of toast, jelly and coffee. No wonder the divorce rate is higher in cities than in rural communities. Getting up from the breakfast table hungry has been the cause of many divorces. Always start the day with a good breakfast and you will have vim, vigor and vitality.

TEXAS BRIEF NEWS --- from Over the State

INTERNAL REVENUE COLLECTIONS

The University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reported that the total Federal internal revenue collections for the State from July 1 through September 30, 1947, reached \$241,309,020 to exceed the 1946 intake for the same period by five per cent.

LEADS FIGHT ON COMMUNISM

John Ben Shepperd, of Gladewater, national president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, told delegates to the recent State Jaycee convention in San Antonio that "good old American salesmanship is needed to fight Communism." He said: "It's time to let the eagle scream." He advocated a fifth freedom—freedom of opportunity in enterprise.

\$15,000,000 RICE CROP

Rice farmers of the Texas Upper Gulf Coast black belt from Trinity to Sabine rivers are cleaning up the loose ends of a rice harvest that breaks all records, a crop that will bring growers more than \$15,000,000. Good per-acre yield, harvest weather "unsurpassed in 32 years," and high prices account for the big figures, along with a greater acreage planted.

SENATOR TAFT PLANS VISIT TO TEXAS

Senator Robert A. Taft, of Ohio, is planning a presidential campaign visit to Texas during the Easter recess of Congress. The special session of Congress, which opened in November, caused Taft to cancel plans for speeches in Dallas and other Texas cities last month. Tentative plans for his Easter visit to this State were made in a recent conference with Col. R. B. Creager, of Brownsville, Republican national committee man from Texas.

PAYS HIGH PRICE FOR "TIN LIZZIE"

R. L. Thacker, of San Augustine, a farmer, visited Houston recently with one purpose in mind—to find a Model T Ford. As a result, the used car market in Houston went into high gear when Thacker paid \$995 in cash for a 1927 "tin lizzie." He said he had been looking for one for three years, "ever since my last one wore out." His last one was a 1910 model. He explained he had never driven anything in his life but a Model T.

500,000 POPPIES MADE BY VETS AT LEGION HOSPITAL

Five hundred thousand little red poppies, half of which will be sold by American Legion posts and auxiliaries next Memorial Day, have been made this year by disabled veterans in the Veterans Administration Hospital at Legion, Texas. The other half were sold last Armistice Day in various cities of Texas.

FAMILY OF FOUR GENERATIONS, ALL LIVING

Four generations without a death—that's the record of the J. B. Dunn family of 47 members, residents of Wichita and Clay counties. J. B. Dunn, age 81, came to north Clay county in 1887. Five years later he returned to North Carolina to bring back a wife, and from that marriage was born a family of 7 children, 7 children-in-law, 14 grandchildren, 7 grandchildren-in-law, and 10 great-grandchildren. There are three sets of fourth generations in the family, too, but so far not a child, grandchild, great-grandchild or an in-law has died. Dunn is a well-known cattleman and rancher in the Wichita Falls area.

TO MAKE "FLOUR" FROM PECAN SHELLS

The Lufkin Pecan Shelling Co., the only manufacturer of pecan shell "flour" in the Nation, will begin commercial operation early in 1948. The start of operations at the Lufkin plant will represent five years of research and an investment of about \$250,000. The "flour," finely ground pecan shells, is marketable for use as a filler in plastic molding powders, insecticide powders, and as an extender in synthetic resin adhesives and glues, and also has proved successful for air-blasting of aircraft engines. The only other plant utilizing waste nut shell is in California where walnut shell is used.

WEST POINT OPENINGS FOR TEXAS NATIONAL GUARD

Appointments to the United States Military Academy at West Point, N. Y., open to Texas National Guard enlisted men, have been increased from five to seven. Gov. Beauford H. Jester said he was advised by the War Department that the appointments were open to enlisted men who could pass preliminary examinations similar to the entrance examination at West Point. Nominations should be filed with Maj. Gen. K. L. Berry, Texas adjutant general.

WINS FIRE SLOGAN

Sarah F. Wylie, of Cedar Hill, Dallas county, is \$15 richer for suggesting the fire-prevention slogan picked as best in a Statewide school children's contest. The slogan: "Old Man Flame, Is He to Blame?"

HUNGRY FOR POSSUM DINNER

Thomas A. Lothlen, of Los Angeles, Calif., a former Texan, wants an old-fashioned possum dinner, and it seems he is going to get it. He wrote J. D. Walton, master of the Dallas public market, "I am hungry for a good old 'possum baked dinner. I can't find one in California. So the idea came to me to write the Dallas market master, and ask him to ship me one." Walton, talked to W. B. Milam, an East Texas farmer, who brings his produce to the Dallas public market, and Milam has promised to fill Lothlen's order. The possum will be shipped at once. "Nothin' to it," Farmer Milam told Walton, "I can send him a passel of 'possums. There's plenty where I come from."

MULE FROM ELLIS COUNTY WINS CHAMPIONSHIP

An Ellis county mule has scored again in national championship competition. One of the two geldings entered by the Ferris, Texas, Brick Co. in the 49th annual American Royal Livestock Show at Kansas City, Mo., drew down the blue ribbon as champion gelding. Ferris mules have won numerous awards at shows throughout the Nation.

OLDEST CONFEDERATE ON STATE ROLLS

An Irish immigrant boy who joined the Confederate Army the day after he landed in this country at New Orleans in July, 1861, is the oldest Confederate soldier on the Texas pension rolls. He is Jeremiah P. O'Brien, of Kirbyville, 103 years old, who fought for the South right up to the surrender of Gen. Lee's Army in the peach orchard at Appomattox.

VALLEY'S CITRUS CROP GREATER THAN LAST YEAR

The Rio Grande Valley of Texas will produce a million boxes more grapefruit and 600,000 boxes more oranges this season than last, according to the latest citrus crop forecast by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The Valley's grapefruit production was estimated at 25 million boxes, the orange crop at 5,600,000 boxes. The Valley estimates were prepared by John Mackey, USDA statistician at Austin.

RADIO'S FORMER DR. I. Q. FINDS CHURCH BUILDING

When Rev. James McClain, formerly the Dr. I. Q. of radio fame, forsook the job as master of ceremonies of the popular quiz program in favor of a career in the ministry and chose Eastland as a starting point, he didn't have a church in which to hold his services. But he told his problem to a national radio audience and, as a result, was invited to inspect war surplus chapels at Camp Bowie, Texas, which had been turned over to the War Assets Administration. One of the chapels was moved to Eastland to become the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

HEARS FOR FIRST TIME SINCE SHE WAS A BABY

Miss Myrna Timberlake of Dallhart, Texas, is becoming acquainted with a whole new world. She heard her first sound in Dallas recently since losing her hearing as a result of influenza when a baby. She told friends that the sound of her own laughter frightened her as soon as she had completed treatment and found she could hear with the use of an aid. Major problems facing her now are learning to talk and to distinguish meaning of sounds.

SAYS SCHOOLS ARE KEY TO U. S. FUTURE

America's future depends upon the efficiency of education, and Texas teachers colleges are molding the pattern for the public schools, Gov. Beauford H. Jester said in an address at East Texas State Teachers College in Commerce. Gov. Jester was the principal speaker at the inauguration of Dr. James Gee as president of East Texas State. "We do with our future what today we do with our schools," the Governor declared.

A DISILLUSIONED TEXAS PLUMBER

Gold is where you find it, even in the humdrum life of a plumber. Take the case of Pancho Trevino, plumber of the Webb county jail at Laredo. Working on a stopped-up pipe, Trevino dug out a watch and chain, rings and \$875 in cash. Elated over his good fortune, Trevino mentioned it to one of the deputies at the jail. The deputy found that the cache was part of the loot of a 12-year-old boy held on numerous burglary charges.

MEXICO BACKS TEXAS IN CATTLE DISEASE FIGHT

The Union Ganadera Regional de Coahuila, a Mexican cattle raisers' association, has voiced its support of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association program against foot and mouth disease. The Texas group's board of directors has received the following telegram from Arturo Santos, president of the Coahuila organization: "We will co-operate with your association in any way possible to help in the program to combat foot and mouth disease in Mexico."

TEXAS BUILDING RECORD HIGH

The Texas Contractor, trade magazine published in Austin, reports that Texas construction awards from January through November, 1947, total \$585,403,830, more than \$170,000,000 ahead of the record for the same period last year, November construction, led by heavy demands for more housing, added \$62,647,927, double the amount for November, 1946. Veterans of World War II lead all groups in demands for residential buildings.



Incident at Bethlehem

By Edgar A. Guest

There was no room at Bethlehem
Within the sheltering Inn for them;
No room among the roistering crowd
Of all the comfortable proud,
No thought of what their coming meant,
So to the stable they were sent.

Oh, there was straw for Mary's bed,
A strange star shining overhead,
But only shepherds, wondering,
Had heard the angel voices sing,
And dared to go, as they were told,
A new-born infant to behold.

Now, round the world in all the lands,
In memory still that stable stands,
The manger, where that infant slept,
Sacred in countless hearts is kept,
Still shines above that glorious star,
While all the great forgotten are.

SECOND OFFENDERS MAKE UP THIRD OF REFORMATORY POPULATION

Second offenders constitute a third of the inmate population at the Gainesville Reformatory for Boys, according to State Auditor C. H. Cavness. Of the 512 inmates present when Cavness made his check-up, 340 were first offenders and 172 second offenders. By ages, 78 were between ten and twelve; 318 were thirteen to fifteen, and 118 between sixteen and eighteen. Burglary was the most common offense, accounting for 220 of the total.

GAINESVILLE COMMUNITY CIRCUS REPRODUCED IN TEXTBOOK

The story of the Gainesville Community Circus is told as one of the lessons in "English for Every Use," textbook written by William M. Turner, head of the English department of Lexington, Mass., high schools. The book has just been published by Ginn & Co., Boston. Three pages are devoted to the story, "Biggest Home Town Show on Earth," reproducing the article from Coronet Magazine. The story is illustrated with pictures of Gainesville high school girls on a tableau wagon drawn by a four-pony team.

HALF OF CAPT. LUCEY'S ESTATE GIVEN HOSPITALS AND SALVATION ARMY

The substantial part of the vast oil estate of the late Capt. J. F. Lucey, of Dallas, will go to three Dallas hospitals and to the Salvation Army, filing of the oilman's will for probate revealed. The Lucey estate was listed as "in excess of \$2,500,000." The will sets up trusts totaling \$1,750,000 for six heirs. After this and all Federal and State inheritance taxes are paid, the remainder of the estate was left to Baylor, Methodist and St. Paul's hospitals, and to the Texas branch of the Salvation Army.

By SWAN

THE FLOP FAMILY



"PAPA" CONTINUES IN PULPIT

"Papa" is still preaching, although he warned his daughter he would have to quit the pulpit if she wrote that book "Papa Was a Preacher"—published three years ago and of which 150,000 copies have been sold. The author is Alynne Porter, of Dallas, and "Papa" is the Rev. R. E. Porter, pastor of the First Methodist Church, of Bogata, Texas.

FIRST BRITISH COTTON ORDER

Reports that Great Britain soon would begin buying cotton in large quantities again have buoyed Houston's cotton trade. The first order was for approximately 50,000 bales, with other orders to follow, cotton men said. Great Britain has not been active in the cotton market for six or seven months. Other European countries are expected to make big cotton purchases in Texas soon.

HIGHLIGHTS OF FAT STOCK SHOW PROGRAM

Six new livestock buildings, costing about \$1,200,000, are being rushed to completion for the opening of the earlier Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, January 30 through February 8, at Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum in Fort Worth. The new dates were set for greater exhibitor convenience. Verne Elliott's championship rodeo and the Broadway laugh riot, "Hellzapoppin'," starring Olsen and Johnson in person, are high-lights on the show's 1948 program.

ARTIFICIAL BREEDING A SUCCESS

A sturdy-legged, healthy Jersey heifer calf is the successful culmination of Kerr county's first venture in artificial breeding. The project was carried out by the Hill Country Artificial Breeding Association and the calf was raised on the farm of L. A. Ballard near Center Point. The animal proved to be such an excellent specimen that it is causing considerable interest among livestock raisers all over Texas.

CANYON GETS INDIAN RELICS

When the second unit of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum at Canyon is completed—a campaign for funds for that purpose is under way—it will house one of the largest collections of Indian relics in the Plains region of the Southwest. Outstanding among the collections donated to the museum is that which formerly belonged to Miss Susan J. Allen, of Philadelphia. As a memorial to her parents, Miss Allen gave this valuable group of relics which she gathered during many years of collecting artifacts of American Indian culture.

SPORTING News

APPROACH of the Christmas season brings memories to thousands of Texans of the stirring battles of the past for the State high school football championship, always decided about the time Kris Kringle pays his annual visit.

Texas boasts what is generally conceded to be the greatest schoolboy athletic organization in the Nation—the vast Interscholastic League, operated by the University of Texas.

A true champion is determined each year during the football season, between mid-September and the last week or ten days of December, although several hundred teams participate. This is possible because of the perfected set-up of the League.

STARTED WITH BATTLE IN MUD BACK IN 1920

The first game of the championship series was played at Austin, in 1920, on a field knee-deep in mud and ended in a scoreless tie between Houston Heights High of Houston, and Cleburne High.

The powerful Chris Cortemeglia, later a star for Southern Methodist University, led the strong Bryan, Tex., High eleven to a 36 to 13 victory over Oak Cliff High of Dallas, at Dallas in 1921.

Waco, sparked by the magnificent Boody Johnson, beat Abilene, 13 to 10, in Fort Worth in 1922, and Abilene returned the compliment by shading Waco, 3 to 0, in Dallas in 1923.

"COLDEST GAME" PLAYED IN DALLAS IN 1924

The "coldest" of all the titular clashes likely was that between Waco and Oak Cliff in old Fair Park Stadium in Dallas in 1921. The thermometer stood at about 15 above zero and the field was frozen solid. Spectators built small bonfires along the sidelines, huddling over the flames throughout the long afternoon in a vain attempt to keep warm. Oak Cliff's Leopards proved better suited to Arctic conditions and romped over Waco's Tigers, 31 to 0.

Another of the memorable games of the long string of Texas schoolboy championship conflicts was that played in 1930 in T.C.U. Stadium in Fort Worth. Amarillo's Golden Sandstorm

was a heavy favorite to defeat an out-weighted Tyler High team.

Amarillo lived up to advance notices in the first half, sweeping to a 13 to 0 lead. But Tyler, starring Harry Johnson, who became a topnotcher at Southern Methodist, staged a brilliant comeback to emerge victorious by a count of 25 to 13.

OTHER FINE GAMES, BUT THOSE ARE STAND-OUTS

Down through the years there have been other great games, and no doubt, the 1947 monarch will be crowned only after a vicious struggle, but the contests reviewed in the foregoing paragraphs are those that will live longest in the memory of Texas fans.

Other epochal battles, reviewing them in brief, were these: The scoreless tie between little Masonic Home of Fort Worth, and Corsicana High, with Corsicana being awarded the title under the 20-yard-line penetrations rule; Longview High's rout of Corpus Christi, with the scintillating Miller brothers rising to heavenly heights to achieve the triumph, and Fort Arthur's upset of Highland Park (Dallas).

In summing up the series it should be pointed out that Waco and Amarillo have won the most championships, four each. Waco took the honors in 1922, '25, '26 and '37, and Amarillo ascended the throne in 1934, '35, '36 and '40.

BOODY JOHNSON USUALLY RATED FINEST PLAYER

Who was the greatest of all the players in these titular feuds? Most fans agree that the honor should go to Boody Johnson, the all-around Waco master.

But, they hasten to add, it must be remembered that two immortals of Texas high school football performed in the days before the Interscholastic League was organized. These Hall of Fame athletes were Alvin Nugent (Bo) McMillin of Fort Worth's North Side High, and Benny Lee Boynton of Waco, both of whom played about the time World War I started.

McMillin now is head coach of the University of Indiana, and Boynton is a prominent insurance man in Dallas—Z. H.

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Santa Claus

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His popularity zoomed, traveled down the Rhine, spread to Belgium and The Netherlands.

In Austria, France, Germany and the low countries also, he gradually was made the patron saint of children, finally emerging as the special bearer of gifts to deserving boys and girls.

Procession of "Imps"

In some of these countries his memory was honored by appointment each December 6 of "boy bishops." Wearing the clothing of his high office, and flanked by two "angels" who carried baskets of sweets and gifts, the "boy bishop" each year led a procession of children and charcoal-smearing "imps" to the door of the local church.

While the "imps" waited outside to pounce on intruding adults, the other children entered the church. Questioned by the "bishop" on behavior during the year, each was rewarded with gifts of candy by the angels according to his merits.

After the ceremony, the "imps" rushed into the church to join revels which often continued half through the night. The custom, however, was abolished in 1450.

How Names Originated

Gradually the name of the Christmas saint began to take on the character of the country which commemorated him. Religious Germany associated him with the Christ Child—the Krist Kindel—and called him Kriss Kringle. In England, where his popularity began to rise at about the beginning of Victoria's reign, he was—and still is—Father Christmas.

In Holland he always has been Sant Nikolaas, and so was called by the Dutch children brought across the ocean to settle a new land when the English took over New Amsterdam in 1664, the best their tongue-twisting could do with the name was Santa Claus.

So we have our saint child in Russian garb driving a Scandinavian vehicle and brought here by the Dutch. But a saint who like many another product of our national melting pot, has become triumphantly all-American.

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Rom. 6:23.

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A LITTLE FUN Jokes to Make You Laugh

Did As He Was Told

The florist's new assistant picked up the phone and listened attentively as he heard the order.
"The ribbon must be extra wide," the man was saying, "with the 'Rest in Peace' on both sides, and if there is room, 'We Shall Meet in Heaven'."
There was a sensation when the flowers arrived at the funeral. True, the ribbon was extra wide, but the inscription it bore read: "Rest in peace on both sides, and if there is room, we shall meet in heaven."

Must Be Lonesome

My son, Billy, had just returned from Sunday School, where he had been told that liars do not go to heaven.
"Does father ever lie, mother?" he asked.
"I imagine so," I replied.
"Well, do you, an' Uncle Bill, an' Aunt Betty ever lie?"
"I guess we all do occasionally," I admitted.
Then after a slight pause, "Gosh, it must be awful lonesome in heaven with nobody around but God and George Washington."

One Way to Look at It

A spry old gentleman was smoking in the bus. The conductor said to him: "Don't you see that sign that says 'No Smoking Allowed'?"
"Of course I do," replied the old man, "but how can you expect me to observe all your rules? There's another sign that says, 'Wear Spiral Corsets'."

Swapping Jokes

Mr. Wood, a man very fond of playing jokes, met his friend, Mr. Stone, and at once inquired facetiously: "Hello, Stone, how are Mrs. Stone and all the little pebbles?"
"Fine," said Mr. Stone, "all well thank you," and then with a twinkle in his eye, he added: "How are Mrs. Wood and all the little splinters?"

Big Baby Blue Eyes

A vivacious brunette of about 40 was standing on the promenade at a seaside resort, when she heard an admiring whistle from a very young sailor. He ambled up smiling, with his cap pushed jauntily to one side.
"Son," she reproved him gently, amused and somewhat flattered, "don't you try and flirt with me! I'm a grandmother."
"But, Grandmother," replied the undismayed sailor, "what big baby blue eyes you do have!"

Limited Blessing

In Hollywood Edith Gwynn reports that when Pat O'Brien's priest blessed his St. Christopher's medal so that Pat would be safe while driving his automobile, the good padre cautioned: "Remember, the blessing is good only up to 35 miles per hour."

That's Different

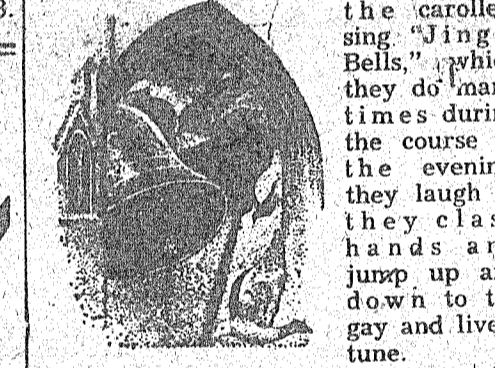
Once when a committee called on John Jacob Astor for a subscription for a worthy charity, Astor gave \$50. One of the committee members remarked, "But Mr. Astor, your son William gave us \$100!"
"Yes," said the old man, "but you must remember that William has a rich father."

Milk Bottle Notes

Horace B. Hutton, official of a Baltimore dairy, collects notes left in milk bottles as some collect stamps. Among the prizes of his collection are these:
"Dear Milkman: Please leave three quarts of milk and one cigarette. I am smoking my last one as I write this note."
"Dear Milkman: Nothing today. Just two quarts of milk."
"Milkman: We are going away on our vacation. Will not need any milk until we return. Please be sure to leave two quarts on the day we return, but we can't be sure just what day that will be."

Author of "JINGLE BELLS"

By the EDITOR
INTERSPERSED among the Christmas carols sung in every city, town and hamlet on Christmas Eve is a little New England folk song known and loved by young and old for nearly a hundred years.



And when the carollers sing, "Jingle Bells," which they do many times during the course of the evening, they laugh as they clasp hands and jump up and down to the gay and lively tune.
"Jingle Bells" is heard continually on the radio during the Winter. No popular sing-song is complete without it. When there's snow on the ground, every sleighing party gives voice to this only song of its kind that we have.
What is the story of this little song that thus dares to intrude itself among the sacred carols of the Christmas season?
The words and music were written by a gray-eyed, tall, thin young man who lived in West Medford, Mass., but so little recognition has been given its author that in most collections of songs "Jingle Bells" is marked anonymous, or bears no notation at all.
One day in the 1850's, James Pierpont left his father's house on Mystic Street in West Medford, and hurried to the home of Mrs. Otis Waterman, who lived in an apartment house which had been remodeled from an old tavern.
Mrs. Waterman was a young widow

and amateur singer, and besides that, there was in her home a piano (somewhat of a novelty in those days), which belonged to one William Webber, popular music director in the Medford schools and leader of the local singing school who boarded with her.

"I have a little song in my head and I have written it down to see what you think of it," confided James Pierpont to Mrs. Waterman, as he sat down at the piano and started to play.
"Why, I think it is a very merry little jingle," encouraged Mrs. Waterman.
The song, of course, was "Jingle Bells."
This story is vouched for by Mrs. Stella Howe of Boston, grand-niece of Mrs. Waterman.
James Pierpont, fifth of the six children of Rev. John Pierpont, was born in Boston, April 25, 1822.
The composer of "Jingle Bells" is said to have been a fascinating sort of wanderer brought up in a strict family atmosphere. He was musically inclined, but that talent was frowned upon by his father.

At 14, he ran away to sea, but evidently returned to the family later.
Sometime in the early 1850's, he went to California. He was not a "forty-niner," but seems to have been there when things were booming. Whatever money he made, it is apparent that he lost it.
James Pierpont, who died in Winter Haven, Fla., in August, 1893, wrote many other songs besides "Jingle Bells." Some of these are "Kitty Crow," a ballad published in 1853; "The Colored Coquette," for the pianoforte, 1853; "I Mourn for My Old Cottage Home," for the piano, 1856; "The Know Nothing Polka," 1857; "Poor Elsie," a ballad, dated 1858, and "Good Night," a ballad, undated.

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Jean Jacques

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birds, whistles, and candy boxes, red, green, yellow and gold hung on strings from the boughs.
Father Held Her Up
"A little girl stood on a chair and began to light the white candles one at a time. I can't reach the top," she said to her father, "it is too high up, just under the star." Her father held her up in his arms—she lit the last candle. He set her down and together they stood, hand in hand, looking at the shimmer of the candles on the silver robe."
"Grandfather," said Mary, "you are a swell reader. I never saw a tree like that. Turn the page, grandfather, quick—there is a picture on the next one—of the tree." Great-grandfather turned the page. The page was empty.
"Why, it was there last year," cried Mary, sitting up very straight. "I saw it. I saw it myself. Where is it gone?"
Quietly Resumes Reading
Her great-grandfather quietly began to read again.
"I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter."
When out on the roof I heard such a clatter."
"The reindeer are on the next page," said Mary, excitedly. "They are all covered with bells, and behind them is a big red sleigh all full of lovely presents." "Turn the page, grandfather, turn it quickly, please."
Mary grabbed the book and turned—the page had nothing on it. "They have all gone way off," said Mary. "I must be dreaming, let me look at the page again. Grandfather, did you see any reindeer—where did they go?"
Shook Like Bowl of Jelly
"In the sleigh sat a little fat man with a great white beard. On his head was a red cap and his belly was so fat that it stuck out like a big sofa cushion before him. He began to laugh and shook like a bowl full of jelly." "Grandfather," cried Mary, "that picture is at the back of the book. Hurry, turn over, let me see if it is there." The place was just as empty as the others.

Mary put the book down and looked at her great-grandfather. "There is something very goofy here. Where did those pictures go? Grandfather, I think you and I are goofy too."
"Close your eyes tight," said Mary's great-grandfather, "and promise not to peep."
"I promise," said Mary, "honest."
"Open Your Eyes Wide"
He took the little girl in his arms and walked toward the back of the room. "Open your eyes," he whispered, "open them wide."
Mary opened them—and there against a bookcase stood a beautiful Christmas tree covered with snow, with icicles, with silver rope, with colored bells, and on the end of each branch was a white candle.
"Put me down, grandfather, put me down. Pinch me, grandfather, pinch me. Am I awake? Is it real? Honest, is it real?"
"Mary," he said, "here is a taper. Light the candles." She lit them one by one.
"Granddaddy, hold me up so that I can light the topmost one."
He held her up, while she lighted it, and then they walked across the room and stood, hand in hand, looking at the tree.
Bells Jingle, Hoofs Clatter
Outside on the snow-covered lawn was a jingle of bells and a clatter of hoofs. "Reindeer!" exclaimed Mary. "Reindeer, with bells and everything."
Her grandfather threw open the window and in came four little reindeer with strings of brass bells about their necks, and frozen breath upon their noses, which melted and dripped on the floor. Behind them was a sleigh and in the sleigh—a red sleigh—were presents—dolls, an electric stove, a Noah's Ark with animals that stuck their heads out of the windows and made noises like real animals do.
There was a funny little teeter with a stage, and funny men and women all dressed up, that worked with strings. There were skates, a bicycle, a sled, and most wonderful of all, an elephant that walked, wagged its ears, and held out its trunk as just as empty as the others. (Continued on Page 7, column 3)

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Sugar-Saving Candy Making Tips

By JOSEPHINE GIBSON
HOW CAN there be holiday feasting without candies and other sweet tidbits? If you are worrying about providing sweets with the sugar crock almost empty, try these sugar-saving sweets.

MOLASSES PEPPERMINT TAFFY

Combine:
2 cups light molasses
4 tablespoons butter

Cook until a small amount forms a hard ball when dropped in cold water (275 degrees), stirring frequently. Pour batch at once into greased baking tin or marble slab. As edges cool, turn toward center with spatula or edge will be hard before center is ready to pull. When cool enough to handle, make a little hollow in the taffy and add:
3 or 4 drops oil of peppermint.
Gather into a ball. Pull, using fingertips until light. Stretch into long rope and cut in 1-inch pieces. When thoroughly cooled wrap pieces in waxed paper. Makes 1½ pounds.

COFFEE CARAMELS

Combine:
½ cup ground coffee
½ cup boiling water

Add and scald 10 minutes:
2 cups evaporated milk
Strain through cheese cloth and measure. There should be two cups. Boil together:
2 cups sugar
2 cups white corn syrup
few grains salt

Cook mixture to 245 degrees to make a very thick syrup. Add, very slowly so as not to stop boiling, coffee mixture and:
½ cup butter

Cook quickly, while stirring constantly, to 242 degrees (firm ball stage). Add:
1 teaspoon vanilla

Pour into buttered pans to ¾-inch thickness. Cool. Before candy sets, mark into squares. Chill until very firm. Remove to cutting board and use a large knife to cut into squares.

CHOCOLATE FUDGE

Combine:
2 squares chocolate
½ cup milk, scalded

Heat slowly until chocolate is melted and add:
1 teaspoon vanilla
½ cup chopped nut meats, if desired



Children take great delight in helping prepare the holiday sweets. Here, two boys are stirring the sugar for a batch of home-made candy.

firm ball when tested in cold water (about 20 minutes). Remove from heat. Add vanilla and nut meats. Pour at once into buttered pan (8x8 inches). When cold, cut into squares. Remove from pan. Makes 1½ pounds.

ORANGE COCOANUT FUDGE

Combine:
2 cups sugar
1 cup evaporated milk
¼ teaspoon salt

Heat, stirring constantly until sugar is dissolved. Then boil without stirring to the soft ball stage, 238 degrees. Remove from heat and cool to lukewarm. Spread over bottom of buttered pan:
2 tablespoons cocoanut
2 teaspoons grated orange rind

Add to candy mixture:
2 tablespoons butter
¼ cup cocoanut
¼ teaspoon vanilla

Beat until mixture begins to stiffen. Pour into pan over cocoanut and orange rind. Cut into squares.

APRICOT COCOANUT BALLS

1½ cups dried apricots, ground
2 cups shredded cocoanut
½ cup sweetened condensed milk
Confectioner's sugar

Mix apricots and cocoanut. Moisten with sweetened condensed milk. Shape into balls and roll in confectioner's sugar. Let stand until firm. Makes about 32 balls.

Texas Farm News

Meet "Miss Cock-a-Doodle-Do of the Lower Rio Grande Valley." The plump red hen, entered in a "beauty" contest at the Edinburg poultry show, nosed out six other contestants for the title and prize. Some of her rivals were ribbon-bedecked white pullets.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Economics estimates there are 42,459,000 chickens on Texas farms. This figure tops that of all States with the exception of Iowa, which has 54,169,000. The estimate is based on reports from rural, mail carriers, crop and stock reports, and hatcheries.

A crop of hairy vetch, fortified by 200 pounds of 20 percent superphosphate an acre, moved a strip of farmland in Young county, Texas, from the red to the profit side of the ledger this year. The plot, comprising 30 acres of Brazos river sandy soil, had not yielded crops which paid the cost of production for several years, said County Agent R. C. Dunkle. Then J. B. Fore, Jr., ex-serviceman and operator of the farm, in October, 1946, prepared and seeded the acreage. From it he harvested 8,040 pounds of clean vetch seed. His gross return from the 30 acres was \$1,698, of which \$1,608 was from the seed.

Texas has the second largest acreage devoted to certified tree farms of all the States in the Nation. Authority for this statement is the recent report compiled by J. C. McClellan, assistant forester of the American Forest Products Industries. According to the report, Texas has a total of 2,401,613 acres in its tree farm program. This is exceeded only by the 3,009,843 acres credited to Arkansas. Three years ago, McClellan said, Texas had only 262,371 total tree farm acres.



Howard Altenhof, 17, of New Braunfels, won the national Wilson meat animal award at the 4-H Club Congress in Chicago early in December.

The chemical weed killer known as 2-4-D is blamed for losses amounting to \$200,000 in the cotton fields of Matagorda county. H. D. Madsen, of Danevang, president of the Cotton Farmers Protective Association, said that 2,000 acres of cotton in the county were ruined when wind drove the chemical, intended to dust rice fields, across the cotton lands.

At no time since the war have prospects for dairying looked as good as at present, according to Charles V. Griffin, Brown county agent. He points out that the shortage of dairy cows is acute. For the past nine years an average of 60 per cent of the milk cows have been bred to beef type bulls, which, Griffin says, is one of the principal reasons for the shortage. More people, he adds, are using milk, cheese, cream and butter. "Of course," the agent concluded, "dairy feed is high, but with careful planning and management, good dairy cows will not only pay for themselves, but will afford a good living as well."

Among the thousands of gifts delivered to Buckingham Palace in London for Princess Elizabeth's wedding was a 21-pound bag of pecans, sent by E. Guy Risien, of San Saba. This is not the first time British royalty has received pecans from the Risien orchards. The late Queen Victoria, great-grandmother of the princess, received pecans from the late F. E. Risien, father of E. Guy Risien. The elder Risien was a native of England and an admirer of the late queen.

Seventy-six railway carlots of red grapefruit are on the way from the Rio Grande Valley of Texas to Belgium and Switzerland. Shippers at Brownsville reported that the people in those European countries are particularly fond of the crimson-flesh citrus fruit, raised only in the Texas Valley.

Farm income for the Rio Grande Valley of Texas for the first eight months this year exceeded by nine million dollars the previous record set in the same period of 1946. The new all-time record is \$124,648,000. These figures were released by the Bureau of Business Research of the University of Texas.

It is not mentioned in conventional history books, but Christopher Columbus was America's first cattleman, says Dr. John Ashton, professor of agricultural economics at Texas A. & M. College. "There were no farm animals of any kind on the Western Hemisphere until Columbus had imagination enough to bring them over on his second voyage in 1493 and turn them loose," said the A. & M. professor who is the author of a forthcoming book on the Texas cattle industry.

More than 5,000 turkeys were driven through the streets of Cuero in the parade which features that Texas town's annual Turkey Trot. Later, in ceremonies at the municipal airport, addresses were delivered by Gov. Beauford H. Jester and Rep. John Lyle of Corpus Christi. Miss Mary Helen Burns, Cuero blonde, was crowned Sultana Oreuc X by Sultan Yekrut X, in private life Joe S. Edgar, Jr., Cuero banker.

Next fall farmers and ranchmen will be going to their seed stores and calling for Texas Rescue 46 Rescue grass, a native of South America, is a winter annual which produces green feed when most other grasses are dead or dormant. Early ranchmen named it "rescue" because it came to their rescue when most needed. Since 1941, the Agricultural Experiment Station at Texas A. & M. College has been making selections from both native rescue grass and several strains of seed. It was found that rescue differed greatly in height, leafiness, seed production, and resistance to disease. Out of these tests came Texas Rescue 46. Foundation seed was placed with Texas registered seed growers in September, 1946, and the seed will be available for general planting next fall.

Goats have assumed the calf-feeding chore on the farm of Byford McQuiston near Nacogdoches. When a calf is born in the McQuiston dairy herd, there's no such thing as a drop in milk production. The day a calf is born, it is turned over to a nanny goat to raise, and the cow that mothered the calf goes on producing milk for sale. To raise a young calf, McQuiston says, it takes a gallon of milk daily for 120 days, or an investment at prevailing milk prices of \$64 or more. The goats save this money. "Not only that, but the calves are healthier when they're raised on goat's milk," McQuiston adds.

Muskrat trappers, toiling hip-deep in the muck of almost impenetrable marshes of the Texas-Louisiana coast country, may reap the richest harvest in the history of the back-breaking industry, fur buyers and trappers predict. Eleven to 12,000,000 rat skins, selling for near-record prices ranging from \$1.30 to \$2.25 per pelt, may be taken in the bistate area, industry leaders say. The season opened November 15 and will close March 15.

A Texas negro "city farmer" who really made a big crop on a small scale is Block Carroll, who lives at Paris. Carroll picked

up a potato slip out of some garbage he was hauling last spring. He set it out in his back yard. The vine grew rapidly, spreading 25 feet in all directions, and when Block dug his crop he got 35 pounds of sweet potatoes.

Cotton stalks should be plowed under just as soon as the last boll is picked in the field, county agents throughout the State advise farmers. This, they explain, is a good way to starve the boll weevil before he goes into hibernation for the winter. Also, they add, cotton stalks turned under green make a good green manure crop, which helps the soil. In addition, plowing now will help to clean up fields that have grass or weeds in them.

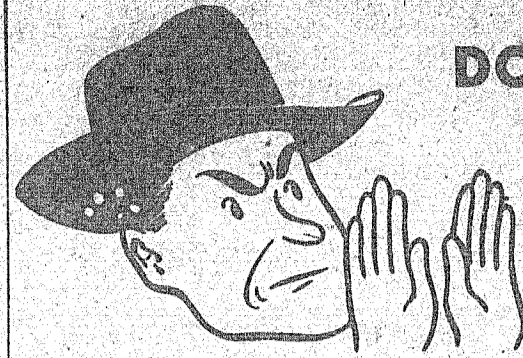
A new method of water distribution which may revolutionize irrigation has been demonstrated on the farm of Perry Bowser, west of Kress. Instead of getting the water to the crops through irrigation ditches, the new system employs the sprinkler method. Advantages of the new method are said to include an even distribution of water, the ability to water crops growing on a hillside or where terraces exist, the need for only one ditch, and the elimination of run-off, washing, crusting and waste. Standard equipment can deliver four acre-inches an hour or 1,500 gallons a minute. A special feature includes a method of distributing fertilizer in the water, thus insuring uniformity of distribution.

The recent purchase by J. L. Pulley, of Uvalde, of 352 registered Angora goats from G. A. Bonner, of Leakey, is said to constitute the second largest such transaction on record. Bonner has developed what is regarded as one of the outstanding flocks in the entire Nation. Since 1940, his goats reportedly have won more major show premiums than any other flock. Until this year, his entries had won both championships in the annual shearing contest held by the Texas Angora Goat Raisers Association every year since the contest was started.

Texas farm cash income for the first eight months of 1947 reached \$953,861,000 to exceed the total for the comparable 1946 period by nearly 300 million dollars, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reports. Higher dollar value of crops brought the increased income, the statistical agency said. The northern high plains of the State had the highest gain, 130%, of any district; the trans-Pecos region, where a 30 per cent slump was recorded, had the lowest income.

Some very interesting information concerning the value of hairy vetch as a green manure crop recently was released by M. K. Thornton, extension agricultural chemist of Young county. He said that hairy vetch that yielded 2,000 pounds of hay will return to the land 41.4 pounds of nitrogen. Farmers who have inspected bales of hairy vetch hay agree it is of excellent quality.

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Trapper Lewis McDonough was the scourge of coyotes in Motley county last year. With a catch of 918 of the varmints, which fatten on farmers' chickens and sheep, McDonough was the No. 1 coyote catcher in the Lubbock district, comprising more than 40 counties. Dickens county, with a bag of 520, provided the second highest catch in the district.

Members of the Hamlin, Texas, Future Farmers of America chapter, interested in better hogs and improved swine production, have organized a Duroc Swine Club, according to T. C. Blankenhip, their advisor. The swine club is composed of seven members, who pooled their resources and purchased the Duroc sow, Daisy Jane, dam of champion barrows at Houston and Fort Worth livestock shows, and at the State Fair of Texas.

Texas honey production for 1947 is estimated at 13,140,000 pounds, the result of a record high yield of 45 pounds of honey per bee colony, says the U. S. Department of Agriculture. This increased production represents a twenty per cent gain over last year's crop of 10,920,000 pounds. Texas beehives had 292,000 colonies at the start of the 1947 season, compared with 273,000 last year. The USDA attributed the increased nectar

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Dynamiting has proved successful for knocking pecans off trees at the A. I. Fabis farm north of Brownwood, according to Fabis. He said he had received inquiries—and orders for pecans—from all over Texas as a result of the experiment. Fabis found that a full stick of dynamite placed in the top of the older and larger trees is most effective. He waited until frost to use the dynamite on younger and smaller trees for most effective dislodgment of the nuts. He advised against careless and indiscriminate use of dynamite for the purpose.

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In the fourth year before the opening of the Christian Era, Joseph, a carpenter of Galilee, obedient to a decree of Caesar Augustus — that all the world should be taxed, every one in his own city — went with Mary, his wife, out of the city of Nazareth into Judaea, unto the city of David — called Beth-lehem — because he was of the house and lineage of David.

And so it was, that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered and she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

In the same country were shepherds, keeping watch over their flock by night and, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and they were sore afraid, and the angel said, Fear not; for, behold, I bring tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day a Saviour. And suddenly there was a multitude of the Heavenly Host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And the shepherds came and found the babe lying in a manger and made known abroad the saying concerning the child, and all that heard it wondered. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

Now came eastern wise men to Jerusalem, following the child's star, and Herod the king, was troubled for prophesy had told that from Bethlehem would come a ruler of all Israel, and he sent the wise men there, saying, search diligently, and when ye have found the child bring me word that I may come and worship Him also. And, lo, the star led them to where the young child was, and they fell down and worshipped Him; and presented unto Him gifts, and they returned not to Herod, but departed another way.

Forty days after His birth, the child was presented at the temple in Jerusalem, whence the family returned to Nazareth.

But Joseph, fearful of Herod's wrath, soon fled with Mary and the child into Egypt and Herod, unaware of their escape, slew the babies in Bethlehem and all the coasts thereof.

When Herod died, Joseph returned with Mary and the child to Israel, but hearing that Archelaus did reign in Judaea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither, and turned aside into the parts of Galilee.

In his twelfth year, taken to Jerusalem for the Passover, the child, for three days was lost from his kin, and they found Him in the temple questioning with the doctors.

And He dwelt in Nazareth until His thirtieth year, an humble carpenter, increasing in wisdom and stature and in favour with God and man.

When Christ began to be about thirty years of age He was baptized in the river Jordan, by his cousin, John the Baptist, and passed forty days in the wilderness near Jericho, and began His ministry preaching in the synagogues in Galilee, in Nazareth and in Capernaum.

Soon He gathered about Him disciples, and the chiefest were the twelve chosen as His apostles, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, James and John, Philip and Bartholomew, Matthew and Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon called Zebedee, and Judas the brother of James and Judas Iscariot, which also was the traitor. And He carried His teachings to all the regions about Galilee.

And Christ led His apostles into a desert place of Bethsaida, and foretold His fate, and set His and their steps toward Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover by Jericho, unto Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount called the mount of Olives.

On the Sunday in April before the Feast when Christ was thirty-four years old He



One of the world's masterpieces dealing with the birth of Christ is this painting by Luca del Robbia, dated 1463, and titled, "Nativity with Gloria."

ed with earth. Now the children knew they would not have to chop down the home of a robin or take a baby tree away from its mother. They would buy a little tree that would keep on growing after Christmas was past. And that is just what they did!

Jean Jacques

(Continued from Page 5) for peanuts, which it put in its mouth.

"Quick, Shut the Window" Mary looked at her grandfather, her eyes were very big. "Grand-daddy," she said, "quick, shut the window or they will run away."

Her great-grandfather closed the window. "Mary," he said, "why are you crying?"

"He is not there. Where is he? Where has he gone? Won't I see him? Tell me grandfather, won't I see Santa Claus?"

In the chimney was a scratching—a pair of black boots came first, then red legs, then a big fat red belly, and there he stood on the hearth with his white beard and white hair all covered with soot.

"Merry Christmas!" he shouted. "Merry Christmas. A small chimney for a fat man, but I wiggled down. Why don't you clean your chimneys once in a while?"

Santa Claus went over to his sleigh and began to take out the presents, putting them around the tree.

"Are they all for me?" asked Mary, in a half scared voice.

"Yes," said Santa, "all for you, every one of them, every single one."

"But how about the other children," asked Mary, "what do they have? I don't want to be a pig, even if this is my first tree."

"That is all taken care of, my child," said her great-grandfather. "Mr. Santa Claus has a sleigh full for each house—he has them all loaded and has only to go home and harness his reindeer to them."

"I Must Be Going" "I must be going," said Santa Claus, "I must be going. I have a lot of children to see tonight, a lot. Merry Christmas! Open the window, please." He jumped into his sleigh, cracked his whip, and was off with a "Merry Christmas!"

Mary sat with a doll in her arms on the big sofa, her little body cuddled close to her great-grandfather's, whose arm was about her—and the Christmas book lay in her lap. She had fallen asleep.

The library door opened. Jean Jacques the Third, the living Jean Jacques, stood in his dressing gown in the doorway, with a book under his arm. He saw the tree, the presents under it, and the candles burning on it. He looked at the empty frame, and his own grandfather sitting on the sofa with Mary asleep beside him.

Glances Over Shoulder Jean Jacques stole across the room and glanced over his ancestor's shoulder. He read the first lines on the open page of the book in Mary's lap. "Twas the night before Christmas

When all through the house Not a creature was stirring, Not even a mouse.

Uncle Jean Jacques — Jean Jacques the Third—took Mary in his arms. She did not awake, but nestled closer to him. He turned and moved toward the door, paused an instant, and looked back. The tree was gone—and in the empty frame was Jean Jacques the First in his black coat and white frock. "Tomorrow is Christmas Day," said Jean Jacques the Third. "By tomorrow we'll have that tree back again with all the presents under it and the candles burning."

SURPRISE CHRISTMAS TREE

Bobby and Jack and Beverly and Jean were tramping through the woods on Bobby's farm. Bobby's daddy was with them. Over his shoulder he carried his axe. For the children were going to choose a fir tree for the Christmas party at their school.

"There is a pretty tree!" Jean exclaimed. "And it is just the right size!" added Jack.

The children and Mr. Jones walked over to the tree which stood off by itself.

"There's a bird in it," said Beverly. "A robin's nest," Mr. Jones remarked. "If we were to chop down this tree the robins might miss it," said Bobby a little sadly. "I wonder whether they always live in this particular tree," thought Jack who seemed worried.

The four children looked at each other. "We don't want to make any bird unhappy," they all said.

So the searching party moved on. Soon they came to a spruce about the size of the first one. A squirrel was sitting on one of the branches.

"We can't cut the squirrel's playground from under him," said Jean. And the other children agreed.

The third tree the children found was protected by a larger one. Its branches were covered with snow, for the wind could not get at it.

"How about this one, father?" asked Bobby.

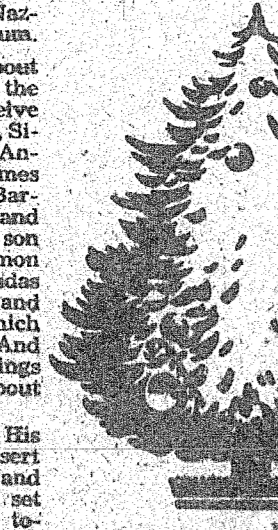
"Oh, I think it is the baby of the big tree," cried Beverly. "And if we took it away, the mother would be lonely."

"I think you children had better come with me," said Mr. Jones. "I don't believe you want to cut down a tree for Christmas after all."

"Oh, but we do!" cried the four children, as if with one breath.

Mr. Jones walked back to the road and stepped into his automobile. The children looked at each other in bewilderment. They followed him and climbed into the car.

Then away they went. The children said nothing. Soon the automobile stopped in front of a big building. A man led them through a door and into a big open place, where there were dozens of fir trees for sale. Each one was growing in a big wooden tub. Fill-



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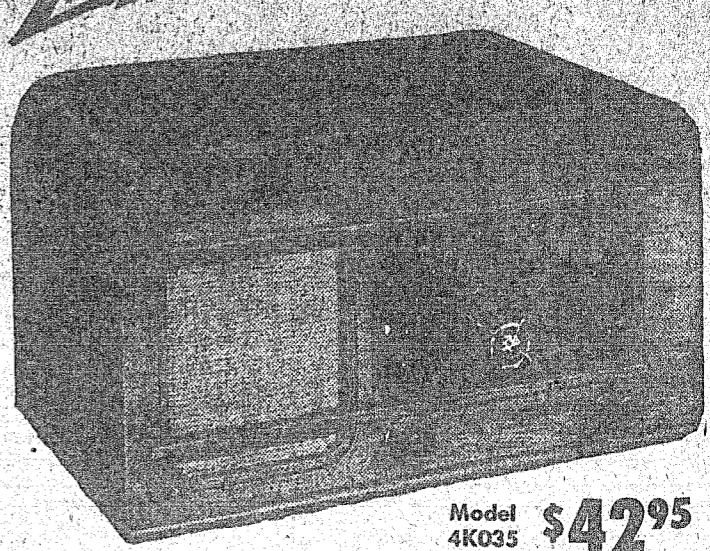
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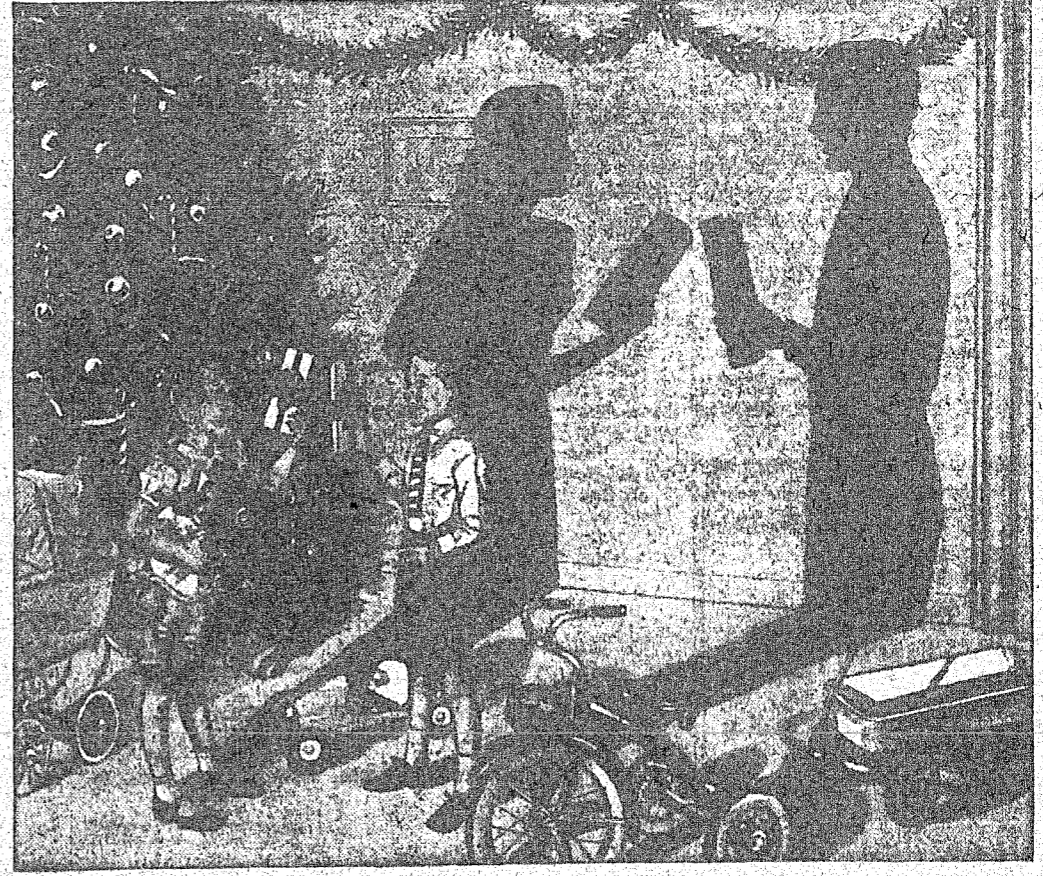
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By MILDRED HARCADISTLE, R. N. (Condensed from The Chicago Tribune)

HOW MANY of us, thinking only to give our children the best of everything, try to exclude them from the Christmas preparations?

To us, those preparations may seem to be only chores, work to be finished before the children can have their day. But to them, preparations are fascinating fun.

We can scarcely expect the child who has experienced Christmas only as a day to get every thing that he wants, to change suddenly and want to give just because he is older. The true beauty and meaning of Christmas as a time to give unselfishly, just as the Wise Men gave to the Christ Child, has been lost when the child can remember only one hectic day of receiving too much of everything.

After baby is walking and talking, he isn't too young to take a small part in the preparations, for even then he can feel the spirit in which they are done. Let him give Daddy a gift, no matter how small. Let him hold it as you say: "This is your gift to Daddy. We will wrap it together." Daddy's thanks to him on Christmas morning will be the beginning of learning the glow that giving brings. Other preparations can be shared simply in the same way.

Sing Carols to Him

The two-year-old can take a much more active part. Let him hand you the fragrant sprays of Christmas greens as you decorate; guide his hand so that he can stick raisins in the special cookies that are to be a gift for a special friend, telling him about it as you work. Sing Christmas carols and hear him try to follow the tunes. He can't possibly miss the spirit of gladness which this day should bring, for you'll really be feeling joyful as you sing "Joy to the World."

The three-year-old can help make his own special gifts as well as share in the decorating and baking preparations. One

little girl made her dad a paper weight that still holds first place on his desk. She found a large smooth stone big enough to place a snapshot of herself on its top. Her mother helped her glue it into place and then give the whole thing a coat of clear shellac. After the child can handle blunt scissors and crayons, he will enjoy making many different decorations for the tree, the windows or the rooms.

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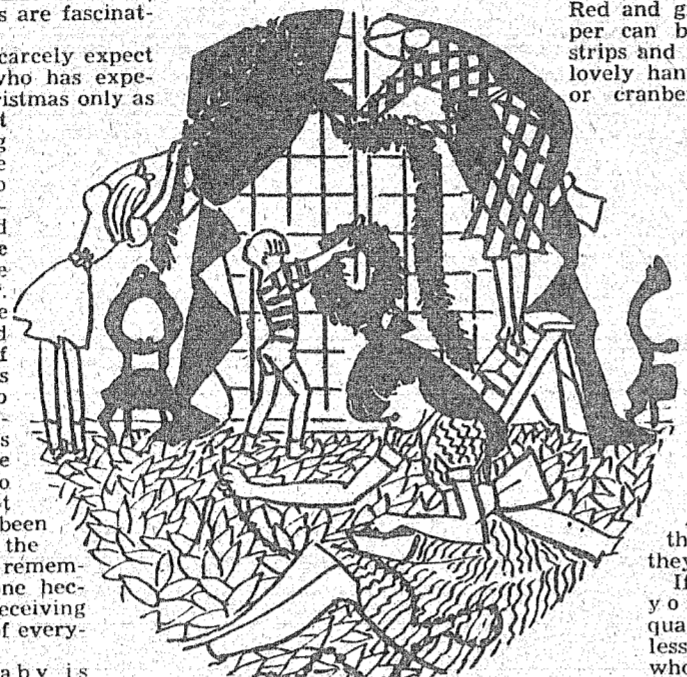
Paper colored and cut into inch-wide strips, pasted together into a chain of rings is a very popular decoration, easily made. Pictures from old Christmas greetings may be cut out and hung with bright red or green yarn. Red and green crepe paper can be cut in long strips and fluted to make lovely hangings. Popcorn or cranberries may be strung. Any one of these activities, taken a little bit at a time, will keep the child busy and happy while you do the more difficult jobs with which he can't help. Remember, though, not to expect perfection!

Accept them in the spirit that they are done. If there is among your child's acquaintances some less fortunate to whom you will not receive many gifts for Christmas, this is an ideal time to teach him the joy of sharing with no thought of a gift in return. Let him choose from his own toys those that he has outgrown or doesn't often use and help him wrap them with some candy or cookies to give to the other child.

Let Him Give His Gift

Take him, if possible, on Christmas Day to give his gift, to see the delight that it brings. Having seen the picture of a child being happy with much less than he has will make him appreciate his own abundance more as well as give him the desire to share to make another happy.

Again, don't miss the beauty of Christmas music to emphasize the spirit of your preparations. Your radio is a special blessing at this time with its wealth of good music. Sing, even though you can't carry a tune. Your children will join you and you'll be surprised at the song in your hearts. Spread out the joy of Christmas so that The Day becomes the jeweled setting in the ring of happy preparations shared.



GAY DOORWAY SIGNALIZES YULETIDE WELCOME

Because time is limited to finish outdoor holiday decorations, concentrate your efforts around the doorway, an appropriate place to set the stage for a bright and cheerful Yuletide.

Those who have outdoor lights can make the night-time welcome warm with color. Combining the lights with wreaths, green roping, and cut branches will carry the decorative scheme through the day.

In using lights and greenery together, remember that red lamps have a tendency to make foliage colors appear brownish, but green lights increase their greenness. White lamps produce a bright sparkle, accenting all colors, while yellow and orange give off a mellow glow. Blue produces a hushed appearance.

Ornaments Lead Glitter

Decorations around doorways, protected with a porch roof, may utilize tree ornaments to reflect the colored lights and give the greenery an extra glitter.

In the porch-covered doorway green roping framing the window in the door should be studded with tree ornaments. They are repeated in a large cluster in the upper

corner, where a large evergreen branch across the top of the doorway and one down the side are joined.

Spruce, fir or pine boughs may be used here, and where large ones are not obtainable two or three small ones are tied together to gain the needed size. A string of two of lights are threaded through the green branches to brighten the nighttime effect.

Festive Appearance

The small entrance porch or door shelter can be given a festive holiday appearance with a massive cluster of evergreen branches fastened in the gable end of the roof. To avoid making many holes in the porch, five to seven branches are stapled in cluster formation to a 6 by 12-inch board.

Place the branches in position with the ends curving slightly away from the porch. The board is then secured in position with two medium-sized wood screws.

Colored lights are spaced along the branches and the arrangement is completed with a large, shiny, red oilcloth bow. Silver and red bells are clustered on the wreath hung in the center of the door.



DON'T NEGLECT YOUR APPEARANCE

So you're worn out. This getting ready for Christmas has been a lot of work and you feel old and tired. Keep your spirits high, anyway, mother! And whatever you do, don't neglect your appearance. Wear a fresh, pretty dress. Use those

little tricks of make-up and all those things you do other seasons of the year—even though you just feel like giving it all up and falling into an easy chair. The finest Christmas ever planned can be wrecked by tired, cross, discontented-looking women. Never forget that!

TESTED RECIPES

Best Wishes

Merry Christmas to you all and may this be the best New Year ever. Let's start it off right by following this little poem: "Serve a laugh with meat loaf, Serve a smile with steak, Serve a grin with gingerbread, And chuckles with the cake. Whistle with the waffles, Sing a song with salad, Hum a tune while kneading dough. Don't you know a ballad? Beat time with the rolling pin, Tap-dance while you fry, There's kitchen fun for everyone Who'll make it—why not try?"

Homemakers prepare and serve at least 1,085 meals a year and that's not counting parties, teas, and evening snacks. So why not have some fun with every meal and make the work in the kitchen as easy as possible with a labor-saving recipe such as this:

Orange All-Bran Hot Breads

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup shortening 4 teaspoons baking powder
2 teaspoons grated orange rind $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon soda
1 cup sugar 1 teaspoon salt
2 eggs 1 cup milk
1 cup All-Bran $\frac{1}{2}$ cup orange juice
 $3\frac{1}{2}$ cups sifted flour

Blend shortening, orange rind and sugar thoroughly. Add eggs and beat until creamy. Stir in All-Bran. Sift together flour, baking powder, soda and salt; add to first mixture alternately with milk and orange juice. Stir only until flour disappears.

Baked Apples Popular

Apple time is here again. And once more home-makers are preparing those delicious cobblers, puddings, pies, and other apple dishes with which to delight their families. Baked apples are famous for their versatility. Served with cream they make a tempting and nu-



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tritious breakfast item. Stuffed with sausage or mince meat, baked apples are a welcome treat on luncheon or dinner menus. So, when your family troops in and asks, "What's cooking?" let the luscious aroma of baked apples be the answer.

Below is a simple recipe for baked apples which can be varied in any number of ways. For a party dessert you might top the apples with meringue and maraschino cherries. Or fill them with raisins and nut meats, if you desire.

Baked Apples
6 apples
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup brown sugar
Cinnamon
Lemon juice
2 tablespoons butter
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar
1 cup water

Wash and core the apples. Peel skin about one-third of the way down. Fill center cavity of each apple with two tablespoons brown sugar and sprinkle with cinnamon and a dash of lemon juice. Dot with one teaspoon of butter. Place in a baking pan.

Boil three-quarters of a cup of water and one cup of water for five minutes. Pour around apples and bake uncovered in a moderate oven (375 degrees) for 25 to 30 minutes, or until tender, basting frequently with syrup in bottom of pan. Remove from oven and cool in syrup.

Mashed Sweet Potatoes

Mashed sweet potatoes topped with rich, creamy marshmallows. Doesn't that sound like a delicious concoction? And you can make it even more delicious by mixing nuts with the potatoes.

Try the following recipe and see if your family doesn't agree that here indeed is a dish to win anybody's approval.
 $3\frac{1}{2}$ cups mashed sweet potatoes
 $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ cup unsphurated molasses
3 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
1 teaspoon salt
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon grated lemon or orange rind

Marshmallows
Combine all ingredients except marshmallows. If potatoes are too dry, add a little milk. Dip marshmallows in additional molasses and arrange over potatoes. Bake 30 minutes in a moderate oven (350 degrees). Yield: six to eight servings.

Holiday Cut-Out Canapes

1 3-oz. pkg. cream cheese
3 tablespoons milk
1 No. 2 can cranberry sauce
 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. package processed cheese
1 3-oz. can deviled ham

Crisp crackers
Soften cream cheese with milk, blending until smooth; season if desired. Slice cranberry sauce thin; cut out in bell and star shapes, using small cookie cutters. Slice processed cheese and cut out with cutters into holiday shapes also. Spread cream cheese on crackers and spread deviled ham on additional crackers. Top cream cheese-crackers with cranberry cut-outs and ham-spread crackers with cheese cut-outs. Garnish cheese cut-outs with pimiento. Arrange on platter with plain crackers. Garnish platter with watercress. Serve with juice cocktails. Serves 4 to 6.

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This world famous Christmas anthem was written by Charles Wesley, eighteenth child of a poor, struggling English family and brother of John Wesley, founder of the Methodist church.

It was while on a boat returning to his homeland from America to which he had come with his brother John and where he had been very ill, that he began to write verses for sacred hymns. He became the author of 6,000 songs, among them, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," "Christ the Lord is Risen," and other equally well-known hymns.

And it was on Christmas morn (1730) while listening to the bells on his way to church that this famous composer was inspired to write "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing." The song, though unfinished for nine years, became one of the world's most sacred anthems.

The music is taken from Mendelssohn's Festge song and after several revisions was published finally in practically its present form in 1856—two years before the goldseekers' rush to Colorado.

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