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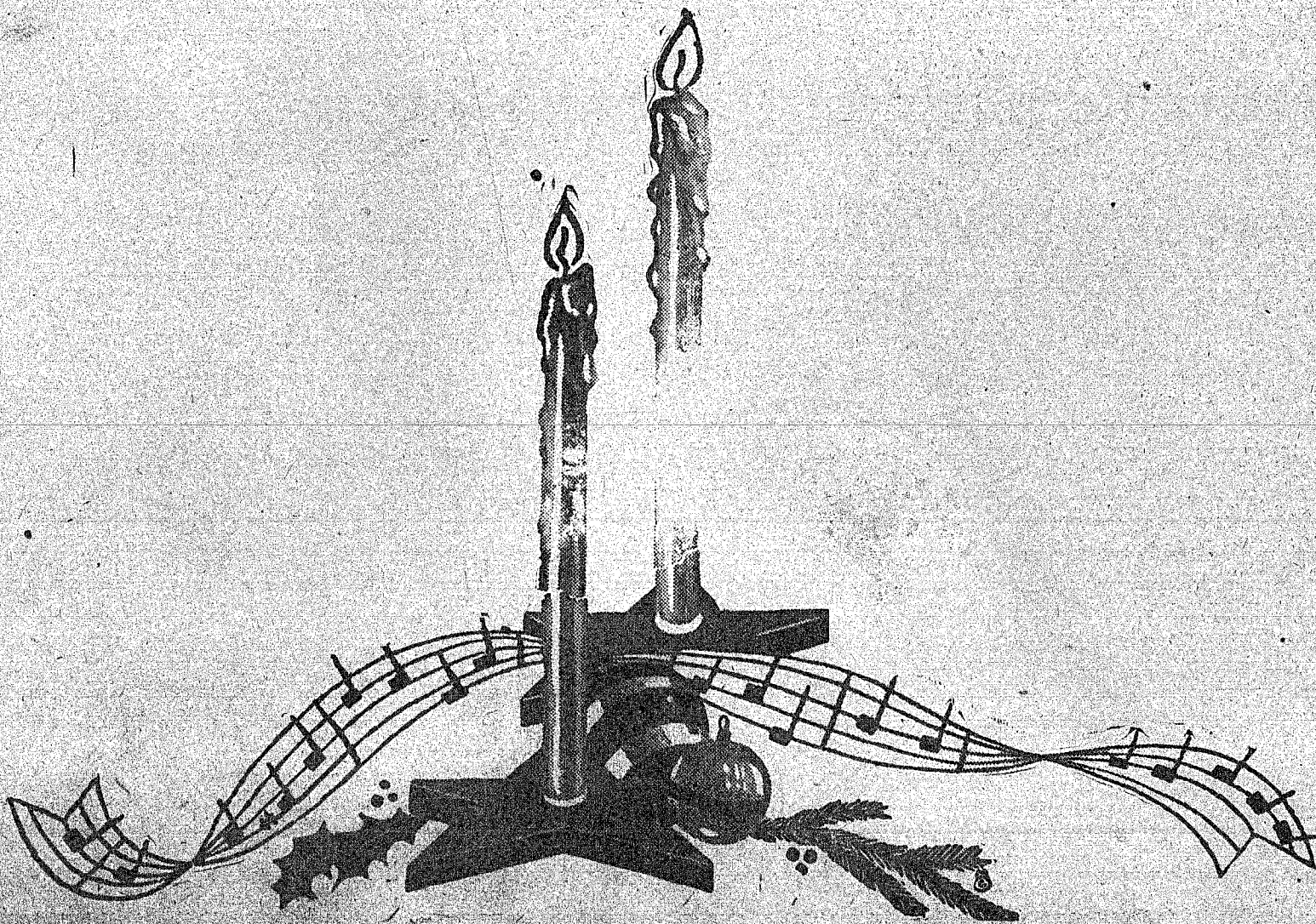
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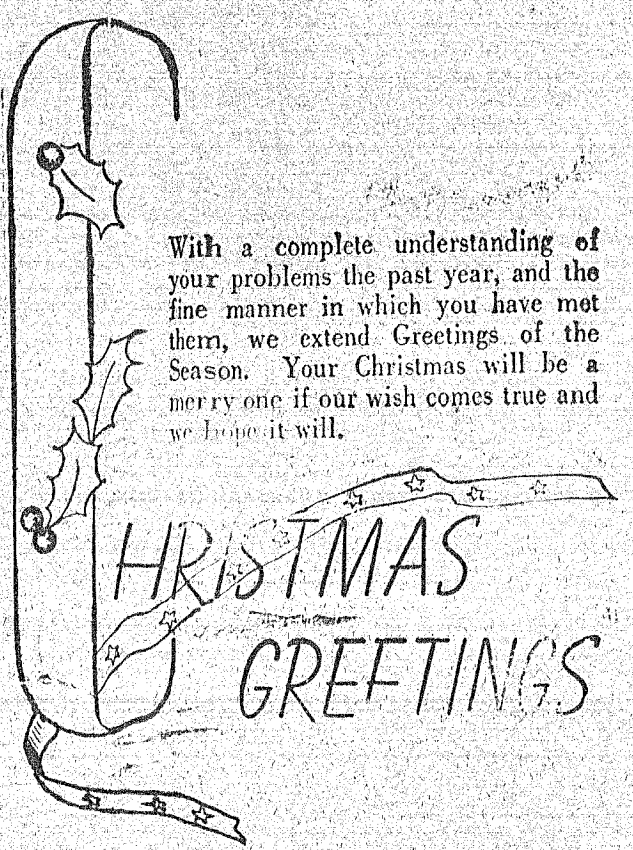
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Wishing You a Merry Christmas

We hope it will be a perfect and enjoyable Christmas, an event the memories of which you will treasure for many days to come. Best wishes to each of you!

The News Staff and Families





With a complete understanding of your problems the past year, and the fine manner in which you have met them, we extend Greetings of the Season. Your Christmas will be a merry one if our wish comes true and we hope it will.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Bell Furniture

Greetings of the SEASON

We want you to know we are thinking of you and your families at this happy holiday and wishing many good things for each of you.

PRICE OIL COMPANY

Each member of this organization is very grateful this Christmas and we all join together in sending our very best wishes to you in recognition of the many courtesies extended this firm in the past.

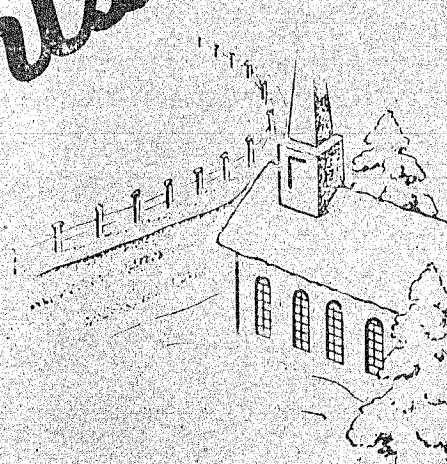
Christmas

GREETINGS

Specks Barber Shop

The BLESSINGS

of Christmas



The cordiality of Christmas is one of the finest blessings that any of us can possibly enjoy. To us, Christmas means much more than just the opportunity of presenting and receiving gifts. It's more than a season of exchanging greetings and it goes far deeper than the traditional festive occasions.

Christmas, for us, is a season of genuine good will and happiness, a time of thanksgiving for all.

SANTA ANNA FOOD LOCKER

Bill Stiles, Mgr.



Payne Variety

CORDIAL GREETINGS

This is a happy occasion on which to extend to all our friends our sincere wishes for a season of bright prosperity, abundant health and enduring happiness.

MATHEWS MOTOR COMPANY

Dorcas Class Has Party

The beautiful new home of Mrs. Arthur Casey was the meeting place for the annual Christmas party of the Dorcas Sunday School class of the Baptist church Wednesday afternoon, December 17th.

The home was beautifully decorated in the Christmas theme. A beautiful tree well loaded with attractively wrapped packages, was the center of attention.

After the devotional and business meeting the ladies enjoyed hearing Miss Ada Louis Newman, recently returned missionary of Nigeria, West Africa, tell some interesting things about her work there. The ladies then enjoyed a social hour with the exchange of gifts.

The following ladies were served delicious refreshments of coffee, date loaf cake topped with whipped cream and cherries,

candy and nuts. Mesdames J. D. Williamson, Frank Leady, S. E. Benton, Ernest England, Jess Howard, Ed Schrader, Orin McClure, Glenn McClure, E. C. Woodard, T. E. McDonald, Benjie Allison, M. R. Pollock, A. L. Irby, Pierre Rowe, Seybold Rowe, and B. A. Parker. Mrs. Tucker Newman and Mrs. O. V. Bivins were present for a part of the afternoon.

County Road to Get New Surface

New surfacing for 12.3 miles of U. S. 183 estimated to cost \$50,500 was ordered Wednesday by the State Highway Commission.

The project will begin at the intersection of U. S. Highways 84 and 183 north of Coleman and will extend to 3.5 miles southeast of Novice.

The work will be financed with state funds which the commission has been holding in reserve

since the construction holiday during the war years.

State Highway Commission Chairman John S. Redditt explained the Coleman county construction was part of a general statewide move to modernize and rehabilitate 1,456 miles of state roads.

"We had ordered jobs estimated to cost \$6,330,500 to protect our investment in present roads and to give greater comfort and convenience to the people using them," Redditt said.

The projects ordered Wednesday cover all areas of the state. They include reshaping and widening many narrow "razor back" roads, new surfaces for asphalt pavements, widening of bridges, building stable shoulders, eliminating sharp curves and other work to improve a great many of the highway system's bad sections.

The work will be done in the spring and summer months of

1948 when the next construction season brings favorable weather conditions.

Health Dept. Says Prevent Accidents

"The only way to avoid the useless waste of life due to traffic accidents is to prevent the accident," reads a warning issued by Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

"It is not a question of who is right and who is wrong after the accident has occurred," he said, "and automobile accidents never happen merely because of bad luck — there is a definite cause for every one of them, although it is not possible to determine the precise origin of every mishap."

Leaders of the safety movement agree that the most fundamental approach to the solu-

tion lies in the education and training of the individual. Safety education includes the training of individuals to avoid accidents to themselves and to prevent accidents to others. It involves the acquisition of a certain fund of information, the ability to apply this information to concrete situations, and the building up of habits which will make the application of knowledge to situations automatic.

"The dangerous curves and intersections on the highways of Texas are distinctly marked and automobile drivers can assist greatly in the reduction of the deaths from automobile accidents by carefully observing these warning signs.

"Some motorists rely too much on traffic rules and regulations, thinking that if they obey the rules of the road at the time when an accident occurs, no blame can be attached to them. This is not true. The only man

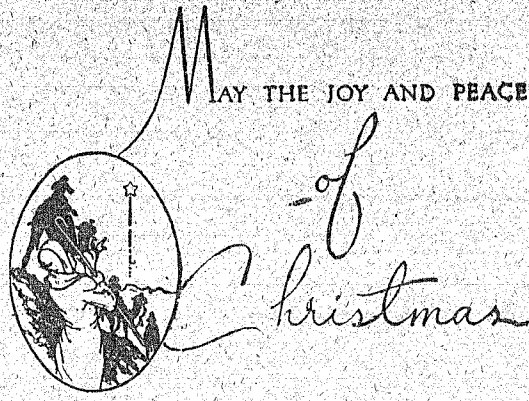
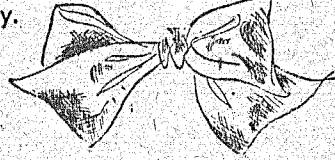
who can consider himself blameless in case of accident, when he was obeying the rules of the road, is the one who did everything possible to avoid that accident.

"The consequences of automobile accidents are so disastrous that only when we have done everything in our power to avoid such accidents can we consider ourselves, or expect others to consider us, blameless in the case of accident.

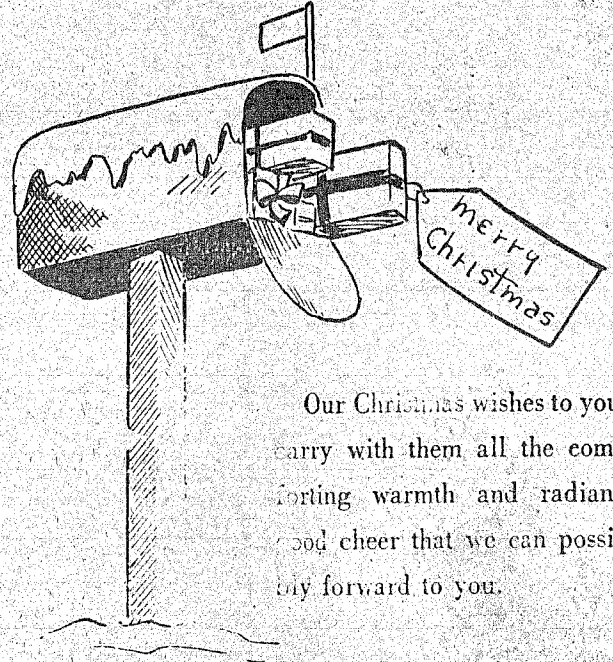
"When each individual does all that he is able to do toward avoiding an accident of any kind, then and then only will our traffic accidents be avoided."

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Snodgrass of Brady came Wednesday of last week and visited with their son, Bruce, who was sick. Mr. Snodgrass returned the same day but Mrs. Snodgrass remained until Friday.

NOW, as we pause to observe another Yuletide Season, we are remembering our host of friends and wishing for them, and their families, a Christmas that is brim full of joy and peace and happiness and a New Year of prosperity.



REMAIN WITH YOU THROUGHOUT THE DAYS OF THE NEW YEAR



Our Christmas wishes to you carry with them all the comforting warmth and radiant good cheer that we can possibly forward to you.

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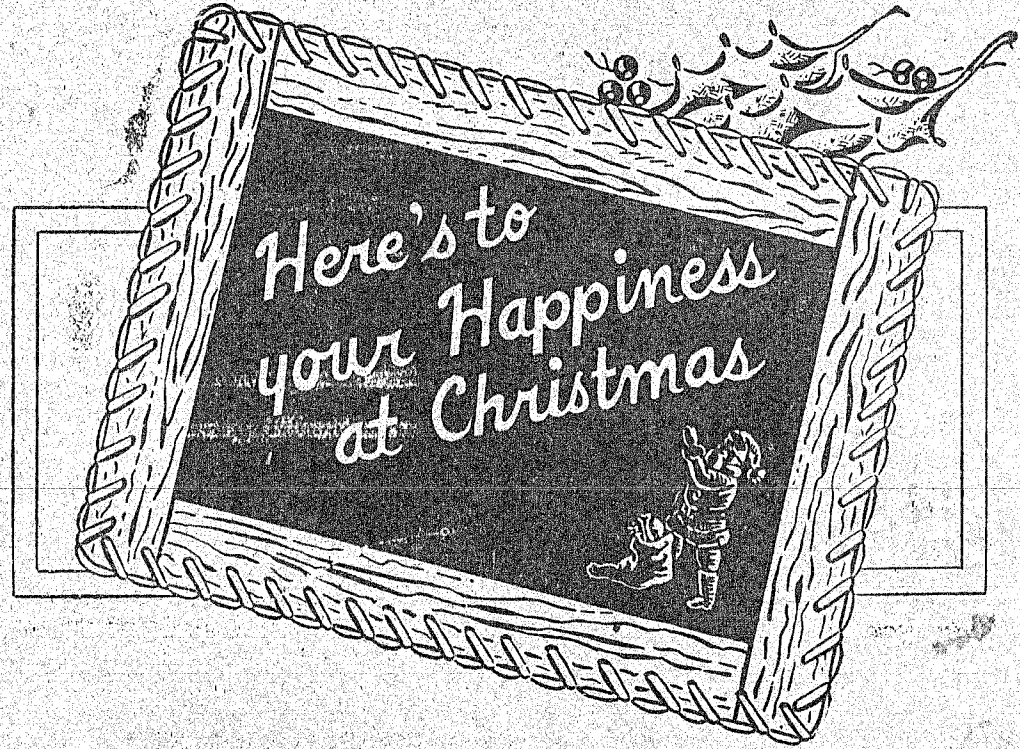
H. B. Monroe Barney Lewellen
Margaret Monroe Myron Pratt

Merry Christmas

NEIGHBORS

In just a very few words we want to send a sincere message of good will to our customers and friends at Christmastime. You are deserving of all the

good things we can wish for you and it is our sincere hope that the New Year will be one of innumerable blessings for you and those about you.



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Trickham News
(By Mrs. Beula Kingston)

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Stearns Sunday were Filmore Stearns, who has been in the hospital at Temple, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Stearns and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stearns and family, Bill Griffin and Douglas Lykins of Santa Anna.

Sunday evening Billy and Delmer Mathews and George Carter of Concord visited with Harley Stearns.

This is Sunday afternoon and as I am having to get my news in tomorrow, Monday, I am using this time to start my news. I am listening to Rev. G. Norris on radio station KSTA, pastor of the Lawn Baptist church in Coleman, and I want to say I sure enjoy the messages. We, as friends of the Bunyon Norris family, are proud of you. May God bless your ministry.

Bro. Burgett brought us a good heartsearching message this morning on Christmas. He said we seem to make more of Santa Claus than we do of Christ's birth. We were happy to have Rev. Burgett's father, R. N. Burgett of Floydada, and his son, Clinton from Spade. Miss Elaine Burgett was with us for the morning services.

Our hearts go out in sympathy to the ones of our community who are sick. Mrs. Ben McIver was taken to the Sealy Hospital Saturday very ill. Mrs. C. F. Shield is still suffering much with her knee. We are so sorry for her. She has been suffering so long, and so far, has found no remedy.

Gus Fiveash of Coleman came down some time last night to his sister's Mrs. Leta Price, and brought the news of the death of an uncle, Tilmond Burgany. They left here early this morning to go to the funeral. A number of our old timers were up in the same community as Tilmond and his brothers and sisters. It brings sadness to our heart to hear of one of our old friends passing away.

We just learned this morning that one of Mrs. H. T. Lafferty's sons, who lived at Ft. Stockton was accidentally killed a short time ago after his chest was crushed in a machine shop. A bulldozer blade fell on him as it was being lifted by a chain hoist. We regret very much to hear of this news of the death of M. E. We had dinner with his mother at Brownwood only a few weeks ago. She spoke of her son, little dreaming that he would be gone before Christmas.

Mrs. Zona Stacy and Beulah Kingston visited Mrs. Ben McIver last Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Page are enjoying their new radio bought by his daughter, Mrs. Viola Mays.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Boenicke and her brother, Robert Shield, and Mrs. Kingston attended a Sunday School and church get together at the Christian church in Santa Anna last Tuesday night. It was, to me, one of the nicest and most interesting Christian fellowship meetings I had attended in a long time. Songs, both old and new, were sung. Rev. Wiley read the Christmas message as given by St. Luke. Games of naming capitals, birds, trees and flowers were enjoyed. Mrs. Gipson and Mrs. Wylie conducted Bible quizzes. Refreshments were served and to the surprise of

Rev. and Mrs. Wylie, a table loaded with all kinds of gifts and foods was brought in. I did not feel I was among strangers, but just a group of brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ.

May I again remind you that several of your subscriptions expire this month. Thanks to Will Haynes for his renewal.

Glad to see Willie Evans Burney out at Sunday School and church Sunday.

Mrs. Kingston was rather surprised last Thursday when Oscar Boenicke, Marion Ford, Gordon Stearns and Marvin Whitley came in saying, "We came to put up your yard fence." Several months ago members of the Sunday School and her outside friends brought in 22 cedar posts and some wire. In the afternoon Bud Laughlin and John Pentecost came to help and how they did work. They didn't quite finish but are coming again to finish. Maybe now I can keep the Trickham chickens and cows out. May God bless every one of you who gave money for the posts and wire, and you who worked on the fence and about the place. Several gifts of money and chicken feed have come in, too.

Visitors in the Robert Stearns home Sunday were Malcolm Cameron and family and Filmore and Plesby Stearns.

Mr. and Mrs. Lige Lancaster were happy to have their children home Sunday.

Mrs. Tom Bagley and Trisia and Mrs. Sammie La Douceur visited their mother, Mrs. Zona Stacy Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Whitley and little daughter were dinner guests of his parents Sunday. In the afternoon they visited Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Estes of Mt. Zion community. They took with them a nice Christmas box given by friends in and around Trickham, as many of you know. Mrs. Estes is the former Ena Bert Watson and was reared here. They sent special thanks to each one who sent something in the box.

Alice Evelyn Stearns spent Sunday with the Fellers sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gray Laughlin of Brownwood spent the week-end here with his parents.

Verna Mae Stearns and Mary Catharine Fellers spent Sunday with Lea and Bettie Mitchell.

Mrs. R. D. Kirkpatrick managed to continue teaching school last week until Thursday. The school had a nice Christmas tree and program, and the school was

dismissed until January 1. We certainly hope that Mrs. Kirkpatrick will improve in health during the holidays and come back feeling well again.

Mr. and Mrs. John McClatchy visited their daughter, Mrs. Oil Martin and Mr. Martin one day last week.

Willie Norman Calcote arrived home Saturday night for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Haynes honored his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Haynes, with a dinner Sunday as they celebrated their 47th anniversary. Those present besides Mr. and Mrs. Haynes were Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Lancaster, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Haynes and Nancy Jo, Mrs. C. F. Shield, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Boenicke and Miss Pearl Ford.

Several different ones from here have received Christmas greetings from one of our former boys, Pete Harrison and family, son of the late Ord Harrison and Mrs. Myrtle Harrison. Pete lives at Gila Bend, Arizona. He also sent a greeting to the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Boenicke visited Mrs. Ben McIver in the Sealy Hospital Sunday and she was feeling much better than when she left home.

Filmore Stearns from the McCloskey hospital in Temple is home for the holidays.

Visitors in the Chleo James home for Sunday dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Wiley McClatchy, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stacy, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Martin. Afternoon callers were Mr. and Mrs. John Will Vance and Kenneth and D. H. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Bearden and family from Hereford spent the week-end here with her mother, Mrs. Emma Paulson and sister, Mrs. Key Bradley and family.

Gail Shirley spent Sunday with the Bradley sisters.

Shield News
(Mrs. J. B. Weathers)

The Christmas dinner at the lunch room Friday was well attended and greatly enjoyed. In the afternoon the school put on a program in the school auditorium followed by a Christmas tree.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Barton of near Corsicana visited over the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Barton.

John Dillingham, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dillingham

is in the Sealy Hospital at Santa Anna.

James and Billie Gay Arrant came home Saturday night to spend the holidays with their mother, Mrs. J. H. Arrant.

Ora Alice Newman, who teaches at San Angelo, is at home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Winton Eppler have moved back to this community from Hamilton county.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Murrell and Skippy are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Murrell.

Mr. Forman and Mrs. Josephine Walley and Barbara from New Central county visited with Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Fowler on Sunday.

Miss Edith Loombs of Corpus Christi is visiting her mother over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. McClain, Jr. of Big Spring have a new daughter named Sandra Kay.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Shelton spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Cobb.

Vance Cobb, who is attending school at Kingsville is home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Tucker, Sybil and G. W. visited on Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Weathers.

A large crowd attended band practice in the C. P. Elliott home Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Weathers went to Cisco Monday taking his mother, Mrs. J. M. Weathers, who has been sick for several days. She will remain there for some time while she is under a doctor's care.

Miss Ruth Cole, who is working in town, visited over the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Cole in the Leedy community.

Mr. and Mrs. Fairy Williams and Mary Frances and Diane of Abilene visited last week-end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. T. G. McDonald. They will return here to spend Christmas.

Jesse Lee Sparkman of New Orleans, government food inspector, now doing some work in Texas, spent the last two week-ends here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burl Sparkman.

Mrs. W. P. Owens of Dallas and her son, Bill Klein, a student at Baylor University, Waco, are here to spend the Christmas holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Yarborough.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Donham returned Sunday night from Erick, Oklahoma, where they had gone Wednesday night, having been called there by the seriousness of her mother, Mrs. G. O. Lewis.

Mrs. Jack Standfield and her daughter Sarah Ann of Albertsville, Alabama arrived last week for a visit until after Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Holt.

Miss Lena Wood of Gila Bend, Arizona came Saturday to spend Christmas with her cousin, Claude Hodges and family.

Mrs. Ernest Tupin and little daughter, Mary Ann, of Comanche visited Sunday in the John Smith and Pat Hosch homes.

Tom Robin from Texas Tech, Lubbock, is here spending the holidays with his father, Mr. Jim Robin.

Opal Mae Stockard from Texas Tech, Lubbock, and Leroy Stockard from N. T. A. C., Arlington are here for the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stockard.

Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Wristen and their daughter, Joan, of Hobbs, New Mexico, are here for the Christmas holidays visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wristen and Mrs. Ethel Pye.

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A Merry Christmas

To you, my friends and neighbors, I extend this holiday greeting—"May your heart be filled with joy... may your homes be warm with light, food and friendship."

On Christmas Day, I'll be on the job, with hundreds of my fellow workers, to make sure that cheery lights burn brightly for you... to bring you Yuletide music... and by supplying dependable electric service, make every task in your home easier and quicker.

May your Christmas be a happy one!... that's your electric servant's wish for you.

Reddy Kilbowatt

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Parker have all their family home for Christmas. Their son, Ben Parker, Jr. and wife and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Foy and Donna Kay of Oxnard, California, and Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Brokl and their two daughters from Hopkins, Minnesota, all arrived early Sunday night. Their coming was a complete surprise to Mr. and Mrs. Parker. The Brokls brought a Christmas tree from Canada and those from California brought a 20 pound turkey.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy West and Mrs. J. D. Henderson visited on Sunday with the John-West family in Abilene.

Mr. J. W. Fulton and Mr. Marvin Nell were quail hunting in Parker county last week-end.

Alford Englands Have Bridge Party

Mr. and Mrs. Alford England entertained Thursday evening with a card party in their home. A tall vase of autumn leaves decorated the living room with an appropriately decorated Christmas tree.

Coffee, cake and cookies were served to Miss Gwen Watson, Cling Hudson, Jr., Mayo Marrs, Jake Turner, Glen Thomas and Billy Comedy of Coleman, Miss Wanda Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Mutt Comedy of Kerrville and the host and hostess.

High score went to Messrs Billy and Mutt Comedy.

Miss Dorothy Tinney of Comanche visited in Santa Anna Sunday.

Good Crowd Attends Queen Charity Show

Over 150 persons attended the charity show at the Queen Theatre last Friday afternoon. Five large boxes of toys were collected and other toys are coming in in large bunches.

The Lions Club is going to try to make all the little children in town happy on the morning of the 25th. The Queen Theatre is cooperating with them in a big way. The show that was put on last Friday was for the benefit of children who otherwise would have very little if any Christmas. Plans are being made for the distribution of the toys on Christmas morning and if the names of all the children who need help for this occasion have been turned in, all will have a big day after Santa Visits them.

Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Wylie and their children, Nancy, Edward and Pete, left Tuesday morning to spend Christmas with Mrs. Wylie's sister, Mrs. P. B. Snook and family at Gladewater.

Tommie Sue Holmes was a patient in the Sealy Hospital Sunday night and Monday, suffering from a spider bite.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin West of Lubbock are here to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. West.

METHODIST CANTATA

A happy house enjoyed the cantata, "The Babe of Bethlehem," presented by the choir at the Methodist church Sunday night with Miss Elsie Lee Harper at the organ.

The Methodist choir has developed some fine talent through the years and their musical programs are always much enjoyed.

Funeral Services For W. R. French

Funeral services are scheduled to be held at the First Baptist church Wednesday afternoon, December 24 at 2:30 for W. R. French, who died December 22 at 4 a. m., after being in failing health for many months.

He was born February 16, 1876 in Milam county and came to Coleman county in young manhood, where he had continued to make his home.

On February 27, 1902, he was married to Miss Lavanda Smith in the Liberty community where they made their home until a few years ago when they purchased property and moved into town.

Survivors are: The wife of Santa Anna, and three sons and one daughter, Morgan French of Bangs, Wyle French of Texas City, Bill French of Santa Anna and Mrs. Fred Shield of Santa Anna. One daughter, Mrs. W. L. Taylor, preceded him in death.

Also surviving are 26 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Cpl. Max Wristen, with the Army Air Force at Homestead, Pennsylvania, arrived Sunday to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wristen.

Mrs. C. F. Maddox of Menard is here visiting her daughter, Miss Annie Maddox and will also be visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ogden Brown and Mr. Brown in Coleman during the holidays.

Make Your Trip A Safe Trip

One way to assure a safer holiday motor trip, says State Highway Engineer D. C. Greer, is to drive by any garage or wrecking yard to view the remains of the latest automobile brought in from a highway collision.

The stark mental picture of its unfortunate occupants as it crashed headlong into an approaching truck; the horror of those few seconds while the ill fated vehicle bounced end over end down the embankment; these and similar impressions can serve to emphasize the importance of careful driving.

"As seasonal traffic volume spurts upward, it is more important than ever that the highway signs and markings be carefully observed," Greer emphasizes.

"This applies especially to the 'No Passing Zones' which are plainly marked by a double stripe laid down on the pavement," he adds.

The no passing zones were marked after engineers figured out with slide rules and instruments exactly where they should begin and end. They allow a bare minimum of time to get over the hill or around the curve before an approaching car can make yours another basis for an insurance claim.

"Besides being dangerous," he points out, "it's now against the law to attempt passing another vehicle where the double traffic stripe means 'Don't try to pass him here.'"

Other road hazards are marked with signs. The yellow octagonal "stop" sign at road intersections may save many a painful day in the hospital if observed with the meticulous care with which it was placed.

Yellow "caution" and "slow" signs warn of approaching hazards. If overlooked or disregarded, a driver may face an emergency he cannot handle without mishap.

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The highlight of New Year's Day for stay at home football fans will be the Humble Oil & Refining Co. broadcast of the Cotton Bowl game, starting at 1:01 p. m. The game will be broadcast from the Cotton Bowl Stadium in Dallas, where and undefeated Southern Methodist University will meet an undefeated and untied Penn State.

Kern Tipton, veteran of many another Cotton Bowl broadcast, will bring listeners a swift moving play by play report, while Alec Chesser pictures for them the stadium and crowd color.

This Humble broadcast will be brought to Texans over the following Texas Quality Network Stations: KPRC, Houston; WOAI San Antonio; KRIS, Corpus Christi; KGNC, Amarillo, and KRGV, Westaco. It will also be heard on stations WRR and KRLD, Dallas.

The Mountaineer

Dear Santa Claus,

In behalf of some of the boys of good old S. A. H. S., I am asking you for some of the things they want for Christmas.

Billy Mills would like to have a World Book Encyclopedia.

Duane Moredock would like to have a few freckles.

Stanley Cobb and Joe Sellers would like to have a few curls.

Freddie Henderson would like to have a new arm and a toy tractor.

R. L. Mackey would like to have a live doll, brunette preferred.

We want them very badly, so please try to bring them.

We've been good,
We Boys.

Dear Santa Claus,

Since writing a separate letter would take up too much space, we are only going to write one letter for us all.

Patsy Price would like to have a Superman funny book.

Ruby June Humphries wants a ribbon for her pigtails.

Johnny Ethel Steward would like a new bottle of poroxide.

Mrs. Evans would like for the homeroom to be a little livelier.

It is too quiet up there.

Heled Day would like to have a man????!!

Here's hoping,
Us Girls.

(The Federated Missionary Society will meet with the First Presbyterian church on Monday, December 29 at 3 o'clock, at which time Miss Blanche Boyd will give "The Mansion" by Henry Dan Dyke. A cordial welcome is extended to all the ladies of the different churches.

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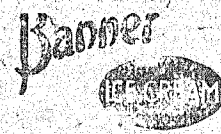
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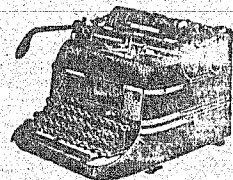


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DEVOTIONAL READING: Psalm 145:1-13.

God's Eternal Rule

Lesson for December 28, 1947

THE last Sunday of another year brings us to a very fitting lesson, based on passages of Scripture found in Jude 24, 25; Revelation



16-22; and Matthew 2. The devotional reading is Psalm 145:1-13.

Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen, Jude 24, 25.

With this benediction, let us pause at the rapidly ebbing shoreline of the departing year, asking the meaning of God's goodness and mercy as reflected in the Christmas season and through all the days of our earthly pilgrimage.

As the Wise Men brought their gifts to the Divine Babe in Bethlehem, let us today wisely appraise his gifts to us during the past year, and examine our hearts to see if we are duly grateful.

Rich Gifts for Jesus

READ again the second chapter of Matthew, particularly the section which describes how the Wise Men brought their gifts — rare and precious gifts — to the Son of God. They were rich gifts, meaning that they were costly. We dare not bring anything to Jesus that does not represent a measure of sacrifice.

Contemplating the days ahead, what shall be the best of our gifts to Jesus? Shall we give him our left-over time? Shall we be satisfied to bring him a pittance of material gifts? Or shall our gifts, like the gifts of the Wise Men, be the first fruits of all his increase? He asks for our love, our loyalty, our glad and sincere devotion.

The Long Look

NOW we come to the heart of Sunday's lesson in Revelation 21:3: "He shall dwell with them, and they shall be his peoples." God's eternal rule will be gladly acknowledged and received if all place their hands in his hand at the gate of another year.

Nineteen forty-eight holds many question marks. People are afraid. They are confused. And here comes the message of Sunday's lesson — "He shall dwell with them, and they shall be his peoples."

The world is passing away, the lust thereof, but they that put their trust in God shall abide forever and ever. God's eternal rule has been vindicated in history. It will be vindicated again and again in the coming year wherever his people cast themselves in unwavering faith into his care and keeping.

We shall do well to read again and again the chapters in Revelation, 16-22, and see how all who walked with God were victorious, and how all who forgot him and forsook his ways, were destroyed.

Do we not see the clear application for our day and generation? The nations that forget God do die.

God's Eternal Rule

LET us turn now to the verse in Psalm 145, which reads: "Thy Kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Thy dominion endureth throughout all generations."

Every thoughtful person is today wistfully searching for certitude — for the assurance that behind these dark clouds that lower over our frightened world the sun still shines. Better, that the sun shall break through these clouds.

Our lesson gives that very assurance. This is our Father's world. He lives! He reigns! And he waits to reveal himself to us in wisdom and power. He will not force himself upon us. We must open the door to him. He stands and knocks.

Is that not enough to bring us to our knees in the fervent prayer, "Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as 'it is done in heaven."

Beginning in the home

BOYCE HOUSE



It has been eight years since your columnist went to Hollywood to help a little in the making of "Boom Town" — but, like Irvin S. Cobb concerning his operation, I like to talk about it. Recently, the film was re-issued and has been going the rounds again.

One night, in Austin, I attended a motion picture in technicolor, showing the twinkling lights of Hollywood seen from a height. Next day, I received a telegram asking me to come out and be technical advisor on "Boom Town" — and two nights after seeing the twinkling lights of Hollywood in a movie, I was looking at those lights myself.

At the first story conference, which was a get acquainted affair, Sam Zimbalist, the producer, said, "We are going to spend a million dollars" — this was when a million dollars was some money — "to make this picture; we want you to feel that it is your picture and if you have any ideas, it doesn't matter what they are, don't hesitate to speak at any time."

My friends will not need the assurance that I did not hesitate to speak.

However, I had a dilemma at the very next session, which was when we got down to discussing the story. Zimbalist said, "We will suppose that a well comes in, making 50,000 gallons of oil a day." I didn't know whether I was supposed to be one of those Hollywood "yes men" I'd heard about and nod my head in agreement or point out that, in oil circles, the production of a well is expressed in barrels and not gallons.

I decided if I was going to take their money, I ought to try to earn it by keeping the expressions technically correct, so I remarked that an oil man would speak of such a producer as about a thousand barrel well (a barrel is, of course, 42 gallons). Zimbalist said "all right" and went on.

It was several years later that John Lee Mahin, the principal writer on the script, visited Ft. Worth and told me that Zimbalist knew very well what the correct term was; he had wanted to see if I knew.

My contract with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer was for a minimum of two weeks and I figured that would be the maximum, too, because they'd find out how little I knew by that time. Instead I was there four months (until all the writing had been completed). I was there so long I was scared I'd lose my Texas citizenship.

At the first story conference, I happened to mention that I noticed a world champion was going to fight in Los Angeles the next night — so an hour afterward, the secretary of producer Jack Conway phoned me that if I would call at the box office of the fight club, there would be two ringside seats for me.

Sure enough, there were — \$6.00 apiece was what they cost the generous Conway. I had two tickets to a world's championship bout — and didn't know a soul in the city. Looking round, I noticed a well dressed man off to one side, so I said, "I'll be glad to give you a ticket to the fight." He didn't even grunt, just turned and walked off.

So I went in by myself and sat in one of the seats for half the program, then moved over and sat in the other seat for the rest of the evening.

Folks out there on the street are so distrustful of strangers you can hardly get one to give you street directions. I had been out there some little time and was waiting for a bus when someone slapped me on the back.

spreading into every area of life, may the truth of Sunday's lesson become the watchword of America and of all lands as we enter upon the New Year. Thus panoplied, we shall be strong and prepared to meet and master every problem at hand and ahead.

"Our God our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home."

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I looked around and the man said, "I'm sorry, I mistook you for a friend of mine." I said, "All right, but don't let it happen again."

If I had stayed out there much longer, I'd have been as bad as the rest of them.

Keep a roll of refrigerator cookie dough in the ice box and bake fresh for each meal during the Christmas season.

GEN. HUGH MILTON HAS RESERVE ASSIGNMENT

The Reserve assignment of Brig. Gen. Hugh M. Milton II of the Organized Reserve Corps as Assistant to the Commanding General of the Fourth Army was announced today. The assignment will require active duty only when ordered. Gen. Milton is president of New Mexico Military Institute at Roswell. He served overseas in the Pacific

Theatre for 54 months, 14 of which he was chief of staff of the XIV Corps.

In November Gen. Milton was on active duty with the Fourth Army during Exercise Seminole,

joint Armed Forces Training project.

Miss Katherine Baxter is home from Waco to spend the holidays.



LIGHTS will twinkle gaily this Christmas Eve in millions of windows throughout the land. Hearts will be overflowing with gladness as families everywhere toast the Yuletide season.

Here's a hearty wish for you, friends, as you enjoy this festive occasion. May the Season be a merry one full of contentment, joy and goodwill.

Merry Christmas



And A SALUTE to the CHRISTMAS SEASON

Each Christmas, we turn the pages of another year, we are reminded of the many friends we have and it is to them we send Season's greetings.

White Lily Cafe
Phone 57

Santa Anna Beauty Shop



CHRISTMAS

GREETINGS

to the host of acquaintances who have given us the privilege of serving them in the past.

BANNER CREAMERIES

C. L. Boardman, Mgr.

WE can give
Nothing Finer



No finer gift can we give than our pledge to be of greater service in the months to come. We promise the same fine loyalty to our friends that we have received from them. Merry Christmas, all!

**Wallace Collins
Garage**

GREETINGS

and Best Wishes

With true appreciation of all you have done for us, we extend our best wishes for a Holiday that will bring you untold pleasure and happiness.

C. F. Campbell

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There comes a time of the year when all the problems and unpleasant happenings fade into nothingness, when we find it easy to forget the disappointments of the past. Christmas overshadows these unhappy experiences and we see before us all the fine things of life, the courtesies and favors of loyal friends.

And so, as you welcome the Christmas season, please remember that we are truly grateful for your fine consideration.

*The Merriest
of All
Christmases
to You!*

Coleman Gas & Oil Company

For Service — For Gas

Miss Ellen Richards Entertains H. D. Christmas Party

One of the most pleasant affairs ever held by the Santa Anna Home Demonstration Club was the luncheon, program and gift exchange held in the home of Ellen Richards Saturday, December 20. The hostess provided the chicken and dressing and other items and those attending brought foods in a wide variety.

Tiny Christmas trees and hand made cards were gifts from the hostess. Following the luncheon a Christmas program was rendered. Mrs. J. F. Goen read the scripture lesson, Miss Richards directed a quiz on Christmas and Mrs. Ed Jones gave a reading about Santa Claus. Several Christmas carols were sung and the H. D. Quartet sang "White Christmas."

Mrs. Arthur Talley and Mrs. Clifford Stephenson put on a Dr. I. Q. program. Each one present drew a glass bowl from a grab bag, a gift from Mrs. Talley, whether they could answer correctly or not.

Mrs. W. A. Standley, the club mother, presented each one with a new style measuring cup.

The many gifts were banked around a beautifully decorated and lighted tree. Slips were drawn containing the names of foods usually served at Christmas, with corresponding names on the gifts. Many of the gifts

were lovely pieces of hand work by the members. Several received special gifts, all retiring officers receiving lovely white vases.

Those enjoying this happy affair (the third luncheon the club has had within a month) were: Mesdames W. E. Vanderford, W. A. Standly, G. C. Daniel, J. B. Lowe, R. W. Douglas, Ola Niell, Cecil Curry, I. E. Haney, Carl Ashmore, Roy Stockard, Ruth Campbell and Carolee, E. K. Jones, John Perry, C. W. Stephenson, Frank Goen, Arthur Talley, H. L. Zachary, C. H. Richards, C. T. Conley, A. Holman, A. L. Oder and Miss Mary Jo Garland, our H. D. agent and her office assistant, Miss Bonnie Jean Odom of Coleman and Miss Ellen Richards.

Mrs. Norval Wylie Entertains U. D. C. Christmas Party

The Sam Davis Chapter of the U. D. C. had its annual Christmas program and gift exchange Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Norval Wylie.

Roll call was answered by scripture quotations. Mrs. Henry Campbell read a most interesting article on Pioneer Christmas Customs. Mrs. Norval Wylie read the Rangers Christmas at Santa Anna Gap in 1862 by Austin Callan. This interesting bit of history of our community when the 46th Cavalry was quartered in the gap, told of two men going to Santa Anna Creek in a blinding snowstorm to kill wild turkeys for the Christmas dinner. One killed an Indian that had attacked him with a knife. The other killed several turkeys.

Mrs. Seth Risinger read a beautiful Christmas poem.

Carlyn Ray played several Christmas selections on the accordion that were much enjoyed.

Gifts were arranged around a decorated Christmas tree and were distributed by drawing numbers. Special gifts from the organization went to the three confederate widows in our midst, Mrs. S. L. Taylor, Mrs. M. M. Ferguson and Mrs. H. W. Kingsbery, also to Mrs. Paul Van Dalsem who has been a faithful member of the organization through the years but is not now able to attend.

Refreshments of party sandwiches, mints, angel food cake topped with whipped cream, coffee and tea were served.

The dining table covered with a crocheted cloth, had a central arrangement of pine sprays, cones and holly in a wooden bread tray more than 100 years old. Tall red candles flanked the arrangement.

Those present were Mesdames J. R. Banister, Henry Campbell, G. W. Teagle, Seth Risinger, A. L. Oder, H. W. Kingsbury, Basil Gilmore, Norval Wylie, Frank Goen and Misses Louella Chambers, Kathryn Baxter, Jettie Kirkpatrick, Dora Kirkpatrick, Carlyn Ray and Nancy, Edward and Pete Wylie.

Mrs. E. D. Huggins Birthday Observed

On Sunday, December 15 Mrs. E. D. Huggins was happily surprised when her granddaughter, Mrs. John Perry entertained with a birthday dinner in her honor.

The first she knew that her birthday was being celebrated was when the "Happy Birthday" song was sung as she entered the dining room. On the next day Mrs. Huggins became 87 years old.

The dinner combined birthday and Christmas features.

The honoree appreciated not only the nice dinner but a number of nice gifts which she received.

Those present were: Mrs. Huggins, the honoree, Mr. and Mrs. John Perry and their two sons, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Huggins, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bledsoe, and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Huggins.

Othal Howard was visiting in Santa Anna Sunday evening. He had just returned from Treasure Island where he has been stationed in the Navy for the past several months. He will be in Houston for Christmas and will return here for a further visit.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alford England on Sunday evening were Mayo Marrs, Cling Hudson, Jr., M. C. Hale and Margie Nell Hudson of Coleman, Wanda Henderson and Alice Anna Guthrie.

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 SALE: Two room house to be moved. See J. B. Shipman. 49-41p

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

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. 49-41p

WOMEN: Why scrub and wax floors once a week? PlastiKote them once a year. Guaranteed by Good Housekeeping. Santa Anna Hardware Co. 28tfc

FOR SALE: 182 acres land, 100 in cultivation, good barn, house, gas, electric lights, gas wells on place, 4 1/2 miles east of town on highway. Guthrie & Priddy. 50-tfc

FOR RENT: One or two room house with bath. J. Ed Bartlett. 51-52p

FOR SALE: New Perfection oil stove, four burner, table top, excellent condition. Mrs. J. O. Williamson, Route 2. 51-52p

FOR RENT: One large room, furnished for housekeeping, also one house newly papered. Phone or see Mrs. R. W. Douglas. 51-52p

LOST: Sunday, black and white small pig, reward, Ed Spencer. 52p

FOR SALE or trade: Six room house with bath, four acres land, east of town in city limits, call 311, Mrs. M. A. Pritchard. 52-1p

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good little girl and I want you to bring me a doll and a little tricycle, candy and nuts. Please give all the poor little boys and girls in Europe a very merry Christmas.
Love,
Roxie La Vallé McClintock.

Dear Santa Claus:
I hope you don't get sick in this cold. I am a boy six years old. I have a little sister. She want a big doll. I want an electric train and a big red wagon that I can haul my little nephew in. Santa, I also have a big sister who keeps my little sister and me when Mother is away that would like something too. Santa,

I wish you lots of luck this Christmas.
Larry Cooksey.

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy three years old and I have been good so please bring me a gun, blackboard, steam shovel and a little guitar, also some fruit, nuts and candy. Don't forget the other little boys and girls.
Thank you,
Don Rutherford.

Dear Santa:
I've always wanted to see you, maybe sometime I will. I would love to have a football, tikertoys set and marble set, but I'll like whatever you bring. I have been a good boy, please bring my little brothers and sisters something too.
I love you, Santa,
Charles Renmick Knotts.

Dear Santa Claus:
I've been a purty good boy this year. Will you please bring me a scooter, fire truck and ball bat.
Give all the other boys and girls a good Christmas.
Carl Ray Cowen.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am six years old and have been a good boy the past year. Please bring me a scooter, a tractor and a few other toys, also bring me a pair of levis and a belt.
Bring me some candy, fruit and nuts, and remember the

other little boys and girls.
Your little friend,
Ronald Curry.

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good little boy this past year.
Please bring me a scooter, a little tractor, and if you don't think I am too small, bring me a pair of levis and a belt. I am three years old and live at Buffalo.
Bring me some candy, fruit and nuts and don't forget the other little boys and girls.
Your little friend,
Danny Wylie.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl 3 years old. I have been a good little girl and I want a baby doll that cries and sucks the bottle and a chalk board that stands up. And please bring me some crayolas. Don't forget the other little boys and girls.
I love you,
Carole Sue Campbell.

Mrs. Bivins Hosts Home Makers Class

Mrs. Otis Bivins was hostess in her home on December 18 to members of the Home Makers Sunday School Class of the First Baptist church.
The entertainment rooms were appropriately decorated in the Yuletide motif. Names were drawn for the gifts around the beautifully decorated Christmas tree.

Christmas carols were played softly on the record player during the noon hour at which time a covered dish luncheon was enjoyed by all. Afterward the group joined in singing Christmas carols. The hostess read the devotional from Luke 2:1-14. An appropriate Christmas story entitled "Her Gift" was told by Mrs. D. L. Sides. The program was highlighted by a talk by Miss Ada Lois Newman, a missionary from Abeokuta, Nigeria. Other guests were Mrs. Tucker Newman and Mrs. J. F. Goen.

Members in attendance were Mrs. William Rutherford, Ben Vinson, D. L. Sides, Mary Jo Schulle, J. M. Cliett, Bob Beard, Roscoe Bell, C. F. Langford J. Edd Bartlett, teacher and the hostess, Mrs. Otis Bivins.

Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Burden were Mrs. J. E. Bolton, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Howington and Ola Mae, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Stewardson, Jr. and girls, Mr. Clyde Bartlett and girls from Merkel Mrs. Fred Goodenough and Sarah, Mrs. Alvin Burden and girls, Mr. and Mrs. Evans Burden and baby. Those coming in the afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Julian Whitley, Alvin and Jane Burden.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Crump and Patsy and Peggy of Coleman and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Olen Crump of Lubbock were Santa Anna visitors Monday.

Invitations are out, issued by W. R. McMinn, Jr., Mrs. Frank Short and Mrs. O. A. Richardson, for open house in celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of their father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McMinn, Sr., the affair to be held in their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. White of Rankin spent Friday night and Saturday morning with her mother, Mrs. H. M. Smith. They were on their way to Dallas to spend Christmas with their daughter and her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Howington and Ola Mae will spend Christmas with their daughter Mrs. Charles Hogue and family at Boerne.

Mrs. H. B. Thompson will spend the Christmas holidays here with her mother, Mrs. W. E. Baxter. They and Mrs. A. R. Brown will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hefner in Midland for Christmas dinner at the Hotel Scarborough.

Floyd Goodgion, who teaches at Clovis, New Mexico, and Ruby, who attends Draughan's Business College at Abilene, are here to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Goodgion. Other members of the family will come later.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Whetstone returned Sunday from a visit since last Thursday with relatives at Kerrville.

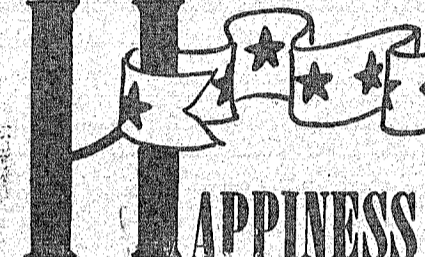
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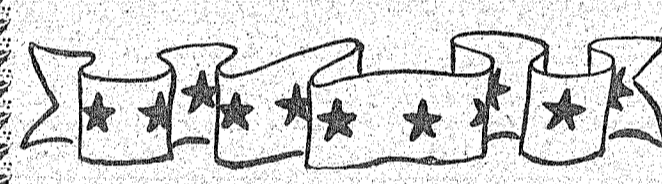
The traditional practice of extending Season's Greetings is a pleasant one for us. Each year we look forward to Christmas because it offers such a splendid opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to each of you.

EARLE SMITH'S

HERE'S TO YOUR **HAPPINESS**



We greet you this Christmas with a profound feeling of sincerity and wish you a Season of great happiness.



Moore's Studio Coleman

It's **CHRISTMAS** Again!



and we're old fashioned enough to want to say

HELLO


in the Bag



If we have our way, old Santa will have a sack full of everything nice you may have wished for and a few things more. And before you open your packages, permit us to say to each of you—

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Greetings



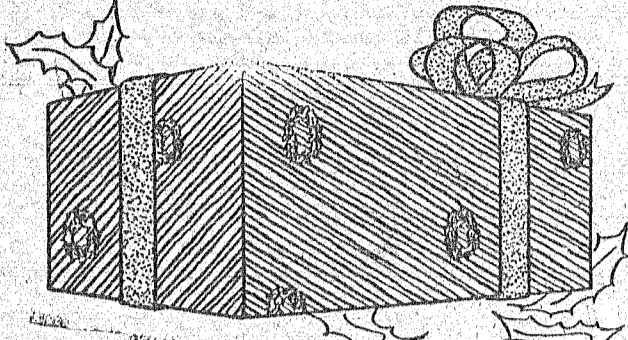
It is our holiday wish that this Christmas will be the "happiest ever" and that the New Year will unfold a bright new future for you.

Jones Wrecking Yard
E. K. Jones

Schulle Service Station & Gro.
Maurine Jones

Snider's Service Station

Our Gift to You!



A pledge of friendship, goodwill, and a genuine desire to serve.

Parker Tailor Shop

MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU!

That's our simple wish for all.

WATKINS

Feed & Grain Company

In Appreciation at Christmastime

Arrival of the Christmas Season reminds us of our obligations to the fine people of this community.

We appreciate the excellent treatment we have received and take this means of sending our greetings to each of you.

WESTERN AUTO ASSOCIATE STORE

Mrs. Glen Pope



Freva Rich, Glen Pope Are Married In Brownwood

Miss Freva Rich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Rich of Coleman, became the bride of Glen Pope grandson of Mrs. C. C. Burke of Santa Anna at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Elwood Brewer, sister and brother in law of the groom, at 1920 Elizabeth Drive in Brownwood. Rev. Lancaster of the First Methodist church of Brownwood read the impressive double ring ceremony amid a lovely floral arrangement

of giant white mums backed by white candles.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sneed served as matron of honor and best man. Mr. Chester Parker played two numbers preceding the ceremony "I love you truly" and "One alone."

The bride wore a blue gabardine suit with pink blouse and hat and brown accessories. Her corsage was of pink carnations. Mrs. Sneed wore a blue gabardine dress with black accessories and a corsage of white carnations. The couple are at home in Santa Anna.

Guests at the wedding were Miss Mona Armstrong, Miss Billy Burke Pope and Chester Parker of Brownwood and Miss Mary Gladys Pope of Santa Anna.

Needlecraft Club Has Dinner And Gift Exchange

On Thursday, December 18th the Needlecraft Club, of which Mrs. Earl Watkins is president, had its annual turkey dinner and gift exchange.

This most enjoyable affair was held in the dining room of the Hotel Santa Anna.

Following the dinner, which included turkey with all the trimmings, those present drew numbers for the gift exchange.

Members present were Mesdames Earl Watkins, Dovie Chapman, J. R. Banister, A. R. Brown, W. H. Kingsbery, Fred Turner, Edd Wallace, John Brown, Tom Wheatley, Taylor Wheeler, T. H. Upton, T. T. Perry, and Lillian Pettit.

Guests were Mesdames D. R. Hill, Curtis Collins, O. A. Etheredge, A. D. Longbrake, Jodie Matthews and Charles Ing.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Shockley, long time residents of Santa Anna, but now living at Hamilton, visited a while last Thursday in the home of Mrs. Fred Turner, and greeted other of their friends downtown.

Mrs. B. C. Cox and Mrs. G. B. Bartholemew of Brownwood visited Thursday of last week with their sister Miss Mollie Lowe.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Clett and Mollie are moving this week to their farm recently purchased from Mrs. Fred Watkins, known as the Herring Place north of town. They have done considerable improvements on the house, which is located near the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Neely Evans.

Miss Jeannette Eubank, who is attending Draughan's Business College in Abilene visited here over the week-end with her grandmother, Mrs. M. D. Eubank and other relatives and went on to Temple to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Eubank.

Crystallized orange, lemon and grapefruit peels are easy to make healthful and delicious Christmas candies that may be made in advance and will keep for long periods.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our thanks to all who contributed to our support during our trials, following our combination of afflictions, of the family. It really makes us appreciate our good neighbors when we realize the many deeds of kindness you have turned to us recently. May God's richest blessing be with you all. — Gene Alberts and family.

On this Holy day we pause to extend our best wishes to each of you and to say, "Thanks for Everything."

Christmas BAILEY MACHINE SHOP

MERRY CHRISTMAS MERRY CHRISTMAS MERRY CHRISTMAS

GOOD FRIENDS, WE GREET YOU!

We're thinking about you, and wishing for you immeasurable happiness in the Yuletide season. We've enjoyed our associations with you these past twelve months and eagerly await the opportunity of serving you in the future.

MERRY CHRISTMAS MERRY CHRISTMAS MERRY CHRISTMAS

Goodgion and Son Lumber Co.

HELLO

Merry Christmas Everybody

Parker Auto Supply Store

School Bond Issue Carries By 4-1

Voters of the Santa Anna Independent School District approved the issuance of \$40,000 in bonds for the removal of buildings located at Camp Bowie to Santa Anna and to have them re-erected into buildings to be used by the school system. Voters approved the issue by a 4 to 1 majority, with 80 votes being cast for and 18 against. It is interesting to note that a very small number of the qualified voters of the district were opposed to this very important issue.

The bonds have been purchased by First of Texas Corporation of San Antonio at the rate of 3 1/2 cents and 3 3/4 cents. All the old bonds that have been held by the state are being refunded and this same company is taking these bonds also. The old bonds amount to about \$60,000.

The contract for this moving is to be let early in January. It is expected that some of the buildings will be moved to the Ward School building and will be ready for use for the last three or four months of this year. The large building that is to be moved to the High School grounds will be ready for use by the school starts again.

A. B. McClanahan New Santa Fe Agent

Mr. A. B. McClanahan arrived in Santa Anna last week to take over the duties as agent for the Santa Fe. Mr. McClanahan was the agent at Lometa before coming to Santa Anna.

Mr. Fred Martin, whose home is in Lometa, has been acting as the agent here for several months. He was serving as temporary agent until the time when Mr. D. W. Nickens was retired by the GC & SF. Mr. Nickens has been retired on a pension and is making his home in Killeen at the present time.

CONGRATULATIONS

A son named John Sherfield, weighing seven pounds and one half ounce, was born Sunday morning, December 21 at 8:34 in the Sealy Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. John Hensley. The grandparents are Mrs. J. M. Oakes of San Diego, California and Mrs. H. A. Miller of San Antonio.

Mrs. Kate Garrett of Brownwood visited at the week-end with her mother, Mrs. F. N. May.

Merchants Send You Greetings

To show appreciation for the past year's patronage and to express sincere Christmas greetings to the friends and customers, Santa Anna merchants are going "all out" in this issue of The News. Their greetings will be found on every page of this newspaper, read them all and surely, if you do not already have the Christmas Spirit, you will have it before you get to the last page. The messages are sincere and personal from each one who wishes you greetings at this season.

This is our last issue of the News this year. We are printing it on Tuesday for two reasons. First, to give you as readers the opportunity to have your Christmas Greetings from your merchants on Christmas Day. Second, the large part of our staff needs a few days of relaxation and they will take the holidays from the time this paper is put into the mails until Monday of next week. However, the office will be open Christmas Eve Day and also Saturday, December 27.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Gilbert, who have been living at Bisbee, Arizona, returned here to make their home last week. Her mother, Mrs. Marion Pritchard, who had been visiting with them returned home with them.

With Mirth and Gladness in Our Hearts

As we present our greetings to you on this glorious Holiday occasion, we offer them with happiness in our hearts for those about us. A very Merry Christmas to all.

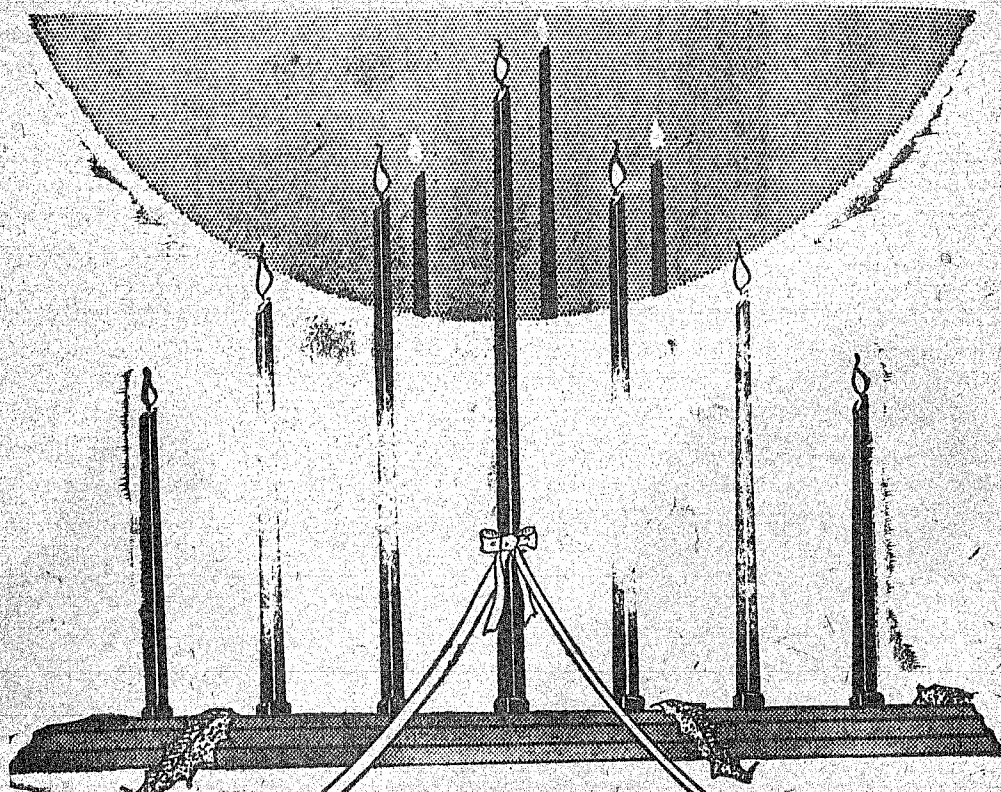
Merry Christmas, One and All!

Roger Holt

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

To our friends and customers

Hotel Santa Anna and Coffee Shop



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

May the glow of the Christmas candles reflect the true significance of this glorious occasion. May their cheerful radiance remind us again of the warm friendships of those about us, symbolizing the trust and confidence of those with whom we have been associated these past years.

It is our fervent hope that each of you will enjoy the Christmas season at its best.

Santa Anna Hardware Company

Queen Theatre MATINEE

Wednesday Afternoon 1:00 P. M.

"Brute Force"

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Christmas Greeting Edition

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Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus:

I think you are very nice to give everybody nice presents and things. I hope you haven't got too many bad marks by my name. I have been a little bit mean, but I didn't mean to. I don't want much. I am seven years old and I want an electric train very much. (My sister is writing what I tell her to). And I want bee-bee pistol. My name is Maxie Lee Price. My address is Box 704, Santa Anna, Texas

Love,
Maxie Lee Price.

P. S. Thank you very much. We don't have a chimney so just come in the door. We'll leave it unlocked. My sister's name is Annabelle. Thank Mrs. Claus for helping you too.

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been a real good girl so please send me some candy, apples, nuts, and anything else you think a little girl might like.

Your little friend,
Louella J. Chambers

Dear Santa:

I would like to have a doll with

hair. I want a piano, too. I want a color book and some crayons, too. I want some doll clothes and a paper doll book, too. I want some blue jeans and some roller skates and a little red purse, jacks and a ball.

Love,
Joyce Holland.

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy eight years old. I like Christmas because it is a happy time for most children. I would like for you to bring me a tool set and a football. I have two brothers and a little sister. We would all like some tricycles. Two would be enough, we could take turns rid-

ing them. I would like for you to bring all the other children something too. I am sure they will thank you very much and I will thank you for whatever you want to bring my brothers and sister and me.

Yours truly,
Jerry Benton.

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl three years old. I live at Whon, Texas. I sure hope you are feeling good. Santa I would like to have a doll, a doll buggy, a iron, a ironing board, and also some candy and nuts. Be sure and bring Louise a new doll. Don't forget to bring

all the rest of the little boys and girls some candy, toys and plenty of nuts. I'll be looking for you Christmas eve.

Your little friend,
Nelda Fay Wallace.

Dearest Santa Claus:

You were very good to me last year and I want to thank you for all that you brought me. Please bring me an iron and an ironing board, so I can iron my doll clothes, so Grandma won't have to do it, and a little rubber doll. I hope you have a very merry Christmas.

Thank you,
Alice Anna Lovelady.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a doll and a little iron, some doll clothes, and some skates, a paper doll book, a doll house and a little doll buggy also. Don't forget Mother and Daddy.

Love,
Wanda Holland.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl eight years old and I have been real good and mind my mother and daddy, so please bring me a doll, a set of dishes, expansion bracelet, also some fruits, nuts and candy. Please don't forget my little nephew, Floyd Dale, and bring him something nice too. Don't forget all the other kids too.

Love,
Frances Stearns.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a train and some arms for my rubber doll. I have a little sister and a little brother who can't write so please bring them something. Juanell is three and would like a doll. John Wayford is three months, I guess you can bring him a rattler or a fuzzy dog. By Santa.

Darlene Mercer.

Dear Santa Claus:

I saw you Saturday. Thanks very much for the candy you gave me. I have been a good little boy and will be better next year if you bring me a pair of boots and a shot-gun like my daddy's. I would like some candy, cookies and fruit, too.

Love,
Jerry Fred Haynes.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am three years old. I live at the Breakers Hotel in Corpus Christi. Please bring me a little electric stove, some doll dishes, a doll buggy, a mechanic train, cause I'm a tomboy cause I like my daddy so much. I want lots of candy, fruits and nuts. My daddy says I am the best little girl in the country and a tomboy. I love Santa Claus very much. Yours for a Merry Christmas.

Helen Louise Gregg.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am not very old. I have been as sweet as I knew how to be for the past year. Will you please bring me a little red wagon, also some cookies and Hershey candy.

Love,
Billie Don Haynes.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy four years old. I think I have been a good little boy and I want you to bring me a carpenter's set, a drum, ski-jumper, a big tricycle, and a pocket watch that really ticks. I have two big sisters, so please don't forget them.

Thanks,
Gary James.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl six years old. Will you please bring me a doll and a pair of earmuffs. Don't forget my little brothers or any of the other little kids.

Love,
Scotty Ruth Stearns.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me some cars. Please bring me a horse and a football also. I want a little train, too. Please bring me a real little puppy and a tricycle.

Love,
Wilburn Holland.

Dear Santa Claus:

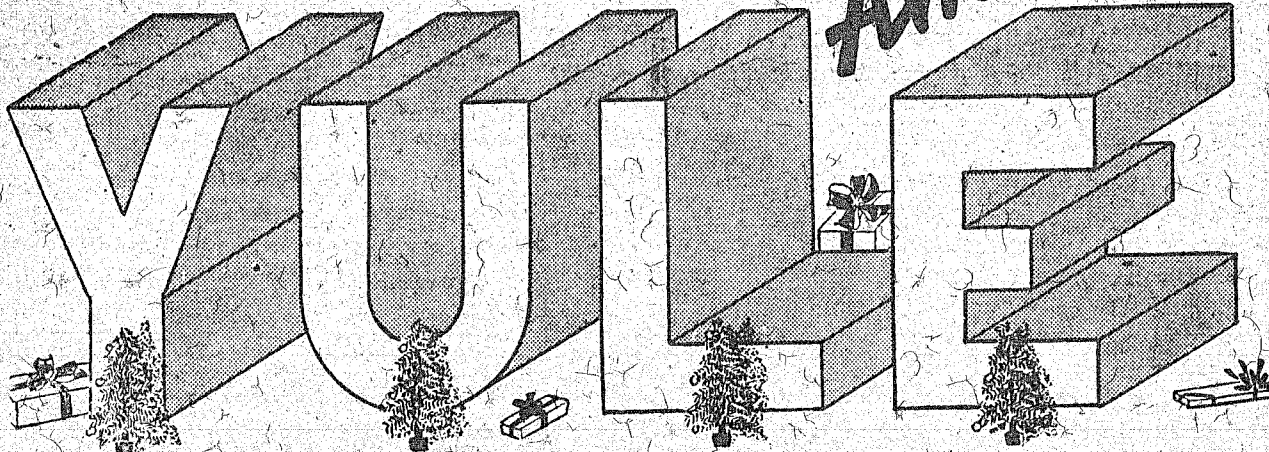
We are two little brothers. Will you please bring us a cattle truck, a shotgun and a belt for each of us. Don't forget our sister or any of the other boys and girls.

Love,
Jimmie and Bill Don Stearns.

Wishing you

AN OLD FASHIONED

American



As we express our annual Christmas greeting, we are mindful of the countless blessings that have come our way during the year just closing, and we are truly grateful.

We have enjoyed the blessings of friendships and associations with those whom we serve. The loyalty of our friends is a blessing unsurpassed.

Freedom, liberty, the right to worship as we please, the right to think and speak, to enjoy our home, the nourishment of our bodies, the blessings of health and happiness—these and countless other blessings are ours.

We are grateful and wish for you and yours the many blessings every American deserves.

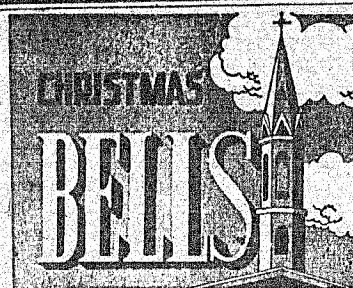
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Ornament Making A Cottage Industry

Those colored glass ornaments that we hang on our Christmas trees used to come from Germany, Czechoslovakia and Poland. A small number were made in Japan. When the war cut off these supplies, American glass manufacturers, who had never bothered with these products before, turned part of their facilities over to making the pretty gewgaws. Mechanical methods were soon developed that could blow as many ornaments in an hour as a European glassblower could make in a month. Thus modern efficiency may doom this picturesque little industry, carried on in the mountainous towns of eastern Europe.

Ornament making is a typical "cottage industry" in the little villages that cling to the steep mountainsides. Families specialize in certain shapes and designs, patterns that may date back for hundreds of years unchanged. The father, using a bunsen burner, carefully blows the thin glass tubing to the desired shape, with the aid of an iron mold. His son acting as mold boy, removes the hot ornament to a cooling table. Next the mother silvers the inside, and finally the daughter applies paint and perhaps decorative designs.



Legend has it that when Christ was born and Satan died, the bells in the churches were rung. At exactly midnight the tolling changed to a joyful peal, announcing the birth of the Christ.

In the dark chambers high above the turmoil and strife of human life, dwell the Apostles of Peace, whose salutations were never so welcome as at the time of the great winter feasts of Christmas, so William Auld tells in his traditions.

Quaint Swiss Custom Of Meeting Lover

Forecasting is ritualized in Switzerland. Grandma goes to the cellar, selects the most perfect onion, halves it, and peels 12 layers, one for each month. The next day these layers show what the weather will be during the coming year.

The daughter of the house goes about town at midnight, to drink from nine different fountains. Then she goes to church. She expects to meet her unknown lover on the church steps.

The federal government owns about one fourth of all the land in the U. S.

Christmas Rose Has Real Significance

Legend tells us that a young shepherd girl was weeping bitterly as she watched the Wise Men on their way to take gifts to the Christ Child.



An angel appeared, and after ascertaining why the young girl was crying, she waved her wand, and instantly the ground was carpeted with glittering white Christmas roses. The young girl quickly gathered these blooms. When she presented her gift, the Christ Child smiled, and as his fingers touched the white flowers the petals became tinged with pink.



This custom originated with the Dutch. They used their wooden shoes instead of stockings.

When the Dutch came to New Amsterdam, this custom came with them—the wooden shoes being gradually replaced by stockings made for the occasion out of net-like materials. As nearly every home had a fireplace the usual place to hang the stockings was over the fireplace.

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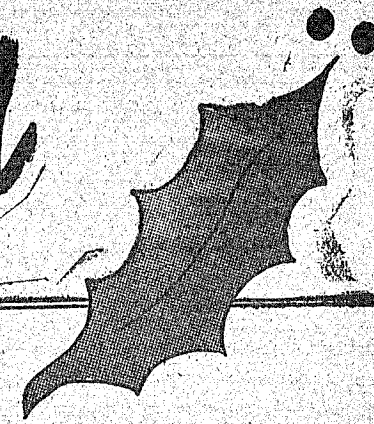
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May the glow of Christmas blessings rest upon your homes and light your paths for health, happiness and prosperity throughout the coming year. Merry Christmas, all!

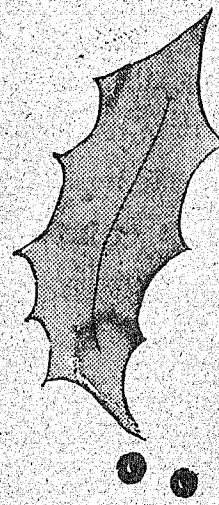
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MERRY

CHRISTMAS



TO THE FINE PEOPLE OF
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BURTON-LINGO COMPANY

The Cordiality of Christmas

As we express our compliments of the Season to our friends, we are mindful of the cordiality of CHRISTMAS that results in a feeling of thankfulness for the faithful and loyal relationships of those whom we serve.

May this cordiality continue throughout the months to come.

Lela's Beauty Shop



AND KINDEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

GIPSON FLORIST

Danger From Tree Fire Ever Present

Although the Christmas tree is one of the most picturesque Yuletide ornaments, it is also one of the most dangerous, with the threat of fire an ever present possibility.

Replacement of the candle by the electric light has removed some of the hazards formerly experienced, but danger still lurks from faulty connections or careless handling of bulbs and strings.

To minimize the fire hazard, the department of agriculture offers two pertinent suggestions: First, keep the tree well watered and, second, fireproof it with ammonium sulphate or calcium chloride.

To provide the tree with sufficient water, cut the butt on a slant at least an inch above the original cut. Keep the water level above the slashed surface. In purchasing a tree, always look for one that has been felled recently so that the needles have not dried.

Fresh trees also are essential for flame-proofing. In using ammonium sulphate, a chemical content one-fourth the weight of the tree should be used. After dissolving one and a half pints of the ammonium in a pound of water, slash the stem of the tree and place it in the solution. Then, let the tree stand four to six days in the solution for complete absorption. Trees fireproofed in this manner will not be ignited by an electric spark.

Everything in the modern home seems to be controlled with switches except the children.

Legends of Holly

Many beliefs are connected with the Christmas holly:

Legends relate that the crown of thorns was plaited from the holly, the white berries turning red like drops of blood after the crucifixion.

It is said that whoever brings the holly into the house first, either husband or wife, is the one who will rule in the ensuing year.

For many years the superstition persisted that holly was hateful to witches. It was placed on doors and windows to keep out evil spirits.

Reduce Christmas Hazards With Care

To avoid tragic Christmas accidents in the home, the Fire Protection Institute issues these precautionary tips:

—Use a flame-proof compound to spray wreaths and other pine decorations.

—Use materials marked flame-proof for tree trimmings and home decorations if they are obtainable.

—Inspect Christmas tree lights, and repair frayed wires or loose sockets.

—Never leave Christmas lights burning unless someone is around.

—Never unwrap gifts near an open fire or flickering flame. Dispose of paper and other inflammable wrappings immediately.

Buy and hold your U. S. savings bonds.

More aliens left the U. S. than entered it during 1931.

Church Notices

BUFFALO BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.
Preaching Hour, 11:00 a. m.
Training Union, 7:15 p. m.
Preaching Hour, 8:00 p. m.
Wednesday night prayer service, 7:15 p. m.

Brotherhood Meeting each Tuesday night before Fourth Sunday.

W. M. S. Meetings twice monthly.
Rev. J. W. Ballard, Pastor.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible School 10 A. M. Geo. P. Richardson, Supt.

Communion and Preaching service 11 A. M.

Ernest H. Wylie, Pastor.

Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Sunday School at 10: a.m.

Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening.

Preaching services, second Sunday evenings and fourth Sunday morning and evening.

J. W. Burgett, pastor.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Church School 10:00 a.m., Mr. Jardy Blue, Supt.

Morning Worship 11: 00 a.m.

Evening Worship Services 7:00 p. m.

Methodist Youth Fellowship 6:30 p. m.

"I was glad when they said unto me.

Let us go into the house of the Lord."

HENRY PRICE, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.

Morning Worship, 11 a.m., 2nd and 4th Sundays.

Ladies Auxiliary. Mondays following each 2nd Sunday.

Choir Practice, 6 p.m. each Friday.

Ben H. Moore, pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Preaching services 11:00 a.m.

Training Union, 6:30 p. m.

Preaching Service, 7:30 p. m.

Prayer Service, 7:30 p. m.

S. R. Smith, pastor.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Sunday.

Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Evangelistic Service 7:00 p. m.

Young People's Service, Thursday night, 7:00 p. m.

Evangelistic Services, Saturday night, 7:30 p. m.

You are cordially invited to attend.

C. A. Oliver, Pastor

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday morning services 10:30.

Rom. 16:16 "The Churches of Christ salute you."

Sunday evening services, 7:00.

Thirty minutes of the evening service will be devoted to singing.

Mr. Foy Mitchell of Haskell, Arkansas will preach each Lord's Day.

We welcome you.

The GROWING CIRCLE

May this circle symbolize the growing circle of friends whom it has been our pleasure to serve these past years. We are grateful for these associations and wish every one of you a Joyous Season.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

OWEN BROTHERS SERVICE STATION

Swine Raisers Can Profit By Saving Grain

Good Management and Rations Essential for Best Results

(Editor's note: This is the fifth article of a series, "Stretching Feed Supplies", published as a service to livestock producers.)

Hogs, largest users of grain, offer a major opportunity to save grain profitably in the Cotton Belt, where it is practical to make maximum use of pastures and other available feeds, livestock authorities point out.

Good management and sanitation, feeding balanced rations to thrifty, well bred hogs, and limiting market weights to 200 to 225 pounds are recommended for profitable pork production under today's conditions.

Ample protein, vitamins and

minerals are essential in swine rations, and experiment stations have found that one pound of protein supplement in a balanced ration saves five to six pounds of grain.

A practical protein supplement mixture, suitable for any swine but especially good for bred sows, nursing sows and young pigs, is: 40 pounds of tankage or other animal protein; 40 pounds of cottonseed meal or other vegetable protein, and 20 pounds of alfalfa leaf meal. After hogs weigh 90 pounds, it is economical to reduce the tankage by 20 pounds and increase the vegetable protein by 20 pounds. Where skim milk is available, one gallon will supply as much protein as 3/4 pound of this supplement mixture.

Protein supplements may be self fed, free choice with grains, or may be mixed with grains in a balanced mixture, self fed or hand fed. When bred or nurs-

ing pigs, sows need a mixture of 20 pounds of the supplement and 80 pounds of grain. Young pigs need 25 pounds of the supplement with 75 pounds of grain, with the proportion of supplement gradually reduced until at 150 pounds pigs receive 150 pounds of supplement to 85 pounds of grain.

Liberal feeding, from birth until sale at 200 to 225 pounds, makes the most rapid and usually most economical gains. Pigs should have access to a self feeder during weaning and may be self fed throughout the fattening period. Clean, fresh water and a mineral mixture should always be available.

Only well bred sows, selected for their ability to farrow and raise large litters, should be kept for farrowing. Proper feeding before and after breeding of sows will increase the weight and vigor of the litter, and sows that are gaining in weight for about ten days before

being bred are likely to farrow larger litters. Good pasture provides needed vitamins and minerals, reduces cost and encourages sows to exercise.

Good swine management is especially important this season to reduce costs and save feed. Feeding on the ground is wasteful; well constructed troughs, feeders and feeding floors should be provided. Clean, fresh water and sanitary lots and housing aid health and reduce losses by diseases and parasites.

Swine raisers are advised to consult veterinarians or other authorities on cholera vaccination and other disease control measures. Experiment station recommendations should be followed in using sodium fluoride to control round worms, benzene hexachloride for mange and DDT for lice.

Yule Trees A Hazard

Christmas tree fires are among the big killers during the season, Mr. Danford said, adding that trees should be set up so their bases are in containers of water to keep them fresh and reduce their flammability. Non-flammable decoration should be purchased when possible. If they are not available, a simple fire-proofing compound containing 7 ounces of borax and 3 ounces

of boric acid in 2 quarts of hot water can be mixed to sprinkle over cotton "snow" and other similar decorations.

Be certain the Christmas tree lights are in good condition; as shorting wires may cause fires, Mr. Danford warned. As a last reminder, he urged that the dry and dead Yule tree be disposed of — to a safe place where it can be burned — as soon as possible after the holiday.

The Dream of All Mankind at Christmas

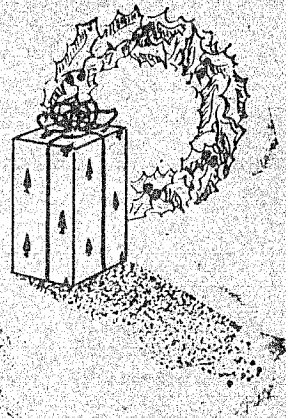
PEACE ON EARTH!
GOOD WILL TO MEN

God grant that we all may live and thrive together in peace and harmony on this day and always. We wish you a Joyful Christmas and may choicest blessings be yours forever.



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GREETINGS



Greeting means the contentment that comes from the association of loyal friends, the satisfaction of having been of service. It is a time for thanksgiving and reverence, a time to be more mindful of the blessings of peace and the right to live according to the dictates of one's own heart.

L. A. Welch, Garage

Come In, Santa!



We've been looking for you! We have a hearty welcome because we know you won't forget these fine friends of ours. They're mighty deserving, these friends, and we'll appreciate all you can do for them. Our friends in this community, Santa, are the finest on earth. They're loyal and dependable. Please be as good to them as they have been to us.

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The Seasons Greetings with all Good Wishes for the New Year!



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Life Story Of Coke Stevenson Told In New Book

Thousands of Texas men and women have written ex-Governor Coke Stevenson of Junction, urging him to become a candidate for U. S. senator in 1948, according to a biography published this week under the title: "Mister Texas: The Story of Coke Stevenson."

The illustrated book, by Booth Mooney of Dallas, traces Stevenson's public career from the time he became county attorney of Kimble county in 1914, through his service as county judge, legislator, speaker of the house of representatives, lieutenant governor and governor. The biography also tells of his youth and early manhood, giving attention to his success as a conservative small town business man as well as to his public service. A number of revealing anecdotes about

Stevenson are included.

"In an age where showmanship seems offer to have supplanted statesmanship as a prerequisite for attaining public office, he has steadfastly refused to be cast in the role of entertainer," Mooney writes of Stevenson. "He was born in a log cabin and went to work for a living when he was a boy, but he has never allowed the story of his life to be presented in Algeresque trappings. He is a true son of the Hill country, but he has never set himself up as a hillbilly. He is a ranchman born and bred, but no man has ever been able to get him to by picturesque for political purposes."

Stevenson has never been defeated for public office. The author of "Mister Texas" attributes this largely to the fact that the former governor has held steadfastly to basic principles of sound government and has been successful in getting things done

in accordance with those principles. He is known as an authority on constitutional law. He has been as frugal with public funds as with his personal funds. Under his administration as governor, a deficit of over \$30 million in taxes, a \$100 million increase in taxes, a \$100 million fund was liquidated, with no increase in taxes, and when he went out of office the fund had a cash balance of over \$35 million. Other state funds, notably the highway fund, also had heavy balances.

The book returns no answer to the question of whether or not Stevenson will offer himself for the U. S. Senate next year. Mr. Mooney does point out, however, that there is a widespread demand from Texans that he become a candidate.

"They want the man on the ranch in Kimble county to become the Gentleman from Texas in Washington, D. C.," the book concludes.

State Dept. Of Health Letter

Sleep is a necessity of life and health, according to Dr. Geo. W. Cox, state health officer, and a habitual loss of sleep will tend to retard the body's recovery from the fatigue of the day's activities.

"We may be able to go without sleep for a night or two, but to little sleep for a prolonged length of time will undermine the health of a rugged person and sleep that is lost cannot be made up," Dr. Cox said. "When good health can be protected to such a large extent merely by sleeping, and thus allowing overtaxed bodies and minds to secure the proper rest, it is hard to understand why so many persons are heedless of this important health measure."

Some individuals require more

sleep than others. How well we sleep is as important as how long we sleep. A "good night's rest" means a sufficient number of hours spent in sleep to enable the individual to feel well, do efficient work, and to keep in a cheerful humor the next day.

"A comfortable bed and fresh air in our sleeping quarters," Dr. Cox said, "will help us sleep well at night, especially after some outdoor exercise such as a brisk walk. Don't mull over your problems and ideas after you have gone to bed. Make your plans early in the evening for a good night's rest by slowing down from the physical and mental work of your daily life, and dismissing your problems from your mind. When you arise each morning, rested and with a feeling of general well being, you will be amply repaid for your thought in planning a good night's sleep."

Advertising doesn't cost—it pays

FOURTH ARMY CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

El Paso garnered all but one of the 16 prizes offered in the Fourth Army Photographic Contest, it was announced recently. S-Sgt. Travis Williams of Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, won first place in group A, "The Mission and Duties of the Army". First places in the other three groups and nine other prizes went to personnel of William Beaumont Hospital. Ft. Bliss entries took two second prizes and a fourth.

All winning photographs have been entered in the contest now being conducted on the Army wide level by Army Ground Forces Headquarters.

Subjects included "The Army Off Duty", "Foreign Countries and Peoples" and general pictorial photographs.

Mrs. J. C. Price, Mrs. A. E. Campbell and Mrs. Vernon Campbell were in Brownwood shopping Wednesday.

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No doubt you always enjoy a swell Christmas but this year we're hoping you will experience the merriest of them all. May it be a season of genuine happiness and contentment.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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Friends...



It is appropriate in the observance of the Christmas season to acknowledge the friendships which we have enjoyed in the past. It just wouldn't seem like Christmas unless we express again our thanks and wish you the Merriest Christmas of them all.

Jennings & Pennington Service Station

Christmas Time Sees Increase In Traffic Hazards

Poor Visibility, Bad Road Conditions Add to Death Rolls

Though the Christmas season is reputedly the happiest time of the year, the month of December is, by actual count, the most deadly so far as traffic accidents are concerned. This grim reminder was given today by the National Conservation Bureau, accident prevention division of the Association of Casualty and Surety Companies, in a warning against careless driving and walking during winter months.

"Over 3,350 persons needlessly lost their lives in motor vehicle accidents during December of last year," said Julien H. Harvey, manager of the bureau. "November was the next most dangerous month with 3,140 deaths. These figures were the highest for the year and have been repeated again and again over the past decade."

Carelessness Underlying Cause

Several factors contribute to the slaughter, Mr. Harvey said. Longer nights mean more driving in darkness, snow and freezing weather make pavements slippery, fog and rain make visibility poor, heavier clothing makes driving more difficult.

"But the underlying cause for most of the accidents is either that drivers and pedestrians carelessly fail to take these ex-

tra hazards into account or deliberately take chances with them," Mr. Harvey declared. "Drivers who are inclined to take chances might well remember that about twice the distance is required to stop a car on packed snow as on a dry pavement and that this distance is again doubled on glare ice."

Safety Tips Offered

To those persons who wish to use all reasonable care to avoid death or injury in motor vehicle accidents during the coming season, the National Conservation Bureau offers the following guides:

For drivers:

1. Have brakes properly adjusted and equalized in braking power at all times.

2. Use chains when driving on packed snow or ice.

3. Keep windshield wiper and defroster in good mechanical condition.

4. Drive slower on snow and slippery pavement than you think necessary for absolute safety; ten miles an hour is frequently the maximum safe speed.

5. Always be alert for pedestrians and for children on sleds; remember that you may be powerless to stop your car in a short distance.

6. Avoid the need for sudden stops; you may skid.

For pedestrians:

1. Look both ways before crossing a street or highway.

2. Do not jaywalk. Cross the streets only at designated cross-



JUST IN TIME . . . Youngsters all over America will sleep with one eye open on Christmas Eve—if they are lucky they might see Santa's feet as he hurries on his way. These youngsters arrived in time to hear, "Merry Christmas to all, and to all a goodnight."

ings.
3. If walking on the highway, walk toward oncoming traffic and keep as far to the side of the road as possible. A skidding car will then be less likely to strike you, or if you should slip you will be less likely to slide into the path of a car.

The Odds Are Against You

The reckless driver who takes a chance to save one minute of

time gambles his life at seventeen million to one odds — a bet no sane gambler would take.

The odds, worked out by insurance actuaries and passed on by the National Conservation Bureau, accident prevention division of the Association of Casualty and Surety Companies, are based on life expectancy tables which show that the average man has 17,000,000 minutes to live. The minute saved by care-

FORMER DEPUTY SHERIFF TO TEACH ARMY COOKS

Capt. John Sorenson, CMC, has been named assistant food service supervisor at the Fourth Army Food Services School at Ft. Sam Houston, Gen. Thomas T. Handy, Fourth Army Commander, has announced. Capt. Sorenson is a former deputy sheriff of El Paso county. He is a graduate of the Army's Food Service School at Ft. George G. Meade, Maryland and received six months of specialized training in the kitchens of the Statler Hotel in Boston before reporting for his new assignment. His parents reside in Dallas.

Americans are eating more nuts. In 1909 the average consumption was four fifths of a pound; in 1945 one and two fifths pounds.

less and reckless driving just is not worth the gamble, the Bureau added.

Christmas Visit to The Seven Fountains

In 1540 when a plague was raging in Switzerland, 12 pious men of Rheinfelden formed a brotherhood to pray for St. Sebastian's aid, and to nurse the sick and bury the dead. Pestilence in medieval times was ascribed to evil spirits in water, so the Brotherhood of St. Sebastian visited each of the town's seven fountains, praying and singing hymns at each stop. They still continue this custom, but only on Christmas Eve. For this ritual the 12 Brothers are dressed in black, with black silk top hats. At every fountain they gather around the lantern-bearer and sing a medieval song. The march begins at the Froshweide fountain, where the plague is supposed to have started three centuries ago. When they have passed the seventh, they enter the church for midnight mass, and ceremoniously place their lantern on the altar of St. Sebastian.

May your stockings be filled with many, many good things and the New Year filled with a wealth of happiness and prosperity.

Wishing you a Joyous

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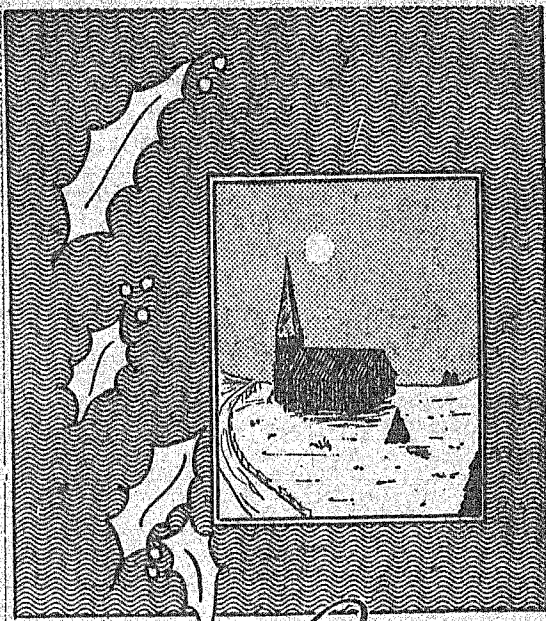
A
Christmas Prayer

MAY THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS—

"Peace on Earth Goodwill to Men"

Reign unchallenged in this world forever more . . . Amen

Service Cafe



YULETIDE

GREETINGS

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**Skiing Activities
Along Santa Fe**

Skiing activities throughout the Southwest along the Santa Fe railway system are beginning to hum. Facilities have been stepped up to accommodate the largest crowd of winter visitors in the history of the ski runs in the Southwest.

In a new folder, just issued by the Santa Fe railway, ski runs in the states of New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado and California are listed. Complete details, as location, elevation, number of jumps, drops, lifts and shelters are given.

The new folder was prepared with the help of the state chairmen of winter sports in the southwestern states served by the Santa Fe, secretaries of the Chambers of Commerce, and people in charge of winter sports areas. As far as is known, the Santa Fe is the first railroad to issue a ski catalogue of this na-

ture. The new pamphlet may be obtained at any Santa Fe ticket office or by writing to T. B. Gallaher, general passenger traffic manager, Santa Fe Railway, Railway Exchange Building, Chicago 4, Illinois.

28,000 OFFICERS JOIN U. S. AIR FORCE AND REG. ARMY

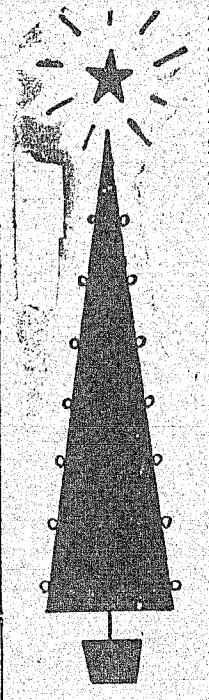
Notification this week of 216 non-Regular Army Officers that President Truman had nominated them for recess appointments as commissioned officers in the Regular Army or Regular Air Force will practically complete the integration into the Regular Armed Forces of approximately 28,000 officers. This will bring the grand total of Regular Army and Regular Air Force officers to approximately 40,000. Nearly 85,000 men applied for the regular commissions.

The flower of the Mohammedan religion is the violet.

Thank
You

At this time of the year it is appropriate to take time out to express to you the appreciation of our entire organization for your loyalty and good will.

Merry Christmas

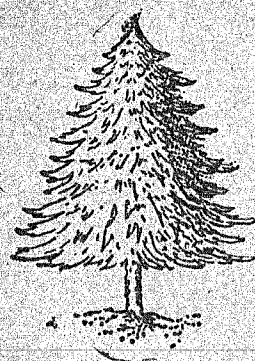


Merry
Christmas

Every member of this organization joins in extending you heartiest Christmas greetings. May you meet the Yuletide with thoughts of happiness and may we all continue to have faith in our fellowman.

And from this complete understanding of those about us may we gain confidence and courage with which to meet the problems of the New Year.

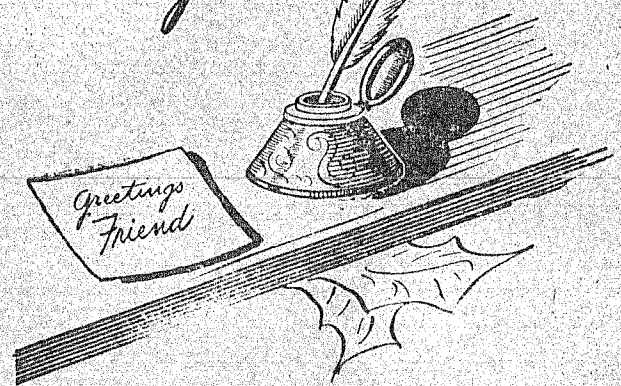
The things you have wished for, and which are deservedly yours, may they come to you in abundance.



PIGGLY WIGGLY

Blue Hardware
Company

An
Age-Old Custom



For a great many years it has been the pleasant custom to send Season's Greetings to friends. It's a custom we anticipate each season because it gives us an opportunity not only to express our best wishes but to also thank our many friends for their patronage and goodwill. May you be rewarded with a joyous Christmas, full of good hope, good cheer and good fellowship.

Griffin Hatchery

Maxfield-Woodard

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Maxfield of Chicota announce the marriage of their daughter Betty Jo to Floyd J. Woodard of Paris, son of R. F. Woodard of Santa Anna. The wedding took place November 10 at 6:30 p. m. in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Keys in Paris with the Rev. John M. Morphis officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. I. C. McFarland, uncle and aunt of the groom, attended the couple. Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. The bride is a 1945 graduate of the Chicota high school and the groom attended Paris high school and served 18 months in the U. S. Navy.

The couple are making their home in Paris, where the groom is associated with his uncle, Mr. McFarland in the cleaning business.

Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Wylie Feted

The get together affair as announced to take place at the Christian church Tuesday night went off in a big way. There was a good attendance of those who like to "assemble themselves together." Bro. Wylie led the devotional which included the scripture reading concerning the birth of Christ. A number of favorite songs were sung upon request.

As a social diversion, Mrs. Gipsin conducted a \$64 quiz program minus the \$64. Mrs. E. H. Wylie conducted a quiz on true and false questions about the Bible. Rilda, Carol Stephenson and Julia Bailey conducted a quiz on nursery rhymes.

Refreshments of cookies and hot chocolate were served, and plenty of it for the second or more helpings if desired.

Climaxing the happy time together was the pounding for Bro. Wylie, which was the true purpose of the meeting. He and Mrs. Wylie were entirely taken by surprise.

Gifts and donations were put on a large table in a room back of the pulpit. At the right time the large door was raised and the table was brought through onto the rostrum. Besides the many offerings of food and other things, a number of cards and letters were presented containing green backs and checks, including one check for \$50 and a card had a picture of a turkey, announcing it would arrive on Christmas. So with pockets jingling with money, many fine eatables on hand, and a turkey coming on Christmas, the Wylies won't have to worry for a while over the high cost of living.

New Buildings At Ft. Worth Stock Show

Six large livestock buildings, being built at a cost of over \$1,500,000 on Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum show grounds, will be available for entries in the 1948 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in Ft. Worth, January 30 through February 3.

The mammoth buildings, eliminating the need for tents, the single span buildings include one for sheep and goats, one for swine, one for baby beef and three for cattle. Each building includes innovations and special features particularly adapted to the needs of the animal to be housed.

The buildings, 100 feet wide by 400 feet long, are spaced 70 feet apart along a 950 foot frontage just south of the Coliseum on the show grounds. Space between them will be used for livestock exercising and for parking. Connecting the group will be a covered archway for visitors' convenience. Along the sides of each building will be a 12 foot canopy extending over a concrete sidewalk.

Special judging arenas, office space and dormitories with showers for club exhibitors and herdsman will be included in the buildings which are being rushed to completion in time for the opening of the show.

Entry deadlines are December 15 for cattle, sheep and swine, January 5 for American quarter horses and cutting horses, January 10 for gaited and other show horses, and January 15 for palominos.

Grind equal amounts of dried apricots, peaches and prunes, combine with chopped nuts and moisten with a little fruit juice. Shape into small balls and roll in confectioners sugar. The result is delicious dried fruit candy.

S. S. Cards Available From Abilene Office

Increased employment during the holiday season brings many requests for account number cards to the Abilene social security office, Ralph T. Fisher, manager, said today. "Seasonal and part time workers in stores, shops and other commercial establishments need a social security card just like regular and full time employees. Every worker should show his card to the employer when he goes to work," Mr. Fisher pointed out.

"Employers," said Mr. Fisher, "are required to report quarterly to the collector of Internal Revenue the correct amount of wages paid to each part time and regular worker with his of her social security account number. Both the worker's name and the social security number are needed to give the proper wage credit on the Social Security Administration's records. If this is not done, the worker may lose certain benefit rights."

"Account numbers are issued at our office in Abilene. Applications may be obtained at any post office and mailed to our office," Mr. Fisher said.

Mrs. Tom Wheatley and her grandson, Lloyd Morgan, returned Thursday of last week from a visit of several weeks in California, where they visited with relatives in Wilmington and Farmersville.



For a MERRY Christmas

Corner Drug Store

Greetings

FRIENDS

We're wishin' for you everything that's good. You're a swell bunch of folks, and we're mighty proud to have known you, and to call you our friends. MERRY CHRISTMAS.



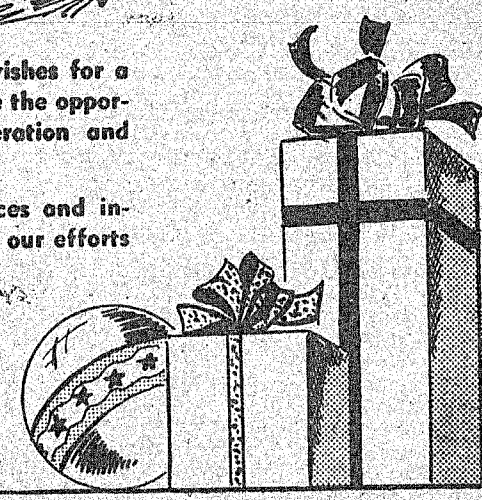
MORGAN'S FURNITURE COMPANY



We sincerely offer you our cordial good wishes for a MERRY CHRISTMAS and at this time take the opportunity of thanking you for your consideration and patronage and friendship.

During the oncoming year all our resources and ingenuity and efforts will be incorporated in our efforts to serve you better and more efficiently.

Best Wishes



Adams Implement Co.