

SANTA ANNA NEWS

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American Legion Plans Christmas Program For Friday Night, Dec. 23

Friday night, December 23, be a Christmas present on the tree for every child present. The Santa Anna American Legion will sponsor a Christmas tree and program between the Bank and Hotel.

The general public is invited to attend this affair, and there will

be a Christmas present on the tree for every child present. This Christmas party has been the custom of the American Legion in the past and plans now are for them to continue it each year.

New Fire Escape Added To High S.

Two new all steel fire escapes have just been completed on the Santa Anna High School building. In making this announcement, Mr. Green stated that this was an old law that required these fire escapes to be on the building and that they want to comply with all regulations to make the school as safe as possible.

These fire escapes were not considered in the budget for this year, but the new Fire Insurance Commissioner has required them to be installed. The cost of installation was \$834.00. School that are two stories with over 900 feet of floor space are required to have 2 fire escapes.

Dec. 16 Deadline For Show Entries

All entries in the annual Coleman County Livestock Show, set for January 16 and 17 must be filed at the Board of Community Development in Coleman by December 16, 1949 Clyde Thate, president has announced.

Many entries have already been turned in and prospects are good that the 1950 show will be the best in many years, show officials say.

The 1950 show will be held in the new barns at the rodeo grounds this year, instead of at the airport. Agriculture and livestock dignitaries from all over the state have been invited to the show, and several have already indicated they will attend.

Former Elizabeth Rollins Buried At Grandview Wed.

Mrs. Lloyd Thomas, the former Miss Elizabeth Rollins, passed away very unexpectedly at her home in Mineral Wells, Sunday, December 11, at 10:40 p. m.

The father and step-mother, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Rollins went to Cleburn on Monday with his son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin F. Rollins, where the body was carried to a sister of Mr. Thomas, Mrs. Tohe Lambert. The body lay in state there until Tuesday afternoon, when it was carried to Grandview for burial services. Funeral services were held in the Grandview First Baptist Church, with interment in the Grandview Cemetery.

Others attending the services were Mrs. Carl Williams, of Santa Anna, sister of Mrs. Rollins and her two sons, Clarence Bissett and Mr. and Mrs. Derward Bissett all of Ballinger.

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Officers And Directors Named For The Santa Anna Livestock Association

The first meeting of the Santa Anna Livestock Association was held Monday night in the club room of the Service Cafe. The organization was formed and officers and directors were elected.

The following officers were elected: President, Ozro Eubank; Vice President, Neal Oakes; and Secretary-Treasurer, W. Ford Barnes. The officers are considered as directors and the other directors are as follows: Lester Newman, Tom Stewardson, Ted Stewardson Ben W. Yarborough, Pat Hosch, W. B. Griffin and Emzy Brown.

The policy of the Santa Anna Livestock Association is to set the policies of the Annual Santa Anna Livestock Show and make the rules and regulations and by-laws of the show.

At present there is a membership of 65 members. All these will be considered charter members. The goal set for the organization is 100 members. If you have not been contacted yet and would like to be a part of this organization, you are requested to contact Ford Barnes and give him your membership dues.

The money derived from the dues will be used to defray expenses of the annual show.

Jeanine Holland Takes Lead In Queen Contest

At the last counting of the votes for the Santa Anna Christmas Queen Miss Jeanine Holland was leading with 10,258 votes. The votes were counted Wednesday morning and another counting will take place the last of this week.

Other candidates in the contest and their standings are as follows:

June Parker 9429; Sandra Shields 8281; Ann Elanton 4922; Venita Joy Allison 4414; Lonettia Watson 4105; Leona Shield 3612; Sue Holmes 1955; and Jo Ann Morris 1812.

The contest will close after business hours on the night of December 22. This will give the Christmas Queen time to be notified that she is the winner and will also give her time to make preparation for the program to be held on Saturday.

New Clock And Score Board Installed In Gym

A new General Electronics Automatic Basketball score board has recently been installed in the Santa Anna gymnasium. The clock was used for the first time at the Saturday night game with May, and all the fans seemed to be delighted about the score clock.

The clock lets the fans keep up with the complete game as it progresses. It keeps the score and tells how much time remains to be played. This is another forward advancement of the Santa Anna Schools, for which all of us can be proud.

The score clock will come in handy during the Tournament that is to be staged in the gym this week end. Seven boys and 6 girls teams will be in Santa Anna for the tournament. The first game will start at 6:00 p. m. Thursday night. Finals of the tournament will be on Saturday night.

In the last Saturday night games Santa Anna won three games from the May representatives. In the girls game the Santa Anna girls won by a score of 33-28. In the boys game the Santa Anna boys won by a score of 39 and the B string won by a score of 29-16.

Doris G. Newman To New Location

Miss Doris G. Newman, McCulloch County Home Demonstration Agent has resigned effective December 31st to transfer to the position of Home Demonstration Agent of Tom Green County.

Miss Newman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Newman of Santa Anna. She is a graduate of Mary Hardin-Baylor College with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Home Economics. She taught homemaking at Novice prior to entering the extension Service in February, 1947. She has been located in Brady since that time.

Miss Newman will assume her work in Tom Green County January 1st with headquarters in San Angelo.

Revival At New Coleman Baptist Church In Progress

The Bible Baptist Church, located at 4th Street and Commercial Avenue, in Coleman, is in the process of a revival meeting. The meeting will close at the Sunday night services.

Rev. Jack Powers, of Decatur, Texas, is doing the preaching and extends an invitation to all to attend the services, which are held at 10:00 a. m. and at 7:00 p. m. each day.

Trade in Santa Anna.

Christmas Play To Be Presented At High School Aud. Tuesday Night, Dec. 20; School To Dismiss For Holidays On 22nd

The Santa Anna Grade School will present a Christmas Play in the High School Auditorium on Tuesday night, December 20. There will be no charge of admission and the general public is cordially invited to come out and see the play.

Supt. R. K. Green announced

this week that both the High School and grade School would dismiss school on Thursday, December 22 for the Christmas Holidays. School will be resumed on Tuesday morning, January 3. This will give the children slightly less than two weeks for the holiday season.

Xmas Cantata At Baptist Church

The Choir of the First Baptist Church, assisted by Prof. C. F. Wootton, McMurry College, Abilene, will present a mixed voice Christmas Cantata, "The Wonderful Story", Wednesday, December 21, at 7:30 p. m. in the auditorium of the First Baptist Church, Santa Anna. The text, depicting the first Christmas, is by Raymond Earl Bellaire and the musical arrangement by Richard Kountz. Miss Martha Priddy is to be the soloist and Mrs. Virgil Priddy is to be the organist. The program, to which the public is invited, includes a special duet number by Mrs. Harry C. Wigger and Mr. Wootton.

A large group was present last Sunday to hear the pastor speak on the problem of "Handicaps in Abundant Living". The program presented by the Woman's Missionary Union Sunday evening was received by a large appreciative audience. This program was the conclusion of the season of prayer in interest of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions. The goal of the local church for the offering this year is \$600.00. Three Howard Payne College students appeared on the programs during the week: Mr. Alford Chong, a Chinese from Hawaii; Mr. Leland Boles, a mission volunteer to India; and Mr. Paul Smith who was born in Brazil.

The Teachers and Officers of the Intermediate Department of the First Baptist Church Sunday School are having a Christmas Breakfast for the pupils of that department in the annex Sunday morning, December 13, at 8 a. m. Each one who attends will bring an article wrapped in white paper to go in Christmas baskets.

The J. O. Y. Class, Mrs. B. A. Parker, teacher is having a Christmas dinner Monday evening, December 19, 7:30 p. m. in the annex of the First Baptist Church.

A special offering will be taken at the Sunday morning Service December 13 for Buckner Orphan Home, located at Dallas, Texas.

Special Programs At Methodist

December 18—A Cantata "The Heavenly Child" under the direction of Miss Elsie Lee Harper is to be presented at the church Sunday evening at 7:00. Every one is invited. December 19—The annual Christmas party of the W. S. C. S. and other women of the church is to be held at Mrs. Eeds with Mrs. Loftis as co-hostess, at 3:00 (No gifts). December 21—parties for the various groups are to be held at the church at 6:30, the children meeting in their respective places, the youth division in the parlor, and the adults in the basement, all coming together at 8:00 for a special feature and refreshments. December 25—Sunday school on Christmas Sunday at 9:30, the worship service at 10:15 and no evening service.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Allen visited Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Collier. A birthday dinner was enjoyed Sunday in honor of Mrs. Allen, who will be remembered here as Gail Collier.

Tuesday Election Favors Coleman Gas and Oil Co.

A special election call by the City Commission for Tuesday, December 13, for the voters to decide whether the Coleman Gas and Oil Company would purchase the Santa Anna Gas Company favored the Coleman Gas and Oil Company by a 4 to 1 majority.

A very light vote was cast. Only 93 votes were counted for the whole day. Seventy-nine of the votes was for, while only 19 were opposed to the question.

Mr. Scott Bower, Jr., president of the Coleman Gas and Oil Company stated that the Coleman Gas and Oil Company would do their utmost to serve the citizens of Santa Anna in a satisfactory manner. That every effort would be made to please the customers of the Coleman Gas and Oil Company.

We, at the News office, feel that more people should go to the polls and express their opinion in matters such as this. We realize that the disagreeable weather was one factor that kept some from the polls, but this is a matter that concerned every gas user in Santa Anna. More votes should have been polled.

We feel that the results of the election were as they should have been though. The Coleman Gas and Oil Company does not contemplate an increase in natural gas rates at the present time, and unless some unforeseen expense arises, the Coleman Gas and Oil Company will more than likely furnish the City of Santa Anna with ample natural gas at the present rate for years to come.

There is no question but what one company can operate considerably cheaper than two companies can. The transfer of the Santa Anna Gas properties to the Coleman Gas and Oil will take place on or about the 31st of December, and after that time all the city natural gas transactions will be from the Coleman Gas and Oil Company office.

The Santa Anna Gas Company wanted to sell their property. We feel that those of you who were opposed to the transaction should now fall in line with the Coleman Gas and Oil Company and cooperate with them. The majority of the ones who went to the polls have shown their willingness for one company to have all the gas business in Santa Anna, and we hope there will not be ill will or feelings toward the Coleman Gas and Oil Company.

Hospital Notes

The following patients have been admitted to the Sealy Hospital within the last week:

Mrs. D. J. Ryan, Hebbonville. Mr. J. W. McClellan, City. Mrs. Hugh Glasson, City. Mr. Harold Roach, Albany. Mrs. G. C. McDonald, Shields. Mr. W. R. Spence, Baird. Mrs. Fred Bates, Santa Anna. Mr. Fred Pool, Abilene, Texas. Mr. D. S. Milligan, Shields.

Wallace Woodruff Graduate At Denver

Wallace L. Woodruff, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Woodruff, was among the 500 students to complete degree requirements December 10 at the University of Denver.

Woodruff, who served with the Infantry in Europe, received a bachelor of law's degree.

He is a graduate of Santa Anna High.

Sunday Singing At Buffalo

The members of the Buffalo Methodist Church announce their regular third Sunday singing to be held Sunday, December 18 from 2:00 until 4:00 p. m.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend this singing.

High School Honor Roll

Mr. Cullen Perry, Principle of the Santa Anna High School announces the following as the High School honor roll for the second six-week period.

SENIORS
Charlie Joe Harris, Allyn Brandon, Martha Priddy, James Milligan, Billy Ray Weathers, Richard Shield and Helen Day.

JUNIORS
Reba Hardy, James Donald Vercher, Joe Vernon Buse, Paula Holt, June Parker, Geraldine Lewellen and Theresa Baucom.

SOPHOMORES
Frances McClellan, Billie Lynn Westbrook, Evangeline Malroy and Annette Johnson.

FRESHMEN
Lucy Davis, Don Davis, Shirley Hale, Charles Scarborough and Dennis Farmer.

J. E. Watkin Rites Held Last Wednesday

Funeral services for John Earl Watkins, 73, were held at the residence here last Wednesday. Mr. Watkins died last Tuesday at his Santa Anna residence after a two month illness.

Mr. Watkins was a retired cotton and grain buyer. He had lived here for 44 years. He came here from Milam County where he was born in 1876.

He was married July 25, 1897 to Miss Annie Moore in Falls County. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary here in 1947.

The Rev. S. R. Smith of Brownwood officiated at services. He was assisted by the Rev. Harry C. Wigger, pastor of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include the widow; a son, Eugene of Nashville, Tenn.; and two daughters, Mrs. H. V. Standly and Mrs. Audas Smith, both of Odessa; five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Fullbearers were Lon Gray, B. E. Phillips, J. P. Hodges, Jr., Douglas Moore, Dosh T. McCreary, and Tom Simpson.

Annual Stockholders' Meeting

The Annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Santa Anna National Bank of Santa Anna, Texas will be held at the office of said bank on the 10th day of January A. D. 1950 at 2:00 O'clock P. M. for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

O. L. Cheaney Cashier 50-10

Mr. H. C. McDaniel carried Mr. Reuben Fulton to Hendrix Memorial Hospital in Abilene, Tuesday night, for a check-up. Mr. Fultons' daughter, Patsy accompanied them.

Whom News
Mrs. Tom Rutherford

TOMMIE HOLMES

Funeral services were conducted at the Baptist church Tuesday afternoon, December 6, 1949 at 2:30 by Rev. Glenn Terry for Mr. Tommie Holmes who passed away in the Santa Anna Hospital Monday morning at 2:10 after an illness of 2 weeks.

Mr. Holmes was born June 8, 1885 at Whon on February 26, 1926 he was married to Miss Kate Holmes. He is survived by his

wife, one daughter, Tommie Sue, one son, L. J. and wife and 1 granddaughter, 2 sisters, Mrs. Ella Turney and Mrs. J. B. Rea of San Angelo. One aunt, Mrs. Dan Moody of Ballinger 14 neices and 14 nephews. A host of friends and relatives. He was preceded in death by 3 sisters and one brother, Mrs. Bell Hudson, Mrs. Annie Neebes and Mrs. Beulah Hines and Mr. Billie Holmes.

Tommie was a life long resident of this community having been born and lived his entire life here. He was a farmer and has operated the barber shop here for years and the past several years has operated the Rockwood Barber shop.

Pall bearers were: Mr. T. J. Adkins, Tom Rutherford, J. T. Avants, Winfred Watson, Johnnie Steward, and Alec Cooper. Flower girls were: Mmes Earl Cozart, Dave Shields, Granvil Hext, Tom Rutherford, Frances

Yancy, Jack Black, Winfred Watson, Wagie Montgomery and T. J. Adkins.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Adkins are driving a new Mercury since last Thursday. T. J. and Rex Turney went to San Angelo Friday.

Rev. Glenn Terry preached at the Nazarene church Sunday and was dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Gill and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mayfield spent Saturday night with Mrs. Kate Holmes and Sue. Mrs. Mayfield is a sister of Mrs. Holmes.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Wynn of Santa Anna were Sunday dinner guest with the Henry Smith family.

Bobbie Barnes and Brenda Baker spent Sunday with Dean Hext.

Mrs. Elmo Eubank Jr., of Santa Anna was dinner guest Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy England. Loyd Earl Rutherford spent

Sunday with Jimmie Lee Gill. Earl Wright Gill of Brownwood spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Gill.

Mr. and Mrs. Booker Watson of Shield were supper guest Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Watson.

Visitors in the Tom Rutherford home Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Milton Johnson and children, Mr. and Mrs. Etelle Cozart and son, Mrs. Mary Hext and Loucille Baker.

Visiting Sunday with Mrs. Kate Holmes and Sue were Mrs. James Eubank and baby, and Mr. and Mrs. Buster Wynn of Santa Anna, Rev. Glen Terry of Brownwood, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith and Ina and Mrs. Charles Benge.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Wallace were called to Brownwood Sunday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Wallace grandfather, Mr. Tunge, our sympathy go to all the bereaved.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Raddle and children visited with his parents of the Cleveland community Sunday.

the day. A beautiful leather-bound Alter Bible was given by the children. Mrs. Crews made the presentation and the pastor the acceptance. The children gathered about the chancel during the singing of "Break Thou The Bread of Life" and remained there for the dedicatory prayer.

At the evening hour the juniors participated in the flannel board presentation of some Bible pictures, the first a Bible verse, the second a Bible song.

Mr. and Mrs. Blue entertained the Board of Education and teachers in their home Wednesday evening, December 7th. After the business session a Bible game was enjoyed and refreshments served.

Monday evening, December 12, the Glad Hand Class and husbands, met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Riley for their annual

Christmas party. At the close of the entertainment a delectable salad plate was enjoyed and the climax of the evening came with the distribution of gifts from a beautifully decorated tree.

With this week's session the W. S. C. S. is concluding their current Mission Study.

Please notice the special announcements elsewhere in this paper. All members are urged to programs and visitors are always welcome.

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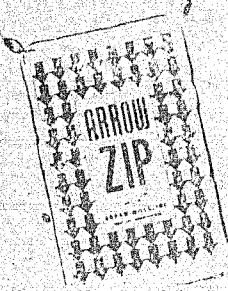
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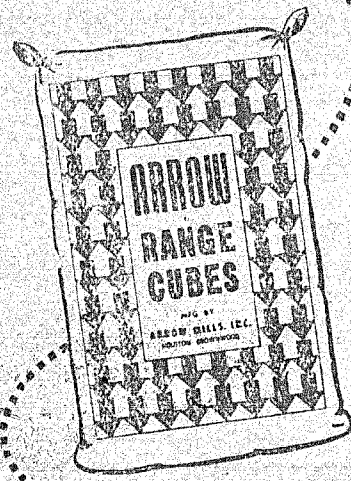
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S. S. Representative In Coleman Tuesday

Many people think of social security as something to expect only when they get old, according to Ralph T. Fisher, manager of the Abilene social security office.

One of the most important features about this government insurance plan is the protection it affords the family in case the breadwinner dies. Where there are dependent children under 18 old-age and survivors insurance provides for monthly payments to the children and to the widow who is caring for them. If there is no child or widow, the worker's parent's may qualify for monthly payments at 65 if they were dependent on him for their support. In some case there is no one immediately qualified for any of the types of monthly payments in such a case a lump-sum death payment may be made.

There are two important considerations in the payment of these benefits; first, the breadwinner must have worked under social security long enough to be insured; and second, a claim for the payments must be filed with the social security office.

As a service to local residents, Ralph T. Fisher from Abilene social security office visits Coleman regularly. He will be in Coleman on Tuesday, December 20, at the Department of Public Welfare, at 1:00 p. m.

Farm Bureau Meets In Coleman

A meeting of the Farm Bureau directors and workers on the membership drive was held at the American Legion Hall in Coleman December 8. Group singing was led by Miss Jo Garland, County Home Demonstration Agent and Miss Beth Rawlings, her assistant.

Cotton acreage was discussed and a letter from Representative W. R. Poage, of Waco, was read. He thanked the Farm Bureau for the interest they are taking and also stated he would do all he could to help.

Ben Wilson was program chairman for the evening.

Reports of the State meeting at Dallas were given: in Mrs. W. D. Terry's report she said, "Our Government is just as rich as our farmers." Archie Bryson of Gouldbusk told of the rural youth and said that they are the Farm Bureau members of tomorrow. Emzy Brown of Santa Anna talked on Democracy and Christianity in the Farm Bureau. Roy Wood of Santa Anna reported on membership. Frank Gillespie of Coleman explained the Service Program and Mrs. Raymond McElrath talked on our membership dues and what they mean to the Farm Bureau.

Raymond McElrath was re-elected District Director at the State meeting. He discussed the Resolutions that were passed at the State meeting, and also the Cotton Allotment.

A committee was appointed to make plans for the coming years program. The committee is composed of R. S. Adlan, Fisk; A. N. Bryson, Gouldbusk; and Paul Smith, Fisk.

The Coleman County Farm Bureau went on record as favoring an assistant Agent.

Local Methodist Church News

Although following another rainy week end the second Sunday was accompanied by a good attendance. Since it was Universal Bible Sunday all services emphasized the chosen theme for



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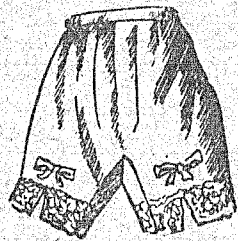
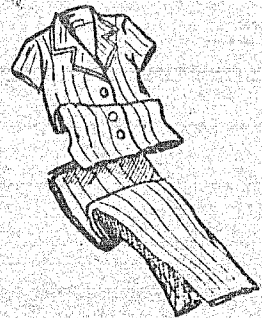
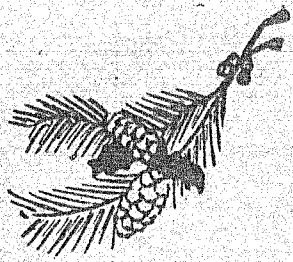
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Santa Anna Teams Go To Talpa On Monday Night

The Santa Anna girls and boys' basketball teams went to Talpa Monday night for a practice game with the Talpa teams. The boys won by a score of 30-13 and the girls lost by a score of 14-18.

The half time scores were as follows: girls Santa Anna 8, boys Santa Anna 13, Talpa 5.

The boys team has been turning in a number of wins again this year and the girls team is gaining as the practice season progresses. Conference play will start after the first of the year.

Monday night results are as follows:

| SANTA ANNA BOYS | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|----|----|----|---|
| Name | Pos | fg | ft | tp | F |
| Hunter | F | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| Milligan | F | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Price | F | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Scarborough, C. | F | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Scott | C | 5 | 8 | 18 | 3 |
| Scarborough, G. | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Moredock | G | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Mackey | G | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Hartman | G | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Horton | G | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Parish | G | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Total | | 9 | 12 | 30 | 7 |

| TALPA BOYS | | | | | |
|------------|-----|----|----|----|----|
| Name | Pos | fg | ft | tp | F |
| Day | C | 1 | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| Morris | G | 1 | 0 | 2 | 5 |
| Sikes | G | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Lucas | F | 3 | 0 | 6 | 1 |
| Rae | F | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Boman | G | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Total | | 5 | 1 | 13 | 17 |

| SANTA ANNA GIRLS | | | | | |
|------------------|-----|----|----|----|---|
| Name | Pos | fg | ft | tp | F |
| Day | F | 2 | 1 | 5 | 1 |
| Dunn | F | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Mathews | F | 2 | 3 | 7 | 1 |
| Little | G | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Stewardson | G | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Baucom | G | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Total | | 4 | 6 | 14 | 9 |

| TALPA GIRLS | | | | | |
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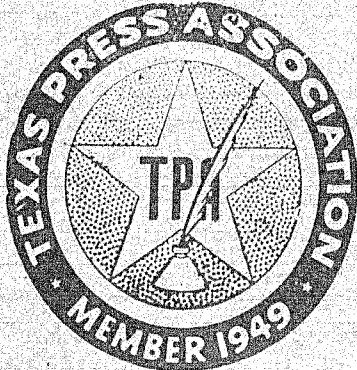
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Trickham News

(By Lea Mitchell and Mary Catherine Fellers)

Mr. and Mrs. Key Bradley visited his father Mr. J. W. Bradley at Brownwood Sunday.

Visitors with Mrs. Kingston Sunday were Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Weathers, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Wilson, Mrs. Zona Stacy and Mrs. Lewis Burney.

Mrs. L. E. Page left home today Monday to visit indefinitely with different ones of her children.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Haynes and children visited with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dockery Sunday.

Visitors with Mr. and Mrs. H. B. James and Mrs. Vernon Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Nat Randall.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bill Potts and Jo Evelyn French of Brownwood visited with Mr. and Buck Mitchell and girls Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Emma Paulson attended church at Brownwood Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Burney visited with Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Dean and Ruth Saturday night.

Royce, Doynne and Terry were dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Will Haynes Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford visited with Mrs. C. F. Shield and Ben McIver Sunday.

Lyndon, Kay and Weldon Haynes was dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Dean and Ruth Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady McIver visited with Mr. and Mrs. Hilburn Henderson Sunday.

Peggy Ford and Lois Haynes spent Sunday with Lea and Betty Mitchell.

Cleveland News

(By Mrs. M. F. Blanton)

We are having some damp and cold weather the past week. We could use a lot of rain on the grain that is sowed.

We were very sorry to hear about the death of Mr. Bob Clifton's father that lived in Santa Anna. Our sympathy goes out to the family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Perry visited last Thursday in Talpa with Mr. and Mrs. Willie Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Moore and children, visited with Mr. and

Mrs. Horace Phillips near Bangs,

Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Manley Blanton had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Sid Blanton Sunday and in the afternoon they visited Mr. and Mrs. Mace Blanton in Santa Anna.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Herring of Santa Anna visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Herridge.

Grandmother Baugh of Santa Anna spent last week with Mrs. E. R. Cupps, her health is about the same.

Mrs. C. T. Moore and children, and Mrs. Manley Blanton and Ann attended the basket ball games in Santa Anna Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Terry attended church at Cleveland Sunday and had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Cupps.

Mr. and Mrs. John Perry and boys visited with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ellis Thursday night.

Mrs. Rip Keeney and children visited with Mrs. Manley Blanton and Ann Friday evening.

Mrs. Armanda Perry spent Tuesday with Mrs. Iona Moore.

Shield News

(Mrs. J. B. Weathers)

Douglas Milligan has been real sick at the Sealy hospital, but is reported doing better now after being brought home.

John Dillingham has been sick with the chicken pox.

Floyd Gilbreath has returned to his post of duty in Washington

Mr. and Mrs. Odis Bilbry of

Santa Anna, visited one night last week in the J. E. Lowe home.

Mrs. Preston Arthur and boys of Bangs spent Tuesday night with her mother, Mrs. John A. Williams and Mabel.

Mr. and Mrs. Alpha Vandereer of Temple, were guests of the Byron Gilbeaths and Chester McDonalds on Wednesday evening and night.

Mrs. Chester McDonald was taken to the hospital on Saturday morning and has been quite sick but is some better at this writing. We hope she will soon be much improved and able to return home.

Grandmother Russell spent the night with Mrs. J. E. Lowe on with Mrs. Grady Williams and baby.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Weathers visited on Sunday afternoon with her mother at Trickham and attended church there on Sunday night.

Mr. P. C. Clifton Buried At Lohn

Mr. P. C. Clifton, 67, was buried from the Lohn Tabernacle Saturday afternoon, December 10,

at 3:00 p. m. Rev. Albert Alley of Fife, Texas officiated.

P. C. Clifton was born April 5, 1882 in Nach County, Texas. He was 67 years, 8 months and 4 days old when he died at his Santa Anna home on Friday, December 9.

He had lived in Santa Anna since March of 1948.

He was married to Miss Mattie Blackwell December 23, 1903. To this union eight children were born, all of whom survive.

Survivors are the widow, Mrs. P. C. Clifton of Santa Anna; two brothers, Jim Clifton of Millersview and Larry of Oklahoma; one sister, Mrs. Hassie Morris of Burnett; the children, Mrs. Cecil Cochran of Fife, Mrs. Earnest Evans of Artisia, New Mexico,

Mrs. J. Salsbury of Sweetwater, Mrs. Jack Alley of Brownwood, Mrs. G. Hillard of College Station, Robert Clifton of Santa Anna, Jack Clifton of San Angelo, and James Clifton, who is in the armed services in Germany. Sixteen grandchildren and one great grandson also survive.

Pallbearers were Paul Moore, E. L. Bissett, C. I. Hillard, Henry Land, George B. Reed and L. C. Barton.

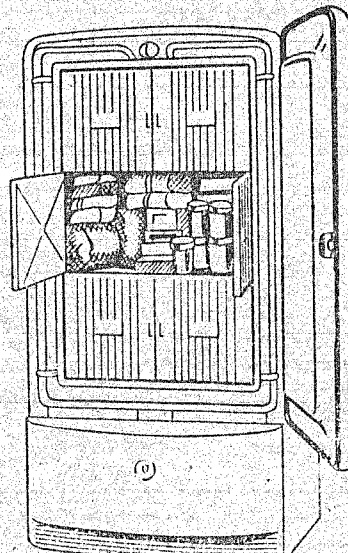
Hosch Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Winger, of Curunda, Canal Zone, visited several days with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Parker. The Winger's are on their way to California to make their home.



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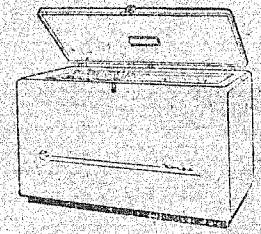
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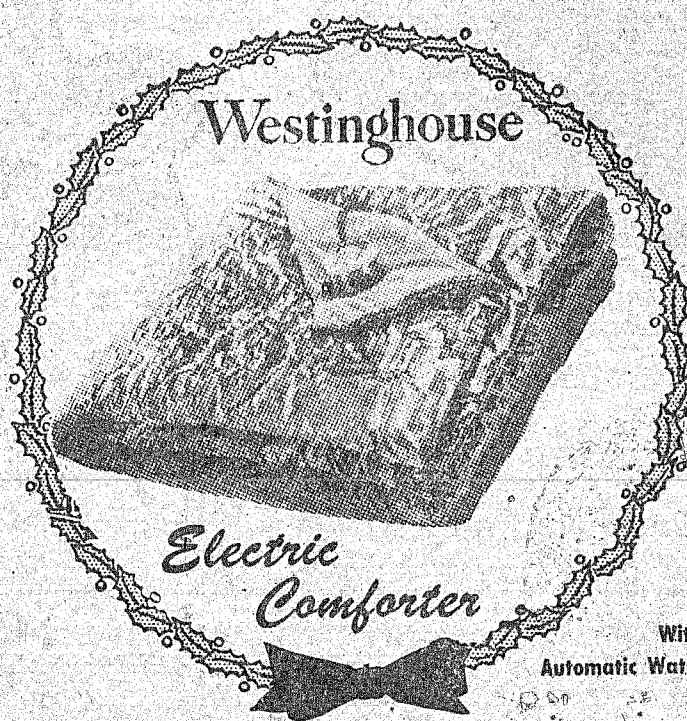
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SANTA ANNA VS.

BROOKSMITH

The first home game of the basketball season was played December 6; the opposition being furnished by Brooksmith. The first game of the evening was the Santa Anna girls against the Brooksmith girls. Santa Anna led 4-0 in the early minutes of the game. At the half the score was 21-16. We believe that intermission Brooksmith broke away from the tie and won by a

score of 21-16. We believe that that the girls have a good team and we are behind them all the way.

The second game of the evening was the Santa Anna boys vs. the Brooksmith boys. Santa Anna set a fast pace from the beginning of the game. Brooksmith did most of their scoring in the first period of the game. Santa Anna won with a score of 23 to Brooksmith's 6. The boys have a chance to win district again this year and retain the title of District Champs which they received last year.

FAMOUS QUOTATIONS

"Give me liberty or give me death!" —Patrick Henry
 "I have just begun to fight!" —John Paul Jones
 "I only regret that I have but one life to give to my country." —Nathan Hale.
 "Cowards die many times before their death, the valiant never taste death but once." —Caesar
 "I will study and get ready and maybe my chance will come." —Abraham Lincoln

SPORTSMANSHIP OF THE FANS

During the past year, over the state as a whole. There have been many instances of ill-feeling between schools. In most cases the blame has been placed on the teams and coaches. It seems to me that we, the average fans, should assume our part of the blame.

When teams come to our school to participate in a sport of some nature, they are our visitors. It is our duty as host to treat them like visitors. It is also our duty to act as worthy guests when we go to other schools, so we will be welcomed back again.

Very few fans are qualified to judge the official, however, some try to do so. Unless we know more than the official, we should not try to say whether he is right or wrong.

All athletic contests should be played, for the pleasure of the

game. If a team loses, the fans should be good sports about it, just as though the team had won. It is better to have lost a good, clean game than to have won by dirty play.

WHO'S WHO

Have you seen the dignified president of the Senior Class? If you haven't, you don't know what you have missed. This lovable, likeable fellow is none other than Craig Robert Douglas. Craig is five feet, eleven inches tall, weighs 165 pounds, is blonde headed and has blue eyes. His favorite subject is science and his favorite teacher is Mr. Perry. Like most blondes Craig likes the color blue but dislikes pink. His favorite dish is banana pudding and he hates the smell of sour kraut. Track takes the lead in sports for him and Helen Day has the inside track of his heart. He is an active member of the DoLittle Club and the Press Club. His ambition is to become a Deisel Engineer so here's wishing him luck and happiness in anything he undertakes.

MOUNTAINEER DISAPPOINTMENT

As I was walking down the road
 What do you think I found?
 Three dollars and twenty cents
 Laying on the ground.

I hurried home to show Mom
 And plan what I would spend
 But of course, I found the loser
 And so—I'm broke again.

WHO'S WHO

Pleaman Cruger Junior is a senior in Santa Anna High School. He is 20 years old and active in school activities. He joined the National Guard and remained in it two months and 26 days after which he moved to Odessa. He came back to Santa Anna after that and here he has remained until this day. He is 5 feet 11 inches tall and has deep brown eyes. He has black hair that sparkles. He says he especially likes women. He likes them short, tall, skinny, fat or any kind. In fact he likes women. His pet dislike is conceited women. While in Santa Anna, he has engaged in the fine art of football, basketball and track. His favorite sport is football and his favorite subject is typing. His favorite teacher is the largest in High School, you could guess. Mr. Perry. He has been going with a girl from San Angelo for nearly a year now and we wish him success with his women and life.

THE TRUE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Down through the ages Christmas has come to mean the giving and receiving of gifts and a time when most families have a reunion.

It is well at this season to stop and remember the first Christmas. The first Christmas began with the birth of Christ. When Christmas comes you should first of all remember that it is the birthday of Christ. This is not the time when you receive a gift. Christmas should be a time of "peace on earth" good will to men.

In thinking of Christmas one should remember those who may not receive a gift. You should give a gift to someone who may not get one otherwise. Think of some family who might not have a Christmas dinner and give them all you can.

You should be happier to give a gift than to receive one. If you are this way you will have the true Christmas Spirit, which will be one of giving and not receiving.

FOOTBALL PARTY

It was a gala and exciting evening, the night of November 28, when the Band and Pep squad gave the football boys a dance in the gym. The decorations of black and gold were strung on each side of the bleachers. From the ceiling wires draped many colored ballons. At each end of the gym was miniature football goals and footballs.

Miss Floy Cutbirth was escorted by a charming, young gentleman by the name of Roy Poer. Some other couples were: David Hunter and Faye Dunn, Craig Douglas and Helen Day, Melvin Pollock and Paula Holt, Annabelle Price and James Milligan, June Parker and Max Eubanks, Dolores Wise and Martin L. Aubrey, B. J. Scott and Joyce Rowe, Reba Hardy and Billy Ray Robbins, Faye Parks and Joe Sealy Price, Nell Parks and Luther Talley, Lanetta Watson and R. L. Mackey, Jonann Dunn and

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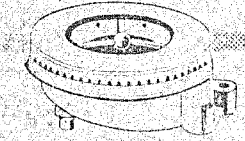
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Mr. T. K. Martin showed us how to square dance and how to do the Virginia Reel.

Each reported they had a wonderful time.

DID YOU KNOW?

That the Homemaking I Class just finished their blouses they have been working so hard on?

That Riida Stephenson won first place in the Junior Division of the "Make It Yourself With Wool Contest" at the State Meet at San Antonio?

That the Basketball tournament is December 15, 16, and 17?

That Shirley Matthews won \$2.50 from her ad that was printed in a Coleman Paper?

That Superintendent R. K. Green saw the S. M. U. Notre Dame football game Saturday, December 3?

That the S. A. H. S. Girls Basketball team played their first game of the season Friday Night, December 2, at the Zephyr Tournament?

That the Student Council is planning a Christmas program for the students and faculty?

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Is God Available?

Lesson for December 18, 1949

DOES GOD EXIST? Yes. There is every good reason to believe that he does. But when we have answered that question in the affirmative, we have not settled the most important questions of religion. There are the other two questions of equal importance: What kind of God is he? and, Is he available? Let us give some thought to this last question. One of our Christmas carols begins, "Draw nigh, draw nigh, Immanuel!" Immanuel is one of the names by which Jesus is called, for the Christian church has always read Isaiah 7:14 as a prophecy of Jesus Christ. The name means "God with us" and is the answer to the deepest cry of the heart.



Dr. Foreman

Such a God has sometimes been believed in by men who nevertheless walked in a dark cloud of loneliness, doubting that so great a God could possibly have any interest in their own affairs.

Is God WITH us? Is God with US? Is GOD with us? That is the question that torments the troubled mind. With one voice, the whole church of God answers Yes; the name of the one in whose face we see the glory of God is named "God-with-us."

In the first chapter of the Bible we hear of a God who walked with his children in a garden. In the first chapters of the Gospels we hear songs to the God who has "visited his people;" and in almost the last chapter of the Bible we hear the promise, "God himself shall be with them and be their God."

"When ye shall search for him with all your hearts"

MOST TRUTHS are two-sided. You have to keep both sides in mind or you will not fully understand. God is with us yes; God is with all men, yes—that is, there are no favorites with him, he refuses his presence to no one. God is always available, available to all. That is one side of the truth.

The other side is this: God is not equally with all men. Some men are alienated from God. Some men are godless. Even among those with whom God lives, we may fairly say that God is with some in a higher degree, in fuller measure, than he is with others. Jeremiah gives the clue to this truth: "Ye shall seek me and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." (Jer. 29:13.) Those who do not search for God will not find him.

Those whose search is half-hearted only half-find him. God does not enter uninvited. He is available, but he will not force his way in. We can see how this is when we think about Christians we know. It does not make sense to say that they are all equally godly.

We have known some great Christians of whom we might almost dare to say that Paul's prayer had been answered, that they have been "filled with the fulness of of God." (Eph. 3:19.) But in other Christians, who certainly have some small seed of faith in them, it may be hard even for a kindly observer to see many signs of God's presence.

"Thou can't, a little baby thing. . ."

GOD IS in all things, "he shines in all that's fair," as we sing the familiar hymn. But the center of the Christian faith is that God comes to man especially and most closely in Jesus Christ.

No matter how strongly men believed in God in older times, always they looked forward, as the prophets show, to a time when God would come nearer than he had been before. True, it was a surprise when finally he came to Bethlehem, "a little baby thing that made a woman

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: Joe Dennis Crow Defendant, Greeting:
You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable 35th District Court of Coleman County at the Court House hereof, in Coleman, Texas at or before 10 o'clock A. M. on the expiration of forty-two days from the date of issuance of this citation, same being the 23rd day of January A. D. 1950, then and there to answer Plaintiff's Petition filed in said Court, on the 7th day of December A. D. 1949, in this cause, numbered 275-A on the docket of said Court and styled Geneva Elaine Crow Plaintiff, vs. Joe Dennis Crow Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: This is a suit for divorce by the plaintiff, Geneva Elaine Crow against the defendant, Joe Dennis Crow, on the ground of abandonment by the defendant. The

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W. F. Smith, Pastor

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Preaching Service 11:00 a. m.
Training Union, 6:30 p. m.
Preaching Service 7:30 p. m.
Prayer Service, 7:00 p. m.
Harry C. Wigger, Pastor

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m., 2nd and 4th Sundays.
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Choir Practice, 8 p.m. each Friday.
Ben H. Moore, pastor.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Bible School 10 A. M. Geo. P. Richardson, Supt.
Communion and Preaching service 11 A. M.
Ernest H. Wylie, Pastor.

LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School, 10:00 A. M.
Morning Worship, 11:00 A. M.
Evening worship, 8:00 p. m.
Wednesday night Prayer Service, 8:00 p. m.
Charles Conley, Pastor

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O. N. Baucum, Pastor

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Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.
Preaching hour, 11:00 a. m.
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Preaching hour, 7:45 p. m.
Wednesday night prayer service 7:00 p. m.

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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
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

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Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.
Morning worship, 11:00 a. m.
Sunday night service, 7:30.
Wednesday night, Young People service, 7:30.
Saturday night, regular service, 7:30.
Everybody welcome to these services.

cry."
A world accustomed to kings in purple robes, in well-guarded castles, was surprised that the Kings of the Universe would be found as a child among the poor. But after all, which better represents the All-Available God—a king behind his palace walls, or a child in a home that loves him?
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petition alleges that plaintiff and defendant were married September 9th, 1944 and that defendant left plaintiff about December 15th, 1944. That no children were born of their marriage, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Coleman, Texas this 7th day of December A. D. 1949.

Attest:
T. H. Corder Clerk,
District Court, Coleman County, Texas
(Seal)
50-1c

Maxie Lee Price Honored At Party

Mrs. J. C. Price entertained with a birthday party for her son, Maxie Lee, on his 9th birthday, December 7.

The house was decorated with fall leaves and his cake with pink and white decorated with circus animals and 9 candles.

After games, refreshment plates of soda pop and birthday cake and stick candy with balloons as plate favors were served to Joe and Linda Riley, Lowell Pembroke, Roy Payne, Donald Ray, Raymond McDonald, Jerrie Herring, Mary Teague, Carol Sue Campbell, Milford Blanton, Emmitt Stiles, Jr., the honoree and others who failed to register.

T. E. L. Class Has Meeting
The T. E. L. Class of the Baptist Church met with Miss Lillie Hosch for their annual Christmas party. The home was decorated with Christmas decorations and a beautiful tree.

Mrs. Byrd Arnold led the group in prayer and Mrs. Carl Ashmore read a scripture. They sang songs, played games and then gifts were exchanged.

Refreshments of open face sandwiches, fruit cake topped with whipped cream, hot coffee and cocoa was served to 26 guests.

Approaching Marriage Announced

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Deal of Gouldbusk are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Dorris Jayne, to Donal Dean Childers.

The bride-elect is a resident of Abilene, where the marriage vows will be exchanged at four o'clock in the First Baptist Church December 18, 1949.

Miss Deal is an honor graduate of Mozelle High School, and attended Draughon's Business College before accepting a position with the National Life and Accident Insurance Company. Miss Deal is a prominent member of the Gamma Kappa Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha in which she is chairman of the Ways and Means Committee and Educational Director.

Don Childers, son of Mr. and Mrs. David R. Childers II of

Plainview, is a graduate of Dalhart High School and attended Wayland Baptist Senior College. After their marriage the couple will reside in that city at 1537 North Sixth.

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"You doctors are sure making progress," I says, "but tell me, are any of the patients fussy about whose bone they're getting?"
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Joe Marsh
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Plainview, is a graduate of Dalhart High School and attended Wayland Baptist Senior College. After their marriage the couple will reside in that city at 1537 North Sixth.

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Pioneer Editors Meet In Fort Worth
Your retired editor and present Publisher of the News, spent Friday and Saturday in Fort Worth,

attending the 33rd, annual session of the Texas Editorial Association. Mrs. Gregg accompanied us to Fort Worth, but spent her time with our daughter and family, where the writer made

his home, but we only spent our nights out there, as we were there for a different purpose than to visit. However, it was very nice to have a nice home with our loved ones to stop in and spend our nights and rest periods. We found the preacher and his family busy as usual, we have reference to our Son-in-law, Dr. Loyed R. Simmons, pastor of the Evans Ave. Baptist church, who broke into our family several years ago, and was married to our daughter, who will be remembered here as "Queenie". They now have a very pleasant little daughter whom they dubbed "Betsy", but her real name is Elizabeth, which happens to be one of the first names of her mother.

The Texas Editorial Association is composed of editors and publishers during the days of Louis J. Wortham, Clarence Ousley, J. W. Ramsome, Joe Taylor, and Harvev Edwards and many others who have answered the call for service and passed to their reward. It is a pleasure beyond express to meet with the Texas editors who were carrying on when we entered the field, forty odd years back. Hear them tell the stories which now sound more like fiction than realities. But it is time well spent to live anew some of the experiences of our early days in the field of editing and publishing a West Texas weekly newspaper. If we had to live our life over again, we would still choose to spend it in the newspaper business.

Jan. 28 Selected As Santa Anna Day At Fat Stock Show

By special invitation from the Southwest Exposition and Fat Stock Show, Santa Anna has been asked to select a day to be designated as Santa Anna Day Saturday, January 28 has been selected as Santa Anna Day. The Southwest Exposition and Fat Stock Show will be held in Fort Worth, January 27 through February 5.

Santa Anna will also select a "cowgirl sweetheart" and she will ride in the rodeo grand entry and will be introduced to the audience.

On this city's "day", the high school band will give a concert in front of the Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum. After the con-

cert, band members in uniform will be admitted free to the exposition grounds and will be given aisle seats at the rodeo performance.

The invitation to Santa Anna was extended by Mayor Edgar Deen of Fort Worth. Deen stated that everything possible would be done to show Santa Annans a big time on their "day" in Fort Worth.

If you are planning to attend the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show this year, make plans to be there on Saturday, January 28 if possible.

Attention Veterans

The Central Office of the Veterans Administration advises veterans who have submitted National Service Life Insurance dividend applications and who have failed to receive an acknowledgement after a reasonable wait, to submit new dividend applications clearly marked duplicate. Approximately 38,000 acknowledgements have been returned to the Washington office because of insufficient addresses.

Mrs. Lee Miller Has WMU At Rockwood

The women of the Woman's Missionary Union enjoyed a Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Lee Miller with Iva McMillan and Mrs. J. W. Box co-hostesses.

The party rooms were decorated with arrangements of chrysanthemums and a Christmas tree from which gifts were exchanged.

The group sang Christmas carols and Mrs. Ora Caldwell and Mrs. Faye Wise directed the recreation hour.

A refreshment plate of sandwiches, potato chips, fruit-cake, hot tea and mints with Santa Claus boots as plate favors were served to Mmes. Howard Lovelady, W. D. Rehm, Cecil Davis, Bill Bryan, Ora Caldwell, Faye Wise, Evan Wise, F. E. McCreary, A. L. King, Bill Steward, Ray Steward, R. S. Fondren, Carl Buttry, Iva McMillan, J. W. Box, Lee Miller, Jake McCreary, Jim Rutherford and J. T. Adian.

H. D. Club Meets With Mrs. Rouse

Christmas Carols opened the program when the home demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Marvin Rouse on Friday, December 2. The ladies answered roll call by showing a hand made Christmas gift. Lovely articles, from the small crocheted ones to adult, garments were displayed and admired.

"Christmas Planning" was the subject discussed from "Giving the home a Christmas Spirit to Gift Wrappings."

Mrs. C. T. Conley conducted the business session in the usual

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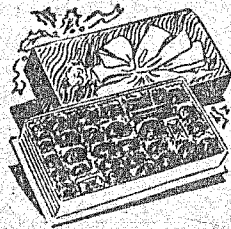
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way. Council report was given by Mrs. John Perry and Mrs. C. W. Stephenson reported on "Program Plans for Next Year."

Mrs. Rouse served hot coffee and cake to the fifteen ladies present.

New officers will be installed at the December 16 meeting, when the club meets with Mrs. R. W. Douglas.

Subscribe for The News.

CORRECTION

In the write-up last week about the Jones family reunion, the names of Mr. and Mrs. Nye Reid and children, Maurine and Barbara, and Aileen Jones, of Austin, were unintentionally omitted. We are glad to make this correction.

Mr. Vernon Fivosh of San Angelo spent Saturday with his cousin, Mrs. Vernon Herring and Mr. Herring.

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LOST: Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 7, Boys' gold rim glasses in case. Near Ward School. Reward L. B. McDonald at Piggly Wiggly. 50c

LOST: Strayed from my pasture, a 2 year old springer, White Face Hereford. Missing about 3 weeks. Reward if returned. Mrs. M. T. Kight. 49-50

SPECIAL NOTICES

POSTED: Hunting, fishing, or trespassing are prohibited on all lands owned and controlled by me in Coleman County Elgean Shield. 32 1f84p

MISCELLANEOUS

MATTRESS SHOP now open at 1512 Concho, Coleman. Renovate and make Inter springs. Pick up and delivery free within 10 miles of Coleman for 2 mattresses. Drop card to Campbell Mattress & Upholstering Shop, Box 361, Coleman. 49-50

XMAS Cakes, Pies and Cookies. Take Special Orders. See Al Harvey's Food Store, Mrs. Marie Herring. 49-51p

CEMENT WORK: Sidewalks, curbs, porches, steps, foundations, and also rock, tile, stucco or white coat sand finish all plastering included. Call Sam Jones, Phone 114, Santa Anna, Texas. 161fc

REAL ESTATE

WANTED: Listings on rancher farms and town property. W. V. Priddy and Rat Guthrie. 211fc

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to our friends for their many acts of kindness and floral offerings during the loss of our husband and father, May God Bless you all. Mrs. P. C. Clifton and children. 59p

We take this means of saying thanks to all our friends for their kindness during our recent sorrow. We especially say Thanks to Dr. McDonald and the nurses at the Hospital, and also the beautiful floral offering. And to both the Whon and Rockwood communities for the love offering. And thanks to the singers. We will never forget your kindness. Mrs. Kate Halmes, Tommie Sue and L. J. and Jane

Words cannot express the deep appreciation we feel for all the kind deeds, the lovely floral offerings bestowed upon us during the illness and death of our loved one. May God send his richest blessings upon each of you. Mrs. J. E. Watkins and family. 50p

Whon WMU Meets For "Week Of Prayer" Program

The Whon WMU met Wednesday night, December 7, at the church. Fourteen members and one guest was present.

The program for the night was on "Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions." Mrs. Gene Alberts and Mrs. Granvil Hext had charge of the program and it was all very interesting. Eleven of the ladies present had parts on the program. After their program an offering amounting to \$13.00 was taken, this being regular Lottie Moon Christmas offering.

Those present were Mrs. R. J. Deal, G. Alberts, Joe C. Barnes, Chas. Bengé, D. Lovelady, E. E. Baker, W. E. Gill, Jr., George Rutherford, Nick Buse, G. Fitzpatrick, Bert Turney, G. Hext, and Mrs. Snowden of Waldrip was the guest.

After the meeting gifts from For-get-me-not pals were exchanged.

The next meeting was to be on December 13 at the church for Bible Study.

Bonnie Rushing Honored At Tea

A gift tea was given in the

home of Mrs. S. K. Moredock, Saturday, December 10, honoring Miss Bonnie Jean Rushing, bride-elect of Mr. Frank Sparkman, of Coleman.

The guests were met at the door by Mrs. Joyce Peyton. Miss Rushing, her mother, Mrs. W. C. Rushing, Mrs. H. B. Sparkman and Mrs. Claudia Sparkman were in the receiving line.

Miss Cleo Rushing presided at the guest register, and Miss Rose Zella Rushing was at the gift table. Both are sisters of the bride-to-be.

The lace covered dining table centered with a floral arrangement of white and blue mums, tied with a large blue bow was presided over by Mrs. Marilyn Richards and Miss Patsy Fulton. Fruit punch and cake squares were served to the guests with white paper napkins and the names "Bonnie and Sparky", lettered in blue as plate favors.

Many lovely and useful gifts were received.

Fifty new spring coats and suits, \$22.98 and up, and many more arriving this week by Air Mail at Sturges & Gibbs, Coleman.

H. F. Waldrop Family Have Annual Xmas Dinner Sunday

The children of Mrs. H. F. Waldrop and the late Mr. Waldrop met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Collin Price on Sunday, in observance of their annual Christmas dinner.

Color scheme of red and green was carried out in a Christmas decor through out the house. Cut flowers in fall hues were used in the dining room, flanked with crystal candelabra holding silver candles.

Ham, turkey and chicken predominated the menu, topped with salads and desserts.

Children attending included Mr. and Mrs. Earl Waldrop of Breckenridge; Judge and Mrs. Whit Boyd of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Boyd and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pirtle of Coleman. Grandchildren included Mr. and Mrs. Rex Haughawout of Santa Anna; Mr. and Mrs. Alford England of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Boyd of Fort Worth; Jimmy and Louis Boyd and Carolyn Pirtle of Coleman; Maerita, Billy Wayne, Judy, Donnie and Buddy Waldrop, all of Breckenridge and the host and hostesses children, Annabelle, Joe Sealy and Maxie Lee Price.

Great grandchildren were Sandra Kay and Vernon Boyd of Ft. Worth.

Give HER an electric blanket (by Textran) part wool \$29.98 including tax. Other blankets, down comforts, Linens, ect. Sturges & Gibbs, Coleman.

Mr. Leslie Douglas spent Thursday night with the S. K. Moredocks. Friday his brother, Craig returned home with him and they visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Douglas in Palestine. Craig returned home Tuesday afternoon with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Mulroy.

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DECEMBER 16 AND 17

John Litel - Joan Woodbury Bob Stelle - Madge Bellamy

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Mrs. Vernon Herring Honored At Shower

Mrs. Elmo Eubank honored Mrs. Vernon Herring with a stork shower, Monday night, December 5, from 8 until 9:30 p. m.

Games of Name-the-Baby and Pass-the-Sissors were enjoyed, after which the gifts were presented in a beautifully decorated pink and blue wagon.

Refreshments of angle food cake and coffee was served to 17 ladies present.

Mrs. Julian Whitley Honored Tuesday

Mrs. Lola Stevens entertained with a Stork Gift Tea Tuesday, December 6, at her home on Ave. A honoring Mrs. Julian Whitley.

Pastel Rosebuds decorated the rooms and lullaby tunes from a music box were enjoyed throughout the afternoon.

Assisting Mrs. Stevens in the receiving line was the honoree, Mrs. Julian Whitley, Mrs. F. B. Hill Jr., and Mrs. E. M. Whitley.

In the center of the lace covered dining table, a baby doll crib of white, pink and blue supported the dainty floral arrangement. A large stork holding a doll in his bill guarded each side of the crib. From each end of the table, white tapers burned in silver candles holders.

Tea was poured by Mrs. Walker Tatum, she was assisted by Mrs. Aubrey Brewer and Mrs. Norman Hosh. Miss Pauline Eubank had

charge of the many lovely gifts and Mrs. Leland Thompson presided at the register. Twenty-six guests registered.

Mrs. Roy England Honored Friday

Mrs. Roy England was honored with a stork shower Friday, December 9, in the home of Mrs. T. J. Adkins. Mrs. Burt Turney, Mrs. O. C. Lovelady and Mrs. Darwin Lovelady were co-hostesses.

The register was hand painted by Miss Charlott Mosely and presided over by Mrs. Nick Buse. Appropriate games were played and the game prize was awarded to Mrs. Elmo Eubank.

Refreshments of pastel iced cake squares, coffee and cocoa and mints. Plate favors were pastel three colored pants and held together with a miniature edition of Mr. Stork. A large number attended.

Stewardson - Benton

Announcement was received here this week of the marriage of Miss Velma Stewardson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Stewardson, and Mr. Carl Benton on Sunday, December 11, at 3:00 p. m. in the living room of the Rev. S. R. Smith home at 1709 12th Street, Brownwood.

Mrs. Benton has been employed in Coleman with the REA and Mr. Benton lives about 5 miles south of Santa Anna and is engaged in farming.

The couple left immediately after the ceremony for Austin and other points on a wedding trip before returning to Santa Anna.

Beth Rawling Meets With Shield HDC

Miss Beth Rawlings, assistant H. D. Agent, met with the Shield Home Demonstration Club Thursday, December 1, and instructed members as they completed work on aluminum trays.

Each member displayed a hand-made gift and a package wrapped for Christmas giving.

Mrs. Otis Powers gave a demonstration on wrapping packages.

At the close of the meeting, the hostesses, Mrs. Edgar Shelton and Mrs. Raeford Evans served refreshments to 18 members present and two visitors.

Vernon Campbell Honored at Party

Mrs. Vernon Campbell entertained Saturday evening with a party, honoring her husband on his birthday anniversary, at their home on Bowie Avenue.

Ivy and cut flowers decorated the entertaining rooms, all schemes in fall hues. Gifts were presented the honoree by his daughter, Carol Sue.

Games of forty-two were played, with high score prize being presented to Mrs. A. E. Campbell and low score prize going to Mrs.

Aubrey Brewer.

Mrs. Rex Hughawout assisted the honoree in serving chocolate cake squares, individual wafers and coffee to Mr. and Mrs. Roy West, Mr. and Mrs. Earnest England, Mr. and Mrs. Collin Price, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Brewer, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Hugawout, Mrs. Iva Huffman, Mrs. A. E. Campbell, Annabelle Price, Mr. and Mrs. Alford England of Abilene and the honoree. Children present were Carol Sue and Buddy Campbell, Debra Brewer and Maxie Lee Price.

Fire Department Honors Geo. Johnson

The Santa Anna Fire Department gave a chili supper Tuesday night, honoring Mr. George Johnson on his 25th year of service with the local fire department.

25 firemen and guests attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Mulroy of McCamey, are visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Mulroy.

Richard Humphries of El Campo, is visiting friends, here this week. He plans to join the Air Force shortly after the first of the year.

Dr. and Mrs. R. R. Lovelady of Roby visited friends and relatives here over the week end.

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Letters To Santa Claus

Santa Anna, Texas
December 7, 1949

I want a pretty little doll and a basket ball and a doll buggy and a story book.
Is it cold at your house?
I was a good girl.
I hope you will bring me what I want. I hope you will bring me lots of nuts and lots of candy.
Your friend,
Patsy DeSha

December 7, 1949
Santa Anna, Texas

Dear Santa
Please bring me a doll and a baton. I hope you are well and I hope you will come to Santa Anna. Please bring me some nuts and don't forget my brother and sisters and all the other little boys and girls.
Good-by
Jean Smith

Santa Anna, Texas
December 7, 1949

Dear Santa
Please bring me a basket ball and a basket and bring me a cub scout ring.
Santa is it cold at your house?

Santa I hope you can come and I hope you can bring me the things I want.
Your friend,
Edward Wylie

Santa Anna, Texas
December 7, 1949

Dear Santa
Santa I want you to bring me a tool set, two pair of blue jeans, shirt and pair gloves
Your friend
Lowell Pembroke

December 7, 1949
Santa Anna, Texas

Dear Santa
Please bring me a football and a basket ball bladder and some candy and nuts, don't forget my two little sisters they want a doll each.
Thank you.
Your friend,
Jerald Sheller

Santa Anna, Texas
December 7, 1949

Dear Santa Claus
I want something for Christmas. Will you bring it to me. Have a good girl. Write me and tell me whether I started every sentence with a capital letter and write me before Christmas. But it don't hurt if you send it after Christmas. I want this for Christmas

2 dolls \$4.60
Piano \$3.79
Baton \$1.89
This is the best writing I could do Santa Claus. Do you like it?
Goodbye Santa Claus.
Your friend,
From Mary Ann

To Santa
I want a be-be Gun football and truck
Joe Riley

Dear Santa
I want a big doll that is dressed in blue. Please bring me a little stove to cook on. Please bring me a pair of skates. Please bring my little brother a big truck.
Love Darlene Mercer
Box 337 Santa Anna, Texas

Dear Santa
I want a bicycle and a doll that cries and a color book And some crayolas. Please bring it to me before I go to sleep.
Mary Ann Teague

Dear Santa
I love you very much I would like to have a B-B gun and a train and a bicycle.
and don't forget to bring some nuts and candy and fruit.
Lloyd Rutherford

Santa Anna, Texas
December 7, 1949

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a baton, a doll, and a doll buggy. I have been a good girl, and I love you very much.
Sandra Kay Fowler

Dear Santa,
I love you very much. I have a baby brother now. I want a pretty doll for him and I want a bicycle for my sister and I want a baton for myself.
That is all
Barbara Jean Smith

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good boy. I would like for you to bring me a bee bee gun. And a football. Don't forget all the other children.
Love
J. C Bible

Dear Santa,
I want a doll and I want a nurse kit.
Please bring my little brothers Ronald and Phillip a wagon and a toy gun a piece.
I would like a gun too.
We have been pretty good.
Thank You Santa
Carolyn Bates
Santa Anna, Texas

Dear Santa,
I want a B-B gun, a bat a ball, a bicycle, a foot ball that is all don't forget the other boys and girls.
Joe Brannan
Santa Anna, Texas

Dear Santa,
I love you very much I have a baby sister. I would like for you to bring her a little doll. I have a little brother I would like for you to bring him some toys.
Garland Ray Cooper

Santa Anna, Texas
December 6, 1949

Dear Santa,
I love you very much. Please bring me a doll.
I love you
Nancy Wallace

Dear Santa,
I love you very much, I have a baby brother he wants a gun I would like a baton.
Judy Margaret Johnson

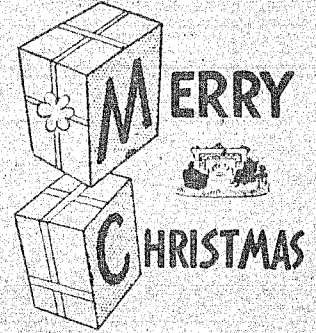
Santa Anna, Texas

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be a good boy this year, so please don't forget me and my little brothers and sister
I want a gun and a cowboy suit.
Merry Christmas to you.
Eddie Hartman

Dear Santa,
I want a tractor set and fire-crackers for Christmas.
I want a dump truck B-B gun.
Orvel Hall

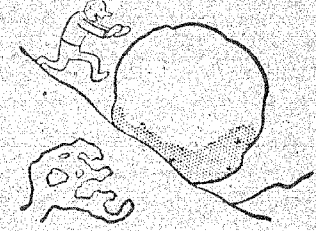
Santa Anna, Texas
December 9, 1949

Dear Santa
Please bring me a doll and a B-B gun I have been a good girl. Please come to see me.
Love
Kay



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AND YOUR WHOLE
FAMILY OUR
BEST WISHES.



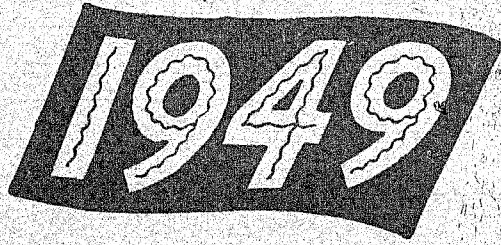
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Letters To Santa Claus

December 9, 1949
Santa Anna, Texas

Dear Santa
I hope you come to see me and I want you to bring me a big pretty doll and a toy sewing machine and a few other things. I hope you are well and happy too. I'm very happy that Christmas is coming soon.

My name is Ann and I have a little brother named Tommy. He wants you to bring him a toy train and a B-B gun and a few other things.

My teacher's name is Mrs. Mc-

Cartney and there are 38 in our room the 3rd grade room.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Ann Stewardson

Santa Anna, Texas
December 7, 1949

Dear Santa
I am trying to be good so you will come to see me. Christmas night. Please Santa bring me a football and a Dick Tracy car, and anything else you think I would like.

Don't forget my little brother. He wants a tractor and plow tools to use with it and a big wagon.

Your friend,
Jack Dillingham

Whon, Texas
December 7, 1949

Dear Santa
I hope you are well.
Please come to see me. please bring me a B-B gun and a box of B-B's
Please bring me a tomnie gun.
Please bring us boys a football.
Please bring me two packages of fire crackers.

Your friend,
Harvey

December 9, 1949
Santa Anna, Texas

Dear Santa
I hope you are well this year and come to see me and the other boys and girls too. I want a baton and a magic skin doll.

Pat Taylor

Santa Anna, Texas
December 7, 1949

I am a little girl in the 3rd grade. Please bring me a magic skin doll and house shoes.

I love you,
Geneva Jackson

Santa Anna, Texas
December 7, 1949

Hope you are well.
It soon will be Christmas time I want a baton, doll and blue jeans be sure and bring the poor kiddies something. I've been good and played with my little sister. Well I guess I had better go.

Your friend,
Joan

Dear Santa Claus,
The first thing that I want is a B-B gun and I would like a pair of boots.

Your friend
Jerry Johnson

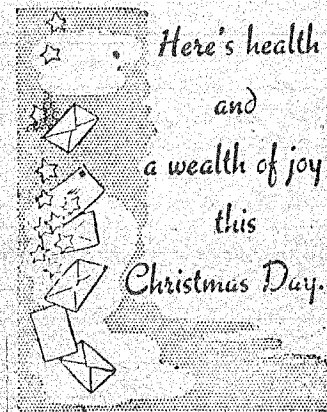
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December 7, 1949

Dear Santa Claus
I hope you are well and come to see me. I want a horse, and a cowboy suit, and a bicycle, and a

saddle, and a bridle, and a pair of boots.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Richard Brannan

Dear Santa
I love you very much. I have a big sister now. Please bring her a doll. I should like a train please try to come before I go to sleep.

Jim Crews

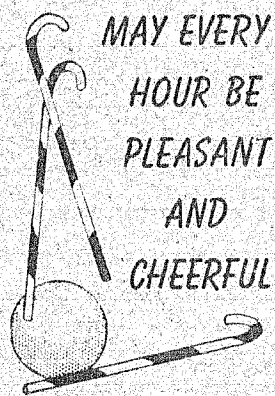


Banner Creamery



God willing, there will be no pain of sadness to mar the tender happiness that Christmas ought to bring to all of you

The Steak House Cafe
Victoria and Elmer Hardy

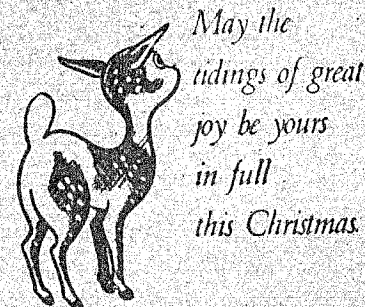


Gipson Florist



Simple, unadorned thoughts are best at Christmas. So we would only wish you a joyful and happy holiday season, when every step you take increases your desire to be a friend to man. And a Merry Christmas to you.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Santa Anna Co-op Gin

Arrow Mills, Inc.

George Hipp, Manager

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa, I have tired to be a good little girl.

Santa please bring me a doll with blue eyes and some clothes for her. Please don't forget my

two little brothers
I love you lots
Louise Hendrix

I want an air gun, a boat, ball some nuts and candy.
Don't forget all the other little boys and girls.
Roy Payne

Dear Santa Claus,
I have tired to be a good little girl, I want a doll, bicycle, piano

with a book with the numbers the keys to 8 and the numbers in the book. And I want a typewriter and pajamas. I love you very much.

I am in the second grande.
Santa Anna Texas 1949 Dec. 6
Your friends,
Lavelle McClintock

Dear Santa Claus
I am a little girl I want you to bring me a doll and a basket ball

and bring my little baby sister A doll and a wagon.
Virgina Baker

Dear Santa
I am a little boy eight years old please send me a football and some fruits candy, nuts and fire works,
Thank you
Sammy Joe, Bouchillon

Dear Santa Claus
I want you to please bring me a rock gun for Christmas.
From your little friend
Glene Reveille

Dear Santa Claus
I want a football suit I want a

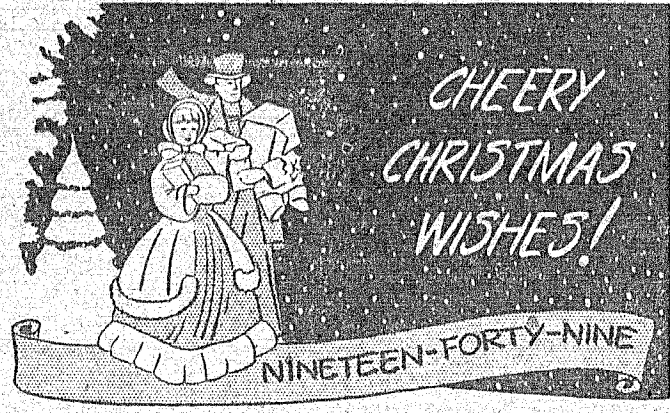
gun and scabbard and a belt.
I want a bicycle about my size I have been a good boy so please come to see me

Bennett McClure
Santa Anna, Texas
December 7, 1949
Dear Santa Claus
I am in the first grade please bring me a baton, a little doll, a shoulder strap purse, Candy, fruit and nuts.

Love Janice Harrington

Dear Santa
I want a lifting crane on a truck and a train.

I am a good boy in the first grade.
Pete Wylie



In the Christmas mood, we wish you all happiness
MERRY CHRISTMAS



The very fact that Christmas is with us again ought to bring joy enough, but we want to gild the lily by wishing everyone a wonderful holiday.



In the same cheery manner the words "Merry Christmas" come to you with our hope that all the season's happiness and joy be yours.

Corner Drug

Blossom's and Jewel's
Gulf Service Station

L. A. Welch, Garage



May all the wonderful things that go with Christmas be yours in the fullest abundance this year.



From all of us here to all of you—a most happy holiday.



The night before Christmas...
Few experiences surpass in beauty that hush of wonderful expectancy that falls over the home on Christmas eve. This season of 1949 holds that in store for you.



Mathews Motor Co.

Truck Harbor Cafe

The Basil Gilmore's

Calvin Campbell

Cosignee Gulf Oil Corp.

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a doll and a baton and
some sparklers.
Linda Beth West

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a B-B gun.
From
Carlton Griffin

**Letters To
Santa Claus**

Dear Santa Claus,
A ball for me tool set
Darrell Wright

Dear Santa Claus,
I want two Texan junior guns
Come to my house to night
Donnie Simpson

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a baton and a doll bed.
Sandra Kay DeSha

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a doll
Cynthia Riordan

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a big doll too.
Nora Wallace

Dear Santa Claus
I wish I had a B-B gun from
Jimmy Lee Gill

Dear Santa Claus
Please bring me a baton and a
watch sparklers
LaWanda McCarroll

Dear Santa Claus
How are you? Can you bring
me a B-B gun for Christmas
Danny Gail Taylor

Dear Santa Claus
I want you to bring me a ball
for Christmas
Janet Scarborough

Dear Santa,
I want a football and bring my
sister a doll I want a wagon
Travis Eugene Fuse

Dear Santa Claus
I want a ball and a train
Milton Drake

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a watch and
field glasses and a flash light.

Thank you Santa Claus
Dickie Ferguson

Dear Santa,
I love you very much, I want a

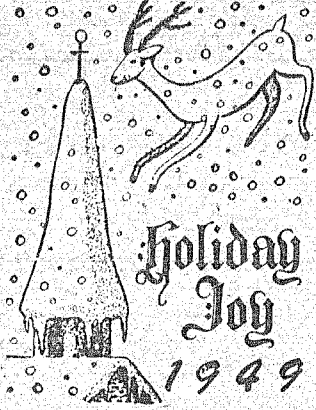
cash register and a doll and a
bicycle.
My name is —June May Close
I live at—Santa Anna Texas
I am 8 years old

Your Happiness

IS OUR FINEST
CHRISTMAS GIFT



Parker Tailor Shop

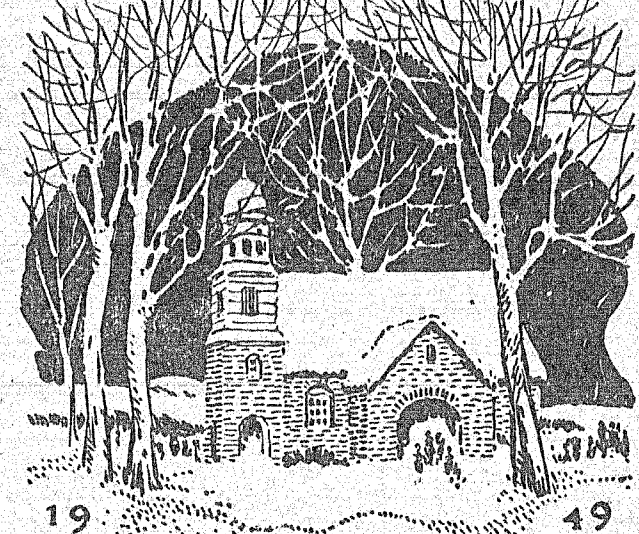


We
wish you well

this
season.

**Snider's
Magnolia
Service Station**

ONCE AGAIN



MERRY
CHRISTMAS

MAY THE JOY
OF MANY GOOD FRIENDS
GLADDEN YOUR
CHRISTMAS THIS SEASON.

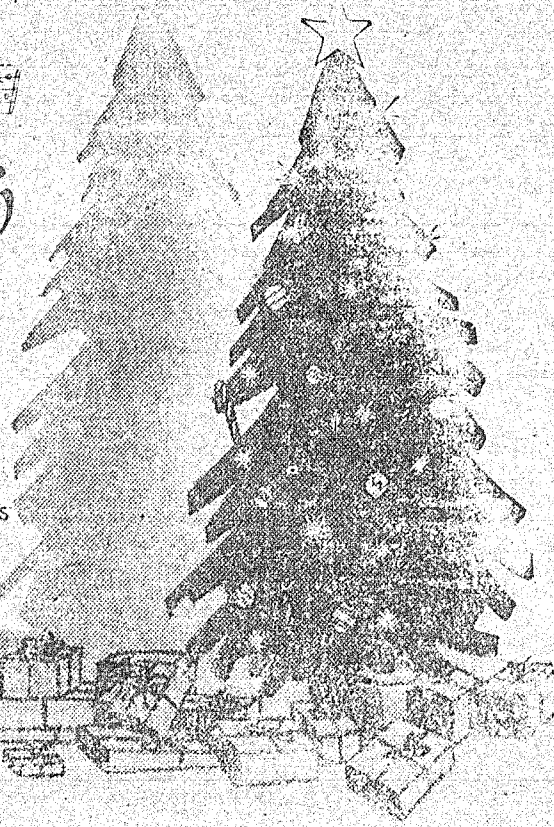
Payne's Variety

Christmas

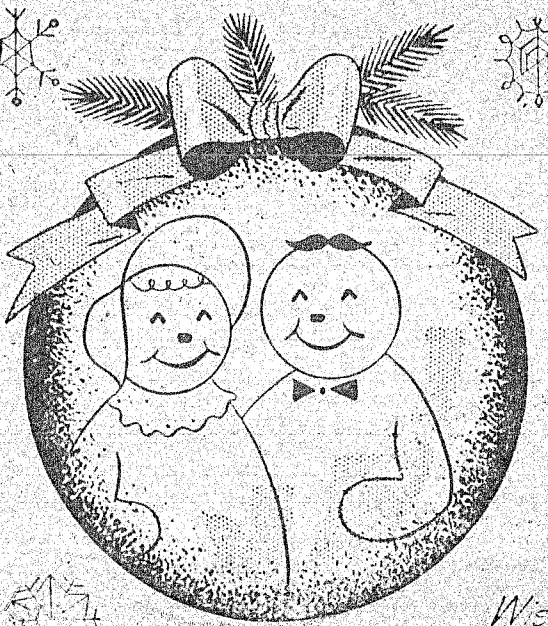
BEST WISHES

THE HAPPY SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS
IS DEEP IN OUR HEARTS
LET IT ECHO IN THE
STRENGTH OF OUR VOICES AS WE
GREET OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS
ON CHRISTMAS MORNING

1949



Griffin Hatchery



GREETINGS
OF THE
SEASON

Wishing you the best of everything
this joyous 1949 Yuletide Season.

Santa Anna Hardware Co.



For a smile on every face
and a carol in every heart
we commend you to the spirit
of Christmas.
Happy holiday.

M & W Furniture Store

W. C. (Bill) McHorse

Coleman, Texas

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus
Please bring me a B-B gun
Robert Priest

Dear Santa Claus
I want a doll a big doll too.
Alice Anna

Dear Santa Claus
I want a doll. From

Janice Sue Smith

Dear Santa Claus
I want a dog
Bobby Markland

Dear Santa Claus
I want a doll for Christmas
Mary Wigger



One Moment Please!

With Gayle Olor
Supt. BOLES
Orphan Home
Cinlan, Texas

The one who has wasted his earning seldom has much use for the one who has saved his.

Some people are blessed with the ability to forget all their troubles. They forget all they owe, and all the promises they make.

Cunning is a short blanket—if you pull it over your face, you expose your feet.

The world is a comedy to those who think a tragedy to those who feel.

Most of us would be speechless if we could only speak well of

others. Abraham did not know whether he went, but he knew with whom he was going.

When we're right we credit our judgment; when we're wrong we curse our luck.

The door of opportunity is opened by pushing.

Maximite is a high explosive.

A suddenly falling barometer indicates a short storm.

The smallest living animal is the shrew.

Peace consists of world-wide neighborliness.

If things won't come your way, go after them.

Less speed and more courtesy in your driving will help.

We have no cliff dwellers today—but still plenty of bluffers.

Things don't just happen somebody makes them happen

What you are when no one is looking at you is what you are.

Relatives will live beyond your means if given the chance.

Temper is one thing that improves the longer you keep it. Some folks gets so mad at their officials they threaten to vote.

Drive safely on the highways it might be your own life you save. There is never any "cut" in the wages of sin.



For all these years the most appropriate greeting of all. When we say 'Merry Christmas' it is expressed with genuine appreciation of its true meaning.

Goodgion & Son
Lumber Company

WE EXTEND TO YOU
OUR
Cordial Christmas GREETINGS

AND BEST WISHES
FOR THE NEW YEAR

Williamson Shoe Hospital

Howdy!

Merry Christmas

Everybody

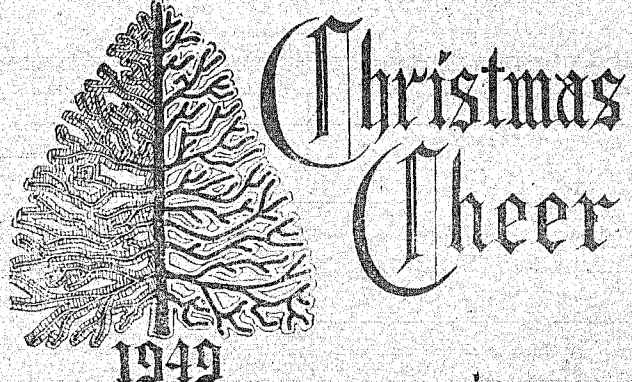
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Joyful Yuletide

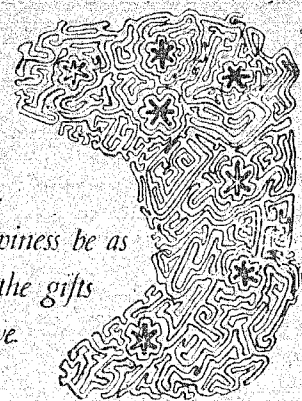
On Christmas, 1949, we re-live the joy that comes to us across the centuries. May this season bring you nothing but happiness.



**Lois Henderson,
Laundry**



Top of the season to you. May your happiness be as plentiful as the gifts you give.



Speck's Barber Shop



The tide of good will again is full across the earth. Our wish is that it flood your heart with happiness and make this your Merriest Christmas.

Ladies Shop



Let us welcome the season with open hearts and the music of carols.

Santa Anna Produce

H. B. And Margaret Monroe

Letters To Santa Claus

December 7, 1949

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 6 years old so here is what I would like to have for Christmas. A doll and machine so I can sew all my doll clothes. And a stroller and a doll bed. And dishes for my little sister to. She is 2 years old and her name is Nettie Marie Regian and please bring her a doll so please if you can I will be a good girl thanks.
Miss Carylon Joyce Regian

Dear Santa
I am a little boy in the first

grade. I want a air gun bow and arrow some clothes candy and fruit. I love Santa I like your toys very much.

Your little friend
Denny Lyn Densman

Dear Santa Claus,
Bring me a bicycle please. Love Evelyn

Santa Anna, Texas
December 7, 1949

Dear Santa
I am a little girl, six years old I go to school an am in the first grade. I have been good. I would like to have a doll, doll buggy, color book, twirl stick, fruit, nuts and candy.

Please remember all the little

boys and girls who are sick and unable to write you.
I have a little brother three years old, he wants a gun and a cowboy suit. He is a good little boy we both love you.

Yours Truly
Robert Morgan
Box 546

Santa Anna, Texas
December 7, 1949

Dear Santa Claus,
Dear Santa,

I have been a good little girl please bring me a baby doll a cash register and a bicycle. Don't forget the other boys and girls.

Thank you
Dixie Jo Baugh
P. S. I am seven years old

December 6, 1949
Dear Santa Claus
would you please bring me a wagon, bracelet, locket, dress sock gloves and tinkertoys for Christmas.

Your little Friend
Lula Ann Hawkins

Dear Santa Claus
I have been a good boy, I wish you would please bring me a bicycle, a B-B gun and a lone ranger knife. Thank you Santa Claus.

Arthur

Dear Santa
I hope you are well and will come to see me. Please bring a baton a doll bed and a head

scarf. My little brother wants a car and a little toy train. He and I want some oranges, and some apples and some candy, we also want some nuts. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls. I hope you a merry Christmas.

Much love
Leta Faye Myers

Dear Santa Claus
I want a teddy ear and a pocket

knife for Christmas.
I love you very much.
Jerry Alberts

Dear Santa,
A B-B gun and a boy scout knife and I would like for my mother to have some hose and for my daddy a billfold and my little brother would like some toys.

I live in Santa Anna my name is James Young.
James Young

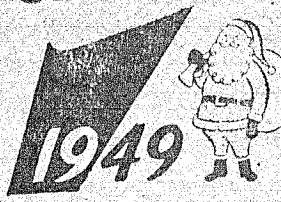
SEASON'S BEST



A truly Merry Christmas to our good friends and neighbors.

Autrey's Humble Service Station

MERRY CHRISTMAS



A happy holiday to all.

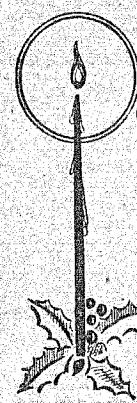
Santa Anna Steam Laundry
E. J. McCoy

Merry Christmas

May the blessings of Christmas descend upon your houses in abundance.



Bland Grocery
Ernest Bland



The warmth of spirit that accompanies every Christmas season is with us again in 1949. Our wish is that you can participate to the fullest in a universal MERRY CHRISTMAS

Burton-Lingo

"The Pioneer Lumber Company of West Texas"

for 1949
Much Joy



Shields & Standly

Blacksmith And Welding

Greetings 1949



OUR SINCEREST WISHES FOR A BRIGHT AND MERRY CHRISTMAS GO OUT TO ALL OF YOU.

Hotel Santa Anna
And Coffee Shop



HAPPY HOLIDAY

to all of you.
May no cloud appear to disturb its serenity.

BEST WISHES 1949

C. R. (RAY)

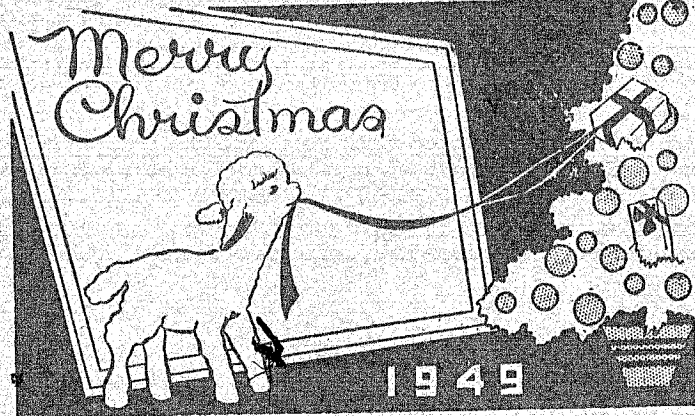
Owen Service Station

Letters To Santa Claus

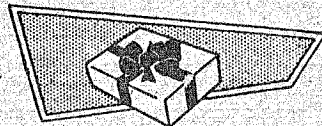
Santa Anna, Texas
December 7, 1949

How are you? I am just fine
Santa I would like for you to
bring me a baton, bracelet and

Dear Santa



MAY ALL
THE SEASON'S BEST
BE YOURS
THIS CHRISTMASTIME.



Garrett & Fields Grain Company

I would also like to have
a new purse. Also lots of nuts and
fruit and candy.
Don't forget the other little
boys and girls.
Your friend,
Faye

Santa Anna, Texas
December 7, 1949

Dear Santa

Please bring me a B-B gun, a
belt and a knife. I would like a
tommy gun that shoots real
sparks.

Your truly
Raymond McDonald

December 7, 1949
Santa Anna, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

I do hope you are well this year
and will come to see me. Will you
please bring me some guns. I
want a hunting knife
I want a horse and saddle and
I want a 22 and a cub suit and a
cub ring. Please bring them to
me.

Your friend,
Max Price
age 9

December 7, 1949
Santa Anna, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little girl. I'm in the
third grade. Please bring me a
baton. Some crayons, some candy
and fruit, and nuts.

Love
Linda Harrington

Santa Anna, Texas
December 7, 1949

Dear Santa

How are you? I am ok I want a
hunting knife and some B-B for
Christmas.

Your friend,
Kent Green

December 7, 1949
Santa Anna, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little girl 8 years old I
go to school and like my teacher
very much.

Santa will you please bring a
little doll and doll clothes and
baking set. My mama said I had

been a pretty good little girl I
won't ask for to much.
A little friend
Linda Sue Owen

Santa Anna, Texas
December 7, 1949

Dear Santa,

I am a little girl seven years
old.

And am in the second grade. I
would like for you to bring a doll
a set of dishes and box of water
colors.

I have a little brother 3 1/2 years
old. That wants a tricycle and a
football.

Your little friend
Patsy Clifton
Santa Anna, Texas

We love you Santa Don't forget
the other little boys and girls.
Dean and George Constable

December 9, 1949
Santa Anna, Texas

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa Claus, I have been
good and I want an electric foot
ball game and a pair of boots,
cowboy suit

Yours truly,
Donald Ray



Phillips '66' Service Station Sam Grant

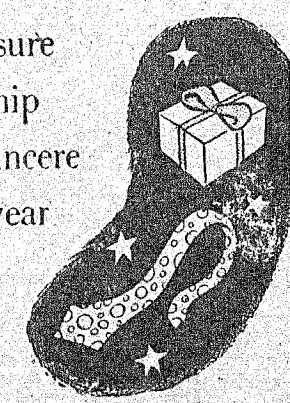


May the stars
in the heavens shine
as never before on
your Christmas
happiness this year.

Harvey Grocery



As a partial measure
of our friendship
we express the sincere
hope that this year
holds for you
a perfect
Christmas.



May it be touched
with the same kind
of serenity that
accompanies a
Christmas Eve
snowfall.

Santa Anna Telephone Co.



The Yule is a season for songs and
rejoicing. Our earnest hope is that all
you friendly people may share in this
spirit to the utmost
And for what it's worth, we offer our
heartiest wishes
for a very Merry
Christmas

Adams Implement Co. and Service Station

Letters To Santa Claus

Santa Anna, Texas
Whon Texas
December 7, 1949

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy three years old. I have tried to be good this year. Will you please bring me a tricycle, car I can ride in, a train and tractor set. I want some candy, fruits and nuts also. Remember my little niece at Brady.
Thank you
Harley Willard Stearnes

Dear Santa,
My cousin wants a train and I would want a B-B gun and a bicycle and my daddy wants a billfold.
Your friend
Kenneth Haynes

Dear Santa,
I live at 205 South Second street. Please bring me a black

board and a set of dishes.
Sonja Dunn

I want a B-B gun and a jeep and a train and a drum
Varvell Woodard

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a big doll and a little sewing machine so I can make her some clothes.
Please bring John Wayford something too.
I love you
Juanell Mercer

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a real good little boy. I am in the 1st grade at school and my first time to write.
I would like to have a "Stopper Gun" and wind-up train and a football.
Love Bill Tucker
Rt. 2 Santa Anna, Texas
P. S. I think all the little boys and girls have been real good this year.

Santa Anna, Texas
Buffalo School

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bicycle a football a B-B gun.
Santa I think I have been a good little boy you should know.
Love Tony Tucker

Santa Anna, Texas
December 7, 1949

Dear Santa,
How are you? I want a bicycle for Christmas. I will be glad when you come at Christmas time. I have been a good girl.
I am in the 3rd grade.

Your friend,
Carolyn Sue Taylor

Dear Santa,
I want a B-B gun and a train and a bicycle
Jean Close

Dear Santa
I want a bicycle and a football. I would like a truck too.
Kenneth Harris

Santa Anna, Texas
December 7, 1949

Dear Santa,
I want a tricycle that has a ding-dong bell and a gun for Christmas your friend,
Jim Bob Green

Dear Santa Claus
I want a wagon.
Larry Khutson

Dear Santa Claus
How are you? I want a pair of boots and a pocket knife and a bicycle
Don Stacy

Dear Santa Claus
I wish you would bring me a doll and a nurse set.
Patsy Morris

Dear Santa Claus
I want a toy duck that can quack and two guns so good-by now
Jerry Lee

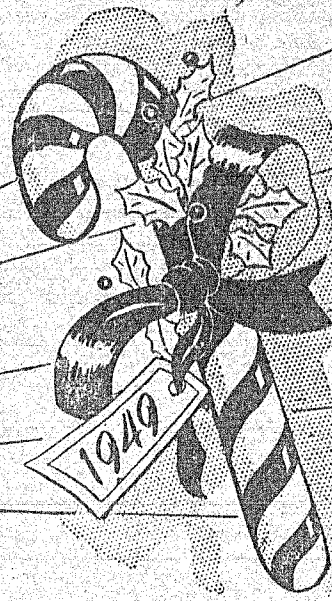
Dear Santa
I want an air gun and a movie show. I want a pair of skates. I want a airplane and

Boomer,
Jackie Wayne Whitley

Dear Santa,
I want a football, a big wagon, some fire works and anything

else you want to bring me.
I am eight years old and I have been a pretty good boy, and I have a little sister that wants a big doll and dishes and be sure and save something for all the

other boys and girls.
Santa Claus you really looked good to a lot of us on that old army tank.
Your friends
Larry Cooksey



Happy Christmas

From us to you, sincere good wishes for a Happy Yuletide!

Service Cafe



Here's success
in doing
what you have
to do and
a sincere wish
for a Happy
New Year.

Billy Pieratt
Service Station
And Grocery



Merry
Christmas

Let us give
thanks to-
gether for
the priceless
gift of
Christmas.

1949

Wallace
Collins
Garage



As the anniversary of the Great Event
draws nigh we extend to one and all our
best wishes for a happy Christmas season.

Coleman Gas and Oil Company

Magazine
Section of

SANTA ANNA NEWS



O Little Town of Bethlehem!

I.

O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark street shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

II.

O holy Child of Bethlehem!
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today!
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Immanuel!

Evolution of Right Jolly Old Elf, Santa Claus

Red-Coated Fellow We Know Today Our Own Contryman, as American as Apple Pie

"You'd better be good, I'm telling you why, Santa Claus is coming to town."

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

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

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

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

Drew on Moore's Poem

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



As late as the 1880's, Santa's figure and dress on Christmas cards might well bewilder adults no less than children, as shown in center panel.

Today, he is chubby and merry. Left, as we know him best. Right, a Norman Rockwell illustration depicts him as a husky fellow with muscle.

Football Men Hail Frank Leahy's Book!

NOW, HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO ORDER THE GREATEST VOLUME ON FOOTBALL EVER WRITTEN!

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"... a very fine job, not only for the purpose of instruction and information, but also along lines of good entertainment. It is a book no football coach should fail to read and study."

DOC LITTLE, Head Coach, Columbia University:

"... (the book) will make football more interesting for the spectator. In my judgment, it is a splendid contribution to football."

DETACH AND MAIL TODAY

SOUTHWEST MAGAZINE COMPANY, 715 Jones Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

Please send me..... copy(s) of Frank Leahy's book, NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL, at \$2.00 per copy.

Remittance Enclosed..... Send C.O.D.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

CITY..... STATE.....

—PAGE TWO—

chubby hands, perched on snowy chimney-tops, skimming the sky in his toy-laden sleigh.

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

The Bishop of Myra

Half lost in legend is the story of the kind-hearted Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, who lived in Asia Minor in the fourth century. Tradition says that Christians of the town, gathered at their church one evening to elect a new bishop, were warned by an old patriarch to be cautious. "It is God's will that he who first enters this church tomorrow, shall be our new leader," the elder told them.

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

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

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

whose three golden balls still commemorate the bags of gold.

Tomb Become Shrine

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

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

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

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

Procession of "Imps"

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

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

After the ceremony the "imps" rushed into the church to join revels which often continued half through

the night. The custom, however, was abolished in 1450.

How Names Originated

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

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

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

Radishes Were Precious

Radishes were so highly valued by the ancient Greeks that small replicas of them were made in gold. A German botanist in 1544 reported seeing radishes weighing 100 pounds.

Versatile 'Copter

The versatile helicopter has found itself a new role—stocking remote lakes with game fish. The Olympic National Park in Washington State witnessed what is believed to be the first such exhibition, when a low-flying sky jeep "rained" thousands of trout fry in 14 high lakes of the Olympic Mountains.

Weakest Hitter

With an average of .249, Connie Mack was the weakest hitter of all those enshrined in baseball's hall of fame at Cooperstown, N. Y.



Any of the books reviewed below can be ordered by sending the price for each and 25 cents for postage to Southwest Magazine, 713 Jones St., Fort Worth Texas.

IT'S AN OLD WILD WEST CUSTOM, by Duncan Enrich, Vanguard Press. \$3.

Only a man who knows and loves the West and its heritage could have written a book such as this about those sturdy, generous, irascible, fun-loving, death-dealing, hard-riding, quick-shooting individuals and their sometimes astonishing customs. Enrich, chief of the folklore division of the Library of Congress, but still an unrepentant Westerner, knows and understands cowhands and miners. Readers will find this one of the most exciting and colorful books on American customs.

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THE BOILING POINT, by Richard Brooks, Harper Brothers. \$2.75.

The author of the "Brick Fox Hole" has written a fast-moving and powerful novel of a Southwestern town. Sex, politics, poor-whites, Mexicans, Negro tenant-farmers—all are in these readable pages. It's a book that calls a spade a spade.

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COMPLETE GUIDE TO SOIL-LESS GARDENING, by W. F. Gericke, Prentice Hall. \$3.

Since he first conceived the possibility of soilless gardening, growing plants economically in nutrient solutions, Dr. Gericke has applied himself to study and experimentation in this science and has developed hitherto unpublished formulas for the successful growth of plants to set forth the principals of soilless gardening and agriculture. An educational book every informed person should read. Opens paths with amazing opportunities never before thought possible!

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WINSTON'S COLLEGE DICTIONARY, Winston Press. \$4.50

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THE QUEEN BEE, by Edna Lee, Appleton-Century-Crofts. \$3.

Rich, beautiful and unscrupulous in her manipulation of all those about her, Eva Avery is a typical "Queen Bee," who dominates and destroys her husband and family. Her story is told with scathing satire by her niece, Jen, herself involved in a tender and frustrated romance. This is a book for every reader of fiction who enjoys an exciting story with contemporary significance. Every moment is packed with suspense and drama. Edna Lee dissects the "Queen Bee" in all her selfishness and fatal charm. All ready on the best-seller lists all over the Nation.

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WILCOX, WEBB AND MEIGS, American Biographical Society, \$7.50

An impressive looking genealogy of the three families. Twelve illustrations including coat-of-arms for each family. A treasure for people with the above surnames.

New Antlers Every Year

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IF YOURS IS A TYPICAL American family you will be sending dozens of Christmas cards this month.

Obviously there can be no standard set of rules for the selection of cards—this is pretty much determined by individual tastes. But don't put all your Christmas cards in one basket. Take time to select some religious cards, some gay and colorful cards, some mildly humorous ones, some with fine art.

Whether to imprint or to sign the card by hand puzzles many people. Don't do both on the same card. That is, don't try to make your imprinted cards more personal by hand-signing over your printed name. It's better if you carefully select extra cards for your personal friends and hand-sign them.

ENGRAVING OR IMPRINTING the signature is the more formal technique and therefore does not lend itself to the use of nicknames, other than such well-accepted shortenings as Joe for Joseph and Jack for John.

Should the husband's or wife's name be imprinted or signed first? When printed formally, the conven-

tional "Mr. and Mrs." order is usually followed. But unless the names are at the head of the greeting, the titles should be omitted and the cards signed simply, "John and Mary Roberts."

When the cards are hand-signed, the person signing the cards courteously puts his name last. But when the children's names are mentioned, Dad should always get top billing.

One of the most frustrating experiences people undergo at Christmas is receiving a card signed merely "Joe" or "Peg." Unless there is a return address on the envelope or the name is a distinctive one, it is more considerate to include your full name on a card, even to old friends.

WHEN ADDRESSING one card to a family, the accepted form is to use "Mr. and Mrs." on the envelope and then, under the card's printed message, include a few words "to the family." To business acquaintances whom the wife or husband does not know, it's usually best to sign just the one name.

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News and Comment About Farm and Ranch



BOYS LIKE Glenn Bragg (above), 4-H clubber of Talpa, Tex., will compete for honors in the livestock contests of the 1950 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth Jan. 2 through Feb. 5. Glenn is shown with his champion lamb of the 1949 show, and Raymond Buck, who paid \$7.50 a pound for the animal for LaMotte Co. president of Convair Aircraft. **ON THE LEFT** is shown the new International Harvester Standard pick-up truck model L-122. Farm families will delight in the added comfort and roominess afforded by the new cab design. This is one of 87 new L-line basic truck chassis models introduced by International Harvester recently.

Farms, Ranches to Prosper Next Year

The net income of farmers and ranchmen, on the average, should be good again next year, says Tyrus R. Timm, extension economist of Texas A. & M.

Revenue will be high in contrast to most previous years even if the decline expected in 1950 materializes, he says.

Although incomes look good for 1950, farmers and ranchmen should not lose sight of the fact that American agriculture has never come out winner from wartime inflationary periods, says Timm.

It has been the same story—after the war of 1812, Civil War, World War I and so far, after World War II—the prices paid farmers have gone down faster and lower and stayed longer than the prices for things the farmers had to buy.

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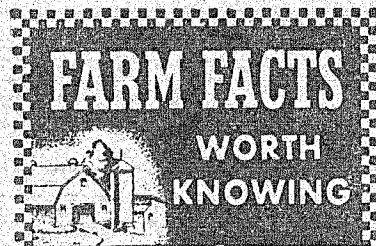
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Q. Approximately how many broilers can be raised in a pen that is 16x20 feet?

A. Broilers should have 2/3 to one square foot of floor space per bird for the best results, depending on location and the season of the year. This means that 320-500 chicks may be started in a pen that measures 16x20 feet. Broiler raisers have found that it pays to give the birds plenty of room. Where the chicks are crowded, mortality and vices increase, and growth decreases.

Q. Do you know what would cause our doe to become very thin?

A. Thinness may be a symptom of disease, or improper feeding, or of poor care, although in itself it doesn't indicate much. Does often become thin, even though in the best of health, because of heavy milking, as the strain of producing large quantities of milk drains the body's reserves. It is a good idea to check all conditions of health and care when any goat starts to lose flesh, particularly by an infection of parasites.

Q. Should special attention be given to feeding and handling the herd boar?

A. Records at the Ralston Purina Company's Research Farm indicate that any improper feeding, mis-handling, or neglect of the most important single individual in the hog herd, the herd boar, will be reflected in smaller litters, lowered production, and less profit.

Send your questions about livestock or poultry problems to FARM FACTS, 835 South Eighth Street, St. Louis 2, Missouri. Questions will be answered without charge, either by mail or in this column, as a service of this newspaper.

Europe's Midget Sons

Mother Europe has seven midget sons: Luxembourg (999 square miles), Trieste (25), Andorra (191), Liechtenstein (61), San Marino (38), Monaco (1/2), and Vatican City (1/8). The State of Delaware could swallow the entire lot.

Colonel Leeman Wins High Honor

Ray Leeman, executive vice president of the South Texas Chamber of Commerce, has received certificate of admission to membership in the Twenty-Five Year Club of Faithful Service of American Chamber of Commerce Executives. Colonel Leeman, dean of regional commercial organization executives was awarded the certificate.

at the recent 35th Annual meeting of American Chamber of Commerce Executives at Seattle. It was forwarded to him by the executive secretary of ACCE, who presented the certificate "in recognition of your admission to the Twenty-Five Year Club of this national association, with the good wishes of the more than 1800 members who honor you for your long service in, and contribution to, the progress of commercial organization work in America."

Colonel Leeman became a member of American Chamber of Commerce Executives in 1924 while he was manager of the local chamber at Mineral Wells.



Col. Leeman

Good Demand for Beef Cows For Next Three To Five Years Is Seen

Look for a good demand for beef cows for the next three to five years, says Capper's Farmer. Cattle numbers are at the bottom of their cycle. Demand for breeding stock will be strong, while farmers and ranchers build back their herds. There will be more grass over the Corn Belt, too. Some farmers have made enough money that they want to slow up a bit; cattle fit well for them. So from the outlook standpoint there is little chance for a sharp let-up in the demand for good beef cows.

Wheat prices will fluctuate near support levels until we can get an idea of new crop prospects. The wheat supply of 1,424 million bushels is about the same as a year ago. Last year we consumed about 680 million bushels of wheat in this country and shipped 500 million bushels abroad. Prospects point to use of about 700 million bushels this year and exports of 450 million bushels. This would leave the carry-over on July 1, 1950, about the same as on July 1, 1949.

Farm profits will be somewhat lower during the next few years. That doesn't mean you should "pull-in-your-horns." Rather, it calls for care about going out on the limb. The day of getting more output regardless of cost is gone. The premium today is in holding costs in check. Farm income will remain much better than before the war for the man who keeps his costs under control.

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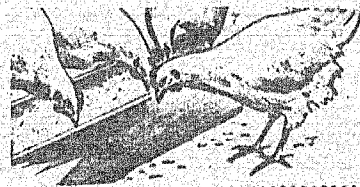
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Poultry



Eggs Brought 17% More Cash The poultryman who is willing to spend a little time seeking a better market for eggs usually can find it. L. J. Kuhn, Plymouth county, Iowa, contacted a creamery in the county seat that was willing to buy on grade if he would gather eggs twice a day, hold them in a cool, damp place, and clean any that were soiled. Last summer when quality was hardest to hold, 93 per cent of his eggs were going into top grade. He was netting \$6.16 extra on each 100 dozen produced. That was 17 per cent more than he could have expected by selling on straight-run basis.

Put Winter Coat Fodder bundles on laying houses insulate the laying house on Wendell Gearig's place in Hillsdale county, Michigan, against winter winds. Gearig selects long bundles and sets them against the north side and half of either end. The building houses 230 hens. Poultrymen in some sections of Nebraska cover the roof as well as the sides. They say the practice pays off in more winter eggs. Some use fodder bundles, others loose straw held down with poultry netting.

Good Production From Crossbreeds Crossbred hens averaged 73 1/2 percent production the first five and a half months of the present laying year at the Ohio Experiment Station. The parent purebred strains of Leghorns and Rhode Island Reds averaged 60 per cent. The Reds laid 98 eggs and the Leghorns 100 while the crossbreeds were producing 122. Figures are based on number of pullets housed. Crosses usually show lower death rate than purebreds. Rate at which they will lay is determined by quality of the parent stock.

Sun Bath for Hens in Frank These Hens Griert's laying house get plenty of direct sunlight during warm months. Windows in his two-story laying house in Knox county, Illinois, extend to the floor. The sashes are removed when cold weather is over so hens may bask in the sun.

Odd Elephant An unusual elephant is owned by M. B. Applebaugh, of Easton, Pa. Its body is made of Brazil nuts, its ears are lima beans, match sticks form the tusks, and pipe cleaners are the trunk.

Shirley's Plans Shirley Temple won't let her 14-months-old daughter, Linda Susan, go into the movies unless the child shows natural talent.

Your United States

Here are ten questions to check your knowledge of the United States and its history. Correct answers are shown below, but don't peek!

1. On what river is Muscle Shoals?
2. What state first ratified the Constitution?
3. What is the nickname of Missouri?
4. Where is the largest telescope in the world located?
5. How old must a citizen be before he can become a senator?
6. How many fur-bearing animals are killed annually in the United States?
7. How much of the United States is commercial forest land?
8. What is the origin of the name, Minnesota?
9. What state has the longest coastline?
10. Who was the country's youngest president?

ANSWERS TO U. S. QUIZ

1. Tennessee River.
2. Delaware.
3. Show-me.
4. Mt. Palomar, Cal.
5. Thirty.
6. 80,000,000.
7. One-fourth.
8. Two Sioux Indian words meaning "sky-colored water."
9. Florida.
10. Theodore Roosevelt, 48.

Finishing Out A reader writes: "I Your Broilers have quite a large number of young cockrels that I wish to market as broilers. What is the best way to finish them out?" Our expert advises using a broiler feed until the birds are marketed. Fattening feeds are not generally used for feeding broilers.

Egg Production No wonder hens Gains in 1948 cackle, even roosters have a right to crow. A total of 55 billion eggs was produced in the United States last year, according to the Texas A. & M. College Extension Service. What egg producers do now to prepare for pullets coming off the range will determine largely whether this figure will drop or go still higher next year. It can also mean the difference between profit and loss for the flock owner.

Starting Your Poultry Flock The poultry flock should be started from stock which have proved their ability to produce healthy, vigorous birds that lay well. These chicks should be from stock that are free from pullorum and other diseases.

Timely Tips for Poultry Raisers It is usually advisable for the turkey breeder to market his birds at the end of the breeding season . . . No large-scale commercial fryer operation should be undertaken without sufficient experience . . . Only a few breeds and varieties of chickens are suitable for broilers and fryers. Have an expert advise you . . . Dim, all-night lights are sometimes used to prevent crowding of chicks in the brooder house . . . Good feeding provides the kind of nutrients that enable ducks to live and grow to the limit of their inbred ability . . . The number of quality poult produced per breeder hen is the important factor in the turkey breeding enterprise . . . Good fertility of turkey eggs is closely associated with the proper method of rotating the toms during the breeding season . . . Dressed quality broilers should be thoroughly chilled, but not frozen, before being wrapped or packaged . . . All brooders operate most efficiently and successfully in buildings that are properly insulated and ventilated . . . Provide three square feet of floor space per bird for Leghorns and three and one-half square feet for heavy-breed birds . . . Worm pullets at 10 to 12 weeks of age and again just before the pullets are placed in the laying house, if needed.

Cited for 'Making Money'

Edmond W. J. Healy, who made a billion dollars working in the U. S. money factory in Washington, has received an award from the Treasury Dept. Healy, 80, retired this summer as a printer in the Treasury's Bureau of Engraving after a half century of work. He got a laudatory scroll for his work. If all the bills he produced had been \$1 jobs and if they were laid end to end, they would form a green ribbon approximately 97,000 miles long—enough to go almost four times around the earth.

Eager Beavers

Eager little beavers go about their lumbering job quietly, but they are just as efficient as human lumber cutters. Near Morris, Pa., the sharp-toothed creatures tackled a 24-inch elm tree and cut it smack in two. The little animals seldom assault a tree of such hard wood.

POINTS ON THE STARS

Joseph Cotten Offers Advice To Struggling Young Actors

JOSEPH COTTEN, who once sold potato salad in Miami, Fla., has two words of advice for struggling young actors—"keep acting." "Acting and adversity go together," says Cotten. "There isn't a top actor on the stage or screen who hasn't had his tough days. But the successful actor never quits."

Joseph Cotten is currently starring with Ingrid Bergman in "Under Capricorn" and with Bette Davis in "Beyond the Forest."

The determined actor has held a number of jobs besides acting. But they were temporary expedients for "eating money." He once sold paint in Brooklyn. While doing that he invented a way to paste labels on the cans with less effort and more speed.

In Miami, to finance a little theater group which he organized, he began a salad-making concern and dispensed salad to drug store fountains. But the druggists found a way to make salads for greater profit. So then Cotten turned to selling space for a Miami newspaper.

"I've had a lot of tough breaks," Cotten reflects, "but I kept on going because I was keen on becoming an actor. The odds are always with the fellow who keeps right on trying, in spite of everything. It's the tough breaks of today, I figure, that make the good breaks of tomorrow."

One of Hollywood's busiest actors, Van Heflin, is currently busy with his role in "East Side, West Side." Cyd Charisse, lovely dancing star, appears with Heflin in the picture. The pair is shown trying to read a book at the same time, between appearances before the movie camera.

The Jack Holt of silent film days was a rough-riding star of Western films. But the rootin'-toolin', gun-toting actor has graduated to a plane where he may enjoy fine acting plums. Currently, Jack Holt may be seen as the late Admiral Reeves, in "Task Force." The film, which stars Gary Cooper, is a thrilling saga of the United States Navy. It includes some of the most spectacular colored sea and air-battle pictures, exposed now to civilians, during the Second World War.

Johnny Daheim, one-time sensation of the boxing game, is the actor who KO's Edmond O'Brien in "Backfire."

Virginia Mayo, gorgeous glamour girl on the screen, turns off the lah-dee-dah away from the cameras. She's strictly a home-body girl.

Wanda Hendrix and Audie Murphy, reported headed for divorce, have been reconciled.

Errol Flynn announced his engagement, in London, to Romanian Princess Irene Ghica, 20-year-old Paris model.

HOLLYWOOD NOTES—Doris Day, who has freckles on her face and shoulders, refuses to cover them from now on. She wants to look like Doris Day and not like a glamor girl. . . . Harold Arlen and Johnny Mercer are writing the musical score for "The Petty Girl" . . . Gene Autry sings five songs in "Riders in the Sky" . . . Joan Crawford has a St. Bernard puppy that weighs 110 pounds . . . Milton Berle had to eat two quarts of ice cream at 8 o'clock in the morning for a scene in his picture "Always Leave Them Laughing."

Greatest Hoard of Gold in the World Gives Firm Backing to Money of the United States

Gold to the value of \$25,000,000,000 has been accumulated by the United States since 1934—and that huge store of precious metal has made this country possess the most stable currency in the world.

Other nations have devalued their currency and taken other monetary "reforms." But President Truman recently declared there is no reason for any such action in this country.

So stable and sure is the American dollar, in fact, that it is accepted anywhere in the world. In many countries, besides the United States dollar is worth more than a hundred cents.

The United States obtained a virtual monopoly on the gold of the world because, in 1934, it offered to pay \$34 an ounce for the precious metal. The previous value on the world market was \$20.67.

At the same time this country took out of circulation all gold coins

and made it a crime for Americans to use gold coins or to possess currency redeemable in gold.

A whole generation of Americans has since grown up without seeing those \$5 and \$10 gold pieces indulgent relatives used to hand out at Christmas time.

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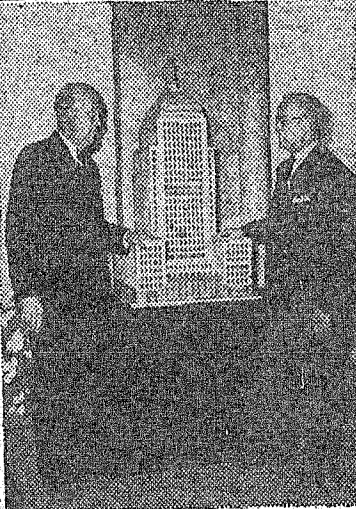
HAPPY COUPLE — Mrs. Carleton S. Hadley became the bride of Vice President Alben Barkley in St. Louis. The newly-weds are shown as they greeted friends in Knoxville, Tenn., on a stop-over on their honeymoon.



REACH AGREEMENT — Joe Larkin, Vice Pres. of Bethlehem Steel (left) and CIO United Steel Workers president Philip Murray (second from left) sign agreement ending the 31-day-old strike at Bethlehem. At the right is Dave McDonald, C.I.O. official.



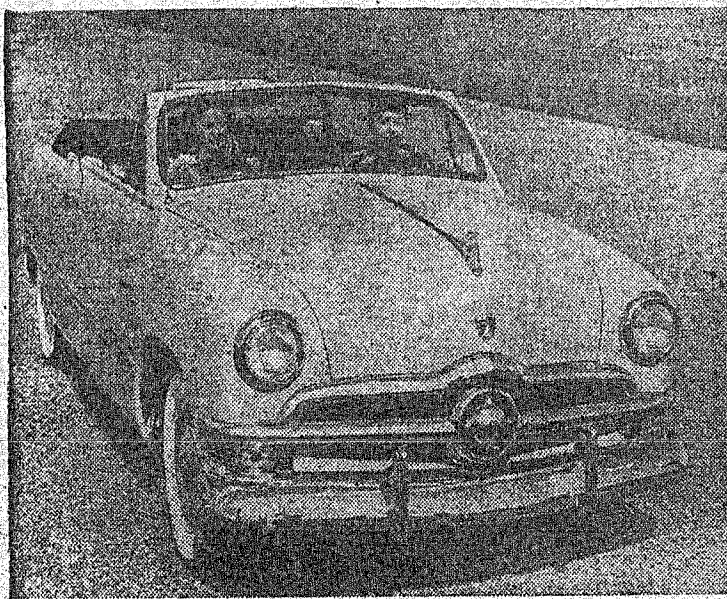
LAUGH TEAM — Lucille Ball and Richard Denning at their regular Friday night stand before a CBS microphone in their radio roles of "Liz Cooper" and "George" on the comedy airer, "My Favorite Husband." The broadcasts are sponsored by Jell-O.



NEW INSURANCE BUILDING—Secretary of the Treasury Snyder (right) and Paul F. Clark, President of the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co., before a model of the new 26-story structure, during the official opening in Boston recently.



D.A.'s MEN — Robert Shaw, writer, and Ed Byron, producer-director of NBC's Wednesday night "Mr. District Attorney," figure out a plot puzzle for their "champion of the people" to solve. Bristol-Myers Company sponsors the law-and-order program.



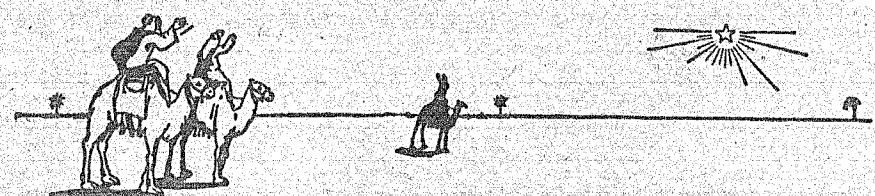
SPORTSMAN GREEN—a beautiful chartreuse which comes with a chartreuse and black leather trim or a combination of black leather and Bedford cord—and Matador red metallic—a medium red color trimmed with black and red leather or Bedford cord combination—are new and exclusive colors on the new 1950 Ford convertible coupes now on display in dealers' showrooms. Nine other colors with attractive trim combinations also are available in the smart new Ford convertibles which feature an improved top mechanism and improved weather sealing. Foam rubber front seat cushions and an improved regulator handle for the quarter

The Birth and Journeys Of Our Saviour, Jesus Christ

IN THE FOURTH YEAR before the opening of the Christian Era, Joseph, a carpenter of Galilee, obedient to a decree of Caesar Augustus—that all the world should be taxed, every one in his own city—went with Mary, his wife, out of the city of Nazareth, unto Judaea, unto the city of David—called Bethlehem—because he was of the house and lineage of David.

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

IN THE SAME country were shepherds, keeping watch over their flocks by night and, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and they were sore afraid, and the angel said, Fear not: for, behold, I bring tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day a Saviour. And suddenly there was a multitude of the Heavenly Host praising God,



and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And the shepherds came and found the Babe lying in a manger and made known abroad the saying concerning the Child, and all that heard it wondered. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

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

FORTY DAYS AFTER His birth, the Child was presented at the temple in Jerusalem, whence the family returned to Nazareth.

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

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

IN HIS TWELFTH year, taken to Jerusalem for the Passover, the Child, for three days was lost from his kin, and they found Him in the temple questioning with the doctors.

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

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

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

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

ON THE SUNDAY in April before the Feast when Christ was thirty-four years old He rode into Jerusalem, returning at even-tide to Bethany, and the next three days went He also into the city and did preach in the temple, and on the fourth evening He sat in Jerusalem sharing with the twelve the Passover feast, and near midnight, in the garden of Gethsemane on Olivet, whither He had gone after the Feast, He was seized by His enemies and sent bound to the high priest of Caiaphas, and tried in the morning by the Sanhedrin, and taken before Pilate and Herod Antipas and sentenced to be crucified, and He carried His cross to Calvary, and on that afternoon died upon the cross.

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Strange, but True—

Courteous Bandit

"I hope you have burglar insurance," said a bandit with a smile as he walked out of a Memphis liquor store with \$250 loot.

Seaman Drowns in Tub

The sea was in his blood. All his life Frederick Ramsey, 60, of Sunderland, England, loved the water. Once he rescued two men from the River Tyne. The other day he collapsed and drowned in a few inches of water in his bathtub.

Slow But Sure

Better late than never might well be the slogan of the postoffice at Bloomington, Ill. Recently it delivered a receipt to William Barlow for an insurance premium he paid in 1930. The envelope was post-marked Chicago, March 12, 1930.

Outruns Thief at 80

When a robber knocked him down, G. Harold Sellick, 80, of New York City, got to his feet and ran away, he told police.

What's In a Name?

Trooper James R. Davis arrested John T. Davis, whom Judge George N. Davis fined \$25 and costs for reckless driving in Maco, Mo.

Prophecy Fulfilled

"Some of you may not be able to return to meet God next week," the Rev. Elmer Drake, 72, told his congregation in Lum, Mich. A moment later he died of a heart attack.

Mistake, by Gum!

It was all a mistake, firemen learned when they answered an alarm in Ashland, Mass. A youth, recently from Poland, told them he had sounded the alarm when he mistook the firebox for a chewing gum vending machine.



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High-Lights in the News



THE AIRPLANE SHOWN HERE with directors and officers of the Texas Department of Public Safety was the "aerial eye" used recently to track down three cattle thieves. In contact with ground forces of Highway Patrolmen and Texas Rangers by walkie-talkie radio, officers in the plane directed the closing-in operations. Left to right: Patrolmen McDaniels and Dillard, who, in the patrol car behind them, were part of the posse; Robert Ragsdale, operator of Ragsdale Flying Service, who supplied the plane; Chief Joe S. Fletcher, assistant director of the Department of Public Safety; Jim Boutwell, pilot and radio operator for the department; and Col. Homer Garrison of the Department of Public Safety.

Taft's Charges

Senator Robert A. Taft, Ohio Republican, already campaigning for re-election in 1950, charges that adoption of President Truman's program next year would add more than \$16 billion to the federal deficit and lead America to "stagnation and austerity." The senator said "we face a deficit of \$5 billion, yet the Truman program would add to that \$6 billion for compulsory medicine, \$8 billion for the Brannan farm plan, \$4 billion for universal military training, and other billions for services of all kinds." His references were to the system of compulsory insurance advocated by the President; to the production payment plan for keeping up farm income, sponsored by Secretary of Agriculture Brannan, and to a long-pending proposal for compulsory military training.

Coddling Ends

The United States apparently has decided that it is fed up with its diplomatic coddling of Russia. All during the war and for some time afterward this country tried to get along with the Reds by a policy of "turning the other cheek." The State Department has, in effect, served notice on Joe Stalin and his cohorts that it will "get tough" whenever the occasion demands from now on.

Red Poppycock

Andrei Y. Vishinsky, Soviet foreign minister, in a recent talk before the United Nations, ridiculed any idea that Russia would want to bomb the British Isles and said "there can be no thought" of an attack on the United States. Then he charged that the United States is "in the throes of one dream—one idea—which is world domination."

Pact for Japan

The United States, within the next few months, is going to try to conclude a formal treaty of peace with Japan, according to Washington observers. This move is expected to be followed by a realistic effort on the part of this country to counteract the spread of communism in Asia.

In Spotlight



BOB HAWK won another singular honor recently when his comedy quiz, now heard Mondays over CBS, achieved top place as No. 1 quiz program in radio. According to survey ratings, Hawk's was the only program of its kind to finish among the top dozen network evening shows. Hawk himself is known as the airwaves' ad lib king.



RED FOLEY, baritone star of NBC's "Grand Ole Opry," is surrounded by music at home, as in the radio studio. Red's wife, as Eva Overstake, was a vocalist on a Chicago program, and the Foleys' three little girls are musical and enjoy singing harmony. Often, they form a quintet, with Eva at the piano and Red plunking the guitar.

Low-Income Study

This month, the problems of American families with low incomes will be studied at a series of public hearings to be conducted by the Joint Senate-House Economic Committee. The studies will be based on a mass of data prepared by a staff of experts. It is intended to decide what the federal government can do about the matter. Since people with low incomes can buy less than those with higher incomes, the report says, they hold back the economic progress of the whole country. The experts think lack of education is a fundamental reason for low income.

German Army

The difference that the raising of even five German divisions would make to the defense of western Europe against a possible attack from the East is being discussed by staff officers of a number of western European armies. It is agreed that even limited German rearmament would help adjust the manpower balance in any conflict with the Soviet Union.

Potato Program

Seeking to prevent another wasteful surplus of potatoes, the Department of Agriculture has announced a program for 1950 calling for reduction in the government support price and acreage allotments of commercial growers. The support price will be cut about 12 cents a bushel. The total national commercial allotment will be 1,137,800 acres, a decrease of a total of 85,300 acres of potato-planted land.

Mrs. Hazel Washington was charged with aggravated assault for severely wounding her husband with a knife in Texarkana, Ark. She told the judge: "We play like that all the time."

Alvin B. Wolff was haled into court in Milwaukee for peddling toys without a license. He talked the judge into buying three mechanical penguins before he was ordered to get out of town.

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Fascinating Sort of Wanderer Wrote 'Jingle Bells'

Young James Pierpont Gave World Merry Christmas Song in the 1850s

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

And when the carollers sing "Jingle Bells," which they do many times during the course of the evening, they laugh as they clasp hands and jump up and down to the gay and lively tune.

"Jingle Bells" is heard continually on the radio during the winter. No popular sing-song is complete without it. When there's snow on the ground, every sleighing party gives voice to this only song of its kind that we have.

What is the story of this little song that dares thus to intrude itself among the sacred carols of the Christmas season?

Written in 1850's

The words and music were written by a gray-eyed, tall, thin young man who lived in West Medford, Mass., but so little recognition has been given its author that in most collections of songs "Jingle Bells" is marked anonymous, or bears no notation at all.

One day in the 1850s, James Pierpont left his father's house on Mystic Street in West Medford, and hurried to the home of Mrs. Otis Waterman, who lived in an apartment house which had been remodeled from an old tavern.

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

Had Song in His Head

"I have a little song in my head and I have written it down to see what you think of it," confided James Pierpont to Mrs. Waterman, as he sat down at the piano and started to play.

"Why, I think it is a very merry little jingle," encouraged Mrs. Waterman.

The song, of course, was "Jingle Bells."

This story is vouched for by Mrs. Stella Howe of Boston, grand-niece of Mrs. Waterman.

James Pierpont, fifth of the six children of Rev. John Pierpont, was born in Boston April 25, 1822.

The composer of "Jingle Bells" is said to have been a fascinating sort of wanderer brought up in a strict family atmosphere. He was musically inclined, but that talent was frowned upon by his father.

Ran Away at 14

At 14, he ran away to sea, but evidently returned sometime later. Sometime in the early 1850s, he went to California. He was not a



"forty-niner," but seems to have been there when things were booming. Whatever money he made, it is, apparent that he lost it.

James Pierpont, who died in Winter Haven Fla., in August, 1893, wrote many other songs besides "Jingle Bells."

Some of these are "Kitty Crow," a ballad published in 1853; "The Colored Coquette," for the piano-forte, 1853; "I Mourn for My Old Cottage Home," for the piano, 1856; "The Know Nothing Polka," 1857; "Poor Elsie," a ballad, dated 1858, and "Good Night," a ballad, undated.

One of 7 Wonders

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Global Oddities

Inhabitants of the sub-surface ocean are noisy. During the war, the navy had to "screen out" noises of ocean creatures so that its instruments for detecting submarine sounds could work effectively.

The coconut palm is found almost everywhere in the tropics because its fruit floats and is carried to new locations by the sea.

The Bronx Zoo exhibits a pair of gorillas behind glass for their own protection from the coughs and colds of human beings.

Romans liked to flavor their wines with such materials as pepper, poppy, tar, boiled sea water, and chalk.

A very fine oil for lubricating watches is obtained from the head of the common porpoise.

One of the earliest known maps is a 4,500-year-old baked clay tablet from Babylon.

Gems of Wisdom

Doing nothing is a highly satisfactory way of passing the time until one gets tired of it and wishes he could do less than nothing.

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She said I could never
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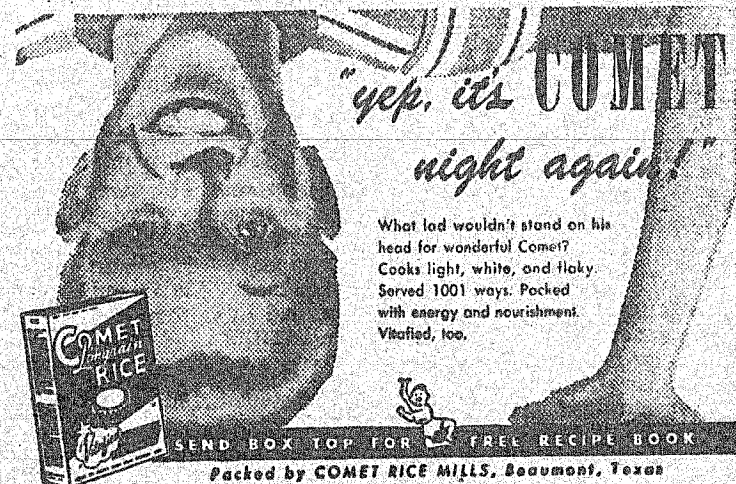
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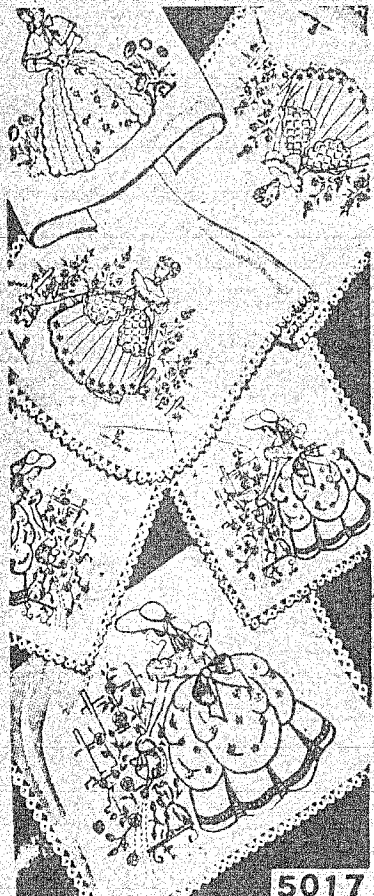


Caviar has gone low-brow as dehydrated caviar is now imported from Denmark for economy budgets. Once only the wealthy could afford this tasty appetizer; it is now within the reach of every pocketbook.



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Something Different In Turkey Dish Recipe

Here's something different in the way of a turkey dish. It's turkey à la king and it sounds very tasty. If you'd like to try it, follow this recipe:

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| 4 tbsp. shortening | 1 tsp. chopped onion |
| 4 tbsp. flour | 1 1/2 c. diced pimiento |
| 1 tsp. salt | 3 c. diced, cooked turkey |
| 1 c. milk | 1 c. sliced mushrooms |
| 1 c. broth | |
| 1 egg, beaten | |

Melt fat and stir in flour and salt. Add milk and broth gradually. Add a few tablespoons of this sauce to egg, then pour mixture into remaining white sauce. Cook over low heat until thickened. Stir in remaining ingredients and serve on bisuit halves. Serves 4.

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If you're one of the millions of women in this country who is moved to profanity because you've snagged a perfectly good stocking just by handling it, take a tip from a gal who each year passes thousands of stockings through her hands.

The secret, ladies, is: always keep your hands well manicured.

Dorothy Staffer's work calls for her putting stockings in boxes at a Philadelphia plant.

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Household Hints

Pillow slips should never serve as a laundry bag. Soiled clothes should not be tied up in a sheet when laundry is sent out. Use a regular laundry bag.

Proper ironing can mean the difference between smart and dowdy-looking cottons. Light-colored cottons should be ironed right side out; dark colors should be ironed on the wrong side to prevent a shine.

Smooth sheer cottons should be ironed while quite damp. The best ironing temperature for cotton is usually between 350 and 400 degrees.

Shoulder pads should be removed when dresses or suits are sent to be cleaned. Some new pads made of sponge rubber ignite spontaneously in the cleaning process and others dry out. For safe cleaning all pads should be removed.

Holiday Goodies

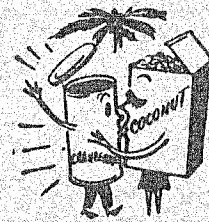


- 2 cups sifted cake flour
- 1 teaspoon double-acting baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup butter or other shortening
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1 egg, unbeaten
- 1 tablespoon milk
- 1 square unsweetened chocolate, melted

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and salt, and sift again. Cream shortening, add sugar gradually, and cream together until light and fluffy. Add egg and milk and beat well. Add flour, a small amount at a time, mixing well after each addition. Divide dough into two parts. To one part, add chocolate and blend. If necessary, chill until firm enough to roll.

Roll each half on floured waxed paper into rectangular sheet, 1/4-inch thick. Using a floured star-shaped cutter, cut vanilla dough in star shapes. Cut chocolate dough in Christmas-tree shapes with floured cutter. Place on ungreased baking sheet and brush with glaze made by mixing 1 beaten egg with 1 cup milk. Decorate cookies with tiny colored candies, cocoanut, and silver dragees. Bake in moderate oven (375°F) 10 minutes, or until done. Makes about 3 dozen cookies.

Cocoanut Cranberry Pie



- 1 package prepared vanilla pudding
- 2 cups milk
- 1 cup shredded cocoanut, cut
- 1 baked 8 or 9-inch pie shell
- 1 1/2 cups canned whole cranberry sauce
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 package (3 1/2 tablespoons) orange-flavored gelatin

Place pudding powder in saucepan. Add milk gradually, stirring constantly. Cook and stir until mixture comes to a boil and is thickened. Add 1/2 cup of the cocoanut. Cool slightly (about 5 minutes), stirring once or twice. Turn into pie shell. Cool thoroughly.

Combine cranberry sauce and water in saucepan cook and stir until mixture comes to a boil. Remove from heat. Add gelatin and stir until dissolved. Chill until thickened. Spread over thoroughly cooled filling. Chill.

For Christmas tree garnish, cut a tree stencil from paper, place on pie, and fill open space with remaining cocoanut to form trees.

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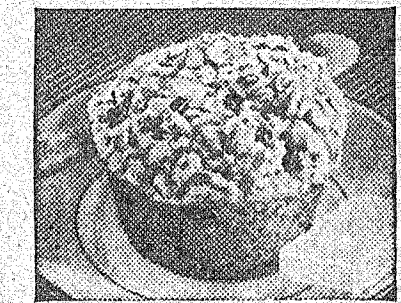
Heat tortillas in hot fat; spread with hot Gebhardt's Chili con Carne, roll. Stack rolls parallel on hot platter; cover with remainder of Gebhardt's Chili con Carne. Sprinkle with grated cheese; place in oven to heat cheese. Add thinly sliced onion, sprinkle with salt and Gebhardt's Chili Powder.



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Life Sentence

By HAROLD CHANNING WIRE
(Condensed from This Week Magazine)

"Carl McKinney. Charged with escape from the county prison camp, resisting arrest, and possession of stolen property—a truck."

Carl sat with the light-cropped dome of his head bent over.

Judge Bain had paused a moment to read the transcript of his long record.

Then he heard the judge say sternly, "You made a bad start pretty young, didn't you . . . truancy . . . running away from home . . ."

"Yes, sir," Carl nodded, staring down, "I guess I did."

There hadn't been much to stay home for when he was a kid. But he couldn't tell Judge Bain that. Never had told anyone. His mother and father always wrangling and fighting as far back as he could remember.

IT WAS A LOT better down at Jake Simmons' garage, where Jake let him wipe off the cars. He was crazy about those cars.

And the garage was better than school, too. Something wouldn't let him keep his mind on his books. Once a teacher had called him plain stupid. That's when he started staying away.

"From the truant officer's reports," he heard the judge saying, "I can't see that leniency ever did you much good. But stealing from a ten-cent store . . . that seems to have been your first serious offense."

It was a little toy racer he'd stolen. Nobody knew how much he wanted that racer. A man who used to come to see his mother had promised to buy it, but he didn't. That was when she was divorced, and pretty bitter most of the time.

"Tell me something," Judge Bain's voice came sharply. "Why did you go on? I can see there is quite a jump before you got into real trouble. What led up to the prison camp?"

CARL STUDIED a red scar on his wrist where a mine drill had gouged him. "I don't know. A lot of things . . . I just don't know now."

He could remember one thing, all right. But it wouldn't make sense to the judge. He couldn't say he was sent to the county road camp because his stepfather had smashed his car models. He'd worked hard on those models, getting ready to win a prize. But the man his mother finally married couldn't stand his hammering in the house, or him either. He was drunk that time, smashing the aluminum models with his bare fist, leaving them crushed, broken.

Carl raised his head a little. What if he told Judge Bain how it was? That if he had won some prize mon-

ey, he was going to a trade school for mechanics, and that what he did afterwards was because he still wanted to go to that school so much. But it wouldn't make sense. Because the judge would ask him about the mid-

get . . . IN A WAY he hadn't known all about it. He'd only thought of the quick money you could get from midget racing, and a man gave him a chance to help build one from a stripped-down car. They worked in an old building, even slept there. It was almost finished when a plain-clothes cop trailed them in one day. He asked to see the car's papers. And there weren't any. It was hot, all right.

With his head raised a little, Carl saw the judge writing something on his record. What more was there to write? It was all down there . . . his sentence to the county road camp, and his escape after only a month.

The judge's hand stopped writing. "When you took that old miner's truck," he asked, "what were you planning to do? And why did you take it in the first place? As I understand it here from your story, he picked you up in the mountains, took you to his claim and gave you a job. He helped cover your escape from the road camp for two weeks, although he didn't know it at the time. Don't you feel you owed him more than stealing your truck?"

"Yes, sir," Carl dropped his eyes. "I do. I owe him a lot."

HE GUESSED it was the meanest thing he had ever done. But he'd had to get away fast, before old Bodie Bill saw the newspaper. What tormented him now, was remembering the way old Bodie had treated him, right from the start. Never asked him any questions. By that time he'd found a pair of khaki pants and a shirt in somebody's vacation cabin, and burned his road camp jumpers.

It was on the other side of the mountains that he came onto this old man with a wrinkled brown face like a dried-up apple. Nothing to be afraid of in that face, or in the friendly blue eyes, either. So he had stopped to help fix a clogged gas line in the '31 truck. Then those two weeks with Bodie Bill seemed like the best in his life.

OLD BODIE said, "I've been needin' a fellow like you. Can't pay any money, just grub and a share. This gold mine's bound to be worth a million dollars some day, sure enough. Make it a partner deal if you stick."

Suppose he'd told Bodie the truth? Or hadn't run off in the truck that day, when he drove ten miles to the post office, and found the newspaper with the road camp escape story



"You made a bad start pretty young, didn't you?" the judge said.

in the mail. It might have been all right with Bodie. But not now. Not after stealing the truck and almost

TWO—LIFE SENTENCE wrecking it, back in the mountains when the highway cops took after him. Maybe, if he ever saw old Bodie again . . .

Suddenly Carl lifted his head and looked up straight at Judge Bain.

"How long," he asked, "how long are you giving me?"

"Long enough, I think, so you won't add anything more to your record." Then the judge looked past him into the courtroom.

"Bodie Williams," he said, "came over the mountains today to get his truck."

CARL FELT himself freeze. Bodie Bill came thumping on down the aisle. "Got her decided, have you, Judge?"

"I have decided on a recommendation, yes. If you're willing to assume the responsibility—"

"Why not!" said Bodie. "I know a good piece of float when I see it. He'll pan out with me."

All at once Carl fully understood . . . not being sent to the road camp; he was being released to Bodie Bill. He fought the shame of a sudden hot flood in his eyes.

And then old Bodie saved him. "That hoist engine, Carl," he said, "broke again! Pump engine, too. Seems like everything around the

mine is just waitin' for you to get back!"

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One of the cousins of the ordinary housefly is the fierce-looking robberfly. It feeds on gnats, mosquitoes, flies, honeybees, and even bumblebees.

While on the wing the robberfly catches its prey in its powerful, spined legs and stabs it into helplessness with its dagger-like beak. The victim then is carried to some perch where it is consumed.

On the whole, robberflies are beneficial because they destroy countless numbers of insect pests. About the only bad habit that can be charged against them is that they destroy honeybees.

Nature Oddity—

Life spans of 200 to 300 years are normal for the eider duck, giant tortoise, goose, and parrot.

Game Birds—

Here are some pointers on the proper care of game birds. In the first place, they should be hung at least 24 hours to cool before they are prepared for the table.

Before cooking wipe the insides with a dry cloth, and lard or butter well before roasting. Wild game requires less time for roasting and is best served in its own special gravy juices.

Because wild birds usually are lean, several strips of bacon should be laid over the breast of the carcass while roasting so as to keep the bird from drying out.

Wild birds should not be stuffed like other fowl. Instead put an onion of small size, watercress, or part of a peeled orange inside the body cavity. This helps bring out distinct flavors.

Nature Notes—

Lobsters have teeth in their stomachs for crushing shells.

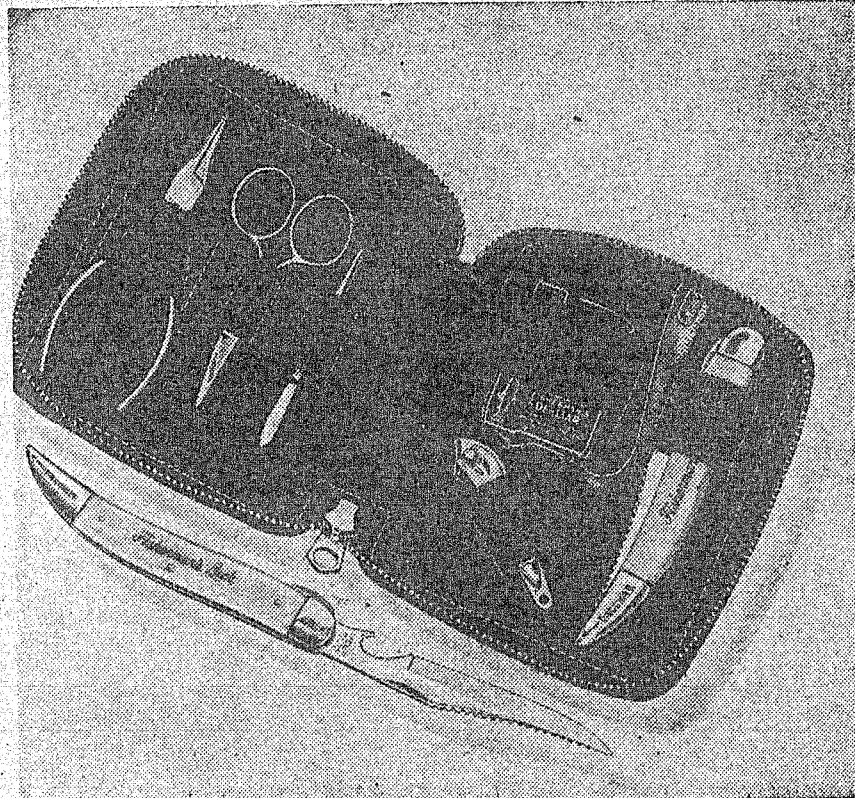
Eggs of the common housefly may hatch in as short a time as six hours after they are laid.

Halibut sometimes grow nine feet long and weigh 700 pounds.

Six weeks is about the average life of an adult worker bee during the active summer season.

The neck of a giraffe, although

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GIFT FOR ANGLER—Something any fisherman would like to find in his stocking Christmas morning—kit containing DeLiar scale which measures 'em up to 24 inches and weighs up to eight pounds; four-inch knife including combination scaler, disgorger for removing hooks, and cap lifter. Also, angler's clip, 3½-inch tweezers, scissors and long-nose pliers. Comes in genuine pigskin zipper case 5x5½". They're \$10 postpaid, from Hoffritz for Cutlery, 331 Madison Ave., New York 17.

exceedingly long, contains only seven bones—the same as are in the necks of most other mammals.

Frogs breathe by swallowing air and have no ribs.

English sparrows were introduced in the United States in 1850 in the hope that they would free shade trees of destructive caterpillars. But sparrows of this species do not eat caterpillars.

Queen bees may live for six or seven years but usually are replaced when they fail to lay large numbers of eggs.

Tallest living animal is the giraffe, which averages 18 feet.

Grasshoppers produce their characteristic strident sound by rubbing their hind legs against their wings at a rapid rate.

When a bat becomes angry it ruffles its fur and bares its teeth like a cat.

Felis domestica is the scientific name for the common house cat.

Great Outdoors

Earthworms often live to be 10 years old, woodpeckers to be 60 or 70, and the common ant to be 10 or 15.

Farm Fish Ponds

A farm fish pond can produce more food than could be realized from beef on adjacent land, says the Fish and Wildlife Service.

"Fish farmers can expect returns of 50 to 100 pounds of fish per acre in a natural pond and up to 300 pounds in a well managed and fertilized pond," the agency reports. "Production of beef would come to about 150 pounds to each acre."

The service says farm fish ponds are growing in importance, especially in the South. Texas farmers in recent years have built 200,000 fish ponds, and 50,000 have been built in Missouri in 10 years. Oklahoma is building 7,000 to 8,000 new ponds every year. Twenty-two thousand have been built in Mississippi in the last five years.

Almost any day during the football season you can see 74-year-old Mrs. Stella Stagg taking notes in the stadium at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, Pa., where her husband Amos Alonzo Stagg, Sr., is advisory coach.

Mrs. Stagg could run the team herself if she had a mind to because she has been up to her neck in football ever since that day 57 years ago when as a girl of 17 she became the betrothed of Amos Alonzo Stagg then coaching at the University of Chicago.

Amos Alonzo Stagg, at 87, still is going strongly. Mrs. Stella Stagg, 13 years younger, isn't doing too badly either.

She could take over the team in a pinch and do an expert job of directing the strategy, but she prefers to be known not as an assistant coach but just an aid to her husband—his chief note taker and play charter.

The term "Madam Coach"—well she just brushes it aside.

Mrs. Stagg has been doodling with football diagrams since she was a young girl. When she became the wife of Alonzo Stagg she at once plunged into the job of learning football.

She began by helping her husband map plays at Chicago.

Then when her husband moved to the College of the Pacific, Mrs. Stagg kept a running account of every single play made by both teams. In between times she served as a scout for her husband.

Today she can be seen both at games and practices taking notes. In the evening the coach and his wife sit down in their living-room and analyze the plays.

Such cryptic designations as "mousetrap," "split buck," and "flanker" are more familiar to her than they are to the average football fan. If ever a woman was on the inside of football it's Mrs. Stagg.

She always has kept clear of reporters, believing her husband is the one entitled to the publicity. But she stays on the job year after year making an important contribution to the success of Mr. Stagg's football teams.

Mr and Mrs. Stagg have two sons who also are coaches, Amos and Alonzo, Jr., who is the head mentor at Susquehanna, and Paul, at Pacific University. So it's no wonder Mrs. Stagg is deeply imbued with the spirit of football. It has been her life since she married the nationally known teacher of the game.

Stella prefers to be known only as the helpmate of Alonzo Stagg.

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Most Valuable—

Jackie Robinson, the first Negro to play major league baseball in the modern era, has been named the most valuable player of 1949 and was regarded as the spark that set the Brooklyn team moving toward the pennant. Thirty years old and a former college athlete, Robinson drew a total of 264 points to 226 for Stan Musial, of the St. Louis Cardinals, who finished second.

Unique Tribute

When Christy Mathewson, baseball immortal, played fullback at Bucknell University, Walter Camp called him the best drop-kicker in the nation. Matty died in October, 1925. After the funeral, on a Saturday afternoon, Bucknell and George Washington clashed in the stadium at Lewisburg, Pa., near his grave. Two Bucknell players booted the longest placement (55 yards) and the second longest dropkick (50 yards) on any college gridiron all season—a unique tribute to Christy Mathewson, drop-kicker extraordinary.