

# Santa Anna News

"He Profits Most Who Serves Best"

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## Letters To Santa Claus

I am a girl seven years old. Will you please bring me a nurse-set, suit-case with a doll bottles and doll clothes line. Bring all boys and girls toys, please. Santa most of all give them all health and happiness. Thank you Santa. See you Christmas.

Your pal  
Gloria Jane Henderson  
P. S. Bring us all some candy, fruit and nuts.

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a sheriff's office and two guns and holster. And don't forget other boys and girls. I tried to be a good boy.  
Love  
Donald Strength

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like to have a Lone Ranger double gun and holster set, and I would also like a football and a cootie set and toy truck or a car. Don't forget my little brothers.  
We love you very much.  
Gary Wayne Williams

Rockwood, Texas  
Route No. 1  
Dec. 11, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am seven years old and have been a good boy. Please bring me some building logs, guns and a flashlight or anything else you want to. Please remember all other boys and girls too. Our stockings will be hanging for nuts, candy and fruit.  
Love  
Warren Bruce Wallace

Rockwood, Texas  
Route No. 1  
December 11, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,  
I'm a good little girl two years old. Please bring me a rubber baby doll that has a bottle and maybe a bed for it to sleep in. Don't forget my little cousin, "Marty" and my big sister Jo Anne, and all other boys and girls.

Love  
Denise Wallace

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a walking-doll and a bicycle and I want a make-up set.

I have been nice. Please bring it to me. I also want a nurse-set. Please bring my little brother a little car and truck.

From  
Malba Lois Keeney

Rockwood, Texas  
Dec. 12, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a good boy this year. I want a farm set, and I want a truck to come with it, and fences, silo, barn and animals with the farm. I would like a chicken coop and plows, also a chicken house.

Stanley McSwane  
Route 1  
Rockwood, Texas

Dear Santa Claus  
Please bring me a Bee Bee gun for Christmas and also bring the other children something for Christmas too. I have been a very good boy this year.

Love  
Jesse Mills

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a boy 7. My name is Jamie Lee. I want a baby set and a bicycle. I want a little wheelbarrow. I want a car and a dump truck. I want a bag of candy. Please bring all the other boy and girls something.

From  
Jamie Lee Morris

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a Davy Crockett rifle and a trin.

My name, James Gilbreath

Dear Santa Claus  
I want a doll and ball.  
I want you to have a Merry Christmas too.

Love  
Darlene McClum

## Lots Of Free Gifts To Be Given Saturday

Christmas Eve will be a big day for a lot of people in the Santa Anna area. Beginning at ten o'clock Saturday morning and continuing on through the day, some of the local merchants and the Community Chamber of Commerce are going to be giving free gifts every half-hour, until 4:30 p. m. Also, a free picture show will be shown at the Queen Theater at 3:30 p. m.

During the morning hours Harvey Grocery, Piggly Wiggly, Hosh Grocery, Vinson Grocery will give gifts to some lucky person who registers in their stores. Beginning at 1:00 p. m. Piggly Wiggly, Purdy Mercantile Co., Phillips Drug, Hosh Furniture Store will give their gifts and from 3:00 to 4:00 p. m. the big Chamber of Commerce program will be held. Western Auto and the Ladies Shop will have their drawings following the big drawing.

In the Chamber of Commerce program, beginning at 3:00 p. m. some 38 prizes to be given away, with a total value of almost \$500. Prizes will consist of a beautiful bedroom suite, an electric cooker, two waffle irons, two dinner sets, two tea tables, electric iron, two table lamps, electric wall clock, six dressed quail, seven dressed turkeys, two pair breeding quail, a step-on garbage can and a metal cooker. Prizes contributed by local merchants to be given away at this time include: a floor lamp, set of jewelry, three baskets of groceries, two dressed turkeys, electric toaster, five \$5.00 gift certificates, and a two year subscription to The Santa Anna News.

Everyone is invited to participate in this program. It has been going on since the middle of October and interest is increasing each day. Ask your local merchants to explain to you how the program operates. Most every merchant in Santa Anna is cooperating in the program and all will be glad to give you the needed information.

## HOLIDAYS ANNOUNCED

Cullen N. Perry, superintendent of the Santa Anna Schools, announces the local schools will dismiss for the annual Christmas Holidays on Wednesday, December 21, and all students will return to school for regular classes on Tuesday, January 3rd.

## Happy Birthday

"Happy Birthday" to all who have birthdays during the next week. Below are listed the birthdays we have this week. If you would like your name added to our list, please let us know when your birthday is.

DECEMBER 23

Mrs. Dick Bass

Dave Ellis

DECEMBER 25

Tom Todd

DECEMBER 27

Mrs. Pleas Williamson

Roland Curry

DECEMBER 28

Mrs. John Gregg

Linda Rse Riley

Mrs. Gertrude Martin

Linda Henderson

DECEMBER 29

Mrs. B. Wagner

Dick Deal

Next week we will publish the names of those having birthdays between Friday, December 30 and Thursday, January 5th. If you would like to have the date of your birth published, be sure to let us know.

President Benjamin Harrison was preceded and succeeded in office by the same man. He served between Cleveland's two terms.

Wishing You **MERRY CHRISTMAS**



TO EACH ONE OF YOU  
FROM EACH ONE OF US!

# The Santa Anna News

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### Cleveland News

By MRS. MANLEY F. BLANTON



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SANTA ANNA,  
TEXAS

Mrs. C. T. Moore and Terry visited with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Moore in Santa Anna Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilburn Henderson and Donnie visited Charlie Fleming and family Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sikes and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Schulle were visitors in the Fleming home Saturday night.

Visitors in the Ben Herring home Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Schulle and Kenneth Herring.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Banta and Janie, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fleming were visitors in the Sid Blanton home Sunday.

Mrs. Sid Blanton and Tommy were visiting Mrs. C. T. Moore Monday afternoon.

Those enjoying new TV's in our community are: Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Fleming and Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Cupps, Mrs. Beula Fleming and Mr. and Mrs. John Perry.

Wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mr. and Mrs. John Howard visited Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Cupps Saturday night. Mrs. Edd Hartman visited Mrs. C. T. Moore Tuesday.

Those visiting Patsy Cupps last week were Judy Bryan, Jane Horn, Janet Scarborough and Gayla McIver.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Blanton and boys were visiting in San Angelo Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sikes and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Schulle visited in the C. W. Fleming home Wednesday night. The R. W. Cupps and Harrel Cupps families were Thursday night visitors in the Fleming home.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Blanton and family came for his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Blanton, to take them to Fayetteville, Arkansas, to spend the Christmas holidays with their daughter and sister, Mrs. William E. Anderson and Kay. They plan to be gone about a week.

### Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa: Please bring me a furniture house, nurse kit and cooking set bring candy and fruit too and remember all good little girls and boys. I have tried to be good.

Your little friend  
Wanda Jean Kline

Santa Anna, Tex.  
Dec. 9, 1955

Dear Santa Claus, I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a set of guns and a construction camp set, also some fruit, nuts and candy.

Your friend  
Joe Rutherford

Dear Santa, Please bring me a bicycle and teddy bear. Please bring my mother and two big sisters a TV

et. I have been a pretty good boy. Thank you very much.  
Love  
Billy Don Cupps

Dear Santa Claus, I am 7 years old and I would like very much to have a football if you have enough toys to go around. Please bring me a BB gun, too. I will leave a big red apple under the Christmas tree for you.

Jim Keeney

Dear Santa Claus I am 7 years old. I have been a good boy. I want a dump truck and a wagon and a grader.

Jimmie Walker  
Love

Dear Santa Claus, I want a crying tear doll and some doll clothes. I want a baton and a bicycle and a necklace and bracelet.

I am 8.  
Your friend  
Sandra Slate

Dear Santa I have been good. I would like two guns and holster and a little car.

Love  
Gary Don Wheat

Dear Santa Claus Please bring me a ball a BB gun, and a car.

Raymond Don Cupps

Dear Santa Claus, I hope you will come to see me this year for I have been a good girl.

I would like very much to get a doll, a table and chairs, and a set of dishes. Remember all the other boys and girls to. Thanks very much.

Lots of Love  
Lynda Sue Brannan

Dear Santa Claus, Would you bring me a big pretty doll with some clothes? Bring me a color book to. Would you please bring my little brother a truck and some toys.

Linda Lee Abernathy.

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a BB gun or a bicycle. Please bring the other boys something too. And the girls something to. I have to go now.

Stephen Wayne Hogue

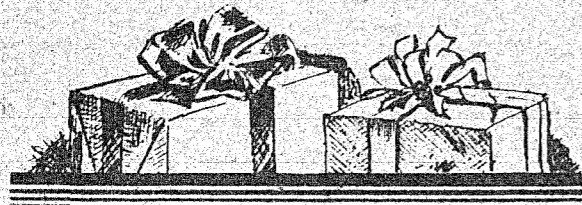


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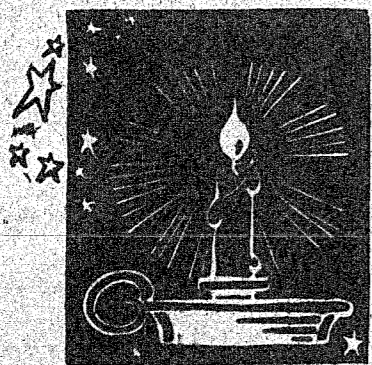
Through the ages, Christmas has marked the occasion for the expression of good will and thanks. At this season, we want you to know of our appreciation, and sincerely wish you a

## MERRY CHRISTMAS



### E. E. Blanton Service Station

Santa Anna



Happy Holidays  
TO OUR  
MANY FRIENDS!

### MOZELLE'S BEAUTY SHOP

J. A. Manley

Mozelle Manley



It's Christmastime again, and, as this season foretells the passing of another year, we think of those who have helped make that year so very enjoyable. Knowing and serving folks like you makes business a pleasure. It is indeed a privilege to greet you and wish you a Merry Christmas.

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### Rockwood News

By MRS. JOHN C. HUNTER

Mac Williams, a student in

University of Houston at Houston, is visiting relatives during the holidays.

Garland McSwane and Morris Straughan, who have been employed at McCamey, are also

home. Mr. and Mrs. Houston Post of Lorraine spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Matt Estes.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hunter of Santa Anna and Mr. and Mrs. Fox Johnson visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. John Hunter and Mr. R. W. Nevans. Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Kelley of Santa Anna visited in the Hunter home Monday afternoon. Mrs. L. L. Bryan and Kenneth were Monday evening visitors.

Mrs. Rosa Belle Hellman visited with Mrs. Roy Blackwell on Sunday afternoon.

Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Hyatt Moore were Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Fowler and Miss Lizzie Fowler, all of Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Sanderson of Ingram visited Saturday afternoon with Miss Linnie Box. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Davis, Lucy and Donnie of Brady, also visited Miss Linnie.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Avants, Jackye Lynn and Douglas Jr., of Brady were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. John X. Steward. Mrs. Ray Steward, Nicky and Debra, were also Sunday dinner guests in the Steward home.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy G. Gardner and family visited with Mr. and Mrs. John Kemp Saturday night. The Kemp's visited Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Traylor in Coleman Sunday.

Mr. N. J. Buttry entered Brady hospital Monday and received surgery Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Bible and son of California and Mrs. Billy Joe Harvey and son of Santa Anna visited Saturday afternoon with Miss Linnie Box and Mrs. A. S. Hall.

Mrs. Dan Mills, Joe Dan and Linda of Coleman and Mr. and Mrs. Jack McSwane and Stanley Patsy Bryan and Beth Cooper were Sunday guests in the A. N. McSwane home.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Brusenhan, Sr., were in Santa Anna Monday to visit J. H. Brusenhan, who is a patient in the Santa Anna Hospital.

Mrs. Jim Rutherford and children and Mrs. Jake McCreary spent the weekend in Fort Worth shopping and visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Echols.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bray announce the birth of a daughter, Debbie Ruth, in Fort Worth, on Friday, December 16. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bryan and Mr. and Mrs. Iru Bray. Mrs. J. W. Wise is the maternal great-grandmother.

Mrs. Hilton Wise visited several days in Fort Worth with her daughters, returning home on Sunday.

Mrs. Sam Alexander and family of San Angelo spent the weekend with Mr. J. A. Estes and Mr. and Mrs. John Horsman.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Estes and girls of Coleman spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Matt Estes. All of them visited in the J. A. Estes home.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Box report their son, M/Sgt. A. W. Box had breakfast with his sister, Mrs. Marshall Campbell and family, in Eastland, as he was enroute to Fort Lewis, Wash., after taking part in Operation Sagebrush. Sgt. Box expects to be home on leave in March.

Mr. and Mrs. Elec Cooper, Louise, David and Ronnie, left Wednesday to spend Christmas with Mrs. Cooper's parents at Marengo, Iowa.

Mr. Bob Straughan, who with

Mrs. Straughan, is making his home in Coleman with his son, Clifton and family, was greeting friends Tuesday morning. We wish for each of our readers the very happiest Christmas ever!

Mrs. B. M. McCain has heard of the marriage of her granddaughter, Elizabeth McCain, daughter of Harry McCain. She was married to Lt. Guy Denmark. The ceremony took place Saturday, December 17th, at Kameula Hawaii, where the bride has been teaching in an Episcopal Academy for two years. The bride is a graduate of Texas Tech. The newly weds plan to return to the states soon and will make their home in Savannah, Ga.

Mrs. Gene Rice and daughter, Belinda, of Wichita, Kansas, arrived last Friday for a visit through the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Day and her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Grant. Mr. Rice is expected to arrive before Christmas. The Grants are also expecting their son, Kenneth, home for Christmas from Great Lakes, Ill., where he is stationed with the Navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Carl Oakes Sr., returning to their home at Corpus Christi stopped and visited awhile Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Authur Talley. They had been to Midland several days visiting a sister of Mr. Oakes', who was and

continues to be very ill. The Oakes' children, Jesse Carl Jr. and Frances Louise, who had visited here while the parents were in Corpus, returned home with them.

Dr. Henner and family moved last week into the home of Mrs. Ola Neill on South Houston St. Their furniture, which was in New Orleans, and crated for shipment to Trinidad, came in last week. The Henner's have sold their home, the former nurses home, to Dr. Tryon and family, which they are now occupying.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Sharp and children, Susan Ann and Ronnie Walter, of Alameda,

Calif., came last week for a visit until after Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Walter Sharp. They will also visit with his sister, Mrs. Sherman Stearns and family at Trickham.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wilburn and children of Big Lake, spent Saturday night here with his sister, Mrs. Cliff Herndon and Mr. Herndon. The Wilburns were enroute to Alabama to spend Christmas with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Markland left last week for California for a stay of several weeks.

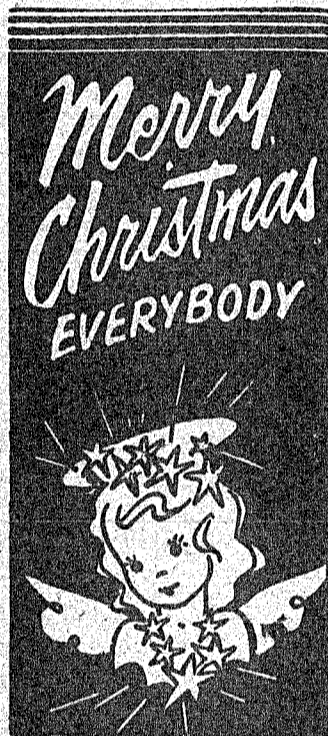
Some women who diet are just reduced to tears.



May you enjoy peace and happiness during the coming New Year.

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### PHILLIPS SHOE SHOP

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### Hello Folks



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### Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a little boy 5 years old. I think I've been good, so please bring me a fire truck and nuts and candy. Please don't forget my little sister who wasn't here last Christmas. Don't forget Grandpa and Grandma and Mrs. Mackoun.

Your friend  
Lynn Wright

Dec. 17, 1955

Dear Santa Claus  
I am a little boy 5 years old. Would you please bring me a road-grader and dumper tractor. Don't forget my little friends in my Sunday School class.

Lots of love  
Jesse Wayne Upchurch

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am 6 years old and have tried to be a good boy. Please bring me a Power Crane and Shovel and a green and white wench truck.

My big brother, Tommy, wants an archery set. Thank you.  
Love,  
Bill Watson

Bangs, Texas  
Dear Santa Claus  
I am a little boy 4 1/2 years old. Please bring me a cap gun with a scope on it and a coloring book. Please don't forget my Daddy. He lives at Midland, Texas. Remember my cousin, Bobby, and all the other little boys and girls.

Lots of love  
Johnny Haynes

Monday, Dec. 19, 1955

Santa Claus  
North Pole  
U. S. A.

Dear Santa Claus,  
We can hardly wait until you come to our house!

I'm hoping you will leave a bike and a "tiny tears" doll for me. My little sister, Helen Ann, wants a baby doll too and a firetruck just like the one Daddy drives.

Mommy said we must be good if we want you to stop at our house so we are trying very hard. We'll be waiting for you!

Love  
Susan Jones

Santa Anna, Texas  
Dec. 19, 1955

Dearest Santa Claus,  
I am a little girl 7 years old. I have been real good. I want

you to please bring me a walking doll, iron and ironing board and some fruit, nuts and candy. Thank of all the other children in my class at school and my teacher, Mrs. Horton.

Love  
Nita Ann McClure

Santa Anna, Texas  
Trickham Route

Dear Santa Claus,  
I'm a little boy about six years old. Please bring me a BB gun. My brother, Terry, don't believe there is a Santa so just leave me all the toys.

Bring my Daddy a pet deer.  
Thanks  
Tommy Blanton

Dear Santa  
I'm just two years old, but I want a dollie and a doggie very much. Please bring them to me. Don't forget my sister and brother. Please bring them something too.

Love  
Janice Kay Keeney

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a doll with some clothes for Christmas and some dishes. I also want a drum for Christmas too. Please bring them if you can. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Love  
Anita Ellis

Dear Santa Claus  
I am a little girl 7 years old. Please bring me a doll and a cleaning set.

Come to see me for I have been a good little girl. And do not forget the other boys and girls.

Love  
Mary Jean Haynes

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a gun holster set. Please don't forget the other little girls and boys.

Love  
Ronnie Gene McCarrell

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a little girl 7 years old. I want a doll and some clothes with it.

I want a typewriter to write with it.  
I want a walking doll.

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Love  
Sharon Page Mays

Dear Santa Claus  
Please bring me a doll and a little play telephone. I have tried to be a good girl.

Love  
Helen Jo Pinson

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want some books. And some bluejeans. And a little icebox and a little doll house and a bicycle.

Virginia Voss

Whon, Texas  
Box 34  
Dec. 10, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am nine years old. I want a typewriter, record player, some records, a tiny tears doll and a watch. I have been a good girl. Don't forget the other girls and boys. I love you.

Love  
Linda Sue Rutherford

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a doll and a doll bed. Would you get me a doll?

To Santa Claus  
From Doris Bell Smith

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a bicycle with 3 wheels on the back and one on the front. Some candy and nuts and fruit.

Love  
Linda McIntire

Dear Santa  
I have been a good boy. I want a train. I want a little car. I want a Black Bowrd and ball and football.

I am seven years old.  
I Love you  
Lnydon Wells

Dear Santa Claus,  
Will you bring my sister a doll and will you bring me a bicycle.

Love  
Darrall Sims

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am eight years old. I have tried to be a nice little girl. I want a TV and a xylophone, a donught set, a cake mix set, a doll and buggy. I want a finger painting set. I want a piano. I want a Walt Disney coloring book. That is all I want this Christmas. Don't forget other boys and girls.

Love  
Janice Dell Pruitt

### Mystic Weavers Christmas Party

The Mystic Weavers club held their annual Christmas Party Monday, December 19. They met at the Coleman Hotel club room for a 10 o'clock luncheon, then went to the home of Mrs. Arthur Casey, which was beautifully decorated for the holiday season, for games and exchange of gifts. Christmas carols were played softly during the afternoon.

Refreshments of coffee, nuts and candy were served to Mmes. Beatrice Garrett, Cora Zackary, Lucille Baker, Ethel Davis, Bertie McNutt, Mattie Lee Geer, Louise McClanahan, Nona Rowe, Roney Howard and Faye Casey.

### Fidelis Class Has Christmas Party

The beautifully decorated home of Mrs. Pierre Rowe was the scene for the Fidelis Class of the First Baptist Church, annual Christmas Party.

Mrs. Cullins, the president, presented the devotion on the Christmas story and Mrs. Ed Jones told the story "The Littlest Angel." A short business meeting was held and it was voted to send cards to all shut-in friends of the class, also to visit and carry a basket of food to one needy family in town.

Each member had to lead the singing of a Christmas carol and there was given a gift that was labeled with the name of the song she drew. The gifts were taken from a beautifully decorated tree. Mrs. Ed Bartlett, the teacher was given a Utility table from the class.

Refreshments of sandwiches, potato chips, cookies, candy and coffee were served from a lovely table. Plate favors were candy Christmas trees made by Mrs. E. W. Gober.

Those present were: Mrs. H. Turner, Mrs. Ed Jones, Mrs.

Cullins, Mrs. Rosco Hosh, Mrs. Ed Schrader, Mrs. F. B. Hill, Mrs. Benton, Mrs. E. W. Gober, Mrs. Elton McDonald, Mrs. Artie Irby, Mrs. Seybold Rowe, Mrs. J. D. Williamson, Mrs. Arthur Casey and Mrs. Pierre Rowe.

Mrs. W. T. Wheatley left on Tuesday for Fort Worth and planned to spend the night there with a sister-in-law, Mrs. Wheeler. She planned to go on to Texarkana on Wednesday and spend Christmas there with a brother. She will also visit other relatives in Arkansas before returning home.

'Tis true that age brings with it wisdom -- but it sure leaves little time to use it.

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**Shields News**

MRS. RALPH McWILLIAMS

(Too Late For Last Week)  
Saturday night, December 17, will be Community Supper night at Shields. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy supper and a good time.

The Sunday School Junior class and their parents were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Powers last Tuesday night at the community house. Mr. Powers is the teacher of the Juniors.

Rev. and Mrs. Conner were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Shelton and supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. George

Stewardson.  
Mrs. Urs Dillingham and Mrs. W. T. Wheatley visited Friday with Mrs. Shamblin and Mrs. Kakler Wheatley of Kerrville in Coleman.

Mrs. Tom Wheatley visited with Mrs. Lillian Lewellen one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Shuford of Glen Cove visited Mrs. Vercher and Homer Friday.

Mrs. Otis Powers visited Mrs. J. Z. Vercher Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wheatley and Danny visited Mrs. Urs Dillingham Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stewardson and Jeanie visited Mr. and Mrs. Elton Jones and Karen on Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Stewardson were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Milligan Sunday.

James Milligan and wife are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Milligan. They will be here through the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wheatley and Danny visited Mr. and Mrs. George Stewardson and Jeanie Thursday night. Jeanie went home with them for a visit.

Jeanie Stewardson and Glenn Gilbreath spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Otis Powers.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Milligan visited with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gilbreath Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Jones and Karen took a truck load of farm equipment to Stephenville for Mr. Rayford Evans and visited with them Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Steward of San Angelo visited with Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Jones Monday night and Tuesday.

The Brotherhood meets on Thursday night. The program will be by the men of the Whon Baptist Church. Refreshments will be served by the wives of the Shields Brotherhood at the Community house.

Visitors in the Otis Powers home Friday night were Mr. Louis Newman and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McWilliams.

Rev. Nolan Fisher visited Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Noble Carpenter and family Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Griffith and Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Deer, attended the third Sunday Singing in Coleman Sunday afternoon and report hearing some wonderful singing.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Hillen and Ronnie of Amarillo, have come for a holiday visit with her mother, Mrs. Clarence Gray, and her sister, Mrs. Roy Francis.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

It was announced at the First Christian Church last Sunday night that the congregation was letting the pastor, Rodney Hitt, off so that he and wife can spend Christmas with their parents in Dallas. Sunday School will be held promptly at 10:00 a. m., followed by the communion service by eleven. All members not visiting out of town are urged to attend.

Sgt. I/C Duane Rasberry and family from El Paso, where he is stationed, came through Odessa, Monday and brought his mother, Mrs. C. W. Rasberry home from a visit there with her daughter, Mrs. Ira Earnhart and family. Duane and family will visit here on a 10 days leave with his mother and his wife's mother, Mrs. Beula Fleming.

Mrs. Ione Caton is leaving this Wednesday for an indefinite visit with her sister, Mrs. K. I. Davis in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Parker are leaving this Wednesday to visit through Christmas with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Browning and children in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Miss Alta Lovelady plans to leave Friday for a weeks visit at Lockney with an old teacher friend, Miss Nell Brown.

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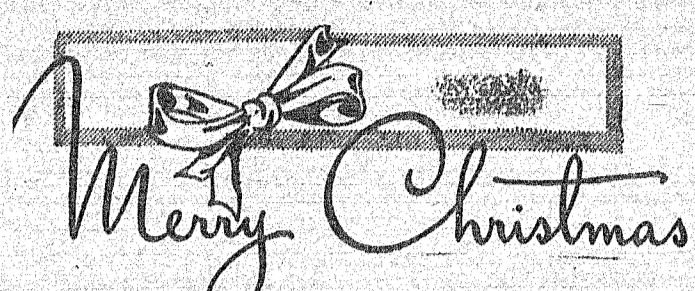
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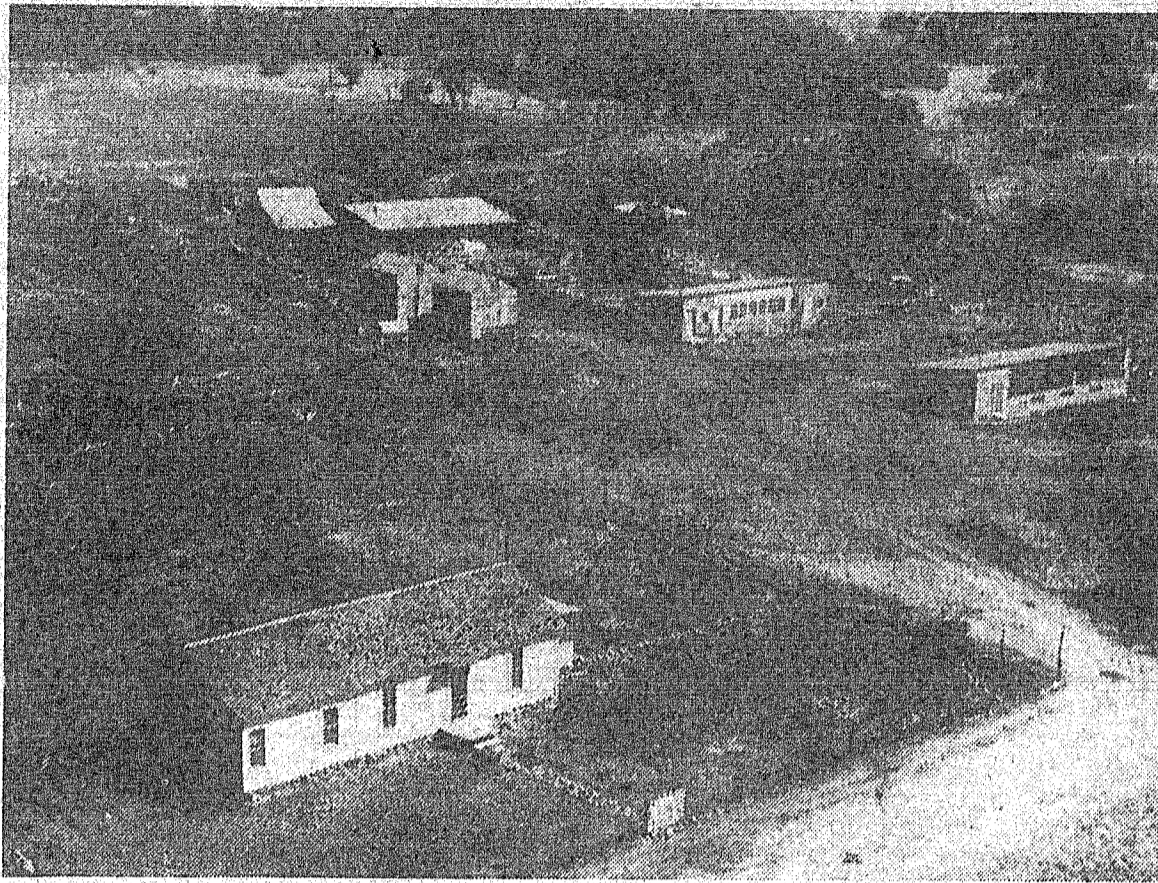
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**NOTICE:** 1000 acres to lease for Deer Hunting. Raynold Buse.

**CEMETERY AND YARD WORK:** By month or job. See Lee Wade Wallace, 907 Wallis Ave.

**WE ARE NOW BOOKING** Paymaster 20% and 21% Range Cubes. Farm & Ranch Supply. 38tfc

**MYSTERY FARM NO. 37 - Can You Identify It?**



If you can correctly identify the above Mystery Farm, you will have a chance of winning a free subscription to The Santa Anna News for one year and all who correctly identify the Mystery Farm will have their names published in next week's issue of The News.

The contest for the free subscription begins each week when

The News is mailed and ends each Monday at 5:00 p. m. The drawing for the free subscription will be held immediately after 5:00 p. m.

If the owner or operator of the above Mystery Farm will call at The News office not later than 5:00 p. m. Monday, we will present you with a beautiful 5x7 enlargement of the above

picture, absolutely free of charge. At the time you call for the picture an interview will be held and that will be published in next week's issue of The News.

The picture is presented with the compliments of The Santa Anna News, recognizing farming and ranching for the big business it is.

**SPECIAL NOTICES**

**ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual meeting of the stockholders of The Santa Anna National Bank of Santa Anna, Texas, will be held at the office of said Bank on the 10th day of January, 1956, 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.

s/O. L. Cheaney  
Executive Vice President  
and Cashier. 51-1c

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**Citation By Publication  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF COLEMAN**

In the Name and by the Authority of The State of Texas

To: Viola Stephenson, whose residence is unknown, and Viola Stephenson, who resides outside the State of Texas at a place unknown, and the heirs and legal representatives of Viola Stephenson, deceased, whose name and residence are unknown, and the respective unknown heirs and legal representatives of all the above named parties, the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described property and their heirs and legal representatives, whose names and places of residence are unknown, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, owning, or having, or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the hereinafter described property delinquent to plaintiff herein for taxes.

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that suit has been brought and is now pending in the Honorable District Court, 119th Judicial District, Coleman County, Texas, wherein City of Santa Anna, Texas, is plaintiff; and County of Coleman is impleaded party defendant; and Viola Stephenson, Maxine Stephenson Robbinette and husband, C. E. Robbinette, Patsy Stephenson Harrom and husband, Milford Harrom, Hobby Stephenson and Dennis Stephenson are defendants, by filing by said plaintiff of a petition on the 9th day of September, 1955 and the file number of said suit No. 7962-B and the nature of which is a suit to collect delinquent ad valorem taxes on the following described property, to-wit: Being Lot 2 in Block 10 of the Original Town of Santa Anna, Lot 22 in Block 2 and Lot 23 in Block 2 of the Madden Addition to the Town of Santa Anna, and Lot 1 in Block 3 of a Subdivision of Block 7 of the Parker Addition to the Town of Santa Anna in Coleman County, Texas, together with interest, penalties, costs, charges, and expenses of suit which have accrued and which may legally accrue thereon.

The amount of taxes due each plaintiff, exclusive of interest, penalties and costs is as follows: City of Santa Anna; Texas \$1005.39; TOTAL \$1005.39.

The names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on said property not made party to this suit are none.

Plaintiff and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, and in addition to the taxes all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including plaintiff, defendants, and intervenors, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefor, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file and which may hereafter be filed in said cause by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer and defend such suit on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 30th day of January, A. D. 1956 (which is the return day of such citation), before the honorable District Court of Coleman County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the plaintiff and the taxing units parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Coleman, Coleman County, Texas, this 13th day of December, A. D. 1955.

G. A. Hensley  
Clerk of the District Court,  
Coleman County, Texas,  
119th Judicial District.

British were prevented from sailing up the Hudson River, during the Revolution, by a massive chain stretched across the river at West Point.

**Mozelle Student  
Killed Tuesday**

Robert Alford, 13-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Truett Alford of the Loss Creek community, was killed early Tuesday morning in a head-on crash just south of the Fisk community, near Mozelle. Young Alford was driving the family pick-up to school and the accident occurred on a curve. He collided head-on with another pick-up, driven by A. S. Tisdale of Mozelle.

Tisdale suffered a broken leg and other injuries. Raymond Greaves, Deputy Sheriff, investigated the accident. He said both vehicles were almost demolished.

Funeral services for the Alford youth were held at the Coleman First Baptist Church Wednesday afternoon, under the direction of Wright's Funeral Home.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by a grandmother,

Mrs. Frank H. Smith of Coleman; a sister, Christine Alford, of Abilene, and several aunts and uncles.

**J. B. Weathers  
Wins Free News  
Subscription**

For the second time in this series of Mystery Farm pictures, J. B. Weathers' name was drawn from the ones who correctly guessed the owner of the Mystery Farm. Mr. Weathers identified Mystery Farm No. 36 as being the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Carroll of the Shields community.

Others who correctly identified the Mystery Farm were:

- Mrs. Otis Powers
- Elmer Simmons
- John Dillingham
- Mrs. Sherman Conner
- Mace Blanton.

**GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY**

We Wish Each Of You A Very

**Merry Christmas**

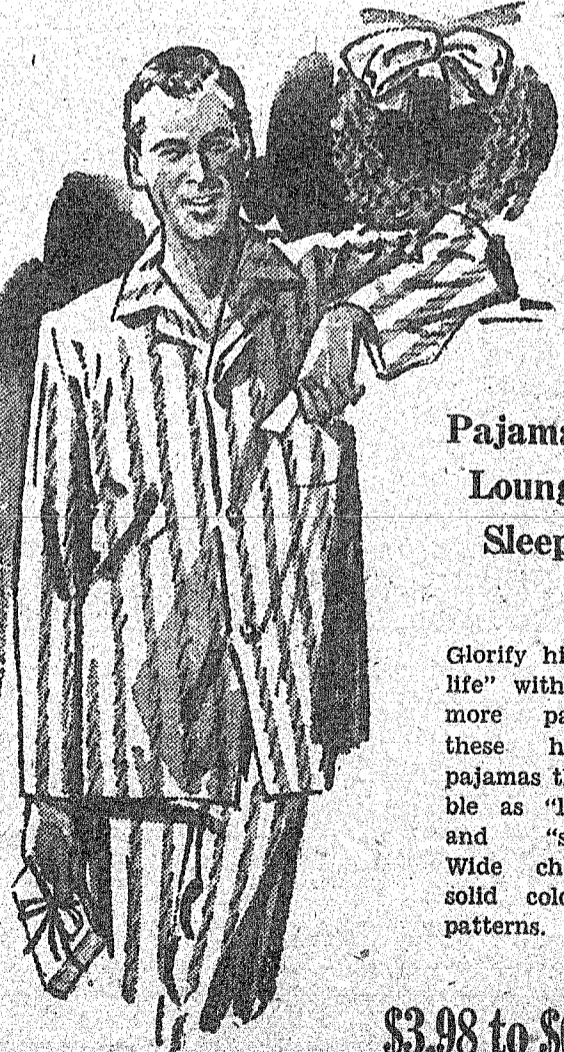


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### Lions Observe 30th Anniversary Thursday Night

An estimated crowd of 200 Lions and guests met at the lunchroom last Thursday night in the observance of the 30th anniversary of the Santa Anna Lions Club. Cullen N. Perry, president of the local club was master of ceremonies. The ladies of the First Methodist Church served the bountiful meal.

Herbert C. Petree of Carrizo Springs, a past International President, was principal speaker for the evening and reviewed the time he was here for the 20th anniversary observance and told a number of things Lions Clubs over the world are doing to aid humanity. He was introduced by George M. Johnson, a long-time friend and fellow worker in Lionism. Johnson also introduced all the other officials from state and district offices who were present.

Joe Childress of Abilene introduced the new members of the club and conducted the initiation for these members. I. R.

Huchingson, Executive Director of the Lions Cripple Children's Home in Kerrville, presented Lion awards.

Membership awards were presented to the following: 30-year Charter Chevrons, W. F. Barnes, George M. Johnson and F. C. Woodward; 25-year Monarch Chevron, W. R. Mulroy; 20-year Monarch Chevron, Hardy Blue; 15-year Monarch Chevrons, Calvin F. Campbell, O. L. Cheaney, W. B. Griffin, A. D. Pettit; 10-year Monarch Chevrons, J. L. Boggus, Loyd Burris, Harry Crews, Ozo Eubank, John C. Gregg, James L. Harris, Norman Hosch, J. W. Riley, Tom Stewardson, L. V. Stockard, Ben T. Vinson, Ben W. Yarborough, Lester Guthrie, Sr., and H. D. Speck.

### Free Picture Show Saturday Afternoon

Through the cooperation of the Community Chamber of Commerce and the management of the Queen Theater, a free picture show will be shown on

Saturday afternoon for all the children (and adults) who wish to attend.

The name of the picture is not available at press time, but it is expected to be a series of short subjects that will be interesting to the children. Show time is 3:30 p. m. and there is no charge of admission.

The show is being presented at this time in order to give the parents a better opportunity to attend the big Christmas drawing, sponsored by the Community Chamber of Commerce. This annual event will be held on the street between the bank and hotel building.

### Buffalo Correspondent Wanted

Mrs. Don Eubanks, who has been our Buffalo Correspondent for the past several months, moved from the Buffalo Community this week and thus left us without a representative in the Buffalo area.

We would like very much to have someone in the community to replace her. Anyone who might be interested is invited to come in and discuss it with us.

We appreciate Mrs. Eubanks writing the news from the Buffalo area for us, and wish her and family well in their new home and community.

### Santa Anna Hospital News

Patients admitted and discharged from the Santa Anna Hospital during the past week are as follows:

#### ADMITTED:

J. H. Brusenhan, city  
R. L. Freeman, city  
Mrs. Hugh Glasson, city  
Mrs. John O. Gonzales, Millsap, Texas.

#### DISMISSED:

Leroy Bullard, Coleman  
Roy Croft, Coleman  
Mrs. A. L. DeLeon, city

#### BIRTHS:

Mr. and Mrs. John O. Gonzales of Millsap, Texas, are the parents of a boy born December 17, at 2:35 a. m., weighing 6 lbs. and 7 ozs.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. DeLeon of Santa Anna are the parents of a boy born December 17, at 5:07 a. m., weighing 7 lbs. and 8 1/2 ozs.

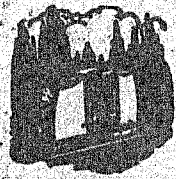
Lois Ann Shields, a Freshman, at N. T. S. C. Denton, came home at the weekend and will spend the Christmas and New Year holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Shields.

Mrs. Arthur Turner's piano pupils recital at the First Christian Church on Friday night, December 16th, was largely attended by parents and friends and those who like good music.

President Calvin Coolidge's father administered the oath of office to his son.

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## Closing Notice

Lela's Beauty Shop Will Be Closed For The Holidays From 12 Noon Saturday, December 24 Until Tuesday Morning, December 27th.

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### Lela's Beauty Shop

Linnie Biggs, Operator

### Mrs. Barnes Hostess To B&P Class Social

Mrs. Ford Barnes, entertained the Business and Professional Women's Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church with a six o'clock dinner on Thursday night of last week.

The spacious Barnes home on Avenue A was beautifully decorated for the occasion carrying out the Christmas theme. The turkey dinner with other traditional Christmas food was attractively served from the dining table which was laid with a red linen cloth. Red matching napkins were used and candles lighted the scene.

Following the dinner the class discussed plans for next year. They decided their first project to be, to promote greater reverence in the church. Those enjoying the occasion were: Mrs. Jody Mathews, Mrs. Lola Stephens, Mrs. W. B. Sparkman, Mrs. Charlie Evans, Miss Alta Lovelady and the hostess.

### 20th Century Club Has Regular Meeting

The 20th Century Club met at 1:00 p. m. Friday, December 16th in the home of Mrs. Doug Moore. The receiving rooms were beautifully decorated in the Christmas theme for the annual luncheon. The meal consisted of the traditional Christmas foods in a wide variety.

In the early afternoon a Christmas program was given. Mrs. J. F. Goen gave interesting facts about Saint Nicholas. Mrs. Charles Bengé discussed Christmas Bells and Mrs. Oder read "Jest 'Fore Christmas." with

Adding machine paper at the Santa Anna News office.

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Mrs. Sam Rutherford at the piano, the group sang a number of Christmas carols.

After words there was a gift exchange from a lighted tree. Most attending also received gifts from their Secret Pals. A nice card and letter from Mrs. Eva Conley of Temple, was read and she also sent a nice blooming red begonia. In drawing the plant went to Mrs. Goen. The club remembered "Ma" Standly with a nice gift and all were

glad she could be present. Those attending besides the hostess and those mentioned were: Mrs. W. E. Vanderford, Mrs. Warren Aldridge, Mrs. Clifford Stephenson, Mrs. Bill Pritchard, Mrs. Richard Smith, Mrs. John Perry, Mrs. Arthur Talley and her two grandchildren, Jesse Carl and Frances Louise Oakes, visiting her from Corpus Christi.

The next meeting, Friday, January 6th, is scheduled to meet with Mrs. Goen.



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Bible Classes ..... 10:00 a. m.  
Morning Worship Service ..... 10:45 a. m.  
Young Peoples Meeting ..... 6:00 p. m.  
Evening Worship Service ..... 7:00 p. m.  
Wednesday Evening Service ..... 7:00 p. m.  
Ladies Bible Class Thursdays ..... 10:00 a. m.

Rom. 6:16 - Know ye not, that to whom ye present yourselves as servants unto obedience his servants ye are whom ye obey.

**YOU ARE WELCOME**

## A. B. Carroll Is Mystery Farm Owner

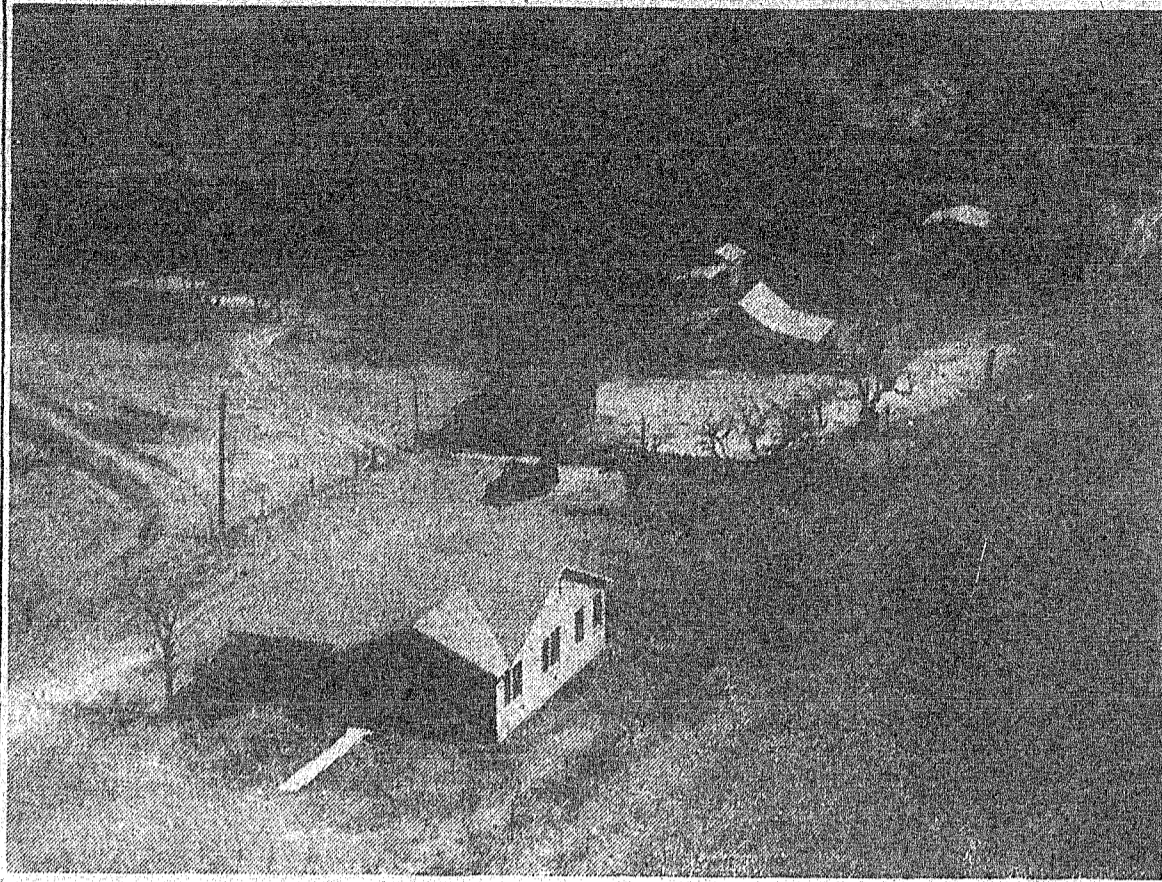
Mr. and Mrs. A. B. (Bennie) Carroll are the owners of Mystery Farm No. 36, as appeared in The Santa Anna News last week. The Carrolls live about one mile east of Shields, with their address being Route One out of Rockwood. They have owned this farm since the fall of 1924 and have lived on it since January 1, 1925. Mr. Carroll purchased the farm from the Byrd estate.

A part of the old Fred Turner, Sr., Ranch, the place was put in cultivation in 1907. In 1949 Mr. Carroll took the old home place down and built a new, modern home, completing it in early 1950. He has added all the other buildings pictured with the exception of the barn in the center background. The home is a brick veneer construction and has all the modern conveniences. Mr. Carroll said most of his land is terraced and he follows the soil conservation practices for this area of the state. He has 285 acres of cultivated land and 165 acres of pasture land.

Miss Ara Woolverton and A. B. Carroll were married in 1922. Both are from a small community near Palestine in east Texas. They visit their homes several times a year. The Carrolls have one son, Jack, who was discharged from military service on November 22, at Ft. Lewis, Washington. They met him in Port Worth the following day. Jack was a Lieutenant in the Army Engineers and spent several months in the northernmost part of Alaska testing army equipment for use in winter months. He plans to re-enter the University of Texas soon to get his master's degree in industrial management.

Mr. Carroll has been raising registered Rambouillet rams for the past 23 years, and has al-

## THE HOME OF MR. AND MRS. A. B. CARROLL



ways been fairly successful with them. At present he has about 200 head and plans to lamb about 150 head each year. He sells a number of lambs each spring as milk lambs and carries some over to fall to sell as feeders. He does not carry out any specific feeding program for the lambs.

Asked what his favorite crop was, Mr. Carroll said it would have to be small grain and grain sorghum, as he had not raised any cotton since 1942. He did not harvest any small grain this year but said he made more feed this year than he had made in the two previous years. He has 125 acres of oats and 40 acres of wheat sowed now. Some of it has come up and at the present time looks awful bad. The showers we had a few weeks ago was just enough to bring the

grain up and if it doesn't get more rain right away, it is likely to all die.

Mr. Carroll said he likes all kinds of sports and usually enjoys a hunting trip each fall. He just returned from one a few days ago but did not have any luck.

he can ride. We want some candy, apples and nuts. Don't forget my little cousin, Jimmie, who wants a doll and a horn. Don't forget all the boys and girls.

Love to Santa Claus  
Doris & Henry Smith

## Letters To Santa Claus

Santa Anna, Texas  
Box 548  
Dec. 19, 1955

Dear Santa Claus

I have been a good girl. I want you to bring me a doll and some jeans to wear to school. My little brother wants a big tractor that

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a doll, folding table and chairs, and a baton. Also, bring me some nuts and candy. Don't forget the other boys and girls. I'm 4 years old.  
Your little friend,  
Glenna Russell

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy 4 years old. I have a little sister 2½. Will you please bring her a rocky horse and a doll. I would like a dump

and to sound, the coming of Christ is to this world of humanity. In the midst of all the jangling, wrangling, maddening and often meaningless noises of the world, in the midst of all the stupid ordinary soon-forgotten outpouring of talk, talk, talk, a lovely poem comes bringing beauty and meaning, like a rose in a junk-yard. So in the midst of our jangling world Christ comes bringing meaning and joy and peace

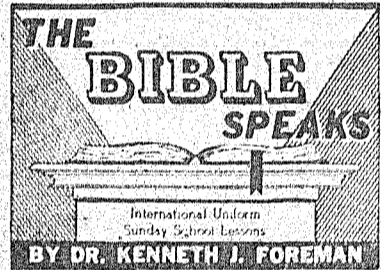
### Some Will Not Listen

To some—to too many—Christmas means nothing. "Silent Night" is a tune to be tired of, nothing more. The angels might as well never have sung, the Story never written. Readers of TIME magazine will recall an article last July 18 about a writer who is typical of many men and women in these times. He knows there is such a thing as the way of Love, for every cross on every church proclaims it, and every Christmas carol sings it. But he will not accept it. He chooses the way of defiance and despair. To him, life is a wandering in the dark, with nothing but his own candle which will soon go out.

### But Some Have Heard

On the other hand there are many, and among them some of mankind's best, who have found in the Christian faith, something more than merely a story, a lovely legend, a song for little children, something which it would be pleasant, but impossible, to believe. A good book to get for the new year is one called "This I Believe about Jesus Christ" (edited by J. C. Monsma; Revell & Co., New York). It is a collection of testimonies to Jesus Christ, by an impressive variety of men and women. College presidents, executives of great business firms, scientists, politicians, persons in many walks of life, all write on the same theme, what Christ has meant to them. Any one who thinks that Christianity is a religion only for weak characters ought to read this book. Any one who thinks that Christ is attractive only to children, might well read this book and learn better. The writers by their testimonies show that not alone for ancient and legend-loving times, not only for simple peasants in primitive lands, but for modern men, hard-headed, highly educated, burdened with great responsibilities, Christ brings meaning and beauty as well as power. Strong voices in every land join the heavenly host in praise to God who has given us his Son.

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Background Scripture: Luke 1:5-25; 2:29-32  
Devotional Reading: Isaiah 11:1-9

## Christmas Songs

Lesson for December 25, 1955

DID the angels sing when Christ was born? Some posit and unimaginative people say they didn't. True enough, Luke never says there was music. All he says is that the "multitude of the heavenly host" (he does not even say they were angels) were praising God and "saying, Glory to God in the highest... Surely, Christian art and Christian story is not wrong in thinking of this as song, not mere recitation or speech-making. At any rate, if the angels did not sing such words, the church has sung them. All down through the Christian centuries Christmas has been a singing time. You cannot suggest all that Christmas means in simple spoken prose; you have to sing.



Dr. Foreman

**Beauty in a Jangled World**  
Luke, who had an ear for such things, put into his gospel not less than four poems connected with the birth of Christ. Of these the "Glory in the highest" is the shortest. The others are the words of Mary (Luke 1:47-55), of Zechariah (1:67-79) and of Simeon (chap. 2:29-32). In the R.S.V. these are printed as poetry, as they really are. (The reader will note other poetic passages, but these are the four most famous ones.) The church has set all these to music many times over, and in some churches they are sung every week. Mary's song like the others has been given a Latin name, from their first words in the Latin Bible: "Magnificat" for Mary's song, "Benedictus" for Zechariah's, "Gloria in excelsis" for the angels, and "Nunc Dimittis" for Simeon's. But modern church-goers do not always realize that each of these poems was called forth in some way by the birth of Jesus. This is as it should be. What poetry is to language



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BY EDNA R. DEAN

Gary and Bud Laughlin visited Saturday night with Jack Laughlin.

Mrs. Roy Laughlin and Mrs. Harry Wilson visited Mrs. Dorothy Clary and family Sunday afternoon.

Ruth Dean attended the Supper at the First Christian Church Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Lige Lancaster and Mrs. Nita Williamson visited in Brownwood Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Lenton Oakes and family.

Mr. Louis Burney is now at the Underhill Rest Home in Bangs and is improving and will be glad for his friends and neighbors to come and see him

there.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Haynes spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dean and Ruth.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Dean and family of Rockwood visited Friday night with the Albert Deans.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Wilson of Mount View visited with Mrs. Beula Kingston Thursday.

Mr. Pat McClatchy of Roswell, New Mexico, is spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Wylie McClatchy and Garner.

Robert and little Bill Proles of Houston are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Vaughn.

Mrs. Harry Wilson visited on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Oscar Boenicke.

Mrs. Beula Kingston and Mrs. Eugene James visited one after-

noon last week with Mrs. Oscar Boenicke.

We are glad to report Mrs. Will Haynes is back home after a short stay in the hospital. We are sorry to report that there has been quite a lot of sickness in the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Chleo James and Roberta, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Martin visited in Brownwood with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cole. Sorry to hear that Mrs. Cole is ill but at this writing she is better.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold James and Wanda visited in Coleman Sunday with John and Lou Featherston, later in Santa Anna with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Owen and family. The Harold James' visited Sunday night in the Chleo James home.

Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Stacy and Jane of Waco spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stacy. In the afternoon they visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stacy and family.

Mrs. Zona Stacy and Mrs. Beula Kingston were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Ford and family. Afternoon visitors in the Ford home were: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stacy and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Ford and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene James and family attended church in Brownwood Sunday and were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charle Bowden.

Sunday was a beautiful day in our community and we had a good attendance at Sunday School and Church. Bro. James Harrell, Baptist pastor, filled the pulpit.

We had Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Stacy and Jane of Waco and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dean and children of College Station as visitors at Sunday services.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Craig visit-

ed in the Lige Lancaster home Sunday night after church.

Mrs. Ray Dean and children are visiting in the Albert Dean and Roger Windham homes this week while Ray is in Fort Worth, Houston, Lake Charles, La., on business. He will be back for Christmas with home folks.

Annette Johnson returned home from N. T. S. C. Denton on Saturday for a holiday visit until January 3rd with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George M. Johnson. Annette, a senior, is majoring in Interior Design. Frances McClellan, also a senior at N. T. S. C. went to Austin to visit with an aunt, until the weekend when she and Joan McClellan will come for a visit

with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McClellan.

Mrs. T. R. Sealey left for Fort Worth on Thursday of last week and visited with her son, Dr. Burgess Sealy and family. On Saturday she and her granddaughter, Elizabeth Knowles, flew to Arlington, Va., to spend the holidays with Mrs. Sealey's son-in-law and daughter and Elizabeth's parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. A. Knowles.

Returning to their home in Temple Sunday after spending the weekend in Odessa with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Conley, Mr. and Mrs. Winston Conley, Sherry, Donny and Ronny and Mrs. Eva Conley had lunch Sunday with

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Vandertord. They visited awhile in the afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Stephenson.

Mrs. M. H. Patterson has gone to Sidney to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George May, until after Christmas. A brother and a sister from New Jersey, will be with them and other members of the family from Fort Worth.

Mrs. C. F. Yancy left Sunday morning for Tulare, California, for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Glenn Williams and family. She will also visit a son, A. J. Yancy and family at Corcoran, California, and plans to be gone about two weeks.



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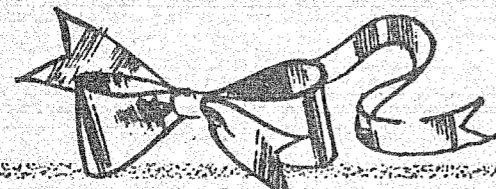
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**Shields News**

**MRS. RALPH McWILLIAMS**

There was a large crowd at the community supper at Shields Saturday night. We had a real Christmas meal, turkey

and dressing and all the trimmings, then had a "42" and domino party afterward. Everyone seemed to have a good time. We had several visitors from Coleman. Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Riley, Mr. Henry and Mrs. Yeaton, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Newman of Santa Anna, Mr. and



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Mrs. Tom Newman of College Station.

We had a large crowd at the Baptist Church Sunday. Wish it could be like that every Sunday. Rev. Conner brought two good messages. Rev. and Mrs. Riley McFarlin visited in Training Union and Church Sunday night.

There will be a Community Christmas Tree and program at the Community house Saturday night. Everyone in the community is invited to come and bring the children. A program committee has arranged a good program to entertain before the arrival of Santa Claus.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Williams received a letter from their son, Cpl. Kenneth Williams of Fort Richardson, Alaska, saying he was leaving for home on January 10. He plans to attend Hardin-Simmons University next semester.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Elliott and Jane of Coleman was a dinner guest with Mr. and Mrs. Elton Jones and Karen Sunday.

Miss Beverly Gilbreath was a supper guest with Miss Jeanie Stewardson and visited with her Thursday night.

Mr. E. W. Gill and Mr. Oscar Lovelady of Whon ate supper with Rev. and Mrs. Riley McFarlin Thursday night. The three men came on to Shields and put on a program at the Brotherhood Meeting. The ladies served refreshments at the community house after the program. The Shields men plan to visit and render a program at the Whon Brotherhood Meeting January 2.

Rev. and Mrs. Conner were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Stewardson.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cobb arrived home Sunday from McCamey where they worked through the cotton season.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McWilliams were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Stewardson and Jeanie Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Newman will spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Newman and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Milligan.

Mr. and Mrs. David Zirkle and Dwight have moved to Abilene. Mrs. Lillian Lewellen went along to help them get settled.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Nalley and family of San Angelo visited the Ralph McWilliams' Friday night and Saturday. The children had their first try at picking cotton. They had a big time learning how.

Rev. and Mrs. McFarlin visited the Ralph McWilliams' Sunday night after church.

Mrs. Edgar Shelton entertained the ladies Sunday School class Tuesday afternoon with a Christmas party. There will be a tree and refreshments.

**NIWOT NEWS**

BY THE NIWOT KIDS

We would like to wish the News Staff a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

There will be a Christmas tree at the Cleveland Methodist Church Friday night and old Santa will be there.

Mrs. C. L. Curry of Denton is visiting with Mrs. Beula Fleming and family.

Mrs. John Haynes visited Mrs. Will Haynes last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wells visited with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ellis and family Sunday.

Jo Ann Wallace spent Sunday and Sunday night with her grandmother, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hibbetts.

Mrs. Casey Herring and children and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Schulle visited Monday night with Mrs. William Cupps.

Mrs. Harrel Cupps and children visited Wednesday with Mrs. James Ford and boys.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wells and Wanda of Loraine visited Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ellis, Jerry and Anita.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hibbetts

and Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Benge visited last Sunday in Lubbock with relatives. Also with Pa Hibbetts and reported that he is doing just fine. Merry Christmas Pa Hibbetts.

Maxine Baucom and Shirley Little spent Wednesday night with Juanita Cupps.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ellis were bedtime visitors with Mr. and Mrs. John Haynes Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Wagner of Irving, Texas, spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Wagner and Mrs. Callie Overby of Santa Anna.

Mr. and Mrs. James Perry visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Perry Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ellis visited with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ellis and family Saturday.

**McMILLANS HOST CHRISTMAS DINNER**

Mr. and Mrs. Lee McMillan entertained a large group of friends and relatives with a pre-

Christmas dinner Sunday at their home in Rockwood.

Enjoying the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Leon Young and Pam McMillan, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Crutcher and Ludy Jane all of Rockwood. Afternoon callers were Billy Maness of Rockwood and Mrs. Uless Maness.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Buttry, Mrs. Elton Haimon, Jerry Carl and Milana Kay, Mr. and Mrs. Leon McMillan, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Crutcher and Ludy Jane all of Rockwood. Afternoon callers were Billy Maness of Rockwood and Mrs. Uless Maness.

Luther Talley left Sunday for Camp Carson, Colo., and will report to a hospital there for a physical check-up. He is hoping to be back home for Christmas.



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**Whon News**

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By the time this paper reaches the readers old Santa will be almost ready to make his appearance again. For some, the year of 1955 has been a short one for others, this year has had so much sorrow and disappointments until it has been a long time for most every one. We wonder what 1956 will hold for us. As a family, a country and a Nation.

For me in some respects this has been a short time since last Christmas, in other ways it has been long lived. While thinking of our son who is in the Air Force stationed in California, he will not be home on this Christ-

mas Day. We have not seen him since last Christmas. Seems at times it has been an eternity since he was home. Seems the most of the people have to become accustomed to what ever befalls them in life, either good or bad, joy or sorrow. But when we really think of life, we wonder where time goes. It passes so fast.

Since it is hard to send each friend a Christmas card at this time, please accept this as my Christmas Wish for each of the readers and also others who may not be regular subscribers of our county papers.

There are times when I have such a small amount of News from our community until I feel it necessary I discontinue my correspondence for our county paper, but seems it is so much a part of my weekly living until I continue from year to year.

Thanks for each news item that has been handled me and each subscription given me.

May the year of 1956 be the very best financially, physically, and may each one have many more prosperous and Happy Years. Merry Christmas to All.

Rev. James Bond was here for services Saturday night when the church sponsored a Christmas Tree and short program. Mr. Lee Abernathy, Nick Buse and Walter Yancy were deer hunting over the weekend. Seems the only lucky one was Walter, who brought back a 5 point buck. Better luck next time men.

Dr. and Mrs. Armbrust and children of Houston were week end guests with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Turney, returning to Houston Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Turney are firm believers in Santa Claus since he was very instrumental in them now enjoying a new TV.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Davis of Yancalla, Oregon, surprised his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Wimpy Watson one morning last week when they very unexpectedly appeared at her front door. Shortly following their arrival another

brother, Mr. and Mrs. Jim N. Davis of McGregor, Texas, arrived at the Watson's. On Friday the group with Mrs. Watson visited a brother, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Davis and children in Austin.

Mrs. Joe Will Fowler and Joe Earl are here visiting her mother, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cozart. Mrs. Joe Will Fowler and son, accompanied her mother-in-law of Bangs, to Fort Worth, where Mr. Joe Fowler flew from Kansas City, Mo., where he is now employed. Mrs. Fowler and son returned here Sunday. Joe returned to Mo., but plans to return this weekend for his family and they will leave on Monday for their new home in Kansas City, Mo. They formerly lived in Austin.

John Richard Deal of Abilene spent Saturday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Deal and Dixie. Dick returned to Abilene with John Richard Sunday

afternoon and spent the night.

Mrs. Roy Clifton of Millersview spent the week end with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Abernathy, Rickey and Linda.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith visited their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Don Gray and family in San Angelo Thursday. The Smith's are driving a new Chevrolet since Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Bible and son, Mrs. Billy Jo Harvey and son, were in Whon Saturday. Wilburn is in the service. He and his family are enroute to their home in California after being in Europe 3 years. Wilburn states he will be going over seas again after a few months duty in the States.

Mrs. Fayette Wooley left last week to visit her son, Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Cooley in Corpus Christi. Mrs. Wooley is looking forward to Christmas with her 3 grandchildren for the first

time to be with them at Christmas time. The oldest grandchild is 14 years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Black, Mr. and Mrs. George Rutherford spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Carter and boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith visited with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rutherford and family on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Buse, Mrs. Rex Turney and baby, Mrs. Bert Turney, Mrs. Ann Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rutherford, and Sammie Shields were in Brownwood Monday.

Dwan Cozart, who is attending A & M, is home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Etolle Cozart for Christmas Holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Bean Radle and Ruth were greeting friends at Whon Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Lovelady and son of Fort Worth were here during the weekend.



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## Americans Generally Are in Unison on Customs Observed at Christmas Time

Americans, although of many nationalities, are completely in unison about Christmas customs in the United States.

We adopt the symbol of Santa Claus from Holland, the Christmas tree from Germany, Christmas (shoes) and stockings from Belgium, and Christmas cards and "Merry Christmas" greetings from England. America has contributed the turkey dinner and the poinsettia as a decoration.

All over the world Christmas bells peal forth the birth of Christ and the nativity is the great holy picture carried in the hearts of the faithful on Christmas morning.

Many of our customs are of English origin, and in England these old traditional customs still are observed. In olden days English manor houses were open to all, and tables were laden with stirlons of beef, mince pies and foaming ale. Today, al-

though our menu is varied, we still leave our homes and hearts open during the Yuletide.

The English Yule log and the huge candles which were lighted to shed a glow on the merriment in olden days are part of our American celebration. The English wassail bowl, which was filled with hot mulled ale, in which was mixed strained honey with grated nutmeg on top, strated the vogue of the brimming punch bowl to be found in many American homes on Christmas Day.

## Pretty Wrapping Of Christmas Gifts Add to Occasion

The gift carefully wrapped to show the same thoughtful attention has been paid to it as to the token inside is bound to multiply the joy of receiving (and giving too).

And with the great array of papers, ribbons and little decorative effects now available, and the really novel ideas that can be put into effect for gifts that are tardy or too large for hand-to-hand presentation, it's easy and fun to give every gift an outlook that is gay and truly appropriate for the person for whom it is intended.

For instance, dainty tissues and broad satiny ribbons, always so feminine, are even more ladylike when dressed up with miniature Christmas balls in pastel colors or perhaps, tiny tinkling bells.

A handsome striped paper with gay little Yuletide sticks to hold the paper in place or tied with a narrow, simple ribbon holds a promise of a glad

## "For Unto You Is Born This Day In The City Of David A Saviour, Which Is Christ The Lord"

The story of the birth of Jesus Christ, which had been prophesied for more than a thousand years, is found in Luke, Chapter 2:14:

"And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria. And all went to be taxed, Every one into his own city.

"And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

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

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a

Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

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

masculine surprise within. And what child can help but be charmed with a gift package made more provocative by a printed wrapping featuring a multitude of Santas and reindeer.

One of the exciting ways to present a large gift, such as an automobile, refrigerator or an arm chair, is to visit a local toy-center and select a miniature of

the grand gift.

The miniature, wrapped attractively and complete with a little explanatory rhyme or note will more than fill a temporary place in the heart of the recipient.

John Adams, second President of the United States, taught in the first schoolhouse in Worcester, Mass., from 1755 to 1758.

## The Shoemaker And His Guest

He was an old shoemaker, loved and honored by all his neighbors who affectionately called him "Uncle Cobbler".

It was Christmas Eve, and he sat alone in his little shop, slowly reading from "The Book about the visit of the wise men to the Babe in the manger at Bethlehem, and of the gifts they brought.

He murmured to himself, "If tomorrow were the first Christmas and if that Babe were to be born in our city this night. I know what I would give Him!" He rose and took from a shelf two tiny shoes of softest, snow-white leather with bright silver buckles. "I would give Him these, my finest work. How pleased His mother would be! But I'm a foolish old man," he thought, smiling. "He has no need of my poor gifts."

Replacing the shoes, he blew out the candle and slipped into his bed. Hardly had he closed his eyes, it seemed, when he heard a voice call his name. Instinctively, he felt aware of the identity of the speaker.

"Uncle Cobbler, you have longed to see me. Tomorrow I shall pass by your window. If you see me and bid me enter, I shall be your guest and sit at your table."

The old shoemaker did not sleep that night for joy. Before it was yet dawn, he rose and swept and tidied up his little shop. He rearranged what little furnishings he had, and spread green boughs of fir along the rafters. On the spotted, linen-covered table he placed a loaf of bread, a jar of honey, a pitcher of milk, and over the fire he hung a pot of coffee.

When all was in readiness he took up his vigil at the window. He was certain he would know the Visitor. From childhood had he not gazed in love and reverence at His image above the great altar in the cathedral? Then as he watched the driving sleet falling upon that deserted street, he thought of the joy that would be his when he sat down and broke bread with his Guest.

Soon, he saw an old street-sweeper pass by, blowing upon his thin, gnarled hands to warm them. "Poor fellow, he must be frozen," thought the shoemaker. Opening the door, he called out to him. "Come in, my friend, and warm, and drink a cup of hot coffee." No further urging was needed, and the man gratefully accepted the invitation.

An hour passed. Then the shoemaker noticed a young,

miserably clad woman, carrying a baby. She paused wearily to rest in the shelter of his doorway. The heart of the old cobbler was touched. Quickly he flung open the door. "Come in and warm while you rest," he said to her. "You do not look well," he remarked.

"I am going to the hospital. I hope they will take me in, and my baby boy," she explained. "My husband is at sea, and I am ill, without money."

"Poor child!" cried the old man. "You must eat something while you are getting warm. No? Then let me give a cup of milk to the little one. Ah! what a bright, pretty little fellow he is! Why, you have put no shoes on him!"

"I have no shoes for him," sighed the mother.

"Then he shall have this lovely pair I finished yesterday." And the old shoemaker took down from the shelf the soft little snow-white shoes he had looked at the evening before, and slipped them on the child's feet. They fitted perfectly. Shortly after, the poor young mother went on her way, tearful with gratitude, and the old cobbler resumed his post at the window.

Hour after hour slipped by, and while many people passed and many needy souls shared the hospitality of the old cobbler, the expected Guest did not appear.

Finally, when night had fallen, he retired to his cot with a heavy heart. "It was only a dream," he sighed. "I did hope and believe, but He has not come."

Suddenly, so it seemed to his weary eyes, the room was flooded with a glorious light, and to the cobbler's astonished vision there appeared before him, one by one, the poor street-sweeper, the sick mother and her baby, and all the folk whom he had aided during the day. Each smiled at him, then said the Voice again:

"Have you not seen me? Did I not sit at your table? And all was still."

Out of the silence came the echo of familiar words: "Whoever shall receive one such little child in my name, receiveth me."

"I was hungered and ye gave me meat; thirsty and ye gave me drink; a stranger and ye took me in."

Inasmuch as ye have done unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done unto me."

## Outdoor Decorations Began in Small Towns

Today nearly every community in the land has some kind of outdoor Christmas decorations and in nearly every big city you can find two or three spectacular displays.

It was a small town that first came up with the idea of lighting up the outdoors at Christmas time, but no one is quite sure which town gets credit for the idea.

Four communities are believed to have thought of it about the same time, as early as 1913. Two of them, McDonald and Germantown, are in Pennsylvania. Salem, Ore., decorated a Sitka spruce and Riverside, Calif., illuminated a large evergreen, an Aracuria.



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### No Modern Highway Was Available in Time of Nativity for Famous Couple

There was no macadam highway leading from Nazareth to Bethlehem when Mary and Joseph undertook their memorable journey nearly 2,000 years ago.

As far as routes were concerned, there were three. The western route led along the sea coast and through the Plain of Sharon. This route was unpopular with pious folks like Mary and Joseph, who shunned the heathen cities, rowdy travelers, etc., as much as possible.

The shortest route, via the fruitful plains of Esdraelon into the mountains of Samaria and through Sechem and Bethel, was not very popular either. The road was tolerable, but steep; however, the Jews had little use for the Samaritans, and vice versa.

The Jordan route, which descended into the Jordan Valley and followed the river's east bank around Jericho, was favored by the majority of Galilean travelers who for one reason or another (the Passover, etc.) went down to Jerusalem at regular intervals and knew their way around as well as suburbanites know their way around modern metropolitan sections.

If the Jordan route was a little round-about, it was fairly level — and steeped in Jewish history, from the shadow of Mount Tabor where Saul in desperation

sought his "witch" of Endor, to the tomb a little before Bethlehem where the first Joseph buried his beloved Rachel.

It is fairly certain that Mary and Joseph did not choose the western route when they planned their very special journey. Whether they chose to go by way of Sechem and Bethel, or around the walled city of Jericho, may never be, determined definitely.

But, the distance — nearly 100 miles — was, in any case, unrelenting and conquered only by persistent plodding. And when Mary was too tired to go another step, Joseph took the packs upon his own shoulders so that she might ride the donkey which trudged faithfully at his side.

Verily, indeed, did Mary appreciate the shelter of the stable that night — no one could have been more grateful or more happy than Mary. And she brought forth her first-born son, and laid him in a manger.

### First Celebration Was Right After Columbus

The celebration of Christmas in this country had deep and permanent roots, although at one time its observance was nearly exterminated.

The first Christian observance was shortly after Columbus dis-

covered America. The Santa Maria beached on Christmas Eve and all Christmas Day Columbus and his men worked to free her. When it was found hopeless, she was stripped and as much gear as possible taken to the Nina.

However, the Nina was unable to carry all the men, and some were left behind in a fort, that in honor of the season was called Le Navidad, the nativity.

### Various Legends Claim Origin of Christmas Trees

Multitudinous legends claim innumerable origins for the Christmas trees. One better known legend concerns an early Christian missionary, sometimes identified as St. Wilfred, who once came upon a group of Druids preparing to make a human sacrifice under a large oak.

He had the oak cut down and as it fell, a young fir tree sprang up in its place. The missionary seized the evidence and made the fir tree a symbol of the new faith: Henceforth, the tribesmen were to set this symbol of immortality in the halls of their lodges at Christmas time and surround it with feasting and love and the laughter of children.

The legend of the Faithful Pine which sheltered the Holy Family during the flight to Egypt is less well known perhaps, but so very charming and touched by the mysticism appropriate to the nativity theme.

With Herod's soldiers in pursuit Mary simply had to rest awhile and sought shelter within the hollow trunk of a huge fir tree. As the soldiers approached, the tree bent its branches to conceal the huddled little group. When the danger had passed, the baby Jesus blessed the old tree. And if you cut a pine cone lengthwise at Christmastime, you can still see

the imprint of His little hand.

Nor has legend overlooked the bright baubles which bedeck our modern Christmas trees. The first Christmas tree was really an apple tree, according to legends collected by Florence B. Robinson. And, although the fir tree long since has supplanted its predecessor for Christmas use, the popular tinsel bauble of today is the representative of the fruit which for the early Christians symbolized the fall of man in the Garden of Eden and his reclamation by the birth of the Saviour.

In 1912, when Theodore Roosevelt was shot by John Schrank, a spectacle case deflected the assassin's bullet and saved the President's life.

### America Gives Poinsettia Plant to Christmas Setting

While it seems rather odd, it certainly is interesting that America has given the world its most beloved Christmas plant — the poinsettia. This plant, like so many others of our best flowers, is native to tropical America. The florist has been able to propagate it and grow it in a small pot, so that, with its flaming red bracts or leaves, it makes a most desirable Christmas plant.

There is a sentiment that goes

with most Christmas plants — we have to throw them away. What can be done with the poinsettia? Most of us figure that it is easier and cheaper to throw it away. However, if properly handled, it will bloom for you a second, even a third or fourth year. You can even propagate it, if you wish, and have more plants.

Give the plant a resting period around the middle of February. The florist simply lays it under the benches, but you will probably put it in your basement. Water it occasionally — enough to keep the wood from wilting, but no more. Then, around the latter part of May or early in June, bring it out, cut it back rather severely, and re-pot it.



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## America Has Contributed Its Portion To Famous Songs of Christmas Time

In towns and cities throughout America, in churches, public squares and along the home-line streets, over millions of radios and public address systems come the strains of the world's Yuletide melodies — old as bygone centuries young as "Christmas Tree."

The United States, the meeting place of carols from all Christendom, contributes yearly to the traditions of Christmas music by writing new songs and popularizing old ones.

The carols of Europe arrived with the peoples who came to America to settle. "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (Adeste Fideles), eventually translated into 119 languages and dialects, belonged to no one nation but was the common gift of the continent. From Germany came Luther's hymn for children, "Away in a Manger, No Crib for a Bed . . ." England sent "God Rest You, Merry Gentlemen . . ." And France provided the beautiful "Cantique de Noel" or "O Holy Night."

Three American composers did much to revive the ancient custom by writing new songs which are today among the world's best beloved carols.

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" was the inspiration of Edmund H. Sears, a Massachusetts Unitarian minister, in 1849. Less than 10 years later Dr. John Henry Hopkins Jr., Episcopal rector from Williamsport, Pennsylvania, composed both the words and music for "We Three Kings of Orient Are."

Perhaps the best known American carol, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," was written in 1868 by Phillips Brooks in Philadelphia. The young Episcopal minister, later bishop of Massachusetts, was inspired to write the poem by the memory of a trip to the Holy Land two years earlier. The rollicking "Jingle Bells," though non-religious in theme, also came, from the pen of a churchman, John Pierpont, and has enjoyed almost a century of popularity.

## Brazil's Christmas Combines Modern And Ancient Rites

Brazilian Christmas festivities embrace an aggregation of modern observances entwined with ancient traditions brought over from the mother country of Portugal.

The Christmas season in Brazil begins on Christmas Eve and ends with Epiphany on January 6. And because it is really summertime (south of the equator) festivities and entertainments appropriate to summertime hold sway throughout the season.

Miracle plays have always been performed in adoration of the Holy Child. From olden times, the plays have had all the dramatic fervor of a religious performance together with the gracious hospitality of a social function.

The scene is at once solemn and fantastic, with costumes bedecked with feathers, spangles, jewels and what-not sparkling in a setting of luxurious tropical foliage and blossoms.

Out of the great variety of miracle plays, all on different themes, of which many are in the form of elaborate dances meticulously performed and accompanied by music of an orchestra, the dance of the Four Parts of the World may be cited as a typical example.

The roles are enacted by girls dressed for the part and in succession, Europe, Asia, Africa and America declaim. The discussion finally involves their respective rights to make oblation to the Christ Child. Eventually, Father Time appears and settles the dispute to the satisfaction of all concerned.

## Mistletoe Legends Add to Novelty of Parasitic Plant

In America the high hanging mistletoe is treasured chiefly for its power to invite a kiss from a pretty girl. The bulk of the holiday decoration comes from the Carolinas, Tennessee and the Southwest, where often agricultural workers gather the green branches for shipment throughout the nation. The white-barked plant also

serves as a winter food supply for mocking-birds, robins and wax-wings. These small birds are responsible for the spread of the tree-damaging parasite. After eating the berries the birds clean their beaks on the trees, firmly planting the mistletoe seeds they do not eat. The tap root of the seedling pierces the tenderest portions of the tree — young branches or buds — and the tree sap is drawn into the thick leaves and translucent berries of the guest plant.

Though the mistletoe plays the dual characters of destructive killer and promoter of love, superstition has it that the plant can switch holes in a twinkling. For instance, if the Yuletide mistletoe bough isn't removed from a house by Candlemass Eve (February 1), each leaf left will produce a goblin to plague the careless occupants during the year.

## Making Your Own Holiday Decorations Adds To Pleasure

Make your holiday decorations and you will not only save money, you'll have fun.

A kissing ring for a doorway can be made by covering two embroidery hoops with ribbon or tinsel. Place them at right angles to each other and add a

bell, ball ornament or sprig of mistletoe inside. Attach a bow at the bottom if you wish. Instead of embroidery hoops, you may use can rings painted with gilt or tempera paints.

Evergreen branches can be

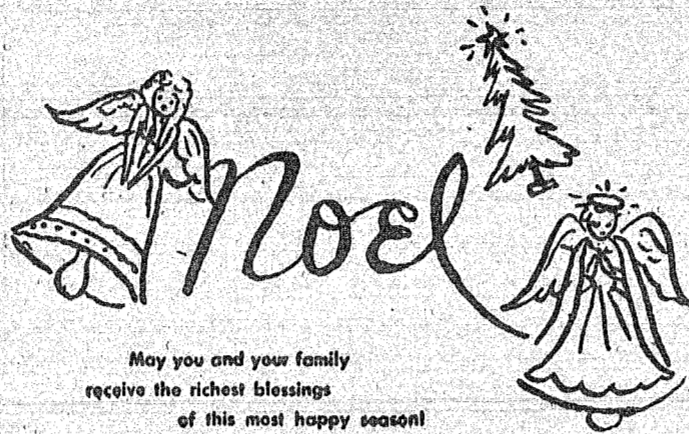
used in many ways. Have you ever tried covering the wood moulding about a door with them? Or bending a wire coat hanger into a circle and attaching greens to it to form a wreath? You can add ball orna-

ments or bright cranberries to brighten it a bit.

Then how about decorating your windows and mirrors? Cotton, white spray paint or white paper snowflakes always look pretty. But if there's an artist

in your family, why not have him paint a scene of a jolly Santa on a window or mirror with tempera paints?

The southernmost quarter of Illinois is known as Egypt.



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**'Dud' Turns Birthday Party Into Tragedy**

(Editor's note: This is the fourth in a series of five stories designed to acquaint the public with the danger of harboring souvenirs which have not been rendered harmless by explosive experts.)

It was a happy occasion, this sixth birthday that little Irma and a number of her playmates were celebrating in El Paso last August 28.

In the evening, they gathered around a small fire to roast some ears of corn, and a kind neighbor provided a tub of water to heat over the fire so the corn could be cooked tender enough for the small teeth eagerly awaiting the feast. Laughing and shouting with Irma were George and Ricardo and Zelma and Ramon and Juan and Fernando and Hector and David

and Luls and Roberto. They ranged in age from four-year-old Zelma to Ricardo, who was 10.

Their gay spirits gave no hint of the tragedy waiting in their midst.

One of them picked up a "dud" which had been lying in the yard for months. It was a 75 millimeter projectile from a howitzer shell. Fifteen inches long, it was just the right size to prop up the tub of water, which was sagging a bit on one side. Had it been a brick, or a rock, you would not be reading about Irma's birthday party now. But it was 15 pounds of concentrated death and destruction, designed for one purpose — to kill and destroy.

Placed right in the fire, the projectile slowly gathered heat. At exactly 8:07 p. m. the dud exploded with a terrible force, blowing the children in all directions and rocking the neighborhood for blocks. The blast plunged the surrounding houses into darkness and threw adults into screaming panic, which added to the confusion. Finally police cars and ambulances arrived and a semblance of order was restored.

In the lights which illuminated the yard, rescuers, sickened by the scene, picked up the children. George, Ricardo, and tiny Zelma were dead. Ramon lost both legs. Some, miraculously, were not seriously injured, but were cut and bruised and dazed and shocked by the explosion which tore off their clothes and hurled them through the air. David's mother was injured by fragments in her legs, face, and neck. A young man walking by the yard at the moment was knocked out by fragments which ripped into his back.

During the next few days, telephone lines to nearby Fort Bliss were jammed with calls from people in El Paso who had decided to get rid of the souvenirs they had been using for doorstops, paperweights, and fireplace decorations. The explosive ordnance disposal unit there answered the calls and

collected more than 100 items, including deadly grenades, rockets, mortar shells, and artillery projectiles. It took a terrible tragedy to alert these El Pasoans to the dangers they had been living with for months.

The 11 men of the explosive ordnance disposal detachment at Fort Bliss, in spite of their dangerous duties, were more than glad to gather the lethal harvest. Their feeling was that this action undoubtedly saved other families from similar or worse disasters than that which came uninvited to little Irma's birthday celebration. "If we can save just one life, then any amount of work or danger is welcome," is the way one officer expressed it.

Throughout the states of Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and New Mexico, the Fourth Army has explosive ordnance disposal teams stationed at strategic posts. The teams are composed of men who are experts in their line, and they work closely with police departments, sheriff's offices, and civil agencies in disposing of explosives of every type.

A phone call to any of the organizations will be relayed to the nearest explosive ordnance disposal team, which will go into action immediately for any individual, family, business, or organization, without cost. The Fourth Army Ordnance men are hoping that this series of stories will inspire citizens of the Southwest to make the necessary phone call to inform them of any dangerous items which should be removed from locations where they constitute a hazard to human life.

**Firms With Four or More Employees Must Pay TUCA Taxes**

Almost 15,000 firms employing four, five, six or seven workers are now in the process of being covered under the recently amended Texas Unemployment Compensation Act, Weldon Hart, Chairman of the Texas Employment Commission announced today.

"Operators of these firms have responded to letters, publicity and efforts by our local offices to advise them of their tax liability," Hart said, "However there are 23,000 more who have not responded as yet. It would be to their advantage to do so immediately, so that penalties and assessment of back taxes can be avoided."

Following amendments to the Federal Unemployment Tax Act last year, the Texas Legislature changed the state unemployment law accordingly. Any business which has as many as four employees on 20 days in 20 different weeks after July 1, 1955 becomes liable for unemployment tax on its payrolls during 1956. Beginning January 1 any firm which has 20 such weeks during the calendar year in which four or more persons are employed on any day, will pay unemployment taxes.

"Not only firms which regularly employ as many as four employees will be affected," Hart explained, "but also a small business which has four people working only Saturdays, or one which regularly has two employees during the day and two others at night, will owe the payroll tax at the end of each

calendar quarter."

Any employer who has employed four persons in 20 weeks during 1955 should notify the Texas Employment Commission in Austin now, Hart added, so that an explanation of how to comply with the law can be sent to him.

"We have had little experience yet with the 35,000 firms that have four to eight employees," Hart said, "but think that the group includes many, many stable firms that have very low turnover — the drug store, grocery, barber shop, service station and cafe. This stability suggests that unemployment insurance claims may be made very rarely, and consequently tax rates can be held low."

The opportunity to save taxes through the "experience rating" system in the state law is one of the reasons why the Legislature brought in the smaller firms. Had the Legislature not done so, these employers of four to eight would have had to pay a full 3% federal tax. Under the Texas "experience rating" plan, tax rates after a qualifying period of from 1 1/2 to 2 years can range from a maximum of 2.7% to a minimum of 1/10 of 1 per cent. The TEC collects the State Tax and the Federal Government collects 3/10 of one per cent for administrative purposes. This feature of state operation of the unemployment insurance program saves Texas businessmen millions of dollars each year.

**Tidings Of Comfort and Joy**

As the year builds up month by month to the great festival of Christmas, culminating in the age-old renewal of God's promise of peace on earth to men of good will, there is something in the human spirit, however worldly, that blossoms to new fullness — a warmth and fellow-feeling for all mankind.

This good will which permeates Joe Doe during the Christmas season is not the unctuous Uriah Heepishm nor the back-slapping variety — rather, it is a deep respect and consideration of others as fellow human beings, as brothers faced with the common problems of everyday life.

Yet despite the climate of good will and fellowship which prevails during the Yule season, says the Texas Safety Association, there is an ugly, black side of the picture. For December is the deadliest month of the year so far as traffic accidents are concerned. Furthermore, more people die in traffic accidents on Christmas Eve than on any other day in the year!

The statistics are alarming. Last December 3,570 persons died in motor-vehicle accidents, while in December, 1953, 3,920 were killed in the holiday traffic. These death figures are in addition to the many more thousands of men, women and children injured in holiday traffic accidents.

It does not take prophetic powers to predict that this Christmas season, many people are marked for death in traffic accidents, despite the all-out

efforts that are being made to combat traffic hazards on a community and national scale. A certain number of motorists will insist on speeding, others will drive while drunk, others will violate other traffic regulations — all of which will lead to wanton destruction of human life. Certain pedestrians are also marked for death — they too will forget safe practices in walking and take short-cuts to death in the hurlyburly of Christmas shopping and party-going.

A pessimistic view of human nature? Not pessimistic, but realistic. For human nature is pretty ornary at times and it takes a lot of pounding and poking and prodding to keep it fixed into any shape for any length of time.

Public safety education programs for traffic safety can present the dangers and problems. Enforcement agencies can step up activities to protect you, as a motorist or as a pedestrian, against your own hasty actions. But YOU, as an individual, MUST assume as your own the responsibility for your own safety and the safety of others.

You must not fall prey to the festive holiday spirit. You can not afford to gamble on the fact that others will protect you when holiday plans or haste push all other thoughts from your mind.

The price may be your own life — or the life of another.

YOU can help curb the needless slaughter of human beings

which happens every Christmas. YOU can help give the greatest Christmas present of all — a human life.

**SHEEPMEN SHOULD CLIP AND SAVE THIS ITEM.**

For the next several months the length of the wool on sheep and lambs when they are marketed will be of vital importance. In market reports and market broadcasts there will be reference to pelt credits such as "wooled", "Fall shorn", and No. 1, or No. 2, or No. 3 pelts. Unless you know what length wool is meant by each of these your understanding of your market reports can be badly hampered. Here's how they go:

"Wooled" means unshorn, or with a full year's pelt, or over 1 1/2 inches of wool.

"Fall shorn" or "Summer shorn" means the wool is 1 to 1 1/2 inches long.

No. 1 pelts are 1/2 to 1 inch long.

No. 2 pelts are from 3/4 to 1 1/2 inch long.

No. 3 and fresh shorn pelts are under 3/4 inch long.

Pelt credits on sheep and lambs are especially important in the early months of the year and until such time is the early summer as the yearling lambs are pretty well all marketed.

There is a tree in South America called the rain tree, so named because the ejection of juice by cicadas upon it causes it to appear to be always raining under its branches.



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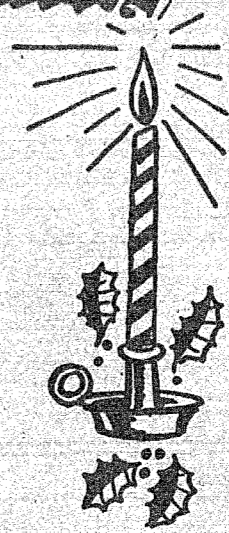


# Holiday Greetings

**Santa Anna Cooperative Gin**  
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# A Happy Christmas

May your days be bright with  
the joys of the Yuletide Season.  
May every good thing be yours  
during the coming New Year!



**COLEMAN MONUMENT WORKS**  
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## Many Languages Join Together In Holy Praise

As the angels sang on that first Christmas night, so will there be singing in the village of Bethlehem in this year of 1955. Bethlehem caroling is in many languages. An Arab choir will join with the voices of tourists and pilgrims in a simple outdoor service. In a grotto which might have been the sheepfold for the watching shepherds, the Christmas story will be read from the Gospel of St. Luke. The stone buildings and churches of Bethlehem will be filled with thousands of pilgrims

who have journeyed here for a pontifical mass at midnight in St. Catherine's Chapel and the procession which later leads down a flight of stone stairs to the grotto beneath the Church of the Nativity. According to tradition, nearly 2,000 years old, the grotto is the site of the stable where Jesus was born when Joseph and Mary could find no room in the inn. During the ceremony an infant figure of Christ is placed first on a silver star, then in a manger in a wooden crib where it will remain until the feast of Epiphany. On both sides of the Israel-Jordan border, a short distance from Bethlehem, tent cities are

set up to facilitate border crossing formalities for almost 2,000 Christians living in Israel and temporary Christian residents of Israel traveling to Bethlehem for Christmas. The formalities do not take much time. In one tent, pilgrims get stamps for their permits; in another, their luggage is checked; finally their money is changed. Then they cross the border, Bethlehem-bound, just as was Mary and Joseph on a similar night long, long ago, and just as are fervent travelers from all parts of the world in this year of 1955.

doorstep. Half-way across the globe, the Negro families in Virginia long have observed the table-covered-with-a-sheet custom. The dining room table is covered with a sheet, and names of everyone in the household are pinned to the sheet. Gifts are sneaked under the sheet when everybody is supposed to be asleep, and even the youngest child refrains from "peeking" until the gifts are unveiled on Christmas morning.

such as fires, drownings, etc. Last year the DPS Statistician predicted that 108 persons would die in Texas traffic accidents during the Holidays, which also spanned 11 days. The final count was exactly 108. The number of homicides and suicides and other violent deaths was slightly under the estimated figure at the end of 1954 and Garrison said that, as usual, he is appealing to all motorists and pedestrians in the State to strive toward making Woerner's motorcide estimate "far too high."

ing," Garrison said, "we can prove that Chief Woerner's prediction of motorcides during this Holiday season is far too high and thus assure a substantial number of those 112 tentative traffic victims and their families a really Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year." Six attempts to gain statehood were made by Utah before it finally succeeded on January 4, 1896. Admission was repeatedly refused because of polygamous practices. Eugene V. Debs, ran for President of the United States, as a socialist candidate in 1920, while in jail.

## Boar's Head Was to England What Turkey Is to Feast in U. S.

What roast turkey is to Christmas dinner today, the boar's head was to the Yuletide feasting of Medieval England. Preparation for the feasting began during September or October when the boar's flesh was at its best. Hunters tracked the animal down with well-trained packs of boar-hounds and it was dangerous sport, attacking the ferocious beast with spears or surrounding him and driving him into a net. His ear was his most vulnerable spot, but before the dogs could get a grip on it and pin him down, his sharp teeth often wounded — sometimes even killed — the hunter and his dogs. Nevertheless, the pluckier the boar, the louder his praises were sung, the merrier the feasting, when his head was borne to the Christmas table.

### Which Kind Are You?

A lot of Christians are like wheel-barrows, not good unless pushed.  
Some are like canoes, they need to be paddled.  
Some are like kites, if you don't keep a string on them they'll fly away.  
Some are like kittens, they are more contended when petted.  
Some are like footballs, you can't tell which way they'll bounce next.  
Some are like balloons, full of wind and ready to blow up.  
Some are like trailers, they have to be pulled.  
Some are like neon lights, they keep going on and off.  
Others let the Holy Spirit lead.  
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## 204 Persons To Meet Violent Death Over Holiday Season

Austin — Two hundred and four persons are slated to meet with violent deaths in Texas during the 11-day Christmas-New Year's holidays. That was the grim prediction issued today by Col. Homer Garrison, Jr., Director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, based on the estimates of his chief statistician, N. K. Woerner. According to Woerner, the 11-day period (from 12:01 a. m., December 23 to 11:59 p. m., January 2) will bring 112 motorcides; 39 homicides and suicides; and 53 other accidental deaths.

## Odd Customs Continue To Find Use On Christmas

Indicative of the integrity and trustfulness prevailing throughout the world at Christmas time, people of Holland often entrust gifts to total strangers requesting the passerby to leave the package on such-and-such a

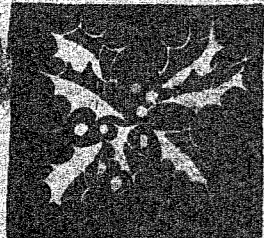


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# Greetings



A Merry Christmas to you all! May goodwill and happiness be in abundance on this joyous Holiday for all our friends and patrons!

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May only the good things be yours!  
May you know only peace and happiness!

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## Unpublished Dickens Old Manuscript Finally Released to Public After Years

A few years ago, the heretofore unpublished Dickens' old manuscript, "The Life of Our Lord," was presented to the world.

Written 100 years earlier for the exclusive audience of the author's own children, it is a child's life of Christ — a simple, moving narrative, understandable even to a child and yet touched by that incomparable Dickens genius which insures its place by the side of the famous "Christmas Carol" among the great masterpieces of Christmas literature.

Because he felt such deep veneration for the life and lessons of our Saviour, he left instructions that this particular manuscript should not be commercialized. Thus, the manuscript was a precious family secret for 85 years.

But when Sir Henry Fielding Dickens, the author's youngest child, died in 1933, it was finally brought forth and sold for the staggering amount of \$210,000 — or \$15 per word.

Purchased by the London Daily Mail, the manuscript became a literary event of the first

magnitude, destined to be read and cherished forever wherever parents, like Dickens himself, want their children to know something about the history of Jesus Christ. For, according to Dickens:

"Everybody ought to know about Him. No one ever lived who was so good, so kind, so gentle, and so sorry for people who did wrong, or were in any way ill or miserable, as He was."

"And now He is in heaven, where we all hope to go, and all meet each other after we are dead, and there he happy always together, you can never think what a good place heaven is, without knowing who He was and what He did."

## Home Is Starting Point for Family, Place for Gifts

In thinking in terms of what is closest to the hearts of everyone at Christmas time, focuses a bright light of attention on the home as the starting point for planning gifts for every member of the family, and also for major gifts for the whole family as a group.

For home is closest to everyone at Christmas time, and during recent years, despite the wealth of interesting diversions to be found outside, the trend toward spending more time at home is growing in favor.

Some give much of the credit for this to the spread of television. The receiving set in the living room has become a center-piece around which the family gathers to enjoy a world of entertainment and education.

Making the home more comfortable, more livable — yes, more modern, for each and every member of the family, is one of Santa's foremost assignments for this Christmas, and this means taking advantage of the wide opportunities for gift giving afforded by furniture and furnishings for the home.

## Astronomers Fail To Find Basis for Bethlehem Star

Once again Christendom sees the Star of Bethlehem and, like the Wise Men of old, rejoices with exceeding great joy.

Astronomers have discounted possibilities that the star may have been a natural phenomenon since such phenomenon occur too far from the earth to serve as any sort of local guide. Modern opinion is, however, inclined to hold that there was a star — although the story probably has been touched by Oriental imagery.

St. Matthew suggests that even the Wise Men may have lost sight of the star while they were in Jerusalem; hence, they rejoiced when it reappeared to their vision as they approached the manger of Bethlehem.

Come to think of it, astronomers have sought an astronomically authentic star — and found it not; historians have sought an historically human Jesus of Nazareth — and are still arguing about whether or not they have found Him. Even zealous theologians, striving to harmonize messianic and eschatological theories with the illusive historical and human Jesus, have sometimes lost sight of the Babe in the Manger who from His lowly stable draws unto Himself all who are weary and heavy-laden.

Pressing close to that sacred manger, Christendom glimpses the Star of Bethlehem once more and rejoices in the light of righteousness and peace which has conquered every tyranny that evil men could think of, the light that shineth in the darkness and shall not fall.

## Solemn, Holy Event Still Is Basis of World Christmas Celebration

Pleasant as it is to dream of a

"white Christmas" with its carols and gifts, feasting and merry-making, the sparkling eyes of children delighting in Santa Claus and the wonderful Christmas trees, these things never can symbolize the tremendous significance of the day.

The birth of the Saviour was the greatest event in the history of the world. In spite of all the backslidings, Christian peoples have passed forward steadily.

However vicious and corrupt,

the world today is far better than the world of pagan times; familiarity with the cross and crucifixion has abolished legal tortures and much cruelty — and, if given a chance, might shame us into banishing the curse of international viciousness for the sake of Him who became the Saviour of Mankind.

The mascot of Yale University is a bull dog.



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# Season's Greetings

1955

As we approach the Holy Day when every one should be humbly and sincerely thankful for the Supreme Blessing through the ages and eternally, we join you in thankfulness and extend our gratitude for righteous and beneficent human relationship.

Looking to the New Year, we are cognizant of the fact that sunshine, air, soil and water are the fundamental natural elements for the existence of mankind. We cannot control the sunshine and air but we are destined to accept or neglect the great responsibility of proper care and utilization of the soil and water.

Twenty years ago the Central Colorado River Authority joined the citizens of Coleman County in a program for the well being of every one — the individual, the rural community and the urban centers. We are grateful to every individual, group and public agency who have contributed to the advancement and broadening of a phenomenal undertaking.

Acknowledging the great responsibility and demand for conserving, developing and utilizing the soil and water resources intrusted to us, as a common heritage, we pledge our continued cooperation with every individual and group accepting a part in the task before us.

We extend our appreciation and hearty good wishes to you.

## Central Colorado River Authority

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May the joy and happiness of  
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May this Christmas be the merriest one you've ever had and may the bright New Year hold for you the fulfillment of all your cherished dreams.

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Wishing you a Christmas bright with holly, joy, friendship and cheer to last you throughout the coming New Year!

### Case Histories Prove Danger Of Yule Tree

Early last January, a suburban couple were in the annual process of taking down their Christmas tree. Noticing that the needles were dropping badly,

the man of the house had what he thought was a clever idea. He would saw off the branches and burn them in the fireplace — then he'd have only the trunk to drag through the house.

Feeling pleased with himself, he piled the sawed-off pine boughs in the fireplace, filling it completely. Then, without making sure the damper was open, he touched a match to the pile.

The man and his wife were relatively lucky. They weren't burned to death, and their house didn't burn to the ground. But hair and eyebrows were singed before they could back away from the roaring flames — and as for the house, the mantel was charred beyond repair and the living room suffered considerable smoke damage before firemen brought the blaze under control.

Every year the National Board of Fire Underwriters and other organizations concerned with fire prevention remind the public that Christmas trees are dangerously combustible. These organizations aren't being over-cautious. They aren't, like Scrooge, trying to take the joy out of Christmas. They know the extreme hazard of the pitch and resin-filled tree, which will ignite easily and burn furiously. They see hundreds of case histories like the one above, and many which tell of lives lost and homes destroyed. They want to make sure you will have a merry Christmas — untouched by fire.

The precautions they urge you to take with your Christmas tree are these:

1. Choose a small tree rather than a large one.
2. Store it outdoors until a day or two before Christmas.
3. When you bring it in, stand it in water and set it in a cool part of the house, away from radiators, heaters and fireplaces. Don't let it block an exit.
4. Be sure every lighting set and electric cord you use is in good condition — no worn or frayed wires, no loose sockets. (Naturally, you never use candles!)
5. When you buy new sets or cords, look for the UL label. The ones that bear it have passed Underwriters' Laboratories tests

for fire and shock hazards. 6. Provide a switch some distance from the tree for turning tree lights on and off.

7. Ornaments should be made of fireproof materials, like metal or glass. Never decorate with cotton or paper unless they are labeled "fireproof" or "flame-proof."

8. Never set up electric trains under the tree!

9. Don't let gift wrappings pile up under or near the tree.

10. Don't leave tree lights burning when no one is home.

11. From time to time, see whether needles near the lights have started to turn brown. If so, change the position of the lights.

12. When needles start to fall,

take the tree down and discard it — outdoors!

### Greeting Cards

#### Christmas Gift Of Englishman

Greeting cards are an English contribution to the Christmas observance.

This simple idea of wishing your friends a Merry Christmas was originated in 1846 by Henry Cole, a middle class Englishman, and the idea brought Cole great honor as well as knighthood.

Cole's original cards depicted a Victorian family gathered at the festive board and he had a thousand of them struck off by lithograph. Although the cards

met with immediate popularity and brought fame to Sir Henry Cole, it was two decades before Christmas cards were sold generally.

Today the demand for cards is so great that many companies spend the full year designing and producing only Christmas greetings.

While today's mass-produced cards are quite superior to the original cards produced by Henry Cole, neither time nor poets have been able to improve on the classical message the Englishman penned to the first Christmas greeting cards: "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you."

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY.



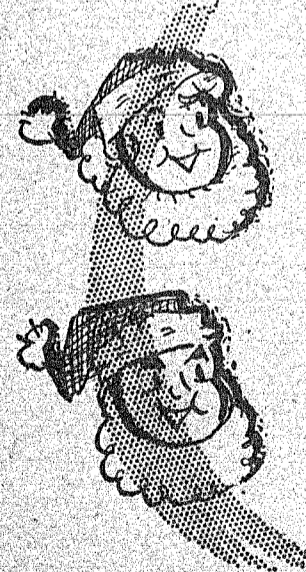
May this Christmas be a merry one... and may the New Year bring each and every one of you added happiness and continued prosperity!

**Dixie Pig**  
Coleman, Texas



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We would like to extend at this time our best wishes to you and your loved ones. May your Holiday be a merry one and filled with goodwill! May the New Year bring you luck, success, and happiness!

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## Professor Who Wrote "Twas the Night Before Christmas" Was Ashamed of It

Everyone knows and loves the poem which reads—

"Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the house  
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse . . .

But the man who wrote it, Dr. Clement Clarke Moore, was said to be ashamed of it and would not allow it to be published under his name for more than 20 years.

Dr. Moore, an aloof professor of Greek and Oriental literature in the Episcopal Seminary in New York, wrote the poem on Christmas Eve, 1822, and read it to his seven children.

He had not planned for the poem to go further than his own family, but a relative who was visiting the Moores put a copy in her diary. The next year the relative's father sent it to a

newspaper. Other newspapers printed the jingles and they quickly became known all over the country. The dignified Dr. Moore was embarrassed and considered it beneath a man of his scholastic standing to be the author of children's jingles.

Twenty-two years later, however, he finally publicly admitted authorship of the jingles and it was published in book form under his name for the first time.

Ironically, the professor's serious works are forgotten today. He is mentioned in encyclopedias because he wrote the celebrated Christmas verses.

It is possible, but not probable, that a President and Vice-President of the United States may be elected from the same state.

## Creator of Jolly Old Santa Claus Was Cartoonist

Christmas has rolled around once again and Santa Claus with round, red cheeks, jolly smile and chunky figure looks the same as he did nearly 90 years ago.

His creator was Thomas Nast, one of America's greatest cartoonists. During the early 1860s he was asked to illustrate Clement Clark Moore's poem, "A Visit to St. Nicholas," better known to us as "Twas the Night Before Christmas." The result was Santa Claus as we know him.

Santa's creator was born in Bavaria in 1840, son of a musician in Bavarian army band. When he was a fat little boy of six, Thomas' father left Germany to enlist in the United States Navy and Thomas' mother brought the boy to New York to live.

Along about the time stocky Tommy was 15 he landed his first job as an illustrator for Leslie's Weekly at \$4 a week. By the time he was 20 he was sent to England by the New York Illustrated News to sketch the Henan-Sayers fight, an outstanding sports event of the day.

In 1862 he joined the staff of Harper's Weekly and began the series of emblematic drawings which continued throughout the Civil War. From those he created certain trademarks that have been used to this day.

## Flowers Play Vital Role In Yuletide Spirit and Theme

There are many legends concerning Christmas, but some of the most beautiful have to do with flowers.

The Christmas rose, for instance, was divinely created. A shepherd maid wept at having no gift to lay before the Babe in the Manger. Suddenly an angel appeared before her—

The angel spoke, his voice was low and sweet.

As the sea's murmur on low-lying shore,  
Or whisper of the wind in ripened wheat.

Then, after hearing why the maiden wept, he touched the ground where her tears had fallen, with the branch of lilies which he carried, and immediately the place was white with

Christmas roses, which the maid gathered and laid on the manger.

Of the others, Sainfoin, or Holy Hay, is believed to have cradled the infant Christ in the manger.

And the snowdrop is the flower of the Virgin Mary, and is said to be the emblem of the candles she lighted on Christmas Day.

## Lighted Christmas Tree Only About 150 Years of Age

A Christmas tree will be put

up in two out of every three American homes this year. Yet the trimmed Christmas tree, as it is known today, is only about 150 years old in this country.

The Pilgrims forbade Christmas celebrations on the grounds they were pagan. A Massachusetts law in 1689 subjected anyone to a fine who observed the day by feasting, refraining from work or in any other manner.

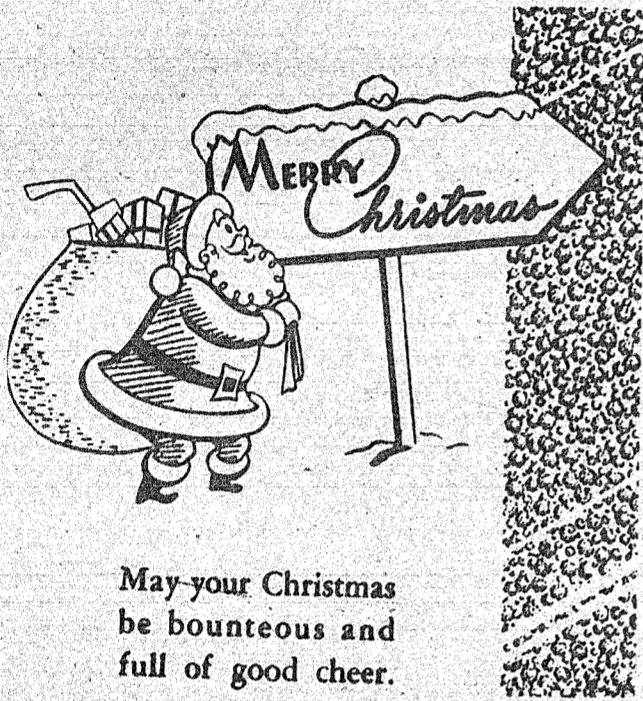
It was not until near the end of the American Revolution that the Christmas tree took hold. German immigrants, homesick for the tradition of their native land, put them up.

Custom of the lighted Christmas tree, some historians tell originated with Martin Luther. He was fascinated by evergreen

trees, glistening with starlit-snow, pointing to the heavens at Christmas time. So he brought an evergreen tree into his house and lighted it with candles for his children.

Another German legend credits St. Boniface with the origin of the Christmas tree. Having converted some oak tree-worshipping Druids to Christianity, he took them into a forest, cut down an oak and pointed to a stately fir alongside. "Take this tree," he said "into your homes as a sign of your new worship. Celebrate God's power no more with shameful rites, but in the sanctity of your homes with laughter and love."

Attend Church Regularly



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May your Christmas be calm and peaceful  
and your New Year bright and gay!

**PIGGLY WIGGLY**

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