



PANTHERETTES OF 1961 — Top row: Kay Browning, Linda Jarrett, Mary Shell, Carol Ramsey, Linda Shell, Sunny Rawson, and Barbara Jobe, manager.

Bottom row: Ethel Thompson, Sue Huff, Mary Dell Thompson, Linda Harrison, Kay Eison, and Barbara Kinser.

SERVICES FOR MRS. SUTTON SET THURSDAY

Funeral services for Mrs. Willard Sutton, 33, of Santa Fe Springs, California, will be held at 2 p. m. Thursday, December 21 in the Church of Christ in Gorman with Bro. John Goble officiating. Burial will be in Murray Memorial Cemetery at Carbon.

Mrs. Sutton was visiting Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Sutton of Route 1, Carbon, when she became ill at 8 p. m. Sunday. She was rushed to the Blackwell Hospital in Gorman and died at 11:30 p. m. from a brain condition.

She is the former Irma Brady of Gary, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Sutton, with her husband, had been visiting with his parents the past week. Their daughter, Carol, a senior in high school, had delayed her visit and did not arrive until 3 a. m. Monday.

Funeral services are being delayed awaiting the arrival of her mother, Mrs. C. T. Byrd, two brothers and a sister of Colton, Calif.

GORMAN GIRLS, ACCHS BOYS WIN GORMAN TOURNAMENT

The Abilene Christian College High School boys basketball team won the Gorman Invitation Tournament the past weekend and the Gorman Pantherettes were victorious in the girls division.

The ACCHS boys defeated Eastland in the finals 78-48 and the Gorman sextet won over Comanche 52-47.

Carol Ramsey led the Gorman offense with 30 points followed by Mary Dell Thompson with 18. Barbara Kinser did a good job of ball handling and rebounding and hit 2 of 4 shots during the game. Guards Kay Browning, Linda Shell, Linda Jarrett, and Linda Harrison were outstanding and held high scoring Sue Ann Henson of Comanche to 14 points. She had scored 55 points the previous night against Eastland.

NO SINGING AT KOKOMO ON SUNDAY, DEC. 24

Due to the fourth Sunday being Christmas Eve, there will be no singing on that date at Kokomo.

The Gorman girls had defeated Cisco 51-47 and De Leon 41-27 to gain the finals.

The Gorman boys lost to Carbon in the Consolation finals by a score of 61-59 in a game that was decided in the third overtime.

The Panthers lost their first game in the tourney to Eastland 39-32 and won their next game over Comanche "B" team 57-21.

The Dublin girls won the girls Consolation trophy by winning over Cisco 40-36.

The All-Tournament Teams selected were:

GIRLS
 Carol Ramsey - Forward - Gorman
 Judy Seaberry - F - Eastland
 Sue Ann Henson - F - Comanche
 Lavon Fair - Guard - Dublin
 Laverne Lee - Guard - Carbon
 Linda Foster - Guard - Cisco

BOYS
 Billy Burkhardt - ACHS
 Larry Morrow - Carbon
 Wesley Warren - Gorman
 Bill O'Steen - Eastland
 Ken Maltby - De Leon

SERVICES FOR JOE P. QUINN ON SATURDAY

Funeral services for Mr. Joe Price Quinn were held on Saturday, December 16 in the Desdemona Church of Christ with Bro. David Caskey officiating. Burial was in the Alameda Cemetery.

Mr. Quinn passed away at his home at 8:15 p. m. Thursday, December 14.

Born in Georgia on May 7, 1886, he married Emma Etta Wimberly on January 7, 1924 at Alameda.

He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors are his wife; two sons, J. P. Quinn of Goldsmith and Frank Quinn of Pleasanton; one brother, Bob Quinn of Ackery; one sister, Mrs. Mary Nenchew of Hale Center; and five grandchildren.

Pallbearers were G. C. Stacy, I. H. McMaster, F. F. Sparks, R. O. Watson, Bill Logan, and L. E. Clark.

Higginbottoms To Observe Sixtieth Anniversary Dec 27

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bascom Higginbottom were married Dec. 27, 1901 at Duncan, in Oklahoma Indian Territory.

Quoting Mr. Higginbottom, "Miss Willa Elgy Wright had come with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Wright, to Comanche County from Craig County, Arkansas in December, 1900. We met at a play party given at the home of Uncle Dave Smith.

It was not too long until we were thinking about getting married but her folks sold their crop and moved to Duncan. I tried to get her to stay here while she was here, but she went, too.

Later I wrote her that I had a farm rented on condition I could get a cook.

She wanted to know if the farm had a well on it. I told her it did have a well. Of course, I didn't tell her it was bone dry. But then she didn't ask me about the water. I went to Duncan, married her at the home of her parents, and brought her back."

Mr. and Mrs. Higginbottom, having lived in retirement for a number of years, continue to enjoy farm life.

Mr. Higginbottom served several terms as a trustee at Hard Shin, an early school.

His hobby is wood carving. Many friends and relatives have been presented with one of his special models, a miniature team of oxen.

Mrs. Higginbottom crochets and makes artificial flowers.

Children of the couple are Edgar Higginbottom of Gorman, Mrs. Flora Singleton, who teaches school in Desdemona, Mrs. Lola Glover of De Leon, and Lester R. Higginbottom of Kokomo, who teaches school in Eola.

They have four grandchildren and two foster grandchildren.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TO BE DECEMBER 22 - JAN. 2

The Gorman Schools will be dismissed on Friday, December 22 at 1 p. m. for the Christmas and New Year's Holidays.

Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 2nd.

The Rebekah Lodge meets every Tuesday night at the Progress Library.

OMAR BURLESON APPEALS FOR AID ON DAMAGED PEANUTS

Congressman Omar Burleson has appealed to the Department of Agriculture for a favorable decision relating to supports on peanuts damaged by the recent freeze.

Burleson conferred this week with the Administrator of the Commodity Stabilization Service, Horace D. Godfrey, and Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, John P. Duncan, Jr., and explained to them the seriousness of the situation due to the limit of 7% damage to be eligible for price supports.

Local Merchants to Observe Holidays Dec. 25 - January 1

Merchants of Gorman will observe holidays on December 25, Christmas Day, and January 1, New Year's Day, and will not be open for business on these dates.

Cub Scouts Give Shut-Ins A Very Merry Christmas

The night was cold, wet and dreary Thursday, but nine Cub Scouts of Pack 8, Troops 1 and 2 and Den Mother and assistant didn't mind as they went from door to door visiting shut-ins, singing carols and presenting each with a package of cookies in coffee can containers each had decorated.

The youngsters were rewarded, for tears of joy and happiness filled the eyes of those who have experienced many Christmas seasons.

The boys regretted they had not prepared enough gifts for every senior citizen in town.

After visiting the homes of Mmes. John Clark, Ethel Ramsey, Hattie Wright, Cleo Hamilton, Mae Dunn, Iona Adeock, Docia Moore, Ed Wright, George Harwell, Sytha Bagwell, and Ollie Mason, they went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Sutton for a party.

The house beautifully decorated inside and out with seasonal decorations, the hot chocolate and cookies awaiting the chilled and happy youngsters, and the round of games, completed a most enjoyable evening.

Rev. John Dowd, Cubmaster, presented three Bob Cat Awards.

Parents furnishing cars and assistance were Mmes. Othell Clark, Fred Rogers, John Sutton, Den Mother, and Assistant, Gabe Wright.

Cubs attending were Neal Rand, Randy Wright, Bill Clark, Scott Stacy, Wesley Rogers, Rex Jobe, Denver Rainey, Ricky Sutton, Bill Miears, and those sending gifts but unable to attend were Gregory Walters, Randal Douglas, Dale Turner, Randal Storey, and Johnny Scitern.

CARD OF THANKS

Our thanks to each one of the many friends whose expressions of love helped us so much during the illness and death of our loved one.

A very special thanks to the doctors and nurses and the entire hospital staff at the Blackwell Hospital.

We deeply appreciate the flowers, food and every expression of comfort extended us.

May God bless you.

Mrs. Earl Stone
 Mr. and Mrs. Earl L. Stone, Jr. and family
 Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Smith and family
 Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Townsend and family

"I am accurately informed", Burleson told the Department Officials, "that the recent bad weather affected eight to ten thousand tons of peanuts in the producing areas in my Congressional District. This represents approximately 10% of the total Texas crop," he said.

Congressman Burleson advised the Department that it was an extremely serious situation which faced peanut farmers who are a victim of the unusual circumstances of weather.

"As I recall, these conditions prevailed in 1957", Burleson said, "and at that time the Department recognized the conditions and supported peanuts with a damage of 8 to 25%. We feel that the circumstances equally justify similar treatment at this time and urge a favorable decision to meet this very critical situation."

"Although I expected no firm commitment at the moment and asked for none until Department of Agriculture Officials had the opportunity to study the matter, I do feel that my appeal fell on sympathetic ears," Congressman Burleson said.

He said that he hoped for a decision in the next few days.

Miss Mary Cravens And Don Joiner Plan Dec. Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Craven of Olden announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Mary Gwendolynn, to Harvey Don Joiner, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Joiner of Route One, Gorman.

Plans for a December 23 wedding to be held in the Olden Baptist Church are being made. Rev. Ray Rodgers, pastor of the Cheaney Baptist Church, will officiate the ceremony at 7 p. m.

Barbara Stice of Dallas will attend Miss Craven as maid of honor and Larry Barnett of Ft Worth will be the best man.

The bride-elect is a junior in Olden High School.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1959 graduate of Gorman High School and is presently employed by Kayo Products Co. of Tonkawa, Oklahoma.

Friends and relatives are invited to attend the wedding.

F. E. Eppler Rites Held On Monday

Mr. F. E. Eppler, 61, brother of Mrs. J. O. Thompson, Mrs. R. C. Mehaffey and Barton Eppler of Gorman, died at his home in Alice, Texas Sunday morning following a heart attack.

Funeral services were held on Monday at the First Methodist Church in Alice with Rev. Charlie Gates, pastor of a Sweetwater Methodist Church, officiating. Rev. Gates is a nephew of Mr. Eppler.

Riley N. Curb, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Curb left Saipan Dec. 15 and expects to arrive home Dec. 21st.

Local Churches Set Xmas Programs

Locals churches have set dates for Christmas programs as follows:

Children of the First Baptist Church will present a program on Wednesday at 7 p. m. followed by a fellowship.

The Church of Christ Beginners Class will go Caroling Wednesday night and will enjoy a party at

FINAL RITES FOR EARL STONE, SR. HELD FRIDAY

Funeral services for Earl Lee Stone, Sr., 71, were held in the First Baptist Church on Friday, December 15 at 2:30 p. m. with Rev. A. D. Kyle officiating. Burial was in the Gorman Cemetery.

Mr. Stone passed away at Wichita Falls at 7 p. m. Thursday, December 14.

Mr. Stone was born in the lumber forests and oil fields of Fisher, Pa. on September 2, 1890, the son of a farmer and lumberman. When he was 18 years of age he came to the oil fields of Tulsa, Okla. and at the age of 20 was married to Miss Jennie Heady whose family was of long standing in the Claremore, Ooliga and Tulsa, Okla. area.

In his early life he and Mr. Byron Kennedy formed a partnership, the Kennedy and Stone Drilling Co. of Tulsa, Okla. with their operations covering Okla., Kansas and Texas. They massed a fortune in this operation consisting of various oil production and holdings as well as the drilling operations throughout these states. They were among the first operators in the Desdemona, Texas field during its discovery in 1918, and had the honor of drilling in the largest producing well in the Desdemona field.

Their operation in the Desdemona field was the reason for Mr. Stone to later make Gorman his home. During the crash of the Thirties Mr. Stone and Mr. Kennedy lost their fortune just as quick as they made it, mostly on account of too much wildcatting (drilling in new undeveloped territory). After dissolving their partnership Mr. Stone continued to work in the oil fields of Texas and Oklahoma as a driller, moving back from Tulsa, Okla. in the middle Thirties and has resided in Gorman and surrounding area ever since, working in the oil fields and also farming.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters and one son: Mrs. W. C. Smith of Gorman, Mrs. H. J. Townsend and Mr. Earl L. Stone, Jr. of Ft Worth and; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Stone was a member of the Baptist Church, a Master Mason, a 32nd Mason, and also a Shriner.

Out of town relatives attending the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Earl L. Stone, Jr. and son, Earl Lee, III, of Ft Worth; Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Townsend and son, Richard, and daughter, Mrs. C. T. Hentzen of Ft Worth; Mr. and Mrs. William C. Smith, Jr. of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Will and Mrs. Bessie Summers, all of Tulsa, Okla.

Out of town friends attending the funeral were Mr. Dick Boyd and Mr. Bob Ludtke of Ft Worth; Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Shockey of Baird; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. L. Smith of Coleman; and Mr. R. A. Pittman and Mrs. Lowell Pittman of De Leon.

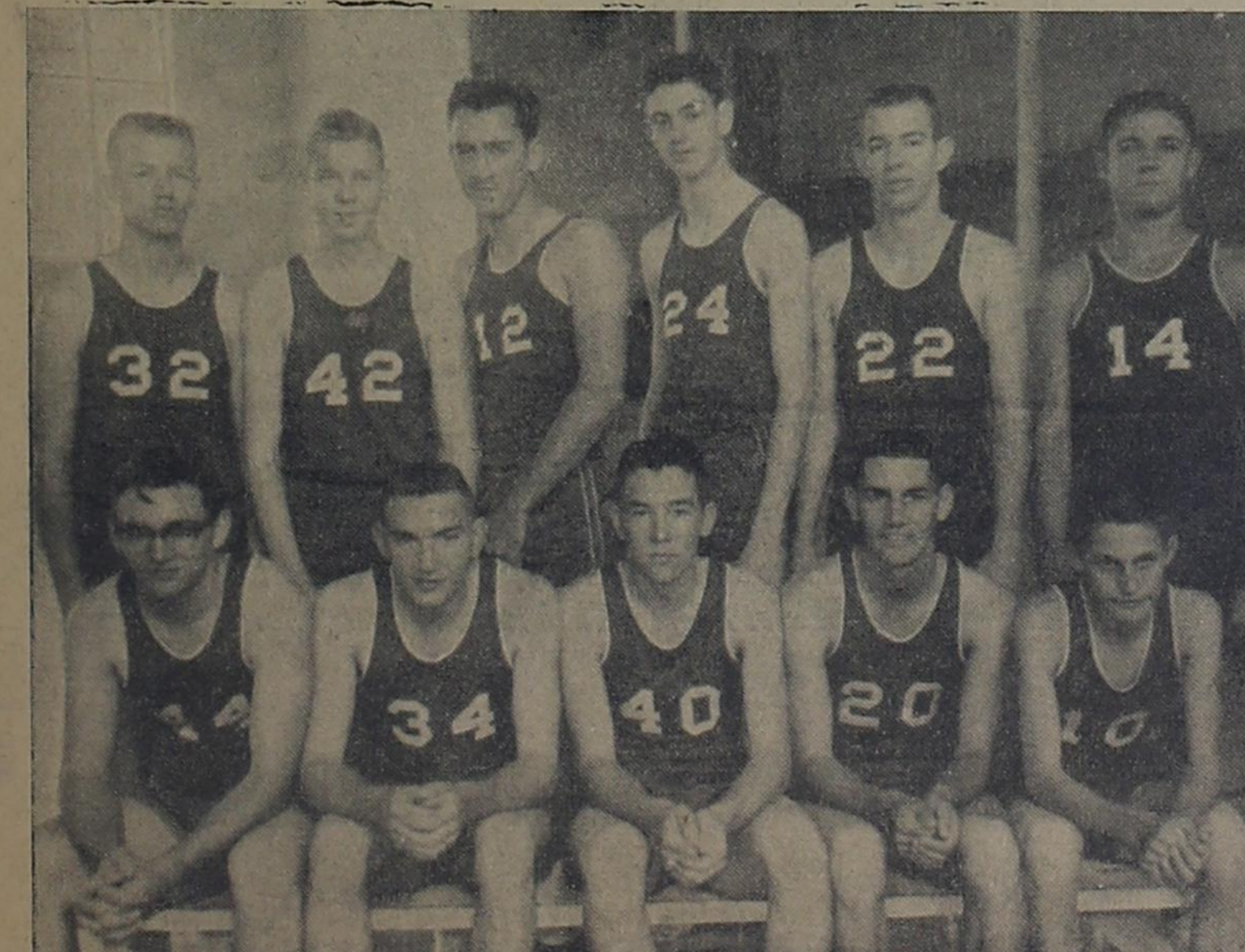
Pallbearers were George L. Smith, Joe Bob Browning, C. O. Revels, Homer Underwood, Billy Fred Jeffs, and D. R. Clark.

Honorary pallbearers were T. L. Jay, Byron Kennedy, Hub McDonald, Dr. D. V. Rodgers, Dr. J. B. Brandon, A. R. (Preach) Horton, Harry Maupin, Hillary Seay, Amos Jumper, Pete Snider, Lon Snider, and R. C. Mehaffey.

the church parsonage sponsored by Mrs. John Goble.

The Young Adult Class of the Church of Christ will have their program at the Fire Hall on Wednesday.

Members of the First Methodist Church will participate in a White Christmas program at 6:30 p. m. Sunday, Dec. 24 given by the church school.



PANTHER CAGERS OF '61 — Top row: Richard Watson, Bobby Browning, Phil Puckett, Larry Kirk, Terry Shell, Gary Overstreet,

Bottom row: Butch Boyd, Wesley Warren, Bobby Rodgers, Gene Snider, Thomas Seay.



There's a joy in sending you Yule greetings. Best wishes to you and yours.

Gorman Auto Supply

SOME Facts

What species of evergreen is best for use as a Christmas tree? Forestry experts and U.S. Department of Agriculture experts say that there is no "all-round" best species.

Here are some facts about the most common species which may be helpful in selecting the right tree for your home:

Balsam fir—once the most commonly used, is now relatively scarce. It has short, flat, dark green needles attached to opposite sides of the limbs in a feather-like arrangement.

Top Tree

Douglas fir—the top commercial tree. It has blue-green or dark yellow-green needles, soft and pliable, attached all the way around the limbs, giving it a bushy, full appearance.

Scotch pine—long needled variety. It has needles which are arranged in clusters on the branches. It holds its needles exceptionally well.

Black spruce—a hardy tree, but has a dark, un-Christmasy color. It is widely used for dyed and treated trees.

White spruce—another hardy, attractive tree, but unfortunately it gives off an unpleasant odor.

Some things to look for in selecting a tree: retention of needles; full symmetrical shape; limbs without sagging; fragrant odor, springy branches.

Farm fires in 1959 resulted in an estimated property loss of \$174-million, according to U. S. D. A.

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Friendly Ladies Enjoy Christmas Party On Thursday

Last Thursday morning, December 7th, the Friendly Ladies Class of the First Methodist Church had better than the usual attendance because of a very special reason - the Christmas Party at Dorothy Hatcher's.

As Dorothy was hostess the previous Monday for the Woman's Study Club meeting, the house had a Christmas look throughout. The Christmas tree was added between parties with its bright red balls and icicles and gifts to be exchanged.

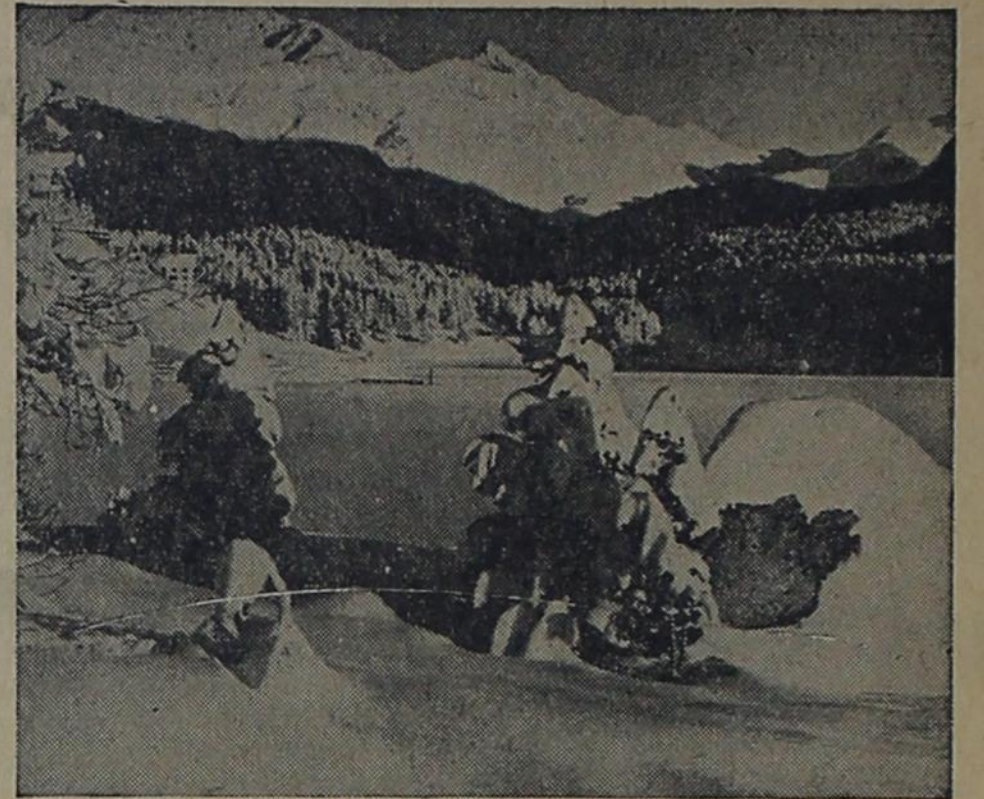
As is customary, the hostess has the devotional at each meeting. Dorothy gave all of us food for thought in "Keeping Christmas," - keeping Christ in Christmas - the true thought of Christmas. She also read a poem by Edgar A. Guest, that a man is almost what he should be when the Christmas season is here. He is a less selfish creature than any other time, is keener for the service that is prompted by the heart, all the petty thoughts vanish for awhile. That at Christmas he is almost what God wanted him to be.

Many of us exchanged ideas as to how much more gifts of love mean throughout the year than something you dash out and buy at the last minute.

About that time, someone said "get in line" for coffee, fruit cake with whipped cream or chocolate cake, and, of course, it would be rude not to sample all of about four different kinds of homemade candy. Also, some tuna dip, Fritos, and Chipos, potato chips and nuts, which wouldn't help when it came to wondering if the husbands were going to be hungry in a few minutes.

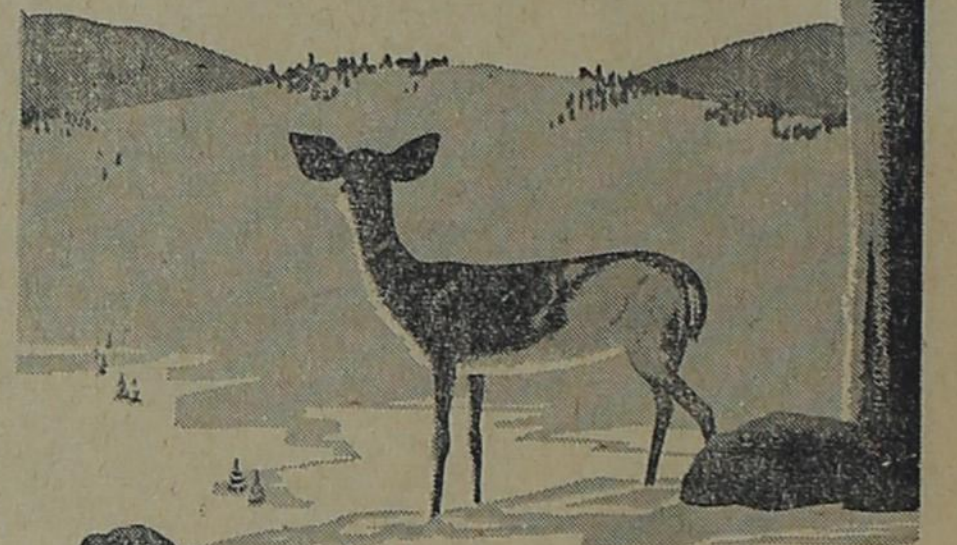
Santa came by about that time, and Randy Green changed from cake to peppermint candy as the gifts were passed out.

Those attending the party were Virginia Parr, Margaret Day, Ruby Acrea, Kate Ramsey, Pauline Mehaffey, Esther Bolt, Elva Kirk, Helen Brogdon, Helen Collins, Martha Shell, Nedra Green, Willa Dean Ormsby, Estelle Craddock, Ruth Higginbottom, Lucretia Fairbetter, Emma Boyd, Marilyn Harrison, and Louise Clark.



HOLIDAY DRESS . . . This may or may not be the homeland of Santa Claus. But it is a scene that is typical of the Christmas season. Trees bend down their branches under weight of winter's snow and in the distance a white-capped mountain rises into the sky.

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Christmas Blessings

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Who is biting whose hand?

I am not too well versed in world finance and marketing to know whether President Kennedy's desire to lower tariff rates is good or not.

I am of the opinion that President Kennedy took a negative attitude toward our nation during his campaign and now, aside from continuing to pour billions into foreign nations, he wants to permit these countries to send merchandise to these United States to undersell our local manufacturers - then labor unions turn around and say we have to have more money to produce and we will only produce so much and no more - and our bureaucrats continue to squall about unemployment and then place more and more restrictions on small firms to keep them from employing help.

Talking with a local citizen recently, who reads and studies daily, he said, "It won't surprise me if Mr. Kennedy is the last of our presidents."

Meaning what, I asked?

He replied, "At the rate the government and churches are taking over control of property there will not be much left for the individual in a few years."

My friend may be right. Many companies are selling out to church foundations and then leasing the property back to avoid taxes . . . and most of these foundations are vitally opposed to a church-state dominated nation.

If you think I am confused, ask a merchant who has to fill out all of these tax forms, not excluding the stupid sales tax law - and I am not especially opposed to an over-all sales tax.

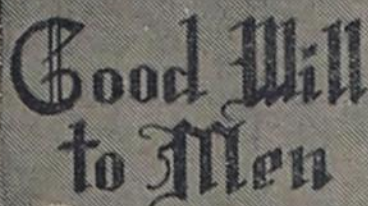
And what further mystifies me is that most of the men in public office were just ordinary citizens once upon a time.

And who said, "Alas, poor Yorick, I knew him well!"

4-H Club News

4-H ACHIEVEMENT AWARD BANQUET HELD

The Eastland County 4-H Club



... and may you find serenity and lasting happiness.



Sharp & Nabors Funeral Home

DELTON & FAE NABORS

Achievement Award Banquet was held on Saturday night at 7:30 in the Cisco Junior College Cafeteria with over 200 4-H members, their parents, adult leaders, and special guests attending.

Gorman 4-H members attending were Joy Love, Loresta Love, Margaret Porter, Glenda Jordan, Toni Lawrence, and Teddy Jordan. Others attending from Gorman were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Eaves, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jordan, and Mrs. Roma Jewel Porter.

Joy and Loresta Love were on the program. Joy introduced the special guests and Loresta assisted Judge Hart and Nancy Justice of the Carbon 4-H Club in presenting the awards. Margaret, Glenda and Toni served as hostesses.

Joy Love received an award pin for her work in the Dress Revue and Certificates for completion of record books in Dairy Foods, Clothing and Achievements.

Glenda Jordan received an award pin for her work in Dairy Foods and Certificates for completion of record books in Dairy Foods and Clothing.

Margaret Porter received an award pin for her work in Clothing and Certificates for completion of records books in Clothing and Dairy Foods.

Toni Lawrence received a Certificate for completion of her record book in Clothing.

We adult leaders are very proud of these girls in winning their awards and for the fine work they have done in carrying out their 4-H projects.

4-H CLUB ENJOY CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Gorman Community 4-H Club met on Tuesday night, Dec. 12 in the Fire Hall for its regular monthly meeting.

President Joy Love called the meeting to order Robert Whitt led the 4-H Club Motto, Pledge and Prayer. Glenda Jordan read the minutes of the last meeting.

After the business meeting, Mr. Roger Blackmon, Asst. County Agent, gave a program on Parliamentary Procedure.

Mr. Blackmon then assisted the recreation leader, Toni Lawrence, in leading the boys and girls in games that everyone really enjoyed.

Gifts were then exchanged from

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Please remember all the other girls and boys.

Your little friend,
LaVeda Diane Scitern

the beautifully decorated tree.

Elizabeth Parr, Martha Preston, Dianne Dunn and Mary Kirk had done a beautiful job of decorating the building.

Cold drinks, cookies and peanut brittle were served to the 27 4-H members, 12 adult leaders and 4 visitors present.

Next meeting date of the 4-H Club has been tentatively set for January 16th.

Political

Announcements

All political advertisements paid for by friends of candidates must bear at least one signature.

Any political advertising reflecting adversely upon the character of a person will be refused.

The Progress is authorized to make the following political announcements, subject to action of the Democratic Primaries on May 5 and June 2, 1962:

For County Judge:
O. H. (Onous) DICK

For County Clerk:
ROY L. LANE (re-election)
ANN JUSTICE

For Commissioner, Precinct 2:
M. E. (Buck) FOSTER



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Cleaning	- - - - -	\$6.00 per ton
Drying	- - - - -	8.00 per ton
Cleaning & Drying	- -	9.00 per ton

The above charges are based on the gross weight before cleaning and/or drying. We now have 50 drying bins and two places to unload.

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Gorman, Texas

1961

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CHEVY II

Chevy II 100 2-Door Sedan

Chevy II 100 4-Door Sedan

Chevy II 100 4-Door Station Wagon

Chevy II 300 2-Door Sedan

Chevy II 300 4-Door Sedan

Chevy II 300 4-Door 3-Seat Station Wagon

Chevy II Nova 400 Sport Coupe

Chevy II Nova 400 Convertible

Chevy II Nova 400 4-Door Station Wagon

CHEVROLET

Impala 4-Door Sedan

Impala 4-Door Sport Sedan

Corvaire Monza 4-Door Sedan

Corvaire 700 4-Door Sedan

Impala Sport Coupe

Impala Convertible

Impala 4-Door 6-Passenger Station Wagon

Impala 4-Door 9-Passenger Station Wagon

Bel Air 2-Door Sedan

Bel Air 4-Door Sedan

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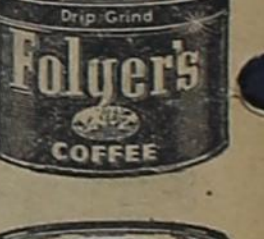
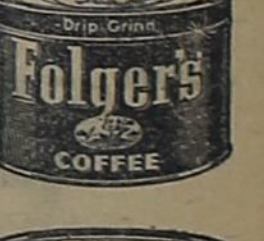
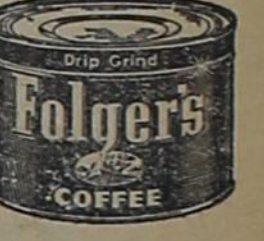
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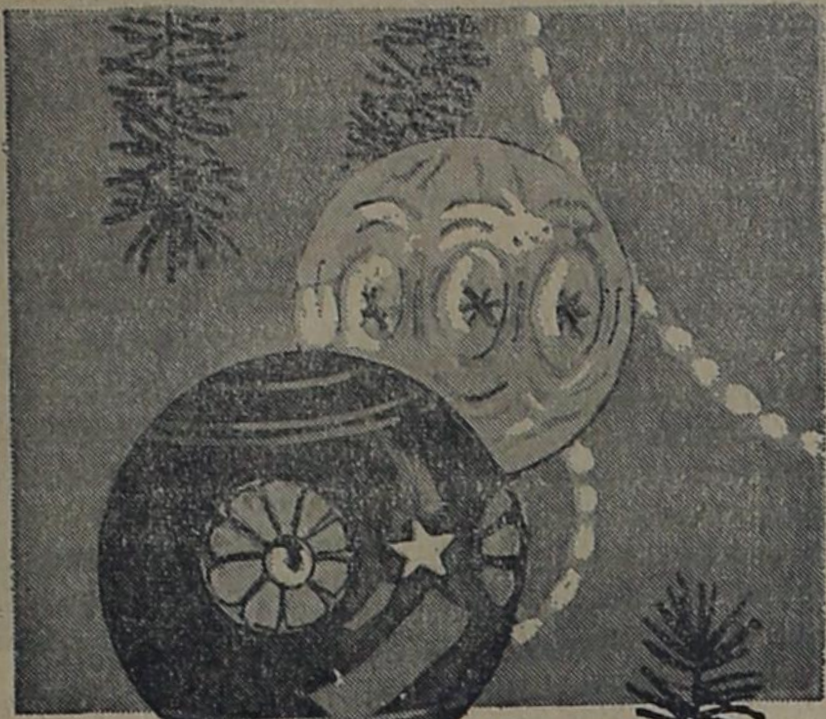
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Tree Customs

The Christmas tree custom was started in the United States by Hessian soldiers fighting with the British Army in 1776. German immigrants who later came to this country continued the custom as they had done in the "old country." Christmas trees were in general use in America by the mid-eighteenth century. The first White House Lawn Christmas tree appeared in 1923, placed there by President Calvin Coolidge.

Mighty Mistletoe

Perhaps the reason that most young ladies do not object too strongly to paying the penalty for standing beneath the mistletoe stems from an ancient superstition—that the maiden who was not kissed at least one time beneath the mistletoe at Christmas would not be married in the following year. In olden times, a berry was plucked from the mistletoe with each kiss.

Christmas Question

For some reason, most of us have come to look upon the first day of the year as the ideal time for examination of conscience and for the setting up of a new set of ideals. Would not Christmas be a much better time? What better time than Christmas for all of us to ask this question of ourselves: "What am I contributing to my fellow man; to Christianity; and to the world in which I live?"

Merry Christmas 1961

May the Yule bring joy to you and yours.



Lo's Beauty Shop

MISS LORENA CLARK

HOLLY A'PLENTY

That prized holly tree you have been nursing for years can probably stand heavier cuttings for holiday gifts than most home owners realize, horticulturists report. Tests show that English holly especially can be cut rather severely over a period of years without reducing total yield or damaging the tree. Appearance of the tree, rather than possible damage, can pretty well dictate the extent of pruning.

In addition to cutting holly for gifts, the home owner may often be approached by professional holly cutters wishing to buy holly. Properly done, this pruning can serve to improve the shape and maintain the size of the tree. Owners should be cautioned, however, to be sure the cutters are professionals.

Doctoring Dolls Rewarding Task

Tears filled the eyes of a little girl as she handed her doll to the "doctor."

"My Nancy is hurt. Can you help her?"

"Don't worry," the doctor told her, "Nancy will be all right."

And one hour later Nancy was all right.

The "doctor" who worked this non-medical miracle is one of the nation's foremost experts in the forgotten art of repairing dolls—Irving Chase.

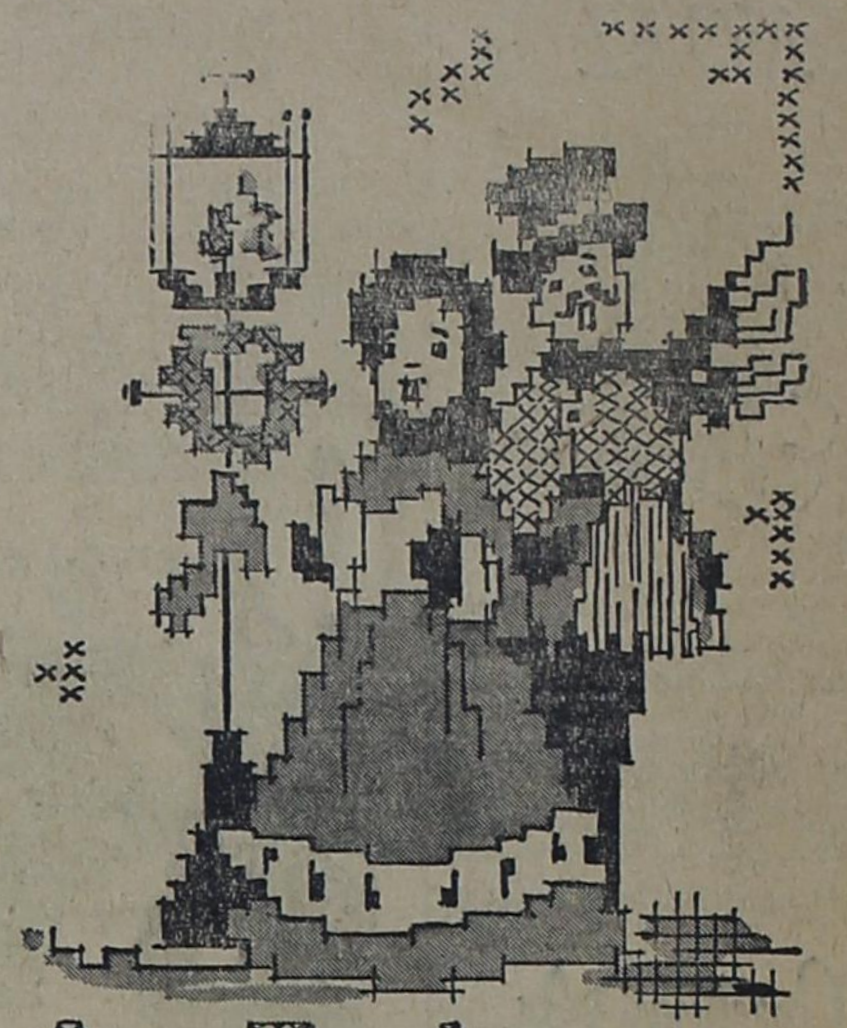
"Doctor Chase" handles "patients" from all over the globe, but most of them come from New York, his home base.

Handed Down
Doll repair has been the Chase family's vocation for at least three generations. Irving Chase learned from his father and grandfather, the latter of whom repaired dolls in Germany.

Chase is referred to by his customers as "Doctor Irving." He refers to the dolls as "patients" and calls his assistants "nurses."

During a typical day Chase does everything from repairing a damaged head to complete refinishing a doll's surface (skin).

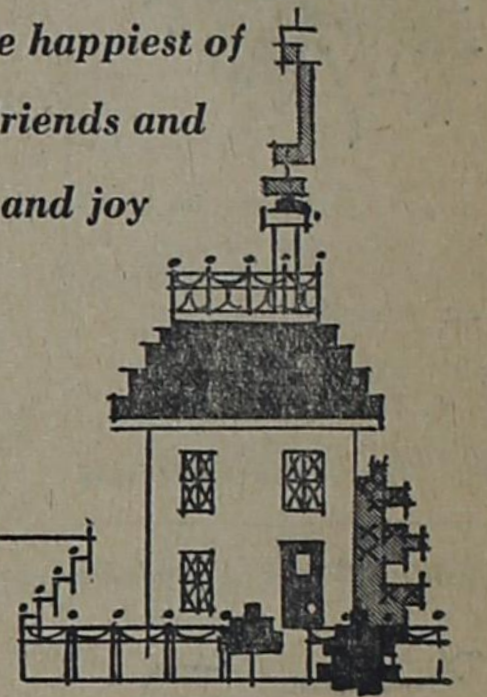
His busiest season is from December through February. In December, dolls are brought in to be repaired so they can be used as Christmas gifts. Following Christmas, his "hospital" is literally swamped with newly broken dolls.



At Christmas

May you have the happiest of Holidays among friends and gay with laughter and joy of the season.

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FROSSARD'S
DEPARTMENT STORE
Gorman, Texas



HAPPY HOLIDAY

We cherish the old tradition of sending holiday greetings
Have a happy Christmas.

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Blackwell Hospital
Gorman, Texas

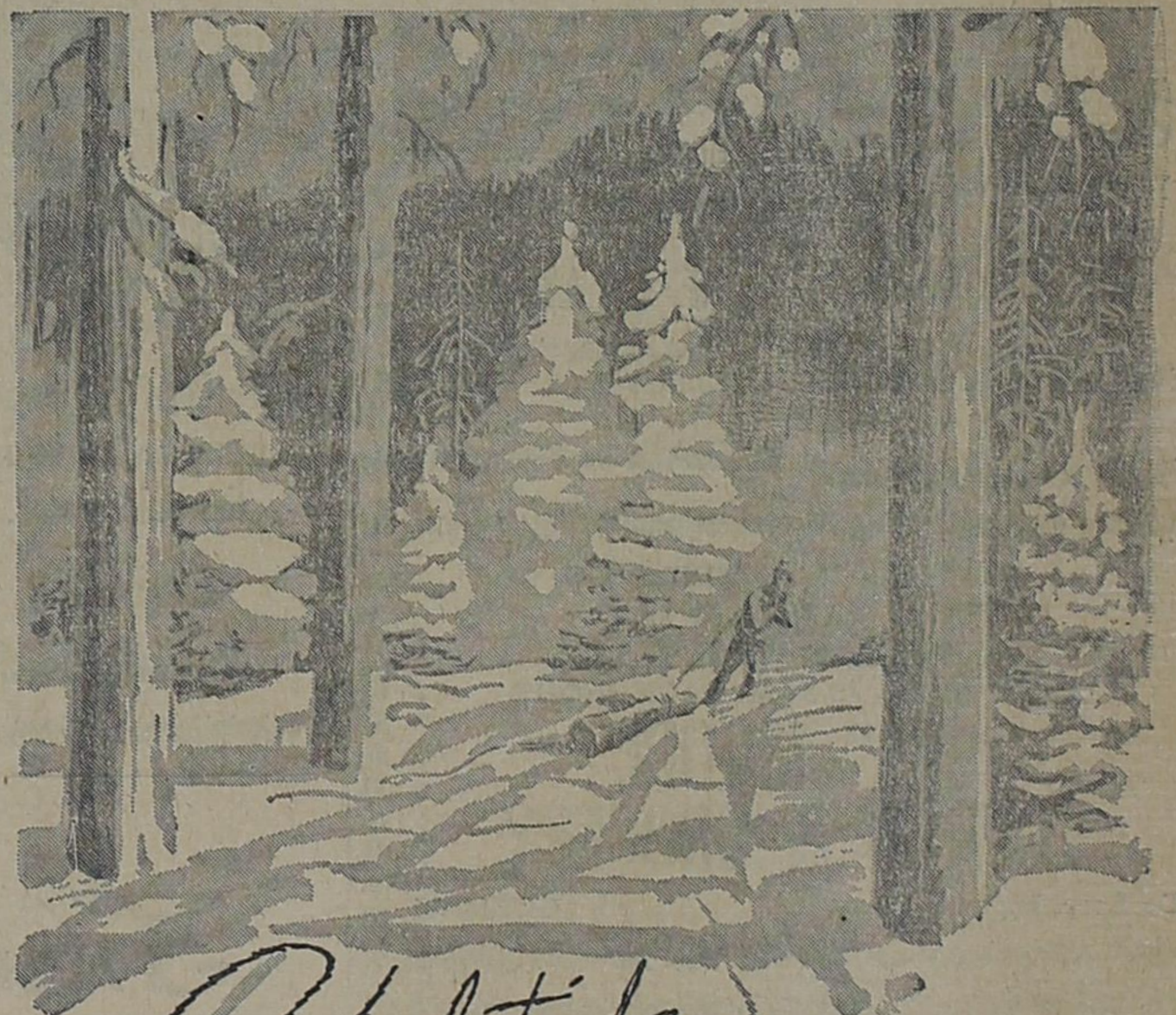


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Buy **NOW** and **SAVE** During Our Pre-Christmas Sale

For a limited time, our entire stock of Gas Lights is being offered at substantially reduced prices. Order now on budget terms . . . no money down with two years to pay!

PIONEER NATURAL GAS COMPANY



Yuletide Cheer

1961

May every Yule log warm the hearts of all the fine customers we have been privileged to serve throughout the year. Holiday greetings to you all.

Higginbotham's

GORMAN, TEXAS

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May you hark in your heart to the angelic message of "Peace on Earth," and know the true joy of Christmas.

THE BUCKY WALTERS



Our sincere greetings, as traditional as holly, convey our very best wishes for joy and happiness to all our friends.

MRS. JOHN WHEELER & JACKIE DON



May the joys of this Christmastime be yours evermore.

Ma Moore's
Grocery & Station

DESDEMONA NEWS

MRS. ETHEL KEITH

Attendance at the local churches were lower than average due to sickness.

A Christmas party was given during the Sunday School hour at the Methodist Church. The program was presented by the children and Christmas gifts were handed out to all. Little visitors were Kathy Jean Hare of De Leon and Jeri Kay Loving of Lingleville. Mr. Charles Hadderton is doing a wonderful job as Sunday School Superintendent.

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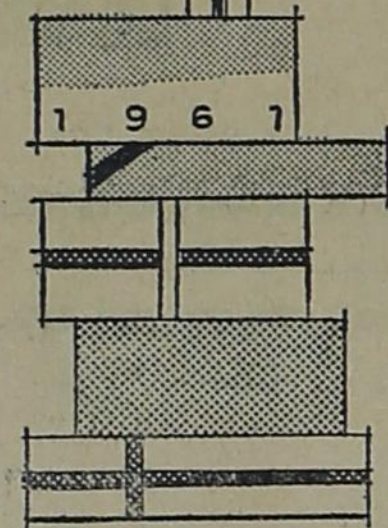
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Burleson and daughter of Alaska are here visiting his parents, The Russ Burlesons. They will return to an Army Base in Ohio.

Also visiting the Russ Burlesons was their daughter Mr. and Mrs. Paul Norris and family of Carbon.



We wish you, your family and our many friends the traditional joys of an old-fashioned Christmas.

KERC - Eastland



We pause to wish you peace and joy. May these gifts be with you today and always.

J. C. Allison
TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR & DEPUTIES

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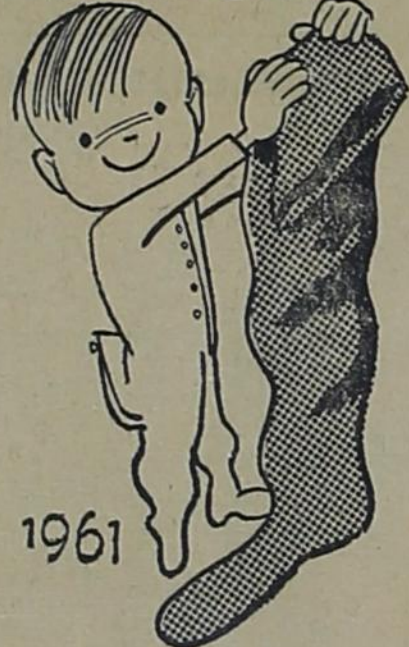
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May the happiness of the Holiday be truly yours, both now and in time to come.

THE V. E. OVERSTREETS

WISHING YOU THE MOST



We hope you enjoy many festive hours this yule season.

Parker's
Domino Hall

Mrs. Pittman Hosts Fidelis Matrons Christmas Party

Member of the Fidelis Matrons Sunday School Class met in the home of Mrs. Ardith Pittman on Thursday, December 14 for their Christmas Party.

Mrs. Buck Foster led the opening prayer and gave the devotional from Luke 2nd chapter.

We fixed fruit boxes to give to the shut-ins. We did not exchange gifts but brought money for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Mrs. Morgan Bennett led in a prayer of thanks and refreshments of cinnamon rolls and coffee were served.

Several Christmas carols were sung with Mrs. Pittman at the piano.

Ardith Pittman read "The Night Before Christmas" which they brought from Venezuela and a good time was had by everyone present.

Mrs. Kinser Hosts Midway Baptist Ladies SS Class

The Ladies Class of the Midway Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. Olga Kinser for their Christmas Party on Friday night, December 15th.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. Doll Hickey. Mrs. Lucille Broom gave the Devotional from Luke 2:7.

A poem, "The Star" was read and then a Bible quiz was given. Names were drawn and gifts exchanged by the Christmas tree in the living room.

Mrs. Kinser presented each lady present with a gift in appreciation of their faithfulness to the class.

A refreshment plate consisting of sandwiches, potato chips, olives, pickles, nuts, cookies and hot spiced punch was served to the following: Mmes. Euna Porter, Doll Hickey, Ida Lewis, Lucille Broom, and the hostess and teacher, Olga Kinser.

Three members of the class were unable to attend.

F. H. A. NEWS
Odene Eaves, Reporter
Monday evening December 11, 1961 our regular meeting was held at the cottage. President Patricia Harrison presided. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the sending of Christmas cards to hospitals for crippled children, disabled children, veterans and mental institutions which was given by Odene Eaves. Each member was asked to donate 4 cents for a stamp and a penny left which would help mail them. Mrs. Rainey donated the Christmas cards.
Teenagers Code was given by Glinda Rodgers. The closing ritual was given by the group.
Refreshments were prepared and served by Joyce Burgess and Jo Townley.

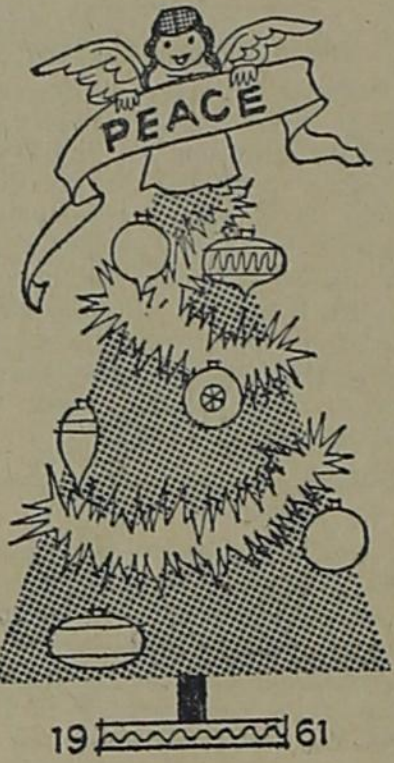
- 1961-62 SCHEDULE
Dec. 29 - Goldthwaite at Gorman (A and B Boys)
Jan. 2 - Gorman at Cisco (A and B Girls)
Jan. 4-5-6 - De Leon Tournament
Jan. 9 - Cisco at Gorman (A and B Girls)
Jan. 12 - Olden at Gorman *
Jan. 19 - Gorman at Carbon *
Jan. 23 - Rising Star at Gorman *
Jan. 26 - Desdemona at Gorman *
Jan. 30 - Gorman at Olden *

CHRISTMAS



All good wishes to our many patrons. We hope your Christmas will be a merry one and in the years to come you will remember it with great pleasure.

Henderson's
Variety Store



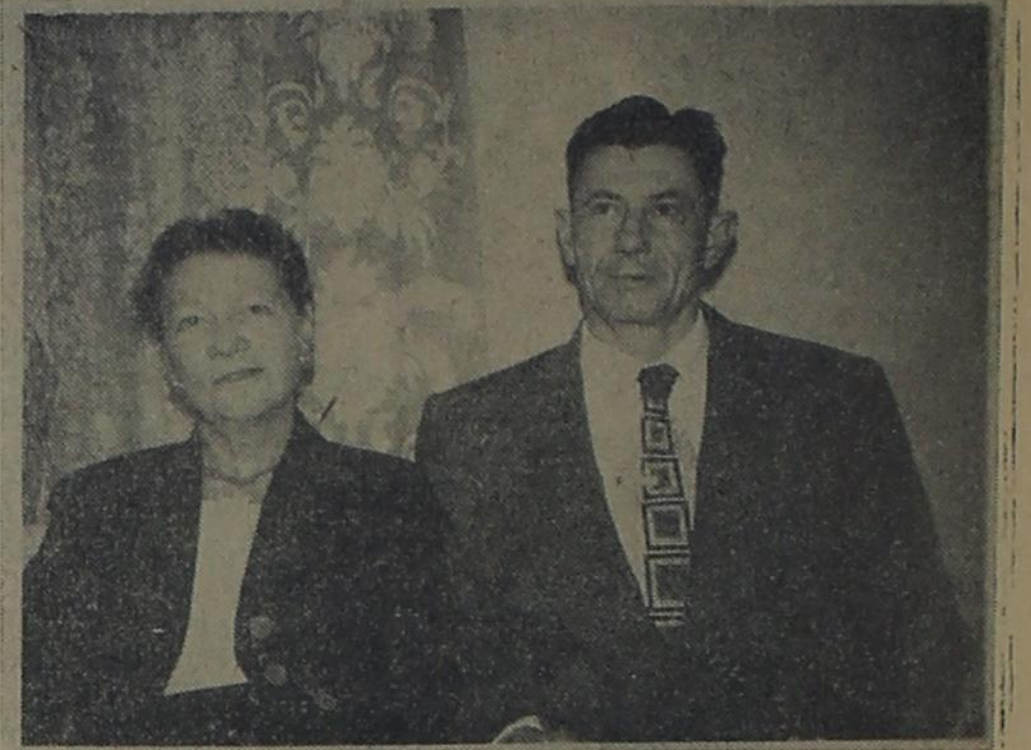
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Progressive Laundry Owners



Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Davis, owners and operators of the Davis Laundry, have been in the laundry business in Gorman for 24 years.

Mrs. Davis started out with only three machines in a building next to Ed Brown's Feed Store and the present location has 20 washers and 4 dryers, and is open 24 hours a day.

Mrs. Davis has three sons whom attended school here. They are Thural, Drennan and Dewey Garner, all of Perryton.

Mr. Davis is employed with the Gorman Peanut Co. Mrs. Davis speaks highly of teenagers here, saying they are the finest youngsters she has ever known.



We greet you with a friendly hello.

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Our gift to you... the comfort and convenience assured by the bright blue flame of natural gas.

At this time of the year, particularly, it is extremely gratifying to be providing a service which contributes so much to warmth and contentment in the home during the Holiday Season.

So from each and every one of us at Pioneer, Best Wishes for good health — and the happiest Christmas you've ever had!

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PANTHER FOOTBALL SWEETHEART — Miss Kay Browning, 1961 Panther Sweetheart, and Co-Captains Joe Harrison, Terry Shell, and Gene Snider.



From all of us, to all of you, we extend our warmest, heartiest wishes for the most joyful of all your Christmases.

THE LEON THOMPSONS



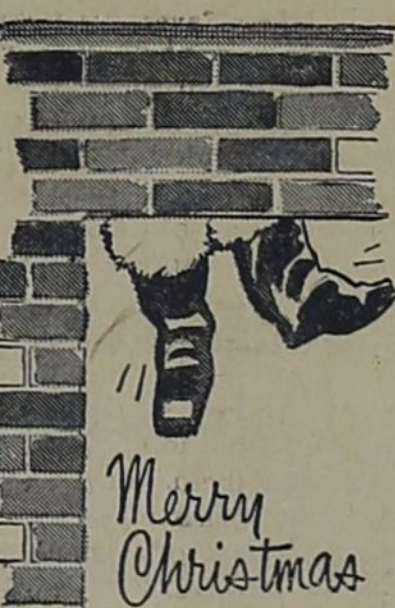
Here's a stocking-ful of the brightest, happiest Christmas wishes you've ever seen . . . and they are all just for you.

THE NORMAN PARKS



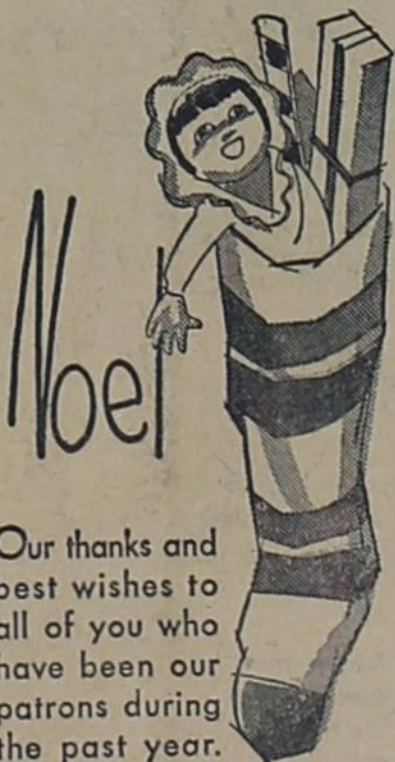
May your Christmas be wrapped in happiness, filled with joy, and surrounded by all the good cheer of the Day!

MR. & MRS. JAMES KINSER



We know your Santa won't get stuck in the chimney, but will arrive with all the packages of joy that make the Yuletide a time to remember forever.

Kellogg Plumbing & Service



Our thanks and best wishes to all of you who have been our patrons during the past year. May your Yule be a merry one and bright.

Clyde Capers



By Elizabeth Shafer

IT was the day before Christmas. The man at the lot said, "I can give you this bigger tree for the same price, lady."

Mary Carstairs said quickly, "No, thank you, this is just the right size. Will you put it in the car for me, please?"

The man set the tiny, perfectly formed fir tree on the back seat of the car. "There you are, lady. Merry Christmas."

Mary Carstairs looked at him, startled. "Thank you," she said. She got into the car and drove off, a young woman with dark, sad eyes, her face unnaturally thin.

Purposeful

At Hempstead's department store, she moved slowly, purposefully through the crowded, festive aisles. When she came to the counter with the Christmas decorations laid out in shining rows of red and green, blue, pink, silver and gold, she waited quietly until a clerk came.

"I want six of the small blue ones," she said, pointing. "Six of the red, six of the gold."

"They're cheaper by the dozen, ma'am. Wouldn't you like to make that two dozen all together?"

"No. Thank you. That's all I need."

"Wouldn't you like some tinsel—or a box of artificial snow?"

"No. Just these."

"We have a good bargain on lights."



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"No. Thank you."

"How about a little angel for the top of the tree? On special sale, since tomorrow is Christmas."

Mary Carstairs stared at the delicately featured, smiling angel with the tinsel wings. "Yes, Yes—I will take that."

Holiday Air

She moved quickly through the pushing crowds, carrying her parcel. She put the ornaments into the back seat of the car, beside the little tree, and drove through the streets of the town. Windows were gay with holiday offerings, the streets swarmed with laughing, last-minute shoppers. Decorations were hung across the street: loops of evergreen, wreaths and candles, gigantic candy canes. A loudspeaker was blaring, "Joy to the World."

Mary Carstairs drove out of town, past the houses with their reindeer and Santa's sleigh on the front lawns, the three wise men, the shepherds, and the manger. She did not look at the manger.

It was dusk, and already there were lighted candles and wreaths with colored lamps in the windows of the houses that she passed. Through the picture windows she could see the families—mothers and fathers, boys and girls—laughing and eager, decorating the trees. . . .

A Mission

She drove on, and at the end of the street she turned the car onto the side road leading away from the town and through the carved pillars with their iron gates.

"Memorial Cemetery," the sign said. "Gates close at 5:30 p.m."

When she had come to the place, she stopped the car and got out. She carried the little tree and the package of ornaments across the grass, between the headstones. Kneeling, she began to work, swiftly, utterly absorbed. She set up the tree, adorned it with the ornaments of red and blue and gold. At the very last, she took the sweet-faced angel with the tinsel wings and fastened it securely atop the tiny tree.

She stood up, brushing her hands on her coat, and looked at her handiwork, looked at the little headstone which read: "Mary Louise, infant daughter of Charles and Mary Carstairs, born February 5, died September 21."

She stared dry-eyed at the words cut into the stone, then turned and walked slowly back to the car. In the car she hesitated, looked back.

The little tree stood bravely in the fading light, its ornaments gleaming against the softness of the tree.

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Curbs Honored At Wedding Shower

A wedding shower honoring Mr. and Mrs. Dale Curb was held in the Educational Building of the First Baptist Church from 7 to 9 p. m. Friday, December 8th.

Mrs. L. D. Holliday greeted the guests and introduced them to the honoree and her mother, Mrs. Roy Frost, and Mrs. R. M. Curb.

Debbie Holliday registered the guests in the brides book.

The serving table was covered with a white cloth and centered with an arrangement of yellow roses.

The hostesses took turns at the serving table, serving yellow punch from a crystal bowl, and cookies.

Hostesses for the occasion were Mmes. L. D. Holliday, Floyd Gowen, Rachael Johnson, Pete Mauney, G. D. Riley, and A. V. Seay.

The couple received many beautiful gifts.

SIXTH GRADE NEWS
Jean Munn — Daryl Hirst

The Sixth Grade had a very interesting field trip last Friday. As a result of our study of machines in science, the class, under the direction of our teacher, Mrs. Brewer, visited the peanut mill. We were all highly impressed with the big machines and how they operate. We were fascinated by the electronic eye and how it works, and of the many, many peanuts. We saw the new drying units and visited in the offices where each of us was given a new pencil.

We want to thank Mr. Melvin and Wilbur Shell for allowing us to see their plant in action, and we thank Mr. Whitt for showing us through and explaining everything to us. Also we wish to thank Mrs. Shell, Mrs. Sutton and Mrs. Hirst for furnishing cars and taking us on our trip. We enjoyed it very much.

School closes Friday for Christmas holidays and we wish every one a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

FIFTH GRADE NEWS
By Brenda Butler

June Pettijohn brought a guinea pig to school Thursday. Johnny brought some fish. We are watching them.

Dennis brought our Christmas tree. The decorating committee has decorated the room.

We are going to the show Friday morning and having a party after lunch.



Let us glory in the many promises of this Holy time.

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Bennett Grocery and Station



Best Wishes

Peace be with you and yours this day.

Lewis Fina Station



Merry, Merry Christmas

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J. E. Brown Feed Store



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It's a pleasure to serve people like you. Happy Yule.

S & N TV & Appliance Service



BEST WISHES

Some of your greetings will come by mail-box, but ours come this way to wish you happiness.

MR. & MRS. CARL DEAN STACY, SCOTT & JULIA DEAN

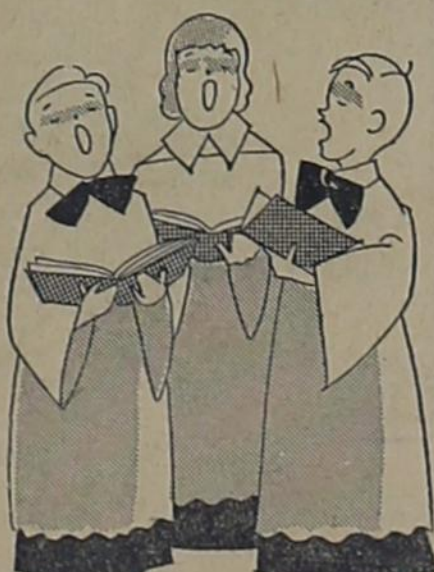


CHRISTMAS JOY

We join with Mr. Snowman in sending greetings to all our friends everywhere. And we hope your day will be filled with laughter and love and real Christmas joy.

B. M. Bennett & Family

Peace ON EARTH

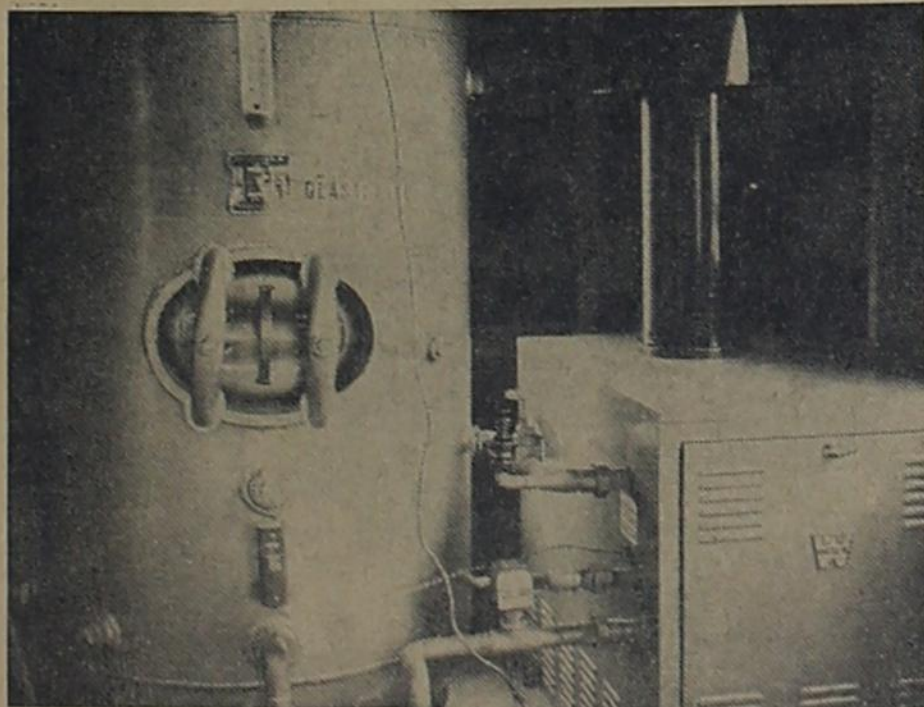


Lift up your voice in song, lift up your hearts and rejoice with us at this time when peace and good will should reign throughout the Christian world. Rejoice!

Barton & Pauline Eppler

ANNOUNCING--
the installation of a new
Water Softener - 10 New
Automatic Washing Machines,
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The addition of our new water softener (the latest and most modern in this area) also affords us the opportunity to add our new washers with plenty of HOT Water.



We invite everyone to stop by to look over our new equipment of which we are very proud.

We are open 24 hours a day for your convenience.

We would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas!

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Above all things we hope your Yule will be

the merriest 1961

Burfeind Novelty Shop

Payola Scandals Will Have Effect On Business Gifts

Businessmen will give Christmas gifts in greater numbers this year, but the value and suitability of each gift is being examined with greater care, according to the Business Goodwill Advisory Council.

"Extravagant business gifts of the type associated with the 'payola' are on their way out, replaced with modest gifts selected with an eye toward value and good taste." That's the finding of this non-profit research organization supported by gift-conscious sales managers, the business gift industry's two national trade associations and the industry's trade information service.

The average cost of a 1959 business gift was about \$7.50, BGAC reports, down from \$14.00 only five years ago. But, the number of individual gifts is estimated to be running 22% above last year; 110% more than five years ago.

Because of the considerable increase in number of gifts, the sales volume of the business gift industry will be close to \$300,000,000 this year; up from \$253,000,000 last year and \$276,000,000 the year before. And these figures do not include liquor and other gifts purchased through retail stores.

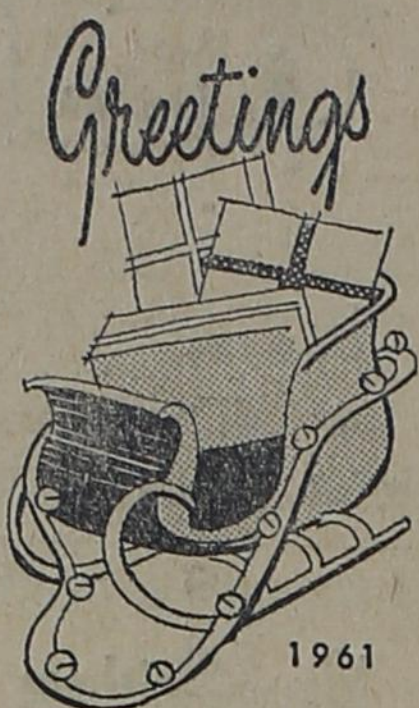
"The 'payola' scandals have alerted businessmen to choose their business gifts with greater care," a spokesman said. "Businessmen are now striving earnestly for tasteful gifts that can be presented in a truly thoughtful manner as honest tokens of appreciation."

Golden Bough

The "golden bough" which the legendary Aeneas is fabled to have plucked to insure his safe journey to the nether-world most likely was the green mistletoe with its white berries. The ancients credited mistletoe with many strange powers. In reality, mistletoe does have medicinal properties. Its active ingredient is guipnone, which relieves hypertension, a common ailment of old age.



BUSY BUYERS . . . Scenes like the one above are repeated all over the land at this time of the year as holiday gift shoppers throng in and out of department stores, toy shops, and gift centers. This is part of the fun of getting ready for Christmas — and the crowded streets and stores only seem to add to the enthusiasm.

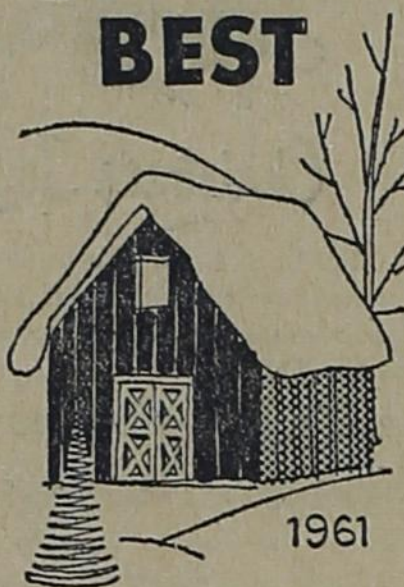


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It's a joy to greet our friends at this time of year. Merry Christmas!

Eison Grocery & Station

Season's BEST



1961

We hope the Yule finds all our friends rich in joy and wonderful health.

Judge and Mrs. John S. Hart

Select Toys That Suit Children; Not Their Parents

Many parents forget when choosing a child's toy for Christmas that the use of the toy is the most important thing to consider.

Adults are inclined to choose toys that appeal to them, forgetting to consider what the child might like and what would be most practical.

For instance, intricate windup toys have a limited use since they do only one thing and are very apt to get broken quickly.

Useful Toys

A toy with a variety of uses would be best. Blocks and other construction toys can be used in many games and do not break easily. Boys enjoy dump trucks and transportation toys, while girls like toys that imitate mother's appliances.

Beautifully dressed, expensive dolls are a temptation, but most little girls like a doll that can be handled and carried about with them.

They are noisy, but peg boards, hammers and construction toys are popular with the pre-school set. They like active toys—wagons, toy horses and sleds.

School-age children like games with numbers and letters, crayons, pencil boxes and notebooks. Books are popular and will provide much quiet entertainment.

For Girls

Little girls like to play dress-up and it is a clever parent who can fashion an inexpensive gift by cutting off old clothes to fit the children and find old gloves, shoes and hats.

Above all, however, consider appeal to the child rather than to the adult.

Wrapping Hints

Do you have trouble gift-wrapping such items as vases and bottles? If so, aluminum foil will solve your problem. The foil molds easily to the shape and makes a very attractive package when set off with a pretty bow.

Don't Overdo It

Be careful not to overdo your outdoor decorations. Your house and yard might end up looking like an amusement park. Even the most expensive decorations will have this effect if not used in good taste. Harmony and simplicity are the key words in planning an attractive outdoor display.

Make Candle Fit

Often a candle is too large for the opening in the candlestick. To remedy this, dip the base of the candle in very hot water, then press it gently into the holder.



When Santa arrives we hope he brings you a happy holiday season. Many thanks for your fine friendship.

We Will Be Closed on Sunday & Monday, December 24-25

Campbell's Texaco Service



FOR CHRISTMAS THRILLS THAT LAST ALL YEAR...

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Broiler | <input type="checkbox"/> Food waste disposer | <input type="checkbox"/> Ice cream freezer | <input type="checkbox"/> Shaver |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clock | <input type="checkbox"/> Fruit juicer | <input type="checkbox"/> Percolator | <input type="checkbox"/> Television |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coffeemaker | <input type="checkbox"/> Fry pan | <input type="checkbox"/> Portable lamp | <input type="checkbox"/> Toaster |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clock-radio | <input type="checkbox"/> Grill | <input type="checkbox"/> Portable heater | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacuum cleaner |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Food blender | <input type="checkbox"/> Heat lamp | <input type="checkbox"/> Roaster | <input type="checkbox"/> Waffle iron |
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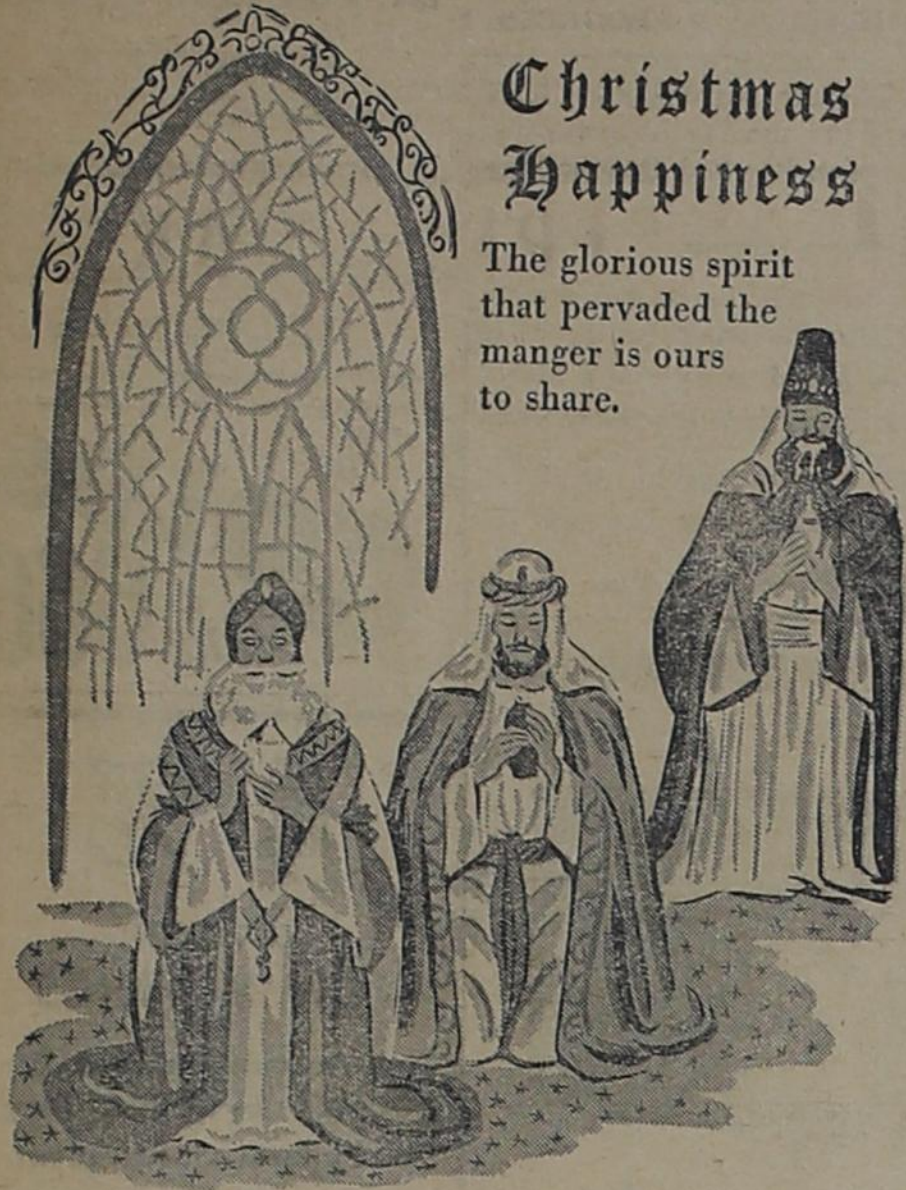
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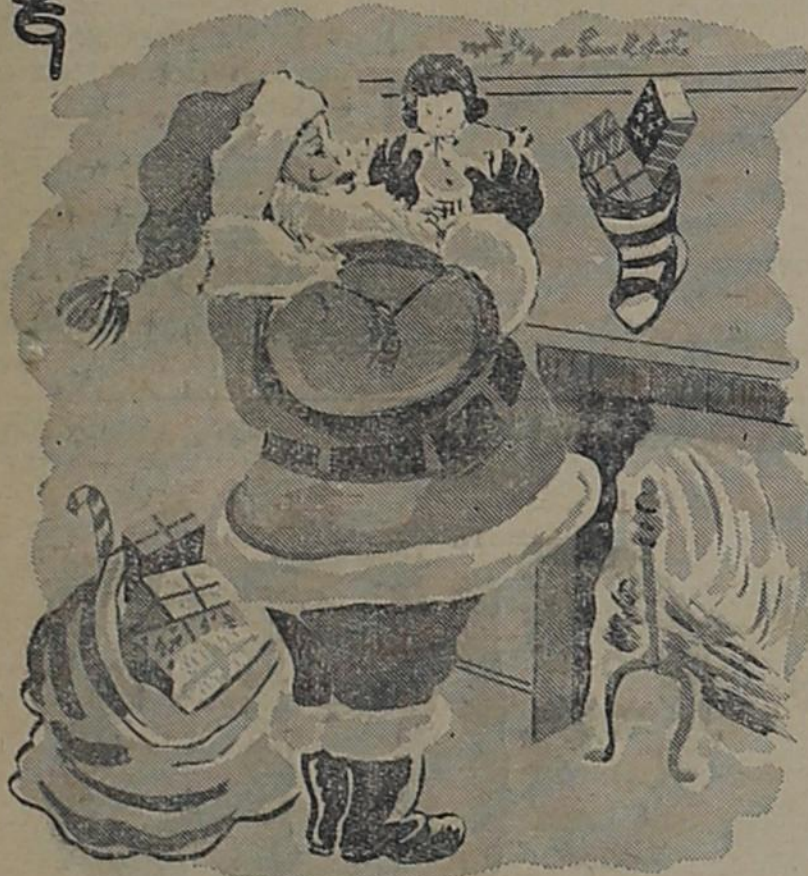
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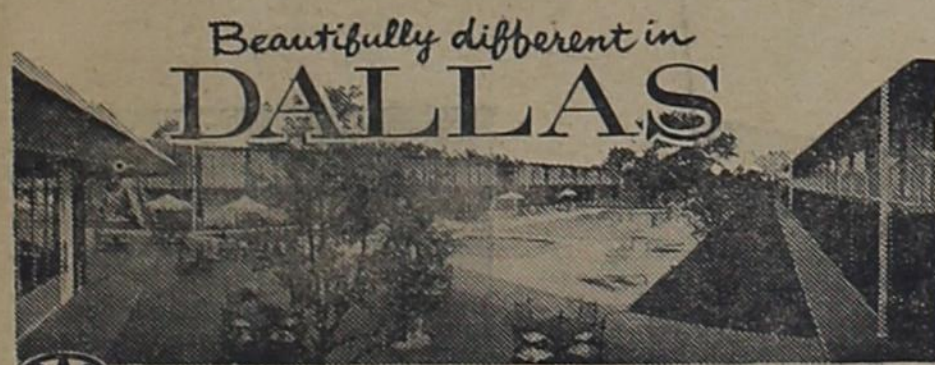
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KOKOMO NEWS

By MRS. GLENN JORDAN

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hamilton of Caddo visited on Thursday with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Snider.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Eaves and children of Cisco and Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Eaves and Tommy Earl of Carbon visited with Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Eaves and boys on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Garrett spent the weekend in Abilene shopping and visiting with the Jerry Hallmarks.

Mr. and Mrs. Rollo Tinkler and Sherry Lynn of Rawlins, Wyo. are expected to be here on Tuesday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Scitern. They will also visit in Houston with his parents. Little Sherry Lynn was born on Nov. 30, so will be making her very first visit to Texas and her grandparents.

Rev. and Mrs. Buel Bryan and Linda and Mike Smith were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Eaves and family on Sunday.

News is short this week due to bad roads and a very busy telephone line.

I wish Mr. Baker and his staff and all of you a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Ready For Santa Claus



Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hirst, Daryl and Patricia, another family that is nice to know.

Natives of the Gorman area, both entered school here in 1941, moving here from Duster.

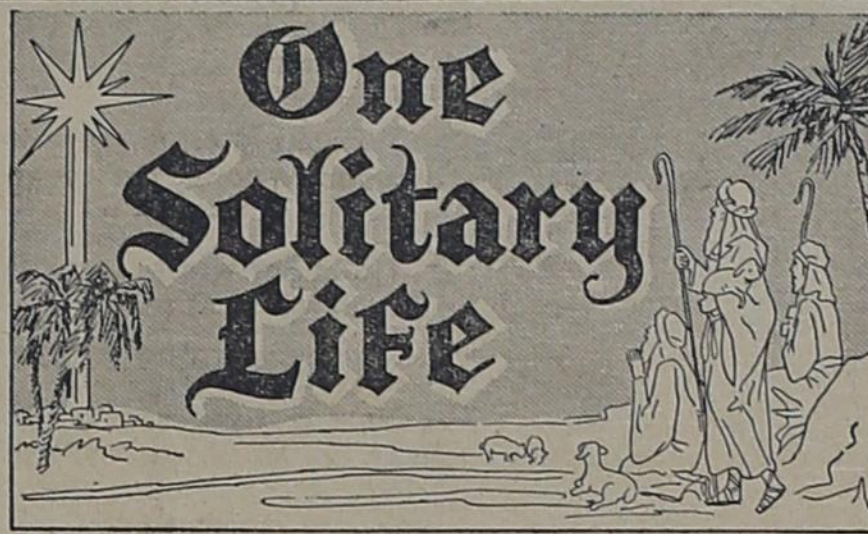
Bruce was an outstanding player on the Panther football squad, and his son, Daryl, is following in his footsteps. He plays football, basketball and little league baseball.

Patricia, 6, a first grader, takes care of the cheering department for her brother.

Mrs. Hirst, daughter of Mr. Sam Wallace, with her husband, are active members in the First Baptist Church, both working in the Intermediate and Beginners departments for the past 12 years.

Bruce worked in the Pullig Tailor Shop when he first returned home after three years in the U. S. Navy during World War II and has been with the Gorman Peanut Co. since 1950.

The family spend their spare time on their farm near Gorman.



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While he was still a young man, the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to his enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While he was dying, his executioners gambled for the only piece of property he had on earth, and that was his coat.

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Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race and the leader of the column of progress.

I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever sailed, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon the earth as has that ONE SOLITARY LIFE.

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FOR SALE — Homemade Peanut Brittle. Mrs. R. H. Watson, Phone RE 4-5324. 8-12-21p

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FOR SALE — American Flyer boys Bicycle with speedometer and carrier. Like new. Price \$25. Mrs. Q. D. Fuller. 3-12-28p

FOR SALE — Barnes Water Pump, 1/2 h.p. electric motor. Florence Richardson. nc

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OLIVER SPRINGS NEWS

By FLORENCE RICHARDSON

Our thought for the week: "The world is too dangerous for anything but truth, too small for anything but brotherhood."

Beautiful weather here this Monday morning. Doesn't the sun look good after so much rain.

Miss Earnestine Hammit spent Wednesday night with Linda Setzler.

The Yvonne Perrys were visiting the Garland Perrys last Sunday.

The R. H. Watsons and Neal Clarks visited the Truett Coffmans one night last week.

Mrs. Clifford Moore and Mrs. Melvin Daniels were in Brownwood shopping last week.

The Melvin Daniels were in Stephenville last Monday attending the funeral of their aunt.

The Oliver Springs Club met in the home of Mrs. Melvin Daniels last Wednesday night for their Christmas Supper. The husbands were the guests.

Baked ham and chicken with all the trimmings were served at 7:30. The men enjoyed "42". Gifts were exchanged.

Even tho the weather was cold everyone enjoyed the evening.

Just a few words of one solitary life of our Saviour.

"ONE SOLITARY LIFE"

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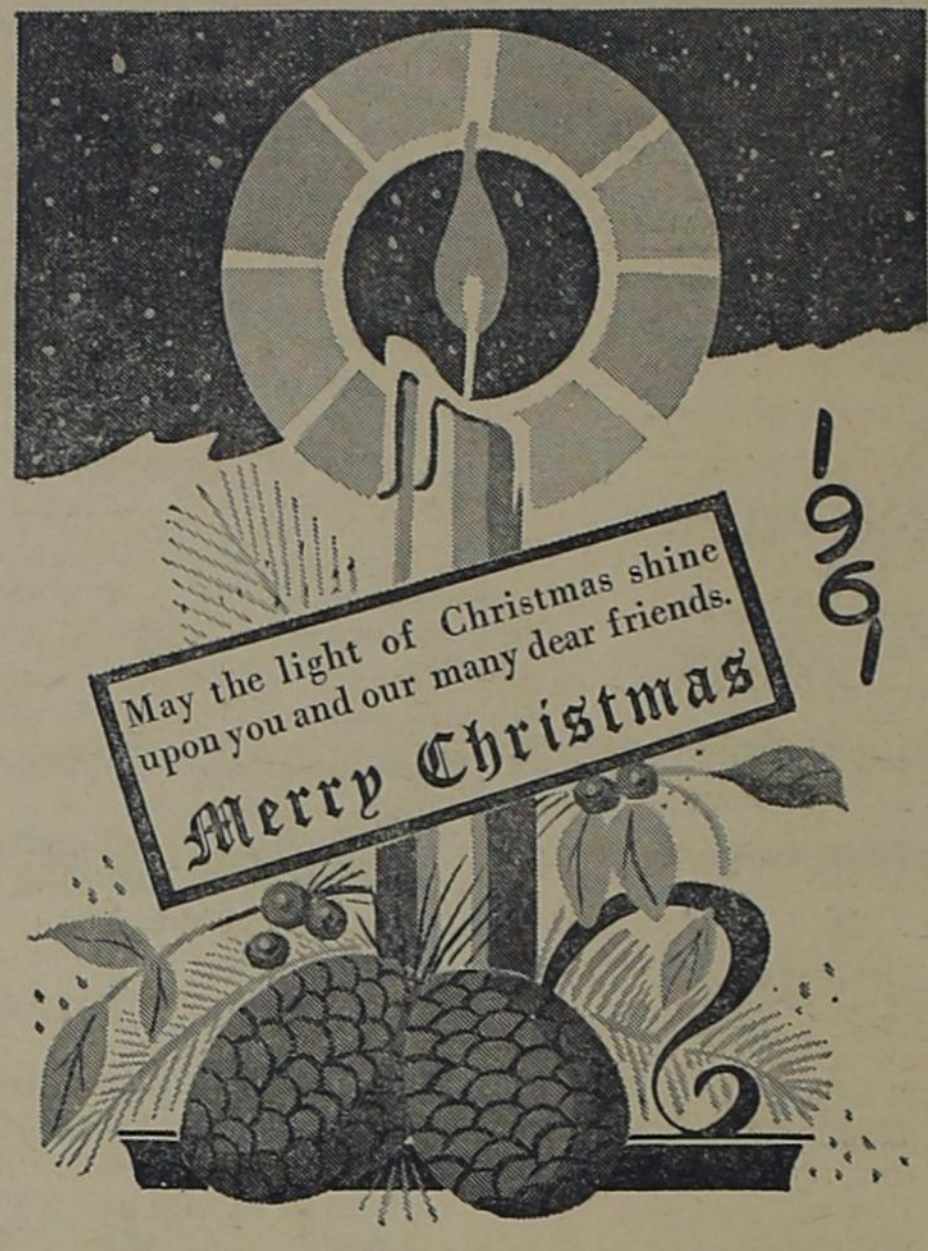
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As there will be no more news until after Christmas, we want to wish each and every one a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thanks for the comments of this past year about our thoughts for the week.



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Mrs. Thompson Is Host At Willing Workers Party

The Ladies Willing Workers Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. Tom Thompson on Tuesday, December 12 for their Christmas Party.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by the president, Mrs. Donna Day. Mrs. Mollie Bennett gave "The Birth of Christ", which made all realize more what Christmas should mean to each of us.

Rep. Scott Bailey Appointed To Interim Committee

H.S.R. 587, passed during the Regular Session of the 57th Legis-

Gifts were exchanged and all enjoyed a good visit with each other.

A delicious refreshment plate was served to the following members: Mmes. Jack Mauney, Oda Monroe, Clayton Cook, Donna Day, J. O. Jackson, H. H. Pullig, and Jesse Parker.

lature, called for the appointment of an interim committee of five members to study the equity of the Economic Index used in determining each local school district's share of financing the Foundation School Program.

Speaker James A. Turman on Wednesday, December 5, announced the appointment of Representative Scott J. Bailey of Cisco as a member of the interim committee. Representative Bailey, serving his first term in the House, is a member of the Committees on Agriculture, Banks and Banking, Education, Game and Fisheries, and Municipal and Private Corporations.

Speaker Turman said, "It is believed by Members of the House of Representatives that, inasmuch as the Economic Index is computed on the basis of a legal formula, a periodic study of this formula is important."

Speaker Turman continued, "The formula presently used in developing the Economic Index was adopted by the Legislature approximately ten years ago. Since its adoption, the economy of Texas has undergone substantial changes. The committee will be concerned with whether these economic changes are properly reflected in the Index which is computed by the State Board of Education each year."

"It is my understanding that the State Board of Education has a committee of its membership studying this problem, and I feel confident the Board will make its findings available to the House Committee," Turman added.

A CHRISTMAS SECRET

Christmas is a time of secrets, so I'll whisper one to you:

Grandpa says that all who try to find that every word is true.

"Would you have a happy day? Give some happiness away."

Grandpa says this little secret should be carried through the year, and if all would try to heed it, Earth would soon be full of cheer.

"Would you have a happy day? Give some happiness away."

Accidents in farm homes over the nation killed 2,700 persons in 1959, says the Texas Ranch and Farm Safety Council.

1961-62 SCHEDULE

- Dec. 29 - Goldthwaite at Gorman (A and B Boys)
- Jan. 2 - Gorman at Cisco (A and B Girls)
- Jan. 4-5-6 - De Leon Tournament
- Jan. 9 - Cisco at Gorman (A and B Girls)
- Jan. 12 - Olden at Gorman *
- Jan. 19 - Gorman at Carbon *
- Jan. 23 - Rising Star at Gorman *
- Jan. 26 - Desdemona at Gorman *
- Jan. 30 - Gorman at Olden *

Plant Your Tree

Why not plant that living Christmas tree after you are through with it this year? Be sure to get it in the ground as soon as possible after Christmas. The sooner it is planted, the better chance it will have to survive.

- Feb. 6 - Carbon at Gorman *
- Feb. 9 - Gorman at Rising Star *
- Feb. 13 - Gorman at Desdemona *

* Denotes district games

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There's more to mistletoe than just its reputation as "the kissing plant." Everyone knows, of course, that, for some reason no one is quite sure about, it's permissible for a boy to kiss the young lady so unlucky (?) as to be caught standing beneath one of these sprigs of green with white berries (a plant, someone has placed on a chandelier—for some young girl to stand under, to be kissed by some young lad . . . unexpectedly, of course).

All this notwithstanding, it is supposedly an all-healing plant that will ward off poisons and keep animals healthy. At least, this is what the superstitious believed, in earlier days. Some considered it a present from the sun, others a gift from Jupiter. In voodoo rituals, it's the accepted antidote for palsy, apoplexy, epilepsy, and what-have-you.

Druid priests sought mistletoe, preferably growing on an oak tree, "on the sixth night of the moon", so that it might be cut with a golden scythe and caught in the flowing robes of the priests. Thus gathered, and following the sacrifice of two white bulls to show gratitude for the gift, mistletoe was supposed to possess all sorts of magical powers.

The Greeks are generally credited with associating mistletoe with love, as it was used in their marriage rites and the ceremonies of Hymen are reputed to be the forerunners of present usage as a kissing plant.

Time To Reflect

In the midst of it all, with once-ornate decorations reduced to floor litter, with toys scattered all about the house, in the tumult and the din of it all, there should be one moment for quiet meditation, for reflection, and for thanksgiving; not for the gifts, nor the well-wishes of the givers; but instead for another Christmas—lest we forget the real purpose of it all.

Original Gift

Want to give mother and her little girl an original gift? Make them both aprons of similar design and material. Make one for the doll, too.

A Solution

Christmas shopping bags always seem to fall over when set down. But there's a solution. Place the top of a cardboard shoe box in the bottom of the bag.



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Down the chimney
Santa goes with a
lot of joy for all during
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Across the years echo the words of the Christmas story, an inspiration, a promise and a blessing to all mankind. At this holy, joyous season, we wish to all our friends and patrons a holiday rich in the spiritual rewards of Christmas, and a full portion of all the good things that a happy Yuletide holds.

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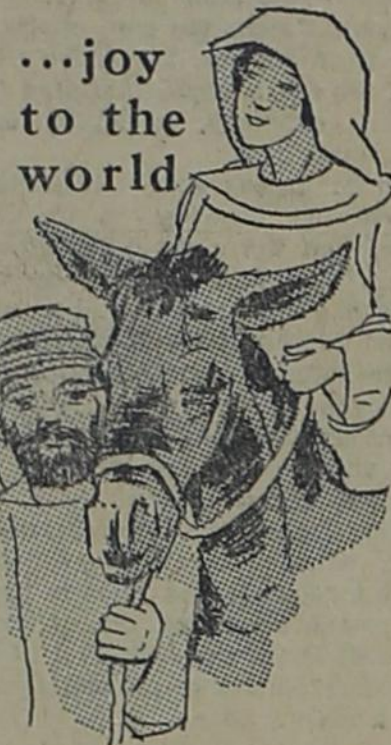
Our very best wishes for a happy, merry Yule.

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Our Christmas wish is for you: May you have the merriest, happiest Christmas ever, and may peace and joy fill your home and heart.

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KEEPING UP WITH FRIENDS

Mrs. C. R. Love would like for her friends to know that she is



By Shirley Sargent

WE can't go home for Christmas," Bart Stockton scowled, looking from the check-book out the huge window at the Joshua trees so he wouldn't have to meet his wife's eyes.

Peggy Stockton's eyes were a deep blue that contrasted with her short honey-blond hair. Usually her eyes sparkled, but now they reflected astonishment, sorrow and then welled with tears. "Oh, Bart," she cried, "are you sure we can't manage a trip to Wisconsin?"

Grimly he said, "I'm positive we can't even afford a holiday week-end in Los Angeles. Our first Christmas together will have to be right here on the desert."

Hard Luck

"No snow," Peggy was staring out at the hot sand. "No family, no fire in the fireplace... why can't we go by bus if we can't afford to fly?"

"Hon, look around you!" Bart was tall, tanned, crew-cut and, at the bleak moment, careworn beyond his twenty-two years. "We're broke because we bought the air conditioner and the TV and because I'm not a good manager."



She clung to him. "Hush! We're quarrelling. We must economize, even if we celebrate Christmas without a tree."

The Stocktons had been married in September and came straight to the modern, cement brick "hideaway" which constituted the manager's headquarters at the big desert trailer park belonging to Bart's father. They had swum, sunbathed, hiked and ridden horseback, weather permitting, reveling in the relaxing atmosphere of palms, Joshuas, endless sand, and week-ends at Lake Tahoe and Las Vegas. That and each other had been enough until they had begun thinking of family, friends and winter with a certain homesickness.

Once determined on a "wonderful" Christmas to match the rest of their life, Peggy ordered a tree, greenery, lights and holly and told Bart how much it all would cost. "We can't do it and send home presents too," Bart exploded. "We can borrow," Peggy said heatedly. "It's bad enough not to go home. At least, we can have a tree. Your father will understand."

"Oh, sure he will," Bart said bitterly. "He'll understand his own son is such a poor manager he can't even live on a generous salary."

"Hush!" Peggy clung to him. "We're quarrelling! You're right, we must economize even if we celebrate Christmas without a tree."

Visiting

That night she did some thinking about Bart's job, their future and the need for economizing. The next day she visited some of the trailers and then spent several mornings off on the desert.

Surprised

He came home early that afternoon to find Peggy on the patio surrounded by tumbleweeds, egg shells, pieces of manzanita and tin cans. "What's this trash doing here?" He sent a tumbleweed sailing with his foot.

"Don't do that! These things are our Christmas decorations, not trash!"

"Christmas decorations! Are you crazy?" Peggy laughed. "I guess it looks like it, but one of the trailer women taught me how to scavenge. I'll just spray this tumbleweed white, then paint these egg shells blue and hang them on it. We'll make a picturesque candle holder out of crooked manzanita. Then I'll spray..."

Bart stopped her again with a kiss. "You've convinced me that we'll have the snazziest decorations and I have the prettiest wife on the whole desert."

"When we're through," Peggy murmured, "there'll be two good managers in our family, not just one, and we'll give Santa Claus a hand."

Bart sighed happily. "Hand me that can of spray."

now living in Stephenville at the Twilight Home.

Miss Patsy Rawls of NTSU visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Harley Rawls over the week end.

Mrs. Pearl Gilmore visited in Eastland last week with her son Mr. and Mrs. Ardis Porter and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Revels spent the week end in Arlington with their son, Mr. and Mrs. David Revels and Davie.

Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Mauney of Tolar visited their parents Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Robertson and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Mauney over the week end.

Miss Lorena Clark visited in Ranger Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ogles.

Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Gray and girls of Quanah visited Mrs. Henry Capers and Mrs. Allie Hollifield Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Broom of Goldsmith visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Broom Wednesday through Monday.

Betty Ruth Mehaffey of Mexia came home last Thursday for an extended visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Z. O. Mehaffey.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin are visiting this weekend in Odessa with his son Ben Nix and family.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rodgers and Davonne were visiting in Ft. Worth Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Calloway of Rincon, N. M. visited this week with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Rodgers, also relatives in Ranger and Ft. Worth.

Miss Carolin Gilbert of ACC arrived home Wednesday for the Christmas holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Gilbert.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hallmark were in Abilene Tuesday to bring their daughter Sue home for the Christmas holidays. Sue is a student at ACC.

Mrs. G. D. Riley and Mrs. Ed Wyatt visited in Fort Worth last week end with Mrs. Riley's daughter, Eloise. Mrs. Riley returned Tuesday to be with Eloise who underwent surgery Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith of Coleman attended the funeral of Mr. Earl Stone Friday.

Donald Bolt went to Ft. Worth Sunday to bring Edith home for the holidays.

Visiting Mrs. Etha Pittman on Sunday were her sisters, Mr. and

CARD OF THANKS

It is with heartfelt gratitude that we acknowledge the many kindnesses shown us at the passing of our husband and father.

Your expressions of friendship and sympathy shall always be cherished.

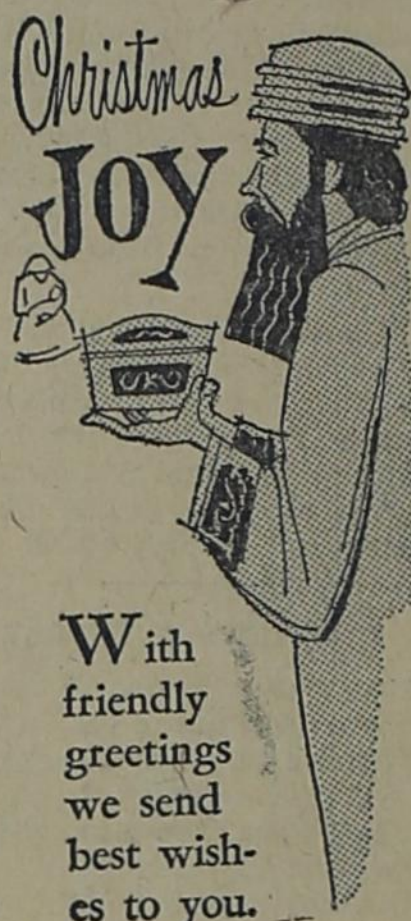
May God bless you is our humble prayer.

Mrs. George Gilmore and Family

Mrs. Spruce Schow of Clifton, Mr. and Mrs. Klease Parmelly and Mrs. Ruth Hawsey of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bennett and children and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Self and children visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Rhyne of Carbon, on Sunday.

Mrs. Mary McMullen left Tuesday to spend the holidays with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Denman Frazier, of Falfurrias.



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Smith Drug Store

ARLTON E. SMITH, Owner



Christmas Cheer

May all the joys of Christmas be yours, happier and brighter than the star on top the tree. That's our wish for you and yours!

THE JOHN TURNERS



GREETINGS

The happy little snowman knows just what to say and we join him in this merry song of wishes for your happiness.

ROB & OLGA KINSER



Silent Night

May the peace and great joy of Christmas be now and always yours.

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Jug and Virgie Dennis

WE WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 24-25 & JANUARY 1

Prefer Gorman To Big City



MR. & MRS. JOHN SUTTON, MACK, EDWARD & RICKY

Among Gorman's finest citizens are the John Suttons. Sutton is a well-known name in Gorman, for John's father owned a partnership dry goods store with his brother, Ed, here for 40 years.

John didn't like the dry goods business, so after serving in World War II he entered civil service and lived in California until 1959 when he returned to Gorman because he and his wife, Ethel, (the former Ethel Capers) thought Gorman was a nice place to raise their three boys.

Mack, 14, is a Star Telegram carrier and plays football and basketball and is a member of the Panther Band.

Edward, 12, also is on the football and basketball teams and is a member of the band.

Ricky, 8, will probably follow in his brothers footsteps when he is older.

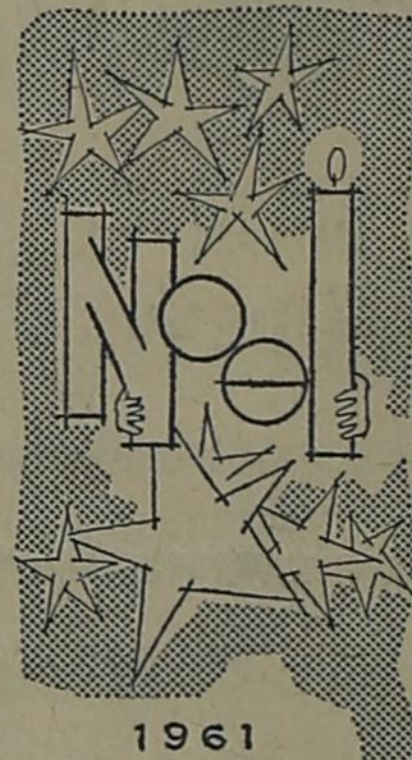
All three sons are in Scouting. The family attends the Methodist Church.

Ethel is Den Mother for two Cub Scout Packs and John is an Assistant Scoutmaster.

John is employed with Gorman Peanut Co. and does extra work as a sub rural carrier and clerk at the local Post Office.

Mrs. Sutton is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Capers of Gorman.

Higginbotham's
AMBULANCE SERVICE
Day - Dial RE4-5319
Night RE4-5336 - RE4-5537

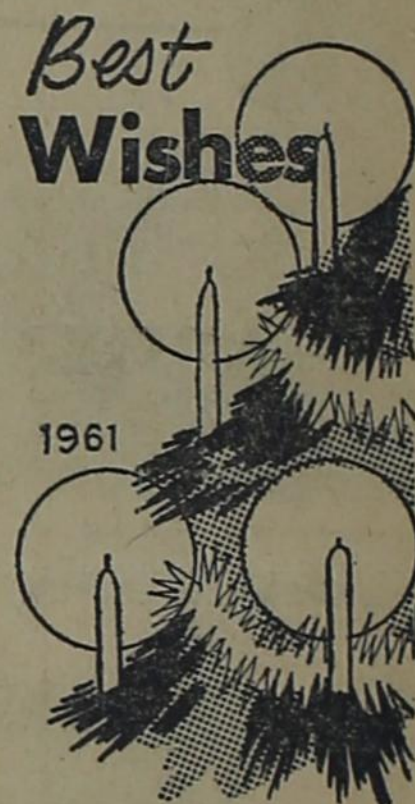


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May the guardians of the Christmas Season attend you.

MACIE HYATT

at Mehaffey Drug
GORMAN, TEXAS



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We welcome this opportunity to say have a Merry Yule.

Ormsby Grocery & Market



Merry Christmas

When the Yule star shines upon our town we hope it brings to all great happiness.

We Give S & H Green Stamps

Robertson

Gulf Service Station

Jor. Kent St. & Hwy. 6 - DIAL RE4-5515

C. H. Robertson

Night RE4-5340



CHRISTMAS SPECIAL KING THEATRE

15c MATINEE SATURDAY

BUFFALO BILL In

"Tomahawk Territory"

Color Cartoon

JAMES STEWART - CORNEL WILDE
BETTY HUTTON - EMMETT KELLEY In
CECIL B. DE MILL'S

"The Greatest Show On Earth"

In Technicolor

Ringling Bros. Circus on Film!
Great Entertainment For The Whole Family!
Color Cartoon

WE WERE CLOSED LAST WEEKEND
BECAUSE OF A DEATH IN THE FAMILY

ADMISSION IS
25c & 50c AT ALL TIMES