



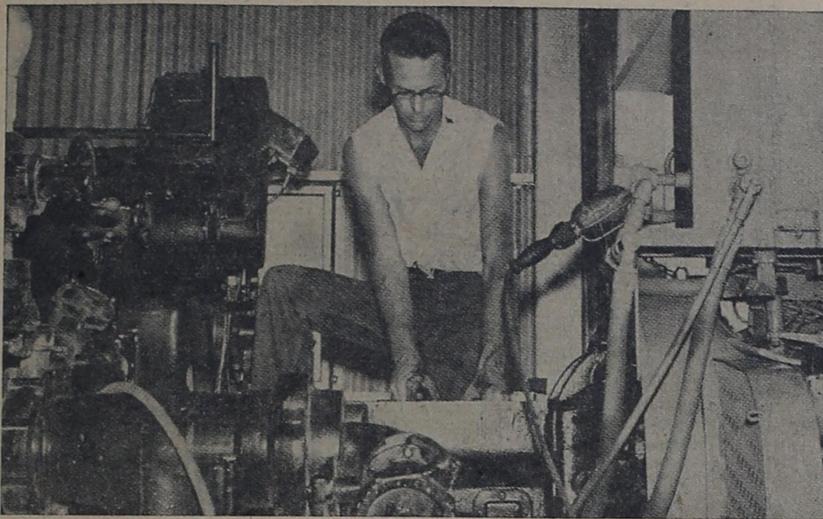
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SATURDAY FOR FINAL VISIT**

# The Gorman Progress

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## Gorman Peanut Company Tops Other Shelling Plants Of The Southwest

According to figures released by the Gorman Peanut Company and the Federal State Inspection Service there were 17,874,893 pounds of peanuts marketed in Eastland County during the 1955 buying season. This total more than doubles the production figures of 1954.

Gorman leads all towns in the County with 7,190,951 pounds, followed by Rising Star, 4,293,935, then Ranger with 3,200,310, then Cisco with 2,297,987, then Carbon with 887,430, and Eastland was last with 4,280 pounds.

The above totals compare with 24,030,464 marketed in Comanche County.

The totals for the State of Texas are 201,182,182 pounds and of this total the Inspection Service shows that over 34,000,000 pounds were purchased from the farmers by the Southwestern Peanut Growers Association.

For the third successive year the Gorman Peanut Company purchased more peanuts than any other one shelling plant in the Southwest.

Oklahoma produced approximately 150,000,000 pounds and of this total Caddo County alone produced 50,000,000 pounds.

## Gorman Cagers Lose Close Games De Leon Tourney

The Gorman High School basketball teams lost close games in the De Leon tournament during the past week end.

In their first game of the tournament the Panthers lost to a big Comanche team by a score of 55-40. Saturday morning they came back to defeat the Eastland Mavericks 59-56 in an overtime game. The regulation game ended tied 56-56. Johnny Rodgers added 3 points in the overtime to seal the victory. Max Pierce hit consistently during the game after the entire team had a cold first quarter in which they scored only 4 points.

In the consolation finals against Bangs the Panthers were edged 47-45 in a close contest throughout. The Gorman quintet received good performances from Eddie Gregg in addition to the hitting of Rodgers and Pierce again.

The Gorman girls played Comanche in the opener and had little trouble winning 49-28. Scoring honors for Gorman went to Pat Robertson with 13, Linda Cloninger with 12 and Annys Kate Blair with 11 points. A good job of guarding was turned in by Jeanette Bunting, Ruth Rodgers and Charlotte Hilley.

The next opponent for the Gorman girls was De Leon in the semi-finals of the tourney. It was a fast and furious contest from beginning to end with the lead changing several times during the game before De Leon finally emerged as the winner, 60-57. Annys Kate Blair was outstanding, scoring 20 points and playing guard part of the time before fouling out in the fourth quarter. She was followed in scoring by Nelda Robertson with 19 points and Pat Robertson with 15. Janey Thompson was a stand out guard in this game especially after Jeanette Bunting and Sandra West fouled out.

The all tournament teams consisted of Max Pierce on the boys and Nelda Robertson and Jeanette Bunting on the girls team.

Tuesday night the Gorman teams journeyed to Scranton for two games. The girls won 48-33 and the boys lost 48-46 in their third close game in a row.

In the girls game Annys Kate Blair and Pat Robertson hit 15 points each for scoring honors with the entire 12 girl squad seeing action.

The boys game was close most of the way although the Panthers owned a 10 point lead at one time and were ahead 26-19 at the half before Scranton turned on a last half rally to win.

Thursday night the Gorman teams go to De Leon to take on their teams in the last games before the tournament.

## W. G. KIRKS ATTEND BANKING MEET

Mr. and Mrs. Glynn Kirk were in Abilene Saturday where Mr. Kirk attended the district meeting of the National Association of Bankers and Accountants.

Mr. Kirk is president of this district, the West Texas Conference, of the Association.

Wherever they go, Kernel Gene is always glad to hear from former Gormanites (or Gormanians, whichever you prefer). Especially so when it was someone associated with us. Alex Phillips, who was formerly associated with Higginbotham's, got in the habit of dropping in the Progress office after hours. Being a versatile young man he was soon picking up a few extra dollars running a printing press. It wasn't long after before he accepted a job with Dowell, Inc., Victoria, Texas. As he said, it is just a roust-about job but it has opportunities. From the looks of the above picture Alex has a foot on the ladder and if work and conscientious endeavor mean anything he will soon be several rungs up.

The above picture was clipped from the Dowell Magazine which featured the Victoria station this month. Quoting the magazine, "Industrious housekeeping practices by Victoria Dowellers has made their station the best-groomed in the company. The station's pleasing appearance is a clue to outstanding safety and preventive maintenance records."

## Irrigation Pays Dividends

Mr. Q. D. Fuller, who drilled his first water well for irrigation purposes in 1952, states that his investment has paid off in a big way.

This year Mr. Fuller harvested 19 bushels to an acre from non-irrigated land while the irrigated peanuts brought 50 bushels to the acre. The irrigated peanuts also graded four points higher than those from the non-irrigated field.

Mr. Fuller now has six wells on his farm although only three are being used.

## Attend Insurance Agents Meeting

Mrs. Berenice Jeffs and Mrs. Mary Revels attended the Texas Association of Insurance Agents Regional Meeting at Stephenville on December 14, 1955 held in the Robin room of Tarleton State College dining hall.

The high point of the meeting was an address given by Commissioner Mark Wentz, Fire Insurance Board of Insurance Commissioners, State of Texas. Mr. Wentz was a Local Agent at Big Spring, Texas prior to his appointment as Fire Commissioner.

The Texas Association of Insurance Agents is composed of Local Agents, Company Representatives and Members of the Insurance Commission who are constantly striving for better insurance coverages and lower rates. Gorman Insurance Agency is proud to be a member of this association and feels that they can better serve their policy holders by participating in this organization.

## INDIAN TRAIL TOURNAMENT Basketball Schedule

Gorman High School Gym Dec. 28-29-30-31, 1955

### WEDNESDAY, December 28,

- 1:45 Strawn vs Dublin - Girls
- 3:00 Strawn vs Dublin - Boys
- 5:45 Eastland vs Desdemona - Girls
- 7:00 Gorman vs ACHS (Abilene) - Boys
- 8:15 Desdemona vs De Leon - Boys

### THURSDAY, December 29th -

- 12:30 De Leon vs Carlton - Girls
- 1:45 Ranger vs Carlton - Boys
- 3:00 Winner Desdemona-Eastland vs Stephenville Girls
- 5:15 Eastland vs Priddy - Boys
- 6:30 Gorman vs Priddy - Girls
- 7:45 Championship Quarter finals - Boys
- 9:00 Consolation Quarter finals - Boys

### FRIDAY, December 30 -

- 12:30 Consolation Semi-finals - Girls
- 1:45 Consolation Quarter-finals - Boys
- 3:00 Abilene "B" vs Clyde - Boys
- 5:15 Consolation Semi-finals - Girls
- 6:30 Championship Quarter-finals - Boys
- 7:45 Championship Semi-finals - Girls
- 9:00 Championship Semi-finals - Girls

### SATURDAY - December 31 -

- 9:00 Consolation Semi-finals - Boys
- 10:15 Consolation Semi-finals - Boys
- 12:30 Championship Semi-final - Boys
- 1:45 Championship Semi-finals - Boys
- 5:15 Consolation Finals - Girls
- 6:30 Consolation Finals - Boys
- 7:45 Championship Finals - Girls
- 9:00 Championship Finals - Boys

## Couples Feted At Party In The Brogdon Home

One of the largest and best parties of the Christmas season was held in the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Brogdon last Saturday night. Mrs. Ed Harrison and Mrs. Brogdon were co-hostesses for the occasion. Approximately twenty couples were invited to the party.

The Brogdon home was beautifully decorated in traditional and unique style to carry out the Christmas theme. Bridge, canasta, and Scrabble were played. An appealing plate of dainty sandwiches, colorful salad, candies, and punche was served to the guests.

There is an article headed, "Another Tax For The Small Businessman." I would like to have some expression from you on this new tax.

Frankly I think it will cause unemployment.

The page of personal Christmas Greetings was sponsored by the Progressive Study this year.

Some of you will have your families together for the first time in many months. If Christ happened to visit your church Sunday wouldn't He enjoy seeing all of you present?

## LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a "Tiny Tears Doll", a doll bed, a doll house, and a necklace and bracelet set. Please don't forget all of the other good little boys and girls.

I have been a good girl all year.

Love, Karan Jo Collins

Dear Santa  
We are two little girls 5 and 3 years old and we have been good girls most of the time. Please bring us a doll apiece with hair you can brush and comb, and a high chair for her. And we would love a little table and chairs set, please, and a diaper bag for our dolls.

Please don't forget all the other boys and girls.

We love you,  
Brenda & Anna Lee Butler

Dear Santa;  
We are two little boys in the second and fourth grade.

We are expecting you to bring us lots of toys and good things to eat. We want two be-bee guns, Tinker Toys, farm house and any thing you find.

Your friends,  
Bob and Mike Rodgers

The Gorman business houses will observe Monday, December 26 and January 2 as holidays and will not be open on those dates.

## Record Attendance At Sabanna Valley GP Association Meeting

The meeting of the Sabanna Valley Game Preserve Association had the largest attendance thus far at its meeting Tuesday night, December 13th.

The membership was unanimous in its decision to ask the Texas Game Commission to stock deer on the preserve.

It was also voted to ask the State Legislature to declare a closed season on deer in the southern precincts of Eastland County and the northern precincts of Comanche County, the area of the preserve.

Total signed-up acreage to date is 53,434. The latest members to sign up were F. W. Roberts, Jim Ray Cox, J. W. Roach, E. D. Duggan, and B. T. Stovall, all of Rising Star, J. E. Spencer and Henry A. Schaefer, both of Cisco, J. E. Allen and Mrs. Oma Poteet of Sipe Springs, Elzo Been, M. M. Sheffield, and C. O. Sutton, of Carbon, J. J. Brown, Keith Whitt, J. C. Cook, Arnold Butler, J. Davis Smith, I. N. Poyner, J. F. Alderman, John Edmondson, Loyd H. Dillinger, S. E. Limley, Don Estes, J. D. Poyner, T. G. Gray, and B. M. Bennett, all of Gorman.

## Cal Rainey In Critical Condition

Cal Rainey is in critical condition at McCloskey Hospital in Temple. His wife reported to the Progress Monday that Mr. Rainey had suffered another stroke and could take only liquids.

Mr. Rainey was carried to Temple on December 4 after he had suffered his first stroke at his home in Gorman.

work in the Baker Clinic where she has been the past 12 years.

She was a member of the Oak Cliff Baptist Church, the Order of the Eastern Star and the Rebekah Lodge.

Survivors include her daughter, Mrs. Maxine High of 5001 Westfield, Austin; her mother, Mrs. Bell Lane of Comanche; her brother, D. B. Lane of Waco, and her sisters, Mrs. Lillie Bell McCamey and Mrs. Auga Mae Clements of Proctor and Mrs. Alta Dixon of Winters.

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in  
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Also  
Color Cartoon

Tuesday & Wednesday

FAMILY NIGHT

Dennis O'Keefe - Abbe Lane

in  
CHICAGO SYNDICATE

Also  
Color Cartoon

Thursday & Friday

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Footsteps in the Fog

Also  
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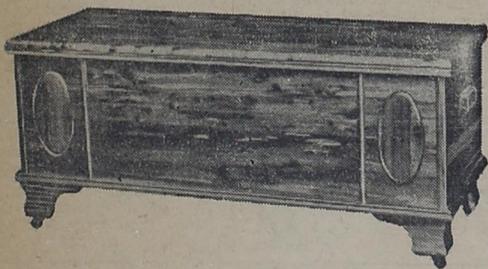
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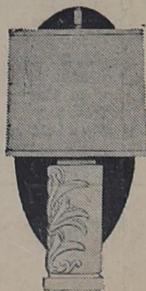


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### ANOTHER TAX FOR THE SMALL BUSINESS MAN

A news release from the Texas Employment Commission warns all small business men who plan on employing four or more people for any part of twenty weeks in the calendar year of 1956 that they will be subject to a penalizing tax of THREE percent of gross salaries paid out. This is in addition to your social security and withholding tax and is called unemployment tax.

If you are paying, say \$600 a month in salaries to three people and happen to hire a school boy one hour on Saturdays for as much as twenty weeks you will be taxed THREE percent on the \$600 plus whatever you pay the boy. In other words you will have had four people on your pay-

roll twenty ydas out of the twenty weeks. And if you happen to be hiring three people and one quits and you hire someone to take their place you are stuck again because that is counted as four employees.

Following is the information sent out by the Texas Employment Commission.

Almost 15,000 firms employ-workers are now in the process of being covered under the recently amended Texas Unemployment Compensation Act, according to Weldon Hart, Chairman of the Texas Employment Commission.

"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 a calendar year will have to pay unemployment taxes.

"Not only firms which regularly employ as many as four employees will be affected, but also a small business which has four people working on Saturdays only, 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 dur-

ing 1955 should notify the Texas Employment Commission in Austin now, 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 we think that the group includes many, many stable firms that have low turnover -- the drug store, grocery, barber shop, service station and cafe."

### Observance Grew With Christianity

The observance of Christmas as we know it today is one of joy and peace, making it difficult for us to realize that the holiday has not always been universally recognized and observed.

When Pope Gregory sent out missionaries in 601 A. D., he told them to let pagan converts weave the harmless features of their festivals into the spiritual fabric of Christmas observance.

The popularity of the Christmas observance grew with the progress of Christianity, but there were setbacks. Abuses of Christmas reached such a pitch in feudal England that the Puritan Parliament outlawed the holiday in 1644. The observance declined until the middle of the 19th century when Charles Dickens published his heart-warming "Christmas Carol."

### TAXI SERVICE

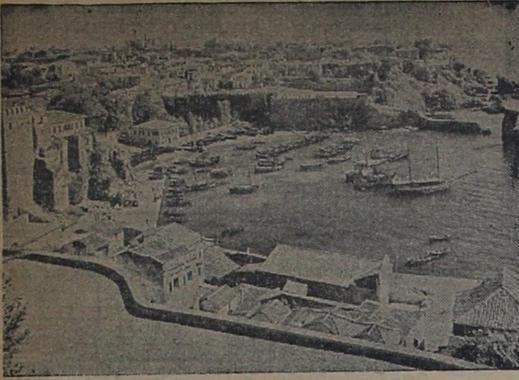
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### A Hymn Is Born

BY CLINT BONNER

## When They Ring the Golden Bells

A circus music master writes a hymn

Elgin is a few minutes drive from Chicago and Kirkland is a few minutes west of Elgin. It was in Elgin and Kirkland that a forgotten music master and circus performer spent the last days of his 85 years. His name was Daniel A. (Dion) De Marbelle who in his better years could do anything . . . and had done everything.

As a youth Dion De Marbelle sailed from his native France, where he was born at Seville in 1818, to roam the Arctic on a whale ship. In 1847 he fought with the American Navy in the Mexican War. As actor, singer and musician he toured the continent. When the North and South clashed in '61 he joined the Federals and played in the Sixth Michigan Infantry band. After the war he went with James A. Bailey's circus as a musician and when Bailey went with Barnum in 1881 to form "The Greatest Show on Earth" De Marbelle organized his own show. Losing his tents and other equipment in a fire in Canada the aging showman joined "Buffalo Bill" Cody to organize the famous Wild West Shows.

Old files of The Elgin Courier-News recount that this versatile entertainer was an accomplished sleight-of-hand artist, a one-man minstrel show, an eloquent speaker "on any subject" a poet and composer of popular ballads. On Sundays he sang in the Methodist choir. During the week he called community dances.

In 1887 De Marbelle was nearing three score and ten and he wanted to leave something lasting. And he did. But, as with his more than 25 other songs, he received not a dollar for "When They Ring the Golden Bells." In December, 1903, Dion De Marbelle went on to "dwell with the immortals" in the "land beyond the river." Old soldiers of the G. A. R. buried him in Elgin and the government placed a modest marker at his grave. There is no other tribute . . . no dates . . . just the simple wording "Drum Major D. A. DeMarbelle, 6 Mich. Inf." And there in Soldiers' Reserve at the Bluff City Cemetery the music master whose artistry thrilled thousands beneath the big top, and who left behind an immortal hymn, awaits the day when "the King commands the spirit to be free . . ."

There's a land beyond the river,  
That we call the sweet forever,  
And we only reach that shore by faith's decree  
One by one we'll gain the portals,  
There to dwell with the immortals,  
When they ring the golden bells for you and me.

When our days shall know their number,  
When in death we sweetly slumber,  
When the King commands the spirit to be free:  
Never more in anguish laden,  
We shall reach that lovely Aiden,  
When they ring the golden bells for you and me

We shall know no sin or sorrow,  
In that haven of tomorrow,  
When our barque shall sail beyond the silver sea;  
We shall only know the blessing  
Of our Father's sweet caressing,  
When they ring the golden bells for you and me.

Don't you hear the bells now ringing,  
Don't you hear the angels singing?  
'Tis the glory ballad jubilee.  
In that far-off sweet forever,  
Just beyond the shining river,  
When they ring the golden bells for you and me.

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1955



# Christmas

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**EARL BENDER & COMPANY**  
EASTLAND (ABSTRACTING SINCE 1923) TEXAS

**Oliver Springs NEWS**

By Florence Richardson

Our attendance in Sunday School is increasing.

Little Miss Linda Bryan spent Friday night with her grandparents, the D. L. Bonds.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Hirst visited in Eastland Sunday with his sister who is ill.

Royce Dean Clement spent the week end in Cisco with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Chessley Atchison spent the week end with the Jesse Atchisons.

Jack and Peggy Adcock visited the Melvin Daniels Wednesday night.

Just a few more days until our New Year's Singing. There will be refreshments for one and all. Come and bring someone with you to Oliver Springs on New Year's Night which will be on Saturday, December 31st.

The holidays are at hand. Let's all remember, if we can, on that day our Christ was born upon the hay. He gave His life for you and me, when he hung on the Cross of Calvary.

Merry Christmas to all.

**Tips on Choosing Christmas Tree That Will Last**

If your Christmas tree shed needles all over the living room last year, chances are you weren't careful enough in buying a "fresh" tree.

Touch-typing will help you pick a choicy tree. You can tell by the feel which trees are better able to withstand the hot siege indoors.

If twigs and foliage aren't reasonably resilient or needles feel dry and crumbly, better pass up the tree. Chances are it will look like a hatrack before Christmas day.

And if you're not quite sure by the touch method, bang the butt of the tree sharply on the floor. A shower of needles will tell you if the tree's drying out, even before you get it home. Of course, the way the tree looks is an important factor, but an attractive tree that will lose its beauty in short order is hardly a bargain.

The ideal holiday tree boasts the traditional pyramid shape, with lush branches reaching to the base. The two favorites in the market places are Balsam fir and Norway spruce. The slower-growing Balsam fir is more expensive than the spruce, but it retains its beauty longer indoors.

**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 ornaments 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?



**GUESS WHO . . .** Everybody is impersonating Santa or Mrs. Santa these days. Here Hilda Estavez gives her impersonation of Mrs. Santa Claus—and while it may not resemble a reasonable facsimile, the gift-laden pack on Hilda's back may give a vague clue.

**WHEN SANTA LEAVES**

While American children always and their Christmas presents in the stockings or under the tree, children of other nations must search for theirs. Norwegian children seek them out in hiding places which may be anywhere in the house. In Italy, they seek them in "Urns of Fate" and in France children usually find them in wooden shoes.

**A LIGHTED CANDLE**  
By Nora Lee Smith

May Christmas Cheer be every where as mistletoe is hung and city streets be all aglow as Christmas lights are hung!

No one could ever view the sacred nativity scene without being uplifted and blessed when the tall candles are lighted around it. How lovely they look in the church and shop windows during the Christmas season. They symbolize the welcome light and adoration we cherish in our hearts for that Holy Christ child.

I often wonder if it has ever occurred to you within that you too can carry a lighted candle that would glorify your reflecting light, grace and beauty to those around you. Wonderful indeed, how you can honor the Christ by keeping your candle aglow, not only during the Christmas season, but every day throughout the entire year.

The lighted candle of love, shines forth as kindly words, generous deeds, and the restoration of peace.

The taper of Christ-life aglow within, is like unto a great white light which will dissolve all doubt and unrest. The candle of understanding brings forth joy, courage and counsel in times of stress, supports you with words that will ease burdens and comfort the sad hearts of others. Keeping the taper of faith alight within, sustains through all difficulties, come what may. The taper of truth is an unflinching beacon, leads to spiritual perfection and inspires those you meet to seek the way, the truth and the light.

May we all keep His light forever glowing in our hearts, minds soul and lives, that His righteous ness, peace, health and plenty, be established to the ends of the earth.

**Grandfather Frost Is Russian Santa**

Christmas in Russia? Behind the Iron Curtain it's Grandfather Frost who delights the children.

Grandfather Frost (really an actor from the Moscow stage) was revived by the Russians two years ago. Through most of the month of January thousands of Russian children dance around a fir tree in St. George's Hall and may shake hands with Grandfather Frost, the Russian Santa Claus.

Grandfather Frost entertains the children with the aid of singers, dancers and variety artists from the theaters. Last year, for the first time, American correspondents were admitted to the Kremlin to see one of the gatherings.

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The E. E. Todds and Ernestine



May the message of the first Christmas dwell in your heart at this joyous season, inspiring renewed devotion to its shining ideal of Peace on Earth, Good Will toward Men.

Mr. and Mrs. Denman Stanfield Lisbon, Portugal



Warm enough to melt a snowman in a flash are our wishes for your happiness, this holiday season. May its joys long remain among your most dearly cherished memories.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Jay



Here's a full sleighload of wishes for the merriest holiday season ever - packed with a heaping measure of good health, good cheer and good fellowship.

The Thurman Jays



Signs of the season: good cheer, warm friendships - light hearts, high happiness, deep contentment - it is our sincere wish that they may all be yours in the fullest measure.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Whitlock and Family



As you gather around the tree, we hope your packages will be filled with wonderful gifts and your heart will be filled with all the peace and joy of the season.

The Hulon Pulligs



May your holiday season be a time of gaiety and excitement - and a time, too, of quiet contentment, warm with the blessings: home family and many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Underwood



Along with his gaily decked presents, may Santa bring into your home and into your heart the priceless gifts of peace and contentment - of enduring happiness and good will.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Underwood



A pack of good wishes is headed your way, from us to you, for a Merry Christmas day. May all your Christmas dreams come true, and have a happy New Year, too!

The John Kimbles and John Edward



We're singing out with a message of good cheer and merriest Holiday greetings, to all of our friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Davis Smith



May this Yuletide season deliver to you joy to warm your heart, gifts to make your eyes sparkle and a very merry Christmas Day you'll always remember.

The W. J. Ormsbys and Mike



Once again the Yuletide brings joy to the world. In the spirit of the season, we send a sleighful of our sincere best wishes for your holiday happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Emerson and Family



The very best of wishes for a Christmas season that really rings the bell in every way. May its happiness brighten all the days ahead.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. "Jug" Dennis



Just a cheery little holiday note to wish you a Yuletide as bright and festive as the ornaments on your Christmas tree.

The Joe Collins Family



Let's all join Santa in a happy holiday song of cheer and joy and hearty good fellowship to last all through the New Year.

The Speedy Clarks and Family



May your face be wreathed in smiles on Christmas morn, and may you and your family be blessed with all good things, now and in the coming year.

Here's hoping your Christmas Day will be a shining success bright with all the joys of the season.

We join the carolers today in their message of Peace on Earth, Good Will toward Men. May it echo in your heart, this Christmas.

May the bright and shining joys of Christmas light your way to a whole new year of health and happiness - deep contentment and peace

Shining across the years, the Christmas Star renews our hope and faith in Peace on Earth, Good Will toward Men. May the Star light the way to happiness for you.

To all our many friends, we extend our heartiest good wishes for the merriest, brightest Christmas ever. A happy holiday to everyone!

Let Christmas joy be unconfined! And may the happiness and good cheer of the Yuletide be ever green in your memories of this holiday season.

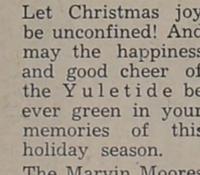
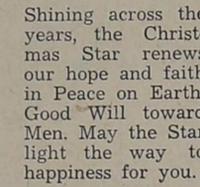
Our very best wishes to our friends for the brightest and merriest holiday season ever.

At this very special season of the year, it's our pleasure to greet you, our good friends and wish with you that the coming year may be a time of peace on earth, good will toward men. Happy holidays to one and all.

The T. O. Shelleys and the Jack Shelleys



Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Chambers and Family



May the wonder of Christmas find its way into every home; its message of brotherhood into every heart.

The Ed Browns



We herald the holiday season with warmest wishes for the health and happiness of all our loyal friends and good neighbors. A Merry Christmas, everybody!

Mrs. Nell Dollberry



Just popped in with a bright 'n cheerful Yuletide message for you. We hope you enjoy a holiday season that's really jolly.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy G. Whitlock



To the many many friends who have made this past year such a good one for us, we send our very best Christmas wishes.

The W. G. Kirks and Family



May your family hearth be warm with happiness at Christmas - may its good cheer long glow in your memory. This is our sincere wish for you.

Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Brogdon and Family



Across the land, the church bells ring out the tidings of a joyous Christmas Day. May this happy time bring you the blessings of peace and contentment.

The Gabe Wrights



Here's wishing you all the best of the Yuletide season, and here's hoping Santa will bring you enough joy and good cheer to last all year!

The A. D. Eakers and Tana



'Tis the season to be joyful, and to turn our thoughts gratefully to that first Christmas long ago. May peace and good cheer abide with you.

The R. C. Mehaffey Family



Best wishes to you, our friends, for a happy holiday. May the gift of joy be yours, this festive season.

The Glen Mehaffey Family



Cheery and bright as a Christmas candle is our Yuletide wish for you and yours. May the holiday season be all aglow with a deep and abiding happiness for you all.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Walker



May the star that shone so brightly on that Christmas Eve of long ago, light our way to a world in which all may live in peace and good will.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Browning and Family



Among your Yuletide gifts may you surely find those priceless treasures of health, friendship, love and a deep and enduring happiness.

"Tidy" Eaves and Family



Just an old fashioned wish to all our many fine friends for a holiday season that is bright 'n cheerful - simply overflowing with joy, good fellowship happiness and good health.

The Hilley Family



A sleighload of very cheery wishes to all of our friends and neighbors. May the gay holiday season bring to you and yours a heaping measure of good health, good cheer and happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. Quail Thompson and Family



May the joy of Christmas sing in your heart throughout the coming year is our wish for all our friends and neighbors at this happy holiday season.

Berenice Jeffs

### Cheaney News

Mrs. Bill Tucker, Reporter

If you missed the local chatter last week there was a reason for it.

We failed to get to church on Sunday to gather the news, as is our weekly custom. We helped with harvesting.

Then mumps appeared at our house, and several cases are in the community at present.

Mrs. Iva Blackwell was confined to her home with mumps last week but is recovering.

Sharon Brown has also had a case of them. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tucker, John Love, and Jid Blackwell have had shots to prevent the 'critters', and all in all Cheaney has had a siege of illness.

Mrs. Emma Green is a patient in the Gorman Hospital from an abscessed eye, which has endangered her sight.

The other eye was removed a long while ago and sight has been limited in the one remaining.

Mrs. J. P. Strickler suffered a serious illness last week and is staying with her daughter, Mrs. Elmer Blackwell while recuperating. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Strickler of Ft Worth came to visit her during her illness. She was reported better Sunday.

Carl Garner and Allen Dutton and J. H. Garner of Ft Worth were at Cheaney Sunday. Carl was in charge of preaching service and Allen led the singing. Carl is a student in ACC.

Mr. Joe Butler, who underwent surgery in a Fort Worth hospital recently, is recovering at home of their daughter, Mrs. Graham Compton in Weatherford. The Butlers plan to be away from home until after Christmas.

Mrs. Della Galloway was a treatment case on Saturday due to prolonged cold.

Mrs. Myrta Love was ill and unable to attend church Sunday.

W. C. (Bill) Tucker suffered 2 fractured ribs when he fell while loading hay last Thursday on the farm. Cicero Rogers and William Melton visited him Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Rodgers of Sinton were here last Friday visiting the parental, William Meltons.

Mrs. Bob Revels and children came Saturday from Lovington,

N. M. They are here for the holidays. Bob will join them here for Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Revels.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rayfield and children were here from Springtown Saturday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Neger.

The Slim Blackwells and Cynthia, Mrs. Ruth Mihter, Mrs. Maggie Lemley and Anson Lemley, all of Odessa, were church visitors Sunday morning. They attended the funeral services at Cross Roads Cemetery Saturday for Jake Lemley who died of a heart attack following a long illness. The Boyd Wisdoms of Abilene were church visitors also.

Most of the major inland areas of the Antarctic continent are named for females, while most mountain ranges and peaks, glaciers, bays and islands are named for males.

There is only one direction from the geographical South Pole: North.



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### THIRD GRADE

We have been working on our Christmas program. It is to be given tomorrow, Wednesday, December 21 at 8:45 a. m. We hope that our parents and friends will be there.

Christmas is just around the corner and we are just about ready. We shall have our tree Thursday at 1 p. m. All little brothers and sisters are invited. Be sure to bring a gift for anyone whom you invite.

It is very kind of Mr. Bramlett to furnish each room a tree every year. We surely appreciate his thoughtfulness.

Johnnie Bolt is taking an airplane flight to his home in Penn. We shall miss him after Christmas.

### FOURTH GRADE

Christmas is coming soon. We are looking forward to our program and to the holidays but when we get back it will be mid-term. Woe is us!

We have been saving "Aladdin Premium Prize Coupons" and we won a nice pen and pencil set. We are saving them again, and we hope we win something again next year.

We appreciated Barbara Smith bringing us the record "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. After we heard it Mrs. Nix asked us some questions about the record in a class discussion. She is trying to teach us to listen.

We had a good time at the show last week which was "The Vanishing Prairie". We had a science lesson about the animals in the show.

We are glad to have Carolyn Cowan back again after she had the mumps. We are sorry that Linda Mezell has been absent so long. We hope she will be back soon.

We also want to thank Barbara Smith for bringing a manger scene to help decorate our room.

We are going to have a lesson on T. V. antennas tomorrow in arithmetic. Several of our class member's families have gotten sets for Christmas and in discussing them in our "News" period, we found there was a great deal of difference in the height of the antennas.

All of us want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### FIFTH GRADE

We are looking forward to a very happy Christmas party. We have our tree ready.

We are very proud to have Lanetta back after she has been sick. We hope that she won't be sick again.

We are learning how to play basketball. We get to play in the Gym. We take all kinds of exercises. After a while we will play each other.

We have made a reading book-

Last Wednesday, both grade school and high school went to see "The Vanishing Prairie". Everyone thought it was very good. At any rate, we all came back with more knowledge about animal life than we had before we went.

### HOMEMAKING 1

We have finished our trays and I think we are all pleased with our grades. The highest grades made were two 98's by Sue Johnson and Loretta Abbe.

We are planning our Christmas program. Everyone is helping to make our Christmas program a success. We will have a Christmas story by Betty Jo Belyeu.

Lugene Rogers, Holly Kinser, Jean Porter, and Loretta Abbe will sing White Christmas and Blue Christmas. Charlotte Hilley, chairman of the refreshment committee, and her assistants, Mary Kay Cloninger, LaVenia Rodgers and Faye Thompson, are planning some good refreshments to serve us.

We are looking forward to having a good time during the Christmas holidays and I think Miss Shaw is looking forward to being rid of us for awhile.



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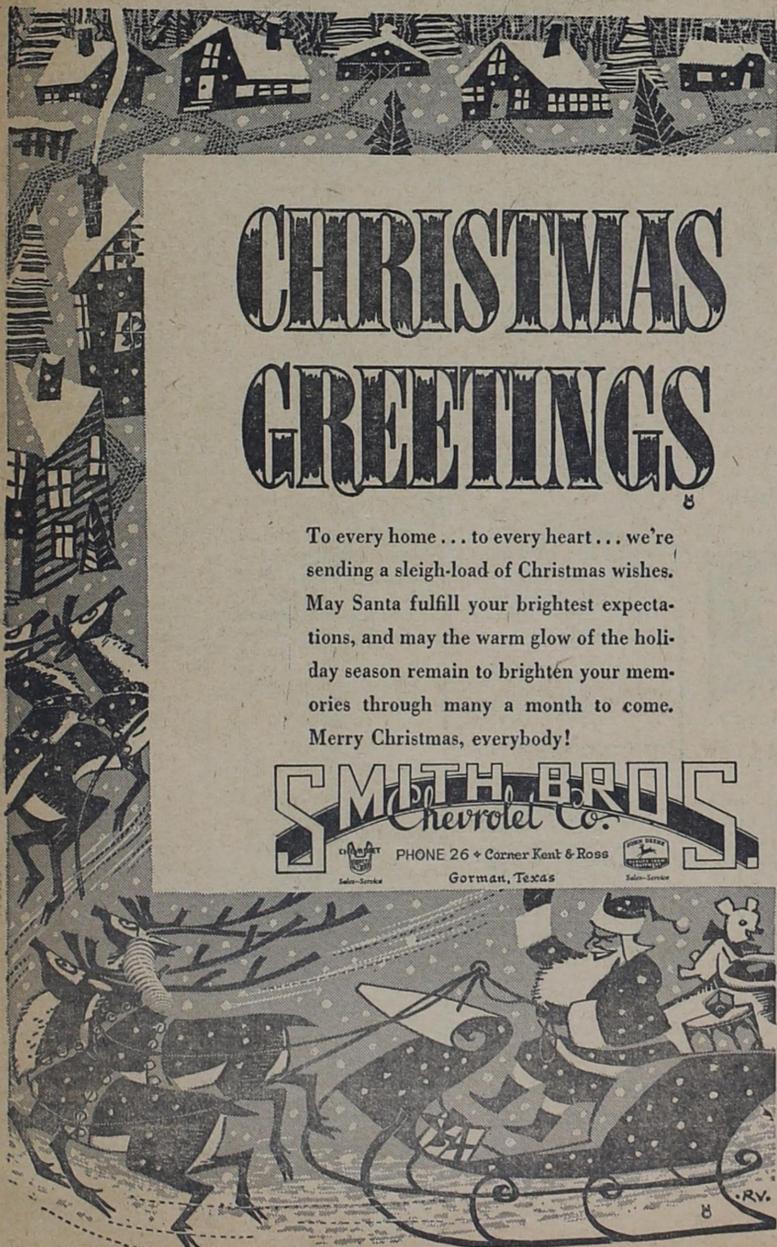
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**DUSTER ROCK BLUFF NEWS**  
Reporter, Mrs. Lorene Johnson

May God bless you with a "Merry Christmas" and "A Happy New Year".

And an angel of the Lord stood by them and the glory of the Lord shone round about them - and the angel said unto them - behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy. Luke 2:9:10.

All churches had fair attendance Sunday.

Rev. Durward Hazzard of Corpus Christi will preach Sunday and Sunday night at the Duster Baptist Church January 1.

Sorry to report Mrs. A. L. Jenkins is seriously ill at this time. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

Mr. Tom Coan and Miss Georgie Johnson of Ft Worth were happily married at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abb Coan Saturday night. We wish for them a long and happy life together.

Mr. and Mrs. John Harrison and Mr. Jack Harrison of Jayton were recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Haynes.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Scott over the week end were Mrs. Stella Joiner of Desdemona, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mears and son of Ft Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ables of New Mexico, and Mrs. Berl Scott and son of Andrews.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Johnson spent Sunday in Abilene with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Cozby at a family gathering.

Recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Graham were Mrs. Della Graham and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Graham of Loraine.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Coan of Ft Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Rye Coan visited Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Jackson in Gorman Sunday.

Mr. Sam Jenkins from Mart visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jenkins, a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Coan, Miss Polly and Miss Pansy Coan of Ft Worth spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abb Coan.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Haynes are spending several days in California visiting their children.

Miss Doris Gene Hall, who is employed in Dallas, is home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hall, through the holidays.

**Desdemona News**  
Anell McMaster, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Ables rushed their baby to the hospital Thursday. It was critically ill, but is doing better.

Mrs. J. G. Cassell fell and cut her knee and was taken to the hospital and several stitches were taken.

Miss Tena Overmier of Texarkana will be the Homemaking teacher beginning January 15th following the illness and resignation of the former Mrs. B. Love.

Mrs. Homer Hall hosted the Desdemona Study Club Saturday evening with a Christmas program and gift exchange.

Mr. Glen Griffin of Bakers Field, Calif, passed through and visited old friends, Mrs. May, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Heeter, last week.

Mrs. Faye Hayworth of Fort Worth visited her mother and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Cassell, over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Paul of Topeka, Kansas are visiting her mother, Mrs. Wilhite. Mrs. Wilhite is also going home with them and spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wittie and daughter of Kermit are visiting Mrs. Wittie and her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Scott LeMaster.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ables of Oil Center and the Bob Mears of Arlington and Burl Scotts of Andrews are visiting her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ables, this week.

Mr. Roy LeMaster of Kingsville is visiting the Scott Lemasters over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Debert Williams of Kermit are visiting his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Williams.

**Desdemona Club Christmas Paarty**

The Desdemona Study Club met December 17 in the home of Mrs. Homer Hall. This regular monthly meeting and Christmas Party was opened by the singing of "Joy to the World" and a Christmas prayer by Mrs. C. W. Maltby.

Roll call was answered by each relating a Christmas custom of another nation.

After the business session, at which Mrs. Davis presided, Mrs. Burleson lead the program and told "The Christmas Story" as recorded in the Gospel of Matthew and Luke. Mrs. Eldridge displayed beautiful Christmas arrangements of painted and dyed foliage and flowers and gave instructions for making them.

Gifts were exchanged from the beautifully decorated miniature "old fashioned" Christmas tree. Mrs. Hall served a holiday plate to the following members, Mmes. C. S. Eldridge, Homer F. Wade, C. W. Maltby, W. H. Davis, Margaret Henslee, George Hilton, and J. L. Burleson.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. George Hilton.

**Pre-Christmas Coffee Enjoyed In Thompson Home**

A number of friends called on Tuesday morning for a pre-Christmas coffee with Mrs. J. O. Thompson.

As one of her guests, we were reminded of a Canadian tea-table around which we sat as honored guests some years ago. There were some seven different varieties of home made cookies, jellies and jams with tea and black-berry cordial. All should be at least sampled else the Canadian hostess would have raised her eyebrows making note of our meager knowledge of tea etiquette.

Of course, no one sat at Mrs. Thompson's refreshment table for that would scarcely be in fashion but similarity was in the food, candies of peanut brittle and chocolate, cookies, hot rolls with butter and coffee, heavy cream, if preferred, by the young matrons.

The at-home hour was a lovely way for Mrs. Thompson to initiate Christmas.



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**Season's Greetings**

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**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 German town, are in Pennsylvania. Salem, Ore., decorated a Sitka spruce and Riverside, Calif., illuminated a large evergreen, an Aracura.

The little metal trumpets decorating Christmas trees date from early Danish custom of blowing in the Yule with four hymns representing the four corners of the world.

Radio and TV Repairs & Service  
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**Medieval Dinner Once Was Popular Custom For Coeds**

Eating peas with a knife is contrary to Emily Post and doesn't seem to have much qualification for observance as a Christmas tradition, but for more than 25 years coeds at Pennsylvania State University partook of a fork-less meal each Yule season.

The traditional medieval dinner, complete with everything from costumed lords and ladies to the legendary boar's head, dated back to 1919, finally had to be cancelled when coed ranks swelled to almost 1,000.

The affair, sponsored by the Women's Student Government Association, began with a formal procession through the dining hall. Lord and Lady McAllister—the dinner was held in McAllister Hall—led the throng, which included noble lords and ladies, heralds, a poet, a cardinal, pages, and two jesters bearing the boar's head.

All these girls were appropriately costumed and sat upon a raised dais in the center of the holly-bedecked room, which was illuminated by candlelight.

A choir furnished Christmas music, and the poet entertained the guests by reading Old English poetry from a scroll. In accordance with medieval custom, no forks or napkins were allowed, although guests sometimes secreted them in their pockets. The menu consisted of roast pork, mashed potatoes, peas, and a very rich plum pudding.

Today's students eat a special Christmas dinner before going home for vacation—but it's served "sissy" style. They're allowed a full complement of table utensils.

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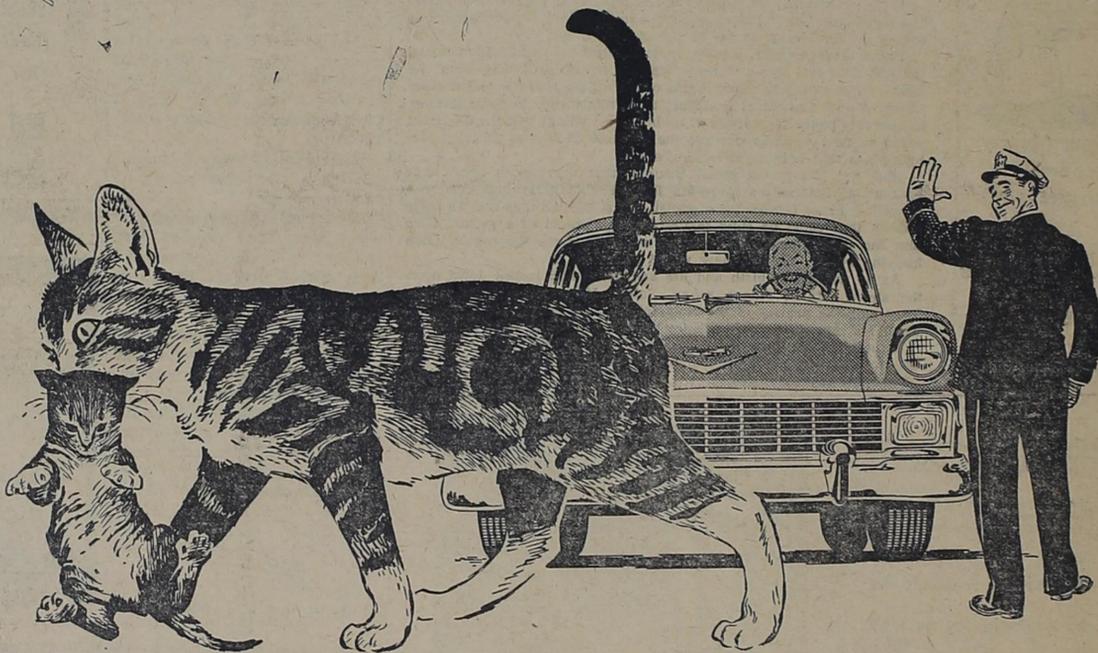
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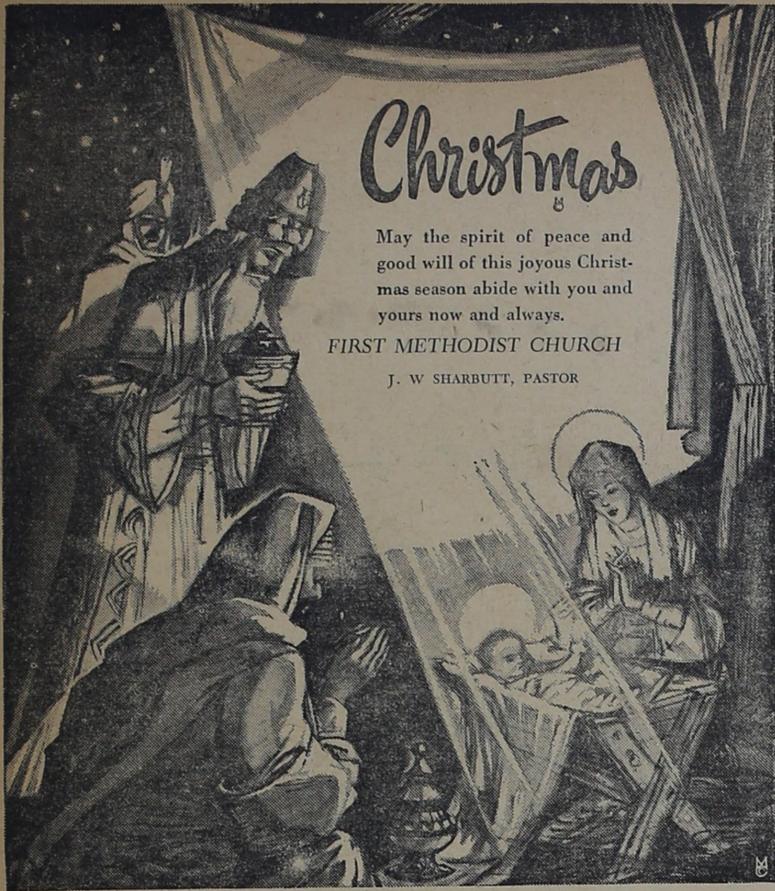
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# Christmas

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## HANDY GIFTS



How often at Christmas time have you experienced that panicky feeling that comes when you discover you've forgotten someone? It happens nearly every year.

You can, however, save yourself a good deal of embarrassment by having gifts wrapped and on hand in case someone drops by with a gift for you—someone accidentally omitted from your gift list.

A safe bet and a gift that will be appreciated is something that you, yourself, have made—perhaps seasonal cookies and candies, nuts, and stuffed fruits. These are gifts with a particularly personal touch. And that, after all, is what the spirit of Christmas giving should be—giving a little of yourself to others.

You can pack your handiwork in wooden or earthenware bowls, a flower pot, small basket, or inexpensive cake or loaf pan. Other handy and inexpensive packaging items are oatmeal boxes, coffee cans, or paper plates covered with gay paper.

A gaily wrapped package makes even the smallest gift look good. Use odd ends of wallpaper, brightly colored magazine covers, shelf paper or scraps of material.

If you have a favorite candy, cookie or fruit or nut bread recipe, use it, by all means. And for an additional touch, tuck a copy of your pet recipe into your gift.

## TRUE CHRISTMAS CAROL

Charles Wesley, a Methodist minister England wrote "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" on a Christmas morning. The brother of John Wesley, founder of Methodism, was inspired by the pealing of church bells when he penned the famous carol.



TELL ME, TELL ME . . . This lovely lady has succeeded in bringing Old Santa into view by gazing into her crystal ball, yet it seems that the vision isn't clear enough to foretell the gifts that he is bearing. Oh, well, Christmas is only a short time away.



"I don't know that I can answer your question, son, but I'll try. "The Christmas spirit . . . well, it's something you can't touch as you can the tree or feel as you do the cold and the wind and snow. It's greater than the distance to a star or the silence of the night, more wonderful even than Santa Claus . . .

"Oh, yes, Christmas trees and snow, presents and things, they're all part of the Christmas spirit. But these are things that we could have the whole year round without the Christmas spirit. It's only at Christmastime that they . . .

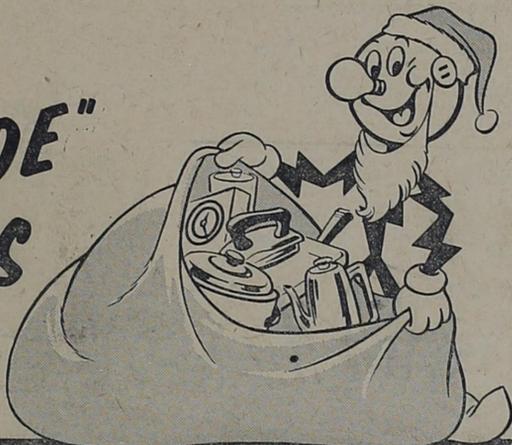
"Why? Well, it's because the Christmas spirit sort of changes the way we look at things and the way we feel. Little, everyday things, usually so important, go off somewhere and are lost among the Christmas tree lights or the evergreen arches along Main Street. We completely forget about ourselves as we gather presents for all our friends. Our troubles just seem to melt away. We buy gifts the year round for birthdays and anniversaries, it's true, but it's not the same. When the Christmas spirit moves us, we feel happy. We just want everyone in the whole world . . .

"Is it being happy?" Not just being happy as such. It's being happy, and kind, and generous, full of peace, and, most important of all, being reverent, all at once.

"Sure, like when we are in church. Outside the snow is deep and the midnight wind whistles through the trees. But inside there's warmth and comfort and a quiet peacefulness that you don't find anywhere else. Though just outside, the world, with its wind and snow and trees and stars and sky seems far removed. The flickering altar candles seem to be repeating a humble prayer in a language of their own. Your heart swells inside you and suddenly you are warm to the very tip of your toes. It's then that you know . . . that you feel it . . . the true Christmas spirit. With every breath you know that you are nearer and closer to Him . . . you know . . .

God? Surely God. You knew it all the time. The Christmas spirit doesn't come from Santa, nor does it come to any man as a present. It comes only when each of us, though we may have been careless or forgetful, reaffirm our faith in His presence and goodness and so strengthen our hopes to be with Him forever and forever. Then we have the Christmas Spirit, the most wonderful feeling in the world.

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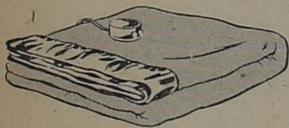
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### What Christmas Means To Me

Most of the fan-mail letters coming to Bing Crosby these pre-Christmas days are from America's children. Each letter is written about "What Christmas Means to me". The singer asked for these letters.

Bing goes through the letters chuckling and laughing aloud. Then he sits quietly, smiling pensively, wondering at the sweet faith of childhood, at times though he is filled with sadness - a sadness with a heartache for the children of the parents who have left Christ out of Christmas.

Then in the myriad pages of script -

"Every Christmas we go to grandmother's. When daddy gets off from work on Christmas Eve mommie, Jimmy and me have our bags packed and a box of sandwiches ready and away we go two hundred miles. But if the snow is big and deep we might have to wait until the snowplows come round again. My aunts and uncles and cousins all come and we get to sleep upstairs. When morning comes granddaddy has most all the whole house warm and grandmother calls, 'Get up children, Santa Claus has come.' Then everybody gets presents and there's lots and lots to eat, besides we can do what we want all day long."

A little girl perhaps will say, "Every Christmas I make up a play. Most times its about the same play, except one time we had a real life lamb. Mark will be Joseph. He's a good Joseph. Today he made the donkey face and covered it with possum hide. It looks just like the donkey in

the stable. Billy is the sweetest baby Jesus. But this year he is pretty big for my doll buggy. We use the buggy for the manger bed. I've let my hair grow as long as I can because I'm always Mary. We have the play right after we open our gifts before we dress because our bathrobes are our costumes."

Again from a ten-year old, "Christmas is Jesus' birthday. The shepherds heard, the angels sing and they went to Bethlehem to see the new-born baby. The wise men came from the East to bring him gifts. Last year I was a shepherd in our church play, but this year I will get to be one of the wise men. My sister, Annette, will be an angel and our neighbor will bring her real baby to put in the manger."

These things the children will say but for those who have left childhood in a distant past will have other ideas of Christmas. Ideas, some sweet and some bitter.

From those who have allowed a heavy veil to shroud old memories of childhood will come woes and laments.

"I'll be so glad when its all over - the rush, the bother, the terrible expense. Every year at Christmas I get so tired that I am ready to drop."

Another who has never known or else forgotten, "We're having a big party and there'll be plenty to drink."

But for those who have joys that they wish to share - not to drown - "Our children with their children will be home. The tree is shimmering, the little angel holds a light in the window, the turkey's ready to be stuffed."

Truly to celebrate Christmas as His birthday it is to believe the words of the man born in

### Mrs. Gene Baker Hosts Excelsior Christmas Party

The Gene Baker home was open to members of the Excelsior Club Tuesday evening for their annual Christmas party.

Mrs. Baker has again demonstrated her ability as a decorator. Entering the candlelight walk guests were greeted by a snow man standing on the porch beside Santa's own fireplace. The party rooms were gay with Christmas symbols and a silver spruce laden with beautifully wrapped presents.

Roll call was answered with the name of a woman of the Bible. Mrs. M. A. Pennington gave her own version of "The First Christmas" based on the Matthew and Luke accounts.

Gifts were distributed by the hostess and the president, Mrs. F. R. Haile.

A dainty refreshment plate of hot lime punch, congealed cranberry salad, wafers and cookies was served. The favors were Christmas corsages.

Two guests present were Mrs. J. W. Townsend and Mrs. Shelley Hirst.

The January 10th meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. W. C. Smith.

Miss Gerry Walker of Phoenix, Arizona, and Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Emmons and Diane of Breckenridge were guests in the J. E. Walker home last week end.

Bethlehem, "Except ye be come as a little child - ye shall not enter the Kingdom of Heaven." To me Christmas means loving and giving.

L. F.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Parker were in Colorado City Sunday visiting with their children, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Parker and children of Colorado City and Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Parker of Lubbock. The Gene Parkers plan to visit in Gorman over the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Elvy Clark and Richey left Monday for their new home in Enid, Okla. They had been staying here at the home of her mother, Mrs. Sam Richey, for the past few weeks while Mr. Clark

was completing moving and business arrangements. The Clarks formerly lived at Waco.

Bishop Craddock and "Goober" Ferguson of Sundown were in Gorman on business last week. While here, Bishop visited with his brother, Hubert Craddock.

Terry Shell, Harold Hilley, Joe Harrison, and Joe Bob Rodgers were the guests of Jackie Don Simpson last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Eaves and children of Goldsmith visited with Mr. and Mrs. John Wheeler and family over the week end.

