

The Story Of Christmas



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By KERNEL GENE, aPe

A hero today - a heel tomorrow. Events of today are seen in a different light tomorrow. Historians always manage to find old skeletons in closets that should be left undisturbed. The price of being human, wouldn't you say?

As guests of a friend in Comanche, Joe Bennett and I attended the banquet in Brownwood on Tuesday evening, Dec. 17th, honoring Representative Ben Barnes of the 64th. District. A native of Comyn, Ben graduated from De Leon High School — BUT he was born in Gorman, Texas, I imagine at the Blackwell Hospital. So, we can say he is a bit of a Gormanite. Most of you have read or heard about Rep. Barnes over radio, TV, and the daily papers last week. As I watched this young man and his charming wife receive compliments and praise from the men he worked with and personal praise from Governor Connally and Attorney General Carr by telephone; heard telegrams read from other officials and one from President Johnson, I could not help but think of the Biblical phrase, "and a little child shall lead them."

As Speaker of the House, Byron Tunnell, stated, "Ben is my right hand in the Legislature."

With all of their official duties, which are many, this young couple and their two children, Greg and Amy, take time for church and civic activities. It is young people like this that keeps man's faith in government.

Gorman has always been noted for a law-abiding town with very little need for an active officer. Occasionally though, some folk take advantage of our good nature and unthoughtfully violate traffic rules they wouldn't think of violating elsewhere. For instance, double parking, making U-turns and turning around in the middle of a block, just isn't nice. If they could see the expression on people's face and hear some of the remarks that are made — one just wouldn't think of violating a simple traffic law that was made for their protection as well as others. Of course, if they should have an accident while committing this offense it could cost them plenty. STOP signs are not spelled S-L-O-W.

Joe Bennett said, "Drive safely, the life you save may be Santa Claus."

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Gorman 4-H Club will sponsor a New Year's Eve Party at the Fire Hall for youth from age 9 to college.

A new series of games, all new in this area, will be played, so come with the expectation of having a good time.

The Social Security Representative will be in Gorman Monday, December 30 at 10 a. m. at the City Office.

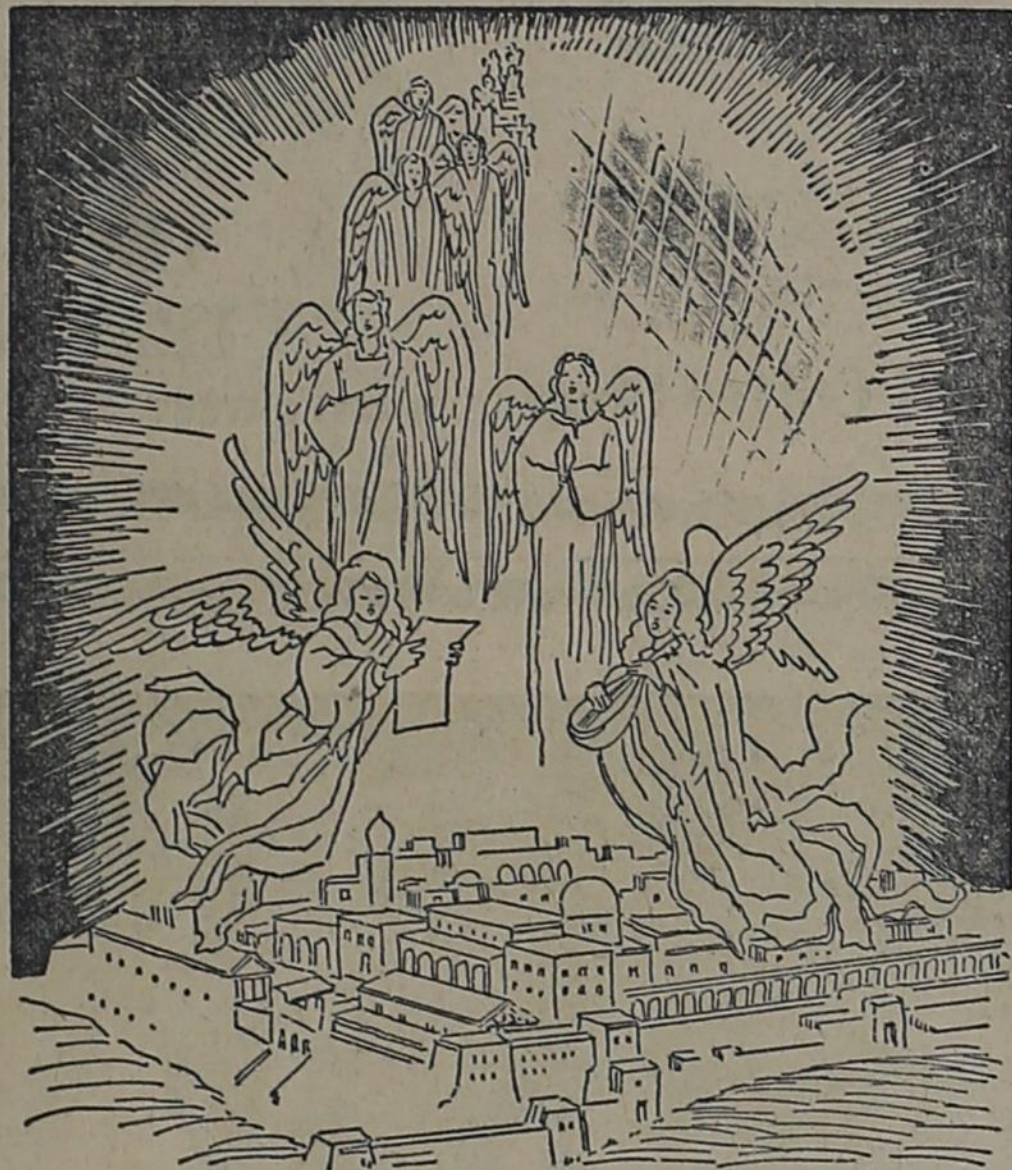
The First Baptist Church in Desdemona will have their Christmas program, tree, and also Santa Claus, on Sunday, December 22 at 7 p. m.

All members of the church are urged to attend and visitors are welcome.

Regular fourth Sunday Singing will be held at Kokomo on Sunday, December 22 in the Community House.

John Edward Clark of Stephenville arrived Friday for a visit with his grandmother, Mrs. John Clark.

Long, long ago, 1,957 years as man now marks the passing of time, a star shone brightly on the little City of Bethlehem. No ordinary night was this, and no ordinary star. This was a night of glory and wonder and this was a star that would be the hope of the world. On this night in Bethlehem the angels sang in their heavens, the humble shepherds knelt in the fields to pray, and even the wise men were filled with awe and reverence.

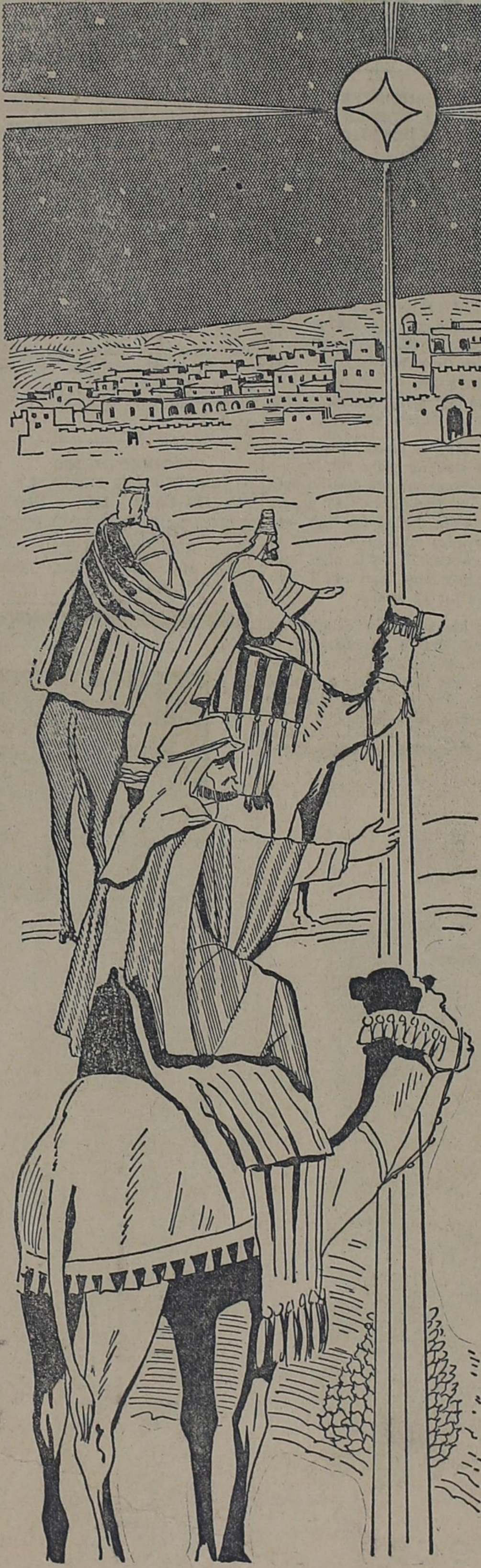


Here in this quiet place a glorious birth brought hope and joy to the hearts of men, for here in Bethlehem, on this starry night, a King was born. His coming was made known by the angels. Unaccompanied by blatant blasts of trumpets or hawking cries of heralds, their soft, praise-filled voices reached out into the stillness of the night, singing "Hosanna, Hosanna, hail to the King!"



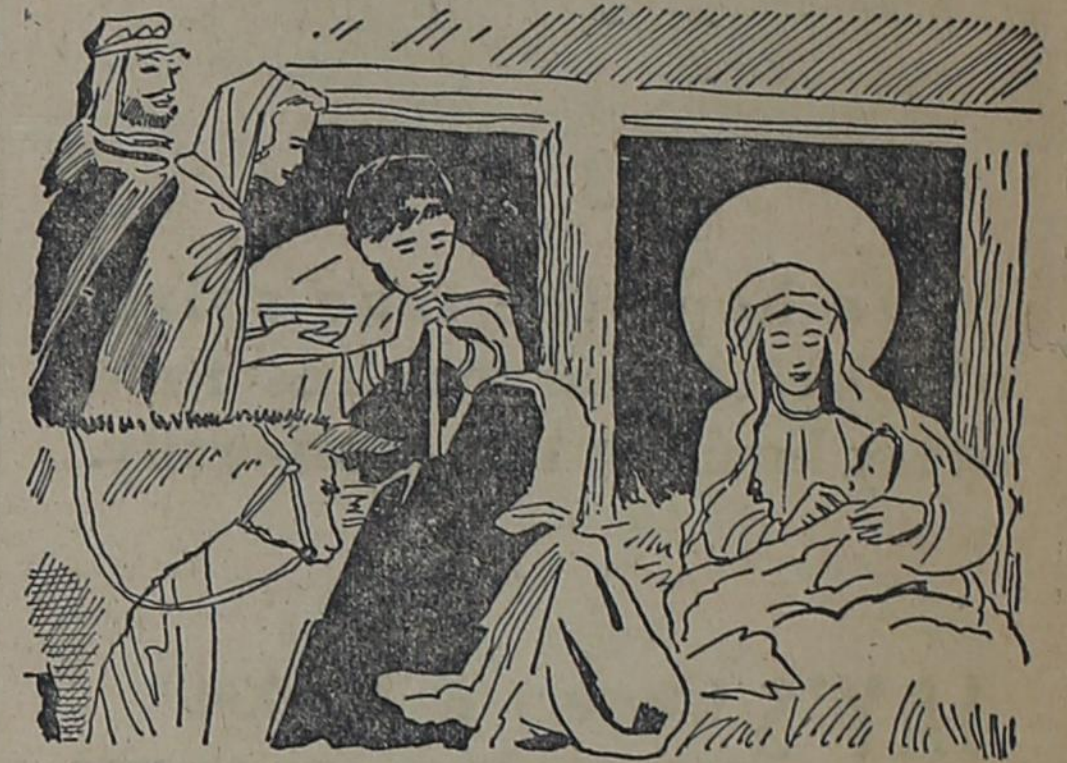
Out on the hillsides the shepherds heard and they knelt among their flocks to pray. And there came three wise men, following the star that had guided their pathway from the East.

Simple, indeed, were the surroundings. A crude stable served as a palace; the royal cradle was but a lowly manger filled with hay. There were no trumpets, no court



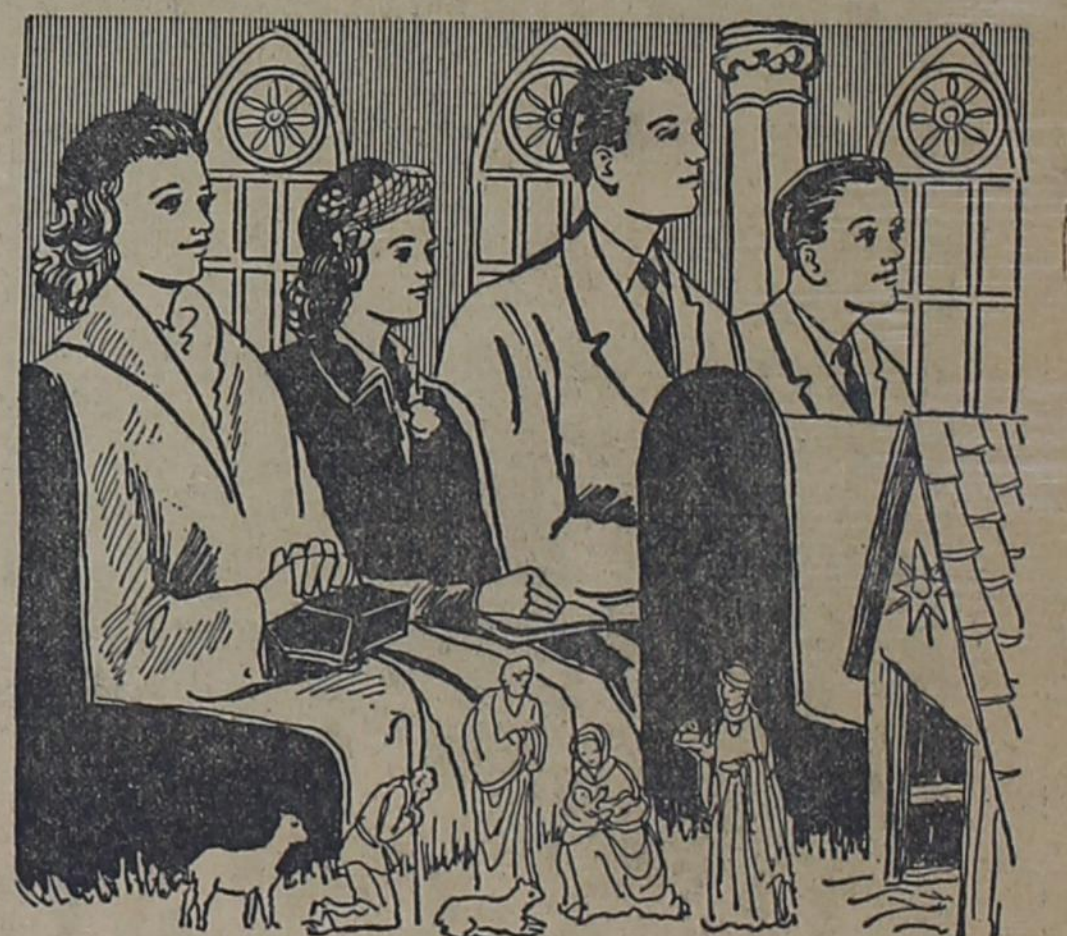
In the history of the world, no story has ever been told or written or repeated as many times as the story of the first Christmas. Yet the telling and retelling of this story through generations finds it forever the same—a simple, effective narrative of the birth of the Child Jesus at Bethlehem. The characters, the setting, the situation are forever the same in the recounting of mankind's greatest moment, the coming of the Redeemer. The story shall never change, nor shall the effect of that One Great Life upon man's eternal quest for salvation.

criers, no multitudes surging forth to adore. There, that night in Bethlehem, when the story began, there was only the stable, the Child in the manger, with Mary the Mother hovering near and Joseph standing quietly by. And in the brilliant light of the star were the Wise Men and the shepherds—bearing gifts for the new-born King of Kings.



Through centuries of telling and retelling this greatest of all stories has remained unchanged. It has for centuries marked the beginning of a new era of hope and faith for all mankind.

For the King that was born in Bethlehem was not a mere king of some worldly domain. He was the King of all men and the King of Kings. He came unto earth as a promise of eternal salvation, to show the way. He walked in the valley of men, not garbed in the regal raiments of worldly authority but surrounded by an aura of ethereal goodness and wisdom; as a leader and teacher of men.



There is then, deep significance to this holiday we celebrate as Christmas. It is more than an anniversary or a festive occasion; a time to find joy in the acts of giving and receiving. Christmas is a time for prayer and thanksgiving; a time to return in thought and spirit to the simple meaning of the Story of Bethlehem; for on this day mankind was divinely blessed and given the right to seek out eternal salvation.

Local Pecan Men Win In Co. Show

B. B. Freeman of Route 1, Ranger, took most of the first place winners in the Eastland County Pecan Show held in Ranger on December 13-14.

Freeman won first place in the Choctaw variety, also in the Western Schley, Barton, Texas Prolific, a second in the Apache and three third places with his San Saba, John Garner and Comanche varieties.

In the Government crosses J. H. Womack of Womack's Nursery between De Leon and Gorman, won first place and Freeman won third.

W. L. (Les) Wallace of Gorman won second place in the Choctaw variety and Charlie Underwood won a second in the Desirable variety.

John Reed of Carbon placed third in the Mahan division.

There were a total of 185 entries in the show with 24 name varieties and a half dozen or more unnamed seedlings.

JUDY BETH MEHAFFEY SERVING AT STUDENT TEACHER IN DENTON

DENTON — Judy Beth Mehaffey of Gorman is among 354 NT-SU students serving as student teachers in Dallas-Ft. Worth-Denton area schools this semester.

Included are 250 students preparing for secondary teacher position and 104 for elementary. In the secondary group are 44 seniors who will receive an all-level certificate for both secondary and elementary teaching in music, art, physical education, speech, speech therapy or library service.

Each student teaches under one of five training plans for the semester. Some are teaching in area schools half a day for 18 weeks. Others train during the first, second or third nine-week period of the semester. A fifth plan calls for slightly more than half a day's training for 12 weeks.

Miss Mehaffey, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Mehaffey of Gorman, is teaching at the Newton Rayzor Elementary School in Denton. She is a 1960 graduate of Gorman High School.

BLACKWELL HOSPITAL STAFF ENJOY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The employees at the Blackwell Hospital held their annual Christmas party and exchanging of gifts on Tuesday at 6 p. m. around the huge Christmas tree in the lobby of the hospital.

It has been the custom over the years of Mrs. Jessie Lee Elson, hospital dietician, to make the refreshments for the party, and she seemed to exceed herself this year with the various varieties of cakes, cookies and candies.

The highlight of the party is always the playing of practical jokes, and very few employees ever escape this event.

All the employees attended except Mrs. Ben R. Townley, who was in Post for the funeral of her step-father.

Guests were Miss Sue Harris of Comanche, Mrs. George Blackwell, Davonne Rodgers, Mrs. D. V. Rodgers, Mrs. Edward Verle Rodgers and David, Mrs. Lonnie Capers and Mrs. Elbert Denton.

CITY EMPLOYEES AND COMMISSIONERS ENJOY X-MAS DINNER AND PARTY

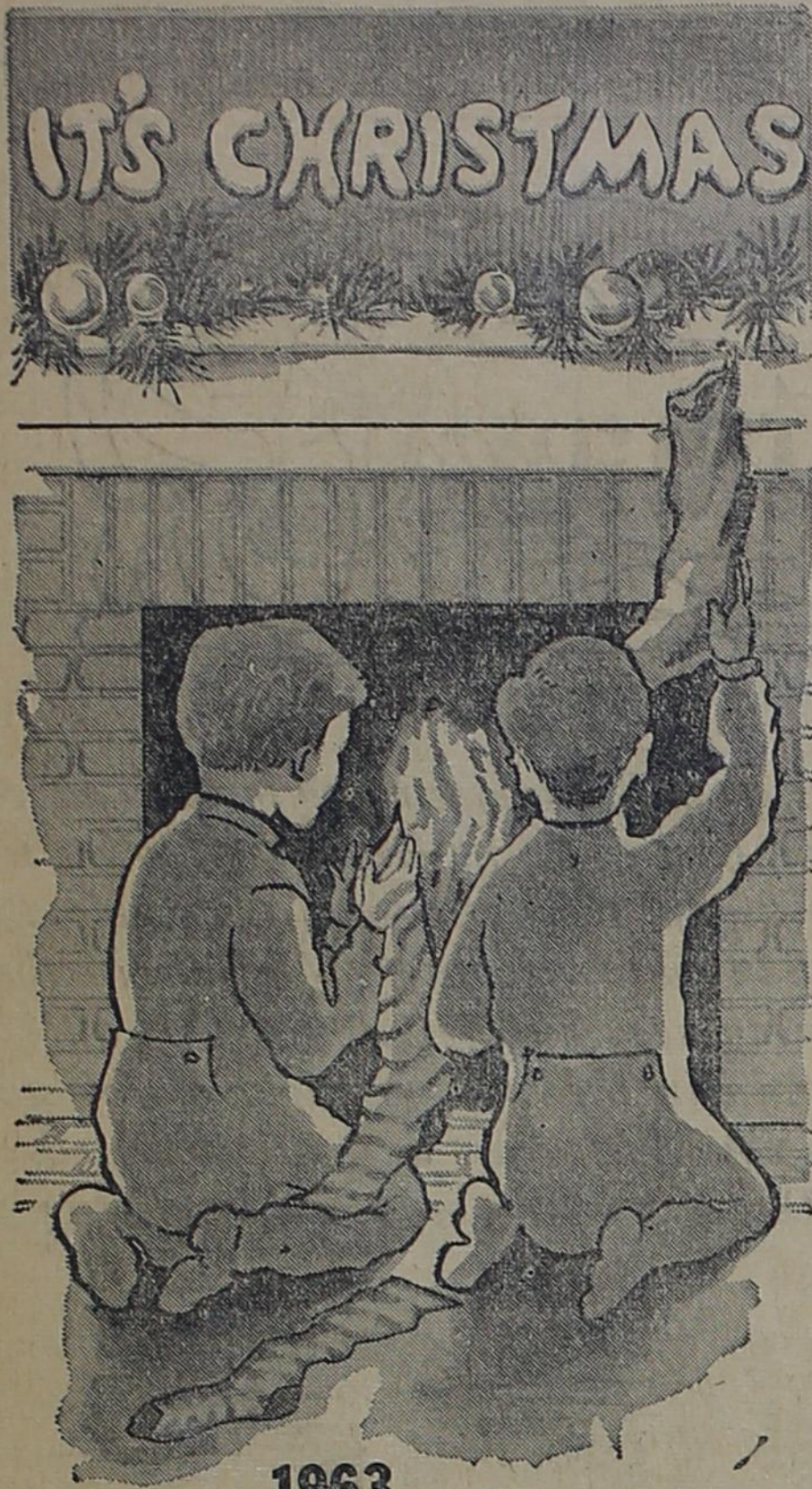
Employees and commissioners of the City of Gorman met at the Hotel Coffee Shop at 6:30 p. m. Thursday for a dinner and fellowship hour.

The banquet room was beautifully decorated in the yule motif. The tables were covered in red and white cloths, and centerpieces were candles arranged in holly and greenery.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. James Miears, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rhymes, Mr. and Mrs. Davis Smith, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Todd, R. M. Curb, R. M. Buntin, Sr., Arlton Smith, George L. Smith, Rex Yarbrough and J. T. Grice.

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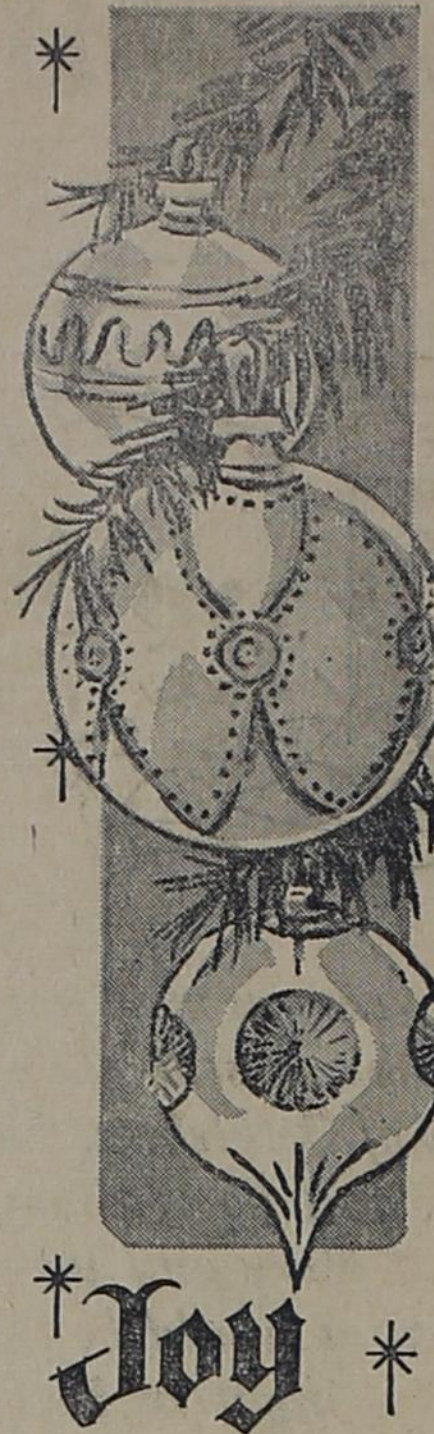
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MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Open House To Honor Former Gorman Couple

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Mosley, who have lived in Olden since 1931, and formerly of Gorman, will be honored by their children on their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, December 29th.

Open house honoring the couple will be held in the Mosley home one mile north of Olden from 2 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon and will be hosted by their children, Mrs. Howard Wade of Desdemona, Worford Mosley of Hattisburg, Miss., Fred Mosley of Ranger and Pat Mosley of Olden.

Mrs. Mosley was born Nov. 16, 1892 near Hot Springs, Ark., and came to Texas in 1903 with her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Worford, settling in the Brushing community, near Desdemona.

Mr. Mosley was born Jan. 22, 1896 at Alameda. He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mosley.

The couple were married on December 25, 1913 at the home of her parents.

They were engaged in farming and stock farming in the Gorman and Desdemona area until 1931 when they moved to Olden. Mr. Mosley continues to take care of some stock on his farm near Olden. He was employed with the Southwestern Peanut Growers' Association in Gorman during the war years as peanut buyer.

Mrs. Mosley operated the first school cafeteria in Gorman during the school year 1928-'29. She helped to rear a step-daughter, Alta Fay Mosley, who died in 1948, and Walton Mosley, now of New York, City. Their mother was the former Cora Butler. She died in 1911. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Pat Butler.

The couple are members of the

Olden Church of Christ.

For hobbies Mrs. Mosley raises Parakeet birds and does oil painting. Mr. Mosley's only hobby is reading. He is an avid reader.

A son, Fred, followed in the footsteps of his father's profession and operates a ranch at Ranger. Mrs. Oleta Wade has taught school

in this area for the past 21 years, and is presently teaching in the Olden Schools. Pat Mosley is a General Insurance Agent for the Farm Bureau, and Worford is employed with Pontiac Oil Co. in Hattisburg, Miss.

Friends and relatives are invited to attend the open house.



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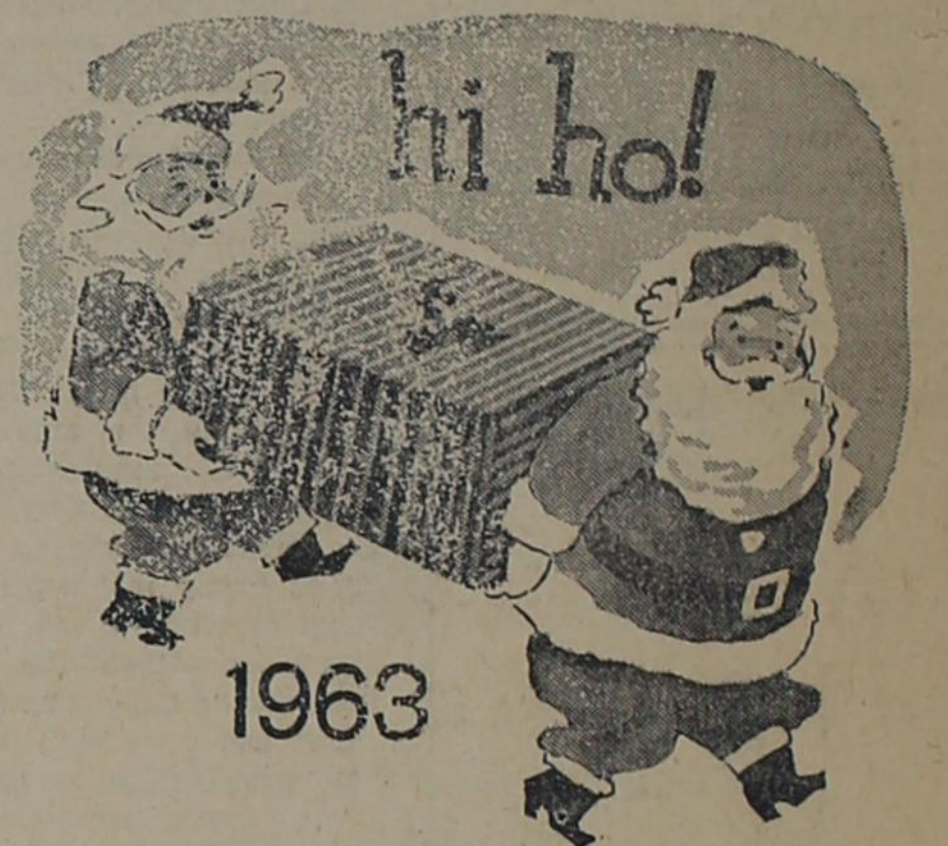


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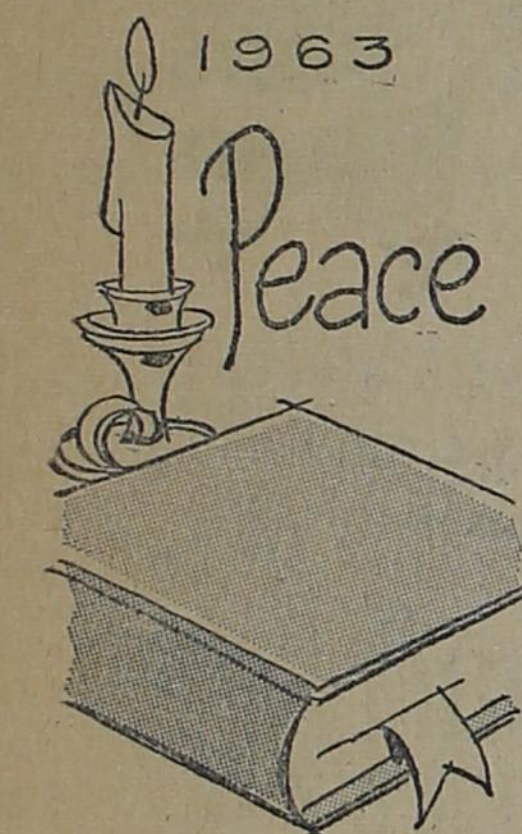
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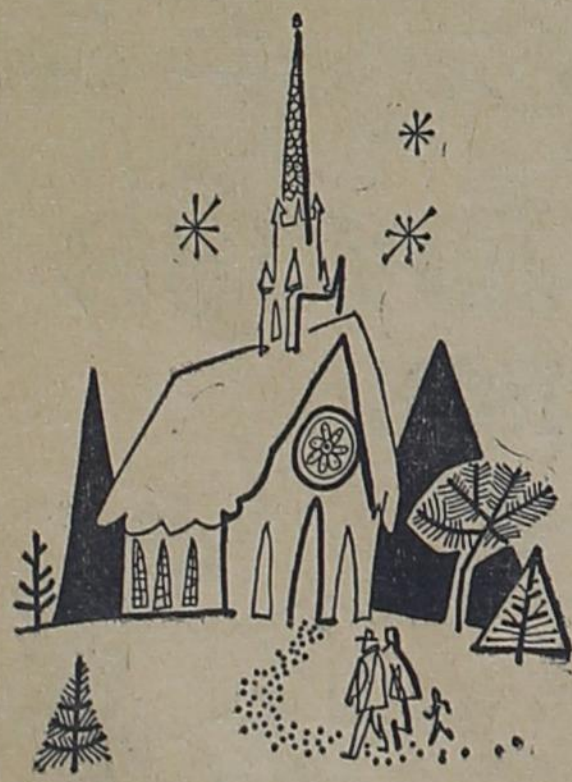
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B&B

Some people like to watch college football, and according to the figures released by the NCAA 22 1/4 million fans turned out to see their favorite teams this year. This figure does not include the arm-chair quarterbacks like the B&B writers who did not get to attend the games.

It seems as though coaches and players are not the only people who get hung in effigy. Dave Campbell, Sports Editor for the Waco News-Tribune, was too critical of the Baylor Bears and the style of offense used by Coach John Bridgers.

Howard Grubbs, Executive Secretary of the Southwest Conference, announced Thursday the renewal of its Letter-of-Intent with the Big 8 Conference. There will be no signing of Texas school boy football players after they have signed with the Southwest Conference - - but, instead the Big 8 teams desiring Texas boys are already on the signing train now.

Paul Lowe, San Diego Charger halfback, has been named AFL "Comeback Player of the Year." Lowe's teammate, Tobin Rote, former All-American quarterback from Rice, was named as AFL's "Most Valuable Player of the Year," while another teammate (from Arkansas), Lance Allworth, was the runner-up for the MVP award. Allworth has been nicknamed "Bambi" by his fellow players.

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The ankle injury, long a nightmare for both athletes and coaches, may soon be a thing of the past.

Central Ohio coaches are praising a newly developed device that may reduce the number of ankle injuries or perhaps, eliminate them altogether.

The device, invented by Raymond Yost, is a pneumatic ankle brace encasing the ankle in a cushion of air, making it almost impossible to inflict a sprain.

The brace supports an injured ankle so firmly that a player can be kept in action where he could hardly walk without the brace.

Yost, a shoe store operator, says he first came up with the idea for a brace nine years ago when his son, Barth, developed weak ankles playing football.

He started making rough models four years ago using Silene Urethane 20, a material that Yost says fills all the requirements of weight, durability and resistance to perspiration.

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We have a complete (or at least almost) of the remaining post-season bowl games. As yet we have no way of finding which station will carry which games, with the exception of the NFL games which are to be on NBC and the AFL games which will be on ABC TV.

DECEMBER 28

Blue-Gray at Montgomery, Ala.

Gator Bowl at Jacksonville, Fla. North Carolina vs. Air Force.

East-West Shrine Game at San Francisco.

All-American Bowl at Tucson, Arizona.

Tangerine Bowl at Orlando, Fla. Western Kentucky vs. the Coast Guard Academy.

DECEMBER 29

National Football League Championship Game, Giants vs. Bears, at Chicago, to be on NBC.

DECEMBER 31

Sun Bowl at El Paso - SMU vs. Oregon.

JANUARY 1

Cotton Bowl at Dallas - Texas vs. Navy.

Rose Bowl at Pasadena, Cal. - Illinois vs. Washington.

Orange Bowl at Miami - Nebraska vs. Auburn.

Sugar Bowl at New Orleans - Mississippi vs. Alabama.

JANUARY 4

Senior Bowl at Mobile, Ala. Hula Bowl at Honolulu, Hawaii.

JANUARY 5

The American Football League Championship Game at home of Western Div. champion on ABC.

National Football League Playoff Bowl at Miami, Fla. matching the Packers and Browns on NBC-TV.

JANUARY 12

National Football League Pro Bowl at Los Angeles on NBC.

JANUARY 19

American Football League All-Star Game at San Diego on ABC.

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The B&B writers have truly enjoyed the privilege of sending this column your way this year, and we are looking forward to it again next year.

Until then, we take this opportunity to wish each and everyone a very Merry Christmas and a most prosperous New Year!



To wish you joy
 at this blessed
 holiday season.

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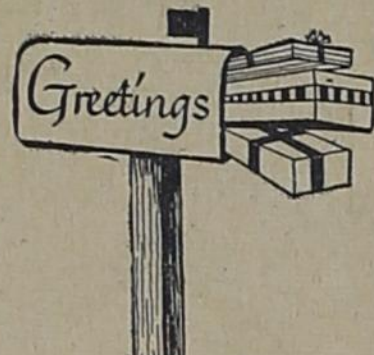
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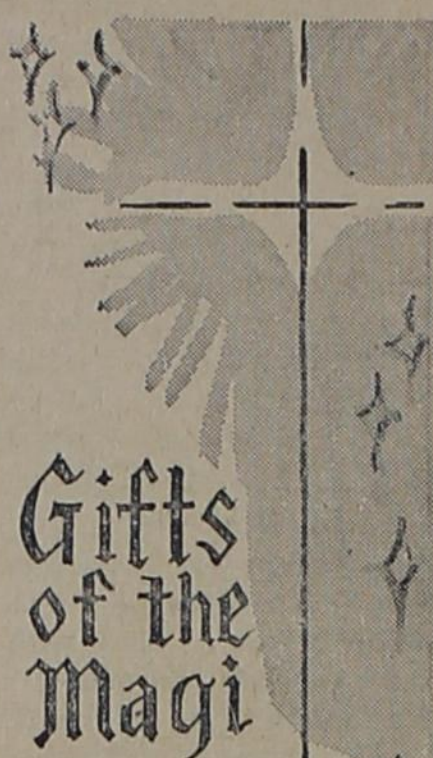
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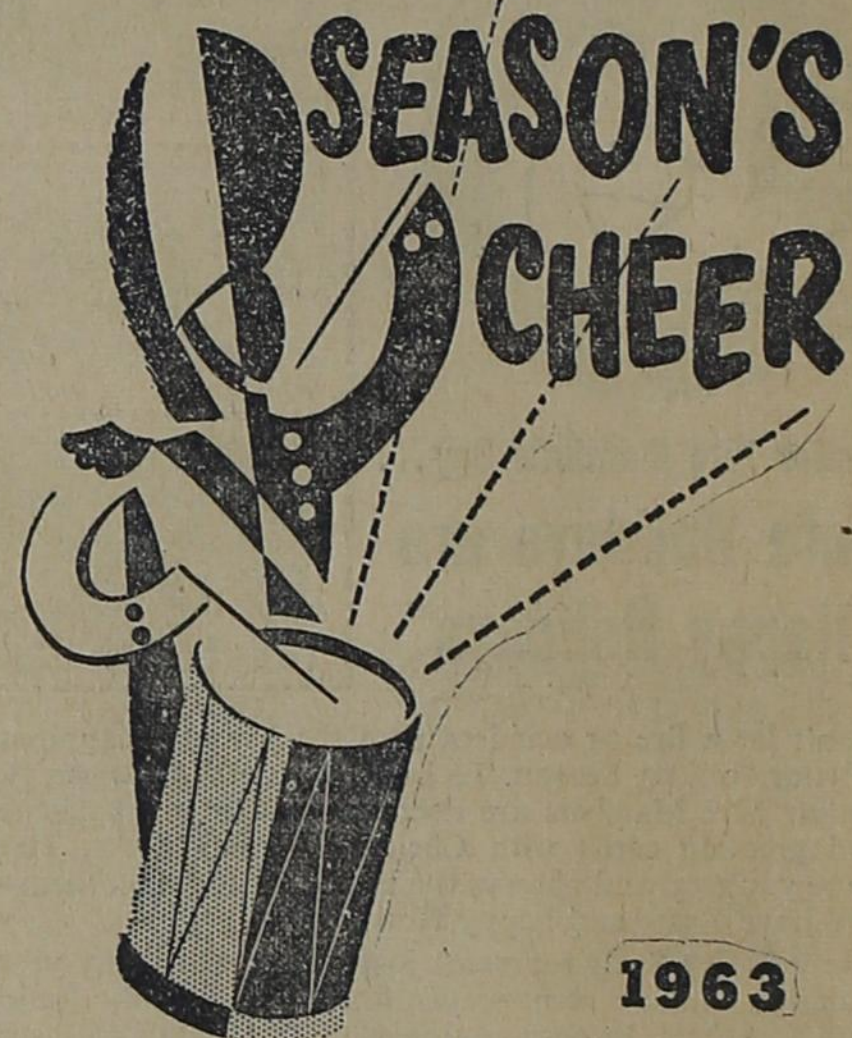
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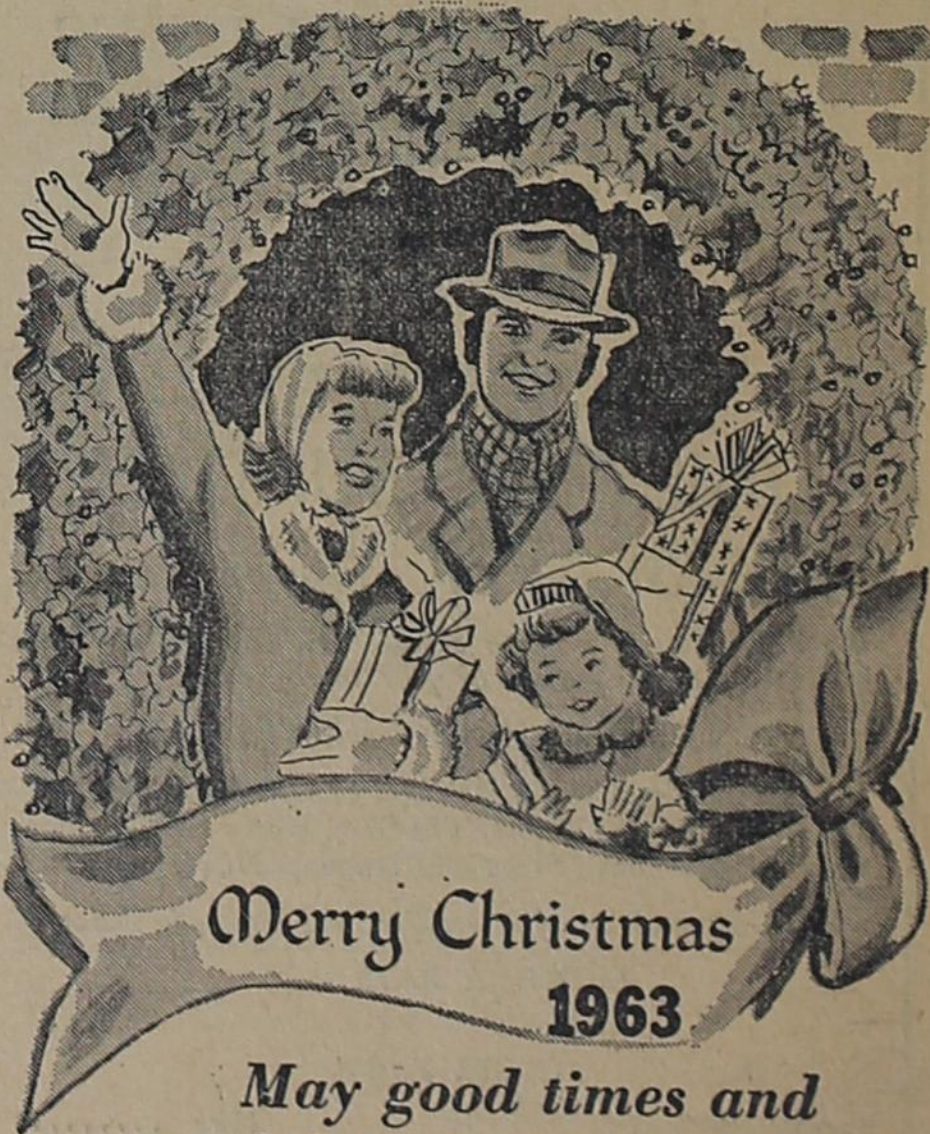
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Every family has a FAVORITE recipe for stuffing turkey or other fowl. We would like to share a stuffing recipe with an exciting taste . . . a special holiday treat.

Here's how you go about it; but be sure to remember that stuffing expands during the roasting process. So be careful not to over-stuff the bird:

Wild Rice 'n Franks Stuffing

- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 4 tbsps. butter
- 1 cup chopped mushrooms
- 1/4 tspn. thyme
- 1/2 lb. skintless frankfurters sliced in strips

- 3 cups par-boiled wild rice
- 1 tspn. salt
- 2 beaten eggs

NOTE: You may use fresh, canned or dried mushrooms. Dried mushrooms should be soaked overnight and thoroughly washed before using.

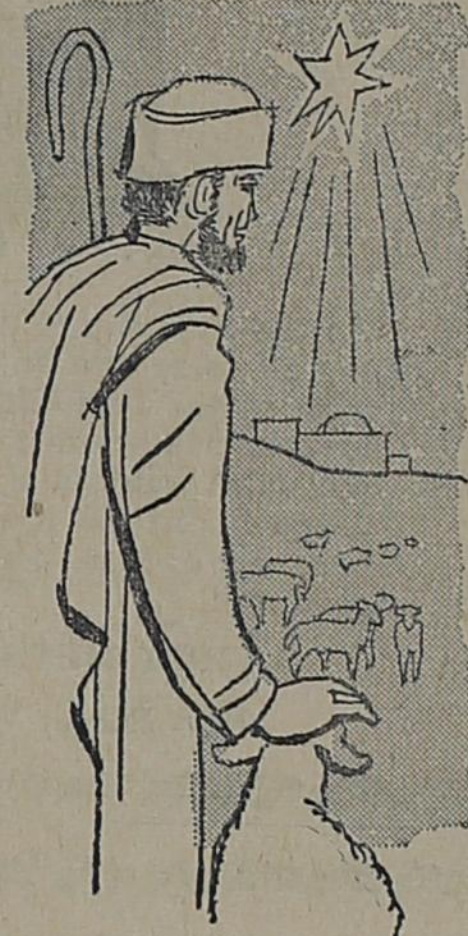
Par-boil wild rice until it is almost soft. Drain thoroughly. Roasting time will be sufficient to make rice completely palatable. Saute onion in 2 tablespoons butter until lightly brown and set aside. Cook the mushrooms in remaining 2 tablespoons of butter for about 5 minutes, stirring constantly, and remove from pan. Beat eggs slightly. Slice SKINLESS frankfurters in strips, and brown lightly in drippings. Remove from heat and toss all ingredients, including sausage, onion, mushrooms, wild rice, beaten eggs and seasonings. Stuff bird between crop and tail. This will make about 5 cups, enough for a 10-pound, ready-to-serve turkey.



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May peace be your gift during this Holy Season.

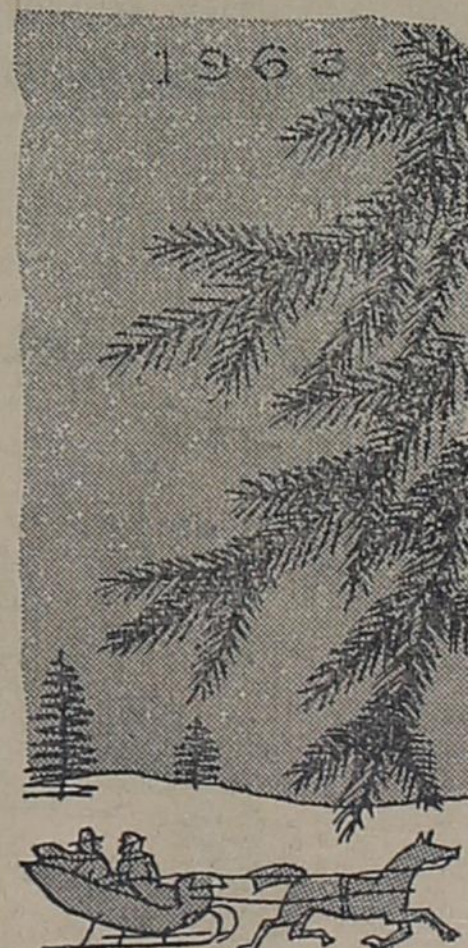
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Bennett Grocery and Station



It's a joy to greet our friends. A merry Yule all.

Todd's Variety Store

Hardy Glasscock Brother of J. Q. Eakin Laid To Rest Buried At Truscott

Mr. Hardy Glasscock of Post died Saturday in the Slaton Hospital following a long illness. Services were held Monday at Truscott.

He was the step-father of Mrs. Ben R. Townley of Gorman. She and her son, Dickie, had been with the family in Slaton since Wednesday, Dec. 11.

Those attending the funeral

Funeral services for Mr. Tom Lee Eakin, 82, of Moody, were held at 3 p. m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church there.

Mr. Eakin was a brother of J. Q. Eakin of Gorman. He was unable to attend the services.

from Gorman were Mrs. Dickie Townley, Ben R. Townley and Jo, and Gus Frossard.

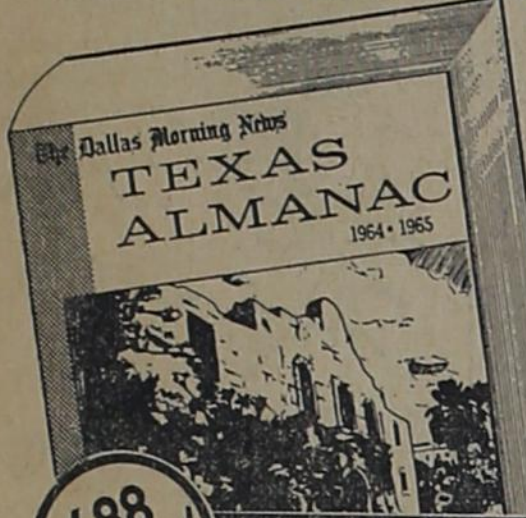
It Was Just an Accident -

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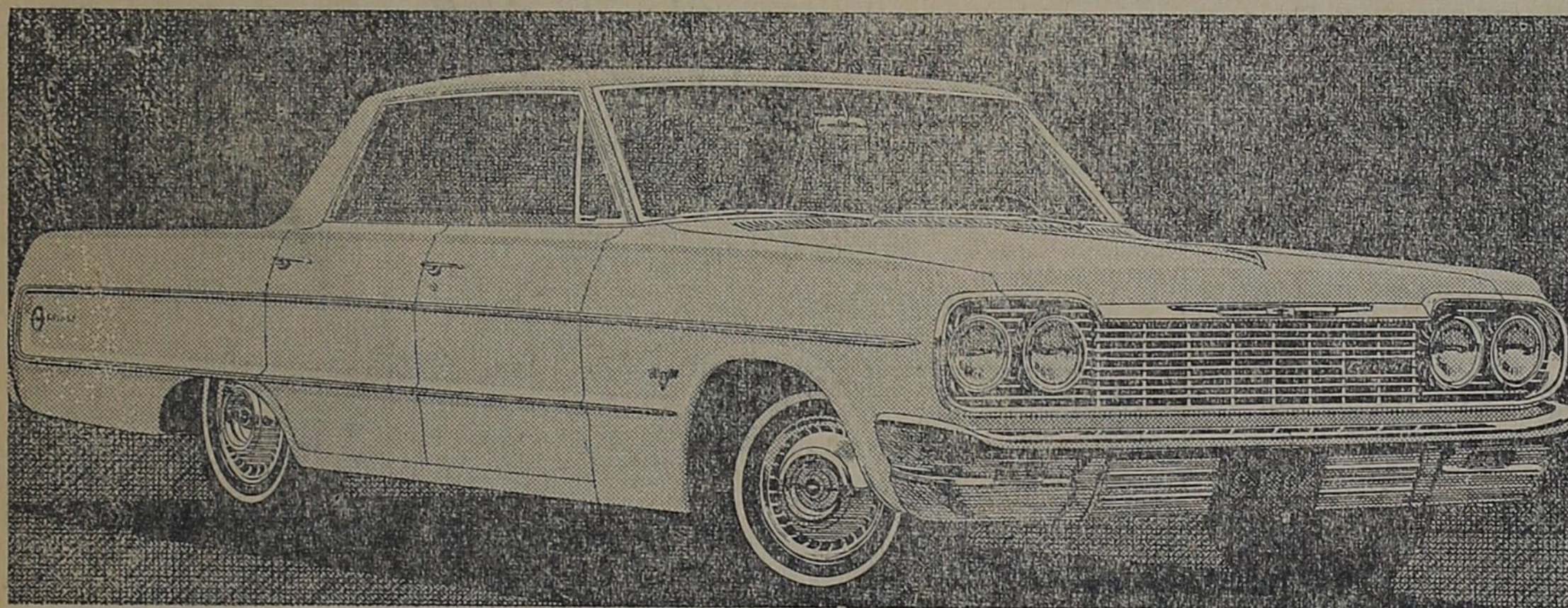
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We're heading your way with a sleighful of good wishes for Christmas! Our grateful thanks for their many kindnesses go to all those whom it has been our privilege to serve. May your holiday hold much happiness, love and contentment.

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BEST WISHES

Wishing you joy this Christmas.

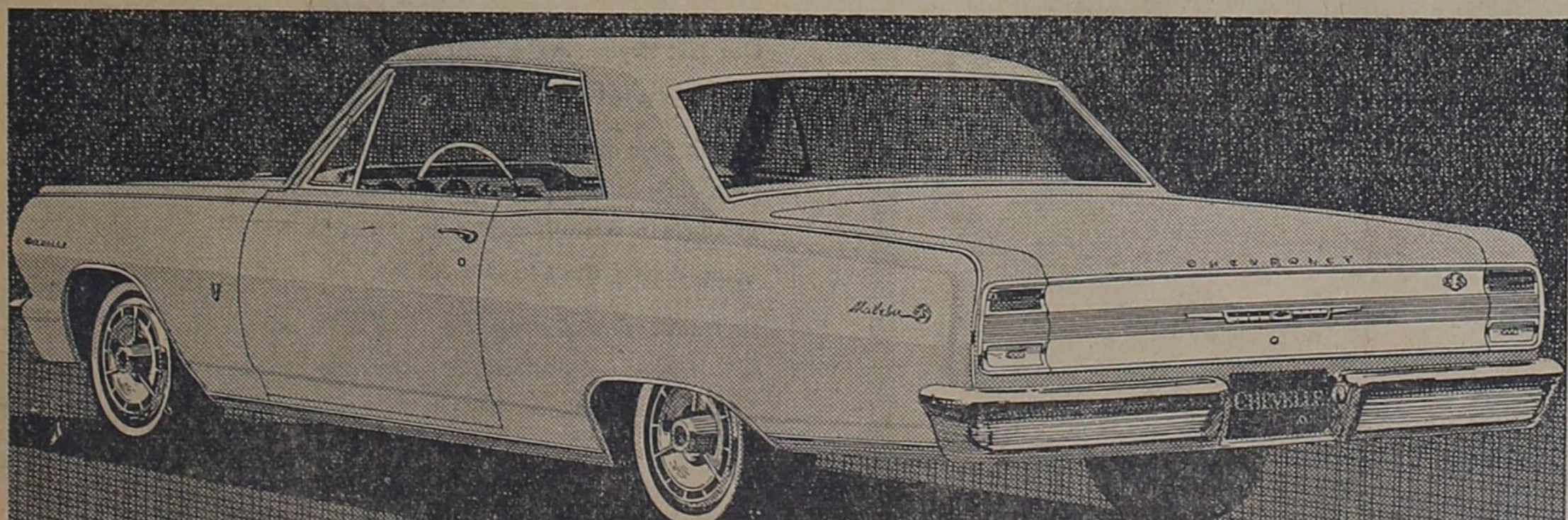
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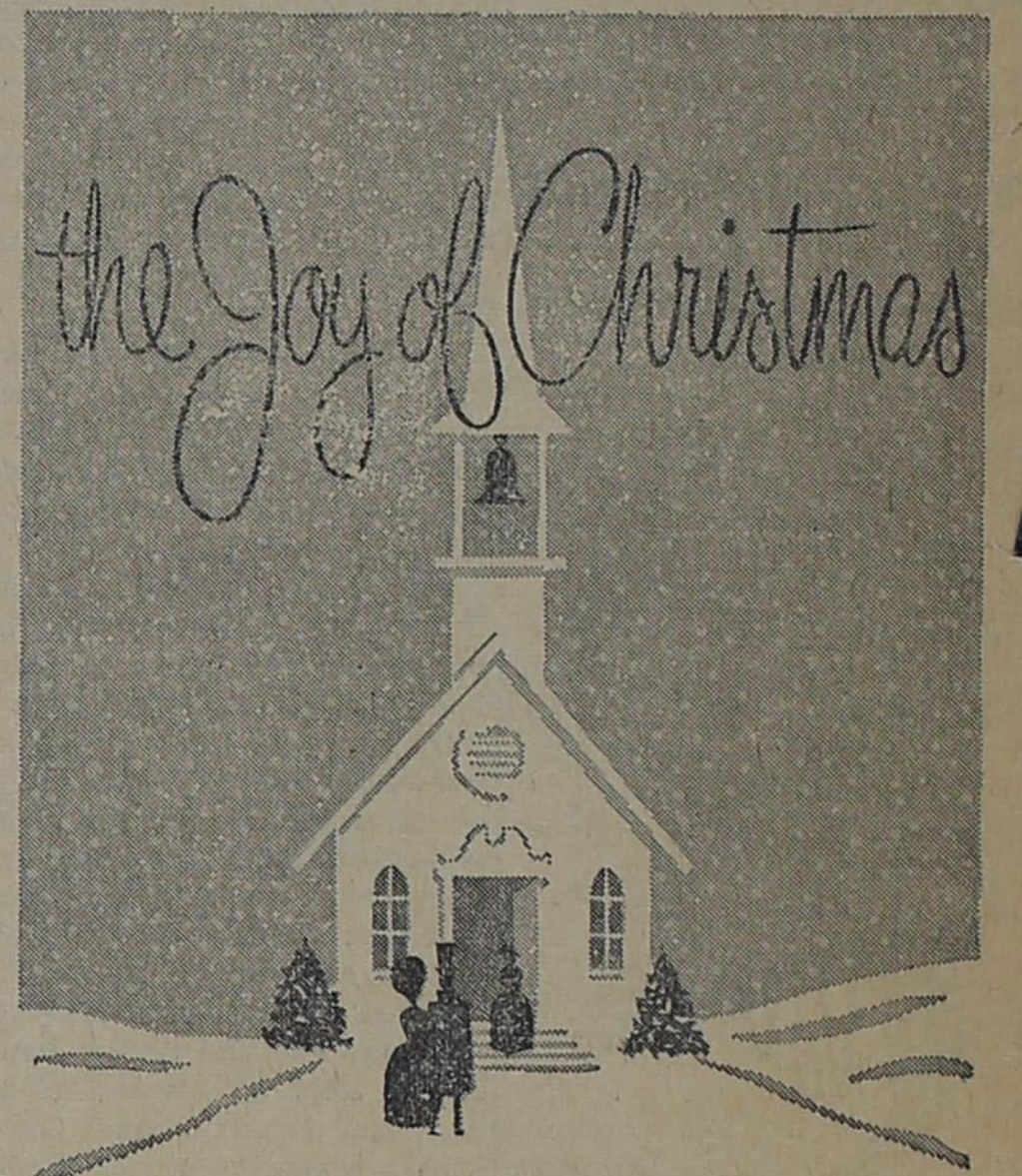
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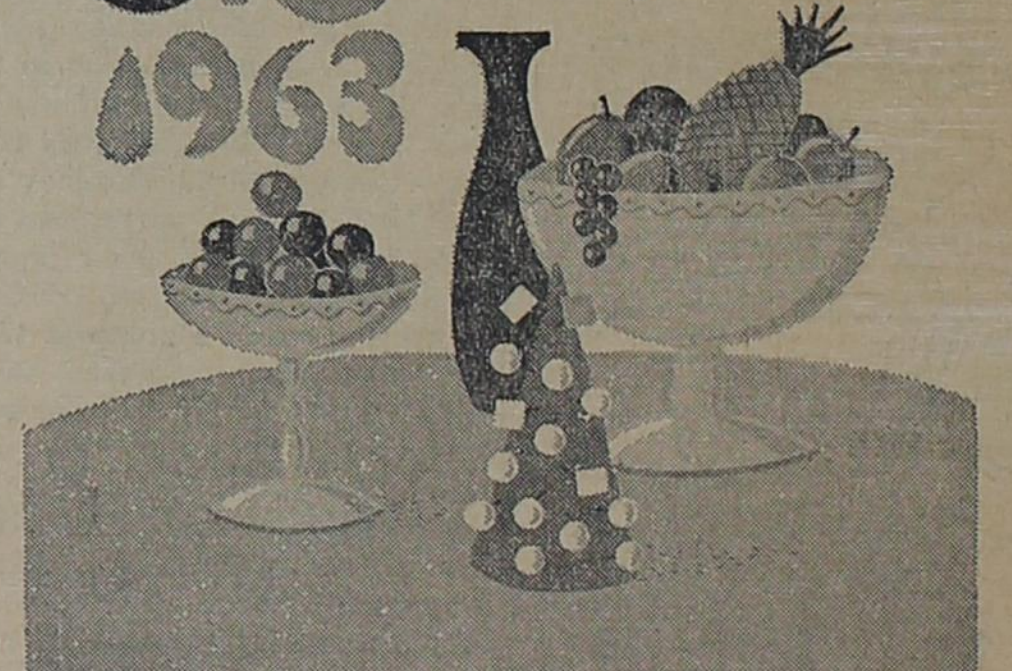
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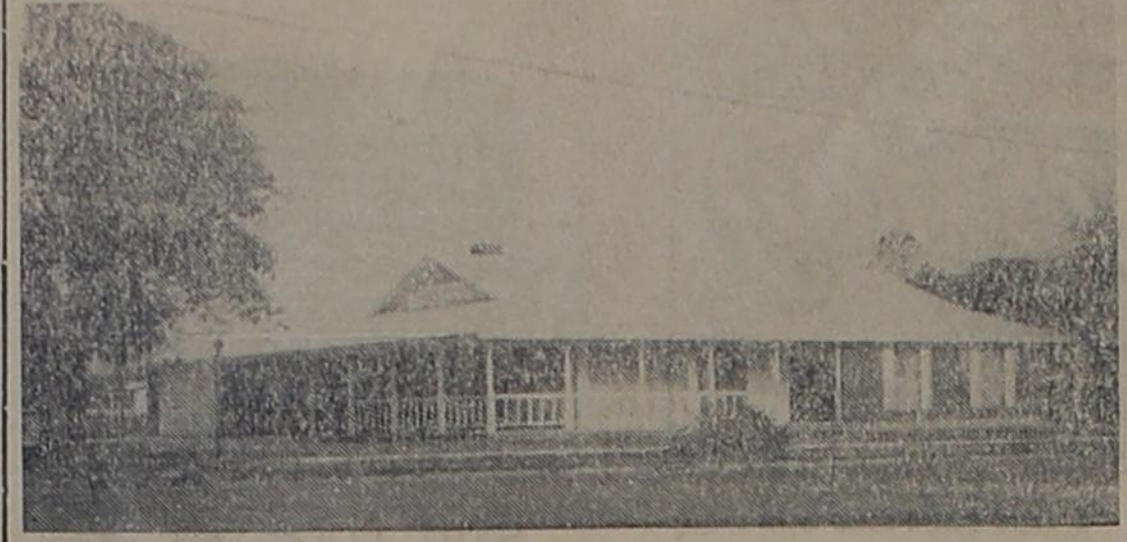


May love, honor, peace and thankfulness abide in your home this Yule.

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Bishop William C. Martin Consecrates Parsonage At Open House Wednesday



How fortunate the wintry wind laid low Wednesday evening, Dec. 18th. when the temperature hung at twenty-four degrees.

I do wish you could have been there for the open house in the new Methodist parsonage. Smoke belled from the chimneytop, fire logs crackled and the fragrance of oak, elm and mesquite floated through the house where already there were pleasant scents of evergreens - boughs of cedar and pine.

The welcome mat was out and they came... one-hundred-thirty-five of them. Out-of-towners: from Dallas, the Bishop, Dr. William C. Martin; from Cisco, the district superintendent, Dr. S. Wayne Reynolds and Mrs. Reynolds, Rev. and Mrs. G. W. French

me, rates top place.

Seven o'clock came and the Bishop blessed the house and all who dwell therein. Then began the litany with each and all giving response. A moment of prayer concluded the consecration service.

In order that those present might meet distinguished guests, a receiving line former as the committee on arrangements from the Woman's Society of Christian Service made ready to serve fruited punch and their most delicious cookies.

The table was laid with an imported hand-drawn echru linen cloth. A floral creation of bronze and gold mums was flanked by gold candles in crystal candelabras.

Sharing honors in serving were Mesdames J. E. Walker, T. Frank Morrow, Dona Moorman, M. F. Allen, Ed Harrison, Dorothy Hatcher, William Brogdon, Bob Green and Wilbur Shell.

Rotating in time for registering guests were Misses Barbara Jobe, Beth Rhymes, Mari Shell, Anita Acree, Juanava Collins and Marilyn Shell.

Among those receiving impromptu and well-deserved congratulations were the builders of the parsonage and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. Rob Kinser and Mr. and Mrs. James Kines.

4-H CHRISTMAS PARTY HELD IN JORDAN HOME

The annual 4-H Christmas party was held Thursday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jordan.

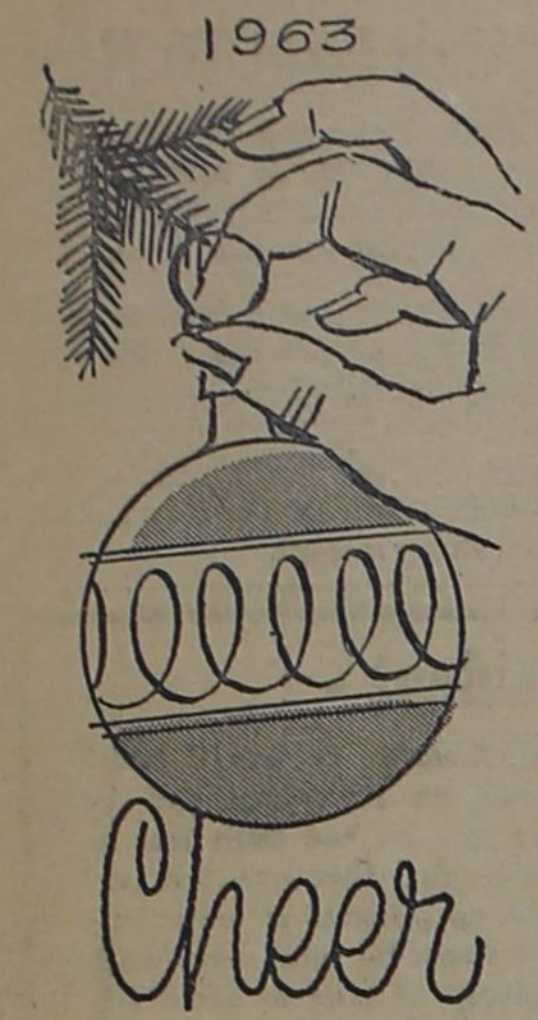
Some of the new area games were played.

Visiting with the group and making pictures were the Eastland County Home Demonstration Agent, Mrs. Edwin Liple and

her husband.

Following the exchanging of gifts refreshments were served.

Those attending were Teddy Jordan, Dwayne Snider, Bobby Williams, Joy Love, John Shell, Jimmy Dean Warren, Neil Clement, Brenda Browder, Debbie Young, Phyllis Watson, Kathy Parr, Barbara Williams, Danny Snider, and Faith Decker.



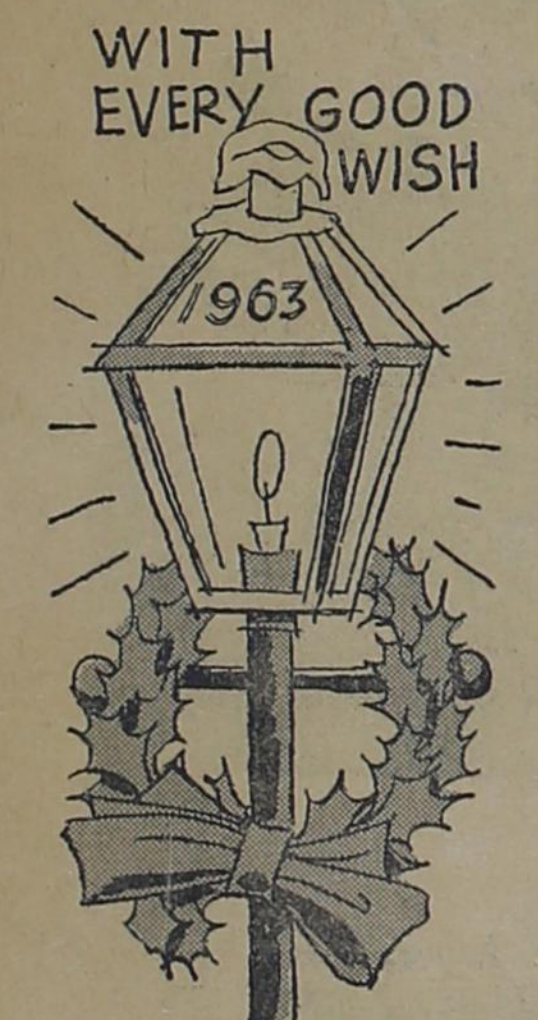
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The Very First Christmas

By Rev. Robert W. Sanders

Joel rolled over lazily and yawned. He opened one eye to see if his brother, Daniel, was awake, and was startled to find that he was not on his sleeping mat. He hurriedly dressed, rolled up his mat, and put it away.

Joel knew that Daniel would be at the market place filling the family water jars from the community well. As he neared the well he noticed that a crowd had gathered. They were listening to a messenger who was reading a decree from the emperor, Caesar Augustus. Joel and Daniel were not exactly sure what the words meant, but it seemed that there was to be a census, and that everyone would have to travel to the city where their ancestors had lived to register. They hurried home to tell their family this exciting news. It wasn't often that a messenger from Caesar was seen in the little village of Nazareth!

Joseph, the carpenter, was also hurrying home to tell his wife what he had just heard. They would have to go to Bethlehem, and Joseph wondered if Mary would be able to make such a long journey. "It will be a wonderful trip," declared Mary. "We will start early in the morning." And so it was that Mary and Joseph began their journey to Bethlehem.

There were many travelers on the road, for people from all over Judea were going to the cities of their ancestors. Joseph walked, while Mary rode most of the way on their donkey. They hurried as they neared the city of Bethlehem, for Mary was quite tired, and Joseph knew that he must soon find a place for her to rest. After many inquiries, when it seemed that there would be no place for them to spend the night, a kind inn-keeper offered them the use of his stable. During the night a wonderful thing happened - the baby Jesus was born. Mary wrapped him warmly in swaddling clothes and Joseph prepared a soft bed for him by putting some clean hay into the cattle's manger. As he slept on his bed of hay, Mary and Joseph thanked God for such a wonderful gift of His love.

On a nearby hillside a group of shepherds were keeping watch over their flock of sheep. Suddenly the sky became light, and an angel appeared unto them. They trembled with fear, but the angel said, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." Suddenly the sky was filled with a host of heavenly angels who were praising God and singing, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

When the sky became dark again the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass which the Lord hath made known unto us."

As they hurried toward Bethlehem they noticed a star that seemed brighter than the others in the sky. With mounting excitement they followed its light until they came to the stable. Inside they fell to their knees and worshipped the little baby who was later known as Jesus Christ, the son of God.

In the far East a group of Wise men were studying the skies. When they noticed the strange new star, they were filled with awe. "Could this be the star of the promised Messiah? Let us follow it and worship the King," they said to each other. And so they gathered their gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh, and mounted their camels for the long journey that would bring them, also, to the babe. And thus the world celebrated the very first Christmas.

SP. 4 AUBREY D. FILES ASSIGNED TO FT. MONROE
FORT MONROE, VA. (AHT-NC) - Army Specialist Four Aubrey D. Files, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey C. Files of Rt. 2, Gorman, Texas, was assigned to the 559th Military Police Company at Fort Monroe, Va., late in November.

Specialist Files a military policeman in the company, entered the Army in July, 1961 and has served in Vietnam.

Files is a 1961 graduate of Gorman High School. His wife, Margaret, lives in Phoebus, Va.



As the Star shines across the years, beckoning all to relieve anew the wonder and promise of the first Christmas, we would wish for you and yours the great joys of the season. May yours be a Christmas abounding in deepest spiritual rewards and in the many blessings of home and family, friendship and good will.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Robert W. Sanders, Pastor



Peace On Earth

May all men be blessed by the just and lasting peace that was the joyous promise of that first Christmas. It is our most sincere wish that the Day will be a happy and holy one filling every heart and home with love and contentment.

THE HOMER RICHARDSONS



Methodist News
Pastor, Rev. Robert Sanders

Extremely cold weather restricted attendance at our Open House last Wednesday night for the new parsonage. We were grateful for the large number who did attend.

Our Christmas-Eve Communion Service will be from 6:30 until 8 p. m. on Tuesday evening, You may receive the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper at any time during this period.

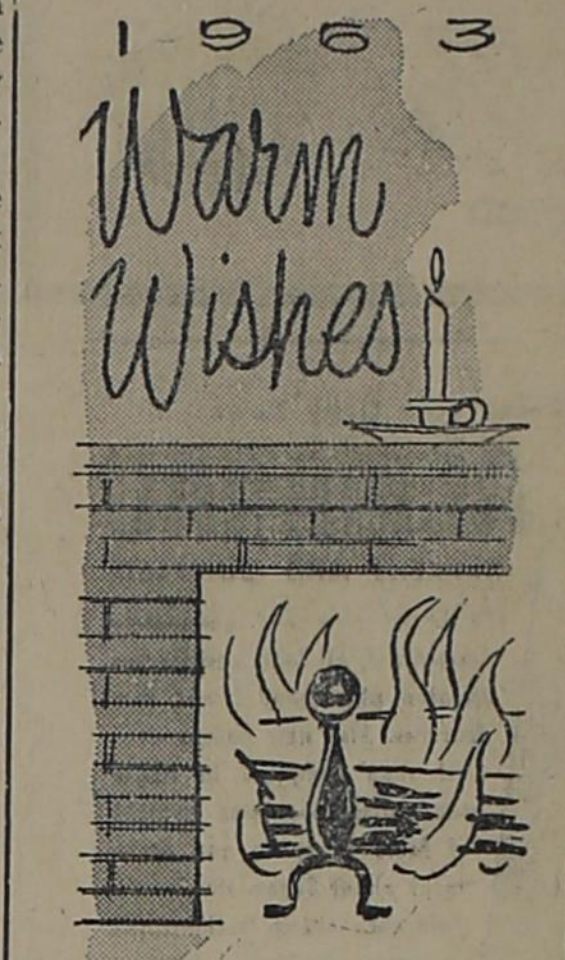
Terry Shell will be the speaker at our morning worship service this coming Sunday at 11 a. m. as we observe Student Recognition Sunday. We want to give special recognition to all students who are home for the holiday period. Please remember the change in time for our evening service to 6 p. m.

Your parsonage family is grateful for every card and every remembrance during this Christmas season. You have been very kind and gracious to us.

The coming of a New Year brings the opportunity to make resolutions and turn over a new leaf. Certainly each of us can do better in 1964 by the grace of God. We will not do better only by drawing up a list of resolutions, but only as we turn to Him for strength.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bolt and George of Gorman and Edith of TWC will be spending the Christmas holidays in Denton with their son, John Paul Bolt, and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Adams and family and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lindsey.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Williams, Barbara and Bobby, spent the weekend in Springer, N. M.



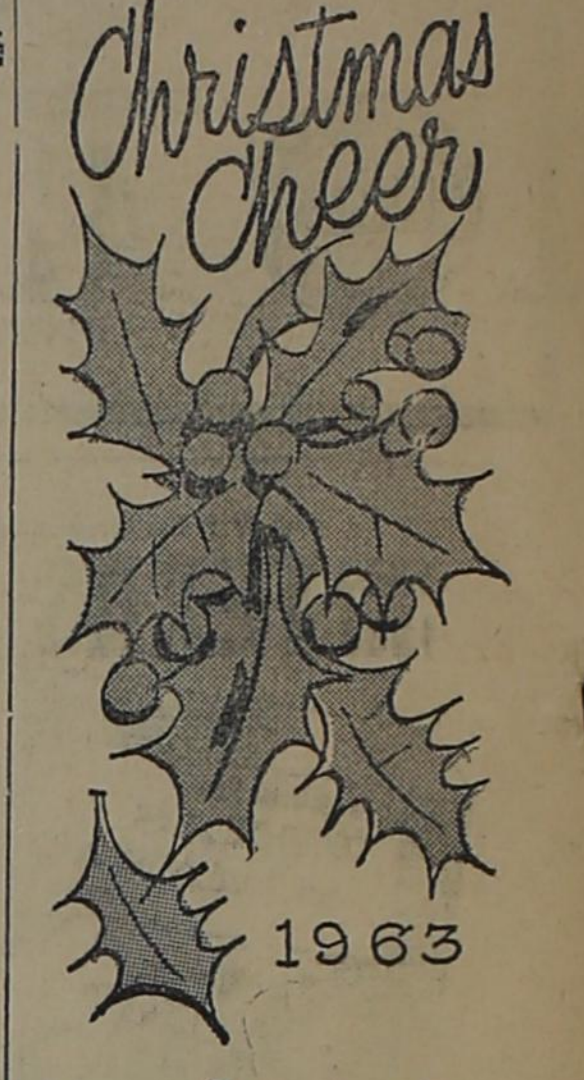
Joy and peace be with you during this Yule season.

The James Brown Family



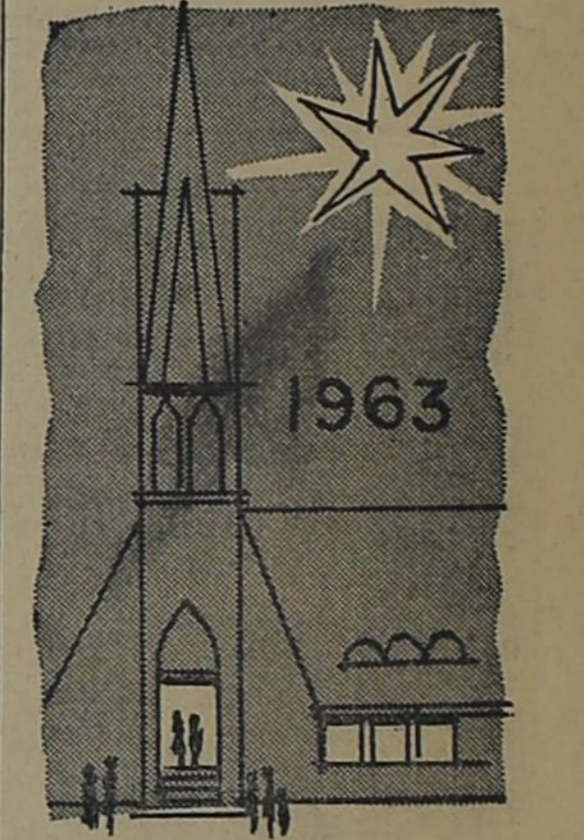
We welcome this chance to wish each of you a merry Yule.

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**When Should You
Apply For Your
Social Security?**

By R. R. Tuley, Jr.,
District Manager
Social Security Admin.

"When should I apply for old-age insurance benefits under social security?" is a question frequently asked. I cannot answer without knowing all the facts in each individual case.

I do know, however, that many people do not apply for their social security benefits at the most advantageous time because they fail to obtain the proper in-

formation. Some lose hundreds of dollars by failure to get the facts at the proper time.

For some people, age 65 is a good time to think about applying for benefits. People no longer able to work, or who do not wish to continue working full time, or whose full time work is low paid, may apply as early as age 62. Retirement benefits at age 62 are lower than they would be at age 65; but in most cases approximately 12 years would elapse before any actual financial loss would occur.

Age 65 can be the proper time for many people to apply for old-age insurance benefits. A substantial majority are no longer working full time after age 65 and, since their incomes are sharply reduced, they find that the social security checks help in paying their basic living expenses.

I want to urge everyone who is 65 years old to inquire at the social security office about filing a claim, even though he is still working full time. If the claim is filed then and the applicant later retires it is a simple matter to start the benefits because all the paperwork will have been previously completed.

Everyone 72 years old who has worked under social security and has never applied for benefits should do so at once. Social security checks may be paid to anyone 72 years of age or older who has enough work covered by the law, regardless of his current earnings. However, payments do not begin unless an application has been filed.

Information on social security obtained from relatives or friends is not always reliable, no matter

**A NEW DAUGHTER
FOR THE JOHN FELTS**

Mr. and Mrs. John Felts proudly announce the arrival of their daughter, Julie Dawn, who was born Thursday afternoon, December 19, 1963 in the San Saba Hospital and weighed 7 pounds and 10 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Russell Lewis and Dr. and Mrs. Richard Felts are paternal grandparents, all of San Saba.

Mr. Felts is on the coaching staff of the Gorman Schools.

how well-intentioned. Changes in the social security law in 1960 and again in 1961 may make eligible for benefits some people whose claims were previously disallowed. Inquire in person or by writing your social security office and get the facts, or meet a representative of the Abilene Social Security Office when he is next in your vicinity. Your local post office has a complete schedule of such visits.

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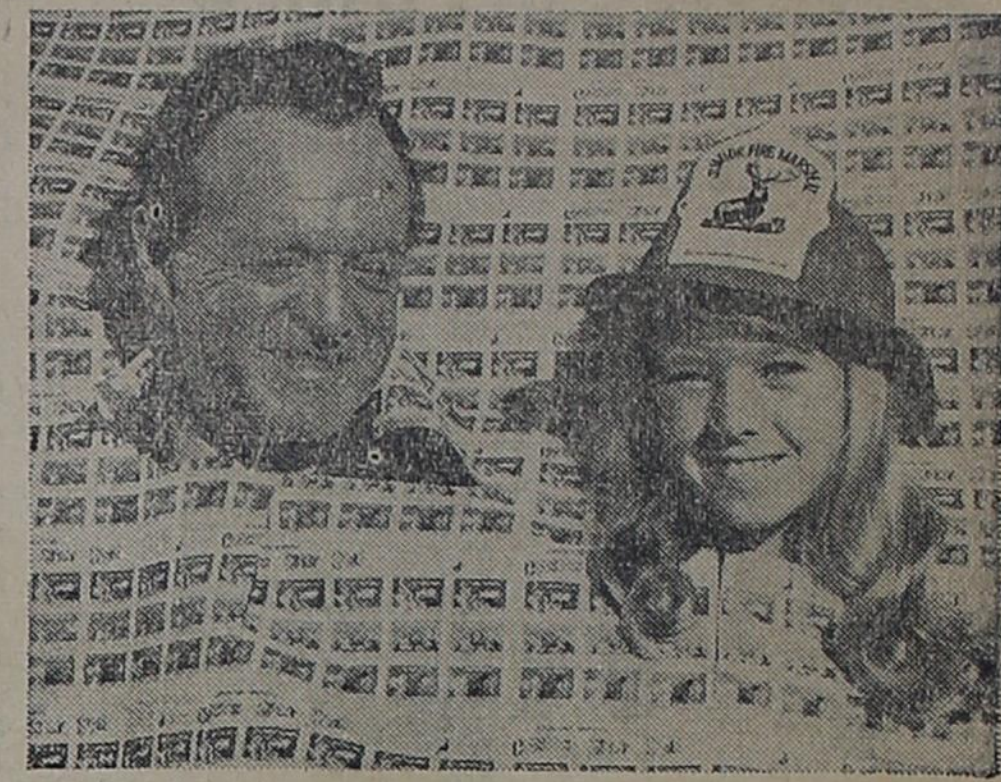
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BREAKTHROUGH FOR YULETIDE SAFETY

Van Heflin, star of stage and screen and narrator for the forthcoming NBC-TV documentary, "The Red, White and Blue" and Junior Fire Marshal, Helen Norden, are up to their ears in a special Christmas seal campaign. Helen is one of 4,500,000 elementary school children who will use seals on their cards and gifts as safety reminders to help reduce the number of fires and accidents during the holiday season. It's all part of the Junior Fire Marshal program, sponsored in thousands of communities all year round by local agents of The Hartford Insurance Group.



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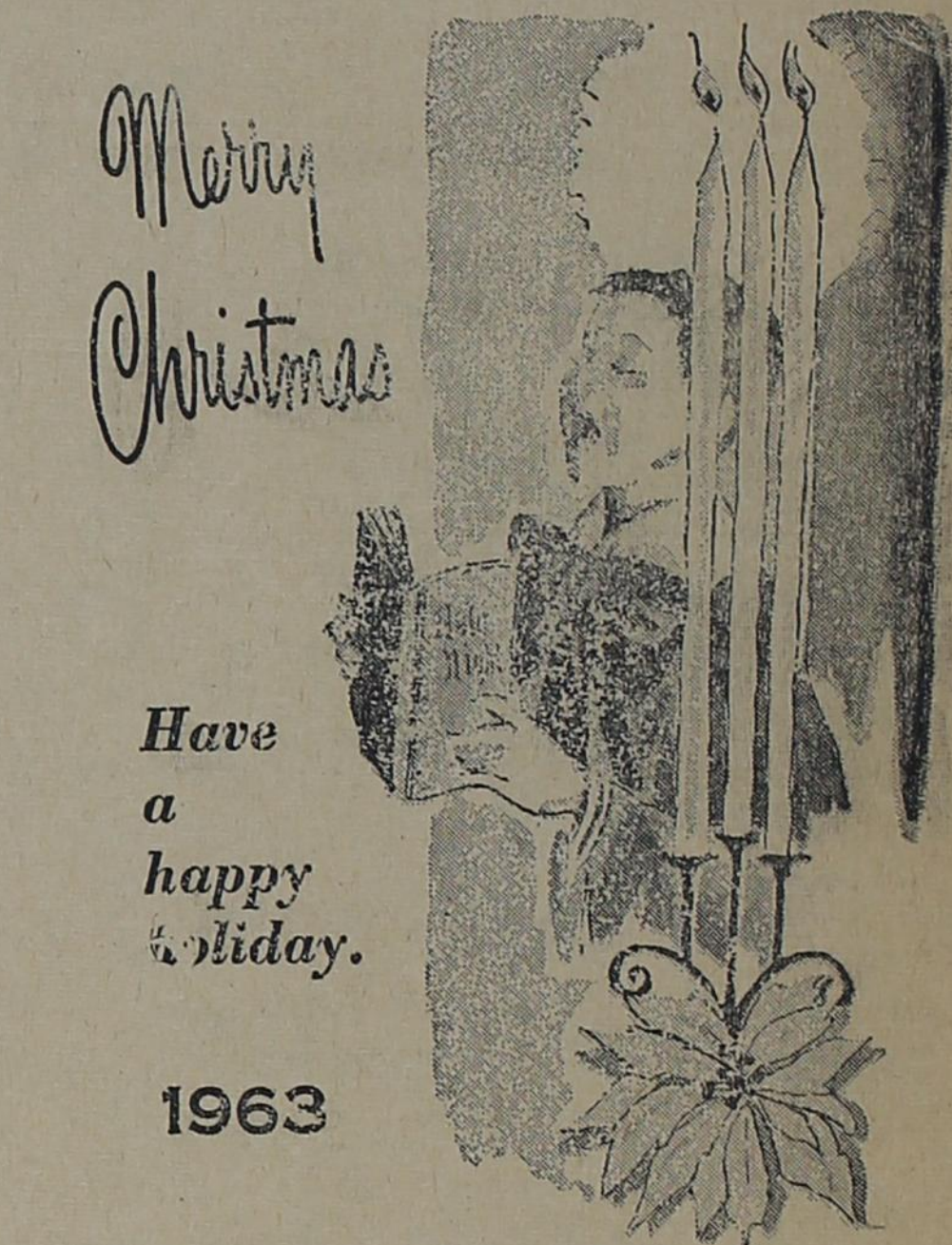
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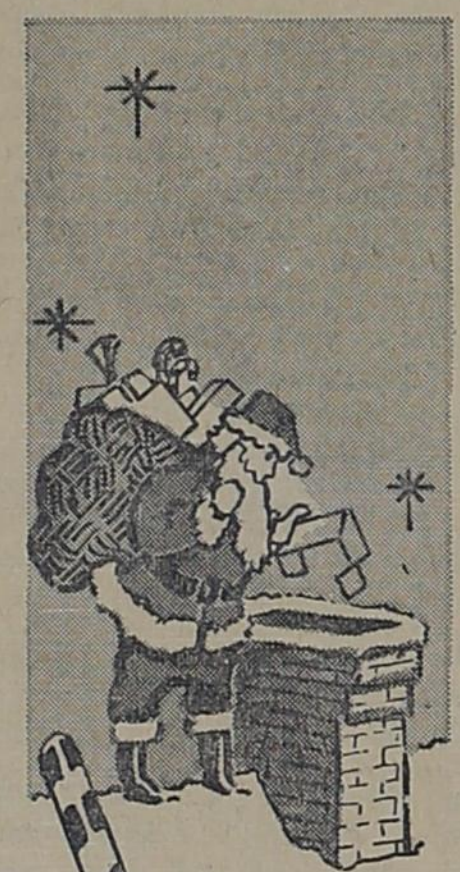
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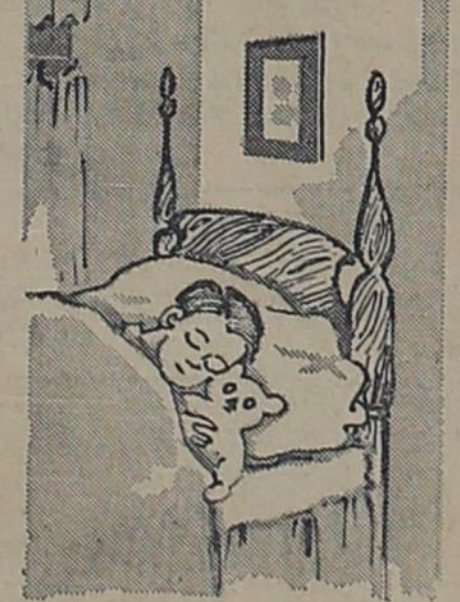
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KEEPING UP WITH FRIENDS

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Rawls and Mrs. Allie Rawls are spending the Christmas holidays in Odessa with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cooper and family.

Mrs. Dona Moorman is joining her daughter, Miss Don Moorman, in Fort Worth and they plan to spend the holidays with a grandson, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Dee Moorman and family in Beaumont.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Nix of Crystal City will arrive in Gorman on Christmas Eve from a visit in Odessa with his son, Ben Nix and family. They will spend Christmas Day in Bridgeport with Mr. and Mrs. Batte Peterson and grandson, Jimmy Clark.

Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Brogdon and children will spend Christmas Eve in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Williams in Seagoville for a family get-together with his mother, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Thompson of Copperas Cove, and other members of the family. Then on Christmas Day they will visit in the home of Mrs. Brogdon's sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. De Feese of Dallas, when other members of her family meet for the day.

Mrs. Ruby Bennett is expecting all of her children and their families for a visit during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Oda Monroe visited over the weekend in Midland with Mr. and Mrs. Harland Courtney. Oda entered the hospital in Big Spring Tuesday for a check up.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Newby and Lisa will be spending part of the holidays with her parents, Mr. and

Mrs. J. W. Jennings in Austin, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Newby in Nocona.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Scitern will have their Christmas dinner Sunday when their children, Mr. and Mrs. Rollo Tinkler of Lawton, Okla., and the Gene Fosters of Abilene arrive on Saturday, and also the John and Alvis Sciterns and families. The Henry Sciterns will accompany the Gene Fosters to the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Foster of Clyde for a visit on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Baker are expecting as holiday visitors, Mr. and Mrs. Carter Hart and children of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Poyner and Miriam of Ranger.

Students from colleges and universities began arriving home on



Merry Christmas and best wishes.

Lewis Fina Station
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May this Yule be long treasured for its great joy.

Glenn Justice and family

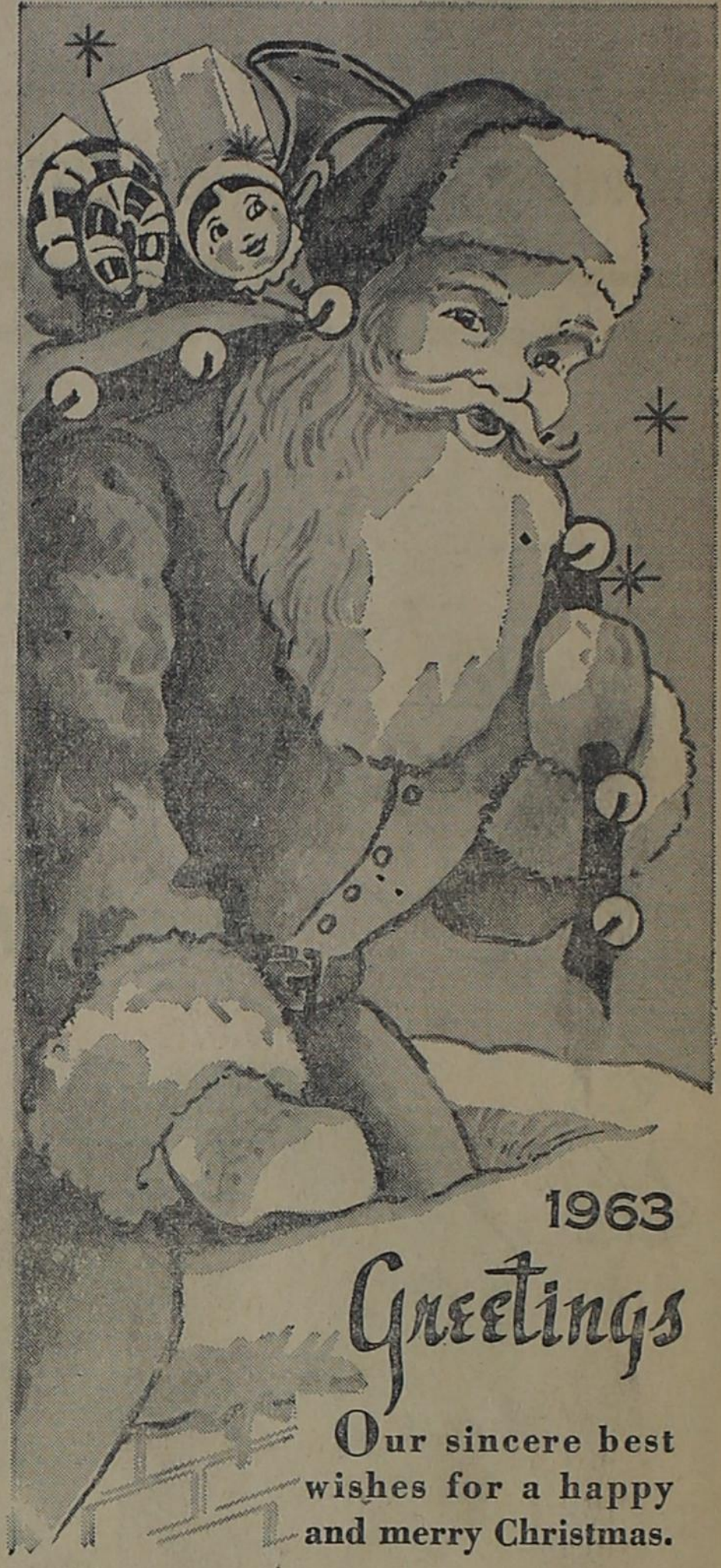


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Ramsey and Edith Bolt of TWC; Bobby Browning, Butch Boyd, Joe Ed Baze, Larry Anderson, Pat McCormick, Howard Joiner, Janice Day, Ronnie Page and Kay Ann Craddock of Tarleton State; and Eddie Bobertson, Larry Pullin and Larry Campbell of Durham's Business School in Austin. Mrs. Dorothy Hatcher spent the weekend in Abilene with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown.



1963 Greetings
Our sincere best wishes for a happy and merry Christmas.

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