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Merry Christmas Greetings to All



J. E. Ramseys to Observe 70th Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ramsey will celebrate their 70th Wedding Anniversary Sunday, December 29th, with a reception from 2 to 4 p. m. at the Community Room, Eastland National Bank. It will be hosted by their five children, their wives and husbands.

The children are: O. A. Ramsey, Abilene, J. W. of Gorman, Mozell Ramsey Hallmark, Carbon, N. C. Ramsey, Tucson, Arizona, and W. B. Ramsey, Morenci, Arizona. They also have 10 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, many of whom will be present at the reception.

James Edward Ramsey, born October 1, 1881, in Newton County, Texas, moved with his family to Carbon, Texas in 1900 and has lived not farther than 15 miles away at anytime since.

Rhoda Reeves Ramsey, born in Orara, Arkansas, February 2, 1888, came to Texas in 1890 in a covered wagon, at the age of two, and she and her family settled in the Grapevine Community, between Cis-

co and Carbon. They later moved to Pleasant Hill Community.

Rhoda and Edd Ramsey were married in a buggy in the Romney Community, on December 18, 1904, and made their first home in Pleasant Hill Community. He farmed in Carbon and Eastland area until 1955, when he retired and moved to Carbon, where they lived until June, 1974 when they moved to Valley View Lodge in Eastland, where they now reside.

The children wish to cordially invite all friends and relatives to attend this special event in honor of their parents. They also request no gifts.

—GP—

Homemakers Class Christmas Party in Lawrence Home

Mrs. J. E. Lawrence and Mrs. Stanley Porter were hosts for the Homemakers Class Christmas party held in the home of Mrs. Lawrence.

The beautifully decorated home with candles, a green tree and the strains of Christmas Carols from the stereo set, the mood for joyous and meaningful evening of fellowship and fun.

Mrs. Lendon Shipman gave the devotional on the birth of Christ. The program was closed with prayer by Mrs. Doris Bryan.

In lieu of exchanging gifts the members made contributions to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. Mrs. Joe Ethridge was given a gift by class members.

Refreshments of tuna and pimiento cheese sandwiches, dips and chips, congealed salad, fruit cake, nuts, spiced tea and coffee were served.

Those attending were Messdames Anna Bell Duske, Lendon Shipman, Ray Rankin, Lois Buchanan, Doyle Preston, Doris Bryan, O. W. Pond, Sid Mason, Huppy Morris, Stanley Porter, L. D. Holliday, Annie Curb, Dean Bennett, A. J. Skaggs, Geraldine Wright, Joe Bob Browning, Frank Skiles, Bob Ethridge, M. E. Foster, Lonnie Hampton, and J. E. Lawrence.

—GP—

to extend our best wishes to each of you. May you experience the true joy and peace of Christmas as found only in a relationship with Jesus Christ.

May the coming year be one of Spiritual blessing and discovery. Thank each of you in Gorman for helping to make the early nine months we have lived here the happiest, and most blessed of our lives. But above all we thank our wonderful Lord who is our life, and joy.

God bless you all. Johnny, Beth, Robby, and Matt Laren.

Thoughts At Christmas Time

This season of television has presented, night after night, delightful stories of how the Grinch Stole Christmas, and why The Bear Slept Through Christmas. Perry Como and Andy Williams have sung their way into our dens and living rooms . . . singing of stars, bells and mistletoe. These shows have given the children wonderful memories of this Christmas season.

And who can forget the words written for this season: **THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS, THE STORY OF FROSTY THE SNOWMAN, LITTLE DRUMMER BOY.** What visions and dreams these timeless stories have given all who have read them. And, of course, Luke has given the world the most beautiful of all Christmas stories; the birth of Jesus Christ. In fact, Luke's is the first of all Christmas stories, and without it, other's may not have been written.

But in this short column, I would like to give you the words of Halford Luccock, a great Methodist preacher in

the 1920's and 1930's, hoping that his thoughts will enrich your Christmas season and your understanding of Christ, our Lord. It is entitled "The Baby Grew Up."

The Christmas story is the story of a baby. That is a part of its inexhaustible pull on the mind and heart of humanity. But it is also a liability. For a great many people become so entranced with the beautiful story of a baby in a manger that they miss the chief point of the story, and hence do not feel the compulsion which it lays on life. We can become so charmed with the story of a baby that we grow sentimental about it; it does not ask that we do anything about it; it does not demand any vital change in our way of thinking and living.

But the chief point of the story is that **THE BABY GREW UP!** He grew up to become the sternest challenge to a word of hard power that had ever been made. He was no sentimentalist; he was a terrible realist! Everything opposed to love and brother-

hood in our world, he declared flatly, is doomed and damned—for the reason that at the center of the universe is a God of loving purpose to all men.

The great question for us is this: Is our Christmas still only a story about a baby, or is it more, a deathless story about a Man, the Son of Man, into whom the baby grew, who can redeem the world from its sins, and who calls us into partnership with his great and mighty purposes?

I need not add anything. We have been asked the question. How will we answer it? All of us at First United Methodist Church wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Christ-filled New Year.

—GP—

Major Billy E. Gregg of Korea is home for a few days visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Y. Gregg. He will be re-assigned to Norfolk, Va. and will attend school for six months.

Christmas Is A Time to Rejoice

What are we talking about when we talk about the star in the East. The wise men saw the star and were glad. They immediately arose and went and received and worshipped Him. I would say the wise will still accept Him as Lord and Savior.

Why did He come to the world? He said to be the Savior of the earth. As we look for hope today, let us look to the star that is still shining as bright as ever for hope, joy and peace.

May the joy of Christmas be in you and the hope of a Happy New Year be yours is our prayer.

Marion Dennis, pastor Congregational Methodist Church

Mrs. Jolene Gilliland of Fort Worth visited several days last week with her mother, Mrs. Luther Cunningham.

Christmas 1974

The warm glow of Christmas transcends national boundaries and draws the Christian peoples of the world closer together. As Yuletide festivities ring out in the United States, the scene will be repeated with regional variations all over the globe.

Whatever the custom, whether it be England's kissing bough or Father Christmas in Germany, the underlying universal message of love, brotherhood and everlasting life is the same. The hope and expectations embodied in the birth of Christ nearly 2,000 years ago serve as perpetual inspiration and comfort as we cope with the problems of today. It is up to each of us to see that the spirit of Christmas lives on in the world permanently, for with compassion and understanding, anything is possible — without them, there is nothing.

Acteens Enjoy Party and Caroling

By AMY WARREN
Last week we planned our Acteens party. We had our party December 18, 1974, and we went caroling. We want to thank those that attended and those that we went caroling to, for listening to us. Christmas is a special time of the year to give and receive gifts.

We had our party at Ellen Gressett's house after we had went caroling. For snacks we had a cake of the world, cookies, punch, hot chocolate, chips and dip.

We opened our gifts one at a time so everyone could see the gifts that those had given them. We had a wonderful time. We had a time for laughs and a time to be serious.

We just wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Remember, it isn't the gifts that count, it's the thought of it. Even if it is Christmas there's no need to get away for GOD.

"Merry Christmas".

TRY THIS CHRISTMAS QUIZ

You decorate your home with holly and enjoy kisses under the mistletoe...celebrate Christmas on December 25 and even if you're past being in Santa Claus, except to see him drawn and painted as a jolly, bearded old elf...did you ever stop to think of why you do these things?



GiftAmerica, a company that creates a whole new way of giving gifts, has collected some interesting questions about the holiday and provided answers that should tell you a lot about Yuletide customs and traditions.

Q. What are some of the most popular Christmas gifts?

A. After exhaustive studies of consumer tastes, GiftAmerica has selected and made available to thoughtful people everywhere, the 16 most-wanted items for its first full gift list. These include digital clocks, radios and golf balls for men and silverplate bow and tie sets for women. Christmas givers can send tasteful, beautifully gift wrapped presents through GiftAmerica to anyone almost anywhere in the 48 contiguous states within hours. Most major credit cards are accepted when you dial the toll-free number 800-825-5000 (in Missouri only 800-342-5777). It's the most conveniently devised way of sending a gift, second only to Santa Claus!

Q. Know why we kiss under the mistletoe...who was the first to use holly in December...from which country the poinsettia came...how the cherry tree figures in Yuletide?

A. Kissing under the mistletoe is said to have begun by the ancient Romans, who viewed the plants as a symbol of peace. Enemies, meeting under the mistletoe, were supposed to embrace and declare a truce. The Romans were also first to use holly, at their December Saturnalia festival. The poinsettia comes from Mexico. Joel Poinsett, first American minister to Mexico, brought it here in 1836. The traditional cherry tree, according to the well-known "Cherry Tree Carol," bent its bough so that the Virgin Mary could place its fruit.

Q. When did settlers bring Santa Claus to the New World, and which three men created today's popular image of Santa Claus?

A. The Dutch brought Saint Nicholas (Sinter Klaas, for short) to the New World; later his name became Americanized to Santa Claus. Author Washington Irving first described Santa as riding through the skies in a reindeer-drawn sleigh. Clement C. Moore described Santa as fat and jolly, with a snowy beard, in his famous poem, "A Visit From St. Nicholas." Cartoonist Thomas Nast drew him that way.

Q. Who fixed the date of Christmas on December 25th? In what century was Christmas first declared a legal holiday?

A. Pope Julius, about the year 349 A.D., decreed that Christmas should be celebrated on December 25th. In the 6th century—the year 543, to be exact—Christmas was made a legal holiday in Rome.



The people of the Fiji Islands believe that earthquakes are caused by the twistings and turnings of a serpent god in a mountain.

Keeping The FAITH



"Each day comes to me with both hands full of possibilities...I discern all the virtues and realities of my existence, the bliss of growth, the glory of action, the spirit of beauty." Helen Keller

Occurring in her book *My Religion*, this eloquent statement is an accurate description of how a dynamic woman saw love, color, and light while being physically imprisoned in a world of silent darkness.

Overcoming severe handicaps which would drive most of us into despair, Miss Keller chose to live and to devote her life to the service of others. But how and where did she find this constant strength and courage? What inner resources of faith helped her to transcend physical limitations?

It was the philosophy of 18th century scientist, philosopher, and theologian Emanuel Swedenborg which brought light to her darkness.

"[Swedenborg] shows us that in every event and every limitation we have a choice, and that to choose it is to create. We can decide to let our trials crush us, or we can convert them to new forces of good. We can drift along...or we can throw ourselves upon the guidance of the soul within..."

With poetic beauty and with deep understanding, Helen Keller describes in *My Religion* the spiritual odyssey that brought her to a faith unhampered by narrow sectarianism. *My Religion* is a powerful and inspiring legacy from one of the century's greatest personalities.

Copies of *My Religion*, which the Rev. Norman Vincent Peale called "a rich blessing" may be obtained by sending \$1.50 (postpaid) to: Swedenborg Foundation, Dept. PYMR, 139 E. 23rd St., New York, N.Y. 10010.

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as a "rider" to a bill that has nothing to do with the energy problem, thus preventing Congressional study and debate?



That a Library of Congress study indicates rate deregulation would not result in a

more plentiful gas supply, yet this action would cost America's consumers some \$75 billion by the end of 1980?

That natural gas users can express their feelings about "natural gas rate deregulation" to their elected representatives in Washington?

That you can get additional information on the natural gas situation from the American Public Gas Association, 1114 Watergate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20037?



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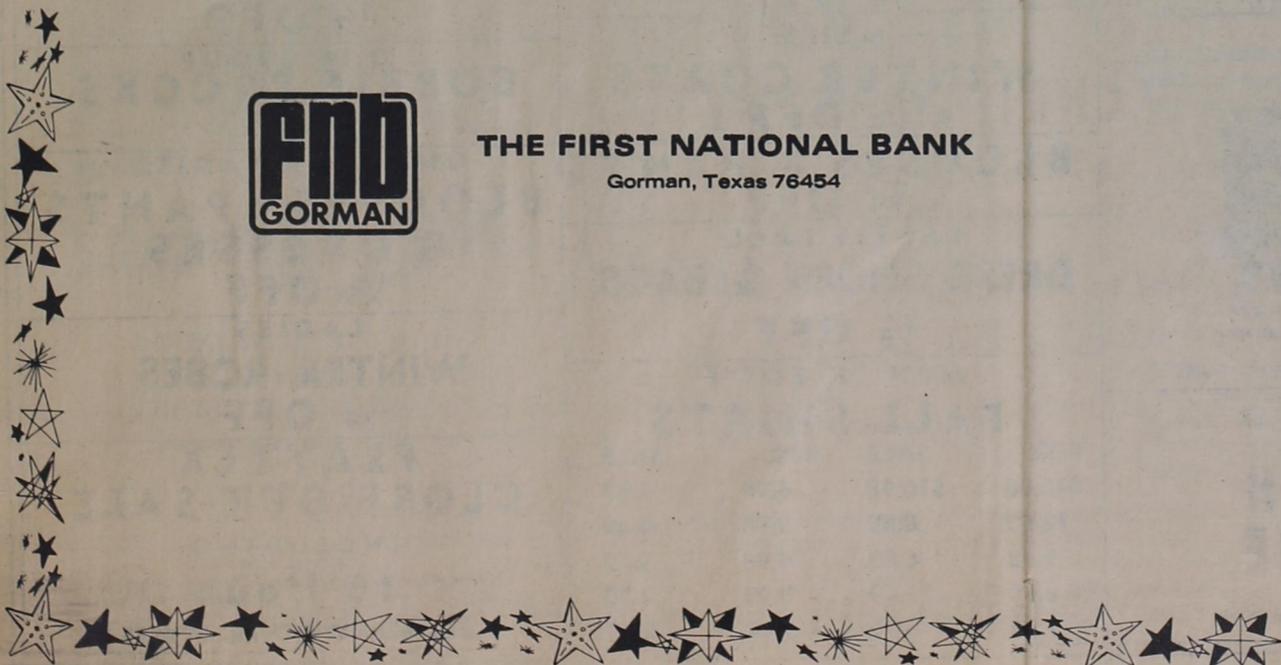
Christmas

*"O star of wonder,
star of night
... Guide us to
Thy perfect
light"*

"We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we
traverse afar, field and fountain, moor and
mountain, following yonder star." Let's remember it's
His birthday. Place your faith in His goodness... love
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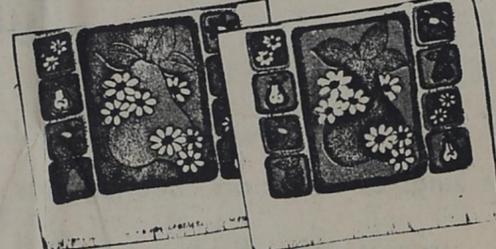
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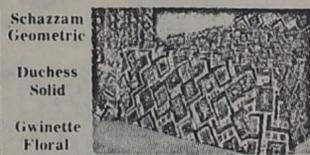


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"Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you the most joyful news ever announced, and it is for everyone! The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born tonight in Bethlehem! How will you recognize him? You'll find a baby wrapped in a blanket lying in a manger!"

Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God:

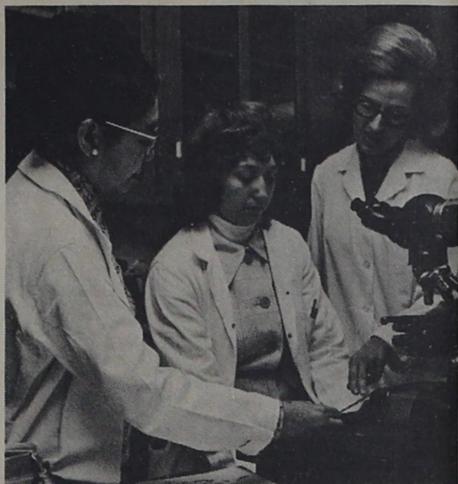
"Glory to God in the highest heaven," they sang, "and peace on earth for all those pleasing him."

When this great army of angels had returned again to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Come on! Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this wonderful thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

They ran to the village and found their way to Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger. The shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child.

Illustrations from TAYLOR'S BIBLE STORY BOOK

Genetics Graduate Program Gets Help Through \$50,000 MOD Grant



LABORATORY ANALYSIS of karyotypes, or chromosome maps, is an important part of the Sarah Lawrence program in genetic counseling. From left, Dr. Wan Ngo Lim, program consultant and associate professor of pediatrics at Cornell Medical Center in New York City, works with student Cynthia Dolan and Phyllis Klass, associate program director.

by Joan Marks
Director, Sarah Lawrence College Human Genetics Program

It began five years ago with a dream. Today, because of that dream, the likelihood of a couple finding out whether their future children will be born defective has been improved.

Since 1969, when Sarah Lawrence College of Bronxville, N.Y., became the first college in the country to offer a graduate program in human genetics, more than three dozen women have been awarded master's degrees as associates in genetic counseling. Graduates are qualified to work with doctors and other health professionals in helping prospective parents understand how birth defects occur and the odds of their having a defective baby.

This fall, thanks to a \$50,000 grant from The National Foundation-March of Dimes, seven of the 20 incoming students in the program will receive one- or two-year scholarships. Another part of the money will help pay professors' salaries and buy books for the school's genetics library.

The program was the "dream" of Dr. Melissa L. Richter, dean of graduate studies. Recognizing the growing demand for genetic counseling services and the large population of college women living in the New York City area, she proposed that the two be brought together through a genetic training program.

Younger Students

It began in the fall of 1969 with 10 students. Since then, two other colleges—the University of California at Berkeley and Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J.—have also started their own programs.

Inevitably, most of the original students were local women whose families tie them to the area. The March of Dimes scholarships are designed to attract younger and more mobile students from around the country. Forty per cent of this year's incoming class are young, single, free to move about the country, and interested in patient care rather than research.

The program consists of

30-credit hours of classroom courses and 10-credit hours of field work, spread over one to two years. Classroom courses include human and cell genetics, human physiology, and abnormal human biology, techniques of counseling, and sociological aspects of health care.

New Specialty

Field work consists of clinic training at any of seven participating medical institutions in the New York City area, plus supervised research under established investigators.

Genetic counseling is a relatively new medical specialty, developed within the last 20 years. Most couples who seek counseling are already parents of a child with birth defects, or are concerned that a relative's problem may be hereditary and want to find out the chance of recurrence. Others may be members of families or ethnic groups in which a particular disorder occurs more frequently than in the general population.

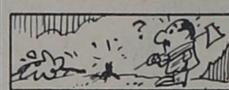
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HEARTY ROAST BEEF HASH

- 6 eggs
- 6 teaspoons cream
- 3-11 1/2 ounce packages of Stouffer's Frozen Roast Beef Hash
- Dash of Salt

Defrost hash overnight in the refrigerator or at room temperature for 1-2 hours. Preheat oven to 350°F. Place Roast Beef Hash in a shallow baking dish and bake for 15 minutes. Remove from oven and make six indentations on top with a tablespoon. Break eggs and place in each indentation. Sprinkle with salt and pour one teaspoon of cream over each egg. Return it to oven for 15-20 minutes or until eggs are set in desired manner. Serves 6.

AS YE SEW

If sewing really suits you, you may have found that there's one really material problem to it: keeping all your equipment at hand (or at your machine). Now, the solution can be a snap. There's a little egghead that can really seem like a stitch in time for saving your steps and searching.

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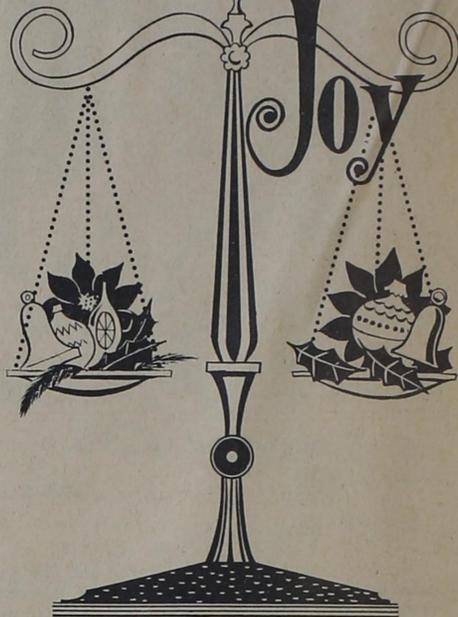


wrapping and paint on his nose, mouth and eyelashes with a felt-tipped pen. Sequins really shine as his eyes. Glue a cork to the bottom and insert it into the neck of the little blue jug that your Dynamo liquid laundry detergent came in. A row of real buttons glued to the front of the bottle represents his shirt, and his fancy striped pants are put on with a strip of red vinyl tape. His belt, a bit of black tape, is buckled with a gleam of gold paper.

The next task in hand is to cut off the handle from the plastic jug and make an opening between the holes where the handle was attached. That's where you can keep all your smaller sewing accessories. Tie it all together with a bow tie made from a little bit of ribbon, and he's all dressed up and ready to catch all your buttons, rickrack, zippers, knitting needles, crochet hooks, scissors, pinking shears, small skeins of wool, tape measures, hooks, snaps, patterns, bindings, needle-point canvas, and sew forth.

In fact, it would certainly seem as if this dynamic doll is not only cute as a button, but a really good egg when it's time for stowing your sewing away.

Christmas Joy



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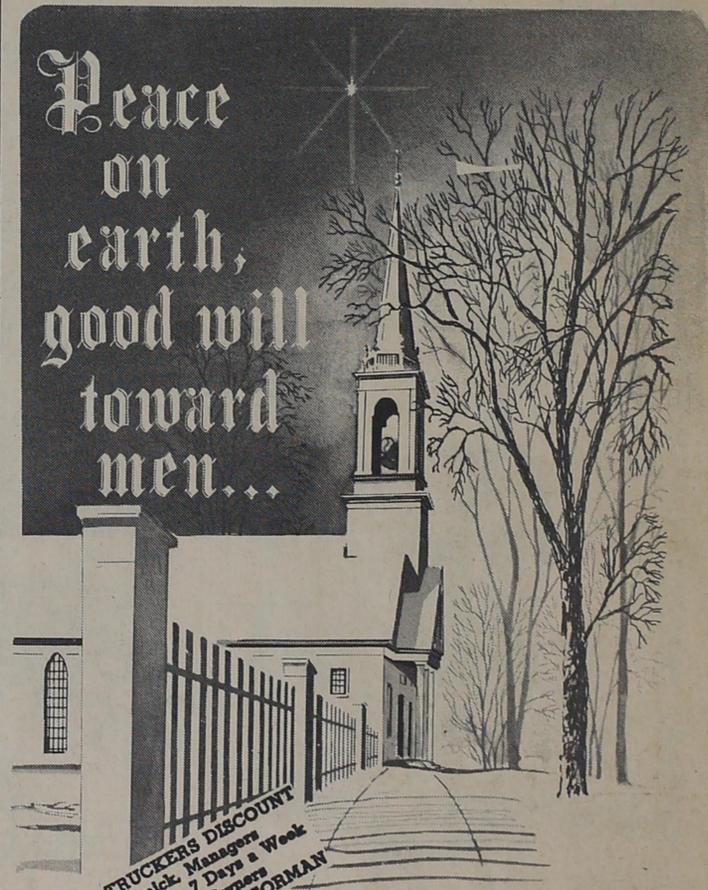


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WHAT TO EXPECT

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TREE TRIMMER'S TORTE



Christmas is just around the corner, and the excitement of this festive season is already filling the air. There are gifts to be bought, cards to be sent out, a tree to be decorated and parties to give and attend.

Why not enlist the help of friends to trim the annual evergreen? This is a perfect excuse for a Christmas party and makes the yearly task of tinsel-hanging a fun-filled occasion for all.

A Cherry Meringue Torte is a luscious treat for tree trimmers. Serve along with your favorite holiday punch or save this festive dessert to climax a gala buffet.

The cake layers for this unique Cherry Meringue Torte are made with Blue Bonnet Margarine which produces a moist, tender cake with a velvety crumb. Baked with a meringue topping, the cake is then frosted with a mixture of maraschino cherries and whipped cream. Chopped pecans add crunchy goodness to the top layer of this tempting holiday dessert.

Cherry Meringue Torte
Makes one 9-inch cake

- 3/4 cup unsifted flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) Blue Bonnet Margarine, softened
- 1-1/2 cups sugar
- 4 eggs, separated
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 tablespoons milk
- 1/4 cup chopped pecans
- 1/4 cup chopped maraschino cherries
- 1 cup heavy cream, whipped

Sift together flour, baking powder and salt; set aside.

Cream Blue Bonnet Margarine and 1/2 cup sugar until very light. Add egg yolks, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in vanilla extract; set aside.

Beat egg whites until frothy. Gradually beat in remaining 1 cup sugar. Continue beating until soft peaks form; set aside.

Alternately blend sifted dry ingredients and milk into creamed margarine mixture, beginning and ending with dry ingredients. Spread into 2 greased 9-inch round cake pans. Spread meringue mixture evenly over batter to within 1/2-inch of pan edge. Sprinkle one layer with chopped pecans. Bake at 350°F. for 25 minutes, or until done. Cool in pans on wire racks. Gently loosen edges with spatula before removing from pans.

Fold cherries into whipped cream. Use to fill and frost sides of layers starting with plain meringue layer, top side up. Top with pecan layer, cake side down.



Thanks for letting us serve you. We hope all that is good will be yours this joyous Christmastide.

MERRY Christmas

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From THE LIVING BIBLE
 Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem, in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. At about that time some astrologers from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the newborn King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in far-off eastern lands, and we have come to worship him."
 King Herod was deeply disturbed by their question, and all Jerusalem was filled with rumors. He called a meeting of the Jewish religious leaders. "Did the prophets tell us where the Messiah would be born?" he asked. "Yes, in Bethlehem," they said, "for this is what the prophet Micah wrote: 'O little town of Bethlehem, you are not just an unimportant Judean village, for a Governor shall rise from you to rule my people Israel.'"
 Then Herod sent a private message to the astrologers, asking them to come to see him; at this meeting he found out from them the exact time when they first saw the star. Then he told them, "Go to Bethlehem and search for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him too!"
 After this interview the astrologers started out again. And look! The star appeared to them again, standing over Bethlehem. Their joy knew no bounds!
 Entering the house where the baby and Mary his mother were, they threw themselves down before him, worshipping. Then they opened their presents and gave him gold, frankincense and myrrh. But when they returned to their own land, they didn't go through Jerusalem to report to Herod, for God had warned them in a dream to go home another way.

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CHANGE OF DATE IN UNEMPLOYMENT OFFICE DATES

Due to the Christmas holidays, a change of date has been made in Unemployment Insurance Service for this area.

The Texas Employment Commission representative will be in Dublin at the American Legion Auxiliary Building on Friday, December 27, 1974, instead of Thursday, December 26. Hours of service will remain the same.

If further information is needed, contact the Texas Employment Commission in Brownwood at 646-1591.

—GP—

SING — SING — SING NEW YEARS EVE

The Congregational Methodist Church invites you to come and sing with us New Year's Eve night. We will sing the old year out and the New Year in.

Singing will begin at 8 p. m. and there will be refreshments served. We invite every one to come and enjoy the evening with your friends and ours.

—GP—

CARD OF THANKS

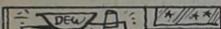
I wish to thank my friends for the visits, prayers, cards and flowers while I am a patient in Eastland Memorial Hospital. Your thoughtfulness and concern has meant so much to me.

May God bless each of you.
Mary Mehaffey

—GP—



In parts of Ireland, some girls believe that their husbands hair will be the color of the first worm they see on May morning!



Some people believe that dew gathered on midsummer night restores the sight.



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