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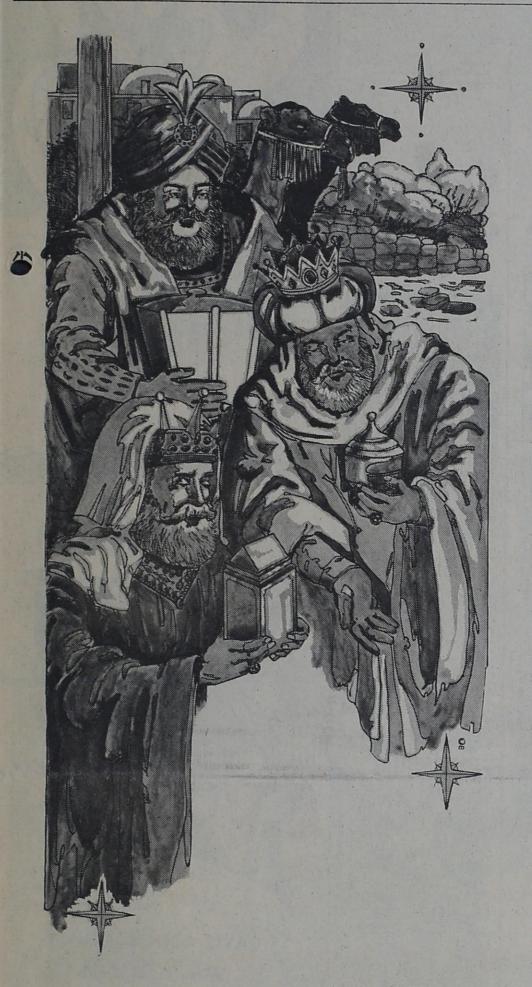


OUR 75TH YEAR OF SERVICE - 10c Per Copy

GORMAN, EASTLAND COUNTY, TEXAS 76454

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

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 and charity. Find the wonder in that star's light and kindle it so it shines brightly all the time. Open your heart to peace and brotherhood, and the magic of Christmas will be yours. Live the spirit of the holiday and rejoice.



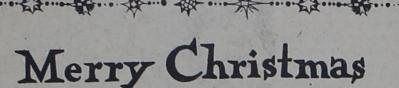
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you may have found that there's one really material problem to it: keeping all your equipment at hand (or at your machine). Now, the solution can be a snap. There's a little egghead that can really seem like a stitch in time

He's easy to make with common things you probably already have around the house. Top a plastic egg with a pompon from some gift wrapping and paint on his nose, mouth and eyelashes the little blue jug that your Dynamo liquid laundry deterwith a gleam of gold paper.

gent 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

The next task in hand is to cut off the handle from



with a felt-tipped pen. Se-

quins really shine as his eyes.

Glue a cork to the bottom

and insert it into the neck of



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A season filled with laugrter and joy . . . friendship and peace. That's what we're wishing all our friends, both near and far! And for your patronage and good will the past 51 years, accept our warmest thanks . . . sincere appreciation. Being able to serve you has made our holidays happy and bright.

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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, cro-



chet hooks, scissors, pinking shears, small skeins of wool. tape measures, hooks, snaps, patterns, bindings, needlepoint 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.





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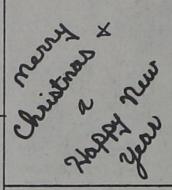
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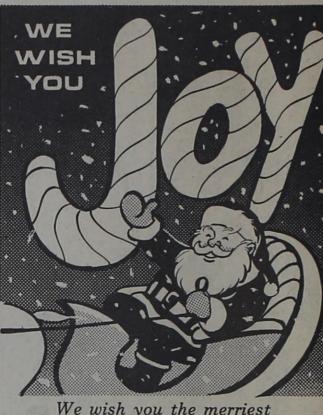
May the happiness of this holy season remain within every heart and every home.

Mr. & Mrs. R. M. Robbins



Happy Noel Joyous holiday, health And happiness to all.

Mary Mehaffey

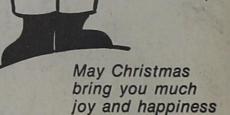


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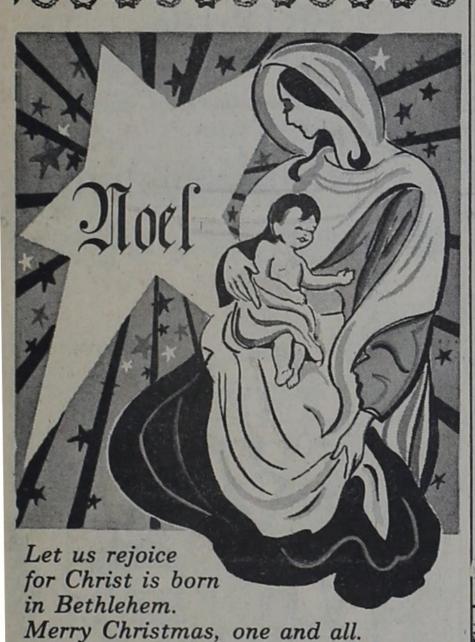
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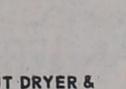


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We wish you an abundant share of all the good things that are part of Christmas joy and happiness.

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### Desdemona News

By KOONE GUTHERY

Mr. and Mrs. John Farris, Chad and Julia of Lamesa, visite dthe past week with his mother, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dietz, John is an assistant county agent in Lamesa.

Mr. Albert Johnson had surgery on Monday, December

and Mr. and Mrs. John Farris and children of Damesa visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Worden Thursday, - the 18th, in Weatherford.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Ervin is having remodeling done in their home.

Lanell Farris and children of Lamesa visited the North Park Manor Rest Home with Denny Moss, Eva Northcutt and others.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dietz 15th in Ranger Hospital. We and Mr. and Mrs. John Farwish for you a "speedy" re- ris and children of Lamesa visited Friday night with Mr.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dietz and Mrs. Ben Treeman in wishes" for you. 'Ts the busy time for every take a moment and pause to

> Christmas. and Belinda.

Worden).

Congratulations to the De Leon Bearcats - the State Champs in Class A football. Our "thanks" to Mark Mc-Killip, son of Mr. and Mrs. Troy McKillip, for his fine again, "the Body of Christ," or playing and sportsmanship.

Do you know that most people, church is? Ask the average man on even the great majority of religious the street what a church is and he people, do not even know what a will probably reply: "A church? Well, anybody knows that! A church, Ranger, (the former Frances is a building where people go to worship!" But this is not correct.

MINUTES

"WHAT IS A CHURCH"

BY CORNELIUS R. STAM PRES. BEREAN BIBLE SOCIETY

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Joe Merrill is home now The word translated "church" in after spending several days our Bibles, simply means assembly. in De Leon Hospital. "Get well so a church is not a building, but the assembly of people who meet in the building. And a church is not one. Our hope is that each will necessarily a gathering of worshippers. The riotous mob that had gathered at Ephesus in Paul's day is find the true meaning of called a "church" (Gr. ekklesia) in Acts 19:32, and this passage states Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Keith, that this assembly, or church, was Brad and Tami of Odessa, are confused, and most of them did spending Christmas week with not know wherefore they were come Mr. and Mrs. Pug Guthery together." So a church is simply an assembly, not a building.

> The church of which the Bible has most to say is "the Church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood" (Acts 20:28). St. Paul calls this church, again and the Church which is His Body."



Warmth and good fellowship-May they fill your Christmas season.

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Cheery Wishes



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in Christ, Paul declares: "By one Spirit are we all baptized into one Body" (I Cor. 12:13), and in Rom. 12:5 he says "Ye being many are one Body in Christ. Many sincere people have had their names on the rolls of religious

water baptism or any other religious

ing this great truth, that the true Church, the Church of God, the Body of Christ, is not a building, but the company of those who have come to trust in Christ as their

There are many ways to say it, but we still prefer

We do not join this Church by We sincerely hope the reader belongs to this one true Bible Church-and also attends a loca rite; we join it by faith in the Lord church, an assembly of believers in Jesus Christ. Referring to believers Christ who love and study the Word of God, so as to "grow in grace an in the knowledge of our Lord, and Savior Jesus Christ" (II Pet. 3:18)

In the Philippines, it's believed that a fisherman who chews ginger and spits on his bait will be inundated with

EARLY LEARNING TIPS that almost half of a child's intellectual development takes place between birth and five years of age. Assuming that this estimate is true, parents are a child's most important teachers, and those first five years significantly shape the child's future intellectual development.

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can Library Association and the publishers of World Book Encyclopedia. The booklet gives parents some basic guidance on stimulating a child's early intellectual de-velopment. The pamphlet can be obtained by writing to Reading Begins At Home, Box L, Reading, Michigan 49274.





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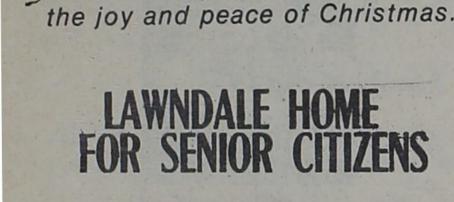
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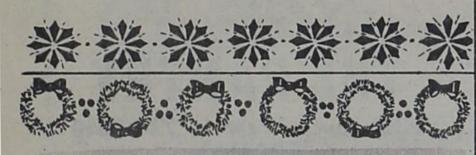


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### Senior Citizens

Our gang for 84 missed al this week due to illness, cold weather and other reasons. We made up a pot to give Mae a month's vacation with her daughter in N. C. She is supposed to bring Granny and Murel some new snuff. She i supposed to pull it fresh right off the vine. It really made their mouth water just talking about such a good thing. There will be some high spit-

ting soon in Gorman. Big Foot is still teaching that dog and cat extra tricks. Mama says it is amazing how he has trained that dog. She says he can make him talk as plain as anyone can Granny Kent is in mourning since Louis Pool kidnapped Velma Bennett, (best wishes kids) her favorite "Waho" player. She is looking forward to being kidnapped herself. od sailing Granny on that d. Cat Fuzz and Double Six are still on the prowl. They are having a time finding Santa. Fats and Murel are

Our office is really air conditioned now, as the Masons have enlarged our quarters. We have really been cool this

you find him.

getting ready to go hunt Santa next week. Good luck, I hope

We have a hard time collecting money for the gas, electric and flowers from some of the players. They esem to have a lock on their pocketbooks and they have the key at home. So it seems.

Bat is still n a good humor and so is Fisherman. Center Cut Jack seems to doubt the veracity of some of my writings. He knows I am called Honest by one and all. I think he even doubts the "Bird Cage Incident!" Though he says he saw the bird, but still could not believe it. Doc really is proud of the pickup that his wife got for him. He says all that he needs is to see the towns Christmas Spirit Bootlegger. Cowboy Slim is still on the payroll. Kid Collins is

helping out some. Bud and Speck have finally buried the

days. You see in the papers good care and attention and every day where some inno- to my friends for the cards cent person is murdered by and visits during my illness. some drunken driver. So be

Remember this is a season for happiness and remember for a Merry, Merry Christmas their home in Gorman, (first we are most grateful. From why we celebrate this time and the best of everything in house behind the Fina Service the depths of our hearts we of the year. Ain't the lights the future for you and yours. Station off Hwy. 6) in orman beautiful and all should thank the ones who put in several hours just for smile will help you win. So your pleasure.

Did you see the children in town last Saturday when Santa came in on the Fire Truck? You could just see the joy and sparkle in their eyes. This is the season that all children look forward to the entire year through. Here is wishing

CARD OF THANKS

I want to express my thanks to Dr. Pino, Dr. Canut and Watch your drinking and the wonderful nurses and staff driving during these Yuletide at Blackwell Hospital for the

> May God bless each of you. Roy Broom

Smile, remember that a

Look up and remember that the sun is shining so bright just behind those darkest come. clouds. So be ready to welcome it when the clouds pass

Honest, Reporter

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Burnice Daniels wish to invite all friends and relativ-

Gorman Lodge 716, Stated meetings, 2nd. Tuesday of every month. Members urged to attend. Visitors wel-

8:00 p. m. Everyone is wel- ments will be served.

Joy, peace, and all that is

for one and all.

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Christmas is our special wish

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CARD OF THANKS

Words are inadequate to convey the deep sense of appreciation felt by all of us for the countless courtesies and concern before and following the passing of our wife and mother, Mrs. Ray Legg. es and neighbors to a House For the prayers and kind ex-Warming Saturday, Decem- pressions of sympathy, the ber 27 from 2 to 5 p. m. at flowers, cards, food and visits

humbly say than you. May God bless each of you.

> Ray Legg James Legg and family Dorothy Legg Mr. and Mrs. Gene Burns and family

New Years' Singing at the come to come and join in New Hope Baptist Church will snging out the old year and be held Dec. 31, beginning at singing in the new. Refresh-

Charlie Garrett Host For Men's Christmas Party

Charlie Garrett hosted a Christmas Party for his Sunday School Class, in his home Parr, Otis Thompson, M. H.

on Friday evening from 6:30 Fairbetter, Milton Fairbetter, Louis Pool, Jim Snelson, Ru-The evening was spent vis-dolph Haile, Gene Baker, Bob

GORMAN PROGRESS, Eastland Co., Texas, DEC. 25, 1975 and dominoes and eating.

Dennis, Bob Cope and John The table was set with cook- Robert Cope, ies, party mx, roasted peanuts All attending reported an coffee and punch. enjoyable evening.

> HAPPYD PEACEFUL HOLIDAYS

iting and playing "Forty-two" Green, Ralph Dunn, Burton

Those attending were Bill



Our sincere thanks- we appreciate the opportunity the season brings to say "Thank You" and to wish you a Merry Christmas.

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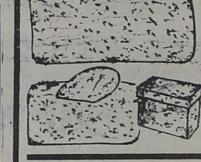
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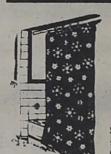
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# The Story of Md Scroone

### ADAPTED FROM A CHRISTMAS CAROL IN PROSE BY CHARLES DICKENS



With a wife and three children to support, Bob Crachit hardly made enough money as a clerk in the firm of Scrooge and Marley. When Marley died, Scrooge, his sole administrator, retained the firm's name and continued the business. Scrooge was tightfisted and grasping. He was also untrusting. One particular Christmas Eve, as Crachit sat busily copying letters in his cold, drab little corner, he was mindful of the fact that Scrooge, in his counting room nearby, had left open the door in order to keep a cautious eye on his employe.



Scrooge, ill-tempered as usual, seemed annoyed when his nephew entered with a cheery greeting. "A Merry Christmas uncle! God save you!'

So much as the nephew tried, Christmas came but once a year. so hard did Scrooge resist the idea of Christmas. He denounced man's pocket every twenty-fifth of it and wouldn't say a good word December!" said Scrooge. "But I about it or about anybody or any- suppose you must have the whole thing.



"Christmas a humbug, uncle? You don't mean that, I'm sure." "I do," said Scrooge. "Merry Christmas! What reason have you

to be merry? You're poor enough." What Scrooge failed to understand is that being rich or poor isn't the most important thing in the world.

The friendly nephew said, "Don't be cross, uncle."

But Scrooge continued: "What Christmas! Out upon Merry mas in your own way and let me as offices. keep it in mine."



The friendly nephew left and went out into the fog and darkness. It was very cold. Workmen repairing gas-pipes had built a fire and stood around it to warm their hands.

The shops were still bright and holly sprigs and berries were in the windows. Merchants were busy as everyone prepared for Christmas.

mas in a proper way. while his wife and baby went to the market to buy the beef.



When the hour for closing arrived at the counting-house, Scrooge grumpily stopped his money-counting, dismounted from his stool and told his clerk, Bob Crachit, that work was ended for the day.

Scrooge didn't approve of the holiday, but he had to recognize that it existed. "You'll want all day tomorrow, I suppose?"

"If quite convenient, sir." Look all the more unpleasant, Scrooge said: "It's not convenient, and it's not fair. If I was to stop half-a-crown for it, you'd think yourself ill-used, I'll be bound? And yet, you don't think me illused, when I pay a day's wages for no work."



Tactfully as he could, Crachit "Bah," said Scrooge. "Humbug!" reminded his employer that

> "A poor excuse for picking a morning."

Eve, he paused long enough to go bear upon him when he was dead. down a slide on Cornhill, twenty times, behind a lane of boys.



Scrooge took his usual lonely else can I be when I live in such dinner in a melancholy tavern, a world of fools as this? Merry read all the newspapers in the place, then turned homeward to Christmas! What's Christmas time bed. He lived in chambers that to you but a time for paying bills once had belonged to his dewithout money; a time for finding ceased partner. It was a dreary yourself a year older, but not an place. No one else lived there, alhour richer? Bah! Keep Christ- though some rooms were let out

The fog lay heavy and the yard was dark, but Scrooge knew every stone and soon was putting his key into the door lock.

There was, upon the door, a huge knocker. There was nothing unusual about it except, at this very moment, it appeared not as a knocker but to the startled Scrooge as the face of his late partner. Marley's face, plain as could be.



Scrooge felt a terrible sensation within himself. He had never The Lord Mayor in his Mighty had such a feeling before. He Mansion gave orders to his fifty stared until the sight before his cooks and butlers to keep Christ- eyes became only a door knocker again, turned the key and let The little tailor busied himself into the room. Once instirring tomorrow's pudding side, he paused, looking behind the door as if he expected to see was the Ghost of Christmas Past Marley standing there. He closed and, before Scrooge knew it, he

throughout the house.



Satisfied with his search, Scrooge locked himself in double-locked himself in, which 'was not his custom. Strange sounds were in the air, and strange things happened. A disused bell hung near his bed. It began to swing slowly, then rang loudly, as did every other bell in the house. Scrooge listened intently. Another sound began when the bells ended. It seemed someone was dragging heavy chains over the wine merchant's dow, Scrooge saw an old gentlecasks in the cellar below.

nearer. And then, within the "Why, it's old Fezziwig! Bless his room, he stood. Marley, with his heart, it's Fezziwig alive again." neavy purses.



It was a ghost, no doubt, for day. Be here all the earlier next Scrooge could see right through the waistcoat, the two buttons on Buttoning his greatcoat to the the back clearly visible. A ghost was hardly out of sight before ed all the misdeeds and unkind the clerk had closed the office acts of a lifetime and that he, and headed homeward to Camden Scrooge, was fashioning his own Town. Because it was Christmas chain, a heavy weight that would

> But, all was not hopeless, the ghost reminded. He told Scrooge that other visitors would follow throughout the night. Three spirits in all would come, each with a message of importance, If Scrooge were wise, the ghost cautioned, he would listen carefully would show him.



When the ghost vanished, Scrooge checked his door. It was still double-locked. Wearily he put himself to bed and eventually fell asleep. He awoke, not his bed were drawn back by a hand and the first vision appear- walked cautiously to the door. As ed. It was a strange figure, like a he reached for the lock, a voice man. It's hair was white, yet the and bade him enter. He complied. face was smooth as that of a rounded the head.



The visitor told Scrooge that he

to a warehouse where he had stood in awe as the Spirit blessed served as an apprentice.



When they peered into the winman in a Welsh wig, sitting at a The sound grew nearer and high desk and he exclaimed,

pigtails, his waist-coat, tights and As they looked, Old Fezziwig boots. The chain he drew was laid down his pen. He looked at wrapped around his middle. It the clock. "Yo, ho, there! Ebenewas made in steel, but resembled zer! (that's me, thought Scrooge), the Crachits busily prepared their familiar things-cash boxes, keys, Dick! (Ah, Dick, Wilkins, to be small Christmas feast. Everyone padlocks, ledgers, deeds and sure), no more work tonight, joined in preparation of the meal. Christmas Eve, Dick. Christmas, Excitement mounted as they Ebenezer. Let's have the shutters gathered about the table and Mrs.



In came a fiddler, who sat on a lofty desk and began to play. In chin, Scrooge growled to himself that talked. The ghost told came Mrs. Fizziwig and the three as he walked out the door. He Scrooge that the chain represent- Miss Fizziwigs and six young followers. In came all the young men and women employed in the business, the housemaid, with her cousin, the baker.

The party began. Scrooge relived every moment of it. Yet, ever-conscious that the Ghost of Christmas Past still had eyes upon him. Other scenes of his past life were re-lived, until at last he felt he could bear no

Scrooge cried out, "Leave me! and see clearly all the visitors Take me back. Haunt me no longer!" Again, he was in his own bedroom, exhausted, drowsy, and eventually to sleep.



Again, in the dark, Scrooge found himself awake. No vision appeared within the room. He knowing the time, to find it was waited. When he could restrain still dark. The curtains beside himself no longer, he reached for his slippers, put them on, and child, and yet again like an old on the other side called his name

It was his own room, no doubt, child. It held a branch of fresh but it was changed. It was gaily green holly in its hand and, in decorated, with holly, mistletoe, contradiction, its dress was trim- and ivy. In the center of the med with summer flowers. Strang- room, heaped together to form a est of all, however, was a bright, throne, were turkeys, geese, game, clear crown of light that sur- sausages, mince pies and much more. In the center of the room, too, a jolly giant. "I am the ghost of Christmas Present. Look upon



the door with a bang, and the was taken back in spirit, many Suddenly, the two of them sound echoed like thunder weary years, to his boyhood stood in the city streets on home. The Christmases of his Christmas morning. All the sights youth paraded before him. Some and sounds that Scrooge had reof them were sad, for he was a fused to recognize were therelonely boy, but others were jolly. people in the streets, greeting Scrooge was amazed as events of one another, the smell of good the past flew before his eyes. food and fruits, the church bells Times and people that he had calling good people to church and known and many of them long chapel. Scrooge and the jolly ago forgotten. The best of these giant went on, invisible, through he had not forgotten and he felt the streets, to the very door of pleasure when the spirit took him Bob Crachit's house. Scrooge the small dwelling. Inside, Mrs. Crachit, her daughter Belinda and Martha, and son Peter, awaited the return of their father. In he came, carrying Tiny Tim upon his shoulder. Tiny Tim, bearing a crutch, and his limbs supported by an iron frame.



Scrooge continued to watch as Crachit approached the roast goose with a carving knife. A murmur of delight arose and even Tiny Tim shouted Hurrah! A pudding, much to small for so large a family, was a wonderful treat. Dinner over, the family gathered round the hearth. Bob Crachit raised a toast: "Merry Christmas to us all, my dears, God bless us." The family re-echoed the sentiment and Tiny Tim, the last of all, said "God bless us every one!"



Scrooge felt an interest he had never known before. He asked of the Spirit if Tiny Tim would live. The Spirit replied, "I see a vacant seat and a crutch without an owner, carefully preserved." Scrooge hung his head. He felt worse when he heard Bob Crachit propose another toast and Mrs. Crachit respond that she did not wish to drink a toast to Mr. Scrooge, "such an odious, stingy, hard, unfeeling man." But, she did, and the children drank after her, while the Ghost of Christmas Present took Scrooge to visit here and there about the town, showing him both misery and happiness along the way.

And soon thereafter, Scrooge was face to face with another visitor.

"I am in the presence of Christmas Yet to Come?" said Scrooge.



The robed spirit seemed to incline its head. It quickly showed Scrooge how his own death might be, with on one to mourn his loss; in fact, some seemed happy at his passing. It also showed him how Tiny Tim might die and leave countless friends to mourn and sorrow for him.

Scrooge assured the Spirit that he was a changed man, and that the shadows that had passed besaid: "I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the present, and the future . . . . Oh, tell me I may sponge away the writing on this stone!"



When the third Spirit had gone, Scrooge kept the memory of the sight of his own name upon a tombstone, and no mourners in sight. When he awakened, he renewed his promise, "I will live in the past, the present and the future."

Scrooge dressed in his very best and went into the streets. People were everywhere. Many of them he had seen during the time of his visit with the Ghost of Christmas Present. Scrooge looked so pleasant that people spoke to him and, afterwards, he confessed, their voices were music to his ears. One gentleman, only days before rudely refused when he asked Scrooge for a donation to a fund for the poor, was surprised when Scrooge presented to him a healthy sum of



Scrooge journeyed on, to his nephew's house. He passed the door a dozen times before he had the courage to knock. Then he made a dash to the door, and did

"Fred," he said when his neph-'Why, bless my soul!" cried

"It's I. Your Uncle Scrooge. I've come to dinner. Will you let

me in, Fred?" He was made so heartily welcome. He thought his nephew would shake his arm off. He was perfectly at home within minutes.



Next morning, Scrooge hurried to the office, much earlier than usual. . . he wanted to be there before Bob Crachit, to catch Crachit coming late to work. He did. Bob was nearly twenty minutes late. He had his hat in his hand, awaiting the wrath of Scrooge. It never came.

Instead, Scrooge greeted him cheerfully-and told him that he was to receive a raise in pay. Crachit was amazed. But he knew, finally, that Scrooge was sincere. The old man patted him on the back. "A Merry Christmas, Bob! A Merry Christmas-a merrier Christmas, Bob than I've given you in many a year."



In the years that followed, Scrooge kept his word and his promises. Tiny Tim did not die and to the gentle lad Scrooge became a second father. He also became as good a friend, a master and a man as the city ever knew. A few people laughed to see the change in him, but Scrooge let them laugh and paid little heed. His own heart was laughing, with joy and happiness, and he gave joy to all who knew him.

Scrooge never encountered anfore him had altered his life: He other Spirit. And, long years after, it was often said of him that he truly knew how to keep the year. I will live in the past, the Christmas. May that be true of each of us and, always, as Tiny Tim observed, "God bless us every one!"



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CALIFORNIA SUNKIST

NAVEL

4 POUNDS

ORANGES

LETTUCE (lg hds.)

POUND

**59**<sup>C</sup>

69°

CANDY' FRUIT All Kinds of Goodies for CHRISTMAS

COLORADO MEDIUM

GOOCHES BLUE RIBBON

HAMS

WHOLE HAMS

\$1.19

SHANK PORTION

\$1.09

BUTT PORTION

\$1.19

GRIFFIN'S

Salad Dressing

KEITH'S FROZEN POTATOES CRINKLE CUT for French Fries

2 POUND PKG.

12 OZ. PKG.

39°

KEEBLER'S Vanilla Wafers

49°

SWEET SIXTEEN OLEO

1 POUND SOLIDS

EAST TEXAS YAMS

POUND 25°

ZEE

4 ROLL PKG.

Cucumber Slices

HEINZ SWEET

16 OZ. JAR

QUART.JAR

MRS. SMITH'S Frozen PIE SHELLS

690 10 1/2 INCH SHELL

PRICES GOOD THURSDAY THRU SATURDAY

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Yummy chocolate fondue, fun for guests

If you would like to invite the real holiday spirit into your home, follow the example of Swiss cooks and have a traditional Swiss favorite, chocolate fondue dessert.

CONSUMER

We are told that, like many great dishes, the fondue originated many years ago in Switzerland where hardened bread was soaked in hot milk or wine to make it palatable again. Someone discovered that adding cheese or chocolate to the pot created a new

Today's hostess can prepare a chocolate fondue and let guests serve themselves from the portable electric Table Range by Corning. Set the control on a low heat setting and the precise thermostatic control in the heating element keeps the fondue warm without scorching

the chocolate. Home economists of Corning Glass Works suggest dunking a combination of angel food cake or

lady fingers, cut in chunks, or fruit pieces, such as orange or tangerine slices, strawberries or pineapple chunks. It's an informal and easy way of letting people partake in the fes-

CHOCOLATE FONDUE INGREDIENTS 3 bars milk chocolate

1/4 cup honey 11/2 teaspoons vanilla 1/2 cup crushed almonds ½ cup cream

2 tablespoons kirsch, cognac or cointreau Break the chocolate into pieces, combine all ingredients in Table Range skillet. Stir over low heat until

chocolate is melted and mixture is smooth.

GUESTS CAN SERVE themselves with chocolate fondue from a portable electric Table Range from Corning Glass Works. Home economists suggest dunking a combination of angel food cake or lady fingers, cut in chunks, or fruit pieces in the chocolate mixture. It's an informal and easy way of letting people partake in the festivities.

and swirls pieces of cake mixture. Serves four to six



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