

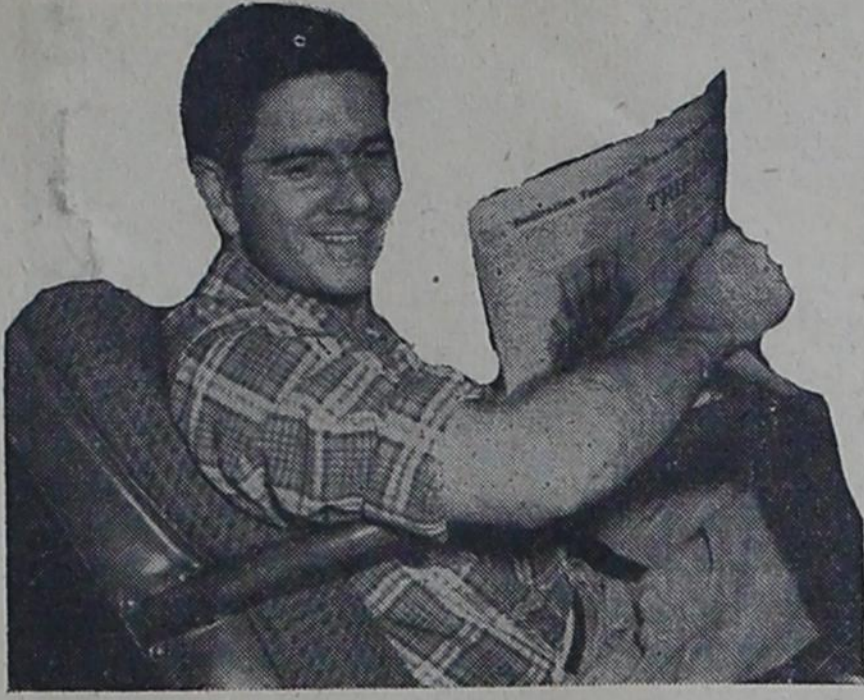
# THE STATE LINE TRIBUNE

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FROM THE  
**HOPPER**

By Hop Jr.



I LOVE  
MY KIDS



I need no reminder that Christmas is here. There are two little guys who both make it clear that they're counting on Santa to bring them the toys. That he (and that's ME) knows are tops for these boys.

And when we are riding, their faces both glow with a look of excitement, for these two boys know that the Santas they see out all over the town soon down their own chimney will come with a bound.

These little house wreckers we're happy to own. Have tricked Mom and Dad with every guise known. They've been bad more than good and more messed up than neat. But all is forgiven—they do it so sweet.

So, here's to you, kids—you'll get all the toys. My resistance is just not enough for two boys. Our bankroll is flattened, our budget's on skids—But, still I admit, I sure love my kids.

## FB Gives Reasons For Opposing HR 12

Nationwide publicity was given the past week to the American Farm Bureau, which, at its national convention, voiced its opposition to 90 percent support prices.

The following comments are those of Parmer County FB President Gilbert Kaltwasser, who explains why the organization of which he is a member, takes this position:

HR 12 has again been brought to our attention. Questions as to why Farm Bureau is opposing the bill that would support basic commodities at 90% of parity, regardless of supply or demand, are raised.

Here are some of the reasons that the great majority of the more than one and one half million Farm Bureau Members oppose the proposal: High price supports fixed by the government, without regard to supply and demand, have resulted in lower farm income because they encourage increased production, there is less consumption, and export markets drop.

High supports in our country encourage production in foreign countries. They sell their products just below our support price. Then, our products go into government storage and foreign products get our market. Now, put more production, less consumption and less exports together, and you get surplus. These surpluses bring about production controls. These controls have failed to adjust supply with demand. The result is that farmers lose opportunity to produce and to sell the volume that otherwise might be produced and sold at a reasonable profit.

The idea that mandatory 90% of parity price supports have been a blessing to farmers just doesn't hold water after a close examination. It wasn't 90% of parity that caused farm prices to average 124% of parity in 1946, or 113% of parity for 11 years, (1942-1952). It was extraordinary demand because of war.

The fact that farmers have generally voted for marketing quotas in order to maintain 90% of parity price supports has given some people misconceived ideas of the farmer's attitude toward production controls. The marketing quota referendum does not give the producer a realistic alternative to voting for quotas.

If the referendum was worded so as to give the producer a choice such as this: Say Parmer County had a choice of 41,000 acres of cot-

ton with high supports, or 60,000 acres at 75% of parity, it would give a more realistic picture of the desires of the majority of the farmers.

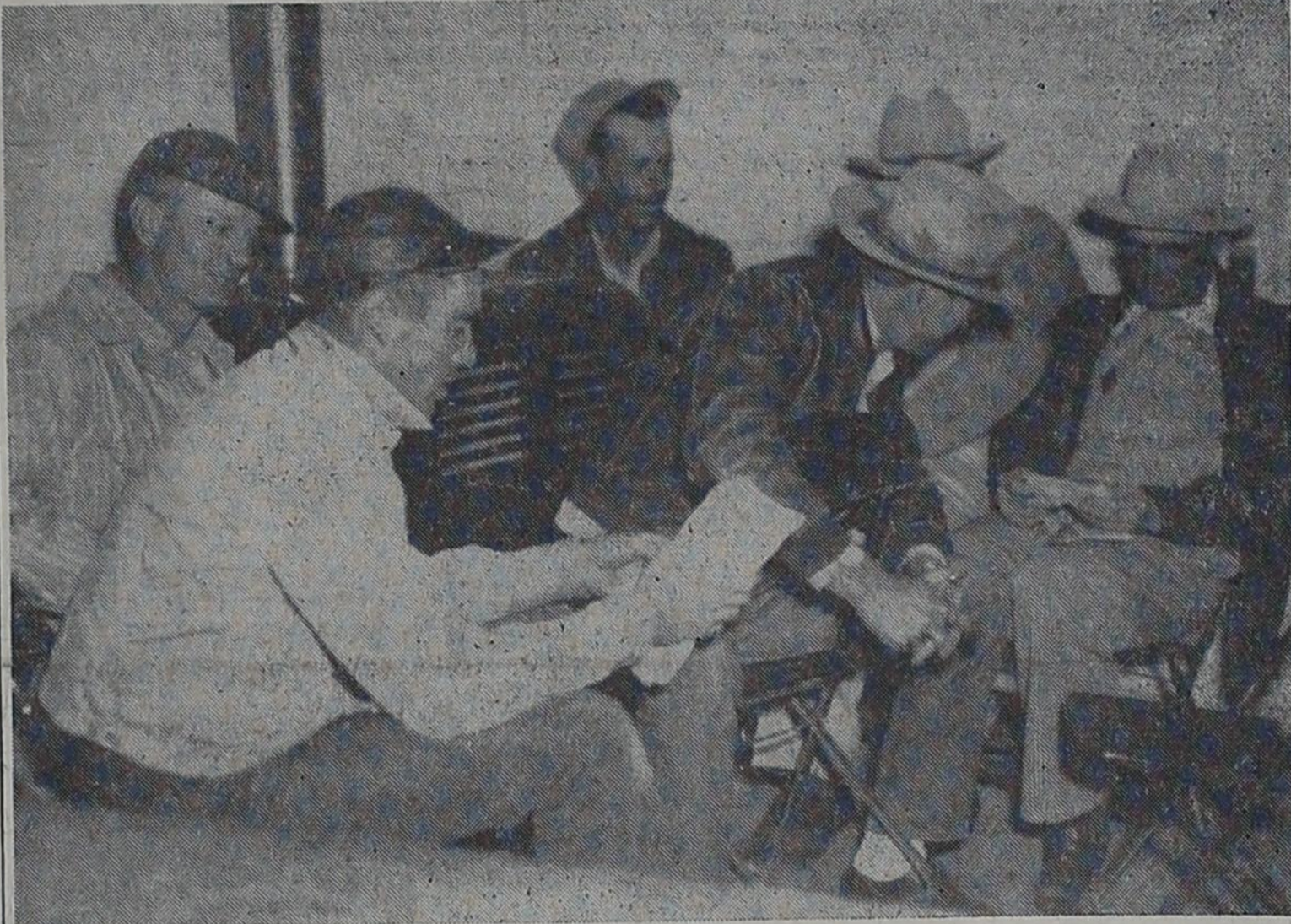
Many farmers have expressed as favoring the latter, (higher acreages and lower supports) because they believe that would discourage increased foreign production of cotton, and cotton could compete with synthetics that are taking a large percentage of former cotton markets.

Now, to get back to HR 12. This resolution is being supported by the smallest farm organization in the United States, and the largest labor organization in the world. These same two organizations have also teamed up in an attempt to raise the minimum hourly wage to \$1.25, including agricultural workers. (Minimum wages do not apply to agricultural areas of production and processing at present). This again raises the question, "Who is qualified to speak for farmers?" Farm Bureau thinks you, the farmers, are best qualified.

Farm income has dropped on the national average, less than 4%, while the cost of production has risen almost 30%. Do those HR 12 supporting organizations really have the best interests of the farmer in mind, when they propose to raise, still further, our cost of production?

The present situation of farm (Continued on last page, section 2)

## Farmers Hit Social Security



Informality typifies the meetings of the "Individuals for Freedom." Here, six members congregate around a stove in Pleasant Valley to discuss their problems. Left to right: Leroy Hicks, Kenneth Precure, B. H. Dyck, L. F. Green, and Harry Engleking. Behind Green is E. K. Angeley.

## Growing Certified Seed May Offer Farm Income Possibility

With farmers on the irrigated Plains searching for new cash crops, Pat Patrick of Roberts Seed Company this week suggests that they may be overlooking the possibility of producing certified seed.

To back up his suggestion, Patrick points out that there were 26,685 acres of certified grain sorghum (not including forage and sweet sorghums) produced in Texas last year.

Of this amount, only about 150 acres were grown in Parmer County. An area of production comparable to Parmer County might be Swisher County (Tulia), where about 7000 acres were produced last year.

Patrick asks if it does not seem unusual that local farmers pay a good price for seed sorghum which is produced within 100

miles of their own farms. Why don't local farmers grow their own seed at least? he wonders.

For those who may be interested in the details of certified seed production, here are a few things to take into consideration:

Applications for grower permits cost \$10. Inspection of the fields in which the seed is being produced will run 30 cents per acre. Tags and seals will cost about three cents per hundredweight.

"Normally registered seed will cost from \$25 to \$75 per hundred," says Patrick.

Other regulations include isolation from other sorghums, which must be at least 660 feet. However, the sorghum may be planted next to cotton, wheat, oats, barley, hay or some other unrelated crop. Isolation from sudan must be 990

feet. "Normally, one can expect about 50 cents per hundred over certified seed delivered in the bulk to the processing station," estimates Patrick.

"However, those that have cleaners of their own normally expect to make more than that."

Additional labor involved for the farmer will normally be the "roguing," which must be done from one to five times during the growing season, depending on the amount of types in the field.

Patrick adds, "Small grains are really simple to grow, because isolation has to only be 15 feet from other similar crops."

These suggestions may prove to be a partial answer to the question of what to grow for some area farmers next year.

A number of Pleasant Valley farmers are kicking over the traces about what they consider to be something that farmers don't need and don't want—social security.

That small community, which is located southeast of Lazbuddie just over the line into Lamb County, has been the scene of numerous meetings since this summer, and as the late for paying SS taxes approaches, there is increasing interest in the resistance.

Some of the residents of that rural community have organized into what is called the "Individuals for Freedom," and their immediate aim is to protest—with the hope that their protest will spread—the provisions of the recently expanded social security program. The coming year will be the first time that farmers have been included in the government-sponsored program which supposedly provides a measure of security for workers when retirement rolls around.

President of the young resistance movement is Harry Engelking. Kenneth Precure is one of the more active members, and has made numerous trips over the area expressing the group's views on the matter.

The group meets each Thursday evening at the community center in an informal type session. Two weeks ago, they agreed to send questionnaires to 1000 farmers of the area to take a poll of opinions of farmers.

Only a sprinkling of cards had been returned by Thursday night of last week, but this was felt to be a result of late mailing and heavy Christmas deliveries, rather than lack of interest in the poll.

Farmers were being asked whether they favor or disapprove of the social security laws, and if the latter is true, whether they would be willing to work toward a repeal of the statutes under which the program is administered.

"Nearly everybody that's against it is willing to work," said Precure, after examining early returns of the poll.

The Individuals do not intend to follow an open challenge of the social security program in the manner that Marshall, Texas, housewives refused to pay withholding taxes on domestic employees.

They do not desire legal complications such as confiscation of bank accounts which such action might bring on. Instead, they plan to pay their new tax "under protest" and to work through whatever regular channels may be necessary.

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## "No," Repeat Voters In School Election

Voters of the Farwell school district again turned down a \$200,000 bond issue yesterday, this time by a vote of 219 to 133. It was a more decisive win for the opponents of the measure than was registered in an identical election last month. At that time, the tabulation was 119-102.

Questioned as to what move the board may take now, Supt. Jack Williams Wednesday night said, "I don't know."

The school is faced with a classroom shortage because of rapidly increasing enrollment. Temporary quarters have been mentioned as a possibility to relieve the conditions.

In the election were improvements to the system, including an auditorium, more classrooms, and a remodeling program to convert the home economics department into grade school quarters.

Farwell is the only school in Parmer County without an auditorium.

## Foundation Gift Okayed for Parmer Community Hospital

It is a wonderful Christmas gift that is going to the Parmer County Community Hospital this week. Jimmy Baxter, hospital manager, Tuesday afternoon received confirmation that the institution will be cleared for eligibility of a \$10,000 grant from the Ford Foundation.

Parmer Community Hospital was tentatively listed as one of the hospitals eligible for such last week, but officials feared that qualifying technicalities might step between them and the money.

However, it proved that the hospital's eligibility for listing with the national Hospital Association, in addition to its method of operation as a tax-exempt, non-profit organization, were satisfactory with Foundation requirements.

## Annual Christmas Tree Scheduled for Saturday Night

Plans have been made for the annual community Christmas tree and program to be Saturday night, December 24, at the Oklahoma Lane Baptist Church at 7:30.

This annual affair is staged at one of the churches each year. The program will be held at the Methodist Church in 1956.

Saturday night's program will be presented by adult groups from both churches and Santa Claus will be there with treats for all.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend, and a special invitation is being extended to all old-timers of the community.

## Ex-Student Banquet To Be This Tuesday

The annual ex-student's banquet for Texico and all its consolidated schools will be Tuesday, December 27. The banquet will be served in the auditorium of the school at 8:30, although an open house will begin at 7:30 for those who wish to attend.

Mrs. Ronny Ferguson, secretary of the organization, asks that those who have not returned their cards to do so immediately so that reservation plans may be completed.

Also she emphasizes that the list of names and addresses are not complete and that if you are an ex-student and did not receive a card you are cordially invited to attend.

## Mrs. G. W. Dyer Dies Monday Night

Funeral services for a pioneer of the Farwell area were held Wednesday afternoon at Texico Baptist Church. Rev. Virgil Pace of Glen Rose, Texas, friend of the family, performed the last rites for Mrs. Della M. Dyer, 78, assisted by Rev. O. C. Branson, pastor of the United Pentecostal Church, Texico.

Interment was in Texico Cemetery.

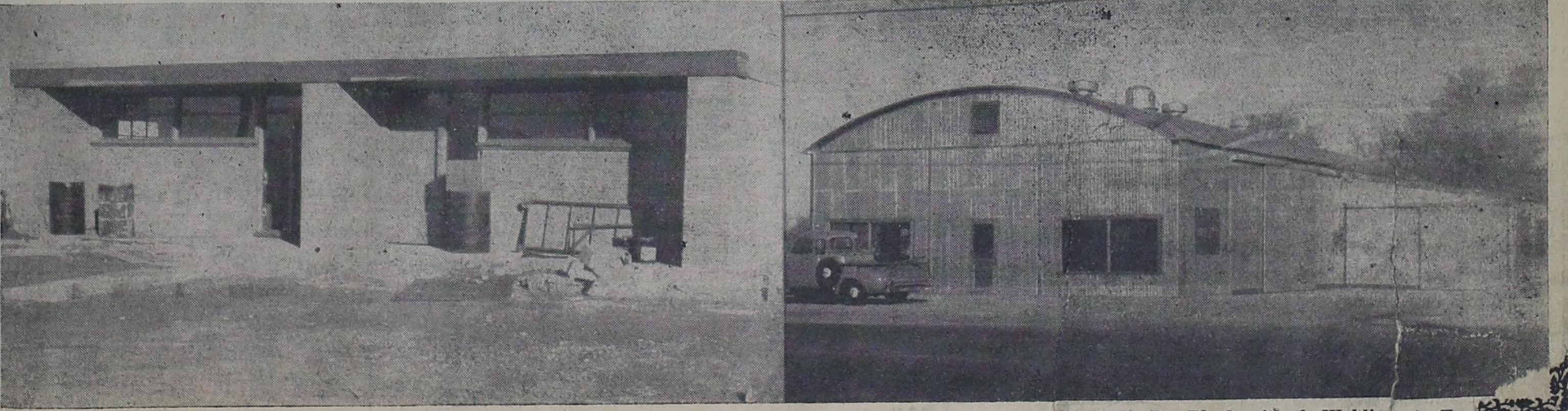
Pallbearers were Jack Johnson, Ben Smart Jr., Jim Bob Smart, Bobby Williams, Lonnie Haynes, Elmore Hendrix, J. N. Rutherford, and Pete Crawford.

Mrs. Dyer passed away Monday evening at her home here. She had been seriously ill for five weeks, following a stroke while she was enroute to Midland to visit her daughter. She was hospitalized in Midland before being returned here.

Survivors include her husband, W. G.; two sons, Charles E. of Temple and Claude J. of Texico; one daughter, Mrs. M. D. Rutherford of Midland; a sister, Mrs. Bettie Smart; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The Dyers, who were married May 2, 1897 in Stephens County, Texas, had been residents of the Farwell area for 40 years.

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These are the newest buildings in Texico-Farwell. At the left is the modernistic front of the Magness Real Estate office building, which is scheduled for comple-

tion very soon. Contractor for the Farwell building is John Cornell. It is located near Fern's department store. On the right is the industrial-type steel building of

Sheets & Son Blacksmith & Welding, in Texico. Building has been completed and is in use by them.

# THE TRIBUNE'S EDITORIAL COMMENT

## Most of Us Will Miss The True Meaning of Christmas

It's sad, but probably true, that most of the people of the world this week will miss the true meaning of Christmas.

For some, it will be an opportunity for revelry and fun-making, a certain amount of which we approve, but something that is very easily carried too far. Yes indeed, 'tis a time for merriment and rejoicing, but Christmas is hardly an excuse for an all-night drinking spree.

For others, Christmas will provide a day or so of rest—certainly something that many in this busy America need badly. We also approve in principal the opportunity which a national holiday such as Christmas offers to those who work. Holidays are truly blessings when used as times for relaxation and "escaping" from the hum-drum of everyday living.

For husbands and wives fortunate enough to have children in the home, Christmas is always a heartwarming occasion, for there is nothing that gives a parent a more satisfying inner glow than to see the expression on their children's faces when the time for Christmas giving is at hand.

Yet, all of these things are only "sideshow attractions to the main event," if such a comparison can be made.

The spirit of giving, after all, evolved about 1955 years ago, when the greatest gift the world has ever known was made: God's gift of Jesus to man. And unless man is mindful of the great heritage for which this observance of Christmas will be made, the significance of it will be forever hidden from his sight.

## And That's Greedy, Monopolistic Big Business for You!

The giving away of \$500 million dollars to colleges, hospitals, and medical education centers last week by the Ford Foundation was an act of philanthropy which captured the imagination of the



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nation. Even in this day of multi-figure computations, where "billions" are thrown around in the casual manner that "thousands" used to be, \$500 million dollars is an astoundingly large amount of money to just give away.

With millions of other Americans, we shared the satisfaction of knowing that this money represents the true outlook of American industry to this country, but this news also provided us with a little amusement. After having read in some publications (a few, fortunately) that the country's big business concerns are bleeding the rest of the country to death while they greedily stack up record-breaking profits, it is almost a joke to match this philanthropic act against what some labor-backed writers have been trying to make us believe.



LaDonna Stewart, 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Stewart, has a unique idea, and proved that the tumbleweed can be beautiful. She made her Christmas tree from tumbleweeds, by mounting them on a pole in a triangular arrangement, then frosted the branches with white enamel. Next step was to coat the artistic display with snow spray. She spent two full evenings working on the tree, and the final step was placing red ornaments and twinkling red Christmas lights to complete the picture.

A Cooke, a Craft that won't float (probably).  
A Couch for weary ones.  
And both a Crook and Crooks.  
A Crow represents the birds.  
We can Dial for the time of Day.  
A Dyer, but no cleaner.

Dykes, also some Brooks.  
There are Foster children.  
And those who are a-Gast.  
John Getz 'em, Melvin Burns 'em.  
And the Halls ring with Justice.  
It may be a Hard-age.

But its better than Holland.  
Parmer County has an Austin.  
We have a Miller who isn't a miller,  
A woman who is a King,  
And three Roses.  
A man who does his work with

an Arm-strong.  
A Farmer who has Barns and Banks.  
Two Barkers but no bites.  
Those who Blair at the Beavers.  
A Carpenter who isn't a carpenter.  
Some Christian folk living here.  
Dollars are plentiful.  
Then there are Doo-littles.  
And we have our own Goldsmith.  
England is in Texico.  
Some Moss, a few Parsons.  
People are Humble.  
There are those who Love-lace.  
With life spiced with Mace.  
There is a Porter and a Vinyard.  
Also a Pool.  
A Range and Potts, but no pans.  
Sheets, but no blankets.  
Those who are Smart, and a Stone or two.  
Electricity with Watts.  
No White snow,  
But a Wise-man.

## Mansell Serves In Okinawa

Fort Buckner, Okinawa—Army Specialist Third Class Charles E. Mansell, 23, whose wife, Kail, lives in Muleshoe, recently arrived in Okinawa and is now a member of the 75th Regimental Combat Team.

A strong U. S. Outpost in the Far East, Okinawa is located off the coast of China between Formosa and the southern tip of Japan.

Specialist Mansell, son of Mrs. Ida B. Mansell, Morton, is a member of the combat team's Company G. He entered the Army in April 1953 and completed basic training at Fort Hood, Tex.

Mansell is a 1950 graduate of Bula High School.

The only one of the seven wonders of the world, still in existence, is the Egyptian Pyramids.

## jattin's from jeanne

We have a real "straight from Iowa" recipe this week and our appreciation goes to Mrs. T. Fred Orr of Manquoketa, Iowa, who took time to sit down and jot down her recipe for oatmeal cookies.

maybe taken the paper before that. We don't know, but we do appreciate her notes each year when she renews her paper. More than ever, we appreciate it this year, for a recipe was included. Thank you Mrs. Orr.

### OATMEAL COOKIES

- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/2 cup lard
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup raisins boiled
- 1 cup oatmeal
- 1 teaspoon soda dissolved in 5 tablespoons raisin water
- 1 cup walnut meats
- 2 cups flour

2 teaspoons cinnamon  
Drop by teaspoon on baking sheet and bake until done.

Our family conversations are something to hear these days, with Ronny developing "ideas" all his own. Since he is an avid fan of the record player and any song, he spends many hours with his prize toy—playing records over and over.

We were discussing music at the family supper table and were using psychology to get him to recite. Remarking about "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," we asked about the line "He'll go down in history."

"No, mommy," says Ronny "He'll go wead (read) a to-ry (story)."

After contemplating his statement, maybe he's right. It does sound like his version when they say his-to-ry.

Wouldn't it be nice if Mother Nature smiled and delivered a white Christmas? Maybe it wouldn't frighten the children.

And if you wish to see a real West Texas snow man, drive by The Tribune. He is constructed from a plentiful supply of tumble weeds, and a few facial tissues. He is just a little bedraggled, but fits The Tribune. In fact, he has already lost his head once.

But we like him and our 2 1/2 year-old thinks he is "boo-ti-ful." What more could we ask?

### SOME THINGS THAT OUR COMMUNITY HAS!

- Interesting People(s).
- Nice Chappells, a Temple.
- Several Brown Fords.
- A Boss with a wife.
- Bridges to cross.
- Some "Cain" raisers and many Camp here.
- Some have Means.
- Others are Meek(s).
- There is a Niece.
- And some Paine.
- A Bell that won't ding.

## A BLESSED CHRISTMAS



The Birthday of Jesus Christ is again at hand. It is fitting that we take stock of our many blessings... that we express in words and deeds the rededication of our lives to Him and His Service.

So, in the love of Him who made possible our observance of Christmas Day, we wish you the joys and blessings of the season.

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When we say "Thank You" for past favors it comes straight from the heart—may you have a Merry Christmas.

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Farwell, Texas

BE an angel ... GIVE her a **ROPER Gas RANGE**

**\$1 ONLY DOWN**  
**23¢ A DAY**  
**3 YEARS TO PAY**  
(Special Terms good only to December 23)

to my Best Girl

"Angel! How did you know I wanted an automatic clock controlled gas range for Christmas?"

to men "angels" only

Pay \$1.00 down... take home a tiny gas range, beautifully wrapped to hang on the Christmas tree. An enclosed gift certificate tells her to select the gas range she wants!

**Southern Union Gas Company**



Robert Allen Rogers, 6-year-old son of Commander and Mrs. Allen Rogers, poses in a Japanese kimono, which came from Japan. He holds an oriental doll, also from that country.

# Allen Rogers Family Almost Missed Out On One Christmas

The oddity of the world's differentials in time almost caused two local persons to miss Christmas Day two years ago, but by "stopping the clock," they managed to participate in the festivities of which all of us are familiar. Mrs. Allen (Micky) Rogers and son Robert Allen were aboard a Navy ship enroute to join their

husband and father in Japan, and the ship was to cross the international date line on Christmas Day. But the time change was not observed until a day later, permitting a full-scale Christmas for everyone on the vessel. The Christmas on the high seas was the most memorable ever spent by Mrs. Rogers, because of

this unusual aspect. Trees were placed all over the ship and decorated beautifully, with the most outstanding tree erected in the lobby. The festivities were designed to delight the children aboard. Robert Allen, who was four years old at the time, received a nice gift from Santa, a big play steam shovel that was any little boy's hope.

Holiday fare was on the menu and the captain was host for a party. Mrs. Rogers did not attend the social function, but she says it was a highlight of the trip for many.

The two members of the Rogers family were on the ship for 13 days. Another unusual aspect of that particular Christmas was that they had three holidays. The mother and son exchanged gifts with her parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Rogers and family, before leaving the States. They enjoyed the festivities aboard ship, then they had their celebration with Allen when they arrived in Japan.

Micky remembers that many of those on ship had an unexpected gift—they were in the "tail end" of typhoon and practically everyone became ill.

Last year, the Rogers family was living in Japan, and found that living on an American base enables those in foreign countries to observe festivities much as they would at home. They purchased Christmas trees through the stores on the base, but she bought decorations on the Japanese market.

"Most of the ornaments in the States come from Japan anyway," she explains.

Asked about the religious observance there, Micky estimates that about 35 percent of the Japanese people are Christians and observe the holiday as Americans do.

"How closely they copy American customs varies with how closely they are associated with our people," she says. Some have Christmas trees and some merely exchange gifts. But others in that country who do not recognize Christianity, naturally do not recognize Christmas.

There are very few decorations with a religious theme, most emphasize tinsel, colored balls and Christmas lights.

"It struck me as strange that although a large percentage of the Japanese people are not Christian, yet the stores and streets are decorated much as those in the States would be," she says. They are definitely commercialized and cater to the Americans, she adds. The buying power of the American is respected.

Discussing the Orient further, Micky says that of all ports in the

world, Hong Kong, which is an international port, is the most fascinating. She feels that one can buy more for less there, than any other place. There is no tax, and she had a marvelous time shopping for materials from all over the world.

She feels that Japan has much to offer commercially to the United States—including bead work, linens and other such goods. She was also interested in their art, explaining that they have preserved an artistic technique that originated with the Chinese thousands of years ago. She brought about 50 pictures home with her.

An eye-catching scroll was painted by the man who holds the prize for the painting of camellias, in Japan. His painting appears on silk and is backed by brocade.

She says such scrolls are found in most Japanese homes. When a guest enters a house there, he takes off his shoes at the entrance and enters the first room. There is usually a platform with highly polished poles. She didn't learn the significance of these. A scroll is hanging there and underneath is a table on which is placed a flower arrangement. The guest kneels before the platform, then honors the host by admiring the arrangement. The people change the scrolls, the table and flower arrangements at intervals.

Before going to Japan, the military personnel receive pamphlets describing customs of the people there. "We were guests of the Japanese government, so we observed their customs," she says.

An interesting person was Dr. Kitamura, who was educated in the States and is a doctor there. He speaks perfect English and has many American mannerisms. He is part owner of a linen company. She met the Dr. when she was working with the officers' wives club.

Micky didn't learn about many things of which she was questioned, because in Japan, "You don't ask personal questions" she says. In fact, she thinks people feel a little over-polite when talking to the Japanese, until friends become better acquainted.

The Rogers family brought back beautiful linens, and objects of wooden art. She visited a salad bowl company while there. Pearls from Japan are also reasonable in price, she says.

Commander Rogers is now stationed at Naval Air Station at Pensacola, Fla. Micky and Robert Allen, and the new addition to the family, two-month-old Marticia Ann, will return to Florida with Commander Rogers after Christmas.

The entire Rogers family is plan-

ning a memorable Christmas this year. Besides the members of the Allen Rogers family, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Rogers will have their two daughters here for Christmas.

Captain and Mrs. Belvin Freeman and little Bel will be here from Lawton, Okla., and Jean Rogers will arrive from Albuquerque, N. M., where she is a member of the faculty of Lincoln Junior High School.

Back to life in Japan, Micky says that she feels that the Japanese people are sincerely friend-

ly to the Americans, and are our allies. "They have taken our ways, and like them." She explains that many women are now in politics and do have a say in activities. "They are not a vicious people at all" she adds.

She enjoyed the tour of duty in Japan and hopes to go back some day.

Forcing entrance into the U. S. Treasury vault would take several days.

### RECEIVES PROMOTION

Washington, D. C.—The Bureau of Naval Personnel authorized the advancement November 16, of Jesse W. Cobb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Giles Cobb of Route 3, Friona, to machinist's mate third class, USN, while serving aboard the heavy cruiser USS Baltimore.

The advancement was the result of world-wide examinations conducted in August.



Season's Greetings  
To all our friends for a happy holiday season.  
**Border Serv. Sta.**  
W. L. Roberts  
Texico, N. M.

At This Joyous  
**Christmastime**  
May you be blessed  
with every happiness.  
**Texico Post Office**

**CHRISTMAS**  
Greetings  
**HOUSTON LUMBER CO.**  
TEXICO, N. M.



At Christmas, It Is Natural that Our Thoughts Turn  
Toward Giving.

LET US NOT FORGET, THEN,  
THE GREATEST GIFT OF ALL:  
"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son . . ."  
John 3:16

"BRIGHTEN THE CORNER"  
**FURNITURE MART STORES**  
Texico-Farwell Earth

## GOOD WISHES

Because it's Christmas time we want to wish you health and happiness for Christmas Day, for the day after Christmas and through the year. For your fine patronage we are grateful.

NOTICE: We will be closed Saturday-Sunday-Monday, December 24-25-26, in observance of the Christmas Holidays.

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FARWELL, TEXAS

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Kenneth and George FARWELL, TEXAS

## Greetings

Just a light hearted greeting to wish our friends and patrons a Merry Christmas and a Holiday Season that's cheery and bright.  
**HOLLAND'S GROCERY**  
Mr. and Mrs. John Holland  
FARWELL, TEXAS

# Social Events of Interest

## Doris Harriman Is FHS Posture Queen

In Farwell High School's first "posture assembly," Miss Doris Harriman won first place over 11 other high school girls for the title of posture queen.

The contest, presented in a general assembly of the high school and junior high, was sponsored by the Pep Club.

Candidates, chosen by their classmates for competition, were judged by walking posture, standing posture, sitting posture and general appearance. Each of the 12 girls appeared on the stage three times wearing a different costume for each appearance.

Second place winner was Mary Ann Walls. Marian Smith placed third and other contest finalists were Jeanette Lindop, Naomi Hubbell and Jo Elaine Magness.

While the judges made their decisions, Jerry Dee Owens and Jerry Utsman, representing "Poise" and "Grace," showed anything but poise and grace while exhibiting the wrong ways to walk, stand and sit.

Gerald Hardage and Dean Jones gave the sometimes all too true picture of high school girls who come to school wearing blue jeans, sloppy shirts and head scarves hiding pin curls.

George Childress, high school principal, crowned the queen. Miss Harriman is treasurer of the junior class, a majorette, student council representative for the band and most beautiful girl in high school.

Carolyn Cantrell did an outstanding job of moderating the show. Mrs. Erma Jobs was accompanist.

Members of Assembly 158 of the Order of Rainbow for Girls will observe the Christmas season with a parent-daughter banquet to be held Friday night, December 23, at a restaurant in Clovis.

Worthy Advisor, Judy Garrett, would like to extend a cordial invitation to all past Worthy Advisors, past Mother Advisors and ex-Rainbow members to attend this Christmas program.

Musical program to be presented includes the following vocal solos: "White Christmas" by Dal Hartsell; "Christmas Island" and

"I Told Santa To Bring Me You" by Kay Leake; and "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus" and "Santa Claus Is Coming To Town" by Harriet Charles.

Katherine Billington will play a piano selection, "Deep Purple" and Charlotte Hromas will play "Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer."

L'Orchid Latham and Nita Beth Estes will also sing numbers on the program.

Dal Hartsell will close the program with a vocal rendition of "Silver Bells."

Newest member of this Assembly of Rainbow is Mary Hartsell. Mary moved to Bovina from Oklahoma where she was active in the Rainbow organization.

## Rainbow Party Set For Tomorrow Night

After the group exchanged gifts, the hostess served spiced tea and fruit cake to Mesdames Margie Fought, Rita Dollar, Margaret London, Dot Camp, Jean Thurman, Wilma Nell Whitener, Leon London, Glenda Carpenter, Tena Roth, Kay Hodges and Esther Ferguson.

The class presented a special gift to the class teacher, Mrs. Tena Roth.

Next meeting of the group will be held on Thursday night, January 5, at the home of Mrs. Margaret London.

## Mrs. Smith Hostess To Bible Class Party

Hostess for the annual Christmas meeting and social of the Wesley Bible Class of Hamlin Memorial Methodist Church was Mrs. A. D. Smith. The social was held at the Smith home on Thursday afternoon of last week.

Mrs. E. G. Blair told a Christmas story, Mrs. Smith read several Christmas poems and Mrs. W. H. Graham Sr. sang a Christmas solo to complete the program.

After exchanging gifts, the group was served refreshments of punch and cookies. The serving table was laid with a colored Christmas cloth and the centerpiece featured Santa Claus and his reindeer. Mrs. E. G. Blair presided at the punch bowl.

Attending the party were Mesdames E. G. Blair, Albert Thomas, Ruby Dixon, Claud White, G. W. Atchley, Anne Overstreet, Grace Sanders, Edie Smith, W. J. Matthews, Roy Thornton, Casey Cantrell, B. N. Graham, E. E. Booth, Ralph Humble, Lena Yoder, N. L. Tharp, Laura Temple and W. H. Graham Sr., and three guests, Mrs. Aldridge of Clovis, Mrs. B. O. Faville and Mrs. Sam Sutter.

## Companion Class Has Christmas Meeting

Misses Darlene Sprawls and Gloria Dial, students at Eastern New Mexico University, will be among the five baton twirling majorettes heading the ENMU marching band which will participate in Sun Carnival activities in El Paso on January 1-2.

Seventy students will make the trip which is being sponsored by the Roosevelt County Chamber of Commerce.

The band will make three appearances. Sunday evening, January 1, a special television concert will be given by the band from an El Paso station.

At half time of the Sun Bowl football game the band will present a special performance. The band will also participate in the Sun Carnival parade that morning.

Students making the trip will return to the campus January 2.

Pvt. Dale Berggren arrived here Saturday night to spend a 15 day leave visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Berggren.

## Texico WMU Has Study on Faith

Mrs. D. J. Brown taught the Bible study on faith at last week's meeting of the Texico WMU which met at the church Wednesday afternoon.

Present for the program were Mesdames D. J. Brown, M. H. Poteet, Nora Day, Barney Kelley, Olan Schlueter, Joe Morgan, C. C. Morgan, Harold Pruitt and J. O. Ford.

## Two Farwell Girls To Sun Carnival

Miss Mikala Faville was hostess for a Christmas party for members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship group on Sunday night following the special Christmas program presented at Hamlin Memorial Methodist Church.

The group enjoyed playing games and exchanging gifts during the evening.

Refreshments of cranberry punch, sandwiches shaped like Christmas trees, cookies, candy and nuts were served by the hostess.

Those present included Mrs. Leroy Faville, Mrs. Jim Moss, MYF sponsor, June Hensley, Shirley Doshier, Jimmy Don Moss, Bruce Burton, Bert Williams, Jerry Johnson, Barbara Caldwell, D' Rene Danforth, Doris Rolland, Judy Wakefield, Alan Price, Johnny Lovelace, Frankie Coffman, Anita Moss and the hostess.

## Mikala Faville Gives MYF Christmas Party

Mrs. Junior Snider was hostess to a bridge party given at her home on Wednesday afternoon of last week.

Special guests were Mrs. Hollis Horton of Friona and Mrs. Jack Miller of Dimmitt.

Others present were Mesdames Glen Phillips, Elmer Hargrove, Don Williams, Jack Williams, Pike Jordan, Bobby Hart, Bob Anderson, Marilyn Edwards, and Clyde Cole of Clovis, and Miss Jo Ann Williams.

## Mrs. Snider Hostess To Bridge Party

Those participating in the program were Mrs. Alvis Clark who gave "The Disciples;" Mrs. Pearl Singleterry, whose topic was "The Christmas Star" and Mrs. Coy Gooch who gave "One Solitary Life."

After this part of the program, the group sang "Silent Night," "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" and "Joy To The World."

Gifts were exchanged and secret pals were revealed.

Members present for the party were Mesdames Joyce Coffman, Posey Clark, Martha Gooch, Maurine Winkle, Bonnie Spearman, Geraldine Burford, Ada Singleterry, Peggy Singleterry, also, Johnnie Bell Thornton, Gertrude Hopper, Cordie Taylor, Nora Boccox, Lorado Servatius, Almeda Goolsby, Martha Heinz, Elsie Neely, Gladys Pierce, one guest, Mrs. E. M. Boccox, and the hostess, Mrs. Maurine Winkle.

Mrs. Maurine Winkle will be hostess for the first club meeting of January.

## Gwendolyn Rundell Honored at Party

Gwendolyn Rundell was feted at a party on Friday, December 16, in honor of her third birthday.

Attending the party were Tina, Sherre and Gay Rundell, Bobby Dee Foster, Robert Curtis, Jackie Ann Magness, Mrs. Ray Mears, Mrs. Wayne Foster, Mrs. Fred Curtis, Mrs. Merrill Rundell, Sue Magness, Mrs. Weldon Rundell and the honoree, Gwendolyn Rundell.

Refreshments of cake and grape juice were served to the group.

## Junior SS Class Has Party Tuesday Night

The group exchanged gifts then went Christmas caroling. After the caroling, they played games and were served refreshments of pops, Christmas cookies and candy.

Those present included Jeff Cantrell, Billy McDonald, Melody Coffman, Bill Quickel, Darrell Crook, David Watkins, Jackie Dyer, Hal Ed Helton, Leon Lovelace, Cheryle Price, Jenness Weisler, Merwyn Price, Barbara Bieler and Bob Scott Anderson.

## Unique Decorations Highlight Party

Williams.

Marilyn Edwards won the prize for high scorer and other prizes were won by Mrs. Bob Anderson and Mrs. Bobby Hart.

## Pleasant Hill HD Has Christmas Meet

The home of Mrs. Floyd Boccox Jr. at 1925 Axtell, Clovis, was the scene of the annual Christmas party of the Pleasant Hill Home Demonstration Club.

The all day meeting and social was held on Thursday, December 15. Mrs. Juan Eskew resigned as secretary-treasurer of the group and Mrs. Alvis Clark was elected to fill this position.

Individual tables for four were set up over the house with each table centered with an individual floral arrangement.

After the meal, guests played card games.

Attending the social were Mr. and Harry Sheets, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Graham Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Don Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Snider, Elmer Hargrove, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Max Ford of Clovis, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Christian, Mr. and Mrs. Don Denton of Ranchvale, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jones;

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Liles, Wilma Liner, Hugh Moseley, Junior Robertson, Toby Booth, Lt. and Mrs. Ernest Lokey, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Phillips and Miss Williams and JeDon Porter.

## Mrs. Meissner From Minnesota

Mrs. G. P. Meissner returned Friday from a trip to Appleton, Minn., where she visited for two weeks with her son and family, Rev. and Mrs. Reuben Meissner.

Mrs. Meissner said that she really enjoyed the stay although the weather (20 degrees below zero) was a little uncomfortable. Mrs. Meissner also reported seeing lots of snow during her stay there.

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## Hurshel R. Harding Receives Promotion

Hurshel R. Harding, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Harding who live south of Farwell, was recently promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant.

Lt. Harding entered the Air Force in May of 1954 and has been stationed at Lake Charles, La., since that date.

He is assigned to the legal office as a Judge Advocate and his primary duty is to prosecute or defend in court martial cases. Lt. Harding is scheduled to receive his discharge from the Air Force in May 1956 at which time he plans to open an office and practice law. He has not yet decided where he will locate upon being discharged.

## Former Residents Have New Daughter

Word has been received here of the birth of a daughter, Donna Leann, born Tuesday, December 6, at Sacred Heart Hospital in Medford, Ore., to Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Bandy, former residents of this community.

Donna Leann, the third child of the Bandys, weighed five and one half pounds.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Parks, formerly of Farwell, now of California. Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Bandy of Bovina are paternal grandparents.

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## Junior Auxiliary Meets Wednesday

Meeting Wednesday afternoon of last week at the Texico Baptist Church were members of the Junior Girls' Auxiliary. Mrs. Nell Autrey was a guest at the meeting.

The girls practiced on the play-let which was presented at the Sunday evening services, December 18.

Dorothy Pruitt served cupcakes to Kathy White, Wanda Burris, Carol White, LaJone Burris, Wanda Morgan, Betty Ruth Lockhart, Carmelita Doshier, Jean Morris and Judy Tharp.

## Robert Armstrong Is Visiting Here

Robert Armstrong, who is stationed with the Submarine Administration Dept. at Mare Island, Calif., arrived Monday by plane to spend a 10 day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Armstrong.

The Armstrongs met Robert in Amarillo on Monday.

## Gloria Dial Pledges Kappa Delta Alpha

Among the 70 Eastern New Mexico students who have been accepted as pledges by the four campus sororities and fraternities is Miss Gloria Dial who has been pledged by Kappa Delta Alpha.

Miss Dial is a freshman student at ENMU and is a majorette with the marching band. She also plays in the concert band.

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**To Spend Holidays With Son in Laredo**

Mrs. Hedwig Gast left Saturday night, December 17, for Laredo where she plans to spend the Christmas holidays with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Gast.

Mrs. Gast plans to remain at Laredo for about two weeks.

**Here for Holidays**

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Henneman and daughter of San Marcos are here to visit during the Christmas holidays with her mother and brother, Mrs. Clytie Dial and Benjie. Gloria and Ronnie Dial, students at ENMU, are also here to spend the holidays with their mother.

**From Amarillo**

Miss Laverna Christian arrived here late today (Thursday) from Amarillo to visit during the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Christian. Miss Christian is employed with the Chamber of Commerce in Amarillo, having recently moved there from Clovis.

**In Aldridge Home**

Here to visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Aldridge, during the holidays are Misses Nancy and Mary Belle Aldridge. Nancy is a junior at the University of Oklahoma and Mary Belle is employed by an oil firm in Dallas.

**From California**

Mrs. Leona Osborn and her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Osborn and daughters, all of California, arrived here Tuesday afternoon to visit during the Christmas holidays with her father, Uncle Tom Randol, and her sister, Mrs. Russell Johnson and family.

Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year

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**Have Granddaughter**

Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Harding are the proud grandparents of a baby girl born November 26, to Mr. and Mrs. Warren G. Harding. The young lady has been named LaDenna Kaye and weighed seven pounds and four ounces at birth.

**From Albuquerque**

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Temple visited during the weekend with his mother, Mrs. J. C. Temple.

T-Sgt and Mrs. Harold Harlow and baby daughter of Clovis will leave the States on January 9 for overseas duty. Harlow has been stationed at Clovis Air Force Base for some time.

Mrs. Harlow is the former Darla Doshier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Doshier.

**NEWS FROM OKLA. LANE**  
BY KATE LINDOP

**Deborah Class Has Christmas Party**

Members of the Deborah Sunday School class of Oklahoma Lane Baptist Church met last Monday night for a Christmas program and social at the home of Mrs. Dorothy Donaldson.

Class teacher, Mrs. Mona Garner, gave the evening devotional. Mrs. Dorothy Donaldson, class president, presided at a short business session.

The group then played games led by Jeanie Garner and exchanged Christmas gifts with class members.

Refreshments of individual fruit cakes, Christmas candy and hot punch were served to Mesdames Mora Garner, Jeanie Garner, Katherine Hardage, Dorothea Mason, Marjorie Watkins, Joyce McGuire, Dorothy Brown, Nell Zinn, Betty Pruitt, Joyce Doshier and Avis Carpenter.

**Junior SS Class Has Social**

The Methodist Church junior class, under direction of Mrs. D. Merriman, entertained their parents and guests last Wednesday night. The group met at the church for devotional services then went to the parsonage and prepared refreshments of pop corn, fudge and fruit cake. The group also enjoyed several games.

Class members present were Zel Billingsley, Virginia Willard, Donna Sudderth, David and Dannie Lindop, Tommie Snodgrass and Phyllis Christian.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Gene Snodgrass and Martha, Mrs. R. E. Blankenship and Ruth Anne, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Sudderth, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lindop, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Christian, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Primrose, Doyn Merriman and Gary, and Rev. and Mrs. Vernon Willard.

**WCSB Has Christmas Tree**

Both circles of Methodist Church WCSB met Monday evening at the church.

Dot Christian read the Christmas story from Luke. Bobbie Foster gave a vocal solo "The First Noel." MaRue Snodgrass told the story "The First Christmas Tree in England," and Belle Willard gave "The Christmas Carol."

Those present were Dot and Louise Christian, Bea Kent, Katherine Merriman, Ginnie Blankenship, Louise Douglas, Gladys Sudderth, Carrye Christian, MaRue Snodgrass and Martha, Belle Willard, and Bobbie Foster.

Refreshments of brownie pecan pie and whipped cream, coffee and hot tea were served to conclude the evening's activities.

**BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS**

Both circles of the WMU met Monday for Bible Study. North Circle met at the home of Mrs. Howard Garner with Mrs. Frank Edwards in charge of the study.

Present at the North Circle meeting were Mesdames Dora Verner, Eva Nelson, Dorothy Donaldson, Frank Edwards and the hostess, Mrs. Howard Garner.

Lydia Circle members met with Mrs. Betty Pruitt, and Mrs. Irene Watkins was in charge of the Bible study. Present at this meeting were Mesdames Katherine Hardage, Irene Watkins, Dorothea Mason, Lucille Hukill and the hostess Mrs. Pruitt.

After the circles met for their respective studies, members of the North Circle met the Lydia Circle group at the Pruitt home where they were served refresh-

ments of cake and hot chocolate. The group then went to the home of Joyce Doshier to present her a love gift. Mrs. Doshier will be leaving the community after the first of the year.

Rev. E. J. Keith, pastor of First Baptist Church, Farwell, was guest speaker at a meeting of the Brotherhood held Monday night of this week.

Also on the program were members of the Royal Ambassadors of the Oklahoma Lane Church. Their part of the program concerned the prayer life of some of the great leaders of the world.

Rev. Keith's topic was about prophecy in the Old Testament. After the program, refreshments of mixed Christmas candies, pops and coffee were served to about 25 persons present. Wives of the Brotherhood members were guests at the meeting.

**KK Club Has Christmas Party**

Knick-Knack Club members met Thursday, December 15, in the home of Mrs. Lora Brown for the annual Christmas social.

Club pals were revealed and gifts were exchanged. Names were drawn for secret pals for the coming year.

**Celebrates Birthday**

Mrs. A. K. Snodgrass celebrated her birthday on Sunday, December 18, with a dinner in the E. G. Snodgrass home.

Those who attended were Mr. Mrs. George Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Patton and girls, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Snodgrass and family, and the honoree, Mrs. Snodgrass.

**Home for Christmas**

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Crume from Bainbridge, Ga., are visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Grissom.

**In Plainview**

Rev. and Mrs. Vernon Willard and Virginia attended a district Christmas party for preachers and their families at Plainview last Saturday. This is an annual affair for pastors and their families.

**From Lubbock**

Miss Barbara Garner of Lubbock will arrive here Christmas night to spend the following week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Garner.

Barbara is attending business college in Lubbock.

**METHODIST CHURCH NEWS**  
Rev. Vernon Willard, Pastor

Attendance Sunday, December 18, was 97 for church school. Approximately 110 were present for the worship hour.

Special music was a vocal duet by Louise and Dot Christian titled "Silent Night." They were accompanied by David Willard at the organ.

Church school will meet next Sunday morning at 9:30 and worship hour at 11:30 will be dismissed.

Friends were happy to see Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Moore at church Sunday. The Moores have been away for quite some time.

Sharon Coffman of Farwell visited at the church Sunday.

Rev. V. E. Willard and David attended the MYF sub-district meeting at Muleshoe Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Kepley and Mike and Velda Paine visited in the J. W. Herington home near West Camp Sunday.

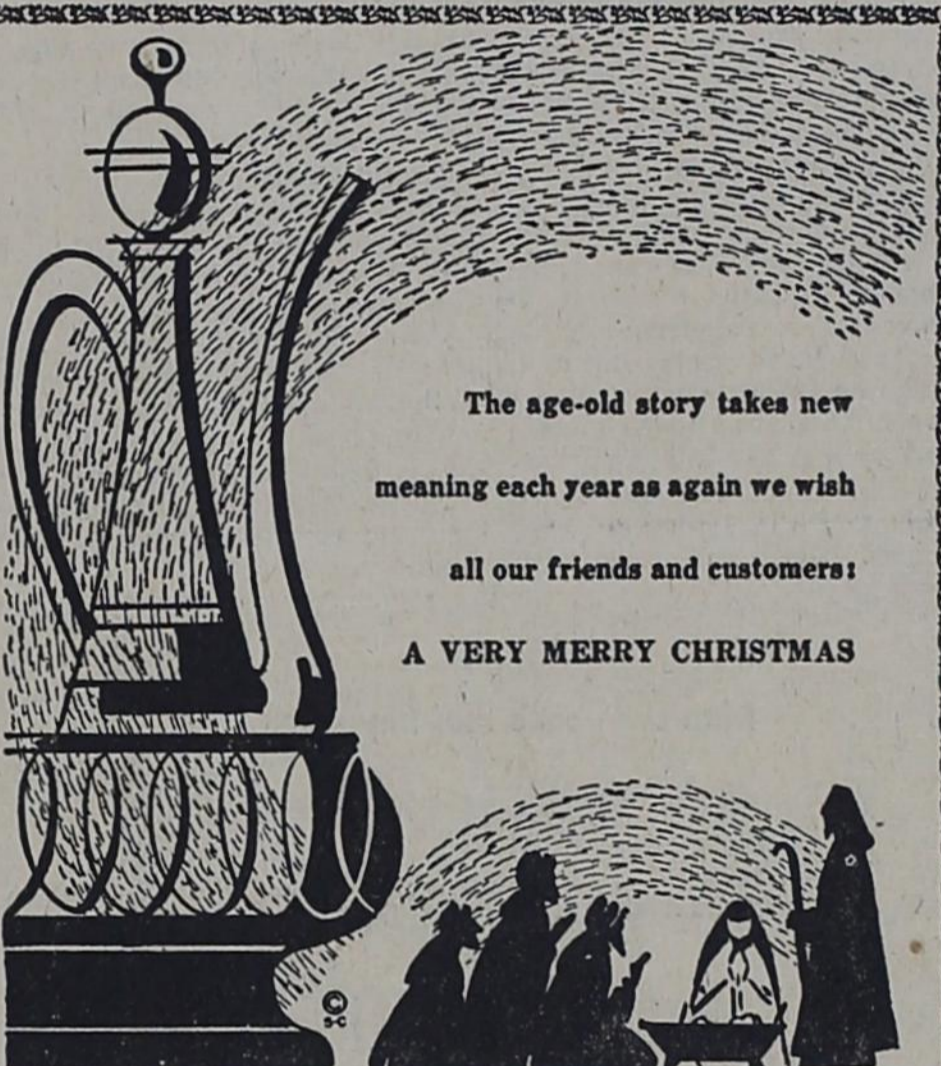
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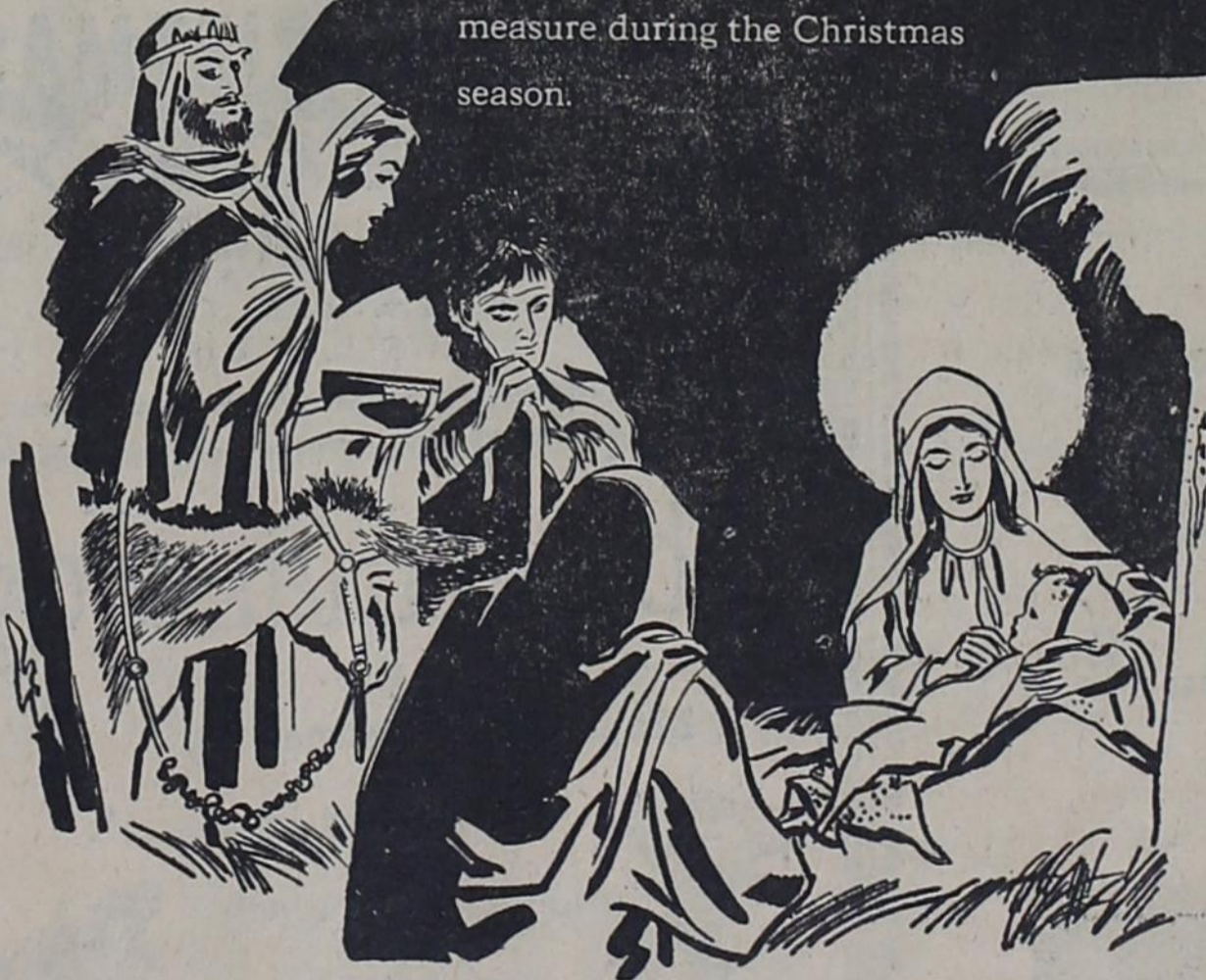


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LUKE 2:13

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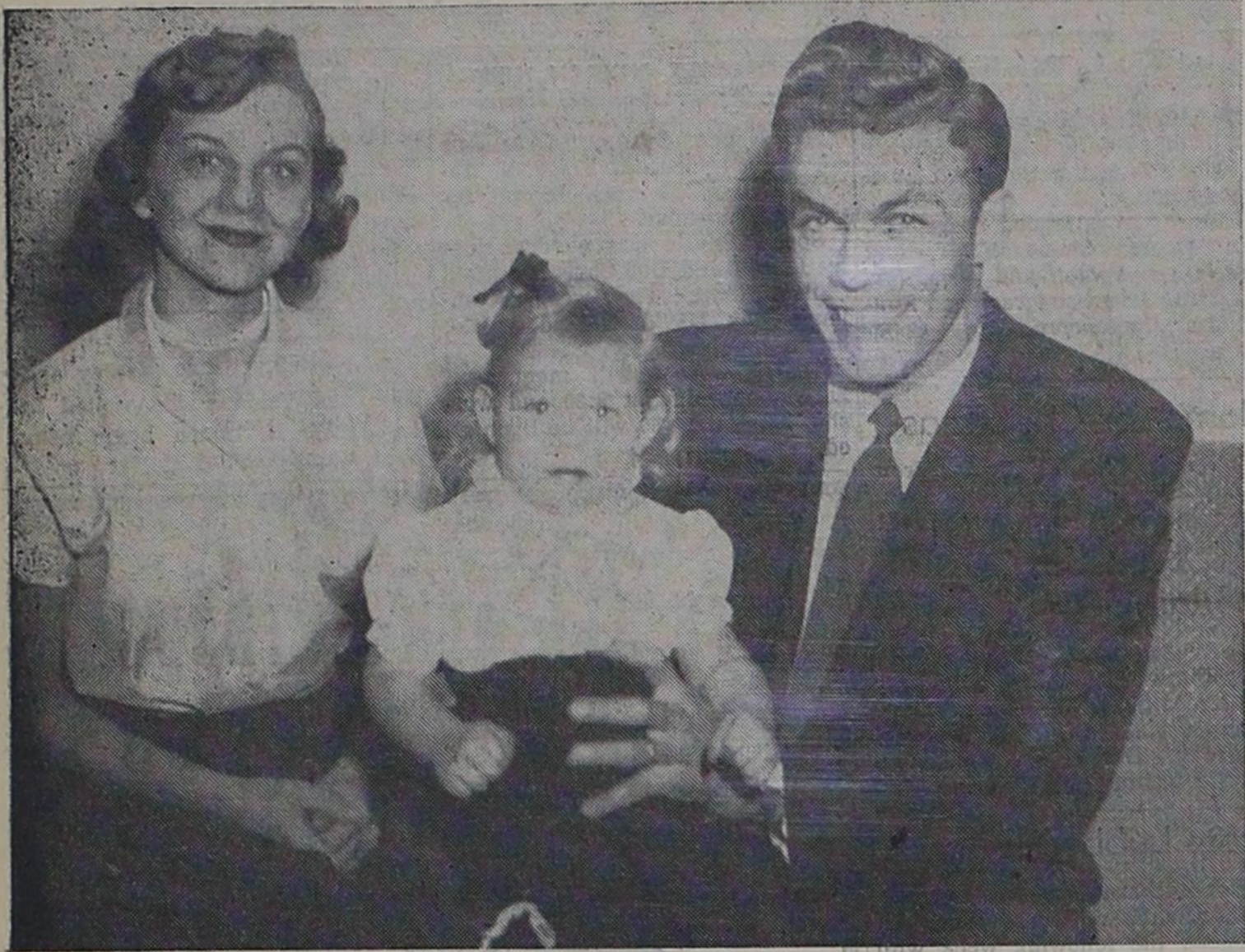
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**NOEL**

May all the happiness of this joyous season bless your home and all who enter it at Christmas!

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Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Oesch and Becky find that their family is somewhat "slimmed down" this Christmas, compared with the size that it was when they were in the children's home.

# She Was Mother Of 10 Kids--at 22!

How would you like to be the mother of 10 children—at the age of 22. And then of course, there is papa to consider—but he is a little older—24.

It was a unique experience for Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Oesch, who now reside in Lariat, where he is minister of St. John's Lutheran Church.

They were "parents" for 10—nine of them youngsters who were in the home where the Oesches were house parents. The tenth was the delightful and irresistibly charming miniature Oesch, Becky, who is the ripe old age of 20 months.

The young pastor and his wife were living in St. Louis, where he

was in seminary when they learned of an opening for house parents at Methodist Childrens' Home. Both were interested in social work, and so they applied for the job and were accepted.

They were housed in one of four apartments, and their job was to make the apartment a real home for the children, with the task a rather difficult one. Children had their own bedrooms, had chores to do, and life was as near like that in "the house down the street" as possible.

The Oesches were "mom" and "pop" to their charges, and the house parents took the job seriously, realizing that they were molding future citizens. Most of the

children came from broken homes, and were not orphans in the strictest sense. But they had an even more terrifying fact to erase from their memories—the fact that their parents did not want them.

So the children whom the young couple loved and worked with, were not normal children. The Oesches do feel that the setup at the home was excellent for the work being done there. In fact, the organization was written up as the model childrens' home in a recent issue of a national magazine.

Inquiring about the observance of Christmas in their home in the apartment, Mrs. Oesch says most

of the children joined their parents for a holiday celebration. But three were left to enjoy festivities with them. These three had no other place to go so the young couple, Becky, and the three youngsters put up a big Christmas tree, went downtown and bought decorations and had a wonderful time.

The children in the Oesch apartment ranged in age from six to 11. The day began about 7 each morning, and Mrs. Oesch, with the help of the youngsters, prepared breakfast. Actually, her job was to direct, with each child assigned a chore. After breakfast, the group tramped off to school and returned home for lunch with all the other youngsters in the main dining room.

After school was the most difficult part of the day—and Mrs. Oesch always had activities planned to keep the group busy and happy for the remainder of time before supper. "The most difficult job is keeping the youngsters busy," Mrs. Oesch says.

She told of one 9-year-old child who had never been institutionalized before. He had been living with his 65-year-old father. His mother, who was his father's niece, was in a mental institution at 25.

On his arrival at the home, the boy was so starved for affection that he would do anything to gain attention, and was a problem child for a period. But the best part of it, according to Mrs. Oesch, was that he thrived under their care. He soon learned that being sweet and kind was the best way to gain attention, and developed a different personality entirely.

The young couple was there until August of this year when Rev. Oesch accepted his present position. They had been with the home since the preceding October.

Their work had coincided with Rev. Oesch's final year at seminary—at Concordia.

Rev. Oesch grew up in Fairfax, North Dakota, and completed high school at Winfield, Kansas. From there, he went to St. Louis to enter seminary.

His wife grew up in Clinton, Iowa, and from there, went to St. Louis to work. She also attended Bethany College in Mankato, Minn. But she did not complete her degree, since she and her husband were married in June after she completed her first year of college. They had become acquainted when both were in St. Louis. She had lived with his sister at one time.

Strangely enough, both her father and his father are Lutheran pastors.

After their marriage, the young couple lived in Terre Haute, Indiana, where he took a vicarage for a year. She explains that a vicarage is similar to internship in the medical profession. Then they returned to St. Louis, and the interlude in their lives which has already been described.

Asked if they kept in touch with their nine "children," Mrs. Oesch replied, "No, we feel it would be unfair to the new house parents." She explains that it is a big adjustment for the children when there are changes in personnel. "One has to work to give the children self-confidence," she maintains. She says the home is blessed with a wonderful director, however.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Oesch feel that their home life was a big help in their work at St. Louis. She had four brothers, and he was from a family of 11 children. He had eight sisters and two brothers. They felt that their backgrounds in larger than average families helped them to have ideas to keep the children busy and happy. "Children like that don't know how to entertain themselves," they say.

Asked about their plans for this Christmas season, Mrs. Oesch says, "Where we came from, people stay at home on Christmas." That is the plan of the young couple. There will be religious services at the church, and a brother of Mrs. Oesch will be a guest in their home.

They plan to have a tree, but decorations will be placed after the brother arrives. "We always have a big tree trimming party,"

she adds.

Mrs. Oesch couldn't recall her most memorable Christmas. "They're all that way when you have a big family—in fact, each is better than the last."

And her greatest blessings center around her family, too. When asked what she is most thankful for this Christmas season, Mrs. Oesch says, "For a wonderful husband and daughter—a family to me is one of the biggest blessings one can have."

Although she will have nine fewer children to remember than she had last year at this time—her thoughts will be with those nine—who have new house parents in 1955.

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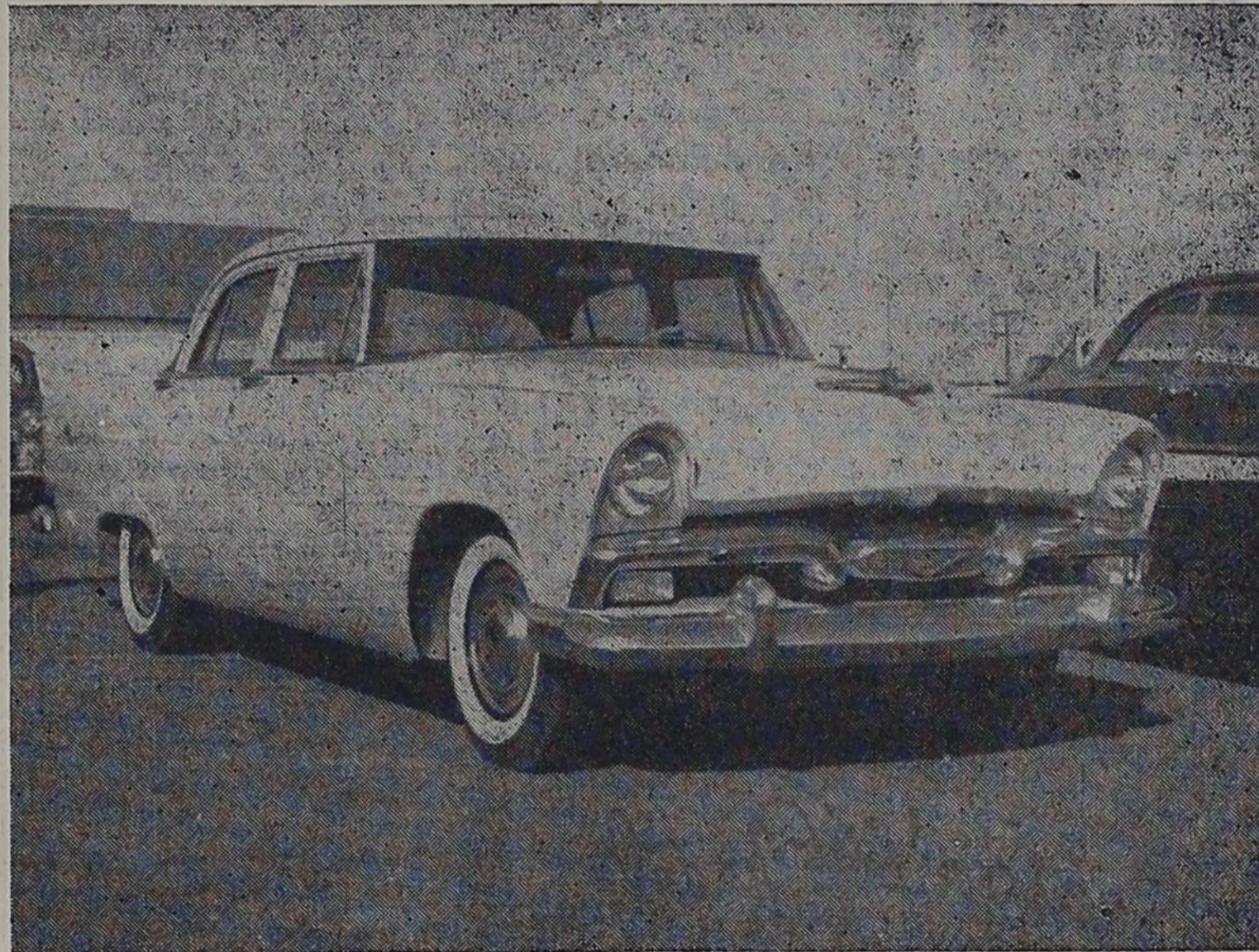
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**LOST—Black and white billfold of unborn calfskin. Lost Sunday afternoon between Nickels' Gin and home. Contained \$10 and over \$3 in lunch tickets and social security card. Finder contact Eddie Collins at Rundell's Station, Farwell. 11-1tp**

**TO MY MANY FRIENDS IN TEXICO-FARWELL**

I use this means to express to you my appreciation for the many kind acts you have shown me during this Christmas season, especially the numerous Christmas cards. Because it is impossible for me to thank each of you individually, I wish to express my appreciation in this manner.

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**Calaways Have Christmas Dinner**

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones and Randy of Bovina were hosts for a Christmas dinner Sunday for the Calaway family.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Calaway and James Lee of Bovina, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Calaway of Farwell, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Calaway of Rhea and the host and hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Dixon of Friona visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Alderson last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Johnston of Bovina visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Alderson recently.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Calaway visited in the home of Mrs. Calaway's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Lawson, at Amarillo last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubra Cole and Stella Jo of Friona visited with Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Calaway Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Lawrence were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Markham.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Newbrough and family went to Bula to visit his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Archer.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Schueler and family made a business trip to Amarillo Wednesday.

Members of the Lutheran Church went Christmas caroling Sunday. Among those they visited on their caroling trip were Mrs. Selma Wagner, Mrs. Clara Sachs and Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Jarrell, all of Clovis; and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kramtsd of Grady, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Jarrell of Clovis spent Wednesday night and Thursday in the home of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Schueler.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Drager and son went to Hereford and visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Drager Sunday.

**Farmers Launch War On Social Security**

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Essary to back up their protest.

E. K. Angeley, one of the more outspoken members of the group, said Thursday night, "It isn't so much that we object to the social security program in itself. Some people may want it, and for them it may be just fine. The thing we don't like is that the government is forcing us to participate whether we like it or not. It's the compulsion that we object to."

Beginning in 1956, self-employed farmers will start making social security payments in the amount of three percent of their gross earnings.

This percentage is due to increase from time to time, until it reaches a scheduled maximum of six percent in 1975.

The Pleasant Valley farmers are

looking for encouragement from any others who may feel as they do concerning the new laws. They are hoping to organize groups in Bailey and Parmer Counties, provided enough support seems to be available to warrant such action.

Farmers who oppose the extended social security provisions are encourage to contact the group. Mailing address is Route 1, Muleshoe.

**Holland Gives Prizes This Saturday**

Holland's Grocery will award prizes Saturday, December 24, as a trade incentive, announces John Holland, owner. First prize is \$40 cash. Second prize is \$12.50 in trade.

The awards will be made at 4:30. Details on the promotion may be obtained at the store.

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MRS. DICK ROCKEY

From California

Mrs. T. J. Presley is home from a three week vacation in California where she visited her son and family. She also visited her sister whom she had not seen in 25 years. Mrs. Presley says "California is O. K. to visit, but Texas is home."

**Attend Funeral**

Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Southall, PFC John Southall of Seattle, Wash., and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Braxton attended the funeral of

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- CHRIST'S BODY AND BLOOD ARE PRESENT IN THE LORD'S SUPPER**  
Matthew 26:26-28—Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is My body. And He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is My blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.
- IT IS INTENDED ONLY FOR TRUE BELIEVERS**  
Matthew 26:26—Jesus—gave it to His disciples. 1 Corinthians 10:21—Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: Ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's Table, and of the table of devils.
- A BELIEVING COMMUNICANT MUST BE ABLE TO EXAMINE HIMSELF**  
1 Corinthians 11:27-29—Wherefore, whosoever shall eat this bread and drink this cup of the Lord unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.
- BY RECEIVING IT A COMMUNICANT ALSO MAKES A PUBLIC CONFESSION OF HIS FAITH**  
1 Corinthians 11:26—For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till He come. Acts 2:42.—They continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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**Why Fight HR 12? Kaltwasser Explains Bureau's Reasons**

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surplus, with severe decline in total net farm income and loss of markets, is making it increasingly clear that rigid price supports do not guarantee farm prosperity. We should know now, that there is no easy answer to the problem of adjusting an over-expanded agricultural plant to markets that are shifting. We must avoid being stampeded into any program that appears good on the surface, but that would prove unworkable or detrimental to agriculture as a whole.

Let us learn how farm organizations represent us in ALL ISSUES, not just one or two. Farm Bureau is interested in every farm problem and every farmer. Farmers must work out these problems themselves. We have to find out what we want, and then work together to gain success.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Petree were in Amarillo Wednesday to visit with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ormal Petree. The Ormal Petrees moved from Amarillo to Oklahoma City last week.

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# Happenings at Friona

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## Homecoming Set For December 26

The third annual homecoming will be held this year on December 26. Registration will begin at 2 p. m. in the school cafeteria building. Refreshments will be served throughout the afternoon. Everyone will have a chance to get together, shake hands and visit all the ex-students and ex-teachers. A business session will be held for the election of new officers. The day's activities will be climaxed by a program and business session in the high school auditorium beginning at 7 p. m. Outstanding speakers from among the exes will be featured. Dr. Floyd Golden, president of ENMU, will be principal speaker. There will be a 50c per person registration fee. This will be used to take care of all the expenses, and to leave a balance for the next homecoming. Last year 110 ex-students and ex-teachers attended the annual homecoming. Association president, Carl Schlenker, wants every ex-student and ex-teacher to know the invitation includes all their families.

## Girls Win Second In Bovina Tourney

Girls' basketball team placed second in the tournament at Bovina last weekend. Thursday afternoon they defeated Ranchvale, N. M., 40-29. Their second game was with Bovina on Friday. This game was close all the way. At the end of the first quarter, Friona was leading 12-10. They continued to lead and at the end of the second quarter, the score read 25-14. Bovina began to gain at this point, and at the end of the third quarter of play, the score was 27-23 with Friona still ahead. The fourth quarter was exciting and when actual playing time was gone the score was 36-36. In the three minute overtime, Friona managed to gain one point over the Mustangs to win the game. As a result, Friona was eligible to play in the finals Saturday night. They competed with Lazbuddie for first place. This game was led by Lazbuddie from the beginning. Friona fell behind in the first quarter when they only made one out of ten free throws, and were never able to catch up with their opponents. At the end of the first quarter, Lazbuddie led with 12-1. In the second quarter, Friona scored nine points and it was 26-9 at the half time, Lazbuddie still leading. At the end of the third quarter, Friona was still behind with the score of 30-12. Before the end of the game, the Squaws had made 23 points and Lazbuddie had 44. High point girl for Lazbuddie was Janice Oliver who had 25, and Johnnie Hand topped the Friona team.

## New P. O. Building Due Here in July

Friona will get a new post office building about the middle of next year, according to an announcement this week by Geo. A. Gray of Dallas, Post Office Department regional director. The Department has signed an agreement with Mrs. Laura Cooley, 2401 East Lancaster, Fort Worth, for construction of a brick and haydite block building on the southeast corner of Seventh and Euclid. The lease calls for a term of ten years with one five-year option. The new building will be modern

in every respect and will be a credit to Friona. It will be built according to Post Office specifications and will be equipped with air conditioning, central heating, fluorescent lighting and an electric water cooler. It will have 2,132 feet of floor space with a dock of 180 square feet. "It is the current policy of the Post Office Department," Gray said, "to provide modern and attractive facilities that will make possible the most efficient operation of the post office." The building is expected to be completed on or before July 1, 1956.

## Fire Department Meets Thursday

Friona Fire Department held its regular meeting at the fire station Thursday night. At the business meeting, three new members were voted into the department. They were Elmore Nunn, Tommie Jones and Walter Cunningham. Two men made applications for membership. They were J. C. Blankenship and Danny Mac Baimum. O. C. Jones, James W. Cunningham, Dillie Kelley and Ralph Shirley were appointed to serve on the budget committee for 1956. Ralph Shirley heads the committee to select a needy family to receive the Christmas basket. The next meeting will be Thursday, January 5, at which time election of officers for the ensuing year will be held. The nominating committee is composed of Ralph Shirley, Dillie Kelley and O. C. Jones.

## Friona HD Meets In Cummings Home

Friona Home Demonstration Club met at the home of Mrs. Doyle Cummings for their Christmas party Friday afternoon. The entertaining rooms were decorated with Christmas decorations and the feature of the meeting was a Christmas tree and gift exchange. The hostess made pictures of the group around the tree. Mrs. Inez Shirley, who is moving west of town, was given a going away gift. Mesdames Marlene Drake and Phyllis Sanders withdrew from the club. Refreshments of banana nut cake and coffee were served to the following members: Mesdames Waymon Wilkins, Ben Woody, Hubert Singleterry, Vernon Roberts, Earl Drake and Bill Bandy. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 4, at the home of Mrs. Hubert Singleterry.

## Music Students Have Program

Music pupils of the first four grades, under the direction of Miss Elsie Ritter, and the junior high chorus, under the direction of J. D. Frye, presented the annual Christmas program at the regular meeting of the Friona PTA. Miss Ritter's pupils presented a Christmas extravaganza with about 375 pupils in costume taking part. The high school auditorium was filled to capacity and the program was one of the best of the season. Mrs. Nelson Welch, president of the PTA, wishes to express the appreciation of the entire organization to Miss Ritter for presenting the operetta with its colorful songs, dances and costumes; to Mr. Frye for the presentation of the girls chorus, sextet, trio and soloists, and to all who had a part in making the program a success. The next regular meeting of the PTA organization will be held in the High School Auditorium Thursday, January 19.

## Cub Scouts Meet At Ford Home

Cub Scout Den 5 attended a Christmas party in the home of Mrs. W. H. Ford Monday afternoon. Mrs. Alvin Gaines and Mrs. Ford are the Den Mothers. Those who attended were DeWayne Casson, Billy Duke, Teddy Osborn, R. L. Duke, Harold Dikerson, Jerry Parker, David Carson, Douglas Gaines, and Kenneth Ford. Also two visitors, Mrs. Gaines' niece, and Chloe Ann Ford. All the boys' mothers were invited and those who attended were Mrs. Casson, Mrs. Duke, Mrs. Osborn, and Mrs. Dikerson. The group of boys enjoyed painting plaques of Washington and Lincoln which were presented to their mothers for Christmas. Den Mothers gave each boy a regulation Boy Scout toothbrush and refreshments were served.

## Trades Day Winners Are Announced

Recipients of the Trades Day Gifts which were awarded in Friona Saturday afternoon included \$5 gift certificate, Mrs. Elsie Parsons; \$10 gift certificate, Mrs. Geneva Williams; \$20 gift certificate, Mrs. Joe Cheever; \$25 gift certificate, Melvin Fields; \$30 gift certificate, Mrs. James Pope; electric blanket, Mrs. Bill McGlothlin; electric clock and radio, Mrs. Leona Wolfe; \$250 Gunn Bros. Stamps, J. R. Southward; and electric mixer, R. F. Roberts.

## Batthey Home Scene Of Holiday Party

The Loyd Batthey home was the scene of a lovely Christmas party on December 15. Mesdames C. W. Wright, Clark Carter, Marion Fite, Manuel Clark, Archie Wright, Elmer Lowrie, J. B. Barrett, Montie Barrett and G. H. Brock, all members of the Parmerton Home Demonstration Club, were present. These ladies and one visitor, Mrs. George Flomot were served refreshments of sandwich loaf, fruit cake and coffee, by the hostess, Mrs. Batthey. The afternoon was spent playing games, visiting and exchanging gifts. Mrs. Archie Wright will be the hostess of the next meeting which will be on January 5.

## Party Held For School Faculty

Annual Christmas party for the faculty and school board members and their families was last Friday evening in the club house. Approximately 50 persons were present. Canasta, dominoes, other table games, and Christmas games were enjoyed by the group. Each person who attended brought canned goods instead of exchanging gifts. Three complete boxes of food were packed for needy families. Refreshments of coffee, hot tea, and fruit cake were served by the following hosts and hostesses: Mrs. John Bengier, Mr. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Hayes, Dillie Kelley and Raymond Cook.

## Cubs Have Party

Cub Scouts of Den III met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Clyde Fields for a Christmas party. The boys played games and made a ring toss game. Mike McKee served ice cream sticks and the den mothers, Mrs. Clyde Fields and Mrs. Allen Stewart, presented each boy with a sack of Christmas treats which included a toy. Cubs present were George Grant, Mike McKee, Charles Scales, Robert Allen Stewart, Bobby Shirley and Billy Edelman.

## in & around FRIONA With June

One of the things which we enjoy most at this season of the year is mail time. Every day the postman brings a lot of pretty greeting cards from various sections of the country and opening them is a genuine pleasure. The ones we enjoy the most are the ones that contain a personal note. There is always some disappointment when we open one from a friend or relative that we have not heard from in a year, and find just the name of the sender. One we got last week came from the Charles Healds. They are former residents of the Rhea Community and were our nearest neighbors a few years ago. Their home is near Gatesville now and their oldest son, Charles Wesley, is a freshman at Texas A&M this year.

Geneva Williams added another gift to her collection at the drawing Saturday afternoon. We are beginning to wonder if she carries a rabbit's foot, wears a penny in her shoe or has a horseshoe over her door. Maybe she is just plain lucky.

Susan, our 2 1/2 year old, listens to the "Christmas Lady" on the radio and has expressed disappointment several times that Santa Claus didn't call her. One day Gerald had an idea he would make her dream come true, so called from town. One of the older girls answered the telephone, then told Susan it was a call for her from Old Santa. When she took the telephone and didn't say anything, we told her to tell Santa what she wanted him to bring her. She just stood there for a few seconds, then said, "It is Gerald."

The 1955 cotton crop is just about harvested; however, a few trailers are seen everyday. Some fields of irrigated wheat are turning green and land preparation for another crop is underway. We still don't quite trust those guides that take the tractors around the fields. Maybe we are pessimistic, but the thought "What if one failed to work?" keeps coming to our mind.

We are very anxious to hear the response to the vegetable growing idea that appeared in last week's Tribune. It seems logical to us that it will succeed and most of us know that if we continue to irrigate maize at the current price, we will soon be out of business. One idea that was expressed which appeals to us was the one that those who sat down and announced that it couldn't be done would not have any audience. Somewhere we have read, "Most of the big things that have been accomplished, were done by some fool who didn't know that it couldn't be done."

## In Brookfield Home

Mrs. Floyd Brookfield entertained her Cub Scouts with a Christmas party in her home Monday afternoon. The boys had been working on gifts for their mothers for several weeks and invited them to the party. They played games and were served refreshments of punch, cookies and fudge. Those present were Mrs. Brookfield and the following Cub Scouts: Gary Crabbe, Don Gutierrez, David May, Roscoe Parr Jr., Leslie Weis, Eric Rushing, David Perkins, George Rushing and Den Chief Tommy Barker.

At the drawing Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Alice Seltzer was awarded \$130 in Gunn Bros. Stamps and Mrs. Joe Mann was the recipient of the television set. This concluded the Trades Day events sponsored by the retail merchants of Friona.

## Naomi Class Has Christmas Party

Naomi Sunday School class of the Baptist Church met December 16, in the home of Mrs. Fred Dennis for a Christmas party. Mrs. Dan Lacey was co-hostess. Christmas games were enjoyed by the group and the members exchanged gifts. Refreshments of chicken salad sandwiches with potato chips and olives, and coffee were served to 11 members: Mrs. Dewey Price, Mrs. Truitt Pool, Mrs. Wesley Hardesty, Mrs. Homer Hyde, Mrs. Bee Westbrook, Mrs. T. E. Wood, Mrs. Mattie Lawrence, Mrs. Leona Wolfe, and Mrs. Katharine Parr.

## Tommy Sherley Has Birthday Party

Mrs. T. A. Sherley honored her son, Tommy, on his eighth birthday with a party in their home on Thursday afternoon December 8. The serving table was centered with a birthday cake with eight candles which was served with ice cream and punch to the following guests: Richard White, Carol and Jimmie Stokes, Tera Gail McGlothlin, Neal and Mary Beth Kelley, Billy Dukes, Byron and Galen Brewer, Jay and Ramey Beene and Scott Cummings.

## Visit Here

Captain Almon (Shorty) Barker of the U. S. Army was a visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rosco Ivie Tuesday. He and his family have just returned to their home in Mangum, Okla., after a tour of duty in Japan. His next assignment will be to Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio.

## Here for Holidays

Betty Zon Ashcraft and Carol Blackburn, student nurses at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, are home for the holidays. Betty Zon will return Sunday, but Carol has been a medical patient in the hospital there and will be home until January 2.

## Have Surprise Party

Rev. and Mrs. H. F. Blaylock and family were honored with a surprise Christmas party Sunday evening. It was sponsored by the Truthseekers Sunday School class of the Methodist Church. Carol singing was led by Dalton Caffey and Mrs. G. L. Hough. Refreshments of coffee, lemonade, and cookies were served to approximately 200 persons.

## Home for Holidays

Some of the college students who are home for the holidays are Denisee Magness, Deann Buske, Gay Cass, Calvin Ivie, Donna Miller, Mary Lou Miller and Clyde Lindall Hayes, all from Texas Tech; Evelyn Ray from Denton; John Fred White, Gordon Wright, M. C. Osborn, Jim Dixon, who attend Texas A&M; H. V. Rocky of TCU; Dewayne Neel, Dudley Bainum and Wayne Houlette of WTSC.

## Attend Funeral

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Shulk and Charles of Friona and Mr. and Mrs. Jim McCabe of Dawn were called to Sentinel, Okla., Wednesday because of the serious illness of Mrs. Shulk's father, J. W. Lumpkin. Mr. Lumpkin passed away and they returned home Sunday afternoon after attending the funeral.

Friona Fire Department answered a call to the farm of Marion Fite Jr., to the scene of a tractor fire Thursday afternoon. The M. B. McKinneys were in Hereford Tuesday visiting with R. E. Barnett and J. V. Houser who are patients in the Deaf Smith County Hospital.

## METHODIST CHURCH NEWS H. F. BLAYLOCK

Sunday School attendance for December 18 was 261. Senior MYF met Sunday afternoon in the Deon Awtrey home. Junior MYF met at 6 p. m. Building Study Committee and Building Finance Committee met Monday evening in the annex for a very important meeting.

Christmas tree and program will be at the church on Thursday, (tonight) at 7:30 p. m. Santa will be there with treats for the children. No exchange of gifts is planned. Each family is invited to come and bring their friends for a nice program. Following are the ladies who were leaders of Study Groups which met on Tuesdays for several weeks: Mrs. Homer Lindeman, Mrs. Newt Gore, Mrs. Lewis Gore, Mrs. Joe Moyer, Mrs. Newman Jarrell, Mrs. Wesley Long, Mrs. Billy Sides, and Mrs. Jean K. Anthony.

Four hundred and seventy-one were present for Sunday School last Sunday. The Christmas pageant was presented Sunday evening during the regular church service. Tuesday, the WMU, younger Sunbeams, older Sunbeams, Arise and Shine GA's, Roberta Edwards GA's, and younger intermediate GA's met at their regular times.

Also December 20, the First Baptist Church, Petersburg, was host to the district worker's conference. LLL, intermediate GA's, Royal Ambassadors, prayer meeting, and choir practice was held Wednesday at the church. December 25 will be student night in the church. Young people and intermediates will occupy the choir and the students home from college will be on the program for the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Massey and children, Teddy Ray and Rhonda Gay, who live near Pierre, S. D., arrived Monday for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Massey, her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Baxter, and other relatives and friends. They plan to be here about a week.

## From South Dakota

Mr. and Mrs. John Blackburn and daughter Brenda are spending a two week vacation with Mrs. Blackburn's mother and sisters in Sylacauga, Ala., and with other relatives in points in Mississippi and Georgia. They expect to return to Friona December 29.

## Are Dinner Guests

Sunday dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Baxter and children were Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Massey, Teddy Ray and Rhonda Gay of Blunt, S. D., Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Baxter, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Martin and children, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Baxter and Patricia, and Mr. and Mrs. Troy Young.

## On Vacation

The announcement of the engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Doris Ann Lange and George D. Downing Jr., both of Houston, has been made by Miss Lange's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar F. Lange of Friona. The wedding will take place in Houston on January 12. Downing's parents are Mr. and Mrs. George D. Downing Sr. of Lexington, Ky.

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## SCHOOL CALENDAR

December 22—Outsiders using gymnasium, 7 p. m.  
December 24—FHA Bake Sale  
December 26—Ex-students Association annual meeting, cafeteria.  
January 3—Return to school from holidays.  
Basketball, Hart here, 7 p. m.  
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## Bovina, Lazbuddie Tourney Champs

Bovina boys and Lazbuddie girls took away the tall, shining first place trophies at the Bovina Invitational Tournament last weekend at Willford Gym. A week earlier, at the Friona Invitational Tournament, Bovina had taken top honors in the boys' division and Lazbuddie had been runner-up in the girls' division.

Farwell girls and Adrian boys won the sportsmanship awards. Adrian girls won consolation honors by defeating Rosedale, N. M., 44-27 in the consolation finals. Lazbuddie boys won the consolation trophy in their bracket with a 56-42 victory over Hereford "B".

The Lazbuddie girls won easily over the Friona Squaws in the girls' finals, 47-23. Bovina ran past Anton in the boys' finals 69-55.

Bass of Anton was the leading scorer of the final game with 25 points. He was closely followed for scoring honors by Bovina's Larry Ezell, who had 24 points. Darrell Read made 18, Erith Hawkins 16, Neil Smith tallied nine, and Billy Johnson, two.

To get to the finals, the Mustangs defeated Hereford "B" 70 to 52 in their first game, and won over Adrian 60-43 in the semi-

finals. Lazbuddie girls beat Adrian 57 to 37 in their first game and then slipped past Farwell 47-45 in the second.

In the Hereford "B" game, Read led the scoring with a roaring 31 points, Smith made 14, Ezell made 12, Hawkins hit for 10, Billy Richards made two, and Dick Horn scored one.

Read was high scorer in the Adrian semi-final game also with 16 points, Ezell had 11, Smith 8, Hawkins 9, Marvin Young 4, Richards 6, and Jerry Loflin 6.

The locals—both boys and girls—begin district play here January 3 against Farwell.

## Girls in Running For Meet Honors

Both the "A" and "B" teams of the Bovina Fillies were contenders in the Bovina Invitational Tournament held December 15, 16, and 17, the "B" team taking the place of the Anton Girls' team.

The "A" girls defeated Rosedale in their opening game, 50 to 44.

Janice Richards and Pauline Lloyd made 23 and 22 points respectively in this contest. The score by quarters was Bovina 14, Rosedale 6 in the first, 25-19 in the second, and 40-29 in the third.

Pat Rierson made 16 points for the visitors.

The "A" team lost their chance for the finals, when they were defeated 40-39, by the Friona girls, who went on to win second place.

A field goal by Janice Richards just as the buzzer sounded for the end of the fourth quarter tied the game 36-36. In the three minute over-time that followed, the Fillies failed to push ahead.

Pauline Lloyd made 16 points for the Fillies, while Janice Richards made 13.

The "B" team, substituting for the absent Anton girls, held their visitors from Farwell during the first three quarters of their contest, but were defeated 52-42.

The "B" girls came within one point of the visitors, but could not go ahead.

Nancy Cumpton made 12 points for the Fillies.

Nancy Cumpton and Kay Leake each made 16 points for the Fillies in their second game, against Adrian, Friday night.

The score by quarters was Bovina 11, Adrian 9 in the first, Adrian 20, Bovina 16 in the second, 26-20 in the third and the final score of 47-34.

Lazbuddie girls' team won the first place trophy by beating Farwell, Adrian, and Friona. Friona won second, and Adrian won third. The sportsmanship trophy was awarded to the Farwell girls.

The Fillies will open their conference season against Farwell, January third.

## Visits Aunt

Randy Sublette, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Sublette, of Clovis, has been visiting his aunt and her

## Most Local Merchants Will Close Monday

Most Bovina businesses will be closed Monday, December 26, in observance of Christmas.

Though no agreement has been made among the businessmen due to the absence of a Chamber of Commerce in Bovina, a survey of many local businessmen shows that the majority will be closed.

Gene Ezell, postmaster, says that the post office would be closed and City Secretary, Henry Minter, says that the city offices will also be closed Monday.

It is suggested that Bovina citizens plan their needs in advance.

## Ex-Students Plan Annual Banquet

The Bovina School Ex-Student's annual banquet has been set for Saturday, December 31 at 7:30 p. m. in the school cafeteria, says Mrs. Lester Rhinehart, ex-student secretary.

All former students of Bovina schools are urged to attend the banquet as well as former students of Oklahoma Lane school who now live in the Bovina School District.

Plates for the banquet will cost \$1.50 per person and the former students are asked to place their reservations with Mrs. Rhinehart.

## Students Home For Holidays

The students from Bovina, who are enrolled at West Texas College, came home for the Christmas holidays during the weekend.

Those coming Friday and Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Steelman, Sondra Jefferson, Huey Lowrie, Glendon Sudderth, Ted Walling, Dick Martin, Charles Williams and Evelyn Steelman.

## METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

Rev. W. R. Beard, Pastor

Church school, 9:45 a. m.; public worship, 11:00 a. m. Sermon subject, "A Christmas Meditation."

The 11:00 a. m. service will be the last service at this church on Christmas Day. Come to Church School at 9:45 a. m. and stay for the Christmas service at 11:00 a. m. A very happy and blessed Christmas to all.

## Christmas Worship In The Home

The membership of the Methodist Church at Bovina will receive this week a very beautiful Christmas Worship service for Christmas Day worship in the home. I am asking that this be used sometime during Christmas Day. Call the family together and read this service. Christ should be at the very center of our holiday thoughts. Join with the parsonage family in this home worship on Christmas Day, won't you?

## BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

Rev. Virgil Goodwin, Pastor

Last Sunday night there was a very good crowd to attend the Christmas Cantata which was given by the choir. We wish to thank everyone for their fine cooperation, and the Choir of the First Methodist Church of Bovina for the use of their choir robes.

After services Sunday night there was an all-church fellowship during which the church presented to the pastor and his family some very nice gifts.

Next Sunday being Christmas Day we will have our services both morning and evening, but the morning services will begin 45 minutes earlier, or at 9:00 a. m. The morning worship service will begin at 10:00 in the place of 11:00. Morning services will be over by 11:00. The evening services will begin at 6:30 with the Training Union, and 7:30 for the worship service. Last Sunday there were 188 in Sunday School and 89 in Training Union.

## OES Installs Officers At Christmas Program

The Bovina Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star met in the Masonic Hall for their regular Christmas party and program.

Mrs. Charles Ross was in charge of the program, which was given around the altar, by the officers. Mrs. Hodge Rigdon sang a solo, "Away In A Manger," and Mrs. H. J. Charles read the Christmas story from the Bible. The other officers

paid tribute to the Christ Child.

After the program, each member and officer placed money on the tree. This money will be sent to the OES old folks home at Dallas.

The chapter presented Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Everett, who are Worthy Patron and Worthy Matron, gifts.

The chapter installed two new officers. The installing officers were Mrs. Aubrey Brock, Mrs. Reagan Looney, and Mrs. Charles Ross. The two new officers were Mrs. E. R. Barry and Mrs. Hodge Rigdon. Mrs. Everett presented gifts to the installing officers.

After the chapter was closed, the members retired to the dining room, and had refreshments of fruit cake and coffee. The tables were decorated with pine boughs and candles on white cloths. The serving table was covered with a lace cloth and a Christmas centerpiece adorned it.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Everett, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lowrie, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Barry, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ross, Mrs. Alton Hobby, Mrs. H. J. Charles, Mrs. Otho Hammonds, Mrs. Hodge Rigdon, Mrs. Lewis Pesch, Mrs. W. E. Williams, Mrs. Julia Leake, Mrs. Paul Rea, Mrs. Aubrey Brock, Mrs. Reagan Looney, Mrs. J. P. Macon, Mrs. Troy Fuller and Mrs. Lucy Jones.

The hostesses for the Christmas meeting were Mrs. J. P. Macon, Mrs. Reagan Looney, and Mrs. Troy Fuller.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Moore visited over the weekend with their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Moore Jr., in Amarillo.

## Widows Club Meets With Mrs. Glover

The Bovina Widows Club met in the home of Mrs. J. R. Glover, on Thursday, December 15, for its Christmas meeting.

The program included Bible readings, and the story, "The Other Wise Man," read by Mrs. Margaret Caldwell.

Each member attending the meeting received a Christmas corsage from Mrs. Caldwell, and Rita Caldwell. After a covered dish luncheon gifts were exchanged.

Those present were Mesdames G. E. Free, Stella Rochelle, Lucy Wilson, J. R. Caldwell, Margaret Caldwell, J. Sam Gaines, Rick Adams, J. F. McCutchan, Maidee Brown, Sally Potts, Maggie Tims, U. B. Wheeler, Tom Hastings, J. R. Glover, the hostess, and Misses Rita Caldwell, and Loula Smith.

One visitor, Mrs. Dolly Williams, attended the meeting.

Mrs. Amos Steelman was co-hostess with Mrs. Glover.

The next meeting will be January 19, in the home of Mrs. Tom Hastings.

Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year

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## WSCS Meets At Church

The WSCS met in the parlor of the Methodist Church, December 13, with 11 members present.

The program was under the direction of Mrs. George Turner. Mrs. Earl Ware gave the call to worship and Mrs. Turner read the Christmas story. Mrs. Vernon Estes played a piano prelude and Mrs. Jimmie Charles sang, "We Would See Jesus."

Mrs. Estes and Mrs. Ike Quickel told Christmas stories. The business meeting was conducted by

Mrs. Charles. Following the benediction, the group went to the Fellowship Hall where homemade cookies and coffee were served by the hostesses, Mrs. L. M. Grissom and Mrs. H. H. Eden.

Those present were Mrs. Ware, Mrs. Charles, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Quickel, Mrs. Earl Richards, Mrs. Billie Sudderth, Mrs. Wilbur Charles, Mrs. Estes, Mrs. Lewis Pesch and the hostesses.

Hall Looney, his son, Marvin, and his son, John Perry, visited with his aunt, Mrs. H. A. Hall, and his brothers, Perry and Reagan, Friday morning.

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Mat. 4:18-20.



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## Baptist Choir Presents Cantata

The Choir of the First Baptist Church presented a Christmas cantata, under the direction of Mrs. Harold Hawkins Sunday night entitled "Yuletide Memories."

Special parts were sung by Alfred Moody and Grady Sorley, tenor duet, Mrs. Hodge Rigdon, alto solo, Nancy Cumpton and Barbara Taylor, duet, June Gay Hanna, soprano solo, and Mrs. Harold Hawkins, alto solo.

A girls' chorus, consisting of Nancy Cumpton, Barbara Taylor, Jackie Davies, Sue Moody, Bobbie Routt, and Julia Lloyd, opened the cantata.

Other members of the choir were Mrs. Vernon Ward, Mrs. E. H. Moody, Mrs. P. A. Adams, Mrs. Kenneth Horton, Mrs. Bill Lane, Mrs. Virgil Goodwin, Mrs. Reagan Looney, Mrs. Roy Fuller, Grady Sorley, Alfred Moody, Virgil Goodwin, Weldon Moody and Leslie McCain. Mrs. R. E. Everett accompanied the choir.

## School Is Out For Christmas

Bovina schools were "turned out" for the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays shortly after 1:00 p. m. today (Wednesday).

Each home room in the school had a short Christmas party after lunch today. Members of the home rooms drew names and exchanged Christmas gifts.

School will begin again Monday, January 2. Superintendent W. H. Willoughby said that the schools would not observe January 2 as a holiday because doing so would delay the school closing time in the spring.

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## Favorites Revealed In Texico School

There is a mystery in the Texico High School now that the votes have been turned in for most popular and best personality.

The outcome of the voting is to be revealed when the annual comes out, so until then who knows, you may be it. There has been quite a bit of excitement about class favorites which were voted on at the same time.

Results of the voting for class favorites are as follows:

Seniors—Sue Reid and Doyal Webster;

Juniors—Susan Levins and Dick Lockhart;  
 Sophomores—Shirley Branson and Jerry King;  
 Freshmen—Anita Moss and Raymond Hadley.

In the grades the results were Mary McDaniel and Travis Taylor for the eighth; Jerry Thigpen and Gary Singletary seventh; Carmelita Doshier and Kenneth Bowers sixth; Kay Hall and Lynn Doshier fifth; Sue Walton and Lonnie Curry fourth; Kathryn White and Floyd Morris in Mrs. Seale's third grade; Winnie Weisler and Mike Spearman in Mrs. Miller's third grade; Veda Wilson and Jimmy Goolsby in the second; Susan White and Keith Crooks in

Mrs. Faville's first grade; and Beverly Winkles, Evelyn Simpson, Jackie Billingsly and Gerald Weatherford in Mrs. Weisler's first grade.

## Texico Girls Win Basketball Thriller

Grady basketball teams were guests of the Texico High School teams Tuesday night in two conference games in which Texico girls won 50-37, while the Grady boys won 64-37.

Barbara Caldwell was high point girl with 26 points with Sue Reid making 22. Wanda Redus was high pointer for Grady with 21 points while Shaw made 13.

At the end of the first quarter, the score was 10-12 in favor of Grady, but Texico girls came back in the second quarter to make it a 26-18 game in Texico's favor. Texico held the lead the remainder of the game to make a total of four wins of five starts.

Texico boys were really in there trying against Grady with Allan Kelley, Buddy Spears, Joe Glaze, Leon McDaniel and Dick Lockhart starting. The Kelley brothers were high point men again with Allan making 11 points and J. C. making nine points. Dickie Adams received a badly bruised arm in the game.

Last Saturday night in the game against Ft. Sumner, both the high school and junior high boys were beaten. The high school score was 60-28.

## BOOKS AND THEMES CLIMAX SEMESTER'S WORK

Books sent from the extension library in Santa Fe, N. M., have caused much interest in the eighth grade class of Texico.

Velma Martin leads her class by having read 24 books since September 1. "Velma doesn't neglect her studies to read though," reports Mrs. Fred Danforth, English teacher.

Following Velma Martin, Charles Stockton has read 14 books, Wesley Engram 11, and La Donna Stewart 17. Books on dogs and horses seem to be favorites.

Themes about Christmas have been written in English class. Some included Christmas in other lands, customs, entertainment, etc.

Mary McDaniel missed a week and two days of school due to a throat infection. At the present time Joan Tadlock is absent due to illness.

## IN HOME ECONOMICS CLUB

In a meeting Monday afternoon, the Home Economics Club was entertained by Mrs. Cricket Taylor, home service director for the Farmer's Electric Co-operative of Clovis.

She gave a very interesting demonstration on small electrical appliances which included a toaster especially designed for making buttered toast; a deep fat fryer in which breaded shrimp and doughnuts were cooked; and an electric skillet in which she prepared bacon and a poached egg.

Also shown was a rotisserie accessory which will fit into the roaster of any electric type.

One of the points emphasized by Mrs. Taylor was to use all electrical appliances for all they are worth in as many ways as possible and, to keep them spotlessly clean and stored conveniently.

As a safety factor, as well as an aid in keeping appliances in good working order, Mrs. Taylor said, "Always disconnect appliances from the wall outlet rather than the article itself."

Approximately 25 girls were present for the meeting.

## TEXICO SPLITS GAMES WITH FLOYD TEAMS

Texico High School teams traveled to Floyd Friday night to receive a 52-35 victory for the girls and a 61-37 loss for the boys.

The girls had a tough time in the first half of the game, but rallied in the last portion to take the Floyd team. High pointer for Texico was Barbara Caldwell who sank 28 points.

Too much height and a couple of "long shot artists" on the Floyd squad were attributed to the boys' defeat. Buddy Spears was high point man for the Texico team.

## TEXICO JUNIOR HIGH GOES TO ROSEDALE

Texico Junior High boys won their basketball game played Friday at Rosedale. Final score was 38-26. Texico led in points all the way with the largest spread coming in the early minutes of the third quarter. The second string finished the game from that point.

Junior High girls lost 38-27 to the Rosedale team although the Texico team made a good showing.

## Commenting

with Carolyn

We, the staff members of The Wolverine's Tale hope that each of our readers has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Did you ever stop to think of the many polished and elaborate words that could be used to describe Christmas? But instead of using these words, don't you think the simplicity of many of our Christmas carols can do it more effectively?

"Oh Little Town of Bethlehem," "Away in the Manger," and "Silent Night" all take our minds back to the night when our Lord Jesus was born. These carols are truly descriptive of Christmas, the birthday of Christ.

## MYSTERY IS PRESENTED BY SENIOR CLASS

"The Ghost House," a three act mystery-comedy, was presented in the Texico auditorium Friday. This was the annual senior play, and according to comments overheard in the crowd, the play was good and was enjoyed immensely.

A large crowd attended and \$91.25 was cleared by the class. All members of the class took part in the play which was sponsored by Mrs. Agrie Jones and C. B. Stockton.

## LOCAL BUSINESS FIRMS SUPPORT TOURNAMENT

Again this year, the Texico girls' basketball teams are promoting an invitational basketball tournament. The tournament taking place January 17, 19, 20 and 21 with afternoon games on January 20 and 21, will include eight teams in each division.

Plans are under way to give trophies for first, second, third, and consolation winners. A good response from the business firms of Texico-Farwell has made it possible to give these awards.

The local girls teams would like to thank the following firms for donating trophies: J D's Drive-In, Electric Shoe Shop, Hardage Motor Company, Red Cross Pharmacy, Rundell's Phillip "66" Station, England & Sons Shamrock Service Station, Stone's Variety and Dry Goods, Violet's Circle Drive and Fern's Department Store.

## FRED DANFORTH IS FETED WITH SURPRISE PARTY

Want something different? Try a surprise Christmas party.

The seventh grade class of Texico did just that recently and genuinely surprised their sponsor, Fred Danforth. The party was given at the Danforth home and included the exchanging of gifts between the students.

## JAPANESE PENCIL IS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL

During the week Robert Allan Rogers brought a Japanese pencil to school to show the children. The pencil is similar to ours except at the top it has a little ball with a jingle bell attached to it.

Because of a throat infection, Keith Crooks has been absent from school.

Floyd Turner has moved with his family to Ft. Smith, Ark., where his father will enter the veteran's hospital. Timothy Bradshaw is moving to Clovis.

## CLOVIS EDITOR SPEAKS TO TEXICO PRESS CLUB

Charles Standfield, editor of the Clovis News-Journal, spoke to the press club on the life of a newspaper journalist, at a recent Texico High School press club meeting.

"No one can start at the top in this field because it can't be done. The life of a newspaper journalist is hard. It has its rewards and its let-downs. It covers murders, deaths, social events, meeting deadlines, and numerous other events," Standfield pointed out.

Standfield also emphasized the fact that journalism students are in a key position to obtain the necessary foundation for future work in the newspaper field.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Z. Wilkerson of Bovina were Sunday visitors in the Clyde Perkins home.

Miss Ann Whitley, student at TSCW in Denton is here to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Whitley, during the holiday season.

## OUR GREETINGS TO YOU

As 1955 Draws to a Close, Are With Thanks and Regrets

Thanks to our many friends who have made it possible for our small country store to prosper in a small way.

REGRET NO. 1 is that our store is not a bigger and better store, but when I look back from 1905 until now, there have been some changes made.

The small merchant who pioneered the mud streets, gave credit, sat up with his customers when they were sick, closed his business to help dig their graves, and looked after their widows and kids when they were gone.

These thoughts make me proud of my small store, and I am thankful that I lived in those days of mud streets.

I am mindful of the progress we have made since 1905, also. I am also aware of the fact that when the population of any small town becomes great enough, the chain stores move in, and with their page ads, they say nothing about credit when you are sick or out of money. They sell for cash.

Is it any wonder to you that my store is small when a major oil company owns stock in grocery stores only nine miles from me?

So, big business makes my store small. Never in my lifetime have I seen a businessman become very

big. He usually dies with not much of this world's goods.

But still we go on with this same pioneer spirit as did those of the past, so give your home merchants credit which I think he rightly deserves. Remember: the more you trade with him, the bigger will be his store and the cheaper he can sell.

MY REGRET NO. 2—That we are closing our lockers the 1st of January. Home freezers got them. However, we will still do custom slaughtering and processing for home freezers. We are adding to our grocery and market, hardware, paints, and work clothes.

So, this is the story of your home town merchant, of which I am proud to be one, and as 1955 draws to a close, my best wishes to you: That 1956 will bring the best this world has to offer. Thanks SO much for your past business, and a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

And remember, it's a mark of distinction to be seen trading at home.

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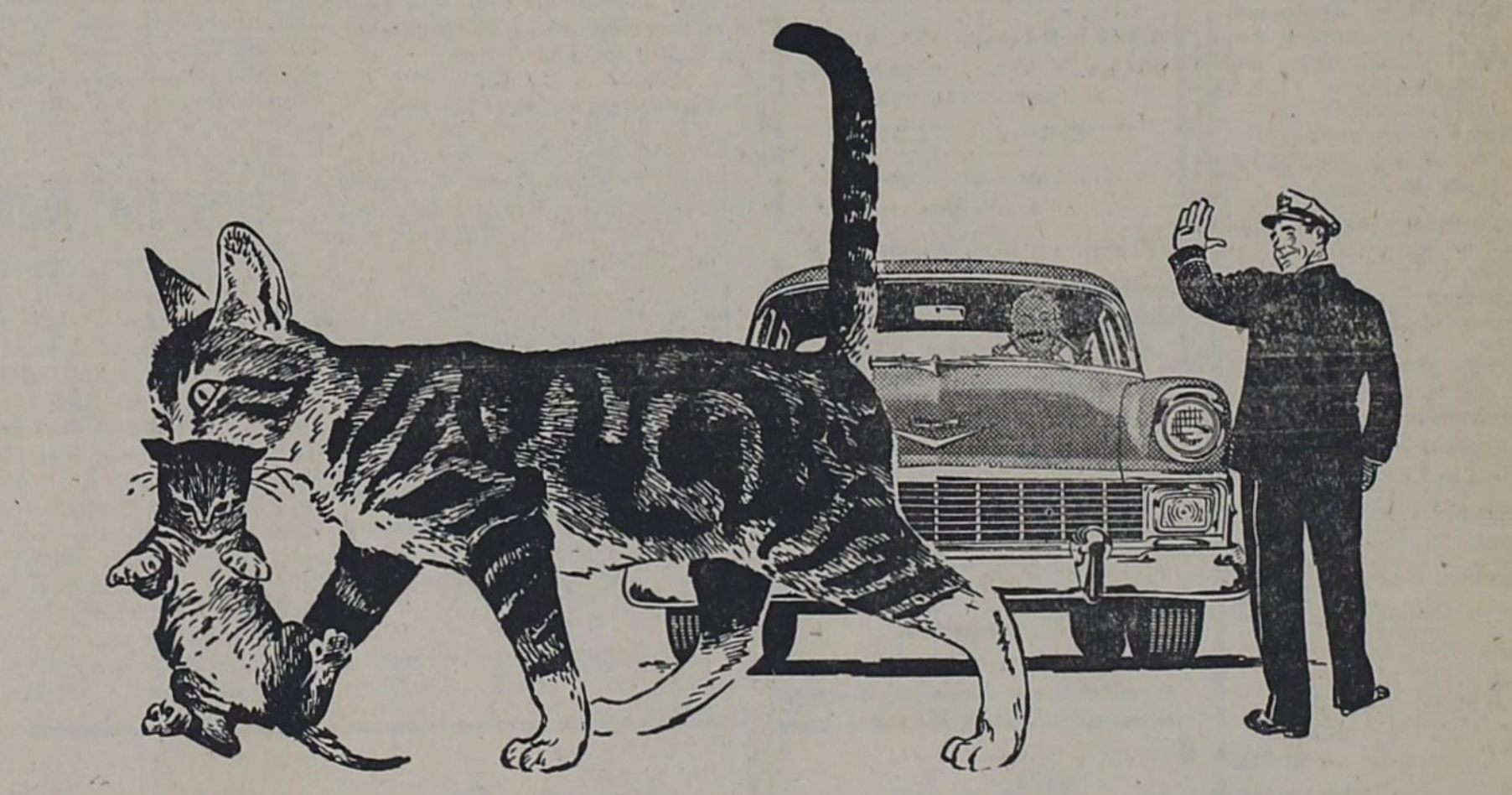
# Season's Greetings



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### Farwell Takes Two From Texico Teams

Monday night Farwell's high school basketball teams traveled to Morton to bring home one victory and one defeat, the boys winning 61-46 over the team they had edged by one point in a previous game played at Farwell.

High pointer for the Steers was Bert Williams with 19. Eddie Smith was next in line with 16 counts. Score by quarters, Farwell first, was as follows: 15-12; 32-18; and 43-27.

Farwell girls fell to defeat by the Morton team which had just won the Sundown tournament last weekend. Final score read 70-60, Morton. Glenna Davis was high point girl for Farwell with 40 points. Ramsey of Morton chalked up 41 for the evening's play.

Tuesday night both Farwell teams were victorious in games played at Texico. The girls defeated the Texico team 52-49 with Glenna Davis being high point player for Farwell with 25 points. Doris Pond racked up 10 points, Mary Ann Walls 11 and Angela Williams six. Barbara Caldwell was high pointer for Texico with 26 points. Sue Reid was second high with 19 counts.

Score by quarters in this game, Farwell first, stood as follows: 14-12; 26-20; and 39-32.

The Steers took a 59-42 victory over Texico boys with 10 Farwell boys seeing action during the game. Each boy playing made at least two points. Steer high point man was Eddie Smith with 16. Bert Williams was second with 11. Score by quarters read 17-5; 32-12; and 48-27.

Farwell squads will be hosts to the AA Tullia Hornets on Friday night, December 30, at Farwell gym at 7 p. m. The Tullia boys are classed in the top part of the Class AA bracket having already beaten a strong Pampa team this year. Last week Tullia won their own invitational tournament.

### Texico "42" Teams Win Monday Night

Texico "42" teams won two games Monday night of this week. Schlueter's team beat the Rosedale team 37-35 and Texico Allred team won over Portaire 39-33.

Next games for the teams will be January 2 when Schlueter's team will play Clovis Railroad

team at Clovis. The Allred team will play Jouett at Texico

On December 5 Schlueter's squad played Broadview and lost 34-2 to 37-4. Texico Allred team lost the same night to Jones' team of Center.

Texico's teams split two games on December 12 with the Schlueter team winning over the Hancock team of Clovis, and the Allred team losing to the Field team.

### Open House Success At The Paint Store

Approximately 400 persons visited The Paint Store in Farwell Saturday during the firms open house in its remodeled building. Three hundred and seventy-eight persons registered throughout the day.

Mrs. Eloise Liles, operator of the business, says that she was well pleased with the large crowd attending the open house. She would like to express her appreciation for all the flowers and to everyone who came by to visit them during open house activities.

Receiving awards during the day were Lenton Pool, M. P. Morgan, Edith Whitley, Kirt Crume, Ray Martin, Joe Fallwell, Mary Lee Crume, Isabelle Molstas, Alice Barry, Mrs. Frank Roberts, Mrs. Guy Cox, Price Quinsberry, Mrs. Lenton Pool, Sam Pool and Ernest Foreman.

### TEXICO BAPTIST NEWS

Members of the Junior Girls' Auxiliary presented a special Christmas playlet at the Sunday evening service.

Dean Smith gave the evening message on how the Bible has been preserved, translated and handed down to the present generation.

Training union attendance Sunday evening was 70. One hundred and fifty-seven attended Sunday School.

"Student Night at Christmas" will be held at the church on Sunday night, December 25. Everyone is invited to come out and hear the program to be presented by college and high school students.

### OUT OF HOSPITAL

Mrs. Kirt Crume returned to her home Wednesday after having been confined to a hospital with pneumonia since Saturday afternoon. Friends report that Mrs. Crume's condition is considered good.

### Parmer County Man Charged with Theft

Nelson Foster, Parmer County farmer, was charged last week with theft of a stalk cutter from a Clovis implement firm. He was picked up by Sheriff Chas. Lovelace and Curry County officers.

Wednesday, Foster entered a plea of not guilty in E. T. Hensley Jr.'s district court in Clovis, and his case was carried over until April for trial by jury. No charges have been filed in Parmer County.

In other action, Sheriff Lovelace picked up Johnny and Wayne Patterson in the north part of the county this week. They are wanted in Ellijoy, Ga.

### Students To Present Christmas Program At Farwell Baptist

College students at home for the Christmas holidays will be in charge of evening services at First Baptist Church, Farwell, on Sunday, December 25, at 7:30.

"Student Night at Christmas" is the title of the evening's program, and the program theme is "We Follow Our King."

Local high school students will compose the choir for the program. Walter Hardage will be song leader and Mrs. Jack McManigal will be accompanist.

The choir will sing "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem" and will join with the congregation in singing "Joy To The World," "Lead On Oh King Eternal" and "Wherever He Leads, I'll Go."

Miss Ann Whitley, student at TSCW in Denton, will speak on "The Advantages of Attending College;" Claude Rose, Jr., NMMI student, will speak on "Things of Interest on My School Campus;" and "Work of The BSU at Wayland" is the topic to be given by Lavoyda Billington, freshman at Wayland College this year.

Special music will be given by Gloria and Ronnie Dial. Message of the evening, "Follow Christ Our King in Service," will be given by Leonard Watkins, student at Southwestern Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend this service.

### Dyalthia Bradshaw May Be Home Xmas

Latest reports received here are that Dyalthia Lee Bradshaw may get to spend Christmas at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bradshaw, in Bovina.

Dyalthia has been hospitalized in Canyon since Tuesday of last week when she was seriously injured in a car-bus collision.

### RECEIVE INJURIES

Jesse Range and Lex Huggins were injured slightly Saturday morning while on a hunting excursion with several other high school boys.

Range received about 40 pellets of bird shot in his legs and Huggins received about 12 pellets on his face and legs.

### FARWELL BAPTIST NEWS

Rev. Keith reports that an enjoyable program was presented Sunday night by Mrs. Erma Jobs and members of the Farwell High School Chorus.

Estimated attendance for the evening worship hour was 200. Sunday School attendance was 151 with 77 in training union.

A cordial invitation is being extended to everyone in the community to attend the special "Student Night at Christmas" to be observed at the church this Sunday evening. College and high school students will have charge of the program.

Young people and intermediates from Texico, Farwell, Oklahoma

Lane and West Camp Baptist Churches will meet at First Baptist Church, Farwell, on Saturday night, December 31, to "ring out the old and ring in the new year" with a "watch night party." Sponsors and teachers of the above mentioned groups are also invited.

The masquerade party will begin at 8 p. m. and will include singing and playing games. A film, "Mr. Texas," put out by Billy Graham, will be shown at 11 p. m. Refreshments will be served and the party will end at 12:15 a. m. according to Rev. Keith.

### LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus:

My name is Al and I am five years old. I try to be good all year. Please bring me some toys to play with. Please bring my little brother, Ty, some toys also. He is one year old.

Remember all the little boys and girls and remember we love you.

Al and Ty Phillips

Dear Santa Claus:

I am Connie and I'm six years old. Linda and I help mother all we can. We want a big baby doll with a snow suit on. We would also like some house shoes.

We love you, Connie and Linda Phillips.

Dear Santa, I am eight years old and am in the third grade. I have tried to be a good boy. Please bring me a watch and a bow and arrow set.

My sister named Vickie wants a walking doll and anything else you have for her. You can bring our baby brother, Kent, a teddy bear. We would also like some candy, fruits and nuts.

I love you, Gary Blain

### MORE FRIONA— (Continued From Page 1)

January 4—Grade School Basketball, Farwell, here, 4:30 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Brock visited in Memphis Tuesday and Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Brock.

### IN FLORIDA

Navy Ens. James V. Edelman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wolo Edelman of Friona has been assigned to the Saufley Field Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Pensacola, Fla., for training in formation and night flying.

Upon completion of formation flying instruction, students receive the gunnery phase of their training at the Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Barin Field, Foley, Ala.

### Are Dinner Guests

Thursday dinner guests in the J. W. Baxter home were Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Massey, Teddy Ray and Rhonda Gay of Blunt, S. D.; Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Martin and children and Mr. and Mrs. Charley Baxter of Clovis.

### Hospital Notes

ADMITTED—Mrs. Buddy Fallwell, OB, Friona; C. C. Kessler, medical, Friona; Don Bernard, accident, Bovina; Sue White, surgical, Friona; Irma Hernandez, surgical, Friona; Airman Jerome Steidl, accident, Pittsville, Wis.; Gary Don Wise, medical, Hereford; Mrs. S. T. Thornton, medical, Friona; Mrs. Jean Buchanan, medical, Friona; Mrs. Bill Buchanan, surgical, Friona; Mrs. David Carson, T&A, Friona; Carrie Kimbrough, medical, Friona; P. O. Southall, medical, Friona.

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Mrs. Bill Kappel spent Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Alec Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Drake made a business trip to Clovis Friday.

### SCOUTING

Brownie Troop I held its regular meeting at the club house Monday afternoon. They had a Christmas party and played games and sang songs. They had a gift exchange after which refreshments of sandwiches and cocoa were served by the leaders, Mesdames Ernest Osborn, Wes Long, Bill Stewart and Ross Terry.

Brownie Troop IX met at the Sixth Street Church of Christ annex Monday afternoon for their Christmas party. The girls gave the Brownie promise, sang the Brownie song then had a gift exchange. Dianne Jennings served as hostess and served Christmas candy to Mrs. Merle Massie and 12 Brown-

ies. They played "My Aunt Emma" and adjourned.

Brownie Troop X met at the Baptist Church Monday afternoon to have a Christmas party. Games were played, songs were sung and a gift exchange was held. After the gifts had been opened, leaders, Mesdames Herschel Johnson, Vernon Roberts, M. B. McKinney and Don Sanders, served refreshments of cookies and punch to 12 girls.

Girl Scout Troop VI had a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Dan Ethridge Monday afternoon. The girls popped corn and made a popcorn snow man. They sang some songs and played some games. Refreshments of sandwiches and punch were served by the leaders, Mrs. Dan Ethridge and Mrs. Ben Wayne Jordan, after the gift exchange. Each scout invited a guest who was not a scout. Guests were June Bails, Nelda Douglas, Judy Fesser, Sue Fields, Gayle Knight and Mary Ruth Riley. Scouts present were Celia Weatherly, Joyce Whitten, Carolyn Parker, Virginia Patton, Eleanor Dodson, Linda Brummett, Carolyn Baxter and Kay Struve.

Girl Scout Troop VII met at the home of Mrs. Ella Lamb for their Christmas party Monday afternoon. The girls sang songs, played games and watched television. Mrs. Lamb made moving pictures of the party. Refreshments of popcorn balls, sandwiches, candied apples, hot chocolate and bubble gum were served by Mesdames Lamb, Chitwood, Aiken, Roden, McLean and Whitten. There were eight Scouts and four visitors, Mrs. Jim McLean and Kathleen, Betty Drake and Mrs. Seaton present.

Girl Scout Troop VIII had a Christmas party at the Congregational Church Monday afternoon. The Christmas tree was very pretty and unusual. It was made of crepe paper and decorated with home made cookies. The girls presented an interesting Christmas program which included singing Christmas carols. Refreshments of hot chocolate and cookies were served to 14 girls and the following visitors: Mesdames Guy Latta, who is a former leader of the troop; Fred Barker, Jim Guinn, Santos Esquivel, Marguerite Perry, W. S. Ingram and Edith Johnson and the leaders, Helen Potts and Ann McKee.

Senior Scout Troop decided several weeks ago to give home made candy and stuffed toys to the Abilene State School for children and go Christmas caroling instead of having a Christmas party. Monday evening 11 girls and the two leaders met at the Methodist annex and went in a group to sing for the following: the patients at the Parmer County Community Hospital, Mrs. Charles Schlenker, Mrs. F. L. Spring, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McAdams, Mrs. T. B. Armstrong and the father of M. B. Luttrell. Then they returned to the annex where Mrs. Nora O'Brian and Mrs. Dorothy Hough served refreshments of cake and hot chocolate with marshmallows to the following girls: Pat Cranfill, Janie Parker, Jolynda Stokes, Faye Scales, Delores Elmore, Geneva Floyd, Peggy Widner, Mary Tom Spring, Lynette Pritchard, Sally Hough and Linda O'Brian. Late last week the girls made and mailed about 25 pounds of candy and several stuffed toys to the children at the Abilene State School.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Cruse, Linda, Mike and Sheryl of Pierre, S. D., are visiting relatives and friends in Friona this week. They are former Friona residents.  
Mr. and Mrs. Dan Luttrell, Scott and Dana Url are moving to a farm near Grand Falls, Tex.  
Mr. and Mrs. John Benger visited friends and relatives in Oklahoma recently. Points of interest on their journey were Woodward, Fargo and Enid. They reported nice weather and a fine trip.  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dennis and family were in Blair, Okla., last weekend. They visited in the homes of her mother, Mrs. Clara Hunt, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis.  
The Clyde Weatherlys are spending the weekend with her mother, Mrs. W. J. Phillips, and her sister, Miss Arvis Phillips and other

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**LARIAT ELEVATOR**  
Lariat, Texas

# Mrs. Caldwell's Christmas Spirit Lasts All Through the Year

Somewhere down through the years, Mrs. Margaret Caldwell has captured the special something that makes the spirit of Christmas live in her heart—from December to December. And all the time, she is having a good time—that goes with it.

Mrs. Caldwell finds the weeks before Christmas especially busy, because she puts that personal touch on all the gifts she sends. She makes all her own Christmas cards, and tries to lend holiday cheer to those about her.

A bubbling 67 years of age—Mrs. Caldwell can hop, skip and run (in fact, she runs from one job to another all year long).

When questioned about what she is most thankful for at this Christmas season, the Bovina woman instantly replied, "For health sufficient to work and carry on. I used to call this luck when I was a girl, but now I call it God's providence and his care."

Stationed in a special place on the desk in the living room of the home of Mrs. Caldwell is a bright

green Christmas tree, with red Santas dangling from the branches. On closer observation, callers note that the tree is most unusual.

Examination reveals that a branch of an ordinary tree has been cut, and wrapped with green crepe paper, with fringed paper serving as the foliage.

The tree is realistic, but mostly in the hearts of the kindergarten children who are so happy because it is something "made with the hands." Each child then designed a delightful paper Santa with a beard of cotton and a jolly expression. Mrs. Caldwell proudly displays the handiwork of the youngsters.

But there is a story about the tree. In fact, this story involves Mrs. Caldwell's most memorable Christmas. That was back many years ago when she was a young matron. She and her husband had been married about five years. They were living in Abernathy at the time and the first child was just old enough to enjoy the Yule season. They were living on the farm, and had four straight years of drouth. In fact, for two years, they had been living on borrowed money from the bank, just trying to get "on their feet." There was absolutely no money for gifts, decorations or holiday foods.

Having always before had money to do nice things for loved ones at Christmas, Mrs. Caldwell was feeling "pretty blue." Then she received a letter from her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Akers, and her sister, Lucille, saying that they would spend Christmas with the Caldwelles. She asked that the Abernathy family meet them at the train with the wagon. "I knew by this request that they must have some lovely gifts, and us with no money," says the Bovina woman.

So she went to the rag bag and began using her ingenuity, began

her "rag bag Christmas." She made tie racks, a handbag, and took the scraps from baby dresses to sew men's handkerchiefs. She then did the best she could to provide an inexpensive festive meal.

When the family went to the station, the Akers unloaded an enormous trunk on the platform. Mrs. Caldwell still uses the trunk as a quilt box.

When the group arrived at the farm home, the Akers began unpacking the container. They had candy, nuts, fruits and lovely gifts for all. In the bottom of the trunk, was a big, soft wool rug for the Caldwell living room. But sister Lucille felt something was missing. "Aren't we going to have a Christmas tree?" she asked Mrs. Caldwell.

"No dear, I guess not," was the reply, "we can't buy a tree this year." But the sister's question spurred Mrs. Caldwell to action. The more she thought, the more determined she became. She rushed outside, cut a huge okra stalk and wrapped each limb with crepe paper. As she worked, she designed the fringed foliage, in her mind. Soon the tree was completed, and a beautiful one it was. The family members popped corn and made long white ropes. They then made cranberry ropes and the decoration was made. The kindergarten tree is a descendant of this first tree for the Caldwelles.

As the group gathered around the tree that evening long ago, the small son of the Caldwelles donned a little red knit suit his grandmother had brought, and played Santa, handing the gifts to each one there. Everyone was thrilled with the packages and when Mr. Caldwell opened his gift and found \$25, a mammoth sum at that time, it was too much. He had to leave the room to calm his emotions.

It was a memorable Christmas! The Caldwelles had five children. Richard, the oldest child, was accidentally drowned in the draw in 1932; Rita now lives with her mother and assists with the kindergarten and housework; and Willis passed away in 1939.

Ed T. and his family now live at

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Garland where he is a furniture salesman, and the younger son, George, is an insurance adjuster and lives in Amarillo.

Ed T. has two children, Larry, 8, and Jerry, 6; and George has three youngsters, Bobby, 9, Kenny, 8, and Carolee, 7. The family was with Mrs. Caldwell Thanksgiving, so she doesn't expect them to visit her on Christmas. Also here Thanksgiving was the sister, Lucille, who lives at Uvalde now. She is a disabled WAC.

Mrs. Caldwell was born in Bowie, and lived there about 10 years. She finished grade and high school at Duncan, Okla., lived at Lawton for awhile, then moved to Burkburnett with her family. It was there that she met Mr. Caldwell and they were married.

After living there a year, they moved to Abernathy where they remained eight years, then moved to Bentonville, Ark. Four years in Arkansas, and the Caldwelles lost everything once again. They had invested in an apple orchard, and a freeze killed the trees. Just barely getting by, they traded out again, and landed in Bovina in 1925, with a few hundred dollars for another start.

After some inquiries as to what would be the most promising business, they opened a dry goods business, but had to sell their stock during the depression. Shortly afterwards, Mr. Caldwell became postmaster and held that position until his death.

Through all her life, Mrs. Caldwell has stood on her own "two feet," and her key to happiness is "to keep busy, I'm not happy unless I'm busy," she says. She likes to talk, and her favorite pastime is visiting with her friends.

After her husband's death, she taught music and had various occupations. She began her kindergarten in 1951 with three children; then gave piano lessons also. She has taught music in Friona, Oklahoma Lane and Bovina Schools. She has also worked for two years as a saleslady. This was after her husband's death, when she lived in Amarillo.

Asked why she moved back to Bovina, Mrs. Caldwell frankly admits she was homesick. "I wanted to say hello to everyone I saw" she says "and you don't do that in a big town." In fact she remarks "don't say anything about living in the city, I want to KNOW my next door neighbor."

She is a staunch supporter of Bovina and insists that the best people in the world live right there. She says she has lived in a number of small towns—but Bovina is the best. The people have stood by her in all her trials, in fact, she wishes to spend the rest of her life trying to repay her friends for their good deeds.

She particularly enjoys the Widow's Club, and spends much time planning and helping with the programs for the group. Until recently, she was the only member

who drives a car, and would take the ladies to the meetings each month.

She still likes to make things and her gift to her secret pal in the club was towels and soap, but Mrs. Caldwell spruced up the gift by folding the towel around the soap to resemble a "puppy dog." She fashioned the feature with colored paper and stuck yarn on each side of the head and at the rear for ears and tail.

As for making original Christmas cards each year, she comments "I started it because I had to, now I do it because I love to."

Rita isn't missing out on the fun either, she is painting pictures for gifts this year—and the two of them are anticipating a lovely Christmas.

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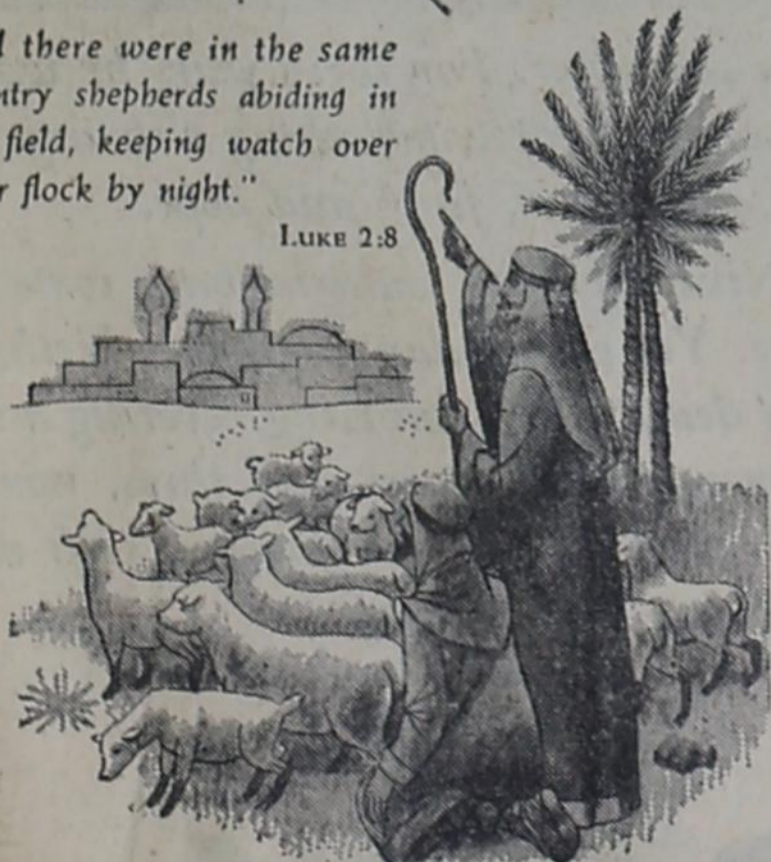


Skilled hands fashioned this Christmas tree, and it may surprise you to find out that this is an ordinary elm tree branch—somewhat "dolled up."

## A Joyous Christmas

Through the happy Christmas Season  
may moments come to you  
when the old beloved story  
is again brought to mind  
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'And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.'  
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## MACON ELEVATOR

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Macon

Bovina, Texas



By F. L. Rowley

THE loneliest place in the world is a summer resort at Christmas time. Joanne Decker watched gloomily as a half dozen men trudged through the snow skirting Arrowhead Lake. They would return in a few hours carrying Christmas trees on their husky shoulders. Joanne sighed heavily as the last man disappeared into the brush.

This promised to be the dreariest Christmas Joanne had ever known. Even the postman's whistle failed to rouse her. It was only when Mr. Rogers stood at the far end of the drive waving a letter that a faint glow of curiosity came to her eyes. The old postman never signalled unless he had something important. Maybe it was a letter from Eddie!

Slipping into a coat Joanne raced eagerly down the snow-covered path, unmindful of her open-toed slippers.

"It's from Lynne Grove," said Mr. Rogers with a grin.

"Lynne Grove?" Joanne stared dreamily at the letter in his hand. Then Eddie hadn't forgotten her! Perhaps he was even coming back



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to Arrowhead Lake to marry her, as he had promised.

"It's for your sister," said the old man. "Registered too—but you can sign it."

Joanne turned the letter over gingerly; on the flap, in bold, familiar writing, was the name E. Long. So Eddie Long was writing to her sister Mary! And after all the wonderful promises he had made to her. She walked numbly back to the house.

Mary met her at the door. "Did we get mail?" she asked innocently.

Accusation

"YOU got a letter," said Joanne accusingly. "A nice registered letter from Eddie Long!"

Mary was startled; she blushed like a schoolgirl.

"I thought so!" Joanne cried bitterly. "All these months you've been feeling sorry for me because Eddie stopped writing—and you've kept in touch with him behind my back. What a hypocrite!"

Mary blinked helplessly.

Joanne ran up to her room and slammed the door. The radio was on; Christmas carols only emphasized her loneliness. She switched it off. Her eyes settled on a paper box under the dresser. Drawing it out she scowled at the lovely figurine nestled therein. It was her Christmas present to Mary. With a sob she picked up the little figure and dashed it to the floor.

Joanne heard the murmur of serious conversation downstairs. She hoped Mary was catching it. Suddenly she decided to teach them all a lesson. Christmas or not, she would leave home. She could board a bus this very morning. She knew exactly where to go; her friend Betty Giles had urged her repeatedly to spend a week-end at their new home in Coopersville.

Surprise Meeting

The bus-station was alive with holiday tourists. Joanne felt most conspicuous in her blue-jeans and red sweater. She gasped in surprise when a familiar voice asked: "Where to, Joanne?"

Eddie Long's expressive brown eyes smiled down at her. He had her in his arms before she could remember any good reason to resist.

"Merry Christmas, darling!" he cried as their lips parted. "I've waited more than a year for this. But why the suitcase? Mary told me you'd be at home for the holidays; that's why I sent her the letter announcing my arrival."

"Mary? I—I don't understand."

"Well, it was supposed to be a surprise. Last summer, when I was on my way out here, I met with an accident. Mary and your mother knew that I was hurt pretty bad and they didn't want to frighten you. When I showed signs of returning to normal they suggested that I spend Christmas week at your place. You've got wonderful folks, Joanne. Best in laws a man could ask for."



# The Greatest Gift...

HERE IS A STORY that has come down to us through centuries of war and peace and life and death as an eternal message of hope and faith. It has been told and told again in diverse languages and strange tongues, yet it has remained forever the same—the simple story of a King among men.



Men lived and died long before the coming of this King; yet the world began anew and mankind has since marked all time in His name.

How grand and glorious it might seem to say that trumpets announced His arrival and court criers were sent forth into the hills to awaken the sleeping multitudes with the great news. How magnificent to say He was born in a palatial mansion; how impressive to report that His people thronged to see Him in such great numbers they finally had to be turned away.



Yet centuries of retelling by the greatest of orators and writers have added no worldly lustre to the life and death of this King. No trumpets preceded Him. He had no credentials but Himself. No guards or royalty accompanied the humble pair that had journeyed to Bethlehem; this man,



## THE GREATEST STORY

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Joseph, weary and footsore, searching every inn, asking at every doorway, becoming more determined each time he was told there was no room for a poor carpenter and his expectant wife; this woman, Mary, pale and tired from a journey too long for a woman in her condition, resting uncomfortably upon the back of an ass whose plodding footsteps echoed through the night.

There was no palace, merely a stable where Joseph finally found refuge from the cold of the night; no trumpets, only a star which brought three chosen Wise Men from



the Orient; no court criers, only the soft voices of angels waking the sleeping shepherds on the hillside.

In the simplest of surroundings was born this King—and in such did He live, dwelling not in marble halls, sitting not upon a worldly throne, wearing no crown other than a wreath of thorns. For 30 years he lived quietly, following the humble trade



of a carpenter. For three years he walked among the people, preaching a strange new message of love, faith and hope.

Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone. Yet even today the simple birth, life and death of this one King, covering a span of merely thirty years and three, remains and shall remain the Greatest Gift mankind has ever known.

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By Janet Hall

MARGE stood in the doorway of her bedroom and looked at the dress in dismay. Obviously it was meant for the Junior Class Snow Ball in January and just as obviously it was expensive.

"Oh, why!" she exclaimed, touching the fabric as if it were something repulsive.

What's the matter with them, Marge thought. Dad needs new clothes and things for the house and Mom always looks so poor and worried.

Wearily she changed her clothes. The house was empty, for her mother was baby sitting to earn a little extra to help out.

Marge went downstairs and looked at the Christmas tree and the gifts displayed under it. She felt embarrassed even though she was alone in the room. Somehow it was always rather mortifying to show the gifts when friends and relatives called. Her pile of gifts was always so large and lavish and her parents' so sparse.

Just this once she wanted their gifts to be important like hers, not just little odds and ends to be explained away with, "We try to make a big Christmas for Marge."

She had saved nearly every penny she had earned the previous



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summer so she could give her father a new jacket and her mother a new coat.

I tried to tell them I didn't want a lot for Christmas, but I didn't do a very good job of it, she told herself as she glanced at the twin cashmere sweaters, the new skirt and the other gifts. I wish I'd had the courage to be more frank.

But I have the courage today, she thought, running up the stairs. She found the dress box and carefully folded the dress and wrapped it for return.

**For Better**

Her knees were shaky as she wondered what she would say when her mother saw the dress wrapped with such finality. It's for her own good, she told herself firmly. In a week or two she'll realize it's best.

When she heard the front door open and close, she ran downstairs to meet her mother. "Hi," she said, quelling her feeling of nervousness.

Her mother glanced at her anxiously. Her dark brown eyes darted around the room, looking to see if Marge had brought the dress downstairs. Then the expectant look changed to a questioning one.

"Didn't you like the dress?" The question was so humble and so blunt, Marge was startled.

"Yes, it's beautiful, but—" "I knew you'd like it. Have you had it on yet?"

"No, I haven't."

"It will fit, I'm sure," her mother's voice dwindled off. The brightness in her face seemed to fade all at once. "What's the matter?"

"It's so expensive. I wanted you to get a coat for yourself."

"Oh, is that all. This old thing will last quite a while. While I was in the store I said to myself, 'There's nothing like my old maroon coat.' I didn't see anything I liked better so what was the use of buying a new one?" she chirped.

**Her Secret**

Marge knew she'd never tell her parents how she felt about their gifts. In a few years I'll be earning money and I can pay them back, but now I'll just take what they offer, she decided, feeling defeated.

"Your father's coming. Go put on the dress and show him how pretty you are," her mother said excitedly.

When she came downstairs they were waiting for her. Clutched in her father's arms was a box which she knew contained something for her. In their eyes were love, pride, and happiness mixed with a satisfied touch of martyrdom.

She had to swallow to keep her face pretty and composed, for what they really wanted most of all was a pretty and popular daughter. That was all they would allow her to give.

# Christmastime Is Good Time To Tell Story of "Girlstown"

(Editor's Note: The Tribune does not generally take stories from other papers, preferring to write and edit our copy as it fits the community. But on rare occasions, we find stories that are so well written and constructed that we feel they would be interesting to our readers.

Such is the story about "Girlstown" which appeared recently in the Hereford Brand and written by Roberta Campbell. We feel it is a story that will interest many Parmer Countians, particularly at this Christmas season.

Gift giving at Christmas is, or should be, a manifestation of the Christmas spirit, which is unselfish, seeking only to make others happy. Everyone who has been moved by this spirit has realized the truth of the saying "it is more blessed to give than to receive." To us, Amelia Anthony has given one of the greatest gifts of all—herself—to help girls who are less fortunate than most of us.

To us, this is a Christmas story—one that is lived all year long.)

Father we thank Thee for people like Miss Amelia Anthony who believe it is better to build a strong fence around the cliff than to pick up the wreck at the bottom.

It was this belief that prompted Miss Anthony to take her savings as a social worker and establish Girlstown near Buffalo Gap nine years ago. Her first resident was a three-month-old girl.

Seven years ago Miss Anthony moved her little brood of nine girls up to Whiteface on land that now belongs to Girlstown and in this prairie setting housed in a rambling ranch style house, 67 girls are now at home.

The purpose of Girlstown is to teach the girls who live there to become good wives, mothers

and valuable citizens. With their hands, their hearts and their minds, the girls learn to be self-sustaining.

Miss Anthony selects her girls on the basis of need with the inherent rights of children always in mind. First with her is love and understanding and home and security. She also wants each girl to have equal opportunity for education and stresses the principle on which our American way of life came in to being—Religious Freedom.

Home life at Girlstown is Old-Fashioned based first of all on Love. Outdoors as well as indoors the girls learn by practical application to become assets to God and man.

To get a picture of the residence at Girlstown one might use her own home and apply a multiple of 10 to establish in her mind the size of the beautiful building the girls call home.

The outside length of the ranch house is about 300 feet and in the center is the large living room very much like one in any home except there is enough room to accommodate the large "family."

There are the usual shelves of books, and periodicals for the youngsters. A piano and an organ are on opposite sides of the huge room, which is centered with a fire place which allows a view all around the area.

Bride dolls have been used for two attractive lamps. The white satin hoop skirts fashion the lamp shades.

The family gathers here in the evenings to relax with the instruments named or TV, radio or to use the record player. If the girl prefers to read there is a corner where she may find it more quiet.

Instead of the two or three bedrooms down the hall from the fam-

ily living room in the average home, Girlstown doors open into more than 10 times that many rooms that look as homey as if any girl had just left it for a day at school.

Furnishings are the same but individuality stands out in every one of the units which supply single beds for the two girls who share it along with an individual dressing table and a chest of drawers.

Dolls, pictures, potted plants and other items add a personal touch to the rooms. Outstanding is the number of plants because all the girls are interested in growing things it seems.

Only in the closets of each girl over 12 do the rooms differ from that of any other girl. The clothes on the racks have been made by the girls themselves as a part of their training for their future as a homemaker.

Several clubs from this county have been to Girlstown to visit and one of the most comprehensive reports to be brought back by a club member was one which follows in part as prepared for members of her club by Mrs. Earl DeHart, reporter for the Cultural Home Demonstration Club.

Mrs. DeHart told the women "Eleven adult women are now working with the girls. All live there except the office help. Two men are employed, but they drive out each day to work. One is in charge of the construction work. When building funds have vanished, and construction work ceases, he works at maintenance. The colored man is handy man around the place. We learned that they do not go in debt for any of their building construction. When building funds come in, they buy materials needed with it, if no funds are available when that material is used, construction work ceases.

That is why visitors find only a start on a new cottage.

"All future cottages are planned on the same design as the one now in use. Each unit to be the home of approximately 70 girls. Their goal is to care for 500 girls by the end of 1959. There were 61 girls there when we visited. Six from there graduated from Whiteface High School last spring and are now in college. Four of these girls are studying in California, and two in Minnesota. Two are studying in the field of medicine, two as teachers, one in business administration and one for social work. The girls choose their own college and course of study. Girlstown sends them an allowance or a portion of their expenses each month, but each girl must work and help pay her way through college.

"One of their girls at college, is an elevator operator in a well known building in the city in which she lives. Another is employed in a small greeting card factory where she folds the envelopes and printed cards. One plans to enter nurses training as soon as she completes needed courses in sciences. These were not available at the local high school, so she must take these first. She is employed in the diet kitchen of the hospital where she will enroll later on.

Their oldest girl is 21 now and one of the college students, their youngest, are two three-year-old girls. The girls are self-sufficient in many ways. They have a dairy herd of 21 cows, to provide milk, cream and "cow butter." One of the little girls was overheard telling a newcomer about the life there and remarked, "We have real cow butter to eat here." They have poultry too. They raise their fryers, 300 at a time, and have already raised 2400 this year. They plant and tend a five acre garden each year. The handy man prepares the ground for planting, and the girls do the rest.

(Editor's Note: Miss Anthony reports in a personal interview that the gardening project has been the most discouraging of all their program because in

spite of the rabbit resistant wire that encloses the garden the little carrot eaters manage to outsmart them. Wind is another adverse factor for the young gardeners.

"Vegetables not used fresh on their table are either frozen or canned. Other donations in the form of both Angus and Hereford herds of beef cattle have been started. These in time will not only provide meat for their table, but could become a source of revenue for the organization. At the age of 12, each girl's name is added to the work schedule. This schedule is made for each week. The girls work at a different job each week. The schedule when we were there listed the work in the following categories: cooking, dish

washing, dining hall maintenance, laundry, sewing, living room maintenance, dairy, chickens, and on down the line. Their schedule during the school year is something like this, as the time for such activities after school is short. The cooks must get busy with the evening meal, the tables must be set, the laundering done, others must take an hour's sewing lesson or work, living room and hall must be straightened and dusted, the dairy work must be done and the chickens tended. All this work must be done by 5:30 so that every one can be in the dining hall ready to eat by 6 p. m. After the evening meal the littlest ones play while the older ones finish the evening chores. "At 7 o'clock, all under 12 are (Continued on page 6.)

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# Story of Handel's "Messiah" One of History's Most Epic

From a man who, at 56, was sick and destitute, a composer who was apparently finished in the musical world, came the great Christmas oratorio, "The Messiah," which has gladdened the hearts of millions.

The story of Handel's mighty oratorio is one of the most dramatic episodes in all the history of music, and it is also a testament to the power of faith.

George Frederick Handel was the musical prodigy son of a German barber. At twenty-five, after four triumphant years in Italy, he arrived in London, where he proceeded to compose and produce Italian operas. He wrote an incredible amount of music (of which his forty-four operas were only a small part) and he worked at such phenomenal speed that as soon as interest in one production began to wane, he was ready to stage another. For years Handel and his Italian operas were the rage of London. King George I was his host and patron. He was made director of the Royal Academy of Music and he became an English citizen.

But Handel had a talent for making enemies as well as friends in high places. Arrayed against him were many influential writers and the leaders of smart society. Gradually his fortunes declined—the public abandoned opera in favor of French farces and he lost his influence with the king. To ridicule Handelian music, rival impresarios filched his best-known melodies and staged a ruinous burlesque called "The Beggar's Opera." One failure followed another in the theatre and his creditors threatened him with prison. Finally, at 52, Handel suffered a paralytic stroke from which he never fully recovered.

On the night of August 21, 1741, after wandering aimlessly through the streets of London, Handel returned to his flat in Hanover Square, feeling in his heart the bitterness of utter defeat. Nothing mattered now, for he had lost faith in his own ability. Mechanically going about his study to light the candles, he noticed a package on his desk. Beside it was an envelope addressed in a familiar hand. Charles Jennens, his librettist, it turned out, had sent him a compilation of Scriptural texts called "Messiah." Jennens hoped that perhaps Handel would find in

it an inspiration for the new oratorio he had been planning.

A wealthy, conceited dilettante, Jennens had been a devoted friend through the composer's misfortunes and had written the librettos for his earlier oratorios, "Saul" and "Israel in Egypt." Although Handel had only a meager knowledge of English, he knew that Jennens' rhymes were faulty and amateurish. Not even the best music could redeem them.

Wearily he opened the new manuscript and began to read: "Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Prepare ye the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for your God."

"And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

No lumbering verses these, he marveled, but poetry of power and wondrous beauty. He read on:

"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. 'Hallelujah! for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. King of Kings and Lord of Lords; and He shall reign for ever and ever. Hallelujah!'"

And it was then that one of the great miracles of musical creation took place. Suddenly the harmonies of mighty choruses; the music of violin and organ and trumpet flooded the barren mind and heart of George Frederick Handel. He reached for his pen and began to stab the notes onto paper.

Night and day the music poured forth, always faster than the crippled fingers could capture the melodies and write them down. For three weeks Handel worked, in such a fever of intensity that afterward he was to confess: "Whether I was in my body or out of my body as I wrote it, I know not."

He slept at intervals, but never soundly—never out of hearing of the music that tormented him. His manservant brought food from time to time, but usually returned to find the tray untouched. Peeping into the study, he would see Handel sitting motionless and staring into space, while tears dribbled down his face and fell upon the paper. More than once he discovered his master with his head on

his arms, his giant frame racked with sobs.

On September 14 he wrote the final note and autographed his work. The manuscript was a maze of notes, blots and fierce erasures that only the master himself could decipher. But it was the imperishable music of the "Messiah." Emotionally and physically exhausted, Handel stumbled to his bed and slept for seventeen hours.

He awoke refreshed. He had written all the bitterness out of his heart and, miraculously, his creative power had been so restored by the ordeal that within a few days he was able to fling himself into the composition of a new oratorio.

Handel could not bear the thought of submitting to a capricious society audience the sacred music that had been born of his own profound emotion. So at first he refused to present "Messiah" in London.

That fall he received from the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland an in-

itation to visit Dublin and perform some of his music for that 'generous and polite nation.'

Handel accepted at once, and early in the winter he journeyed to Dublin, taking with him the oratorio and his own carefully selected soloists. The "Messiah" was saved until the very end of the season and, expecting the profits to be large, he announced that every penny would be used for the relief of men who had been imprisoned for debt.

For weeks he trained instrumentalists and the choir boys and men from Dublin's two cathedrals. On April 13, 1742, in the Music Hall in Fishamble Street, a reverent and spellbound audience first heard the oratorio that today is loved throughout the world. The profits were more than \$2000, and Handel, whose misfortunes had brought him within the shadow of a debtor's prison, rejoiced that his music had been the means of freeing less fortunate men.

Back in England, he waited a most a year before he had the courage to offer "Messiah" to the London public. Finally, he advertised a series of performances to be given in March of 1743 at Covent Garden Theatre.

Immediately his enemies launched a campaign of vilification that has had no parallel in musical history. Street urchins were hired

to tear down his posters as fast as he could have them put up. To rob Handel of his audiences, society women organized balls and private concerts on the oratorio nights and pointedly sent invitations to Handel's faithful patrons. Theatre goers who could giggle over the lewd farces then current on the English stage raised hypocritical protests that Handel had profaned the Scripture by setting it to dramatic music. Bigots took up the cry. Branding the "Messiah" as sacrilegious, they tried to obtain an injunction against its performance on the grounds that Covent Garden was a place of worldly amusement! Clerics denounced the blasphemy of printing the "Messiah" on a playbill, and until 1749 it was advertised only as "A Sacred Oratorio."

In the face of all this opposition, Handel went ahead with his plans, but each of the three performances in 1743 was a flat failure. He presented "Messiah" twice in 1745 and once again four years later, but with no more success.

It is an odd fact that during the first eight years of its existence, the oratorio which today fills every church or auditorium in which it is sung was heard with chilling indifference. Genuine music-lovers must have appreciated the beauty of "Messiah," but they were not numerous or powerful

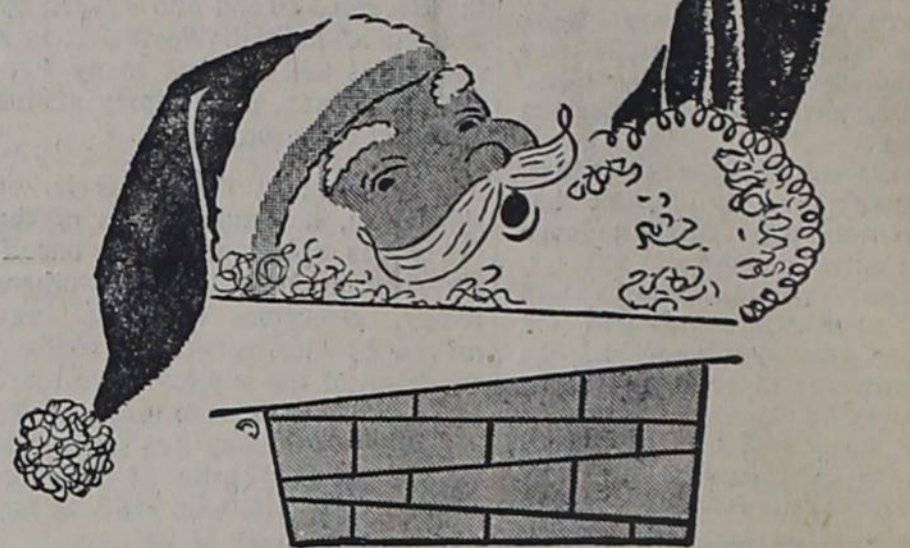
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# GREETINGS



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# YULETIDE GREETINGS

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enough to overcome the pressure of bigotry and social ostracism.

If the gruff and sometimes ill-tempered Handel had been a less charitable person at heart, the rejected oratorio might have perished. But Handel, although a bachelor, loved children. He was one of the governors of London's Foundling Hospital, an institution devoted to "the reception, maintenance and education of exposed and deserted young children."

When wealthy sponsors of the hospital contributed funds for a chapel, Handel promptly donated a splendid organ and offered to dedicate it on May 1, 1750, with a special performance of his "Sacred Oratorio."

The Foundling Hospital was a fashionable charity and on the day of the concert the chapel was crowded to its capacity of 1000. Many had to be turned away. Here in the solemnity of the chapel the music made so profound an impression that Handel was begged to repeat it.

Scorned for eight years, "Messiah" suddenly became London's best-loved oratorio—and the composer's most profitable work. The Church endorsed it, and eventually it was performed in Westminster Abbey with full orchestra and a choir of 500 voices. To Handel it seemed especially fitting that the music he had written to glorify the birth of a Babe in a manger should be consecrated to the welfare of homeless and unwanted infants. At least once a year, as long as he lived, he conducted "Messiah" for the Foundling Hospital, and from these concerts he contributed a total of more than \$35,000. For many years after his death, "Messiah" was the favorite composition for charities of all kinds. As one writer of the time reported, "It fostered the orphan, fed the hungry, clothed the naked and relieved suffering more than

any single musical production in any country in the world."

With the success of "Messiah," Handel's star rose again. All his neglected compositions were brought out and London rediscovered her adopted genius. But Handel was old and broken in health. His eyesight was failing and while writing "Jephtha" (the oratorio containing a chorus significantly titled "How Dark, O Lord, Are Thy Ways"), Handel went blind.

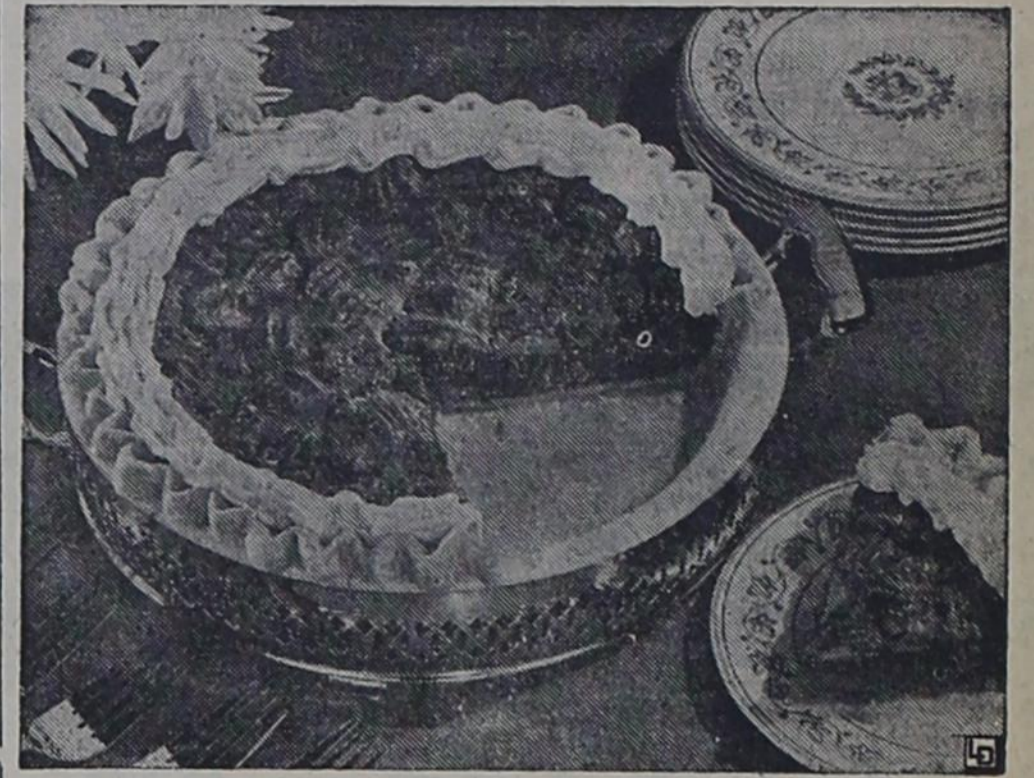
Despite the loss of his sight and his feeble health, Handel continued to compose and conduct. On April 6, 1759—when he was 76—the aging genius was led to the organ at Covent Garden, and there he directed "Messiah" for the last time. At the end of the concert he collapsed and was taken to his rooms and put to bed. Handel knew that posters were already up announcing that the traditional performance of "Messiah" for the Foundling Hospital would take place in the chapel on May 3, "under the direction of the author." But Handel knew he would not be present.

"I should like to die on Good Friday," he said, "in the hope of joining my Lord and Saviour on the day of His Resurrection." And at midnight, as Good Friday passed into a new day, George Frederick Handel died.

He was buried with pomp and ceremony in Westminster Abbey. On the appointed day, as Handel would have wished, the audience gathered in the chapel of his beloved orphanage. There, under the direction of a trusted assistant, once again the immortal music proclaimed:

"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace."

## Praline Pie - An Elegant Party Dessert



Want to serve the bridge club a really elegant dessert next time they're your guests? Here it is—

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Garnish Praline Pie with a border of whipped cream or serve each piece with a small scoop of vanilla ice cream. One pie serves 8 to 10 amply.

### PRALINE FUDGE PIE

- 1 unbaked 9" pastry crust
- 1 pkg. penuche quick fudge mix
- 3 eggs
- 1/4 cup melted butter
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 tablespoon maple extract
- 1/4 cup pecan halves
- whipped cream or ice cream

Prepare pastry crust from your own recipe or packaged mix. Put penuche quick fudge mix into a bowl. Add eggs, melted butter, water and maple extract. Beat with rotary beater until thoroughly blended. Stir in pecan halves. Pour into pastry crust. Bake at 350°F. for 45 minutes until filling is set. Cool. Decorate edge of Praline Pie with whipped cream or serve each piece with a small scoop of ice cream.

Alaska is more than twice as large as Texas.

The Klondike gold rush took place in 1896.

A walrus' whiskers are pieces of cartilage, and not hairs.

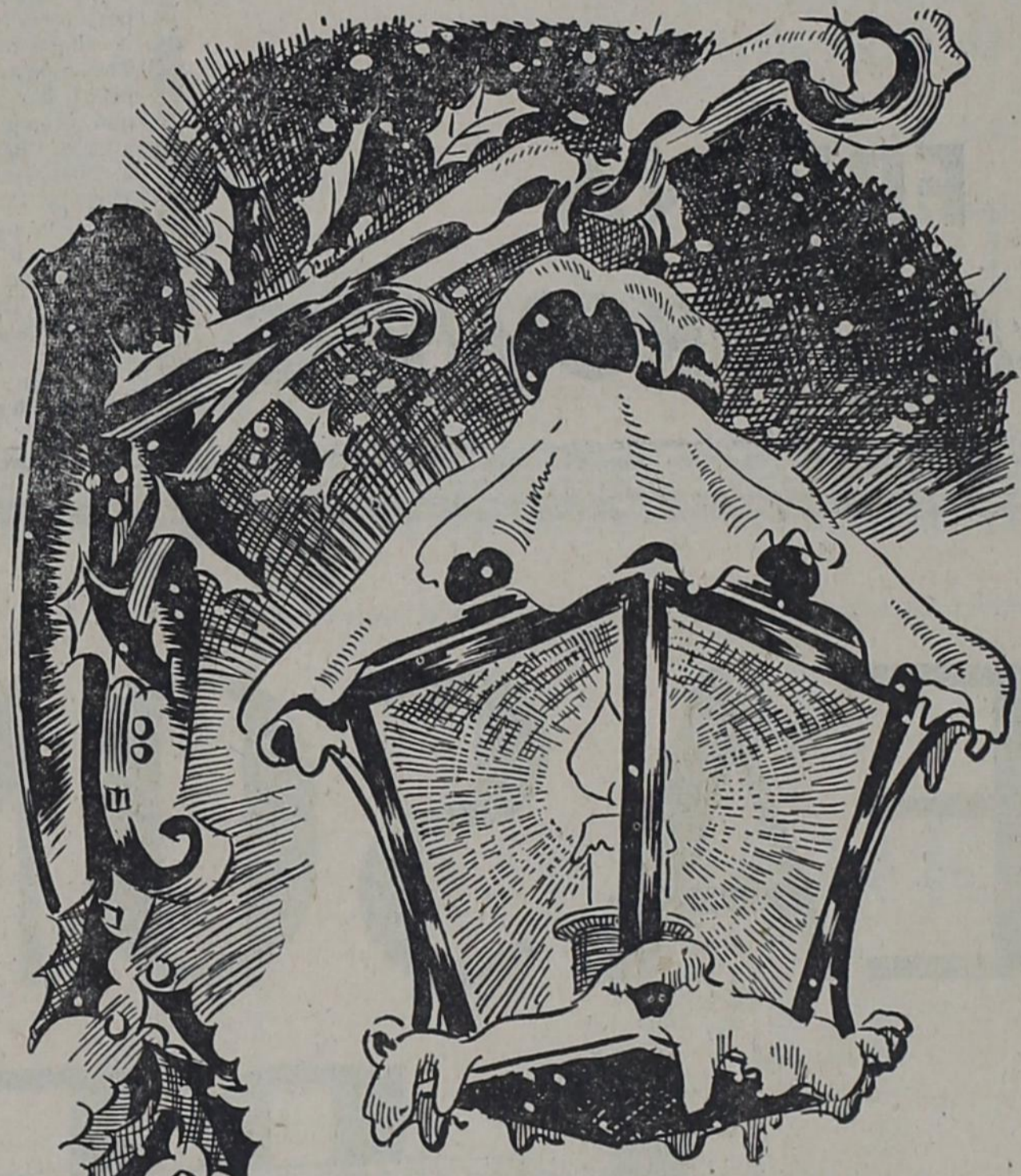
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**GIRLSTOWN—**

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gathered in the living room for Bible study. The point of Bible study and not Bible teaching was stressed. In this group Bible verses are read and the youngsters are asked to tell what the verse tells them. This 30 minute period is followed by bedtime preparation and this group is in bed by 8 p. m.

"At 8, the rest of the girls are all called into the living room for a 30 minute period of Bible study. They read and discuss, each expressing her own opinion. If they have questions about the Scriptures they are encouraged to write these down and consult their pastor, and then discuss some of the problems again. Study and reading occupy the group for most of the next hour, and "all lights out" is at 9:30. This would seem an untimely hour to most of our children, but there is much work to be done before the school bus rolls up the next morning. They must get their 9 hours of rest in order to do their "home" and school work.

"The girls all attend public" schools in Whiteface, eight miles north of Girlstown, and take part in school activities. Each girl attends the church of her choice in Whiteface, and all faiths are represented. The small children are enrolled in one church group for a period of time, then in another, in order to permit freedom of worship. When she has reached the point where she has fully decided on the church of her choice, she attends that one regularly. They take active parts in their church too.

"Another interesting point is that all dates are chaperoned until the girl is a senior in high school. This does not seem to affect the number of dates, though. During the approximate nine years of existence, only one serious illness, the polio victim, has been had. Of course several emergency appendectomies have come up, but that is about the extent of illnesses. The registered nurse in charge keeps her girls healthy in planning proper diets and close observance of "first symptoms." There is a "diet" table in the dining hall. This is the table on which no bread is placed; no high calorie foods, such as whipped cream are served, and small servings of most foods go. This eliminates the problem of "calorie counting" for these girls that "must."

"In the laundry building we found modern equipment, although inadequate for their needs. The girls above 12 have a regular

schedule at this work. There is lots of washing to do for a "family" of that size. Each girl is responsible for her own clothes, bed and bath linens. They have a laundry schedule, part of the girls washing one afternoon and ironing their things the next, while some one else is washing.

"Each week, two girls work in the laundry every afternoon doing the cup towels and table cloths. A colored girl was ironing the little folks' clothes when we were there. They have both ironers and hand irons. We were told that most of the ironing was done by hand as not many of the girls had learned to handle the mangle type commercial sized ironers.

"A dryer is needed very badly, and is almost a necessity. During the school term all the older girls laundry has to be done late in the afternoons, and must be dried indoors. It is almost impossible to dry the large pieces before another batch is ready for the lines. Since the girls are not there during the day it is impossible to hang them outside to dry. They have faith that some day someone will enable them to get this one piece of equipment for their laundry room.

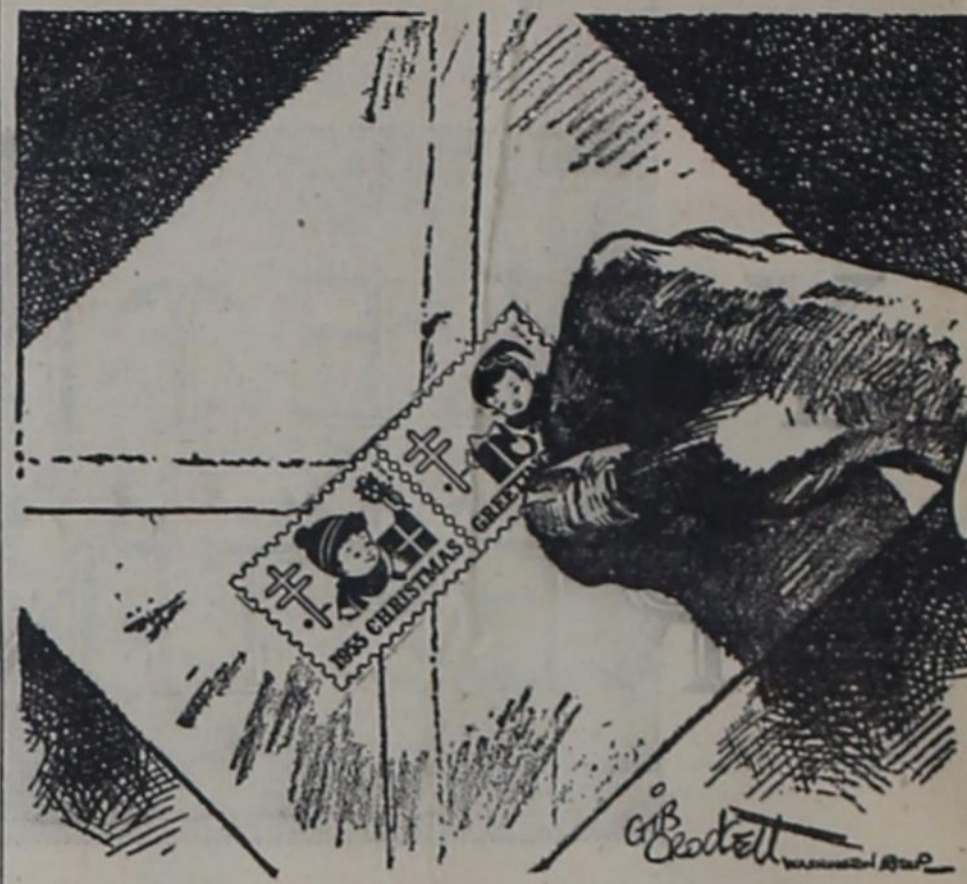
"The tour through the newest building, the dining hall, was very interesting too. We entered by the kitchen door to find a spotless modern room. The beautiful dishes, given to them by organizations from Perryton, on the opening dedication of the building, were truly beautiful. They not only gave them service for 100, (place settings), but have continued to add to the set.

"A trash burner was another item with an interesting background. It was sent to them by Welcome Travelers, a radio and TV program. A lady from Texas was on the program, and told she wanted all the prizes, due her as a participant, to go to Girlstown. This was the "big" item, but many other smaller things, like cases of various canned foods, were received.

"Our path next led past the refrigerator and freezer, both walk-ins. We were allowed a peak into both. The refrigerator looked just about like ours at home would so far as the kinds of food were concerned—the freezer too—instead of pint sized plastic bags of peas, it looked like turkey bags.

In the dining hall, tables for eight were all covered with white table cloths. On many were place mats. We were told that the place mats were all made by the girls eating at that particular place. These were products of the first

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sewing lessons, and served a dual purpose for the younger girls. The tables were very sturdy, attractive ones, finished in natural wood finish. The chairs were different, interesting and comfortable. They were made and donated by a small woodworking shop at Ruidoso, N. M. This huge room was divided by a fireplace into two parts. On the dining side was the open hearth, while on the other side a small stage where programs and plays are presented. This too was furnished with chairs and tables like the dining area. Some of the contributing organizations in that area hold meetings there occasionally, too. It is the recreation room for the girls.

We did not visit the other buildings, due to the distance to walk. We did learn however, that in addition to living quarters for one of the workers, the original house, housed the sewing rooms. Other small buildings had been converted into living quarters for other supervisory personnel.

As to operation costs per month, we learned that it takes \$8,000 each month to pay the bills. Where does this come from? From everywhere church groups, sororities, clubs, service clubs and individuals.

"And now as to what we, you and I, Mr. and Mrs. Citizen, can do for this group that is taking our problem girls and making worthwhile citizens of them. These are not delinquent girls. These are problem girls, who, if they are not given a guiding hand and the opportunity to grow

up in more suitable surroundings could become delinquent girls. This is the opportunity to put your pennies and dollars into the fight against juvenile delinquency.

"Of course the big need is for building funds to complete the structure that is underway now, as work on it is at a standstill for lack of funds. Then when that building is completed, continue the building fund to add other buildings. Added laundry equipment, especially a commercial size clothes dryer. The meals are served family-style, and serving carts are needed. They have only two at this time, but with 10 tables to serve, these two are very inadequate for the purpose. Then the tablecloth problem is becoming a worry. They could use a few bolts of 72 inch white cotton damask. They would rather get it this way and let the girls make them. They use the white cloths altogether. So be sure it is white. Full bolts of white curtain material can be used also. We learned that at this time they had sufficient bed linens, etc., but did observe that they could use some new twin-size bedspreads before long.

"The women were interested in the list of items which are more practical in the economy sizes as four girls share a bath and the large size is a better buy as it would be in a family.

"Mrs. Maude Herman, RN, was our official hostess, as Miss Anthony was away on official business. She said, "We are trying to (Continued on Page 7.)

**SEASON'S GREETINGS**



Once again we welcome the opportunity of sending along our GREETINGS to the many friends throughout the area we serve. If we have been of service to you during the past year, we have

achieved, in a small measure, the goal planned a year ago.

Please accept our sincere best SEASON'S GREETINGS. May your Christmas be a happy one.

**Reeve Chevrolet Company**

FRIONA, TEXAS



By J. Conrad Inselberger

NANCY Miller, aged ten, had twelve Christmas cards left when she reached the last house on the street. She decided to try her luck with Old Martin. She mounted the steps of the aging, deteriorating, red brick house and rang the bell. For a long moment she felt the urge to run, but the thought of the minister's surprise if she should sell the old man was too strong.

She waited there shaking and suddenly the door was opened.

"Well, What do you want?" The tall old man glared down at her. "I'm Nancy Miller. I've got—"

"Come in. Come in. You'll freeze out the house."

Nancy's heart leaped. She was inside and that was something. "I'm selling Christmas cards to help the church. Would you—"

Old Martin snorted. "I thought I'd seen you before. Your father owns the garage. You pestered me last year and the year before. And now you're here again. What makes you think I'll buy your cards? I haven't before."

"No. But I thought maybe you'd change your mind. The other kids—"



Old Martin snorted. "I thought I'd seen you before."

"The other children! Humph! Why don't they come here with their cards? They're afraid, eh? I'm Old Martin, the meanest man in town."

Nancy smiled up at him. "I don't think so."

"Well—, I'll buy the box of cards just to get rid of you. But mind you don't ever come again."

Memories

Nancy left and the old man stared at the door wondering if he had really bought the cards to get rid of her. Could it be that she, with shining eyes and long golden hair and warm smile, reminded him of another little girl much like her? She who had left her widower father bereaved for the second time within a year?

Meanwhile, Nancy raced toward the minister's house with the great news.

Late that night in the red brick house the old man spread the cards on a table and glanced over the warm and happy greetings. In the right hand corner of each card he noticed a tiny red and white Santa Claus. "Sentimental rubbish," he snorted and replaced the cards in the envelopes.

The next morning he discovered that the ancient wall paper in the back-hall had loosened and a large strip was hanging. He could fix that, he decided, and realize some return for the dollar he had given Nancy. He spread glue over the faces of the cards and used them to patch the torn wall paper.

Christmas for Old Martin was to be no different than it had been for the past thirty years. He would receive no gifts and he would give none.

It was not as easy as it had been the past many years. The memory of the little girl who had visited him the day before blended with the memory of the little girl of thirty years before. She too had looked forward to Christmas with all the excitement and wide-eyed wonder of childhood.

A light burned late in the old house.

Usual Holiday

Most everyone in town, except Old Martin, received a share of Christmas greetings. He got only one; that from a little girl. Eleven needy people received cards with no signature and each card was accompanied by a five dollar bill. The face of every card was rough as though something had been pasted to it and then removed.

Nancy received the twelfth card in care of her father's garage, and though she recognized it as of the style she had sold she couldn't recall to whom she had sold it. It contained a ten dollar bill.

Christmas Eve, an old man knelt and prayed for the first time in thirty years, but from the outside the old brick house looked the same as usual.

GIRLSTOWN—

(Continued from Preceding Page)

make homemakers, not professional women out of our girls. Therefore, our aim and desire is to teach them the same things that a good mother would teach her daughter; how to do all the things around the home."

"Continuing, she said, 'We want them to know how to do their jobs well, learn gracious living, and be prepared to be a good wife and mother when the time comes.' Concerning their religious activities, she stated, 'We aren't concerned with making church members of our girls, only Christians.'

"Miss Anthony employs only mothers as workers here as she feels we have a better understanding of children. She says that 'one old maid in a household is enough.'

"Another thing, we learned was that each girl has a week's vacation each summer. One of the adult workers and 14 girls go at a time, to a cabin at Ruidoso, N. M. The week is spent doing what the group decides to do. This enables the girls to talk to their school mates and church friends about their 'vacation'. An insignificant thing, some might say. But I remember hearing this among my own friends when I was small.

The teacher asked us to write a theme about our vacation this summer, and I was the only one in the class that had not had a vacation. So, I think this only helps to make them better citizens.

The girls are given an allowance of \$1 per week. Each girl tithes first, then uses her money to buy personal items, postage stamps, school needs, swimming, movie admissions and even music lessons. This year they do not as yet have a music teacher. For the past several years teachers have come there and taught. These lessons were 35 cents a lesson, since quite a group studied. The senior girls of last year bought their senior rings, and other expenses out of their allowance. Quite a challenge for these youngsters of ours who expect \$5 to be doled out whenever they ask for it."

Now, faith is the substance of things hoped for—And Amelia Anthony has as her highest hope for the immediate future the possibility of dedicating the unit now under construction that will house 64 more girls of the 500 which is her long range goal for Girlstown on March 13 which will be their anniversary.

Once the building is completed on the outside there is still the need for funds to finish the interior of the walls and furnish the rooms for each girl who is to live there.

Other than money for completion of the living quarters, there are also other existant needs such as whole bolts of white curtain material from which the girls will make their own curtains for the new rooms.

All bedspreads are matched pairs for the rooms and 32 pastel shades have been used in the coverings for the beds so each room is different. The same plan will be followed in this unit.

Several clubs from Deaf Smith County have recently become interested in the support of Girlstown and if the suggestion brought home by the visitors from Cultural H. D. Club became a county wide project the laundry unit mentioned would soon have the commercial type clothes dryer that is so urgently needed.

North Hereford Club has started a special cash contribution to the fund for a dryer and the money will be sent to Miss Anthony, who buys at wholesale prices and likely would be able to purchase the equipment for less than club women sponsoring the unit.

Mechanical type washers with the three tub units will be another need for the laundry as the housing units are completed because the building is adequate for the 500 girls included in the long range building plans.

Miss Anthony is happy to have visitors at Girlstown by appointment and requests that clubs wishing to visit include two dates when asking for reservations so she will not have too many women scheduled at one time.

She prefers that visitors come in the morning as the afternoons are full for her big family.

When the school bus comes she goes immediately to the pasture with some of the girls to look after livestock and then to help with the milking.

Family life at Girlstown is a busy life and any investment made cannot be measured in dollars and cents.

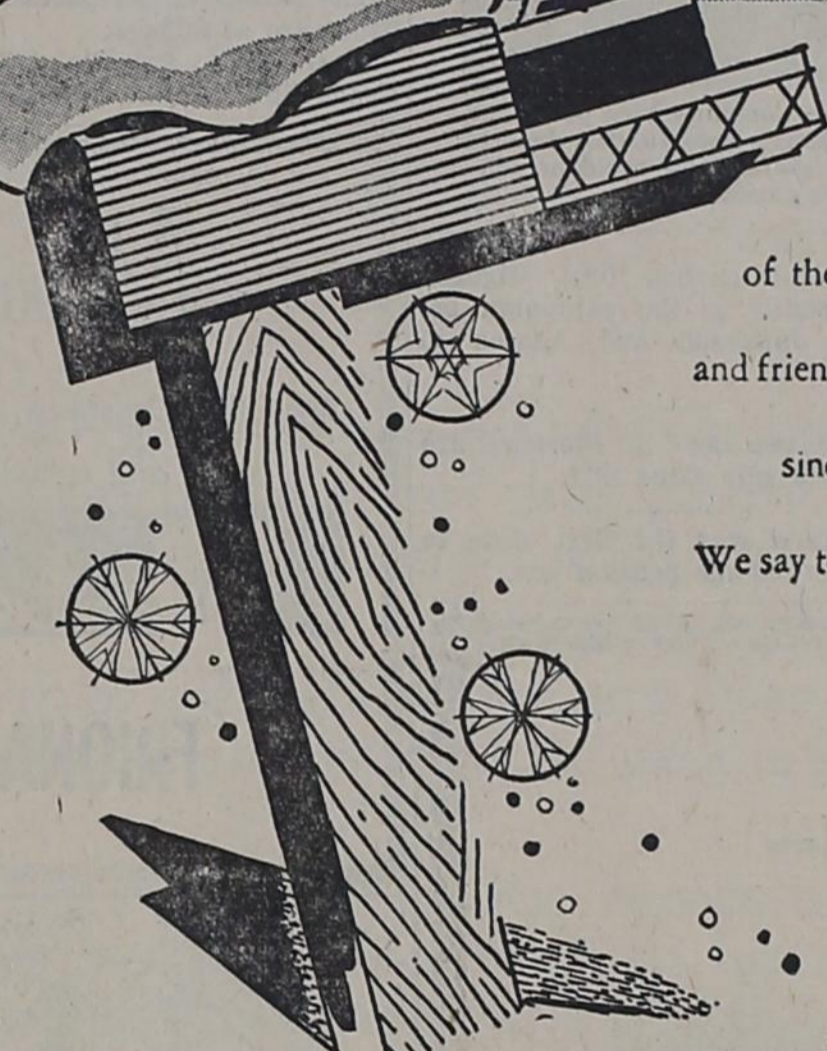
Support because of faith in the girls will give the girls faith in society at Girlstown, U. S. A.

Can't Get Rid of Your Cold?

Then try 666, the wide-activity medicine, for greatest effectiveness against all symptoms of all kinds of colds. 666 combines 4 potent, widely-prescribed drugs and gives positive dramatic results in a matter of hours. Its combined therapy covers the complete range of all cold symptoms.

No other cold remedy can match 666 liquid or 666 Cold Tablets.

666



At no other season of the year are warm feelings and friendly words more fitting and sincere than at this time — We say to you -- Merry Christmas.

And Let Us Express to You Our Appreciation for Letting Us Do Your 1955 Ginning

OVID LAWLIS, Mgr.

LAWLIS & ELY GIN OF BOVINA



Inspired by the thoughts of pleasant associations during the past we are only too glad to send you a little Christmas sentiment that carries with it genuine thankfulness for all the blessings that have come our way.

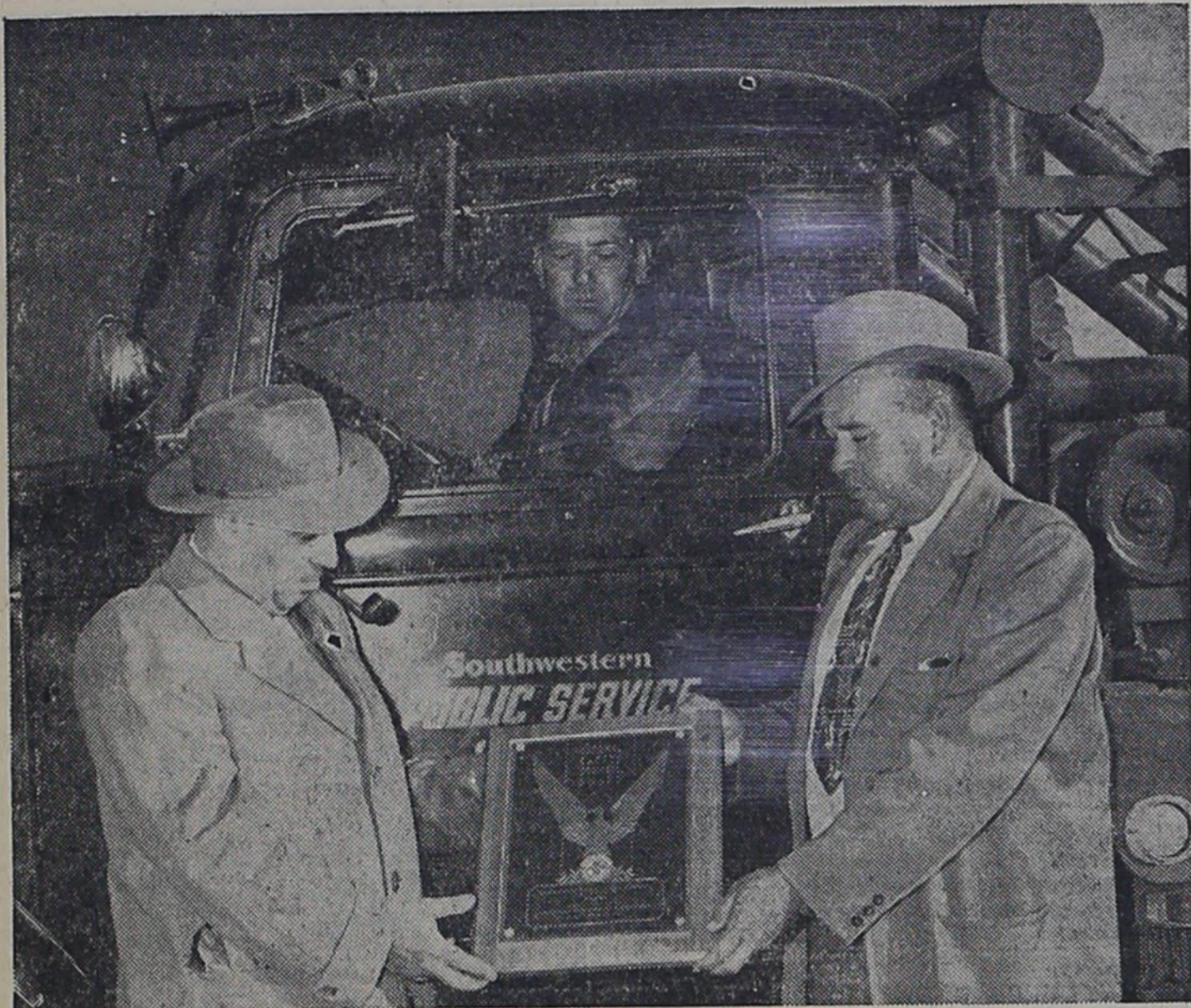
May we include our friendly wishes with the many others you have received for a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

We Say THANK YOU For Your BUSINESS During 1955

—A. C. Teter, Manager

Bovina Wheat Growers



Safe driver Frank Welch looks on as H. O. Hodson, Southwestern Public Service Company vice president, presents National Safety Council plaque to Glen Chase, superintendent of company's construction department. 47 employees drove heavy duty truck fleet of 32 vehicles 375,000 miles without single accident winning national first place in competition with 30 other utility truck fleets over the nation.

LEGAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: Frank Stewart; and the unknown heirs and legal representatives of Frank Stewart, deceased; the wife of Frank Stewart if he was ever married; and the unknown heirs and legal representatives of the wife of Frank Stewart, deceased; and all claimants under Frank Stewart are Defendants.

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being Monday the 16th day of January 1956, at or before ten o'clock A. M. before the Honorable District Court of Parmer County, Texas, at the Court House of said County in Farwell, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, on the 2nd day of December A. D. 1955, in this cause, numbered 1825 on the docket of said court, and styled, J. G. Weir Plaintiff, vs. Frank Stewart Defendant.

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: J. G. Weir are Plaintiffs and Frank Stewart; the unknown heirs

and legal representatives of Frank Stewart, deceased; the wife of Frank Stewart if he was ever married; the unknown heirs and legal representatives of the wife of Frank Stewart, deceased; and all claimants under Frank Stewart are Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Plaintiff claims the fee simple title to the following land against each and all of the defendants and asserts the title to and possession title and also under the Five and of all of Lot 24, Blk. 77 in the Town of Friona, Parmer County, Texas under allegations of trespass to try title and also under the Five and Ten Year Statute of Adverse Possession and Limitation and under the continuous, peaceful, adverse, open, possession of all of said lands from October 7, 1924, under claim and assertion by the plaintiff of the fee simple title thereto; and for judgement divesting the defendants and each of them of all right, title and interest in and to said land and fully and completely investing the fee simple title thereto in plaintiff, and for general relief as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Farwell, Texas, this the

2nd day of December A. D. 1955.

Attest: Hugh Moseley Clerk, District Court, Parmer County, Texas. By Dorothy Quickel Deputy. (SEAL) 9-4c.

EVERYBODY reads The Tribune.

Shellac is made from a resinous substance secreted by shell insects.

Washington, D. C., entertains over 1,500,000 visitors annually.

Before we ever go to Africa we are going to have our heads Sanforized.

Only two U. S. Presidents have died in the White House.

U. S. President Jefferson never exercised his veto power.

An official residence is not provided for the U. S. vice-president.

A "mitre" is a bishop's hat.

Political parties first figured prominently in the campaign between Jefferson and Adams in 1789.

Birth records in Florida are complete only since 1917.

Montana was the first state to have an old-age pension law.

Merry Christmas

May the Christmas season bring you much happiness and a full measure of prosperity.

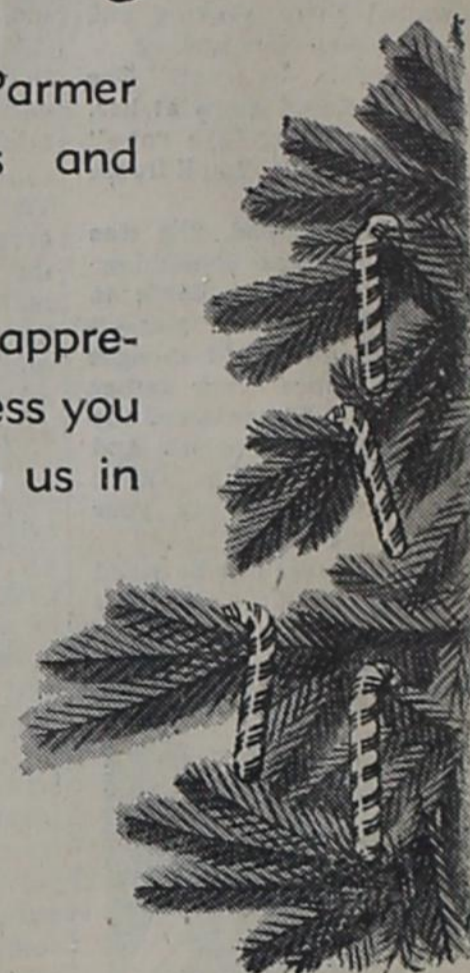


FRIONA POST OFFICE

Merry Christmas

To all our Parmer County friends and customers.

We sincerely appreciate the business you have done with us in 1955.



MAX MEADORS COMPANY

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A Message to You--

It is our sincere wish that the friendship and good will you have extended us in the past will return to you many fold to bring you happiness during this Holiday Season.

Season's Greetings



Thank You for Your Business, Your Consideration, And Your Friendship.

BOVINA GIN CO.

Bovina, Texas

And, MANY THANKS

For Your Patronage During the Year!

We Are Always Glad to Be of Service to the Farmer.

**Black Grain Company**

BLACK, TEXAS



# Season's GREETINGS

Christmas is more than just a day! It is the hopes and prayers of people everywhere who have tasted fear and pain and want, as well as security and comfort and plenty. Christmas is the memory of all memories within the hearts of all, the recollection of little things and great things that make up the lives of each of us.

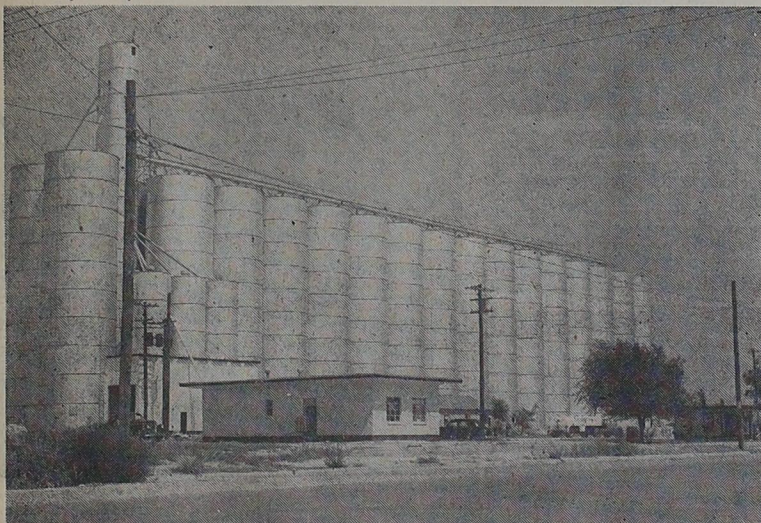
Christmas can be, and should be, the rebirth of great thoughts and firm resolves to make ideals and ambitions come true. It is a day to be honored by all good people everywhere, in every city, in every village, in every home.

Twinkling lights and gleaming Christmas trees will brighten the homes of Americans everywhere. The spirit of good will lives in the hearts of men. May each in his own way resolve to keep the spirit of Christmas alive throughout every day of the coming year.

Let us celebrate this great occasion thoughtfully, reverently and gratefully in keeping with the true significance of Christmas. From the quiet, comforting happiness of the Yuletide may we receive the stimulus to meet the New Year with new ambitions, new hopes and new friendships.

Please accept our Greetings of the Season. It has been a pleasure to serve you in the past and we look forward to a continuation of this privilege in the future. It is our wish that all good things will come your way this season and for many seasons to come.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS



**AND THANKS**

**For the Wonderful Business You Brought Us During the Past Year!**

**—HERB POTTS, Mgr.**

# WORLEY GRAIN

1,500,000 Bushels Bonded Storage

Farwell



Bill and Sidney Knight enjoy the preparations that go into the Christmas season. Here they decorate the Knight Christmas tree in their home in Farwell.

## Cape Cod Christmas Has "Old World" Flavor, Say Knights

This country's Christmas has taken an "American" form, as is the case of the people, the ideas, the language and everything that has been brought here from the countries of the world.

We have borrowed from the Christmas festivals of European nations what seems best adapted to our own requirements. Santa Claus, the German, is a naturalized American, and the German Christmas tree is rooted in our soil.

We find the English holly and English Christmas songs, yet strictly native is the American turkey which seems to go well with the British plum pudding and delicacies of other nations.

But the American Christmas plus the flavor from the "old world" can be found in abundance at Yule season on Cape Cod, according to Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Knight, who

recently moved to Farwell. There, as in other coastal areas, the Knights mingled with the Irish, Canadian, Scotch, French and others. A very dear friend and neighbor was a native Canadian.

But the lay of the land, not the people, is the biggest difference in the Panhandle of Texas and Cape Cod, the new residents say.

The Knights are a family of four. Their oldest daughter is Sidney, age 13, and son Bill is a young man of six. The family had lived on the Cape for 10 years where Leroy, the father, had a commercial fishing boat. Their decision to move to Farwell was made last year, when they were here to visit relatives, and found that Sidney, who is ill, was in better health in this climate.

Mrs. Knight is a sister of Mrs. Willie Williams and Melvin Snider

plum pudding.

Although there was not as much snow on the Cape as on the mainland, there was always a "white Christmas." The pine and spruce trees and the picturesque landscape made a beautiful setting in December. There were always prizes for the best decorated homes, and unusual displays were common.

As a rule, Santa arrives on Christmas Eve and the family gifts are exchanged at that time.

The winters are different on the Cape. There are many more trees, and small lakes. With the ice draping the shrubs and the water frozen over, it serves as a typical place for ice skating and winter sports. Most children entertain themselves with sleds in the winter.

In fact, little Bill had to leave his sled behind when the family moved, for the Knights knew there would probably be no place for him to use it on the Plains. When the snow falls on the Cape, the flakes are enormous, says Mrs. Knight, "like big feathers."

Asked the chief difference between the two locales, Mrs. Knight exclaims "We didn't have dust there." But she quickly explains that there are advantages to both places. People here are more friendly, she says. Many times, neighbors there do not know one another. "People in the south are just more hospitable," she adds.

The Cape is a type of health resort. Many residents go south in the winter, and the ones who remain, usually stay indoors a lot. They get together in the evenings

for card games and socials. Even many of the businesses close. Knight would fish some in the winter "but the fishermen would come in covered with ice," they say.

It is common for New Englanders to make the steamed fruit cakes for the holiday season. Mrs. Knight says that people in that part of the country do not eat light bread or breads at meals as people in this area do. Instead, they eat sweet breads, cranberry and banana and others.

Neither do they fry food as is done here. If they do fry anything, they only put enough shortening in the pan to keep the meat from sticking.

In a New England recipe book, Mrs. Knight has many recipes typical of the Cape. A Tribune reporter thumbed through the book and found one for cranberry cake. The directions are included below.

### CRANBERRY CAKE

Cream 1/2 cup butter.  
Add 1 cup sugar, gradually.  
Add 3 eggs, one at a time, beating hard after each one.  
Add 1 cup cranberries, stewed, with 3/4 cup water and strained.  
Sift 2 cups flour, 3 tsp. baking powder, 1/2 tsp. cloves, 1/2 tsp. cinnamon and 1/4 tsp. salt.  
Add to first mixture. Beat thoroughly and bake 50 minutes in 350 degree oven.

Mrs. Knight wrote her Canadian friend for her recipe for Cape Cod cranberry bread, which is a favorite of the Knights.

The recipe is included here:

### CAPE COD CRANBERRY BREAD



As you make ready for the Holy Christmas Day, we want to wish you the finest of everything. May choicest blessings be yours and graces in abundance fill the days that are to follow.

### RUNDELL'S '66' SERVICE STATION

FARWELL, TEXAS



To our many customers and friends —  
May this Christmas be bright and gay  
And filled with many, many blessings!

### Elliott-Bell Auto Supply

Clovis, N. M.

Farwell, Texas



## Time to Say MERRY CHRISTMAS

And Time to Say—

THANKS, EVERYONE  
FOR YOUR PATRONAGE

## GIFFORD-HILL WESTERN

FARWELL

BUCK CLARKE, Mgr.  
ED COMBS, Office Mgr.

JUANITA JOHNSON  
Office Secretary

JIM TERRELL, Eng.  
JOE CAMP, Eng.

### What Does Tea Time Mean To You?



Tea time means different things to different people, but everyone likes something special to serve with tea. Following the thought that there's nothing quite so special as biscuits baked in one's own kitchen, a dozen of the *Jelly Tea Ring Biscuits* pictured here will go far to take an "ordinary" tea hour into the realm of "extra-ordinary" enjoyment! Bake these melt-in-your-mouth biscuits with your favorite flour and 2-1/2 teaspoons of double-acting baking powder; for the center of each ring, use your most colorful homemade jelly.

#### Jelly Tea Ring Biscuits

2 cups sifted flour  
2-1/2 teaspoons Calumet baking powder  
1 teaspoon salt

2 teaspoons sugar  
1/3 cup shortening  
2/3 cup milk (about)

Measure sifted flour, add baking powder, salt, and sugar, and sift again. Cut in shortening. Add milk and stir until soft dough is formed. Turn out on lightly floured board and knead 30 seconds.

Pat or roll dough 1/3 inch thick. Cut with 1-3/4-inch biscuit cutter. Cut centers out of half of the circles with floured 1-inch biscuit cutter. Place one ring on top of each circle. Place in ungreased cupcake pans or on baking sheet; brush rings with melted butter. Drop about 1 teaspoon of jelly or jam in center of each ring. Bake in hot oven (450° F.) 10 minutes, or until done. Makes 12 biscuits.

Sift together:  
2 cups all purpose flour  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 cup sugar  
1 1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon soda

To the juice and grated rind of 1 orange add 2 tablespoons shortening and boiling water to make 3/4 cup liquid. Add with 1 beaten egg to dry ingredients when cool. Add 1 cup chopped nuts and 1 cup cranberries cut in half.  
Bake one hour in oven 325°.

The Knights have several souvenirs of their life in New England. Among them is an old German stein, antique trivet, and he has an old blunderbuss or coachman's rifle.

Everything is antique there, they say. There are numerous antique shops, and the country itself is picturesque with the old, old churches, cemeteries and Dutch mills.

While living there, the Knights visited many places of historical significance including Plymouth

Rock, Boston and other places. Typical Cape Cod homes are two-story and have stood for centuries. Most are of shingled exterior—there just aren't many brick homes or rambling styles.

All houses have basements to keep the homes warm, and all have storm windows and storm doors. The heating systems are situated in the basements.

Cape people drink lots of tea and it is not uncommon for many of the residents to drink wine with their meals. This seems to be common in places where there are many nationalities, says Mrs. Knight. Also, the people eat lots of lamb, roast duck, geese, and of course, fish.

Actually, the new residents say, it is an education to live in such a place. But they already like Farwell, and are looking forward to their life here.

Mocha flavoring comes from coffee or chocolate.

Following an old Egyptian custom Cleopatra married her brother.



By F. L. Rowley

SOME folks liked Mayor Fulcrum, and some didn't, but if election day had been January 2nd, he'd have won by a whopping big margin.

Mollie Nesbitt had lived in Hillcrest nearly eleven years before we found out about her sister Elsie. We heard the news from Mrs. Parker, who seemed a wee bit ashamed for not having discovered it earlier.

"Imagine!" exclaimed the talkative Mrs. Parker, as we wrapped the last of the New Year decorations in the Hillcrest Town Hall. "The poor soul hasn't seen Elsie in more than ten years."

"Why?" asked Mayor Fulcrum. "Mollie says her sister lives out west; guess she just can't afford to buy a round-trip ticket."

"She works at Phil's Diner.



"She works at Phil's Diner, doesn't she," mumbled the mayor.

"Doesn't she?" mumbled the mayor, stuffing Christmas candy into his mouth. "Phil pays her. I presume."

"She's always helping someone," said young Mrs. Rogers with a frown, as she reached for the mayor's candy bowl. "Whenever any one of us needs a baby sitter we think of Mollie Nesbitt. When the children want a sucker, or kite-string, or pick up a sliver—it's always Mollie Nesbitt."

"Why doesn't she call her sister on the phone?" asked the mayor. Then, turning his back on our little group, he strode off in search of new tid-bits.

#### Good Idea

"No! No!" cried Mrs. Parker as Mrs. Rogers raised the bowl menacingly above her head.

Mrs. Rogers grinned. "I wouldn't throw it—not really. Besides, I think his honor has a good idea. Why not have Mollie call her sister?—at our expense. I think we all owe her a holiday gift."

We all heartily agreed. The mayor or himself said that the plan was a dandy when we told him about it. He promised to write to Elsie to make sure she'd be home when the call came through; it wouldn't be a surprise, or a present, if Elsie weren't at the other end of the line on New Year's Eve.

When Mollie Nesbitt left Phil's Diner on New Year's Eve it was snowing. When she reached home it was snowing harder. By the time she opened the front door to admit our joyous delegation a regular blizzard was under way. We charged the telephone, carrying Mollie with us. She let out a squeal of delight when we told her that she'd soon be talking to Elsie. Her eyes grew bright with anticipation when Mrs. Parker placed the call.

Then Mrs. Parker clipped our chatter. Her face was grim as she faced us:

"Martha Weeks says the lines are down. Big snow storm out west. We'll not be able to talk to Elsie tonight."

We were stunned. Mollie sat still for awhile, trying not to look too disappointed. A bit later she trotted into the kitchen for a tray of cookies, but they stuck in our throats.

#### Company

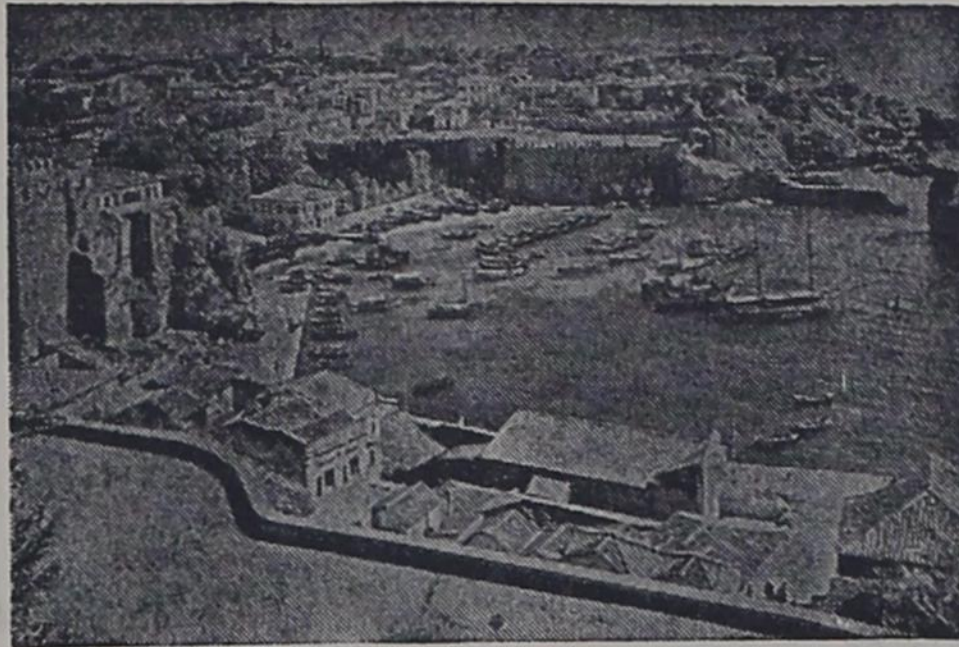
"Someone's coming up the walk," said Mrs. Parker. "Looks like Mayor Fulcrum but it's hard to tell with all this snow. It is the mayor—and there's a lady with him!"

Mollie opened the door—then let out a cry that brought us all to our feet. "Elsie! Oh what a wonderful present!" And she threw her arms around her sister's neck.

"Happy New Year, mayor!" I cried, grasping his hand warmly. "You sure brightened things up around here. Whatever made you decide to bring Elsie to Hillcrest?"

"Well, I ran into Mollie last week at the post-office, where she was mailing a package to Elsie. She was sending hearing-aid batteries. Thinking that Elsie might be too hard of hearing to carry on a phone conversation, I enclosed a round trip train ticket in my letter."

"She's not wearing a hearing aid now," I said. "Never did. The batteries were for Mollie's uncle."



SANTA CLAUS LAND . . . You'd never convince the younger set, but this photo shows the real Santa Claus land—Antalya in Southern Turkey, capital of the province where St. Nicholas was born, lived and became a legend 1600 years ago. Snow and reindeer are never seen in this lush land on the shores of the Eastern Mediterranean where swimming on Christmas Day is common.

### Medieval Dinner Once Was Popular Custom For Coeds

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

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

The affair, sponsored by the Women's Student Government Association, began with a formal procession through the dining hall. Lord and Lady McAllister—the

dinner was held in McAllister Hall—led the throng, which included noble lords and ladies, heralds, a poet, a cardinal, pages, and two jesters bearing the boar's head.

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

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

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

Three U. S. Presidents, Wilson, Arthur and Cleveland, were preacher's sons.

The famous cherry trees in Washington, D. C., bloom in April and May.

The Smithsonian Institute in Washington was established in 1826.

The Library of Congress subscribes to about 850 American newspapers.

Some people don't have much to say but you have to listen so long to find it out.

Fred Beck tells us he's sure he's gettin' old—all the girls look good to him.

Tillie Feweloes says she went on a 14 day diet and all she lost was 2 weeks.

Only two U. S. Presidents, Taylor and Roosevelt, died while Congress was in session.

## BEST WISHES

If we just wish you, simply and sincerely, the old,

yet always new wish,

you'll understand that we're

wishing you

With all our heart, a very

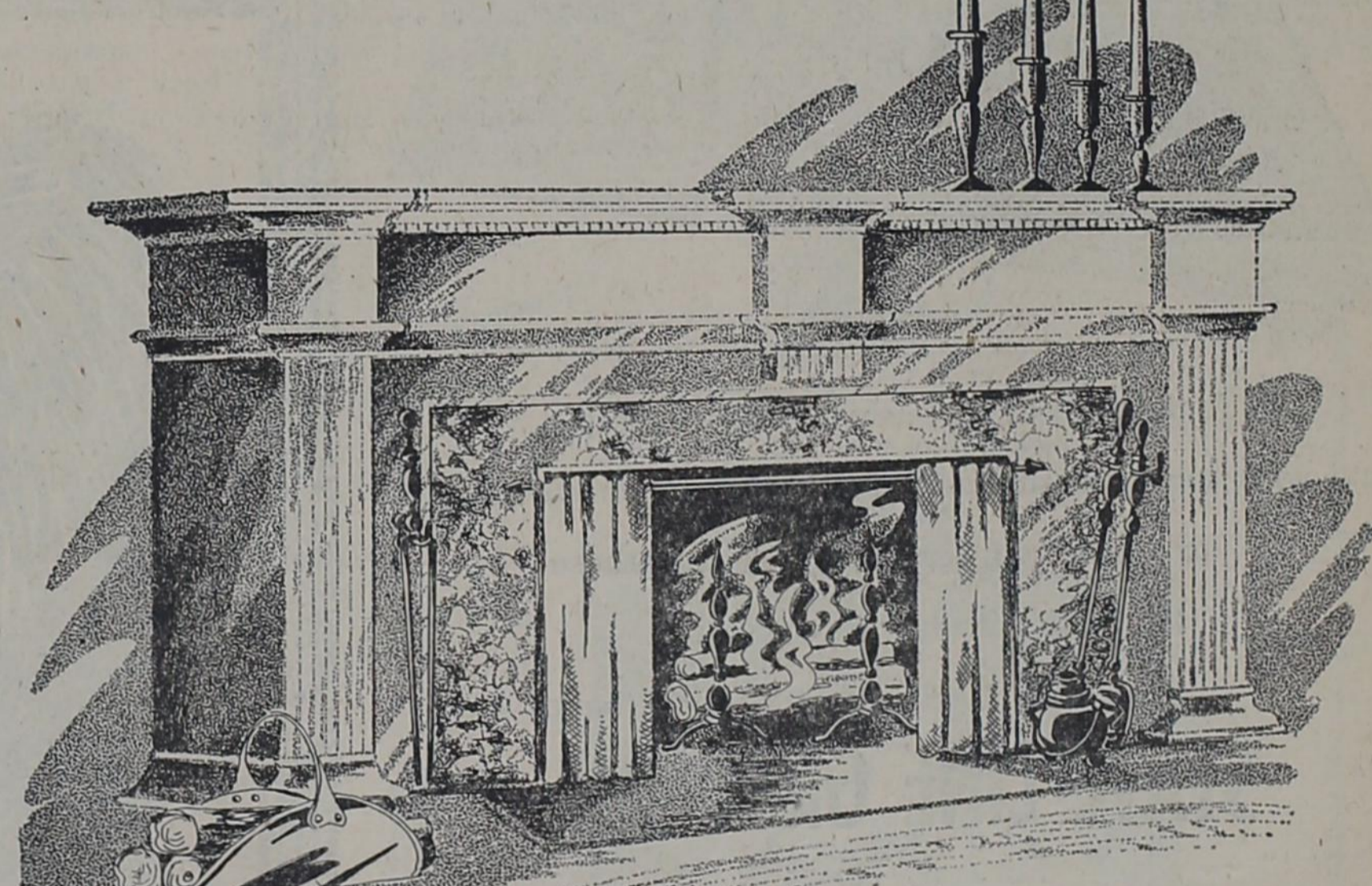
Merry Christmas



### MEEKS SERVICE STATION

FARWELL, TEXAS

# TRADITIONAL with CHRISTMAS



For hundreds of years, and from many lands, the traditions of Christmas have been handed from generation to generation. The tradition of mistletoe comes from England . . . the Yule log from Scandinavia . . . the Christmas tree from Germany . . . Saint Nicholas from Holland. Add to these the good old tradition of sending Christmas greetings. We send ours with a genuine appreciation of your friendship and good will.

FROM THE ELECTED

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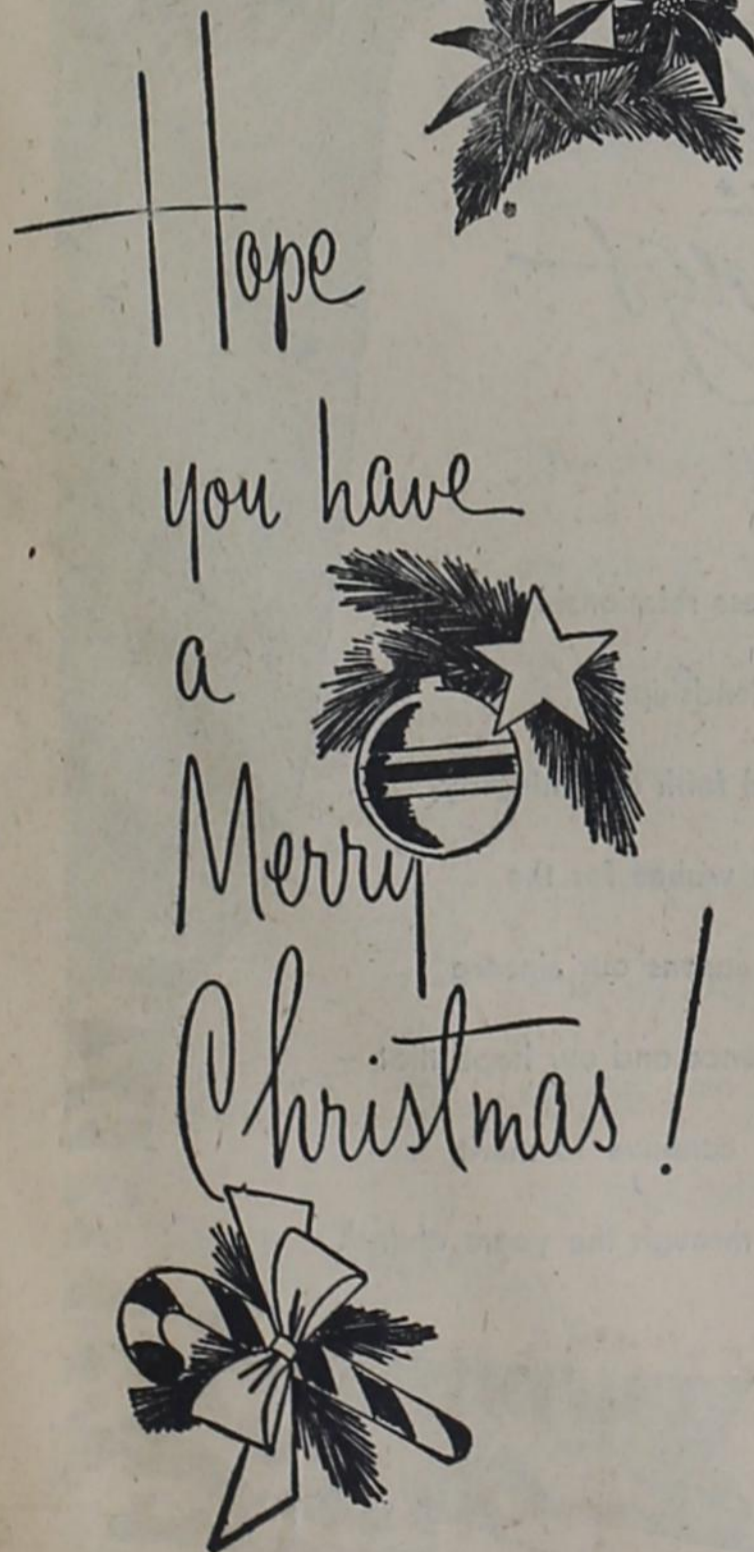
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### MAGNESS REAL ESTATE COMPANY

FARWELL, TEXAS



**SAINT NICHOLAS . . .** The remaining bones of famed St. Nicholas are preserved in the museum of Antalya in Southern Turkey. Most of the Christmas saint's remains were stolen by pirates almost a century ago. An old portrait of the saint is at the base.

**New Year Day Double Holiday in Haiti**

For Latin America's Republic of Haiti, January 1 marks not only the beginning of a new year, but also the anniversary of its independence. It was on January 1, 1804, that Jean Jacques Dessalines formally declared the island's freedom from France and the adoption of the Indian name of "Haiti" for the new nation. In defying the great Napoleon and winning its freedom from France, Haiti became the second nation of the Western hemisphere to win independence as well as the first and only French-speaking republic of the New World.

**Thousands Send Cards To First Family**

Last year some 15,000 Americans sent Christmas cards to President and Mrs. Eisenhower. This number was almost twice the total received by the Eisenhowers the year before. About 75 per cent of the senders wrote personal messages on their cards last year and most of them said they were praying for the First Family.



**CHRISTMAS TREE . . .** The holiday tree is as important to a good Christmas for the children as is the visit by Santa Claus. Bringing in the tree, like the ancient custom of bringing in the Yule Log, has become an American tradition cherished by the younger generation.

**Novel Christmas Decorations Add Value To Presents**

With so many gifts to wrap this time of the year, paper, cards, ribbons, seals and other package decorations can add up to quite a sum. By using a little imagination, these costs can be kept at a minimum. Ends of wallpaper rolls, whether left over from your own walls or bought as odd stock at your local paint store, are especially pretty for large packages. Even newspapers can be used to wrap large packages and the want-ad section is more attractive than the other pages. Small pieces of aluminum foil or shelf paper from the end of the roll are excellent for wrapping smaller packages. Or if you have a young child who fingerpaints, why not wrap gifts in some of his paintings. White tissue paper can be made quite appealing by spattering it with red or green ink or water with food coloring added. For seals, cut out colored pictures from magazines, old Christmas cards or even small bits of wrapping paper and paste them on the package. Or you can paste them on a small piece of folded construction paper to make an enclosure card. Acorns, pine cones or oak leaves, painted or shellacked and tied on top of the package will catch the eye of both young and old.

**FIRST CABLE**

The first cable across the Pacific between San Francisco and Honolulu, 2,600 miles was completed on January 1, 1903 and the first message sent that same day. The

cable was played out by the "Silvertown" a cable ship which departed from San Francisco, Dec. 14, 1902 and arrived at Honolulu on January 1, 1903, the same day the first message was sent.



The foundation of all business is friendship. And with each Christmas it gives us great pleasure to extend our very best wishes to those whose friendship we treasure. May your Christmas truly be a happy one.

**STATE LINE GROCERY**  
Farwell, Texas

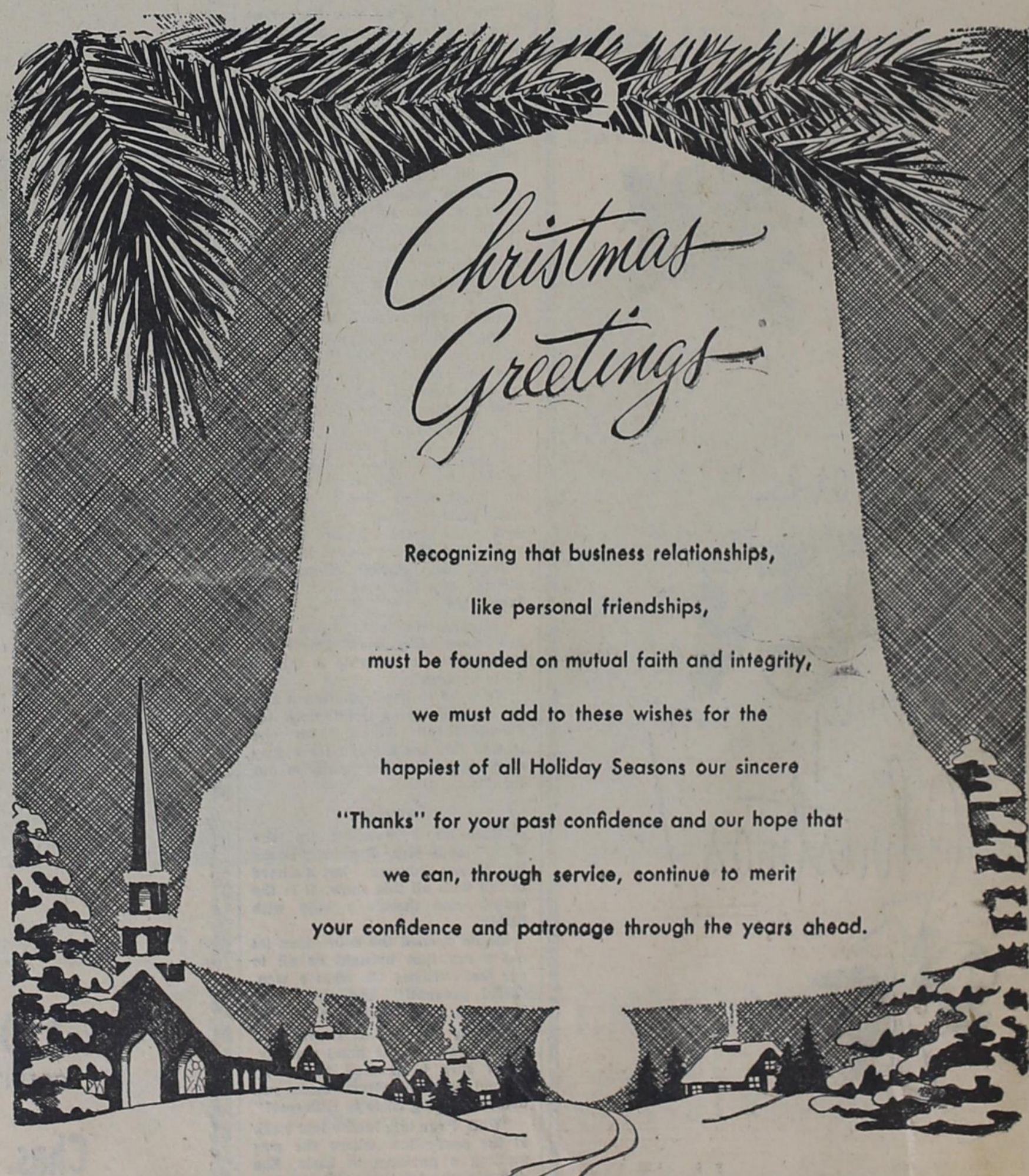


*Greetings* One and All

May the guiding Star light your pathway through life, and lead you to the fulfillment of your hopes and dreams



**JOHN GETZ**  
Farwell, Texas



Recognizing that business relationships, like personal friendships, must be founded on mutual faith and integrity, we must add to these wishes for the happiest of all Holiday Seasons our sincere "Thanks" for your past confidence and our hope that we can, through service, continue to merit your confidence and patronage through the years ahead.

**LONE STAR ELEVATOR**  
BOB BROOKS, Mgr. Texico-Farwell

**G**RATEFULLY acknowledging your thoughtfulness and patronage during the past twelve months, we extend Best Wishes of the Season to each of you. May it be our privilege to continue to be of service to you in the months to come. It is our purpose to serve you to the best of our ability.

Our heartiest good wishes are with you.



for a  
*Merry Christmas*

**KEMP LUMBER COMPANY**

JOE CRUME, Mgr. FARWELL, TEXAS





Mrs. G. T. Watkins here shows some of the unusual hand-painted things she has created in following her hobby of textile painting. Such creations come in handy for Christmas giving, she finds.

# Mrs. Watkins Makes Own Christmas Gifts

The person who does the most to cheer the hearts of those about them will have the merriest Christmas and the happiest New Year.

Mrs. G. T. Watkins has found this to be true, and her Christmas "fun" began back in November when she was working diligently on gifts to be presented friends and relatives during the Yule season.

Mrs. Watkins has a unique hobby—textile painting, and for the past few years, has packed Santa's bag with her lovely handmade articles.

Instruction at a club meeting started Mrs. Watkins on this new hobby, which has proven to be so much fun, as well as practical.

Mrs. Clyde Magness had learned the art of textile painting, and demonstrated the work at a meeting of the Variety Club. Mrs. Watkins was so enthusiastic that she began working immediately—and has no idea how many articles she has painted in the past three years.

This is because she has given most of her handwork to her friends,

and has few articles for herself.

When she was interviewed for this feature, Mrs. Watkins had just completed clever cup-towels, with little vegetable men settled on the cloth. The carrot bodies and bean arms were emphasized by the gaily colored radish head. She also had painted grape plaques, and dainty powder boxes and other such articles, using water paints.

Asked if she had done other types of handwork before her interest in textile painting, Mrs. Watkins remarked that she had spent much of her spare time crocheting. But she likes her new interest best, because it is faster and "different."

For her very first project, she painted a tablecloth with a floral design etching a circle in the center of the square material. Each flower seems to be exactly the same shade. Mrs. Watkins has learned to mix matching colors, if she runs out of a shade of paint that she is using.

Since that first painting, the local

woman has painted everything from towels to pillow cases, and each one she enjoys as much as the first ones.

She had presented her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Gilbert (Sylvia) Watkins, with hand-painted towels not long ago. So Sylvia was so pleased with the gift that she entered the towels in the Parmer County Fair competition. The towels won first place.

Patterns have cut-out designs which are used for the textile painting. Some patterns will have three or more cut-outs for painting, with a different cutting for each color to be used in the picture. A stiff brush is used to apply the paints, then the design is allowed to set for 24 hours.

A cloth dipped in white vinegar is placed over the picture and ironed dry to "set" the design. Then the article is ready to be laundered. The pictures do not fade at all if they are given the correct treatment.

"I do enjoy my textile painting" comments Mrs. Watkins, "these articles are nice gifts, they aren't too expensive and they have that personal touch."

In fact, she has painted three or four tablecloths since the beginning of school, and used them as

gifts. One year, she made a lunch-cloth for each member of the Variety Club on the individual's birthday. There were 18 members that year.

In the summer, Mrs. Watkins also spends a great deal of time working in her yard. She has a reputation for growing beautiful flowers, as well as painting designs.

## Observance Grew With Christianity

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

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

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

## TRUE CHRISTMAS CAROL

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



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

## Christmas Tree Industry Aids Forestry Programs

That beautiful Christmas tree you've purchased for your living room this Christmas needn't cause any qualms of conscience if you're the type who worries about the effect of the Christmas tree business on our forests.

The fact that yours is one of 31 million trees used for holiday decorations this year makes it seem that our forests are in great peril, but such is not the case. In fact, at least half of these trees are coming from sources that did not harm or actually improved the forest land they occupied when cut.

Foresters who grow saw-log trees generally divide cut-over land into four classes and Christmas-tree land is the lowest classification. It won't grow good forests, but is ideal for Christmas trees since it barely supports tree life. The tree, in its struggle to exist, throws out quick and frequent branches.

On such land are the Christmas-tree farms, such as one operated at Tacoma, Washington, by Paul Kirk, the "Christmas-tree king." Kirk distributes 4 to 5 million trees a year and keeps several times that number growing.

The last two or three weeks before Christmas are about the busiest of the year for Paul Kirk, for his carefully grown trees must arrive at their destinations on time. It isn't unusual for him to tour dozens of cities checking on shipments before he gets home at the last moment to gather with his family around the Kirks' huge white-sprayed tree.

## Harvesting Trees Big Christmas Business

While the sale of Christmas trees to the consumer is conducted entirely in the few weeks just prior to Christmas, the harvesting, processing and shipping of the trees may begin as much as three months before Christmas.

Approximately 25 per cent of the retail price of a Christmas tree is the stumpage price; trees retailing for about 25 cents per lineal foot will be worth about 6 cents on the stump and could wholesale for from 10 cents to 15 cents per lineal foot. Total number of trees distributed in the United States is about 30 million.

There are at least 10 important Christmas tree associations and groups representing the industry in the United States and approximately 5,000 individuals and firms are registered as retailers and wholesalers of Christmas trees in the United States.



BRIGHT DISPLAY... Long noted for its pleasing Christmas decorations, Chicago's Merchandise Mart, which boasts more floor space than any other structure in the world, presented this gala Christmas greeting to the people of Chicago.

Early Saxons named the curious berryed tree parasite used as a Yule-time decoration "Mistletoe", meaning a shoot of a tree. Early Nordics dedicated mistletoe to their goddess of love and started kissing under it as a gesture of friendship and love.

## PARADE OF FIREMEN

Firemen have always been popular heroes in Japan because the construction of Japanese homes makes them fire hazards. So an annual feature of New Year's Day is the annual dezomeshiki—parade of the fire brigades.

## Egyptians Pioneers In Study of Time

The Egyptians were probably the first to develop any "exact" method of calculating time—about 4,000 B.C. they devised a "calendar."

The Christian era begins on January 1, in the middle of the fourth year of the 194th Olympiad, the 753rd year of the building of Rome and in the 4714th year of the Julian period.

The Jewish calendar reads 5717 in relation to, 1956 A.D., since according to Jewish dogma and tradition the Creation antedated the birth of Christ approximately 3,761 years. The Jewish calendar was adopted during the 15th century.

Use of the notation A.D. (year of our Lord) was inaugurated in 879 by Charles III of Germany.

## WHEN SANTA LEAVES

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



May happy Christmas bells ring out for you the best of the season's cheer and may the melody stay with you for many, many joyous days.

# BAGLEY OIL COMPANY

FARWELL, TEXAS

# Season's Greetings

The Holidays bring a welcome respite at the year-end... a time to review past months... to recall how much success depends on the friendliness of those we serve. May we express our sincere appreciation for your contribution to our pleasant association.



## SHEETS & SON

WELDING & BLACKSMITHING  
Texico, N. M.

"And she brought forth her first-born Son... and laid Him in a manger."  
LUKE 2:7



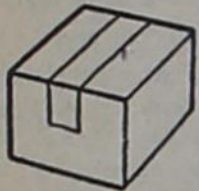
What a blessed event for mankind... and as we observe this great occasion let us remind ourselves once again of the meaningful significance of the Christmas occasion.

# FARWELL HARDWARE

CLAY, IRENE, JERRY, AND RONNY HENSON  
BUD HENSON  
Farwell, Texas

TAPING OR TYING HOLIDAY SHIPMENTS

TAPING



1. Seal flaps across center. Use at least 2" wide gummed tape with 1/2" overlap on sides.



2. Tape each end, 1/2 of tape on sides, 1/2 extended up, and then flapped down on sides.



3. Press end flap of tape over top last.

NOTE: Use damp sponge to moisten tape - do not soak!

TYING



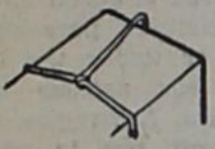
4. Knot end of strong twine.



5. Loop cord around girth of package, make slip knot and pull tight.



6. Make simple knot to keep twine taut around container.



7. Run twine around length of package, pulling taut.



8. Make knot on bottom as twine crosses first loop.



9. Bring twine back to original point on top, tie securely with double knot. For safety, repeat process, making double twine around, and secure taut with final double knot.

If you have a special problem see your Railway Expressman ... he will be glad to advise

High Plains Irrigation Farmers Own 1800 Miles Pipe Line

COLLEGE STATION—Irrigation farmers in the High Plains of Texas are doing something about conserving water and making its use more efficient. The result is better crops.

According to a report just released by Extension Irrigation Engineer R. V. Thurmond, farmers in the Plains area have installed, since 1948, a total of 9,618,062 feet of concrete pipe on their farms and ranches.

Putting it another way, Thurmond says this pipe, if placed in one continuous line, would make one whale of a project. It would extend for 1,822 miles and would range in size from 12 to 18 inches in diameter. Quite an engineering feat, is his way of describing the work done.

Thurmond says it's a demonstration which shows that farmers are doing something on their own to conserve and get the most efficient use from the water pumped for irrigation on their farms. The installation of an underground concrete pipe irrigation system means the elimination of water losses from ditch seepage and evaporation.

Evaporation losses alone in the area range from 70 to 80 inches annually. It does away with the weed problem on ditches; makes for easier and more complete cultivation of all areas; permits tying together two or more wells which cuts labor costs and of major importance, it permits better water distribution over the entire farm.

The engineer says four commercial companies are doing the work and are to be complimented on the thorough job which they have done. They overlook no details in planning and installing the system for the farmer.

The first system was installed in 1948 and by January 1954, 4,391,218 feet of underground concrete pipe were in use. Since 1954, approximately 1,000 additional miles of installation have been made. It is expensive, says Thurmond, but its lasting qualities are very good and the savings in water, labor and better water distribution make it a paying proposition.

The statue of Venus de Milo can be seen at the Louvre in Paris.

Calamity Jane's real name was Jane Burke.



TALKING TO SANTA ... It's an old, old story that's new every year for thousands of children, this visiting Santa in the big department store to talk about what's to be in the Christmas stocking. Most always, there's a proud parent standing nearby to do a little prompting if necessary.

Most Christmas shopping lists include gifts to be gathered and sent to distant friends and relatives. Here are some hints on getting them to their destinations safely, on time, and in perfect condition. The first thing to do, of course, is to ship early. Equally important, however, is the need to pack and tape or tie gift shipments carefully and address them correctly.

Shipping them early enough to avoid the last minute rush presents no problem if gummed "Do Not Open Until Christmas" outside address labels are used. They may be obtained free at railway express offices. Unbreakable gifts, such as linens and textiles, weighing less than 25 pounds and otherwise properly protected, may be outer-wrapped in paper—but use at least two thicknesses of heavy wrapping tied with a double strand of strong twine. For most gifts, however, corrugated or fibreboard cartons in sound condition are always preferable. Grocery or other neighborhood stores usually are a good source.

Note when shopping in your local stores that you can send virtually anything as a gift, since express shipments can be any weight, size or shape. Properly crated, even pets and live animals are sent in great volume each year as holiday gifts.

It is worth remembering also that sometimes multiple gifts, or gifts that come in several parts sent to the same address may be protected best if packaged separately.

Fluffed strips of newspaper, used as suggested, make an excellent cushioning material to protect gifts from shock in transit.

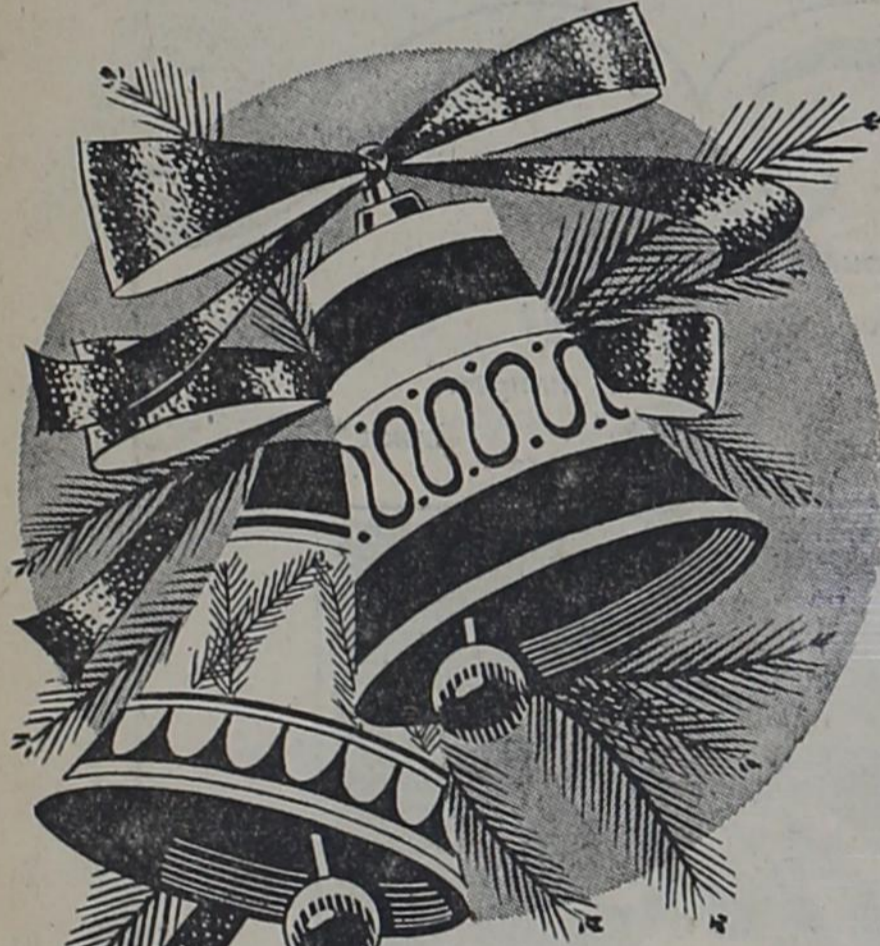
If the same care used in selecting gifts is exercised in preparing them for shipment, it can mean a "Merry Christmas" in every instance.

The "hand" used in measuring height of horses, is four inches long.

There are approximately 50 rooms in the White House in Washington.

Ten U. S. Presidents were, at one time, slave owners.

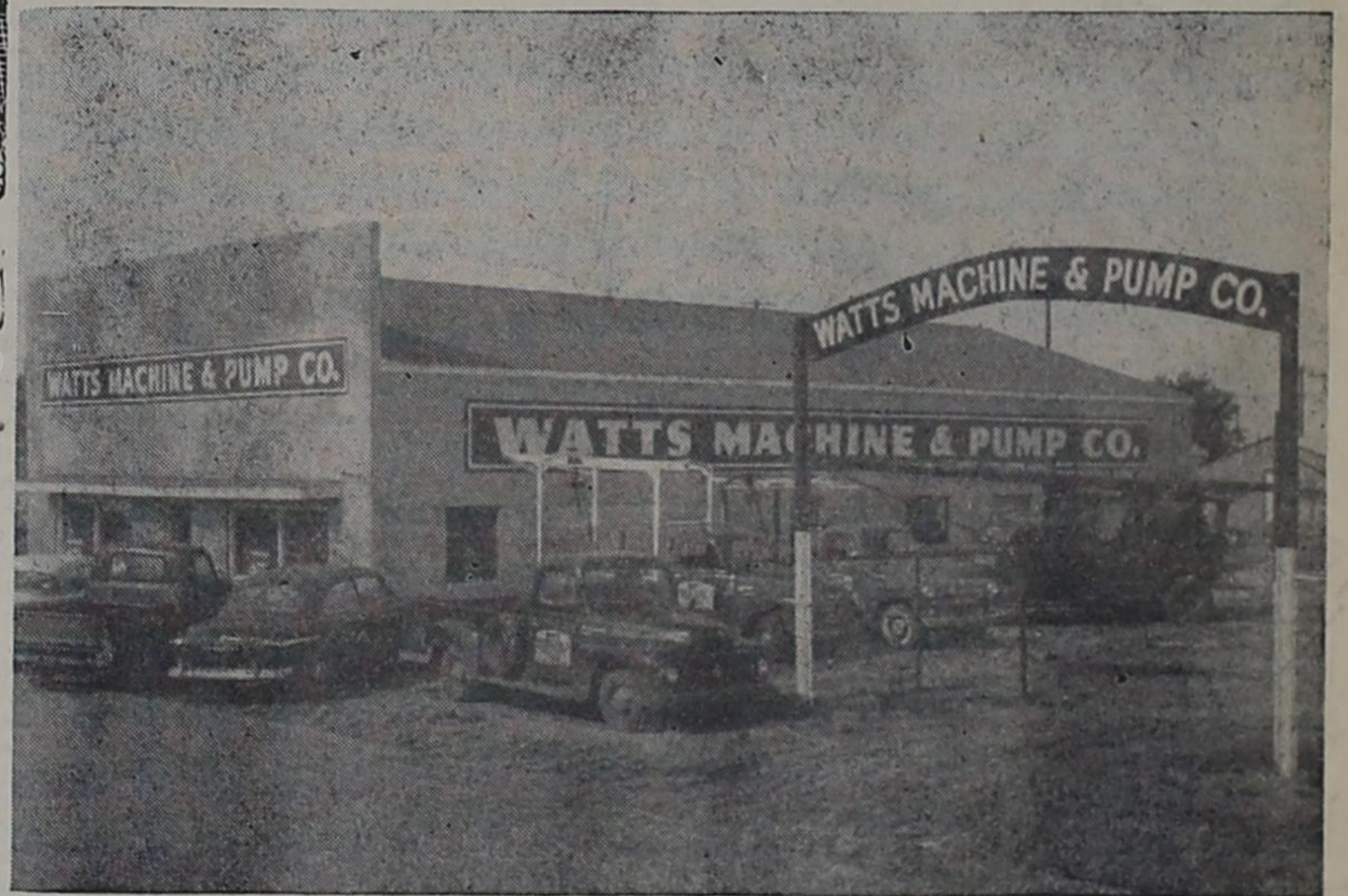
Ten U. S. Presidents have served two terms.



Holiday Greetings

To all of you whom we have been privileged to serve—we extend our thanks for your patronage and our best wishes that your Christmas be filled with much happiness and joy!

SIKES MOTOR CO. FARWELL, TEXAS



WATTS

... And the entire crew at Watts Machine and Pump wishes to thank you for your patronage during the year, and to extend to you a

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Watts Mach. & Pump Co.

LAYNE-BOWLER PUMPS

FARWELL, TEXAS



It was Christmas in the village of Trenton. Snow-covered rooftops gleamed white in the pale moonlight and the night echoed with the boisterous song of Hessian Mercenaries celebrating the season of peace on earth—celebrating with greater spirit than wisdom.

Across the Delaware things were not so merry. Especially did this holiday season of 1776 find little merriment among the soldiers of the Continental Army, under command of George Washington, spending the icy Christmas on the frozen hills of Pennsylvania overlooking the Delaware

In almost constant retreat since his loss to Lord Howe in the battle of Long Island, Washington was in a desperate situation. Supplies were almost gone. The new year would end the enlistment period for many of his tattered soldiers. England had already promised to pardon all who had taken up arms against the Crown if they would return peacefully to their homes. Washington knew he must taste victory now or never.

By lantern light, he loaded 2400 men, 18 cannon, ammunition, and horses into flat-bottom boats. With lanterns extinguished, the boats began to make slow progress across the river that was clogged with floating ice blocks.

When the church clock at Trenton struck 7 a.m. a young American officer named Alexander Hamilton looked down upon the town from a high hill where he had managed to set up his artillery. Washington gave the signal and the rumble of the cannon echoed through the silent streets of Trenton.

Caught completely by surprise, the Hessian soldiers flung away their guns and swords and fled for their lives. As the Hessian commander lay dying from a bullet wound, he directed an aide to read a message he had received the night before but had not opened. It warned him of Washington's impending attack.

The village of Trenton and 1,000 prisoners were Washington's prizes. He probably could not foresee at the time that he had given his nation a great Christmas present. His daring attack and surprising victory laid the foundation of independence upon which the nation still grows and prospers.

### Three Famous Americans Born New Year's Day

January 1, perennially celebrated as the start of a new year, is also the birthdate of three famous Americans.

On January 1, 1735, a boy was born in Boston, Mass. He grew up to be a silversmith and engraver, designed and printed the first Continental money and the first official seal of the colonies. An amateur inventor, he discovered a process

for rolling sheet copper. But he is most famous for a horse ride he made on the night of April 18, 1775. His name: Paul Revere.

Seventeen years later, in 1752, a girl was born in Philadelphia on the first day of the year. She was Betsy Ross—maker of the first American flag. On the same day was born the great poet—Phillip Freneau.

Other events that took place on January 1: George Washington at Cambridge raised for the first time the flag of the United Colonies, 1776; Florida adopted the constitution, 1887; Union of Ireland and Great Britain, 1801; de Sousa discovered Rio de Janeiro, 1531; The United Nations Declaration signed, 1942; the first Tournament of Roses, 1889.

### That Letter

By Edita Wright

ONE evening in London's pea-soup fog, a taxi crawled along the curb in Jermyn Street and glided to a halt in front of the 'L'Apertif' restaurant. "That will be three and sixpence," the driver said. The Honorable Neville Compton-McFarlane gave him four shillings and went inside. "Good evening, sir," the head waiter Louie greeted him cordially without familiarity. "It is good to see you again."

"It is good to BE back, Louie," the tall slender man replied and passing a well kept hand over his graying hair, he added: "this is a bad night, I am worried." "Her Ladyship will be here," Louie reassured. "she has never failed you." He escorted his illustrious guest to the usual table in a far-off corner where the lights were dim and the noise of the



When he looked up again, her dark eyes were questioning his. elite of London's New Year celebrants seemed only an echo.

"Two Martinis' very, very dry?" Louie inquired. A brief nod was the answer. McFarlane kept the entrance in check with his deep-set gray eyes. Nervously he smoothed the tablecloth, lit a cigarette and carefully inserted it into a gold holder. When he looked up again, her dark eyes were questioning his.

"My darling," he got up to seat her opposite himself. "I did not see you."

"You were not supposed to," she answered honestly, slowly taking off her gloves. "Did you bring that letter, Vil?"

"Of course, my dear." He examined every cherished feature of her beautiful face; the dark brown hair smoothly drawn away from her temples, the delicate coloring, the mouth always a little open, the long dark lashes now shading her eyes. "You are more lovely than ever," he said simply. Gently they clinked their glasses.

"Read it to me now, please." Axelle asked, her voice barely a whisper.

#### Hesitation

A moment's hesitation before his hand tightened over the parched paper.

"Date and everything?" he looked at her.

"As always," she replied breathlessly.

It was a familiar routine, opening the letter, but there was always something wonderful and new about it. His hands trembled slightly.

"January 1, 1947," he began steadily and read the letter to the end! "My undying love, dearest, have Faith with me, Vil." He looked up and wanted to kiss away the tears in her eyes. The letter simply told of the love and devotion of a man for a woman he had searched for in forty drifting years of a lifetime and that would not be defeated in the face of every known obstacle that human society can devise. The pain and suffering had long since gone, but there remained, in both of them, a humble gratitude toward each other.

#### Memories

"Dear Heart," he lit a cigarette for her, "do you remember that night at Lugano, when we took a cabby along the lake and you kissed the horse right on the nose and you laughed until it hurt? And later—on the balcony? I have seen you happy, but never happier."

"And Cochenil's little bar in Paris?" she asked him. "Let's walk, darling," she added softly, "we will walk along the embankment in the fog and look at the lights on the Thames." They left, nodding smilingly to Louie, who, tactfully opened the door without saying a word.

"And WHO do you suppose, they are," some waiter jeered. Louie looked at him with contempt. Then he sighed and slowly answered: "They have been coming here for about ten years now, always this same time. They order a drink, read that letter and leave."

"So what," the other was not satisfied. "tell us, who they are." "He is at the British Embassy, charge d'affaires, in Paris. The lady is his wife."



### Lincoln Proclamation Issued on New Year's

On New Year's day, 1863, President Lincoln issued a proclamation freeing the slaves in states and parts of states where the people were then in rebellion.

The areas designated were Arkansas, Texas, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and large parts of Louisiana and Virginia. Tennessee was excepted from the proclamation, although the Union armies were far from complete success in their task of bringing it under government control.

The Emancipation Proclamation did not abolish slavery. That was accomplished by the thirteenth amendment, which went into effect Dec. 18, 1865.

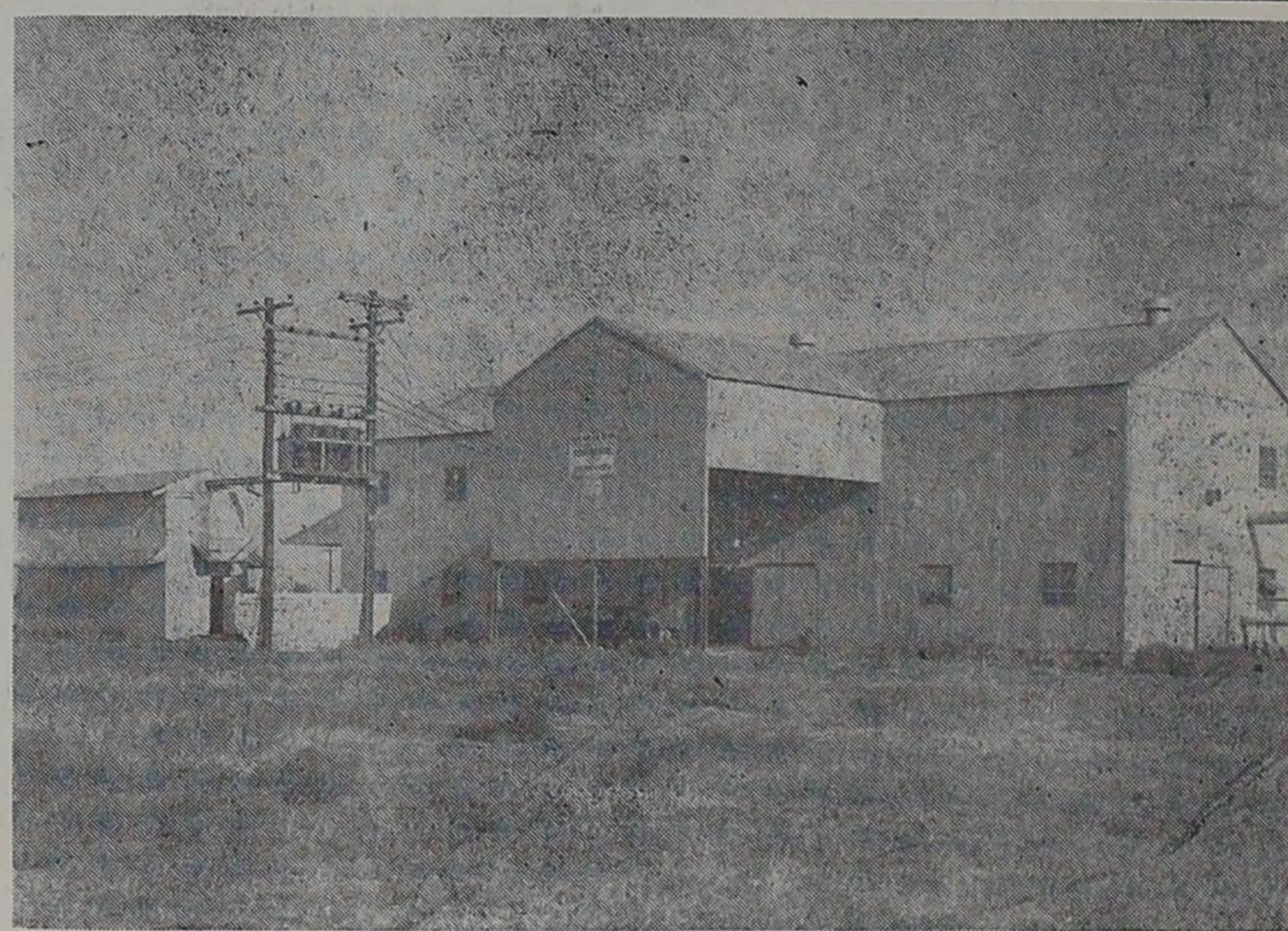


### THANK YOU FOR PAST FAVORS

The warm wishes we send today are but a mild expression of our feeling toward you at this Holiday Season.

### THE PAINT STORE

Bill and Eloise Liles



This is the spirit of Christmas that began on that silent and holy night in Bethlehem. May this same spirit bless your family, bringing you all the heart-warming joy of a very Merry Christmas!

We Would Like to Thank You For Your Ginning Business in '55!

## Nickels' Gins

- Farwell
- Pleasant Valley



# Greetings

Again we extend our greetings and best wishes for the gayest Holiday ever. We're grateful for your patronage during the past year and hope that it will be our pleasure to serve you for long years to come.

### MINNEAPOLIS-MOLINE

FARWELL, TEXAS

JIM MOSS RALPH HUMBLE ODOM SMITH



fruitcakes for Christmas gifts, but I don't know whether I can do it this year," Aunt Betty said. "The



By the end of the week Betty had baked the cakes and packed them in tin boxes.

children seem to take up all my time."  
"Your fruitcakes are delicious."  
"They're a lot of work, though. Cutting up the fruit and chopping nuts takes nearly a day."  
"I'll help you," Kathie volun-

teered. "I can come around after school and prepare the nuts and fruit and you can use them whenever you want."

For two afternoons Kathie chopped nuts and cut citrus fruit. By the end of the week Betty had baked the cakes and packed them in tin boxes.

**Busy Week**

The rest of the week was a busy one for Kathie. Mrs. Mason asked her to take care of the children Saturday so that she could go into town to shop. Miss White, a shut-in who lived down the street, asked Kathie if she would select some Christmas cards for her and help her address them.

Two days before Christmas Mrs. Cummings asked Kathie to tend her children for the afternoon while she went shopping. After Kathie got them interested in games, she saw a list on the bulletin board headed "Things to do." The list outlined the tasks Mrs. Cummings had to do during Christmas week: clean house, bake cookies, wrap packages, write cards and so many other things.

Kathie got out the cookbook and found some recipes for Christmas cookies. When she finished mixing she wrapped each mound of dough in waxed paper and put it in the freezer.

As Kathie wrapped her mother's and father's gift, she felt depressed, for she knew all the people she loved so dearly were going to give to her. She had nothing to give in return.

**Appreciation**

Christmas morning Kathie noticed there were several cards among her gifts. She opened the first one which was written in the spidery hand that she identified as Miss White's penmanship.

"Dear Kathie:

"Thank you so much for your valuable gift. Time in our lives is so important and you gave me such a generous piece of your life that I wish to thank you for it."

There were other letters, too. "Dear Kathie: I would never have baked my fruitcakes if it wasn't for your help"—"I know the children will be pleased with the lovely way you wrapped their gifts. Thank you for your time. The cookies were wonderful." With Mrs. Mason's gift there was a note thanking Kathie for her gift of time. Kathie had to blink away the tears when she finished reading the notes.

"You see, Kathie, you gave something that is most valuable—your time," her father explained.



By F. L. Rowley

BOBBIE SMITH may not be the handsomest guy in the world but he sure is the luckiest. That's what the gang said when they found out he was going to marry Penny Shelley. Not only was Penny easy on the eyes, but she was about as nice a kid as you'll find anywhere. The only one in town who wasn't exactly wild about the idea was Benny Blake. Benny had been sweet on Penny for a long time



Bobby got his ginger ale and for a time all went fine.

The night Benny came storming into Charlie's Place we all knew what had happened; Penny had

told him she loved only Bobbie Smith and that was that.

"Here it is New Year's Eve," complained Benny. "and I ain't even got a date. A handsome guy like me with plenty of money and a new car. What's the matter with girls in this town?"

"Well, you're not exactly a church-goer," observed Charlie, "and if you're talking about Penny Shelley, as I believe you are, you know as well as I do that she steers clear of guys who drink." "Hates 'em like poison," I agreed.

Benny scowled at me. "Anyway, it's still early," said Charlie. "Why don't you call a few numbers to see if they're booked for tonight? No girl wants to sit home alone on New Year's Eve."

Benny ducked into the phone booth. About this time Bobbie Smith sauntered in.

Benny, who had come out of the phone booth, began to choke. I had to pound him on the back to bring him round. Then, to everyone's surprise he turned to Bobbie with a big smile:

"Hello, Bobbie old pal! How about a drink on me?"

Charlie and I looked at each other. Things like this just didn't happen.

"Well—O. K. Benny. I'll have a ginger ale."

**Trapped**

Bobbie got his ginger ale and for awhile everything went fine. He and Benny got to talking about this and that, while Charlie and I made fishing plans for the following summer. Suddenly we noticed Bobbie had his arm around Benny's neck. His talk was thick and his eyes were glassy and he didn't look good at all.

"What you been feeding him?" asked Charlie, glaring at Benny.

"Of all the dirty tricks!" I cried, running over to Bobbie. I sniffed



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his 'ginger-ale.' It was loaded.

"Look at the clock!" groaned Charlie. "Penny will be here in five minutes. You steer this guy over to a table and I'll get some black coffee."

Well, we were pouring black coffee into Bobbie, slapping his face and telling him to snap out of it, when Penny walked through the door. She was dressed like a doll, although the effect was spoiled by the look in her eyes. I thought she was going to break down and cry right there. Charlie and I felt like crying ourselves.

Then she turned slowly and walked out into the street.

It was six o'clock in the morning when we got Bobbie home. He was back to normal, but still very sick. Charlie and I didn't say anything about Penny; what was the use? As we turned to go, the door

opened, and there she was!

**Forgiving**

She looked as lovely as ever. Rushing across the room to Bobbie, she threw her arms around his neck. Charlie and I just blinked; we never did start a year out feeling better.

After promising to be their best man I asked Penny: "What made you change your mind about Bobbie?"

"Benny called me," she said, with her eyes still wide from looking at the ring Bobbie had given her. "He said that he'd done a mean thing—that he'd like to start the New Year with a clean slate."

Funny thing Benny got to be a pretty dependable guy after that; didn't drink much either. Makes me kind of proud, Benny, you see, is my big brother.

Like the shepherds and wise men of old who first caught a glimpse of that vision as they followed the Star of Bethlehem, may we, too, raise our eyes to its guiding light and carry its hope for Peace to reign on this earth.



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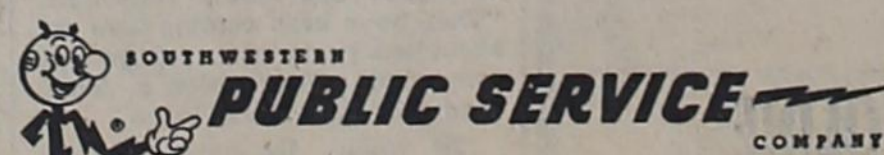
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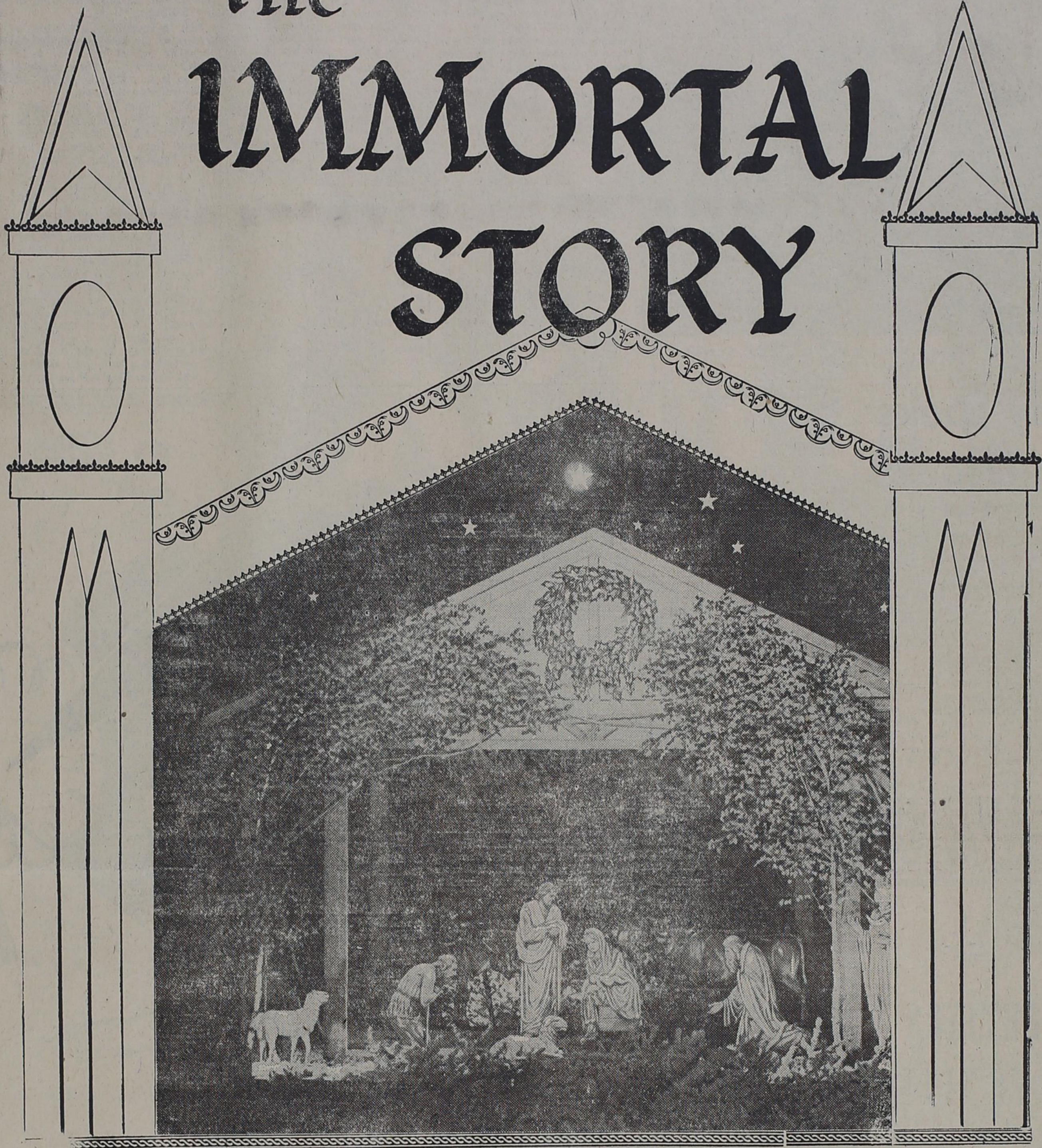
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# The IMMORTAL STORY



(As related by St. Luke in the King James version of The Holy Bible)

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Cesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed.

(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, 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.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.*

LUKE 2:1-14.

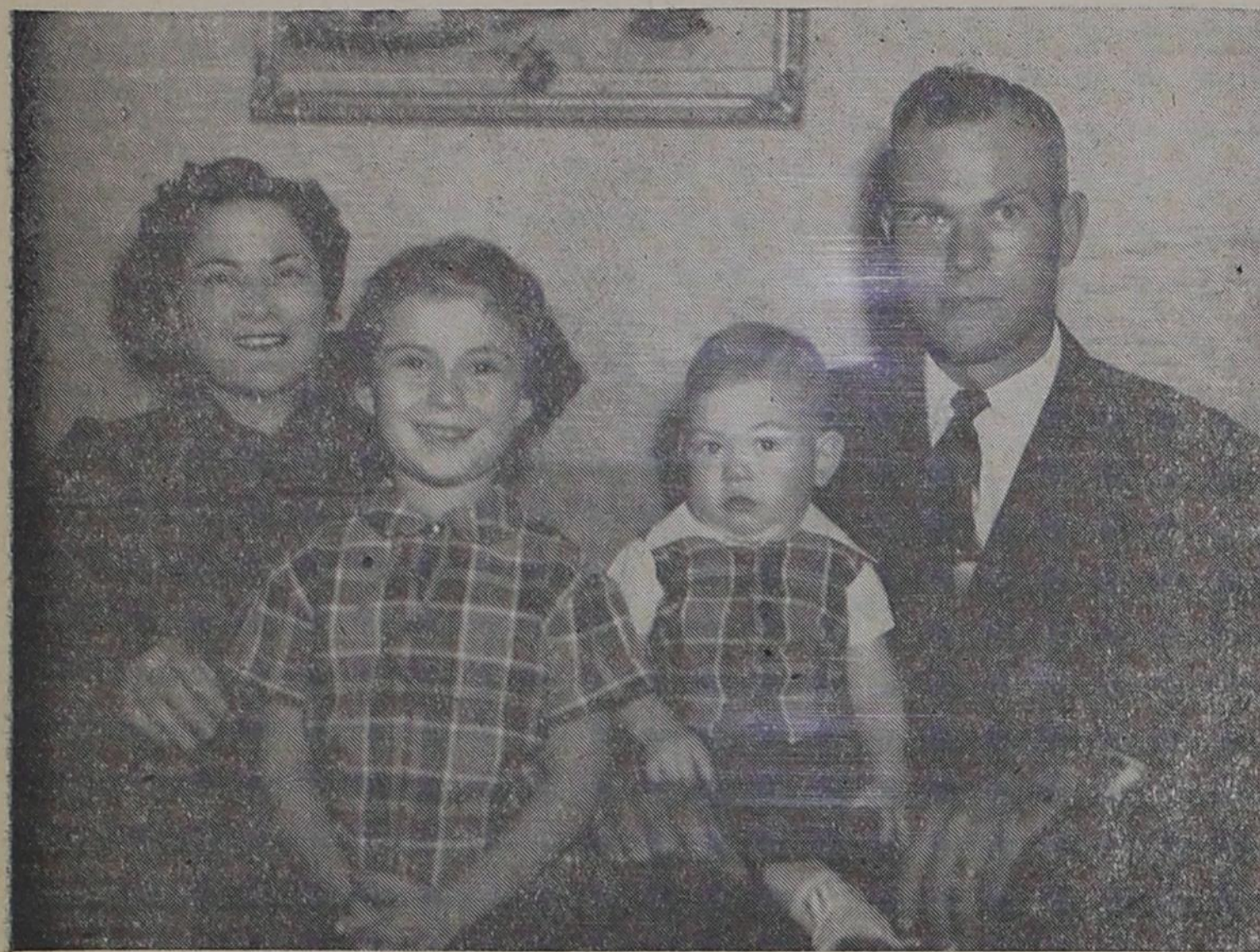
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This is the Raymond Cook family of Friona. Left-to-right, Iona, Kathy, Carroll, and Raymond. All are looking forward to a big Christmas this year.

young people spent the first holiday season in Levelland where both were teachers. Then of course, they visited the two families also.

Iona has taught school three years during her marriage—the fourth and sixth grades. "But she has her hands full and then some now," her husband maintains, as he speaks of family life. She had been a teacher for four years before their marriage.

Iona and Raymond met when they were both enrolled as freshmen at Hardin-Simmons University. But he went into the Navy after his first year, and remained in the service for three years. "So I started my college work in 1942 and finished in 1948," he laughed.

Iona grew up near Lamesa, at Klondike. She attended the small rural school there. He attended school at Baird, but after his graduation, his parents moved to Abilene.

Asked about his most memorable Christmas, he cited two—the only two years that he has spent the holidays away from home. The first year, he was in service and stationed in Massachusetts. He went on his first ski trip that year.

"It was definitely a white Christmas," he quipped, as he explained that snow stood several feet deep. Cook was enrolled at communications school at Harvard at that time.

The next Christmas is well remembered. The Friona man had a 15-day leave for the holidays—but couldn't get transportation out of San Diego.

He also remembers when he learned all about Santa Claus. "My brother and I got pretty smart and caught mother preparing for Santa," he noted. "It was the last good Christmas we ever had," he remarked good-naturedly.

Cook's first school was a far cry from the one with which he is now associated. He attended the typical small school, in which four grades were housed in one room. The school was consolidated when he was a sophomore.

As for Kathy, the oldest little Cook, her dreams of Santa are still a little vague. She is more interested in going to school next year. She is now serving as mascot of the pep squad, and this position is pretty important to her.

The Friona man holds his B. S. degree with a physical education major and math minor, and is working on his Master's at West Texas State in Canyon, in administrative education. He was a coach seven years before taking his present position as principal.

He finds that he has little time for outside activities, with the many demands on his time for extra-curricular school functions. He is a member of the Masonic

Lodge, and he and his wife are members of the Baptist Church. "Church and school are about all we have time for," he says.

The four Cooks are avid sport fans, and attend nearly all athletic functions of the school. Kathy began going to basketball and football games when she was five months old. Carroll is following in her footsteps.

Just to keep busy, Cook has a farm also. He and his family live 12 miles out of town, on their rented acreage. Three-quarters section is in cultivation, with two wells watering the land.

Kathy, though only five, is quite a talker. She entertained a Tribune reporter for a short while, and skipped from one subject to another, happily leading the conversation.

In a few short minutes, she divulged that she wanted a Toni doll with hair that can be shampooed, and a Gerber doll and two little dogs, one for herself and one for Carroll. All this she is sending word to Santa about.

Then she explained seriously, "I try to be a good girl" and "I have two teeth out." Further comments were made on the fact that she assists in putting up the Christmas tree. And the Cooks don't have a chimney, but she is not at all perturbed about Santa finding his way inside. They will just leave

the door unlocked, she says, indicating by her manner that it will be easier to get in anyway.

Iona's most memorable Christmas came only a short few years ago. It was when Kathy was old enough to really appreciate Santa Claus.

All in all the Cooks have much to be thankful for, but most of all, they give thanks that "we are able to celebrate Christmas in a spiritual way" which is pretty much a universal thought in the United States.

### Grandfather Frost Is Russian Santa

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

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

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

## Cook Family Looks Forward to Dec. 25

Christmas comes but once a year!

But that once a year takes on mammoth proportions when one has the occupation of a teacher. The teacher sees children of all ages as December draws near, and the spirit of Santa Claus invades the classroom.

He sees the various reactions of the children to the holiday season, to the religious meanings, and watches as the school is invaded by the special something that goes with the Yule season.

Raymond Cook, who heads the Parmer County Teacher's Association and is high school principal at Friona, is typical of members of his profession, and he and his family are looking forward to their Christmas together.

The Cooks have two small children—Kathy who is five and Carroll who is one year old. Although Carroll is still a little young to realize the significance of good old St. Nick, his father maintains that "He knows a lot about a few

things that we don't know how he found out."

But they think he will be excited over the colored lights and the other seasonal decorations that always appeal to the very small younger set.

Cook and his wife, Iona, think that Kathy will keep them busy helping Santa find the gifts that she wishes for. They find that she varies from day to day, on things that are her heart's desire.

The Christmas vacation for the Cooks is always split three ways. They have part of their observance at their home in Friona, spend part of the time with Mrs. Cook's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Richards of Lamesa; and visit his mother, Mrs. R. W. Cook of Abilene.

The holiday season for the young family has followed approximately the same pattern during their married life. Particularly at this time, they share their children's happiness with the grandparents.

Married in July of 1948, the two



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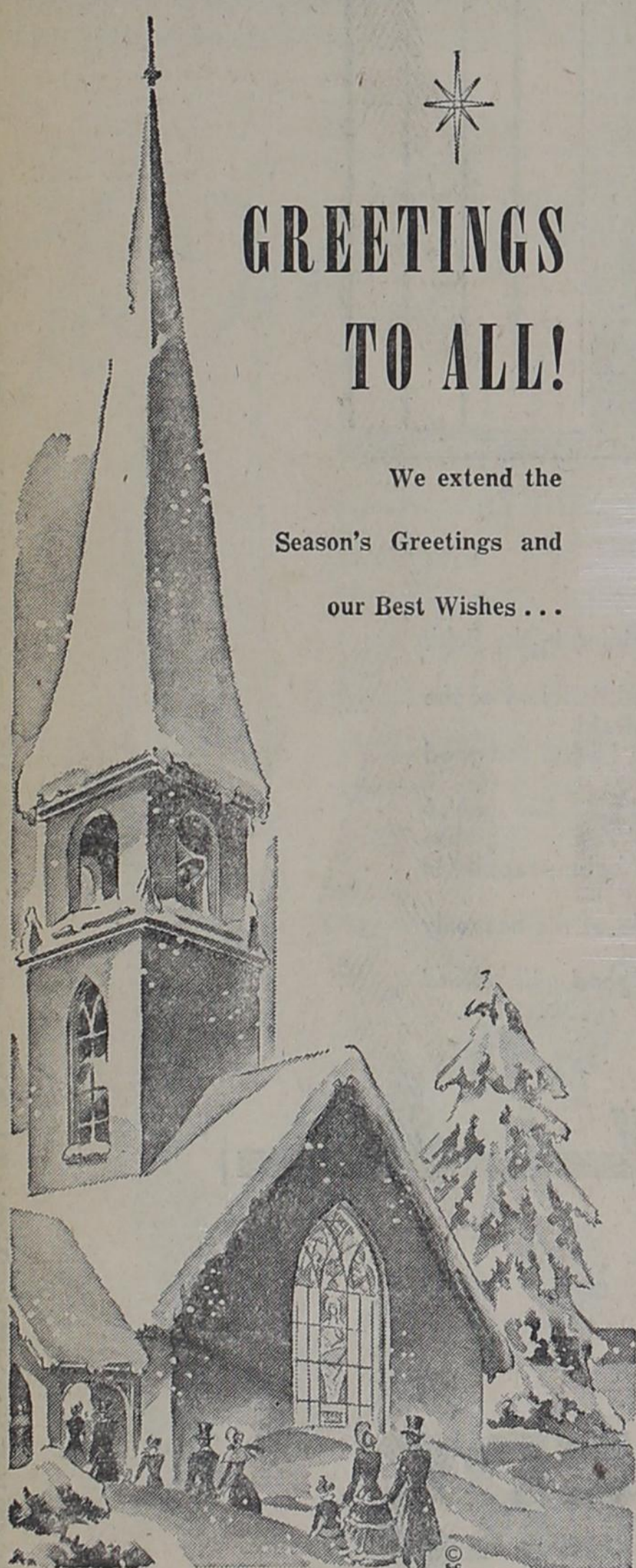
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With the advent of another year we might well be skeptical and say, "Why celebrate with such fervor and excitement? A good year had to die so 1956 could be born."

We might say this, but no one does. If 1955 was a good year, it will be well remembered, but few will dwell upon its passing. It must give way to a bright new year bringing with it the profound impression that we are again blessed with an invaluable supply of new days, hours and minutes. We have found a new reservoir of time; time in which to make plans, to do things, to live and think, and to make our dreams come true.

Time is indeed the true coin of our mortal realm, a deeply personal possession that each is free to spend, squander, sell, give away, devote to the glory of God and to the causes of humanity.

And though 1956 marks yet another milestone along the journey of life that is all too short and quickly travelled, it is joyfully welcomed as the giver of a new and magical handful of time. With this magical handful it is possible to defeat the worries of age; to conquer fear; to see through the shadows of disillusionment.

With unified determination and with the help of God, this handful of living, this New Year 1956, can be recorded in the book of life upon earth as a year of achievement in man's hopeful quest for a better world—where all nations and all people live together in joy, peace and harmony.



The evergreen bough, mistletoe and holly used as Christmas decorations have been associated with ceremony and curious custom for thousands of years.

Ancient Romans raised an evergreen branch at the December festival of Saturnalia, honoring the god of sowing.

Long before the Christian era, Tuetons and Scandinavians held the mistletoe sacred and hung it over their doorways as charms. They also worshipped the oak and their priestly Druids brought in a great Yule log at the feast of the winter solstice and lighted it from a brand of the log of the year before.

In parts of Europe the first trees used for Christmas decorations were dormant branches of fruit trees. They were brought indoors several weeks before Christmas and forced into bloom by Christmas time. Holly, the subject of many superstitions, was also used because its prickly leaves were thought to represent the Saviour's crown and its red berries drops of blood.

In parts of Sicily an olive tree is decorated today with oranges. In some countries flowers are used instead of evergreens, in keeping with a story told all over medieval Europe that on the night of the Nativity the trees of the forest, though cloaked in ice and snow, burst into bloom and bore fruit.

All over the world this Christmas each country will celebrate the occasion in its traditional way.

**HANDY GIFTS**



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

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

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

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

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

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

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# Christmas CUSTOMS

Many Christmas legends and customs are part of the folklore of our ancestors in all parts of the world. Many of them, too, are a mixture of early Christian and pagan observances which time and Christianity have given new meaning.

Santa Claus, our American giver of gifts, is little known elsewhere in the world. In Eastern and Southern Europe, it is the Wise Men who arrive bringing gifts. In Hungary the gifts come from the Angels, in Poland from the stars, in Greece, St. Basil is the gift-bearing patron saint.

Popular tradition has it that the candle we place in our windows at Christmas is a custom originated by early Christians to whom the candle represented the star that guided the Wise Men to the stable at Bethlehem. One interesting legend tells of a shoemaker who, though poor, always placed a candle in his window at night to guide weary travelers, and so inspired the villagers that soon each window contained a lighted candle.

The holly bush, long associated with Christmas, and with many legends was once called the holy-bush, because in its natural state the berries ripen at Christmas time.

The Wassail bowl, which today is Christmas punch, is said to have come to us from the ancient Saxons. Wassail was a word of greeting which meant literally, "What Hails?" or "How fare you?"

At Christmas time, traditions of the Old World live again. Pinattas, doves and festive straw chains from South Europe; wheat sheaves, paper and carved wood from Scandinavian countries; angels, stars, Czechoslovakian bells and gold German stars are all bits of Old World charm that we re-create in our homes.

## Bethlehem: Many Languages Join Together In Holy Praise

As the angels sang on that first Christmas night, so will there be singing in the village of Bethlehem in this year of 1955.

Bethlehem caroling is in many languages. An Arab choir will join with the voices of tourists and pilgrims in a simple outdoor service. In a grotto which might have been the sheepfold for the watching shepherds, the Christmas story will be read from the Gospel of St. Luke.

The stone buildings and churches of Bethlehem will be filled with thousands of pilgrims who have journeyed here for a pontifical mass at midnight in St. Catherine's Chapel and the procession which later leads down a flight of stone stairs to the grotto beneath the

### Church of the Nativity.

According to tradition, nearly 2,000 years old, the grotto is the site of the stable where Jesus was born when Joseph and Mary could find no room at the inn.

During the ceremony an infant figure of Christ is placed first on a silver star, then in a manger in a wooden crib where it will remain until the feast of Epiphany.

On both sides of the Israel-Jordan border, a short distance from Bethlehem, tent cities are set up to facilitate border crossing formalities for almost 2,000 Christians living in Israel and temporary Christian residents of Israel traveling to Bethlehem for Christmas. The formalities do not take much time. In one tent, pilgrims get stamps for their permits; in another, their luggage is checked; finally their money is changed.

Then they cross the border, Bethlehem-bound, just as was Mary and Joseph on a similar night long, long ago, and just as are fervent travelers from all parts of the world in this year of 1955.

## Superstitions, Traditions Mark New Year Scene

Traditions and superstitions have long been a part of the New Year scene around the world.

The Chinese believe one must pay up all their debts if the New Year is to be a successful one. The English, on the other hand, consider it a good idea to start a savings account on January 1, since what you do on the New Year's Day is indicative of what you will do the rest of the year.

One of the most widespread superstitions concerns the "first-footer," the first person to enter a household on New Year's morning. In early days, women and light-haired men were considered "unlucky" first-footers.

Ancient custom in Japan was to scatter parched beans about the house, supposedly driving away evil influences and inviting good

luck to enter.

The Romans were accustomed to hanging tiny masks of Bacchus upon trees and vines, the idea being to impart fertility to every side of the tree to which the masks were turned by the wind.

Peasant families in various parts of the world once baked special cakes for the New Year. The cake was dashed against the door and as the family members gathered up the pieces to eat them they prayed that neither hunger nor want should enter the house during the new year.

In olden times some families also sought a glimpse into the New Year by "dipping" into the Bible. The head of the family, with his eyes closed, opened the family Bible and indicated a passage with his finger. The text, read and interpreted was supposed to be indicative of the luck—good or bad—that would be in store during the twelve months ahead.

The average book contains 150 typographical errors in its first printing.

## With Proper Care, Poinsettia Plant Will Bloom Again

That popular Christmas plant, the poinsettia, need not be discarded when the holiday is over. The right care can keep it in condition for blooming again next year.

Horticulture specialists say you need not be alarmed about dropping leaves. Leaf dropping simply means the plant is going into its normal rest period, which lasts until about May 1.

After the leaves fall, put the plant in a cool place—40 to 50 degrees—and water sparingly. About May 1, cut the plant back quite heavily, to remove excess wood and make it more shapely.

Shake off the old soil and repot in a mixture of three parts garden loam, one part well-rotted manure and one part leafmold. Use a pot just large enough to hold the mass of roots without crowding and still

provide good drainage. Water enough to keep the soil from drying out.

In about another month, when weather is warm, set the potted plant outdoors, submerging the pot in the soil at ground level or a little below. Put it in full sunshine unless the weather is very hot. In that case, give it light shade. When nights cool in the fall, put it in a window where there is good light and air and where temperature is about 60 to 68 degrees, but with no draft. Water regularly so the soil never dries out and use a little liquid fertilizer every week.

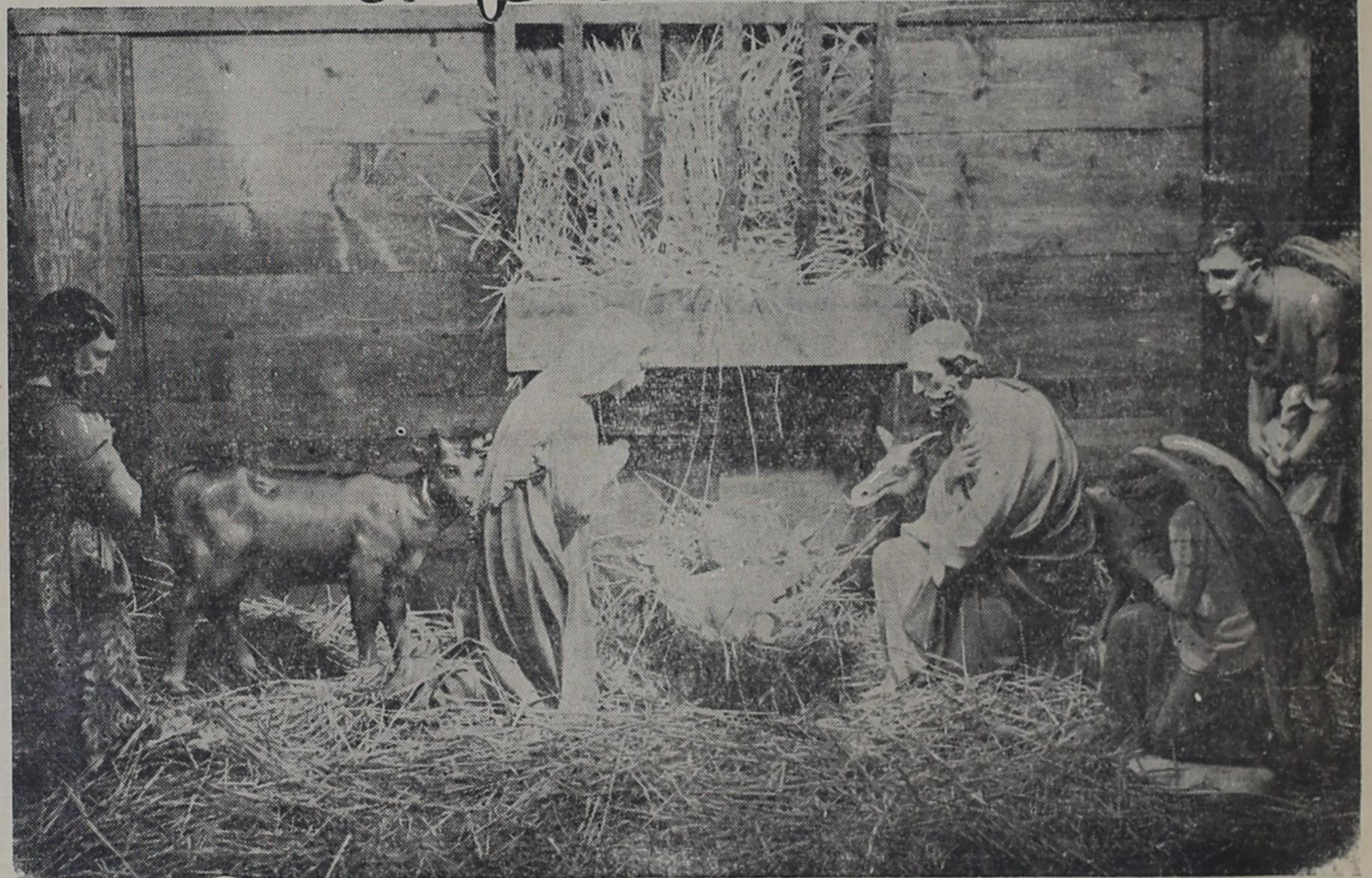
Long nights, uninterrupted by even a shaft of artificial light, are needed to bring the poinsettia into flower.

Early Saxons named the curious berryed tree parasite used as a Yule-time decoration "Mistletoe", meaning a shoot of a tree. Early Nordics dedicated mistletoe to their goddess of love and started kissing under it as a gesture of friendship and love.



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

# The HOLY STAR of Bethlehem



NEARLY two thousand years ago, on the first Christmas Eve, the Holy Star of Bethlehem gleamed as the symbol of the sublime event in history. Watching and waiting that night, those Three Wise Men of the East had faith in their hearts... faith serene and invincible. Every worth while human achievement since has been in some measure based upon Faith.

The professional man, the craftsman, the housewife, the student... all need faith to carry on successfully. Thus the true spirit of the Christmas Season is evidenced best by the expression of faith in our fellowmen, and in the worth while things of life. May we ever practice this confidence and may the Christmas Season, in all its glory and magnificence, be one of genuine happiness for you and your loved ones and friends.



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### From Where Came Christmas Trees?

Like so many other Christmas customs, the origin of the tree tradition is not definitely known. One theory holds that the 8th-century missionary Boniface persuaded the Teutons to transfer their worship of Odin's sacred oak to an evergreen decorated in honor of the Christ child. Popular legend has it that the first Christmas tree originated in Egypt where the first trees used

were palm trees. Another story says that Martin Luther decorated a tree with candles to simulate an evergreen shimmering with starlit snow. We do know the Germans did much to popularize the use of Christmas trees, introducing them into both England and America. The German Prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria, started the custom in England when he had a tree for his young daughter. The tradition crossed the Atlantic with Hessian mercenaries during the American Revolution.



The progress of Christianity—and our civilization as well—has been accompanied by the far-reaching message of the bells—bells that call the reverent to worship, that herald the approach of a holiday or commemorate a great or blessed event.

But, particularly at Christmastime is the message of the bells most effective. From the echoing ring of the bell in a small mission church to the resounding peal that comes forth from massive cathedral towers, the bells tell of joy and peace and call to the world to come and adore.

Older themselves than the story they tell at Christmas, bells were first used to sound the alarm in fire or tumult. Rich burghers jealously guarded their bells and used them to rally their followers when danger threatened.

Bishop Paulinus of Nola in southern Italy is commonly credited with introducing the first church bells about 431 A. D., when he put up a huge copper kettle on the roof of his church and struck it with a hammer. Before that, a crier had announced services by running through the streets ringing a hand bell.

From Italy, the idea spread to France and thence to England. Not until the 11th Century did bells appear in the towers of German and Swiss churches. Competition among bell casters developed the bells in size, quality of tone and beauty. A founder had to be a metalurgist, designer and musician as well. The race for bigger and better bells went on until a bell was cast in Russia that proved to be too heavy for machinery to lift into place.

Cast in 1773, in Moscow, it is the "Csar Kolokol." It weighs 180 tons, measures 20 feet in height, 22 feet in diameter and is 23 inches thick. Many costly but futile attempts were made to hoist it into place. China, the mother of many things cast the first great bell in 1408. Weighing 53 tons, it hangs in the Big Bell Temple in Peking. Another large bell, 15 tons, is suspended in the ancient Buddhist temple in Japan. The chimes of St. Michael's in Charleston, S. C., are probably the most traveled bells, having crossed the Atlantic seven times because of ownership changes or to be recast. They last crossed the Atlantic in 1865.

### Outdoor Decorations Began in Small Towns

Today nearly every community in the land has some kind of outdoor Christmas decorations and in nearly every big city you can find two or three spectacular displays.

It was a small town that first came up with the idea of lighting up the outdoors at Christmas time, but no one is quite sure which town gets credit for the idea.

Four communities are believed to have thought of it about the same time, as early as 1913. Two of them, McDonald and German town, are in Pennsylvania. Salem, Ore., decorated a Sitka spruce and Riverside, Calif., illuminated a large evergreen, an Aracuria.

### LONGEST YEAR

Once there was a year which contained 445 days—or an extra two months.

Numa Pompilius supposedly created the Roman calendar in the seventh century B. C. Although revised several times, the calendar by Julius Caesar's time was two months behind the sun.

When Caesar set his experts to the task of revising the calendar in the 16th century, they found they had to meet the problem of catching up with the sun. So two months were inserted between the months of November and December for the year 46 B. C.

Only one out of three suicide attempts is successful.

# GREETINGS of the Season



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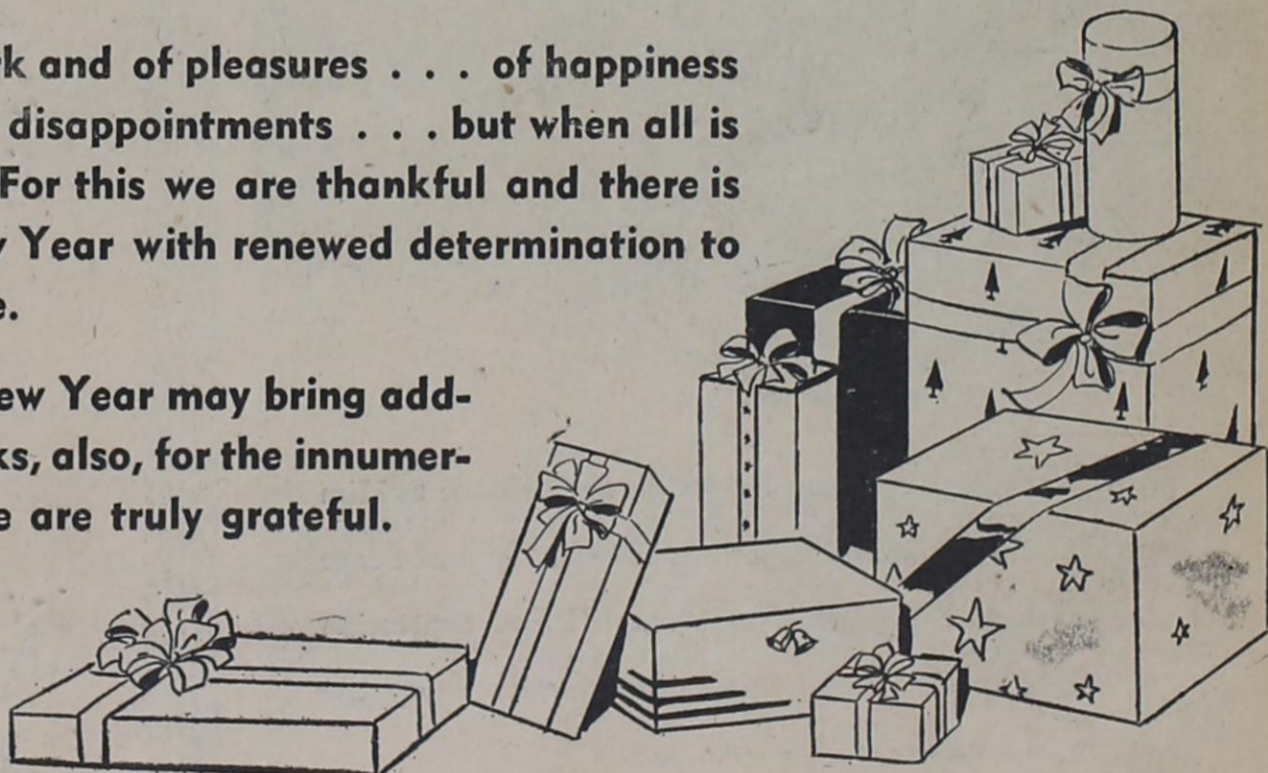
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The year just ending has been another year of hard work and of pleasures . . . of happiness and of sorrows . . . a year of achievements and a year of disappointments . . . but when all is said and done, the past year has been a mighty fine one. For this we are thankful and there is reason for rejoicing, but we must and shall go into the New Year with renewed determination to make the coming twelve months happier than ever before.

That you may have cause for rejoicing and that the New Year may bring added blessings to each of you, is our Christmas wish. Thanks, also, for the innumerable courtesies extended us in the year just closing. We are truly grateful.



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

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

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

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

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

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

### Many People Still Celebrate Feasts By Ancient Calendar

Many people who use the Gregorian calendar still solemnize traditional feasts, including New Year, in accordance with ancient calendars.

The Jews observe a 10-day New Year season at the time of the autumn equinox. The observances begin on Rosh Hashana and end on Yom Kippur; Rosh Hashana commemorates the Day of Creation and is also the annual day of judgment, with judgment being irrevocably sealed on Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement); therefore the spirit of penance dominates the solemnities.

Penance is also a feature of Hindu observances, solemnized in accordance with the ancient lunar calendar during the spring equinox.

The Moslem calendar, which dates from 626 A. D., is unique, since the twelve months of the year begin with the approximate new moon without any calculations to keep them geared to the seasonal equinoxes. Thus, the months—and New Years, too—retrograde through the entire year in about 33 years.

### Dig—These Crazy Christmas Gifts

Even Christmas has caught up with the atomic age. A sign of the times is the increasing demand for Geiger counters as Christmas gifts. Manufacturers say people from all over the country are giving as presents the miracle instrument that noses out uranium.

If you're buying a gift for a prospective uranium prospector you can get him one of these radioactivity detection devices at prices ranging from \$24.95 to \$2000. Most popular model, manufacturers say, is about the size of a miniature camera and retails for about \$35.

Uranium "hounds" are as varied as the instruments they buy. They range from housewives with infants in their arms to geologists and hirsute prospectors—as well as business tycoons, clerks, laborers and society women. An amateur uranium prospectors' club in the East, composed entirely of women, is known as the "Geiger Widows."

Last year gift Geigers were mailed all over the United States. One woman telephoned the New York office of a leading manufacturing firm from Florida to order a \$1,995 unit as a Christmas surprise for her husband.



By F. L. Rowley

MR. OWENS is extremely popular in Hillcrest. He owns a big barn where the stock shows play each summer. He even serves coffee and sandwiches to his "guests" when they drop in to watch one of the shows. The truth is that Mr. Owens is a lonely old man who likes to surround himself with happy people.

Several years ago today, when Christmas cheer abounded and glowing parlor windows warmed the hearts of passersby, Mr. Owens was lonelier than usual. He had not even set up a tree that year; what good was a tree without someone to admire it?

Christmas Eve, and Mr. Owens strolled down Main Street alone, peering into the few shop windows that were still lighted. In front of the ten-cent store he saw young Jim Harder. Jim was watching the lights go out with an expression of dismay on his freckled face.

"It can't be that bad, my boy,"

the old man said kindly.

Jim tried to smile when he saw Mr. Owens. "It's bad enough. I'll sure catch it from Mom when I get home. She sent me out to buy some Christmas-tree ornaments."

"Tree ornaments? At this hour?"

"Yes sir. Last summer we had a



Mr. Owens pulled out a drawer to reveal several dozen brightly colored balls.

fire in the woodshed," explained Jim, "nothing serious, but our

Christmas stuff was destroyed. We forgot all about it until we set the tree up this morning."

"And you waited until now to buy ornaments?"

"That's just it," groaned Jim. "I left home over an hour ago. It's just that—well, I've been looking in store windows—and—"

#### Problem Solved

"I understand," said Mr. Owens with a twinkle in his eye. "Used to do the same thing when I was a lad. Never could figure out why clocks were invented. Say, I've got an ideal I have some old ornaments—"

"You have?" cried Jim eagerly. "On second thought," Mr. Owens went on, "I don't think they'd do. Too old, most of them, with cracked sides and hairpins stuck in their tops. Had one box of good ones, but I stepped on it."

Jim didn't smile. He look miserable.

"Wait!" cried Mr. Owens, laying a hand on the boy's shoulder. "I've got it! You'll have your Christmas-tree ornaments yet."

With Jim Harder striding hopefully beside him, Mr. Owens set off at a brisk trot that belied his years. A happy smile played upon the wrinkled face. He was doing someone a favor at Christmas; he was part of the scene. He joined Jim in a chorus of "White Christmas."

When they reached his place he surprised Jim by taking the path that led to the barn. The boy followed. Once inside, he groped around until he located an old lantern.

After squeezing between dusty props they reached a huge chest. Mr. Owens pulled out a drawer to reveal several dozen brightly colored balls.

"Wow!" They're perfect!" cried Jim. "What are they?"

Mr. Owens laughed. "Let's see now, those plastic ones are plums, and those pressed-paper ones are oranges. This other drawer is full of stars; it's all part of the scenery. I do hope you'll bring them back after the holidays."

"I sure will!" promised Jim with a big grin.

It was outside church the next morning that Jim approached him breathlessly. "We got turkey, and you're going to get a drumstick, Mr. Owens!"

"Me? Now Jim, you needn't—"

Mrs. Harder came up. "I asked Jim to invite you to dinner," she explained. "Besides, you must see our beautiful orange covered Christmas tree. Or would you rather spend Christmas Day in that big, lonely house of yours?"

Mr. Owens couldn't think of a single reason for not going. "I reckon I would like to see the . . ." he admitted.



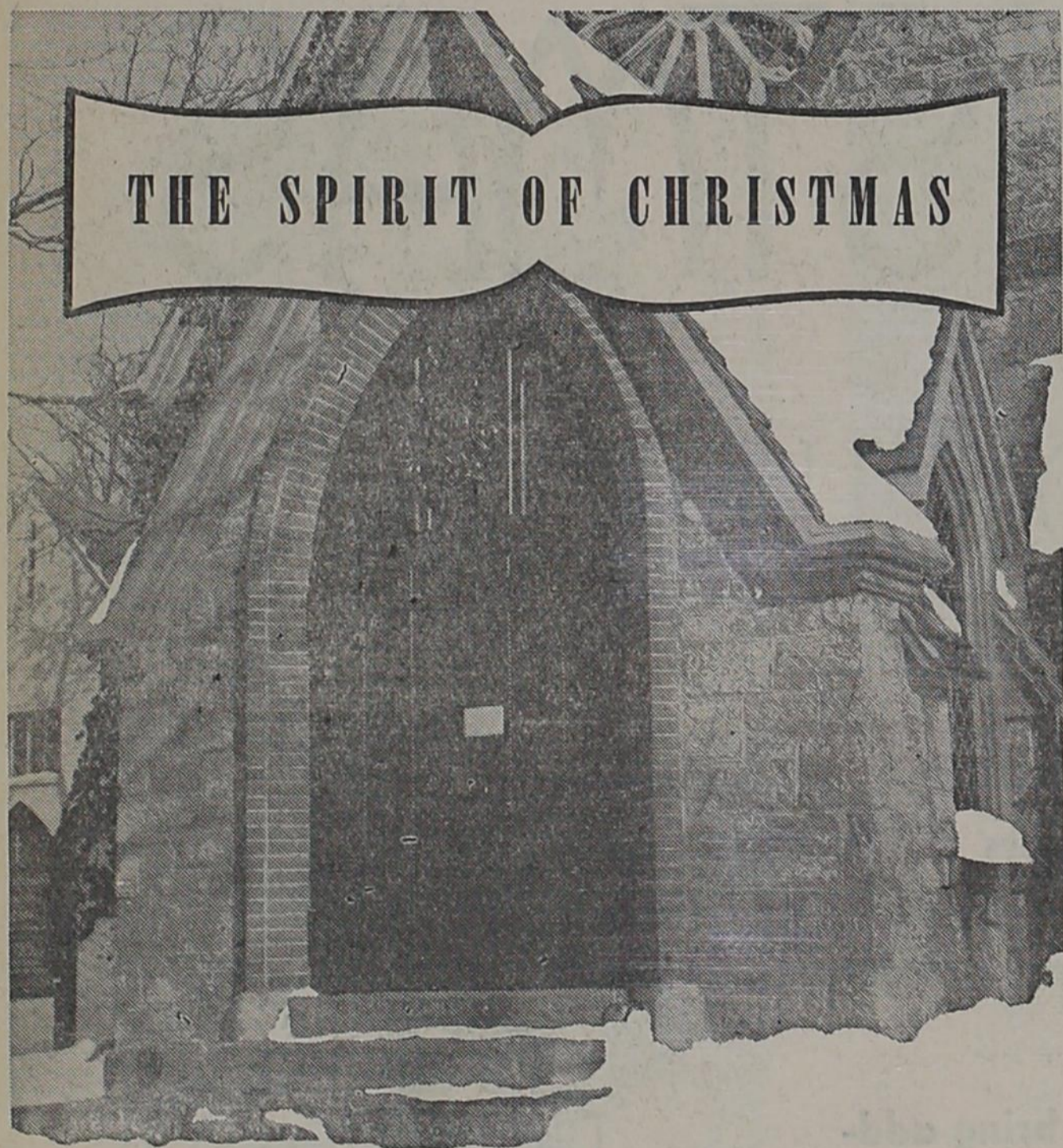
The old joke about Dad "monopolizing" Junior's train is ceasing to be a joke, according to some toy producers, who contend that this year there will be toys for adults, under some Christmas trees.

Mr. Jay V. Zimmerman, president of the largest hand puppet makers in the world, recently told toy buyers and salesmen that "toys made specifically for adults to

play with will eventually exceed the present popularity of children's toys."

This may sound a little unbelievable and optimistic (for the toy industry), but Mr. Zimmerman says the theory is neither radical or new. "For centuries," he says, "man has been playing with his children's toys under the guise it was for Junior's sake, but that's a lot of toywash. They enjoy playing with their kid's toys, but they're too ashamed to admit it."

Right or wrong, several major toy companies are producing specific adult toys this year. We'll just have to wait and see how many Dads receive some of them as presents from Santa.



## THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

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# Merry Christmas

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Jerusalem's Finest Points the Way



In sunny Israel a policeman directs two charming visitors, during the great 1955 tourist season, in this historic Land of the Bible. New hotels, resorts, concerts, folk festivals are attracting an estimated 50,000 travelers and pilgrims during 1955. Currently featured by travel agents are interesting booklets and literature on sightseeing trips to many important sites mentioned in the Bible.

Tips on Choosing Christmas Tree That Will Last

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

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

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

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

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



By Shirley Sargent

WHEN I was a boy Christmas couldn't come soon or often enough. The longed-for day was more exciting than my birthday, Fourth of July and the last day of school all put together. It was magic. Sheer, unadulterated magic compounded of hoarded pennies, the scent of pine needles, locked closets, mysterious winks, expectation and the unusually peaceful household. This last because my brothers and I were doing our darndest to be good, as if to make up in one month for all the sins of the past year.

Later, Christmas lost its meaning to me, now a roving bachelor. In fact the great day came too quickly, too often, and I would work late to escape the carolers and sleep even later so my empty apartment wouldn't reproach me.

But now I have discovered the magic of Christmas again. A little boy gave it back to me along with a grubby kiss and a hug. It



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is Christmas Eve and I have been home from Korea for two weeks getting acquainted with Carol, the wife I married five months before I went overseas, and a rowdy two-and-a-half-year-old named Butch. He is my son, the child I had never seen, and he is the boy that gave Christmas back to me.

Carol and I had planned eagerly on just what Butch should receive. Butch had a long list of toys that changed from day to day, but when I had asked him what he wanted most of all, he had just looked at me sadly.

"Don't you know we live in an apartment?" he had asked.

So I told Carol, "I think Butch is worried that there isn't a fireplace for Santa to come down. Say, do you think he's too young for a football? Just a small one, of course."

Preparations

That's how it went—peacefully, traditionally—from the purchase of the tree, to the opening of Christmas cards and the hiding of presents from Butch. Until now, Christmas Eve. I ran quickly to Butch when I heard him sobbing. His brown hair tousled, his baby-plump cheeks stained red with emotion, Butch was another boy from the one I had put to bed.

"What's wrong, dear? Tell Daddy?"

"I wanta dog more'n anything an' I can't have it."

"Can't have it," I repeated stupidly, holding his warm, sob-wracked body in my arms. "Why not?"

Carol's hands were on my shoulders, "Because we live in an apartment."

Butch choked, "That mean old man won't let me. He is too mean, mommy."

Carol said, "He means Mr. Allen, the owner. No dogs allowed."

"If I talked to him?" I appealed to Carol, "If I explained..."

"No," Carol's face twisted, "he made an exception to allow Butch here."

Anger Strikes

To allow Butch. For an instant anger blazed through me, then I remembered, with an effort, that Mr. Allen wasn't the enemy.

"Butch when we move I promise you may have a dog," I explained carefully.

"When are we gonna move?" Children needed a time. He would be three in May. "Before your birthday," I promised, "now go to sleep, son."

In the living room, I said, "I could buy turtles and fish."

"It wouldn't be the same," Carol said, "when you were little, don't you remember..."

"Yes," for I did. I remembered the disappointments that weren't swallowed up by other presents but only by time and the gift of love. My son has given me more than I could give him no matter where we lived. He has given me not only the happiness but the heartbreak of Christmas. I took Carol's hand and drew her into the magic of love that surrounded us.

Making Your Own Holiday Decorations Adds To Pleasure

Make your holiday decorations and you will not only save money, you'll have fun.

A kissing ring for a doorway can be made by covering two embroidery hoops with ribbon or tinsel. Place them at right angles to each other and add a bell, ball ornament or sprig of mistletoe inside. Attach a bow at the bottom if you wish. Instead of embroidery hoops, you may use can rings painted with gilt or tempera paints.

Evergreen branches can be used in many ways. Have you ever tried covering the wood moulding about a door with them? Or bending a wire coat hanger into a circle and attaching greens to it to form a wreath? You can add ball ornaments or bright cranberries to brighten it a bit.

Then how about decorating your windows and mirrors? Cotton, white spray paint or white paper snowflakes always look pretty. But if there's an artist in your family, why not have him paint a scene of a jolly Santa on a window or mirror with tempera paints?

"He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David."

LUKE 1:32



Best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season to Our Friends

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Children Expect Realistic Toys

Santa's helpers, the toymakers of America, made something like \$900 million worth of toys last year, using up a fabulous supply of plastics, paints and lacquers, adhesives and other new materials developed by industrial chemistry.

Toy consumers—America's precocious children—have come to demand a realism in toys that was unheard of a few years ago. If a youngster gets a toy automobile, it must look like one of the latest styles he sees on the highways, a jet airplane must look like the pictures he sees in magazines. Most little girls won't look a second time at any doll that doesn't cry, walk, have washable hair and a wardrobe that ranges from evening clothes to a bikini bathing suit.

Expected to be big hits among toys this Christmas season are all various types of "do-it-yourself" kits for youngsters of all ages—kits they can use to make practically everything from atomic submarines to 1955 model sports cars. In addition to do-it-yourself packages for advanced children, most manufacturers this year also are furnishing the completely assembled toy for the younger set.

Greeting Cards Christmas Gift Of Englishman

Greeting cards are an English contribution to the Christmas observance.

This simple idea of wishing your friends a Merry Christmas was originated in 1846 by Henry Cole, a middle class Englishman and the idea brought Cole great honor as well as knighthood.

Cole's original cards depicted a Victorian family gathered at the festive board and he had a thousand of them struck off by lithograph. Although the cards met with immediate popularity and brought fame to Sir Henry Cole, it was two decades before Christmas cards were sold generally.

Today the demand for cards is so great that many companies spend the full year designing and producing only Christmas greetings.

While today's mass-produced cards are quite superior to the original cards produced by Henry Cole, neither time nor poets have been able to improve on the classical message the Englishman penned to the first Christmas greeting cards: "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you."

# Greetings

To our customers:

Our wish that joy and gladness will fill each passing moment of your Christmas Holiday!

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# Mrs. Loveless Can Remember Her Christmases in England

Remember? Remember when you were a little tyke of not too many years and it was getting time for Santa to arrive? Remember? Remember making the colored paper chains to decorate the bigger-than-ever Christmas tree? Remember? Remember that warm feeling that seemed to engulf you as you sang Christmas carols with your brothers and sisters? Remember?

Mrs. Walter Loveless remembers—fondly—all the above scenes and many more. The only difference in her reminiscing and the thoughts of the past by most Friona citizens, is that her childhood dreams of Santa Claus and the glorious Christmas seasons took place far away from Friona—in another country.

Mrs. Loveless, still showing an ever so slight accent as she speaks, was born in Southampton, England, where she lived in the suburbs with her five sisters and two brothers, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Abbott. She lived in her native country until she was nineteen years of age, when she arrived in the United States.

That was back in 1920, and the states didn't have the same atmosphere during the Yule season. Why—because it was hot! She had always associated Christmas with a white setting—new snow, rolling hills, and trees covered with clinging ice.

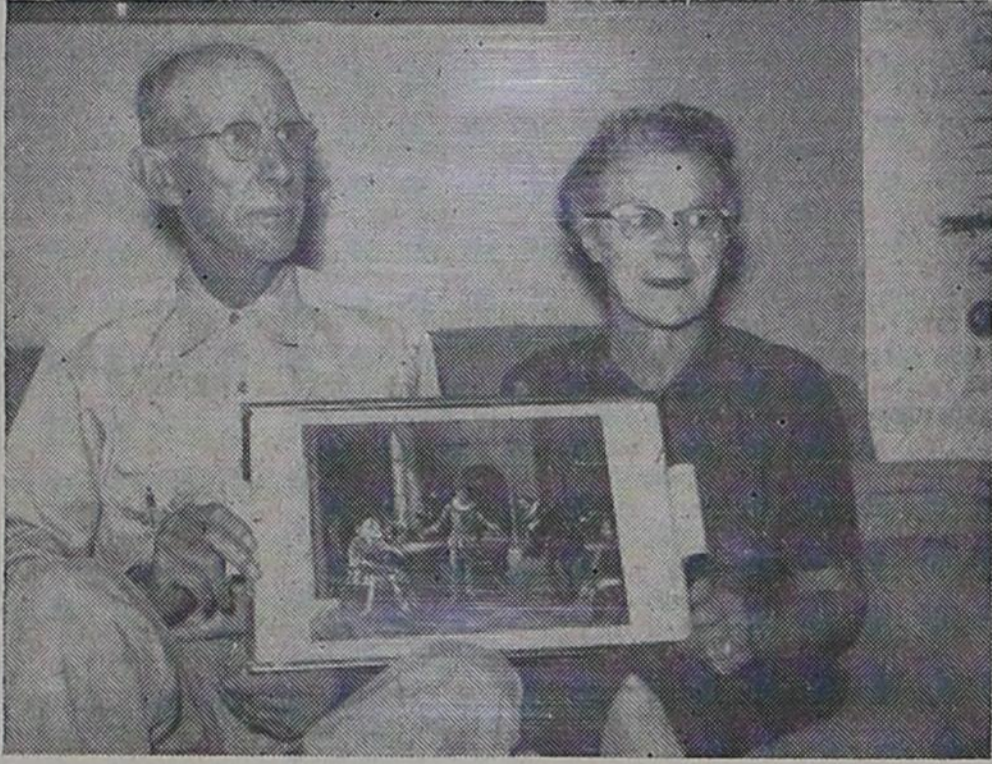
As a child, Mrs. Loveless remembers that in the Abbott household, the Christmas spirit was something "more sacred" than is sometimes noted today. "We went all out for Christmas carols," she explains.

They learned the songs in school, in the home, and at gatherings. The Abbott family truly enjoyed "just singing," and the fellowship that existed as the youngsters would sing.

The Friona woman doesn't remember ever going on a "trick or treat" jaunt on Halloween, but when the young people would go caroling on Christmas, the persons who heard their youthful voices as they proclaimed the holiday season in song, would invite them into their homes for refreshments.

In those days, Christmas decorations couldn't be purchased in the stores, so families began making their Christmas decorations early in December. This was one of the tasks assigned to the children, who gladly gave their talents for the project.

They would buy gay colored



Mr. and Mrs. Walter Loveless display an unusual tray which was purchased in Mrs. Loveless' native country, England. The Friona woman returned to her birthplace for a visit three years ago.

paper and spend hours making long paper chains for the tree and other places throughout the house. There would be holly and mistletoe to add to the festive look. Asked if popped corn was used for chains, Mrs. Loveless remarks that she couldn't remember seeing "popcorn" until she came to this country.

Another task for the children was the preparing of fruit for the Christmas puddings and fruit cakes. Ready-prepared fruits and ingredients were a thing of the future, and all this preparation was done in the home. It was no small job to get the fruits ready for the delicacies.

Asked about the typical English menu for Christmas, Mrs. Loveless says she can't recall ever having turkey for the holidays, when she was a child. Chicken or goose was usually prepared with greens, potatoes and other vegetables and the necessary Christmas pudding and mincemeat pies. She doesn't remember eating cranberry sauce until after her arrival in the states.

The Abbotts were a close family. The father, an electrician, spent lots of time with his children and enjoyed their sing-songs. In fact, he was usually the leader for their musical sessions.

After the caroling on Christmas Eve, everyone would stay home on December 25.

But the big day was December 26, which was called "boxing" day. All holiday festivities were scheduled that day. There would be dances, the theatres would be open and Mr. Abbott usually took his family to a pantomime, which was "quite an event," says Mrs. Loveless.

Truly, Santa came to children all over the world, as he does today. He was always a visitor at the Abbott home in those days, and he came down the chimney to leave his gifts. All eight stockings belonging to the children were found in a row on the mantle on Christmas Eve night.

The children were always thrilled to find the fancy dolls and the mittens like mother would knit. "We didn't have as many toys as the young ones have today," Mrs. Loveless says. "We only received toys at Christmas; we didn't get them all year long." She commented that she sometimes wonders if the present generation treasures each toy so much since they have so many.

Aside from the many evenings the large Abbott family spent in front of the fire making Christmas decorations, another dear memory for the Friona woman is the delight of "finding the biggest tree possible" to grace the living room. After the tree was decorated and the candles lighted, the huge tree was the center of the household

each evening.

But Mr. and Mrs. Loveless are planning another big Christmas—this year. His son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Loveless, and little "Sonny" will be here to help the Friona couple celebrate the holidays.

"Now we'll have to have a Christmas tree. We can't do without one with a child in the house," she says. She refers to little Sonny as "quite a boy," and adds that she and her husband are really looking forward to Christmas.

"We have the incentive to really plan," she adds. After 35 years in the United States, Mrs. Loveless finds many things to be thankful for—her good health, for one thing. And she has another big event to look forward to, in 1956.

Her sister and husband and their daughter plan to visit here in 1956. They are Mr. and Mrs. Dan McEvoy and they plan to arrive sometime in June. The only other member of Mrs. Loveless' family who lives in the United States is a niece who resides in San Diego, Calif.

Mrs. Loveless has lived in Friona eight years, and has "always" lived on the Plains. She comments that it is quite a change from the English countryside.

Asked if she had a recipe for Christmas pudding, she confided that "I've never made a Christmas

pudding. Why, you have to steam them such a long time." She further explained that when her mother would make them, she would cook seven or eight at one time. "We children would have to keep the coal going under the pudding. It was quite a chore." She did say that she just always makes fruit cakes now.

Mrs. Loveless has many fond memories of England, but this year, she and her husband will have more to remember as they watch little Sonny thrill to the coming of Santa.

"After all, Christmas is for children," says the charming lady, and her eyes light up as she contemplates Christmas in 1955.

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A poltergeist is a spirit that makes its presence known by noises.

It isn't so important what people say about you as it is what they believe.



It was December 23, 1818 in a tiny mountain village in Austria. The night was cold and clear and a heavenly canopy of stars stretched over a peaceful earth as far as the eye could see.

Father Joseph Mohr, a young parish priest, had just administered the last rites to a dying woman. Walking thoughtfully homeward, he looked down at the twinkling lights of the village and the bright stars above. A soul was about to depart from this world, to sleep forever in heavenly peace. Tomorrow at midnight the village and the Christian world would reverently observe the greatest birth—the Nativity that took place that holy night so long ago.

How sad, the young priest thought, that the church organ was broken and the musical program for the holiday services had been cancelled. Franz Gruber the organist, had suggested they find a simple melody that could be sung to the accompaniment of a guitar. Give him the words, he'd said, and he would compose the music. Give him the words . . . and there would be music.

As he thought of birth and life and death and looked down upon the sleepy, starlit village below, Father Mohr found these words. They sing the praises of the Holy Infant born to the world, and we wonder if they do not also ask for the departed soul "rest in peace."

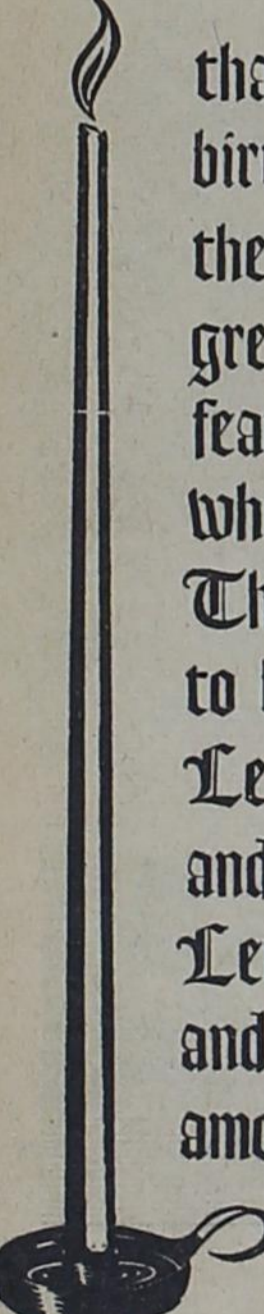
Thus came the famous "Silent Night, Holy Night." Franz Gruber, true to his word, put Father Mohr's words to music that will endure till the end of time.



# Season's Greetings

## A Tribute to the Prince of Peace

This Christmas, let everyone give thanks for the Prince of Peace—whose birth brought hope and understanding to the world. Let us ever be mindful of our great privilege to worship God, without fear, and to pray for those less fortunate who are not so endowed. ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ Through Christ's teachings, let us strive to be better men and to be charitable to all. Let us pray that all may see the Light and join the fellowship of man. ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ Let us pray for divine guidance for wisdom, and foresight and courage to promote peace among nations. ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆



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