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## A Light in a Dark World

### A CAROL FOR CHILDREN

By OGDEN NASH

**G**OD rest you, merry Innocents,  
Let nothing you dismay,  
Let nothing wound an eager heart  
Upon this Christmas day.

Yours be the genial holly wreaths,  
The stockings and the tree;  
An aged world to you bequeaths  
Its own forgotten glee.

Soon, soon enough come crueler gifts,  
The anger and the tears;  
Between you now there sparsely drifts  
A handful yet of years.

Oh, dimly, dimly glows the star  
Through the electric throng;  
The bidding in temple and bazaar  
Drowns out the silver song.

The ancient altars smoke afresh,  
The ancient idols stir;  
Faint in the reek of burning flesh  
Sink frankincense and myrrh.

Gaspar, Balthazar, Melchior!  
Where are your offerings now?  
What greetings to the Prince of War,  
His darkly branded brow?

Two ultimate laws alone we know,  
The ledger and the sword—  
So far away, so long ago,  
We lost the infant Lord.

Only the children clasp his hand;  
His voice speaks low to them,  
And still for them the shining hand  
Wings over Bethlehem.

God rest you, merry Innocents,  
While innocence endures,  
A sweeter Christmas than we to ours  
May you bequeath to yours.

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# A Christmas Eve on the Old Frontier



By AUSTIN CALLAN  
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**S**IXTY-FIVE years ago West Texas was a sparsely settled country. Roving bands of Indians continued to raid over a wide area. The chain of forts built from Red river to Rio Grande for protection of settlers were still occupied, and one of the most important was Fort McKavett, situated on the headwaters of the San Saba river in what is now Menard county.

Across the river from this fort was a little village called "Scab Town." In spite of the noxious name, it was the liveliest settlement on the Texas frontier. Men lived there who later were foremost in establishing the Texas cattle industry. Such familiar names in cow circles as Tankersley, Henderson, Mann and Moss, were familiar in and around "Scab Town."

Old-timers remember a Christmas Eve celebration held in "Scab Town" in 1875. Pioneers attended the event from Fort Concho, Fort Chadbourne, Fort Lancaster and surrounding ranch settlements. Among the prominent guests was General Mackenzie, in command of Fort Concho, then a frontier fort near San Angelo. He came with an escort of soldiers in a government carriage drawn by four handsome black horses. Lieutenant Bullis, of the famous "Seminole Scouts," accompanied General Mackenzie.

There were hard-bitten men in "Scab Town."

## Some Notorious Characters

It was a rendezvous for some notorious characters—gamblers and renegades from other States. But men and

women of culture were also there. Christian women had brought their Bibles to the frontier and were familiar with the story of Joseph and Mary, the three Wise Men, and the Star that heralded the birth of Christ in a manger in Bethlehem.

The plan of the women in charge of the program was for a Christmas tree with gifts on it for every child in the settlement. The men co-operated and added such attractive features as horse-racing, a sumptuous supper and a dance. The noted frontier fiddler, Jap Brown, furnished the music. Two young men, Harry Levy and Jim Neill, were sent to fetch Jep who lived at Camp Colorado, 80 miles north of Fort McKavett. These young men had a narrow escape from five Comanche Indians who intercepted them while they were crossing the Colorado river. Only



the fleet ponies of the two boys saved their scalps.

The Christmas tree was the largest that could be found in the nearby hills. A government wagon was borrowed from Fort McKavett to haul the tree in, and willing hands set it up outdoors on the fort's parade ground.

Many persons in that vicinity had never seen a Christmas tree. But no one who had not heard of the Christ Child and that Christmas was the anniversary of His birth.

## Await the Coming of Santa Claus

The children were happy and expectant as they awaited the coming of Santa Claus. The grown-ups were also happy because of the social features in connection with the tree—a supper and dance.

Every woman in "Scab Town" who

could sew was kept busy for days making apparel to wear at the dance for frontier belles. There were no "ready-to-wear" shops in "Scab Town" and no silk or satin dresses. Nevertheless, some becoming dresses were made of materials then available. The old frontier had its lovely women who could look well in plain calico.

The banquet was to be a game dinner, and arrangements had been made to hold it outdoors on the south side of a large building. Wood was hauled up for the barbecue pits and to make huge camp-fires so that everybody would be warm and comfortable.

Hunters went out the day before and brought in antelope, deer, turkey, duck and quail. Captain Chas. D. Viele, then stationed at Fort McKavett, was one of the hunters. He had as a guest, a 16-year-old boy who recently had arrived from the East, anxious to experience some of the sport and adventure of the untamed West. This 16-year-old boy was Elliot Roosevelt, younger brother of Teddy Roosevelt, the famous Rough Rider, and father of Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, the President's wife.

## Home-Made Trimmings

The Christmas tree was decorated by a committee of women, headed by Mrs. Champie. No store-bought trimmings were used; they were not to be had. Home-made trimmings sufficed to create charm and beauty as well as a Christmasy effect. A large star cut out of cardboard was covered with tinfoil and placed at the top of the tree. Lighted candles were grouped about the star in a manner to make it sparkle. Threaded cranberries and popcorn were looped over the tree branches. Oranges and apples hung here and there. The children were thrilled, the grown-ups delighted.

Although a native evergreen, the

Christmas tree was a superb specimen of wild mountain cedar. After being decked out and covered with gifts, it looked strikingly beautiful.

Every child was remembered with some kind of gift. Their faces brightened and their hands clapped when Santa removed gifts from the tree, held them up and called out names of recipients. A bag of candy, an orange, or apple would delight a child in those days. No mechanical toys or flax-haired wax dolls had yet come to the frontier.

The supper and Christmas tree that followed were a great success, nor was the event marred by any show of rowdyism. It had been predicted that toughs would shoot out the lights and



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pull off other pranks to scare the women. Nothing of the kind happened. Even Bill Mann, who had several notches on his gun, seemed to realize it was a sort of holy affair and behaved like a perfect gentleman.

When the last gift had been taken from the Christmas tree everybody— young and old—struck out for the ballroom. An old warehouse had been converted into a ballroom. Its contents were removed and stacked outside on the ground, its floor waxed and its walls decorated.

Pioneer folks danced on every occasion. It was their past-time and dancing was held in high repute. At every celebration or get-together a dance followed. A wedding wound up with supper and dancing.

That Christmas Eve night in "Scab Town" was long-remembered for the jolly time had by the frontier folk. The ballroom was a scene of revelry. Soldiers, rangers, ranchers, cowboys, college graduates from the East—all swung their partners in a round of gawdy and common fellowship.

A man named Thomason called the square dances. He spoke the language of cow-camps and termed the frontier belles "sage hens" and the men "wild cayuses." He kept every one laughing with his wit and funny grimaces. The dance lasted until dawn—when pistol shots announced the coming of Christmas Day.

There have been many changes since that memorable Christmas Eve celebration in "Scab Town." The town itself has succumbed to the march of time. The buffalo and antelope are gone. The pioneers are gone. But there remain the memory of a brave past, of round-ups, of great herds of cattle going up a long trail and little doggies that wouldn't get along.

## A Little Child Shall Lead Them

By W. G. VORPE

(Feature Editor Cleveland Plain Dealer)

**D**ECEMBER 25th millions will celebrate another Christmas day. It is unfortunate that most of the observance will be limited to this hemisphere, for madmen seeking power are interfering with its celebration in a large part of the world. In countries where dictators have robbed those whom they have made slaves, the people will remember Christmas and the Prince of Peace as best they can. They will not forget the beliefs they cherish though their freedom has vanished and their souls are sorely tried. The courageous British to whom Christmas has always meant much will not fail to observe the holiday though bombs may fall and their homes may be partly in ruins. The Englishman who loves above all else his home and his independence will still wish his neighbor "Merry Christmas!" and enjoy his Christmas dinner if it is humanly possible. Bombs, torpedoes and big guns can't destroy the British spirit or their cherished traditions.

## The Kindly Thoughts

In the United States Christmas will be celebrated much as it has since the colonial days when the sturdy pioneer brought from the forest his wild turkey to roast on the spit that hung in his giant fireplace. People will send greeting cards to friends they haven't seen for years, but still fondly remember. Following the custom established centuries ago by the Three Wise Men who followed the star of Bethlehem to the manger, they will exchange gifts. It matters not whether they cost little or much. The kindly thoughts and the well wishes they represent are what count most.

Little folks will, as their parents before them did, hang their stockings from the mantel expecting Santa Claus to fill

them. As of yore they will be hustled to bed early so mother and dad can trim the Christmas tree, and they will be awake in the morning long before their parents.

## Songs of Yuletide

In churches, pageants will be given and choirs of many voices will sing the songs of Yuletide. In many windows lighted candles will gleam to halt the groups of carolers who will go about on Christmas Eve, spreading good cheer. The green trees without which Christmas would be drab will be handled from the forests and gay colored Christmas wreaths will hang on doors and in windows. Radio programs will be given over almost entirely to the playing and singing of Christmas music and the recital of Dickens' Christmas Carol by famous actors.

On Christmas Day families will gather at the home of the grand-parents as they have gathered for generations. They won't have to get up so early as was necessary in the horse-and-buggy days but they will come by auto, train and motor bus to meet once again around hearth-stones of their childhood. On this day few will go hungry for men and women with generous hearts and open purses will unite to help those unfortunates who can't help themselves.

As we gather on this happy day in homes that are safe from bombs, around the gayly decorated tree or the heavily laden dinner table, may we breathe a prayer of thanks that we live in a land where freedom still reigns, where rulers are chosen by ballots instead of bullets, where knowledge and skill are ranked higher than brute force, where tolerance, faith and understanding still prevail. May we rejoice that in this land of ours we still recognize the teachings of that Child of the manger Who preached this tolerance, and faith and understanding.



kaleidoscopes, pewter tea sets and trunks for doll lingerie. Plain people's children made out with home-made toys; corn-husk and rag dolls with raveled-rope hair, birch-bark doll cradles, hand-carved tables and chairs, broom-stick riding horses, doll quilts stitched by the doll's devoted young mother, and whistles, popguns and slingshots whittled from pine or willow.

If you wanted a sled in those days you got some boards, nails and a hammer and made it yourself. And if some farseeing fellow had told you that the sleds of 1941 would have electric headlights, as well as retractable wheels for use in snowless winters—well, you would have snow-balled him for thinking he could kid you.

As late as 1875 there were only two toy factories in the United States, and neither of them made dolls. But things are better now. The American doll makers alone expect to do a business this year of \$25,000,000.

## Toyland Abreast of the World

The same industrial processes that fill American highways with automobiles and American homes with radio voices have flooded the land with toys. And the same enterprising spirit that produced the toy guillotine when heads were falling in France has kept Toyland abreast of the grown-up world. Almost every interesting activity of workaday life has its duplication in the playroom, and children at play therein learn the skills and the savvy they are going to need, before anybody knows it, in the world outside the home.

Whether today's children get more fun out of their abundance of playthings than their great-grandparents got out of the few and simple toys of plainer years is a question that is none of our business here. Leave it to the child psychologists. Retail toy sales are substantially ahead of 1940, with unusually heavy advance Christmas buying an important factor, department stores reported.

Recent surveys estimate that toy sales nationally are about 30 per cent larger than in the corresponding 1940 period. A factory representative for a num-

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## Plain People's Toys

Rocking-horses with real manes and tails and water-filled birds that warbled when you blew through them were for children of wealth, as were china dolls, cut-out paper dolls, colored-glass

## Letters for Santa Claus

(The New York Times)

**I**N a thin shelf deep in the general postoffice at Eighth Avenue and Thirty-third Street, New York City, a little pile of letters is growing larger each day. The letters are addressed to Santa Claus at various places—the North Pole, the Arctic Circle, way up in the sky, or just no where. Some are happy little notes of delightful anticipation from children who quite obviously will receive all or nearly all they ask for; others are tragic pleas from youngsters who reproach Santa for having forgotten them last year. A few are written by adults, but all tell of the hopes and dreams and even the desperate needs of children. And all have been stamped in neat red letters "insufficient address." The writers had failed to properly address the letters; had left off cities, towns, States and street numbers, so the postal clerks could not send them to their destinations.

Postmaster Albert Goldman keeps separate the letters that seem to come from the poorest children and families and every year a few kind-hearted persons ask him for some of the addresses. Last year 49 persons sent gifts to 329 letter writers.

## Trusting Youngsters

The children who write these letters are trusting youngsters to whom Santa Claus is very real, youngsters such as the girl who hopes "that you have been in good health this past year, dear Santa. I remembered you in my prayers." When doubt about Santa does appear, it is expressed in such forthright questions as those of the 6-year-old boy who writes: "My brother says that north passes through here. Don't you live in the north?"

Some of the letters have real stamps on them, others have Christmas seals or those absurd little blue stickers that come with toy postoffice sets. The writers use all sorts of mediums; pencil, crayons and even ink, with whole phrases lost in the blots. There is a good deal of moisture used in sealing the envelopes and they are decorated with fingerprints in ink, glue and other substances.

The approach to Santa is as different in the various letters as children are different. One breezy lass writes: "I'm sorry I forgot to write you last

year to thank you for the dolls but thanks anyway." And then she is off on this year's hopes. Another young lady evidently thinks that more warmth is indicated, for she starts, "I wish I could see you at Christmas, dear Santa Claus, and put my arms around you." And she promises Santa a present if he brings her a French doll.

## Boy Writers

Most of the boys write strictly in the "I want a"—style and they are likely to sign their letters "sincerely yours." "I want a train, I want a truck," writes one lad, while another wants "a soldier's suit, a cop's suit, a cowboy's suit and \$10 in change."

A young lady of five with a masculine approach starts off, "Dear Santa. I want a"—and then follows a long list of numbers. Postmaster Goldman and his aides believe the numbers have something to do with a mail-order catalogue.

Even more to the point is the youngster who writes, "Dear Santa: First, skates. Second, blackboard," and so through eleven more items and then, in a postscript, "a key for the skates."

"I work hard for a golden star in schul," a boy writes in a letter that almost explains itself. Another letter practically moans, "I've been a very naughty girl." The scrubby little writing goes sadly down hill, but it turns and starts bravely back again with the words, "but I promise to try to be better if you'll bring me some new story books." The prize letter follows:

"DEAR SANTY:  
"I am a poor boy, 9 years old, and I go to school and I study hard. My teacher is grand and mitey purty. She says when I grows up I'll be a fine man and my mama and papa will be proud of me. Santy, a big boy told me that you wasn't real, you was phony. I didn't believe him and I told him so. Santy, dear, I want a muffer, a soft ball and bat and a bicycle."

"Everwhere, everwhere Christmas to-night! Christmas in lands of fir-tree and pine. Christmas in lands of the palm tree and vine; Christmas where snow-peaks stand solemn and white, Christmas where corn-fields lie sunny and bright."



"Dear Santa Claus."

## TOYS---100,000 Varieties

By L. H. ROBBINS

**Y**OUNG America may hang up the expectant stocking beside the fire-place on Christmas Eve this year as confidently as ever. For Toyland is not shaken by the defense preparations or by the thundering of the dictators. Mindful of its duty to deserving childhood, Toyland this season has turned out no fewer than 100,000 separate and distinct varieties of toys, according to authorities who have had the time and the enterprise to count them; and these products, valued at the record high of \$240,000,000, are now ready for buyers.

Once upon a time store-bought toys





# A LITTLE FUN Jokes to Make You Laugh

## Beginner

Mandy Johnson: "Ain't yo' son too young to jine de army?"  
Eliza Jackson: "He's tol'able young but he's jinin' up wid de infantry fust."

## Hasty Diagnosis

The doctor told the movie actress that she was run down and needed a change. "A change?" said she. "Do you know that during the last 18 months I've had three husbands, two divorces, four cooks and seven landlords? What other change can you suggest?"

## Technicality

Mother: "Stop pulling that cat's tail."  
Sonny: "I'm not pulling its tail. I'm just holding it and the cat's doing the pulling."

## Dry Cell

Judge: What's your name and occupation and what are you charged with?  
Defendant: "My name is Sparks. I'm an electrician and I'm charged with assault and battery."  
Judge: "Put him in a dry cell."

## Willing to Comply

Speed Cop (pulling up): "Just a minute, madam, didn't you see me wave at you back there?"  
Lady Speeder: "Certainly! And I waved right back. What did you want me to do, throw you a kiss?"

## Real Salesmanship

The shoe store proprietor was interviewing applicants for a vacancy in his store.  
"Suppose," said the boss to one applicant, "that a lady customer you were fitting should remark that one of her feet was bigger than the other. What would you say?"  
"I'd say to her," replied the applicant. "Madam, on the contrary, one of your feet is smaller than the other."  
"The job's yours," promptly answered the store owner.

## Don't Worry

New Cowhand: "Hey, Cooky, they ain't no oysters in this here oyster stew."  
Cook: "Don't worry, son, they ain't no horse in that horseradish either."

## Strong Belief

Mrs. Jones: "She is a woman who has gone through a great deal for her belief."  
Mrs. Brown: "Indeed, and what is her belief?"  
Mrs. Jones: "That she can wear a No. 5 shoe on a No. 7 foot."

## One Better

Bobby: "Did yer know my Uncle Ike's got a wooden leg?"  
Tommy: "That's nothing. My Aunt Fanny's got a cedar chest."

## Ferryboat Days

"A story comes from the old Red river ferryboat days," says Dr. J. B. Cranfil, of Dallas, "in which Joe Taylor, now Dr. J. J. Taylor, editor in chief of the Dallas News, played such a conspicuous part. When Joe ran a ferryboat he had to be away from his job one day and selected Uncle Isaac, an old antebellum darkey, to run the ferryboat for him. That day a man came from the Oklahoma side, looked up into the face of Uncle Isaac and said:  
"I haven't any money, but I wish you would row me across the river."  
"Uncle Isaac looked at him quizzically and replied:  
"Boss, if you ain't got no money, it don't make no diffunce which side o' de river you's on."

## Quick Recovery

Opie Read, the humorist, was playing golf in a foursome when his ball landed in a sand trap. Hidden from view he hacked away at the ball. When he finally drove it out and rejoined his friends, he was asked: "How many strokes, Opie?"  
"Three."  
"But we heard six!"  
"Three," said Opie, "were echoes."

## Pertinent Point

The teacher had been talking about the principle of turn-the-other-cheek.  
Teacher: "Now, Willy, what would you do supposing a boy hit you?"  
Willy: "How big a boy are you supposing?"

## No Accidents

An insurance agent, writing a policy for a cowpuncher, asked if he had ever had any accidents.  
"No," said the cowboy, then added, trying to be helpful, "A bronc kicked in a couple of my ribs and a rattlesnake bit me a couple of years ago."  
"Well!" said the agent. "Don't you call those accidents?"  
"No," replied the cowboy, "they done it on purpose."

## An Exception

Tourist: "What a quaint little village you have here. Truly, one half of the world is ignorant of how the other half lives."  
Native: "Not in this village, mister; we knows how every one lives and what they eats."

## Just a Memory

Mrs. A.—"I suppose you carry a memento of some sort in that locket of yours."  
Mrs. B.—"Yes, it is a lock of my husband's hair."  
Mrs. A.—"But your husband is still alive."  
Mrs. B.—"Yes, but his hair is gone."

## THE BIBLE

The Bible is the oldest printed and the most frequently printed book. The highest price ever paid for a book was for a Bible. The Christmas story is the most popular story in this book, which, among all the other publications offered for sale at this season remains the "best seller."

It is not strange that the Bible of universal appeal and ageless virility has attracted the collector. Museums, monasteries, reigning princes and high ecclesiastics, librarians and scholars, book sellers and antiquarians have collected Bibles through the centuries.

There are about 40 complete, or nearly complete, Gutenberg Bibles in existence. One is in the Vatican, Rome, one in the British Museum, London, and one was purchased through a dealer from an Austrian Benedictine monastery by the U. S. Library of Congress 10 years ago for a million and a half dollars, the top price for a book. There are also about 1,200 single sheets, each worth several hundred dollars. Printer Gutenberg, who asked what would amount to \$600 for each Bible, went bankrupt in the undertaking.

The first Bible in English was the New Testament printed at Cologne, Germany, by Tyndale in 1525, very rare now. The first in English printed in England was Coverdale's ten years later. The Catholic Bible, known as the Rheims-Douai Bible because it was translated from the Latin Vulgate when the Catholic College was located successively in these two cities, was printed at the beginning of the 17th century, and fell into such disfavor with Protestants that mere possession

of it could mean imprisonment.

The King James version came out in 1611, the "authorized version," recognized for 300 years, longer than any other edition, as the standard English Bible, and still considered one of English literature's noblest monuments.

The Bible was first printed in America in 1661, at Cambridge, Mass., a translation into Indian language by the Indian missionary, John Eliot, and dedicated to Charles II. Of the books given as Christmas remembrances this year the Bible will top the list. The Christmas story will be the story most frequently revived on the printed page, by word of mouth, in reference, by inference, in song and sermon.

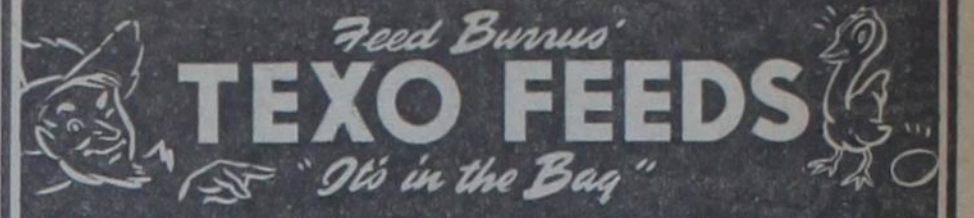
## CATACOMB SHELTER

Around and underneath Rome's 1,000,000 living lies a fantastic city of 6,000,000 dead. The celebrated catacombs of Rome extend 550 miles, mostly in the subsoil of the capital's environs, occasionally below the metropolis itself. The early Christians cut out the galleries, averaging three feet in width, six feet in height and broken by chambers of varying size, as burial places. They painted biblical scenes and religious symbols on the subterranean walls, worshipped in the depths and, according to legend, hid there in periods of persecution. Before the outbreak of the second World War, the catacombs were a shrine for tourists, who went down into the dark corridors with lighted candles in hand and the echoing voice of a guide to lead them.

Recently it was disclosed that the catacombs had been drafted for Rome's defense.

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Blue signposts on the city's streets pointed the way to air-raid shelters. Among the shelters was a section of the catacombs. Where the first Christians dug their tile-sealed buried niches, the modern Romans have installed first-aid stations, electric lights and running water. The galleries are patrolled by wardens equipped with gas masks. The new shelters are a precaution, for Rome, the Eternal City, has not yet been bombed, chiefly because it is the seat of the papacy and a priceless treasure house of archaeology. But the British have warned that R. A. F. visits would be justified, since Axis planes have bombed the sacred Islamic city of Cairo and Fascist aviators took part in last year's assault on London.

"And when they were come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshipped Him . . . and being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

"Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof. . . .—St. Matthew, Chapter 2.

## OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

All over town, and for miles around, folks are getting ready for Christmas in the good old-fashioned way. Christmas of 1941 is going to be a great Christmas. You can tell it by the way folks have been planning and shopping and talking. Yes, it's going to be a real Christmas, a particularly special Christmas, a Christmas when the simple words, printed on a card or spoken with a hand-shake, are going to be said with sincerity and a genuine desire that the traditional wish they express may be really, abundantly, beautifully true.

## FORGOTTEN

Some 1900 years ago in the little town of Bethlehem the Christ Child was born of Mary, wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in the manger. Angels heralding His birth to the shepherds on the hillside proclaimed a message which man at times has chosen to ignore: "Peace on Earth."

The Christmas of 1941 finds most of the world at war, the rest preparing for it. And all because some few have forgotten about "good will toward men."

And ye shall be my people, and I will be your God. Jer. 30:22.

# HE DOUBLES IN DANGER!

STUNT ACE MALCOLM POPE, WHO DOUBLES FOR THE STARS, CRASHED THE MOVIES AT 60 MILES AN HOUR



## Christmas Candies

Candy making for the Christmas season is a perfect excuse for a family party. Mother, dad and the children can turn out a great variety of their favorite sweets in one afternoon or evening, if they all lend a hand.

Let dad take charge of the taffy and fudge. Both of them need a strong right arm for the pulling or beating. If he starts the taffy cooking first he can get that pulled while the fudge is cooling to the right temperature for beating.

The younger members of the family will enjoy mixing fondant candies, from either uncooked fondant or the regular creamy fondant which mother has made up ahead of time.

Every job needs a good supervisor, and we suggest that mother act in that capacity. She'll probably be kept busy straightening out snarls for the rest of the workers, and seeing that they have all the utensils they need.

Given below are recipes for candies that will be delightful in gift boxes or for serving at your own holiday parties. If you follow the directions to the letter and use a candy thermometer to test the finish point they will turn out successfully.

### Chocolate Fudge

Two cups sugar, 2 squares unsweetened chocolate, 2/3 cup milk or cream, 2 tablespoons light corn syrup, few grains salt, a table-

spoon butter, teaspoon vanilla extract.

Cut chocolate in small pieces. Combine with sugar, milk or cream, salt and corn syrup and heat slowly, stirring until sugar is dissolved. Cover pan until mixture begins to boil. Remove cover and boil until mixture reaches 240 degrees F., forms a soft ball in cold water. Remove from heat and add vanilla and butter.

DO NOT STIR. Let stand undisturbed until lukewarm. Beat until creamy. Pour into buttered pan and mark into squares. Place half a walnut meat in center of each square.

### Fondant

Two pounds granulated sugar, 1/4 cup light corn syrup, 1 cup water.

Place ingredients in saucepan and stir over heat until sugar is dissolved. Cover pan and boil for a minute. Remove cover from pan and boil without stirring until syrup reaches 238 to 240 degrees F., or until a small amount forms a soft ball in

cold water. Pour syrup into shallow enameled pan or platter. Let stand undisturbed until lukewarm.

Stir until material forms a cheese-like mass, then knead until smooth and plastic. Store in tightly covered container for several days, if desired.

### Fondant Candies.

Work any desired flavoring into fondant, form into small shapes and dip in melted chocolate, or top with halves of nut meats or candied fruit.

Knead shredded coconut, chopped dried or candied fruits or chopped nut meats into fondant. Form into small shapes. Layers of different colors and flavors can be put together and cut into squares.

Creamy fondant can be turned into the most festive of homemade candies by the addition of fruits, nuts and chocolate.

**An Outboard Steeplechase at Cypress Gardens, Winter Haven, Florida**

THAT'S MALCOLM POPE LEADING

THERE GOES ANOTHER ONE OUT. HEY, THIS IS DANGEROUS!

I'D WANT TO BE DOING MORE THAN 60 THROUGH THAT STUFF

SUPPOSE THEY SPILLED—OR STALLED?

40 Feet through the Air From an Inclined Platform Jump

WAIT'LL THEY HIT THE FIRE HAZARD

GREAT RACE, POPE. I'VE GOT A MOVIE CONTRACT FOR YOU. LET'S CLINCH IT WITH A CAMEL

A CAMEL ALWAYS GOES WITH A HAPPY ENDING. THEY ALWAYS TASTE SO GOOD

THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A CAMEL. SWELL FLAVOR—AND THEY'RE MILD BY FAR, WITH LESS NICOTINE IN THE SMOKE!

THE ONLY FINISHER—AND THE WINNER—MALCOLM POPE!

THAT GOES DOUBLE FOR ME. A CAMEL IS JUST WHAT I WANT

MALCOLM POPE Stunt Ace

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The first commercial tung nut crop for Southeast Texas is estimated at 500 tons. There is no tung oil mill in Texas, but the product may be sent to Louisiana where several mills are in operation.

An ordinary turnip seed planted in Dawson county produced a turnip which weighed 6 pounds and 11 ounces, and measured 25 1/2 inches around, according to report.

J. E. Pearsons, Grand Saline, (Van Zandt county), has found that planting vetch and turning it under increases his yield of crooked neck cane by more than 35%.

So far as is known, the first registered cattle in Hopkins county were brought in recently when Tom Riley Lindley, dairyman living west of Sulphur Springs, purchased three head of registered Milking Shorthorn cattle. These cattle are said to be noted for both milk and beef. Two young heifers and one young bull were bought.

Arsenic is driving H. L. Hughes and his depleted crop of minks to the mountains. Hughes reported he has lost 300 minks as a result of arsenic poisoning, adding that the arsenic apparently was blowing in on his mink farm from near-by cotton fields where the poison was intended to kill cotton pests. Laboratory tests revealed the cause of the deaths, the mink farm operator said. Hughes is planning to move his farm from near El Paso, (El Paso county), to mountain country in New Mexico.

A report on the cotton spinning industry for a recent month shows 104,662,016 active spindle hours in the State. The average hours per spindle in Texas was 431—slightly above the national average of 408 hours per spindle.

Texas, traditionally the home of the booted and spurred cowboy, actually raises more sheep than cattle, a report of the livestock industry in the State by Commissioner of Agriculture J. E. McDonald, shows. Leading all types of livestock production in the State, sheep reported totaled 8,447,809 head. Cattle are second with 6,281,537, including 1,146,766 milk cows, the Commissioner said.



Farmers of East Texas will be able to meet the call of the nation for increased food production for national defense without greatly expanding physical plants or capital outlay, merely by continuing the trend which has been established in their operations, as reflected in preliminary Census reports for 1940, according to Bryan Blalock, of Marshall, chairman of the livestock committee of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. L. A. Westbrook spotted a baby pecan tree in her yard, and spaded it up to transplant it. She found the roots entwined around an old baseball. The ball, she figured, was a home-made one with a pecan in the center.

Ray Allen, of Ennis, (Ellis county), displayed a chicken hatched without eyes on his farm. The chick was perfectly shaped and formed with the exception that it had no eyes. It was a Rhode Island.

A new smooth lawn barley named Texas and developed at the Denton substation of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, is being made available to farmers this year. Its qualities include resistance to disease and superiority in yield in Central Texas, according to report.

When Dr. S. N. Parks, of Lancaster, (Dallas county), killed one of his White Leghorn hens for his Sunday dinner recently, he discovered the chicken had a 26-inch egg sack containing seven fully-developed eggs and six immature eggs ranging in size from a large walnut to one inch in diameter.

J. E. McDonald, State Commissioner of Agriculture, reported that "For the first time in over 20 years Texas farmers are receiving \$60 a ton for cottonseed." The statistical position of fats and oils, plus the supply and demand were given as reasons for justifying the price.

Texas farmers during the 1940-41 season used approximately 8,000 tons more fertilizer on their crops than in the 1939-40 season, according to a report issued by Dr. G. S. Fraps, State chemist in charge of the administration of the fertilizer laws in Texas. A total of 115,850 tons were used over the State.

An industry that is growing by leaps and bounds in Willacy county is that of growing gladioli. Northwest of Raymondville is a 45-acre field owned by Glenn Flinn. Each season 700,000 cut "glads" are shipped to Northern markets and 200,000 bulbs sold to wholesale buyers. Fifteen acres of young bulbs and 10 acres of bulbets are grown each year by Mr. Flinn.

Her exceptional butterfat yield has qualified the purebred Jersey cow, Ox-fonde Mary Flavia, owned by C. M. Andrews of Greenville, (Hunt county), for the silver medal award of the American Jersey Cattle Club. In her recently completed official test the medal winner produced 422.40 pounds of butterfat and 7,356 pounds of milk in 305 days, milked two and three times daily.

Fourteen acres of sandy hillside land in Dallas county are yielding better than 5 tons of high grade Dalmatin sage, according to T. L. Allen, who has pioneered in this new field with his small experimental crop never before grown in Texas. The grower is realizing \$1,200 a ton, or more than \$400 an acre. Allen sees an opportunity for sage to become of service to many cotton farmers whose land is capable of raising more profitable crops.

The rat poisoning program to have been put on in Montague county recently had to be postponed because of a shortage of red squill powder. The red squill is made from a bulbous plant grown in the Mediterranean Sea area, and Hitler sees to it that very little importing is done to this country from that region. County Agent Arvie Elliott reports the program may be cancelled.

Burning the woods this winter won't help rid the farm of insect pests, according to information released from the A. & M. College of Texas Forest Service. This practice has been proven ineffective in controlling insects which attack agricultural crops.

What is believed to be the largest cock's comb ever to be grown in the section around Victoria, (Victoria county), was displayed by Mrs. F. A. Meissner. The huge flower weighed 5 1/2 pounds and was 39 inches in circumference.

Texas' share of the 1940 parity payments to farmers was \$29,803,684, it was recently announced in Washington. The total for the entire nation was \$205,834,629.

Seeded ribbon cane was introduced into Caldwell county for the first time this season by Judge M. O. Flowers. The variety made a showing superior to any other cane grown in this section of the State, it is said. The seed, originally from Cuba, was planted on low land, and Flowers harvested 30 tons from one acre.

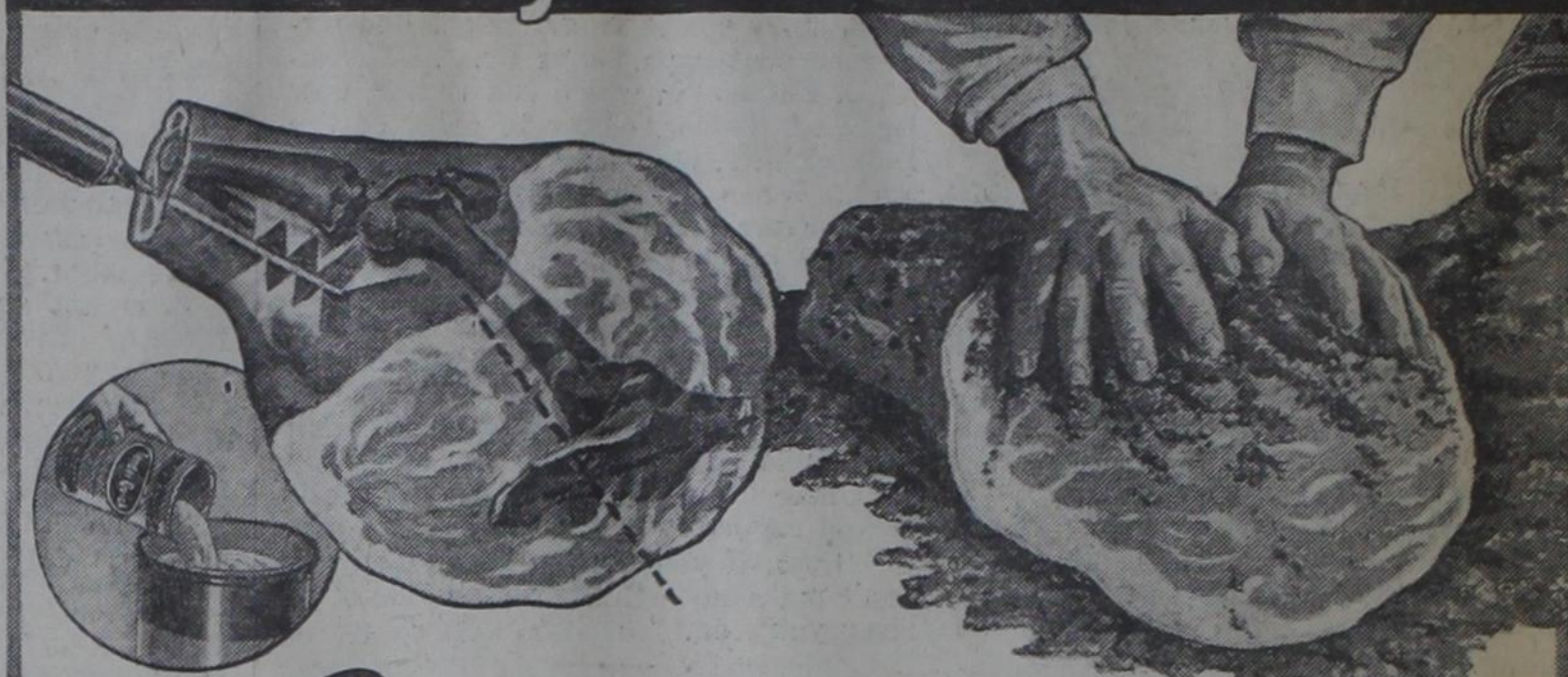
Texas has passed the half million mark in the number of cotton mattresses made under the Department of Agriculture's cotton mattress demonstration, according to Mildred Horton, vice director and State home demonstration agent. Tabulations through September show 508,693 have been delivered, with Texas leading all other States in number.

Texas farmers planning to grow peanuts for oil in 1941 will not only be meeting Food-for-Freedom pledges, but should be in position to increase their income, B. F. Vance, chairman of the Texas USDA Defense Board, has announced. Due to the increasingly important role peanut oil is playing in national defense, fair prices are expected to continue next year, he said. Peanut growers are being called upon to increase the acreage of peanuts in Texas approximately 100 per cent.

Dr. A. B. Cox, cotton expert of the University of Texas, estimates the cotton surplus in the State at 3,000,000 bales. He says the recent movement to have Texas girls wear cotton hose is good, but that as far as helping the Texas cotton farmer is concerned, "if every woman in the State switched to cotton stockings," Dr. Cox said, "the increase in cotton consumption would hardly make a dent in Texas' huge cotton surplus."

Lester Harriss, on a farm five miles northeast of Brownwood, (Brown county), robbed his treelimb bee gum and got about two gallons of light colored and exceptionally sweet honey, it is reported. The honeycomb was nearly as large as the top of a barrel in width and about 24 inches in length, and was strangely located on the west side of the tree, exposed to the sun. No effort had been made by the bees to find a secluded place to hive.

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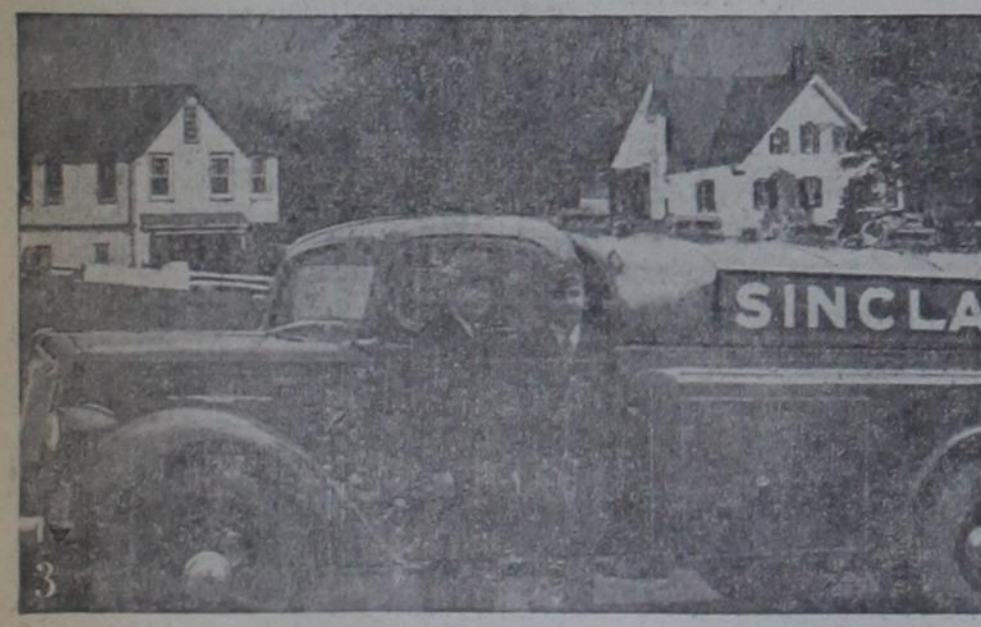
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A bantam hen is raising six quail on the farm home of H. R. Lively, Madisonville, (Madison county). The six young quail were hatched out by the bantam, and she mothers them with all the enthusiasm she would give a regular chicken brood, it was reported.

Of Texas' 167,934,720 acres of land area, about 132,000,000 acres are suffering erosion damage, according to a recent survey of the Soil Conservation Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. This damage includes 11,000,000 acres ruined for further immediate crop production.

A \$15 credit can be earned by East Texas farmers who plant forest trees on their lands this winter, according to provisions contained in the 1942 State AAA program, the Texas Forests Service, a division of A. & M. College, has announced. The \$15 credit has been specially provided for reforestation work-out and idle farm acres. It is not charged against or deducted from regular allotments.

Texas turkey growers may gross more than \$9,000,000 from their 1941 crop, figuring that the price this year will be about 20 cents per pound, and that the U. S. Department of Agriculture's estimate of 3,190,000 birds in Texas is correct. The turkeys, it is reported, will average about 15 pounds each.

The new Texas Seed Law, passed by the 47th Legislature, will help eliminate one of the hazards of farming—that is, questionable seed, according to the State Commissioner of Agriculture. The law requires that all seed offered for sale for planting or sowing purposes must be tagged to show complete information about its purity, etc.

Blackstrap molasses is neither a preventive nor a cure for loco-weed poisoning, according to Dr. H. Schmidt, Chief, Division of Veterinary Science, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, A. & M. College. To correct an opinion held by some stock owners, he points to results of a recent investigation carried on by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in co-operation with the U. S. Department of Agriculture which proved his statement.

Two scientists at the Texas College of Arts and Industries report their experiments indicate that "blue bugs" may play a role in the transmission of fowl paralysis.

Mrs. Mabel Kay, who has led the Tri County Dairy Herd Improvement Association for the last three months, says she firmly believes that it pays for a dairyman to feed bulk in a grain ration even if it is added extra by feeding hulls. She attributes the increased production to better utilization of feed due to the added bulk.

One of the most important cash income "crops" in Kerr county this year will be fur taken from the ring-tail fox and coon in this section. Estimates indicate that the number of fur-bearing animals is at least equal to last season when the county yielded over 4,000 skins. Skunk and opossum quotations are predicted to be some better than last year.

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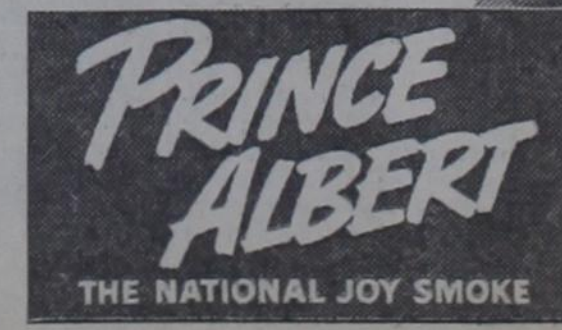
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try take the following precautions:

Use decorations and Christmas tree trimmings, if possible, that are fire-resistant.

Do not expose any decorations to direct contact with electric light bulbs, candles or fireplaces.

Dispose of wrapping paper from gift packages at once. Burn them or place them in a metal waste can until they can be removed from the premises.

Inspect portable electric cords and discard those that are frayed and worn. Beware of cords under rugs. They are easy to trip on.

Keep a fire extinguisher handy to put out small fires.

Provide a number of ample ash trays. They will help protect furniture from burn scars and reduce the danger of careless smoking and use of matches.

To prevent falls and other accidents:

Before trimming the Christmas tree, fasten it securely so it will not fall and cannot be knocked over. Use a ladder, not a chair.

Beware of toys with sharp edges and exposed machinery where fingers might be caught.

Explain electrical toys before allowing very young children to play with them.

Outside lighting displays should be installed by a competent electrician, if any special wiring connections or extensions are needed.

Christmas tree ornaments are made of very thin glass. Clear away broken decorations without delay.

Place your tree as far as possible from the fireplace, and see that Santa distributes his gifts from near the tree, not near boys and girls. Records show that they might ignite his highly inflammable costume.

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS; for he shall save the people from their sins. Mat. 1:21.

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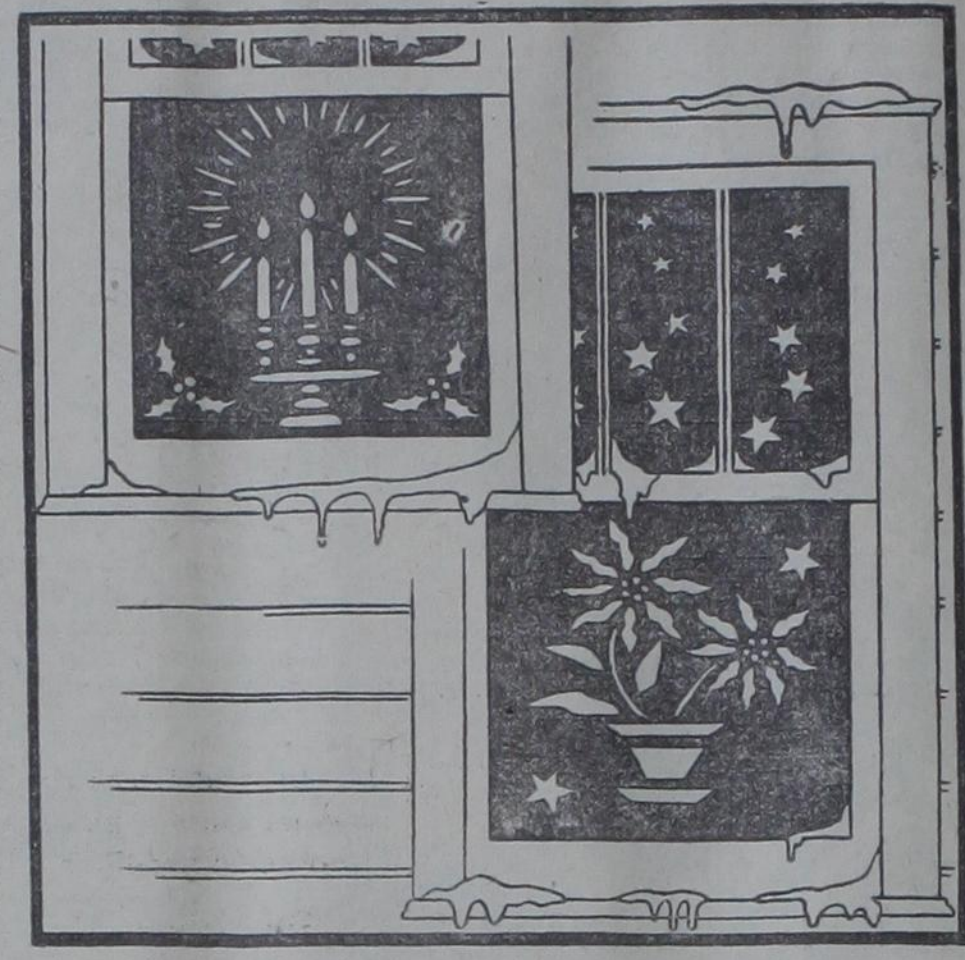
# HOUSEHOLD HELPS

MRS. MARGARET STUTE, Editor, 1809 Ashland, Fort Worth, Texas.

## BUSY WOMEN'S WORKBASKET

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### THIS YEAR OF GRACE

This year of all years we face life with a new reverence for Christ's birthday. This year we can better understand the meaning of, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

That thought uppermost, we can celebrate Christmas with lighter hearts and can sit down with loved ones around a bounteous table knowing that a forgiving Father rules the universe and that He "doeth all things well." Furthermore, and it is a comforting thought, we shall share this Christmas with countries overseas who hunger and are fighting for Christian liberty. Our ships will carry some food to them.

Christmas toys reflect the desire of people

to forget the horrors of war and we are glad to see the return of many simple toys that have been absent from counters for many years. Need for metal has curtailed the production of mechanical toys. Dolls are especially lovely this season. It almost makes you wish you were a little girl again.



"Have a soldier for Christmas dinner," is a slogan that will be paraphrased in many ways. We cannot have a happy Christmas unless we make some one else happy. If your son is serving in an army camp, have him bring home a buddy to share the Christmas dinner. If you do not have a son in the army, then adopt one for the day. This can usually be arranged through your church or USO organization.

### HOLIDAY TABLE DECORATIONS

What fun it is to plan decorations for the Christmas table. It seems that the more limited our resources the more resourceful we become. It is a time, if we bring into play our imagination, there will be no limit to what may be achieved.

The major theme for most Christmas dinner parties is snow sports. Last year we used dark blue crepe-paper covering on which we pasted Santa riding gayly in a sleigh between white pine trees (these around the outside border). At one end of the table we arranged, with little expense, a forest scene. We made artificial trees by cutting long strips of white crepe paper (double thickness held together with rubber cement). To do this, cut the strips crosswise of the grain, an inch and three-quarters wide; snip the strips at

tiny intervals along one edge to make bangs about an inch deep. Then curl the bangs slightly upward, as we used to do with an ostrich feather. Wind the strips spirally on papercones, beginning at the lower edge as you go, overlapping each row with one above. Make candle holders of round discs of pasteboard covered with silver paper, to which attach with strong glue an inch-wide ring of silver-covered pasteboard.

Little artificial snow-tipped green trees, in among the white frilly ones, may be used in this setting. Here, too, may roan wild deer and fawns. Chubby little dolls riding on a sleigh may be used skimming over a snow-bank made of white tissue paper and sprinkled with artificial snow. Any number of ideas may be worked out if you are patient and will take the time to do them.

### FROM A CO-ED TO HER MOTHER

EDITOR'S NOTE: In this department we introduce a new feature of interest for the whole family. A letter from a girl in college will be reproduced from month to month. Please write us whether or not you like the feature.

DEAR MOMS:

Now that I have taken the great step from high school to college, I am beginning to realize my responsibility.

How often I wish I was back in the good old high school days. You know, we were "big-shots" there—we were seniors. Now, that is different. Here we are nothing but "fish."

If we want to attend classes that is our responsibility and no one to tell us to do so. Everything we do we must decide for ourselves.

There is much social activity. We have our informative lectures as well as our entertainments. Now, that the National Defense program is on the way to being a very major issue, much of our time is taken with that. There are, of course, bandages to be wrapped; first aid course to be taken, problems to be discussed, even fundamental projects that women can do in the way

of defense. There is assembly work, airplane and machines of all kinds to be learned. I am learning that to be a successful co-ed you must develop many faculties. This includes religion, education, entertainment, health, leadership, ability to do as told and much more.

I find in college you not only learn the fundamentals of lessons but, equally as important, the ability to co-operate, to live with other people. In other words, to live and let live.

This feeling of belonging did not come all at once but had to be worked hard for, it had to be really earned. Once this feeling is achieved, you have, they say, something to be proud of.

Although I am home-sick at times, they keep us so busy I have little time to think about home. I miss you, dad and the boys, but I do hope I can make you proud of me and thus repay your many sacrifices.

Now that I have this picture of college days out of my system, I will write you more intimately of our life here in my next letter. Love to all, including friends,

Your daughter, ELISA.



### CHRISTMAS MENU HELPS

A table loaded with goodies is the most welcome sight I can think of to greet the young folks back home to spend the big holiday. Here are a few timely helps you may welcome:

- Steamed Chocolate Pudding**
- 2 cups sifted flour  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon soda  
1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup shortening  
1/2 cup sugar  
1 egg, well beaten  
3 squares unsweetened chocolate, melted  
1 cup milk
- Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder, soda and salt, and sift three times. Cream butter, add sugar gradually and cream together. Add egg and chocolate, beating until smooth. Add flour, alternately with milk, a small amount at a time, beating well after each addition. Turn into greased mold, filling 2/3 full, cover tightly and steam 2 hours. Serve hot with hard sauce or foamy sauce. Garnish with whipped cream if desired. Serves 10.
- Foamy Sauce**
- 1/4 cup brown sugar, firmly packed  
1 egg yolk, unbeaten  
Dash of salt  
1 egg white, unbeaten  
1/4 cup cream, whipped  
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1/2 teaspoon vanilla.

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**Cinnamon Cookies**

Beat 6 egg whites very stiff.

Add 2 cups sugar, sifted

One lemon rind grated

One tablespoon cinnamon

Beat for 15 minutes.

Put aside 1/2 cup of mixture.

To balance add:

One pound of nuts

Fold in 2 tablespoons flour.

Drop from spoon on top of greased baking sheet. On top of each heap put a bit of mixture set aside. Bake slowly to a light golden brown.



**Grapefruit Sherbet**

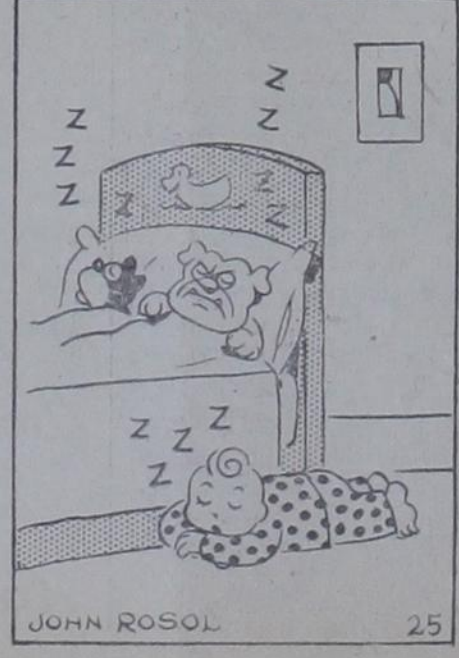
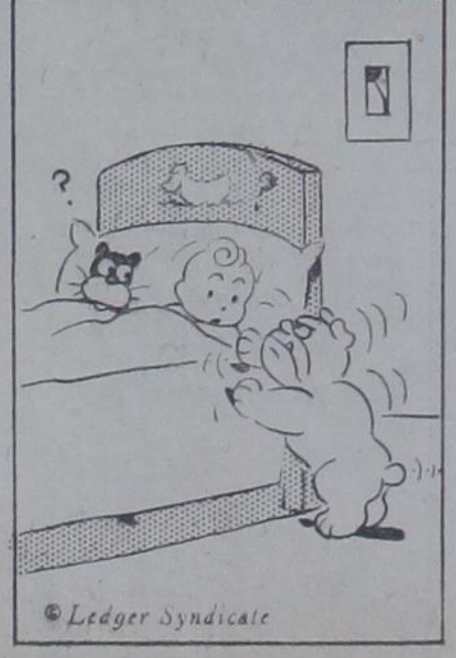
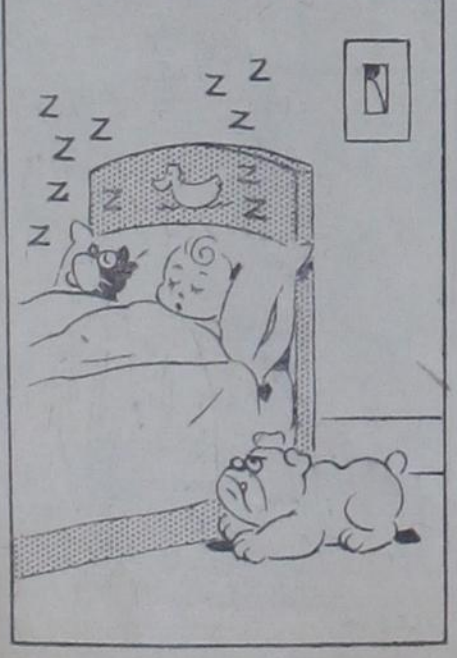
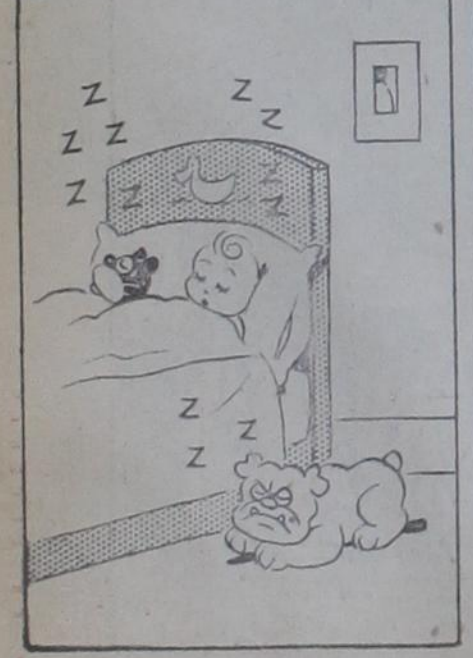
This grapefruit sherbet is a new and attractive dessert, or can be served with a meat course. It will add novelty to your Christmas or New Year dinner.

1/4 cup sugar  
1/4 cup water  
1/2 cup white karo  
1 tablespoon lemon juice  
1 1/4 cups unsweetened grapefruit juice

1 cup grapefruit sections  
1 cup seedless white grapes.

Heat sugar, water and karo together until sugar is dissolved; cool. Add lemon juice, grapefruit juice, grapefruit sections and grapes. Turn into trays of automatic refrigerator. Freeze, stirring once just before the sherbet is frozen. Makes 4 servings. If desired, omit grapes. Serve as dessert or with meat course.

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# Demonstration Clubbers and National Defense

By Mrs. Russell O'Brian  
Lakeview H. D. Club

Parmer County Home Demonstration Clubs have taken their share of the responsibility of protecting this land of ours in this great emergency.

During the past year, their number one goal has been well-planned diets, to keep their families in the best of health. Their guide has been the Texas Food Standard.

The idea of using whole wheat flour and eating whole grain cereals has been studied and demonstrated until many women are realizing more and more how essential it is in the every day diet, and are making it a "must" item for their family's benefit.

Those who measure results only in dollars and cents will be interested to know that the home work in production and preservation of food by the average home demonstration club woman was valued at \$1035.35 during 1941, and that the average club woman canned 403 quarts of food in 1941, according to reports made to the Home Demonstration Agent. Some club women have done much better than average.

The following club members have each canned more than 600 quarts: Mrs. B. N. Koelzer, Mrs. Giles Cobb, Mrs. E. A. Hromas, Mrs. C. E. Foster, Mrs. C. L. Calaway, Mrs. D. O. Robason, Mrs. N. E. Bonds, Mrs. E. L. Fairchild, Mrs. Joe Jesko, Mrs. Tom Foster and Mrs. Travis Brown.

Home demonstration club efforts have not been entirely selfish. They have done canning, shared food, loaned their pressure cookers to the neighbors and in time of misfortune have been on hand to give assistance. Even though their hands were busy with home tasks, and many have gone to the field to help with the harvest, they have still found time to go Red Cross sewing and knitting. Many club women have done their share in the Red Cross membership and budget drive. They contributed to the home demonstration association fund for purchase of canning equipment for rural England.

As a result of community cooperation directed by home demonstration

women, 370 cotton mattresses were made in Parmer county last year.

The home demonstration club members helped in the nation-wide aluminum drive by stressing the urgent need of the valuable product and by searching in attic, cellar and junk heaps to contribute their share of the 750 pounds collected in Parmer county.

Home Demonstration Club activities bring to the community facts that will help to solve many current problems and give understanding of how to gain a happy home and a more satisfying community life. Information on frozen food, landscaping, food production, preservation and preparation, new facts in nutrition, are only a few things that were studied in 1941.

They have planned their study program for 1942 for programs that will strengthen the morale of themselves and their communities. Home demonstration club work is open to all women in the county who wish to take part.

## Sweetheart to All



Her name is on everybody's lips, from London to Seattle, but this girl from Evansville, Ind., isn't a bit boastful. She is Mary Christmas, and she's everybody's sweetheart now.

### WHAT'LL THEY THINK UP NEXT?

The oil industry has perfected a "defeathering wax" and two men, using the wax, recently picked 500 chickens in an hour. The birds come from the killing room on an overhead conveyor, pass through a water bath of 128 degrees, and then thru the wax bath, which is held at 130 degrees. After the wax has been solidified by a cold water dip it is peeled off, feathers, down, and all. Ninety-five percent of the wax can be used again.

An organic sulphur dust, which when mixed with seeds before planting protects onion seedlings from smut during the vulnerable first two or three weeks of growth is announced by Cornell University Experiment Station.

## Gaily Wrapped Gifts Promote Christmas Spirit

Festive wrappings make the difference between a gift for Christmas and something that might turn up at any time of the year. They express the glamour of the season, the spirit of Christmas giving and the extra measure of good cheer.

Those who wait till the last minute to buy their presents find it best to depend upon bright and gay wrapping papers and glittering ribbon. If the patterns of these papers are selected thoughtfully, something individual can be found for each gift.

Others who obtain their presents a little in advance of Christmas will have time to wrap each gift as a personal greeting in itself. There are a number of ways to give each gift wrapping a different personality.

**DEMURE**—A square box wrapped in pink foil paper with a round lace paper doilie pasted on the top, and in the center of the doilie a bouquet of flower stickers.

**YOUNG**—For a big box wrap in heavy white paper, then cut out green paper in Christmas tree shape and trim it lavishly with Christmas seals.

**SPANGLED**—Wrap a square box in blue foil paper and spangle it all over with silver stars.

**FROSTY**—Shiny green wrapping paper spattered with white paper snowflakes will have a wintry glitter.

**JOLLY**—For the young fry, a gift of handkerchiefs is made doubly interesting if they're rolled up and tied around the middle with white yarn arms, a little broom and a black cardboard hat—to look like a snow-man.

**RIPE**—Wrap in white paper, tied with green ribbon and, instead of a bow, a bunch of bright cherries from the five-and-ten.

**FRIVOLOUS**—Wrap the package in green foil paper, tie with white satin ribbon and a "bouquet" of small white plumes.

**MUSICAL**—Wrap with brilliant blue foil paper, tie with silver ribbon with a cascade of little jingle bells instead of a bow.

**A GARDENER'S GIFT**—Wrap in flowered paper, tie with green ribbon and add a "bouquet" made of miniature gardening tools.

Two scientists at the Texas College of Arts and Industries report their experiments indicate that "blue bugs" may play a role in the transmission of fowl paralysis.

## Rail oddities



THE FIRST PULLMAN SLEEPING CAR WAS A DAY-COACH REBUILT BY GEORGE M. PULLMAN AND OPERATED FROM BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS TO CHICAGO ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1859.



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ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN RAILROADS (IIP)

ONCE AGAIN

May the spirit of kindness that is within us all today, remain throughout every day of the New Year.

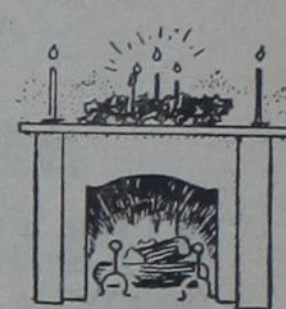
We thank you for your friendly patronage and loyalty and extend best wishes of the Season.



CORDIAL GREETINGS

GUS & MABLE'S CAFE

Farwell, Texas.



WITH FRIENDLY MEMORIES AND ALL BEST WISHES

FOR

CHRISTMAS

AND THE NEW YEAR

PHILLIPS CAFE

Texico, N. M.

To Our Multitude of Friends  
And Patrons We Send  
A Multitude Of

GREETINGS

IT IS OUR WISH that new joys not known before may come to you and abide with you all through the coming year.

It is because of your fine loyalty that we send this word of Christmas cheer. We thank you sincerely for your friendships and patronage and we seek the opportunity of continuing in this association in the future.

May the Holiday Season, with its fine sentiment, remain with you throughout the days of the New Year.

SECURITY STATE BANK

Farwell, Texas.

London Town of Today



A striking photograph of the city of London, looking toward St. Paul's cathedral, which was damaged by Nazi bombs earlier in the war. The city has not been bombed for many months, and much of the debris has been cleared away, but there is still "plenty of room for improvement."

IT IS OUR PRIVILEGE  
TO SAY TO YOU

**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**



Every year we look forward to this occasion because it gives us a splendid opportunity to not only wish you all the good things for the coming year, but to thank you for your courtesies in the past.

**Roberts Food Store**

Texico, N. M.

**ONCE AGAIN**

**IT'S CHRISTMAS**

May it bring you Peace and Happiness

Throughout the New Year

Please accept our thanks for the kindnesses you have extended us in the past. We trust we may continue to merit your consideration in the future.



**MANDELL'S**

The Store Of Quality

Clovis, New Mexico.

**Words of Bible  
Laud Virtues  
In 'Giving'**

A little research reveals that many of the familiar quotations on the virtues of "giving" have a sound basis in Holy Scripture. Though they were not all made in connection with "giving" at Christmas time, the verses below (all taken from the Bible) provide definite clues to the origin of the many more modern "give" slogans so often heard in the holiday season.

Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

—Luke 6:38.

I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

—Acts 20:35.

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

—II Cor. 9:7.

A gift is a precious stone in the eyes of him that hath it: whithersoever it turneth, it prospereth.

—Prov. 17:8.

He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.

—Prov. 28:27.

But rather give alms of such things as ye have; and, behold, all things are clean unto you.

—Luke 11:41.

And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

—I. Cor. 13:13.

If thou hast but a little, be not afraid to give according to that little.

—(Apoc.) Tobit 4:8.

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which He hath given thee.

—Deut. 16:17.

Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

—I. Cor. 12:4.

Freely ye have received, freely give.

—Matt. 10:8.

**Bethlehem, N. H., Is Like  
Tiny Village of Nativity**

BETHLEHEM, N. H.—This peaceful little "Christmas town" nestled in the New Hampshire hills bears a striking resemblance to the Holy Village for which it was named. Its location is similar to that of Bethlehem in Judea, and, strangely enough it is a village of inns and Jewish people, just like the real Bethlehem in the beautiful story of the Christ Child. This similarity exists, however, only in summer when 32 magnificent hotels, taverns and inns, nine of which observe the Jewish dietary laws, are hosts to those who come, year after year, to enjoy the beauty of green fields and purple mountains. At Christmastide the population is less than a thousand souls and most of them are natives whose hardy ancestors built their log cabins along Bethlehem streets where the palatial hotels now stand.

**Men in Army, Navy  
Await Yule Season**

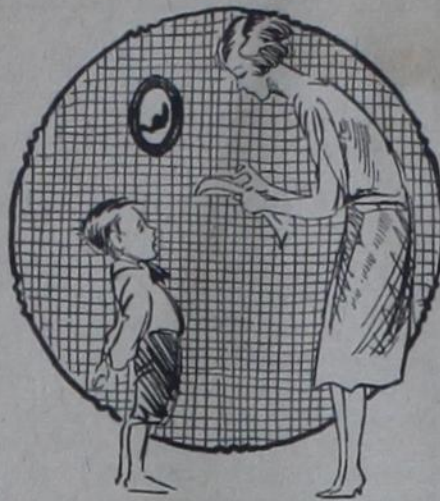
For men in the army and navy the Christmas holidays are gala days. Army furlough privileges permit many men to visit their homes while active field training is suspended. Railroads last year cut their rates drastically for the men in uniforms, and it is expected the same will hold true this Christmas season.

For those who remain in the camps special Christmas dinners, religious services and holiday festivities will be arranged. The same arrangement will be made for men in the fleet, few of whom will be able to spend the holidays at home.

The army has also arranged to include relatives and friends of the men in camp in as many activities as possible.

**Christmas Observance**  
At high noon on Christmas day in 1925, the famous General Grant tree, located in the General Grant National park, near Fresno, Calif., was designated as the Nation's Christmas Tree. According to the United States department of the interior, the tree is estimated to be 267 feet high and is one of the so-called Bigtrees.

'NEVER MISS 'EM'

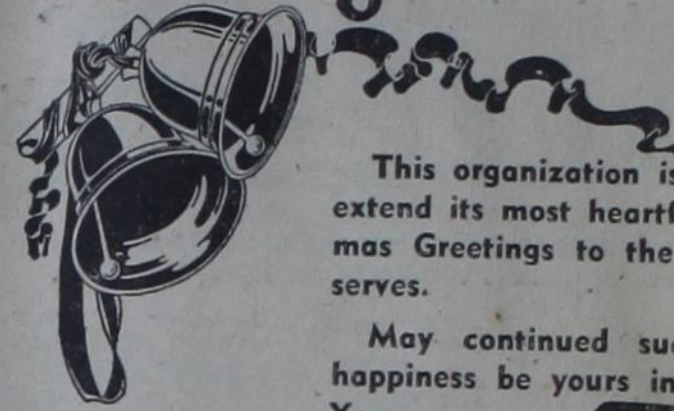


"I'm afraid, Tommy, that you are asking Santa for too much this year."  
"Well, it's a lot, Mother, but with all the toys he's got he'll never miss 'em."

The oil industry buys each year directly from agriculture lard oil, stearine made from cattle and horses, castor oil from the castor plant, neatsfoot oil from horns and hooves, milk, fibreboard, hairfelt, leather, cotton fabrics, wood products and many other supplies.

TRIBUNE ADS BRING HOME THE BACON

**Greetings..**



This organization is happy to extend its most heartfelt Christmas Greetings to the people it serves.

May continued success and happiness be yours in the New Year.

**Red Cross Pharmacy**

Texico, N. M.

*THE SEASON OF GOOD  
CHEER IS HERE!*

As you gather with friends and loved ones for a festive Christmastime, please be mindful that our thoughts are for you and yours. We wish you a season of happiness, mingled with the many blessings you so richly deserve.

**KEMP LUMBER CO.**

ROY W. BOBST, Mgr.  
Farwell, Texas.

**WE  
Wish You**

**an  
OLD FASHIONED  
CHRISTMAS**

At this radiant Season of good cheer, when business cares and worries are overshadowed by good fellowship and kind thoughts and deeds, we sincerely wish you an old fashioned joyful Christmas and a just reward for your every effort during the New Year.

You have been very considerate in every way during the time it has been our privilege to serve you. For that reason we have set as our goal greater efforts to serve you more diligently than ever before.

**Farwell and Lariat Gins**

E. M. Deaton, Manager

Subscribe Now, \$1



TO WISH YOU ALL THE JOYS OF A  
**HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON**  
AND EVERY HAPPINESS IN THE NEW YEAR

**C. R. Anthony Company**  
Clovis, New Mexico.

**Outlook For Beef Production Bright**

COLLEGE STATION—Texas should be able to furnish, without straining its resources, 18 percent more cattle and calves for marketing and home slaughter in 1942 than it did in 1940, according to A. L. Smith, animal husbandman of the A. & M. College Extension Service. This is the minimum quota allotted to the state by the Texas USDA Defense Board in the Food for Freedom program. Texas is expected to furnish an increase of 269,093,000 pounds and a total output of 1,764,053,000 pounds in 1942.

Returning recently from a survey of the cattle raising areas of south and West Texas, Smith forecast a high average spring calf crop because cows generally have had unusually good pasture and are going into the winter in excellent condition. But he did not look for any material increase in existing herds next year. There is considerable weeding of sterils and over-age cows especially when in good flesh, but he did not observe that any of these are being put into feed lots. On account of prevailing prices, large numbers of cattle are being grazed on wheat and other small grains with a supplement of cottonseed cake.

Texas calves, contracted for fall delivery by out-of-state feeders have been moved and very few are going out of the state at this time, he said. USDA economists have pointed out the desirability of increasing marketing and slaughter of cattle and calves during the coming year. They suggest that unless marketings are increased, there will be a continued expansion in numbers of cattle and calves on farms and ranches, with heavy marketings in subsequent years when consumer demand conditions may not be as favorable as they are expected to be next year.

**Many Christmas Towns Found in Postal Guide**

Christmas names are found throughout the United States. There are two towns named Christmas, one in Florida and another in Kentucky. Maine has a Christmas Cove, and there are Bethlehems in Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Indiana, Maryland, Georgia, Kentucky and New Hampshire. Santa Claus, Ind., is the most popular Christmas post office. There is a Noel in Missouri and Virginia. Nazareth is located in Kentucky, Michigan, Pennsylvania, North Carolina and Texas. Hollytree is in Alabama, and Kentucky has a Holly Bush and a Mistletoe. Thirteen post offices are named Laurel. Each of these towns handles huge quantities of mail each Christmas.

**Chef Describes How to Carve Turkey Properly**

Fine roast turkey reigns supreme over the American Christmas table. But no matter how large or small it may be, the obstacle of carving the bird must first be overcome before it can be enjoyed.

Since carving is almost an art in itself, a few expert suggestions are made by Maurice Gonneau, chef at a downtown hotel in New York.

Before starting to cut the turkey, sharpen the carving knife with the steel. The correct way to sharpen the knife is to hold the steel securely in the left hand, passing the far side of the blade against the far side of the steel with a quick stroke toward the left hand.

When the knife is sharpened, remove the second joints by putting fork between second joint and drumstick. Insert knife between carcass and second joint and cut, then with the fork pull the joint free from the carcass. If turkey is properly cooked this will be easy. Next remove the wings by cutting very carefully, inserting knife toward the joints and pull out as with the second joint. Take care not to cut into the breast.

With the breast of the turkey facing you, slice the white meat with a downward stroke and away from the bone. Next cut the drumstick free from the second joint and slice the latter. Then cut the tail with lower back meat and cut out the "oyster" which is a small amount of dark meat on the back which is always in demand because of its delicate flavor.

Serve the meat with the stuffing, giblet gravy and cranberry sauce. Spoon out the stuffing which is placed first on the plate. Cover with one piece of dark and one piece of light meat, unless there are special preferences, and cover with giblet gravy. Place helping of cranberry sauce on the side.

There are no prepositions in the Finnish language.

The general impression is that collectors are unpopular—yet everybody asks them to come back.

Prices received by farmers have increased six points in the past month and are 131 per cent of the 1909-1914 parity average, the highest level in 11 years, says the Agriculture Marketing Service.



**BEST WISHES**

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

For you and all those dear to you, may this Holiday Time be one of great joy and happiness.

And for next year, we say,

"Best of luck to all!"

**City Service Garage**

FLOYD FRANCIS  
Texico Hotel Building

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

With a friendly wish for your happiness throughout the New Year. And a genuine "thank you" for your courtesies of the past year.

**Texico Service Station**

CARL McCULLY, Prop.  
Texico, N. M.

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS**

AND THE BEST OF EVERYTHING IN THE NEW YEAR

**The Texas Co.**

DICK HUNTER, Agent

Farwell, Texas.

**LEST WE FORGET**



*Merry Christmas  
Happy New Year*

Let us be thankful for Christmas and the things for which it stands. Let us be thankful for fine associations, loyal friends... let us give thanks for a high standard of living that makes it possible for us to get the fullest enjoyment out of life.

That part of Christmas so frequently minimized is its religious significance. This is the birthday of Him who taught

Faith, Hope and Charity.

Let us not forget to find time to be thankful, to sing praises to Him for the blessings received. As we celebrate Christmas day with rejoicing, let us celebrate it with a deep thankfulness in our hearts and a prayer that we may enjoy this significant occasion for many, many more years to come.



**FOR A CHEERFUL CHRISTMAS**

We are happy to offer our best wishes to each of you for the most cheerful Christmas you have ever experienced. It is with reverent appreciation of all the blessings that have been made possible by friendships of long standing, that we extend our best wishes for your happiness on this Christmas day and every day of the coming year.

**The State Line Tribune**

**Orr's Beauty Salon**  
Farwell, Texas.

## 'Cookie Tree' Is Easy to Make



A Christmas tree that looks good enough to eat, and really is, is the novel cookie Christmas tree. It's an easy tree to make, and as a table centerpiece it is sure to delight the youngsters, as well as the most sophisticated holiday guests.

Necessary equipment includes a wooden stick 9½ inches tall, ½ inch in diameter, one end sharpened to a point; one round wooden base, 8 inches in diameter, with a ½-inch hole in the center; one 12-inch circle of colored transparent paper; nine cardboard patterns of six-point stars, ranging in size from 10 inches to 2 inches in diameter, with a difference of one inch between sizes, and one round cookie cutter, 1½ inches in diameter.

The recipe for the cookies is as follows:

1 cup shortening	3 tps. ginger
1 cup sugar	3 tps. cinnamon
1 cup molasses	Candied cherries
1 cup all-bran	Silver candies
1 cup flour	Green-colored sugar
3 tps. soda	Almond halves
½ tsp. salt	

Blend shortening and sugar thoroughly, add molasses and all-bran and mix well. Sift flour, soda, salt,

ginger and cinnamon together and work into creamed mixture a small amount at a time. Mix well and chill.

Roll dough on a well-greased baking sheet to one-fourth inch thickness. Place patterns on dough and cut out stars. Brush with egg whites. Cut out 16 small round cookies—do not decorate these. Decorate stars with almonds, candied cherries or silver candies. Sprinkle with green sugar. Cut small hole in center of each cookie to fit over standard. (This may be done after baking while cookie is hot.) Bake in moderate oven, 350 to 375 degrees F. for 15 minutes, or until done.

To assemble the tree place stick, pointed end up, in hole of base to make standard. Place transparent paper over standard so that it lies flat on base. Pile cookie stars on standard, starting with the largest size star at the bottom. Use one or two of the small round cookies between the stars to separate them. Smaller trees may be made from smaller stars by using skewers stuck into halves of apples or round pieces of baked cookie dough for standards.

## 'Dear Santa'



These boys want Santa Claus to know about their favorite toys in plenty of time before Christmas, and they're willing to rise to the occasion. With the help of his older brother, this young man solemnly mails his letter to "Dear Santa."

## Accidents Offer Grave Threat To Yule Gaiety

Nothing can spoil the festive gaiety of a Christmas celebration more completely than a fire or accident in the home. There are several essential precautions which will help to assure a truly Merry Christmas.

- ❗ Don't risk using frayed cords and broken plugs.
- ❗ Don't handle electrical appliances with wet hands.
- ❗ Don't yank at cords or run them under rugs.
- ❗ Don't forget to have insulated staples on hand for stringing cords around.
- ❗ Don't overload your house circuit. Usually 1,000 watts is as much as any one circuit will stand.
- ❗ Don't neglect providing plenty of extra lamp bulbs of the various sizes and colors you're using for Christmas cheer, so you can replace burned-out ones.
- ❗ Don't put pennies in a blown-out fuse. A blown fuse is a warning!
- ❗ Don't have high wattage lamp bulbs near fancy inflammable ornaments, synthetic materials, paper or cotton. Watch out about using candles too near draperies, wall paper or woodwork.
- ❗ Don't plan to have a row of candles too close to a mirror or the heat may crack it.

And above all, don't burn real candles on your Christmas tree unless it has first been thoroughly fireproofed.

## Antituberculosis Seals Sold in Forty Nations

Besides the United States, more than 40 different countries throughout the world now have, or have had, Christmas seals or stamps that are sold wholly or partially for tuberculosis work. Little did Einar Holboell realize, when he conceived that first Danish Christmas seal, launched in 1904, that his simple idea would in a generation circle the globe.

Claiming the honor of having originated the Christmas seal sale, Denmark has, with its neighboring country, Sweden, held seal sales annually since 1904. In the United States, seal sales began in 1907.

Up to 1934, the sale of Christmas seals in the United States alone totaled \$75,000,000, all of which has been devoted to the control of tuberculosis.

district Taxes for said School District. And the amount of such delinquent taxes on said Lot No. 26 is \$1.29 for State Taxes and \$6.71 for County Taxes, and \$4.02 District Taxes for the said Farwell Independent School District.

Said taxes are due upon the following described lands or lots:

Lots Number Twenty-Five (25) and Twenty-Six (26) in Block Number Fifteen (15) in the original Town of Farwell, Parmer County, Texas, as shown by recorded map or plat of said town of Farwell, Texas, of record in the Deed Records of Parmer County, Texas, to which said record reference is here made for all purposes.

Plaintiffs allege a prior and constitutional lien upon said land for said taxes, interest, penalties and all costs allowed by law, and pray for the foreclosure of said lien and sale of said lands for the satisfaction of the same.

Each party to said suit shall take notice of, and plead and answer to, all claims and pleadings now on file and hereafter filed in said cause by all other parties therein.

**WHEREIN FAIL NOT**, but have you before said court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court in the Town of Farwell, Texas, at office, this 28 day of November, A. D. 1941.

D. K. ROBERTS,  
Clerk of the District Court,  
Parmer County, Texas.  
Issued this the 28 day of November, A. D. 1941.  
D. K. ROBERTS,  
Clerk of the District Court,  
Parmer County, Texas.

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## Health Notes

By Texas Department of Health

AUSTIN—"Despite the fact that America is at war, this nation as a whole should not forget the true Christmas spirit of happiness and good will, but we can do that much better if we are well and strong," asserts Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State health officer.

"Many people are prone to throw caution to the wind and violate every principle of healthful living during the Christmas season. As a re-

sult, their minds and bodies are unmercifully punished and sometimes irreparable damage is done," he said.

Dr. Cox pointed out the danger of using lighted candles on Christmas trees or in windows, as a possible source of disastrous fires. Overheating, crowded living conditions, lack of exercise, and over-heated rooms often endanger health during the holiday season, according to Dr. Cox, and he warned parents against undue excitement and late hours for small children.

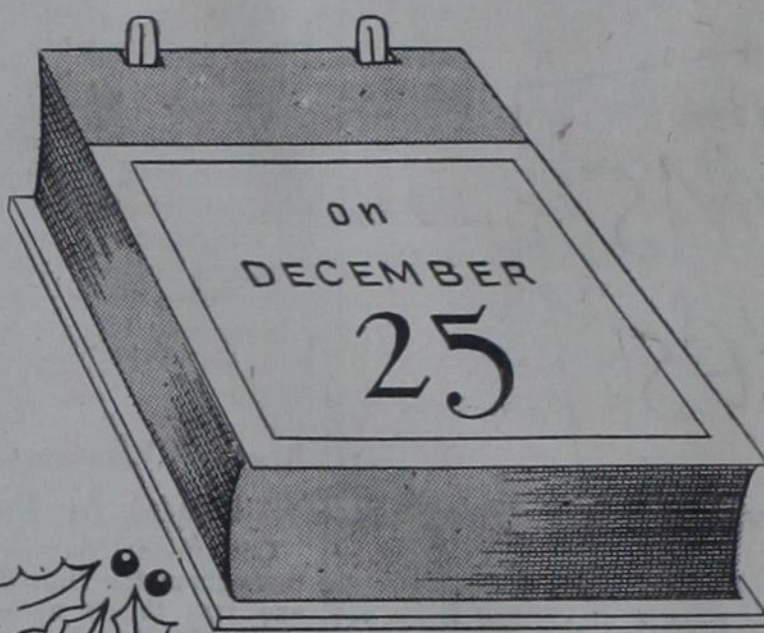
"Intemperance during Christmas holidays, whether in food or drink, is not excusable from the standpoint of good health practice," he asserted, "and the maximum of pleasure will

be gained by those individuals who practice precaution along these lines."

Emphasizing the fact that it is the duty of every individual to conserve and bolster the health and manpower of our country, Dr. Cox said that from a standpoint of patriotism alone every Texan owes it to his country to promote good health at Christmas time as he would at any other season of the year.

A good grain mixture to use when dairy cows are grazing on small grain pasture is 600 lbs. of ground ear corn and 100 lbs. of cottonseed meal. Feed a cow 3 lbs. daily for each gallon of milk she gives.

## A CHRISTMAS Message



THE SEASON'S GREETINGS AND ALL GOOD WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

May you have, on every day of the New Year, the same happiness which we are sure will be yours on Christmas day.

## Farwell Elevator Co.

MANSILL CRANFILL, Mgr.  
Farwell, Texas.

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## State Line Tribune

## SEASON'S GREETINGS

Not from the standpoint of custom only do we send you this message of Christmas cheer, but with genuine appreciation of our pleasant associations in the past. We extend to you our best wishes, and may happiness and prosperity be yours through all the year.

## CITY CLEANERS

Farwell, Texas.











## Letters to Santa

Dear Santa Claus:

We have moved since you last came to see us, but we are looking forward to seeing you again this year. We are three sisters and I, Sherry, and Sharon would like for you to bring us a doll and doll cart apiece, also

some roller skates and a telephone apiece. And bring our baby sister a doll and cradle and any thing else you would like to bring us. Don't forget to bring our cousins, Jerry and Gloria, something also. Lots of love,

Sherry, Sharon and Karon Williams. (Lynwood, Calif.)

To Relieve  
Misery of  
**COLDS**  
take **666**  
LIQUID, TABLETS, SALVE, NOSE DROPS

## Modern Toys Offer Children Varied Appeal

Gather in the parlor, folks, and have a skeet shoot.

Or, if you're militarily inclined, become a chair strategist with new games "suggested by air and naval warfare and army maneuvers."

You can do either or both and much else, too, according to Santa Claus, whose bag contents reveal just such a variety of toys for Christmas, 1941.

"The desire of adults to forget wartime jitters in relaxing fun at home is reflected in an increased demand for easy-to-play games," say toy manufacturers. "Parlor versions of bowling, skeet shooting and skeeball are being featured on Christmas toy lists everywhere."

You also can shoot darts with rubber-band guns, build model airplanes, or, if you're the kind that would, swipe junior's miniature submarines and watch them dive in the bathtub.

The main point, says Santa Claus, is that "the American toy industry is geared to give children their full quota of happy play hours in 1941, unshadowed by war."

That wasn't so in 1914 when Germany was the world's greatest toy-producing country. American-made toys were a poor substitute. But all that is changed. For the past 20 years virtually all new designs and improvements have been initiated in the United States' toy shops.

Patriotic and national defense themes are carried out in this year's toys. The latter includes coast defense guns and the like, all "scientifically tested," in the interests of society.

There will be the usual scientific toys, dolls, and things-on-wheels, but with improvements. In the first category is a microscope using a polaroid light; in the second, China maidens with "Hollywood glamour set coiffure"; and in the third, motorized army equipment of the "latest designs."

Defense isn't the only government function reflected in toy designs. The FHA's influence is apparent in a new double-decker bunk calculated "to eliminate crowding in doll houses."

### St. Francis Started Use of Yule Crib

It was St. Francis of Assisi who gave the Crib the tangible form in which we know it today. In 1223 he visited Rome and told Pope Honorius III his plans of making a scenic representation of the place of the Nativity. The Pope gave his sanction and on Christmas eve, St. Francis constructed a crib and grouped round it the figures of the blessed Virgin and St. Joseph, the ass and ox, and the shepherds. He used live animals in a real stable.

The custom spread from Italy to Spain, Portugal, France, the Netherlands and Germany, and from these countries it has spread to all corners of the earth.

Museums throughout the world possess very ancient cribs. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, has a group which dates from before 1478.

The custom of placing cribs out of doors as Christmas decorations in the yard has become popular the past few years.

### Huge Christmas Feasts Served in Old Castles

Christmas dinners served in medieval castles were in reality "feasts." The meal lasted usually from three in the afternoon until midnight.

One of the dishes always on the table was meat pie. In delving into history we find that Sir Henry Grey in England ordered one baked that was nine feet in circumference. It weighed 165 pounds and was served from a four-wheel cart built for the purpose.

Here's the recipe:  
2 bushels flour 6 snipes  
20 pounds butter 4 partridges  
4 geese 2 neat's tongues  
2 rabbits 2 curlews  
4 wild ducks 6 pigeons and  
2 woodcocks 7 blackbirds

**Making a Doll Buggy**  
The amateur carpenter of the family can make a doll carriage easily and cheaply. A jumbo grape basket may be fastened on wooden axles for wooden wheels. Handles can be made from discarded yardsticks or window-shade sticks, with a piece of broomstick for a hand rest. Paint any desired color, and mother, aunt or sister will be glad to make a pad for the inside. It makes a dandy Christmas gift for any little girl.

### NEW STATE 3-A COMMITTEEMAN

COLLEGE STATION — W. D. Bloodworth, cotton farmer from Pineland, has been selected as state AAA committeeman from District 9, consisting of 19 East Texas and Gulf Coast counties.

Bloodworth, who has been farming in Sabine county since 1903, succeeds John Weatherly, who had served on the committee since it was first set up in 1938.

Owner of a 183-acre farm, the new state committeeman first served the AAA program as community committeeman in 1934 and 1935. From 1936 until his selection as state committeeman, he was chairman of

the Sabine county AAA committee.

The state AAA committee, composed of 12 farmers and ranchmen and H. H. Williamson, director of the Texas A. & M. College Extension Service, is the administrative and policy-making body of the AAA program in Texas.

Cannibalism and feather picking, vices which sometimes develop in poultry flocks, can be cured quickly by adding an extra two to four percent salt to the ration.

To prevent warping of a wooden ironing board, cover all sides of the well dried board with phenolic resin before covering it.

### Here's Wickard Home Farm Plan



Claude R. Wickard, U. S. Secretary of Agriculture, is shown making out his "farm defense plan for 1942," joining thousands of other American farmers in increasing production of dairy, poultry, and pork products. In the background is the appropriate U. S. D. A. poster, "Your Farm Can Help." On his 380-acre home farm in Carroll County, Indiana, Secretary Wickard is reducing his beef herd, increasing his dairy herd, maintaining high poultry production, and providing for record hog production. To get sufficient feed for his hogs, he expects to plant nearly his full AAA corn acreage allotment. He will reduce his wheat acreage, in line with AAA policy of cutting 1942 wheat production due to large supplies already in storage.



## No shortage on flowers...

Defense activities will make your gift problems harder than ever to solve, but you may be assured of one thing... there will be flowers galore! Every kind, size and shape, each more beautiful than the next... so give generously... give flowers for Christmas.



### POINSETTIA PLANTS

Large, glowing red potted poinsettias in special gift wrappings.

We Wire Flowers Anywhere in the Country!  
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"Season's Greetings"  
AND ASK THAT WE ALL PAUSE  
TO OFFER  
THIS PRAYER...

"peace on earth,  
good will toward men..."



Texas-New Mexico Utilities Company



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# STATE LINE TRIBUNE

**Clothing Must Be Given Proper Care**

"I will buy carefully  
"I will take care of the things I have.  
"I will waste nothing."  
To date, nearly a million persons have indicated their support of this consumer's pledge for total defense sent out by the Consumer Division of the Office of Price Administration. Thus, have they shown their willingness to help in the total defense of democracy by conserving everyday civilian supplies, such as clothing, food, house furnishings, and equipment.  
"When it comes to clothing, the three-point consumer pledge coincides with the fundamentals of wise wardrobe planning," says Ruth O'Brien, chief of the Division of Textiles and Clothing, Bureau of Home Economics, USDA.  
"When clothing purchases are well planned and each garment bought carefully," says Miss O'Brien, "a wardrobe is bound to better assembled than when clothing is purchased haphazardly, with no thought to checking points of quality. With many kinds of clothing and textiles becoming limited because of the National Defense Program, there is more need today than ever to buy clothes that live!—substantial materials, classically simple lines, basic colors. When clothing must last longer than usual, it's best to avoid novelties that are doomed in a season or less."  
The first step in taking care of clothing intelligently is knowing what the fabric is made of. Methods of cleaning, pressing, removing spots and storing vary according to the fibers in a garment, and the finish of the material used.  
A wool garment needs to be handled with especial care when it is damp. Rough handling, harsh soap sudden extremes of temperature while wool is wet cause the little scales on the surface of the wool fibers to lock into each other. The right way to wash wool is to use warm soft water and milk soap. Squeeze suds through cloth; don't rub! Dry in a warm place, but not near a fire or in direct sunlight. Stretch kn garments into shape with a medium-hot iron and a pressing cloth.  
Some rayons are not washable at all. They have to be drycleaned. For washable rayons, use heavy lukewarm suds of neutral soaps. Do not rub. Handle them with particular care while they are wet, because much rayon is weaker when wet. Rinse in water the same temperature as the wash water to prevent shrinkage.

Dry on a clothes hanger or roll in a Turkish towel. Use a moderately warm iron for pressing. It is a good idea to try the temperature of the iron first on the back part of a hem or on a seam to see if it is so hot it will melt the fabric. If your washable rayon garments do not have wide seams which will not ravel, go over the seams yourself, and overcast or self-stitch seam edges.  
The sensible way to clean most cottons is to wash them. Colored cottons need to be fast to washing and to sunlight if they are to be satisfactory for very long. And cottons should not shrink more than 2 percent in order to retain the fit of a garment. Look for definite facts about both these points on labels or on the bolt ends of yard goods. Textile experts say there is nothing to the old custom of soaking materials in a solution of salt and water to set the color. It does not work; it is a waste of salt, and it is likely to soak out some of the color.

**Enliven Appearance Of Christmas Tree**

Before pulling out the old box of ornaments used for trimming the Christmas tree for the past several years, it is a good idea to plan some other decoration which will make the tree different than it ever was before. An occasional change from the old familiar design will do much to brighten up the room.  
One novel arrangement is to imitate the snow-draped trees of the forest as closely as possible. Trim the tree all in white with popcorn necklaces, tissue paper snow balls, white glass ornaments and frosted white lights. The effectiveness of this color will be increased if green wreaths with red berries are used about the room.

A graceful pine tree trimmed lavishly all in gold ornaments has a fine formal grandeur about it and is particularly distinguished in certain rooms. In contrast to this a tree trimmed entirely with red and white lights and red and white striped candy canes is very young and informal in heart.  
Little pleated paper fans made of Christmas wrapping paper help to "fill" a big tree inexpensively if glass balls and other ornaments are lacking. It is also interesting to add local interest by hanging articles found in the vicinity, such as unusual sea shells, or huge pine cones, or curious burrs and pods which are gilded to improve their appearance.  
Miniature trees are attractive, too, especially when they're spangled with beads and shiny jewelry from the five and ten.

**Holiday Greetings**

As we come to the close of another year, it is our sincere hope that the friendliness that has marked our associations in the past will continue and grow stronger as the years go by.  
Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**MARCUS ICE & PRODUCE CO.**  
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A generous share of blessings  
And May the New Year  
Bring You Ever  
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IN THE NEW YEAR

**KARL'S AUTO CLINIC**  
Farwell, Texas.

A HOST OF GOOD WISHES

to You,  
and YOU  
AND YOU!

We are truly thankful for the privilege of working with you in the past twelve months and we are hoping that you will call on us many times during the New Year.



**Billington's Barber Shop**  
**Estellene's Beauty Shop**

Farwell, Texas

**A Gift for You**

Not much, to be sure, but presented with all the sincerity we know, this little gift of Christmas Greetings.



It's not wrapped up in a lot of fancy ribbon, nor expressed in a lot of flowery oratory... but you can be assured that when we send compliments of the Season to you, we mean every word of it.

It's great to be a part of this community, to know and serve its people. That's why we eagerly look forward to sending our annual message of Good Cheer to our friends here.

**Plains Grain and Seed Company**

HUNTER & MATTHEWS  
Texico, N. M.



**A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS**

WE CAN think of no finer Yuletide sentiment than the old familiar "MERRY CHRISTMAS." We never grow tired of saying it to our friends nor do we grow tired of hearing it from others. It is the one universal greeting that carries with it the thought of others and the appreciation of fine friendships and associations.

It is this sentiment that forms the background of our thinking of you at this glad time of the year. We want you to know that when we say, "MERRY CHRISTMAS," we include our thankfulness for all past favors. The best of everything to each of you.

**O. W. Rinehart**  
**Phillips 66 Agent**

Bovina, Texas.



**WE'RE GLAD IT'S CHRISTMAS**

We're glad because it is the one day of the year when it is possible to cast aside the artificial dignities of every day living—the one day of the year when people can be themselves and express sentiments that are too often suppressed. May we resolve to strive for a continuation of this wholesome attitude throughout the coming year, with more tolerance toward all, with a genuine spirit of brotherhood prevailing in our every transaction. With this as the background of our activities, we feel sure that the people of this community will enjoy the most prosperous year of them all. It will lead toward the further advancement of every worthy enterprise. It will mean a year of happiness, contentment and prosperity for all!



**Capitol Freehold Land Trust**

Farwell, Texas.

# Nelson Foster, 4-H Club Winner, Writes of Trip to Chicago

With importation of many drugs cut off, demand for dandelion roots by drug manufacturers in this country is growing, according to the USDA.

From March 15 through November 15th, the USDA bought slightly more than 29,800,000 lbs. of dry skim milk, and 32,900,000 lbs. of dry eggs, primarily for Lend-Lease shipment.

### Christmas Facts

The English poet, Alfred Lord Tennyson, once turned down an offer of \$5,000 for composing Christmas card verses.

Because England's Kings James I and VI had a great aversion to fatty pork, turkeys became popular as Christmas fare.

Christmas is celebrated by the Hindus, and also by the Buddhists in Tibet, where it is called the "Feast of Winter."

There are more than 200 varieties of holly, grown in all parts of the world.

By NELSON FOSTER

(The following is the story of Nelson Foster's recent trip to the National 4-H club congress at Chicago, which he attended through the courtesy of the Santa Fe R. R.)

It is needless for me to try to express the grand time I had in Chicago, therefore, I will only tell of the things we did and you can imagine what a grand time you would have had.



I left Farwell at 2:07 p. m. November 28th, and met Mr. H. M. Bainter, the agricultural agent for the Santa Fe Railroad, in Amarillo. I, along with five other club winners, arrived in Kansas City at 7:30 a. m.

We were then given breakfast by Mr. R. C. Seeley. At 11:00 we joined a large group of Texas delegates (about 30 in number). While we were riding the train we were supposed to learn the names of all Texas members, and not being able to sleep on a train, I had plenty of time to study names. Just before we got off the train in Chicago, we were presented with a nice hat. Also, we were taken to every boy to see if we knew his name. For each boy you couldn't name, you paid a nickel. I had to pay 55 cents. Also 25 cents for not knowing the club pledge. We arrived in Chicago at 8:30, November 29. We were then given rooms, and I was plenty glad to see a bed that wasn't rolling on wheels. The next morning after breakfast, I knew every Texas member except two, and I don't know them now. At 1:45 we were taken on a 45-mile tour over the City of Chicago. Sunday night we assembled in the lobby of the Stevens Hotel and were entertained, along with other delegates (boys and girls), from 45 different States and Canada.

At 11:00 a. m., Monday, December 1, we were given a banquet by the Stevens Hotel, the largest Hotel in the U. S. A. To tell the truth, I can't name every company and building that gave us a banquet or breakfast or dance, because we were given from two to three banquets a day and some kind of entertainment at night, but I will tell of some. Tuesday, December 2, we were given breakfast at Armour & Company, entertained by the Breakfast Club, and given a banquet by the Wsettinghouse Company. Wednesday, December 3, we were given a banquet for the entire 4-H club delegates, boys and girls, which was 1100 in all. Then a dance by the Blackstone Hotel. December 4 we went to the International Livestock Exposition and also each State had a 4-H club parade, carrying their State flag and singing their State song. Every Texas boy had cowboy boots and a large white hat. December 6 we were given a farewell banquet, and at 8:30 a farewell dance.

I can't find words to express the wonderful time I had. It was something I would be glad to work five years more to get to go back to see. Also, it was a pleasure to represent 2100 4-H club members and Farmer county. I would like to say to all friends and 4-H club members that something like this is worth working for. I am sure if it hadn't been for them, Mr. Gordon and Mr. McElroy, I would not have won the trip. All our expenses were paid and then some.

About 45 cents of each dollar spent by consumers for food goes to the farmer. The remainder pays for processing and distribution.

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

**FARWELL POSTOFFICE**

**Every Extra Leaf in the Table and Still far too Many Holiday Guests!**



Despite hundreds of extra circuits in use and thousands of extra operators on duty throughout the nation, we expect long distance circuits to be more congested this Christmas than ever before. A telephone system just can't be expanded six to ten times its size just for one day in the year.

We hope you will understand that delays are bound to occur and that some calls may not get through.

If you want to avoid delays may we suggest that calls made before Christmas eve or after Christmas day will not be subject to delay.

**THE MOUNTAIN STATES TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH CO.**

The oldest wheat field west of the Mississippi River, which has been utilized solely for the continuous production of one crop is said to be on the campus of Oklahoma A. & M. college. The objective is to determine how long wheat can be grown on land without a change in cropping system or without fertilizer treatment.



**Merry Christmas**

TO YOU!  
and may the coming year be filled with HAPPINESS

**FORD PRODUCE COMPANY**  
Farwell, Texas.

SINCERE CHRISTMAS WISHES

As we approach another Christmastime, we wish to send a word of GREETING to each of you. To which we add our pledge of continued unceasing efforts to increase our friendships during every day of the New Year.



**D. W. BAGLEY**  
Agent, Phillips 66 Co.  
Farwell, Texas.

*THE SOFT GLOW OF CHRISTMAS CANDLES*

Brings to our minds the true value of friendships—and leads us to ponder over the many deeds of kindness that have been extended us in the past.

We are indebted to you for these kindnesses and the thoughtfulness back of them, and desire to extend compliments of the Season to you, one and all!



**Dr. and Mrs. V. Scott Johnson**

Farwell, Texas.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Friends and Customers

of This Firm

And a thousand thanks

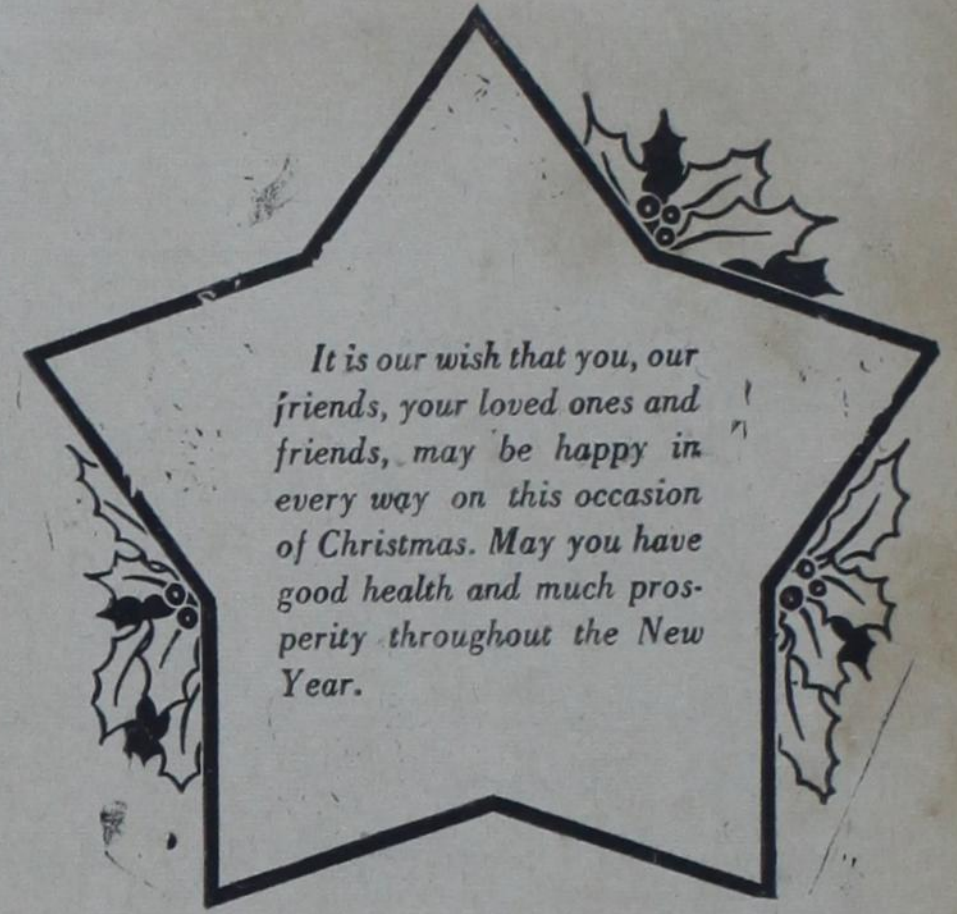
for your patronage.

Happy New Year

**Williams Grocery**

Farwell, Texas.

TRIBUNE ADS BRING HOME THE BACON



It is our wish that you, our friends, your loved ones and friends, may be happy in every way on this occasion of Christmas. May you have good health and much prosperity throughout the New Year.

**PHILLIPS 66 SERVICE STA.**

BUCK McCUAN, Mgr.  
Farwell, Texas.

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HAPPINESS

TO FRIENDS

LIKE YOU

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AUBREY BROCK, Mgr.

Bovina, Texas.



The State of Texas  
Austin

Coke Stevenson  
GOVERNOR

December-1941

People of Texas:

This hour is too solemn for ordinary Christmas greeting. Once again our nation is plunged into cruel war. Trials and tribulations stare us in the face. But we are a brave people. Christian endeavor fortifies us. We will win the victory by the forces within us.

Let us therefore lift our eyes to the Star of Bethlehem, eternal symbol of love and peace, and pray earnestly for strength and wisdom for the triumph of right and justice and for the relief of distressed peoples in every land.

"On earth Peace, Good will toward men."

Sincerely yours  
Coke Stevenson

**GOVERNOR'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE**—With the world caught in a conflict that threatens civilization, Governor Stevenson has acquiesced in a suggestion that he address a Christmas message to all the people of Texas through the newspapers. The message in his own handwriting is set forth above.

**They March from Industry to Uncle Sam's Fleet**



DEARBORN, Mich.—This is a familiar scene at the vast Ford Rouge plant, where blue-jackets by the hundreds are being prepared for duties with Uncle Sam's fleet. The recruit sailors are shown marching to their Navy Service School within the plant after attending the day's classes in mechanical trades. Henry Ford, through the Ford Motor Company, provided the school and its facilities without cost to the Navy.

**A Sincere 'Thank You'**

For your friendly patronage which has contributed so greatly to our welfare during the past year.

We are thankful for the fact that we are AMERICANS!

**A Cordial Wish...**

For a joyful Yuletide and a prosperous New Year, to each of those whom it has been our privilege to serve.

**NEW STATE AUTO COMPANY**

Clovis, New Mexico.

**Simple Decorations Provide Originality To Christmas Table**

To the homemaker who is worried about the expense of Christmas decorations, here are a few new and inexpensive ways of adding originality to the Christmas table:

Try red or blue cellophane over a white table cloth. Cellophane will not discolor the cloth as will some colored papers.

Paste various-sized stars to the white cloth. Or, paste cutouts of Santa, reindeer, candles, holly sprays, etc.



Use a ribbon of gold or silver paper down the center of the table.

When an uneven number of guests are to be seated at the table, you might confine the evergreen and floral arrangement to one end of the table, father at the other, with the guests seated at the sides.

Imagine the charm added by sewing a few tiny bells along the hem of the cloth so that when the guests move there is a sound of tinkling.

Down the center you might arrange a row of candles of different heights.

Various strange figures may be made from fruits, nuts and gum drops. A large prune stuffed with a marshmallow, with a raisin for a head and almonds for feet, makes a penguin.

An attractive Santa may be made from an apple. Use a big red apple for the body, a marshmallow for the head, and cloves for eyes and nose. Two skewers can be used for legs, which are covered with cotton batting. Cotton is also used for a belt, whiskers, hair and for covering short pieces of wire inserted as arms. A little red cap is made from pieces of tissue paper secured to the marshmallow with a pin. A third skewer is inserted at the rear to give Santa a three-point landing.

Amusing gumdrop trees may be made from wire or natural twigs.

Most of the nation's 16 egg-drying plants are located in Texas, Oklahoma, and Missouri. By January 1, the total will reach 37, with most of the new ones in the Corn Belt.



**SEASON'S GREETINGS**

Employees of this company join in extending to our customers best wishes for a

MERRY CHRISTMAS  
and a  
HAPPY NEW YEAR

**FARWELL CAFE**

Mrs. Willie Hammonds, Prop.  
Farwell, Texas.



We're wishin' you a mighty fine Christmas, with a heap of good things comin' your way. You have been liberal with your patronage of this firm in the past; may Lady Luck be just as liberal to you in the months to come. Merry Christmas, everybody!

**State Line Gro. & Market**

Farwell, Texas.

TRIBUNE ADS BRING HOME THE BACON



**America's Second Line of Defense**

Today America's destiny rests in the hands of two defense lines—our armed forces and those of us working in essential industries.

One of our Nation's most important essentials is oil—not only for our defense requirements, but for all related civilian activities.

Texas supplies over one-third of America's oil and we Texans who work in this vital industry—250,000 of us—are proud of our part in providing it. We know how necessary it is to National Defense.

There can be no interruption in the flow of these materials so vital to our Nation's safety. The task calls for the all-out skill, experience and loyalty of every American.

The Texas oil industry to a man is on the job.



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