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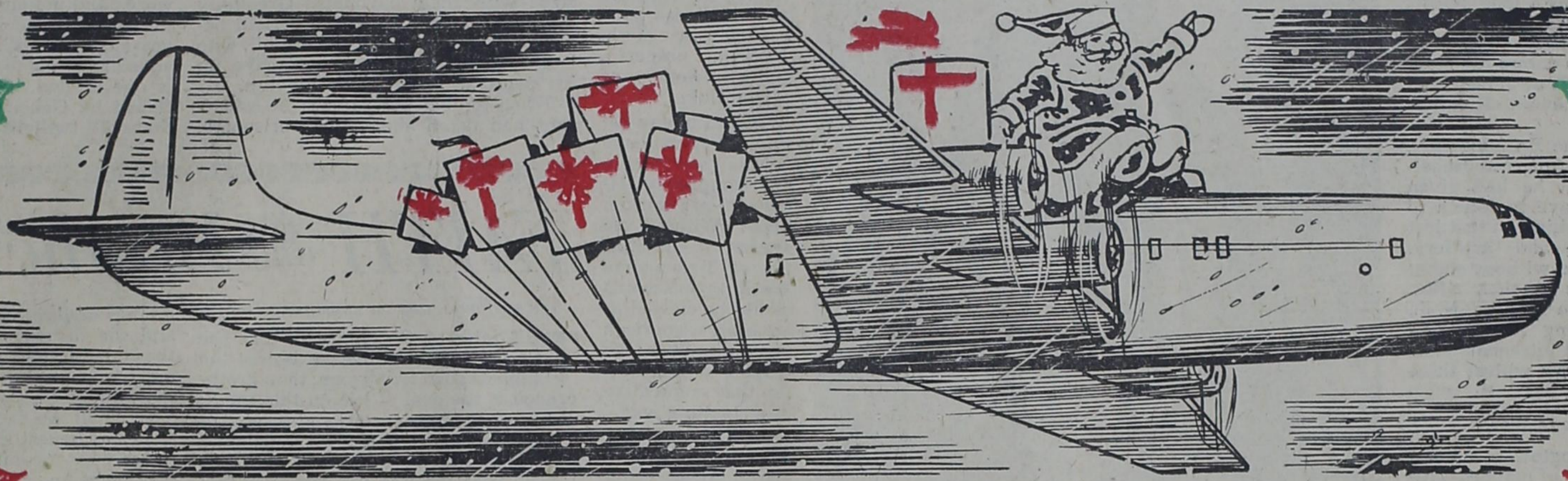
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Merry Christmas

The GREATEST of all GIFTS

By HUGH SCOTT

THE United States really was born on Christmas Day, 1776. It was born in the faith a tall, tired General had in his men, and in the words he said as dusk sifted down through black, winter-stripped branches to shadow the nearby Delaware River and blur the New Jersey shore beyond:

"The time now is near at hand which probably must determine whether Americans are to be freemen or slaves."

Today those words of George Washington may sound slightly melodramatic but on that earlier Christmas Day they formed only a simple statement of fact. Historians agree that the cause of Independence was at its lowest ebb. Not long before, Washington's Army had been beaten at Brooklyn, N. Y. It had retreated to Manhattan, N. Y., then across the Hudson River, then across New Jersey, and finally across the Delaware River to Pennsylvania.

General Howe, of the British Army, felt so sure that the American rebellion was crushed that he had given General Cornwallis leave to return to England. General Washington had lost much-needed supplies and artillery. Many of his men were without shoes; others lacked bayonets for their rifles. And, across the river in Trenton, N. J., Colonel Rall was telling his Hessian soldiers: "What need of intrenchments? Let the rebels come. We will at them with bayonets."

Washington's Brave Words

The words of Washington were more productive: "The fate of unborn millions will now depend, under God, on the courage and conduct of this Army. Our cruel and unrelenting enemy leaves us only the choice of brave resistance, or the most abject submission. We have, therefore, to resolve to conquer or to die."

But Washington knew well that words alone don't win battles. His plan was to make use of the overconfidence of the enemy by attacking. He was to cross the Delaware River nine miles above Trenton. Two smaller forces were to cross the river opposite and south of that New Jersey town. And together they were to fall on the 1,500 Hessians of the British Army, who they thought would be worn out with Christmas festivities. Volunteers had come from Philadelphia to swell Washington's Army. General Sullivan had arrived in camp with the men formerly commanded by General Lee, and General Gates had brought 2,000 men from the upper Hudson River.

That Cold Christmas Night

The two smaller forces that were to

have crossed the Delaware River at Trenton and below it were stopped by the danger of floating ice. But nothing could stop General Washington. Before the first stars began winking on that cold Christmas night, Massachusetts fishermen were straining at the oars of the boats Washington had collected for crossing the Delaware. By midnight snow was falling. Ice floes slid out of the darkness to bump the boats. Sleet

tion, and if we now shamefully fail we shall become infamous to the whole world. Let us then rely on the goodness of our cause, and the aid of the Supreme Being, in whose hands victory is, to animate and encourage us to great and noble actions. The eyes of all our countrymen are now upon us; we shall have their blessings and their praise, if happily we are the instruments of saving them from the tyranny meditated against them. Let us, therefore, animate and encourage each other, and show the whole world that a freeman contending for liberty is superior to any slavish mercenary on earth. Liberty, property, life and honor are all at stake. . . ."

Seldom in any nation's history have results so closely and completely followed a spoken hope. Without the results of the Battle of Trenton, Washington's words would be classed as an early American pep talk. With the results of this battle, they come alive in a startling way.

At 8 o'clock that morning the long march over slippery roads to Trenton was completed. The day before, the American troops had watched the enemy celebrating Christmas across the river. A few of the soldiers realized that the more the enemy sang and the more they drank, the easier would be the coming battle.



"The fate of unborn millions will depend, under God, on the courage and conduct of this army," said Gen. George Washington just before the Battle of Trenton on Christmas day 170 years ago.

coated the cannon as the men strained to get them from shore to boat and then from boat to shore across the river.

It wasn't until 4 o'clock next morning that the Army was formed on the New Jersey side of the Delaware River and started down the nine miles to Trenton. The snow had turned to sleet. And many of the soldiers must have kept going only because of their memory of Washington's words:

"Our own, our country's honor, calls upon us for a vigorous and manly exer-

Preparation for Battle

On the march down to Trenton the American Army divided. One group under General Sullivan took the road nearest the river; the other group under General Greene took the upper or Scotch road. Washington marched with General Greene's troops. Most of the men were veterans, having seen service at Bunker Hill, in Canada, at White Plains and Harlem Heights and on Long Island. They came from every province from New Hampshire to Virginia.

Gen. Greene's advance guards made first contact with the British outposts

on the outskirts of Trenton. The surprise was complete. The two columns moved steadily on in support of their advance parties, down King and Queen Streets (later Warren and Greene Streets). At a junction point six cannon were set up and Washington himself directed their fire.

Colonel Rall, in command of the British, was awakened by the gunfire. He pulled himself together fearfully and quickly, but his officers were hopelessly bewildered. Hessians threw aside their arms and ran without a fight.

Meanwhile, the cold, hungry Americans were more alert. They fired from behind houses and trees. They moved up close, then rushed groups of Hessians with their bayonets. Gradually the British were driven to a field beyond the town where Colonel Rall, who had been mortally wounded, gave up his sword to General Washington.

When the battle was over the Americans had taken about 1,000 prisoners,

1,200 small arms, six brass field pieces and all the enemy standards. The American loss was two killed, two frozen to death and a few dozen wounded.

The more far-reaching results of this battle, and of the Battle of Princeton a few days later in which General Washington outmaneuvered the British, were felt on every side. General Cornwallis hastily cancelled his proposed visit to England. American soldiers, whose enlistments were running out, were encouraged to re-enlist. New recruits came to the Army in greater numbers. Robert Morris was able to raise \$50,000 to pay the troops. In fact, the whole atmosphere changed, and thousands who had given up the American cause as lost gained heart and started working for it again.

It was the greatest Christmas present this country ever has received—these words and actions of George Washington and his men on Christmas Day 170 years ago. Thus it gives Christmas an added meaning to every American, who is one of the "unborn millions" mentioned by General Washington during that chill twilight of Christmas, 1776.

FAITH and Brotherhood

(AN EDITORIAL from The Birmingham News)

THE faith of Christmas is that the Creator of the universe desires the highest good for all men; that brotherhood is the goal of life on this earth; that there is power, supreme power, in the spirit of man—in a spirit in keeping with this faith.

Each year through the centuries this faith has been renewed by the mysterious magic of this season. Always men have managed to achieve something of this faith. But it has seldom been easy for those who have faced up to all the harsh realities of life.

For years during the most terrible war in all history it was extremely difficult to hold fast to the Christmas faith. Now that peace of a sort has come, it seems in some ways more difficult than ever.

Fighting the war, fighting in the deep conviction that we were serving the

givings underneath the warm emotions and the distractions and pleasures of these days, submerging them until we must go on with the hard realities after the holidays have passed?

Or shall we face these fundamental issues as honestly as we can and strive to see what meaning the light of Christmas sheds upon them?

Perhaps the latter approach is not as involved as it may seem to so many millions of sincere men and women. For one tremendous fact now stands out, more clearly and more simply than ever before.

No Hope in Physical Power

It is the fact that there is no hope for the world simply in the multiplication of physical power. Indeed, the vast new potentialities which now present themselves in the field of atomic energy bring out as never before the futility of

MAGIC Touch of CHRISTMAS

(Condensed from Philadelphia Inquirer)

OLD-TIME residents of the Southwest and those of every city and town in the United States recall holidays long past and the gay customs which made them bright. But our Christmas traditions are not entirely our own. They were brought here from many lands by many nations and races and we have adapted and unified them through the years.

Long before ever there was a Christmas, people in many countries held their great annual celebrations at the winter solstice the latter part of December.

Thus the Yule log was bequeathed us by the ancient Druids who worshipped the living tree as a symbol of eternal life. A great while before the birth of Christ, people in northern lands observed the turning point of the year by cutting the log and offering it as fresh fire to the sun. Centuries later wine and oil were poured on it and carols were sung as it burned. In this country the ceremonial was most popular in the Southern States where the celebration usually concluded with a Virginia Reel.

The mistletoe, which causes so much merriment at our holiday parties, was held sacred to the gods by the Druids. Our sparkling tapers reflect the ancient Feast of Lights observed by the Jewish people. But the custom of lighted candles on Christmas Eve really was inspired by Ireland. There it was customary to burn a large candle which could be snuffed only by a woman named Mary. "For who knows," it was asked, "but on some Christmas Eve Jesus and Mary and Joseph may come again, this time to the holy isle on the farthest edge of Europe?"

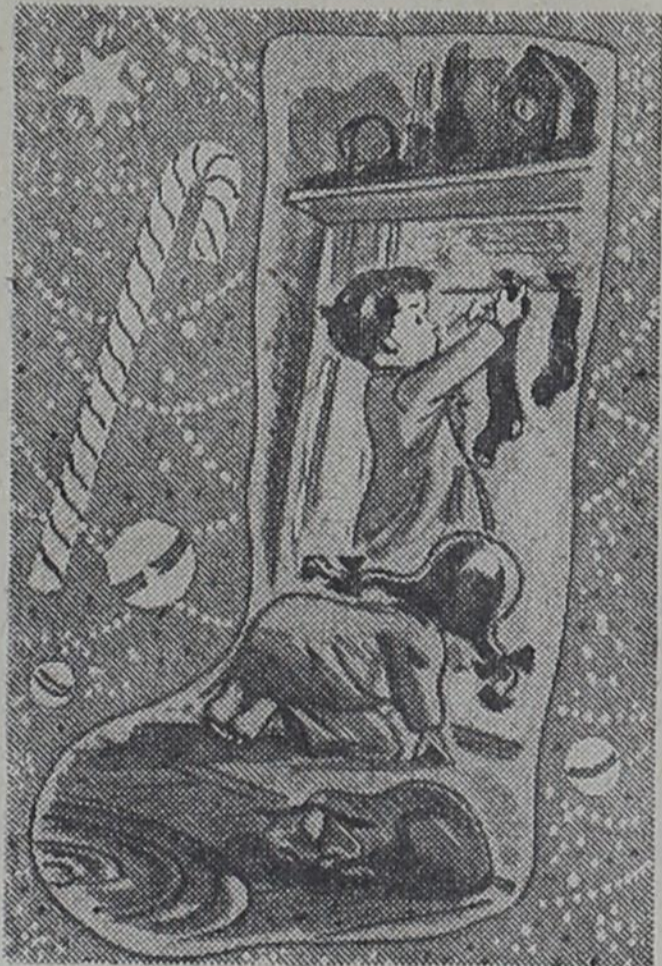
Even our holiday greens are survivals of other, less gentle anniversaries. For their Feast of Saturn at the winter solstice, the Romans trimmed temples and homes with laurel and holly. And early Christians copied these decorations.

Each Yule season in towns and cities of the Southwest, thousands are cheered by great lighted trees erected to symbolize the spirit of good will. Of recent years there is hardly a city, town

or village in the United States but sets up a Christmas tree.

A Recent Innovation

But the lighted and decorated Christmas tree is a comparatively recent innovation. Not until the 19th century was it adopted by every Christian nation. Probably the first unlighted and undecorated tree graced a celebration in Alsace, France, about 1646. Within the next 50 years it picked up lights



Christmas traditions of many lands by many nations.

and crossed the Rhine into Germany. Between 1800 and 1841 it invaded Finland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, and Austria. It was taken to England by Queen Victoria's German consort, Prince Albert.

It is said the first tree to find its way into a home in the United States was in Wooster, Ohio. There on Christmas Eve of 1847, August Imgard, recently arrived from Germany, surprised nieces and nephews with this part of his native land's holiday celebration.

Each country has its own legend of the patron saint of childhood, the good fairy who rides forth on Christmas Eve

to fill small stockings with goodies and leave toys by the hearthside. Our own boys and girls know him as Santa Claus.

But even Santa Claus came to us from Holland by way of Germany. The St. Nicholas of the Dutch children really existed long ago. He was born in Patras, a city of Lycia in Asia Minor in the third century, was Archbishop of Myra, a noted churchman, famous for his kindly deeds. Some 600 years after his death in 343 he was canonized through influence of Vladimir of Russia and became Russia's patron saint. Later Greece, Naples, Lucerne, Siberia, Lapland and Holland gave him the same honor. In England alone he is patron of more than 400 church congregations. For the presents which filled their stockings and little porcelain shoes at Christmas, children in the Low Countries thanked the good San Nicholas. Dutch settlers brought the St. Nicholas customs to New York and the New World. But children in the Rhine provinces already were calling their patron Senter Klos (meaning Santa Claus).

So the tradition of the churchman merged with Yule magic and Santa Claus came into being.

Other Christmas Customs

Italian children believe their gifts are left by La Befana, a poor old lady who tried in vain to catch up with the Wise Men carrying their rich offerings to the Christ Child. English and Australian hopefuls think of Father Christmas himself as the giver.

Czechoslovakian children thank an angel-like Christ Child for a yearly visit to the earth and the gift He leaves them. Into Scandinavian homes elfin Julenissen or Tomtegotar tosses a bag of toys and candies. Polish boys and girls receive their gifts from the stars, Hungarians from the angels.

In some other countries, where evergreens are not abundant, the Christmas Crib often is substituted for the tree. The Crib is the center of the great celebration held each year at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. "The Christmas City of the United States." Called the Putz by the Pennsylvania Dutch, it is lovingly prepared in almost every home. And

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Jesus said: "Suffer little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."—Matthew 19:13-15.

right, we were preoccupied with the all-absorbing demands upon us, we were hopeful as to what would come after victory had been achieved. Now we are in a measure released from the long agony, the tension lifts, and yet a darker fear than ever grips all the world.

Men Still Afraid

Men are afraid that the nations next may accomplish the destruction of everything. Doubt and distrust assail even the most hopeful.

Could a loving God be responsible for such a creation?

Will it ever be possible to achieve brotherhood with certain of the peoples of the earth?

Is there any power in the spirit or are all things finally subject to sheer selfishness and physical force?

It is such questions as these that harry the souls of countless millions of good men as this Christmas of 1946 draws near.

Shall we simply suppress such mis-

seeking to establish peace and a good world primarily on a basis of destructive power.

It is evident that if all the nations seek security in that way, any nation might become an uncontrollable threat to all other nations.

It is evident that if the great nations of the earth turn to competition in the development of destructive power, any explosion might bring the literal destruction of civilization.

The fear that would be produced by any such competition would almost certainly produce an early explosion.

So, then, in all the complexity of these days it should at least be clear that no safety, no progress, no real peace, can be found through the power or threat of violence.

If there is to be a good world, it must be achieved through the power of the good spirit, through a more effective establishment of the ways of brotherhood among men, through a renewal

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Time Cannot Withstand Christmas

THE gates of time have swung wide again to permit our entrance into the exotically beautiful land of Christmas. Every fibre of our being is in accord with so many phases of its holy splendor. And, as we listen intently, we hear once more the reassuring song of the angels, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and good will toward men." Somehow we know that ultimately this will be.

*"God said it would be so
That starry Christmas midnight
Long ago."*

Beyond the scope of our human experiences, the glorious light of Christmas shines on the far-off hills, above the disturbance of doubt, the anxiety of fear and worry, and the frustration of mankind, where God has greater things than human mind ever conceived. His plan is inexorable and His thoughts so tremendously far-reaching. We need the spiritual realities of hope, faith, love and kindness that Christmas brings to preserve the immeasurable and immortal values with which we are endowed.

"Time cannot withstand Christsams, for it belongs to eternity. The world cannot shatter it, for it is in union with Him who has overcome the world."

Christmas is Christ, the Christ of love and justice and freedom and peace. Because its fruits are of the soul, they can never die!

The treasures of art—the Madonna, the Nativity, the Adoration; the treasures of music—from the sweetest strains of Silent Night to the Magnificat, the Annunciation and the swing and sweep of the centuries world without end—in the mighty Hallelujah Chorus of Handel's "Messiah."

All are a part of this great train, as are the smallest deeds of love and kindness, truth and mercy. At Christmas we sing, we remember, and we serve to express a joy that becomes our own radiant possession, striking a chord of harmony in a discordant world.

Let us attune our living to the great spirit of Christmas. Let us look up at this star to behold the eternal purpose.

Yule Record Expected

The greatest Christmas spending spree in history has been predicted for the United States this year.

Carl F. Gamer, president of the Association of Buying Officers, says that when the final figures are in sales will

top by 25 per cent the record \$22,794,000 mark set last year.

Reason for the spree is not only the current prosperity. It lies in the fact that traditional gifts such as shirts, sleds, electric trains and lingerie items are on the counters once again.

Santa in Housing Business

Even old Santa Claus has drifted into the housing business.

Assembly lines for toy tanks, armored cars and battleships have been slowed down, replaced by machines that yield materials for miniature homes, buildings and airports.

That's only half the surprise he's carrying in his bundle this Christmas. Santa's engineers are well in step with modern science. They've got

smoke billowing out of electric trains and a whistle for every stop. By remote control logs can be loaded onto a flat car, coal lumped into a coal car and pipes lifted by an electro-magnet, transferred to another train.

A few war toys remain. Lead soldiers, jeeps and electric cannons are still in stock. Mainly, however, Santa has swung to the educational type of toy with a note of better quality, craftsmanship.

Be Careful With Christmas Trees

Don't let carelessness in handling your Christmas tree turn the Yuletide into a season of tragedy. Observe the following rules to prevent disastrous fires:

1. Set the tree up in a pan of water.
2. The base of the tree should be cut at an angle at least one inch above the original cut, and kept standing in water until removed from the house.
3. The tree should be kept away from stoves and other sources of heat.
4. It should be securely placed to prevent falling, and so placed that it will not block an exit.
5. Only safe and approved electric sets should be used for lighting purposes, never candles.
6. Only flameproofed materials should be used as decorations.
7. Christmas wrappings should be removed without delay.
8. Protect gas heaters and fireplaces with screen guards to prevent clothing from catching afire.
9. Consult your local fire marshal or fire chief when in doubt about the rules of safety in preventing fire.

Strikers Ineligible for Benefits

Veterans who are striking against an employer cannot receive unemployment benefits, according to a decision by the Veterans' Administration.

The decision centered around three veterans who claimed compensation because they were out of work during the General Motors strike last winter. Since 50,000 veterans took part in the General Motors strike, the test case against the three men will be far-reaching in its effect.

Meanwhile, the Veterans' Administration reported that 1,958,053 World War II vets are receiving Federal education or training benefits. Of this number, 1,292,893 are attending college or school and 665,160 are receiving on-the-job training.

Surplus Goes at Quarter Cost

The United States is selling millions of dollars of the war materials it shipped overseas to whip the Axis at slightly less than one-quarter of their original cost.

Furthermore, less than half of these sales are for actual cash. The remainder represents credits extended to other countries to make purchases, trades or cultural exchanges.

Coal Miners' Pay

Under their contract soft coal miners in the United States have a nine-hour day, including travel time underground. They have a five-day week. Work on the sixth day is optional at time-and-a-half rate.

The basic rate is \$1.18½ an hour. For every hour they work in excess of forty-five they receive \$1.77½ an hour, which is the basic rate. Lewis' recent demands were for a forty-hour work week. Thus a miner working forty hours a week would receive \$71.10.

Latest figures from the Bureau of Labor Standards show average time worked in the bituminous mines was 42.4 hours, for which the miners received an average of \$62.37. On that basis miners' earnings exceed those of most other industrial groups.

U. S. Payroll Rises

Uncle Sam is issuing regular pay checks to almost 20,000,000 people, or more than one-seventh of the entire population of the country.

The cost averages \$1,701,000,000 a month, or about \$87 for each citizen on the payroll. This amounts to half the annual Federal budget.

Civilian payrolls include 2,761,172 persons. The military includes 2,454,056 and the veteran group (all wars) comes to 5,636,041. Social Security amounts to 5,633,534 more, and 3,000,000 farmers are receiving \$22,000,000 a year from the agricultural conservation program.

These figures do not include people

touched incidentally by such Federal hand-outs as subsidies, school lunches and business, farm and power loans, Indian benefits, maternity and other programs. They include only people receiving pay checks at regularly spaced intervals.

50½ Billion in Lend-Lease

The United States gave the world more than 50½ billion dollars under lend-lease from March 11, 1941, through last August 31, the date the flow of American aid was ordered halted. This was disclosed in a report to the Treasury by Robert W. Cavanaugh, chief of lend-lease fiscal operations.

The figures are not final, being subject to transfers made to foreign governments not yet recorded to the lend-lease division by the procurement agencies.

The total lease-lend expenditure to August 31 was given as \$50,596,698,489. Of this, \$31,367,559,327, or almost 62 per cent, went to the British Empire. Soviet Russia received \$11,266,642,270. France and her possessions took \$3,230,660,198. China's share was \$1,557,399,993. These four nations took the bulk of lend-lease, or almost 47½ billion dollars.

In return for the outlay, the report credits less than 7½ billion dollars of reverse lend-lease from the countries benefited.

Taxes Take Third of Income

The American people as a whole, directly and indirectly, are footing a tax bill for the support of government—Federal, State and local—which, in 1944 and 1945 was the equivalent of nearly \$1 out of every \$3 of total national income to individuals in each year, or more than \$1,300 per family, the Institute of Life Insurance said recently.

The institute traced the growth of the people's tax bill in a study of the long term relationship between government taxes and income payments to individuals, based on figures compiled by the United States Department of Commerce and the National Industrial Conference Board.

The institute study noted that the total tax bill of government in both 1944 and 1945 was almost fifty billion dollars. A few years before, in 1940, it said, this overall government tax bill was just under thirteen billion dollars. This was equivalent to about \$1 out of every \$6 of total income payments to individuals or well under \$400 per family.

Atom Depends On Safety

The U. S. Public Health Service says peacetime use of atomic energy must wait for completion of a newly-launched research program to determine how much radioactivity a workman can safely stand.

Until this is decided there will be no attempt to put the atom to work in peacetime industry. The research is taking place at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Ground Forces Cut

The United States Army is paring 38,000 men from the ground forces to stay within President Truman's limit of \$8,000,000,000 on War Department expenditures. The cut amounts to two and a half infantry divisions.

By January 1 the Army will have dismissed 73,200 civilian workers and the Navy a total of 20,200 as a part of the overall economy drive.

Strikes Are Expensive

Strike idleness during the first nine months of 1946 cost the U. S. working man three times as much time as did work-stoppages during the entire year of 1945.

Government figures show that 98,225,000 working hours were lost due to labor-management disputes from January through September. For all last year the total was 38,025,000, a record up until that time. Previous peak was 28,425,000 in 1937.

There were 3,575 strikes during the first nine months of this year, as compared with 3,784 for all of 1945. The big jump in man-hours lost, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, was because strikes were more bitter, more extensive and longer than ever before.

Bread Eating Campaign

Remember the bread shortage? The Millers National Federation now says people aren't eating enough bread and plans to spend \$1,250,000 in the next two years to restore bread as the Number One ingredient of the American diet.

Bread has been slipping in public esteem. In 1919 the average American consumed 212 pounds of wheat products. This average dropped off until, during the depression, it hit 155 pounds and this year reached a mere 150 pounds.

A bumper wheat crop this year has made the supply ample to meet all demands caused by the publicity campaign.

Motorist's Duty

With winter driving conditions already here, the highways will be filled with cars of abnormal age and mechanical weaknesses. Driving will be more than usually hazardous. There will be accidents to owners because of over-age vehicles; many will be injured through no fault of their own but because some one did not have his car put in shape for winter driving.

One must hope that motorists will take the necessary precautions this year to prepare their vehicles for adverse conditions which may last a long time. A warning of danger on the highways has been given by T. V. Rodgers, president of the American Trucking Association. He says: "Never has the picture been so black. Old vehicles driven by men and women from whom the discipline of gas rationing or the discipline of military service has been lifted are jamming our highways, jockeying for position, taking chances and depending on defective mechanism."

The staggering toll of automobile accidents is a national challenge. Between 1923 and 1943 more than 500,000 men, women and children died from these tragedies. This year the totals may be close to 40,000 killed and a million injured. As winter approaches it is each motorist's duty, both to himself and family and to his fellow citizens, to see that his car is in good mechanical shape and to drive in accordance with the rules of safety.

The plea for safety simply comes down to a matter of each motorist taking care of his own life and the lives of others.

Clothing Prices Studied

New York clothing manufacturers declare that clothing prices generally will remain at their current levels unless fabric or labor costs are lowered or boosted.

Exception will be rayon goods where an immediate 12 per cent rise in yarn prices will be reflected in a 15 to 25 per cent rise in the finished product.

GI's Back On the Job

Thirty-seven per cent of all U. S. employes are veterans. And of the 834,633 veterans employed by the government, two-thirds are veterans of World War II.

These figures were released recently by Charles Anderson, chief of the Veterans Division of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. Anderson said there are only 2,232,000 civilian employes working for the government today and of that number only 260,000 work in Washington, D. C.

How to Live a Long Time

Dr. Martha Eleanor Nelson, of Benton, Ark., who recently celebrated her one hundred first birthday, gives this advice on how to live long:

"If you want to live a long time, stay young. To stay young you must look young and think young. Be interested in the welfare of your neighbors, of your town, and of the world. If things are not being done to please you, then do something constructive about it or keep quiet. Eat a healthy diet, for it is easier to stay well than to get well. Stay in the middle of the road and don't go to extremes. Keep your sense of humor. Don't waste your days by rushing through them. Enjoy your days one at a time."

Total Axis War Criminals Convicted

A total of 1,986 axis war criminals had been convicted up to Oct. 31, 1946, the United Nations War Crimes Commission announced. Death sentences were meted out to 979 of them. In Europe, there were 1,108 tried, 413 condemned to death, 485 imprisoned, and 210 acquitted. In the Far East, 1,350 appeared in court, 384 were sentenced to die, 704 were imprisoned, and 262 freed.

Whale Meat for Dinner

Special effort will be made to prepare whale meat for human consumption.

World shortages in meat, oils and fats are behind the drive which has been resumed to hunt for whales in Antarctic waters. Chief whaling countries are Norway, Britain, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand, and whaling is estimated to be worth 200 million dollars annually to them. This year they are sending 14 whale factories and more than 130 whale-catching boats of altogether 300,000 tons dead weight. Some 6,000 men are engaged in whaling.

Last year an Anglo-Norwegian firm of whalers experimented with whale meat as a human food and found it palatable. The plan is to quick-freeze the meat in pieces of about 45 pounds. Whale meat will be sold first in England.

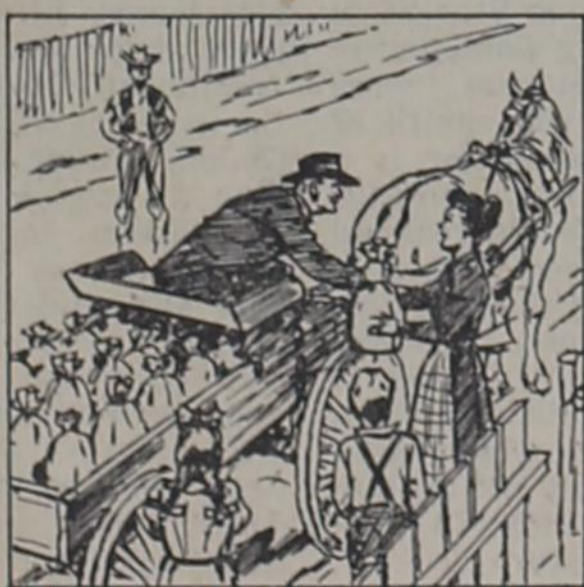


Grass Root Reveries

By JOE GANDY

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JINGLE BELLS are ringing and the tones sound sweet to me. I can never remember a dull Christmas but have known several Christmases when I had only 30 cents in my pocket. Money will not make a happy Christmas unless one has in his heart a love for others and a yearning to make others happy. Kindly greetings, without gifts, will make many folks happy. One of the kindest men I ever knew was Uncle Ben McCarthy. He grew on his farm several varieties of thin-shell pecans. Every Christmas Uncle Ben would deliver a paper sack of his pecans to each neighbor as a gift. It was a simple, yet a kindly deed. That was long ago and Uncle Ben has passed on to his reward, still remembered and beloved by the people of his community.



"Every Christmas Uncle Ben would deliver to each neighbor a paper sack of his pecans."

Uncle Ben simplified and glorified the Christmas spirit. Though a poor man, he shared what little he had with neighbors. He went about looking for good in others and he found it. He never hated anybody and never said an unkind word about anybody. His was a useful and beautiful life. What the world needs at this time is more Uncle Bens.

Christmas would be a flop without children. They make Christmas brighter, gayer, happier. My children are grown up but some of them have children of their own and I am, therefore, a grandpa and mighty proud of it. When I tell these children there is a real Santa Claus they believe it. When

I tell them Santy comes down the chimney and leaves pretty things in their stockings, if they have been good little boys and girls, they believe it. So, I am a big shot among the children, which is more fun than being a bit shot among the grown-ups.

We should impress upon our children that Christmas means more than toys, candy, tinsel and confetti. We should tell them that it is the anniversary of the birth of Jesus who loved and was the friend of little children. In Matthew, 19:13-15, he said to his disciples: "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of heaven." At another time he said, Matthew 18:4: "Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

Wife has been figuring on what she will buy me for Christmas. She reads all the ads in the paper, hoping to find a bargain. She has hinted that my Christmas gift will be a sport shirt, swank tie and ringer belt. I told her not to dress me up, that if she did a pretty blond might kidnap me. She replied: "Not much chance, but if it happens the blond can have you—lock, stock and barrel."

The trees of Coon Creek have turned scarlet and gold, russet and red. All up and down the creek trees have put on autumn colors. They are prettiest at sunrise and at sunset. Then you see the changing hues of sunlight blend with the colorful leaves of the trees.

There is something about the fall of the year that gets you if you live in the country. I have seen many seasons come and go but to me the fall of the year never grows old.

We hear more about shortages now than during the war. The worse shortage is quality. As prices go up quality comes down. The greatness of America was built on quality. We have prided ourselves on building a better mousetrap, a better plow and a better auto than any other nation. Pride in workmanship, however, is at low ebb. Men are interested in shorter hours, more wages, more vacations, but not interested in quality. Another shortage, and it is also serious, is that of persons willing to do an honest day's work.

A scientist has discovered that cheerful people resist disease better than glum people. He says you are less apt to catch a cold if you are cheerful. That's worth trying out—being cheerful, at least through January and February, when we catch the most colds. This would be a wonderful world if everybody were cheerful all the time. It would put the devil out of business and stop a lot of squawking and hell-raising.

The 400,000 soft coal miners who went on a strike, thus violating their contract with the government, should get rid of old John Lewis who is slowly but surely ruining the soft coal business. Because of his tyrannical power over a vital industry, scientists are now at work to find a substitute for coal and they will find it. Low cost atomic heat and energy are not far away from realization. The heat stored in uranium, from which atomic bombs are made, is to be harnessed for industrial and residential use. Scientists estimate that a pound of uranium has the heat equivalent of 100,000 tons of coal.

BRIEF TEXAS NEWS --- from over the State

TYLER LEADS U. S. IN ROSES

Rose growers in Tyler, Smith county, produce two-thirds of all outdoor rose bushes in the entire United States, according to the Texas Rose Research Foundation.

SHORTAGE OF TEACHERS

The Texas State Teachers Association says that one out of every four teachers in the Lone Star State is brand new at the job and one out of every six is sub-standard as regards qualifications. The Association says the turnover in teachers is the greatest in history.

LONG-TERM WEDDING CELEBRATED

Mrs. and Mrs. W. A. Nelson, of Shamrock, Wheeler county, recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. Both remain active despite their advanced age and both are enthusiastic members of the Methodist Church. They have six children.

TEXAS LEADS IN AIRFIELDS

More than one-sixth of all Army airfields still in operation are located on Texas soil. Of the 305 fields still active, 53 are in the Lone Star State. As was the case during the war, most of the AAF activity is centered around San Antonio, but there is still a great deal of Army flying being done elsewhere in the State.

GAINESVILLE CIRCUS REVIVES

The Gainesville, Cooke county, circus is going to make a post-war comeback. A community dinner recently saw \$3,275 pledged to purchase permanent storage space for circus materials, and plans are being made to rebuild the city's circus bigger and better than ever before.

U. T. BECOMES COSMOPOLITAN

Two hundred and twenty-five foreign students are registered this year at the University of Texas, and they come from 33 different countries. Mexico has the largest representation with 86 students, and Venezuela is second with 18. China is third with 15. Students come from such widely scattered spots as Syria, England, Iceland, Lebanon, Turkey, the Philippines, Belgium and India.

SCORES PUBLIC ATTITUDE ON TRAFFIC SAFETY

Public indifference toward traffic accidents amounts to a "social disease," says Capt. J. O. Musick of the State Department of Public Safety. Musick declares that the public must become acutely conscious of the waste in traffic accidents before any real improvement can be made. He pointed out that 40,000 lives a year are being snuffed out by accidents on the road, and 90 per cent of those accidents are preventable.

TEXAS GETS HOSPITAL CASH

Texas stands to get the most Federal help in the State-aid hospital building program being discussed by the Federal Hospital Council. A total of \$75,000,000 in Federal money will be spent annually, throughout the entire nation, for five years. The States have to match every Federal dollar with two State dollars, making an overall program of one and a quarter billion dollars. Texas' allocation will be \$4,800,000, largest of any State.

BEE REMOVER DE LUXE

Harvey Bevers, of San Antonio, is a real estate man who makes a hobby of removing bee-hives from inaccessible places. This year he has specialized in getting the hives out of airshafts of office buildings, attics of houses and the top branches of tall trees. He has devised a special trap for luring the bees away from their hives into a permanent, box-like home. His only reward is to share in the honey when he has found a new home for the bees.

103-YEAR-OLD VET PASSES

Francis Marion Potter, age 103, a veteran of the Confederate Army and the Spanish-American war, died at his home near Brownwood, Brown county, last month. A native of Virginia, Potter was graduated from West Point in 1860. He was an Army officer for 15 years and, granted amnesty after fighting for the Confederacy, he saw much service in the Indian wars. It was said that he killed Chief Rain-in-the-Face, the son of Geronimo, while fighting in Nevada. Potter was also a Baptist minister for more than 50 years.

TEXAN DISCHARGED TWICE

Pvt. Robert E. Kelso, of Houston, is one of the few men to be discharged from the Army twice in the same war while still being ineligible to bear arms. Three years ago he enlisted at the age of 13, saw a year of service in Europe, was wounded twice and won three stars before the Army found out how young he was. He was discharged. Last February, aged 16, he fooled the recruiting officer again and served ten months before discovery. Now the six-foot two-inch youngster declares he will re-enlist the minute he is old enough to serve.

MODERN CHICKEN THIEF

Chicken stealing has gone modern, said Deputy Sheriff Stanley Mahavier, of Houston, when a spraygun filled with chloroform was left behind in a recent raid. He said the thief had evidently sprayed the chloroform through a window, waited for it to take effect, then walked in and off with the benumbed fowls.

U. T. STUDIES ROCKETS

The University of Texas has been authorized an expenditure of \$600,000 a year of government funds to conduct research in guided missiles moving faster than sound and the causes of deflection of radar waves. University scientists will also delve into advanced phases of meteorology.

BAPTISTS ELECT PRESIDENT

Texas Baptists elected the Rev. Wallace Bassett, of Dallas, as president at their convention at Mineral Wells, Palo Pinto county, last month. Bassett is pastor of the Cliff Temple Baptist Church in Dallas, a position he has held since 1918. He was born in Tennessee, but was ordained in 1905 at Sulphur Springs, Hopkins county. He was pastor there and at Amarillo, Potter county, before going to Dallas.

BUSINESS IS GOOD

There were no business failures in the State of Texas during the month of October and only one during the month of September, according to Dun & Bradstreet. Texas had six business failures during the first 10 months of 1946 and only five during the corresponding period in 1945.

SNAKE OIL REQUEST

The Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce recently received a request from an out-of-State citizen for information as to how he could acquire some rattlesnake oil. The gentleman had heard an enthusiastic Texan boast of the medicinal properties of "snake oil" and he wanted a bottle for himself.

"IF YOU PLEASE"

"If You Please" is the name of the newest wrinkle in Houston businesses. Operated by two veterans, "If You Please" promises to perform service miracles for Houstonians and will do any odd jobs that their clients find impossible or merely tiresome. Services include finding white shirts, baby-sitting, errands, catering and entertaining, shopping, rapid laundry and cleaning, air line and hotel reservations, and so on. Clients pay a set fee each month and "If You Please" takes care of their daily wants.

VETS WANT BONDS

A Houston chapter of the American Legion has started a movement for a veteran's bonus to be granted former World War II soldiers from Texas. The Houston plan would cost the taxpayers \$108,000,000. An effort will be made to pass it through the next Legislature. Every State voting on a bonus during the last year, with the single exception of Maine, has passed a similar plan.

NATIONAL AIR SHOW FOR TEXAS

The National Aircraft Show for 1947 is being planned for Grand Prairie, Dallas county, according to national aviation authorities. Plans call for it being held in the North American aviation building, now being used as warehouses by the War Assets Administration. The show was originally scheduled for Los Angeles, but recent reports say that the Southern California city does not have buildings large enough to house the exhibits.

UNIFORM TRAFFIC LAWS URGED

A Statewide uniform traffic code has been urged by the Texas Safety Association and other groups interested in building safer State highways, as a means of preventing accidents on the road. Recommendations also included a substantial increase in the number of traffic patrolmen and an increase in the personnel conducting drivers' license tests. George Clarke, managing director of the Association, says the cost of these improvements would be easily offset by reductions in the accident toll. Highway accidents cost Texas \$60,000,000 a year under present conditions. Clarke also pointed out that there are only 243 State traffic policemen in Texas patrolling the biggest highway system in the country.

RICE GETS GIFT

Rice Institute, at Houston, recently received a gift "in excess of \$1,000,000" from Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Weiss. Weiss is president of Humble Oil & Refining Co. and vice-president of the Institute's board of trustees. The gift consists of the income of 30,000 shares of oil stock for 17½ years and will be available for operating expenses.

YOUNG DRIVERS GO TO SCHOOL

The Texas Safety Association reveals that 286 high schools and several junior high schools in the State are now offering driver education and training in their regular curricula. The theory is to teach safe driving habits to the youngsters early before they fall into careless and fatal driving habits on the road.

BUSY MAILMAN

Rudolph A. Sapp, of Marysville, Cooke county, reckons he has traveled 340,000 miles exclusively in his native county while carrying out his duties as rural mail carrier. He operated the 30-mile Delaware Bend route for 20 years and now handles Route 1, Dexter, a 46-mile daily jaunt. "I have traveled a distance equal to 14 times around the world and I have never been out of Cooke county," Sapp says.

INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT DOWN

Employment in manufacturing industries in Texas slumped slightly during September from an August mark of 315,400 to 311,900. This was a decline of 1 per cent and an overall decline of 2.5 per cent from September, 1945.

FIVE GENERATIONS PRESENT

Five generations were present when Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Holterman, of San Marcos, Hayes county, celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary. Fifth generation was represented by Mrs. Holterman's great-great-grandson, Robert Eugene Medlar, Jr. The baby, Robert Eugene, has four living great-grandparents, twelve great-aunts and twelve great-uncles.

TEXAS NAVAL CASUALTIES

Texas suffered a casualty toll of 7,258 in the Navy, Marines and Coast Guard during World War II, according to figures recently released by the Navy Department. Of the total, 3,023 died in combat, 84 met death as prisoners of war, 3,884 were wounded and 267 are released POW's. The figures bring the total Lone Star State casualty list in all branches to 23,022. As a State, Texas ranks sixth in Naval casualties. California is first with 14,018.

BATTLE FLAG PRESENTED

The battle flag of the U. S. S. Texas was presented to the Texas Memorial Museum of the University of Texas recently by Col. Lewis B. Fuller, Marine Corps hero and director of the Eighth Marine Reserve District. Navy Reserve Lieutenant Fred ("Red") Harris, State Senator-elect from Dallas, accepted the flag on behalf of the State.

A QUESTION OF NAMES

When the War Assets Administration offered Fort Worth citizens "salt water soap" at 12 cents a pound, it found no buyers. Even when the price was cut to 6 cents, the public showed no interest, despite the soap shortage. Then someone in the WAA changed the name to "all-purpose laundry and hard-water soap" (which it is) and raised the price back to 12 cents a pound. The entire supply was sold out in 48 hours.

TO USE CAMP HOOD

Camp Hood, near Temple, Bell county, will soon become one of the major training areas in the nation when the Air Transport Command begins to use it to instruct fliers in the technique of moving entire armies by air. The present landing strips at the camp are inadequate for handling the biggest transports, so strips 7,000 to 8,000 feet long are being constructed. They will be sufficiently wide to handle many planes at one time.

TEXANS LIVE LONG

Texans are remarkably long-lived, according to State Auditor C. H. Cavness. Cavness backed it up by announcing that 1,607 Lone Star State residents are still drawing Confederate pensions. These pensioners were awarded \$83,731 during the month of August alone. Oldest pensioner is a 104-year-old widow and the youngster of the lot is a sprightly 70-year-old widow. Youngest pensioned veteran is 96 years old. Cavness said that the first obligation to veterans came in 1881 when the State Legislature made a grant of 1,280 acres of public domain to each disabled veteran or widow who had not remarried. Almost two million acres were given away before the law was repealed two years later.

GOLDFISH DOCTOR

James D. King, veteran mail carrier of El Paso, has made a useful hobby of doctoring goldfish. He started the hobby 15 years ago when he ran out of bait one day and decided to raise his own. He now has 10,000 goldfish in his backyard plus 10,000 snails and he says, "several miles of worms." His hobby keeps his telephone busy all day answering calls from keepers of ailing fish, and he prescribes proper diet and treatment to all comers. King keeps giant spear plants, star lilies and umbrella plants in his tanks and supplements the fishes' diet with green flies caught in special traps. He also feeds the fish oatmeal and ground shrimp, while the worms get stale bread crumbs.

THE FLOP FAMILY



By SWAN



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Magic Touch of Christmas

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when the huge Christmas star blazes on South Mountain, sending its light for miles around, Bethlehemites begin a series of house-to-house visits. In some sections of the Southwest the holiday season is celebrated by drama. Away back in the 16th century Father Diego do Soria came from Spain to be prior of a convent near Mexico City. He had authority to combine the Christian festival with the ancient religious ceremony of the Aztecs honoring the god Huitzilopoztli, held in late December.

Today all over Mexico, New Mexico and wherever Mexicans live there is re-enactment of the nine-day journey of Mary and Joseph seeking a place for the Child to be born. A procession is formed in which each person carries a lighted candle.

In New Mexico an old Nativity play, Los Pastores (The Shepherds) has been given on Christmas Eve since Spanish padres transplanted it here in the early 17th century. Celebrations in these places frequently continue many days as they did in old England. There Christmas was not one holiday, but 12, each with dancing and gaming. A "Master of Merry Disport" was appointed at every nobleman's house as Lord of Misrule. He led the maskers and contrived funny pranks.

Dramatizing Scene of Nativity
In 1223, St. Francis d'Assisi was granted permission to dramatize the scene of the Nativity in a village of Greece to help interpret the Biblical story. Men and women portrayed the Holy Family and the drama was made realistic by live animals and a stable. Monks sang the descriptive carols.

This was the origin not only of Christmas plays but of our Christmas carols.

Somewhat reminiscent of Christmas in old England is the celebration throughout our own Kentucky mountains. Festivities begin on the holiday eve with the hanging of stockings and continue until "Old Christmas" after the custom brought by the early Anglo-Saxon pioneers. Each night young and old follow winding mountain paths from one home to another for the daily frolics.

There always is the fiddler to play for square dances.

But perhaps the most typically American of all our holiday celebrations is the Cowboys' Christmas Ball, held almost every Christmas Eve for 59 years in Anson, a small town in the cow country of West Texas. Many descendants of cowboys who came from widely scattered ranches to the first ball at the old Star Hotel in Anson in 1884 to honor rancher Cross P. Charley and his bride never have missed such an occasion.

There the spirit of the old West lives again. Men don the colorful cowboy dress, gay shirts,

elaborately decorated boots. "Sage hens" put on full-skirted gingham dresses patterned after those their grandmothers wore. While a cowboy band plays, spirited men and women dance the Varsouvienne, Heel and Toe Polka and other familiar old dances.

Then, as the clock strikes 12, they greet Christmas morning with the American Square Dance.

Faith and Brotherhood

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of faith in the goodness of God. There really is no other choice.

Power of the Good Spirit
No matter how great an aggregation of military power might be pledged to concerted action, no matter how theoretically fine an organization for international co-operation might be evolved, unless the power of the spirit—which the Christmas season best exemplifies for us—is progressively established on earth, there can be no assurance of permanent peace.

That is the great fact all Americans should now confront.

To be sure, programs will be carried forward to provide the maximum of military defense, in case of need. It will be hoped that such defensive strength will act as a powerful deterrent to aggression. But let us not deceive ourselves. There can be no security merely in a collection of atomic bombs or a military force, whatever its size.

It is hardly likely that any informed persons will really attain great trust in such factors. Rather there is more likelihood that the greater any such unilateral programs among the nations, the greater will be the distrust and fear—and therefore the greater the danger.

In their beginnings the powers of men to destroy were very limited. Until the Second World War these limitations still remained such that it could be hoped that a dominance of power could be built up which would provide control and security. But now the powers of men have been so illimitably extended that the threat of colossal destruction might develop anywhere, at any time.

The mutual danger involved in any use of these new powers will certainly tend to produce a certain restraint, but, unless there are mutual control and co-operation, fear might suddenly break through all restraints.

The only genuine security lies in a spirit of good will and faith that will keep down any temptations to resort to such weapons—a spirit such as that which already makes violence unthinkable in many human relations.

It should not be difficult to see that the only fundamental security in this new world lies in such a spirit. Perhaps it is the specific intent of the evolutionary process that the ultimate choice between cooperation and peace, on the one hand, and violence and utter destruction, on the other, now should be presented to men.

Spirit of Christmas
It is possible, too, that men are readier to turn to the power of the good spirit—of the Christmas Spirit—than most of us are now able to believe. Surely the vast majority of men want a decent spirit and peace in the world.

Surely the overwhelming majority would be ready to put their reliance primarily in that spirit if they felt that enough of the inhabitants of the world would do so at the same time to make it dominant and trustworthy.

How, then, can such a great and controlling concert of the human spirit be established?

Certainly not without a great upwelling of that kindly spirit among individual men everywhere. That is the great job of the Common Man in all nations today—to make his contribution to a mighty upsurge of that spirit. This Christmas presents the summons as never before. Answering it, men could find a new faith in each other and in God.

I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Luke 5:2.

The Texas Turkey Crop

TEXAS this year regained its position as the leading turkey-producing State of the nation, with a total crop of 4,465,950 birds. That is 5 per cent below the 1945 crop, but it is well ahead of California, which last year was the leading turkey-producing State.

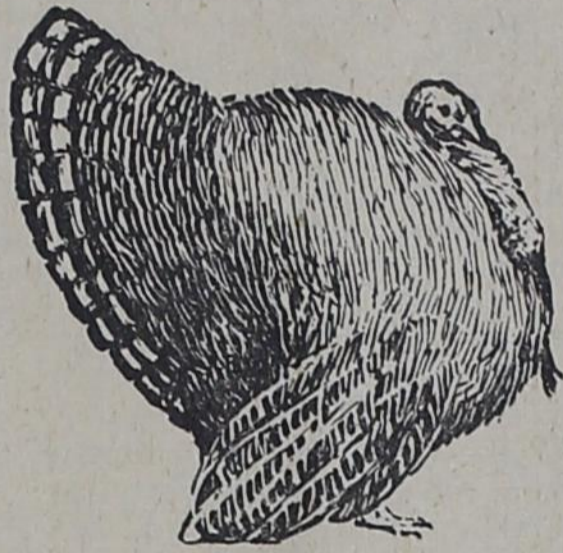
In the last 15 years the turkey business in Texas has jumped from an \$8,000,000 industry to a \$28,000,000 industry—and this despite the fact that the number of birds produced in the State has increased only one and one-half millions.

Quality is the answer to this tremendous increase in value. Behind the jump in dollar sales lies a story of how turkey growers have carried on to improve their flocks and marketing requirements.

Prior to 1933 most producers raised turkeys as a sideline. Few of them bothered to summer-feed their flocks. But in that year the Extension Service of Texas A. & M. College succeeded in getting a few growers to adopt the practice of summer-feeding, which proved so profitable that other growers have followed this practice.

In 1937 several turkey growers from the Texas Plains area, accompanied by poultry specialists from the Extension Service, made a trip to the West Coast and came back with new and sound turkey-raising ideas. One of these ideas was raising broad-breasted bronze turkeys. Today some three-fourths of Texas turkeys have broad-breasted bronze bloodlines.

Some years turkey breeders have large flocks, both for breeding and marketing. One of the largest breeders is R. E. Janes, whose farm is near Austin, Travis county. Mr. Janes, an R.O.P. breeder, has some five or six thousand birds on his Bar-Nothing



Ranch. Lee & Smith, of Midlothian, Ellis county, have on their farm about three thousand birds this year. Bill Curtis, of Midland, Midland county, this year produced 7,500 turkeys for the commercial market.

Greater interest has been shown this year in medium-sized turkeys for family use. Most Texas turkeys now coming to market are home-produced and of average farm and ranch size. The heavy broad-breasted type, which aroused much interest a year ago, are sold mostly to hotels and restaurants. Housewives are reluctant to buy birds that have been too heavily fed. Ten to 14 pounds is the favorite family size.

The American Turkey Federation explains, however, that large turkeys provide more meat more economically—that half of a 24-pound tom produces 50 per cent more edible meat than a whole 12-pound bird.

Texas and the rest of the country have become turkey-conscious. More and more Texas turkeys are moving into markets of the North and East.

This State is particularly suited to turkey raising because of its nearness to markets as compared with the West Coast breeders and because of its favorable climatic conditions. Incidentally, the hatching phase of the industry is making excellent progress, especially around Brady, Texas. In the last three or four years Texas turkey eggs and turkeys poults have been finding expanding markets in Colorado, Arkansas and Missouri.

The turkey has come a long way from the early 'thirties when its meat was a delicacy placed before the family only once or twice a year. Now turkey meat is served the year round in many homes and public eating places. The turkey remains the traditional bird for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Origin of the Christmas Card

It doesn't look 100 years old. Crisply fresh and brightly colored, the Christmas card of this season appears more as if it were celebrating its first birthday. Only its numbers indicate a century of growth. For this year more than 1,000,000,000 Christmas cards will have been mailed in the United States alone.

The senders will have spent some \$75,000,000 for these cards. They will have spent another \$30,000,000 for the postage stamps that carry them to their destination. Wives will have worried



over forgotten friends or relatives. Husbands will have worried over cards they forgot to mail. And many persons will pause to wonder how the whole thing began.

The honor of originating the first Christmas card goes to an English artist, W. C. Dobson. Just a few days before Christmas in 1845 he was fretting over the problem of writing Yuletide greetings to his close friends. He wasn't a good writer, but he was a good artist, one of Queen Victoria's favorites. As he sat trying to put some appropriate thoughts on paper, he found himself sketching a Christmas scene. Suddenly he paused and smiled. He threw the paper away, took a piece of cardboard about double the size of a postcard and set to work sketching the first Christmas card. It was a picture and a simple greeting, basically the same as cards of today.

The origin of the first Christmas card in the United States is misty. Recently a card lithographed by R. H. Pease of Albany, N. Y., was discovered. Pease was in business in that city from 1834 until 1855. Unfortunately, this early American Yule greeting bears no date.

The first manufacturer of Christmas cards in America was Louis Prang. Having hurriedly left Germany after the Revolution of 1848, this lithographer came to Roxbury, Massachusetts. There in 1874 he made greeting cards for English customers. The following year he turned to the American trade and soon became mildly famous for his production of cards.

Like the English lithographers, Prang invited the best artists of the day to send him drawings for his cards. He offered \$2,000 in prizes and the competition stirred so much interest that the designs were displayed throughout the country.

In America, as in England, the habit of sending Christmas cards grew steadily. By 1906 it had become as much a part of the holiday season as carols and holly. Meanwhile the cards themselves had changed many times and in many ways. Often they reflected trends; sometimes they were gaudy. But gradually, during their century of progress, the Christmas cards have grown more conservative and in better taste.

War was reflected in cards even last year, for, although hostilities had stopped, the artists had already dipped deeply into the khaki but this year, tranquil scenes depict a Christmas blessed with peace. Stars shine; doves flutter above the bell tower of a church; the Madonna and Child are among the most popular designs. There's a lot of holly and mistletoe, candles and carolers, Santa and snow. And there's a lot of whimsy—a little angel brushing another's wings with a hair brush; two cherubs painting the red stripes on a big candy cane; a boy and girl leaning over the side of a parachute-suspended basket and sprinkling stars below to illustrate the greetings: "Hope Christmas finds you flying high, Your spirit soaring to the sky; And may the days that follow after spill over, too, with joy and laughter." There are cards for friends, for the boss, for grandmother and nephew, from "our house to your house."

SEVEN INVENTIONS OF THE WORLD

Men have listened and argued about the Seven Wonders of the World for more than 21 centuries. Now the Encyclopedia Britannica turns the spotlight on the Seven Inventions of the World. Before you read their choices, take a pencil and list your own to see how they compare. Here are the choices:

Listed as perhaps the most important of all human inventions is the invention-discovery that plants can be grown from seeds. Second in practical importance was the discovery of how to control fire. Third place goes to the invention of pottery which made it possible to cook food.

Fourth on Britannica's list is the invention of writing. Invention of the standards of measurements, weight, time and money is in fifth place. Food canning is sixth and the discovery of the Louis Pasteur germ theory is seventh. We may now add, as No. 8, atomic fission.

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Salt in the oven under baking tins will prevent their scorching on the bottom.

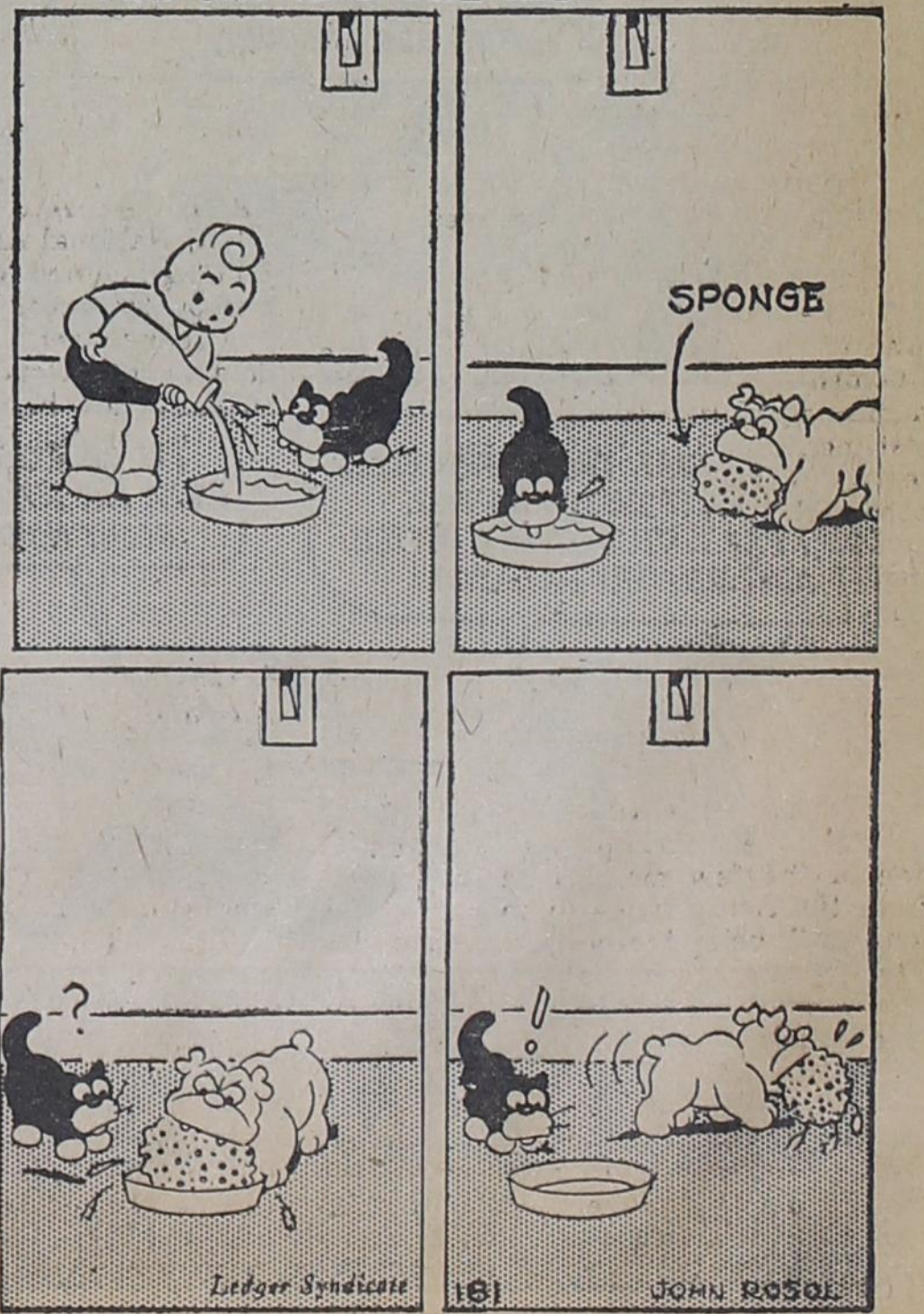
HOW LONG IS A FOOT?

If you ever want to read a shoe size from the numbers printed on the inside of your shoe, here's the trick: The width is indicated by the first number, the length by the following two or three numbers. For instance, size 485 is an 8½D. The first figure "four" stands for the fourth letter in the alphabet, which is "D;" the 85 indicates that the length is 8½. A five as the last figure always denotes a half size; an "0" as the last figure a full size.

For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes. Luke 6:44.

THE CAT AND THE KID

By John Rosol

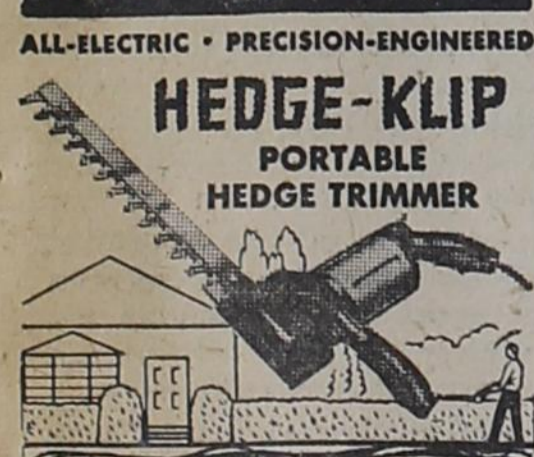


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Texas Farm News

The Texas cedar brakes country with its 3,000,000 acres of mountain cedar is in the midst of a great boom by selling of cedar posts.

Advance Mischief III, owned by R. A. Herbert, of Sonora, Sutton county, was named grand champion bull of the International Polled Hereford Show held at Louisiana State University recently.

W. L. McGinley, of Dallas, recently bought 2,645 acres of ranchland from Carl Kroll, Jr., of Harper, Gillespie county, for \$105,000. This was the largest land deal in the history of the county. Kroll sold McGinley some other land previously and the total topped the \$173,000 mark.

Owners of approximately 800 cows signed up for the artificial breeding course at Denton. They plan to form an artificial insemination association in Denton county under the leadership of W. C. Potter, chairman of the general dairy committee.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture claims that Texas will produce its second largest crop of alfalfa seed in history this year. The crop will be 38,000 bushels. Highest ever was 1945 with 68,000 bushels. Sudan grass seed crop will be lowest in history, however.

On December 2 at Chicago 10-year-old Duane Boenig, of Bexar county, Texas, was one of four first-place winners of the Thomas E. Wilson meat animal contest, which brought the youngster a free trip to the National 4-H Club Congress and a \$200 college scholarship. At the Houston Livestock Show in 1945 he was the first exhibitor to win all the Duroc awards. Nineteen of his twenty-four pigs brought him \$2,429 and he took the top five home with him. His younger sister, Evangeline, became the State's 4-H girls' achievement winner, and his mother is well known for her home demonstration work.

Texas dairymen who are cross-breeding their dairy cows with beef sires are killing their chances for improving their herds, G. G. Gibson, dairy husbandman of the Texas A. & M. Extension Service, says. A cross-bred calf is worth more for beef than a straight bred calf, but the deal is not so good as it sounds. It takes plenty of feed to make a cross-bred calf weigh 400 pounds at six months, and whole milk makes up a good share of that feed. But, Gibson continues, the real danger is that it cuts out herd replacements. Replacements are hard to find, and the dairyman who cross-breeds to excess ends up milking a herd of scrub cows.

When the treasury of the Kermit Girls' 4-H Club of Winkler county needs funds the members don't solicit money; they earn it. Recently the members organized a "hobo day," and one morning went forth among Kermit's housewives in groups of three and four to offer their services for hire. Some cleaned house while others washed windows, dried dishes or performed whatever type of work was offered. Pooling earnings at noon they counted \$12, says County Home Demonstration Agent Bertha J. Brown.

Texas farming went well into the billion-dollar-business class during the first ten months of 1946, figures announced by the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research showed. The bureau reported Texas farmers took in approximately \$1,018,980,000 this year through October, as compared with \$915,047,000 for the corresponding ten months of 1945. The difference represented a gain of 11 percent or \$8,611,000 a month thus far this year.

Hubam clover seed returns will net Ellis county farmers a quarter of a million dollars this year, W. M. Love, county agent, says. Four major companies have purchased 1,650,414 pounds of the seed and other companies have bought 300,000 pounds in addition.

Young Brady Lee Koon, of Brashear, Hopkins county, was named "outstanding farmer of the South" recently at the convention of the Future Farmers of America in Kansas City, Mo.

Sulfonamides show promise of killing the bacteria which cause Bangs disease in cattle and undulant fever in human beings, according to Dr. V. T. Schuhradt, University of Texas bacteriologist. Talking at the International American Congress on Brucellosis at Mexico City, Dr. Schuhradt said that sulfa-pyridine is the most effective of the eight sulfonamides he has used, but he added that treatment was still in experimental stage.

A plan for increasing Cherokee county's farm income to replace cash lost in the dwindling cotton crop is being arranged by the Cherokee County Agricultural Workers Association. A survey has determined that crops most suitable for production in the county include feed grains, timber and forestry, sweet potatoes, peppers, poultry.

4-H'ers, like other folks, sometimes find themselves in a tough spot. Take for example Betty Jo Guiglar-di, member of the Fort Hancock Community 4-H Club of Hudspeth county. She fed a calf to compete at the Texas State Fair, but when the premium list came out there was no class she could enter. Not discouraged, she entered it at the American Royal in Kansas City, but here she met more hard luck. Her calf was one pound overweight for the small class, but, undaunted, she took her chances in the heavy class and placed 12th. Here, however, her fortunes began to mend, for her 941 pound steer sold for \$1.42 a pound with a gross return of \$1,336.22, or a net profit of \$636.22 after deducting feeding expense, fees and other costs.

County Agricultural Agent C. M. Knight says that Betty Jo has been feeding calves for three years and has won "creditable places" at local and regional shows.

Engineers of International Harvester, with assistance of technicians of Texas A. & M. College, are perfecting a mechanical cotton harvester of the stripper type adapted to Texas conditions. Harvesting cotton on the High Plains of the Panhandle, where the labor shortage is usually acute, is likely to depend ultimately on a simple stripper machine which gathers all the bolly cotton on the cotton plant after frost has opened the bolls.

Texans who wish to make experimental plantings of cork oak may obtain acorns free in lots of fifty from the Texas Forest Service, A. & M. College, College Station, D. A. Anderson, chief of forestry research, announced. Plantings should be made about Jan. 15, 1947. The Texas Forest Service, upon receipt of a postcard or letter, will mail the acorns postpaid along with planting instructions in mid-January. More than 60 percent of the world output of cork is used in the United States. This comes from the Mediterranean Coastal area.

Margaret Filip, of El Campo, Wharton county, recently was awarded a \$35 cash award from the Texas Seedsmen Association for winning the State 4-H Club Home Garden contest. In another 4-H Club garden contest, sponsored by the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company, eight winners were announced. They were Henry Neil Seacht, of Lockney, Floyd county; Margaret Filip and Jack Moreman, of Brice, Hall county; Josie Slaughter, of Marshall, Harrison county; Lois Wilson, of Levelland, Cochran county; Peggy Jo Irby, of Mt. Enterprise, Rusk county; Martha Gould, of Longview, Gregg county, and Frances Oleta Weaver, of Campbell, Hunt county. All received \$25 bonds.

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Assistant County Agricultural Agent C. T. Parker, Jr., points with pride to a poultry demonstration by one of his Guadalupe County 4-H Club boys. With about 100 laying hens in his flock, Edwin H. Bading, 13, received a gross income of \$606.60 in the year ending Sept. 30. All of the income was from the sale of eggs excepting \$71.18 received for fryers disposed of before the first of the year. According to carefully kept records, expenses in the 12 months totalled \$391.36, leaving a profit of \$215.44. Parker said that "any grown man could be proud" of this record.

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"Dairy cows will do their part if the dairyman does his," G. G. Gibson, Texas A. & M. College Extension Service dairyman, says. Gibson claims production depends on natural ability and opportunity. The dairyman must keep the right balance of feed nutrients, and if he does so the cow will meet him half way. Gibson added that roughage is still the backbone of any dairy ration and that all rules will fail when the roughage supply is limited and the supply poor. He claims an average Jersey cow producing three gallons of milk a day needs 18 pounds of good hay and nine pounds of suitable concentrates.

The sweet potato acreage goal for Texas next year has been set at 65,000 acres.

Texas hunters are really going to town this autumn, and hunting is bringing money to agricultural landowners. Last year approximately \$875,000 was received by farmers and ranchmen for hunting and fishing leases and there has been an estimated 25 per cent increase this fall. Early autumn rains over the State have improved the range and tempted wildlife to stay around.

Farmers in the United States spent about \$4,300,000 for the operation and maintenance of power and machinery during 1945.

Top of the seventh annual West Texas Hereford Association sale last month was Sweet Sue 12th, sold by Mrs. Day Young Morgan, of Hamlin, Jones-Fisher counties, to Dr. T. D. Young, of Roscoe, Nolan county, for \$1,500. Sweet Sue 12th, a heifer, was top female of the show. Top bull was Molder 1212th, sold for \$765 by Hardy Griscom, of Abilene, Taylor county, to F. W. Moore, of Clifton, Bosque county.

Turkey meat consumption is becoming less seasonal, according to Texas A. & M. statisticians. An increasing amount of gobblers are being consumed during the "off" months, from February to August.

The U. S. Weather Bureau will soon give Rio Grande Valley farmers weather forecasts 72 hours in advance. Four additional thermometer substations are being installed to register moisture content for obtaining data on relative humidity and eight new rain gauges are to be distributed from Eagle Pass, Maverick county, to Brownsville, Cameron county. A daily weather map of the region will also be available.



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HOW SANTA CLAUS CAME TO AMERICA

(Condensed from Popular Magazine)

Rev. Clement Clarke Moore, a New York City minister, dashed off in an hour of Yuletide inspiration on December 24, 1822, the set of verses that brought Santa Claus to America—the "Night Before Christmas."

These magic lines, which every child knows, were not copyrighted and never brought Moore a penny. And he almost failed to gain fame as their author because for twenty-two years he would not permit his name to appear with the verses for fear that people would consider him frivolous.

On that snowy day before Christmas in 1822, Moore had been shopping for a turkey to complete a gift basket for a poor family belonging to his church. As dusk settled, he encountered a friend, old Jan Duychinck, chubby, jolly and Dutch, with rosy dimpled cheeks and a full white beard from which a stump of a pipe stuck out.

For years Duychinck had fascinated Moore with legends of Saint Nicholas, a bishop of the early Christian church and patron saint of all good Dutch children. This Christmas Eve, Moore listened again to the tales of the miraculous powers of Santa Claus—as the Dutch youngsters called him—and of his love for children, whose good deeds he rewarded with gifts at Christmas.

It was dark when Moore headed home through the raw cold wind blowing from the Hudson river. Stimulated by the old Dutchman's yarns, his imagination saw racing across the starlit sky a miniature sleigh heaped with toys and drawn by eight tiny reindeer. The driver, a fat, ruddy-faced fellow that Moore knew instantly was Santa Claus, curled his long whip over the reindeer and shouted their names into the north wind:

"Now, Dasher!
Now, Dancer!
Now, Prancer
and Nixon!
On, Comet!
On, Cupid,
On, Dunder and
Blitzen!"

A swirl of snow obscured the vision. Moore hurried home filled with thoughts of Christmas, of his children, and of Jan Duychinck's stories of Saint Nicholas. He went straight to his study. Unaware that he was penning lines that would delight millions of children for many years to come, he started to write:

"Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse . . ."

And in the description of the driver of the sleigh, old Jan Duychinck became the poetic incarnation of Santa Claus.

After dinner that evening, Moore surrounded himself with his children and read them the lines he had written. Their close attention and their spontaneous applause left no doubt as to the poem's appeal.

But when this was done the author was satisfied. He had written the poem solely for his own children and not at all for publication. To him at that time it was unthinkable that he should publicly acknowledge authorship, or seek publication, of such verse. His position, his scholarship, in fact everything about him, opposed it. Having pleased his children, Moore was satisfied to forget all about the verses. But as sometimes happens in such cases fate had other plans.

What happened was this: Moore filed the poem with some other papers and promptly put it out of his mind. Later in the New Year—that is, 1823—the Moores were visited by a relative from Troy, New York. The children soon told of the verse their father had written for them the previous Christmas, and so enthusiastic were they that the visitor finally prevailed upon Moore to make a copy of it.

It then dropped out of sight until the

fateful Christmas of 1823. Then through the mails one day Moore received a copy of the Troy Sentinel for December 23. The good scholar, sitting before the fire, was leafing through the newspaper casually when, to his astonishment, he found, unsigned, "A Visit From Saint Nicholas," published in full, down to the last word and the last comma as he had written it!

Just the thing he had wanted to avoid had happened. But even more was to happen. No sooner had the Sentinel reached its subscribers and its "exchanges" than the editor was certain he had printed no ordinary poem. He was literally deluged with requests for permission to reprint and to give the name of the author. The poem had been sent to the Sentinel by the relative for whom Moore had made the copy some months before. To that family the editor appealed for the name of the author. The appeal was answered since it was not known that Moore had such strenuous objections.

By that time the "damage" was done. Moore was famous—and it was the kind of fame he didn't want. Everywhere he was pointed out as the author of "The Night Before Christmas" and not as the author of weighty treatises and discourses on the ancient world. Not that Moore was ashamed of his poem. He favored it himself. But it just went against the grain that a man of his scholarship should become a national figure because of what he then considered a "mere frivolity."

But finally he became reconciled, and later even wrote and dedicated a slim volume of poems to the children of the land. Moore was born July 15, 1779, and died July 10, 1862.

Each year at the Christmas season, several thousand school children visit the monument of Moore in New York and participate in memorial services. Also services have been held on the exact spot where Moore's home stood.

The children of America have cherished well the fame of "A Visit From St. Nicholas" and have not allowed the name of its author to be forgotten. Moore has found a sure immortality far removed from the realms of classical erudition. It rests rather upon the firmer ground of childhood's heart, upon the swinging cadence of a line which rings out: "Merry Christmas to all, and to all a goodnight!"



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To prepare for Christmas, 1946—which, incidentally, is expected to be the biggest peacetime Yule in the history of "U. S. Mail"—the New York postoffice has been diligently at work since Christmas, 1945. "Immediately after each Christmas season," Postmaster Albert Goldman says, "a study is made of the work performed during the holidays and preparations are begun to take care of the Christmas mail in the coming year. This year we had to take special cognizance of the fact that, though the war was out of the way, we would still have 1,500,000 men and women in the armed forces scattered throughout the various occupation zones."

Relief for the postal people comes about 48 hours before St. Nick himself takes over. The surging tide of humanity before the stamp and parcel post windows begins gradually to subside.

CHRISTMAS CANDLES

Candles have long been significant in Christmas decorations. In the Latin Church Christmas was called "The Feast of Lights." Candle lighting naturally followed the Yule-log light. Lighting candles is a custom common in many countries, but traditionally it is associated especially with Ireland. Much of Ireland is desolate country with few towns, and the Irish have long had the custom of placing lighted candles in their windows on Christmas Eve, as a guide and an invitation to all who, like Mary and Joseph, are seeking lodgings for the night.

15 WAYS OF SAYING

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Dutch: Gelukkig Kerstmis.
Finnish: Hauskaa Joula.
French: Joyeux Noel!
German: Frohliche Weihnachten.
Greek: Kala Christougenna.
Italian: Buon Natale.
Norwegian: Glaedelig Jul.
Polish: Wesołych Swiat Bozecu Navudzenia.
Roumanian: La multiani ou Sanctate.
Russian: Dudushka Moroz.
Spanish: Felices Pascuas.
Swedish: God Jul.
Chinese: Hsi lo Yeh so Chiang sheng jih!

VIRGINIA COUNTY DECLARED INDEPENDENCE IN 1652

It was in Virginia, not Pennsylvania, that Americans first proclaimed their freedom, 124 years before the Founding Fathers gathered in Philadelphia to declare their independence from England. Residents of Northampton county, Virginia, drew up a statement declaring "Northampton to be disjointed and sequestered from the rest of Virginia. Therefore, that law which requireth and enjoineh taxations from us to be arbitrary and illegal . . ." Called the Northampton Protest, this little-known document was issued by a People's Committee on March 30, 1652. In their own minds, at least, the patriots of Northampton county were independent of the laws of England long before the rest of the Colonies.

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Household Helps

By MARGARET MOORE



LITTLE TOUCHES WILL ADD TO HOUSE AT HOLIDAY TIME

Here we are again, at holiday time and it's plenty of work we have to do in order to get the house and the household in fine fettle for the great day. If the house is kept in good running order and repair through the year, the task is comparatively simple.

Then it becomes merely a matter of setting the place to rights, adding brightening touches, getting the extra room ready if there are to be house guests, and adding little extras if necessary, advises Eleanor Ross, well known writer and home decorator.

Usually, though, it's those "little touches" that create the most work and often prove the undoing of an otherwise well-worked-out schedule. At the last moment, so many of us become obsessed with the notion that there must be another lamp or an extra little table or some more sofa cushions, and out we dash in search of same.

Last moment shopping, whether it be for a frock or for furniture, is invariably a failure, and at this time of year, it's positively foolish. And if you've gotten along for some time without that extra lamp, table or chair, well, just make the best of it through the holidays, and postpone the shopping.

Of course, if any special item is really required to make your house guests com-

fortable, then that is another matter. But if you can improvise, do so, even if it means borrowing something from your own room or another room in the house. Before guests arrive, their room should be in good order. Stock up with paper tissues, pins, bobby pins, small jars of cleansing cream, hand mirror, writing paper, hangers in the closet, current magazines, an extra blanket where it can be readily found.

Put fresh bulbs in the lamps, and see that bureau drawers are freshly lined. If there is an attached bathroom, see to it that there is an adequate supply of towels, bath soap and hand soap. See to it that the bed is well made and that there is an extra pillow. In your livingroom, arrange furniture so that there are pleasant groupings complete with lamp, comfy chairs, small tables and plenty of ash trays.

In the kitchen, see that the range is in good working order, and that all the kitchen utensils and equipment that you may need are present, in good order and accounted for. Do as much shopping as possible ahead of time, so that only perishable foods have to be bought the day before. Make out lists after going over your pantry shelves thoroughly, and see that your emergency shelf is well stocked, just in case!

CHRISTMAS IS GLORIFICATION OF FAMILY LIFE

By GLADYS HUNTINGTON BEVANS
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Here are some Christmas thoughts I'd like to pass on to you. They're not exactly in a sequence or even logically connected except that they're all strung on the thread of Christmas.

One of the things I like best about Christmas is its eternal unchangingness. Christmas doesn't know that this is a post-war era and that strife and chaos still go on. It isn't affected by the "rapidly changing world"—a world of flux and uncertainty and insecurity. The thing that makes Christmas Christmas can't ever change or die.

In a thousand ways ours is a changing world. But the beauty of Christmas makes

Christmas is that nobody can have a corner on it. Christmas is for high and low, rich and poor. The sophisticated, the hard-boiled, the unsentimental, the worldly—Christmas lays them all low. People simply do succumb to the Christmas spirit. It is quite a leveler; it is no respecter of persons. While its origin is simple and humble, still it is so big it has pervaded civilization and the world, as symbolized (in a sense) by the adoration of the wise and rich Men of the East, as well as that of the poorest shepherds.

Too, it glorifies the home. The first Christmas is indissolubly associated in our minds with Father, Mother, and Child—the family.

We who are parents and those of us who have the still wider perspective which comes from having the babies of our own children about us worry a lot about the world these little ones and older boys and girls are to inherit. We surely have reason to be concerned and reasons for doing something about it.

But if family life can remain warm, beautiful and truly democratic and if Christmas can continue to be observed in spirit as well as in fact (and it still is), perhaps there is more hope for the survival of the finest and best in America than our misgivings on this second Christmas after victory would lead us to look for. Perhaps the world, about which many of us are so disturbed, is not so fundamentally shifting and changing as we fear, in those lands which can continue to give themselves, as they have for so many centuries, so fully to Christmas and the Christmas spirit.

The undyingness which we are witness to, even today, of so many worthwhile aspirations and ideals should give us hope and courage for the years ahead and for the kind of world our children are to inhabit. So let us give Christmas a chance to lift up our spirits.

TAKE TIME TO PRETTY UP FOR CHRISTMAS

By BETTINA BEDWELL

Many of us at this stage of our Christmas preparations are about dead, and have at least a million more things we think we have to do, gifts to buy, final preparations, and so forth.

Not a few of us, if we don't do it now, are going to meet Christmas in a very sad state of personal unattractiveness. This is a shame, and no woman ought to let it happen. Every one of us ought to have a

pretty dress to wear, one that looks fresh and charming, and there isn't any duty more important than to get that dress ready.

We have to get our persons shined up, too, and get ourselves in a spirit that is a beautiful necessity if Christmas is going to be a real Christmas. Tired, cross, discontented-looking women can wreck the finest Christmas ever prepared.

CHRISTMAS RECIPES

Then there is a low-sugar, rather than no-sugar, sauce that may be made with honey, which one will probably find more readily at the grocer's than corn syrup. This is it:

- Honey Cranberry Sauce**
1/2 cup sugar
1/4 cup honey
1 cup water less one tablespoon
2 cups cranberries.

Boil sugar, honey and water together five minutes, then add cranberries and proceed as in first recipe.

Cranberry and Turkey Sandwiches
2 cups diced cooked turkey
2 cups gravy or white sauce
1 tablespoon minced parsley
1 tablespoon onion juice
1 tablespoon minced pimiento
12 slices buttered toast
6 slices jellied cranberry sauce
Extra parsley or water cress.
Combine the turkey, gravy, parsley, onion and pimiento. Heat to bubbling. (Continued top next column)



What can the housewife do about it?
For one thing, she can employ citrus marmalade or fruit jelly as the sweetening in a completely no-sugar sauce. Like this:
No-Sugar Cranberry Sauce
1/2 cup citrus marmalade or fruit jelly
1/2 cup corn syrup
1/2 cup water
2 cups cranberries.
Boil together marmalade or jelly, corn syrup and water for five minutes. Add berries and boil without stirring till all the skins pop open (five minutes are usually sufficient). Remove from fire and allow the sauce to remain in saucepan until cool. Yield: 1 pint.

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Yule Salads in Colors Easy to Fix

Your Christmas salad needn't be red and green just because these are the colors of Christmas. But if you like red and green Christmas salads, there are plenty of naturally red and green fruits and vegetables from which to make a selection.

Sliced tomatoes on water-cress, marinated beet slices on chopped spinach, jellied cranberry molds on watercress, lettuce, or other greens, individual tomato aspic rings on the grassiest of greens, halves of avocado with cranberry fruit salad dressing; there are a few ideas for holiday greens and reds.

Fruit Cake Idea

A forgotten and neglected chunk of fruit cake or plum pudding can be turned into a really special dessert, with no trouble at all. Put the piece in a double boiler, douse it liberally with port, sherry or some other dessert wine. Cover and heat over hot water 40 to 60 minutes or longer, depending on the piece. Serve hot, with hard sauce.

Fruit Puff Pudding

- 2 tbsp. butter or other fat
2 tsp. sugar
1 egg well beaten
1/2 c. molasses
1 1/4 c. sifted flour
1 tsp. soda
1/4 tsp. salt
1/2 c. bran
1/2 c. boiling water
1/2 c. seedless raisins
1/2 c. currants

Blend butter and sugar thoroughly, add egg and beat well. Stir in molasses. Sift flour, measure and sift again with salt and soda. Mix with bran and add to first mixture alternately with boiling water. Stir in raisins and currants.

Pour batter into greased one-quart mold, cover tightly and steam about 1 1/2 hours. Serve with whipped cream. Serves 6.

Raisin Honey Pound Cake

- 1 c. raisins
1 c. butter or other fat
1 c. honey
4 eggs
3 c. sifted all-purpose flour
1/2 tsp. salt
3 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. vanilla extract
1 tsp. lemon extract
3/4 c. chopped walnut meats

Rinse raisins, dry on a towel and slice or chop fine. Cream butter, add honey and cream thoroughly; add beaten eggs and blend. Sift flour, measure and sift again with baking powder and salt, then add and heat. Add flavoring, raisins and nuts and stir to blend.

Pour into wax paper-lined loaf pan (about 5 1/2 x 10 x 3 in.) and bake in a slow oven (300 deg. F.) about two hours or until done.

Spicy Fig Pudding Cake

- 8 to 10 dried figs
1/4 cup shortening
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon cloves
1 egg, beaten
2 tablespoons milk or water

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- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup sifted flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 cup chopped walnuts
Cover figs with boiling water and let stand 10 minutes; drain, snip off stems, then cut coarsely, using scissors. Cream shortening with sugar and spices until light and fluffy. Add beaten egg, milk or water, add vanilla, then stir in flour sifted with salt and baking powder. Add nuts and figs and bake in a greased 8-inch square pan in a moderate oven (350 degrees F.) about 30 minutes, until done. Cut in oblongs.

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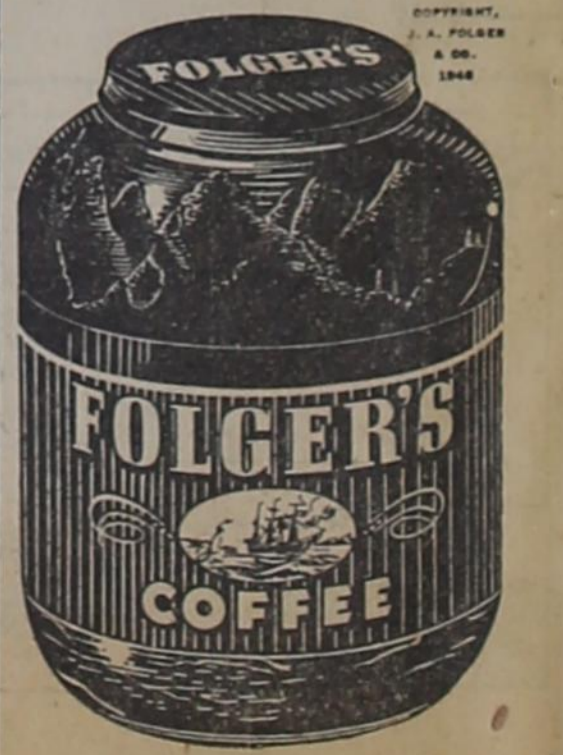
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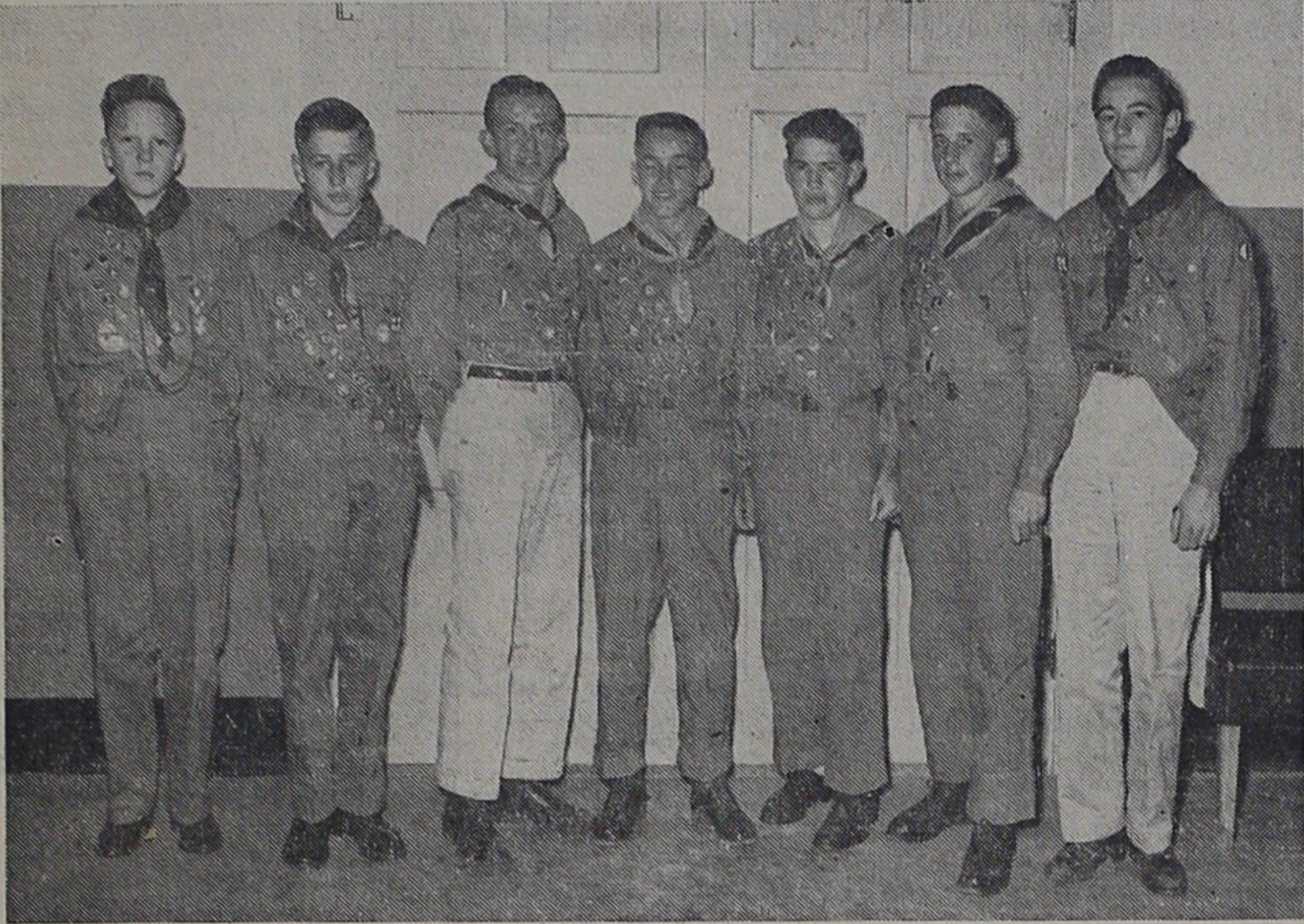
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EAGLE SCOUTS—The seven Boy Scouts shown above received Eagle badges during the year and were awarded special recognition at the annual meeting of the Eastern New Mexico Area Council held at La Vista in Clovis last Thursday night. They are, left to right: Phil Perry, Troop 3, Artesia; Ernest Lokey, Troop 21, Farwell; Herbert Cheney, Dwight Rose, Jimmy Payne, and Bobby Whately, all of Troop 11, Clovis; and Bill Garner, Troop 41, Hobbs. Scouts Lokey and Rose are enrolled in the Farwell High School.

Highway Improvement Prospects Gloomy

The prospects for obtaining a four-lane paved highway between Texico and Clovis in the immediate future took on a rather gloomy prospect over the weekend upon receipt of information from the New Mexico State Highway Department, and it is not considered likely that the realization of the work is in the immediate prospect.

Setting forth their requirements for a four-lane highway through the Town of Texico, the Highway Department maintains its demand for an 80-foot right of way through the streets of Texico. Local residents say this would mean that the street passage would be widened to include at least four feet of the sidewalks along the north and south sides of Main street.

Furthermore, under the Highway Department's demand no parking would be allowed along the routing and the Town of Texico would be barred from passing any ordinance to regulate speed along the routing.

Mayor M. C. Roberts said that as yet the Town Council has not acted on the demands of the Highway Department, but expressed the opinion that "comprises might be reached" whereby the four-lane route could be built. He said that already Town of Texico has \$1,000 ready to spend on a right of way through the main business section of Texico in order to obtain the highway, but doubted if it would be possible to meet the latest demands of the Highway Department.

America has no ugly women. However, there are a few who just don't know how to look pretty.

BROTHER DIES SUDDENLY

Abe Vinyard, about 60, brother of Wren W. Vinyard of this city, died suddenly at midnight Monday, in a Matador hospital, where he had been confined for treatment following an accident at his home near Turkey last week, when he received a broken hip. Vinyard was a retired agent for the Denver railway, and had made his home at Turkey for several years. Funeral arrangements were not definite when Mr. and Mrs. Wren Vinyard left here Tuesday morning.

Booth Will Represent Chapter At Meeting

Ronald Earl (Pete) Booth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Booth of this city, who is a junior student at the University of Texas in Austin, has been elected by the Phi Mu Alpha chapter of the University as delegate to the National Fraternity of Music Students convention. The national convention will be held in Ann Arbor, Michigan, on December 26-27-28.

Contacted today, Mrs. Booth stated that Pete would arrive here on Saturday, the 21st, to spend a few days of his Christmas vacation with his parents, and on Christmas Day will go to Amarillo, where he will board a plane for Ann Arbor.

Listed recently as the outstanding student of the Fine Arts Division of the University, the young pianist has been prominent at the school since his entrance there. Currently, he is secretary of the Phi Mu Alpha chapter, and has served as pianist for the men's glee club of the University.

Christmas Programs Planned

County Farmers Urged To Attend Meeting

An appeal was sent out today by T. L. Glasscock, who lives 8 miles east and one mile north of Lariat, to farmers of Farmer County to meet Monday, December 23, at the grade school building in Friona, to form an organization that will fight against a bill designed to regulate the drilling of irrigation wells and the use of such water, on the High Plains of Texas.

A similar meeting was held in Muleshoe on Monday of this week, and Glasscock was delegated to get the farmers of this county organized in the fight against the enactment of such a bill, which will be introduced in the Texas legislature when it meets in January.

It was brought out at the Muleshoe meeting that the proposed bill had been given a high place on the calendar, and is sure of passage unless extreme pressure is brought to bear on the legislature. Judge I. B. Holt, of Lamb County, representative-elect, attended the Muleshoe gathering and promised to do everything he could to defeat the measure, but warned that he must have some organized backing in his fight.

Figures show that at present there are between 60 and 70 irrigated farms in Farmer County, with many others in prospect. Passage of the proposed bill, it is claimed, would seriously affect the irrigation possibilities in this county. The urgent need at present is to get every county on the High Plains to form a Water Conservation District, and for such counties to pool their powers and finances to combat passage of the bill, which proponents are determined to have enacted.

Engineers and others well versed in the irrigation program on the High Plains are to be at the Friona meeting, and every farmer and business man of the county is urged to be on hand to inform themselves of the loss this region would sustain should become a law.

Looking into the background, no statistics can be brought forth to show that irrigation on the plains has seriously affected the underground water supply, reliable forces report. Proponents of the bill seem chiefly to be the larger cities, whose growing populations have brought on water shortages in their immediate area.

Texico Students Will Give Operetta, 20th

A Christmas fantasy, "She Didn't Believe", will be presented by approximately 100 members of the six lower grades of the Texico school on Friday night of this week, December 20th, in the yearly holiday program, Supt. B. A. Rogers said today.

In addition to the operetta by the grade students, members of the high school chorus are arranging special numbers to be given during the evening.

Miss Mabel Davis, Mrs. B. A. Rogers, Mrs. Frank Seale, and Mrs. J. E. Neil are directing the youngsters in the operetta, which will begin at 7:30, Texas time. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Christmas Operetta To Be Given Thursday

Some ninety children, students of the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grades of the Farwell school, will take part in a colorful seasonal operetta, Thursday evening, at the school.

The musical play is entitled "Christmas In A Circus", and is being directed by Miss Wilma Louise Snider, Mrs. Harry Rose and Miss Betty Rose.

Complete with costumes, the students will make their appearance at 8 o'clock, Texas time. Admission to the affair will be 10, 15 and 25 cents, to help defray expenses of presentation.

OUT ON CRUTCHES

Grayson Roberts, who has been confined in the Santa Fe hospital in Clovis for the past several months, following an accident in which he received a badly broken leg, is at home in Texico with his family, and is able to be around on crutches.

Paper Goes To Press Early Next Week

In order that The Tribune force may enjoy Christmas Day with their respective families, the next issue of this paper will go to press on Monday afternoon, December 23, rather than on December 25, our usual publishing day.

We are making this announcement in advance so that local people who have items to turn in will see that they reach us not later than Monday noon, as otherwise, they will be too late for the next edition.

Schools Dismiss Friday For Yule Holidays

Friday of this week will end classes for students in both the Texico and Farwell schools, Supts. B. A. Rogers and H. A. Clift said today, with both faculty members and pupils taking off for Christmas holidays at the conclusion of work on Friday.

The Farwell school will reconvene for work on Monday, December 30th, school officials decided some weeks ago, while Texico pupils are not slated to return until January 1st, with Supt. Rogers adding on Tuesday that the holiday might be extended to January 2nd.

Committeemen Are Named For AAA

Voters assembled at the various polling places of the county, on December 7th, to name the Triple A community committeemen for 1947. Following this election, the community representatives met at the AAA office in Farwell, where they elected the official county committeemen.

Harold W. Carpenter, secretary of the local ACA office, reported today that Albert Smith was named as chairman of the county committee, Floyd H. Reeves is vice chairman, and Henry L. Ivy is the third regular member. Alternates are Otho W. Whitefield and Cordie V. Potts. Community committeemen, as named by the farmers, are as follows:

Rhea: chairman, Louis B. Hoffman; vice chairman, Theodore F. Taylor; regular member, Cordie V. Potts; 1st alternate, J. G. Stevens; 2nd alternate, F. T. Schlenker.

North Friona: chairman, M. Claude Osborn; vice chairman, Robert H. McFarland; regular member, Cecil Bass; 1st alternate, T. E. Lovett; 2nd alternate, Bob Cooehn.

Black: chairman, Roy D. Euler; vice chairman, Otey B. Hinds; regular member, Dorey C. Allman; 1st alternate, Willis E. Edelman; 2nd alternate, Dick V. Rocky.

Bovina: chairman, Charles A. Ross; vice chairman, Tom E. Rhodes; regular member, Clarence Jones; 1st alternate, H. L. Tidenberg; 2nd alternate, Buck Ellison.

Oklahoma Lane: chairman, Edward McGuire; vice chairman, Sam Sides; regular member, Bill Hubbell; 1st alternate, Levi Johnson; 2nd alternate, Truman Kent.

Farwell: chairman, Otis Branscum; vice chairman, Verney Towns; regular member, G. P. Meissner; 1st alternate, Bob Hammonds; 2nd alternate, Joe D. Moore.

Midway: chairman, J. T. Eubanks; vice chairman, Glenn Splawn; regular member, Johnnie H. McDonald; 1st alternate, Bose Abrams; 2nd alternate, Otie G. York.

South Friona: chairman, J. R. Southward; vice chairman, Willard May; regular member, E. L. Fairchild; 1st alternate, Joe Pittman.

Lazbuddy: chairman, Roy P. Daniel; vice chairman, A. M. Seaton; regular member, W. O. Buford; 1st alternate, Jack Smith.

NO CLUB MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the local Men's Club, which is customarily held on the third Thursday evening, will not be held this week, it was announced today by Chairman C. M. Henderson. He said that the meeting was cancelled this month due to heavy Christmas activities on the calendar.

Observance of the Christmas season will start here on Sunday night, December 22nd, when special programs will be presented at both the Methodist and Baptist churches, it was announced the first of the week by Rev. Harvey E. Carrell and Rev. Virgil Hunton, pastors.

A program of holiday carols and reading is planned for the Methodist church, with the regular choir taking part in the song service, and Mrs. H. A. Clift and Mrs. Lee McElroy listed as readers.

Special candlelighting ceremonies will be conducted during the evening, and all attendants are asked to bring tapers to be lighted. Climaxing the evening will be the annual White Christmas offering, which is taken for the children of the Methodist Orphan's Home at Waco, Texas.

Rev. Carrell announced that the program would begin at 7:30, and urged all members and friends of the church to attend.

At the Baptist church, a special Christmas cantata, "Wonderful", by Haldon Lillenas, will be given on Sunday evening beginning at 8 o'clock, Rev. Hunton announced.

The beautiful cantata tells the Christmas story of the birth of Christ in sermon and song, and the regular choir of the church will be under the direction of Mrs. Hunton for the musical numbers.

In addition to the program on Sunday night, a Lottie Moon Christmas offering, for missionary work, will be taken at the morning service this Sunday, the pastor reported.

No special program has been scheduled for the local Church of Christ, Minister Lewis C. Cox said today, other than several seasonal parties and gift exchange planned by the young people of the church.

Rains Cover Wide Area Wednesday

According to reports gathered here, the slow, gentle rain that fell throughout the day last Wednesday covered a wide area, bringing smiles to farmers and stockmen alike.

Characterized as the most unusually warm rain to visit this section in the month of December, stockmen say that livestock suffered little or none from the steady downpour. No freeze accompanied the rain, which is very unusual at this season of the year.

Most sections of Farmer and adjoining counties are reporting upwards of a full inch of moisture received. The fall seemed lightest in the Rhea section where about three-eighths of an inch is reported by C. L. Calaway. Other areas in this county have indicated that the precipitation measured a full inch or more.

The rain, falling gently as it did, soaked into the soil as it was received, with no run-off water being reported. The moisture will be of untold benefit to wheat fields of this section, where thousands of head of cattle are being pastured during the winter months.

Wheat farmers now believe that only slight additional moisture next spring will be needed to insure a good wheat crop.

Bovina Will Vote On City Incorporation

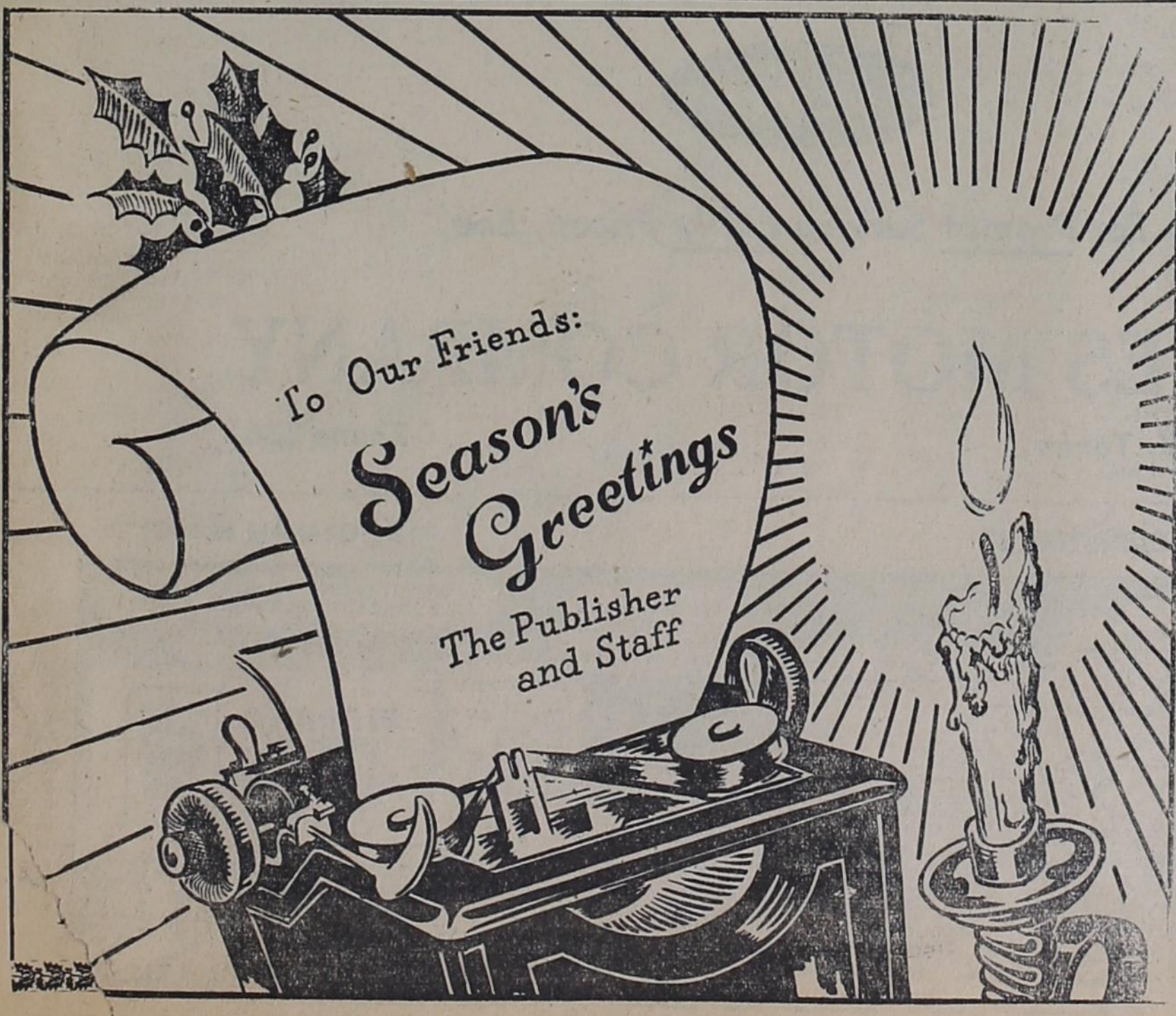
Announcement was made here early this week of plans now under way to call a special election at Bovina, in the near future, for the purpose of voting on the question of incorporating the town as a municipality.

County Judge A. D. Smith stated Tuesday morning that he had not yet been presented with the petition asking him to call the election, adding that he would act on the petition when he receives it. The initial legal steps looking toward submission of the question are being prepared by a local law firm, and these papers are expected to be completed at an early date.

No announcement as to when the election would be held was forthcoming, except the report that plans called for it to come off "right away".

CONDUCTS FUNERAL

Minister Ebb Randol, accompanied by Mrs. Randol, went to Dora, N. M., last Sunday afternoon, where he conducted funeral services for Mrs. Hunter Hays, an old acquaintance of the Randol family. Burial was made in the Mt. Zion cemetery near Dora.



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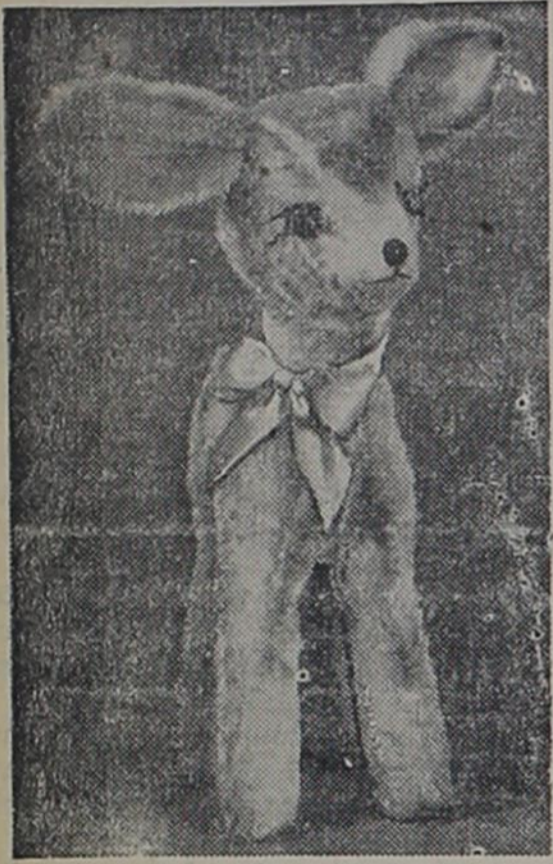
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Santa Letters

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 5 years old and my name is Jeanette. I have two little brothers, David and Dannis. They are 2½ years and 4 months old. We have been good kiddies and I would like for you to bring me a doll, a high chair, a toy piano and a sewing machine. David wants a green truck loaded with lumber and a football. Dannie will be pleased with some rattlers and rubber toys. Please leave our toys at home under our tree. Love,
Jeanette, David, Dannie Lindo

Dear Santa:
We are two little girls, age 3½ and 2½ years old. Our names are Kaleta and Carmelita. Our mother things we have been very good since you were here last year. We don't want very much this Christmas, so you can have enough toys for all the other little boys and girls. Please bring us each a Betsie-Wetsie doll and bottle and set of dishes. Don't forget our big brother, John, he wants a big wagon. All our love,
Kaleta and Carmelita Doshier

Lyons First Born Welcomed Warmly

"... But the Son of Man hath not where to lay his head."—St. Matthew 8:20.
At Foundling hospital in Lyons, France, the first infant received on Christmas Day is luxuriously welcomed with great ceremony; the tradition contrasting the lot of the infant Saviour and that of one of His most helpless little ones.

Galileo discovered the diurnal and monthly changes of the moon when he was seventy-three years of age.

Keep A Picture of Your Christmas Celebration

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Farwell, Texas

Christmas Trees, Cribs and Ceppi

Christmas trees and cribs, within respective spheres of influence, provide focal points for observances of the season.
Various legends claim to tell the story of the first Christmas tree; actually, evergreen decorations were so closely associated with pagan celebrations that they were banned by many ecclesiastics of the early church.



According to literature, the first Christmas tree was set up at Strasbourg, Germany, in 1604; even then, the cry rose against heathen customs and, as late as 1851, the Rev. Henry Schwan was severely criticized for setting up a Christmas tree in his church in Cleveland, Ohio.

St. Francis of Assisi received special permission from the pope to present a tableau of the nativity scene. This first crib, set up at Greccio, Italy, in 1223, was an immediate sensation; the renaissance endowed the cribs with ornate pagantry and, modernly, the crib is to southern Europe and Catholic countries what the tree is to America and northern lands.

Eighteenth century Italians were fond of a fantastic decoration called the Ceppo. Pyramidal in construction, the Ceppi were made on a framework of lathes with transverse shelves rising to three or four stories, depending on the over-all size of the Ceppo.

The whole thing was covered with colored paper, tufts, tassels, fringes, tiny pine cones, and little flags; a manger scene was represented on the lowest shelf, while the upper ones were covered with small gifts, etc.; wax tapers were placed along the sides and a large gilt cone ornamented the top. Although the original designer probably never saw a Christmas tree, the Ceppo—aided by a little imagination—bridges the gap between Christmas cribs and trees.

Star of Bethlehem Phenomenon of Age

The Star of Bethlehem has been the subject of extensive research and discussion.

Modern astronomers have considered several natural phenomenon theories without attaching too much weight to any such hypothesis.



Skeptics regard the whole thing as mere invention, colored with Oriental imagery, designed to honor Christ; and faith accepts the star as the supernatural phenomenon which proclaimed the birth of Jesus.

The first chapter of the gospel according to St. Matthew begins:

"The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham . . ."

And confirming Bethlehem as the city of David, the angel of the Lord declared:

"For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a SAVIOUR which is CHRIST the Lord." St. Luke 2:11.

Considering tradition, which accepts that King David's shield formed a six-pointed star, the Star of Bethlehem appropriately

" . . . stood over where the young Child was," St. Matthew 2:9.

USDA predicts that during the next five years, 160,000 farms per year will become available for sale or rent.

Mistletoe Distinct As Yule Decoration

Mistletoe, that distinctive Christmas green so common in many parts of America, is usually thought of as merely good holiday decoration or as a creator of open season on ladies fair for otherwise bashful swains.

Mistletoe did not always hold this position in our lives. The Druids called it "all-heal," and thought it held many miraculous virtues. The Scandinavians dedicated it to their goddess of love, Friga. Probably this goddess of love is responsible for the custom of kissing under the mistletoe.



The power to heal, to protect against sickness, to perform magic deeds—all these and more are the qualities ascribed to this plant in legends, traditions and even in ancient histories and literature.

Mistletoe is a parasite, which infests branches of various trees of both hardwood and conifers, but mainly on hardwoods. One species is found exclusively, however, on conifers.

Among the Celts and others mistletoe which grew from the oak was considered to have peculiar magical virtues not possessed by that from any other trees. Some even considered it so rare as to be only cut with a gold knife.

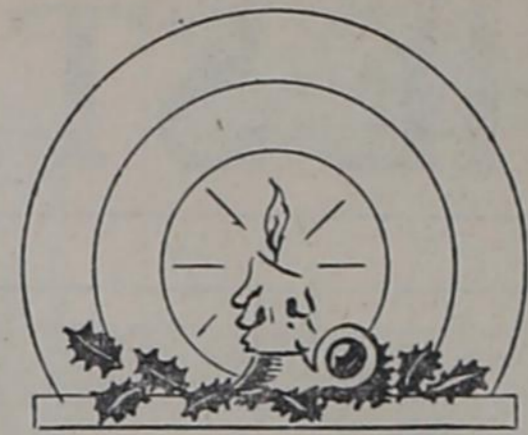
Another old tradition is that the mistletoe supplied the wood for the holy cross, as previous to that time it was a forest tree but after the crucifixion was condemned to exist only as a dwarf parasite.

Mistletoe was taken over into the Christian tradition in due course and dedicated to the Christ Child. An old rhyme reads:

The mistletoe bough
At our Christmas board
Shall hang to the honor
Of Christ our Lord.

OPERATE 24 HOSPITALS
Veterans Administration is operating 24 former Army and Navy Hospitals to meet the growing need for hospital space.

St. Lucy Honored Throughout Sweden



St. Lucy's Day, on December 3, inaugurates the Christmas season in Sweden.

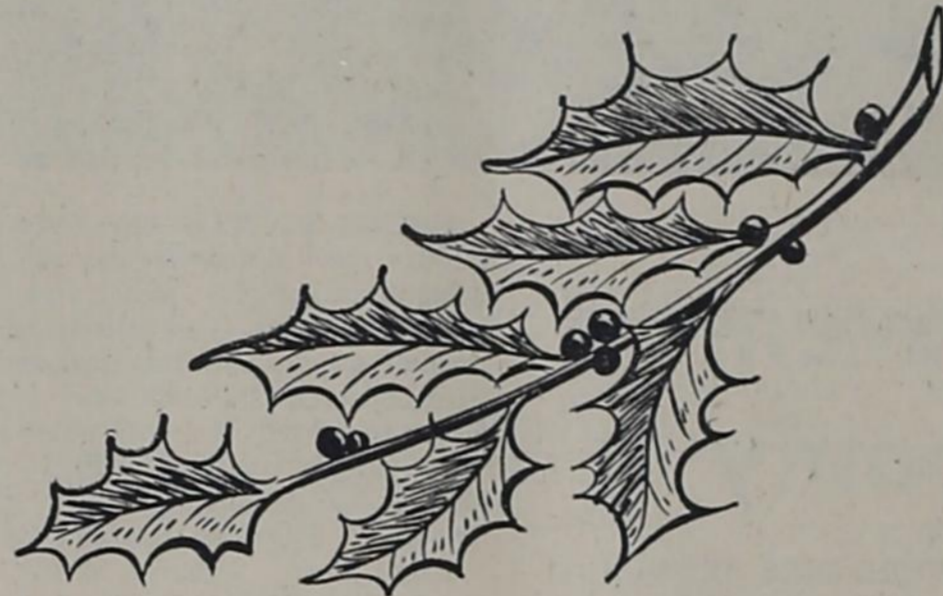
On that day the prettiest girl in the household is chosen to impersonate Lucy; very early Christmas morning she will go through the house awakening the household and giving each person a cup of coffee or some sort of sweetened beverage. Her costume is traditionally a white dress with a red sash, and she wears a wire crown entwined with bilberry twigs—similar to the American cranberry—studded with nine candles.

Liturgically, St. Lucy was martyred about 300 A. D. The story goes that Lucy gave her dowry to the Christians—whose courage she admired—instead of turning it over to her fiancé. The enraged young man informed against her and she was condemned to be burned at the stake; unharmed by the flames, she did not die until thrust through with a sword.

Lucy is commemorated somewhat diversely in Switzerland where she is the legendary wife of Father Christmas. Wearing a round cap over her long braids, a laced bodice and a silk apron, she marches around the village with Father Christmas and distributes gifts to the girls while he looks after the boys.

NO FAILURES

No business failures were reported in Texas during October, according to the November issue of the Texas Business Review, published by The University of Texas Bureau of Business Research. In the first 10 months of this year 6 failures were recorded as compared with 5 in the same period of 1945.



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By GRAHAM HUNTER



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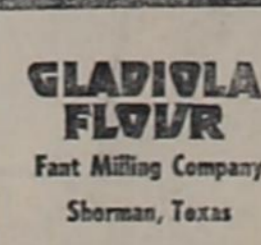
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SURE GLAD WE'VE GOT GLADIOLA WITH ALL THAT COMPANY COMIN'!

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GRAHAM HUNTER

THE MAVERICK

SCANDAL

Joan surely is toting a good looking picture around in her bill fold (watch these she wolves Joanie).

Hear Rosamond is writing to Bozo. Brrrrrother-----she has it bad.

Hazel seems to be getting Dwight from Mary Ruth. Slowly but surely. Good Luck Hazel!

We hear Hettie and Warlick had quite a time Saturday night. Poor Jean Rogers!!!!

Since Chester dropped school Valories lost her boy friend. Sob!!

Cary Joe and Joyce are quite a match (??) Especially at ballgames.

Last Weeks answer to Who's Who Hettie Nann and Dwight Rose.

What girl wouldn't want

Hazel's Brains,
Wanda's Hair,
Rosamond's Figure,

Hettyes' Boy Friends,
Joan's Sense of Humor,
Pauline's Brother,

Valories' Hands,
Donalds' Teeth,
Betty Rose's Legs,
Ann Nabors' Disposition,
Cary Joe's Wit,
Dwight's Sister,
Alta's Big Eyes,
Irene's Eyelashes,
Or Even—
Ivydell's Eyebrows.

Wonder why Peggy and Nina went walking Sunday?

Would you as pupils of Farwell High, like to see a Maverick every week that contains all the good features that a high school paper should contain? A move is being started to promote such a local paper and we would appreciate it if you would show your encouragement to the officials of the paper.

The Editor-in-Chief of the Maverick would appreciate it very much if you would offer your assistance so

that we might have a paper worth while for our school.

Other schools of equal size or smaller have consistently been putting out a school paper that has an editorial, sports news, complete coverage of the school news, gossip, jokes, and in general the things that go to make up any good newspaper anywhere. What about it, are you for it? If you are, show your enthusiasm by helping to gather news of information when you are asked. Don't be a "killpaper."

P. S. After the first of the year there will be a new and complete Maverick with YOUR co-operation.

SPORTS

The basketball season really got rolling here at Farwell High last week when we played three games, the first with Bovina, the second with Adrain, and the last with Pleasant Hill.

The game with Bovina was a well balanced contest of basketball skill when the Steers trampled the Mustangs 25 to 16.

Things looked bad for Farwell in the opening minutes of play, when at the end of the first quarter, the Mustangs were leading the Steers 8 to 1. However, Farwell got her basket eye and pulled into the lead at the half. Thomas and Williams tied for scoring honors with 6 points each.

Friday night the boys and girls made the trip to Adrain worth while by soundly defeating the boys 24-9, while holding the Adrain girls at 27-18, favor of the locals. Ford was high point man of the boys game with 8 points, while Meeks rattled off 15 for the local girls.

Saturday night we again left our home court to play Pleasant Hill to the tune of 48-15, in favor of our boys and our girls being defeated at the hands of the Pleasant Hill girls, 25-35.

Thomas was high for scoring honors in the boys' game, with 12 points. Meeks again led the local girls with 19 points to her credit.

The Farwell "B" string also played the Pleasant Hill "B" string Saturday night in a one-sided game that left the Steers on top 23-11. Donald Ford led the attack by sinking 11 points for the "B's".

This week the local aggregation is due to clash with Oklahoma Lane on Tuesday night and Lazbuddy on Friday night, both games being out of town. Support the team and attend as many games as possible.

SENIOR NEWS

We have been working on our annual, all out, the last few days collecting for ads, and getting them ready to send off. We expect to have a very nice annual this year.

We are to plan the Christmas program which will be Friday evening before school turns out for the holidays.

We will see you again after Christmas. Here's wishing you a happy Christmas and New Year.

JUNIOR NEWS

The Juniors are laying plans for a Junior play to be given sometime in the future. "There Goes The Bride", was the play chosen and it being a royalty play it should be interesting. When the play arrives from the publishers there will be tryouts to see who gets what part. The date of the play is not available at this time.

Since this will be the last edition of the Maverick before the Yule holidays, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

SOPHOMORES

We sure are proud that we won our game with Adrain Friday night. That is the reason that all the Basketball

girls are stiff and sore. Their knees seem to be pretty sore too.

We will be glad when we turn out for the holidays and hope you enjoy them too.

FRESHMAN NEWS

Did you know that half the girls that went to Adrain Friday were Freshman? Yep, that's right and we're mighty proud of it, too!

The other day in English we were having to imitate certain sounds. We must have alarmed quite a few people, for after a while Mr. Clift came by and peeped in the door to see what was going on.

We've lost Chester Johnson. He withdrew last week. The room sure is quiet without him! We miss his "cute" jokes, too.

HOMEMAKING II NEWS

The Homemaking girls planned a meal last Wednesday. We had salad and cheese straws and coffee (it was for afternoon tea).

We have a Christmas tree set up in the Homemaking Department. It certainly is pretty.

We are taking up the study of yeast breads now. We certainly feel sorry for the poor old Ag. Boys. They go through more torture, now, burned bread-----ugh!!!

You see, we test our food on them. So if you miss your Ag II boys after we cook, Professor, you will know why. Can't you just picture those poor boys trying to eat our cooking?

Agriculture Bright Spot In Business

AUSTIN—Agriculture provided one of the brightest spots in the Texas business picture during October, according to the Texas Business Review, published by the University's Bureau of Business Research. General business activity declined 2 per cent from its September level, but farm cash income and shipments of livestock, poultry and eggs were up from 39 to 64 per cent.

Business activity of all types was 12 per cent higher this October than a year ago and 79 per cent above the pre-war 1935-39 average. Farm cash income in the same comparisons was up 47 per cent and 214 per cent, respectively.

The weakest spot in the October business situation was the failure of retail trade, particularly in soft goods, to respond to the usual seasonal stimulus of the holiday season. Dollar sales figure aided by price advance were still rising, but the seasonal gains were not there in consumer non-durables. Texas department and apparel stores made less than one-fourth their usual sales gain between September and October this year and for all independent stores the gain was about two-thirds of normal.

The position of labor in the current business situation was strong in October. Employment and pay rolls were both on the upgrade and only 78,366 persons were unemployed in the 21 larger cities of Texas.

Small Margin For More Sugar In '47

More sugar may be available to consumers in 1947 if production figures remain the same—if the estimates are not upset by fires, droughts, shortages of containers, storms and diseases, James H. Marshall, Director, Sugar Branch of the Production and Marketing Administration, said recently.

Cuba's 1947 sugar production is conservatively estimated at five million tons, from which 2,100,000 tons would be required to meet U. S. ration requirements at the 1946 level, 740,000 ton for Cuban local requirements and exports, and 1,135,000 tons to meet the 1946 ration level in Europe. These total 3,975,000 tons, leaving a balance of 1,025,000 tons, from which any additional U. S. supply would come.

MANUFACTURING JOBS

During October the Bureau of Business Research of The University of Texas estimated that 315,000 persons were employed in Texas manufacturing industries. This represented an addition of 3,800 workers over September. Employment in October 1946 was about 1 per cent higher than in October 1945.

Decontrol and abandonment of rationing would not be in the best interests of industry or consumers, Mr. Marshall said. If sugar is decontrolled, the entire Cuban sugar contract would have to be redetermined. Even a moderate price increase, with the abandonment of ceilings, would not make more sugar available, he said.

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IT SEEMS only yesterday we expressed our Christmas greetings but now another year has gone by. Much has happened, and we are sure there have been days and weeks that seemed unusually long to a lot of us. Yet the year passed quickly and once again we arrive at the most glorious season of the year.

Here indeed, is an opportunity to relax, to be contented and to enjoy the associations of our loved ones and the friendships of our acquaintances to the fullest extent.

It's good to have Christmas. Its value is immeasurable because of the feeling of goodwill each has toward another.

So, we wish you a Merry Christmas and trust the next twelve months will speed by as quickly and that much happier days will be found as the New Year gets under way.

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FOR SALE—1939 model Chevrolet pickup, half-ton, good rubber, and in A-1 condition. L. C. Moore, Bovina. 2-3tp

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FOR SALE—5-ft. bathtub, metal type. See Perry Looney, 3 miles south, 3 east and 1/2 south of Bovina. 5-2tp

FOR SALE—32 Pontiac pickup with good '39 motor. White's Produce, Farwell. 5-3tp

FOR SALE—35 Chevrolet and 42 Mercury, both good cars with good rubber. Harold Carpenter at AAA office, Farwell. 5-3tp

WANTED—Plumbing work and tile laying. Prices reasonable, work guaranteed. T. O. Barnes at laundry, Farwell. 5-3tp

LOST—Red bear, weight about 250 pounds. Notify Earl Richards, Bovina. 6-1tp

FOR SALE—5 black Cocker-Chow puppies. They'll make lovely Christmas gifts. See Earl Roberts, 1 mile north Oklahoma Lane school house. 6-tfc

"A Sister's Instinct". This girl's fears for the safety of her sister were well founded and culminated in a hanging. This is another of Peter Levins' stories from the Album of Famous Mysteries. It appears in the American Weekly, the magazine distributed with next Sunday's Los Angeles Examiner.

Two-thirds of the veterans who had terminated their training under the GI Bill up to Aug. 31 had made arrangements to resume training at a later date, VA reports.

The first "sympathetic" strike in the United States occurred in 1799 when shoemakers, belonging to an organization known as the Federal Society of Journeymen Cordwainers, were compelled to lay down their tools in order to aid the bootmakers who were seeking an increase in wages.

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Sgt. Fred D. Pope was discharged at Fort Sam Houston on November 24, having served for two years, spending 18 months out of the States. He holds the combat infantry badge, the Philippine liberation ribbon with one star, Luzon, the victory, good conduct, A-P, and Army of Occupation (Japan) colors.

Pvt. Herman H. Johnson received his release from the Military Police at Fort Sam Houston on November 29th. Johnson has the A-P, good conduct, Army of Occupation (Japan) ribbons, and was in service 19 months, spending 13 months on foreign duty.

First Sergeant Vernon E. Symcox of the 12th Cavalry, was released at Fort Sam Houston on November 28th. Symcox was in uniform 20 months, spent 16 months overseas, has the A-P ribbon with one star, Philippine liberation ribbon with one star, good conduct, victory and Army of Occupation (Japan) colors.

Technical Sergeant Jacob T. Jones received his release at Fort Sam Houston on November 30th, with a total of 22 months in uniform. He spent 16 months overseas, has the A-P ribbon with one star, Philippine liberation ribbon with one star, Army of Occupation (Japan), victory, and good conduct colors.

HAWKINS IS PROMOTED
Harold N. Hawkins, 19, son of Roy S. Hawkins of Bovina, Texas, has been advanced to hospital apprentice, first class, at the Naval Hospital, Parris Island, S. C.

Hawkins, who entered the Naval service March 19, 1946, received his recruit training at the Naval Training Center, San Diego, California.

HERE FOR CHRISTMAS
Lt. Comdr. Alan R. Rogers, son of Supt. and Mrs. B. A. Rogers of Texico, arrived home December 12, accompanied by his wife, to spend a 30-day leave. Comdr. Rogers is stationed at Whiting Field, Pensacola, Fla., where he is an instructor on the large four-engine planes known as PB4Y-2's.

Comdr. Rogers has spent six years in the navy, this being the first time in several years he has been able to be home for the Christmas holiday. Alan and his wife expect to spend a very merry Christmas with his parents and twin sisters, Peggy and Jean, this year.

Mrs. John Aldridge and daughters Nancy and Mary Belle, spent Saturday attending business matters in Amarillo.

THE METHODIST CHURCH

Church school 10 a. m., C. F. Bieker, superintendent.

Morning Worship 11. Sermon subject "Finding Jesus—The Heart of Christmas".

The evening service will be a Christmas program, presented by the Intermediate Department.

The mid-week service Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. The stewardship study, "The Fine Art Of Using", written by Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, will be led by Paul Wurster. Come and bring a friend.

We extend a cordial invitation to all.

MARRIAGE RECORDED

The marriage of Miss Marie Brito to Pedro L. Cervantez was solemnized in Hereford on December 12th by Rev. Andrew Lewis, SA, it is revealed in records filed in the office County Clerk D. K. Roberts.

Social Security Number Must Be Obtained

Employers who expect to hire help for the Christmas holiday season are urged to obtain the Social Security account number of each employee, according to a statement from J. R. Sanderson, Manager of the Amarillo Social Security Field Office.

It is the part time employee, Sanderson pointed out, whose account number is most often missed. Consequently, each employer should make a record of each new employee's number the same day he is hired. This will enable the employer to submit correct and complete Social Security returns, will insure that the worker will get benefit for the wages earned, and will save the employer, the employee, and the local Social Security Field Office time and expense in trying to locate missing account numbers.

Tribune job printing is best.

Farmers Reminded Of Income Tax Time

COLLEGE STATION.—Thousands of Texas farm and ranch operators must soon bring out their pencils and record books and start figuring income tax reports.

All farmers with a gross income of \$500 or more are required to file a return. C. H. Bates, farm management specialist of the Texas A. and M. College Extension Service, reminds the farmer that he has his choice in paying income tax: he can file a declaration of his estimated 1946 net income by January 15, followed by a final return by March 15, or, he can make a final return by January 15, in which case he does not have to file a declaration.

While a record number of farmers will pay income taxes for 1946, the average tax bill will be less than in 1945, due to a reduction in rate and the combination of the normal tax and surtax levies, Bates says. Farm income taxes should average about 17 percent less than in 1945 predicts the farm management specialist.

A change in the tax law permits deduction, as a business expense, on reasonable wages paid by a father to a minor dependant actually employed on the farm or ranch.

Under certain conditions, only 50 percent of receipts from sale of breeding cattle may be taxable. Bates advises farm operators to consult their county agricultural agents for information on this point or contact an Internal Revenue deputy.

The tax reporting job will be greatly simplified for operators who have kept record books through the past year, Bates says. The Texas Farm Record Book, which is available at A. & M. for a small cost, is a complete, and simple form with spaces for recording all necessary items for income tax reports.

Everything We Eat Comes From the Soil.

Poultrymen Enter Breeding Contest

Texas contestants will compete with poultry breeders from seven other southwestern states in the 1947 phase of the country-wide Chicken-of-Tomorrow program.

This was announced in Chicago last week at a two-day meeting of the national committee supervising this three-year, better meat-type breeding project. The committee, comprised of representatives of both federal and state departments of agriculture, state colleges and leading poultry associations, decided that the five top contestants in each of the state contests next year will compete in one of the five regional trials which will be held later in 1947. Area prizes next year will total \$3,000, while the national championship will be decided in 1948 when A&P Food Stores, which is underwriting cost of the program, will award \$5,000 in cash to the most successful breeder.

A sub-committee was named to investigate facilities available for location of the 1948 contest. Birds entered during the last year will be raised in a 12-week growing period in one central plant so that uniform conditions will apply.

Five regional meetings were announced for early January, to be held in Kansas City, Milwaukee, Atlanta, New York and on the Pa-

cific Coast. State chairmen will select the site and date for regional contests, in which uniform hatching dates and growing periods will be observed.

Floyd Beanblossom, poultry specialist at A. & M., is chairman of the Texas committee.

Studies conducted by the U. S. Department of Agriculture show that pure 2-4-D does not harm milk cows.

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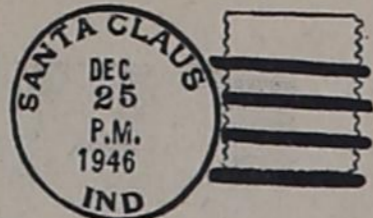
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Everywhere.

Good Little Girls and Boys Everywhere: Your old friend Santa has received your letters. While he could not answer them all from Santa Claus, Ind., he wants you to know that he is watching over you and knows you will become stronger in every way before next Christmas.

Christmas School Program



THE BIG MOMENT ARRIVES . . . The annual school Christmas program has become an American institution. For months the teacher and students plan, organize and memorize their parts.

French Celebrate New Year's
The famous "Jour de l'An"—New Year's Day—is probably the gayest day in the calendar of the French-Canadian. That is the time of family reunions and of exchanging gifts.

Used As Good Luck Charm
Rings of mistletoe were worn around the neck in Sweden to prevent sickness.

Favored Ash Yule Log
The Yule log, which used to be part of every home on Christmas, was nearly always an ash log, because the legend avers that it was a fire an ash fire that the Holy babe was first washed and dressed in his mother.

Tribune want ads get results.

BEST WISHES

for
A MERRY CHRISTMAS

and

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS

NEW YEAR

FRANKLIN'S

WOMEN'S & CHILDREN'S SMART ACCESSORIES
306 MAIN STREET CLOVIS, N. M.

Saint Sylvester's Feast Day Marks End of Year

The feast of St. Sylvester, who was Pope from 314 A. D. until his death in 335, is observed by the Roman and Anglican churches on December 31.

In Germany and Belgium the morning of St. Sylvester's Day is commemorated religiously, while the afternoon and evening are devoted to various kinds of horseplay in anticipation of the coming New Year.

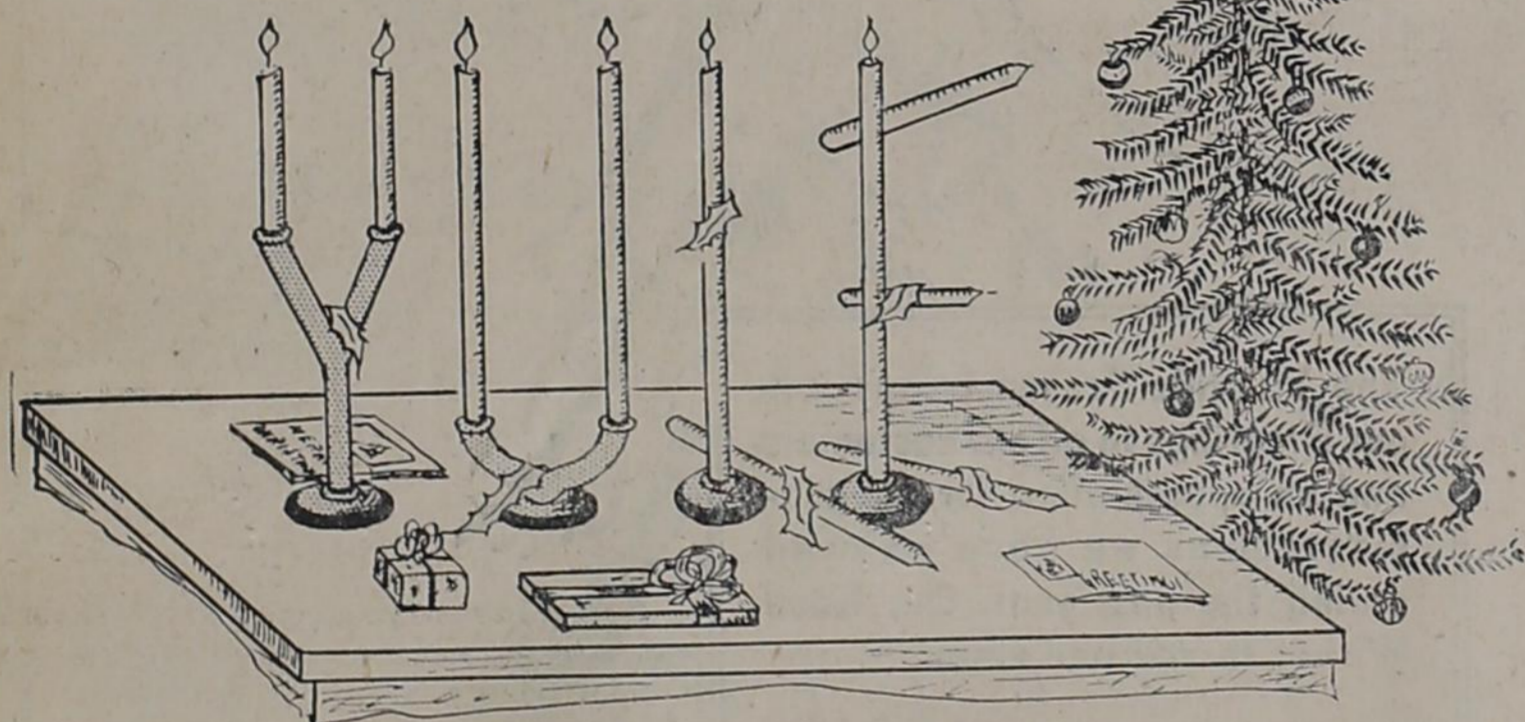
Jews Celebrate the Festival of Lights

To the Orthodox Jews, the Christmas period was the "Festival of Lights," called Hanukkah or Chanukah. Jewish history relates that in 165 B. C. a large force of Maccabees met and vanquished an army of Syrians.

Judas Maccabees entered Jerusalem with his army and found it a place of desolation. He began the work of purification and on the 25th day of Kislev it was finished and a sacred light was lit.

In their destruction of the temple the sacred oil was practically exhausted, but they did find a jar which they judged would burn one day. It lasted eight days, therefore each year the Jews decree that the eight days previous to December 25 be celebrated.

WE WISH YOU A JOYOUS



MAY YOU EXPERIENCE A GLORIOUS CHRISTMAS SEASON
A HOLIDAY RICH IN HAPPINESS AND CONTENTMENT

DILLON'S

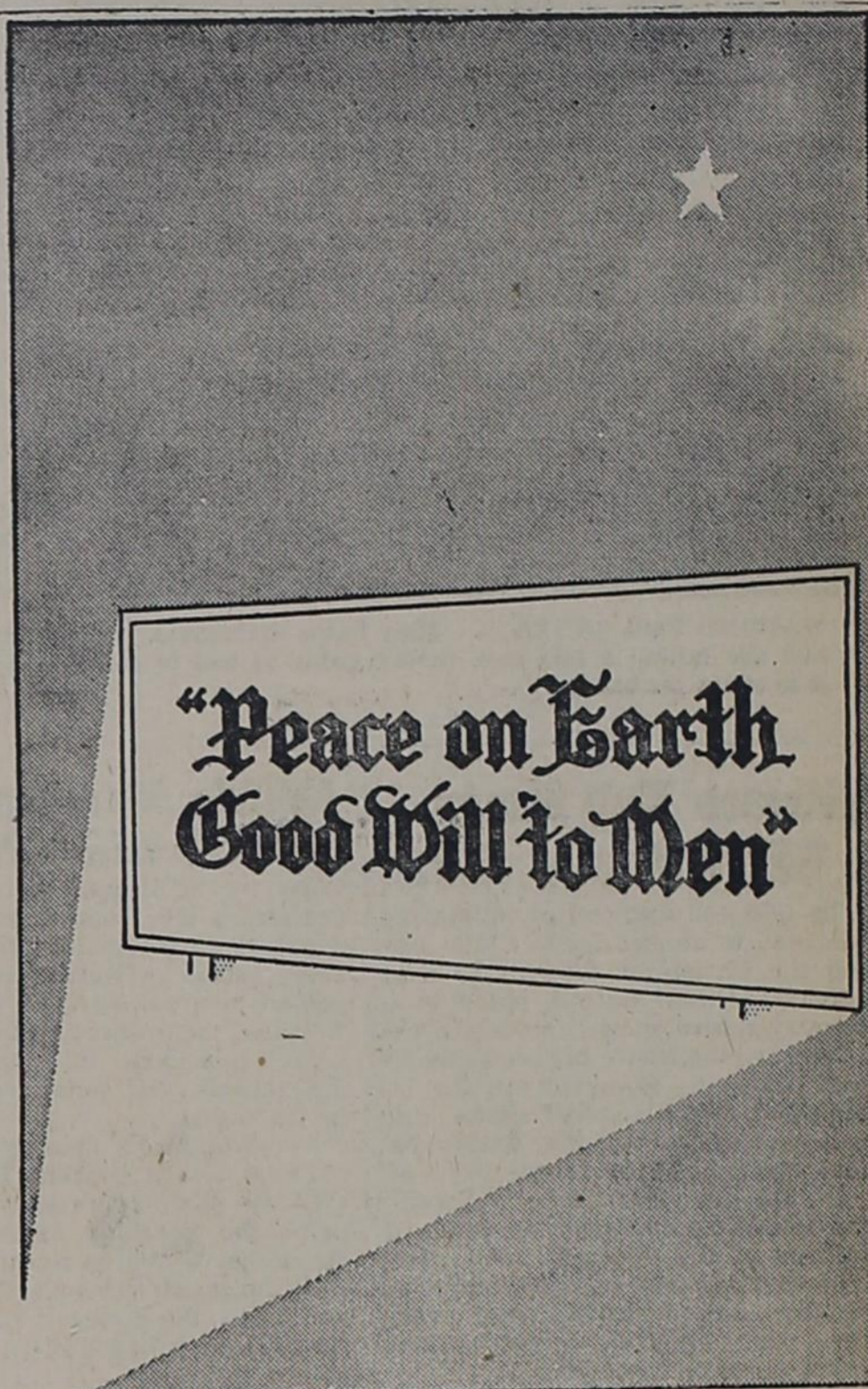
418 MAIN STREET "THE FASHION CENTER OF CLOVIS" CLOVIS, N. M.

For Christmas
and the New Year
Every Good Wish



Scotty's
GUN SHOP
SPORTING GOODS

104 Main St. Clovis, N. M.



May the shining star of Christmas shine forever in the hearts of mankind and may "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men" remain with us forever

Jack Holt

"THE CLOTHIER"

CLOVIS, NEW MEXICO

Just a good plain
MERRY CHRISTMAS

What can we say that would express all our wishes for the coming season? This is the closest thing to it we know of and we want you to believe we express these sentiments with a genuine feeling of appreciation.

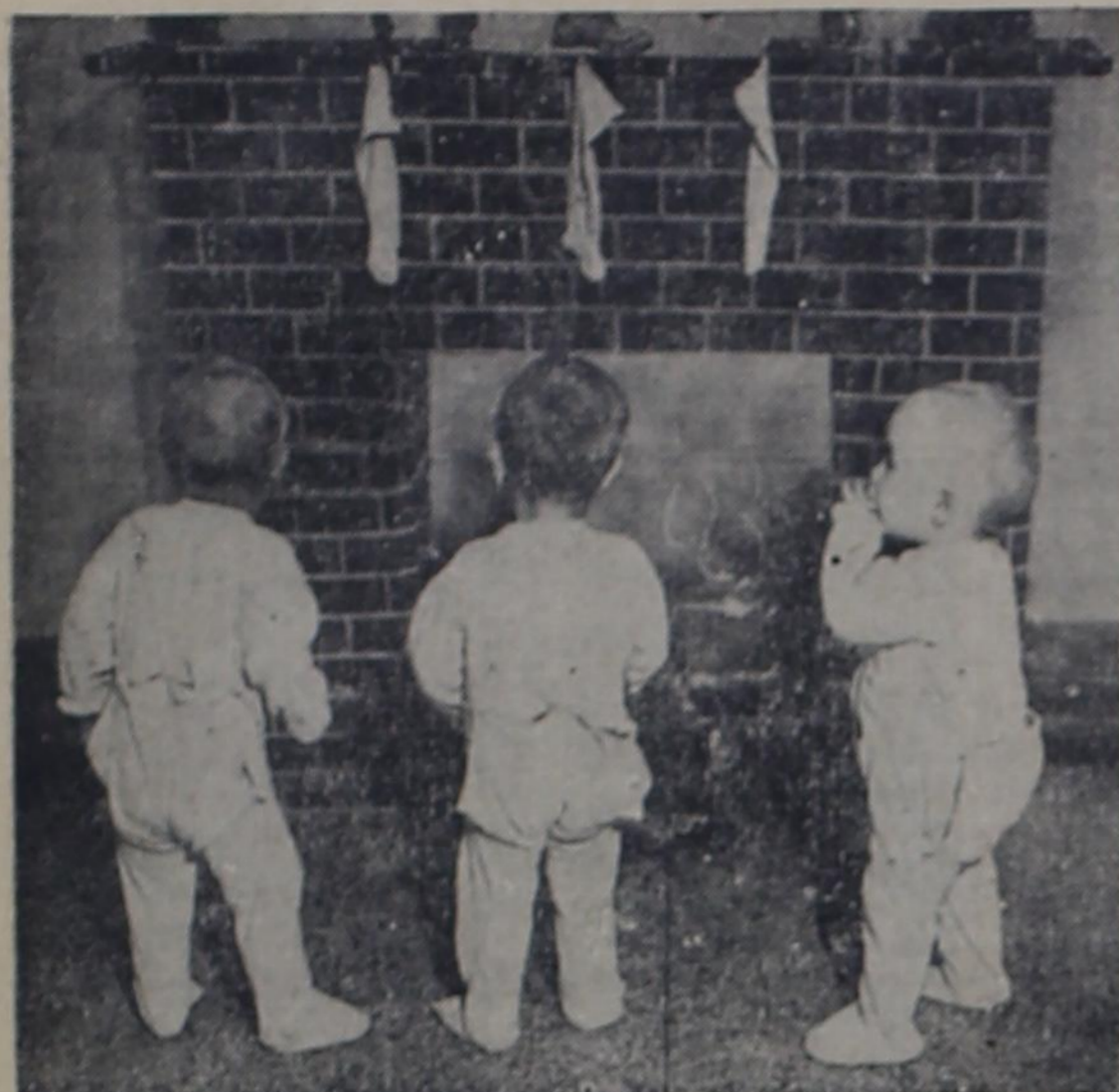
May the New Year be one which will see the realization of your fondest dreams and ambitions. May it be the one in which you will be the happiest and the most content.

Best wishes to you, friends



DUNLAP'S

CLOVIS, N. M.



WAITING FOR SANTA . . . They know that Santa will soon be around and are taking a last look before going to bed to see that everything is in order for him.



- It is said that the coming year's weather may be forecasted by cocking an eye at the sky during Christmas week. Here are a few of the beliefs; conflicting in many details:
- If the sun shines through the apple tree on Christmas Day, there will be a good crop the following year.
- If ice will bear a man before Christmas, it will not bear a mouse afterwards.
- Thunder and lightning Christmas week means much snow the balance of the winter.
- Rain causes more damage than frost before than after Christmas.
- At Christmas if meadows are green, at Easter they will be covered with frost.
- If windy Christmas Day, trees will bear much fruit.
- A wet Christmas means an empty granary and barrel.
- A green Christmas makes a fat graveyard.
- A warm Christmas means a cold Easter.
- A green Christmas is followed by a white Easter.

COWS NEED SALT

Dairy cows need three-fourths of an ounce of salt a day for each 1,000 pounds of liveweight, and one-third of an ounce for each 10 pounds of milk produced.

In its program to assist contractors who were unable to obtain private financing, the United States Navy during World War II made advance payments and guaranteed loans totaling \$4,236,814,002 at an overall loss ratio of only .00043.



Roberts-Hardage Tire Store
U. S. TIRES
Farwell, Texas

Mexico Did Away With Santa Claus

In 1930 the authorities in Mexico decided to abolish Santa Claus during the Christmas festival as they considered him out of place in a country where snow is seldom seen. The well-known bearded figure was ousted by Quetzalcoatl, the Indian god, half bird, half snake, who was worshipped by the Aztecs before the Spanish invasion. In its new Christmas program, the southern country has made a feature of the distribution of presents to thousands of needy children by the plumed serpent, and every year this big-scale present-giving takes place on December 23.

Edible Manger In Ukraine Rituals

In the Ukraine an elaborate Christmas Eve supper breaks a 39-day fast during which no meat has been eaten. Twelve courses are served, one for each of the twelve Apostles: buckwheat and mushroom soup, pancakes in flax, prunes, fish, bread, and nuts are included in the menu. An additional course of honey and porridge is also served: called Koutia, the dish represents the holy crib: the porridge represents the straw—as in the manger—and the Holy Infant is symbolized by honey and fruit: the honey is also considered symbolic of the spirit and blood of the Saviour.

WE can give
Nothing Finer



No finer gift can we give than our pledge to be of greater service in the months to come. We promise the same fine loyalty to our friends that we have received from them. Merry Christmas, all!

S. E. Morris

Consignee, THE TEXAS COMPANY
Farwell, Texas

very very . . .

MERRY

Christmas

It is with grateful appreciation of your courtesies during the past year that we take this means of expressing the compliments of the season. Mistakes and problems of the last twelve months are of minor importance at this glad season and we look forward to the future with every confidence and anticipation. *A very Merry Christmas to you, and you, and you!*

Bryson-Tanner Furniture Co.
CLOVIS, NEW MEXICO

Merry Christmas

The Yuletide Season brings joyous Greetings to all our customers and an appreciation for the considerations we have enjoyed during the past year. Our Good Wishes to you and yours.



Security State Bank

FARWELL, TEXAS



STAR OF THE EAST

Star of the East, that long ago
Brought wise men on their way
Where, angels singing to and fro,
The Child of Bethlehem lay—
Above the Syrian hill afar
Thou shinest out tonight, O Star!

Star of the East, the night were drear,
But for the tender grace
That with thy glory comes to cheer
Earth's loneliest, darkest place;
For by that charity we see
Where there is hope for all—and me.

Star of the East, show us the way
In wisdom undefiled
To seek that manger out and lay
Our gifts before the Child—
To bring our hearts and offer them
Unto our King in Bethlehem!

Eugene Field

**"Be Thou Well"
On Christmas Day**

Among the happy customs of Christmas is that of drinking a wish for health and happiness to the assembled guests—the early name used was "wassail."
The name "wassail" is a contraction of the middle English "waes hael," meaning "be thou well."
Wassail was usually prepared in a large wooden bowl. The base of the drink, which was cider, was placed in the bowl and other ingredients added for seasoning. It was then set on the hearth in front of a log fire and apples were tied above. As the apples began to roast, the juice dripped into the wooden bowl.
Here is a recipe for wassail today:
1 gallon cider, dash of grenadine, 6 egg whites, separated and whipped. Add allspice, cinnamon, crushed cloves to suit and one pint of milk or cream.

Need letterheads? Dial 2131.

**Real St. Nicholas
Of 4th Century**

St. Nicholas is popularly associated with Christmas and gift-giving presumably because once during his mortal existence he reportedly endowed three dowerless maidens with three purses of gold.
Historically—as the Archbishop of Myra, Nicholas was a member of the council of Nicaea. In 325 A. D., Constantine the Great called together the theologians of the Christian world in the first complete general council of the entire Christian church.
The council, assembled near Constantinople, and presided over by the still unbaptized Constantine, proclaimed the first exact definition of Christian teaching—as embodied in the Nicene Creed—and marks the beginning of Christianity as it is understood today.
Fertility of the Soil Is the Wealth of our Nation.

REVENUE COLLECTIONS

The federal government collected \$58,469,523 in revenues in Texas during October, according to official figures tabulated by the Bureau of Business Research of The University of Texas. This sum raised the total collected during the first four months of the current fiscal year to \$289,479,282 or 5 per cent more than

in the corresponding months of 1945. Collections in the first or south Texas district were down 9 per cent while collections in the second or north Texas district have declined only 1 per cent. Withheld income taxes accounted for about half of the total collections in both districts.
More men become victims of insanity than do women.

THE MANAGEMENT AND PERSONNEL

Of

Heavy's Garage

Texico, N. M.

EXTEND



REAL AMERICAN CHRISTMAS

We Wish You, One and All

CORDIAL GREETINGS



HOME GROCERY & MARKET

TEXICO, N. M.

At this Holiday Season we feel prompted to tell you how deeply grateful we are for the consideration you have so kindly extended us in the past year and to wish each of you a Christmastide of happiness and a year of health and prosperity.

MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER SALES

AUSTIN.—Sales of Texas motor vehicle dealers hit an all-time high in October when they rose 9 per cent over September to reach a level 95 per cent above their prewar average according to tabulations made currently by the University of Texas

Bureau of Business Research. Previous high month was May 1941 when sales were 92 per cent above the average month of the 1935-39 period. The high dollar volume of sales is an indication that the automobile industry is not only back in production but into the distribution of its products.



Christmas GREETINGS

TEXICO BLACKSMITH SHOP

Stanley Thigpen

Texico, N. M.

WE EXTEND TO YOU OUR

Cordial Christmas GREETINGS

AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

FARWELL REAL ESTATE & COM. CO.
DICK DOSHER ORVAL FRANCIS
Farwell, Texas

for a Glorious

CHRISTMAS

TRADITIONAL AS THE HOLLY WREATH

Each year, as Christmas rolls around, we find ourselves looking forward with keen anticipation toward the opportunity of sending Season's Greetings to our friends.

This custom has become as traditional with us as the holly wreath is with Christmas. To each of you we say, with a warm feeling of appreciation, "MERRY CHRISTMAS."



This Sincere Greeting From Your

County Officials

—OF PARMER COUNTY—

A. D. SMITH
County Judge

C. L. CALAWAY
Commissioner-Elect, Precinct No. 2.

ROY B. EZELL
County Treasurer

F. T. SCHLENKER
Commissioner, Precinct No. 2.

SHERIFF AND COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

W. S. MENEFFEE
Commissioner, Precinct No. 4

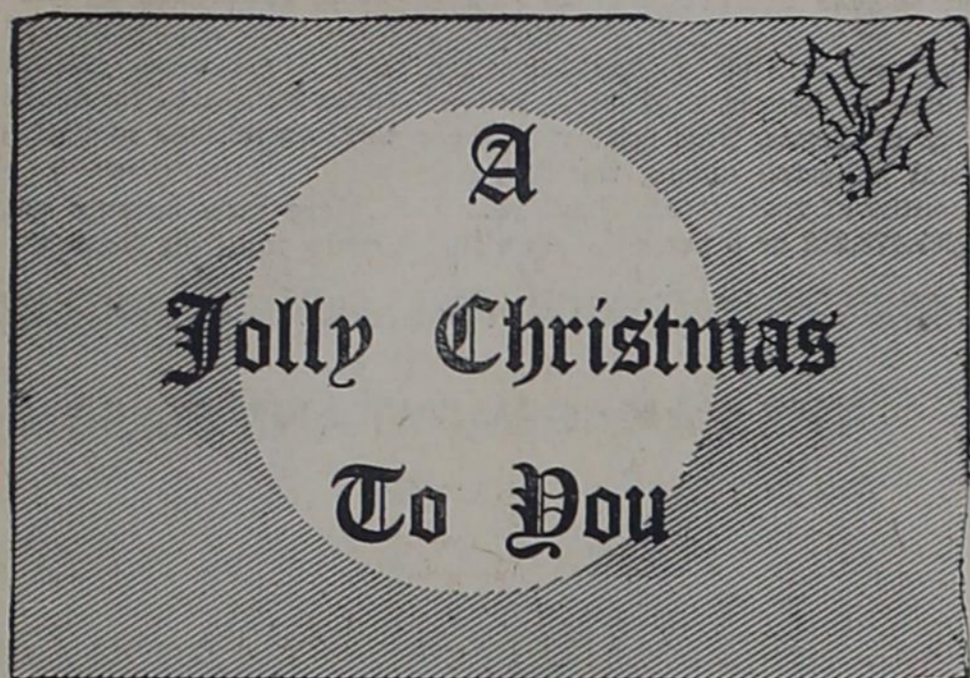
D. K. ROBERTS
County and District Clerk

T. E. LEVY
Commissioner, Precinct No. 3.

W. H. FLIPPIN, JR.
Commissioner, Precinct No. 1.

SAM ALDRIDGE
County Attorney

TRIBUNE ADS BRING HOME THE BACON



FELT'S GROCERY & MARKET
LARIAT, TEXAS

this Christmas

LET'S BE

CHEERY

The urge to make Christmas more gracious lies deep-rooted in the hearts of Americans everywhere, as they pause to observe the Christmas season.

May happiness be yours to enjoy this Christmas and may it give you the inspiration and guidance to meet the coming year with a cheerful heart.

Lariat Elevator Co.

BOONE ALLISON, Mgr.
LARIAT, TEXAS

Faith and Peace

Are Eternal...

TWENTY centuries have passed since the inn at Bethlehem was overcrowded because of Caesar Augustus and his census.

The bigwigs who crowded the inn were committed to oblivion by their contemporaries and, except for the census and resultant conditions at Bethlehem, it wouldn't matter too much if Augustus completely vanished from the history books.

It is generally immaterial that, as puppet king of Judea, Herod fortified the kingdom and kept it out of the clutches of Cleopatra, rebuilt the city of Samaria, and endowed several pagan temples long since crumbled into dust. Few people know, and fewer care, that his wife and two sons were murdered at his command. This sort of a Romanized Jew is remembered chief-



ly because of his hypocritical treatment of the Wise Men and because he authorized the slaughter of the Holy Innocents—and even this deed of incredible cruelty might have been forgotten if the Innocents were not associated with the Babe of Bethlehem who grew into the Christ and bequeathed a new philosophy of love and peace to all mankind.

Some men question what has been accomplished during the 20 centuries since Bethlehem.

True enough, some of the records have been written with indelible inks of hatred and prejudice and splattered with much blood; but cynics had best not rest their argument too confidently upon the gory records written or provoked by men who either did not know Christ or openly rejected his commands.

On the other hand, the glad tidings announced to a few shepherds at Bethlehem have inspired courage and faith and love such as no earthly decree or proclamation has ever called forth.

Faith and Peace are eternal quests—and twenty centuries are mere fleeting moments of Eternity.

Tribune job printing is best.

Family Christmas

Held in Germany

Christmas is a family affair in Germany and preparations begin well in advance of the holiday.

The Advent Wreath is hung on the first Sunday in Advent. This large wreath has one red candle to begin with; an additional candle is added each Sunday until Christmas and paper stars are added daily. The stars are inscribed with Bible passages which are memorized by the children of the household.



Everyone occupies precious moments making gifts for loved ones: perhaps a soap rose, a paperweight, toys for the younger children, an embroidered handkerchief or table cover: there are dozens of cookies and special cakes to be baked and everything must be finished the day before Christmas — stores and restaurants are closed, too—so that servants and tradespeople may spend Christmas Eve with their families.

After church services on Christmas Eve, one of the family goes into the parlor—where the Christmas tree has been set up and decorated with ornaments treasured from year to year. At the first notes of "O Tannebaum," the whole family rushes in and gathers around the tree; several familiar carols are sung, and then the presents are distributed.

Sometimes Christmann — Father Christmas—joins the festivities and asks each child to say a verse; correct recitations are awarded by Christmann from pockets bulging with goodies and trinkets.

Original Vitamin Factor

In Worcestershire, mistletoe was thought to render cattle prolific and avert bad luck from the dairy herd.

DUCKWORTH Says:
The Druggist

Season's Greetings

It is a real pleasure to extend greetings to you at this Christmas season and to wish each of you the fullest measure of happiness and successful achievement in the New Year.

Let us press ahead with united energy and determination toward the pinnacle of success that lies ahead for our community, our nation and each other.

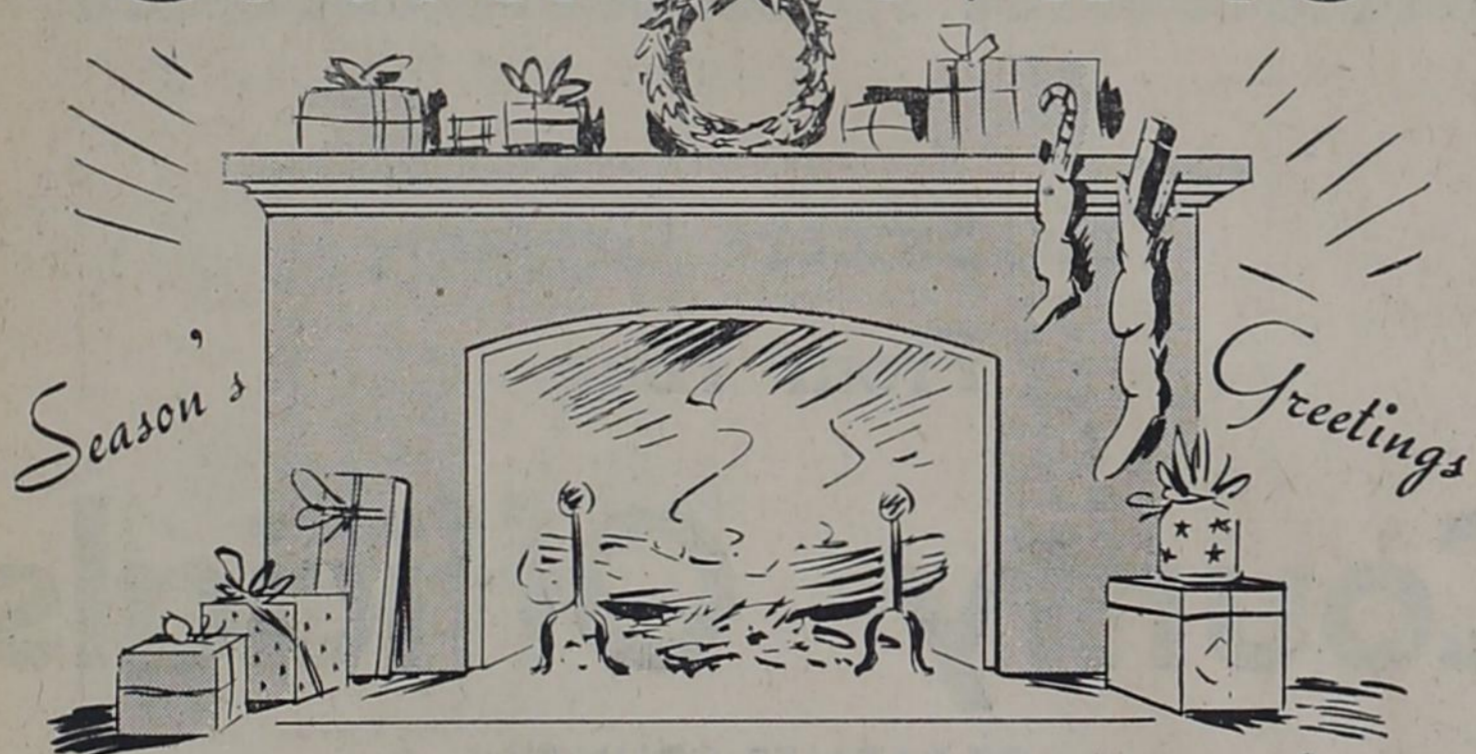
Heartiest Christmas and New Year greetings to one and all.



Duckworth Drug Co.

DRUGS & GIFTS
Indian & Mexican Goods
CLOVIS, NEW MEXICO

CHRISTMAS



AMERICAN STYLE
WEBICAM

The aroma of Yule logs burning . . . gay holly wreaths . . . tinsel Christmas tree by the fire place . . . beribboned gifts and whispered conferences . . . Christmas stockings . . . the eager anticipation of children awaiting Santa . . . the Christmas dinner in all its traditional glory . . . the associations of loved ones . . . the greetings of friends and the goodwill of all . . . the feeling of deep contentment and satisfaction brought about by the combination of these pleasing thoughts . . . that's Christmas, American style.

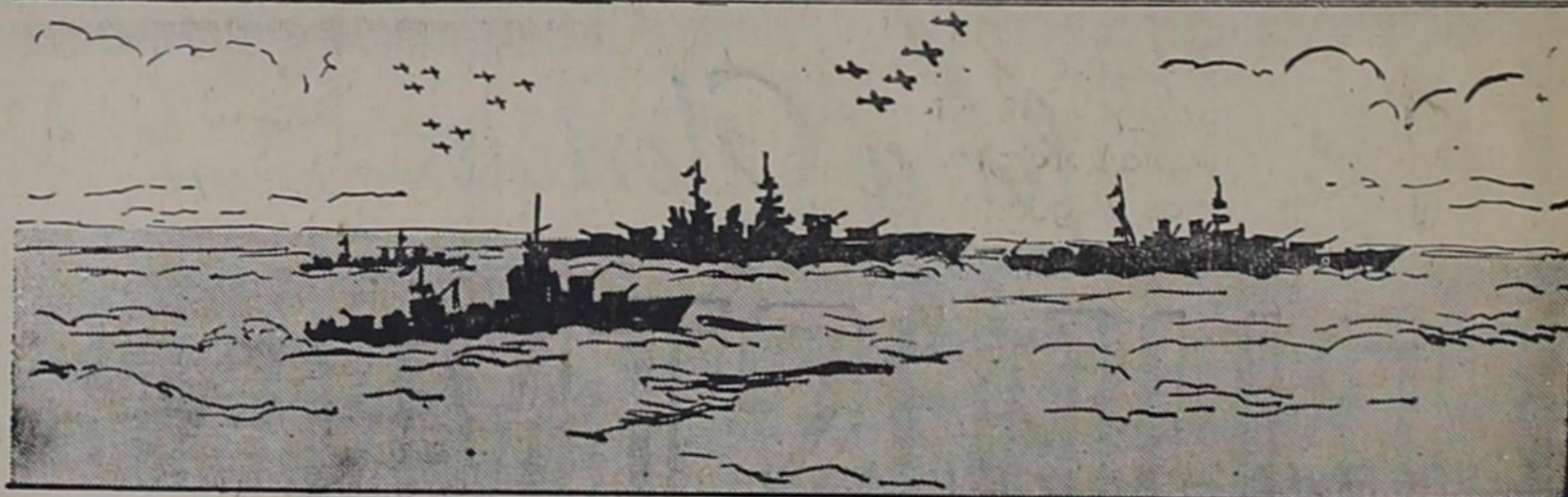
May it forever be so and may this Christmas be the type of Christmas you treasure so preciously, this is our Yuletide wish.

Farmers Supply Co.

RAY MEARS, Mgr.
Texico, N. M.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

MAY THE NEW YEAR HOLD FOR YOU
★ ★ THE BEST OF EVERYTHING ★ ★
THAT PEACE AND FREEDOM BRING



CRAWLEY'S BAKERY

Texico, N. M.

Merry Christmas

NEIGHBORS

In just a very few words we want to send a sincere message of good will to our customers and friends at Christmastime. You are deserving of all the

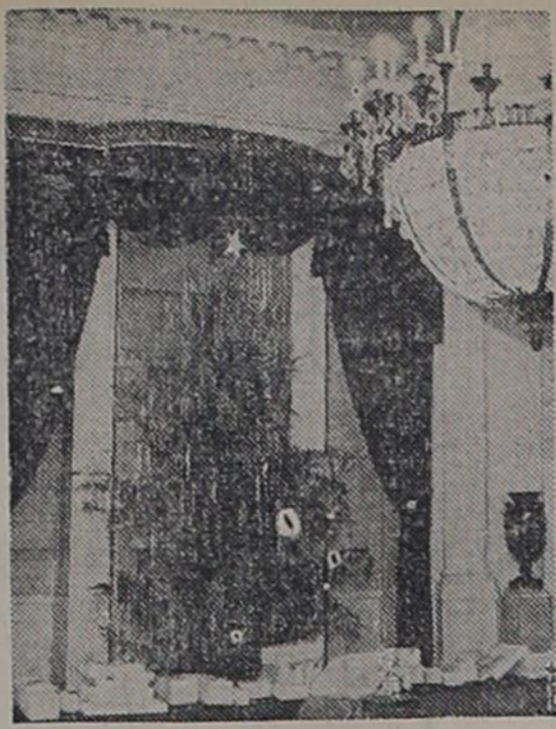
good things we can wish for you and it is our sincere hope that the New Year will be one of innumerable blessings for you and those about you.

Marcus Ice & Produce Co.

FARWELL, TEXAS

TURKEY ALL THE YEAR

Turkey meat consumption is becoming less seasonal, as a larger proportion of birds are being consumed in the "off season", February to August.



WHITE HOUSE CHRISTMAS . . .
The White House Christmas tree in the East Room. Presents are for the children of White House employees.

Christmas
GREETINGS

TO YOU

Our
FRIENDS
And
CUSTOMERS



JIM'S CAFE

Texico, N. M.

**Nola Birthplace
Of Church Bells**

The use of church bells is said to have been inaugurated during the fifth century by Bishop Palinius of Nola, in Campania.

Although the derivation is doubted by some authorities, it appears that the Latin word for bell—campanula—was derived from the bishop's town, Nola, and district, Campania.

Dial 2131 for expert job printing

**CHRISTMAS
CANDLES**



Candles shaped like pine trees can be made to include the smell of pine in the candle wax.



Lilies or other flowers may be molded while the wax is still warm.



Snowball candles are left to give frosted effect.



In making a cottage candle the windows, doors and shrubbery are painted in by hand.

Big oversized jumbo candles may be made of various colors, of sizes to fit some particular nook in the house.

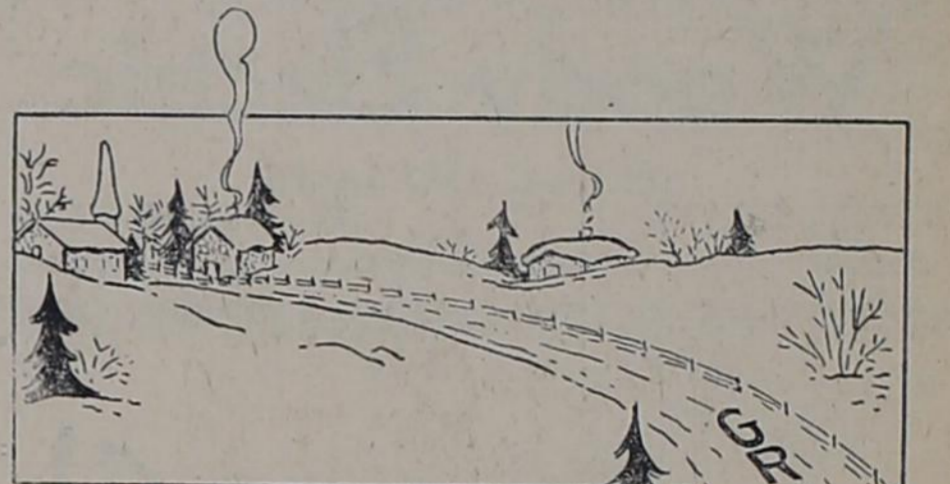
Greetings
AND THANKS

The approaching Holiday Season heralds the end of a busy year for this organization. But, we are not too busy to pause and wish the season's best to our many friends for a MERRY CHRISTMAS. We look forward with confidence in the future.

McCUAN SERVICE STATION & CAFE

GULF WHOLESALE & RETAIL

BOVINA, TEXAS



In this Holiday message to our friends, we want to add our sincere appreciation for the good will and cooperation you have given us. Equally as warm and sincere are our cordial wishes for a Christmas of good cheer and a New Year of Peace and Happiness.

Estes & Charles Oil Co.

BOVINA, TEXAS

*a wish-fulfilling
Christmas Gift!*

As a gesture of thanks, we extend these Greetings to our friends. Your loyalty and consideration means much to us and we are grateful. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

PAUL JONES SERVICE STATION

BOVINA, TEXAS

PHONE 2262

Open Air "Festas"

Vs. Santa Claus

Santa Claus has firmly entrenched himself in the hearts of Brazilian youngsters, although his traditional chimney had to be abandoned—very few homes being equipped with such things, and it never occurs to the small fry that it might be fun to spy on Santa; the children beg to stay up, of course, hoping to participate in the grown-up festivities and perhaps accompany their parents to midnight mass.

Since it really is June in January south of the equator, Christmas in Brazil is a midsummer festival. Midnight mass on Christmas Eve is celebrated with greater or lesser pomp throughout the land, preceded by dancing "festas" and gala late suppers.

Christmas Poem



The time draws near
the birth of Christ.
The moon is hid; the
night is still;
The Christmas bells
from hill to hill
Answer each other in
the mist.

Four voices of four hamlets round,
From far and near, on mead and
moor,
Swell out and fall, as if a door
Were shut between me and the sound.

Each voice four changes on the
wind,
That now dilate, and now decrease,
Peace and good-will, good-will
and peace,
Peace and good-will, to all mankind.
—Tennyson.

**CORDIAL
CHRISTMAS
GREETINGS**

In genuine appreciation of your cooperation during the year just closing and in the strong belief that we shall be of greater service to you in the next twelve months, we send you a cordial wish for a Christmas of good cheer and a happier, brighter New Year



HAMMOND'S ELECTRIC SHOP

BOVINA, TEXAS

WITH EVERY GOOD WISH
FOR
Christmas Cheer
AND
HAPPINESS IN THE
Coming Year

GUNNEL'S AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE

601 MAIN ST.

CLOVIS, N. M.



JEANNE'S BEAUTY SHOP

Bovina, Texas

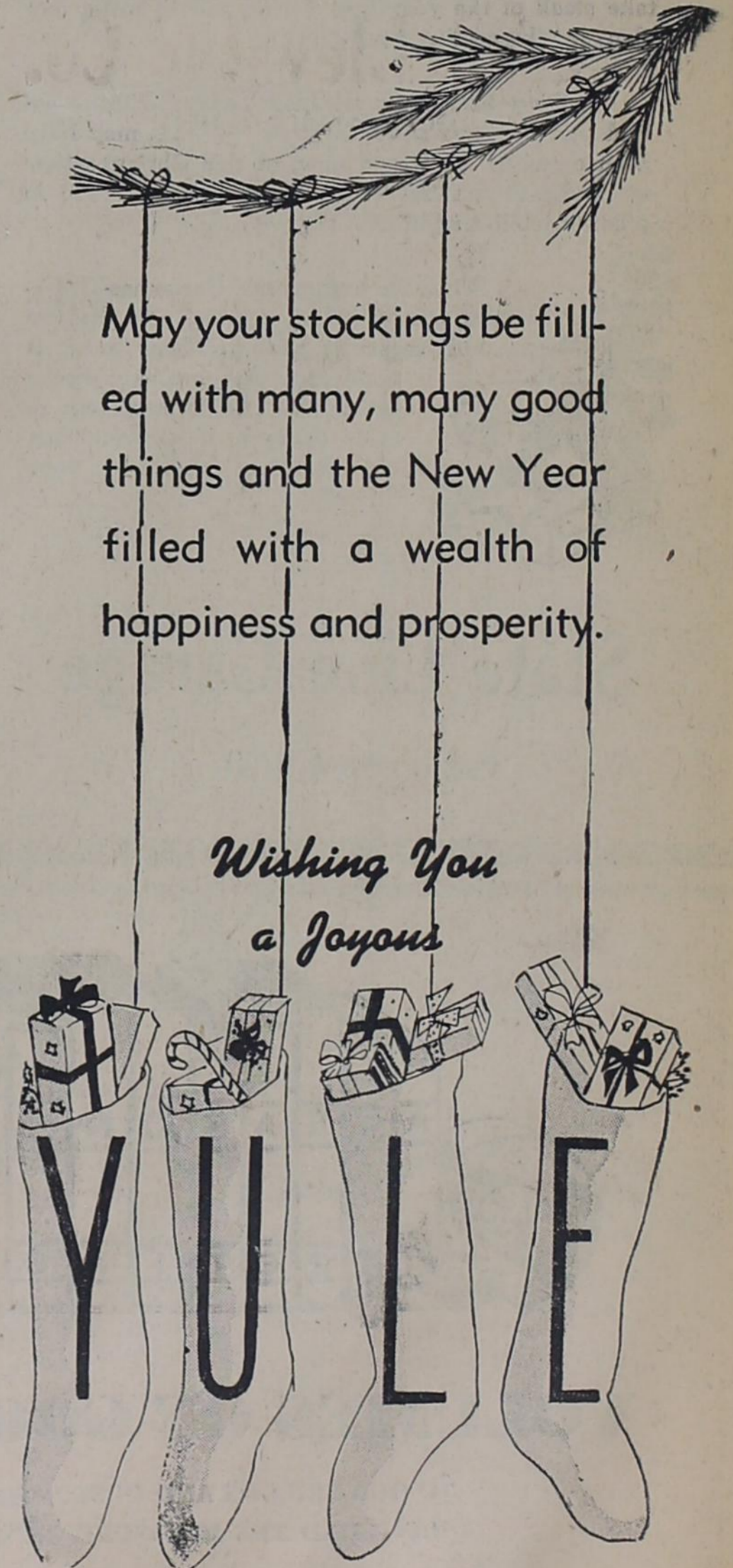


CONSUMERS SUPPLY

S. L. JONES

Grand & Pile

Clovis, New Mexico



*Wishing You
a Joyous*

Magness Equipment Co.

Farwell, Texas

CONSUMERS PRICES UP

AUSTIN.—Continued advances in consumers' prices between September and October reported in government surveys have pushed the cost of living in Texas cities to new highs according to the Bureau of Business Research of the University of Texas. Houston consumers paid 44 per cent

more for goods and services which they bought in October this year than they did before the war. Food prices alone went up 75 per cent in Houston and 77 per cent in Dallas. The national index of food prices has risen 80 per cent.

Poor soils Tend To Breed Weak Nations.

A Volunteer Santa Speaks His Heart

"I know what it is to be a disappointed kid on Christmas morning—
"I always wanted a boat, but my folks were poor and I never got one—that's why I became Santa Claus, I guess.



Volunteers of America worker plays hostess to some of the organization's Santas.

"Working for the Volunteers of America, I've played Santa to thousands of youngsters during the last 16 years. I read a lot of minds, too, during the depression when people plodded past my cardboard chimney; folks are happy now and the carols, that gave them a far-away look while war almost blacked out the Christmas Spirit, make them smile and drop coins in the chimney.

"It's fun to have a part in the happy Christmases of so many youngsters. Most of those that I see come downtown with their mothers, and I try to get a nod of approval before I make any definite promises—kinda make sure the kids won't be disappointed.

"Just the same, I can't help thinking about the kids I never see who want dolls 'nd dishes, drums and sleds, picture books, skates, trains . . . and boats; what a lot of helpers Santa needs to see that all these things get to the right places at the right time!

"Wish we could be sure there will be no broken hearts this Christmas."



Those who give themselves grow richer.

The kindly word, the spontaneous smile, the thoughtful deed—those are outward expressions of the goodness inside the hearts and minds of men.

Those of us in the newspaper business must record the little things that make news day by day. Often we wish there were less of pettiness in the world and more of the spirit of Christmas scattered throughout the year. But the day that marks the birth of Jesus brings with it a rebirth of faith and hope and a realization that deep down inside each person there are Christ-like qualities of unselfishness, loyalty and devotion to the highest principles of God and man. It is those qualities which make Christmas the most joyous season of all.

Truly, there is "joy to the world" in abundant evidence of self-giving, of hands clasped in friendship, of hearty good wishes. How insignificant are the little troublesome things of the world in the light of the Christmas spirit that pervades the world!

And so we again join in the gladness of the season to wish all our friends and subscribers

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Wassail Bowl For Auld Lang Syne

The Wassail bowl goes around in Scotland—and elsewhere—at New Year's time.

The origin of the custom is really lost in antiquity: Saxon ancestors probably quaffed their ale from the polished skulls of defeated enemies, and the Rowena legend must be classified as "presumably fiction."

Rowena is reported to have offered her father's guest—Prince Vortigren—a bowl of wine with the salutation "Lord King, wass-hael," literally, "To Your Health." Draining the bowl with one draught, Vortigren fell in love with Rowena and they lived happily ever after.

Anyway, in time the bowl itself became an ornament of graceful design—decorated with branches of greenery which formed a canopy over the bowl. The mixture within was warm and included ale, sugar, spices, sweetened wine was added by hosts who could afford it, apples floated on top of the decoction, sometimes called "lamb's wool" or the "old man's beard." The poorer classes carried a bowl decorated with ribbons around the neighborhood, begging that it be filled, so they, too, might enjoy the Wassail.



The custom of making short calls on New Year's Day was in full swing throughout America about 1900. Newspapers carried columns of "at home" notices specifying the hours during which visitors would be received. A succession of "open houses" and punch bowls sometimes minimized the courtesy accorded to hostesses—receptions were often "crashed" by bibulous strangers; hence, the publicly announced "open house" custom has fallen into decline and, New Year's calls now being exchanged only by intimates, the Wassail bowl goes 'round in private.

SWEET POTATO GOAL

The sweet potato acreage goal for Texas next year has been set at 65,000 acres.

Season's
GREETINGS
Woody Electric

SERVICE AND SALES
119 WEST GRAND CLOVIS, N. MEXICO

GREETINGS!
TO YOU,
ONE AND ALL!

It's time for each of us to enjoy the finest time of the year—Christmas. It's also time for each of us to take stock of the year just closing and to make our plans for the coming year.

Looking back over the past twelve months we find that we have fallen far short of what may have been expected of us and now, at this Christmastime we pledge to you that we will make every effort to do a better job in the future.



When we express our Christmas Greetings to you, we want you to know that we are fully aware of your problems and it is our hope that you may derive some amount of happiness in this expression, knowing that it comes from one who is your friend.

State Line Garage

TEXICO, NEW MEXICO



VOLUMES OF GOOD CHEER

TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS WHOM WE
HAVE HAD THE PLEASURE OF SERVING

Maytag Electric Shop

117 WEST GRAND

CLOVIS, N. M.

SEASON'S

We believe in observing Christmas. Come what may, Christmas is the one occasion of the year when a feeling of good fellowship predominates the thinking of everyone. That's why we like Christmas.

It gives us an opportunity of a better understanding with those whom we serve. What joy and happiness would be manifest if each of us would carry this feeling of goodwill and cheerfulness throughout the year.

Let us be proud that we may enjoy the greatness of America—the freedom which is our heritage. Let us be proud of the achievements of those who have made it possible for us to continue enjoying this freedom. Without their efforts and sacrifices it would be an unhappy Christmas, indeed.

But because of them, America continues to celebrate Christmas. We are truly grateful.

GREETINGS

EUBANK & SON

HOME & AUTO SUPPLY CO.
CLOVIS, NEW MEXICO

Here's **OUR**
GREETINGS

Pause a few minutes, please, to accept our heartiest GREETINGS for the Christmas season. Our every wish is for your happiness and contentment at Christmastime and during the New Year.

Whatever your disappointments may have been the past year, whatever sacrifices may have been yours, may you find strength to face the future with a cheerful heart.



We, as Americans, look forward to each Christmas because it is a season that is definitely a part of the American life. From the friendliness of the Yuletide, may we obtain the determination to meet the problems of the future, secure in the knowledge of tried and proven friendships to help us in our every effort.



River Funeral Home

PHONE 1000

CLOVIS, NEW MEXICO

ALWAYS AN
UNEQUALED



TO EXTEND

SEASON'S BEST
GREETINGS

We are happy that the Holiday season again furnishes us an opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude for the continued friendships of you, and you and you. It is a blessing we value highly.

Our thoughts are with you, friends, and we hope next year will be one of full happiness and prosperity for you and yours.

DENTON'S
Department Hardware Co.

112-118 MAIN ST.

CLOVIS, N. M.

**Southern Customs Have
Remained at Christmas**

Negro families of Virginia have their own traditional method of gift-giving. On Christmas Eve a large sheet is spread over the dining room table with a box placed here and there to raise the sheet above table level. Each member of the household writes his name on a slip of paper and pins it to the sheet.



Gifts are sneaked in during the night and placed under the names of the persons for whom they are intended: even the youngest children forbear to "snoop" until the morning and removal of the sheet reveals all the presents.

Years ago, eggnog was served while breakfast was being prepared—such a breakfast that no one paid much attention to Christmas dinner. When friends dropped in, everyone had something to eat so that families just sort of "pieced" all day.

**Name of Jesus Found
Carved in Palestine**

Urns recently discovered in a cave on the Jerusalem-Bethlehem road, believed to be the oldest archeological record of Christianity, dating back to 70 A. D., contained the name of Jesus carved on them. It is believed that the carving was made by an eyewitness to the crucifixion. They were found on 11 early Christian burial urns.

A sect of Hebrews, who followed Jesus, denounced Pontius Pilate, and mourned the crucifixion of their leader was believed to have left the writing on the ossuaries in the cave.

**California Has Mile Long
Avenue of Lighted Trees**



The trees comprising the mile long Avenue of Christmas Trees in Altadena, Calif., are descendants of the Deodar Cedars of India which grow upon the slopes of the Himalayas.

While traveling in India in 1882, Capt. Frederick J. Woodbury gathered the seeds which he planted later on his ranch in California. When the seedlings were about two feet tall, the captain's sons transplanted them to line the wire driveway leading to the ranch residence.

The once private driveway at the foot of the Sierra mountains is now a busy public thoroughfare and Captain Woodbury's seedlings, illuminated each year at Christmas, attract thousands of visitors annually.



A "MERRY CHRISTMAS" . . . Some on the road to recovery, some doomed to spend their lives in hospitals, thousands upon thousands of World War II heroes are spending Christmas in hospitals again this year. Happy despite handicapping war wounds, fighting veterans have entered into the Yuletide spirit.

**First Watch Night Service
Held by Pioneers in 1770**

In addition to the more or less hilarious secular celebrations on New Year's Eve, many religious denominations hold special "watch-night" services from nine or ten to twelve o'clock.

The custom was inaugurated by St. George Methodist Episcopal church in Philadelphia, where the first "watch-night" service was held in 1770.

Tribune job printing is best.

IMPROVEMENT EXPECTED
Further improvements in the farm motor transport situation are expected in 1947.

PRICES GOING UP
Prices of clothing and textiles are expected to continue increasing in the next few months.

11,000,000 ON FARMS
On October 1, 11,486,000 persons were working on farms in the United States.

Need letterheads? Dial 2131.

OUR GRATITUDE FOR YOUR PATRONAGE IS

As sure as Christmas

MAY YOU ENJOY A HAPPY SEASON

SPAULDING HARDWARE

218 MAIN ST.

CLOVIS, N. M.

YULETIDE

Greetings

to All Our
Good Friends

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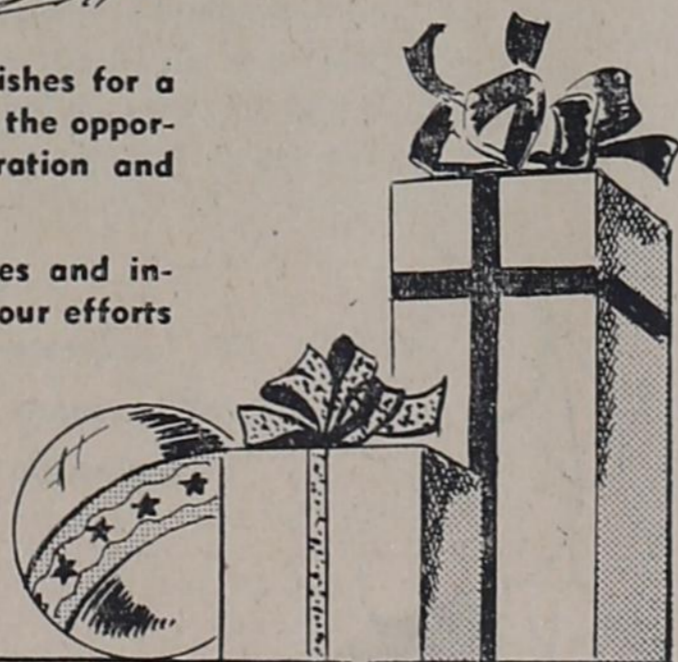
"Distinctive Jewelry and Gifts"
CLOVIS, NEW MEXICO



We sincerely offer you our cordial good wishes for a MERRY CHRISTMAS and at this time take the opportunity of thanking you for your consideration and patronage and friendship.

During the oncoming year all our resources and ingenuity and efforts will be incorporated in our efforts to serve you better and more efficiently.

Best Wishes

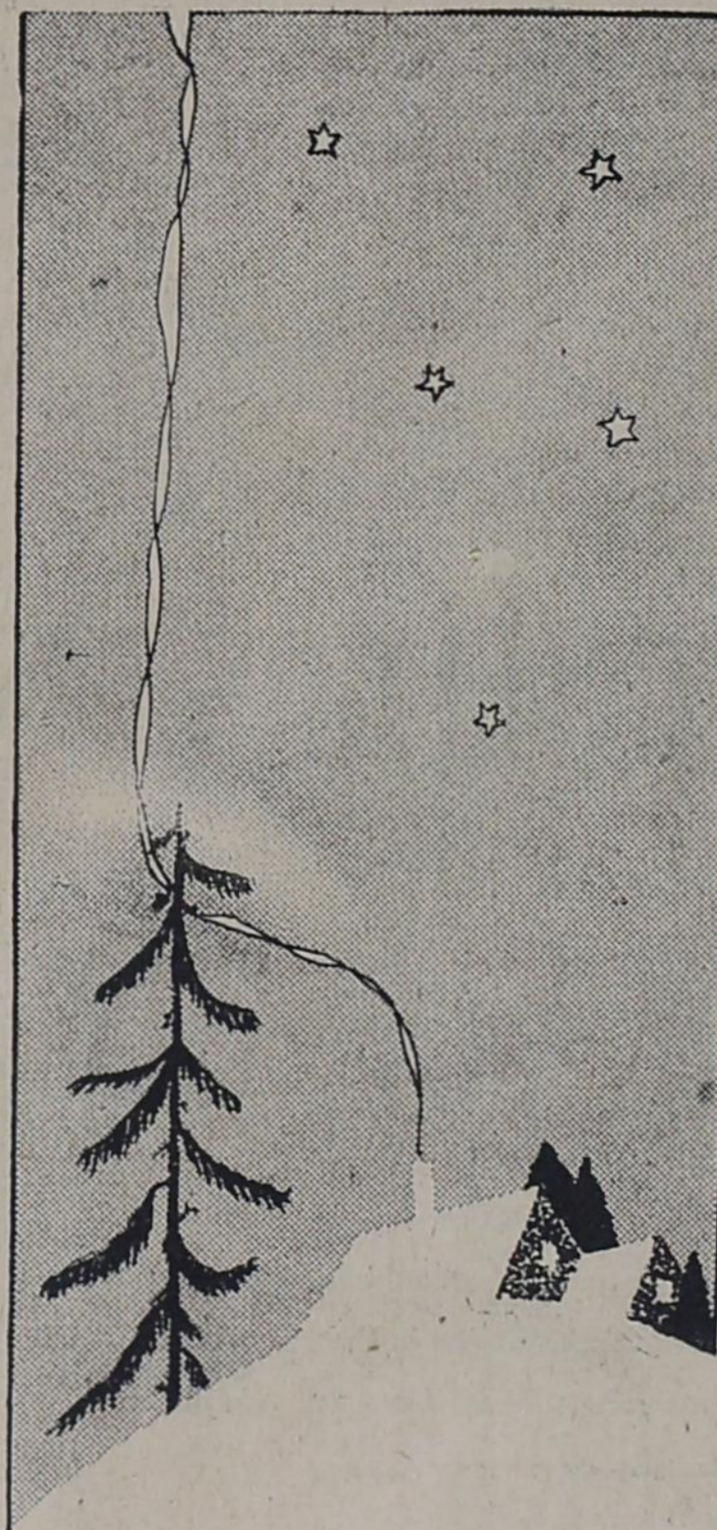


Kemp Lumber Company

Phone 2141

JOE CRUME, Mgr.

Farwell, Texas



It Is Our Duty

With patience, with love for our fellowman, with faith in the future, it is our duty to keep each Christmas star shining brightly so that the true spirit of Christmas may reign throughout the world and that "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men" may be everlasting.

Our sincere good wishes are for you this Christmas and every Christmas.

Season's Greetings
Vorenberg's

YOUR BETTER HOMES STORE
819 Main Street Clovis, N. M.

Christmas Minus a Santa Claus

Do you believe in Santa Claus? The children of Middle America never heard of ole Saint Nick, even though their holiday celebration compares happily and merrily to our own.

Picnics and outdoor excursions are traditional events of the day, for Christmas comes in mid-summer weather there. Weeks before the holiday, families in El Salvador, Mexico and Panama prepare tiny clay or wooden figures for the creche which most homes display during the universal holiday. In Guatemala, Costa Rica and Cuba, images of the Virgin are carried through the streets.

Christmas celebrations and customs vary in the ten republics which comprise Middle America—Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Cuba, Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

Fireworks climax the festival in most of these republics and marimba bands play in bunting-bedecked parks while whole families trek from farm to village, visiting relatives or joining in the public merrymaking.

Mexican families string their patios with colored lanterns and hang the pinata, a large clay jar shaped like a bird or animal and filled with fruits, nuts and candies purchased at the picturesque Christmas stalls in the markets. The children are blindfolded and armed with long sticks. They reach for the pinata until one child breaks the jar and the sweets tumble out to be shared by all.

Despite the various forms of observing the Christmas holidays, Middle America is united in its celebration of peace with its bright hope for inter-American interdependence.

Romans Started Christmas Boxes

Boxing day has been a day of gifts to public servants since Roman times. It originated as a pagan custom, for the Romans observed the rite during their winter feast of Saturnalia. Later, when the people became Christians, the gifts were handed during Mass to the priests, who placed them into boxes. The feast was then known as Christ's Mass and the boxes as Christmas boxes, not to be opened except by being broken.



All manner of tradesmen soon realized that the idea was a good one, and it became a common practice for apprentices and others to take a box round to their business acquaintances, singing carols the while.

By the time Pepys wrote his famous diary, Christmas boxes were well established, and he mentions them several times in his writings. Swift also has a word to say about them in his "Journal to Stella," written in 1710; "By the Lord Harry, I shall be undone here with Christmas boxes."

One public servant, the "bellman," who enjoyed the privilege of soliciting Christmas boxes, was in some respects the forerunner of the postman, often being commissioned to deliver letters. At the approach of Christmas he would push poems of his own composition under the doors of townsmen whom he had served. They were reminders that recognition was expected on Boxing Day.

Gives Strength to Wrestler

In Holstein it is believed that it is not only a cure for all green wounds, but that it will insure success in the chase and give strength to the wrestler, if mistletoe is worn.

Karkantzari's Fear Of Burned Leather

Christmas fires burn brightly in Greek households throughout the holiday season and Macedonians save their old shoes for the purpose of burning them at Christmas time since the odor of burning leather is said to be offensive to the Karkantzari.

The Karkantzari are mysterious creatures which wander about the rural communities of Greece between Christmas and Epiphany. Dreading because their gremlin-like tricks make life generally miserable for everybody, the Karkantzari are particularly fond of attacking and beating persons who are a bit drowsy after an unusually hearty meal.

Of course, the orthodox Greek priest effectively banishes the Karkantzari when he comes around with his copper vessel of holy water and cross entwined with sprigs of basil. The priest dips the cross into the vessel and sprinkles each room with the holy water—after which the Karkantzari are expected to disappear and not return until the following Christmas.



WHERE THE BOY JESUS PLAYED . . . Looking southeast from the Hill of Precipitation, Nazareth, is shown the view where the boy Jesus played.

TRIBUNE ADS BRING HOME THE BACON



THANK YOU!

We take this opportunity to thank our many friends in this community for all favors received during the past year and for your understanding of our efforts to serve you. We hope during the coming year to better our service and extend to all friends the Season's Greetings and very best wishes.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

TRIMBLE'S BARBER & TAILOR SHOP
BOVINA, TEXAS

IT WOULDN'T BE CHRISTMAS



WITHOUT Friends...

It is appropriate in the observance of the Christmas season to acknowledge the friendships which we have enjoyed in the past. It just wouldn't seem like Christmas unless we express again our thanks and wish you the Merriest Christmas of them all.

MACON ELEVATOR

BOVINA, TEXAS.

Greetings

To our good friends, those whom we have had the privilege of serving in the past, and those whom we'd like to serve in the future, we send this little package of Christmas cheer. It is heavily laden because it carries our most hearty appreciation of your friendships, patronage, and cooperation that you have shown this institution in the past. It also brings you our earnest hopes for a full enjoyment of the Holiday season.

Accept our wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year.

Kimbrow Drug Store

BOVINA, TEXAS

Above All

WE WISH YOU A

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Had you ever considered what a dreary Christmas season it would be if there were no co-operation? The ideal Christmas time is the fulfillment of the true spirit of co-operation.

Here at the "Co-Op", we make an honest effort to demonstrate to our customers and stock-holders the true meaning of co-operation, which is fulfilled in the true understanding of Christmas — the season when we share with one another.

To understand Christmas more fully, means a better conception of the spirit of co-operation.

Consumers Fuel Assn.

BILL EBERTING, Mgr.

BOVINA, TEXAS

Hodening Horse Of British Isles

Strange miracle plays were always intrinsic parts of the holiday season in the British Isles and in many such traditional performances, one of the characters rode a grotesque hobby horse. Gradually, the horse assumed the characteristics of a star performer and in time, stepping out of the play altogether, began going from house to house—expecting hospitality, after frightening families half out of their wits.

Of course, the Hodening Horse was no ordinary horse: two boys, covered with sheets and a horse blanket, usually supplied his vitality; his wooden head was hideously carved with gouged eyes, hob-nail teeth, etc. The boys manipulated strings to make the teeth clank, etc., and sometimes placed a lighted candle in the hollow of the head to make the mouth seem to belch forth flames.

In Wales, it was customary for the Hodening Horse to recite long extemporaneous verses: if the Horse outwitted his host, he was invited in for cakes and cider. A less witty procedure was followed in some rural communities and along lonely roads: wealthy citizens and travelers were attacked by unknown Hodening Horses who demanded "fines" from their victims.

Mince Pies of Deep Christmas Tradition

No Christmas dinner would be complete without mince pies. While they have long been a part of our Christmas tradition, they originally had a deep symbolic significance.



Patterned after the manger in which Christ was born, they were oblong in shape. The crust, baked a golden brown, represented the gold brought by the Three Wise Men.

Insurance of Marriage

Crippen tells us that the maiden who receives no kisses under the mistletoe will not marry for years.

Christmas—In a New World



Miracle Play In Modern Texas Town

LOS PASTORES, the hybrid Spanish - Indian miracle play introduced to Mexico centuries ago by Spanish monks and presented in San Antonio during the Christmas season, is enacted primarily for its spirituality.

A group of amateur actors go from house to house by invitation and because it is traditional that no one prompted by idle curiosity should witness the performance, only the initiated can find the scene of presentation.

Usually someone's back yard becomes the stage; the doorsteps serve as background for the Nacimiento. Manger scene: various objects are set on the stairs; pieces of crockery, tinsel, pincushions, patron saints—anything the household considers especially beautiful. In the center of the lowest step, the Christ Child (a life-sized doll placed on a platter with divers gaudy candy) is surrounded by plaster shepherds, donkeys, etc.



A tent opposite the Nacimiento gives evidence of representing hell: a bonfire has been built within and live devils emerge therefrom.

The play has no definite time for beginning, but finally, a girl starts to walk back and forth reciting. Overdressed shepherds drone a seemingly endless song. Ermitano, the comic relief, carrying a rosary of spools, also represents the soul of its earthly journey and is often accompanied by the white winged Archangel Gabriel.

It is a never-ending performance: seven devils, six in sequined black with animal masks and the fork-tailed Lucifer in brilliant red, are finally vanquished; likewise, a wild Indian is overcome and kisses the Christ Child; the shepherds and all in attendance kiss the Child, solemnly and as slowly as possible.

Many Are the Legends of Ancient Yule Log Customs

Old books and legends surround the Yule Log with much mystery and superstition.

Thus, it must be touched and lighted with scrupulously clean hands: certain types of persons—such as squinting or flatfooted—are unwelcome while it is burning and, should the fire go out during the night, bad luck is portended for the New Year.

Less superstitiously, Tyroleans decorate their Log with paper flowers and bright ribbons. Wine is poured over it by the youngest child of the household who offers a prayer that the fire may warm the cold, the hungry obtain food, the weary find rest, and all may enjoy heaven's blessing and peace.

Lincoln Issued Famous

Emancipation January 1.

The Emancipation Proclamation was issued by Abraham Lincoln on New Year's Day, 1863.

The Proclamation abolished slavery in those states and parts of states which were in rebellion on that date and, though other days are observed in various parts of the country, January 1 is the date most generally observed as Emancipation Day.

TRIBUNE ADS BRING HOME THE BACON

Strictly Sentimental

Maybe we are old fashioned but we do get just a little sentimental at Christmas time.

We like to look back over the past twelve months, remembering all the fine things that have been our good fortune. It's pleasant to review the associations we have had with our friends—to find comfort in the knowledge that in lasting friendships come the joys of good living.

It's good to say "Merry Christmas"—it's satisfying to hear our friends say "Merry Christmas."

So, old fashioned or not, we just wanted to extend

THE SEASON'S GREETINGS

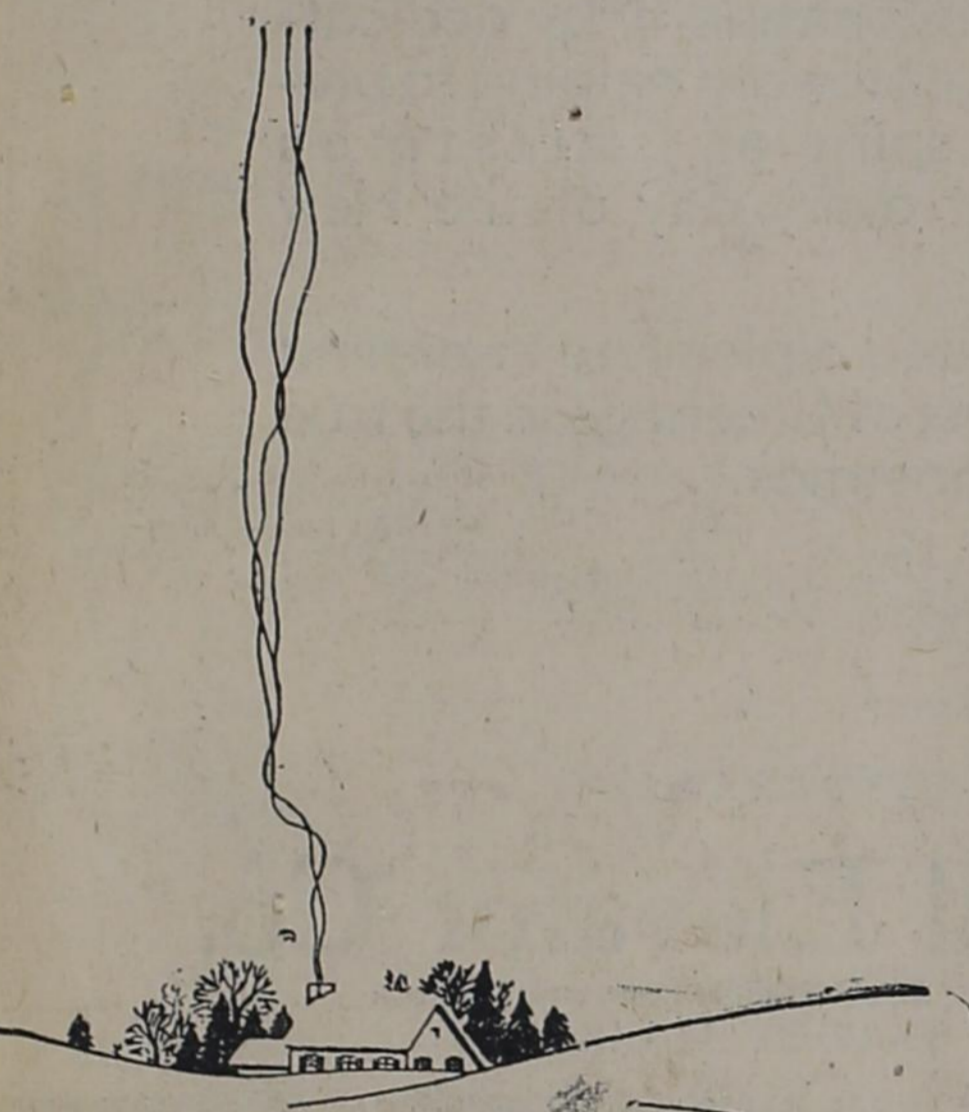
Cicero Smith Lumber Co.

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BOVINA, TEXAS



THE BLESSINGS OF CHRISTMAS

As we herald the approach of another Christmas season, we count our blessings in good friends and pleasant associations.

It is appropriate, then, that we extend our warmest greetings and add the hope that the coming year will be the best you have ever enjoyed and that from the experiences of the past we may gain strength for the problems of the future

Gaines Hardware Co.

BOVINA, TEXAS

Season's Greetings

may your christmas bring good cheer and the new year much health happiness and peace

Williams Mercantile Co.

BOVINA, TEXAS

it's meant for you!



The day of all days returns again! Christmas with all its joys and happiness, is the finest occasion of all on which to reaffirm our faith in the people whom it has been our privilege to serve in the past. May it be our good fortune to continue to enjoy the friendships and associations of each of you, our friends and neighbors.

Our wishes are yours—a Merry, Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Bovina Wheat Growers, Inc.

LEE THOMPSON, Mgr.

BOVINA, TEXAS

Minute Make-Ups
By GABRIELLE

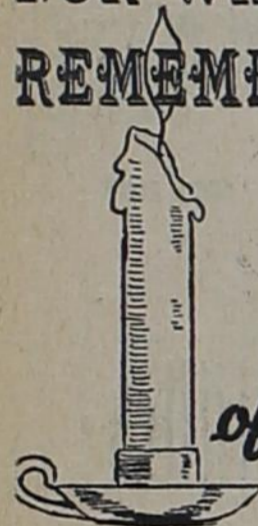


Look your prettiest to greet the New Year! Pin flowers in your hair. Mistletoe, dipped in silver powder, makes a beautiful "frosty" hair decoration! You won't have to stand under the mistletoe—you'll be under it, just in case!

Yule Means December

The word "Yule" for Christmas comes from the Anglo-Saxon "geol," meaning December.

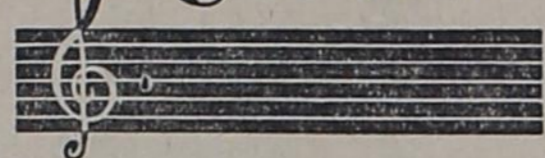
FOR WARM REMEMBRANCE



to Each of You

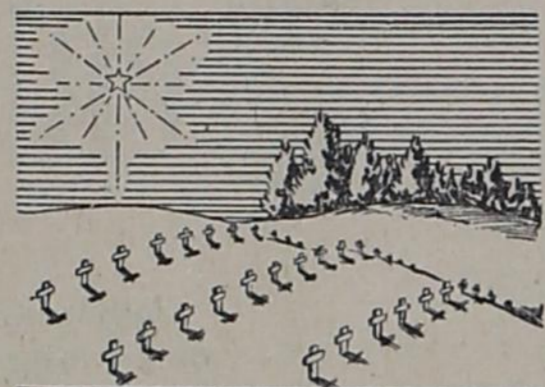
A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS
LARIAT STEAM LAUNDRY
Lariat, Texas

Leading Carols



By LYN CONNELLY

A SONG which made its appearance in 1942 entitled "White Christmas," is in its fourth year and well on its way to permanent recognition as a Christmas favorite.



The amazing popularity of "White Christmas" as a yuletide song reached its peak last year when a poll conducted to establish the favorite carol of servicemen revealed that 22 per cent of the votes went to this early war song written especially for the occasion by Irving Berlin, graduate of Tin Pan Alley.

The birth of the song was entirely by accident despite rumors to the contrary which attribute its conception to the war. Actually, it was composed in 1940. A Hollywood studio had an idea for a motion picture to be called "Holiday Inn," co-starring Fred Astaire and Bing Crosby. The theme of the picture was based on the holidays of the year and a song was needed to represent each holiday. Irving Berlin was contracted for the compositions. The picture, released in 1942, was synonymous with our second wartime Christmas, and in that year the song sold one million copies in four months. Although nothing is done on the part of the publishers to exploit the song, it automatically rings the register each year as the holiday season approaches. Berlin calls it his favorite song, with the exception of his "God Bless America" written during World War I. "It's difficult to predict a song's future," says Berlin, "but judging from its past, I would say "White Christmas" has a very good chance of becoming a permanent song along with other Christmas carols."

Saint Nicholas

Day in Holland

When Christmas rolls around in Holland, it is quietly and religiously observed: St. Nicholas Day, December 6, is the day of gift-giving and jollification.

For weeks, life-sized figures of St. Nicholas have decorated shop windows and men dressed as Nicholas have stood in front of business establishments, and driven around in horse-drawn carts delivering parcels.

At last the great day arrives: if there are several children in the household, sometimes they are gathered together from neighboring households, Bishop Nicholas (dressed in full vestments and accompanied by his Moorish servant) attends the children's party and impresses them by his knowledge of their shortcomings and chides them fatherly before distributing the trinkets and gifts he has brought for them.

After the youngsters have had their fun, the grown-ups sit around a festive table and open their "surprises." Small gifts are baked in loaves of bread, packed in enormous crates, wrapped in bales of paper—each wrapper directing the present to a different person; the longer the donor and final recipient remain unknown, the greater the general jollification.

Indicative of the spirit of the season, packages containing gifts are often entrusted to strange passers-by who are instructed to leave the parcel on such and such a doorstep and ring the bell.

LITTLE OL' SANTA

The little ol' santa propped under our tree . . . is little the worse for wear . . . he's lost a leg and an arm, you see . . . but no one seems to care. Not that we're unsympathetic, rather, we are just a bit nostalgic.



Time was when our santa, bright and new, benignly welcomed Tommy and Sue . . . as they tiptoed downstairs to see . . . their presents spread beneath the tree . . . very early Christmas morning.

Tho Tommy and Sue have outgrown their toys . . . and entwined their hearts with grown-up joys . . . that little ol' santa, propped under the tree, symbolizes Christmas—as Christmas ought to be . . . with toys for children, good will among men . . . on earth, Peace dawning.

Dorothea Waitzmann

A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS

Let us make the Yuletide season a happy one, a time of reverence and thankfulness, for the many blessings that have been ours to enjoy.

May we insure the future happiness of our community by dedicating ourselves toward helping to preserve the spirit of Christmas throughout every day of the New Year.

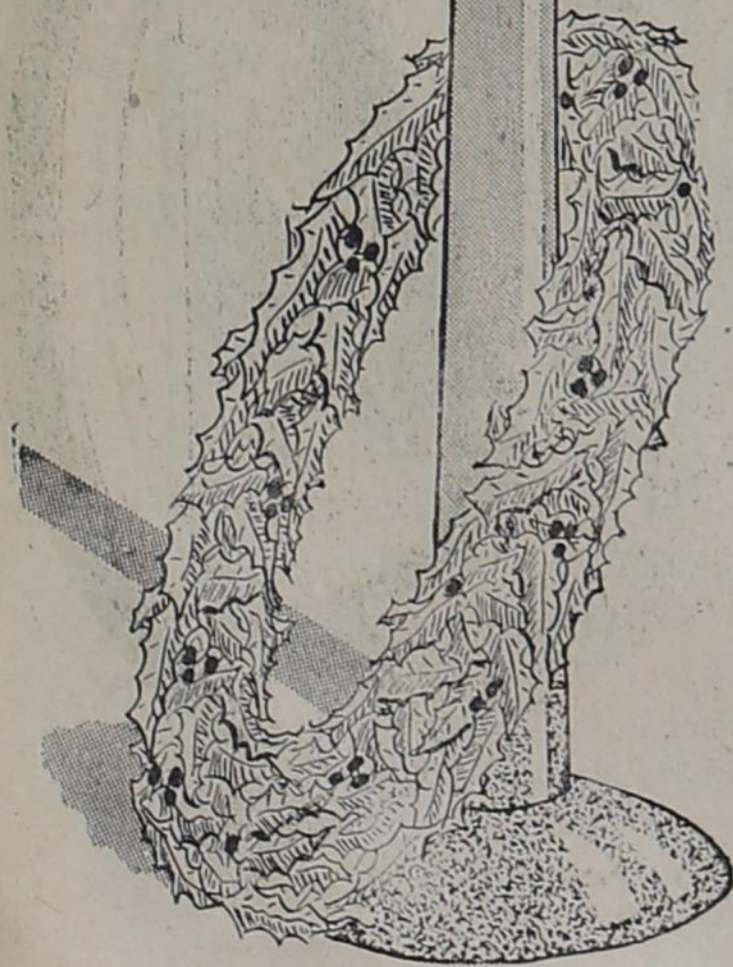
It is indeed a pleasure to extend the very best of Greetings in the true spirit of Christmas.



Farwell Elevator Co.

RAY FORD, Mgr.
FARWELL, TEXAS

Merry Christmas



Berry Hardware Co
THE STORE THAT STAYS

CLOVIS, NEW MEXICO

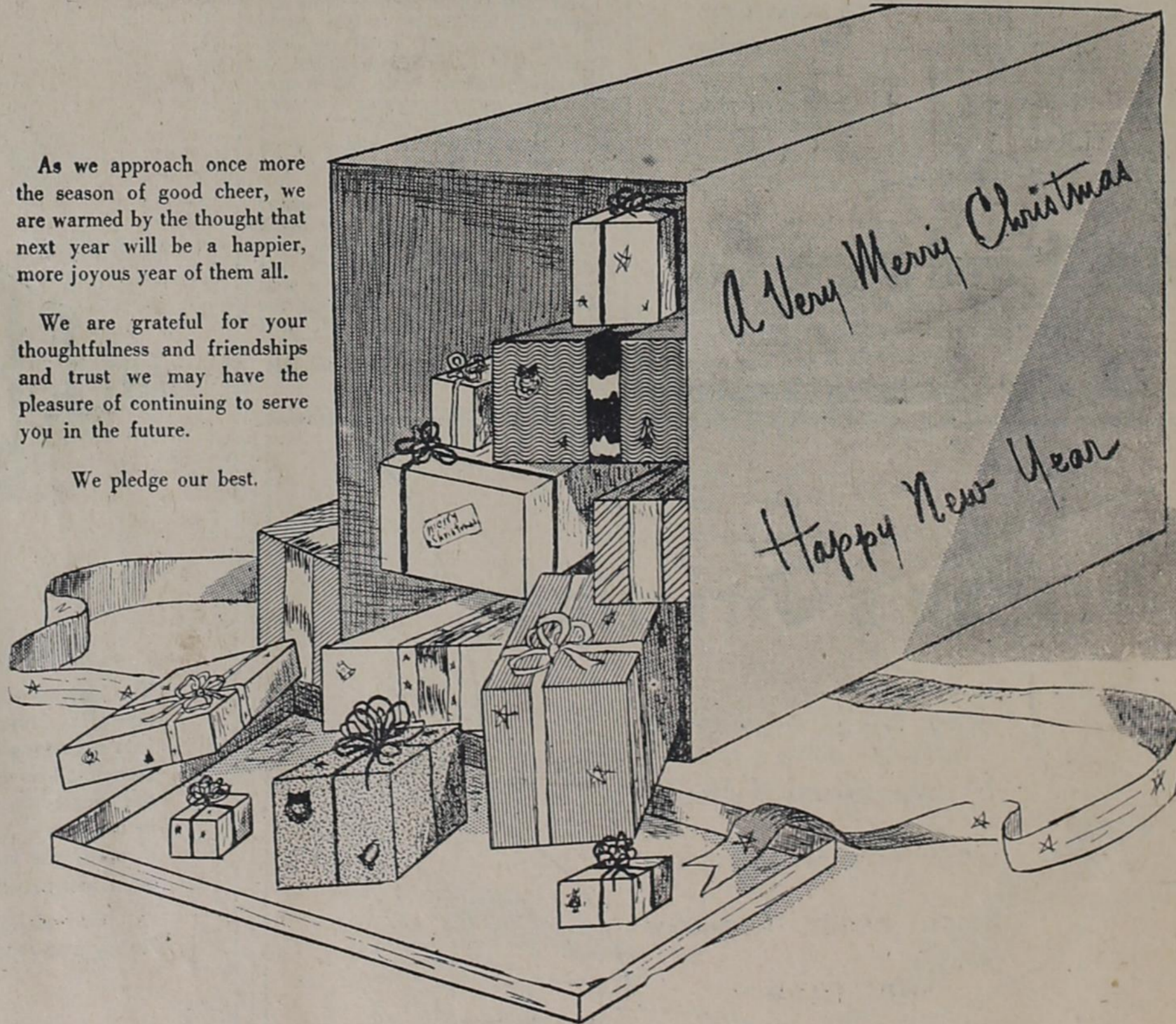
To all our Friends

GREETINGS

As we approach once more the season of good cheer, we are warmed by the thought that next year will be a happier, more joyous year of them all.

We are grateful for your thoughtfulness and friendships and trust we may have the pleasure of continuing to serve you in the future.

We pledge our best.



Carmack & Sons

"CLOTHING FOR MEN AND LITTLE MEN"

308 MAIN ST.

CLOVIS, N. M.

TECH GETS EQUIPMENT
LUBBOCK.—Technical equipment valued at several thousand dollars and rooms for mechanical engineering laboratories and workshops have been awarded Texas Technological College by the Federal Works Administration, according to word recently received by college officials

from the United States Office of Education.

Equipment includes a high frequency induction unit, an industrial type X-ray machine, a tensile testing machine with stress-strain gauge recorder, a photomicrographic camera, a drill press, lathes and a quantity of other items.

A NEW CHRISTMAS



Bringing You
NEW JOY

The Season's best to our friends and customers.

FARWELL CAFE
Farwell, Texas

FOR A HAPPY YULE

Just a few words of Christmas greetings to you, our friends. May this be a happy and memorable occasion from which you will derive much pleasure and contentment. We wish you a Merry, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

POWDER PUFF BEAUTY SHOP
Texico, New Mexico.



TEXICO POSTOFFICE

Lucy O. Brown, P. M.

Eunice Humphrey, Asst.

Each member of this organization is very grateful this Christmas and we all join together in sending our very best wishes to you in recognition of the many courtesies extended this firm in the past.

Christmas

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CITY CLEANERS

MR. & MRS. WOODY McDERMITT
DON RUTH
Farwell



CHRISTMAS
AT ITS BEST

From the depths of our heart we wish to extend our sincerest Christmas greetings. We are mindful of the part you have each had in the trying days of the past year and it is because of such unselfish efforts that the American way of life will be maintained. It is our wish that you will enjoy Christmas at its best, with an abundance of good cheer, good fellowship and goodwill for all.

Sheets and Blain
BLACKSMITHING — WELDING
Texico, N. M.

The Holy Thorn Of Glastonbury

In honor of the Hawthorn, which legendarily shielded Christ while he rested in the woods before the crucifixion, Joseph of Arimathea chose a thorn staff when he started on his long journey to Britain shortly after the death of Christ. Arriving at last, at his new home in Glastonbury, Joseph stuck his walking stick into the ground; the staff began to grow and soon acquired the habit of producing flowers each Christmas Eve.



The first literary mention of the thorn is contained in Hearne's History and Antiquities of Glastonbury, published in 1722. In this work, Mr. Eyston states: "Whether it sprang from St. Joseph of Arimathea's dry staff, I cannot find, but beyond all dispute it sprang up miraculously."

When Britain adopted the Gregorian calendar in 1753, 2,000 persons assembled at Glastonbury on December 25—new style—to see if the Holy Thorn would bloom in agreement with the new calendar; when it did not, many refused to participate in the usual observances of Christmas. The evil of changing calendars was proven when the thorn blossomed on January 5—Christmas Eve—old style—and many ministers in the vicinity of Glastonbury appeased their congregations by announcing that Christmas would be observed according to the old calendar.

A cutting of the Glastonbury thorn was brought to America in 1900 and planted near St. Alban's school in Washington, D. C., by the late Right Rev. Henry Gates Satterlee. The cutting grew into a tree, blossoming for the first time in December, 1918; since then, it has blossomed each year at Christmas-time and attracts thousands of visitors annually.

Christmas Was At One Time Illegal

The Puritans disliked the celebration of Christmas, preferring their own celebration of Thanksgiving.

In 1659 the high court of Massachusetts held that "anybody who is found observing, by abstinence from labor, feasting or any other way such day as Christmas Day shall for each and every offense be fined five shillings."

Seventeen additions to Veterans Administration hospitals have been completed as part of VA's big hospital construction program for the care of 20,000,000 potential veteran-patients.

Santa Claus By... Any Other Name

Santa Claus is inseparately associated with the spirit of gift-giving in America, but in other lands, various gift-bearers are just as eagerly awaited.

Commemorating the arrival of the Magi on Epiphany, the Wise Men leave presents for good boys and girls as they pass through Spain and other Catholic countries during their annual journey to Bethlehem.



Italian Befana and Russian Babouska are variously reported to have hesitated to follow the Wise Men, misdirected them, and refused shelter to the Holy Family: in their respective countries, these two ageless wanderers slip toys beneath the pillows of sleeping children—still looking for the Babe of Bethlehem whom they have never found.

Christkind, in keeping with the German idea of Christmas, is the messenger of the Infant Jesus who brings happiness to good children; Polish and Hungarian youngsters search the house for strands of angel hair—conclusive evidence that the Holy Angels are near to bestow gifts upon the worthy.

In France, the Yule Log is allowed to burn momentarily, extinguished and covered with a cloth. After the Log has failed to yield gifts, the children are sent to ask pardon for their omissions in private. Meanwhile, parents place the presents beneath the cloth to be discovered by the returning children.

Syrian legend sends the Gentle Camel of Jesus, laden with gifts, riding over the desert on Epiphany Eve—exhausted by the hastening Wise Men, he was blessed with immortality by the Christ Child.

The identity of the gift-bearer is immaterial; but it is vital that no child be disappointed; no trusting heart betrayed; lest the magic hour passes, leaving broken dreams and twisted emotions to wander across the wilderness of eternity.

Material covering all phases of the national economy as related to veterans' welfare is available in the Veterans Administration historical library at Washington or through extensive inter-library loan facilities.

CHRISTMAS GIFT

When we wish you a Merry Christmas, it is with comforting assurance that the New Year will be one of health, happiness and contentment for you and yours.



Electric Shoe Shop
Texico, N. M.

TO OUR many, many friends we extend greetings of the Yuletide season... and our sincere appreciation for their encouragement and goodwill. And because we are grateful for your friendships we resolve to strive for even greater service in the years to come.

Best Wishes to All



CITY CAFE
JEAN FOSTER
BOVINA, TEXAS

A woman arrived for the wedding late. As she came rushing up to the door, an usher approached her for her invitation.

"I have none!" she snapped;

"Are you a friend of the groom?" asked the usher.

"Certainly not!" the woman replied. "I am the brides mother."

THE PERFECT PICTURE



DARR & SONS

FARWELL, TEXAS

PHONE 2371

A Short GREETING but a Merry One!



May the coming year see the fulfillment of your every wish. And for your continued good will a genuine THANK YOU!

MURPHY-ECHOLS TIRE CO.

500 MITCHELL ST.

CLOVIS, N. M.



AS THE highest joys of Christmas come to us from the blessing of giving, we gather our humble share by giving our service to this community and our cordial and heartfelt wishes for your happiness. May the Spirit of the Nativity go with you throughout the coming year, and may your share of joy be brightened by the acknowledgment of our appreciation of your past favors.

GREETINGS

AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

Steed Funeral Home

"Serving Clovis and Territory Since Clovis Began"
L. V. SPARKS, Co-owner and Manager

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CLOVIS, N. M.



We hope you will keep this little notice handy over the holidays to remind you of our appreciation for your friendships and thoughtfulness in days past. May Christmas be merry for you and those about you.

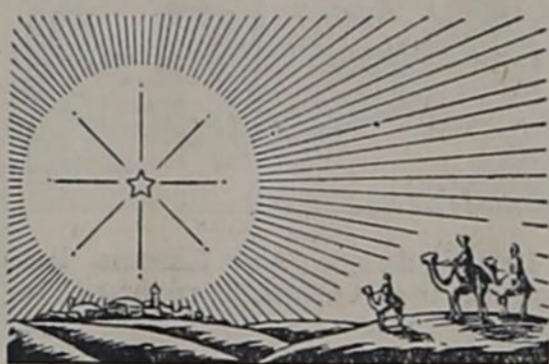
BOVINA HOTEL & CAFE
BOVINA, TEXAS.

**Wise Men Patron
Saints of Travelers**

The Three Kings of Cologne have become patron saints of travelers, and very appropriately, too, since the Wise Men traveled considerably even after their death.

Biblically we know very little about the Wise Men. Church tradition, based on the three specifically mentioned gifts, has established three Wise Men and identified them as Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar; the Kings of Tarsus, Arabia and Ethiopia, respectively.

Legend advances that on their way to Bethlehem, the Magi met at Ur and St. Matthew states that having adored the Christ Child, they departed into their own country by a different route. Whether each returned to his own country or whether all three journeyed into one country are matters for conjecture. Legend continues that they were baptized, distributed their wealth among the poor, and went about preaching the doctrine of peace and repentance; all three seem to have suffered martyrdom in India at the same time.



In the fourth century Empress Helena, mother of Constantine, arranged for the transfer of their bodies to Constantinople.

When the Greek Emperor was overpowered by the first crusade in 1096, the holy remains were sent to Milan where they were enshrined until the latter part of the 12th century when Frederick Barbarossa ordered their removal to Cologne.

The Archbishop of Cologne adorned the relics with precious jewels and enshrined them within the Cologne Cathedral: in time, anything which touched the skulls of the Three Kings was considered as a charm against accidents, hence, the Wise Men became popular patron saints of travelers.

*When the Infant Jesus
Selected His Playmate*

According to various legends, the Holy Family travels about on Christmas Eve. Long ago—in England—sick babies were carried to the threshold at midnight. If the child recovered, it had been healed by the passing Christ; if the baby died, the Holy Child had chosen the infant to be His playmate in heaven.

**Facts and Fancies
Of New Year's Day**

New Year's with its open houses, parties, exchanging of New Year's cards, horn tooting, Auld Lang Syne and New Year's resolutions, is one of the oldest of celebrations. As a holiday it has been observed since ancient times, and has been marked throughout history by the giving of gifts and the exchange of greetings.

The early Persians said "Happy New Year!" with colored eggs. They regarded New Year's in much the same way we, today, regard Easter — as a time of renewal of all things. And on New Year's Day, pagan Britons received branches of sacred mistletoe from their Druid priests.

According to some authorities the custom of gift-giving at New Year's originated in 747 B. C. when the Romans presented Tatius, king of the Sabines, with boughs from trees consecrated to Strenia, the goddess of strength. Consequently, New Year's gifts became known as "strenae" and were exchanged among friends and neighbors and exacted by emperors from their subjects.

The Emperor Claudius showed unprecedented concern for the "populi's" pocketbook by serving notice to the Roman citizenry that the cost of all "strenae" given to him should not exceed a specified amount.



While the observation of New Year's dates from early Persian time, the modern version with its noise and celebration is a vastly different affair than the B. C. period.

Henry III of England, however, wasn't so considerate. He followed the Roman tradition of exacting New Year's gifts from his subjects, and this custom was carried on by succeeding monarchs up until the time of Charles I.

It was this practice which caused one of Henry VIII's most embarrassing moments. One "Honest Old Latimer," instead of presenting his sovereign lord with the usual purse of gold, gave him the New Testament with a leaf conspicuously folded down at Hebrews XIII, 4, which passage bore certain appropriateness to the monarch's domestic failings.

Most noted for fabulous New Year's "hauls" was Good Queen Bess. Her presents ranged from jewel-embroidered petticoats to fatted geese for the royal larder.

However, when Oliver Cromwell and the Puritans took over the English government, they put an end to this extravagant practice, only to have it revived later by the royal Stuarts.

In Merrie Olde England, the common New Year's article of exchange amongst the ordinary citizenry was a pair of gloves. Occasionally the gloves were accompanied by sums of money which came to be known as "glove money."

A story is told of Sir Thomas More, lord-chancellor, who decided a case in favor of a certain young lady. On the following New Year's Day, she sent him a pair of gloves with 40 gold coins enclosed. Sir Thomas returned the coins with the following note: "Mistress, since it were against good manners to refuse your New Year's gift, I am content to take your gloves, but as for the 'lining' I utterly refuse to take it."

Pins, too, were a common New Year's gift at this time and the money accompanying them was referred to as "pin-money" — hence our modern term.

Today, in England and America, the practice of exchanging New Year's gifts is practically obsolete. But the spirit of hope and good will and resolution that characterizes the coming of the New Year is kept alive by the friendly and growing custom of exchanging New Year's cards with their colorful holiday symbols and hearty messages of cheer.

TRACK MEET SLATED

LUBBOCK—Texas Tech's track team will compete with the University of New Mexico team here November 9 in the first of a series of intercollegiate meetings slated for the team this fall, according to John Case, assistant track coach. This year marks the first time Tech has entered in cross country competition since before the war.

Phonograph Companies call juke box records "nickle grabbers."

Cottage pudding is plain cake covered with sweet sauce.

On this Holy day we pause to extend our best wishes to each of you and to say, "Thanks for Everything."

Christmas
SCOTT'S MUSIC STORE

Next to Wards Clovis, N. M.

Christmas Morning



As you gather with loved ones and friends on Christmas morning, please remember our thoughts will be of you. It is our wish that you will enjoy a Christmas long to be remembered.

C. CRANFILL GROCERY & MARKET
Bovina, Texas

Most cherished among the gifts that will be ours this Yuletide season will be the blessing of living in this Land of Liberty.

Let this Christmas be for all of us, one of an honest endeavor to help each other in the best interests of all.

Yuletide Greetings

H. C. JACKSON FEED STORE
BOVINA, TEXAS

GREETINGS

Here's a little note from us to you — to say Merry Christmas to our friends and a hearty good wish for a joyous holiday season and a happy New Year

WILLIAMS PAINT STORE

119 E. FIFTH ST. CLOVIS, N. M.

The Merriest
MERRY CHRISTMAS
You Ever Had!!

No doubt you always enjoy a swell Christmas but this year we're hoping you will experience the merriest of them all. May it be a season of genuine happiness and contentment.

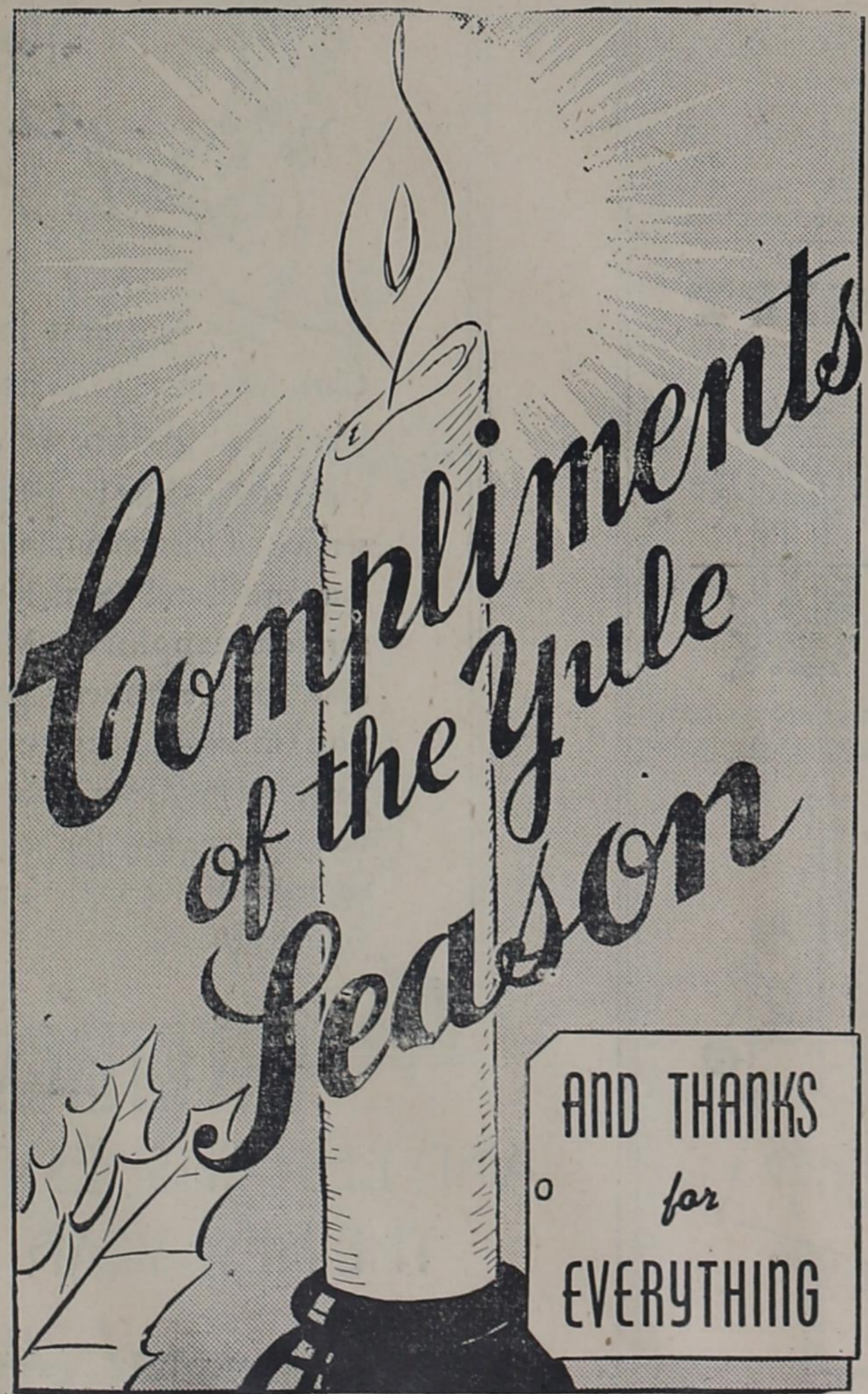
Mr. & Mrs. Paul F. Wurster
CONTINENTAL OIL COMPANY, Agents
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IT'S TIME FOR OUR
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



Self's Radio Service

TEXICO, N. M.



AND THANKS
for
EVERYTHING

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FARWELL, TEXAS

Deciphers Story of Old Syrian Tablet

A scholar at Yale university recently translated an inscription on a clay tablet found in Northern Syria which comprised the oldest known narrative of the miraculous birth of an exceptional child, antedating similar tales familiar in Old Testament literature.

The ancient tablet was one of several unearthed during a series of archeological expeditions begun in 1929 at Ras Shamra, the site of ancient Ugarit, and the translation was made by Dr. Julian J. Obermann, director of Judaica research at Yale.

He said the inscription, in cuneiform alphabet, formed the prologue of a Canaanite saga about a certain Daniel, who lived more than 1,000 years before his namesake, who invaded the lions' den, and how he became a son named Aqhat.

Need letterheads? Dial 2131.

Hunting the Wren In Old Ireland

Once upon a time in Ireland, the wren was hunted and killed on Christmas morning; a branch of holly and bright ribbons were attached to his body which was carried from house to house by wren boys who sang songs and expected to receive a dole from each household.

The story goes that during the Danish-Irish war, the Danes were resting after an arduous march and the Irish were creeping up quietly. All of a sudden a wren, spying a few crumbs which the drowsy Danish drummer had dropped on the drumhead, swooped down and began to peck at the crumbs. The pecking awakened the boy, who aroused the camp: the Irish, driven off and defeated, blamed the wren.

Modern Irish, ashamed of the once-honored tradition, say the guilty bird may have been a starling or a sparrow anyway, and now welcome the wren to their farms and homes.



Claims to being "firsts" among Christmas cards are held by these early designs.

THREE YULE 'FIRSTS'

"Which came first?" and "who thought of it first?" are the two questions asked since time immemorial. These questions have baffled historians, challenged detectives, caused law students to burn the midnight oil — but most of all — have intrigued the public. For the last few years there's been a big to-do about the "first" Christmas card and the subject has fascinated many greeting card collectors, art dealers, museum curators and a sizable portion of the American and British public.

The earliest Christmas card on record, in the light of recent findings, appears to be that of W. M. Egley, dated 1842. Discovered in a mass of skating prints by the British museum, it is indisputably a Christmas card and seems to have been produced for general use. It resembles the early New Year's cards of German origin with its various scenes enclosed in a half-gothic, half-rustic treliswork and it depicts the Christmas pantomime "Harlequin and Columbine," a puppet booth, skaters and other scenes relating to the holiday season. Its sentiment reads "A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to You."

Until the Egley card was discovered, the first known Christmas card was, for years, thought to have been the one designed by J. C. Horsley RA for Sir Henry Cole in London in 1846 who wanted a card to send to his friends at Christmas. Horsley's card was lithographed by Jobbins of Warwick court and a thousand copies struck off. These were colored by hand and featured among other scenes a merry family group holding filled wine glasses aloft.

An eminent American authority on greeting cards and a relentless collector of early creations, E. D. Chase of Boston claims that he has found what he believes to be the "first" Christmas card — but until some scientific corroboration is forthcoming we must consider his discovery a "dark horse" in the running. That it is a very "early" card — there can be no question. Our collector traced R. H. Pease, the lithographer whose name appears at the bottom of the card, down to the year 1839 where the latter was listed in the Albany, N. Y., directory as an engraver. The thing, however, that stumps the experts is the fact that there is no date on the card itself.



SYNCHRONIZE YOUR WATCHES . . . It's zero hour as children everywhere get their Christmas scout cars and tanks for an all-out assault. It is the first time for several years that rubber tires have been included with toys of these types.

TO NAME PRINCESS

LUBBOCK—Texas Tech has been invited to send a Sun Carnival Princess to the Southwestern Sun Carnival Parade New Year's Day at El Paso. Theme for this year's carnival is "Glamour in the Southwest".

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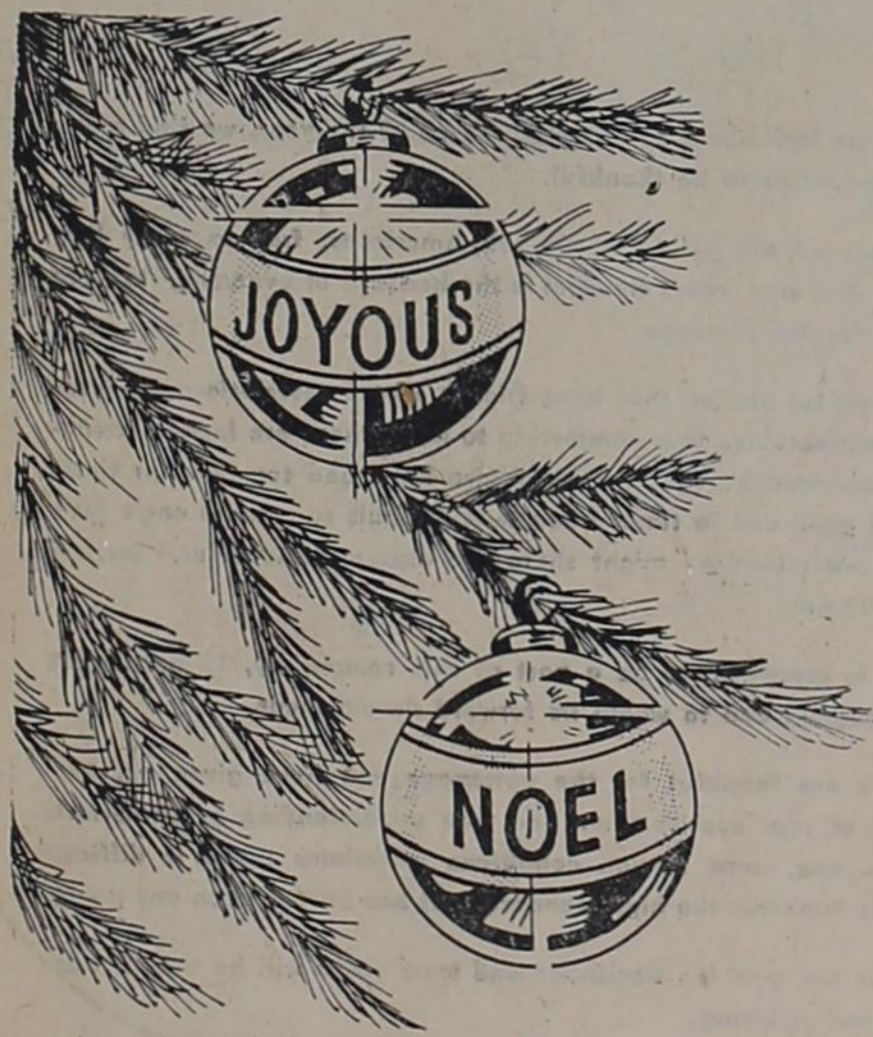
Gladiolus and other bulbs should be protected during the winter months by a heavy mulch.

Golf derived its name from the Dutch word kolf, meaning club.

Twin City Barber Shop

Farwell, Texas

To greet you at Christmas and wish you a Happy New Year



Hope is justifiably strong as another Christmas draws near—that out of the mistakes of the past will come a better understanding of the problems of others, truly worthy of the sentiments men voice at Christmas.

Greetings to you, one and all.

Lariat Grain & Seed Co.

IRA (Shorty) THOMAS, Mgr.
LARIAT, TEXAS

WE WELCOME THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

We look forward to Christmas each year, not because it's another Holiday, but because we enjoy the privilege of extending our sincere good wishes to those we serve.

THE LADY FAIRE BEAUTY SHOP

JUNE WATKINS, Prop.

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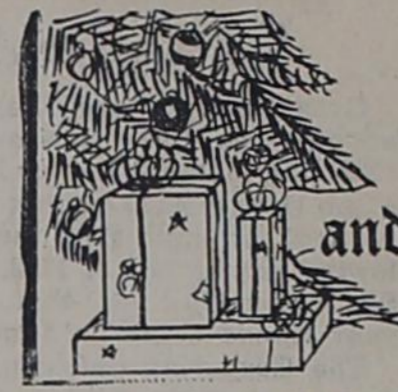


For a MERRY Christmas

Gulf Service Station

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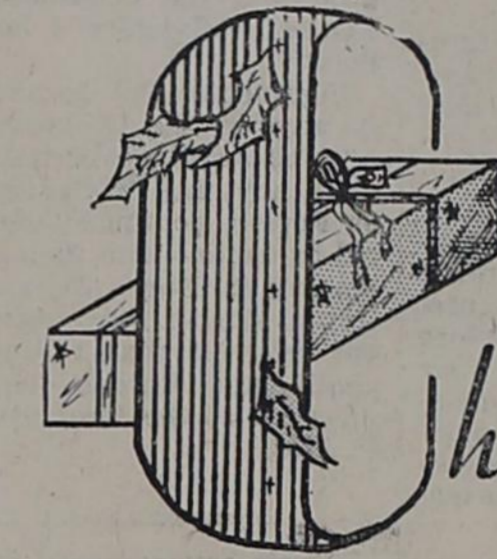


Wherever you are Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year

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Christmas GREETINGS

TO OUR FRIENDS

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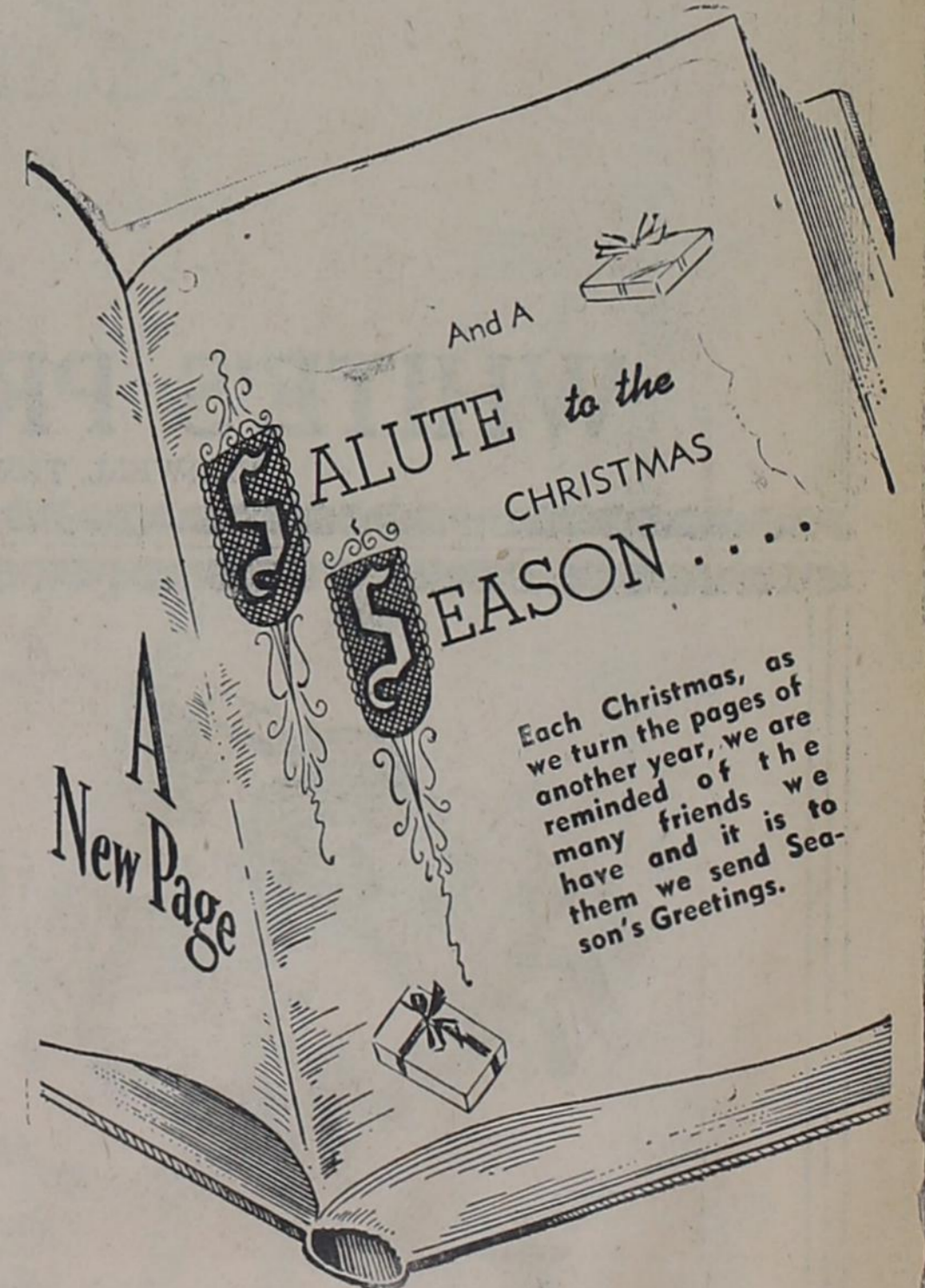
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YULETIDE

And a Prosperous New Year

Ralph Humble YOUR M-M DEALER

Farwell, Texas



Billington's Barber and Beauty Shop

FARWELL, TEXAS

**Sheng Dan Jieh—
A Holy Festival**

The celebration of Christmas is gradually becoming widespread in China as more and more families are converted to Christianity.

Sheng Dan Jieh—literally, Holy Birth Festival—is the Chinese name for Christmas. Private homes are decorated with large white posters inscribed with Chinese characters meaning Peace, Good Will, etc. The Christmas tree is also popular: symbolically called the Tree of Light, it is usually made of papier mache and, trimmed with paper flowers and ornaments, it is not artificially lighted.

Gifts are exchanged within family circles and there are "surprises" for the children: American lead pencils, picture books and even cast-off Christmas cards are exceedingly popular.

Early mass on Christmas morning is the focal point of the religious observances. Lantern-lit processions enter dark churches before dawn and, after mass, wend their way home singing Chinese translations adapted to the original melodies of "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," "Silent Night," and other traditional Christmas carols.

Tribune job printing is best.

**Gregorian Calendar
Was Slow in Adoption**

Great Britain and her colonies adopted the Gregorian calendar in 1752; the Julian calendar having become 11 days slow by that time, parliament ordered that the day following September 3, 1752, would be September 14, and that the legal year should begin on January 1.

The Gregorian calendar is, in effect, a revision edition of the old Roman calendar. The ancient Roman year began with the month of March and ended with December, the 10th month. January and February were added in the course of time and the celebration of New Year's on January 1 began in 452 B. C.

Continental Europe had universally adopted the Gregorian calendar by 1700 but Great Britain, frowning upon anything originating in Rome as Popish, continued the use of the old calendar—with its legal year beginning on March 25—until the confusion arising from using a different calendar than the one used by continental Europe prompted the adoption of the Gregorian calendar in 1752.

Tennis tournaments at Wimbledon, England, date back to 1877.

Letter To Santa

"I wrote a note to Santa Claus I thought it would be fun. I said I'd like a lot of things Especially a gun. But Father shook his head and said That wise old Santa knew I'd shoot myself or someone else. And that would never do. So then I wrote and asked him for A sleigh with jingle bells, An auto, and a train of cars, And a pound of caramels. But sister May she cried Oh, don't ask for all those noisy toys And Santa knows that candy Ain't good for little boys. So then I wrote and asked him for A music box to play And a watch just like my father's To tell the time of day. But brother Tom he laughed and said Your brain must be askew. Old Santa never brings such things To little kids like you. At first I felt discouraged But now I'm not because My mother says that no one knows The mind of Santa Claus. She says it's safe to let him bring Whatever he thinks best, And mother has, I truly think, More sense than all the rest."

LEGAL NOTICES

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO Joseph C. Winn and wife, Flora S. Winn, Cora H. Eldridge, Raymond McElroy and wife, Juanita McElroy, and their unknown heirs, assigns and legal representatives, Defendants, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable District Court of Parmer County at the Court House thereof, in Farwell, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 20th day of January A. D. 1947, then and there to answer Plaintiff's Petition filed in said Court, on the 7th day of December A. D. 1946, in this cause, numbered 1384 on the docket of said court and styled Willis M. Parker, Plaintiff, vs. Joseph C. Winn, et al, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff brings suit in trespass to try title to recover title and possession of

All of Block Nine (9), of the McMillen and Fergus Addition to the Original town of Friona Parmer County, Texas, alleging that on December 1, 1946 he was in possession of said land and thereafter the defendants and

all of them unlawfully entered upon said premises and withhold from him the possession thereof to his damage in the sum of \$1.00 and pleading in the alternative, plaintiff pleads that he has fee simple title to said land by reason of the ten year statute of limitation and he prays for title and possession of said land, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs, if this citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance it shall be returned unserved.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Farwell, Texas, this the 7th day of December A. D. 1946.

Attest:
D. K. ROBERTS, Clerk,
District Court, Parmer County, Texas.
By: Dorothy Lovelace, Deputy.
(SEAL) 5-4tc

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION
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TO The Unknown stock holders of the Oklahoma State Bank, Frederick, Oklahoma, and their unknown heirs, assigns and legal representatives whose names and residences are unknown, and the unknown heirs, assigns and legal representatives of M. Alexander and Rosa Lee Alexander, deceased, whose names and residences are unknown, Defendants, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable District Court of Parmer County at the Court House thereof, in Farwell, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, same being the 20th day of January, A. D. 1947, then and there to answer Plaintiff's Petition filed in said Court, on the 7th day of December A. D. 1946, in this cause, numbered 1385 on the docket of said court and styled Kenneth Grissom, Plaintiff, vs. The Unknown Stockholders of The Oklahoma State Bank, of Frederick, Oklahoma, et al, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff brings suit in trespass to try title to recover title and possession of 1/2 of Section Fourteen (14) Township Ten (10) South, Range Two (2) East, in Parmer County, Texas, containing 320 acres of land, alleging that on November 1, 1946, he was in possession of said land and thereafter the defendants and all of them unlawfully entered upon said premises and withhold from him the possession thereof to his damage in the sum of \$10.00 and pleading in the alternative, plaintiff pleads that he has fee simple title to said land by reason of the ten year statute of limitations, and he prays for title and possession of

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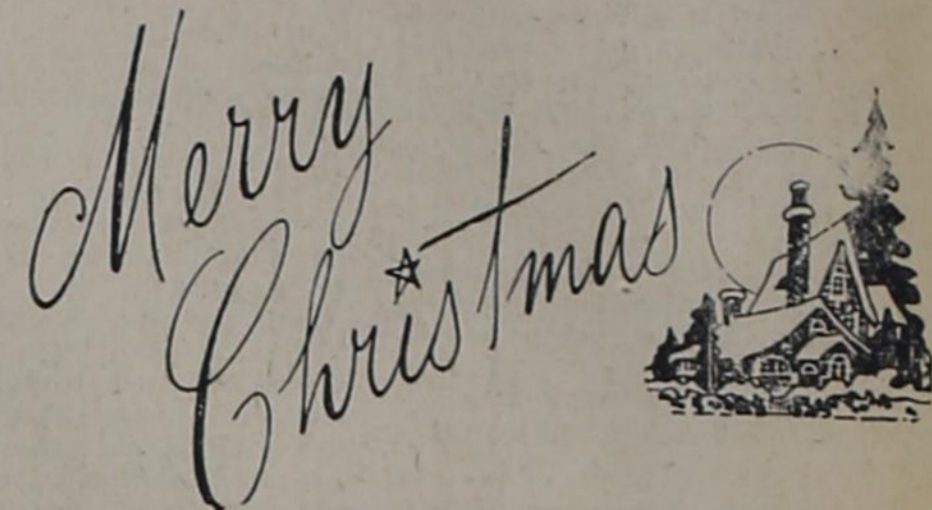
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GUARANTY ABSTRACT & TITLE CO.
ROY E. COOK, Mgr.
Farwell, Texas

THIS Holiday SEASON

This Holiday season—may it be filled with high hopes and a spirit of confidence. The future looks brighter.

Justice, freedom and unity prevail and from this will come a happier world. We are grateful.

We extend heartfelt greetings and good wishes to all our friends in this area. And, come what may, we renew our pledge to continue to serve you to the best of our ability in the months to come.

Best wishes to you and yours.

Bovina Implement Co.

BOVINA, TEXAS

**This Completes
Our Christmas**



WE DO NOT CONSIDER OUR CHRISTMAS COMPLETE UNTIL WE HAVE EXPRESSED OUR SEASON'S GREETINGS TO THOSE WITH WHOM WE HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED IN THE PAST YEARS. IT GIVES US A GREAT DEAL OF PLEASURE TO EXTEND THESE GOOD WISHES BECAUSE WE KNOW THE VALUE OF FRIENDS LIKE YOU.

HUGHES LAUNDRY
MR. AND MRS. JIM HUGHES

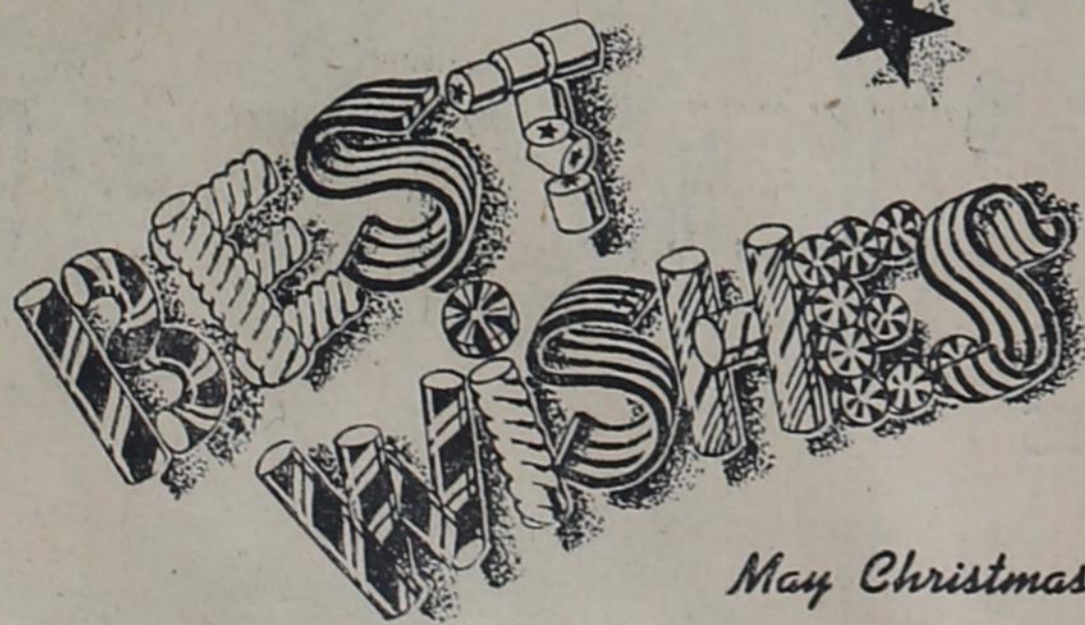
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FOR CHRISTMAS
AND THE NEW YEAR

WHITE'S PRODUCE

FARWELL, TEXAS



May Christmas be Long
and a Merry One --- A
Season You will Always
Remember.

Spurlin 66 Station

Farwell, Texas

**WE'RE THANKFUL
AT CHRISTMAS**

As we look about at this glad season of the year, we find many things for which to be thankful.

First, we are glad that we are Americans, free to enjoy life, and live in a land where freedom is the heritage of everyone. We are grateful for this privilege.

Thankful are we that have friends whose associations we treasure immeasurably. It is comforting to know these are lasting friendships, cemented by the experiences we have had together, in times that are good and in times when it is difficult to express one's feelings in order that we might share the disappointments and sorrows of our friends.

It is gratifying to be a part of this community, to participate in its progress and to watch its forward development.

We are thankful for the patronage you have given us, ever mindful of your consideration and your understanding of our efforts to serve you, even though conditions sometimes make it difficult for us to maintain the high standard that has always been our policy.

We are glad it's Christmas and trust yours will be one of happiness and rejoicing.



HOUSTON BROS, Inc.

MR. and MRS. E. M. ROOP, Managers
Bill Johnson, Yard Man

Texico, N. M.

A MERRY YULE



OUR VERY BEST
WISHES FOR A
HAPPY SEASON

Triplet-Pringle Co.

Bovina, Texas

Children's Day New Year's in Bulgaria

Bulgarian children receive small gifts on Christmas Day from Grandpa Koleda—an ancient winter god—but New Year's Day is really the children's holiday.



Dressed in their newest and best clothes, the youngsters bear gifts to their elders: they receive presents and small sums of money in return. In rural communities the older children visit neighbors: switching the householder with cornel rods, they wish him a happy and prosperous New Year. The word "surva" is repeated frequently—the visitors expecting to be served with goodies—but if the supply is exhausted, the situation is accepted with characteristic good humor. The holiday season climaxes on Epiphany. The orthodox priest leads a procession to the river and, commemorating Christ's baptism, tosses a cross into the water: sometimes the ice has to be broken, but youths dive for the cross unhesitatingly—the retriever supposedly receiving a special blessing.

Answers

1. Dr. Clement C. Moore.
2. Dicken's "A Christmas Carol."
3. In Indian ocean, southwest of Java.
4. Irving Berlin.
5. Sweden.
6. Wassail bowl.
7. A cold Easter.
8. The Aztec Indian god, half bird, half snake, who took the place of Santa Claus in Mexico in 1930.
9. Christmas cactus.
10. "Silent Night."
11. Mass of Christ.
12. The remains were stolen in 1087 by merchants and re-interred at Bari.

If . . .

Children of Provence, France, reverently recite the following prayer before the Christmas cribs in that vicinity:

Little Jesus of the Crib—
Give us the virtues of those who surround you.
Make us as philosophical as the fisherman,
Carefree as the drummer,
Merry for exploring the world as the troubadour,
Eager for work as the bugler,
Patient as the spinner,
Kind as the ass,
Strong as the ox which keeps you warm.

Give us the sacred leisure of the hunter.
Give us also the desire of the Shepherd for earthly things,
The pride of the trade of the knife grinder and the weaver,
The song of the miller.
Give us the knowledge of the Magi,

The cheerfulness of the pigeon,
The impulsiveness of the cock,
The discretion of the snail,
The meekness of the lamb.
Give us the goodness of bread,
The tenderness of the wild boar,
The salt of the haddock,
The good humor of old wine,
The ardor of the candle,
The purity of a star.

Propriety of a few of the metaphors may be disputed, nevertheless, nostalgia prompts speculation regarding a world of humanity endowed with the virtues so earnestly and innocently enumerated by the little ones.



WELCOME to you, New Year, enter newborn king—
Can you tell us something of the tidings that you bring?
Do you carry happiness,
Enough to last the year?
Do you sing a song of joy
To cast out doubt and fear
Perhaps a balm for heartaches
You bring along with you;
Perhaps a key to friendships
To buoy us all year through.
We bid you welcome, New Year—our dreams we trust with you,
Forgetting ills of all the past, we start the book anew.



Smash the Pinata South of Border

Smashing the Pinata is a red-letter feature of Mexican Christmas festivities.

An earthen jar is filled with nuts, candies and small gifts. Elaborately disguised and decorated with tissue paper, etc., it often represents a doll's face or an entire figure—perhaps a bull fighter.

Children of the household, blindfolded and armed with a club, are each given three chances to break the Pinata. Inasmuch as the basic earthen jar has been selected because of its fragility, it shatters easily, releasing a shower of goodies and trinkets and causing everyone in the party to scramble for a share.

Dial 2131 for expert job printing

New Vets Hospitals Approved, Truman

A 200-bed general medical and surgical hospital at Marlin, Texas, was among 13 new VA hospitals approved last week by President Truman.

This week the total of new VA hospitals planned for the Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi area to 10. Additions to existing installations also are planned.

New hospitals previously announced will be erected at New Orleans and Shreveport, La.; Big Spring, Bonham, Dallas, El Paso and Houston, Tex. and Tupelo, Miss. Another hospital will be built in Mississippi at a site to be selected later.

A MERRY American CHRISTMAS

We wish you a most
merry and happy
Christmas and may
the New Year bring
you Peace, Joy and
Prosperity



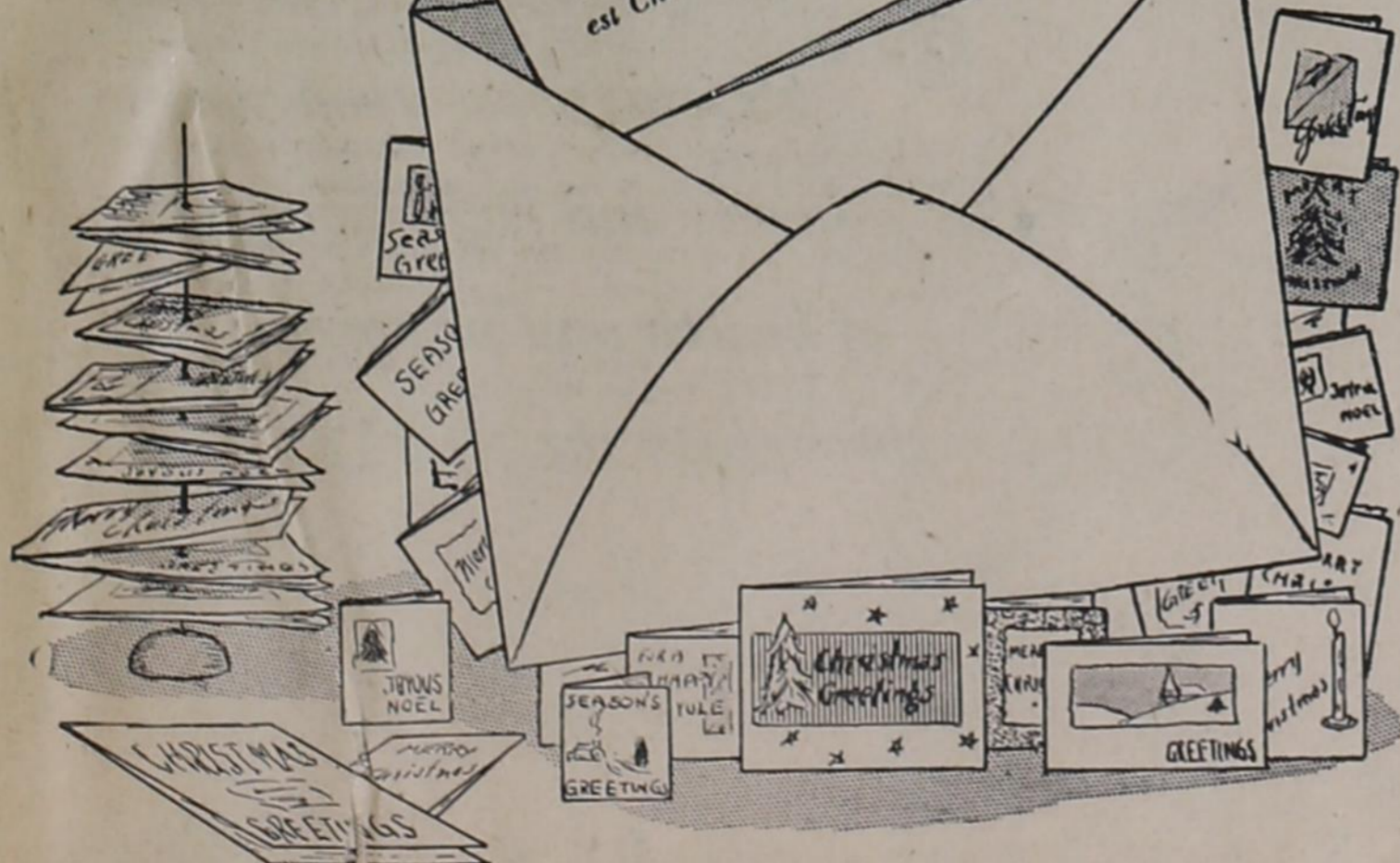
Western Stores
WESTERN AUTO SUPPLY CO.

We Hope You Receive Lots of Greetings

MAY WE INCLUDE OURS?

MERRY CHRISTMAS

To all of you who have so graciously favored us in the past, we extend sincere good wishes for the holidays. Your kindness and friendship is truly appreciated and we wish for you the Merriest Christmas ever.



FOOD SMITH'S MKT.

BOVINA, TEXAS

At no other time during the year do any of us derive the pleasure, satisfaction and contentment we receive from the joys of Christmas. The pleasant associations of friends and loved ones, the spirit of good feeling and love for our fellowman are in evidence everywhere and from these associations comes a stronger confidence in those around us.

Christmas is important! It is the season of sincere good will, the spirit which should go with us the three hundred and sixty-four other days of the year.

Let us each pledge ourselves toward this goal.



Season's GREETINGS

Capitol Freehold Land Trust

FARWELL, TEXAS

Bonchevalier and Tree of Humanity

The tale of Bonchevalier and the tree of humanity, told with minor variations throughout France and Germany, is one of the most charming of all the Christmas tree legends.

Bonchevalier was traveling through a dense forest once upon a Christmas Eve. In the distance one tall evergreen stood apart from all the others; it seemed aglow with lights and, from afar, a star appeared to rest among its topmost branches.

As he drew nearer, Bonchevalier saw that the tree was covered with candles — some standing upright and others inverted. The star at the top seemed to be the vision of a child whose beautiful head was surrounded by a pale amber halo.

Word spread through the village that Bonchevalier had seen a vision,

dreamed a dream, or perhaps experienced a phenomenon. The knight himself admitted that the whole thing seemed incredible; if it was a vision, he could not interpret it; but he was absolutely certain he had seen it and his story was always the same.

Learned citizens of the community questioned him and shook their heads—so did everyone else, except his mother.

The tree of humanity had been revealed to her son, she said proudly, and all the world would be blessed by his vision.

Indeed, Bonchevalier's vision symbolized the tree of humanity; the candles represented persons, the good ones standing upright; the bad ones inverted; and the child at the top was the Infant Jesus who watches over all the world of humanity.



Christmas Day

On Christmas Day we repeat the old familiar greeting that, each year, in some mystic way rings fresh and true—"Merry Christmas." Like such words as "hello" and "good-by," there really isn't anything else to say that pulls at our heartstrings as do these old dear words. And so again we say:

Merry Christmas—to the little ones who skip downstairs in the gray dawn to explore their stockings and the wondrous tree and to look at Christmas with the special radiance of youth . . . who lend to the rest of us little glimmers of the real Christmas glamour.

Merry Christmas—to father who'll strain a point any day to give us all the things we want . . . who probably works much too hard and yet keeps younger and more alert because of the responsibility of a family and the competition of business . . . who makes the gesture of tut-tutting all the fuss and feathers yet beams with affection and excitement.

Merry Christmas—to mother who really calls the tune for the holidays and does the planning and pulling together . . . who flutters and bustles radiantly for weeks ahead and undoubtedly has the best and busiest time of all.

Merry Christmas—to the butcher, the baker, the candlestick-maker, not to mention all those who sold us shoes and ships and sealing wax . . . for what would Christmas be without them? For through them we've all been able to share our own little prosperity in the most wholesome way of all—by spending it.

Merry Christmas—to dear friends far and near who've sent us greetings and gifts . . . most especially do we cherish the greetings because even more than gifts they express the true spirit of Christmas.

Merry Christmas—to the droppers-in who come with holiday cheer and friendship . . . who come to our parties or stop by to leave a glass of extra elegant jelly or an original privately invented relish.

Merry Christmas—to ourself, for that matter. But then we feel pretty sure that we'll have one for we've put so much work and excitement and loving getting-ready into it. For of course we all get out of Christmas just about what we put in.

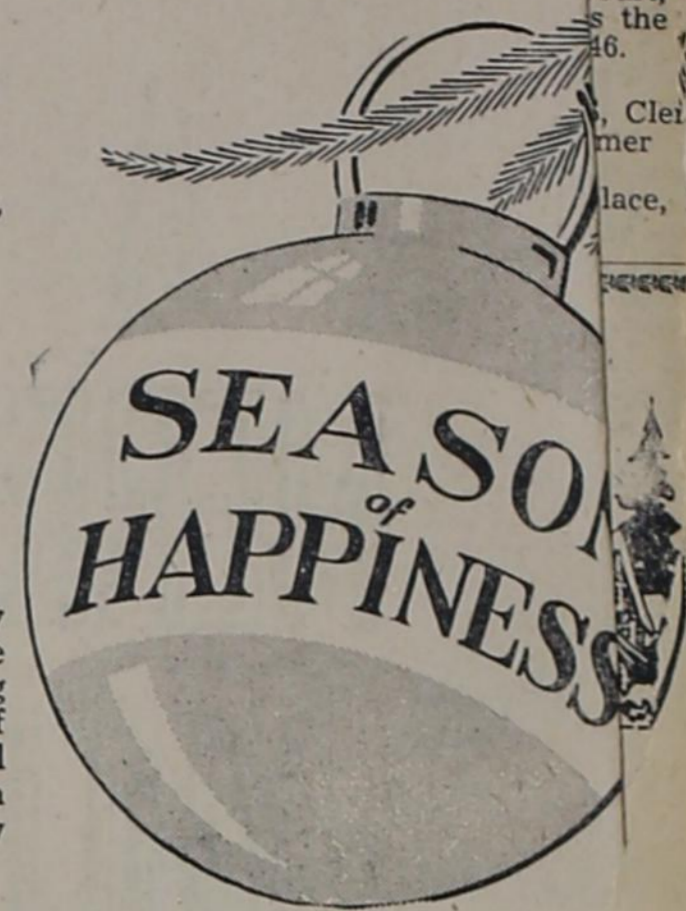


CHRISTMAS QUIZ

To test your Christmas spirit and knowledge, the following questions are given. You should answer half of them in order to pass.

1. Who wrote "The Night Before Christmas"?
2. What story contains the following: a miserly old man?
3. Where is Christmas island?
4. Who wrote "White Christmas"?
5. In what country was mistletoe first worn around the neck to prevent sickness?
6. What does the Saxon word "hael" or "be in health" mean in connection with a Christmas custom?
7. An old Christmas superstition starts "A warm Christmas means . . ." How does it end?
8. Who is Quetzalcoatl?
9. What plant, a thorny one, traditionally blooms only at Christmas time?
10. Until her death what song did Mme. Schumann-Heink always sing on Christmas Eve?
11. What is the literal meaning of "Christmas"?
12. Where are the remains of Good St. Nicholas of Myra buried?

Wishing You a



We heartily wish that the comforting thoughts of Christmas will remain with you for many years to come.

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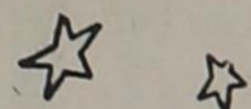
Perhaps it's the spirit of good fellowship that prevails in the hearts of everyone. Christmas is the season when each of us feels closer to friends and when we are given an opportunity to wish the best of all good things to those about us.
Merry Christmas!

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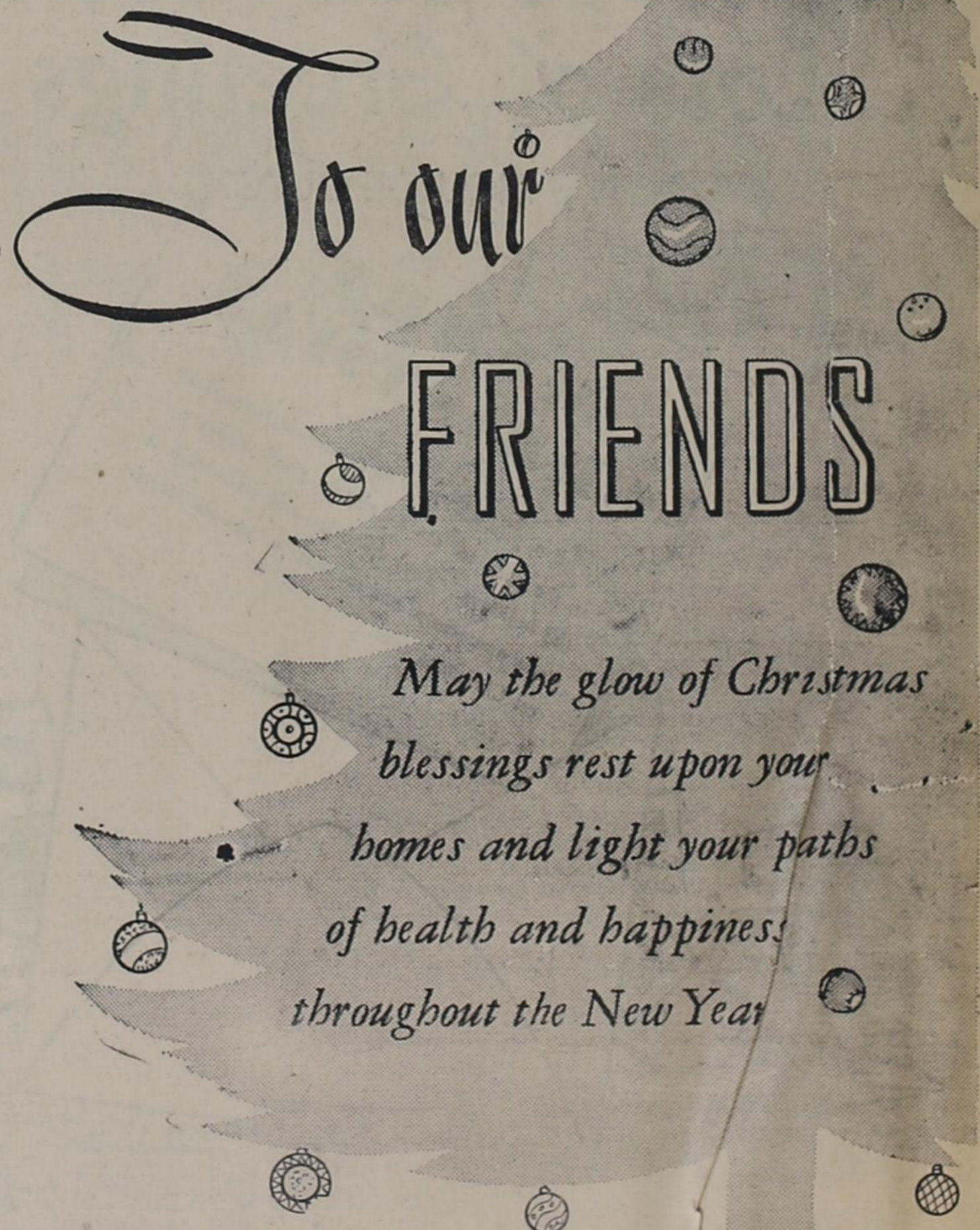
As we extend our Season's Greetings to each of you, the prospects of the coming year are bright and cheerful. For this we are immeasurably grateful. The future is distinctly encouraging and it is our ambition to have a part in this progress. To this end we pledge our untiring efforts.

In this gesture of good will we wish particularly to salute our friends and to wish them a season of good cheer and fellowship and a New Year of success and happiness.

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Local Happenings

Spurlin-McLeod Rites Are Held In Clovis

Announcement has been made locally of the marriage of Miss Anna Ruth McLeod, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. McLeod, of Clovis, to Jack Spurlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Spurlin of Farwell.

The double-ring ceremony was performed in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Worley in Clovis, on December 7th, with Rev. E. H. Robinson pastor of the First Baptist Church, reading the vows before a background of autumn flowers and glowing tapers.

The bride was beautifully dressed in a powder blue dressmaker suit, accented with white sequins and complimented with black accessories. She carried a white Bible on which lay a cluster of white gardenias, with shower ribbons of satin.

Matron of honor, Mrs. Bill Williams, was dressed in black crepe with black and gold accessories and had a corsage of pink carnations, while Miss DeJon Benson served as bridesmaid and wore a black dress trimmed in lace, with black accessories, and had a corsage identical to that worn by Mrs. Williams.

James Spurlin, brother of the groom, served as best man.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Worley home, attended by family members and close friends.

Mrs. Spurlin is a 1945 graduate of the Clovis high school, is also a graduate of Bensons' School of Commerce in Clovis, and has been enrolled at New Mexico University in Albuquerque. At the time of her marriage she was co-partner in the "Letter Shop" in Clovis.

Spurlin graduated from the Lake Providence, La., school, then spent four years in the Coast Guard as a signalman, third class. Since his discharge he has been engaged in private business. The couple have residence in Clovis.

To Dallas For Holidays

Rev. Virgil Hunton, pastor of the local Baptist Church, accompanied by his family, will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in Dallas. Rev. Leonard Lane will speak at the morning hour on Dec. 29th, and the evening services will be given over to a special student program, honoring all college students who are home for the holidays.

Yuletide Social Held Tuesday Afternoon

The Wesley Bible Class enjoyed a Christmas social, Tuesday afternoon, meeting in the home of Mrs. A. D. Smith. The house was beautifully decorated with Christmas greens and candles. Mrs. O. B. Pipkin acted as co-hostess with Mrs. Smith.

Mrs. Roy B. Ezell had charge of the program, which featured seasonal readings and Christmas carols.

Following the social hour, Mrs. Pipkin presided at the punch table. Clever open-faced sandwiches in the shape of Christmas trees, bells, and Santas, were served with punch and Christmas candy.

Members attending were Mmes. Roy B. Ezell, B. E. Nobles, G. W. Atchley, Lena Yoder, Anne Overstreet, F. J. Park, S. C. Hunter, Ruby Dixon, Grace Sanders, B. N. Graham, Jess Newton, A. Milstead and the hostesses. Guests included Mmes. Gabe Anderson, W. H. Graham, Harvey Carrell, Harold Dixon and Effie Johnson.

Young People Enjoy Social, Wednesday

Members of the Gleaners class of the Methodist Church enjoyed a social, last Wednesday evening, in the home of Sonny Graham in Farwell. Plans had been made to hold a bowling party, but inclement weather cancelled the arrangements, and the group held a number of games in the Graham home, after which they enjoyed hamburgers and pop at a local cafe.

Those in the group were Peggy and Jean Rogers, Belva Park, Mary Buth and Hazel Petree, Rosamond Booth, Norma Lee Sanders, Marcia Anne Johnson, Warlick Thomas, Toby Booth, A. C. Henneman, Ernest Lokey, David Houghtling, Robert Armstrong and Sonny Graham.

Christmas Socials To Be Held At School

Christmas parties, featuring exchanges of gifts and refreshments, will be held by Farwell students on Friday of this week, teachers at the school said today, prior to dismissal for the seasonal holidays.

The entire high school and eighth grade will combine ideas, while individual trees and socials have been arranged by the lower classes of the school.

Faculty Members Plan Yuletide Holidays

Faculty members of the two local schools are looking eagerly forward to the coming Christmas holiday, which offers a welcome breather in their busy lives. Some of the teachers plan to spend the time at home, others away, but all are expecting a very happy holiday.

Supt. and Mrs. H. A. Clift will spend their Christmas at home. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williams plan to be in Oklahoma City the 25th, and will attend the basketball tournament there on the 26th and 28th.

S. C. Leach announced that he would be spending the holiday here. Mrs. H. B. Whitley and Mrs. L. S. Pool also will be at home for Christmas, with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morton and Mrs. Aubrey Sprawls having the same decision.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Sanders will enjoy Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Boccox, Mrs. Sanders' parents. The rest of the time they will be at home in Texico, as Sanders expects to put his basketball team through some practice. Mrs. Harry Rose and Miss Betty Rose will go to visit relatives at Alva, Oklahoma, and also in Hartner, Kansas, while Miss Wilma Louise Snider will spend the Yuletide at Hollis, Oklahoma.

Home with the family is planned by Mrs. Earl Booth, who will have the added treat of having both her son, Pete, home from Texas University at Austin, and daughter, Joan, home from Texas Tech.

Supt. and Mrs. B. A. Rogers will be at home Christmas, with plans to visit relatives in Clovis. Their son, Lt. Comdr. Alan Rogers and his wife, are here with them. Tom Hudson reports he is staying home, and Mrs. J. E. Neill will also be at home in Clovis.

Mrs. Jimmie Allman is going to visit Mrs. Joseph DeWitt of Fort Worth, and A. C. Brown of Dallas. Mrs. Bruce will be in Lubbock with her family, and Miss Mable Davis is going to Colorado City with her grandmother, Mrs. F. M. Ccle.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Seale and Warren G. Harding will be in Lubbock to enjoy the seasonal dinner with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Sheriff, parents of Mrs. Seale.

Miss Ann Nabors will leave immediately following dismissal of school Friday, for Abernathy, to enjoy the holidays with her parents.

Piano Recital Given Sunday Afternoon

Students of Florence Millwee Vinyard were presented in piano recital Sunday afternoon, at the local Methodist Church, with a number of visitors enjoying the program.

Pianists included Patsy Cox, Pat Aldridge, Patsy Cummins, Peggy Hardage, Merlyene Morris, Agnes Meissner, Anita Fern Brown, Batty Lewis, Claude Rose, Jr., Nancy Jean Clift, Norman Wilson, Bobby King, Ann Whitley, Darlene Kay Sprawls, Mary Belle Aldridge, Phyllis Mendoza, Peggy Cummins and LaMoin Jones. Readings were given by Gloria Jean Sanders, Claude Rose, Jr., and Nancy Jean Clift and Rosamond Booth played a violin solo.

Former Residents Have 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Taylor, long-time residents of Texico, who now live in Roseville, California, were honored with a surprise dinner, December 6th, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Woltmon of Roseville, celebrating the Taylor's 50th wedding anniversary.

A beautiful cake centered the service table, flanked by 50 glowing tapers. The cake was a gift from the Taylor's three sons and five daughters.

Some 36 guests enjoyed a turkey dinner and social.

Dinner Given For ENMC Students

PORTALES—To honor students in the secretarial science department of Eastern New Mexico College who made a "B" average during the past six weeks, a dinner was given Pi Epsilon honor society recently at the home of Miss Luella Madden, faculty adviser.

Following the dinner, Virginia Waldrop of Roswell, Dorothy Northam of Portales, and Dr. Eunice C. Roberts, director of personnel, spoke briefly on phases of Pi Epsilon. LaNell Bedford of Ranchvale, was in charge of the program.

Honored guests included Jimmie Alford of Causey, Beryl Brown of Texico, Martha Brown, Helen Christian, Ruth Mauldin, all of Portales; Grace Melendez, Roswell; Vera Mae Smith, Lake Arthur; Dorothy Stanfield, Grady; and Jean Woodburn, Portales.

Patronesses present were Miss Becky Sharp, Mrs. Agrie Jones, and Mr. Fred Hinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dixon, of Albuquerque, spent last weekend here as guest of his mother, Mrs. Ruby Dixon. The younger Mrs. Dixon will remain here, through Christmas, being joined during the holidays by her husband.

Candlelight Ceremony Held December 14th

Miss Velma Schueler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schueler of Rhea, became the bride of Carl Schlenker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Schlenker, also of Rhea, in an impressive candlelight service, held at 6 o'clock Saturday evening, Dec. 14th. Rev. E. W. Lichtsinn, of Rhea Immanuel Lutheran Church, officiated.

The church was beautifully decorated with baskets of pink and white snap dragons and white chrysanthemums. The ushers, Walter and Raymond Schueler, lit the candles and laid the white carpet.

The bridal party entered to the strains of Lohengrin's Wedding March. The bride, beautiful in a white lace over satin gown, complete with a finger-tip veil, was given in marriage by her father. She carried a white Bible tapped with a lavender orchid.

Miss Dorothy Scheuler, maid of honor, wore a yellow net gown and carried a bouquet of blue-tinged chrysanthemums. Miss Elenor Schueler, bridesmaid, was dressed in blue net and carried a bouquet of yellow chrysanthemums.

The groom was attended by Melvin Sachs, as best man, and the bride's brother, Gilbert Schueler.

Mothers of the bride and groom, and the groom's grandmother, Mrs. Charles Schlenker, were presented with corsages of pink carnations.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, where a beautiful three-tiered wedding cake, topped with miniature bride and groom figurines, was cut in the traditional fashion. Mrs. Elmo Dean, sister of the groom, and Miss Frieda Gallmeier, aunt of the bride, presided at the table.

Those present included Mrs. Chas. Schlenker, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Schlenker, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schueler and family, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Reeve, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Hoffman and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Guyer, Rev. Lichtsinn, Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Dean and family, Melvin Sachs, the bride and groom and the host and hostess.

After the reception, the couple left for a honeymoon trip through Indiana and California. For her traveling cosume the bride wore a blue suit with black accessories. On their return, they will make their home in the Rhea community, on the

groom's farm.

Mrs. Schlenker graduated from Friona high school and for the past two years has been employed at the Friona State Bank. A graduate of the Friona school, also, Schlenker later graduated from Compton Junior College, in California. He was in uniform for two years, serving with the 35th Infantry, the famed Santa Fe Division.

Girl Scouts Plan Christmas Parties

Farwell Girl Scouts are planning Christmas parties to be held this week, with gift exchanges. The Brownies had their social on Tuesday, and Troop I, Intermediates, will meet Wednesday afternoon in the home of their leader, Mrs. Frank Seale. Troop II will gather with their leader, Mrs. John Aldridge, at the same time, and Mrs. Roy Cook, co-leader, will be in charge of the games.

After the exchange of gifts the girls will sing carols. A committee of Scout mothers will be in charge of refreshments, and the meetings will close with the goodnight circle.

The next meeting will be January 1. It was announced that the Scouts still have a few boxes of Christmas cards, and prospective buyers are asked to contact the girls. All money, or unsold boxes of cards, are to be turned in this week.

Officers Are Elected For M. E. WSCS

At a recent meeting of the WSCS of the Methodist Church, officers for the coming year were elected, with all officers being re-elected.

They include Mrs. B. N. Graham, president; Mrs. O. B. Pipkin, vice president; Mrs. Roy B. Ezell, recording secretary; Mrs. Anne Overstreet, corresponding secretary; Mrs. W. H. Graham, treasurer; Mrs. A. D. Smith, mission study superintendent; Mrs. G. W. Atchley, literature superintendent; Mrs. Ralph Humble, supply superintendent; and Mrs. Roy Thornton, social service.

Christmas Recital

Mrs. Dave Porter will present her piano and voice students in a Christmas recital, December 19th, with the program to be given at the First Baptist Church in Lazbuddy.

The public is cordially invited to attend this Christmas musical treat, which will begin at 8 o'clock.

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Leaves For Dallas

Mrs. M. C. Roberts will depart today for Dallas, where she will remain until after the holidays with relatives. Her son, Wm. R. Roberts, who is in school in Chicago, will join her at Dallas for the Yuletide vacation period.

Here For Christmas

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Edwards and son, Dennis Dean, of Belen, N. M., are here to spend the Christmas holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ebb Randol. Mrs. Edwards is the former Wessie Randol.

Rev. and Mrs. Virgil Hunton, Mrs. S. G. Billington and Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Ford went to House, N. M., Wednesday, where they attended an all-day gathering of the Plains Baptist Association.

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Of course, the old standbys, such as fruits, nuts, candy, fruit cake ingredients, celery, lettuce, etc., will be found here in abundance. And we might add that we have plenty of sugar—both granulated and powdered—but we have all the counterfeit stamps we can use for the present.

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Bovina Happenings

Delton Greyson of Clovis was in Bovina Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. McKinney are the proud parents of a baby boy born Dec. 13th.

Hubert Ellison and Sam Sides attended the Odessa, Wichita football game this weekend.

Ike Quickel and Bill Eberling attended the C. C. A. meeting at Levelland Friday evening, then attended a banquet given for the group at the Hilton Hotel at Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Lovis Pesch and the Elman Starks visited in Amarillo Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Stark spent Tuesday night in Amarillo and came back by Canyon and visited Mr. and Mrs. Williford Quickel.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hromas went to Wichita Falls Sunday morning, to stay a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Charles have a new son named Billy Jr.

Sharon Kay Whitstone of Amarillo spent Tuesday night with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lovis Pesch.

Mr. Steelman was taken by ambulance to a Lubbock Hospital Saturday evening. He is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Elma Scott visited Elma's mother the past week.

J. W. Ashcraft spent this weekend in Bovina.

Lt. and Mrs. George Robert Caldwell visited his mother over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Ike Quickel had as their dinner guests Sunday; Mrs. Lovis Pesch, Mr. and Mrs. Elman Stark and son, Mike, and Mr. and Mrs. A. G. White.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Englant and children of Calif. have come to spend the holidays with his parents, the Ezra Englants.

Rev. and Mrs. Howard of Borger were in Bovina Saturday. They came for the dinner and Bazaar that was held by the Pentecostal Ladies Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Lloyd and family spent the week end in Childress, Tex., with his brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Thompson and family spent the week end at Mr.

and Mrs. Thurman Chandlers' home in Rosedale.

Mrs. Frank Smith Is Music Club Hostess

The little members of the music club, grade school members of Mrs. Caldwell's music class; met at the home of Mrs. Frank Smith, Friday afternoon, for an afternoon of fun, music and an exchange of gifts for their Christmas.

Those winning in the contest for memory work were Dona Smith and Neta Bell Estes. Refreshments of hot chocolate and cookies were served to; Coralyn Wilson, Neta Bell and Verna Marie Estes, Leon and Denny Ware, Kathryn and Sandra Jefferson, Billy Ward, Charles Denny Williams, Lillie Ann Ellison, Margie Ann Leake, Cletus Huff, Patricia Sue Cherry, Dona Smith, David Evepelt, and Neid Smith.

Sunday School Classes Enjoy Christmas Party

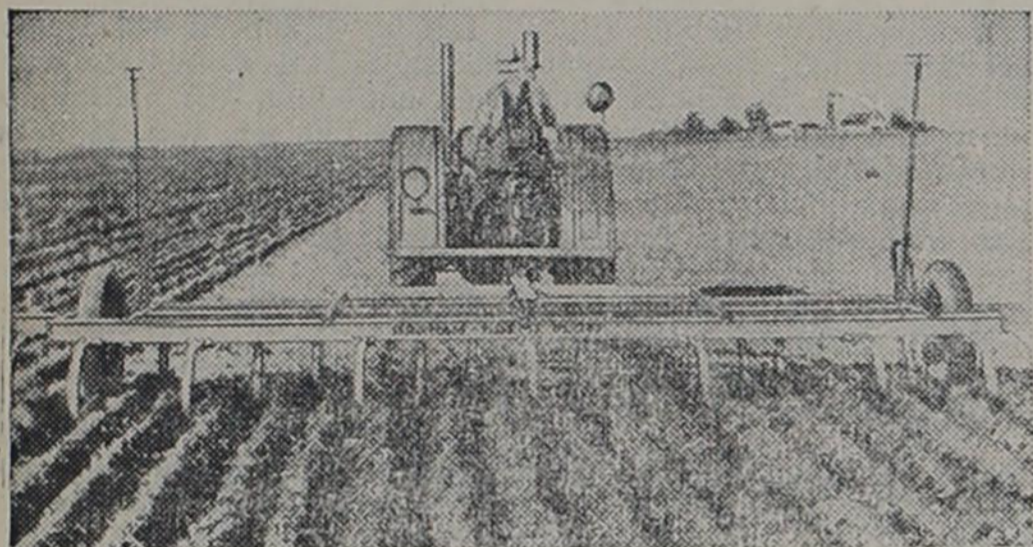
Mr. Charles Ross, Mrs. Derrick, Mrs. Ware, Mrs. Hammonds and Mrs. Earl Richards were Hostess to their Sunday School classes at a Christmas party held at the Methodist Church Saturday afternoon. The Christmas tree was a thing of beauty, loaded with all the lovely gifts for the Children. Refreshments of cookies, fruit and candy were served to a large number.

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Mrs. Berggren Hostess To Sewing Club

The "Sew and Chatter Club" met with Mrs. Jack Berggren Thursday, Dec. 12. The afternoon was spent sewing and planning a Xmas party, which will be Tuesday night, Dec. 17 in the American Legion Hall. Refreshments were served to: Mrs. Buck Elson, Mrs. Paul Jones, Mrs. Byron Turner, Mrs. Joe Wilson, Mrs. Jess Walling, Mrs. Bill Eberling, Mrs. Robert Calaway, and Mrs. Morris Means. They decided to have their next meeting the first Thursday in Jan., at the home of Mrs. Robert Calaway.

They drew names for the Xmas party.

Miss Betty Moorman and Mrs. Byron Turner is spending the weekend in Roswell, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Rhodes.

Young People's Training Union Enjoys Party

Mr. and Mrs. Davis King were Hostesses to a lovely party given in their home Saturday night. Various games were played, refreshments were served.

The house decorations carried out the Christmas motif. Those attending were; Clarence Shanks, Mildred Wines, Blanch Wines, Lera Dell Cherry, Bobby Edwards, Beth Hardy, Mrs. Moody, Louise Moody, Weldon Moody, Jimmy Charles, Gene Hawkins, Tommie Bonds, Donalita Hastings, Charles Hawkins, Charlene King and Rev. Porter Giles.

Bovina Boys Will Be Home For Christmas

Two young men from Bovina are

expected home at the beginning of the Christmas furlough at New Mexico Military Institute, Roswell, New Mexico. The cadets who will arrive about December 19 are; Ted E. Brock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Brock, and John M. McFarland, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. McFarland.

Enrollment at New Mexico Institute is limited to 595 cadets. Of this number, one hundred fifty-five are from Texas. Thirty-four states and foreign countries are represented in the geographic distribution of cadets at New Mexico Military Institute.

"The Face of Christ". John Erskine has written a stirring article on the shape of expression of the Savior's countenance. Beautifully illustrated in four colors, his story appears in the American Weekly, the magazine distributed with next Sunday's Los Angeles Examiner.

Fall-Farrowed Pig Supply Is Short

COLLEGE STATION.—Supply of fall-farrowed pigs in Texas will be very short this year, according to a survey made by E. M. Regenbrecht, swine husbandman of the Texas A. and M. College Extension Service.

The survey was conducted among county agricultural agents and swine breeders in the state to determine the number of pure-bred pigs that are available for distribution as future breeding stock.

Reports indicate, says Regenbrecht, that very large numbers of fall farrowed pure-bred pigs at weaning time were sold to farmers for feeding purposes at very attractive prices. Apparently, the recent removal of ceiling prices on fat hogs, with the sudden price increase, has caused farmers who have a feed supply on hand to think in terms of feeding it to hogs, Regenbrecht explains.

Prices for fat hogs have climbed as high as 25 cents per pound. This sudden change in prices for market

hogs has developed a strong demand for feeder pigs.

Demand for good pure-bred breeding stock is very strong at present and the supply is scarce, the swine husbandman points out. Breeders who have a supply of breeding stock on hand are inclined to want to keep the animals for breeding purposes on their own farms, thereby expanding operations. Quality of fall farrowed pig crop is one of the best Texas has ever produced, Regenbrecht says.

Questions, Answers For Dischargees

- Q. If a disabled veteran completed his on-the-job training and is unemployed, can he draw unemployment compensation?
- A. Yes. Under the GI Bill, he may be entitled to readjustment allowance up to a maximum of 52 weeks provided he is able to, and available for, work at the time. Any prior periods used for such purpose would be deducted from his maximum eligibility.
- Q. May the wife or child of a vet be granted hospital or domiciliary care by VA?
- A. No. Admission to a VA hospital or home is based on the services of a person in the armed forces and may be granted only to those who served.
- Q. Is VA issuing prosthetic service cards to amputee veterans?
- A. Yes. Vets wearing artificial limbs, who are entitled to repairs at government expense, may obtain such a card. This enables the vet to obtain immediate repair service up to a limit of \$35 without prior approval from VA.
- Q. Is it possible for a disabled vet taking vocational training under the GI Bill to make a small loan from

the government?

A. Yes but loans cannot exceed \$100 and are made only to vets approved for vocational rehabilitation when the need is shown.

Q. Am I entitled to an increase in compensation if my service-connected disability has increased since compensation was allowed?

A. Probably. The rate of increase of compensation depends upon the increase in disability as shown by proper examination by a VA physician and evaluation under the rating schedule.

Additional VA Tuition For Disabled Vets

Schools and colleges that must provide additional facilities to train disabled veterans may ask the Veterans Administration to pay more than their usual tuition charges for these veterans, VA announces.

The adjusted rate, VA said, must not total more than the school's teaching and supply costs.

New regulations providing for adjustments in tuition payments for disabled vets enrolled under the Vocational Rehabilitation Act apply only to non-profit, tax-supported institutions. VA has provided for the adjustments because it recognizes that many schools do not have a flexible income from taxes, endowments and other sources to cover additional expenses incurred during the present rush of thousands of veterans to college.

Application for adjustment in the rate must be made to the VA regional office having jurisdiction before the beginning of the semester for which adjustment is asked. VA allowed all schools to December 3 to submit requests for the present semester if the term began on or after September 1.

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The Story of The Christmas Seal

By Emily P. Bissell

"Well, Emily, see what you can do. We're down to our last dollar, and unless at least three hundred can somehow be raised, we'll have to turn out those poor sufferers to die, and to spread death before they die. You've done a lot of fund raising for good causes, and I'm sure you'll find a way this time."

At the moment, on that October afternoon in 1907, I couldn't share the assurance of my cousin, Dr. Joseph P. Wales. For three years he and a few other Wilmington physicians had kept going an open-air tuberculosis shack near the Brandywine, built on land leased from Alfred I. duPont for a dollar a year. Now it sheltered eight charity patients, tended by a nurse and a cook. Its support had been a hard job, for at that time most persons, including many medical men, still shared the long-held belief that this disease was hereditary and incurable. So why waste time and money in trying to save its victims? And why experiment with fresh-air treatment, when tight-closed rooms were common usage? Today's generation cannot be expected to appreciate the situation then existing in our own and most other countries. For centuries this so-called White Plague steadily had led all disease-killers. It was a mystery-murderer; its cause unknown until 1882 when Robert Koch, a German doctor, dis-

covered the rod-like specks of plant life—so tiny that a pinhead will accommodate hundreds of them—which lie in wait everywhere to feed on human beings, given favorable conditions. Despite proof that these invaders could be conquered, later offered by two Americans—Dr. Edward Livingston Trudeau and Dr. Lawrence F. Flick—the legend that it was hopelessly fatal still prevailed. If you had it, you were doomed. That was all!

I belonged to the minority who thought something could be done about it, and I knew the Brandywine shack was showing encouraging results. But to convince others wasn't easy, and conviction is a first step toward contributions! Where was I to seek them?

While wondering, suddenly I recalled Jacob Riis's story, in the July Outlook, of a "Christmas Stamp," originated in Denmark in 1904 by Einar Holboell, a postal clerk. It was sold in post offices, but not for postage, to raise money for a sanatorium for tuberculosis children, and it brought in many times the amount sought. At the same time it awakened in the Danish people a new and fighting attitude against an old and fearful foe. "Why should we not have a Christmas Stamp for the purpose of rousing up and educating our people on this most important matter?" asked this writer whom Theodore Roosevelt had called "America's most useful citizen."

"Why not get out one to raise money for the shack?" I asked myself. On letters and packages it would serve both as a holiday greeting and a bearer of good news to the people of Delaware, then cursed with one of the highest tuberculosis death rates in the nation. Why shouldn't our Delaware Red Cross, of which I was secretary, sponsor it?

There was not time to be lost, and several obstacles immediately appeared. My Red Cross associates liked the idea, but our fund restrictions didn't include a Christmas Stamp. The national organization permitted use of the familiar emblem, but the Postmaster General wouldn't permit sales at stamp windows. He added a prediction of failure! I wasn't going to give up, however, and finally two of my women friends promised to stand good for twenty dollars each, and Charles Story, a printer who had done much work for welfare groups in which I served as a volunteer worker, agreed to get out the 50,000 stamps I had in mind as the total order, and to "await results" for payment.

I sketched the design—a holly garland centered by a Red Cross, with "Merry Christmas" below—and an artist friend shaped it for reproduction. Mr. Story was told to use the brightest red he could find—a two-color job would be too costly—and all this being settled, I started out to "rouse up" public interest.

This called for plenty of interviews, with varying results as to success prospects. The local newspaper, and the schools, churches, women's clubs, lodges and labor unions offered cooperation, but with one voice the advertising and publicity experts tried to dissuade me from attempting such a "foolish proposition." Prettier Christmas stickers could be bought for one-tenth the cost, they said, and fund raising at a penny-piece just didn't make sense. In a way, the Pereaiah are invaluable. They spur us on! These chilling reactions didn't dent my determination, and in due course the gay little stamps, gummed and perforated, were ready. Then a group of women volunteers went to work putting them in small pay envelopes bearing this legend, also in bright red:

25 Christmas Stamps
One Penny Apiece
Issued by the Delaware Red Cross to Stamp Out the White Plague
Put this stamp, with message bright, On Every Christmas Letter;

Help the Tuberculosis Fight, And make the New Year better. These stamps do not carry any kind of mail, but

any kind of mail will carry them. At noon, on Saturday, December 7th—"Delaware Day"—Miss Lillie Ray, in a nurse's uniform, took her place at a table in the lobby of Wilmington's main post office to start this country's first sale of Christmas Stamps. Everyone stopped to look, and many bought. The day's sale came to less than \$25, and while the Monday and Tuesday records were good, I felt the stamps would have to go faster if our \$300 goal was to be reached. So, on December 11th—Koch's 64th birthday—I took a train for nearby Philadelphia, to see if the North American, that city's leading newspaper, which had pioneered in the anti-tuberculosis cause and was widely read in Delaware, would print something about what we were trying to do.

The Sunday editor was polite, but visibly shocked at the thought of coupling "Merry Christmas" with the worst of diseases. He was sorry, but he didn't want to be a party to any such hook-up. As I left his office it occurred to me to look in on another staff member, Leigh Mitchell Hodges, whose daily column, "The Optimist", had interested me. In his recent book, "The People Against Tuberculosis", he thus tells of that brief visit:

"Fate makes strange moves on the chessboard of so-called chance. Neither of these two had the least notion that their meeting might lead to anything in particular. He hadn't heard of the stamp, and she hadn't planned to tell him about it. But, as sometimes happens, a few casual words were to change a trend of human events.

"The pleasantries past, could he do anything for her? No, she'd come to ask a favor of the Sunday editor, and thought she'd see what an optimist looked like! He hoped the favor had been granted. Again, no. Might he ask what it was? Taking a sheet of the stamps from her handbag, she started to tell him. "There's no accounting for some things, but it's just as plain as this print that what he saw wasn't a piece of pinholed paper, but a sort of flaming banner to head the fight against a dread foe! Half snatching it—he'd be back in a minute!—he took the down stairs two at a time, and barged into the office of the editor-in-chief.

"Here's a way to wipe out tuberculosis!" slamming the sheet on the big desk.

"What the hell do you mean?" asked E. A. Van Valkenburg.

"Just that! Look at them—a penny apiece—within everyone's reach—think how they'll carry the news of what people can do for themselves—what a slogan, 'Stamp Out Tuberculosis'—what a!"

"But where are they from, and who's back of them?" Hearing, he picked them up and thought for a moment.

"Tell Miss Bissell the North Amer-

ican is hers for the holidays. Drop what you're doing, and give this your whole time. Take all the space you need. Ask her to send us fifty thousand by tomorrow."

"Fifty thousand!" she gasped. "Why, that's all we had printed! You don't expect to sell that many, do you?"

"A few weeks later she telephoned from Washington: 'It's hard to believe, but we've just finished counting, and we have three thousand dollars!'"

Not only was the shack saved, but we had enough to buy the site of the present Hope Farm, in whose modern buildings Delaware's continuing fight against tuberculosis now centers. For, although the current death rate from tuberculosis in the United States has fallen to little more than one-fifth of what it was in 1907, it still kills more of our people than any other communicable disease, and still ranks first among all disease-killers of Americans between 15 and 45 years of age.

The surprising success of that experiment—ten times the sum we had hoped to raise—prompted the thought that a nation-wide effort during the next holiday season might be worth while. Largely through the influence of Miss Mabel T. Boardman, then its active and later honorary secretary, the National Red Cross sponsored the 1908 stamp, which was designed by Howard Pyle.

To pave the way for this I sent out letters and news releases to 6,000 newspapers, personally advancing the cost of this publicity because I was sure the returns would far more than cover expenses. Again the North American led the parade with an initial order for 3,000,000 of the little stickers, and this first nation-wide sale brought in \$135,000. Despite such a record, there still were those who doubted the lasting power of the idea. It soon would fade out as a passing fad! But we who felt otherwise pinned much of our faith to something that happened at the opening of the first Philadelphia sale—December 16th, 1907—when a really ragged newsboy reached up a penny—he was too small to see over the counter—and said, "Gimme one. Me sister's got it!" If a street kid could get the message, surely the messenger would not fail the cause it served!

It didn't! And when, in 1910, the Red Cross asked the National Tuberculosis Association to manage the annual campaign, mounting returns marked each succeeding Seal Sale—"Stamp" was dropped from the name to avoid postage confusion. In 1919 the Association became the Seal's sole sponsor, and in the next year's design the Red Cross symbol was replaced by the double-barred adaptation of the Lorraine Cross—official international emblem of all tuberculosis organizations—now featured on each issue of this biggest little thing in the world.

I think we are justified in so ranking it, because, through the wisdom and expert guidance of the National

Tuberculosis Association, its cheery message has prompted the development of unprecedented popular interest in and support of a ceaseless war against a foe that once menaced every home in our own and many lands. More than any other one factor, it is responsible for the splendid work these many years carried on by tuberculosis associations in all of our states, and in Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the Philippines. Of each year's Seal receipts, 95 per cent remains in the state where collected. The other 5 per cent goes to the National Association, for use in medical research, and for varied aiding of state programs.

The great change the Christmas Seal has wrought in one of the widest fields of human loss and misery must be credited chiefly to the fact that it has given everyone, even to the least among us, a chance to be of real help in the defense and spread of health and happiness. To an extent never before achieved in any effort to advance human welfare, it stirred up and is maintaining a people's war. Oh, for a similar widespread will to work for a living peace!

In this year of the Fortieth Annual Seal Sale, I cannot but repeat some thoughts set down when it became evident that these tiny greetings were to become mighty savers of life and suffering and sorrow:

"I see thousands who had no hope and who have it now. I see thousands of little children, crippled and sickly, who never had a chance for health and strength before, and millions of school children who are learning to be strong and vigorous all their lives long. I see thousands of doctors and nurses, alert to help and save. I see millions of the great, generous American people, rich and poor, upon whom we can rely to carry the Seal forward year by year. I have always seen the Seal this way; in terms of people, not of money, educative and cooperative first, last and all the time. The great need of any social work is to reach enough people, and make them understand what is wanted. After that the money comes. It is comparatively easy to get five-and-ten-dollar subscriptions. But the real public, the people who can afford to give from ten cents to a dollar—how can you get into contact with them, and tell them what it is all about in some way that will enlist their interest and their help? This was always in the back of my mind, but I never found any answer until I read the article by Jacob Riis.

That "most useful citizen" and E. A. Van Valkenburg are at rest from their work for others. Mr. Hodges and I still are here. And each sheet of the 1946 Christmas Seals will carry miniature portraits of these four who had faith in this little messenger's power to make known what could be done; to prompt what has been done, and assure what yet shall be done to speed final victory.



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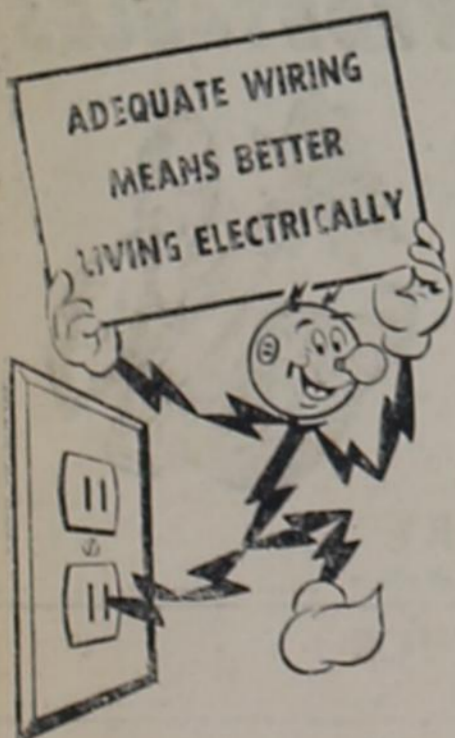
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- Start your holiday trip as soon as possible to avoid the rush during Christmas week.
- Make reservations as soon as possible.
- Be sure to tag your luggage with proper identification.
- Check all surplus luggage for handling via baggage service.

By following these friendly suggestions you will help us accommodate as many travelers as possible this holiday season, and enable us to do our best to serve you with the equipment that is available. Thanks for your cooperation.



Texico, Friona Split Games On Saturday

The Texico and Friona teams met in Texico, last Saturday evening, to offer spectators two very exciting cage games, with Texico ending the evening by winning one and losing one.

The Texico girls, playing an exceptionally fine game against the Squaws, who are expected to enter Texas state competition again this year, nearly upset the appiecart by making it anyone's game till the very last quarter, when Friona sewed it up, 24-17.

Bridges and Engram gave Texico much of their scoring power, tying for high with six points each, taking up 12 of Texico's 17 points. Mildred Taylor, of the powerful Friona girls' team, played a brand of basketball that is hard to match, and ended up as the Squaw high-scorer.

The Texico boys, however, saved the day for local fans by outplaying Friona's Chiefs, with 33-20 as the final tally. Capt. Baldock and Vought tied for high with 11 points each, both playing a fine game.

Kenneth Bridges and McDonald showed up well as reserves, and made it evident that they have what it takes for good basketball material.

Miller, of Friona, made a good showing, and ended up as the high man with 9 points.

On Friday night before the Friona game, Texico visited Rosedale, and came out with things just reversed—the local girls winning while the boys lost.

A very close and hot boys' game ended with Rosedale having a two-point majority, 27-29. The Texico team was handicapped by Rosedale's small court, on which the home team is practically unbeatable.

Jerry Paul played the best game of his cage career, scoring 8 points for high honors in the local division. Rosedale's Massey was their high man, as he tallied 7 points during the game.

The Texico girls walked off with their game, scoring 28 points to their opponent's 15.

It was Bridges again as top scoring player, with the forward racking up 22 points for the Texico girls. Capt. May, guard, and McDaniels, forward, also were a great support to the local team.

Mercury Skids After Many Balmly Days

Following a series of early December balmly days that saw the mercury climb to the low 70's during the afternoons, the coldest weather of the Winter season moved in over the Plains region late Monday afternoon, putting the skids under the mercury, which finally showed a reading of 22 early Tuesday morning.

Cold continued throughout Tuesday and Wednesday morning the reading was 23. The forecast is for cloudy weather with slightly rising temperatures for the remainder of the week.

Mrs. V Scott Johnson and daughter, Nancy, were Saturday shoppers in Amarillo.

Steers Take Three As Cage Season Advances

The Farwell Steers continued their triumphal cage march the past week by downing three opponents. Playing here on Tuesday night, the locals dropped Bovina, 25-16, then went to Adrian on Friday night to humble that squad, 29-17, and finally wound up a busy week by toppling Pleasant Hill, 48-14, on Saturday night.

Coach Jack Williams, in reporting the games this week, said that in no match was his team in serious danger of being upset, and added that the score against Pleasant Hill was a surprise, since, at the beginning of the season, Farwell had eked out a scant 6-point win over that team.

The eighth grade boys, playing Bovina here Tuesday night, went down 18-8, but on Saturday night a "B" string trampled the Pleasant Hill players, with the final score at 22-8. Coach Williams paid particular praise to Sheets, Booth, Henneman, Rose and D. Ford, who starred in the "B" game at Pleasant Hill.

The Farwell girls took their second win of the year at Adrian, Friday night, when they came out on the long end of a 23-16 score. Otherwise, their matches of the week went to their competitors, with the strong Bovinaites, led by Moorman, dumping them 42-13 on Tuesday night, and Pleasant Hill taking the big end of a 25-35 score on Friday night.

Local Man Assistant Manager of Sears

James D. Overstreet, son of Mrs. A. H. Overstreet of this city, assumed his duties as assistant manager of a new Sear, Roebuck & Company retail store at Greenville, Texas, with the opening of the new store in that city on December 4th. Overstreet became associated with Sears in 1936 at San Angelo, where he served two years, being moved from there to Lubbock. Aside from the time he served in the Army, where he attained the rank of captain, he has been connected with the Sears firm for the past 10 years. He was born and reared in Farwell and is a graduate of the Farwell high school. Afterwards he attended Southern Methodist University at Dallas, where he received his degree in business administration and finance.

Bovina Exes To Meet On December 28

The annual gathering of Bovina ex-students and teachers is slated to be held on Saturday, December 28th, at the high school auditorium in that city, it was announced today by officials.

Prior to cancellation of the banquet and social during the war, some 100 students and teachers customarily attended the affair.

Plates this year will be \$1.50, and all former exes and teachers are urged to make reservations with Mrs. V. C. Ward in Bovina, by Dec 21st. The banquet will begin at 7:30 the night of the 28th.

District Meeting Of Ag Teachers Held

With O. T. Ryan, area supervisor from Lubbock, present, a district meeting of vocational agriculture supervisors was held in Friona the past Saturday morning. Attending were Robert Morton of the Farwell school, Weldon Jones of Bovina, and J. T. Gee of Friona.

Morton, in reporting the meeting, stated that plans were made for the coming year's work. Top billing was given to a leadership contest, which will be held at the Farwell ag department in February, and a stock judging contest, which will be held in connection with the annual county livestock show.

Local Teams To Play Lazbuddy On Friday

Going out of town on Friday night for their last games before the Yuletide holidays, the Farwell boys' and girls' basketball teams will meet the Lazbuddians on that court, Coach Jack Williams said today.

Indications are now that the Farwell Steers will have an easy time in their game against the Lazbuddy boys, but the girls, on the contrary, are definitely listed as underdogs to the fast-moving Lazbuddy sextette.

Coach Williams added that the locals will not have another home game until January 7th.

SCHOOL PROPERTY SOLD

The buildings and other physical property of the Midway school district was sold at public auction Monday by Col. Dick Doshier of this city. The Midway district recently consolidated with the Lazbuddy district.

Cecil Rundell was highest bidder for the main school building, and said that he would start razing the building at once. All the property brought good prices, it was stated.

Former Pastor Here Dies At Melrose

Rev. D. B. Jackson, age 80 years, died at his home in Melrose, N. M., 40 miles west of here Tuesday morning, after a lingering illness.

Funeral services are being conducted at Melrose this (Wednesday) afternoon and burial will take place there. His wife survives him, and other survivors, if any, are unknown here.

Rev. Jackson, who had been a resident of Melrose for the past 25 years, formerly was pastor of the Texico-Farwell Baptist Church and served the local congregation during the years of 1911-12. After moving to Melrose he served as pastor of that Baptist Church for a number of years. The past few years he had been in retirement, except to conduct occasional preaching services in and about Melrose.

LEAVES FOR VIRGINIA

Mrs. C. L. Cunningham and small son left here Monday for Virginia, where she will join her husband in their future home. She is the daughter of Mrs. Chas. Bieler and has been making her home here the past six months. Cunningham is employed in the postal service in Virginia.

APPRECIATES SERVICES

The Lazbuddy school board has asked The Tribune to express its appreciation to Col. Dick Doshier for his voluntary services in serving as auctioneer at the Midway auction sale on Monday. The school board is well pleased with the results of the sale, and commends Col. Doshier to those needing the services of a good auctioneer.

Fourteen thousand University of Texas students have pre-registered for the spring semester which begins Feb. 3, 1947.

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Consumers Demand Of Vegetables Listed

COLLEGE STATION.—Consumers demand for fresh vegetables, as estimated by the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the Texas USDA Council, B. F. Vance, chairman, will call for the following acreage—stated in comparison with 1946 plantings—for various truck crops:

- Snap beans: winter and spring, same; summer, 5 percent less; fall, 20 percent less.
- Beets: Winter, same; summer, 5 percent less; fall, 20 percent less.
- Cabbage: Winter-spring, 10 percent above; summer, 5 percent below; fall, 8 percent below.
- Carrots: Winter, same; spring and summer, 5 percent below; fall, 10 percent below.
- Cauliflower: All seasons, 5 percent below.
- Onions: Early spring, 25 percent below; late spring, 10 percent below; early summer, 20 percent below; late summer, 10 percent below.
- Tomatoes: Winter, 30 percent above; early and late spring, 10 percent below; summer, same; fall, 20 percent below.
- Watermelons: Spring and summer, 20 percent below.
- Eggplant: Winter, 5 percent above; spring, 10 percent below; summer, same; fall, 15 percent below.

Cantaloups: Spring and summer, same.
English Peas: Winter and fall, same; spring, 10 percent below; summer, 15 percent below.

TAKE APTITUDE TESTS
Candidates for admission to the University of Texas Medical Branch, or to any other medical school in the fall of 1947 will take a professional aptitude test at the University January 11. Dr. H. T. Manuel, director of the Testing and Guidance Bureau, will administer the tests for the Association of American Medical College through the Graduate Record office of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

TO ASSIST IN SALE
Col. Dick Doshier, local auctioneer, will go to Tipton, Okla., on Dec. 31st, where he will assist his father in conducting a large farm sale there.

CAFE TO CLOSE
Announcement was made today that Jim's Cafe in Texico would be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.
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C'BERRY SAUCE Limit, per can.....	29c	Air Mail Peaches No. 2 1-2, syrup pack.....	29c
Bread	2-2 lb. Loaves	25c	
Sugar	5 LBS. PURE CANE	51c	

BARGAIN PRICES

WALNUTS	ALMONDS	CANDY	PECANS	COCOANUTS	
DATES 14 oz. package.....	35c	ORANGE JUICE No. 2 can.....	16c	GRAPEJUICE Pints.....	29c
RAISINS 2 lb. Celo. bag.....	57c	COCOA 1-2 lb., Hershey's.....	14c	MALTED MILK Carnation, 1 lb. jar.....	39c
POP CORN 10 oz. can.....	16c	HAMBURGER Per lb.....	29c	PORK SAUSAGE Per lb.....	54c
CHOC. SYRUP Pint jar.....	32c	OLEO Per lb.....	43c	CHILI Ho-made, per lb.....	35c
Pure Lard 4 LB. CARTON \$1.92		FOOD A FAVORITE GIFT			

FRUITS

- ORANGES Texas, lb..... **9c**
- ORANGES California sweets, lb..... **12c**
- APPLES Wash. Delicious, red, lb..... **16c**
- GRAPEFRUIT Texas, Red, lb..... **11c**

VEGETABLES

- CELERY Large stalks..... **18c**
- LETTUCE Per lb..... **14c**
- TOMATOES Extra fancy, lb..... **23c**
- CARROTS Per Bunch..... **9c**
- GREEN PEPPERS Per lb..... **25c**

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