



## Lately In Littlefield

By Bernita Ratliff — Phone 709-R

Judy Johnson of Pecos visited cousin Russell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stilwell Russell last weekend.

—LIL—  
Mrs. Robert E. Lewis of Houston and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Nelson of Chicago, Ill., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Pat Boone Jr. and family.

—LIL—  
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Walden are in Littlefield for the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Walden and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Anzelina.

—LIL—  
Leslie Bevel from Hardin-Simmons is home for the holidays. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Bevel.

—LIL—  
Joan Hill is home for the holidays from Texas Tech. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hill.

—LIL—  
Jackie Thompson of Wayland, Okla., Plainview, Mrs. V. Hugo Pearson and Janelle Jensen are visiting Saturday for Longmont, Okla. to visit Mrs. Peterson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Beck and Jackie Thompson's mother, Mrs. Lois Thompson.

—LIL—  
Mrs. Billie Wallace and sons, Paul and Paul, will spend the holidays in Commerce, visiting relatives.

—LIL—  
Nancy Burk is home for the holidays from WTSC. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Burk.

—LIL—  
Arn and Johnny Fields are

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home from WTSC for the holidays. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Virgel Fields.

—LIL—  
Max Don Barnett, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Barnett, is home for the holidays from College Station.

—LIL—  
Bill Fore and Shirley Gardner of Hardin-Simmons will be here Thursday to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fore.

—LIL—  
Mrs. David Vaughn and her daughter, Linda, are spending Christmas in Hawthorne, Calif. with Mr. and Mrs. Lab Hender.

—LIL—  
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Christian and Jan and Mr. and Mrs. Hal Larson and Jill will be spending Christmas in Abilene with Mrs. W. N. Wofford.

—LIL—  
Mr. and Mrs. Dallas McCurry and their daughter, Denise, are going to spend Christmas in Shamrock with Mr. and Mrs. Sherman McCurry.

—LIL—  
Mr. and Mrs. Dan Glider will be out of town during the holidays visiting Mr. Glider's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Glider at Buchanan and spending a few days in Temple.

—LIL—  
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Perkins and their daughter, Dana, of Tulsa, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Perkins and their two daughters, Rhonda and Tanja, of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Byers Jr. and their two sons, Dannie and Ricky will be in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Perkins Christmas.

—LIL—  
H. W. Pritchard, manager of the Texaco Book and Bible House at Amarillo, was guest speaker at the Seven Day Adventist Church Saturday. Larry Davis and P. E. Ross also from Amarillo, were guests in the church.

—LIL—  
Mrs. D. C. DeBusk visited in Lubbock Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Campbell.

—LIL—  
Mr. and Mrs. Claude DeBusk visited in Lubbock Saturday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Dale Stone and family.

—LIL—  
Mrs. Sam Hines of Farmington, N.M., is visiting in Littlefield with Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Camp-

bell.

—LIL—  
Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wood and their daughter, Terry, have moved to Kermit where he will be employed with the Dowell Chemical Company.

—LIL—  
Pat Street is home from Texas Tech for the holidays. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bee Street.

—LIL—  
Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Armstrong are visiting relatives in California during the holidays.

—LIL—  
Mrs. Roy McMahan and her three children, Royce, Linda and Phyllis of Farmington, N.M., have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Perkins. They will all leave for Farmington Tuesday where they will spend Christmas.

—LIL—  
S. N. O. L. Castle and Daniel Castle of Morton visited Mr. and Mrs. Buck Ross Monday. S.N.O.L. Castle is home on leave from San Francisco, Calif.

—LIL—  
Mr. and Mrs. George Suterlin of Phoenix, Ariz., are visiting in Littlefield during the holidays with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ross, Denise and Randy.

—LIL—  
Connie Hulise is home from Hardin-Simmons University for the holidays. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hulise.

—LIL—  
Jean Allison is home from WTSC for the holidays. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allison.

—LIL—  
Betty Wyatt is home from WTSC for the holidays. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Wyatt.

—LIL—  
Roxene Bingham is home for the holidays from Texas Tech. She is the daughter of Mrs. Nollie Smith.

—LIL—  
Ellen Webb Massengill is home from Seminole where she teaches school, to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Massengill.

—LIL—  
Visiting in the First Baptist Church Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brennan of San Leon, Calif., Sheila Ferguson of Odessa, Jan Tillinghast of Fort Worth, Larry Harder of Levelland and Leona Wyatt of San Angelo.

—LIL—  
Buddy Jones is home from Arlington Junior College to visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Paul I. Jones during the holidays.

—LIL—  
Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Tooley and their four children, Keith, Wendelyn, Karla and Bradley will spend Christmas in Plainview visiting Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Kirk and in Kress visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Tooley.

—LIL—  
Mr. and Mrs. Dave Daley will spend Christmas Eve and Christmas in Lubbock with Mr. and Mrs. James F. Daley.

—LIL—  
Helen Fowler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Fowler, will spend Christmas in San Antonio with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Zantoz.

## Ann Denny-Milton Vaughn Exchange Wedding Vows

Miss Ann Denny became the bride of Milton David Vaughn, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Vaughn of Littlefield, Saturday at 5 p.m. in a double-ring ceremony at the First Methodist Bowman Memorial Chapel at Lubbock. The Rev. Dr. J. Chess Lovern officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, William Patrick Denny of Shreveport, La.

Wedding solos were sung by Mike Fry accompanied at the organ by Mrs. Mamie I. Neal who played traditional marches.

The bride wore a gown of Chantilly lace and taffeta, fashioned with a scooped portrait neckline, outlined with applied lace medallions. The sculptured lace bodice had long sleeves, tapering to points and the torso waistline terminated in a taffeta skirt enhanced with wide bands of lace and a full ruffle of tulle outlining the bottom edge. Her fingertip veil of illusion fell from a crown of pearls. She carried a white orchid and lilies-of-the-valley.

Miss Gail Petersen of Los Gatos, Calif., was maid of honor and Miss Nancy Carlock, Honey Grove; Miss Linda Trojan, Lake Charles, La., and Miss Linda Vaughn, Littlefield, sister of the bridegroom were bridesmaids. They wore emerald green satin dresses designed with scooped necklines, cap sleeves and fitted bodies. The skirts were pleated with emphasis on a hemline bow. The attendants wore bandeaux of matching satin and carried colonial bouquets of deep red roses.

Ronnie Vaughn, Littlefield, served his brother as best man. John Riddle, Artesia, N.M., Gerald Irving satin and carried colonial Seaman, Fort Worth; and Tom Shelby, Lubbock were groomsmen and Ben Northam and Bob Brune of Littlefield, ushered.

The candles were lighted by Carl Jameson, San Angelo and Colter Jameson, Lubbock, cousins of the bride.

At the subsequent reception, held in the church parlor, members of the house party were

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Misses Kathy White, Mabelle Tate, Sharia Pepper, Linda Bunker, Peggy Miller, Betty Jean White, Mrs. Jack Trench and Mrs. Ray Bacon.

After a trip to New Orleans La., the Vaughns will return to Lubbock to establish residence at 2230 10th St. The bride traveled in a royal blue velveteen suit with black accessories.

Mrs. Vaughn is a junior at Texas Tech, where she is a member of Delta Delta social sorority and on the Junior Council.

Her husband is a senior at Tech. His fraternity is Phi Delta Theta and he is a member of the Double-T Association.

## WSCS Meets In Jack Grace Home Monday Afternoon

ANTON—The Woman's Society of Christian Service met in the home of Mrs. Jack Grace for the Christmas party Monday afternoon at 3.

Mrs. Jim Bridges had charge of the program and brought the devotional. She also read a Christmas story. Mrs. Ralph Campbell gave a talk and read a Christmas poem.

Two gift offerings were made, one to go to the Wesley house in Amarillo and the other for the Conference Daughters.

The treasurer gave a financial report and stated that \$180 had been spent for drapes and a divan cover for the new parsonage.

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## EVENTS OF THE WEEK

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24  
7:30 p.m.—Christmas Eve Children's Program—Emmanuel Lutheran Church.  
THURSDAY, DEC. 25  
10:30 a.m.—Special Festival Service—Emmanuel Lutheran Church.  
FRIDAY, DEC. 26  
8 p.m.—Senior Party—Country Club.  
SATURDAY, DEC. 27  
7:30 p.m.—Master point bridge—Country Club.

## U. S. Premiere Of Women's Spring Fashions Set At Tech

LUBBOCK—Cottons—from sheer gossamer-like voiles to heavy coatings—will be featured at a national premiere of women's spring fashions Jan. 27 at Texas Tech.

Fabrics for the show, which is sponsored by Tech's School of Home Economics, Vogue Patterns and other national manufacturers are being furnished by textile mills from the east to west coasts.

"All the fabrics are representative of the finest in design, fiber, construction and color," said Dr. Gene Sheldon, head of Tech's clothing and textiles department. Most of the fabrics will be available in the local markets during the early spring.

A collection of colors featuring greens, reds and blues in a wide range of values and intensities will highlight the fashion show. Vivid prints and subtle color combinations will be shown.

Fabrics are being selected for round-the-clock activities. Modelled will be appropriate apparel for activities ranging from leisurely breakfasts to gardening, afternoon shopping, meetings, luncheons and teas.

Attire for evening affairs—both formal and informal—will be presented, and the show will be climaxed with garments for a bridal party.

Fashion highlights of the show will include suits of cotton tweeds; matching skirt and jacket outfits which fit themselves into a task wardrobe; and a coat with a weatherized finish to make it wearable rain or shine.

These new fabrics are being made into garments by more than 40 students in Tech's clothing and textiles department. Dr. Sheldon is supervising their work.

Ice cream and cake were served to the honorees, Marsha Burris, Jackie Bennett, Barbara Burns, Marilyn Gay Morrow, Wanda Robertson, Sandra Gage, Marilyn Kay Gilley, Larry Wade, C. E. Thrift, Sammy Pair, Mrs. Jack Bennett, Mrs. James Morrow, Bonita Born and the hosts.

## Springlake P-TA Holds Meeting

EARTH—The Springlake P-TA met Thursday night for the regular meeting. The first and second grades gave the program for Christmas, featuring the nativity scene and the Magic Variety Store.

The business session was held after the program. Jarvis Angley presided. Ways for raising money for beautifying the campus were discussed, led by Elroy Wisian, finance chairman.

Mrs. Montgomery's room was the picture for having the largest number in attendance.

## James L. Brown, 23, Wins Army Promotion

James L. Brown, 23, whose wife, Gloria, lives in Morton, recently was promoted to special 1st four in Germany, where he is a member of the 4th Armored Division.

Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd S. Brown, Causey, N. M., is a supply parts specialist in Company A of the division's 125th Ordnance Battalion. He entered the Army in June 1957 and arrived in Europe in January 1958.

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## Friendship Circle Holds Party In Butler Home

ANTON—The Friendship Circle of the Methodist Church at the home of Mrs. Evelyn Sr. for the Christmas party on Tuesday afternoon at 2.

Mrs. D. B. Williams, scriptures and a Bible Mrs. A. A. Giers led in.

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# Hospital News

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Glenneta Harbert was admitted to the Littlefield Hospital Sunday for medical treatment.

Sherry Alford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Alford, was admitted to the Littlefield Hospital Monday for medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton F. Pierce of Sudan are the parents of a 7-pound, 7-ounce girl born Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bevel are the parents of an 8-pound girl born Sunday at the Medical Arts Hospital. Bevel is the name given to the infant.

## Funeral Services Held Tuesday For Ince Infant

Funeral services for Timothy Lynn Ince, 7-week-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl N. Ince of Lubbock were held Tuesday at 4 p.m. in the Bowman Memorial Chapel of the First Methodist Church with Dr. J. Cess Lovern, pastor, officiating.

Timothy died Monday in the West Texas Hospital.

Survivors include the parents; two sisters, Tina, 3½, and Tamara, 14 months; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl W. Ince Sr., 3313 24th St., Lubbock, and the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Murdock Sr., Littlefield, and Mrs. Gertrude Hunsveker of Waxahachie.

Pallbearers were John Pittman, Bill Williams, David Collier and James F. McCarty.

Burial was in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under direction of Franklin-Mallett Funeral Home.

## Shop Occurs 5th, Phelps

Minor damages to two cars resulted Sunday about 6:20 p.m. in an accident at the intersection of 5th and Phelps, police reported.

Officers said a car driven by Mariano Hernandez of Littlefield struck the rear of an auto driven by Jimmy McGee, also of Littlefield, while McGee was turned for a left light. Both cars were headed north on Phelps.

Hernandez failed to stop and leave information after the accident, officers said.

Damages were \$180 to the McGee car and \$150 to the Hernandez car.

## Funeral Services Pending For N. H. Steed

Funeral services for N. H. Steed, 66, a resident of the Morton area since 1936 who died at 5:20 p.m. Monday at Phillips-Dupree Hospital in Loveland, are pending at Singleton Funeral Home in Morton.

Steed had been ill for about three weeks. He was a member of the Methodist Church. He was born July 10, 1892 at Gainesville.

Survivors are his wife; two sons, N. H. Jr. of Morton and Vernon of Littlefield; two daughters, Mrs. Catherine Miller, Pueblo, Colo., and Mrs. Carolyn Jones, Abilene; two sisters and a brother; and 14 grandchildren.

## Christmas Series

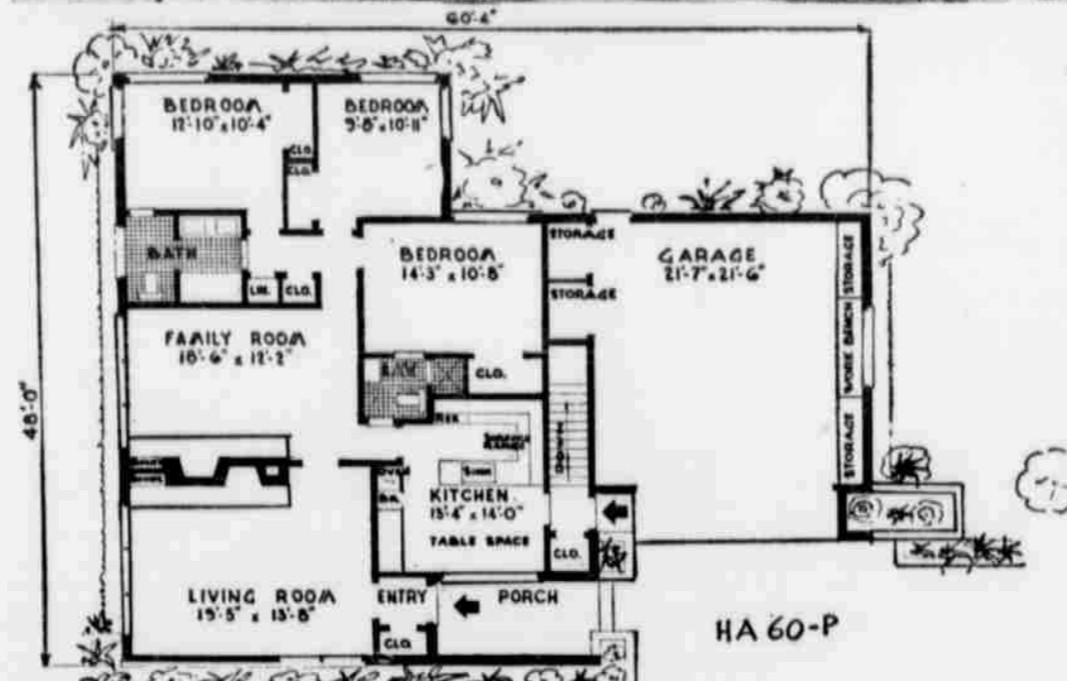
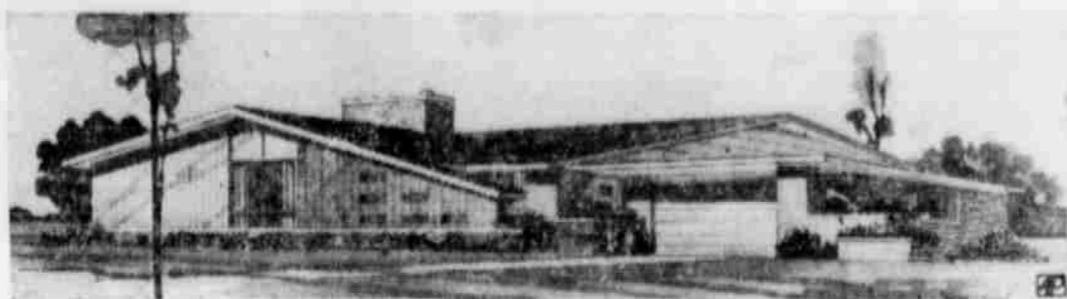
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stories are rare woodcuts of the 15th Century. The pictures were contained in books published in Germany in 1478 and 1484.

One of them, John of Hildeheim's "Historia Trium Regum" (1484) related the story "Auslegung des Lebens Jesu Christi" is a life of Christ published at Ulm in 1478.

The reproductions used in the series were made from original copies of these volumes which are preserved at the Pierpont Morgan Library and the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.

# HOMES FOR AMERICANS



LONG, SWEEPING LINES mark this contemporary home as a house of distinction. A unique roof aperture that extends down to shoulder height creates an attractive entranceway. The house has six rooms, with three bedrooms and large living, family and kitchen areas. The plan, HA 60-P, is by Petersen-Gaiser & Associates, 11711 E. Eight Mile Rd., Warren, Michigan. It covers 1,577 sq. ft., excluding garage.

## Cammie Hulse Among 9 Students in M-SU Chapter

ABILENE—Nine students have been inducted into the Xi Epsilon Chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, national English fraternity, at Hardin-Simmons University.

New members inducted were Clara Ann Bennett, Dora Sue Christian, Pat Trexler and Sandra Willis, all of Abilene, Ivan Davidson of Sadler, Leatrice Davis of Mineral Wells, Cammie Hulse of Littlefield, Enlae Griffith of Paint Creek, and Mrs. Kay Knight of Quanah.

Sigma Tau Delta is an organization of English majors or minors who are juniors or seniors in college. Members must maintain an overall "B" average.

Miss Eva Ruid is sponsor of the H-SU chapter and Johnny Jones, senior from Sundown, is president.

## Two Face

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two cars in Maine last month. They made their way to New Mexico by selling items they obtained with the stolen courtesy car.

At Fort Sumner, they obtained another car and drove to Clovis.

In Clovis, they took the panel truck. When they realized it contained poison, the Maine couple dumped it on the outskirts of Clovis.

After the wreck three miles east of Springdale, the couple fled on foot. The girl lost her slippers in an irrigation ditch. They went on foot to Olton, where they caught a ride to Plainview.

At Plainview, the Red Cross gave the girl another pair of slippers.

They walked to the outskirts of Plainview and were attempting to hitch a ride when a Plainview highway patrolman picked them up.

The two were brought here Saturday afternoon for questioning and Sunday were transferred to Lubbock to face the federal charges.

## Dewey Williams Completes Course

PFC Dewey W. Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Williams, Amherst, recently completed the 28-week guided missile electronic material maintenance course at the Army Air Defense School, Fort Bliss, Tex.

Williams was trained in the operation and maintenance of equipment used in testing and launching the Nike-Ajax missile.

He entered the Army last February and was stationed in Rockville, Md., before arriving at Fort Bliss.

The 25-year-old soldier is a 1951 graduate of Amherst High School.

## Safe Driving

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Monday.

All businesses will be closed Christmas Day, and some merchants were planning to close Friday also.

State offices, including the Texas Employment Commission and State Highway Department, will be closed Christmas Day and Friday.

The post office will be closed Christmas Day only, but Postmaster Arbie Jonlin said parcels would be delivered on Christmas Day.

Local banks were scheduled to close Wednesday at noon and reopen Friday morning.

At least two churches planned Christmas services on Christmas Day. Both Emmanuel Lutheran and St. Martin Lutheran have services scheduled at 10:30 a.m.

The biggest holiday of all is for school children, who will be off until Jan. 5.

## Cats Suffer

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week.

The Wildcats wound up in fourth place in the Denver City tournament over the weekend, falling to Denver City, 61-51, in the semi-finals and losing to Lamesa, 65-43, in the third place game. Littlefield beat Seagraves, 55-54, in the first round.

Goldston continued his hot-shooting against Denver City, pacing the Cats with 34 points. Hemphill carded nine, Jeffries and Pressley, four each.

The Cats took a 15-9 lead at the end of the first quarter and held a 25-22 margin at the end of the half.

But Denver City came back with a hot third quarter, outscoring the Cats, 21-12, to take a 43-37 lead.

Denver City kept the edge in the fourth quarter, outpointing Littlefield by 18-14. Bobby Kimbrell had 22, John Helcomb 21 for Denver City.

In the loss to Lamesa, Goldston again led the Littlefield scorers with 15 points, running his season total to 298 for 13 games a 22.2 average.

Lamesa took a 37-16 half-time advantage and the Cats never overcame it. Littlefield came up with a 20-11 margin in the third to cut Lamesa's lead to 48-36, but Lamesa came back strong in the fourth.

Jeffries tossed in eight for Littlefield, while Hemphill had seven, Pressley six, De Pierce four and Alex Duggan two.

Bruce Ashton led Lamesa with 23 points.

Goldston was the only Wildcat

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## Holiday Spirit Should Stay In Bottle If You're Driving

CHICAGO (AP)—Come Christmas party season, strong spirits will deny death its holiday.

The National Safety Council is predicting between 500 and 650 traffic deaths for this year's four-day Christmas weekend. During the last four-day Christmas holiday in 1956, 836 persons died or received fatal injuries in traffic accidents.

Fifty-five per cent of all the Christmas holiday accidents last year involved a drinking driver, says the National Safety Council. It maintains office parties are one of the important culprits.

Speed was a factor in 72 per cent of the smashups.

Against this, authorities in many areas plan a new method of attack called "selective enforcement." Police manpower and

patrol cars will be increased, and concentrated in known high accident sections to head off the drinker or the speeder before he harms himself and others.

Judges are expected to mete out heavier-than-usual fines to these drivers and slap some in jail for the duration of the holiday season.

According to the Safety Council, the four horsemen of motor-vehicle mayhem are darkness, speed, alcohol and pedestrian errors.

Here are their scores: Fifty-four per cent of traffic deaths last year occurred at night.

Thirty-eight per cent of them involved a driver exceeding the speed limit.

Thirty per cent of them involved a driver who had been

drinking. Among pedestrian fatalities, 50 per cent of the victims were crossing between intersections. Another 17 per cent stepped from behind parked cars.

If the Christmas reveler wants to live to celebrate New Year's, the safest thing he can do—says the Safety Council—is stay sober and drive slowly.

## Valley View Club Holds Annual Christmas Party

WHITHARRAL—The Valley View Club held its annual Christmas party Tuesday evening, Dec. 23 at the home of Mrs. Jimmy Statton, two miles east of Littlefield.

The home was beautiful in the Christmas decor.

A gift exchange was made, select pairs received and new pairs drawn.

Fruit cake, spiced punch and nibbles with miniature red boots were served to James J. C. Hughes, son-in-law, H. G. Ferguson, Houshman, Miss Watts, Jeanie Miller, A. B. Roberts, Buddy Miller, Leta T. Crank, Wade Strother, S. J. Cleveland, Coy Grant, Ray Jenney, Raymond Cleveland, Warren Tipton, Robert Strickland and the hostess.

The first meeting of the New Year will be Jan. 15 with Mrs. Coy Grant.

## The Ramsey Smiths Entertain With Forty Two Party

EARTH—Mr. and Mrs. Raney Smith entertained friends with a forty-two party Friday night at their home.

The serving table was covered with a brown cloth centered with a large poinsettia with candles in crystal holders at either end. Delicious refreshments of tuna fish and pimento sandwiches, pickles, olives, and potato chips, strawberry punch, coffee and pie were served to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Wheat, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Roy Davis and the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kelly won a beautiful vase for high score.

The first fox hunt in the New World took place in Queen Anne's County, Md., in 1650. Robert Brooke came over in his private ship with 28 servants and a pack of hounds to participate.



**BEAUTIFIES COTTON BOWL**—Miss Sandra Weaver, Kilgore College Rangerette captain from Jacksonville, Fla., adds quite a bit of appeal to this oversize cotton bowl, as she and her precision drill team from Kilgore will add plenty of eye appeal to the Cotton Bowl football classic. The game this year will pit the Air Force Academy and Texas Christian University. (AP PHOTO)

## Carol Cook Named Bula Football Queen

BULA—Bula school athletic banquet was held Saturday evening at 7:30 in the school cafeteria.

The banquet was sponsored by the sophomore class with mothers of the students being responsible for preparing the food and members of the class doing the decorating and table setting.

Mr. Jimmy Moore, science teacher, acted as master of ceremonies for the evening with the invocation being given by Mr. H. A. Reynolds, superintendent of the school. Betty Holt gave the welcome and Keith Fred gave the response. Jerry Cox closed the program with the benediction.

Highlight of the evening was the crowning of the football sweetheart Miss Carol Cook by the three football captains, Keith Fred, Bobbie Carlisle and Donald Williams. Miss Cook was presented a dozen red roses and for a keepsake a football necklace with the letter "B" and a sweetheart engraved on it and a crown helmet covered with silver glitter was placed on her head.

During the crowning of Miss Cook as sweetheart the Bulettes sang "I Remember Today" and "Let Me Call You Sweetheart."

Guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Claud Morrison of Lorraine, Texas, former football coach here.

Miss Carol Cook, Ruby Cash and Sandra Angel closed the entertainment by singing "School Days."

The basket ball girls and their coach, Mr. Risinger were really pleased when the football coach Mr. Howard and the football boys presented them with a hundred dollar check to help pay the girls expenses to the Duncanville tournament.

The room was decorated with red and black streamers dangling from the ceiling with red balloons. Tables were covered in white with red burning tapers and a miniature ball field was

## Hedges Home Scene Of Party

WHITHARRAL—The home of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Hedges, on the Hula highway west of Littlefield, was the scene of a covered dish dinner and gift exchange of the Whitharral faculty, Wednesday night.

The Christmas theme presented the decor of the home.

Following the dinner a gift exchange was had.

Present were Supt. and Mrs. W. M. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell McBrook, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Warren, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Ricard, Misses Eva T. Crank, E. Morgan, V. C. Commons, Bobbie Sanders, O. W. Marcom of Levelland, Miss Maude Hicks and the hostess and Mickey.

## Four Men Jailed On DWI Charges

Four men were jailed by county officers over the weekend on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Arrested Saturday afternoon was Raymond Palencia, an Amherst Latin American. He was fined \$150 and costs and given three days in jail after pleading guilty in county court-at-law.

Assessed the same fine and jail time were Francisco Martinez of Earth and David M. Ramirez of Olton, both of whom were arrested Sunday night.

A Littlefield man, Onnie Bennett, was arrested on a DWI charge Sunday afternoon. Bennett pleaded not guilty to the charge and went free on \$1,000 bond.

center piece for the speakers table. Program and menus were black and footballs were outlined with white.

The menu consisted of frozen fruit cocktail, fried chicken, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, gelatin salad, pecan pie, hot rolls, butter and ice tea.

Besides the members of the football and basketball teams, pep squad, all the teachers and their husbands or wives attended and also Mr. and Mrs. Simes of Three Way.

## Christmas Party For Junior Class Held In Church

WHITHARRAL—C. C. Overman and Mrs. Wade Strother, C. B. Kenney, J. M. Mixon and Comer Born were hostesses at a Christmas party for the Junior Sunday School Department of the Whitharral Baptist Church at the Church Wednesday evening.

Games and an exchange of gifts were enjoyed by the group.

Spiced tea and fruit cake were served to Marsha Burrus, Lucile Horn, Wadonna Strother, Juanita Burrus, Sandra Burrus, Sandra Gage, Ray Burrus, Dale Barris and the sponsors.

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# Sudan Sidelights

Guests in the home of Mrs. Gus Bellamy will be Mrs. Lewis McNeely, son, Tenn., and Mrs. and son, Ca. Ruth. The group will also visit sister, Mrs. Horace Muleshoe.

Christmas social of Sunday School class at Baptist Church was held in the home of Mrs. Dorey Haragan. Paul Chisholm as co-



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dent; secretary, Jane Newman; treasurer, Loretta Burnett; reporter, Faye Scott, historian, Carolyn Jones and Jeanne Seymore, parliamentarian, Alma Muller.

The annual First National Bank personnel and directors Christmas party was held Saturday evening when the members and their families were guests for a dinner held at a restaurant in Lubbock.

Table decorations with a Christmas theme bearing red tapers and holly highlighted the affair.

Mrs. R. D. Nix gave a Christmas reading. Ladies in the party were presented corsages and gifts were given all personnel members.

Those in attendance included Messdames R. D. Miller, Robert Massey, Robert Nichols, Ralph May, Pat Ware of Littlefield, Frankin Maples, Sara Woods, and James Parreaux and James

and Mrs. Bob Drake and children Bobby and Brenda, will spend the weekend in El Paso staying in the home of her mother, Mrs. J. T. Agee.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Jones Jr. and family will be holidays guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Reed in Alpine.

Both Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Henderson were confined last week to the hospital in Muleshoe.

Mrs. Boss Johnson of Amarillo, a former Sudan resident, was a weekend guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Crow.

A Santa Claus was present to distribute gifts from beneath the Christmas tree.

In Littlefield Saturday afternoon to appear on the piano recital held at the studios of Mrs. Connelin, piano teacher, were students from Sudan including Cynthia Blackwell, Donna Parrish, Kay West, Dorna Ann Chester, and Mrs. Drake, Sandra. Adults attending the recital from here were Mrs. Nolan Parrish, Mrs. Hank Lane, Mrs. Dick West, Mrs. Blackwell, Dorman Chester, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Drake and family.

Marion Davis was a business visitor in San Angelo the first of the week. Making the trip to San Angelo with him was Morris Kinough of near Muleshoe.

Nita Horn of Littlefield was a guest Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Dykes.

Among college students home for the holidays are Madeline Turner, Wanda Hill, Billy Van Ness, Tommy Rosson, Dan Woods, Keith May, Jimmy Williams, and Kenny Wells.

Mrs. A. M. Johnston of Woodbine, Okla., arrived Sunday to spend the holidays with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Shannon.

A coffee honoring Mrs. James Ryan of Anchorage, Alaska and Mrs. Wib Richarz was held Monday morning in the home of Mrs. J. R. Dean. Co-hostesses for the affair were Mrs. F. M. Smith and Miss Kay Dean.

Guests called from ten until twelve. Alternating at the silver service was Mrs. Bob Drake and Mrs. Jane Lawrence of Lubbock. Crystal and silver appointments were used and the coffee table bore a white cloth and a Christmas arrangement accented with holly and red carnations.

Among out of town guests attending were Mrs. Edith Miller

and Mrs. John Miller of Amarillo. Mrs. Ryan and Mrs. Richarz are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Hay and are here with their families to spend the holidays in the hay home.

Clinton Jones was entertained Saturday afternoon with a birthday party at the community center by his mother, Mrs. W. B. Jones Sr.

The Christmas theme was used for party decorations and a Santa Claus highlighted the birthday cake. Party favors were small Santa Claus candles.

Cake and ice cream were served the following guests attending, Steve Smith, Dennis and Brad West, Van Wallace, Kraig Miller, Pat and Kathy Minyard, Debbie Fielus, Beinnia Gregory, Connie Lance, Louise Williamson, Jerry Land, Rex Baccus and Susan Jones.

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## Church Circles Meet Monday For Christmas Party

EARTH—The Betty Campbell Circle and Edna Doughty Circle met in a joint meeting Monday afternoon for a Christmas party.

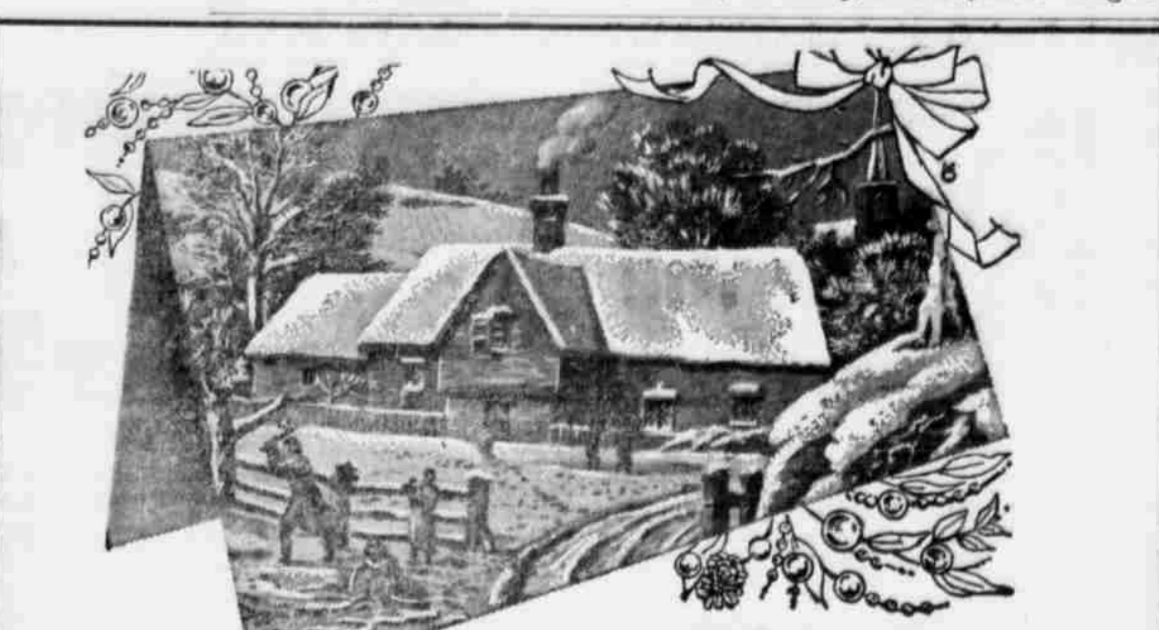
Mrs. Coarley presided over the business meeting explaining that the remainder of the burning candle at the altar would be sent in to be melted with 200 others into one high one to be burned at the district meeting in Midland in March. Also an offering was taken for the same program.

Mrs. Gene Stephens was in charge of the program "Christmas, Christmas Everywhere." After the program fruit cake and coffee were served to 21 ladies.

## Kelly Receives Advance Training

Army Pvt. Alvin Z. Kelly, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Kelly, 5th Street, Morton, recently completed eight weeks of advanced artillery training at Fort Chaffee, Ark.

Kelly entered the Army last July and completed basic training at Fort Carson, Colo. He attended Morton High School and was employed at Doss Super Store in civilian life.



## GREETINGS

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## Hart Camp Happenings

By Mrs. Junior Muller

Carolyn left Thursday for Tulsa, California to visit her parents and other relatives. Mrs. Ball's parents will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary December 27th.

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Mrs. Ray Osthus and Pat and Mrs. Roy Hendrick, Jerry and Aron were in Plainview Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Pierce are the parents of a daughter born at the Carlsbad hospital December 20th.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivey Thompson and Mike are spending Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Ball and Scot in Marina, Arizona.

Steve Burleson, Brenda and Shirley Leonard are all slated for tonsillectomies in Lubbock after Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Owens are spending the holidays in Oklahoma with relatives.

Mrs. Johnny Talburt was hospitalized for a few days last week following minor surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Neinst and her mother's in New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Elma Burleson, Steve, Laquana, Mike and Greg will be at his sister's in Lubbock and her parents in Lubbock after Christmas Day and

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Johnson, Billy Frank plan to spend holidays in Port Aransas with their daughter and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Mark and Patti spent night in the home of Mrs. Gerry Langford and in Artesia, Mrs. Langford's daughter returned home with

Mr. and Mrs. Elma Burleson, Steve, Laquana, Mike and Greg

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Riney and sons had relatives from Washington visiting them the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Jones, Sheri, Danny, Ronnie and Bobbie are spending the holidays in Arkansas at his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Robison.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Osthus, Pat and Mike are spending the holidays at Almagordo in the home of her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Walter Brian.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Neinst, Ramona and Cindy are spending Christmas holidays in Georgia with her parents and other relatives.

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ns in Washington

# Johnson Becomes Important Figure International And U. S. Affairs

Recent weeks have seen Texas Sen. Lyndon Johnson emerge as an important figure in international as well as national affairs. It may be significant when viewed in the light of the 1960 presidential race.



**Christmas Greetings**  
For all our friends and neighbors we send this Yuletide wish. May the joy of Christmas meet and mingle with the happiness in your heart. May the spirit of Christmas ever dwell with you.

**CLINT'S CAFE**

Long recognized for his astute leadership of the Senate Democrats Johnson for some time has been building up quietly a foundation for knowledgeable operations in foreign affairs.

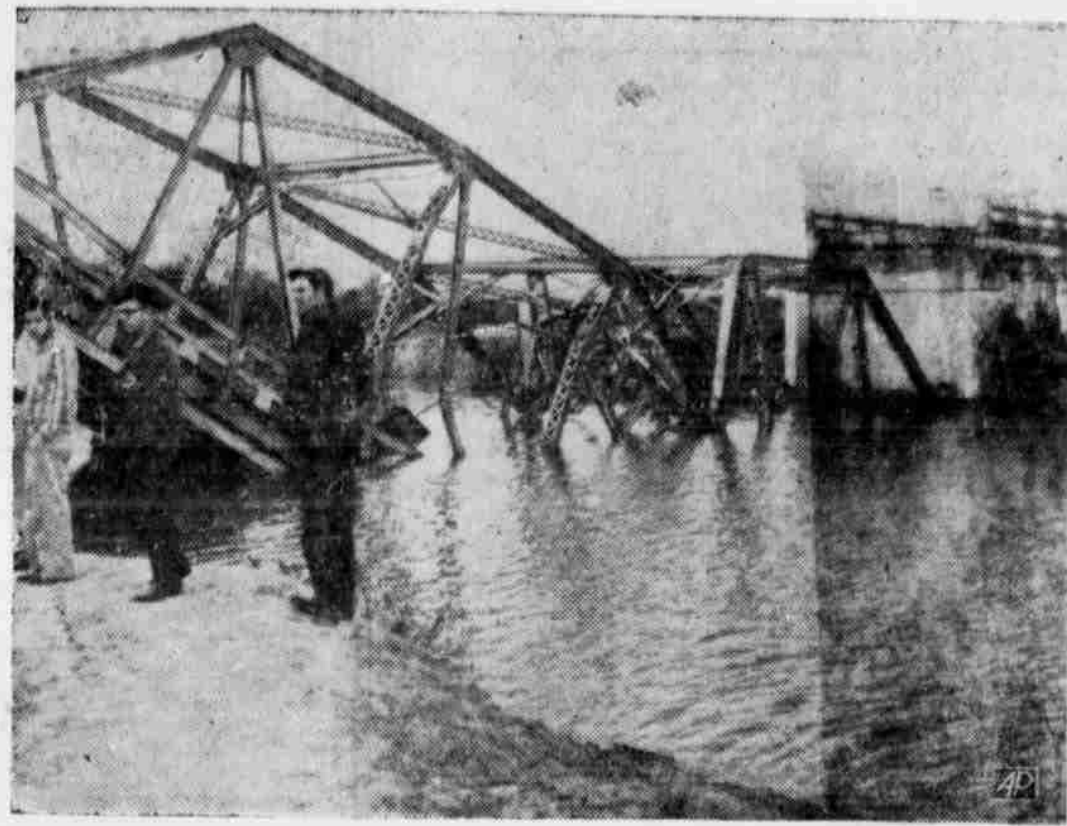
Two events brought to the fore his facet of the 50-year-old legislator who is repeatedly mentioned among presidential possibilities, notwithstanding his declaration that he is not seeking and does not intend to seek his party's nomination.

First the event was Johnson's appearance before the United Nations. Second, he flew to Acapulco to confer with Mexican President-elect Mateos, who invited him down.

If any proof is needed as to the skill with which Johnson handled matters on both occasions it is found in personal notes he received from two men in good position to know. And, to dismiss any thought of partisanship, both are appointees of the Republican Administration.

Through State Department sources, who cleared both bits of correspondence, it was learned that U.N. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge and U.S. Ambassador to Mexico Robert C. Hill commended Johnson's activities in the highest terms.

Lodge sent the Texas senator



**FOUR SURVIVE COLLAPSE OF BRIDGE**—A steel truss bridge on Highway 9, 16 miles north-east of Corpus Christi, collapsed under the weight of a bulldozer. Four passengers in a car carried under the cold waters of the Nueces River escaped serious injury after crawling through the windows of the car. The bulldozer flipped off a truck, which was driven away safely. (AP PHOTO)

## Baptist Church At Whitharral Has Yule Program

WHITHARRAL—"Glory to God

a large photograph of the two taken at the U.N. and penned these words underneath.

"As a souvenir of your visit and with thanks for all that your speech and your presence did to help the United States in the United Nations."

Ambassador Hill in a letter from Mexico City wrote: "Upon your return to the United States, I want you to know of the deep appreciation and pride I have as United States Ambassador to Mexico that you took the time to come here to assist the United States in reaching a better understanding with our important neighbor, the Republic of Mexico."

"The skill with which you handled your meeting with the President-elect and other dignitaries in Mexico, will have a lasting effect in assisting us in our responsibilities here."

Although Johnson never served on the Foreign Relations Committee in the Senate or the Foreign Affairs Committee in the House while a representative, his role as Senate Democratic leader has helped give him a good view of international goings-on.

And, in some personal relationships he has had opportunity to be kept abreast for a period when Texas Sen. Tom Connally was chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. More recently, he was close to the late Sen. Walter George of Georgia when the latter was the committee chairman.

Few knew it, but when George held the committee post with such distinction he was living at the Mayflower Hotel. Johnson would drive by on the way to the Capitol to pick up his elder colleague. Some time they would go by the White House first to let George off for conferences with the President. It's known that on more than one occasion Johnson would plant an idea with George as they rode along, and at the White House the latter would discuss it with the chief executive. If and when George later brought up the matter with reporters upon leaving the conference or before his committee, Johnson would be ready with a quick second statement.

## EARTH NEWS

The Firemen's Auxiliary met in the home of Mildred Glasscock Tuesday night for the Christmas party. A gift exchange and refreshments were enjoyed by the members. New officers will be elected for next year.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Atkinson and children will spend Christmas with their parents and friends in various parts of Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hinson entertained with a forty-two party at their home. Pie and coffee were served to seven members of the Whitharral Baptist Church Sunday School class and their husbands.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bulls of Wheelless, Okla. are visiting his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Crill Bulls and family and other friends and relatives.

Richard Moore, Joe Edd Wheat and Richard Green are visiting relatives and friends here having completed their basic training at Camp Carson, Colo. They will be sent to various points for further training when their furloughs are over.

The Methodist Church choir presented its annual Christmas cantata Sunday night. A very large crowd attended the candlelight service. Afterwards the choir met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Jones to hear a recording which was made.

Ray Johnson led the group in a number of Christmas songs. Prayer was by M. D. Durham, pastor.

Then came Christmas songs and stories by the Sunbeams, Diane Maner, Steve Maner, Hadley Maner, Bonita Born, Kathy and Karen Wade and Gayla Barrus; Jackie Maner as Spain, Judy as England; Marsha Barrus as Romania; Lucile Born as Italy and Annita Coge as Philippine Islands.

The Christmas tableau was made up with Sammy Pair as the shepherd, Linda Johnson as the angel, Miss Lola Beth Cox as Mary, and Gerald Pair as Joseph around the baby in the manger.

Mrs. Vernon Cox read the scripture with "Silent Night," "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," "Oh Come All Ye Faithful," and "Joy to the World" accompanied by Mrs. Jimmy Hisaw.

Bro. Durham gave Christ's Commission and sang "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations."

The closing meditation was "O Holy Night," sung by Mrs. Hisaw and accompanied by Miss Marvynne Durham.

Fellowship followed in Fellowship Hall with punch, coffee, cake and pie served to more than 100. A love offering and a gift of a white bedspread were presented to Rev. and Mrs. Durham and daughter.

## Christmas Party Held In Baptist Fellowship Hall

WHITHARRAL — Thursday afternoon, Dec. 18 Fellowship Hall at the Whitharral Baptist Church was the scene of a Christmas party for the Escher Sunday School.

Class. Mrs. Vernon Cox and Mrs. W. M. Roberts gave the Christmas story with Mrs. M. D. Durham and Mrs. E. L. Bryan singing a Christmas song.

An exchange of gifts followed with punch and fruit cake served to Mrs. Cox, Roberts, Durham, Bryan, D. L. Hicks Sr., Henry Jones, George Lyle, H. G. Walden, E. E. Pele and A. B. Roberts.

To wish you a Happy Holiday Season

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# Personalized Christmas Stockings Can Be Made

By DOROTHY ROE  
Associated Press Women's Editor

The Christmas stocking, hung on the mantelpiece, is usually the first thing to be opened on Christmas morning, before the serious unwrapping begins. Though Christmas is traditionally for children, it's only fair for Mom and Dad to have their own stockings, too, gaily decorated and filled with silly surprises.

Here's a gift to give ahead of time, or to make up for Christmas bonuses. Felt Christmas stockings couldn't be easier to make, and a pattern (see) necessary, say local sewing center experts. Just cut out felt to stocking shapes, using a pair of plain shoes and making Dad's the largest, with others graduated according to size.

The felt fun comes in designing the stockings. Put a

Christmas tree on Dad's or decorate it with felt cutouts of pipes, guns or whatever he likes best. Also, you can sew on strips of rickrack and squares of contrasting felt to stimulate an overgrown style sock.

Mom's sock should have lots of glitter, easily achieved with sequins and felt cutouts. You might even edge it with metallic lace.

The baby sock should be rimmed with bright red ball fringe and decorated with a red-and-white striped felt candy cane.

Apply decorations before stitching the socks together. Then stitch and add a loop for hanging.

With a little imagination you can make stockings that will be worn every Christmas for years to come.



WINTER IN THE VALLEY—Prissy Lucy Moon of Raymondville absorbs her quota of sunshine on a beach near Big Lagoon in the Rio Grande Valley. While some of the country has snow, it is almost like summer deep in the Lone Star State. (AP PHOTO)

## FHA Girls Honor Mothers With Christmas Party

WHITHARRAL — Wednesday afternoon Dec. 17, the sophomore F.H.A. class was host for a dinner for the mothers and other guests at the home economics cottage here.

Misses Betty Barnett, Bonnie Austin, Melba Raines, Fay Strickland, June Simpson, Janell Dasher, Katherine Gibson, Ann See-

ton served a menu of apricot juice, steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, hot rolls, Waldorf salad, coffee and tea and Santa Claus came.

The table was the Christmas season decor with a tall tree surrounded by pine cones and greenery. Plastic favors of mock pine trees marked the places of Mrs. John L. Barnett, Mrs. Will Raines, Tom Doshier, Richard Horton, Howard Strickland, Ely Crank, Mrs. Comer, Born, the home economics sponsor and the above class members.

Lots o' fellers is as broke the day after payday as they wuz th' day before!

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## Letters To Santa

Dear Santa Claus:  
No one seems to write you a letter, so I'm letting my Mommy write it for me because I'm just 10-year-old and I don't write so well.

Anyway I'm not too sure just what the Santa Claus and Christmas stuff is all about. I think it has something to do with the fact that the things they put up in the living room though it looks like a tree but I've seen pictures of it and the stuff they

if I could just get in there... My big sister says I should get a train. I guess that's all right, whatever it is. Just so it's bright and makes lots of noise. I guess just about whatever you'd bring. I'd like, so I'll leave that up to you.

Ken Turner.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I know I haven't been in too much trouble lately and haven't cried too much, but will you please bring me a doll that cries my tears. I'd like a suitcase, too, and a record I can play on my daddy's hi-fi. I want some stuff out of my stocking, too. I've seen a girl's magazine the last few days. Please remember Kenneth, Sam, and all the other little boys and girls.

I love you,  
Kathy Turner

bring me a desk, a record player, a rifleman gun, and 2 guns for my brothers. Don't forget my little cousins and friends and all of the other little girls and boys.

Love,  
Junior Sewell

Dear Santa,  
Will you please help us for Christmas. We have eleven in our family and everything you give us will be thankful.

Yours truly,  
Emma Lee Turner  
Central St.  
House No. 23  
Littlefield, Texas

other toys, whatever you think I would like.  
Thank you.  
Love,  
F.ddie Bell  
1320 Dillon, Littlefield  
P.S. I will hang my sock on the window so you can find it. I want some candy, oranges and apples in it.

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a little boy 4 years old. I have tried to be good. I would like a choo choo train and some

other toys, whatever you think I would like.  
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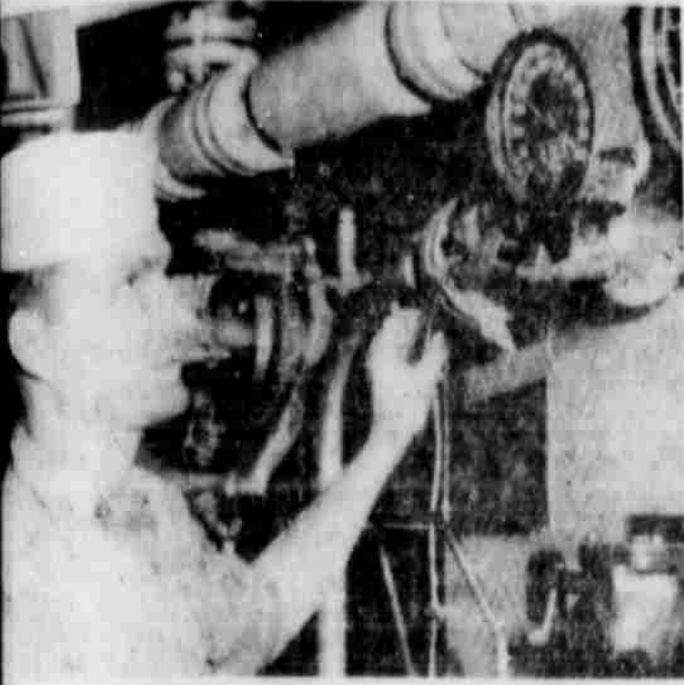
May your Christmas be as bright as the star that guided the wisemen to the crib in Bethlehem, and may your gifts be health, wealth and happiness!

OUR SINCERE THANKS FOR YOUR WONDERFUL PATRONAGE IN 1958 AND WE WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO AGAIN BE OF SERVICE TO YOU IN 1959.

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BOILERMAN JOHN L. STROMAN

## John L. Stroman Serving on Destroyer in Pacific

PEARL HARBOR, T.H. — John Stroman, boilerman first class, of Littlefield, Texas, stands in the boiler room aboard the destroyer USS Chevalier, which arrived in the Western Pacific last month for duty with the Navy's Seventh Fleet. Stroman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Neystel, of Route 2. His ship is one of four members of Destroyer Squadron 7. The squadron sailed from the west coast of the United States late in November, before arriving at Yokosuka, Japan, on Dec. 10 for a two-week visit. The squadron made a three-day stop at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The Chevalier will depart Yokosuka before Christmas for duty in the Philippines and other countries in the Far East. On its way to the Philippines, the ship will celebrate Christmas at sea. Stroman reported aboard the Chevalier in July 1957. Previously, he served the Navy's boilerman at San Diego. Before enlisting in the Navy in April 1948, he

### MADE NEWS

Betty Jo McCurry of Ft. Littlefield visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. McCurry Sunday. Mrs. W. M. McCurry and daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Talley of Lubbock were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. McCurry. Several from here attended the funeral of J. C. Kendrick of near Littlefield formerly of this community, last Tuesday. Jay Griffith was one of the pallbearers. Mrs. Ben Pointer of Littlefield visited his brother, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Pointer, Friday. Petersburg boys and girls defeated the local teams last Tuesday night at Petersburg in non-league basketball games. Bobby Wilcox won 59 to 33. Bobby Wilcox scored 14 points and Marcus Wilcox scored 13 points for the boys. In the girls games, the scores were 44 to 43. Alice Jones scored 14 points. Mrs. Merritt Brooks moved to a farm near Friona last week. They moved from Friona last year and bought her grandfather's farm near Friona. Mrs. Bayne McCurry and children were Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McCurry and daughter of Littlefield. Mrs. Donald Mouser of Littlefield is visiting relatives during the holidays. Mr. H. Harvey plans to spend Christmas in Amarillo with her mother and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wiscocki. Young married couples of Littlefield Church had their Christmas party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arwin Turner Saturday night. DeWitt Sunday School class had their Christmas party last Thursday night in the Baptist church. Mrs. E. C. Glass went to Friona Saturday night to be the wedding of her grandson, E. C. Glass, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Glass to Lavada Sue Glass, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Holloway. Mrs. Claude Pool and daughter of Lovell visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Pool Sunday. Mr. Ada Burdick was ill last

## Fort Worth Show Getting Entries At Record Pace

FORT WORTH—Entries in all departments of the 1958 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show are ahead of last year, officials have announced. Show dates are Jan. 30 through Feb. 8. Increased prize money, totaling about \$195,000, is credited with bringing in more livestock, horse, poultry, rabbit and pigeon exhibitors. The growing interest in stock shows is another reason the Fort Worth exposition gets larger each year. W. R. Wait, president-manager, pointed out. The Fort Worth show features various events. The newest things for better farming, ranching and living will be on display at the Texas Ranch and Farm Show. Exhibitors from all parts of the nation will show equipment and supplies

of all kinds. Admission is free to exposition visitors. An extensive carnival midway also is a part of the show. Numerous breed associations, clubs and organizations connected with livestock, poultry and rabbits will have meetings in conjunction with the show. Public auctions will be sponsored by the Texas Aberdeen Angus Association on Feb. 2, the American Hereford Association on Feb. 3 and the Texas Polled Hereford Association on Feb. 4. The third annual Fort Worth Show Quarter Horse Sale will be held Sunday, Feb. 8. The 1959 rodeo will star Dale Robertson who plays Jim Hardie on the television Western series, "Tales of Wells Fargo." The nation's top cowboys also will appear in rodeo events. There are 15,000 veterinarians in the United States, including a considerable number of women.

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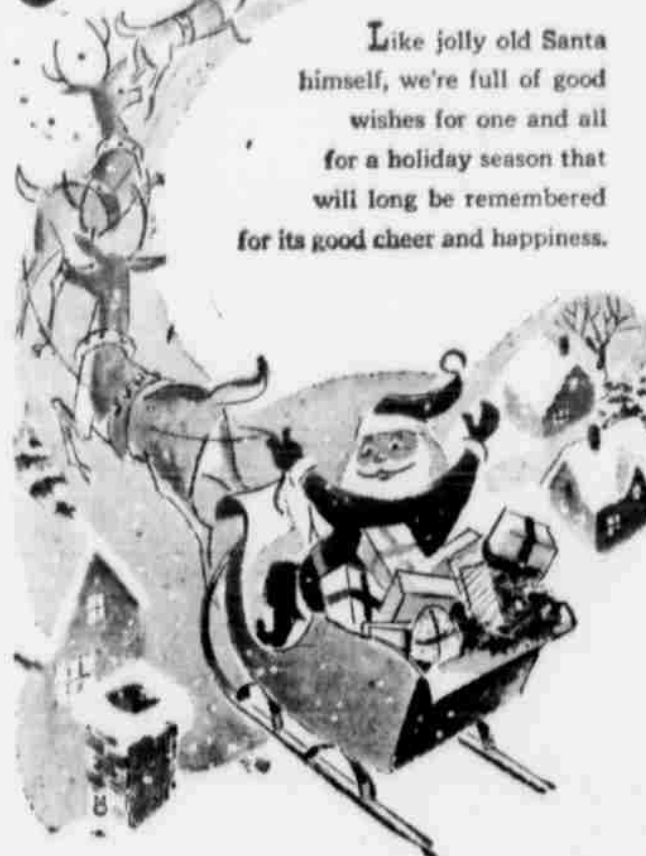
## Greetings of the Season

Merriest holiday wishes to you, friends and neighbors, and a full measure of the best things in life for now and always.



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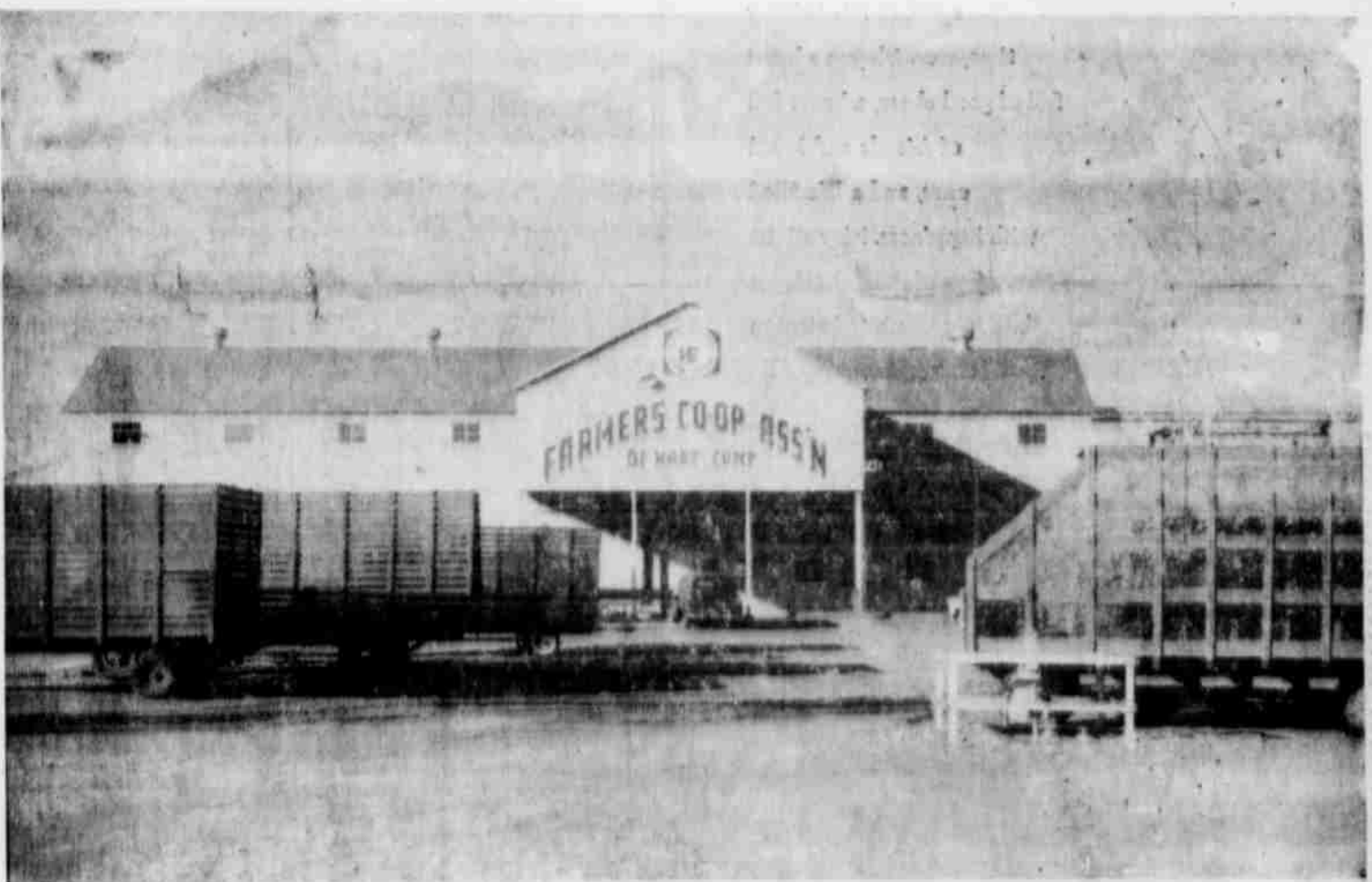
# Greetings



Like jolly old Santa himself, we're full of good wishes for one and all for a holiday season that will long be remembered for its good cheer and happiness.

## Littlefield Implement Co.

- C. T. OLIVER, SR.
- BILL JOLLY
- CLAUDE OLIVER, JR.
- AULOTLE MYERS
- WAYNE STREETY
- MARVIN KEEFER, JR.



## a Christmas Wish

Across the years, the message of the Star of Bethlehem shines into our hearts, our homes, our churches. With you we share the heartfelt wish for enduring peace and good will to all.

To our Members and Friends - we say "Thank You" for your patronage another year.

# Farmers Co-op Ass'n of Hart Camp



# Greetings of the Season

In the spirit of a good old-fashioned Yuletide, we wish for you and your family all of the traditional joys of the season. May your days be bright and your hearts light, as you store up a rich treasure of happy memories.



Willson-Crump Lumber



Illustration courtesy of artist, Mrs. George Beards, professor of music at the University of Texas is proving, on his own time, that it is easy for youngsters to learn a foreign language. Dr. Beards is shown here playing the guitar for an orchestra in German. (AP PHOTO)

## About Your HEALTH

Health advice comes from the Texas State Department of Health. HENRY J. HILL, D. M. Commissioner of Health

You bought your family many more and vastly more important gifts this Christmas than those you wrapped in bright paper and ribbon.

You shined out hard-earned facings to buy the gift of good health. Let's see precisely what you got for your money.

You got health this year in almost every line. \$10 million to buy and equip 20 medical early centers, most in hospitals and diagnostic centers, in areas with out them. Your shopping helped pay the balance of 110 hospitals serving in the Texas State Department of Health.

You paid \$10 million to build 12 new sewage treatment plants to give your family the gift of clean, unobscured streams. Helping you make the right choice was the Department's Division of Water Pollution Control.

You bought seven Texas cities all of them under 20,000 population gifts of comprehensive city plans. By following the plans, cities can grow and expand in a healthy, orderly manner without clutter of road corners.

The all-time \$100,000 Texas State Health Department has— you plan to put the right plan to work.

If you got \$100,000 to buy a million-dollar building, the gift of protection from yellow fever, typhoid, and malaria. If you were generous to an individual, you would have an eye for a special instance. Many of these gifts, you see, are a healthy body of an individual.

You bought almost \$15,000,000 of good for your family. You were most generous. How do you build the peace of 1959? The State gift is a gift to the health which you see. The gift is the Division of Health.

### Savings Bonds Sales Go Up To \$321,942

During the month of November the citizens of Lamb County purchased \$6,612 in Series E and H Savings Bonds.

This announcement was made recently by C. D. Stone, chairman of Lamb County's Savings Bonds Committee.

"Sales for the first eleven months of this year totaled \$321,942," Chairman Stone reports. "We have now achieved 85.5 per cent of our 1958 goal of \$376,000."

"Sales in Texas during the first eleven months of this year \$157,642,960 which represents 80 per cent of the 1958 goal of \$197,000,000."

"For this Christmas, more than ever, people need to give the gift of peace. U.S. Savings Bonds is a present with a future, and for the New Year, to keep our country strong and free and at peace with the world, to fight for all the honor, a land of which we will be continually proud, to provide security for the generations to come in the manner such as we have known, and above all—to keep the stupor, pure, earnest and bold that are a part of our heritage," Stone concluded.

Flags of six sovereign powers have flown over the state of Texas. They are the flags of Spain, France, Mexico, Republic of Texas, Southern Confederacy and the United States.

# Best Wishes for Christmas

At this joyful season, may there come to every heart a glad renewal of the warming spirit of peace and good will. May we all be richly blessed with enduring hope and love, as we rededicate ourselves to the glorious message of the first Christmas.



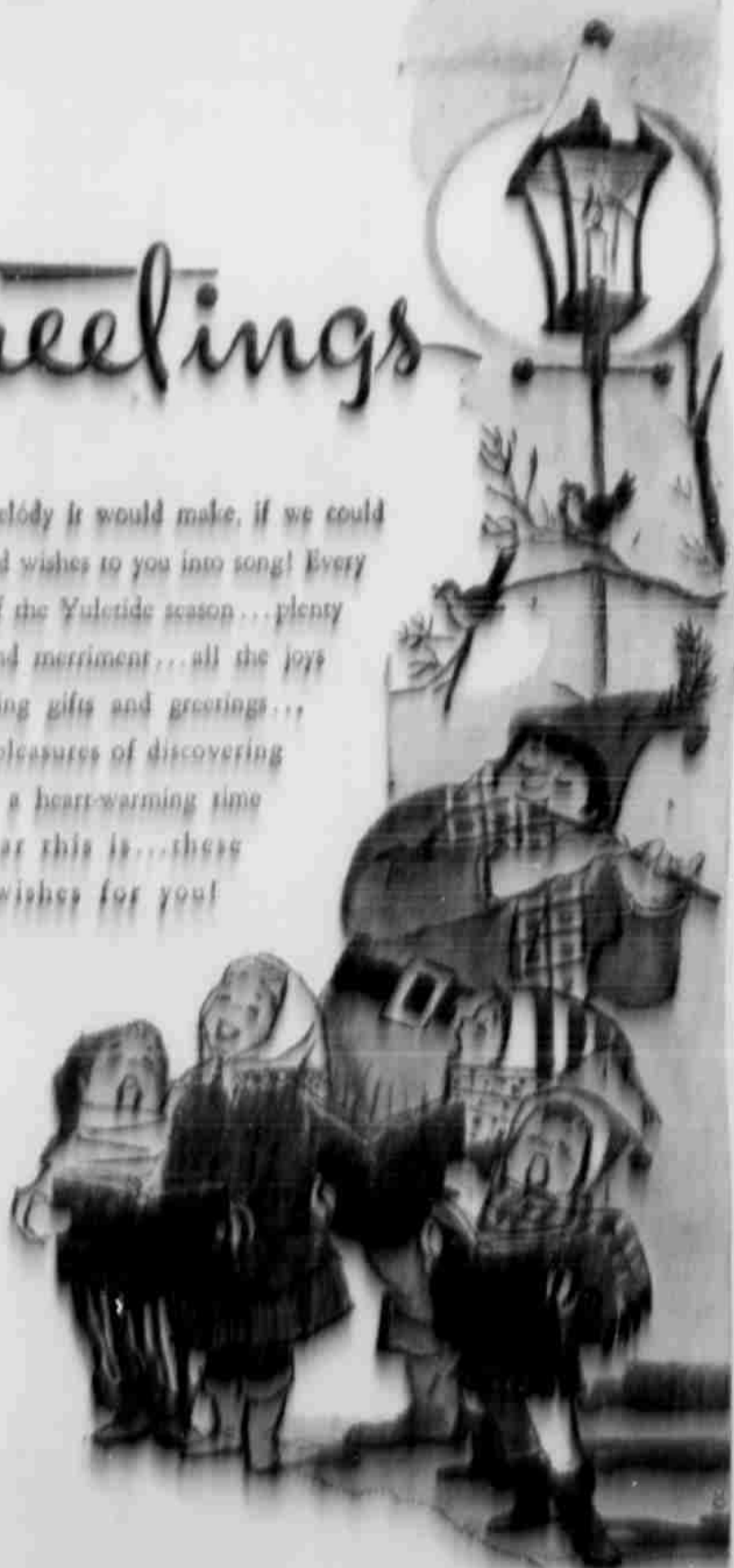
BATSON MOTOR CO.

T. I. Batson - Glenn Batson

DeSoto-Plymouth Dealer

# Greetings

What a melody it would make, if we could put our good wishes to you into song! Every happiness of the Yuletide season... plenty of mirth and merriment... all the joys of exchanging gifts and greetings... all of the pleasures of discovering new what a heart-warming time of the year this is... these are our wishes for you!



Continental Oil Company  
LLOYD SEWELL

# Silent Night



Heard in song, told in story, the Christmas message comes anew to lift our spirits, warm our hearts. At this happy time, we extend friendly greetings to all.

Littlefield Feed Store

211 EAST 9th

EDITORIALS

Contributions To Christmas

As the quiet of Christmas settles across the land, let us stop a moment to think of the many ways in which Christmas is made more meaningful in our community by The Salvation Army.

Throughout the holiday season, our hearts have been gladdened by the familiar blue-uniformed figures, cheerfully ringing bells at kettle stands, reminding us that one of the greatest Christmas joys is that of giving and sharing.

Through your coins and bills, you are sharing your Christmas with the less fortunate.

Let us look at what you have helped make possible:

A new, cuddly toy, or an appealing game, as well as traditional sweets for a hospitalized child...

A steaming-hot Christmas dinner for the homeless and hungry...

Assistance to make it possible for parents to fulfill their children's Christmas longings...

Holiday remembrances for shut-ins...

Neighborhood parties for children...

These are among the material benefits you have brought your neighbors in this community through your support of The Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. But more important still, you have helped to bring "peace on earth, good will to men."

The Wonder Of Christmas

"And they brought young children to Him, that He should touch them; and His disciples rebuked those that brought them.

"But when Jesus saw it, He was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the Kingdom of God.

"Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the Kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein."

The excitement of realizing that there is a powerful and good force concerned with our lives and working beyond human knowledge first came to many of us as children at Christmas time. Santa Claus and gifts, the tinsel and Christmas trees, the dinner and fun with friends and family all set the stage. With these things gradually came an awareness of the story of Christmas, brought to vivid reality in the manger scenes depicting the birth of Jesus, in stories of the wise men who came to see Him, following the star of Bethlehem and bearing their gifts, and in countless other ways. Perhaps this awareness was brought most sharply to some by the powerful and beautiful Christmas carols which tell the story as nothing else can of what happened on that night and of the new hope and joy which the birth of our Lord brought to the world, and to each one of us.

Fortunate is the person who had this experience as a child. The years can only deepen his understanding and increase the strength which he draws from the Kingdom of God which has entered his heart. Such strength can mean freedom for millions of oppressed people throughout the world where more subtle threats are made to their liberty and freedom of the individual.

The wonder of Christmas is the power which it gives each one among us to part the swirling mists of daily distractions and look again into the serenity, strength and meaning of the Kingdom of God that lies deep within our hearts and souls. The Kingdom of God can come to anyone, but only when it is accepted in simple trust and faith as by a little child, perhaps in the wonder of this Christmas season.

Fact And Opinions

CALPATRIA, CALIF., HERALD: "Today... we are being indoctrinated (taught something without really knowing all about it) by a group that have the most insidious plan for domination of the human race that the fertile mind of man has ever conceived. That plan is simply this: 'Not that we have been created equal by God, but that we shall be made equal by man.' We will all work under the same conditions, we will no longer have any problems, we will all have plenty to eat, we will all have a good house, a good car, a good television set, not necessarily because we earned them but because we are all equal and all deserve the same. We shall also think the same, worship the same, study the same things, dress the same, worry the same, and in the end we will all be the same, NOTHING."

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To Kids Like These...  
 You brought a Merry Christmas  
 by supporting The Salvation Army

STATE CAPITAL  
**Highlights**  
 AND **Sidelights**  
 by Vern Sanford  
 TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN, Tex. — There's the Iron Curtain, the Bamboo Curtain and what might be called the "Oaken Curtain"—those heavy oak doors in the State Capitol and elsewhere that sometimes swing shut when public officials are transacting public business.

Several newspaper organizations are forging a battering ram with which they'll make a run at the "Oaken Curtain" during the next legislative session.

Three measures designed to prevent the concealment of public information will be offered. Briefly, here's what the bills would do.

No. 1. Make open to the public at all times all official meetings of all city councils, commissions, legislative committees and state boards, commissions and agencies. Any official found in violation would be liable to a \$700 to \$1,000 fine and removal from office and the action taken in secret would be invalid.

No. 2. Make any official who prevents or refuses to permit inspection of a public record liable to a \$100 to \$500 fine and removal from office.

(Neither of the above measures would apply to any meeting or record not open to the public under present laws.)

No. 3. Make any person who takes and carries away a public record "with intent to destroy, suppress, alter or conceal" liable to a three to seven-year prison sentence.

All three measures are being sponsored by the Associated Press Managing Editors Association, and have not been introduced by the Texas Association of Sigma Delta Chi, a professional newsmen's organization.

All the bills, said Ed W. Chapman of Abilene, APME's freedom of information chairman, are based on the premise "that the public is entitled to know what goes on in the government divisions which levy and spend taxes and whose decisions affect the lives of the people."

Or, from another viewpoint, if its truly "government of the people, by the people and for the people," there's seldom need to hide it from the people.

WHO MEETS SECRETLY—Insofar as Austin is concerned, the most likely targets for freedom of information proposal No. 1 are the Legislative Budget Board and the State Board of Health.

The Budget Board, a joint panel of senators and house members, meets in advance of sessions to thrash out recommendations on how much money to appropriate where. Billions in public money are involved.

Shut-out Capitol pressmen contend the public ought to be in on these decisions.

But Budget Board members point out that it's terribly touchy business at this point and that premature reporting would be like taking the lid off a box of bees. They can't speak frankly, they say, and come to an understanding with reporters present. And besides, the story goes, the Budget Board's report will be made public when it is submitted to the Legislature.

State Board of Health has excluded reporters from sessions in which it decides the allocation of millions in federal hospital-building funds. The Health Board, too, contends that it eventually makes its decisions public. Newsmen complain that the reports are slow in coming in and hard to get.

State Board of Insurance was petitioned by Sigma Delta Chi's Austin Chapter to keep its public records and meetings open.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

Taken from the files of Lamb County Leader, Dec. 25, 1911

Governors and more than 20,000 mayors and other public officials have been sent appeals for assistance in the national waste paper conservation campaign by Leon Henderson, National Director of the Office of Price Administration and Civilian Supply.

January 12 is the date set for the case contesting the legality of the election on October 13 which resulted in authorizing the City of Littlefield to issue \$275,000 in revenue bonds for the establishing of a municipal light, power, and distribution plant.

A cantata, "The King Cometh" was presented by Miss Mary Ruth Boles and members of her vocal classes, in the Sunday morning service at the First Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Mancil Hall and daughter, Diane, will spend Christmas Day with Mrs. Hall's mother in Lubbock.

This Board promptly replied that it had not and would not attempt to conceal any official acts or hearings.

Some official activities are, by law, conducted in private. Senate meets in executive session when deciding whether to confirm appointments by the governor. Also the Senate committee nominations. In these sessions discussion involves people—the appointees—in a very personal way. Newsmen recognize this problem.

Also, the deliberations of both grand juries and petit juries are conducted in legal privacy since the reputation of innocent, as well as guilty, persons are involved.

None of these locally confidential activities would be affected by the freedom of information measures.

GOING "FIRST CLASS"—Reconstruction was over, but fence cutting was causing a lot of trouble in West Texas in 1883.

That was also the year the Legislature finally got around to voting under seven-year-old Constitutional instructions to "as soon as practicable, establish, organize and provide for the maintenance, support and direction of a university of the first class."

At the conclusion of its 75th anniversary celebration, a special committee of 75 made a report on its year-long study of progress. Its conclusion: the University "stands on the threshold of true greatness," but is not yet really "first class." Committee labeled some department and schools "superior," most just "satisfactory." It recommended more money for research, money to attract professors of world-wide renown, money to hold the talented young professors. It recommended eliminating the "dead weight" of inferior faculty members.

Texas is well able to support these advances, said the Committee. It called on the Legislature not to appropriate income from the University's Permanent Fund for current expenses, but allow the regents to use it for steps toward "excellence."

Desired end product would be, by the 100th anniversary, a university ranking among the top five or six in the nation.

BUDGET BLUES—Texas General Revenue Fund, like many personal accounts, is going to be badly in arrears by the first of the year.

Deficit is expected to be about \$40,000,000 by the time the Legislature meets Jan. 13.

General Revenue began the fiscal year in September with about \$13,000,000 on hand. In the months since expenses have consumed this and put the state in the hole at the rate of about \$13,000,000 a month.

State employees have been able to continue cashing their checks only because banks agreed to hold them until the State Treasury gets money to make them good.

First headache facing the lawmakers will be finding money to pay their own salaries, secretaries, expenses, etc. Possibilities

IT'S THE LAW  
 in Texas  
 A public service feature of the State Bar of Texas

Legal trouble is easier and cheaper to prevent than to cure. Most wage-earning, childbearing, home-buying, installment paying families don't see much need for a family lawyer.

Often under prodding, one may get a lawyer to write a will.

But can you tell a big legal risk from a small one? Can you spot the signs of legal trouble?

Check with your family lawyer when:

1. Your status changes: upon coming of age, marriage, the birth of your children, buying a house, divorce or death. For you may then need to draft or revise your will, change your insurance, or refigure your taxes.

2. You buy or sell. Look out for flaws in the papers before you go into debt, part with money, or sign anything involving big expenditures or long term obligations.

are deficit financing or borrowing from special funds.

3. You enter into contracts. Promises, spoken or written, bind you if they call for a "consideration," some value in return.

4. Someone threatens rights. The law exists to protect them, but with some rights you must take action yourself to work for you.

When you can bring your lawyer "live" fees (e.g., contracts, voting tax returns haven't filed), he can do more for you, and at a cost than when you bring "cold" facts (mistakes made which threaten rights).

But above all, get to and cold facts to him at a time may run out in many situations. Your lawyer is able to do something today, which he cannot do tomorrow.

Tell your lawyer what you want. Tell him all the facts, or bad, and then keep them formed all along. He is a deep what you tell in court and he cannot serve you without full knowledge.

Medicine Mound, Texas its name from four miles in the vicinity. These were medicine mounds and ceremonial sites of the manche Indians. Medicine not available elsewhere found there.

A Very Merry Christmas  
 May your Christmas dreams come true!  
 And may jolly old Santa bring you and yours a full pack of happiness and health.  
 Perry's Automatic Laundry

Merry, Merry  
**CHRISTMAS**  
 May the joyous message of the Babe of Bethlehem once more shine brightly in your heart... and, as you celebrate Christmas with your loved ones, may you experience deeply and fully all the blessings of the Day. May its happiness abide with you and yours through all the years to come.  
**Byers Grain & Feed**  
 OUR CHECKERBOARD PURINA DEALER

Merry Christmas to everyone — we hope Santa brings you the best of everything!  
**WHITES AUTO STORE**



**VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
 May the gifts of happiness grow for you—and give you lasting pleasure!

**Hazel's Beauty Shop**  
 404 PHELPS AVE.



**Sincere CHRISTMAS WISHES**

Oh, holy, peaceful Christmas!  
 Let every heart rejoice in the spiritual inspiration and blessings of the season.

**FOLEY'S USED CARS**  
 East Lubbock Highway — Phone 77-J



**FROM THE AGE OF CRONUS comes a modern symbol of death by motor vehicle accident. The symbol "Motorcide" (Fig. 1) introduced by the Texas Department of Public Safety is patterned after the ancient personification of Time and Death—Grim Reaper—(Fig. 2) and the Jolly Roger (Fig. 3). Many variations of the symbol of Death have been used throughout the years, but all found their beginning with the Greek god Cronus.**

**Motorcide Symbol Introduced By DPS To Remind Drivers Of Highway Safety**

A new figure has been added to our world of symbolism by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Symbols are as common as the wedding ring, the architecture of a church building, the poison marker on a bottle, and Father Time who strikes the final hour of the old year.

This week the Texas DPS introduced a figure of death with its skeleton hands gripping a steering wheel (Fig. 1) to symbolize the term motorcide, or death by motor vehicle accident.

The department coined the word "motorcide" several years ago, in 1953 to be exact, and presented it for the first time on an extensive report on Texas motor vehicle accidents covering the biennium of 1951-52. Paralleling the terms homicide and suicide, the word motorcide was defined in the report as "the killing of another human being, or of one's self, through the operation of a motor vehicle—usually the result of negligence or wanton carelessness."

Both the definition and the new word have been used nationally since being introduced. With more than 2,500 traffic fatalities occurring annually in Texas, the symbol of death by motor vehicle accident is destined to find extensive usage during holiday periods and special emphasis traffic safety campaigns.

Even though "motorcide" is a term with modern application, its symbol of death dates to antiquity. The Grim Reaper (Fig. 2), also called Father Time, is found in Greek mythology. The old white-bearded man carrying a scythe and often an hourglass and commonly used as the personification of time, is believed to be a descendant of the Greek god, Cronus, who carried a reaping hook. The scythe Father Time-borns is the symbol of his power to destroy—all falls like grain he for him. Father Time is the Old Year who passes on the burden to the baby New Year at the stroke of the new year's first minute. He represents Death; he cuts down those who die.

The symbol of a skull over two crossed thighbones (Fig. 3) is an ancient form of warning of death or danger which perhaps reached its height of popularity during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. It was during this period that pirates used the Black Flag, or the Jolly Roger. The flag was intended to strike terror to the hearts of mariners and usually displayed a white skull and crossed thighbones on a black background. Sometimes the entire skeleton of a man was depicted.

The Jolly Roger is believed to have come into being with the evolution of piracy from buccannery. In the year 1700, a French pirate, Emanuel Wynne, went into battle off Santiago Bay, by an ensign bearing cross-bones, a death's head, and an hourglass. This, perhaps, was the first time the Jolly Roger was used. Many variations of the flag were used throughout the age of piracy. But even then, the skull and bones was an old symbol of death and not peculiar to piracy. It was used as a cap-badge by several European armies as early as the sixteenth century.

In the fifteenth century, the infant age of mechanical clocks, death and time were personified in public places. The famous City Hall clock at Prague, constructed in 1419, employed the figure of death to ring a bell and turn over an hourglass before each hour was struck.

The famous astronomical clock in the cathedral at Strasbourg in Alsace, built in 1352, and reconstructed in 1917 by mathematicians, was designed to show the motions of the whole heavens, the motion of the sun and moon, every minute of the hour, the rising and falling of every star, but the featured item was the figure of death. At the end of each hour, death, in a room above all other symbolic figures, came forth with a bone.

Converting the ancient figure of death to fit the modern automobile age, the Texas Department of Public Safety hopes the symbol of motorcide will serve as a warning to all Texas drivers that danger lurks on our streets and highways. The new symbol will be shown many times throughout the forthcoming holiday period, not to frighten motorists, but to place emphasis on the need for safe driving.

Continental Congress authorized the U. S. Marine Corps in Philadelphia, on Nov. 10, 1776.

**Mrs. Brantley Honored With Afternoon Coffee**

AMHERST—Mrs. W. P. Elliott Jr. entertained with a coffee Friday afternoon in honor of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Jeff Brantley who is visiting here from California.

A Christmas get-together in which of four decorated the refreshment table, held with a white linen cloth.

Mrs. Harvey Patterson served mince and fruitcake with coffee. Calling hours were between three and five o'clock.



**Merry Christmas, Everyone!**

**Duncan's Auto Service**  
 1002 HALL AVE.

**Social Security Facts Explained**


Farmers are reminded that the cash wages of most farm employees must be reported for social security purposes by Jan. 31, 1959, according to John G. Hutton, manager of the Lubbock social security office.

These wages must be reported if the farm worker was employed by the employer for twenty days or more in 1958 and was paid on a time basis—that is, by the hour, day, week, etc.; or, if the employee was paid \$500 in cash by the employer in 1958 regardless of the days of work. Mr. Hutton stated further that the social security tax for 1958 is 4 1/2 per cent of the wages—2 1/2 per cent to be deducted from the employee's wages, and 2 1/2 per cent to be paid by the employer. This applies to earnings up to \$4,800 in the year. The tax must be paid to the Director of Internal Revenue.

Taxes on wages paid in 1957 will be slightly larger. The employer will deduct 2 1/2 per cent from the employee's wages and pay a similar amount himself. For 1958, earnings up to \$4,800 a year are taxable for social security purposes.

A representative of the Lubbock Social Security Office will be in Littlefield on Jan. 2, 1959 at 2:30 p.m. at the County Court room and will be glad to assist in all matters pertaining to Social Security.

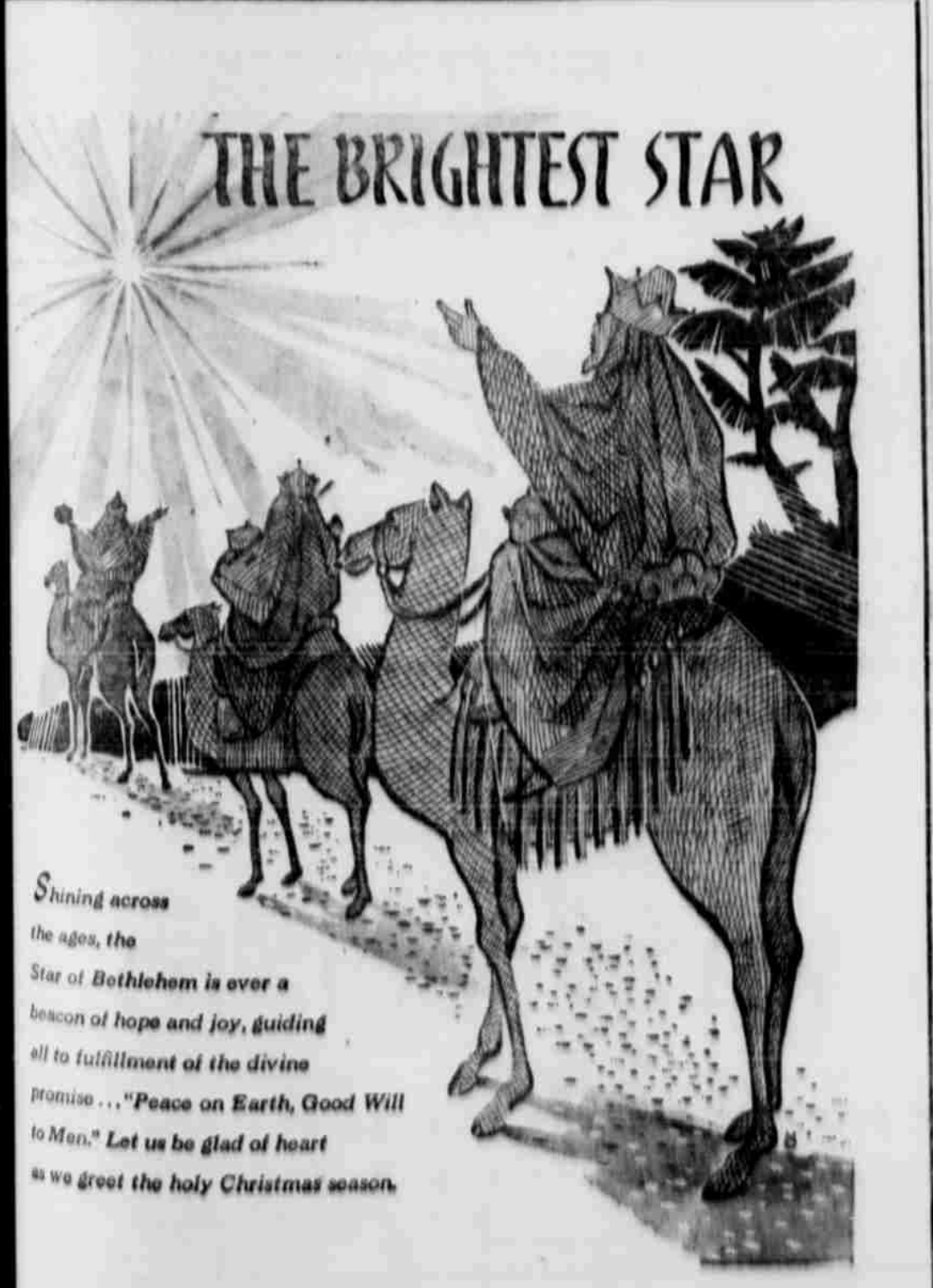
Alonso Alvarez de Pineda, a Spanish explorer, and his followers are believed to have been the first white men to set foot on what is now Texas soil. Pineda and his group explored the area in 1499.



**Christmas Greetings!**  
 Like the Wise Men of old, may you find treasures of the heart and the spirit this Noel!

**Cox Tin & Plumbing**  
 706 EAST 3rd

**THE BRIGHTEST STAR**

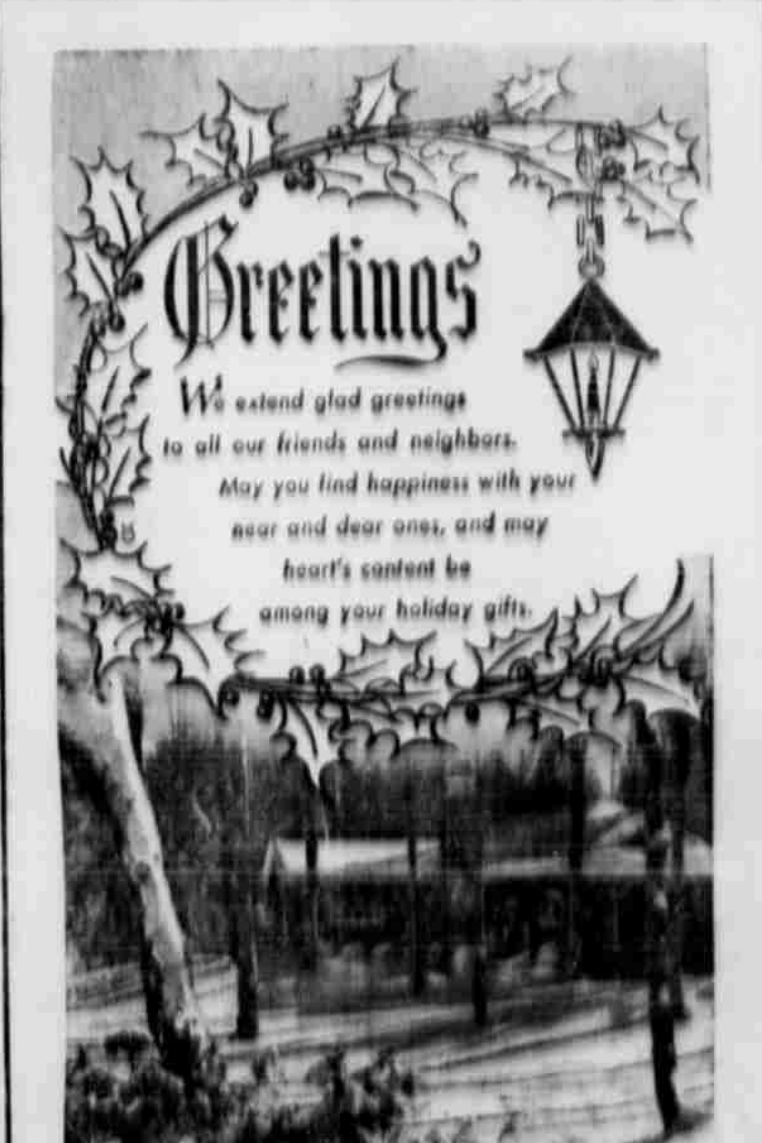


Shining across the ages, the Star of Bethlehem is over a beacon of hope and joy, guiding all to fulfillment of the divine promise... "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men." Let us be glad of heart as we greet the holy Christmas season.


**Tracy Perkins Roofing**  
 Freeman Avenue Phone 270

**Greetings**

We extend glad greetings to all our friends and neighbors. May you find happiness with your near and dear ones, and may heart's content be among your holiday gifts.



**Thornton's Cafeteria**



**Season's Greetings**

The brightest note on our Holiday calendar is this opportunity to express our thanks for your loyal patronage and wish you a Very Merry Christmas!

MR. AND MRS. EARL PARTAIN  
 MARGE AND RUDIE  
 MR. AND MRS. H. H. KIRBY

**LITTLEFIELD FROZEN FOOD**

# Amherst News

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bradley left Wednesday for Mineral Wells and Greenville for a holiday visit with relatives.

L. M. Atkinson left last week for a visit of several weeks with his son Larry and family in Los Angeles, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Oby Blanchard Jr. and daughter, Melonie of San Marcos, Calif., will spend Christmas with his mother. Other guests will be her daughter and family. Mr. and Mrs. Davis May of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. David Harmon were in Tahoka Friday. They met their daughter, Pat who attends McMurry College, Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Payne spent Sunday in Roswell, N.M. with their daughter, Mrs. Bill Tadlock and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Roubush of Denton, N.M. will spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Petterson.

Miss Mary Lenore La Grange of Knox City is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester La Grange.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brownlee of Amarillo were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allan White.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth White and children of Lubbock spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Duffy.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Bink and children will spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Hedgpeth.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Mele and family of Maloshoe were Amherst visitors Sunday. Their daughter, Sonis played an offer-

tory organ selection at Methodist Church at the service that morning.

Mrs. Dave Tullis of Anton was an Amherst visitor Friday.

Guests in the W. L. Key home during the weekend were their daughters, Mrs. Gaylord Butler and E. G. of Weatherford and Mrs. L. D. Estep and sons of Belen, N.M. They, with Mr. and Mrs. Key attended the wedding of their brother, Dwaine Key and Miss Elizabeth Blaylock in Friona Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Brown of Albuquerque, N.M. will spend Christmas with relatives.

Mrs. Tom Davis, Mrs. Doc Shavor, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Franks and family and, Mrs. George Kirk of Sudan were among those attending the Blaylock-Key wedding in Friona Sunday.

Mrs. Stella Rochelle and son Leo, arrived during the weekend from Houston where he is a teacher in the city schools.

Mrs. Alto Rochelle and son, Ray of Abilene are here for part of the holidays.

Mrs. Lester La Grange and Mary Lenore attended a coffee in the J. B. Dean home in Sudan Monday morning, honoring Mrs. Jim Ryan of Anchorage, Alaska and Mrs. Wib Richard of Montgomery, Ala. They are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Simon D. Hay of Sudan.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Springer of Forger are expected the last of this week for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Warren.

Mrs. Herndon Pace is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Edwin Pace and family in Dallas.



**BIG ENOUGH FOR SANTA!** Gary Wayne Guthrie, five-year-old polio patient at the Texas Rehabilitation Center, Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation, is happy because he has just measured the hospital's chimney and found it satisfactory. Gary is one of 64 patients now at the hospital. Their ages range from 6 months to 70 years and their Christmas happiness has been assured by gifts received from all over Texas. A state-wide emergency fund-raising drive, culminating in a Christmas appeal has temporarily provided funds to keep this all-Texas non-profit hospital open. Gary is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Guthrie of Burnet.

## Ladies Night Observed By Amherst Lions

AMHERST—Ladies night was observed by the Lions Club at the dinner meeting Thursday night at seven o'clock in Fellowship Hall of the Methodist Church.

The long U-shaped table was decorated with Christmas greenery and vari-colored baubles and miniature trees placed at intervals for an attractive setting.

Rev. John Rankin gave the invocation, Lion President Clarence Black welcomed members and guests and introduced J. H. Penn, who presented the following program:

Piano solo, "I'll Be Home for Christmas," Judy Bryant.

A sextette composed of Katie Hardwick, Sammie Sawyer, Bobby Campbell, Jan Holland, Vicki Hill and Judy Tollett sang, "Silent Night." Other numbers were "Oh Come All Ye Faithful," by Claudia Emmons, Judy Tollett, Vicki Hill, Jan Holland and Katie Hardwick.

Rita Sue McCarty gave the reading "Twas the Night Before Christmas," a piano solo by Linda Clayton, a saxophone duet by Mike Nix and Claudia Emmons and the program was concluded with Lois Chapin and Claudia Emmons singing "Joy to the World."

Ladies attending each received a Christmas corsage as a gift from the Lions.

A committee from the WSCS served the dinner.

## Mrs. Jim Nix Hostess For Club Christmas Party

AMHERST—The Amherst Garden Club met Friday afternoon, Dec. 12 at 2:30 p.m. with Mrs. Jim Nix hostess for the Christmas party.

Mrs. C. A. Thomas gave a Christmas story which told of a soldier's experiences in Japan.

The club voted to donate money for a needy family at Christmas time.

The entertaining rooms were decorated for Christmas and enjoyable refreshments were served to Meses, E. L. Black, Wallace Gosdin, George Harmon, Lee Payne, Victor Reynolds, C. A. Thomas, Bill Workman, Clay Williams Jim Nix, Jim Bradley and the honorary members, Mrs. Harris Brantely and Mrs. Mat Lee Sr.

The next meeting will be Jan. 9 with Mrs. W. P. Holland, hostess. "Creative Arrangements" will be the topic for discussion.

We're wishing you an absolutely heavenly Christmas... bright as a star, carefree as a cloud.

**GRAHAM'S CAFE**  
MR. AND MRS. M. O. CARTER

Christmas Cheer

Here's Christmas cheer to all our friends and patrons. We thank you for your loyalty and good will. We hope your holidays will be a time of high happiness, deep contentment, gifts galore.

**ROWE ABSTRACT**



# Season's Greetings

With all the warmth of the Yuletide spirit, we extend to everyone our very best wishes for a holiday as bright and glowing as a Christmas candle... as joyously beautiful as the sound of church bells ringing across the land. May the happiness of the season remain forever in your heart.

**We Appreciate...**

the fine patronage you have given us which has enabled us to have one of the best years ever. Thanks to each of you.

**N. B. Embry Gin**

5 Miles North of Littlefield

# Happy Holiday

Flying high are our hopes for your happiness during the Holiday season. But deeply rooted is our appreciation of your patronage and good will in the past year. We shall look forward to the opportunity of continuing to serve you throughout the new year.

**Nelson's Hardware & Housewares**

**KEEN KUTTER STORES**

P.O. Box 871 Phone 315

# Season's Good Wishes

As the holiday season glides merrily in, we would like to take the opportunity to express our appreciation to all the good people who have helped make this year such a wonderful one for us. Thank you... and best wishes for loads of Yuletide happiness!

T. L. AND BEULAH DUNLAP

**Littlefield Steam Laundry and Linen Supply**

## Don't Let A Wreck Ruin Your Holiday

If you're in Texas during the holiday season, it will be practically impossible for you to escape the Collision Spoil Your Holiday.

From the front pages of daily and weekly newspapers, from the loudspeakers of radios and the screens of television sets, from a thousands of billboards over length and breadth of Texas, that Christmas-New Year's holiday traffic safety message will reach out for you in one of the most intensive state-wide campaigns of its kind in recent years.

Governor Price Daniel, who opened the first state-wide traffic safety crusade early this year with an announced goal of saving 254 lives over 1957, says his goal "is now in sight."

And to carry it through the last moment of the last minute of the last day of the last month of 1958, he has been able to secure a mighty outpouring of assistance from Texas' mass communication media and an almost comparable voluntary effort on the part of many thousands of citizens everywhere in the state.

At their own expense, billboard companies of Texas, members of the Outdoor Advertising Association of Texas, have provided more than 1,000 full-color posters carrying the Governor's message over his own signature along with the photograph of a very billboard firm in the state participated, according to Ed St. John of Austin, an official of Duplex Advertising Company of Austin and Chairman of the Safety Education Committee of the Association. It is one of the biggest efforts of its kind the organization ever undertook.

J. C. Smyth, publisher of the *San Antonio Express-News*, said he was urging every Texas newspaper to devote whatever space and effort are needed in its community to halt traffic deaths during this holiday season. From past experience, I am sure that no Texas newspaper will leave anything undone that it can do during the holidays to help in this all-out campaign.

From Albert D. Johnson, general manager of KENS Radio in San Antonio and president of the Texas Association of Broadcasters, came similar assistance. "I assure you that all broadcasters in this state are vitally interest-

ed in the highway safety problem . . . and all of us stand behind you in your efforts to reduce the traffic toll." The radio-TV broadcasters of Texas staged a special Labor Day campaign called "Leathless Weekend" that was credited by state officials with holding that holiday's toll to the predicted figure.

This week, Governor Daniel has mailed more than 5,500 letters to citizens in all parts of the state, asking their assistance in the holiday program. Concerning the program, the Governor said: "The figures showed 2,037 deaths in the same time during 1957, or 24.4 per cent fewer. This gives us hope of reaching our goal." Governor Daniel concluded: "But the holiday period alone can wipe out all this gain unless every driver in Texas makes certain he is not involved in a fatal crash."

### Kitty Will Purr With This Gift

#### AP Newsfeatures

Let Santa beware. If he wants to become persona non grata with thousands of American households, just let him forget the feline members of the household.

Every little kitten and grown cat should have a gift of his own—a charming little fireplace stocking maybe made for kitty out of gray wool felt and in a fish shape.

It's a cinch to make say foch! sewing center experts, who suggest you cut out the pattern with sharp scissors, and then make adjustments before sewing the two pieces together. Cut out "ears" for the cat's nose from scraps of felt, and stick it in place. Decorate it with sequins and strips of gold tinsel to simulate fish scales.

When you stitch the sides together, sew gold tinsel into the seam, and add a loop for hanging purposes.

Fill the stocking with treats and play things—a can of sardines, tuna fish or salmon, a ball of yarn all his own, and a catnip mouse.



*May all the good things come your way at Christmas!*

To our many customers and friends,  
our sincere wishes for your happiness  
and a Merry, Merry Christmas to you all!

MR. AND MRS. W. B. LITTLE and EMPLOYEES

# Little's

of Littlefield

## Best Wishes for the Holiday Season

With sincere gratitude for the warm friendships which we have enjoyed, we extend greetings of the season to all of you, whose good will and loyalty we count among our most cherished possessions. May the holidays find you in hearty good health, surrounded by devoted family and friends.

L. V. Pierce

# DAIRY MART

Will Be Closed December 24 - 25



## Peace On Earth Good Will Toward Men!

Once again it is time to reread the ever-beautiful Christmas story. May the wonder of its meaning be renewed in our minds and hearts during this blessed season and may Peace and Good Will reign at Christmastime.

# TELLYER PIPE

DIVISION OF AMERICAN - MARIETTA

G. A. WHITE, MANAGER

# Anton News

Paul Douglas Tullis flew to Detroit, Mich., Thursday and is returning by car by way of Oklahoma when he will visit in Littlefield with relatives.

Raymond Jones is confined to a Littlefield Hospital suffering with a broken neck received in a car wreck.

Miss Phyllis Robinson is in the Methodist Hospital recuperating from major surgery.

Mrs. Bob McCallister's mother is reported to be improved, somewhat from a stroke she suffered recently.

Mrs. Pat Blount and daughters, Christie and Rosa Maize of Oklahoma City are here for the holidays, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Alexander and son, Kenneth Lee are spending the holidays with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Zimmerman at Enid, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Alexander and son, Morris, are spending the holidays with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Cate and boys at Colorado Springs, Colo.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tullis spent the weekend visiting relatives in Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Campbell and children of Amherst were visiting their parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Campbell this week.

Mrs. Adair Bishop underwent surgery in a Lubbock hospital Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Padon spent a few days this week in Fort Worth visiting relatives and friends.

Albert Ellis who had been confined to a Lubbock hospital several weeks following a heart attack, returned to his home in Lubbock this past week.

Two new ready built houses have recently been moved into town. The A. A. Givens home, located one in the west part of town and the Wilma McGrews have located theirs in place of

their former house which was moved.

Visiting with the W. M. Alexanders Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Moore of Lubbock.

Mrs. Paul Tullis was visiting with Mrs. Ashley Cox in Lubbock this week.

Howard Denson had word Friday that his sister, Mrs. T. Fairchild at Colgate, Okla., had passed away.

David McVey, Anton Ag teacher, was one of the winners of the Texas State Leadership contest held at Sam Houston State Teachers College Saturday the 13th.

Miss Kay Hoelscher, sophomore music education major at Texas Tech, was presented by Gamma Phi Beta, national sorority, Dec. 1 as a new initiate. Kay pledged Gamma Phi in March, 1958 and was initiated in October this fall.

The Wesleyan Service Guild had its Christmas dinner in the home of Mrs. Dan Allford on the evening of Dec. 9, with co-hostesses, Mrs. David McVey, Carl Butler, Wayne McLarley, Bob McGuire and C. F. Bryce assisting with hospitalities. Three new members were present, Mrs. J. R. Bryce, Betty Waters and Junior Wallball.

The dinner was enjoyed by twenty-two members. The next meeting will be on Jan. 13, with Mrs. Edith Whitfield, with the study on the Middle East to be given.

A Christmas coffee was held in the Homemaking Cottage Wednesday afternoon with teachers and board members and their wives as guests. The PHA girls served the refreshments, under the direction of their teachers, Mrs. Arthur Jennings.

Gifts were presented by the teachers, to Principals W. D. Wetlaufer and James Cathey and to Supt. W. R. Taylor. Mrs. Charlene Buchanan received a nice gift from the faculty.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Ted Pendleman, Mrs. Chester Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Biffle, Mrs. Cecil Motl, Millard Kerr, Wayne Grable, Roy Grace, Elmer Houston, Dewey Hulise, J. G. Greer, Sid Landers, Christine Buchanan, A. Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cathey, Mr. and Mrs.

## Anton's Girls Win Crosbyton Meet

Anton's girls captured their division title in the Crosbyton Invitational Basketball Tourney Saturday night, downing the

W. R. Taylor, Miss Letha Scott, Dave Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Wetlaufer and

Crosbyton girls, 39-34. Floydada took the boys' title with a 52-26 win over Spur; Anton's boys lost in the second round.

Leading the Anton to victory was Martha Braker, who scored 21 points.

Miss Braker was named to the girls' all-tournament team and Doug Goen of Anton made the boys' all-star five.



Hi!  
It's time  
to send  
greetings  
your  
way...

RADIO & TV CENTER

Graphite, Texas, in eastern Llano County, was built to ship graphite, but actually was used to ship cattle. Graphite is a station name on a spur of the Texas and New Orleans railroad.

Fiesta de San Jacinto, held annually in San Antonio, commemorates the Texas victory at the battle of San Jacinto, fought April 11, 1836. The Fiesta is a week-long affair.

## SANTA'S ON HIS WAY!



Have the  
merriest, most  
wonderful  
Christmas ever!

LEVETA'S  
BEAUTY SHOP

135 N. WESTSIDE AVE.

**GREETINGS**

During this merry season of the year, we send our greetings and wishes to all our cherished friends and neighbors. May your Holidays be bright with all the joys of Yuletide. May they find you in good health, leave you lighter in heart, happier in spirit — looking forward with confidence to the year ahead and all that it holds for you and yours.

**ERNEST OWENS**  
DISTRICT CLERK



Warm Wishes

We take a gift of words, wrap it with good cheer, adorn it with a friendly smile, and send it on its way to you and yours. What it is? It's our package of holiday wishes, warmly felt, heartily said. May your Yuletide season be merry and bright... filled with lasting contentment.

We wish to express our appreciation to our loyal customers for making this a wonderful year.



May you rediscover during this festive season all of the high-hearted joys and good cheer of an old fashioned Yuletide, complete with friendships warmly renewed and old times happily remembered... abounding in all the good things of life.

No holiday season would be complete for us without a sincere expression of thanks to our loyal patrons for their confidence and good will. We hope that we may continue to serve you all in 1959.

**LLOYD PRYOR**  
REAL ESTATE AND CHEVROLETS  
AMHERST, TEXAS

**ART DAVIS TIRE SERVICE**

7th AT LUBBOCK HIGHWAY



# SANTA AND THE ELF BOY:

Nine Chapters Of Enjoyable Reading  
Written By Lucrece Hudgins Beale

...The Hag tells Esteban that if he will take her from the moon, she will give him a powder that makes the professor's wife. But as they were to leave, the Man in the top hat stopped them.

**CHAPTER NINE  
STRANGE PROPOSAL**  
"I cannot let you go," said the Man in the top hat. "I will stay and be his partner."

"It's my blue bird!" cried Esteban, picking up the bird. "We've saved her any way!" He gave the bird to Santa and then he climbed into the nearest chimney. A second later he popped out in Charlotte's room. The little girl looked up in astonishment when

"Texas" came from "Tejas," an Indian word meaning friends or allies. The name was applied to Indian tribes living around Spanish missions in eastern Texas. Texas' first telegraph line was built into Marshall Feb. 14, 1854 from Shreveport, La. Later in the year the line was extended to Rusk, Henderson, Palestine, Montgomery and Houston.



"Merry Christmas" cried Esteban, flying away.



**TO OUR FRIENDS**  
May your Christmas be merry,  
gay, and bright as the twinkling  
baubles that bedeck your tree!  
**ONSTEAD FURNITURE**  
418 PHELPS

he appeared. "Esteban!" she cried. "Where have you been?" Esteban put his hand over her mouth. "I'll tell you all later. Are you locked in?"

"Oh, no! My father said if I tried to get anyone to stop him the same thing would happen to that one as happened to you. So I promised I wouldn't bother him again. But, oh, Esteban, he is in his room now waiting for midnight to release the gas!"

"Go to him at once!" cried Esteban rushing out the door. "Implore him to come to the room where the sleeping woman lies just once before he releases the gas!"

Charlotte flew through the corridors to do his bidding while he himself raced up the stairs to the room where the beautiful

woman lay. He opened the little box and, taking out a pinch of white powder, flung the powder on the closed eyelids.

There was a gentle movement on the bed and the sleeping woman opened her eyes. For a long moment she and Esteban gazed at one another and then she sat up and said, "Where is my husband? Where is my own darling child?"

The beautiful woman gazed at Esteban and repeated her question. "Where is my husband? Where is my own darling child?" Instead of answering, Esteban ran to the door. His heart pounded and his hands grew cold. Was it too late after all? Had the professor already let loose the powerful gas? Suddenly he heard far-away

footsteps rushing through the corridors below.

"They are coming!" he cried. "My dear," said the woman curiously. "Who are you? What are you doing here?"

"I am Esteban," he said. "You were put under a spell by the Hangdog Hag. The professor wishes to destroy all of Fairyland in order to destroy the Hag."

"All of Fairyland! How terrible! I shall not let him do it!" At that moment Charlotte and the professor came into the room. The little girl took one look and threw herself into her mother's arms. The professor, his lips trembling, moved slowly forward hardly daring to believe what he saw.

"My dear!" said the woman. Then the professor's eyes filled

with joy and he clasped his wife to him.

In a moment she said, "This boy tells me you plan to destroy all fairies. Can that be so?"

"Not any more," said the professor looking gratefully at Esteban. "I shall destroy the gas instead."

Once again he clasped his wife in his arms and Charlotte and Esteban slipped away.

"Oh, Esteban! How wonderful you are!" cried Charlotte. "You have saved everyone! How happy I am!" She danced into her own room and her eyes widened in astonishment. Standing in the center of the room was an enormous tree decorated with blue and silver balls. Under the tree was a mountain of gifts.

ban laughing at the little girl's amazement. "Come see what you have!"

Charlotte dropped to her knees and reached for the gifts. The very first package she picked up was marked "For Esteban."

"What can it be?" cried Charlotte. "Open it, Esteban, open it do!"

Esteban tore off the wrapping and opened the box. He broke into a joyful cry. "It's my wings! I have my wings again! Quickly—fasten them on me!"

Wide-eyed with delight, the little girl took the beautiful fragile wings from his fingers and went to assist them to the boy's shoulders.

spread his wings and flew to the window.

"Goodbye, Charlotte. I must fly away now to Fairyland for that is where I belong."

But before she could speak he suddenly placed his finger to his lips and whispered "Listen!"

Charlotte listened and heard the tinkle of sleigh bells. She leaned out the window with the elf flying above her. She saw Santa and his reindeer circling in the light of the moon.

"Oh, Merry Christmas!" breathed Charlotte joyously. "Merry Christmas!" called Esteban, spreading his wings and sliding away.

And from far above came Santa's answering call. "Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas, to all!"

(The End)

## Christmas Greetings

*Good cheer to you and yours! We're wishing  
you the merriest, brightest Christmas  
ever. May you enjoy all the pleasures of giving  
and receiving... and may your heart  
and home be warm with the  
lasting treasures of love  
and fellowship.*



Thanks....  
to our members and friends, we have just completed a good year. We sincerely appreciate your patronage.

# Farmers Co-op Gin

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# Camera-Snapping Always Highlight At Christmas

By IRVING DESFOR  
AP Newsfeatures

Christmas is a joyous season the spirit of good will and the giving of gifts reigns everywhere, and since photography a best record these events, the up-snap of still cameras and whirl of movies will increase tempo till the twilight of the star Claus Reindeer-Special falls into the northern sky.

There's no reason why photographers should not be just as busy as all the people around them. Put a good camera in his hand (a subtle gift hint if I ever did one), loaded with the right kind of film, enough light in the proper places on cooperative subjects and he'll have a snappy holiday.

But how happy can the camera-man be if he discovers at the magic moment that the camera still has daylight-type color film and right before him under the floodlight—the kids are running open their packages? Or the flashbulbs fail to fire. Or all the lights go out when a battery-reflector floodlights are connected to one electric light outlet.

Neither house circuits nor photographers need blow a fuse photo strategy is planned and preliminary tests made in advance of the big event. There's nothing new or unusual in this advice but it must be repeated year after year to keep reminding us that it can happen here we are overconfident or blissfully ignorant.

Take the camera first, especially if you haven't been using much since vacation days. Give a dry run so you know the camera's operating and the coils turn while you get the feel of it again. If it has a flash, check the circuit with a test light or play safe and replace batteries with fresh ones.

It's better to start with color film for artificial light for indoor shooting since it gives maximum film speed. Then if it becomes necessary to switch to daylight shooting outdoors, the addition to the proper conversion filter puts the colors in correct balance and at the same time there is no loss of film speed.

When it comes to color film negatives such as Kodacolor and Ektacolor, there is no differentiation between daylight or artificial light. It can be shot under any kind of light and the results can be viewed as color prints, black-and-white prints or made into color transparencies.

When it comes to lighting the indoor scene, the camera light-bar has swept the country. This is the hand-held gadget with from two to four reflector floods, in the center of which is the camera. It is the easiest, most practical method of providing light for a still or movie camera. But it is not the most artistic. It provides flat, concentrated light when and where you need it. But it won't give a sparkling highlight or model the features.

To improve the light level of most indoor shots, you might try putting reflector or floodlights in several normal light fixtures around the room, if the sockets or lamps can take the extra heat.

Again, our best advice is to quick test everything to assure yourself the results will bring Christmas back as a happy memory—instead of a blank.

## Baby Sitter Suggestions Are Offered

Because Christmas is a time of much entertaining and visiting, obtaining baby-sitting services becomes a greater problem than usual. Coupled with this is parental worry over the fire-safety of children left behind in a baby-sitter's care.

In most cases, parents realize the importance of fire safety—especially at this time of year—and have taken the necessary precautions in the placement

care and decoration of the Christmas tree.

Nevertheless, the National Board of Fire Underwriters concerned with your safety, offers these helpful suggestions to parents who employ baby sitters:

1. Know the sitter; make inquiries about training and family background.
2. Employ only sitters who have a sense of responsibility and who like children.
3. Try to have the same sitter regularly if possible, and one who lives nearby.
4. Have a preliminary interview with sitter. Acquaint her with children and pets, especially the watch-dog.
5. Give instructions orally and leave them in writing.
6. Show sitter all exits and how to get children out of house in case of fire.
7. Give the sitter the telephone number of the fire department, family doctor, and place to which they (parents or adult members of the family) are going. Also, what number to call in the event of any emergency.
8. If there is no phone, explain to sitter other means of notifying fire department in case of a fire.
9. Caution sitter against permitting child to play with matches, electric cords, or with other electric appliances. Also, tell her to keep the child out of the kitchen, if possible.
10. If sitter is to bathe youngster, make certain she has had such experience.
11. Leave a first aid kit with sitter and explain how to take care of simple burns, cuts, bruises.
12. Be sure sitter understands that in a fire emergency she should get the child out of the house, then call the fire department, then notify parents.
13. Provide flashlights for use in case lighting should fail.
14. Always come home at the hour agreed upon, telephone if delayed.
15. Make suitable and safe arrangements for accompanying the sitter home.

At least 14 Texas streams bear the name of "Rock Creek."

There are 12 deepwater ports along the Gulf Coast of Texas. All are man-made in varying degrees.

Poultry was first introduced to Texas by the early Spanish explorers and later by Anglo-American colonists.



A JOYOUS  
Christmas  
May you  
and yours  
be blessed with  
happiness

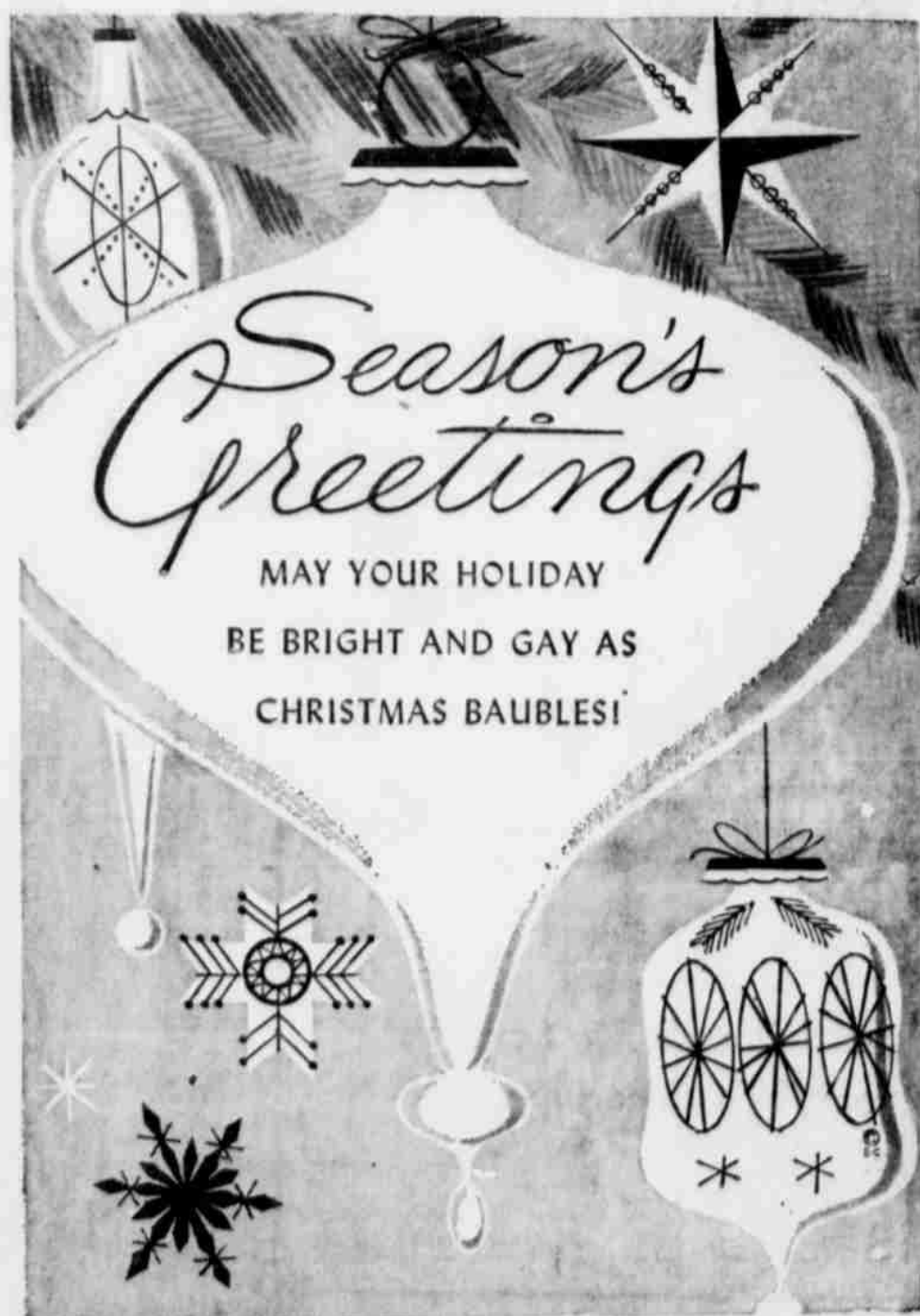
To Everyone We Wish A  
Very Merry Christmas.  
May The New Year Be Full  
Of Happiness And Joy For  
You And Yours.

Irma Leta Barker  
Maxine Hutto  
Mildred Chisholm  
Eddie Shaw

Donnie Allison  
Bob Crawley  
Jude Thornton  
Butch Howard

James Wood  
Jimmy McGee  
Glen McAlister  
Robert Gollehon

Lee Hayes  
Alvis Tubbs  
Melvin Ross



To all our friends and many patrons...  
We wish the very best during the coming year!

Field's MEN'S STORE  
AND CLEANERS

Pioneer Super Marke



May the Joy of the Holiday Glow  
Brightly for You and Your Family

Kelly Insurance Agency  
105 EAST 4TH

## Add Repairs To House To New Year Resolutions

By VIVIAN BROWN  
AP Newsfeatures Writer  
This may be the year you'll stick to those New Year's resolutions. Who knows? Why not make a list, and then see what gives in the department of will power.

Let's give the house a spin in the resolutions round-up for 1959. Perhaps you'll come out ahead:

1. There's that slow trickle at the water faucet that may become a gusher with the installation of a few new pipes. Ever think to call the plumber and ask him how much these repairs would be? Chances are they'll be small in comparison to the erosion of your disposition due to the slow fill of the bathtub or washing machine.

2. If you're the neighborhood shrew make it your business to think for yourself in 1958. You don't really want oyster white walls now that all your friends have them, do you, and perhaps you can talk yourself out of that zebra striped hearth rug like the one your neighbor has just acquired.

3. Straining your eyes because you don't have enough outlets in your living room? Make it your goal to have a few more added, and give up fire-dangerous extension cords, if that's what you use.

4. Store or sell all extraneous dust catchers unless they add to the decor. Some clutter may be enchanting, but often clutter is just too much of too many good things.

5. If you've been complaining that the man on the house is spreading out, what with fishing gear, skis, hunting equipment spilling over in corners of closets and shelves, give the man a break. Size up closets in the house and see if one can't be set aside just for his gear, and maybe include sports equipment belonging to small fry. You can load one closet with cameras, binoculars, fishing rods, skis, rubber boots, sports shirts, sweaters and cold weather jackets. When other closets are relieved of this burden, you may be surprised at the neat appearance of your crannies.

6. Eating your heart out for a new lamp, table, outdoor furniture or porch rug that somehow can fit into the budget? Why not try saving the easy way—dimes a day, for instance. You may not miss the pennies involved, but in no time at all you'll have your dividend gift. Use an old mayonnaise jar for that extra change. It'll add up, even a dime a day amounts to more than \$35 a year.

## Want To Do Something New During Christmas Season?

By DOROTHY WHIPPLE, M.D.  
Would you like to do something new and different this year at Christmas time? There is an old old Christian custom that's well worth dusting off and using in our modern lives.

Fill the Advent crib. Prepare a manger-like crib and set it up on the First Sunday of Advent (the Sunday nearest the Feast of St. Andrew on November 30). This crib is to receive the Christ Child on Christmas Eve. It needs to be filled with straw to make a soft bed for the Babe. Each straw represents an act of kindness or good will. After supper every evening from the time you set up the crib until Christmas Eve the whole family gathers around the crib and each member of the family is allowed to put in

as many straws as his day of good deeds permits.

Tell the children the story of Mary and Joseph, of how they were turned away from the Inn and finally found quarters in the stable. The children will be anxious to make the Christ Child's bed just as soft and comfortable as possible. Christmas Eve when you fill the children's stockings you can place a little figure of the Christ child in the crib for the children to find the next morning.

This is a lovely custom and one which will give the children some of the real spirit of Christmas. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." This is the most important tenet of Christianity which we profess to live by. Unfortunately it too often gets lost in our hard work-

day worlds. Nevertheless it is what in our hearts we want to live up to. What better time than Christ's birthday to try to put it into operation.

As you put the straws into the crib each evening talk to the children about the kind of person Christ was. Explain to them that what would truly please Him and make Him comfortable is human beings who are kind and considerate of others and that by patterning their lives on this principle they will grow in the image of Christ.

Not only the children but the grownups can profit from each straw they lay in the crib. It is surprising how all through the day the thought of those little straws keeps you going. Perhaps it is that you must live up to your children's expectations of you that you remember to do the nice things. It is little things often that are the most important.

Give the children credit when they remember to say thank you or tell you that something you

cooked was real good. They get credit for hanging up their clothes without being nagged. Maybe a child could polish your shoes for you or run an errand or wash the dishes. Maybe, maybe your husband could bring you a cup of coffee in bed one Sunday morning or it might be the other way around, you take it to him.

When the whole family is trying to think up things to do for each other it's amazing what you can come up with. And don't confine it to the family. How about that unpopular child in Susie's class. Could Susie do something nice for her—just talk to her or go over and sit beside her at lunch time.

Better prepare a crib big enough to take all those straws! Filling an Advent crib is certainly more in the true spirit of Christmas than merely being good so Santa Claus will leave presents. The reward is the good feeling inside not material presents, and isn't that what Christmas is all about anyway.

Joy to All

... this Christmas

Season — and our

thanks for your

loyal patronage.



F. L. NEWTON

INSURANCE AGENCY

428 PHELPS AVE.



Christmas is a gift that belongs to us all... but in our merry-making, let us not forget the true meaning of the day!

HOWARD'S

Feed - Seed - Fertilizer

Season's Greetings

Whatever else may be  
lost among the years, let us keep the  
of Christmas... its wonderful meaning  
... to our cherished  
... ship  
... the Season.  
joyous carol sends our Greetings!  
Christmas be blessed with  
... and may all yo's



CLOSEST TO HEAVEN IS A CHILD

New arrival on this earth,

So soon from Him at his birth,

Does, in his heart, God extol

Not in reason, but of soul—

Thus he knows what was meant

When The Child to us was sent.

Virgie's Beauty Bar

721 LITTLEFIELD DRIVE

PHONE 256

# Seven U. S. Communities Have Name Of Bethlehem

There are seven "little towns" of Bethlehem in the United States—one of which is not so little being the city of Bethlehem, Pa., more than seven times the size of the original Bethlehem in Palestine. Thousands of Christmas cards.



It's time for wide-eyed laughing children, sparkling ornaments, gaiety, and gifts, and for us to send you all of our very best wishes!

**CURTIS CHISHOLM  
GULF SERVICE**  
514 HALL AVE

and other greetings are sent to the post offices of Bethlehem in Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland and New Hampshire, for postmarks. The star of Bethlehem not only is featured in most of the holiday cachets from these places but also figures prominently in community decorations. In Pennsylvania, a star 100 feet tall is lighted on the top of South Mountain above the city of Bethlehem, from where it is visible 20 miles away.

**Some Other Stars**  
Another star of Bethlehem is mounted annually on the top of the tallest cedar tree in Bethlehem, Md., from where it can be seen for about three miles from that community on the eastern shore of Maryland.

In Indiana, 30 miles upstream along the Ohio river from Louisville, a large silvered star, outlined in electric lights, was donated and first erected in 1945 on the tower of the Community Church of Bethlehem by a proud father because his daughter, Ruth Ann Berry, had been born in the town on Christmas Day, 1933.

The only public Christmas decoration in Bethlehem, Ga., a hamlet of 240 population, is a star about 8 feet wide, containing 160 lights, which is displayed over the business district.

Because Bethlehem, N.H., is mostly a summer resort, Christmas is observed quietly by a population of only 840. There is set up on the town square a large but house decorated with the star of Bethlehem.

**Name Is Not Exploited**  
No commercial advantage is claimed for the name of Bethlehem by the postmasters, town clerks or chambers of commerce in these communities. At Bethlehem, Pa., "the city tries to make the Christmas observance as non-commercial as possible."

The naming of these towns naturally was based on strong religious tradition. On Christmas eve in 1741, a small band of Moravian settlers gathered in a crude log cabin on a bank of the Monocacy Creek, near where that stream joins the Lehigh River in Pennsylvania. The singing of an old Moravian hymn, "Not Jerusalem, Lowly Bethlehem" so inspired them and their patron leader, Count Nicholas Zinzendorf, that they decided to name their new world home Bethlehem.

Settlers who migrated farther from Bethlehem, Pa., founded the city of Bethlehem, Ind., in 1812 and named the place after their Pennsylvania home town.

Bethlehem, Ky., was originally named Mobley Stand. When the first post office was established in December, 1862, the postmaster, one Jamison Hall, inspired by the nearness of Christmas, changed the name to Bethlehem.

Bethlehem, N.H., once was called Lloyd's Hill, but in 1799, Bible minded settlers changed the name was similar to that of Bethlehem because they thought the terrain of Judea.

A pioneer settler also named Bethlehem, Ga., but old timers in the Maryland community say that nobody knows exactly how that town was named. It could have been because it is a peaceful and gentle place.

The present postmistress at Bethlehem, Md., has an appropriate name, too. It's Mary Carol. She works each night through the Christmas season until 9 or 10 o'clock and usually has to have extra help to postmark greetings.

A corner room in the home of Mrs. Lee Teyton, postmistress of Bethlehem, Ky., serves as a post office and her husband, daughter and two sons have to pitch in to cancel Christmas mail there. A drawing of the Three Wise Men's used to mark the mail brought in by people of all over Kentucky.

The heaviest mail burden descends on Bethlehem, Pa., where 250 extra employes are required for the Christmas season.

## The Legend Goes Back 4,000 Years

Christmas, with many of its present day traditions, had its beginning approximately 40 centuries ago in ancient Mesopotamia.

According to an old, old, Middle East legend, there was a veritable Garden of Eden, rich in beauty and blessing, nestling between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers in the land today known as Iraq.

The Christmas celebration began, sources in the Oklahoma State University library indicate, as a 12-day festival heralding the renewal of another year with new hope and new life.

Many of the elements of those early day celebrations have survived—the singers, the Yule log, the gift exchange and the church processions.

The festivities have grim overtones, however. As the people celebrated the coming year, they paid homage to Marduk, the chief idol whom they believed had routed the earthly forces of chaos and created man to establish peace and order.

## Nast, Early Day Cartoonist, First Drew Santa Claus

Santa Claus, a fellow who enjoys almost universal support, was first sketches as we know him today by Thomas Nast, creator of two far more controversial figures—the GOP elephant and the Democrat donkey.

The famed cartoonist's drawing, showing Santa attired in red and accompanied by reindeer, appeared in Harper's weekly. It is the first known picture of the present day St. Nick, according to sources in the Oklahoma State University library.

The original St. Nicholas, later to become patron saint of Russia, was bishop at Myra in Asia Minor, probably sometime during the fourth century.

About 600 years after his death reports of his legendary generosity were brought to Russia by Czar Vladimir and later spread to Lapland where he acquired his reindeer-drawn sled.

One of the legends about St. Nicholas' generosity gave rise to the custom of hanging stockings near the chimney on Christmas Eve. It all began when St. Nick, the son of wealthy parents, gave his gold to girls without dowry by slipping it down chimneys.

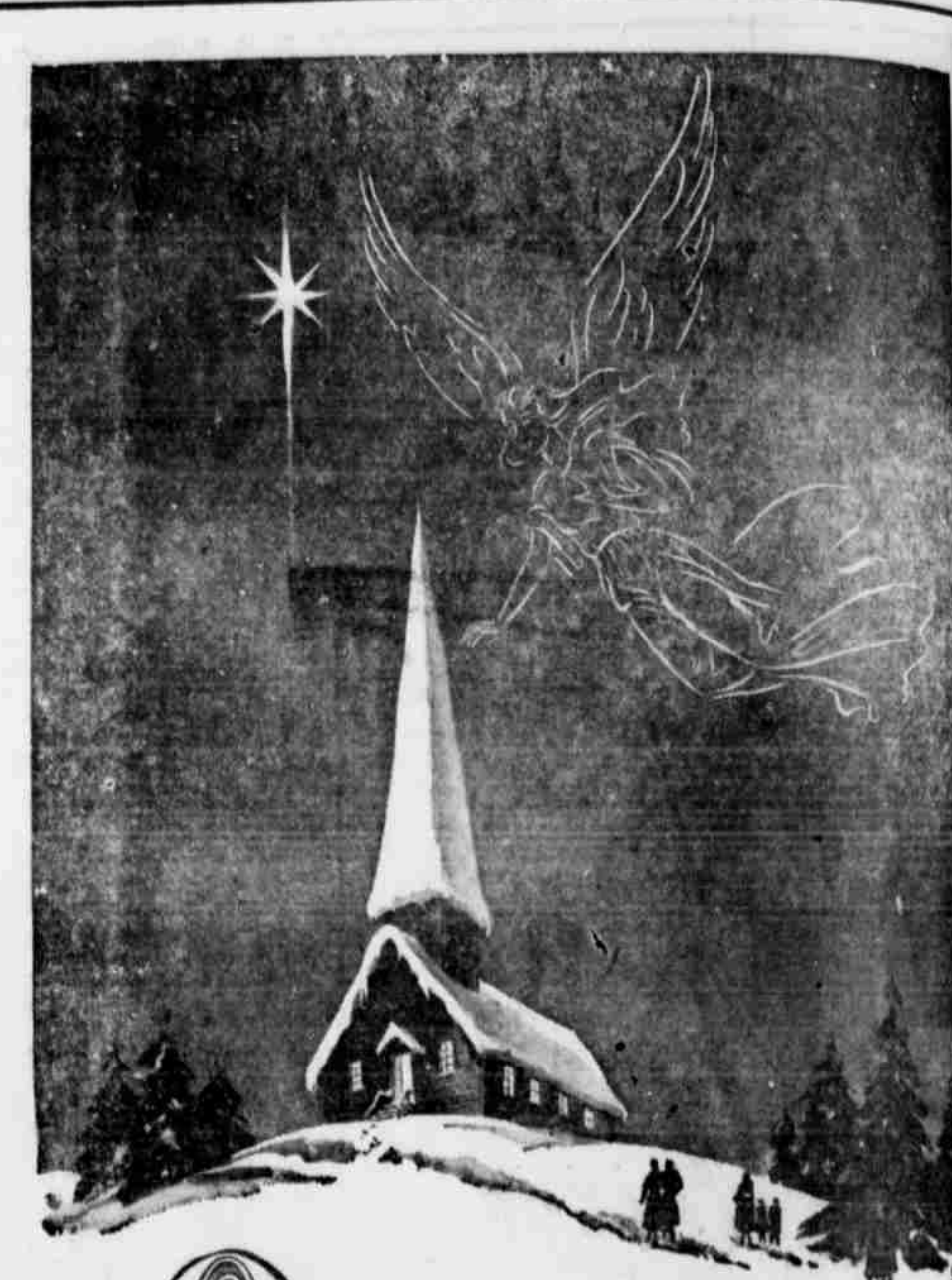
One eager miss, so the story goes, hung her stockings in the chimney to catch the gold. Millions of youngsters have since followed her practice, thus adding another colorful tradition to the Christmas celebration.

## Why Christmas Comes On Dec. 25

It took the Christian church more than 400 years to decide on a date for Christmas. Three dates seemed to be in the running—March 25, Dec. 25 and Jan. 6.

Theophilus of Antioch was supposed to have written around 180 A.D. that the Gauls were celebrating the birth of Christ on Dec. 25, so they could celebrate the resurrection on March 25. This preference spread because Dec. 25 was the winter solstice and a Roman feast day celebrating the victory of light over darkness.

The Eastern church still clings to Jan. 6.

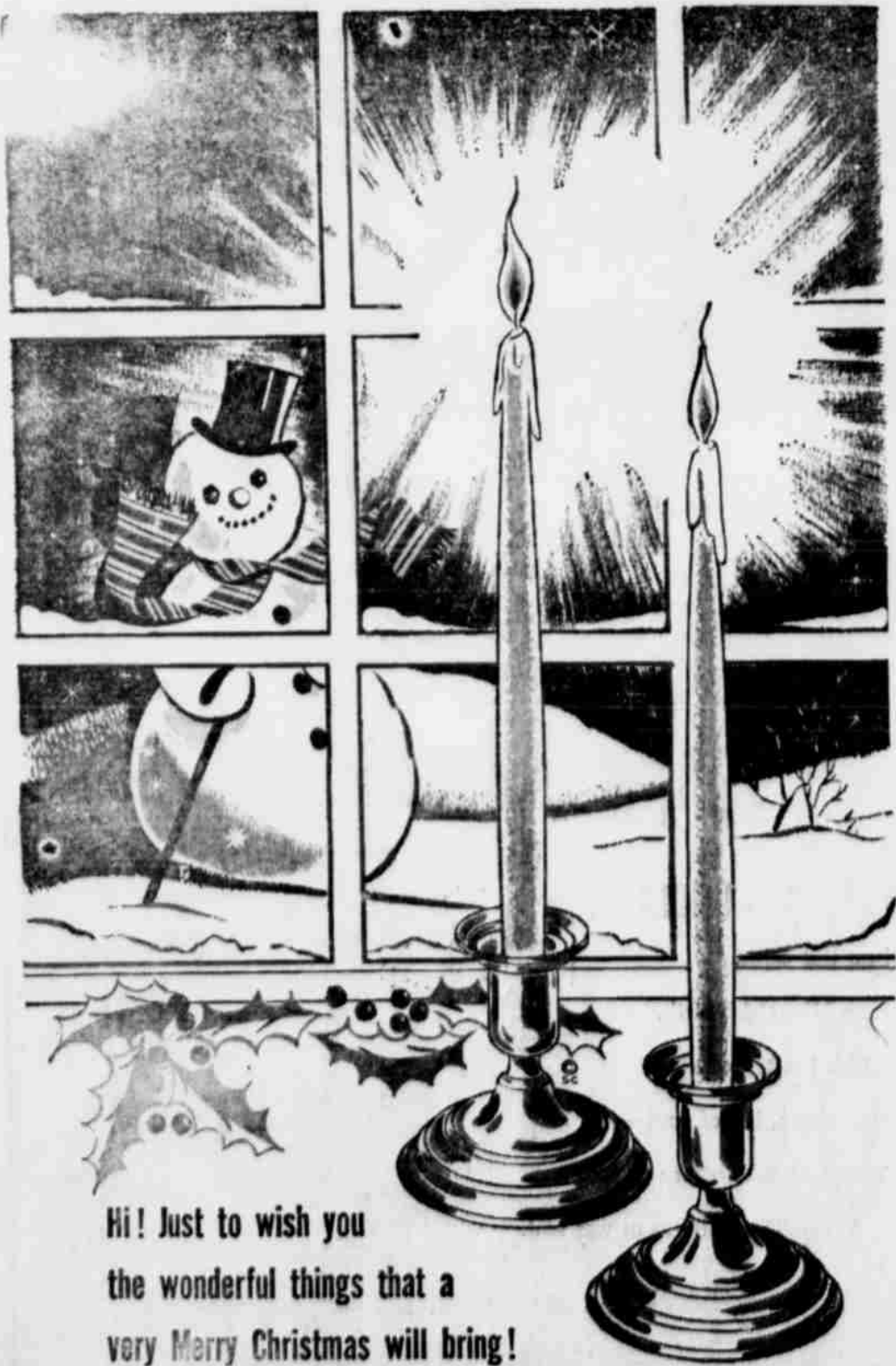


## Oh Holy Night...

...with "tidings of great joy!" Again the Savior is reborn in the hearts of all mankind! May love and peace light your way this Christmas!

**TOWER BODY SHOP**

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Hi! Just to wish you the wonderful things that a very Merry Christmas will bring!

JOYOUS HOLIDAY GREETINGS

**DAIRY QUEEN**



We hope you have a happy holiday!

**Dennis Jones**

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# Santa's In The (Micro) Groove

**HUGH MULLIGAN**  
*Newsfeatures Writer*  
 The season to be jolly, the record business that all the fast-lane that can be crammed into one album, with chimes, sleigh bells and some laughing Santa Claus, is a new and notable exception. The gift of Christmas is no better and no worse than previous years. There are familiar carols — some done, some competent — some better off not to be done at all. There are mental ballads and zany songs: the hardy perennial "White Christmas" and the Red Nozed Reindeer," and instruments of every size and sound, from accordions and choirs to soft throbbing crooners, all zaiuting the season with joy unrestrained.

And there are the usual dramatizations of well known Christmas stories, fables and legends.

This year Vanguard Records takes a crack at Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" with an all Irish cast headed by Siobhan McKenna as the spirits of Christmas Past, Present and Yet To Come, and Anew McMaster as the miserly Scrooge. Domenick Roche's script pretends to stick faithfully to the original, but liberties have been taken throughout the whole production, the ending has been noked up painfully and the

sins of commission far exceed those of omission.

If the cast album is any indication, O'Henry is left far behind and all but forgotten in the musical version of his "Gift of the Magi," this year's big television spectacular which United Artists has just released on records. Richard Adler, who composed the music for "Pajama Game" and "Damn Yankees," has fashioned a listenable score that fails, however, to advance what is left of the plot in any direction. His wife, Sally Ann Howes, currently starring on Broadway in "My Fair Lady," sings prettily and frequently, but Eli Wallach is a badly needed narrator to keep reminding us that somewhere hidden in Ronald Alexander's book is a famous Christmas story.

Musically, the best of the Christmas albums cover a wide range of stars and companies. On the Columbia label, Mahalia Jackson, Johnny Mathis and Percy Faith all have first rate albums of Christmas songs and carols. RCA Victor has two beautifully jacketed and musically delightful albums in "Christmas With Grandma Moses," with Grandma commenting on Christmases past and "Christmas Holiday at Radio City," lavishly emblazoned with 36, count them, 36, Rockettes strung out across the cover in leggy loveliness. Also on RCA Victor, Harry Belafonte, who had the big seasonal hit last year in "Mary's Boy Child," may have another winner in Johnny Marks' "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"

## Helpful Hints For Santa

**AP Newsfeatures**  
 Christmas is the time to parlay that gentle hint into a large nudge. All the year you may complain that Dad doesn't hang up his clothes, keep his shoes shined or keep track of his ties. But now Santa Claus gets into the act. He can put into that man's king-size red stocking all the things he needs for better grooming, and your man will never guess that you have an ulterior motive.

New clothes valets take up little room and urge a man to hang up his clothes. These slender racks have a place for Dad's

coat, trousers, ties. They also are equipped with a place for whisk broom and shoe brush.

Special tie racks will hold all the ties your man can corral. If one is put on his closet door, it'll always be handy. Give it to him as an extra present, gaily wrapped, and it will take on as much importance as other favorite presents.

You can intrigue your man with one of the new electrical shoe polishers that spreads polish, brushes and buffs, giving his shoes a mirror shine in seconds. The polisher is equipped with brown and black polish in squeeze tubes, interchangeable brushes and a buffer for a roto-shine.



Merry Christmas  
 MAY IT GLOW  
 WITH HAPPINESS

And Best Wishes For  
 The New Year.

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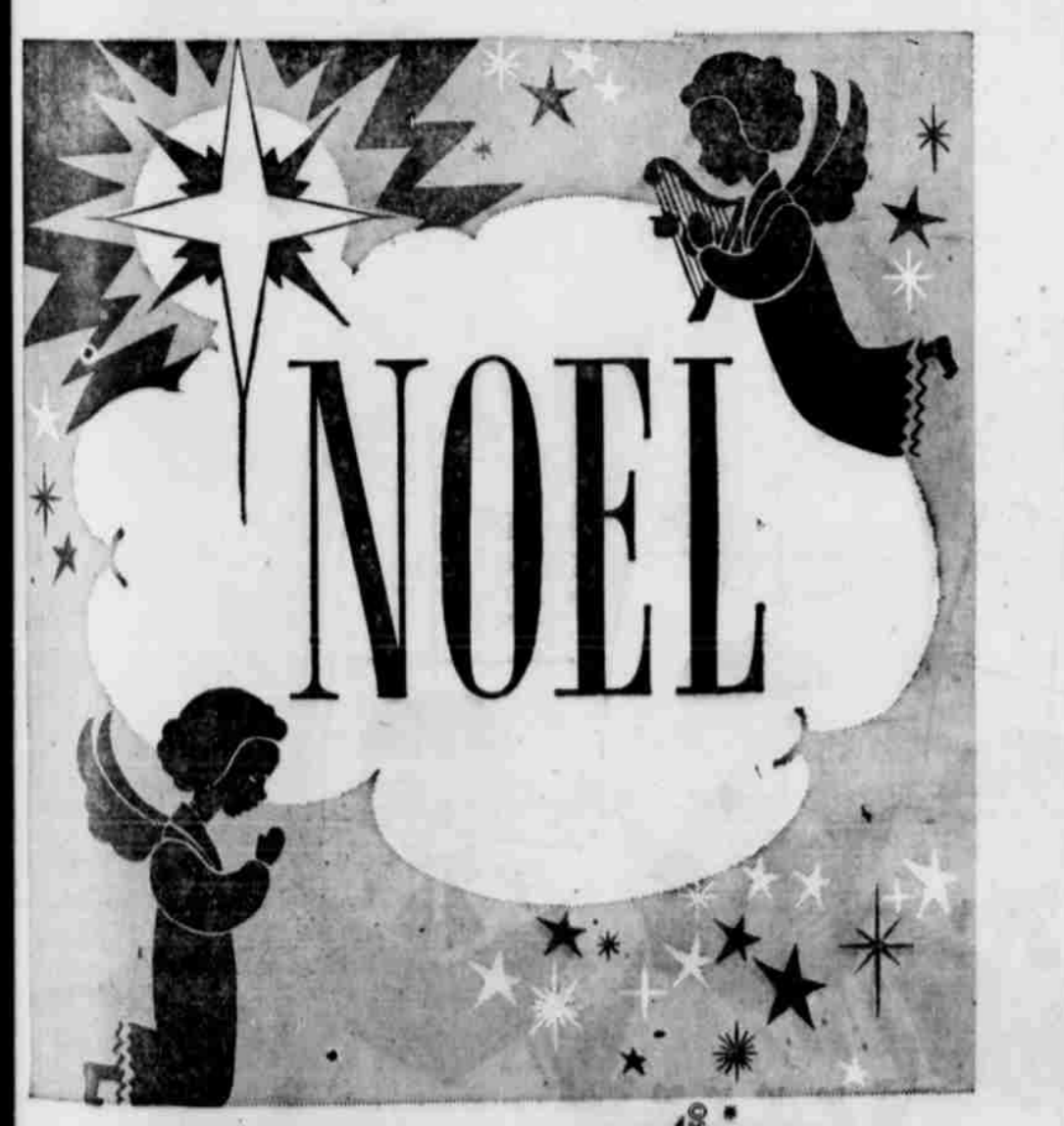
STAR-LIGHT,  
 STAR-BRIGHT!  
 Shine down and  
 Cheer each child,  
 Each home,  
 This Christmas Night!  
**Henson  
 Cleaners**



# NOEL

Behold!..the Madonna and Child,  
 sacred symbols of the Season, and  
 a reminder of our many blessings.  
 Let us rejoice now, for the Prince  
 of Peace is born again, bringing  
 us a renewal of faith and hope.

SULLINS FARM SUPPLY



NOEL

**A** joyous carol sends our Greetings!  
 May your Christmas be blessed with  
 the joys you love best, and may all your  
 days, too, be most happy for you...  
 MERRY CHRISTMAS  
**HAUK & HOFACKET**



Best Wishes for  
**CHRISTMAS**

Glad Christmas greetings and good wishes, friends and neighbors! It is our sincere hope that the joyous spirit of this happiest of all holidays will light up your home and your heart with peace and good will. May you ever be blessed by the rich rewards of having friends and loved ones around you. As you observe Christmas with those near and dear to you, may you rejoice anew at the true meaning and eternal glory of this Holy time. May it bring you inspiration for every day of a more abundant life.

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## Two Little Boys Put Spirit Of Christmas In White House

Teddy Roosevelt almost rode roughshod over the Christmas tree in his drive to conserve the nation's forests. But two little boys put the Christmas spirit — and the tree — back in the White House.

Established in the United States when TR became president. Research experts with The World Book Encyclopedia say a Harvard professor named Charles Follen set up one of the first known trees in America in 1832. President Franklin Pierce put up a tree in the White House in

the 1850's to entertain the Sunday School of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church. And President Benjamin Harrison continued the custom in the 1890's. But some modern-day Scrooges convinced Roosevelt that the cutting of Christmas trees would soon deplete the nation's forests. TR promptly banned the tradition at the White House.

However, the old Roughrider forgot to consult his young sons. Archie and Quentin cared little about presidential edicts — and less about conservation. They smuggled a tree into the mansion on Pennsylvania Avenue and set it up in Archie's room.

The president relented, and ever since, the White House has had an indoor Christmas tree.

TR's concession also sent the Christmas tree industry soaring beyond the dreams of one of its founders—a Catskill farmer who brought his trees to market in New York City in 1851. And it helped pave the way for a new custom—the community Christmas tree.

In 1924, a Norway spruce was planted near the White House and later dedicated as "a national living Christmas tree."

Two years later, a giant California redwood in King's Canyon national park, named General Grant after the Civil War hero, was dedicated as the "Nation's Christmas Tree."

Reaching 267 feet into the sky from a base 40 feet thick, the tree is the second largest in the world.

Every year, nearby townspeople and visitors join in a holiday service and sing carols at the base of the sequoia, which was growing on the mountain slope when Christ was born in Bethlehem.

### Christ's Birthday Is Time To Take Family To Church

Christmas is a day for family worship at church.

Parents who decried juvenile ways should take advantage of the opportunity to encourage youthful devotion on this Holy Day.

Families with the largest Yuletide gifts and largest Yuletide celebration sometimes are the ones who have lost sight of the true meaning of Christmas. They celebrate Christ's birthday in pagan fashion.

Many families get great satisfaction out of the day, more so because the entire family attends church services together. Early in the morning after the gifts are opened, a Christmas breakfast takes place and the family is off to Church—youngsters prepared to thank the Lord for a new bicycle or doll, the elders praying that perhaps they will find the way clear to meet the bills.

Little tots could be taught early that Christmas is the birthday of Christ, that He was born in a stable on a straw mattress. Every small child should be familiar with this scene and if there is a

## Unknown Child Contributed Ideas For A 'National Tree'

By MARK KNIGHT

SANGER, Calif. (AP)—An unknown little girl, who today would be a woman in her mid-40s, inspired the designation of the Nation's Christmas Tree, and with it one of the country's most impressive outdoor Christmas services.

If she can be found, the Nation's Christmas Tree Festival Committee would like to honor her at this year's 34th annual service, which will be held the Sunday before Christmas beneath the awesome majesty of a giant sequoia.

Norman Holt of Sanger, manager of the festival, says the story of the little girl was told to him by the late Charles E. Lee, the man who originated the annual pilgrimage.

Lee related that in 1924 he was with a party of tourists viewing the great trees in the Sierra Nevada range 55 miles east of Fresno. He and a little girl about 10 became separated from the others and found themselves gazing up at the shimmering branches of the sequoia known as "The General Grant Tree," 267 feet above them.

Gripping his hand, she exclaimed, "My! What a wonderful Christmas Tree it would be!"

Then she slipped away in the shadows, and Lee never saw her again and never had any idea of her identity. But her remark stuck in his memory.

The next Christmas, in 1925,

Lee started the services in the snow at the base of the 3,500-year-old tree, 6,500 feet up in the mountains.

Fewer than 100 persons attended the non-denominational serv-

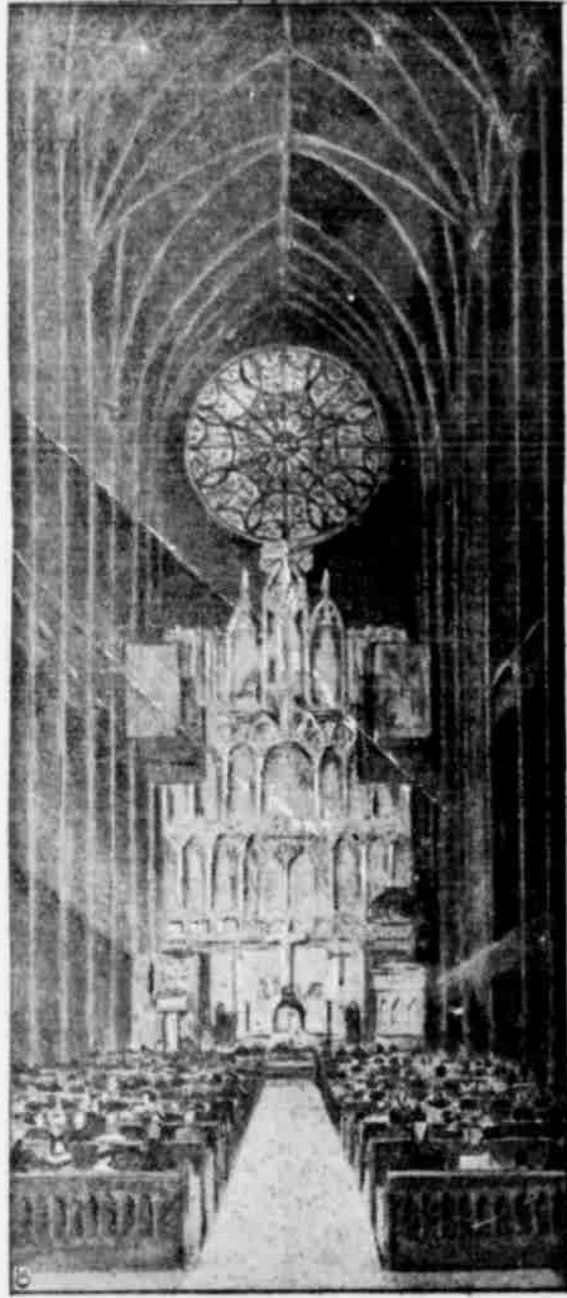
ices, but the crowd has grown each year until now it averages 2,000 to 2,500.

An act of Congress in 1955 designated the tree as a national shrine to American servicemen, living and dead. It was so dedicated in 1956 by Adm. Chester Nimitz, acting as President Eisenhower's personal representative.

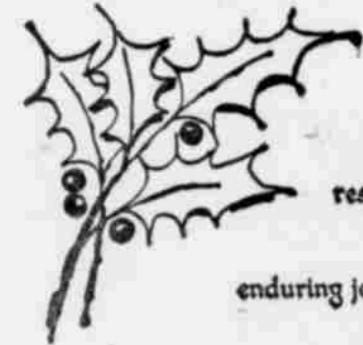
While he has undertaken no organized search for the girl who

inspired the developments, Holt says he would like to find her for this year's service. "I would be a fitting tribute," he said, "to this woman and a child, proved the truth of saying that 'out of the most babes great wisdom flows'."

Texas is the number one and wool state of the Union, the industry centered in west and far west Texas.



# Silent Night



"All is calm, all is bright." So beautifully expressed in the hymns and carols of blessed memory, the Christmas message strikes a responsive chord in every heart today. May you and your family partake in fullest measure of the deep and enduring joy that makes Christmas the happiest time of the year.

**BIRKELBACH MACHINE SHOP**

1012 EAST 9th



## At This Holy Time

May the spiritual meaning of the season be with you this Christmas, and bring its blessing TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

Our Best Wishes To You And Yours In The New Year

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## Our Christmas Wishes

Like the star that guided the shepherds and wise men, may the love and glittering light of the Season make this Christmas your happiest!

**S & S ARMY STORE**



'Tis the season for carol singing, for gay wreaths of holly, glowing caudles, and sugar plums. It's Christmas! Time to wish you all the HAPPIEST OF HOLIDAYS

**McCoy Machine & Pump Repair**



Merry

Christmas

*With sincere gratitude for the warm friendships which we have enjoyed, we extend greetings of the season to all of you whose good will and loyalty we count among our most cherished possessions. May the holidays find you in hearty good health, surrounded by devoted family and friends.*

We take this means of saying "Thanks" to our many customers for your loyal patronage during the past year. We are looking forward to many more years of this happy relationship.

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OF LITTLEFIELD, TEXAS

## Dresses, Spoons Do Rate, But Set Of Blocks Fun

Well-meaning relatives often select pretty dresses and silver spoons for a child's first Christmas. But any baby will be quick to indicate that dresses aren't as much fun as a set of blocks.

A bright idea for the home seamstress is to stitch up a set of colorful soft felt blocks for all the babies on the Christmas list. They are easy to sew; they have no sharp corners and, most im-

portant, the baby will have fun with them.

Here's how local sewing center experts say it's done: For each block cut six squares of felt measuring approximately six inches across. Cut letters or animals of contrasting felt and applique on one or two squares of each block. Then sew blocks together, leaving a three-inch opening along one seam for stuffing. Stuff with shredded foam rubber or kapok, and close seam.

Make each block a different color, or use several colors on one block. If you don't have felt scraps around the house, you can make these blocks of any fabric leftovers in your ragbag. Just remember to back each square with a non-woven interfacing such as Pellon, if you use a light-weight fabric. This will give the blocks enough body so that they will retain their square shape.

Plastic fabric also may be used for the blocks.

Whatever you select, you will find that soft blocks are quick and inexpensive to make. And the chances are the baby will be playing with them long after the Christmas decorations are put away.

by Dorothy Harrower gives how-to-do-it information.

### For the Gardener

Garden — Gloves, pruning shears, garden books (there are a great variety of books, including those for avid rose growers or cultivators of house plants such as African violets.)

Glamor — The girl who specializes in it will love anything that enhances her appearance. Consider important earrings, headache bands, special make-ups, wide waist slimming belts, nail beautifiers, colored hoisery.

Hostess — If she likes to entertain give her a fancy apron, a hostess tray, a chafing dish, interesting drinking glasses.

Hair — Many girls make hair their hobby. In that case give her a home permanent wave, good bristled brush, spray set, shampoo, books on how to set the hair, curlers.

### For the Hunter

Hunter — Give him shotgun shells, decoys, insulated underwear, books on hunting.

H-F-I — Fans will love a

Christmas album. Here are two new ones: "Christmas Sing Along with Mitch" - Mitch Miller and the Gang, including 10 copies of the song for carol singers, and "To Wish You a Merry Christmas," Harry Belafonte. There are 18 familiar Christmas songs, including the hit "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day."

### For the Camera Bug

Photography — Start with film and work from there. Photo albums, dark room supplies are other gifts for the dedicated types.

Skater — Leotards, skating cap, fancy mittens will suit ice skaters or roller derby enthusiasts.

Skier — Even a new ski wax will make a hit with skiing fans, as well as books on skiing techniques. Anything gay in hat, gloves, scarf, socks are sure-fire gifts. Ditto after-ski clothes—slipper socks, blouse, etc.

### For the Stitcher

Sewer — If she makes her own clothes, give her a fancy sewing box, a set of antique buttons that she may transfer from dress to

dress, special collection of threads.

Teen Topics — If they keep up with the latest going on of the younger set, and like advice books, there are a heap of them available. Latest to put his oar in is Pat Boone writing "Twist Twelve and Twenty," in which Pat talks to teen-agers about subjects near their hearts.

Theater — If your friend is a drama enthusiast, opera lover or ballet fan, give her tickets or books that coincide with her yen for that entertainment.

Texas has not been without cattle since 1690, when the Spanish brought stock for the first mission.

Industry, in Austin County, is the seat of the oldest German settlement in Texas. It was founded in 1842.

Texas is the second state in the union in annual tornado frequency, Kansas is first.

Highest point in Texas is the top of Gaudalupe Peak, 8751 feet, in West Texas.



**Merry Christmas**  
We have enjoyed knowing  
and serving you this year!

**Y & L  
TIRE SHOP**



**OH, SILENT  
AND HOLY NIGHT...**

...here's a prayer that our Savior's  
message...first told so long ago...  
will bring comfort and peace to  
all mankind at Christmas...

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## Give 'Em Something Different

By VIVIAN BROWN

### AP Newsfeatures

Give Santa Claus a change of pace—make up an interesting Christmas gift list.

Write down the names of your guys and dolls, and next to it list their hobby, desire, activity or loves and price range of the gifts to fit in your budget. Here are some reminders:

Anglers — Dry flies and other lures, "how to catch 'em" books, creel.

Bicyclist — An overnight hosteling kit (if you can't find one assemble it yourself with thermos bottle, cups, coffee pot).

Cook — Special herbs and vinegars, cruetts, French pans, cook books, ready mixes for party fare.

Design — There are books on this subject depending upon whether it is home interiors or fashion that captures her fancy. A fine new book on "Decoupage"



Merry, Merry

# Christmas

To our many good friends and neighbors, we send a special greeting at this wonderful season of the year.

Heartily, we wish for all a holiday time glowing with happiness....packed with fun and festivity. And to all we say a most sincere "Thank You" for your patronage throughout the year.

## Hall-Keeling Butane

Old St. Nick will soon be coming down your chimney and we'd like to "present" you with our best wishes for a joyful holiday!

**Armes Chevrolet Co.**



# O, come all ye faithful...

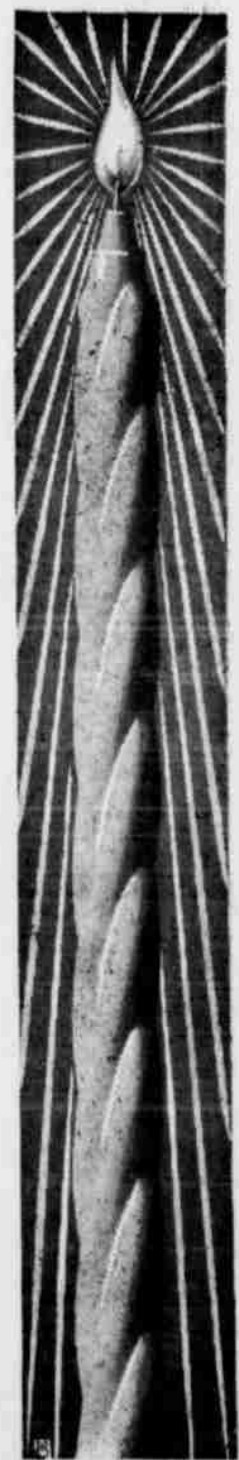


*Reverently, joyfully, the glory of Christmas is sung and celebrated. As we lift our voices in those beloved Christmas carols, may our hearts be filled anew with the wondrous spirit that came to earth on the Holy Night when He was born and the angels sang. May we find fresh inspiration in the message of "Peace on Earth, Good Will toward Men," to guide us at the Christmas season, and always.*

We Take This Means Of Saying . . . .

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

to our many loyal friends who have made this a good year for us and our families. We deeply appreciate your patronage and the opportunity to serve you. Best Wishes for the New Year!



## Lumsden - Perkins Gin

# Christmas Still Casts Spell Over The World

By LLEWELLYN W. COWAN  
National Chief Secretary  
The Salvation Army

Neither the passage of time nor the monotony of repetition dims the magnetic appeal of Christmas. For, although more than nine hundred birthdays of the Christ Child have been celebrated, Christmas still casts its spell of enchantment over the people of the earth.

We do not think it at all strange to commemorate in 1958 the humble birth of a Baby in a Bethlehem stable. His nativity is the most significant and meaningful event of all time. His greatness wings down the centuries, unchanged and unparalleled.

Someone has aptly said that Jesus Christ never wrote a letter, nor rode in an automobile, nor had a secretary, nor owned

a home. Yet His name has been inscribed over all for He is the Son of God, the Father's greatest Gift to a world that had forgotten Him.

The birthday of Jesus is synonymous with happiness. We cannot visualize Christmas without thinking of cheery greetings, gay decorations, dancing heart fires, bright gift packages, gleaming candles, glittering Yule trees, lilting bursts of song, the merry laughter of excited wide-eyed children and the sprightly chatter of sons and daughters home for the holidays.

This is entirely as it should be for Christmas is a festive day of joy, generosity and good will. It is a day so universally human that no group or class of people has been given exclusive rights in its observance. It is a day when, with our fellows, we join in glad enjoyment of the best that God has given us. It is a day which breaks down barriers of race and creed. It is, in short, a day heralding God's greatest Gift to all peoples of the earth.

Some persons think that Christmas has been so artistically and decoratively camouflaged that it has all but lost its true significance. I do not think so. Christmas always seems to draw out the best that is in us.

The man who wouldn't think of giving away money for any worthy cause during the rest of the year becomes almost lavish at Christmas time. The woman who has been too busy with household duties and club activities to bother with anyone else gladly fills a basket for a needy family. The schoolboy saves his lunch money to buy a present for "the little sister." The hardheaded executive drops a handful of silver into the Salvation Army kettle on the street corner. Christmas does something to all of us!

Nur do we have to search far for an explanation of our unusual conduct during this season. In John 3:16, probably the most quoted verse in the entire Bible, we read: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son." God so gave because He so loved. And the thought and

## Xmas Day, 1776, Left Its Mark On U. S. History

Every Christmas day leaves its mark, but its doubtful if any has ever had a greater bearing on American history than the Christmas day in 1776.

That December 25th was a crucial moment for the new American republic. The fortunes of the revolution were ebbing, and the great cause of freedom was being humiliated, sources in the Oklahoma State University library relate.

Speaking in a final council of war on Christmas night, George Washington announced a decision which was to make this day one of the most important in American history:

"This is it, gentlemen—victory or death. That is our only watchword."

"Notwithstanding the discouraging accounts, I am determined to cross the river and make the attack upon Trenton in the morning."

The American army was existing on its nerves. Some 2,400 men along the Delaware River were in shreds and patches, leaving bloody footprints in the snow. They were hungry and gripped with dysentery.

Yet, a flame perhaps heightened by the spirit of that Christmas day, kept burning. Hope stayed alive.

Then came the crossing itself, in snow, ice and sleet. The pitiful band of patriots made the agonizing march to Trenton.

But fired by a great idea and the inspired leadership of the man who became "the father of his country," they humbled the vaunted Hessian mercenaries in two hours of fighting. The first American Christmas story had been written.

Influence of the great sacrifice on the part of our Father God, on that day of days tends to display and demonstrate the better part of man's nature.

That is why we still celebrate Christmas after nineteen hundred years. That is why it never has lost its appeal. The thought and given to mankind on that first influence of the precious Gift Christmas Day lifts us above the mediocrity of our natural selves to something bigger and better and finer. And, please God, may it be ever thus!

## Legend Says St. Francis Originated Carol Singing

One legend attributes the first Christmas carol to St. Francis of Assisi. The story is that St. Francis built the first crèche and started the custom of singing carols around it in the 13th Century to combat a heresy of that time which denied that Christ was Divine.

Although this explanation of carols has an engaging logic, they actually pre-date St. Francis by many hundreds of years. Carols originated almost as early as a Christmas became a regular.

Dancing accompanied these early carols — the word carol comes from the Italian "carolare" meaning a "dance ring." But dancing was frowned upon by the early church as irreligious and that part gradually died out.

### Most Tested by Time

Most of our traditional carols are drawn from British and continental hymns written between 12 and 1500. Many of the most popular one, however, date from much more recent times when carol-singing underwent a great revival.

One of these is "Silent Night." Its history reads like a fairy tale.

It was Christmas Eve in 1818 that Joseph Mohr, minister of the tiny Bavarian village of Oberndorf, sat down and wrote the verses of the world-famous carol. The same day he sent them to his friend Franz Gruber, organist and schoolmaster, who, within a few hours wrote the melody. Hours later it was sung for the first time — in the church at

Oberndorf before the midnight service.

Just before Christmas the church organ broke down. As the organ mender worked in the church, he heard the carol sung many times, and it so appealed to him that he learned it.

Returning to his home in Oberndorf, he sang it to the four Strasser sisters, who toured Germany and Austria singing folk-songs. They included "Silent Night" in their repertoire as a "folk-song" and it became popular all over Europe. It was not until after Mohr was dead, and Gruber was an old man, that the true author and composer were given recognition.

## Puppets Always Popular At Yule

AP News Features

Puppets are making a comeback in Santa Claus workshops. Puppet shows were popular in Greece as early as the 5th Century, B.C., and the Punch and

Judy characters of England Guignol puppet theatres France amused children for centuries, but it wasn't until the 19th century that American children took to the entertainment. The modern day puppet undergone some big changes. Children have become puppeteers and some living puppets have become puppeteers. Psychologists often recommend their use to parents in dealing with emotionally disturbed children—often a child who has been drawn from his elders and to them through a puppet. Parents use puppets to put a child to sleep.

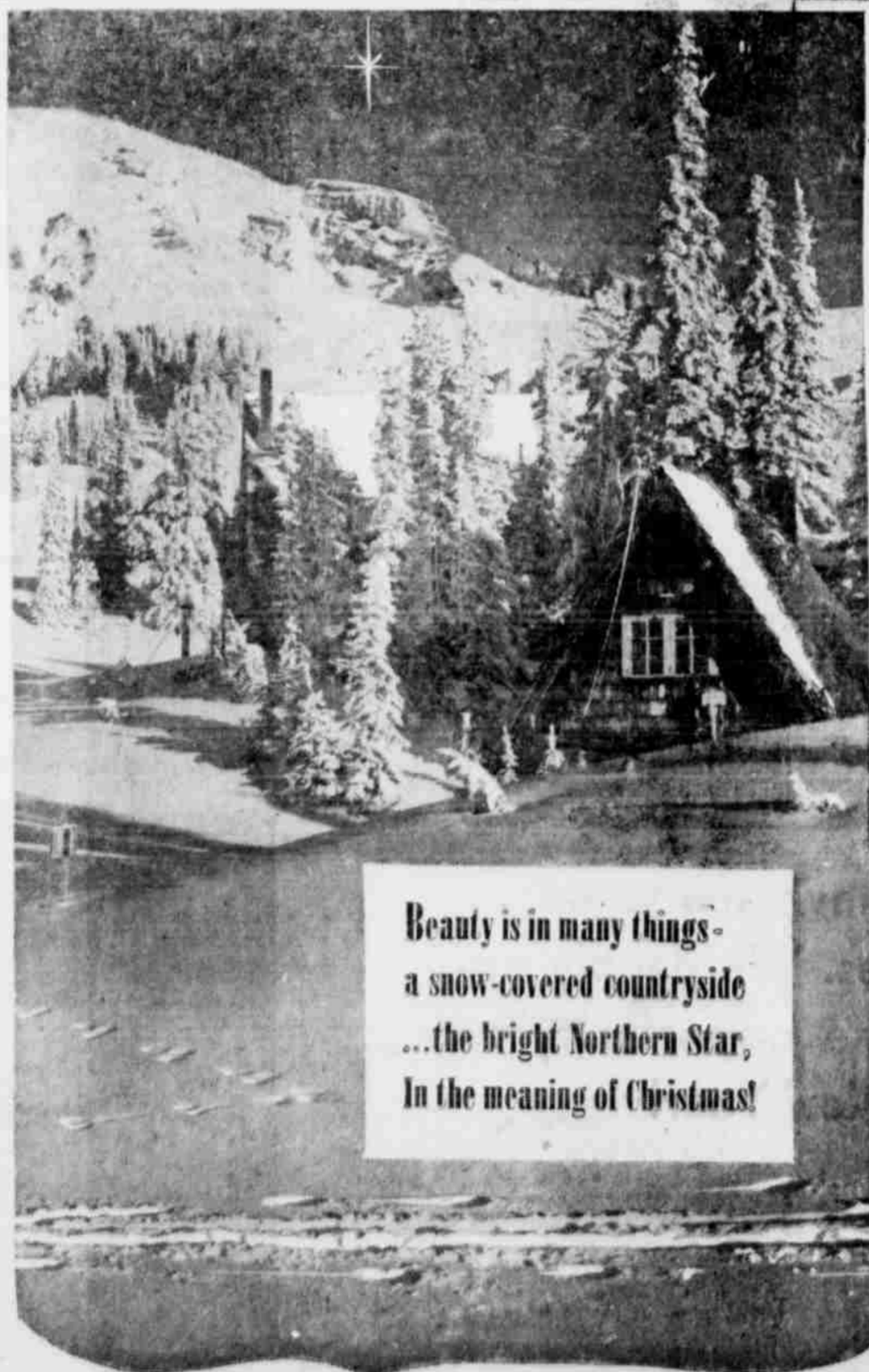
There are glove-type puppets which should be used behind a screen or a window. Finger variety with the hand being used to manipulate the front legs and mouth of puppets—scissors, dials and hinged. These are whole animals with a hand opening and on the underside of each mittens this child to play them as cuddly playthings. They are not acting puppets.

## Raccoon Has Own Christmas Tree



Photo: Canadian National Railway

"O WOULDN'T GRIN? Jasper, a celebrated raccoon who lives at a logging camp along the Trans-Continental line of the Canadian National Railway in Northern Ontario, has his own Christmas tree this year and likes it. What raccoon wouldn't grin when he finds that guide Jack Wilkinson has decorated the tree with all the routine trinkets plus a liberal amount of bacon rind of which raccoons are especially fond. Jasper is a raccoon who made headlines a couple of years ago when he failed to win a race crossing the tracks at Government Park, Ont., as the "Super-Continental" came along. The train clipped his tail off and tossed him into a snow drift. He has fully recovered as this picture shows. 1958



Beauty is in many things -  
a snow-covered countryside  
...the bright Northern Star,  
In the meaning of Christmas!



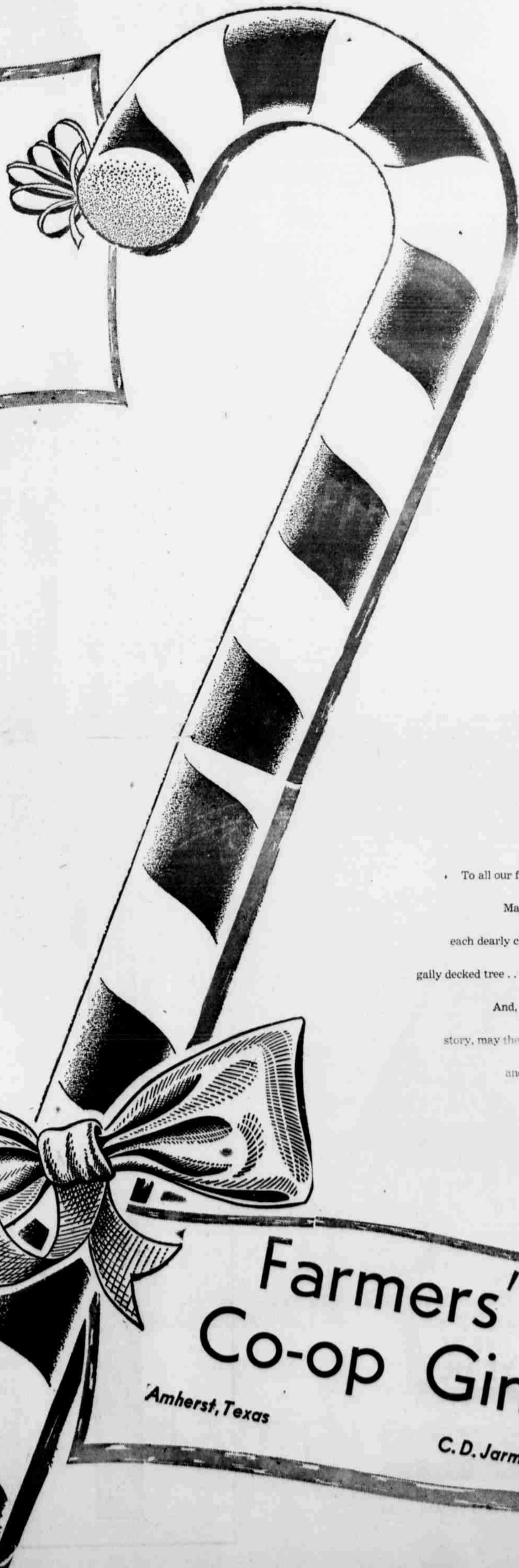
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A wish to join the others  
That are being sent your way...  
May all the greatest blessings  
Be yours on Christmas Day...



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And, as you hark to the words of the sacred story, may the blessings of His message surround you and those you hold dear, at Christmastide and through all the days to come.

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# 'Old Little Town Of Bethlehem'

By WILTON WYNN

Bethlehem, Jordan (AP)—On a rocky hillside between Jerusalem and Bethlehem two Arabs sit sipping coffee in front of a limestone cave. Inside the cave, a hooded woman holds a new-born babe in her arms while she cooks over an open fire.

The lives of these people show that Joseph and Mary were not the last Palestinian family to bring a baby into the world in a manger "because there was no

room for them in the inn." The manger of Christ's birth place almost certainly was inside a cave, not in a barn or stable of the western type. The hills around Bethlehem and Jerusalem are honeycombed with limestone caverns which local shepherds find convenient shelters for their animals.

Sometimes shepherds will build a stone wall over part of the cave entrance, leaving only a small door which can be closed at night

to protect the animals. Other caves have naturally small entrances, however, so that a cave is used as nature provided.

**Refugees Use the Caves**  
In such a cave the holy family found shelter at the time Christ was born. And in such a cavernous Palestine Arab family have found shelter in the last seven years. After the Palestine war of 1948, these people were forced to leave their homes or Israeli side to become refugees. Within sight of Jerusalem, refugee families—widows, goats and sheep—were living in a single cave.

Living in the same cave with goats and sheep may sound unattractive to westerners, but the Palestinians it is a matter of life and death. The milk and cheese from their flocks makes a major part of their diet. If the animals are left outside, they may be stolen; the milk is too great to take.

On the long trek from Nazareth, the weary Mary and Joseph found a cavernous inn to sleep. The grotto in which Christ was believed to be born can be visited to the south the ancient Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem.

**Star Marks Birthplace**  
The floor of the grotto now is covered with tiles, and the entire area is decorated with altars and lamps. But the side walls and ceiling are still of the original limestone. The floor is black with soot like all caves in the area in which human beings have lived. This brings to mind a vivid picture of Mary and Joseph huddled among the goats and sheep around a smoky fire just before the birth of Christ.

Under a Greek Orthodox altar on one side of the cave a silver star in the floor marks the exact spot where Christ is said to have been born. On the other side is a manger, a wooden trough which once served as a manger. In the manger is a wooden crib, the one which traditions say was used for Joseph built for the birth of Jesus.

Although there can be no absolute proof that this cave is the birthplace of Christ, local historians say the site was marked as early as the first century of the Christian era. At a time when few Christians lived in Bethlehem, the town pointed to the manger as the birthplace of Jesus, these historians say.

**Other Famous Grottoes**  
The Grotto of the Nativity forms one of a series of limestone caves known to the Church of the Nativity. One of these is supposed to be

the house where the holy family lived after moving out of the Grotto of the Nativity.

The Gospel of Luke refers only to the birth scene in the manger. It does not relate that the Virgin Mary from the east "came from the house" in Bethlehem to give birth. Early Local Christians say the Holy Family moved into a house between the time of Christ's birth and the family's departure for Egypt. Over the hill on the south side of Bethlehem is another grotto connected with the infancy of Christ. Known as the "Milk Grotto" this is the place where the Holy Family is said to have paused briefly during the flight from Bethlehem to Egypt.

The Milk Grotto has been hewn from soft white rock. Although a

Biblical reference is made to this site, ancient traditions say a few drops of milk dropped from Mary's breast here and turned the rock white. Present women here to take bits of the rock and mix it with water. They believe this "virgin's milk" has medicinal healing qualities.

The existence of these sites connected with the birth of Jesus has given the little town of Bethlehem an importance it otherwise could never have had. With a population of less than 30,000 Bethlehem lies off the main highway of Palestine. Its only real significance is as a stopping place for the south and east.

But Joseph's ancestors came

from Bethlehem, and he had to travel there from Nazareth to register when the Roman emperor ordered the population to be enrolled. The same thing happens today in the Middle East; when elections are held, most of the people vote in villages of their forefathers, not in the town where they currently live.

## For Children A Party Time

**AP News Features**  
Christmas is a time for children, when every small treat, toy or decoration becomes a marvel to be cherished and remembered.  
It's a time to plan children's parties and to make them as g-

and memorable as your party table is, of course, with festive homemade things as paper plates and candles.

Choose paper plates, green and white. Cut a Christmas tree from the trim the tree and a snowman and the bright colored tinsel. Then mount each on a base of stiff cardboard. For the party decorations, choose a few of the

### PARTY DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN!

## Fruit Pies Glow for Christmas



The Christmas season is the perfect time for parties and friendly get-togethers. Neighbors and relatives are anxious to see "what Santa brought."

Plan an open house for the holidays and delight all with a colorful buffet supper. Hot spiced tomato soup with its bright red color and pleasing aroma is the perfect "starter" especially when served from small individual cups or saucers. To keep your party merry, combine early in the day then simply heated just before the guests arrive.

For the grand finale, fruit pie flambe deck the table as a glowing dessert for the Christmas party. For an extra spectacular show, lower the lights before you flambe the pies. Then serve proudly.

- OPEN HOUSE BUFFET**  
Hot Spiced Tomato Soup  
Holiday Casserole  
Toasted Green Salad  
Hot Biscuits  
Fruit Pies Flambe  
Coffee

**Hot Spiced Tomato Soup**  
3 cans (19 1/2 ounces each) condensed tomato soup  
2 cups cats water  
Dash onion and ground cloves  
Combine all ingredients heat. Makes 8-9 servings.

**Holiday Casserole**  
1/2 cup (1 1/2 ounces each) macaroni  
1/2 cup (1 1/2 ounces each) cheddar cheese  
1/2 cup (1 1/2 ounces each) butter  
1/2 cup (1 1/2 ounces each) milk  
1/2 cup (1 1/2 ounces each) cream  
1/2 cup (1 1/2 ounces each) sugar  
1/2 cup (1 1/2 ounces each) salt  
1/2 cup (1 1/2 ounces each) pepper  
1/2 cup (1 1/2 ounces each) onion  
1/2 cup (1 1/2 ounces each) potato chips  
Combine macaroni contents of can of boned chicken corn and pimento in a 3-quart casserole. Sprinkle potato chips on top. Bake in a moderate oven (375° F.) about 1 hour. Makes 8 generous servings.

**Fruit Pies Flambe**  
Bake frozen fruit pies as directed on package. Just before serving cut a small circle from top crust and drop in sugar cube that's been soaked in lemon extract, then light.

# Greetings

In this season of joy and cheer, we welcome the opportunity to wish you, our friends and patrons, a very merry Yuletide. May you ever enjoy an abundance of life's best gifts... peace, health and happiness, and the blessings of love and friendship. We especially want to express our grateful appreciation for your loyalty and good will. We have greatly enjoyed the pleasure and privilege of serving you during the past year, and we hope that we may continue to do so for many a year to come.

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May the real meaning of Christmas . . . and the blessing of Christ . . . be with you and your families and bring you happiness the year 'round.

*We Take This Opportunity To Say . . .*

## THANKS...

to our many loyal customers who have made this one of the finest years in the history of our business. It has been a pleasure to serve you and we trust our relationship will continue for many more years.

FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID, A SAVIOUR, WHICH IS CHRIST THE LORD.  
LUKE 2:11



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# Is There A Santa Claus?

"Is there a Santa Claus?" This question was put to the editor of The Sun in September 1897 by eight-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon, daughter of a New York City physician. The editor, Edward P. Mitchell, turned the little girl's letter over to his associate, Francis Pharcellus Church, to answer, and the editorial below was the result. One of the most famous editorials ever written, it has been reproduced in every conceivable form in every quarter of the globe.

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

"Dear Editor:  
I am 8 years old.  
Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.  
Papa says 'If you see it in The Sun it's so.'  
Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?  
Virginia O'Hanlon,  
115 West 95th Street"

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical

age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in

## English Nobleman Responsible For Load On Mailman

Postal service employees can blame a large share of the Yuletide mail rush on an English nobleman who conceived the idea of the first printed Christmas card more than a century ago.

Evidence uncovered in recent years credits the first Christmas card to Sir Henry Cole, who designed the card in 1843 with the assistance of John C. Horsley, lithographer. Earlier evidence, based on a Christmas card found in a British museum in 1941, pointed to William Maw Egle, 16-year-old apprentice engraver, as the originator of the first card in 1842.

Although cards credited to Egle and Cole are similar, the National Association of Greeting Card publishers resolved the question of which came first from a framed copy of the Egle card, which reportedly carries a note on the back in the apprentice's handwriting.

The note says the card was finished Dec. 4, 1848, and is the "second ever published."

## Gifts For Closet In Order For Yule

Looking for Christmas gifts that are a little bit "different," practical, yet glamorous? Smart new closet accessories will fill the bill on all counts.

If you want to spurge on a gift for someone "special," you can get a matched ensemble of wardrobe bags and boxes with coordinating trim for shelves.

A lady of fashion will appreciate gifts to help keep her clothes and accessories neat, such as padded and cover-protected hangers and gay hat boxes.

Every man needs the racks and pants hangers with extra wide blades.

his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to you life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Clauses! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? No body sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real

things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle, and see what makes a noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

# History Proves Americans Have Done Lots For St. Nick

It's little wonder that Saint Nick is especially generous to the American people. History proves that the Americans have done a lot for Saint Nick!

According to Donald Ludgin, Editor of the Holiday articles in World Book Encyclopedia, the Americans have given Saint Nick a new name, a new face and figure, and a new means of transportation.

The original European version of Saint Nick was a tall, angular man who rode on a bony, gray mare. Both the horse and Saint Nick looked as if they hadn't had a good meal in some time. The Saint had deep sunken eyes, and wore a flowing, threadbare cloak and a black skullcap.

The early English settlers in this country started giving Saint Nicholas his "New Look." The English children adopted the legendary Christmas figure from the Dutch, but they had trouble pronouncing "Saint Nickolous."

Somehow the name changed to "Santa Kalouf," and finally it was corrupted to "Santa Claus." However, this was only the be-

ginning. In 1809 Washington Irving, in his "Knickerbocker's History of New York," wrote of the Saint as the guardian of New York City. Irving described Saint Nick as a jolly fellow with a broad-brimmed hat and huge breeches. He taught Saint Nick to smoke a long pipe, and, in the story, replaced his shuffling hay-burner with a trim wagon that floated over New York house tops.

A short time later, Saint Nicholas' transformation was aided by Clement Moore in his famous poem, "The Visit from Saint Nicholas," written in 1822. Moore, a professor of Divinity in a New York Theological Seminary, gave Saint Nick a sleigh, twinkling eyes, cheeks like roses, nose like a cherry, and a round little belly.

Today's Santa Claus is by no means streamlined, but he is a far cry from the lean, ascetic, somberly dressed fellow who, for centuries, on Christmas Eve, guided his mare through the streets of Europe.

# Rodents Cause Behind Hymn, 'Silent Night'

Rodents indirectly caused one of the most popular Christmas carols to be written.

The beautiful strains of "Silent Night" would not be heard this Yule season if rats and mice hadn't destroyed the bellows of an organ in a little Austrian church several hundred years ago, sources in the Oklahoma State University library reveal.

The church priest, Father Josef Mohr, decided that something extra special would be needed for midnight mass to offset the loss of the organ's melodious strains.

The day before Christmas Father Mohr was summoned to administer rites for a dying woman. It was late when he returned and as he came to a hill overlooking the little village he fell to thinking.

The outline on the town below, snow-capped mountains above and occasional flickering of light in the village left this priest spellbound. He imagined the scenery must have been similar that

night in Bethlehem. Deeply moved, he went and wrote the words to "Silent Night." The next morning arose and took the song organist, Franz Gruber, caught the spirit of the little church missed the that is until Father Mohr Gruber accompanying his guitar, the beautiful of "Silent Night."



## Holiday Table Sure To Be Gifted

Decking the festive board on Christmas day, gifts of china, glassware, silver and table ornaments speedily prove their beauty and usefulness, for the woman who unwraps a gift for her table will want to enjoy it and display it right away.

A gleaming silver, coffee service or a milk glass punch bowl, complete with cups, gets proud use when friends drop in with holiday greetings. Dinnerware and flatware, whether in the form of a complete service or additional place settings, makes its appearance at Christmas dinner or buffet.

A silver well and tree platter can be the highlight of the Christmas feast for her.

She likes gifts with more than one use, too—for instance, a salad bowl that can also serve as part of a centerpiece.

And she'll find time, in the midst of the party preparations, to experiment with attractive arrangements of glass or silver table ornaments.



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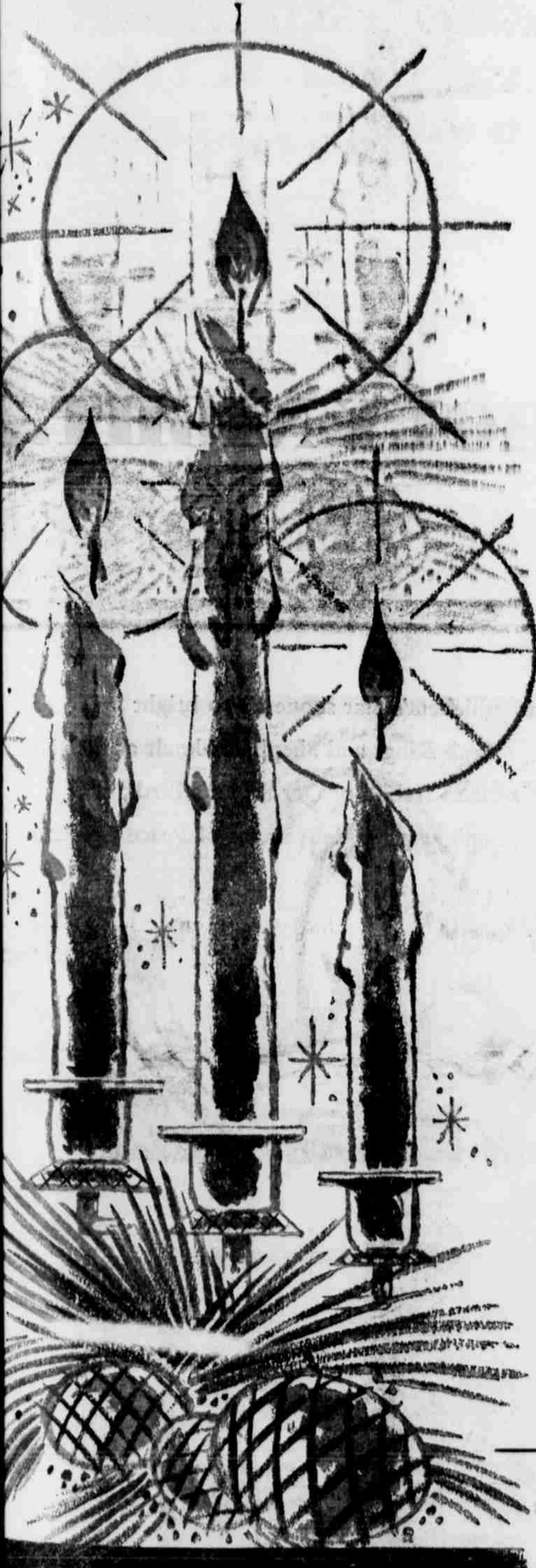
# Peace on earth

A Holy Babe lying in a manger... angels singing... shepherds watching a wondrous sight... wise men bearing gifts... and the story of the first Christmas shines like a bright Star across the years. May all its joy be yours.

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## O, HOLY NIGHT..

When Bethlehem's Star shone e'r so bright  
Both Kings and Shepherds knelt at the sight  
Knowing it as Herald of Our Savior's Birth,  
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Journey To Jesus --- I

# Band Of Erudite Persian Scholars Scan Heavens For Promised Sign

**NOTE:** Down the centuries, one of the most fascinating chapters in the immortal Christmas story has been the journey of the three men who followed the star to Bethlehem.

**GEORGE W. CORNELL**, Press Religion Writer, had done each evening the Melchior climbed the stairs of the tower atop the roof. He spread his hands and rested his head on the wall, gazing into the east of the heavens.

As a spring dusk in the year of the reign of the Persian Phraates IV in Persia. For the company of Melchior, nature and computations had come to bring about a state of vigilance.

They were Magi, the most erudite scholars of the age, members of the imperial order of royal counsellors and of ancient, recondite lore that would be lost to the world. "Behold, thou living star of the East," Melchior had said to his companions. "Oh, Creator of Life, primeval Thou Wise One, give light to us who seek Thy truth."

In addition, there are spe-

cific Biblical and historical intimations that they had even weightier information to alert them at the time Jesus was born, a year subsequently misrepresented in fixing the Gregorian calendar.

All the evidence must have obsessed the elderly Melchior (one of varying names ascribed to him by early church tradition) as he and the other Magian noblemen gathered that night on their high lookout above the clear uplands of Persia.

They wore long white robes, tied at the waist with silken sashes, Embroidered figures of a crescent moon and the planets adorned the rims of their caps.

As darkness deepened, they spoke quietly but intently of the implications. "An auspicious night," Melchior ambled about the platform, making sure each observer was at his assigned sector and had measuring dividers and "bar."

To decipher its majestic messages, they studied the earth, water, the air — and the fiery stars.

our subtlest mathematics, and



AS IMAGINED by artists of the Middle Ages, the Three Wise men bore a striking resemblance to noblemen of Europe. This woodcut was carved to illustrate John of Hildesheim's "Historia Trium Regum" (The Story of the Three Kings), published in 1484. (Photos Courtesy Pierpont Morgan Library)

looked long into the face of the fire. But who is man to read the hour of the Omnipotent? And yet, perchance, tonight!

By every indication, they had available to them the cryptic, messianic time-data set down by the astounding Jewish seer, Daniel, who five centuries before held powerful sway in the courts of Persian kings.

The Magi, as the land's ancestral savants, had opportunity then to grasp the enigmatic chronology for the coming of the Great One as given by the honored foreigner, Daniel, in his seventh, eighth and twelfth books.

They also could preserve his prophecies of the event: "Behold, one like the Son of Man came with the clouds of heaven . . . and there was given to him . . . glory and . . . everlasting dominion which shall not pass away."

Beyond this, however, other tenuous factors linked the Magi with Israel's hope of a redeemer. Far back in time, Abraham dwelt in Ur of the Chaldees, which modern archeology has located on the Persian gulf.

**Distant Origins**  
Origins of the Magi's religion,

of which Zoroaster Spitama was only a latter-day reformer, go deep into that same antiquity. Perhaps the shadowy Melchizedec, priest of the Most High God to whom Abraham paid tribute, was one of them.

Only they and the Jews, in all the pagan world, believed in one supreme deity.

The Magi's faith, too, foresaw a deliverer — "Sostosh" — who would bestow everlasting, incorruptible life to mankind. Their archives also may well have included many of the Jewish prophecies of a savior.

Moreover, centuries before, the famed diviner, Balaam, son of Boer, a gentile like the Magi and also, like them, from the "mountains of the East," delivered his stunning oracle as recounted in Numbers 24:

"There shall come a star out of Jacob, and a Scepter shall rise out of Israel . . . He that shall have dominion . . ."

So the Magi, endowed with their abstruse time deductions and the intermingled presence of the past, had reason to watch the heavens. To them each turn of earthly destiny was reflected in

nature — a "fravashi"—and they sought to detect it.

Three times in the past 10 months, marvelous displays (as determined by the astronomer Kepler 1,600 years later) had paraded before their gaze. There had been conjunctions of the planets Jupiter and Saturn in the previous spring, autumn and early winter.

**Perfect Number**  
It had now been four months since the last spectacle. To the Magi, four was a perfect number, represented in the four basic elements. If a fourth conjunction occurred, they could only conclude some prodigious meaning.

Melchior's old eyes roved with practiced familiarity among the sideral landmarks. As Pisces wheeled above the eastern horizon, he trained his attention there. Tidings in the constellation of fishes had the noblest import.

Shortly, his arm rose and he pointed a shaking finger. "Lo! The heavens speak!" There, against the jeweled blackness, not only the great planets Jupiter and Saturn converged, but Mars, too, joining in a resplendent trigon.

Awed exclamations burst out on the rooftop and some Magians dropped to their knees. Gradually, however, they grew silent, watching the luminous solar embrace. Stillness, deep as the reaches of space, settled over them.

But then, suddenly, as if a door of a pit had opened to the sun, a new light flashed in the eastern firmament. A new star, a stella nova, a flame no astronomer ever proved or postulated, burst into the world's night.

Its brightness washed the earth. Its rays glittered like points of a crown. It opened its sublime might to the tired and groping, and silver dusted the city below and trimmed the ridges of the mountains of Zagros.

**It's Nature Unknown**  
The Magi saw their star "in the east." There in the "land of the Aryans," there where the mystic wisdom of the Oriental mingled with a faith older than history, there in the land of the night-

gale and the rose, above the high plateau of Persia, a star appeared.

No one knows its nature. No record remains of it in the astral lore of Babylon. Whatever man's instruments or research may disclose has no bearing on that star. For the Magi saw it—with their eyes and in their hearts.

"Arise . . . for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee . . ." So Isaiah had written. "And the gentiles shall come to thy light . . . They shall

## Give Living Trees Plenty Of Water

If you get a living Christmas tree this year, do remember that like any house plant it requires plenty of water. Otherwise you might as well, or better, have a cut tree.

A secret of making a living tree worthwhile is to plant it as soon after Christmas as possible. Common among the living trees are Norway spruce, Scotch pine and balsam firs. They grow large and should not be used as foundation plantings.

In setting them out, select a well drained site, dig a pit considerably larger than the earth ball, and tump in plenty of good

being gold and incense; and they shall show forth the praises of the Lord."

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top soil mixed with peat moss or compost.

## Real Yuletide Meaning Is Found In Scripture

Harold A. Bosley, pastor of First Methodist Church, Evans-ton, Ill., says there is little or no spectacle about love. It is as simple as taking a child on one's knee and seeing therein the Kingdom of God. It is as simple as giving a cup of cold water, as interrupting a journey to help someone in trouble, as meeting curses with prayers, as turning the other cheek.

The magic of the Christmas season will serve us well if somehow it helps us to discover and put to use this power of love in our own lives. This is the real meaning of Christmas for our friends, our loved ones, the world. "Love never faileth."



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# Merry Christmas



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Yes, may your Christmas be a truly merry one!



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Journey To Jesus --- II

# Three Set Out To Trace The Star

Note: The "Three of the Orient" were in search of knowledge—



THE JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM as pictured in John of Hildesheim's story of the Three Kings, published in 1484, shows them wearing crowns and approaching a walled town. Although they were known to the Middle Ages as "kings," the Magi actually were professional scholars, and "kings" only of knowledge.

GEORGE W. CORNELL Press Religion Writer

caravan stood in readiness. . . .

leaving behind Persia barren expanse of Drangiana with its salt-water lakes and yipping jackals, traveled on through the wooded foothills of the Zagros.

The caravan climbed the steep trails into the mountains on Persia's western rim, and descended into the lowlands beyond. Wild boars, cheetahs and other carnivores infested the area, and bullocks sang from the box trees.

The military escort was supplied as a routine to such royal entourages, even though the fratricidal King Phraates IV, dominated by an Italian concubine he called "the goddess Musa," had no taste for the mission.

The squadron of helmeted archers, with their fine-limber horses, led the column down into the plain of Apolloniatis, on past the proud independent city of Seleucia beside the Tigris, and as far as the Euphrates bridge.

For them to go farther might have appeared warlike. The Magi and their retinue of servants likely continued from there alone. A long, hard road, of many months, lay ahead.

They tramped on. The saddles chafed their legs; the sun burned their skin and dust caked their eyes. The trip took six months to a year, other travel logs to the perior indicate.

What kind of men were these who discerned a still small voice, and pursued it across a continent? The annals of that time tell of their knowledge and insight.

Philo, then an Alexandrian philosopher, said the Magi "behold the books of nature with more acute perception than usual." A contemporary Roman scholar, Apuleius, called them "Divinely wise."

The Wisdom of Solomon says

all their fellow Magi con-

ritime dateless processes of the past linking their stored-up lore and monotheistic beliefs with Judaism, and its yearning for the King of kings.

Whatever the explanation, the Magi's final decision was precipitated by a star, and as Ignatius described it in the First Century, it "shone in heaven beyond all other stars . . . Its light was inexpressible . . . Men's ignorance was taken away."

It was in that instant, in a flare of intuition and conviction,

that the Magi had known heaven had touched earth. So they traveled on and on, south along the great trade route from Damascus, along the eastern shore of Calliee, across the Jericho ford over the Jordan, and to Jerusalem.

They arrived there, not with any map or preordained itinerary or directional signals, but with the burning force with which they all transient knowledge — their faith.

Page 5: "Where Is He"

## Keep Down Luggage When Traveling At Christmas

By VIVIAN BROWN AP Beauty Editor

Comes the time for Yuletide visits—days away from home, perhaps visiting classmates or a beau's family.

Travel brings with it obligations and involves courtesies, however, and some times we thoughtlessly act indifferent to them.

There is, for instance, consideration for the hostess: You should arrive and depart on trains that are suggested. Don't say: "I think I'll take a later train" or "I'd just as soon go home tomorrow." If she suggests it, fine. But don't be the one to bring it up.

If you are visiting a beau's mother for the first time, give her a little gift when you arrive—candy or a small bouquet of flowers may help break the ice.

It's a good idea not to take more luggage with you than you need, giving the impression that you will stay for the winter. Then, too, there may not be room in the car for all your luggage to the embarrassment of the hostess.

You'll make the best impression with the minimum of luggage, providing you have the essentials. Don't just throw things in willy-nilly "just in case." Plan everything carefully. As one luggage designer, Murray Leeds suggests, take the smallest bag you can without crusing your clothes, and you can find a bag

for every occasion. "If it's a long visit the most practical bag is the 44-inch all-purpose to keep dressers wrinkle-free and hold your other needs. If an additional bag is needed add a train case or hat box. This may give a better appearance, he says, than two large bags although the 21 inch or 24 inch suitcase are very practical weekend bags.

Train cases will hold accessories and makeup for an overnight trip. Or use the 17-inch hat box for that purpose. The swag bag is another popular travel bag these days. It's the one fashion models use to carry accessories. It has a large pocket in the center, a side zipper, handy for last minute packables, and a zipper on top that opens the main compartment. These resemble tote bags, only they are bigger and may be used for overnight or weekend trips. Some of them are so big they could serve as sleeping bags, but they do get away from that "I'm going to stay forever" look.

Newer luggage is lightweight resembling vinyl plastic or fiberglass, in youthful tweed or plaid motif, and fun to have in matched sets so that you can make your choice for any occasion.

When you arrive at your destination, don't put luggage on the bedspread. If a luggage rack is not supplied, use a chair.

### Slept In Tents

But none of this explains the impetus that took them hundreds of miles, in broiling heat of day and chill of night, across the wide Syrian desert to Haleb or Tudmor, and on along the dusty highway to Damascus.

They camped at night in their black goat-hair tents, for it would not be fitting for regal personages to stop in foreign hostels, with their dancers, boxers, knife-throwers and comedians balancing underfed infants atop poles.

The brilliant star they had seen "in the east" or more specifically translated "at the rising" apparently did not guide them, for Judea lay to the west beside the Mediterranean—not to the east.

Part of their secret may have been in their "Zendavesta," the hoary, mystical record of which only one of 21 books survive. Or it may have been in the baby-

### Christmas Is Picnic Time in Australia

SYDNEY (AP)—The sun blazes down . . . men and women wear summer clothes to church . . . crowds pack the beaches . . . cold turkey salad is eaten by quiet inland streams.

That is Christmas Day in Australia.

The day comes to the big cities of eastern Australia 10 hours before London, 15 hours ahead of New York.

Because it's mid-summer in the southern hemisphere, the Christmas New Year period is holiday time in Australia.

Some small firms close for 10 days or so over Christmas and New Year. Those that stay open do little business.

Schools have their longest break, varying from six to eight weeks, in December and January. Working men and women who can't manage it take their annual holidays at this time.

Many thousands of Australian families spend Christmas away from home. They live in canvas tents, caravans, holiday houses, hotels, and guesthouses.

But broadly the traditions of an English Christmas are maintained in this country 12,000 miles away from the British Isles.

More people go to church than on any other day in the year. Families try to be together. Special meals are eaten, with a special bottle of wine.

Many families still stick to the English Christmas Day midday dinner of hot roast turkey, chicken, or duck, followed by steaming plum pudding.

But in recent years more and more housewives are cooking their poultry the day before and leaving it cold with salad.

Some take a hamper to the beach, have their salad sitting on the sand and wearing swim suits.



# Merry Christmas

All aboard for the merriest Yuletide ever . . . bright with good cheer, light with laughter and filled with the warmth of close friendships and family reunions. And to our host of friends and neighbors we send good wishes for the Holiday Season and offer our deep appreciation for their continued loyalty and good will.

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## *Oh, come all ye Faithful...*

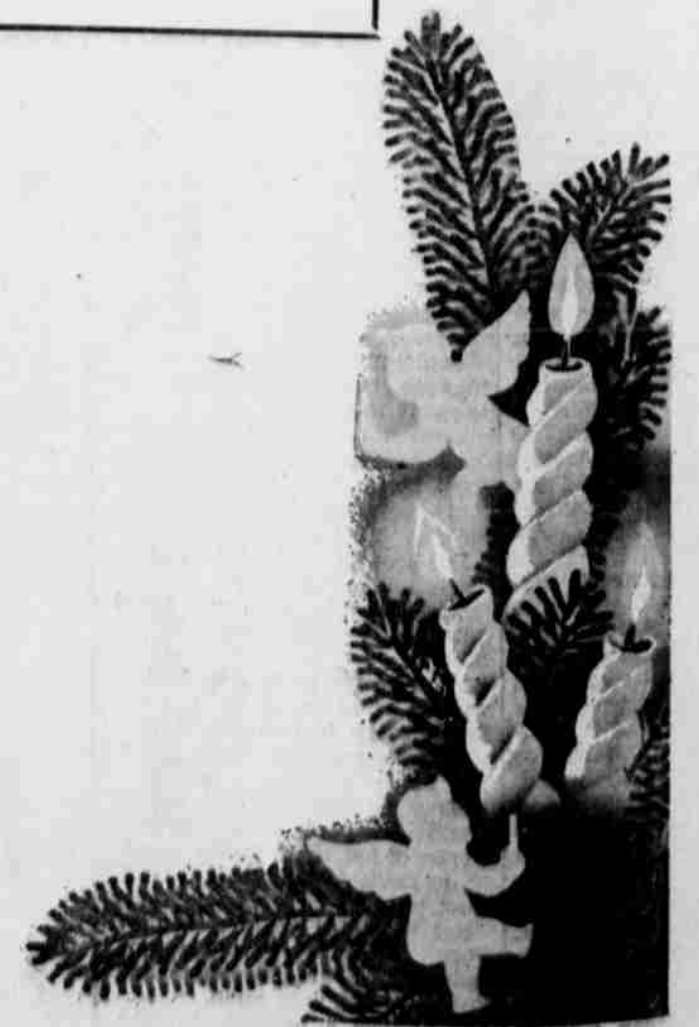
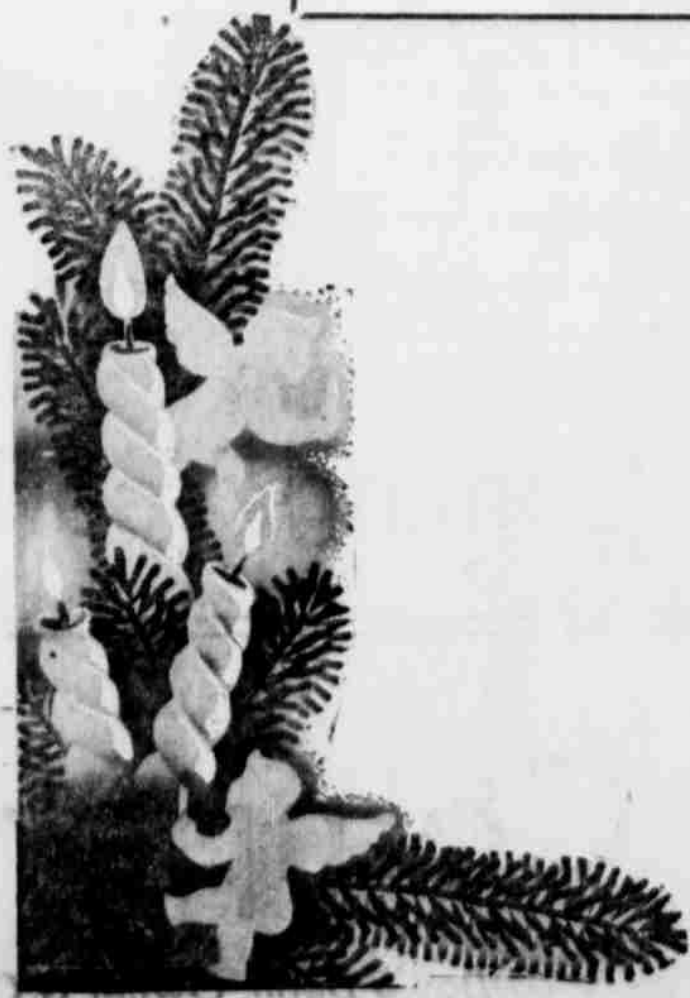
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Journey To Jesus --- III

# Magi's Arrival Upsets Jerusalem; They Are Summoned To See Herod

Note: The arrival of the Magi of Persia in the city of Jerusalem set off a wave of uneasy hope among the people and anger in the palace and among the priests. This is a reconstruction of the scene leading to the Wise Men's interview with Herod, as told in the five stories on their journey to Jesus.

**GEORGE CORNELL**  
The Press Roll on Writer George Cornell raced through the streets of Jerusalem, sweeping along the shops and marketplaces. It filtered through the crowded quarter of the Temple courts. The Temple courts. The Temple courts. The Temple courts.

It is that is born King of the Jews? The crowned and young Magi bowed their heads. Clothed in their prattle and clapped hands to their chests. Some men scoffed; some dreamed; some wept their lips, wonder-

At the hour of the morning, three strangers, potentates from a distant land, had entered the city and halted at the "road place" just inside the main gate, asking their question: "Is he that is born King of the Jews here?"

"For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him." The three windburned travelers, learned Magi of Persia, had been keenly dispirited that here in the very cradle of redemption, none knew the name of the King.

**Jerusalem Astrir**  
Proceeded on up the narrow streets, their footmen bearing a growing throng of people. Behind them, on either side, Lictors, with their staves, cleared the way.

The venerable, old Melchior, seated in the saddle, and surrounded by his attendants, looked around them. "They speak boldly of the King. Will not Herod know them? Are they surely they are Asian? They wear the emblems of the Far East."

Jerusalem was troubled, its people reports, for the revived an age-old cry of the mist of the city. He plodded along slowly, blinking at the shimmering stones ahead.

Long ago, the powerful Darius had decreed that the "God of Daniel" is the "living God," synonymous with Ahura-Mazda. And Cyrus the Great said likewise, even providing means to restore the Jewish Temple in all its grandeur.

Why, then, was the Divine Epiphany unknown here? Melchior ran a wrinkled hand over his face. Had he misread the accumulated perception of the age? Had he mistranslated a star?

All the world of that day had felt vague presentiments of a coming matchless leader, a champion of a golden age. Even in idol-filled Rome, the historians, Tacitus and Suetonius, and the Poet Virgil spoke of it.

It had pulsed immemorally in the blood of Israel, and did so even now beneath the boot of the Roman pawn, Herod. Yet there was no inkling of its fulfillment. A wave of depression ran over Melchior.

Surely it was here, as revealed in the sacred tomes, in the dusty, inspired wisdom that surpasses wisdom, that the Anointed would rise. All Melchior's days, he had absorbed these tortuous secrets, both of Jew and Aryan like himself, harnessing his mind and spirit to receive it.

How palstakingly his royal priestly academy had pored over obscure formulas, examined the elements and analyzed the time intervals given by Daniel to comprehend the supernal moment.

And then the planetary heralds had come, followed by the mystic flame—the "star of Jacob" as foreseen in a trance by the gentile diviner, Balaam. Yet, here where it had beckoned, its meaning remained unrealized.

Had the search been in vain, a puerile illusion? Practical-minded men had called it so.



THIS WOODCUT of the appearance before Herod is taken from a story on the life of Jesus published in 1478 at ULM, Germany. Note how the anonymous medieval artists, unfamiliar with the East, clothed the figures in the court dress of Europe.

long pilgrimage—the birthplace of the God-King. For this was the capital of the people predestined to be his lineage.

Yet the only response had been guarded looks, surprise and perplexity. Roman sergeants appeared brusquely to ask the delegation its purpose, and other functionaries scrutinized them.

Beside a pool, Melchior raised his hand and the party halted. An attendant hurried up and the old High Magus eased himself to the ground, road sore and stiff. Balthasar and young Gaspar also dismounted.

**Approach Temple**  
The three left their camels with servants and trudged slowly up the paved ramp toward the Temple. It dominated the city, high on the eastern hill, its marble walls and towers gleaming in the sun.

Melchior squinted, his face drawn and dark. His own ancient religion with its one great God of goodness, reared no earthly temples. Yet the bygone pontiff Persian kings had proclaimed Israel's God the same.

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Could they be right? Was the search for a Savior sheer folly? Melchior sighed and suddenly he was deeply weary, drained of all energy. He hesitated unsteadily there on the sloping pavement, and again pressed a hand to his eyes. Balthasar gripped his shoulder. "Art thou faint, Rab-Bagus?"

Melchior set his jaw, waved Balthasar away and pushed on up the hill.

He would not lose heart! Failure was impossible, in reality. God did not change. His convention remained undiminished. Only man's understanding of it veered and wavered, for he judged truth in a moment's narrow scope, not the sweep of the eternity.

They could not be wrong. The steady beat of the centuries could not be wrong, nor the great, long tide of vision, nor the holy books. Daniel could not be wrong, not he whose genius defied logic, whose endowments excelled the earthly manifestations of fire and beast, who read the inscrutable on the walls of the courts of Balthazar. Not all the prophets could be wrong. No humanity's highest hope. Nor the star!

All at once, Melchior knew. In the infinite symmetries of God, while it was to Israel that the King was born, it was left to voyagers from afar to seek Him out, in token of the range of His call, the universal extent of His kingship.

**Magi Receive Warning**  
On a portico outside the Temple wall, the Magi approached a rabbi who sat awaiting his students, and explained briefly the causes and object of their search.

A light, an old hunger, darted in the Jewish teacher's eyes, and then he frowned, glancing about uneasily.

"Thou dost stir up the wells of hope," he said in a low voice. "Withal, be heedful lest the Herodians take thy words amiss. The king is a jealous king."

Melchior smiled wanly, and his hand traced a circle, sign of blessing. The search went on. The inquired of chief priests, in the shops, among the lowly and high.

Soon, their tents, came a bowing courtier, garbed in ornamented robes and pendants, who addressed them unctuously: "Honored sirs, I bring thee greetings from his majesty. Herod the king, who requests audience with thee that he may attend thee in thy desires."

Melchior nodded thoughtfully. A squad of Roman troops led them across the city to the west wall. As the gates swung open to the lavish castle, with its sweeping esplanade, fountains and arbors, trumpet blasts sounded from a tower.

Page 5: The Interview



Oh Silent Night  
May your Christmas  
be this calm and bright!

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There's a wondrous magic in newly fallen snow that reflects some of the breathtaking beauty of the first Christmas night. May the Holy Season, serene as the snow, bring blessings of peace and joy to us all.

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lovely is the day. There's peace! And we  
pray it will always stay. The bells ring clear in the new  
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The Journey To Jesus --- IV

# Magi Learn Bethlehem Their Goal, Tell Date The Star Appeared

Editor's Note: After obtaining from Herod the place of birth of the Savior promised in Jewish tradition—and giving in return the time they first saw the Star—the Magi departed for Bethlehem with misgivings about Herod's intentions. This is the fourth in a five part series on the journey to Jesus.

By GEORGE CORNELL  
Associated Press Religion Writer  
Propped up with cushions, King Herod the Great watched with canny eyes as the bejeweled curtains parted and the three Eastern philosophers were ushered before him.

They bowed in their accustomed manner, stretching forth their hands at knee level. After an exchange of amenities, Herod leaned forward, entwining his veined fingers. Perspiration beaded his forehead as he spoke: "At what time, my astute doctors, did ye observe this 'star'—this Divine star?" Taut lines creased his ashen countenance.

The Magi, whether they realized it or not, were in a precarious position. Their report of a new-born prince had stirred up all Jerusalem, and caused consternation among authorities.

For less than this Herod often had feared. In the 36 years since the Roman Senate gave him Judea's throne, his reign was strewn with victims suspected of sedition including sons, wife and other relatives.

Now a deathly sick, half-mad man of 69 still tortured with fear of insurrection and assassination plots, he had acted with characteristic vehemence to trace this latest unrest.

**Honored Informers**  
Before summoning the Magi to a private audience, he had obtained a full account of their claims from informers, and had ordered Judea's foremost scholars brought before him for questioning.

Those had included leading members of the Jewish religious and civil court, the Sanhedrin—the chief priests and experts on religious law, the scribes—all of them obviously in fright.

Knowing Herod's blood-letting habits, they must have stood there white and rigid as he demanded they give details of the newborn Christ. What do the books say? Where is this Godly king supposed to be born?

"In Bethlehem of Judaea," a quivering counselor had said. "For thus it is written by the prophet: 'And thou Bethlehem art not the least among the princes of Judah; for out of thee shall come a governor, that shall rule my people Israel.'"

So nervous had the man been that the somewhat misquoted the Prophet Micah who had written 700 years before:

"Thou, Bethlehem, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall come forth that is to be ruler in Israel: whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting."

"And he shall be great unto the ends of the earth. Aid this man shall be the peace."

In any case, Herod, after ascertaining the geographical locale foreseen for the event, turned his attention to the Magi, the Persian interlopers who had rekindled the whole business.

What steps should he take? To execute them could bring grave political repercussions, for



ALMOST 500 YEARS OLD, this picture shows the Magi on their way to Bethlehem. The woodcut is from John of Heidesheim's story of the three kings, published in 1484. The rare book is carefully preserved at the Pierpont Morgan Library in New York.

they held royal rank, and carried "safe conduct" tablets from Persia's bellicose Parthian ruler, Phraates IV.

Next to the Romans, the Parthians then were the world's mightiest military power. Their famed horsemen and archers had overwhelmed many an elite corps and Phraates had exchanged tokens of peace with the Roman Emperor Augustus.

So Herod had them called ceremoniously into his presence.

They were regal-looking figures, straight and keen eyed, dressed in costly robes. "Atharvans," they were titled, "guardians of the fire," clerks of astronomy, said to have once been of Persia's tribe of Medes.

As the interview began, Herod restrained himself carefully. "Ye have spoken in the shops and streets of a new kingly son," he said, "yet there has been no issue of late in this household." He smiled grimly. "I can well vouchsafe for that."

Then he leaned forward, and in confidential tones, inquired at what time the star had appeared, for this would determine the moment of nativity, and the present age of the child.

The senior magus, Melchior, studied Herod for a moment, then precisely set forth the month, day and hour of the heavenly sign. He also recounted the time that had elapsed since in preparation and travel.

Altogether it apparently had been more than a year since the star's appearance, as indicated by the length of the trip, and Herod's subsequent action against Bethlehem children up to 2 years of age.

His meeting with the Magi probably came near his final, disease-ridden year of life, for he died in 4 B.C., in a maniacal rage after learning the Magi had circumvented him. Thus, the likely date of the star was 6 B. C.

After getting this information, Herod, hoping to use the Magi's abilities to lead him to the specific child, advised them of his findings from the Jewish advisors—that the site was Bethlehem.

"Go and search diligently for the young child," Herod said ingratiatingly, "and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also."

The Magi departed, dubious about Herod's intent, but nevertheless with freshened certainty that they neared their objective.

the sun could have left it obliterated in the daylight sky for many months before it appeared again in the westerly night sky.

Astronomy also has recorded "variable stars"—those that burst into splendor briefly only to fade and remain dormant for an extended period before exploding again into brilliance.

It also has been determined that the dog-star Sirius, brightest of the fixed stars, rose heliacally before dawn—in 5 B.C. on the first of the Egyptian month Mesori, meaning "Presentation of the prince".

Some analysts note that the phrase saying the star "went before them," in its usual Testament sense, does not mean it guided them, but rather that it

arrived there in advance of them.

### A GUIDE TO MEN

Whatever the details, scripture is not written to instruct in astronomy or the physical sciences, but to guide men to the Lord himself, and the natural wonder—the light of the star—inevitably is less than the supernatural wonder—the light of Christ on earth.

And whether it was a comet, a pillar of fire, the reappearance of a star, or the flaring of a new one that led them to that house, they moved, not alone at the behest of a handy, miraculous beacon, but as all men must, in the light of events, with grace.

For in God's intricate design, even Herod, bent on murder, had contributed to the illumination of the wise.

Page 7: The Gifts

### Dining Gift Easy To Turn Out

A plaid gingham luncheon set is a lovely and useful Christmas gift, yet easy to make.

Cut the table cloth and napkins the size desired, then run a row of stitching with your sewing machine an inch and a half from all edges of the cloth and a half inch from napkin edges.

Pull threads as far back as the row of stitching on each piece in order to form the fringe. The stitching will keep the thread from pulling further.

Press the set and it is ready for gift wrapping.

### It's Fun To Make Christmas Candle

To make a big Christmas candle, melt four cakes of paraffin wax until they are just soft enough to stick together.

Insert a piece of cord for a wick between the second and third. Then melt a fifth cake of paraffin completely, beat it to a froth and spread over the four cakes that you have stuck together. You will have a large snowy white candle. If you want another color, just add a colored wax crayon to the paraffin you are melting for the outside froth.

Place the candle on a saucer and around its base place pine cones, holly or anything suggestive of Christmas.



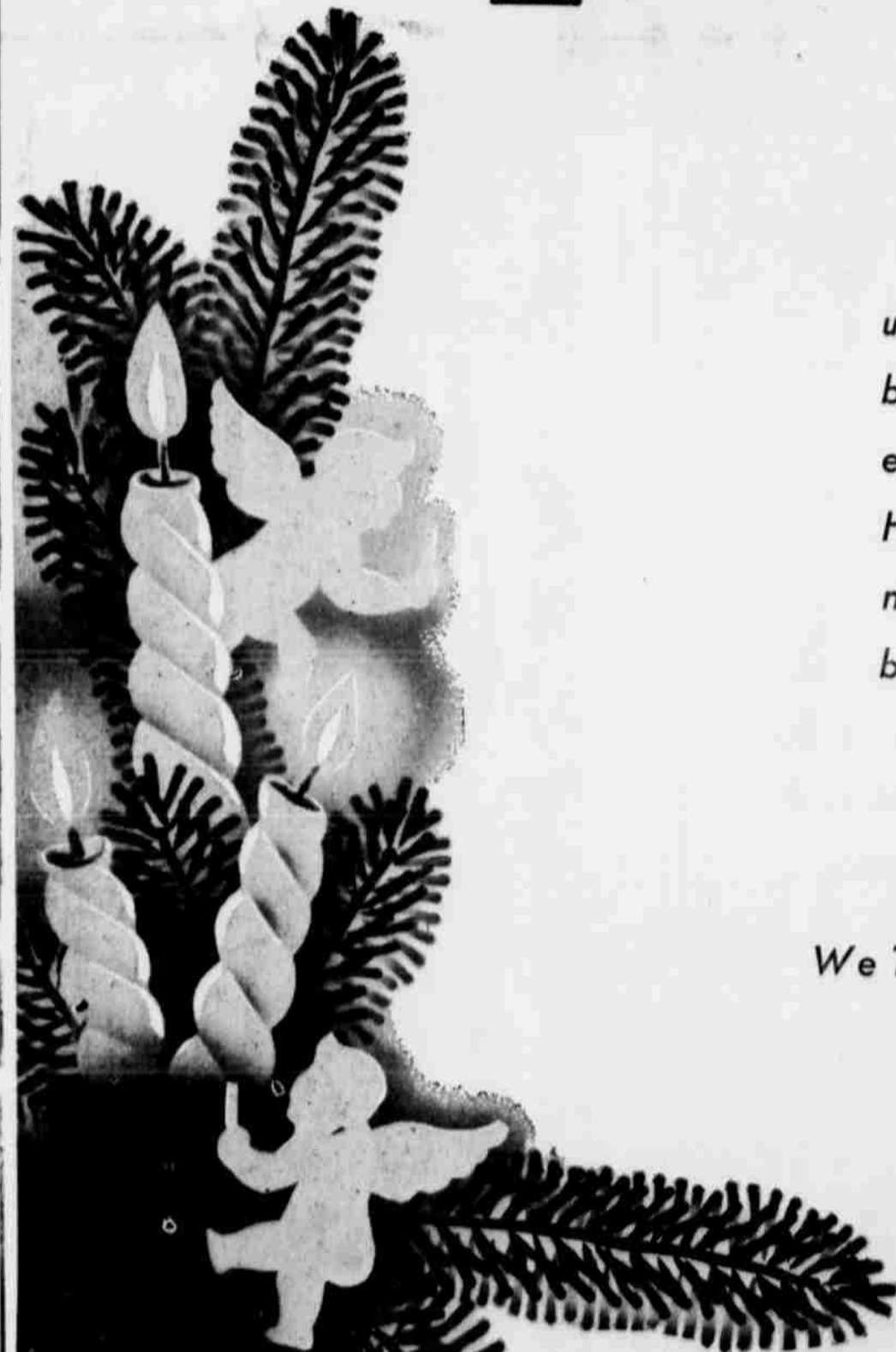
Have a heavenly Christmas! We hope that it is merry and gay—one to recall as a heavenly day!

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## a Christmas Prayer..



May the true meaning of Christmas be with us now as on the night of the Christ Child's birth. May the Christmas story live anew in every heart. May all of us keep Christmas as He would have us do, with good will toward men. And may all the blessings of Christmas be yours.

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Journey To Jesus --- V

# Wise Men Reach End Of Journey

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of faith.

W. CORNELL,  
Press Religion Writer  
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Cypress tree.

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carpenters' tools, along  
partly carved yokes

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age. He looked up with wide-eyed  
interest at the visitors.

Melchior's lips parted word-  
lessly. Tears welled in his eyes.  
Then he and the others knelt on  
the dirt floor in reverence and  
worship. They had found their  
King. They had entered the pres-  
ence of God's Son.

There, in the ordinary beauty  
and innocence of a healthy tod-  
dler, Providence had provided  
its ultimate message to man.  
How often the greatest truth is  
clothed in simplest array.

To recognize it required hum-  
ility, the knowledge that knows  
its lack of knowledge. And this  
was the character of the Magi.

While exalted scientists sought  
a world in space, they sought a  
world in time. They aspired, not  
to mere appearance, but to mean-  
ing. Through faith, they saw  
intuitively what others never  
see. Many see the stars. But who  
could see what the Magi saw?  
They saw the star of Bethlehem.

The Child had been given the  
name "Messiah," or as the Greeks  
saw, "Jesus," which means "the  
salvation of Jehovah."

Gifts Presented  
Presently, with jovous antici-  
pation, the Magi hurried outside the  
house and from their parcels,  
brought forth gifts and laid them  
before Him.

Melchior presented gold, red  
gold, symbolizing a king's power.



ADORATION OF THE MAGI: This ancient woodcut, taken from a book published nearly five centuries ago, shows how the "Kings of the Orient" appeared to medieval imaginations. Modern research shows the visitors from the East were professional scholars, and "kings" only in a poetic sense. The picture is from John of Heidesheim's story of the Three Kings, published in 1484 and now at the Pierpont Morgan Library.

Gaspar brought myrrh, the resin of burial and death, offering it with tears. Balthasar gave incense, the rich gum of frankincense, signifying Divine immortality. Mary sat with bowed head, murmuring over each gift. "Thanks be to God."

quest to return to him and identify the Child.

Instead of taking the usual route home, northward through Jerusalem to Damascus, they went another way. Some accounts suggest they crept south toward Petra, crossing the copper-colored mountains of Moab.

Other reports say they slipped northward along the coast, departing by ship from the port of Tarsus in Cilicia, where Herod's troops in vengeful pursuit, later wrecked the whole harbor.

Meanwhile, Herod also wielded his worldly power and cunning to overcome a child. He sent legions to slay all Bethlehem children under 2 "according to the time" of the star learned earlier from the wise men.

But the outcome of that clash shakes history. The seemingly hapless Child won. Joseph and Mary fled with Him to Egypt.

Avoid Herod  
The Magi also escaped back toward the rising sun, back to the land of Persia.

Tradition says the Magi later built a chapel on Mt. Vaus, where they had first seen the star, and that they met there each year thereafter. They are said to have become bishops, ordained by the Apostle Thomas.

It is recounted that their bodies after they died, were removed from Persia to Constantinople, then to Milan, and in 1163, to

Cologne, where they rest now at the Cathedral of Cologne.

The Middle Ages claim that the Magi were kings, and they were, in a sense. They were sovereign, in a sense. They were a royal heritage, befitting to its Divine Author.

They were far away when

Jesus was born, when Christ came to renew life. But God gave the sign. And as is always the case, they could stay, or journey. To average folk, their decision was folly. They stood with utter abandon. But despite the risks, the impossibilities and the distance, the one who sought, found.

## 5-Minute Gifts On Toys

The toy parade continues with dozens of brand new toys just lying to snuggle up under a Christmas tree to cheer a wide-eyed youngster on that big morning.

New toys include an official U.S. Navy frogman, 9-inch plastic do-it-yourself model, plastic trophies that include a buffalo head, tiger head, fighting big martin and an American eagle.

There is a spectacular junior character that projects the character of a dark...

ques shops and shows.

Glass Christmas tree lights made in Germany, England and France in the 1880's and '90's were used to shield candles, and these in glowing emerald, amber, amethyst, cobalt and ruby are the most popular.

German Christmas ornaments of wax, plaster, unglazed pottery and spun glass dating from about 1850 are popular also. Some elaborate blown glass ornaments are frosted outside and decorated inside with a manger scene.

Tin ornaments bent into various shapes with colorful pictures on them are also popular.

or glued lead star attached to provide balance which holds the candle upright.

There are hexagonal tin lanterns with inset panels of various colored glass. A candle goes inside. Some people enjoy decorating the tree with old tin cookie molds shaped like animals and gingerbread men.

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Some Christmas ornaments are passed along from one generation to another, and these make unique decorations for the tree.

If there are no holiday display pieces in attics and closets, however, you can find them in anti-



Merry Christmas

It happens every year at about this time. Somehow, hearts are lighter; friendships are warmer; a new spirit of good cheer is abroad in the land. You see it in every face, hear it in every voice, sense it everywhere in a hundred different ways. We would like to pack all of this Holiday spirit into our Christmas greetings to you!

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