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Wheeler County

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WAY COM.  
RS FM 592  
OVEMENTS

learned here late last  
State Highway Com-  
Wednesday ordered  
Farm to Market  
No. 592. A new surface  
placed on this road  
Highway 152 to Twit-  
project covers a distance  
and is estimated to  
\$100,000.

will be financed with  
which the Commission  
holding in reserve since  
action holiday during  
years.

Highway Commission  
John S. Redditt explain-  
Wheeler County construc-  
part of a general state-  
to modernize and re-  
1,423 miles of state

ordered jobs estimat-  
\$6,330,500 to protect  
present roads  
greater comfort and  
to the people using  
Redditt said.

jects ordered Wednes-  
all areas of the state.  
reshaping and widen-  
narrow "razor back"  
surfaces for asphalt  
widening bridges,  
stable shoulders, eliminat-  
curves, and other work  
a great many of the  
system's bad sections.

work will be done in the  
summer months of  
the next construction  
favorable weather

LUCK' NOT  
IDENT CAUSE

way to avoid the use  
of life due to traffic  
is to prevent the acci-  
a warning issued by  
W. Cox, State Health

question of who is  
who is wrong after the  
has occurred," he said.  
mobile accidents never  
merely because of "bad  
there is a definite cause for  
of them, although it is  
to determine the pre-  
of every mishap.

of the safety movement  
at the most fundamental  
to the solution lies in  
and training of the  
Safety education in-  
training of individuals  
accidents to themselves  
prevent accidents to others,  
the acquisition of a  
fund of information, the  
apply this information to  
situations, and the build-  
ing of habits which will make  
of knowledge to  
automatic.

dangerous curves and  
in on the highways of  
re distinctly marked, and  
the drivers can assist  
in the reduction of deaths  
automobile accidents by  
observing these warning

motorists rely too much  
on rules and regulations,  
that if they obey the  
road at the time when  
accidents occurs, no blame  
can be placed on them. This is not  
the only man who considers  
himself blameless in case of acci-  
dent when he was obeying the  
road, is the one who  
anything possible to avoid  
accident.

consequences of automom-  
ons so disastrous  
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Minister Is  
At C. of C.

Scott, Minister of the  
Church of Christ was the  
speaker at the Church of  
here at the Wednesday  
service, December 17. After  
a Christmas party was  
for the children and parents  
church basement. The pro-  
gram consisted of games, stunts  
Christmas songs. Before the  
of "Santa Claus," the  
were dimmed and Mrs. Russ  
group in singing "Silent  
after which Janet Russ  
The Night Before Christ-  
led the children in "Up  
Housetops," which was  
cue to enter. Gifts and  
were given each child pre-  
sented will not be any service  
Wednesday night, December 24.



## MUSTANGS WIN 3RD IN TOURNEY

Coach Grady Baker's Wheeler Mustang five won the championship in the consolation bracket of the Samnorwood Invitation Tournament Saturday night when they defeated their arch rival the Shamrock Irishmen by a 30 to 27 count in the final of that division.

The contest between the Mustangs and the Irishmen was a thriller from beginning to end with the Mustangs leading first, then relinquishing the lead to the Irishmen and finally coming back to score a three-point victory.

Richard Lee Gaines, Mustang forward, was placed on the second all-tournament team. Jody Reid, forward on the Wheeler girls' team which lost to McLean in the finals of the consolation bracket, was placed on the second all-tournament girls team. Both Gaines and Reid received miniature silver basketballs.

In winning the consolation bracket or third place in the tournament, as it is sometimes referred to, the Mustangs first lost to the strong Samnorwood five by a 36 to 21 count, then defeated Clarendon 30 to 25, Community Center 39 to 28 and finally Shamrock 30 to 27.

The Wheeler girls dropped their opening encounter to the Samnorwood sextet, which consequently won first place in the tournament, then advanced to the finals of the consolation bracket before losing to the McLean lassies.

Saturday's contests in the Samnorwood tourney wound up the Mustangs' basketball activities until after the Christmas Holidays. The first engagement for the Mustangs after school re-opens will be with Darrouzett at Darrouzett.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Pennington, II, and small daughter of Memphis Tenn. are spending the holidays in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Pennington.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Callan and children spent the weekend in Shamrock.

## Times To Be Closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday This Week

The Wheeler Times will be closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week in order to give their employees a short vacation.

With the limited amount of help we are forced to operate with, it is almost physically impossible for the Times to get along for any length of time without one of its employees so we must close for a few days at a time in order to give employees a much needed rest.

If anyone has any business with the Times which should be transacted during those three days the staff would appreciate your getting in touch with us earlier in order that we may not inconvenience you by closing.

## Christmas Shopping Should Be Finished By 6 P. M. Wednesday

Residents in the vicinity of Wheeler are respectfully asked by the Wheeler merchants to finish their Christmas shopping by around 6:00 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, Christmas Eve, so that the firms may close and allow their employees to attend Christmas trees and other festivities.

Some Wheeler firms stated that they found it impossible for them to close on the first day of the New Year so it is presumed a greater portion of the businesses in town will be open for business as usual on January 1, 1948.

Most all Wheeler business firms will close all day Thursday, Christmas Day, so people in this vicinity are urged to anticipate their needs before hand and buy accordingly.

## 4-H Girls Tell Story Of Club Work Completed

Mrs. E. M. Hastings, home demonstration agent, says she has gotten in some good stories or stories by 4-H club girls. Girls who haven't written them in either to their sponsor or the agent. Following are two typical histories in the girls own words:

**MY 4-H CLUB STORY**  
By Patsy Ann Ramsey  
Briscoe

I was 9 years old on February 4 of this year and I joined the 4-H club right after I was 9.

I attended the club meetings but didn't get to do much work until school was out. Then I started to learn to sew and first I had to learn to peddle the machine so it wouldn't run backwards. I made 3 aprons, a dress and embroidered 2 dish towels and hemmed them and embroidered a scarf.

I helped mother gather and can 30 quarts of cherries. I spent 2 1/2 hours working in the garden and

also helped mother with the chickens.

I started out to keep the amount of the minutes I spent ironing and helping mother wash, and the number of meals I prepared, but then mother got sick and I had so much to do that I lost count.

I did part of every week ironing all summer and still help mother iron after school. I have helped wash a number of times, and I can't count the number of meals I have prepared. But I have prepared breakfast, dinner and supper a number of times.

I learned to keep house too. Make beds, sweep, mop and wax the floors. I have also learned to be a pretty good nurse this year waiting on mother.

I have improved my bed room by adding new curtains, and a new bedspread. And also added a shoe bag to my closet.

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Newspaper Advertising Pays

## Local Wolf Hunters, CAN YOU TOP THIS STORY?

**EDITOR'S NOTE:**—We are reproducing below a story which appeared in last week's McLean News and we understand Editor Campbell swears to its veracity. If any of you local wolf hunters have a story that you think tops this one, let us hear about it.

Using six dogs, Ross Collie and Ernest Duncan caught four coyotes on the Frank Wilson place near McLean Wednesday of last week.

But the best story, told by Collie, and which was told to him by Carl Wood, is as follows: Wood heard a coyote near his house, got out his .22 automatic and fired 11 shots—all in the dark and merely in the general direction of where he heard the coyote, since he couldn't see him.

The next morning he found the coyote dead. Incidentally, he used no instrument with his .22—just pointed toward the sound and fired.

## Kelton School Requires Immunization Sept. 1

The Kelton school board passed a resolution at their last regular session which was held December 15 requiring that all children attending Kelton school beginning September 1, 1948 must have active immunization for diphtheria, smallpox and typhoid fever.

The resolution was passed unanimously by the Kelton school board which consists of E. E. Henderson, president, Gordon Stiles, secretary, Irvin Hink, Charley Whiteley, John Dabery and Johnie Burrell, members.

Miss Vondell Starkey, who is attending Draught's Business College in Wichita Falls, arrived home Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Starkey.

## Approximately 150,000 Acres Leased In North Part Of Wheeler County

Approximately 150,000 acres have been leased in North Wheeler county recently by five major oil companies as a result of the recent important strike south of Elk City by the Shell Oil Co.

The lease play in Wheeler county extended north from the Twitty area to the Hemphill county line. Two solid blocks of 15,000 acres were taken, the balance being comprised of smaller blocks and vast checkerboard play.

Leases were for 10 years and the rental was \$1.00 per year. Bonuses paid ranged from \$1.00 to \$2.50 per acre, depending entirely on locations selected by major companies.

E. K. Caperton of Shamrock, handled most of the vast lease play. Participating companies included: Sinclair Prairie, Sun Oil Co., Phillips Petroleum Co., Superior of Calif., Magnolia, and possibly others.

Wheeler county is one of possibly 25 counties considered important by major companies since the Elk City strike in the Anadarko basin which extends about 200 miles, crossing Western Oklahoma and the Panhandle. Hemphill and Roberts counties are included in the heaviest play.

The Elk City well is supposed to be making about 500 barrels of high gravity oil and about 5 million feet of gas. The well was drilled to 13,000 feet and production is from 8,600.

The possibilities of another well drilled by Phillips Petroleum Co., in Roberts county, north of Pampa, have brightened hopes of oil people. This well was drilled to 11,000 feet and is reported to have showings of gas and oil.

The lease play has brought a big opportunity to county landowners in rental and bonus money. Prospects are not considered good for any drilling in this area during the near future but big development at some future date is a possibility. The Elk City well has been a year in drilling and the cost is reputedly upwards of a quarter million.

## Election To Form Soil Conservation District In Wheeler Co. Called

The State Soil Conservation Board has ordered that an election be held in Wheeler County for the purpose of farm owners deciding whether a soil conservation district should be established here. The date of the election has not been set.

C. P. Waters of Wheeler, has been named polling superintendent and Fred Waters, also of Wheeler, is alternate.

County Agent W. K. Frey has recommended to the state board that polling boxes be established at four points over the county, Shamrock, Wheeler, Mobettie and Briscoe. If the state officials will not allow four polling points, Frey has asked that at least two voting places be designated, one at Shamrock and the other at Wheeler.

Calling of the election is the result of a petition, signed by many Wheeler County farmers, and sent to the State Soil Conservation Board at Temple, asking that a soil saving district be established here. Later the board called a hearing at Wheeler, in which farmers attending were unanimous in their vote to the project.

## Lecturer To Speak On European Questions At Methodist Church Sun.

Rev. S. Y. Allgood, pastor of the Methodist Church, announced this week, Professor G. V. Metzler of Tulsa University will speak at the vespers service at the Methodist Church here Sunday afternoon, December 28.

Prof. Metzler will give a lecture on "Trends in Europe" first as seen from the standpoint of a student traveling with a YMCA party over Europe in 1933 and as a critical student of events since that time.

For several years, Mr. Metzler broadcast over an Ada, Oklahoma radio station.

Students will be guests as a feature of Student Recognition Day, Pastor Allgood stated.

Rev. Allgood announced his sermon topic for the morning service as "Surrender or Fight". Everyone is invited to the service.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Buice and small son of Lubbock are spending the holidays with friends and relatives in Wheeler and Shamrock.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Pugh of Amarillo are spending the Christmas holidays visiting in Wheeler and Allison.

## Grandson Of Local Couple Leukemia Victim

A local citizen this week called attention to the fact that Clifton Lee, 6, a leukemia victim who is in St. Joseph's Hospital in Fort Worth is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Lee who live in the east edge of Wheeler. Ray Lee an uncle of Clifton, it is understood lived here for several years.

Regarding the courageous little boy, Grace Haisell has the following to say in an article in the Ft. Worth Star-Telegram:

The Christmas message is one of joy and hope. Clifton Lee, 6, believes in the meaning of Christmas—and he believes in Santa Claus.

Yet, the life of the little boy is slowly being sapped as surely as each day passes.

Clifton, in his childlike faith and hope of better days to come, does not know about the deadly disease, leukemia, with which he is afflicted. Like most other little boys, he's thinking of Christmas—and what he's going to do when he gets big.

In his bed at St. Joseph's Hospital, Clifton sits silently most of the day. His nose has been bleeding, and he coughs blood. Yet, the child never complains. On the contrary, it is he who comforts his parents.

His father, C. E. Lee, or his mother constantly is at the bedside.

Leukemia struck little Clifton four months ago while the Lees were living on a farm in Casa Grande, Ariz. Doctors there did not diagnose the illness.

On October 1 the Lees brought Clifton to Fort Worth and to St. Joseph's Hospital. Doctors told the parents the boys red corpuscles were being destroyed.

Every effort has been made at the hospital to prolong the child's life. Clifton has received the best of medical care. Little can be done, however, except to administer blood transfusions.

Fifteen transfusions have been given. Many donors have offered the type B blood needed.

The Lees have two other children, both healthy. "Just like Clifton used to look," the mother says.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blackwell and small daughter of Maryland are here to spend Christmas in the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Merritt.

Corky Guthrie is spending the Christmas holidays in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mr. Lee Guthrie.

J. P. Meek of Childress arrived Sunday to spend Christmas in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Fred Farmer.

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Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation, which may appear in the columns of this paper will be gladly corrected upon due notice being given to the Editor personally at the office at Wheeler, Texas.

THURSDAY, DEC. 25, 1947

**HUMANE SENTIMENT**

Some people, reflecting on the horror and destruction of World War II, and on the fears often expressed that that was not the last great war, are inclined to think that the world is not making any great progress.

At least it can be said that the display of humane sentiment, of sympathy for suffering and the practical measures of relief, have been greater than ever before.

The hearts of the people are greatly moved by the suffering and deprivations in the war-torn countries.

The great amount of food, clothing, and various supplies sent to the war-ravaged lands, are an illustration of how strong this sympathy is. A vast number of these destitute people will not soon forget the food and clothing they received from the United States.

The people who are to get these supplies live thousands of miles from America, across great oceans, but the sympathy of America goes out to them as people read of suffering from hunger and cold. Our people hear about poorly nourished children, and they are glad for all that has been done to relieve them.

In our country human sympathy is very strong for people who are in distress. There is a constant outpouring of practical help for people suffering from calamity and misfortune. It is one of the main objectives of the American people to relieve distress and misery and suffering.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF WHEELER  
SHERIFF'S SALE

WHEREAS on the 24 day of November, 1947, in Cause No. 3829, in the District Court of Wheeler County, Texas, wherein the State of Texas and County of Wheeler, Wheeler Independent School District No. 17, and the City of Wheeler were Plaintiffs, and Impleaded Party Defendant recovered judgment against S. A. Neill, if living, and if dead, his unknown heirs and legal representatives, Defendants, for taxes, penalty, interest, and cost against the hereinafter described property.

WHEREAS, on the 15 day of December, 1947, by virtue of said judgment and the mandates thereof of the Clerk of the above mentioned District Court of said county did cause to be issued an Order of Sale commanding me as Sheriff of said county to seize, levy upon, and sell in the manner and form as required by law the hereinafter described property.

WHEREAS, by virtue of said judgment and said Order of Sale and the mandates thereof I did on the 15 day of December, 1947, seize and levy upon as the prop-

erty of the above defendants the following described property, situated in Wheeler County, Texas, to-wit:

(Said description showing the number of acres, original survey, locality in county, and name by which said property is most generally known.)  
All of Lots, 10, 11 and 12, in Block 11, in the original town of Wheeler, Wheeler County, Texas, according to the recorded map or plat thereof.

And I will on the first Tuesday in the month of February, 1948, the same being the 3 day of said month, proceed to sell all the right, title, and interest of the Defendant in and to said property at the Court House door of said county in the city or town of Wheeler, between the hours of 9:00 p. m. and 4:00 p. m. to the highest bidder for cash, provided, however, that none of said property shall be sold to the owner of said property directly or indirectly or to anyone having an interest therein or to any party other than a taxing unit which is a party to this suit for less than the amount of the adjudged value of said property or the aggregate amount of judgments against said property in said suit, whichever is lower, subject also to the right of the Defendants to redeem same in the time and manner provided by law and subject to the right of the Defendants to have said property divided and sold in less divisions than the whole.

DATED at Wheeler, Texas, this 15 day of December, 1947.  
JESS SWINK, Sheriff  
Wheeler County, Texas  
1-3c.

Maryland's farm production is large, with wheat and corn the principal crops.

Massachusetts ranks first in the manufacture of textile goods and boots and shoes.

Nebraska's livestock, poultry and dairy farming interests are large and valuable.

Because of its large iron industry Birmingham, Ala., is called the "Pittsburgh of the South."

Arizona is a leading mining state. Its principal mining products are copper, gold and silver.

Kansas City and St. Louis, Mo., are two of the largest railroad centers in the U. S.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

SHERIFF'S SALE  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF WHEELER

BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE issued pursuant to a judgment decree of the District Court of Wheeler County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on the 15 day of December A. D. 1947, in a certain suit No. 3844, wherein The State of Texas and County of Wheeler is Plaintiff, and Ed Helton is Defendant, and in favor of said plaintiff, for the sum of \$559.68 for taxes, interest, penalty and costs, with interest on said sum at the rate of six per cent, per annum from date fixed by said judgment, together with all costs of suit, that being the amount of said judgment rendered in favor of said plaintiff, by the said District Court of Wheeler County, on the 24 day of November A. D. 1947, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Wheeler County, I have seized, levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in February A. D. 1948, the same being the 3 day of said month, at the Court House door of said Wheeler County, in the City of Wheeler between the hours of 2 o'clock P. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title and interest of said defendant in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendant, the same lying and being situated in the County of Wheeler and State of Texas, to-wit:

Two acres of land out of the Northeast corner of Section No. 11, Block RE, Wheeler County, Texas and being the identical land conveyed by Clatyon Heare and wife, Jeanie Heare to Ed Helton by deed dated, August 19, 1947, and

recorded in Volume 117, p. 391 of the Deed Records of Wheeler County, Texas, such land being generally known as the "Old Zybach Gin Site"

or, upon the written request of said defendant or his attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment, interest, penalties and costs; subject, however, to the right of the plaintiff for any other or further taxes on or against said property that may not be included herein, and the right of redemption, the defendant or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property on their interest therein, at any time within two years from the date of sale in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights the defendant or anyone interested therein, may be entitled to under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment, together with interest, penalties and cost of suit, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

Dated at Wheeler, Texas, this 15 day of December, 1947.  
JESS SWINK, Sheriff  
Wheeler County, Texas  
1-3c.

**HOSPITAL NEWS**

(Written for last week)

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hiltbrunner, Twitty, are the happy parents of twins, Patricia Fern and Gary Keith, born December 11.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sides, Wheeler, are the proud parents of a daughter, Donna Jeanne, born December 13.

Baby of J. E. K. Ward, Pampa, entered for treatment December 13.

Mrs. C. T. Britt, Kelton, entered for treatment of severe burns December 11.

Baby of Ray Garner, Pampa, entered for treatment December 13.

Mrs. O. L. Thompson, Keller, entered for treatment December 13.

Mrs. E. H. Patton, Mobeetie, entered for treatment December 13.

James Lester, Mobeetie, entered for treatment December 14.

Baby of Gus Weigner, Twitty, entered for treatment December 15.

Daughter of V. H. Richardson, Kelton, entered for treatment December 15.

Mrs. Ralph Blakemore, Pampa, entered for treatment December 15.

Daughter of D. D. Kelton, entered for treatment December 15.

Kay Nations, Nemo, underwent a tonsillectomy December 15.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. of Wheeler are the parents of a son, Tommie G. December 16.

THE WHEELER TIMES offers more for both buyer and seller other business devices about.

Here's Wishing  
You a Happy  
Holiday

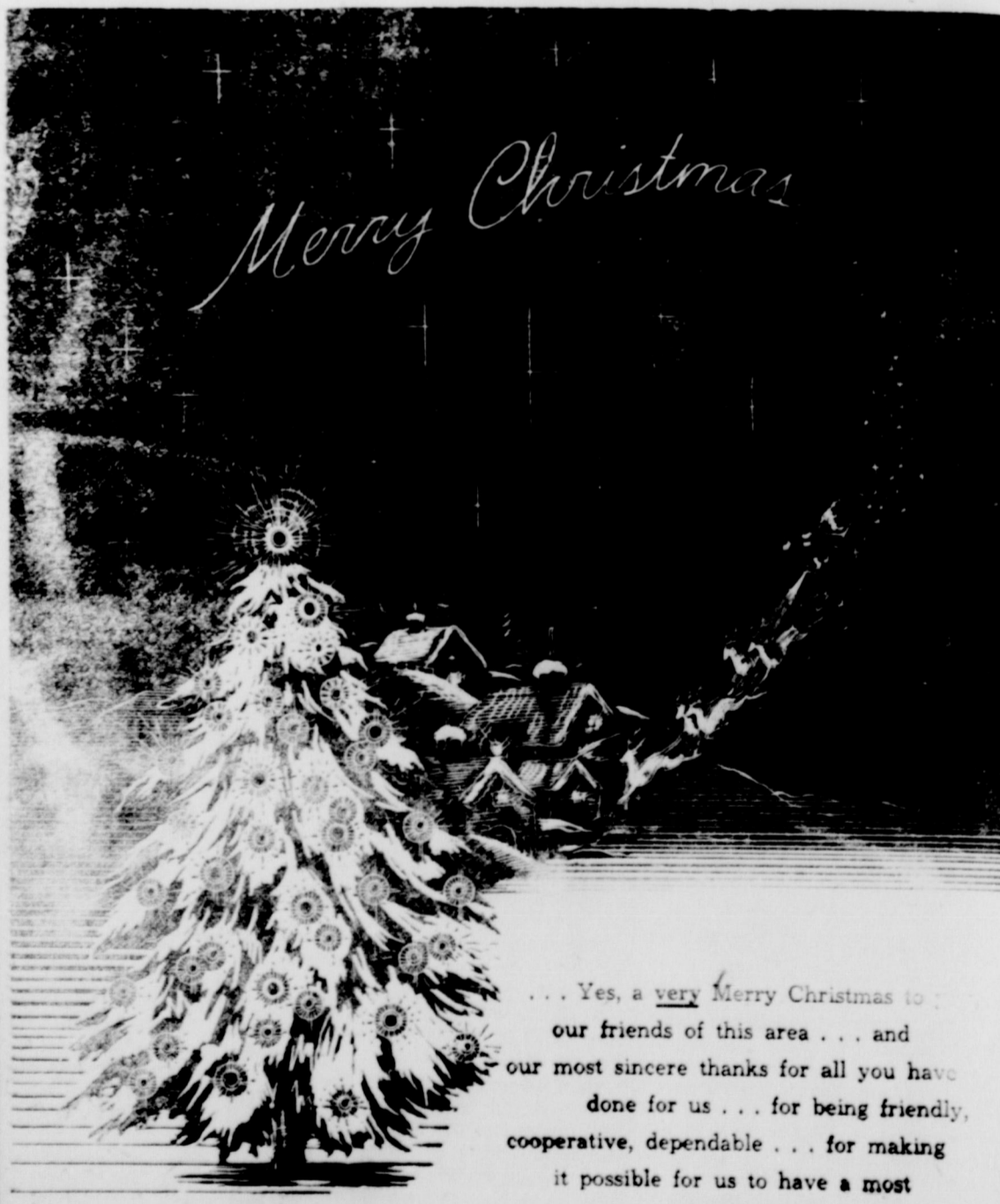
To each of you who have contributed to our success and to those of you who have given us your fine friendship we extend a hearty and genuine

Merry Christmas

May Peace, Happiness and Prosperity be yours for many, many years.

**TITLE ABSTRACT CO.**

Wheeler, Texas



Merry Christmas

... Yes, a very Merry Christmas to our friends of this area ... and our most sincere thanks for all you have done for us ... for being friendly, cooperative, dependable ... for making it possible for us to have a most successful year.

Wheeler County  
National Farm Loan Association  
WHEELER TEXAS



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DAY ADVERTISING—National rate, 42c an inch; Local advertising rate, 35c per column inch, 28c per inch when used or more used each week during calendar month.

### MISCELLANEOUS

#### ALCOHOL

Anonymous offers men and women who have desire to stop drinking. O. Box 589, Shamrock 5-tfc.

W & SONS TRASSER and long distance moving and vans. We have storage space. Phone 9-48-tfc. Texas.

STRAYED OR STOLEN—3-yr. old white face cow branded T-bar on left side. Anybody knowing her whereabouts please notify Glen Porter. 1-tfc.

WANTED—More farm land for sale. Have some nice choice building lots. Mrs. J. M. Glover. 1-2tp.

WILL PAY—\$10.00 per ton for scrap iron delivered to my shop in Wheeler. Bob Rodgers. 44-tfc.

STRAYED—Black bull calf, weight about 300 pounds. Farmer's wife. 52-2tp.

FOR RENT—House. See Homer Pitcock. 2-tfc.

We can now do your cemetery work. Grave markers, covers, and curbing. Will Warren, Wheeler.

#### FOR SALE

BUTANE SYSTEMS—No down payment. Payments as low as \$61.66 per year or \$4.92 per month if you prefer monthly installments. Nash Appliance & Supply.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—1940 Chevrolet truck, 1945 Ford tractor, 1942 Dodge Station Wagon with all steel body. Cap Rutherford, Gageby. 51-4tp.

FOR SALE—640-Acre stock farm, about 250 acres in cultivation, balance in grass, 2 sets of good improvements, 3 wells of good water. Located 7 miles northwest of Wheeler. Pettit Estate, call 158, Wheeler. 1-tfc.

We can take your subscription, new or renewal for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Amarillo Daily News or Wichita Falls Record News. The Wheeler Times. 48-4tp.

Fruit trees, flowering shrubs, evergreens, shade trees, hedging. See Will Warren. 51-tfc.

FOR SALE OR LEASE—360 acres, 3 mi. south of Wheeler. Q. L. Chapman, Shamrock. 2-1tp.

**BELIEVE IT OR NOT—**You can own the famous DeLaval 2 unit milker for only \$37.50 down and payments of approximately \$15.00 per month, at a total price of \$307.50. Nash Appliance & Supply Co. 43-tfc.

FOR SALE—3-room house, 12x34. Sheetrock inside. Good condition. B. T. Fuiks, near Gageby. 52-3tp.

Can now take your order for International Bibles of various kinds. Also Dickson Bible with complete study help. Can pay as little as \$3.00 down and \$3.00 monthly. Mrs. J. O. Hudson, Mobeetie. 1-2tp.

## Veterans' News

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**  
Q—My brother, a U. S. veteran of World War II who resides in Canada, would like to know if he can claim unemployment allowance while living in Canada?

A—No, he cannot draw readjustment allowance for unemployment or self-employment while living in Canada. Residence in the United States, its territories or possessions is a definite eligibility requirement for readjustment allowance.

Q—Will you please tell me what kind of insurance is National Service Life Insurance?

A—NSLI is mutual insurance. All premium payments go into a trust fund maintained by the Treasury Department and invested in Government interest-bearing securities. The interest accrues to the NSLI fund.

Q—I had an arm amputated because of injuries received while in the army. Can I select the type of artificial arm I want and the firm I want to buy it from?

A—Yes, you will be permitted to select the artificial arm of your choice, but it must be purchased from an approved prosthetic appliance manufacturer under contract with Veterans Administration.

Q—I am in school under the G. I. Bill and I would like to know if Veterans Administration will

## Allison Ramblets

Published by the students of Allison High School

Bessie, what happened to you and Jackie?

We wonder what's the matter with Roy and Evelyn here lately? We wonder who is trying to steal someone else's boy friend?

Roy, you'd better watch out, someone might get mad.

Lynn, didn't we see you with Bessie Jo Saturday night? Where does Jackie come in?

Wonder where all the girls got their bells? They couldn't have swiped them could they?

Gynell, we are really proud of you.

Lonell, isn't your boy friend ever going to come home?

Myrt, reckon Raymond will make it by Christmas?

We all had a good time at the Mobeetie Tournament, although we were pretty tired and sleepy when we got home.

Armanda, who was it you and Bessie Jo met at the Mobeetie tournament that you liked so well? Could it be a boy from Le-fors?

Shirley Jo, do you still nearly wilt when you see that good looking "you know who" from Mobeetie?

Helen Marie, how did you make it with Boyd Sunday night?

Billy Ray, what was your hard luck Sunday night? Wouldn't her mamma let her go?

Bobby, what happened to you and your Canadian girl? You had better leave the Wheeler girls alone. She might suspect.

We hear Virginia is turning in her suit. We sure hate to see her leave.

We are glad to have our six-weeks tests over. Hope everyone passed.

Shirley, look what happened to you all because you and Myrt were acting silly.

Jackie, what do you think about the way things turned out between you and Bessie Jo? Bessie Jo said she was pretty happy and very well satisfied.

Katy, what happened to you and Johnny? Did little Shirley Spruill take over?

Donna Jo, did you wait up very late the night Bobby was supposed to come to see you and he went some where else?

Lynn, are you pretty happy now? Bessie Jo said she couldn't

be happier. Shirley did you like what happened to your coat at the tournament?

David, did we see you with Jody Sunday or was it someone else? Everyone is looking forward to a happy Christmas. Merry Christmas Kids!

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Reta, we hear you got pretty chummy with a certain Higgins boy.

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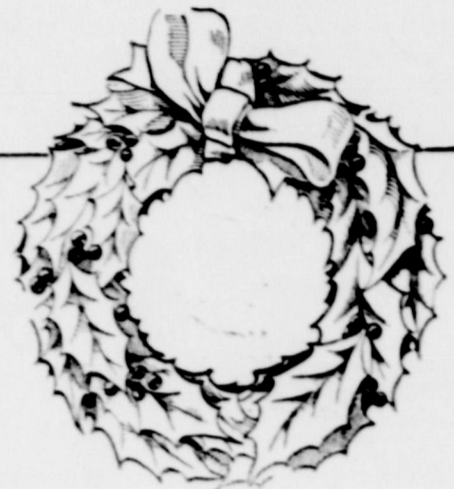
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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Dear Santa,  
I am six years old. I am in the first grade. Please bring me a gun, wagon and a windup train.  
Love,  
James Alvin Babo

Dear Santa,  
I am six years old. I am in the first grade. Please bring me a cap gun and a pair of boots.  
Love,  
Kenneth Farris

Dear Santa,  
I am seven years old. I am in the first grade. Please bring me a pair of boots and two fiddles.  
Goodbye,  
Jimmy Erwin

Dear Santa,  
I am six years old. I am in the first grade. Please bring me a bicycle. I will work.  
Love,  
Larry Henderson

Dear Santa,  
I am seven years old. I am in the first grade. Please bring me a bicycle, football, and gun.  
That's all,  
E. C. Ruder

Dear Santa,  
I am six years old. I am in the first grade. Please bring me a train and a gun.  
I am a good boy.  
Floyd Ray Morris

Dear Santa,  
I am six years old. I am in the first grade. Please bring me a football and a cap gun.  
That's all,  
Dean Sims

Dear Santa,  
I am six years old. I am in the first grade. Please bring me a pair of rubber boots and a monkey. Don't forget my little brother.  
Priscilla Green

Dear Santa,  
I am six years old. I am in the first grade. I want a bicycle, gun and a football.  
Love,  
Marshal Watson

Dear Santa,  
I am a little boy, eight years old. I want a pair of guns, four boxes of caps, and an electric train.  
With love,  
Roland Leo Miles

**SUNDAY SCHOOL PRAYER MEETING**  
9:30 a. m.  
Sunday School ----- 10:00 a. m.  
Morning Worship ----- 11:00 a. m.  
Evening Worship ----- 7:00 p. m.  
M. B. SMITH, Pastor

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Bible Classes ----- 10:00 a. m.  
Worship and Sermon ----- 11:00 a. m.  
Evening Worship ----- 7:00 p. m.  
Ladies Bible Class, Mon. 3:00 p. m.  
Wed. Eve. Classes ----- 7:00 p. m.  
B. M. LITTON, Minister

**THE METHODIST CHURCH**  
Church School ----- 10:00 A. M.  
Morning Worship ----- 11:00 A. M.  
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S. Y. ALLGOOD, Pastor

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Sunday School ----- 10:00 a. m.  
Morning Worship ----- 11:00 a. m.  
Evening Worship ----- 8:00 p. m.  
Mid-week prayer service 8:00 p. m.  
A. C. LYONS, Pastor

**KELTON METHODIST CHURCH**  
Church School ----- 10:00 a. m.  
Preaching 11:00 a. m. on second and fourth Sundays.  
MYF, WSCS and Bible Study 7:30 p. m.  
Preaching 8:00 p. m. on second and fourth Sundays.  
H. R. BENNETT, Pastor

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T. U. each Sunday at 7:30 p. m.  
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Sunday School ----- 10:00 a. m.  
Preaching Service ----- 11:00 a. m.  
Training Union ----- 7:30 p. m.  
Preaching Service ----- 8:30 p. m.  
L. P. FORT, Pastor

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Mobeetie, Texas  
Sunday School ----- 10:00 a. m.  
Morning Worship ----- 11:00 a. m.  
Training Union ----- 7:30 p. m.  
Evening Worship ----- 8:30 p. m.  
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 8:00 p. m.  
R. L. COOKSEY, Pastor

**CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
Sunday School ----- 10 a. m.  
Worship ----- 11 a. m.  
Evening Worship ----- 7:15 p. m.  
Prayer Meeting Thurs. -- 8 p. m.  
J. D. ROEDLER, Pastor

**ALLISON PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**  
Sunday School ----- 10:00 a. m.  
Worship ----- 11:00 a. m.  
Young Folks Service ----- 7:30 p. m.  
Worship ----- 8:00 p. m.  
Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting ----- 8:00 p. m.  
REV. ROBERT ESTES, Pastor

**FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**  
Mobeetie, Texas  
Church School ----- 10:00 a. m.  
Morning Worship ----- 11:00 a. m.  
M. G. F. Meeting ----- 6:45 p. m.  
Evening Worship ----- 7:30 p. m.  
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#### SENIOR NEWS

got our visiting cards last  
 and everyone was very  
 ed with them, except for a  
 that didn't like their print.  
 now have our play books

and have started with practicing  
 it a little just before Christmas  
 holidays. It is a three act comedy  
 in title "For Pete's Sake". The  
 cast is as follows:

Peter Pepperdine, a young col-  
 lege man who is always in hot  
 water, Bill Price, Bill Bradshaw,  
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 bach, Dupont Darby, the poet of  
 Elwood College, Richard Dyson.  
 The date for the play has not

been set yet, but it will be about  
 the middle of January and we hope  
 to have a big crowd.

#### SEEN AND HEARD

Bill Price singing "Anchors  
 Aweigh".  
 Laverne having such a nice time  
 Sunday afternoon. Where all did  
 you go Laverne?  
 Faye Francis sporting a new  
 gold basketball. Some one else  
 has been getting to wear it  
 though.  
 Iris Clepper having company  
 last Sunday. Could it be that he  
 was from Mobeetie? Not bad Iris.  
 Elvin Meadows not at school  
 Friday. We heard that he went  
 to Canadian to see a certain girl  
 you all have heard about.  
 Dorothy and Troy together so  
 much lately. Looks like this is a  
 new steady couple.  
 Rosemary not at school Mon-  
 day. You have been keeping too  
 late hours lately Rosie.

Janice and R. J. reading the  
 same book. Whats so interesting  
 about this book R. J. or is it just  
 an excuse?

Bobby Z. wanting his bracelet  
 back. What's the matter Bobby,  
 did she find another or is it just  
 opposite?  
 Helen Newman wearing some  
 boys watch. Come on Helen and  
 tell us, we will find out sooner or  
 later anyhow.  
 Mrs. Adams talking to some  
 handsome man from Canadian at  
 Mobeetie last Friday. What was  
 so interesting Mrs. Adams?  
 Mozelle with some good look-  
 ing man Sunday afternoon. Who  
 is he Mozelle?  
 Jeanne being real lonely lately.  
 Could it be that a certain guy  
 does not come down quiet so  
 often?  
 Bettye and Truman on the war  
 path last week. Come on kids and  
 make up and be happy once more.  
 Juanita wanting Christmas to

hurry and come so that she can  
 go seranading. Wonder what the  
 center attraction is?

Jack Finsterwald worrying  
 about Rosemary Monday. Could it  
 be that she had to drive the car  
 home? We don't blame you Jack.  
 Doris Brotherton the champion  
 ball player. Looks like you are  
 really getting good Doris.  
 John Gillenwater, sorry that  
 Shirley is leaving and moving to  
 Tullia. Cheer up John maybe she  
 will be back.  
**BASKETBALL NEWS**  
 The girls were matched against  
 Canadian girls for the first game  
 in the Mobeetie Tournament. The  
 Bronchos won by a margin of 9  
 points. Friday night they played  
 Samnorwood and were defeated  
 by a score of 42-35. This put them  
 out of the tournament but they  
 thought that maybe they could do  
 better next time.  
 We had one girl to be placed on

the all star team. Faye Francis  
 made 23 points in the Norwood  
 game and about 12 points in the  
 Canadian.

The girls will be against Quail  
 next Tuesday night, the 17, here  
 on the home court and hope we  
 have a large crowd out. Our next  
 game will be against Samnorwood  
 on the Norwood court the first  
 week after the Christmas holidays.  
 The boys did not enter the Mo-  
 beetle Tournament but will also  
 be matched with the Quail teams  
 here the 17th.  
**EIGHTH GRADE NEWS**  
 Imogene has been turned around  
 in her seat by the teacher. Wond-  
 er why?  
 Who is this pretty girl that  
 Thomas Roy has been throwing  
 paper wads at lately?  
 Why hasn't Elvis and Carol  
 Wayne been coming to school late-  
 ly?  
**JUNIOR NEWS**  
 Thurman Horn came to school  
 Monday morning and told some  
 crazy story about a certain drunk  
 guy he saw, or was that just a  
 story you read Thurman?  
 Richard has been sweet good-  
 byes to everyone lately. He thinks  
 he is going to move but we be-  
 lieve that this is just an excuse.  
 Betty and Truman had a few  
 little words the other day and we  
 don't mean the kind they usually  
 have either.  
 C. B. thinks that he should have  
 all his classes so that he is the  
 only boy in them. Silly boy.  
 Rosemary, you should learn to  
 drive before you get out by your-  
 self. You might wreck that pretty  
 new car that way.  
 Janice has been awfully quiet  
 for some reason or other lately.  
 Maybe she is thinking seriously  
 about something.

We juniors sure wish the seniors  
 would hurry up and decide when  
 they are going to give their play  
 so we can get ours and start on  
 it. But don't tell them or they  
 will never start.

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**  
 The entire school is turning out  
 for a ten day holiday this Friday  
 at noon. Friday afternoon there  
 will be a whole school program  
 and each class will have a part in  
 it, from the first grade to the  
 senior class. After the program,  
 each class will have their Christ-  
 mas tree in the class rooms. Then  
 we will be out for a ten day holi-  
 day. So until the school takes up  
 again we will be free.

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 have been instrumental in  
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 successful year... so please  
 accept our thanks for every-  
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# Look, Santa, Here's More Letters

Texas, California, Louisiana and Oklahoma are the four leading oil producing states of the U. S. Among points of historical interest in Virginia are Mount Vernon, Monticello and Richmond.

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring my little brother a rubber ball and sister Jack a doll and a doll bed, please bring me an electric stove and lots of candy, nuts and fruit.  
Your little friend,  
Koy McCleskey,  
Wheeler

Dear Santa,  
I am a little girl of eight. This Christmas I would like to have a 50 key zyllophone, a set of Krazy lkes and two boxes of tracing and pasting books, also some candy, fruit and nuts.  
My little sister would like to have a Pump-a-Ball set, a Rudolph stuffed toy, a snowsuit baby and lots of candy, fruit and nuts.  
Lots of love, Your friends,  
Essie Inez Brown and  
Linda Francine Brown

Dear Santa,  
I have been a real good girl. Please bring me a doll house and a doll that wets its pants. I want a nativity scene, it is a picture of Baby Jesus. I also want a bride doll and a baseball and bat. If you have an extra play house I would like one of them and I would like a baton.  
Love,  
Dot

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a little boy four years old. I have been a good little boy. I want an airplane that I can ride in, a racer car, negro doll, a scooter, a plaid shirt, some dishes, nuts, fruits, candy and a lot of chewing gum. Don't forget the ones that have been so good to me while I have been sick. Don't forget to bring me a new pair of house shoes.  
Your friend,  
David Treadwell,  
Mobeetie

Dear Santa,  
I am a little boy seven years old. I am in the second grade. Santa, would you please bring me a bicycle for Christmas? Please don't forget the other little boys and girls in my class and bring Mrs. Crowder something nice. She is our teacher.  
Godbye,  
Tommy Corcoran,  
Mobeetie

Dear Santa,  
I am a little girl, nine years old. I am in the second grade. Please bring me a doll, doll clothes, fruit, and candy.  
With love,  
Virginia Woodruff

Dear Santa,  
I am a little boy, eight years old. I am in the second grade. Please bring me a cowboy suit, ball, electric train, fruit and candy.  
With love,  
Harold Gene Green

Dear Santa,  
We are twin girls five years old. We would like to get a little doll with a bottle. We have a little sister two years old and she would like to get a rubber doll too.  
Thank you,  
Gloria Jean and Loria Dean  
Gaines

Dear Santa,  
Please bring us a tricycle, nuts and candy. We have a baby brother, bring him a rattle box and don't forget Grandpa. Bring him a box of candy for he will give us half of it. We have been real good.  
Elaine and Kenneth McCasland

Dear Santa,  
I am a little boy, seven years old. I am in the second grade. Please bring me a cowboy suit, ball, airplane, and a car.  
With love,  
Joe Richard Hyatt

Dear Santa,  
I am a little girl, eight years old. I am in the second grade. Please bring me a doll, dishes, buggy, fruit and candy.  
With love,  
Rebecca Gaines

Briscoe, Texas  
Dec. 17, 1947  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a little boy, soon be six years old. I have been pretty good this year.  
I would like for you to bring me a football, big truck, a two gun holster, candy, fruit and nuts.  
Love,  
Junior Pannell,  
Briscoe Texas

## Grand National GM Car Contest Winner



A new Cadillac Convertible changes hands as C. E. Wilson, president of General Motors, gives the keys of the car to Thomas E. Anslow, Buick worker at Flint, Mich., who won the first prize in the GM "My Job Contest." Anslow, (right) competing against 174,000 other entries, told why he liked his job as a forge hammer operator. Thirty-nine other new car winners were named in the GM contest.

Dear Santa,  
I am a little boy three years old. I would like a wagon and lots of candy and nuts, also apples and oranges. I have been a good little boy. Don't forget the other little boys and girls.  
Love,  
Charles Ray Willard

Dear Santa,  
I am a little boy, seven years old and in the second grade. Please bring me a cowboy suit, electric train, fruit and candy.  
Love,  
Billy McCormick

Dear Santa,  
I am a little boy, eight years old and in the second grade. I would like a saddle and pony and chaps with two guns. I also want some fruit and candy.  
With love,  
Jerry Henderson

Allison, Texas  
December 19, 1947  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a little boy six years old. My name is Micheal Lynn Chandler. I have two little sisters, Helen Dee and Betty Joe, ages 5 and 3. I also have a little brother, Larry David who will be one year old one day after Christmas. I am writing to you for all of us. I

think we have been pretty good boys and girls.

Santa, please bring me a red wagon, gun and scabert and please bring Helen and Betty a joll, a pair of shoes and please don't forget my baby brother, bring him a ball and a little red truck. Santa, I hope you will remember all the little boys and girls. We will promise to be better boys and girls next year.

Love,  
Micheal Lynn  
P. S. - Santa, we would like some nuts, candy and fruit. I hope dear Santa this isn't asking too much.

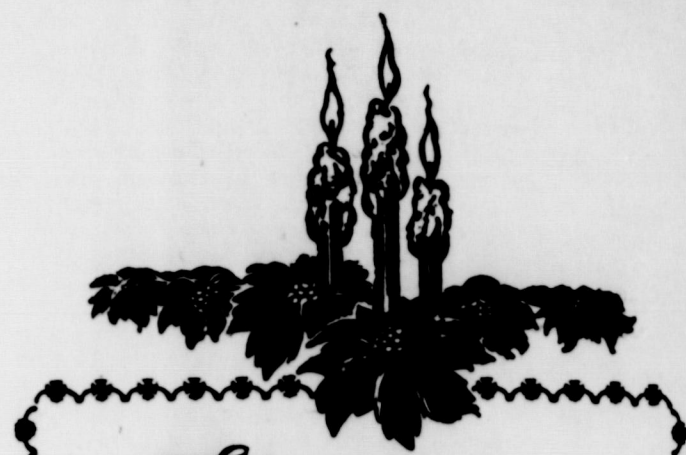
Dear Santa,  
I am a little girl, seven years old and in the second grade. Please bring me a "Bettsy Wetsy" doll and a buggy. I also want a trunk, fruit, nuts, and candy.  
Nelda Kay Goad

Dear Santa,  
I am a little boy, seven years old and in the second grade. Please bring me a cowboy suit, top, ball, electric train, fruit and candy.

Merry Christmas,  
Leon Belate Gibbins

Dear Santa,  
I am a little girl, seven years old and in the second grade. Please bring me a "Bettsy Wetsy" doll, doll dishes, and a buggy.  
With love,  
Shirley Jean Morris

Dear Santa,  
I am a little girl, seven years old. Please bring me a baby doll, buggy, fruit and candy.  
With love,  
Linda Lou Bullard



# Thanks

AT CHRISTMAS

Accept this sincere expression of our appreciation for your friendliness and patronage in the past. Our most cordial greetings and best wishes for your happiness.

**DORIS FORRESTER AGENCY**

Wheeler, Texas

## CANDLES OF THE YULETIDE

May your Christmas candles burn brightly with happiness, and may your every wish come true.

We cannot bring back the past but we can take a great deal of pleasure in reminding ourselves of the fine things that have been ours to enjoy because of your thoughtfulness and consideration. And with these splendid remembrances we look forward to the future with enthusiasm and anticipation.



## SEASON'S GREETINGS

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bowen



# Santa Has A Bag Full Of Gifts

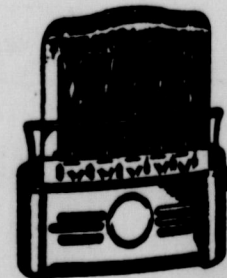
For Every Member

## Of The Family, But Does He Have Anything FOR THE HOME?



GIVE A NEW . . . .

## Radiant Heaters Bathroom Heaters



We have some nice new radiant heaters and bathroom heaters that would do any home grace . . . and you can bet you will find the best prices anywhere right here at the Wheeler Gas Co.

Replace those old burned up stoves with some shiny new ones this Christmas and just see how much the whole family will thank you.

COME IN TODAY . . . CHRISTMAS IS ONLY A COUPLE OF DAYS AWAY!

# WHEELER GAS CO.

WHEELER

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**to All Our Friends**

AND SINCERE GOOD WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

**CLIFF R. WEATHERLY  
JOE WEATHERLY**

**HOLIDAY GREETINGS**

*to One and All*



... from every member of this organization. We are pleased if we have been of service to you at any time in the past and invite you to call on us at any time in the future.

**WESTER & EARL SERVICE STA.**  
Mobeetie, Texas

**SANTA LETTERS**

Dear Santa,  
We want a doll, dishes and ball, also some candy, nuts and fruit. We have been good little girls. Carol and Donna Caswell

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am in the second grade. I am a little boy seven years old. I want a tool set or a basketball and net for Christmas. Billy Ray Hill

Dear Santa Claus,  
We are two little girls, ages six and three years. We have been pretty good girls. We would like for you to bring us a doll each that goes to sleep and cries. Please remember all our little friends too, also all boys and girls everywhere.

Your little friends,  
Beth and Doris Rathjen

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a magic skin doll and some doll clothes. I would like to have a doll bed too. Goodbye. Roy McCleskey

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a toy airplane, a cowboy suit and a doctors set. Bring Janet a book, she would like one about horses, my friend Flicka and Thunderhead especially. Also a canary or love birds, she isn't particular.

Daddy would like a new car preferably a Chrysler, a new suit and a door knob for his closet.

Bring mother a new coat, hat and purse and anything else you can pick out.

Of course we hope you find it handy to bring us all some candy and nuts.

Love,  
Phil and Jan Russ

P. S.—We live in the house with the green roof, second door from the school on the west side of main street, Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a pair of boots, a holster with Wes Jolly on holster, a cowboy suit, a cowboy shirt, a football and shall.

I am a little boy seven years old. Love, Gene



Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a little boy seven years old. I go to Mobeetie school and am in the second grade. I have been a good little boy this year. Please bring me a caterpillar tractor with spring motor, dump truck, nuts, candy, apples and oranges and please don't forget all the other little boys and girls.

Your little friend,  
Mansel Williams

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a little boy two years old. I want a doll, some blocks, a car I can ride in, a cowboy shirt, some pots and pans to cook in, lots of candy, fruit and nuts.

Your friend,  
Bobby Treadwell  
Mobeetie

Dear Santa,  
I am a little boy of ten. This Christmas I would like to have a "Dick Tracy Camera", a Jeweled holster and pistol set, a harmonica and some candy nuts and fruit. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls, especially those in Europe.

Love, your friend,  
Donald Alton Brown

Dear Santa,  
I am six years old. I am in the first grade. Please bring me a bicycle and electric train. Love, Garry Smith

Dear Santa,  
I am six years old. I am in the first grade. I want a tricycle and a doll.

Love,  
Carol

Dear Santa,  
I am a little boy. I am 8 years old and in the second grade. Please bring me a pair of skates, marbles and gun.

David Edwards

Dear Santa,  
I am a good little boy five years old and I want you to please bring me a wind-up train, if you can't get the train get me the rocket at Nash Appliance. Please bring some nuts and candy. Also please remember all the other little boys and girls.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Love, Ronnie

Dear Santa,  
I am a little girl seven years old and in the second grade. Please bring me a magic skin doll, buggy, and dishes. With love, Lajuana Johnson

Dear Santa,  
I am a little boy 7 years old and in the second grade. Please bring me a cowboy suit and a football. Santa bring me an electric train and a pony. With love, Garth Nash

Dear Santa,  
I am a little girl 7 years old and in the second grade. Please bring me a magic skin doll, buggy and dishes, fruit and candy. With love, Peggy Pride

Dear Santa,  
I am a little girl, eight years old. I am in the second grade. Please bring me a magic skin doll, basketball, electric train, fruit and candy. With love, Jerry Moore

Dear Santa,  
I am a little girl 7 years old and in the second grade. Please bring me a Betty Wetsy doll and dishes and a chair and a table. Please bring me some fruit and candy. Love Santa, My name is Fay Rimmer

Dear Santa,  
I am a little boy 8 years old and in the second grade. Please bring me a football and gun and holster, fruit and candy. With love, Deward Dale Wofford

Dear Santa,  
I am seven years old. I am in the first grade. I want an electric train, gun and football. Goodbye, Kearby Weatherly

Dear Santa,  
My sister wants a doll with real hair and real eyelashes and I want a doll buggy and also a doll kit and bottle. Love, Freda and Georgia Gaye Pond  
Wheeler



We wish you a Merry Christmas and extend to you our best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous new year.

**MR. & MRS. T. L. GUNTER**



**A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BRIGHT AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**

As another Christmas comes around we feel that we have an unpaid obligation, an obligation of gratitude. Friends of this institution have made possible a certain amount of progress and prosperity for our organization. These friendships have been an enjoyable experience, one in which we believe we have the confidence and esteem of the people whom we strive to serve. And now, all we ask is the privilege of a continuance of these fine relationships to enable us to look forward with genuine enthusiasm to the future.

Season's Greetings

to All Our Friends



FINER QUALITY AT LOWER PRICES FROM COAST TO COAST

**CLAY'S**  
Home-Owned **IGA** Home-Operated  
**FOOD STORE**



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**MOBEETIE DRUG**

DOC RENDER WYLENE DAVIS

Mobeetie, Texas

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

The things you have wished for... the ambitions and plans that have been yours... we hope they will all be realized during the coming year. And may the Holiday Season be a happy one and the New Year one of usefulness, happiness and success.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**



**FIRST STATE BANK**

Mobeetie, Texas

# SOCIETY

## Bridal Shower Honors Mrs. Alvis Hefley

Mrs. Alvis Hefley was honored with a bridal shower, in the home of Mrs. Lee Barry, Tuesday, Dec. 16.

The rooms carried out the Christmas theme in decoration. The soft music of "The Star of the East", sung by girls of the senior class, expressed the sweet spirit of "Faith and Good Will".

The hostess was assisted in receiving and serving the guests by Mrs. R. L. Ramsey, Mrs. W. A. Finsterwald, and Mrs. Henry Lee.

Those registering in the bride's book were: Mesdames O. O. Beatty, L. J. Helm, Clarence Zybach, Clifford Hefley, Eddie Pannell, R. L. Ramsey, Forrest Vise, W. A. Finsterwald, Joe Hefley, Betty

Boone, Virgil Helton, Glen George, Florence Dodd, J. H. Francis, Cecil Meadows, Oden Hudson, Margie Meadows, Josie Lee, Roy Waters, W. D. Douthit, Kenneth Douthit, Emil Seedig, and the hostess, Mrs. Lee Barry.

Misses Juanita Clepper, Rosemary Finsterwald, Iris Clepper, La Verne Finsterwald, Jeanne Lee, Clara Seedig and Patsy Ann Ramsey.

Ones sending gifts were: Mesdames Lester Johnson, P. A. Clepper, Henry Fields, Glen Walker, Murry Vise, Ernest Zybach, R. L. Zybach, W. Barnett, Gaddy Vise, Fulton Meadows, C. G. Barker, Lloyd Childress, C. Barker, Edison Sorenson and girls, Darrell Atherton, W. F. McNeill, W. O. Fillingim, S. B. Davis, Wiley McCray, Frank McDonald, Roy Meadows, W. L. Vise, John Hef-

ley, Adelle McNeill, E. E. Meek, Ewell Steen, Lloyd Atherton, Teddy Atwood, J. H. Mason, William A. Jackson, I. G. Fillingim, Ed Riley, Leon Fillingim, Clifton Walker, Katie Finsterwald, R. C. Pugh, Oran Horn, Willis Fillingim, S. L. Price, Sam Staulee, Tom Helton, Sam Staulee, Addie Buckingham and Mrs. Hasin.

Misses Marie Finsterwald, Mozelle Wilson, Beth Stiles, Lola Meek, Roberta Zybach, and Maurita Horn.

## Cecelia Mann Class Has Xmas Party Friday

The Cecelia Mann Class of the Methodist Church held their annual Christmas party Friday night, December 12, in the home of Mrs. S. Y. Allgood.

Games were played and Christmas carols were sung by the group. Mrs. Cora Hyatt gave a reading, with the exchange of gifts by the members at the close of the program.

Lovely refreshments were served to the following: Mesdames C. B. Kirk, Ollie Beene, H. E. Nicholson, C. J. Meek, C. M. Hampton, Fred Farmer, C. C. Robison, Cora Hyatt, T. M. Britt, M. Melhany, George Berry, J. E. Willard, Jess Swink, Linda Clay, Dick Guynes, C. B. Nash, J. W. Durham and the hostess, S. Y. Allgood.

## Co. Line H. Demo Club Has Christmas Party

The County Line Home Demonstration Club met Tuesday, December 16, in the home of Mrs. Earl Williams for their Christmas party.

The party and gift exchange was enjoyed by the following members and guests: Mesdames Doyle Standlee, Farmer Hefley, Ed Hall, Neal Crosier, Carnes Meek, Olaf Rankin, Jack Meek, Clyde Meek, Ben Helton, E. E. Meek, Grady Dodd, Fred McCarroll, Woodford Williams, C. N. Strawbridge, Jim Selby, Charles Taylor, Tom Helton, the hostess, Mrs. Earl Williams and Miss Sybil Gidden, Home Demonstration Agent.

## Mrs. Russ Entertains Sunday School Class

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Russ recently entertained the senior class of the Church of Christ with a

Christmas party. The guests made fudge, peanut brittle and popped popcorn, which was later served with punch as refreshments. Later the group played games and sang hymns. The evening was climaxed with an exchange of gifts around the gaily lighted Christmas tree.

Those attending were: Misses Martha Hastings, Claudine Johnson, Anita Underwood, Inez McWhorter and Nick and George Hibbetts, Roy Earl McWhorter, Dick Pendleton and Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Litton.

## LEGAL NOTICE

### SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF WHEELER BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE

issued pursuant to a judgment decree of the District Court of Wheeler County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on the 15 day of December A. D. 1947, in a certain suit No. 3830, wherein The State of Texas and County of Wheeler; Wheeler Independent School District No. 17 and the City of Wheeler are Plaintiffs, and M. M. Galyen, if living, and if dead his unknown heirs and legal representatives and B. A. Babb, are Defendants, in favor of said plaintiffs for the sum of 166.06 Dollars for taxes, interest, penalty and costs, with interest on said sum at the rate of six per cent. per annum from date fixed by said judgment, together with all costs of suit, that being the amount of said judgment rendered in favor of said plaintiffs, by the said District Court of Wheeler County, on the 24 day of November A. D. 1947, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Wheeler County, I have seized, levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in February A. D. 1948, the same being the 3 day of said month, at the Court House door of said Wheeler County, in the City of Wheeler between the hours of 2 o'clock P. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title and interest of said defendant in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendant, the same lying and being situated in the County of Wheeler and State of Texas, to-wit:

All of Lots, Nos. 17 & 18, Block G in Park Addition to the City of Wheeler, Wheeler County, Texas, as shown by the recorded map or plat thereof in the office of the county clerk, said county or upon the written request of

said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment, interest, penalties and costs; subject, however, to the right of the plaintiff for any other or further taxes on or against said property that may not be included herein, and the right of redemption, the defendant or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, at any time within two years from the date of sale in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights the defendant or anyone interested therein, may be entitled to, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment, together with interest, penalties and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

Dated at Wheeler, Texas, this the 15 day of December, 1947. JESS SWINK, Sheriff Wheeler County, Texas 1-3tc.

## SANTA LETTERS

Dear Santa, I am a little girl, eight years old and in the second grade. Please bring me a rubber doll, a "Betty Wetsy" doll, and a doll box.

With love,  
Shari Gale Lee

Dear Santa, I am a little boy seven years old. I am in the second grade. Please bring me a cowboy suit, electric train, and a pony.

With love,  
Billy Caswell

Dear Santa, I am a little boy eight years old. I am in the second grade. Please bring me a saddle.

With love,  
Jerry Smith

The state of Arkansas produces over 90 per cent of the country's aluminum supply.

The Texas Safety Association warns Christmas shoppers death waits for you in the of a block. Cross only crosswalk and with the light.

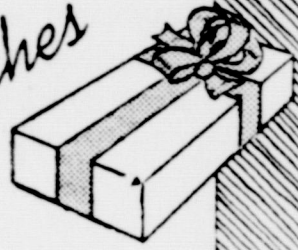
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**THE WHEELER TIMES**  
WHEELER, TEXAS

# SEASON'S GREETINGS

and All Good Wishes



## ROGUE THEATRE

Mobeetie, Texas

**Christmas Greetings**

We bring you greetings in the name of Him who was, who is, and who is to come.

Through this year "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad" Psalm 126:3. Surely we can say "They that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing" Psalm 34:10. May the Lord add to the blessings that are past a very MERRY CHRISTMAS, and may the NEW YEAR be filled with joy, and may the Lord give us our God who loved us enough to give His Son to die for our sins.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
M. B. Smith, Pastor  
—Praise Ye The Lord—

**ROGUE THEATRE**

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY—  
"Tarzan and the Huntress"  
—with—  
Johnny Weissmuller  
Brenda Joyce & Johnny Sheffield

PREVIEW SATURDAY NIGHT—  
SUNDAY AND MONDAY  
"The Foxes of Harrow"  
—starring—  
Rex Harrison & Maureen O'Hara

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY—  
"Honeymoon"  
—starring—  
Shirley Temple & Franchot Tone  
and G. Madison

Now

THAT THE DAY OF DAYS IS HERE WE WISH TO EXTEND

**Season's Greetings**

DEC 25

**DURHAM'S LAUNDRY**  
Wheeler, Texas

*Thank You!*  
AT CHRISTMAS

While we're going about the business of wishing everybody a Merry Christmas, we don't want to forget that we owe our friends our sincerest appreciation for making possible one of the best years we have ever enjoyed in this community. Thank you, each and every one.

**Chapman's Service Station & Grocery**  
Wheeler Texas

Last Minute Suggestions

**ELECTRICAL Gifts**

**GIVE Radio THIS CHRISTMAS**

GENERAL ELECTRIC

- Table Models
- Consoles
- Combinations

GE IRONS  
GE WASHING MACHINES  
GE PORTABLE VACUUM CLEANERS  
POPCORN POPPERS

**PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM**

We have just purchased a high quality, high powered public address system which we will make available to churches, schools, clubs or other groups which might have use for same for a very nominal fee. This new system is one of the highest quality sound systems available and you can be assured of good service.

**TOYS**

We have a few toys left which we will sell at greatly reduced prices in order not to have to carry them over.

**RADIO SERVICE**

Bring your radios in for a last minute check-up before Christmas; you can enjoy trouble-free holiday listening.

**Wheeler Radio & Refrigerator Service**

CARL LAFLIN, Owner  
Wheeler, Texas

**ICEBERG**





## Santa, Here Is What Kiddies Want

Dear Santa,  
I am six years old. I am in the first grade. Please bring me a pig tail doll and a girl bicycle.  
Goodbye  
Karen Darnell

Dear Santa,  
I am six years old. I am in the first grade. Please bring me a pig tail doll and a tricycle and a buggy.  
Love To Santa,  
Genise Craig

Dear Santa,  
I am six years old. I am in the first grade. Please bring me a bride doll and tricycle.  
Goodbye,  
Clarise Willyard.

Dear Santa,  
I am six years old. I am in the first grade. Please bring me a doll and a little cabinet.  
Sandra Beth Jones  
Goodbye,

Dear Santa,  
I am six years old. I am in the first grade. Please bring me a magic skin doll and doll clothes.  
Love to you,  
Sharon Beaty

Dear Santa,  
I am seven years old. I am in the first grade. Please bring me a magic skin doll and a hot water bottle for my doll.  
Joy Clark

Dear Santa,  
I am six years old. I am in the first grade. Please bring me a tricycle, and an electric train. I am a good boy.  
Bob Martin

Dear Santa,  
I am seven years old. I am in the first grade. Please bring me an electric train, fire truck, and a bulldozer.  
Goodbye,  
Eugene Pettit

Dear Santa,  
I am six years old. I am in the first grade. Please bring me a doll with pig tails and a pair of little skates. I am a good girl.  
Karan Brown

Dear Santa,  
I am six years old. I am in the first grade. Please bring me a bicycle and a rag doll and a doll buggy. Hurry!  
Elsie Craig

Dear Santa,  
I am seven years old. I am in the first grade. Please bring me a gun. I am working.  
Love,  
Jackie Johnson

Dear Santa,  
I am six years old. I am in the first grade. Please bring me a winding train and a football.  
The only boy,  
Buck Rodgers

Dear Santa,  
I am seven years old. I am in the first grade. Please bring me a bicycle and a gun.  
Thank You,  
Frank Willyard

Dear Santa,  
I am seven years old. I am in the first grade. Please bring me a pig tail doll and tricycle.  
Love,  
Carolyn Farris

Dear Santa,  
I am seven years old. I am in the first grade. Please bring me a fairy doll and a doll house.  
Hurry and come Santa.  
Amy Beth Lewis

Dear Santa,  
I am six years old. I am in the first grade. Please bring me a doll and a tricycle.  
Thank You,  
Bette Jean Barber

Dear Santa,  
I am seven years old. I am in the first grade. Please bring me a deer and a rubber doll. I am good.  
Love,  
Sally Reid

Dear Santa,  
I am seven years old. I am in the first grade. Please bring me a cap gun, nuts and candy.  
Goodbye,  
Eugene Blevins

Dear Santa,  
I am seven years old. I am in the first grade. Please bring me a doll and a play piano.  
Thank You,  
Margie Sanderson

Dear Santa,  
I am six years old. I am in the first grade. Please bring me a bicycle. I will be a good boy and work.  
Hurry Santa!  
Love,  
Ronald Allen

Dear Santa Claus,  
I wish you would bring me a doll and doll bed and a doll stroller for Christmas. Please bring my baby brother another rabbit so I can have his.  
Love,  
Jackque Raye McCleskey

Dear Santa,  
I am six years old. I am in the first grade. Please bring me a magic skin doll and a bicycle.  
Love Santa,  
Annette Hutchison

Dear Santa,  
I have tried to be a good little girl. Please bring me a Betsy Wetsy doll and a tricycle.  
William wants a football.  
I love you,  
Nancy Whitener

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Love,  
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William wants a football.  
I love you,  
Nancy Whitener

Dear Santa Claus,  
I wish you would bring me a doll and doll bed and a doll stroller for Christmas. Please bring my baby brother another rabbit so I can have his.  
Love,  
Jackque Raye McCleskey

Dear Santa,  
I am six years old. I am in the first grade. Please bring me a wind-up train, two guns and caps.  
Love,  
Hollis Slaton

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to everyone

**CHEERY GREETINGS**

MR. & MRS. T. J. DAUGTRY

**Glad Thoughts** at Christmas

BEST WISHES FOR A GLORIOUS HOLIDAY

**PALMER SIVAGE**  
COUNTY TREASURER

Merry Christmas

TO OUR GOOD FRIENDS

**JESS SWINK**  
COUNTY SHERIFF

A Joyous Christmas

**HARRY WOFFORD**  
COUNTY CLERK

Merry Christmas

S. B. DAVIS  
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 2

A Joyous Yuletide

May every one of your fondest wishes descend from the stage of dreams and become actual realities and may the New Year bring you an increased measure of...  
HEALTH, HAPPINESS and PROSPERITY

**ALLEN KAVANAUGH**  
COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

Season's Greetings

May this be your happiest Christmas of them all... and the New Year be the most prosperous, our Yuletide wish for each of our friends.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

MR AND MRS.  
**G. W. HEFLEY**

A Merry Christmas

**HOMER L. MOSS**  
AND FAMILY

Merry Christmas

BEST WISHES for a HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

**LLOYD ANGLIN**  
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1

Christmas Greetings

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'Bad Luck' Not

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 that only when we have done everything in our power to avoid such accidents can we consider ourselves at a rest that we consider the members of the group of accident.

"When each individual does all that he is able to do toward avoiding an accident of any kind, then accidents are avoided."

The Texas Safety Association warns motorists that alcohol and alcohol are dangerous when you drink. DON'T DRIVE!



**AND BEST WISHES TO OUR MANY FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS**

**CITY DRUG STORE**

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4-H Club Girls Tell

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**CLUB REPORT**  
 By Claudell Cox  
 Wheeler

I have been in 4-H club 3 years. During the past year my project was on bedroom demonstration. Since we recently built a new house I have done most of the painting myself. I have painted the woodwork in my room. Instead of buying new furniture I made myself a dressing table and stool out of yellow flowered chintz. I ordered the dressing table for \$6.00. The chintz cost me \$2.95. I made the stool out of nail kegs. And a mirror bordered with a ruffle. The mirror a 18x24 was \$5.95. Helped make curtains in all this cost me around \$15.00.

This spring I entered the county dress review and won third place in the junior department. I received a medal.

In sewing I have made garments for myself and little sister. I have made for myself 2 dresses, both cotton, 1 play suit, and 2 blouses. And a short suit, a pair of sleeping shorts and for my little sister 2 pairs of shorts. I have embroidered several little things.

In canning I haven't done much by myself but have helped mother some. We put up around 200 quarts.

I helped make a garden, but didn't have one of my own. We raised most of our daily table needs.

I couldn't have much of a yard this summer because of the new house being built. But around the front of the house I grew a few flowers. Next year I intend to have a real pretty yard being that I am one of the yard demonstrators for this year.

I have attended meetings regularly and paid dues. Being a 4-H reporter for 2 years I find 4-H club very interesting. I also attended council meetings and attended the encampments.

I have enjoyed my 5 years as a 4-H club girl and have done my best to be an active 4-H club girl.

The Texas Safety Association warns motorists that death rides your fenders when you window-shop while driving. DON'T DO IT!

PLUMBERS MUST VETERANS' NEWS HAVE LICENSE

Texas plumbers who do not secure state licenses before January 5, 1948, will be violating the new Texas License Law. They will not only be subject to the penalties of the Act, but will also be required to take an examination. C. E. Belk, Administrator of the Texas Plumbing Board warned this week.

The law, as passed by the last legislature, provides for no extension beyond this date nor does it provide for any exceptions. He said applications postmarked on or before January 5, will make it unnecessary for qualified plumbers to take an examination, but after that date all new license would require an examination. State License now being issued are valid until February 1, 1949, and may be renewed without examination, Belk said.

A majority of Texas cities have already amended their plumbing ordinances to conform to the state law, he continued, and it is expected that all corporate cities affected will complete conformance procedures by not later than January 5.

"It is not our desire to require any plumber to take the examination if he is already qualified," Belk said, "but the deadline is set by the law. However, the Board has been conducting examinations since November 25, and any person wishing to take the examination should make application immediately. Examination machinery is established and individuals will be scheduled promptly upon application and fee. Application blanks have been furnished to mayors in all Texas cities and additional copies can be secured by writing to the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners, 306 West 15th, Austin, Texas.

Belk appealed to Plumbing Inspectors throughout the state to see that every plumber operating within their jurisdiction is advised of the deadline. "The responsibility for advising your plumbers of the deadline and other provisions of the law will prevent needless confusion and misunderstanding," he said, "and may save embarrassment when a plumber in your city comes in after January 5, without a license."

VETERANS' NEWS

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 pay expenses of a field trip to gather material for a thesis?  
 A—Veterans Administration will not pay for occasional field trips, whether to summer camp or for data for research or thesis, where the charge to the student is a separate charge not included in the tuition or laboratory fee customarily paid by all students enrolled in the course.

The Veterans Administration receives hundreds of letters, applications and other documents daily without sufficient identification.

The failure of veterans, schools, training establishments and others to include the claim number, insurance number or other identification makes it difficult for VA to give prompt attention to the claim involved.

All VA records are maintained on a claim number or insurance number basis. Before action may be taken, an individual search must be made to obtain the numbers or other identification. This involves time and effort of VA employees who could be doing other necessary work.

VA urges every person who contacts VA by letter, or in person, to always use a claim or insurance number. If these numbers are not known, sufficient identification such as service serial number, date of birth, full name and address, service rank and organization, and date of discharge should be included.

Veterans acquiring dependants after entering training under the G. I. Bill as single men should notify the Veterans Administration immediately so that an adjustment may be made in their subsistence allowances.

VA increases payments on the date that it is notified and not retroactive to the date the veteran actually acquired a dependent.

About 369,000 veterans requested changes in their National Service Life Insurance contracts during the third quarter of 1947 ending September 30. VA reported this week.

Applications for converting term National Service Life Insurance to any of the half dozen available permanent forms numbered 162,000 for the quarter, compared with an all-time high of 240,000 applications for the quarter ending June 30.

Forty-one statewide groups are backing Governor Jester's appeal for an accident-free Christmas season. The Texas Safety Association urges you to do your part as a motorist and drive within your safe stopping speed at all times.

The Texas Safety Association warns motorists that skidding on the highway is a sign of "speed too fast for conditions." Slow down for bad weather and heavy Christmas traffic—Your Greatest Gift May Be A Life!

Newspaper Advertising Pays!

Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Wood Austin spent Sunday night home of his parents, Mr. and A. C. Wood, enroute to Kansas where they will Christmas with her parents. They will then return to Wheeler relatives before returning to the University.

One pound of poultry dozen eggs is calorie-equivalent to five pounds of grain; one of beef is calorie-equivalent pounds of grain.

**INCOME TAX SERVICE**

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 Wheeler, Texas



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*to Another*

WE EXTEND

*Season's BEST Wishes*


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 Wheeler, Texas

**NOW, ALL TOGETHER**



**Merry Christmas**

**DR. C. C. MERRITT**  
 Wheeler, Texas



**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ALL**

In the spirit of friendliness and good cheer we express our compliments of the season to all. Thank you for your many favors. Our sincerest good wishes for an old-fashioned Yuletide and a full season of happiness.

**WHEELER DRUG STORE**  
 FRANK & NELETA WOFFORD  
 VIRGINIA LOWRIE  
 LOUISE NOAH

PAT NOAH  
 YVONNE CLARK  
 HAPPY MARTIN

### CHRISTMAS RECIPES

Farmers give their own brand of home-brewed ale on the night of Christmas Eve. Madrid eat 12 grapes for good luck in the coming year. There are 175 different kinds of Christmas Eve.

has been celebrated on 100 different days in various parts of the world. Columbus and his crew landed on the coast of Cuba on August 25, 1492, naming the island San Cristobal.

Washington crossed the Delaware River and made a successful attack on the Hessian troops at Red Bank on Christmas Day, 1781.

Demwell and his Puritan friends abolished Christmas Day in 1657, banning all feasting. The ban lasted for seven years and was lifted when Charles II returned to the throne.

is considered in Hun- dreds of countries, a levy being placed on richer citizens so that the poor may have sufficient to eat.

### Christmas Rose Has Real Significance

Legend tells us that a young shepherd girl was weeping bitterly as she watched the Wise Men on their way to take gifts to the Christ Child.



An angel appeared, and after ascertaining why the young girl was crying, she waved her wand, and instantly the ground was carpeted with glittering white Christmas roses. The young girl quickly gathered these blooms. When she presented her gift, the Christ Child smiled, and as his fingers touched the white flowers the petals became tinged with pink.

### Ornament Making A Cottage Industry

Those colored glass ornaments that we hang on our Christmas trees used to come from Germany, Czechoslovakia and Poland. A small number were made in Japan. When the war cut off these supplies, American glass manufacturers, who had never bothered with these products before, turned part of their facilities over to making the pretty gewgaws. Mechanical methods were soon developed that could blow as many ornaments in an hour as a European glassblower could make in a month. Thus modern efficiency may doom this picturesque little industry, carried on in the mountainous towns of eastern Europe.

Ornament making is a typical "cottage industry" in the little villages that cling to the steep mountainsides. Families specialize in certain shapes and designs, patterns that may date back for hundreds of years unchanged. The father, using a bunsen burner, carefully blows the thin glass tubing to the desired shape, with the aid of an iron mold. His son acting as mold boy, removes the hot ornament to a cooling table. Next the mother silvers the inside, and finally the daughter applies paint and perhaps decorative designs.

### HAPPY HOLIDAYS

By MARY NELSON

"HAPPY new year!" The cry echoed and re-echoed down the street as Penny made her way toward the bus stop. Everywhere about her people were light-hearted and gay and busily wishing their friends good fortune for the coming year. She buttoned her coat at the neck and turned up the collar. It was a bitterly cold day and she told herself she would be happy to reach home and stay in for the night. Let those with pioneer blood go out and stand in the raw wind down at Dayton Circle just to blow a silly horn at midnight ostensibly to usher in the new year.

Penny had always been known at home as a sensible girl with good common sense. She was proud of that reputation and now that she lived in the city alone she was more determined than ever to live up to it. She didn't want to become a sophisticated, worldly wise city girl. Thus, she summed up mentally, it was just as well she didn't.

"Going out tonight, Penny?" The words interrupted her thoughts and she turned to greet Ruby, a fellow worker who was always going out with someone she called "Beanie." You could always tell the status of Ruby's romance by her mood; if she was exuberant to the point of being giddy, she was going to see Beanie that night; if she was quiet and petulant, she hadn't heard from him, and if she was downright rude with a sarcastic twist to every remark she made, then they had quarreled.

Penny smiled. "No, I'm not, Ruby," she replied. Odd that she should feel such emptiness within her as she said the words. She noted Ruby's quick glance of sympathy and it irritated her. "I don't know



"But her foot missed and came down on a sheet of ice."

anyone here," she defended herself. Then added curtly, "And anyway, I wouldn't dream of going out in such ghastly weather."

Ruby shrugged. "Oh, well, if you feel that way about it . . . happy new year, Penny." She hurried away before the wretched girl could make any response. "Now why did I act so nasty?" she asked under her breath. Ruby hadn't meant any offense—she was simply so wrapped up in her own little world that she felt sorry for anyone who had no Beanie to which to cling. She was essentially a generous person and now Penny had deliberately hurt her.

AS SHE stood in the middle of the sidewalk, angry and discouraged, she saw her bus speeding recklessly down the street and without another thought to anything else she hurried toward the corner. "Wait, oh, wait!" she called, running breathlessly. No one else was waiting, however, and he careened sharply off the curb, hurrying on his way. "Oh, dear!" She burst into tears at this new disappointment and reached blindly for the curb.

But her foot missed and came down on a sheet of ice sending her into an astonished heap in the street.

For a moment she was too stunned to move. She heard footsteps hurrying toward her and managed to sit up dazedly. A man knelt down beside her but his face was a blur of features. "Take it easy," he admonished, placing an arm across her back. She tried to focus her eyes upon him and hadn't quite succeeded when he cried, "Penny! Why, Penny Lindsay! What in the world are you doing out here?"

And then everything cleared and she saw the handsome, blond features of a former school friend. "Oh, Alan!" Tears tumbled over each other in hasty exit. He helped her to her feet. "Gee, it's good to see someone from the old home town. I've been so doggone lonely," he told her, manipulating the handkerchief skillfully around her nose and eyes.

"I'm lonely, too," she gasped. "I've only been here a month."

"Say! What are you doing tonight? Anything?"

"N-nothing." Her heart skipped a beat in anticipation.

"Then why don't we go somewhere and talk over old times? Gee, I'm dying to hear some gossip about the Turners and the Mitchells and all the rest. Will you, Penny?"

And Penny smiled happily this time. "Yes, Alan. Even this ghastly weather couldn't stop me from talking over old times with you."

### Christmas Trees Of Many Kinds

FROM forests and woodlots of the United States a torrent of green rolls into the cities during pre-holiday weeks as farmers and foresters market their annual crop of Christmas trees.

The twinkling tree which adds holiday cheer to practically every home in the nation is one of America's most invariable domestic habits. As a result, it has brought the Christmas tree business into the realm of "big business." Some 14 million evergreens are required annually. Their retail value has soared into the quarter billion dollar vicinity, the 1946 returns being estimated at 23 million dollars.

Cash returns from the sale of Christmas trees represent only a



small fraction of their value to American agriculture. Thousands of farmers are using the lowly evergreen to anchor sand lands to protect the shifting soil from further erosion.

With exception of the prairie lands, virtually every state in the union produces Christmas trees, at least for local consumption.

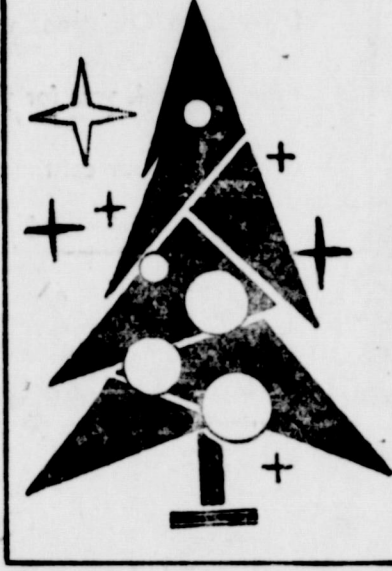
In the West, Colorado and Montana are the heavy exporters while in the East, the New England states compete with Canadian growers for the American markets. Inland, the heart of the Christmas tree country centers on upper Michigan, northern Wisconsin and Minnesota.

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

THIS IS OUR WISH FOR YOU

## A MERRY CHRISTMAS A HAPPY NEW YEAR

We sincerely hope that the New Year will be filled with peace and contentment for all. It's a genuine pleasure to remind ourselves of the happy relationships we have enjoyed the past year and to promise you that every effort will be made during the coming twelve months to serve you as efficiently as has always been our custom.



**NASH APPLIANCE And Supply Co.**  
Wheeler, Texas

May we drop in a moment to say

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

And to wish you all the good things of life during the Holiday Season.

**W. E. PENNINGTON And SON**  
Wheeler, Texas

### HANGING THE Stockings

This custom originated with the Dutch. They used their wooden shoes instead of stockings.

When the Dutch came to New Amsterdam, this custom came with them—the wooden shoes being gradually replaced by stockings made for the occasion out of net-like materials. As nearly every home had a fireplace the usual place to hang the stockings was over the fireplace.

### traditional carol

There were three wise men from afar  
Directed by a glorious star,  
And on they wandered night and day  
Until they came where Jesus lay.  
And when they came unto that place  
Where our beloved Messiah was  
They humbly cast them at his feet  
With gifts of gold and incense sweet.

... to make your Christmas brighter and to let you know that, busy as we are, we are still thinking of you.

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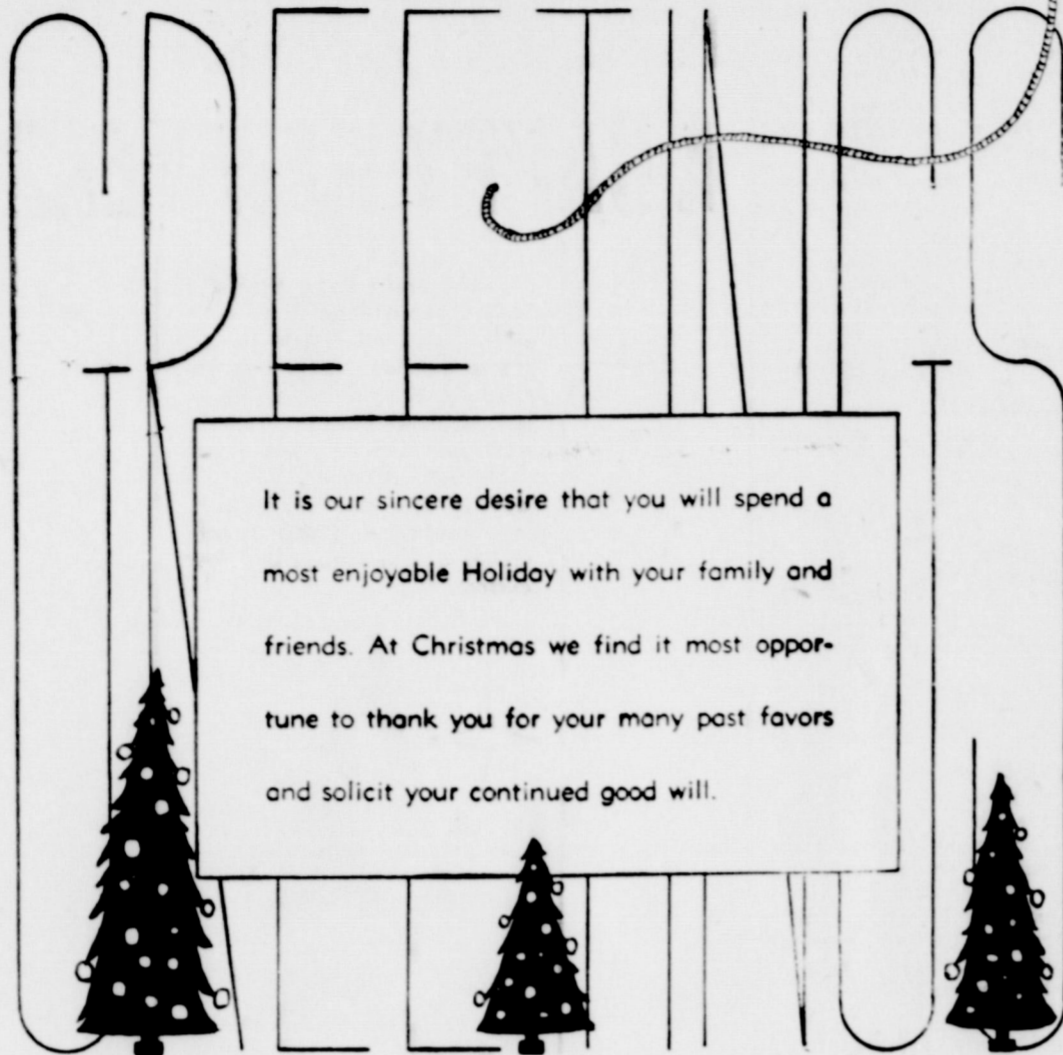
# A CHRISTMAS of GENUINE HAPPINESS

Gratefully and sincerely we express to you our best wishes for the Christmas season. We are indeed thankful for the friendships of those about us and the happiness that has come to us as a result of these associations.

May this Christmas favor you with a season of genuine happiness and content.

**J. P. GREEN And SON HARDWARE**  
Wheeler, Texas

# Christmas



It is our sincere desire that you will spend a most enjoyable Holiday with your family and friends. At Christmas we find it most opportune to thank you for your many past favors and solicit your continued good will.

**EBB FARMER'S SERVICE STATION**

Wheeler, Texas



By LYN CONNELLY

THE sharp wind lashed furiously about Larry's head and shoulders, flitting momentarily with the idea of sending his brown fedora spiraling down the street, but he sensed its capricious tendencies and held the brim of his hat tightly between his forefinger and thumb as he ran toward his car parked on the opposite corner.

It would be the last time he'd beat that particular path, he thought grimly. It was Christmas Eve and everybody was in a gay and anticipatory mood. Everybody, that is, except Larry. He had been reasonably happy until that morning when the whole world seemed to have crashed about him. Opening the door of the car, he slid in behind the wheel and started it toward home.

The face of Silas Henning, until fifteen minutes ago his boss, came to his mind and again he heard the words that he dreaded to repeat to Rosine: "I know you're not happy in your work, Larry, and it's not fair to either one of us when you don't put your best efforts into what you're doing. I think, therefore, that you'd better go elsewhere for a job. Today's as good a day as any to sever connections."

Fired on Christmas Eve! Of course, what Henning had said was true. Larry wasn't happy being a bookkeeper at Morrison's appliance shop. He had always yearned to be a writer, and wrote numerous short stories during his spare time.

When Rosine told him of their expected second child he had taken the job at Morrison's through sheer desperation. No longer could they live on their savings. He considered the job as temporary, but it had



He picked up the letter at the same time she answered, "Truth magazine."

lasted seven months with still no prospects of entering the field he desired. Henning had seemed sympathetic, although he had cooled suddenly the past week. Perhaps in his daydreaming he had been inaccurate in his figures. At least Henning spared him any embarrassment if that were the case, but he could have waited until after the holidays to fire him. "And Bob Cratchit thought he worked for Scrooge," he mumbled, pulling up before his house.

HIS feet dragged as he trudged toward the door. He mustn't tell her tonight, he decided. He hoped he was capable of carrying off an act until the day after Christmas. Opening the door, he let himself in as unobtrusively as possible. Rosine was on a step ladder in the living room, decorating the tree, while Chuckie, aged five, sat on the floor, agog at the proceedings.

"Hello, darling," his wife called out gaily. He tried to equal the happiness in her voice as he replied, then kissed Chuckie and started for the kitchen.

"There's a letter for you on the radio," Rosine said.

"From whom?" His heart leaped hopefully at her words and he hurried toward the radio. He picked up the letter at the same time she answered, "Truth magazine."

It was from Truth. His hand trembled as he opened it. "Dear Mr. Shannon," he read aloud. "Our mutual friend, Silas Henning, recently submitted one of your articles for our consideration. We believe it shows promise and since we were given a splendid recommendation by Mr. Henning, we are writing to ask if you would be interested in a job in our editorial department. If so, call for an interview this week."

The telephone was ringing, but for a moment, Larry and Rosine merely stood as though mute, staring at each other. Larry became conscious of the bell first and picked up the receiver. It was Mr. Henning, laughing heartily. "Bet I had you worried, eh, Larry?"

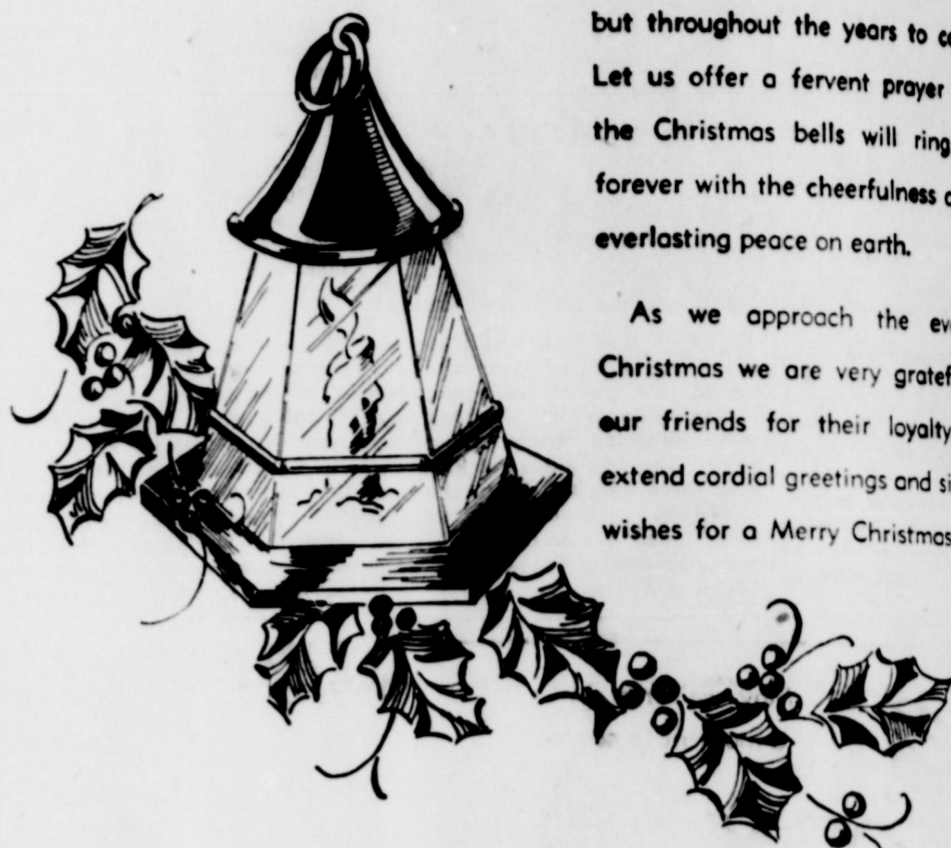
"Mr. Henning! I didn't know... how did you..." Larry was tongue-tied. Rosine walked to his side, putting one arm gently about his shoulder.

"I found that article you wrote on your son and the atomic age and sent it in to Asherton," Henning explained. "He's a good friend of mine and editor of Truth. Well, I won't hold you, Larry. Just wanted to wish you a merry Christmas."

"Merry Christmas, Mr. Henning," Larry said as the telephone clicked at the other end. "Merry Christmas—and thanks for the best one I've ever had."

MAY the Christmas spirit be with us not for a few calendar days but throughout the years to come. Let us offer a fervent prayer that the Christmas bells will ring out forever with the cheerfulness of an everlasting peace on earth.

As we approach the eve of Christmas we are very grateful to our friends for their loyalty and extend cordial greetings and sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas.



LET US KEEP CHRISTMAS  
A SHINING LIGHT



**WHEELER CO-OP GIN**

Wheeler, Texas



CHRISTMAS

Greetings

We thank you most enthusiastically for the excellent cooperation we have enjoyed during the year just drawing to a close. We have tried to serve you courteously and efficiently and pledge continuation of our efforts as long as we have the privilege of serving you.

Allow us to extend the Season's Good Cheer to everybody!

**CICERO SMITH LUMBER CO.**

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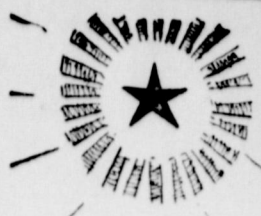
May they be strengthened more securely by the associations of the Christmas-time. May the Yuletide bring you good times, and all that is the best of life.

Our kindest thoughts are of you at this glad season of the year.

Merry Christmas

**CICERO SMITH LUMBER CO.**

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# DECEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>

## CUSTOMS OF THE DAY



ALTHOUGH THE FIRST INDOOR CHRISTMAS TREE DID NOT APPEAR IN LITERATURE UNTIL 1604 THE EVERGREEN WAS USED AS AN INDOOR DECORATION IN THE TIME OF MARTIN LUTHER.

SANTA CLAUS WAS TRANSFORMED FROM ST. NICK BY EARLY DUTCH SETTLERS WHO MADE HIM THE FAT, JOLLY, ROSE-CHEEKED OLD FELLOW HE IS TODAY.



CHRISTMAS BELLS JOYOUSLY ANNOUNCE THE BIRTH OF CHRIST—LEGEND HAS IT THAT WHEN CHRIST WAS BORN, SATAN DIED, AND THE BELLS IN ALL CHURCHES WERE RUNG.

DECEMBER						
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THE CHRISTMAS FEAST AND DRAGGING IN THE YULE LOG ORIGINATED IN ENGLAND. BURNING THE LOG SYMBOLIZED THE DESTRUCTION OF OLD HATREDS AND MISUNDERSTANDINGS.



STOCKINGS HAVE REPLACED THE WOODEN SHOE USED BY THE DUTCH FOR HIDING CHRISTMAS SURPRISES.



THE ENGLISH BEGAN CAROL SINGING IN THE FIFTEENTH CENTURY. CHRISTMAS CAROLS HAVE BEEN FOSTERED BY THEM AND THE NORTH AMERICANS EVER SINCE.

### When the Infant Jesus Selected His Playmate

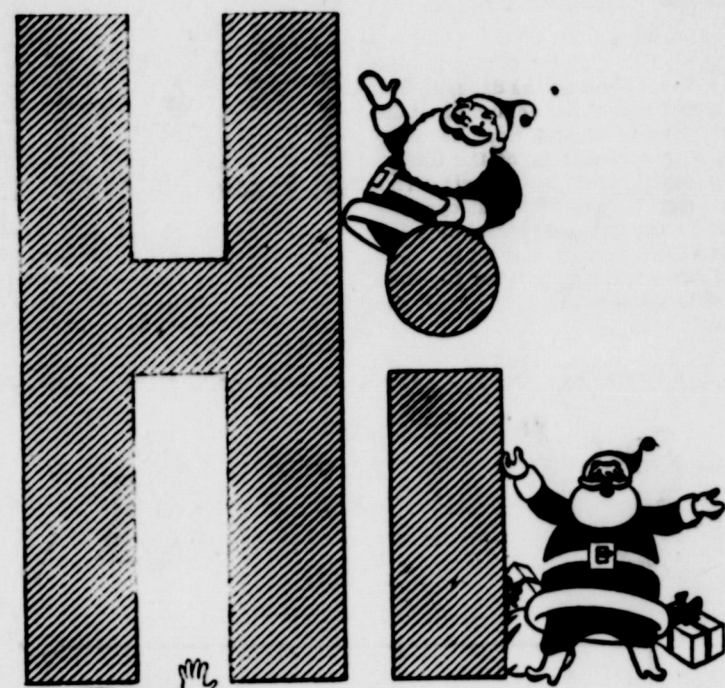
According to various legends, the Holy Family travels about on Christmas Eve. Long ago—in England—sick babies were carried to the threshold at midnight. If the child recovered, it had been healed by the passing Christ; if the baby died, the Holy Child had chosen the infant to be His playmate in heaven.

### Lyons First Born Welcomed Warmly

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

Synthetic fuel will power autos for centuries, chemists hear.

Soviet espionage keeps Turks near border alert in nerve war.



# FOLKS

Merry Christmas

CRESCENT CLEANERS  
Wheeler, Texas

BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

GUYNES SERVICE STATION  
Wheeler, Texas



Candles, placed in windows on Christmas Eve to light the Christ Child and to welcome wayfarers, have been popular for centuries, but the burning of Bayberry candles is a strictly North American custom which dates from colonial days. Though associated particularly with New England, these aromatic candles glow in windows from coast to coast.

### 'The Messiah' Ranks As Yuletide Favorite

Best known of all oratorios is Handel's "The Messiah," a favorite presentation of the Christmas season. In almost every community in the civilized world a choir will sing part or all of the oratorio during the Yuletide. People in places too remote to boast a sufficiently skilled choir or soloists will hear "The Messiah's" message by radio.

The famous oratorio was written by George Frederick Handel in London between August 22 and September 14, 1741. The first presentation

### Noel Wishbone

A traditional good luck piece, chicken wishbones make an attractive addition to the Christmas present. Wash them dry and then paint them any color you like. Fasten one to the top of every Christmas gift to add an extra note of sentiment when wrapping packages for yuletide giving.



And a word of thanks for the nice patronage afforded us this past twelve months. It has been a pleasure to serve you and we look forward to many more years of friendships with all of you.

OWEN'S SERVICE STATION  
Wheeler, Texas



was in Fishamble Street Music hall, Dublin, on April 13, 1742, under direction of the composer.

Ladies were requested to "refrain from wearing hoops" and gentlemen to "leave their swords at home," in order that a capacity audience might swell the proceeds to relieve needy children and the inmates of debtors' prisons.

"The Messiah" was given its English premiere before the court at Covent Garden in March, 1743. George II was so overpowered by the grandeur of the music portraying the King of Kings that he sprang to his feet in reverent acclaim at the opening bars of the Hallelujah chorus, an action which led to the modern custom.

### Christmas Visit to The Seven Fountains

In 1540 when a plague was raging in Switzerland, 12 pious men of Rheinfelden formed a brotherhood to pray for St. Sebastian's aid, and to nurse the sick and bury the dead. Pestilence in medieval times was ascribed to evil spirits in water, so the Brotherhood of St. Sebastian visited each of the town's seven fountains, praying and singing hymns at each stop. They still continue this custom, but only on Christmas Eve. For this ritual the 12 Brothers are dressed in black, with black silk top hats. At every fountain they gather around the lantern-bearer and sing a medieval song. The march begins at the Froeschweide fountain, where the plague is supposed to have started three centuries ago. When they have passed the seventh, they enter the church for midnight mass, and ceremoniously place their lantern on the altar of St. Sebastian.



And The Best of Good Wishes

As Christmas is here we bring you a wish for every joy and gladness and a thank you for everything.

JOHNSON GRAIN COMPANY  
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Wheeler, Texas

# The Yule Log



The bringing in of the yule log originated in England during medieval times. The log was dragged into the great hall at the beginning of the Christmas feast and was the occasion of the rendering of the Christmas toast, which is, in part: "This yule log burns. It destroys old hatreds and misunderstandings. Let your envies vanish, and let the spirit of good fellowship reign supreme for this season and through all the year."

## Heavy Mail Coming Up for Santa



Children of the first grades at the Downey, Calif., elementary school, had a special box in which they deposited their mail to Santa. All were on their best behavior, for they have no way of knowing whether or not one of Santa's gnome helpers may be pecking through the slit. Hundreds of thousands of letters were mailed to Santa from all parts of the world.

## Children's Gifts For Christmas

THERE'S more to buying toys than merely getting something for a youngster to play with. Home management specialists emphasize five points worth remembering in purchasing playthings for children:

1. Safety. Keeping the age of the child in mind, youngsters should not be given a sharp knife, chemistry set, air rifle or a tool kit until they are old enough to handle them with care. Electric train equipment should be kept in good repair to prevent shock or burn. Infants



should be guarded against whistles with removable mouthpieces, stuffed animals with pin or button eyes, wheels and strings not securely fastened, and small nailing.

2. Cleanliness. Toys should lend themselves to being cleaned without damage.

3. Construction. Well made toys are capable of much wear and tear, with fragile playthings encouraging destructiveness in a child.

4. Versatility. A toy that offers many imaginative uses will intrigue a child longer. Blocks of various shapes and sizes have more construction possibilities than the usual sets.

5. Variety. Toys of different sizes, shapes, textures and colors develop different muscles and different kinds of interests. Too many toys, like no toys at all, are a mistake. The child is distracted by the variety and not given the opportunity to develop the potentialities of the toys he has. It must also be appreciated that the price of a toy does not determine its real value since a cheap plaything may provide a youngster with as much enjoyment as a more expensive one.

\*Broad conservation plan to follow "emergency food-saving."



# Merry Christmas

Happy New Year

This is the season of the year when we welcome the opportunity to renew friendships and express our appreciation for your cooperation which has made possible a very satisfactory year for us.

May the Yuletide bring abundant joy to you and yours and may the New Year bring health and happiness to each and every one of you.

**CLARENCE ROBISON CABINET SHOP**  
Wheeler, Texas



## A Joyous Noel

To each and all of our many friends we wish to say, "Season's Greeting"... We gratefully acknowledge the many courtesies shown us and the many evidences of good will that have made our associations with you so enjoyable.

May you have a Season of great joy and a New Year of Happiness and Health.



Happy New Year

### DENSON GRILL

MR. and MRS. R. R. McCleskey  
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DECEMBER 25th

TO EVERYBODY EVERYWHERE

HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO ALL . STOP . YOUR HAPPINESS AT THIS GLAD SEASON MAKES OURS COMPLETE . STOP . BEST WISHES FOR A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

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With more gratitude than we know how to express, we say to you, our friends  
We appreciate your friendly associations and wish you all of the true happiness that the Christmas season can bring



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JACK MILLER, Manager  
Mobeetie, Texas

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

Friends



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# Christmas

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TOMORROW  
FOREVER

May the spirit of this significant occasion remain with us every day in the years to come!  
MERRY CHRISTMAS to all!

**PERCY'S GARAGE**

Wheeler, Texas

## Gifts That Will Suit Everyone

THE old saying that it isn't the gift but the giving that's appreciated may be true, but just the same a good gift quickens the heart so much more.

In being able to draw upon the abundance of the country, farm people are in a position to present especially valued gifts at comparatively small cost. For instance, a box full of spruce, fir, pine, holly, cedar or balsam is always welcomed as a decorative source by city friends.

City people, like everybody else, also appreciate good things to eat, and home canned country fruits and vegetables or some fowl can be expected to make a big hit. Gardeners



In the big town will gladly welcome a packet of seeds gleaned from an expansive country garden.

Handy home-makers can convert old articles into attractive gifts. An old felt hat can be made into a beanie for some young girl merely by using the crown and adding yarn stitching for decoration. The best part of an old fur coat beyond repair will make a rich carriage robe for a new baby. Pot-holders, dusting mitts, bath powder gloves, shoe bags are some of the items which can be salvaged from small scraps.

And, O yes! what could be more useful to a young bride than a home-made cook-book containing the home-maker's favorite recipes? Not only will such a book provide for tasty eating but it can also be expected to guide the young wife over some rough moments in the kitchen.

## WHERE'S Daddy?

By DANIEL F. LINDSAY

KALLY O'NEIL walked slowly up the front steps. Her mother watched her from behind the curtain. Being five years old and having a problem had her near tears. She reached up on tip toes and opened the door.

"Kally, honey. Come in here a minute." Kally pushed the hood of her snow suit back and went into the living room.

"What do you want, Mommie?" She shook her blonde curls free.

"Oh, nothing much," her mother smiled, "I just want to know why my little girl looks so sad?"

"Well, Mommie," she slipped her coat off, "it's that girl down the street."

"Yes, dear, what about her?" Kally could stand it no longer. She burst into tears and running over laid her head on her mother's lap.

"That girl says," she sobbed, "that there isn't any Santa Claus."

"Well, now," her mother leaned down and gently bit the tip of her ear, "who'd ever believe a tale like that?"

"You don't believe her?" "Of course not," she smiled down into the worried blue eyes. "We know there's a Santa Claus."

"B-but she said Daddy was him." "Oh, pooh. Sit down there on the floor and I'll help you get your snow pants off."

"We could ask Daddy," Kally suggested.

"Yes, we could," she had an inspiration. "Better still we can wait until tomorrow night and see for ourselves."

"We can?" she sat up in surprise.

"Sure. You go to bed just like always, then when he comes I'll wake you up."



"Santa was just coming out."

She got up from the floor all excited. "You mean we can peek?"

"That's just what we'll do." "George," she turned to her husband that evening after Kally had been put to bed, "our daughter has quite a problem."

"Women always have problems," he smiled over his newspaper. "What is it this time?"

"She knows about Santa." "That's too bad," he pursed his lips, "but what can we do?"

"Get someone to put her toys under the tree while she watches." "Sure," he laid the paper down, "why couldn't I do it?"

"She heard that you are Santa." He chuckled. "She isn't the only woman in the family thinks that."

"How about Bob Perkins?" she ignored his attempt at humor. "He's the right build."

"Okay," he agreed, "I'll arrange it in the morning."

"Kally," her mother shook her gently, "Santa is downstairs."

"He is?" she sat up rubbing her eyes. "HE IS?"

"Okay," she slipped out of bed and into her slippers. In the early morning light she looked like a tiny blond elf.

"Put on your robe." SHE got it and took her mother's hand. They crept down the stairs. Mommie held her back while she made sure Santa wasn't smoking a cigar. He was placing gifts around the tree. She motioned her to look. Kally peeked around the corner with big eyes. Then her head darted back.

"Where's daddy?" she asked in a stage whisper. They heard footsteps on the stairs. Daddy crept down. Kally peeked around the corner again. Santa was just coming out with an army barracks bag over his shoulder. The three of them ran and hid behind the staircase. As soon as the front door slammed Kally was up the steps like a shot.

"Hey, Sweetheart," Daddy called after her, "he left the toys in the living room." He stopped as he heard his wife's laughter.

"What's the matter with her?" he glared at her suspiciously. "Don't she like the trike?"

"I'm afraid, dear, that you'll never understand the feminine mind." "What do you mean . . . where's she going?"

"To get her coat." "Her coat . . . why?" "She's going down the street to tell the little girl that she's all wet. Because she has just seen Santa in her front room."

## Ukrainians Hold To Many Old Customs

Ukrainian churches, both Greek Orthodox and Uniate, cling to the ancient Julian calendar, so their Christmas Day comes 12 days later than ours, or on January 6. Christmas Eve is celebrated with much traditional ceremony and festivity.

The Holy Supper or Swiata Weceza is very elaborate, consisting of 12 courses, in memory of the 12 apostles. Fish, baked, broiled and jellyed, takes the place of meat. Borsch, or beet soup, is generally served, and stuffed cabbage, filled with millet or rice. Vareniki, some-



thing like the Italian ravioli, also is a usual course. Dessert consists of special pudding called kutya, made of wheat, poppy seeds and honey.

During the Christmas Eve supper, some member of every Ukrainian family throws a handful of kutya or pudding at the ceiling. If it sticks, the coming year will be a prosperous and happy one. After supper, a plate of braided bread, called kolach, is left on the table between two lighted candles. Legend says that the spirits of the family's dead will return at midnight to eat this bread.

The Ukrainian Christmas festival lasts three days. In the villages singers known as Kolyadniki go from house to house singing the Kolyadky folksongs relating the birth of Christ and the events of his life. They usually carry a manger with them, and in some cases they perform miracle plays. They are rewarded by gifts of food or money.



"His name shall be called the Prince of Peace." Isa. 9:6

May God richly bless you at this glad

# CHRISTMAS TIME

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Wheeler, Texas



Everybody Likes to Say . . .

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

SO DO WE! IT HAS A MEANING ALL ITS OWN AND WHEN WE EXPRESS THESE SENTIMENTS TO YOU, PLEASE REMEMBER WE ARE TRULY MINDFUL OF THE FINE FRIENDSHIPS WE HAVE ENJOYED IN THE PAST. MAY THIS CHRISTMAS BE YOUR HAPPIEST.

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BILLY J. DARNELL, Manager  
Wheeler, Texas



BECAUSE we are proud to call you our friend, we extend to you and yours every good wish we can think of for the Christmas season. It is good to have known you and to serve you. We are grateful, not only from the standpoint of the good business we have enjoyed, but from the knowledge that our greatest asset is the host of friends who remain with us year after year. We wish you a most pleasant and memorable Christmas.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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Wheeler, Texas





# Hail the Christmastide

May it hold for you untold joy and contentment. We would feel that something had been left undone were we to pass up this opportunity of thanking you for all past favors—to express our gratitude for your loyal friendships. Merry Christmas to you, our friends.

WE APPRECIATE OUR CUSTOMERS

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### Tomboy's Christmas

By HELYN CONNELLY

BETTY JANE threw her purse at a chair and sat down heavily on the bed.

She wore her father's shirt and her brother's blue jeans, a costume she adopted a year before with Woody Anderson's permission.

"What's the matter, dear?" She jumped as the words cut the silence, but she didn't turn. She didn't want her mother to know anything was amiss—not yet, anyway. And then suddenly the tears came, like angry flood waters bursting through a barrier, unable to be restrained any longer.

Mrs. Miller was careful to keep a straight face as she wiped her 16-year-old daughter's face with her handkerchief. "Why, dear? Did Lance upset you?"

Betty Jane shook her head vehemently. Why did mother always think her brother was to blame for



"Gosh, you look wonderful like this!"

her tears? Grown women never cried over their brothers! "It's what Lance saw, not what he did," Betty said in a burst of confidence. As her mother waited she continued wretchedly. "He saw Woody buying a bottle of cologne. Cologne, mother, imagine! He was so glib when he told me I looked cute in jeans and now he's two-timing me with some fluffy female who actually uses cologne! Oh, how can men be so beastly?"

"Darling, how do you know the cologne isn't for you? Maybe Woody thinks you've outgrown your jeans."

"He knows what I think of these pink and white girls who use that horrible concoction! He wouldn't dare get me any. And besides, I already told him I wanted roller skates for Christmas. . . . I have to be ready for the new rink that's opening next month, don't I? I thought Woody and I would be going together, but now that's all over." She threw her arms around her mother and cried tragically, "Oh, mother, I'll never smile again! I definitely won't."

This time Mrs. Miller smiled over her daughter's head. She well recognized the stage Betty Jane was going through and decided she must take a hand. "You're sure the cologne wouldn't be for a sister or a cousin?"

"He hasn't a female in the family, and his mother never uses it, so who else could it possibly be for? I'll bet it's for Estelle Bryan. All the other fellows like her but Woody used to say she was too fragile. Oh, mother, how he's deceived me!"

HER mother arose. "Well, dry your eyes, Betty, dear. It's Christmas Eve and you want to be happy today. Woody will probably come over with your roller skates tonight and we'll surprise him. If he likes fragile girls, he'll get one."

Betty Jane sat up straight. "Mother, no! Not that horrible blue dress you bought me!"

"You wash up and put that dress on, Betty."

"We'll wait for you downstairs." With that, Mrs. Miller closed the door on her tomboy daughter and hurried downstairs. As she reached the bottom step the doorbell rang and she admitted Woody Anderson, a lanky boy with unruly red hair and freckles marching in perfect formation over the bridge of his nose. He was clutching a box, obviously containing the roller skates requested by Betty Jane.

"She'll be right down," Mrs. Miller informed him, then left him alone for the surprise.

It came a half-hour later when Betty Jane made her appearance. The blue dress looked even better than she had hoped it would.

"Gosh, Betty Jane!" Woody contributed to the conversation. The smile broadened. "For me, Woody?" she asked, nodding toward the box. "Is it cologne? Lance saw you buying some." So casual, so indifferent.

"Uh—gosh, no, Betty Jane. Gee, you asked for skates and I got them for you. I bought cologne for Miss Lindsay, the English teacher that helped me with my essay for that contest."

"How sweet of you." She stepped down into the living room and accepted the box from Woody. "Thank you," she said gravely. "Yours is under the tree."

"Gee, I didn't think I'd ever like you dressed up as a girl, Betty," he gulped. "Estelle looked so awful and I was proud to have you run around with me in blue jeans, but, gosh, you look wonderful like this!"

## AT THIS HOLY AND FESTIVE SEASON . . .

Let us be thankful for the countless blessings granted to us—for the many, many courtesies and favors. Let us accept with all humility that measure of prosperity which has been given us. And, above all, let us face the future with a full and growing confidence. This is our greeting to you.

### WHEELER COUNTY PRODUCE ASS'N

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# Greetings

It is not so much the fancy words that make up Christmas sentiments and greetings as it is the thoughts that prompt them. So when we extend the compliments of the season to you, please understand they come to you with all the sincerity and gratitude in the world. You have been our friends and without friends none of us would be happy.

It has been a pleasure to serve you in the past and we respectfully solicit your consideration in the future.



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*Merry*  
  
**Christmas**

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**Danger From Tree Fire Ever Present**

Although the Christmas tree is one of the most picturesque Yuletide ornaments, it is also one of the most dangerous, with the threat of fire an ever present possibility.

Replacement of the candle by the electric light has removed some of the hazards formerly experienced, but danger still lurks from faulty connections or careless handling of bulbs and strings.

To minimize the fire hazard, the department of agriculture offers two pertinent suggestions: First, keep the tree well watered and, second, fireproof it with ammonium sulphate or calcium chloride.

To provide the tree with sufficient water, cut the butt on a slant at least an inch above the original cut. Keep the water level above the slashed surface. In purchasing a tree, always look for one that has been felled recently so that the needles have not dried.

Fresh trees also are essential for flame-proofing. In using ammonium sulphate, a chemical content one-fourth the weight of the tree should be used. After dissolving one and a half pints of the ammonium in a pound of water, slash the stem of the tree and place it in the solution. Then, let the tree stand four to six days in the solution for complete absorption. Trees fireproofed in this manner will not be ignited by an electric spark.

**Holly Now Grown In Many Parts of Land**

Grown on the hillsides of the coastal states from Maine to Texas and up the Mississippi valley to Missouri, holly is a pretty but slow-growing plant.

Leaves are evergreen, the margins of which are provided with rather widely separated spines. Weak and close-grained, the wood is exceptionally white, making it highly desirable in the manufacture of woodenware, cabinets and interior finishing.

As a result of scientific discoveries holly cuttings will take root quickly when they are treated with hormone-like substances. Christmas holly has been converted into potted plants. These plants can be set out as a permanent ornament for landscapes.

Growth regulating substances—indole butyric acid and naphthalene acetamide—are on the market in liquid or powdered form under various trade names. The chemicals are applied to plantings of fresh cuttings kept moist, cool and well shaded.



By DANIEL F. LINDSAY

TOM LARKIN opened the kitchen door. His wife looked up with a hopeful smile as he entered. He just shook his head.

"No mail at all?" she said as she went on fixing dinner.

"Oh, there were a couple of ads and a bill from the seed company."

He hung his hat on a hook and crossed to the pump. His white hair was damp around his face when he straightened up again.

"It's just not like Bill," she sighed. "Bill's got an unforgiving streak, always did have, even when he was a little feller."

Pa's old briar gave off a pungent odor as he lit it.

"But this is different, Tom," she said, putting a pan of biscuits in the oven. "Tomorrow is Christmas. It's a long way to the coast. Maybe he wrote but didn't mail it in time."

"Ma," his tired old voice was filled with bitterness, "there's no need to stick pins in yourself by hopin' Christmas or no Christmas. . . that boy is still mad."

The old lady's eyes shone with faith. "He might stay mad all year long but when Christmas comes . . . he'll write. I know, I'm his Ma."

"Don't forget," Tom said as he blew smoke at the ceiling. His eyes crinkled at the corners. "I'm his father."

"Dinner's ready, Pa," she said, filled with a deep longing and fought to keep the tears out of her voice.

"I c'n understand that boy still bein' mad at me, but why does he have to take it out on you?"

"You're wrong, Tom," Ma replied as she lifted her head and smiled. "The day after Christmas, first delivery, we'll get a letter. You'll see."

"Not from him," he shook his head grimly.

"You're forgettin' Judy," she reminded him as they sat down. "She's a good daughter-in-law."

"Oh, I'm not blamin' her," replying as he covered his biscuits with gravy. "Judy's a fine girl. It's his bull headed pride."

She got up and taking the coffee pot off the cook stove filled his cup. They ate on in silence. Finally he pushed his plate back.

"You aren't eatin' much," he scolded.

"I'm just not hungry, Pa."

"I see," he stood up. "I'm goin' out and turn the heater on in the hen house. It'll be cold tonight."

His old shoulders slumped forward as he went outside. She shook her head and started picking up the dishes. Her mind sank back into the past. To the days when Christmas was alive with the excitement and laughter of young voices. She could see Pa striding into the living room bearing a large evergreen on his shoulder. Behind him there was always a highly excited little boy, bearing an axe. She wondered if the little boy ever thought of it.

PA CAME back on the porch. She smiled as he kicked his toe against the threshold. It's a wonder, she thought, that there's any threshold left after all these years. He came into the kitchen, dumping an arm load of kindling in the box behind the range.

"Snowin', Pa?"

He shook his head and took off his wraps, replying, "Stopped."

She hung the dish towels up to dry. He pulled a rocker in from the living room and sat down.

"Everything all right in the barn?" Ma asked as she threw a few lumps of coal in the fire.

"Sure," Pa said. A sad smile crossed his lips. "What's the use pretendin', Ma? We're both feelin' blue."

She sat down at the old kitchen table and started peeling apples, uttered, "I know it."

"Gonna take me a pie?" he asked. She nodded. "Apple was always Billy's favorite, too."

"Now, Ma, what's the use of—" he stopped as they heard a car drive up in the yard. "Must be Jim Rogers. Said today that new calf of his was sick."

He opened the kitchen door and peered out into the night. She could hear him catch his breath as he watched a man and a woman get out. "Ma, who do you think?" his voice was low.

"I knew," Ma laughed as she laid the paring knife down with a happy smile. "I knew it all the time."



Surrounded by myth by primitive peoples, the mistletoe was taken over by Christians who also wove fanciful legends around it.

In ancient mythology, the mistletoe was the instrument of evil. The Druids of Britain believed the plant possessed healing powers. Other primitive people thought that mistletoe found growing on oaks had magical powers.

Taken over into Christian tradition, the mistletoe was dedicated to the Christ Child. Adopted as symbolical of the healing power of our Lord, it was used to adorn the altars at Christmas. Monks of the monasteries called it the "wood of the cross" and attributed supernatural powers to it. The white berries were said to reflect the radiance caught from the guiding star when the Wise Men were led to the manger.



The old Cherry Tree carol, as the legend upon which it is based, is undoubtedly the reason for the custom of placing a branch of cherry tree in water to nod for Christmas time.

According to this legend, Mary and Joseph on their way to Bethlehem passed a tree loaded with cherries. Mary was hungry for some of the fruit and asked Joseph to pluck some cherries for her. The tree graciously bowed down so that Mary could pick the fruit herself.


It has been customary among the Czechs and Slovaks to take the branch of a cherry tree and place it in water in the late fall so that the buds reach the blossoming stage at Christmas time.

The belief was current that if the sprig blossomed by Christmas Eve, the girl who tended it would marry during the New Year.

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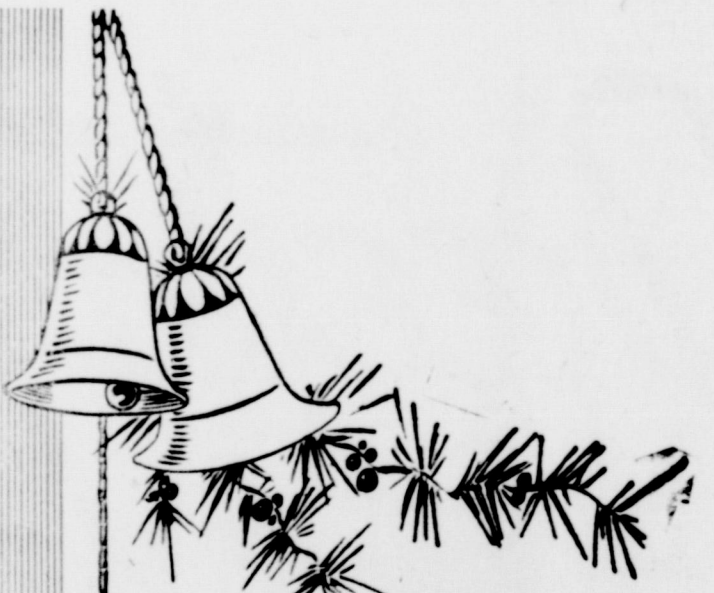
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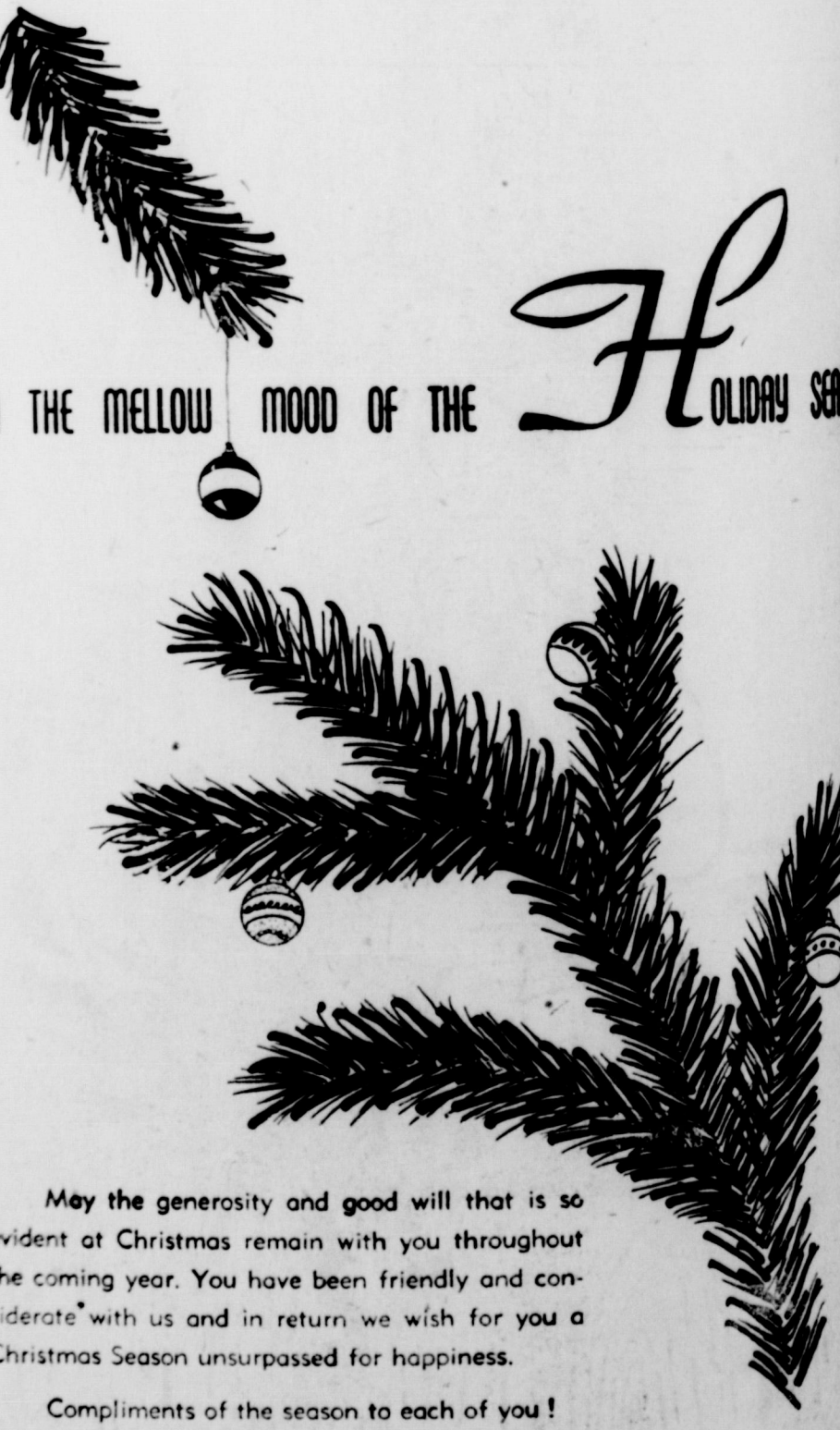



**MERRY**  
**Christmas**

With all the cordiality that is in our hearts, and with all the appreciation of the kindnesses you have bestowed upon us, we extend this Christmas message to you.

May the Holiday be one of abundant happiness.

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IN THE MELLOW MOOD OF THE **H**OLIDAY SEASON

May the generosity and good will that is so evident at Christmas remain with you throughout the coming year. You have been friendly and considerate with us and in return we wish for you a Christmas Season unsurpassed for happiness.

Compliments of the season to each of you!

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