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Wheeler County

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REPAIRS  
AUTHORIZED FOR  
WHEELER CO.

of \$18,500 in  
repairs and  
state highways in Wheeler  
County, a part of a \$3,000,000  
approved this week  
State Highway Commission  
to John Davenport,  
administrative aide to State  
Engineer D. C. Greer.

repairs are being  
anticipation of heavy  
next year. John S.  
commission chairman said.  
to be resur-  
repaired in Wheeler County  
C. S. Highway 83, on  
across the County, a net  
115 miles the State  
Engineer is directed to  
with the work of placing  
on shoulders at an estimated  
cost of \$2,700.

from U. S. 83 to Bris-  
ance of approximately  
the State Highway En-  
directed to proceed with  
of placing Seal Coat on  
at an estimated cost of

Highway 66 from Gray  
Line to Oklahoma State  
distance of approximately  
the State Highway En-  
directed to proceed with  
of placing Seal Coat on  
at an estimated cost of

scheduled for repairs and  
is State Highway 152  
S Highway 60 to the  
County Line at a cost of

mas Seal Sale  
Next Saturday,  
Pass \$600

December 25 is the  
date for the 1948 Christ-  
mas drive according to Dr.  
Nicholson, president of the  
County Tuberculosis As-  
sociation.

who has not sent in  
contribution to this most wor-  
se is urged to mail do-  
nations at once to County  
Tuberculosis Association,  
6 W. Hefley, who is  
chairman of the local associa-  
tion who has not re-  
turned Christmas Seals and  
they may get same by  
mailing Hefley or Mrs. J. C.  
Nicholson at the Wheeler Times

this year the total re-  
ceipts from the sale of Christ-  
mas Seals is \$636.25 and the  
quota is set at \$1,000.00.  
The Seal Sale only  
brought a little over \$700.00.  
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who has not yet paid  
for seals is urged to do so  
immediately so that the associa-  
tion can bring its 1948 drive for  
an immediate close.

A Committee  
For New Year

Agricultural Conservation  
election is over and  
agent elected to serve the  
county is the County Committee  
Charles F. Waters, Chairman,  
George L. Close, Vice-  
Chairman, Shamrock, and Jesse  
Henderson, member from Mo-  
bettie, with M. C. Watson of  
and Elbert Zybach of Allamore  
Alternates.

Committee members are:  
Community A—Allison and Kel-  
vin Hink, Clifford Mason,  
O. Henderson.  
Community B—Wheeler, Cleo  
W. E. Burks, and J. N.  
Community C—Mobettie, Cecil  
Willard Godwin and Henry  
Hanson.  
Community D—Pakan, John R.  
Dusan Pakan, and R. W.

Community E—Shamrock, W. A.  
LeRoy Oswalt and  
C. Dabery.  
Your problems concerning  
ICA Program, contact these  
names directly to the local

and Mrs. T. V. Jackson of  
are the happy parents of  
girl, Cynthia Vaudette,  
December 15. Mrs. Jackson  
former Alma Waters, dau-  
of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Wat-  
son of this city. Cynthia Vaudette  
and Mrs. Water's 3rd  
child.

and Mrs. Jimmy Smith of  
this city are here visiting  
friends and relatives during  
holidays.



## CROP OUTLOOK FOR '49 GIVEN

What's ahead in the crop situation for next year?  
This question may be asked by a great many Texas Farmers, says C. H. Bates, extension farm management specialist of Texas A. and M. College. And here's his answer.

There's a caution sign out for the wheat and feed grain producers. Prices of these crops will probably drop about a third this winter and early spring. So they will be about a third lower next year than they were in 1948. Exports may still be as large next year, but are being trimmed in places by large demands for durable goods and armament.

Figuring on average weather conditions, cotton farmers should have a good year. The agricultural economists figure twice as much cotton will be exported next year as last. At the same time, the nation here at home won't use quite as much as in 1948. The support prices will hold at 90 percent of parity—which means the government loan price will be around 27 cents for middling seven-eighths inches in Texas markets. Here again, says Bates, an acreage boost next year might bring production control problems into the 1950 picture.

Peanut growers do not know yet whether marketing quotas will be in effect. Support prices announced for 1949 will average about \$210 per ton. So to get guaranteed prices, the grower will have to comply with acreage controls authorized by last year's referendum vote.

And the way it looks now, the acreage goal for peanuts next year is likely to be down 10 percent or more.

That's about the size of things as they look now, says Bates. Two of the big things that will affect these crop outlooks next year are government spending for European relief and the military preparedness program.

Everybody will be watching these, because they'll have a big effect on support prices of crops.

## Griffin Brothers List Specials On Auto Items

Griffin Brothers Gulf Service Station and Grocery is announcing several special prices on anti-freeze and other automotive items in an advertisement on another page of this week's Times.

Included in the list of specials offered by the Griffin Brothers are such items as anti-freeze, batteries, tires, hot water heaters, gas heaters and other items.

It is not bad luck to postpone a wedding, so long as you keep on postponing it.

## No Hog Cholera in Local Swine Herds

Recent reports from farmers in this area to the effect that they have cholera in their hogs have proven to be in error, Ralph Jones, assistant county agricultural agent, reported today (Wednesday).

A disease with similar symptoms, but hardly so severe as cholera, swine erysipelas, is causing the trouble.

Vaccinations for the prevention of erysipelas have proven successful and anyone that has hogs that have the disease, or have been exposed to it, are urged to vaccinate. This vaccine is available at local drug stores or may be secured from local veterinarians, the assistant county agent stated.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Sanders and boys were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Farmer Sunday and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bailey were afternoon visitors.

## Report On Extension Service Work In County For 1948 Given By Agent

W. K. Frey, agricultural agent, and health; food preservation; clothing, family economics; recreation, and community life.

To pick out one of these and discuss it—conservation of soil and water. More has been done the past year on soil conservation than in all previous years. A total of 125 days were devoted to soil conservation, with 300 farmers assisted with strip cropping, 70 farmers shown how to build terraces, 120 in the use of cover or green-manure crops (just some of the phases of this work).

I will mention here for the benefit of some who may not understand fully the way the extension program is conducted. The agricultural agents are not supposed to terrace land for the sole purpose of getting a piece of land terraced. Agents must put on demonstrations showing how to do the job. This they do, having given several in cooperation with and for vocational veteran's groups as well as to farmers. While showing a farmer and his neighbors how to build terraces the agents build terraces. The agents have been responsible for 130 miles of terraces being built the past year.

Once a person has been shown how he can do his own or have it done.

A lot of good work is done each year on crop and livestock production.

The Home Demonstration club women report a lot of improvements in housing and foods, the major fields worked on in 1948.

## FFA Lads Complete Butchering Project

The Wheeler Chapter of the Future Farmers of America has just completed a week of hog butchering for local residents as a class project according to James Clepper, vocational agriculture instructor.

The boys butchered 14 hogs averaging 285 pounds each in weight.

Due to lack of equipment in the Vocational Agriculture building the hogs were butchered at Tom Crossland's outdoor vat, using farm methods.

Much experience was gained from this practice and most of the boys can do a creditable job of hog butchering, Instructor Clepper pointed out.

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## STATE VET TO TEST HERDS IN WHEELER CO.

Do you dairymen want your dairy herds tested for Tuberculosis?

According to a letter received in the county agent's office recently, Dr. L. D. Chedester, State Veterinarian cooperating with the U. S. D. A. Bureau of Animal Industries and Livestock Sanitary Commission of Texas, stated that he plans to start testing dairy cattle in Wheeler County for Tuberculosis late in January of 1949.

This free test is given only once every four years, and all dairymen whose herds are tested will be given accrediting certificates on the cattle tested.

All of you dairy cow owners who have one cow or a herd of cows that need testing be sure to contact the county agent's office as soon as possible. If this is done by letter, give specific directions for reaching your place.

Dr. Chedester will only be here three weeks so all visits will need to be scheduled well in advance in order to work everyone in. Your promptness and cooperation will be greatly appreciated in order that this can be done.

## WHEELER TEAMS WIN 3, LOSE 2

The Wheeler high school basketball team have played a total of five games since the Times was published last week winning three and dropping two.

The Wheeler senior boys team is still all victorious for the season as they took a close one from the Kelton five on their court last Friday night and defeated the Briscoe quintet at Briscoe Tuesday night.

The Wheeler girls team lost to Kelton by a narrow margin and then soundly trounced the Briscoe sextet in a contest played in the Briscoe gymnasium Tuesday night.

The Wheeler junior boys lost to the Briscoe juniors by a mere two point margin Tuesday night.

## Draft Board No. 52 Hear Complaints Of Registrants January 4

A full meeting of the members of Selective Service Board No. 52 has been called by C. H. Walker, chairman, for Tuesday, January 4th at 2:00 o'clock p. m., Allen Kavanaugh local member stated this week. The main object of the meeting is to hear registrants who are not satisfied with their classifications. Their sworn testimony will be taken. All registrants who want to appear at this time must have a written request to do so a few days ahead.

## Curtis Reese To Be Returned For Burial

It was learned here by friends that the body of Curtis Reese who was killed in action in Italy will be returned to the states for burial in the Fort Sam Houston Memorial Cemetery at San Antonio.

## Gordon Stiles Sells Purebred Angus Cattle

W. G. Stiles of Wheeler, Texas, recently sold thirteen purebred Aberdeen-Angus cows to T. R. Osborn of Claude, Texas.

A Child May Dare So Drive With Care!

## Santa Is Greeted By Large Crowd of Anxious Children

Hundreds of little children anxious to see old Santa began gathering on the streets of Wheeler shortly after noon today (Wednesday) and by the time the grand old gentleman made his appearance at 2:00 o'clock sharp the sidewalks of Wheeler were lined with beaming little faces.

Santa made his appearance in Wheeler at 2:00 o'clock sharp and immediately began questioning little children and asking them what they wished him to bring them for Christmas and he also gave each and every one of them a bag full of candy, nuts and fruit.

Saint Nick's visit to Wheeler was made possible by the Wheeler Chamber of Commerce and the City of Wheeler. The committee responsible for the arrangements included C. B. Kirk, Archie Hibler and Luther Parks.

## Bargain Days To End, Times Would Be Nice Last Minute Gift Item

December 31 is the deadline for getting in on the Bargain Rates for the large daily papers such as the Amarillo Daily News, Fort Worth Star-Telegram and Wichita Falls Record News, but The Times will be happy to take care of sending in these subscriptions for you before that time if you will just drop by and let us know which one you want.

Special rates are \$10.95 for the Amarillo Daily News, \$13.95 for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and \$8.75 for the Wichita Falls Record News.

The special rate on the Times has already expired but it would still make a nice inexpensive last minute gift for one of your friends or relatives, and there is one nice thing about a gift of that type . . . it keeps on reminding the recipient of the gift for a full twelve months.

The Times Office will be open Thursday and Friday for the convenience of anyone who might wish to send a gift of the type mentioned above.

## Employment Lull Has Struck In This Area

End of the year lull has hit employment in the Pampa area. It came with a surprising suddenness. There is in the area, a large surplus of labor, which will doubtless carry over into the early part of next year. This condition however is not confined to the Pampa area, it follows this pattern State-wide.

Claims for unemployment pay, both veteran and non-veteran, are advancing rapidly. This results in the quick filling of all unskilled requirements.

The ending of the crop harvesting has released numerous people who work on seasonal labor. Non-agricultural industry usually goes into a short inactivity at this time and is following the regular pattern. It is anticipated that this condition will change in the first part of the New Year.

At the present time there are unfulfilled orders for male bookkeepers, domestic help, salesmen and an occasional demand for construction laborers.

## TB Survey Will Be Conducted Next Year

W. R. Ritter, county sanitarian, announced this week that the State Health Department has set the week of September 12, 1949 as the week in which its X-ray equipment will be in Wheeler County to conduct its second survey in this county.

The X-ray units visited Wheeler County late in September this year and surveyed nearly four thousand people discovering tuberculosis in many instances where the individuals did not have the slightest suspicion that they had the dread disease.

## Mobettie Auxiliary To Hold New Year Party

The American Legion Auxiliary of Mobettie is sponsoring a new year's eve party at the Legion Hut in Mobettie Friday evening, December 31 from 7:00 till . . . The ladies will serve a buffet supper at \$1.00 per plate.

The public is invited to attend. Come, bring a friend and fill your own plate there will be fun for all.

## MRS. BEATY IS BURIED MONDAY

Mrs. James A. Beaty, a resident of Wheeler County since 1917, passed away at 8:10 o'clock Saturday night in the Shamrock General Hospital. The 69-year-old native Texan had been in ill health about three years, and her condition had been critical the week preceding her death.

Funeral services were conducted at 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon from the First Baptist Church in Shamrock with Rev. Edward C. Derr, pastor, in charge, assisted by Rev. A. G. Roberts, pastor of the Kelton Baptist Church.

Miss Cora Mae Orrick sang a solo, "In The Garden."

Pall bearers were: William Miller, Leo Beaty, Lonnie Kelley, Boyd Austin, Le Roy Hall and Vaughan Lister. Serving as flower girls were: Mrs. Johnny Burrell, Mrs. M. A. Pillers, Mrs. Haskell Sammons, Mrs. Gwynn Bell, Misses Willie Massey and Nancy Colvin.

Clay Funeral Home was in charge of interment in the Shamrock Cemetery.

Mrs. Theresa Mattie Musick Beaty was born in Fannin County, November 9, 1879. On July 26, 1895, at Mansville, Okla., she was married to James A. Beaty. Of their 10 children, a daughter passed away in infancy, and a son, Ross Edward, died on April 29, 1945, shortly after his discharge from the Navy.

The Beaty family came to Wheeler County from Childress 31 years ago and resided in the Kelton community until three months ago when they moved to Shamrock to make their home.

Surviving are the widower, James A. Beaty, Shamrock; seven daughters and one son: Mrs. Emma Austin, Kelton; Mrs. Eula LeBlanc, Shamrock; Mrs. Ada Scoggins, Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. Jewel Miller, Tulsa; Mrs. Annie Henderson, Kelton; Mrs. Siegal Lois Henderson, Twitty; Mrs. Estelle Colvin, Shamrock; and Jerald Dean (J. D.) Beaty, Wheeler.

Also surviving are 19 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and a brother, A. J. Musick, Mansville, Okla.

Mrs. Beaty united with the Methodist Church at the age of 11. She transferred to the Baptist Church in young womanhood and her membership was in the Kelton Baptist Church at the time of her death.

## Wheeler Men Training In Pacific Maneuvers

Two Wheeler, Texas, men, Loyd N. Shirey, aviation machinist's mate, second class, USN, son of Mrs. Nancy Shirey, and Charles V. Denham, seaman apprentice, USN, son of Charlie D. Denham, are serving aboard the aircraft carrier USS Princeton, a unit of Task Force 38, which is now undergoing an intensive training period in the Western Pacific and the China Sea area.

These exercises are being conducted for the purpose of giving officers and men of the task force realistic training in all phases of Naval activities. In addition to the training on ship board, personnel familiarize themselves with the ports and peoples of foreign lands.

Ports of call between training maneuvers, include Honolulu, Tsingtao, China, Yokosuka, Japan, and Guam.

One of the easiest things in the world to meet is an accident. You run into them every place you go.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1948

*Editorial*

**CHRISTMAS SEAL**

Ten years ago artist Barry Hart was visiting in a friend's home at Christmas time, and the night Santa Claus was due to drive up, the friend's little son parked by the fireside to wait out the night. He soon dropped asleep, and the artist and his friend

carried the boy to his bed. This year when the Red Cross Association called on the artist for designs in the annual competition, Hart recalled the vivid picture of his friend's little boy waiting for Saint Nick. The picture had everything. The poignant expectation—and hope—plus universal appeal. Who hasn't, in times gone by, gone through the same experience of the little boy on the seal—that seemingly endless waiting for his big night?

That's the seal for this year—the seal which will help to raise funds for the endless fight against tuberculosis. A fight to save thousands of little boys whose greatest gift from Santa, or from you or you, is good health.

**SCIENTIFIC TEAMWORK**

A universal psychiatrist thinks people grind their teeth in their sleep because it is a primitive part of their personality asserting itself while the repression of wakened civilization is, so to speak, turned off. He associates it with nervous tension, dreams, and the fact that our ancestors gnashed their teeth while they were angry or grief-stricken. He suggests that the psychoanalyst and the dentist together might be able to do something about it. He didn't make it clear just what, but the presumption is that the psychoanalyst would take care of the nervous tension and the dentist would do the tooth grinding.—Ft. Worth Star-Telegram

**BOYS WHO CANNOT BE PRESIDENT**

There was a day when every little American boy was advised that he might, some day in the future, become President of the United States.

This is no longer a fact. There are millions of Americans who have no chance whatever of becoming President. So, it might be just as well, in the interest of truth, not to fool the present generation of youngsters.

It is generally accepted that no man can be elected to the Presidency who has offended any powerful minority group. At the present time, the politicians do not believe that a Catholic can be elected President or that any resident of the Southern States, whether white or black, stands a chance to be President.

In the development of politics in the United States, the list could be extended. It is rapidly becoming necessary for a boy to be born in one of the larger states of the Union to have a chance of winning a Presidential nomination, much less the election itself.

**Church Calendar**

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

Sunday School ..... 10:00 a. m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a. m.  
Evening Worship ..... 7:00 p. m.  
W.M.U., Monday ..... 2:30 p. m.  
Prayer Service, Wed. .... 7:00 p. m.  
Teacher's Meet, Friday 7:00 p. m.  
We preach Christ crucified, buried, risen, and coming again.  
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 ..... 9:45 A. M.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 A. M.  
Evening Service ..... 7:30 P. M.  
Prayer Meeting (Wed.) 7:00 P. M.  
S. Y. ALLGOOD, Pastor.

**BRISCOE BAPTIST CHURCH**

Preaching days—Second and Fourth Sundays  
JAMES E. WILLEFORD, Pastor

**ASSEMBLY OF GOD**

Mobeetie, Texas  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a. m.  
Worship ..... 11:00 a. m.  
Junior Church ..... 7:30 p. m.  
Evangelistic Service ..... 8:00 p. m.  
Prayer Meeting, Tues. 8:00 p. m.  
Young Peoples Ser. .... Thursday ..... 8:00 p. m.  
GLEN H. LESTER, Pastor

**TWITTY BAPTIST CHURCH**

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. every third Sunday.  
M.Y.F., W.S.C.S. and Bible Study 7:30 p. m.  
Preaching 7:30 p. m. every third Sunday.  
H. E. LONG, Pastor

**KELTON BAPTIST CHURCH**

Sunday School each Sunday at 10:00 a. m.  
T. U. each Sunday at 7:30 p. m.  
Preaching each Sunday at 11:00 a. m. and 8:30 p. m.  
A. G. ROBERTS, Pastor

**BRISCOE METHODIST CHURCH**

Sunday School Each Sunday ..... 10:00 a. m.  
Preaching, second and fourth Sundays ..... 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.  
A hearty welcome to all.  
L. J. HELM, Pastor

**ALLISON METHODIST CHURCH**

Sunday School Each Sunday ..... 10:00 a. m.  
Preaching, first and third Sundays ..... 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.  
A warm welcome to all.  
L. J. HELM, Pastor

**ALLISON BAPTIST CHURCH**

Sunday School ..... 10:00 a. m.  
Preaching Service ..... 11:00 a. m.  
Training Union ..... 7:30 p. m.  
Preaching Service ..... 8:30 p. m.  
JAMES E. WILLEFORD, 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.

**CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**

Sunday School ..... 10 a. m.  
Worship ..... 11 a. m.  
N.Y.P.S. ..... 7:00 p. m.  
Evening Worship ..... 7:30 p. m.  
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:15 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.  
Wed. Evening Prayer Service ..... 7:30 p. m.  
You Are Welcome.  
VERNON E. WILLARD, Pastor

**CHURCH OF GOD**  
Old Mobeetie

Sunday School ..... 9:45 a. m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a. m.  
Willing Workers ..... 2:30 p. m.  
Tuesday  
Young People's Service, 7:00 p. m.  
Saturday  
HETTIE TSCHIRHART, Pastor

**LEGAL NOTICE**

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF WHEELER

To all unknown claimants in the hereinafter described and to Gertrude Loter; Lola Woodward and husband, Felix Woodward; Hugh McAllister and Mrs. Hugh McAllister; C. B. McAllister and Mrs. C. B. McAllister; Jaoma Carnall and husband, George Carnall, if living and the heirs and legal representatives of such as may be deceased. And to all unknown claimants in and to the hereinafter described land, their heirs and assigns.

You and each of you are hereby commanded to appear before C. A. Whitner, Otis Reed and Cliff Mason, special commissioners at the Commissioners Court Room in Wheeler, Wheeler County, Texas on or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance hereof, which is Monday the 10 day of January, 1949, and answer the following numbered and described petition in condemnation proceedings, filed with the County Judge of said County and state and numbered 25-A: The Commissioners court, Wheeler County, Texas acting by and through the county attorney, thereof in such petition, allege in substance that the State of Texas is widening and reconstructing through a portion of the county, US Highway No. 66, and in such reconstruction new and additional right of way, as well as earth and ditches is desirable and necessary, in the judgment of both said court and the Highway Commission of Texas; that re-construction, and

widening is surveyed through and across the following described land and premises, to-wit:  
"Being a strip of land 85 ft. in width lying North of the present ROW for US Hway. No. 66;

Beginning at a point in the present ROW line of US Hway. No. 66 same being a point 59.8 ft. North & 2661 ft. E. of the SW corner of Sec. 52, Blk 13 of the H&G Ry. Co. Surveys;  
Thence S. 89 degrees 51' E. 2640 ft. along the present ROW line of said US Hway, 66 to a point in E line 60.5 ft. N. of SE corner of said Section 52;  
Thence N 85 ft. along the E line of said section 52 to a point; Thence N 89 degrees 51' W. 2640 ft. parallel to and 62 ft. distant from the center line survey for the N lane of said Hway No. 66, to a point in the W line of said tract of land;  
Thence S 85 ft. to place of beginning containing 5.15 acres of land more or less, all in Wheeler County, Texas.

Which land belongs to Gertrude Loter and husband, A. H. Loter, Lola Woodward and husband, Felix Woodward; Hugh McAllister and Mrs. Hugh McAllister; J. O. McAllister and Mrs. J. O. McAllister, and Dora Lee McKimney, a minor, whose guardian is J. O.

McAllister; C. B. McAllister; J. O. McAllister; and husband, George Carnall and husband, George Carnall. That the county judge, commissioners (which has been who are the undersigned) the latter proceed to the value of such land and if any, to the owners, such other proceedings as may be required by law in such case. If this citation is not returned within 90 days after the date of this citation, it shall be returned. Witness our hands at Mobeetie, Texas this 15 day of December, 1948.

C. A. WHITNER  
OTIS REED  
CLIFF MASON  
Special Commissioners

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**We will appreciate your cooperation in getting your service needs taken care of before that time.**

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J. M.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**SHERIFF'S SALE**  
 THE STATE OF TEXAS  
 COUNTY OF WHEELER  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
 That by virtue of a certain Order  
 of Sale issued out of the Honor-  
 able District Court of Wheeler  
 County, on the 7th day of December,  
 1948, by the Clerk of said Court  
 under a Judgment of the 31st  
 District Court of Wheeler County,  
 Texas, in a certain cause in said  
 Court, No. 3767 and styled W. H.  
 Craig vs. T. T. Craig et al, placed  
 in my hands for service, I Jess  
 Swink as Sheriff of Wheeler Co-  
 unty, Texas, did, on the 7th day  
 of December, 1948, levy on certain  
 Real Estate, situated in Wheeler  
 County, Texas, described as fol-  
 lows, to-wit:

**TRACT ONE**—All of the East  
 360 acres of Section No. One  
 (1), Block A-5, of the H&G  
 RR Company Surveys, in  
 Wheeler County, Texas.

**TRACT TWO**—Being a part of  
 the Southwest quarter of Sec-  
 tion No. 4 of the T & N O Sur-  
 veys, in Wheeler County, Tex-  
 as, Described by metes and  
 bounds as follows to-wit:  
**BEGINNING** at a point 370  
 feet east and 182 11-12 feet  
 South of the NW Corner of the  
 SW Quarter of the said

Section No. 4; Thence East  
 340 feet; Thence South 320  
 3-10 feet; Thence West 340  
 feet; Thence North 320 3-10  
 feet to the Place of Beginn-  
 ing, containing 2.5 acres of  
 land.

**TRACT THREE**—Being a part of  
 the SW Quarter of said Sec-  
 tion No. 4, T & N O Surveys,  
 in said Wheeler County, Tex-  
 as, described by metes and  
 bounds as follows:  
**Beginning** at a point 710 feet  
 east and 182 11-12 feet South  
 of the Northwest quarter of  
 said Section No. 4 for the NW  
 Corner of this tract, same be-  
 ing the NE Corner of Tract  
 No. 2, above; Thence East  
 parallel with the North  
 Boundary line of said South-  
 west Quarter 860.5 feet for  
 the NE Corner of this tract;  
 Thence South parallel with  
 the West boundary line of said  
 SW 1/4 380.3 feet; Thence West  
 parallel with the North bound-  
 ary line of said SW 1/4 860.5  
 feet, to the SW Corner of this  
 tract; Thence North parallel  
 with the west boundary line  
 of said SW 1/4 380.3 feet to the  
 place of beginning, containing  
 7.51 acres of land, more or  
 less, and being the same land  
 conveyed to M. M. Craig, Sr.  
 by deed dated October 18,  
 1928, of record in Vol. 66,  
 Page 693, Deed Records of

Wheeler County, Texas.

**TRACT FOUR**—Being a part of  
 the Southwest Quarter of Sec-  
 tion No. 4 of the T & N O  
 Surveys, Wheeler County,  
 Texas, described by metes and  
 Bounds as follows:  
**Beginning** at a point 370 feet  
 east and 873 31-60 feet South  
 of the Northwest Corner of  
 said SW 1/4; Thence East 340  
 feet; Thence South 320.3 feet,  
 the SE Corner of this tract;  
 Thence West 340 feet, the SW  
 Corner of this tract; Thence  
 North 320.3 feet to the Place  
 of Beginning, containing 2.5  
 acres of land, and being the  
 same land, conveyed to M. M.  
 Craig, Sr., by deed dated Jan.  
 22, 1929, executed by S. N.  
 Hall and wife, which deed is  
 of record in Vol. 65 Page 516  
 deed records of Wheeler Co-  
 unty, Texas.

**TRACT FIVE**—Lot No. 20, Block  
 No. 105 of the Town of New  
 Mobeetie, according to the re-  
 corded plat of said townsite.  
 And levied upon as the prop-  
 erty of W. H. Craig, T. T.  
 Craig, C. S. Craig, M. M.  
 Craig, Jr., Vada H. Stamper,  
 F. B. Craig, Louise Craig  
 Broadbelt, Lorene Craig, Stel-  
 la Craig Wells, D. G. Craig,  
 Jr., Donald Ray Craig, Jessie  
 Craig, Mary Jaunita Knight,  
 James Dean Craig, William  
 Thomas Craig, Vada Pearl  
 Craig, Martha E. Knowles,  
 Virginia Fern Smith, Marion  
 M. Craig, Lloyd N. Craig,  
 George S. Craig, and Nora  
 Sarah Craig.

And that on the first Tuesday  
 in January, 1949, the same being  
 the 4th day of said month, at the  
 Court House door of Wheeler Co-  
 unty, in the City of Wheeler, Tex-  
 as, between the hours of 10 A. M.  
 and 4 P. M., by virtue of said levy  
 and said Judgment and Order of  
 Sale I will sell said above de-  
 scribed Real Estate at public ven-  
 due, for cash, to the highest bid-  
 der, as the property of said above  
 named Parties.

And in compliance with law, I  
 give this notice by publication, in  
 the English language, once a week  
 for three consecutive weeks im-  
 mediately preceding said day of  
 sale, in the Wheeler Times, a  
 newspaper published in Wheeler  
 County.

Witness my hand, this 7th day  
 of December A. D. 1948.  
**JESS SWINK**  
 Sheriff, Wheeler County, Texas  
 52-3tc.

SEASON'S  
 GREETINGS



We have found that  
 friendship in business  
 is an invaluable asset  
 and we are truly grateful  
 for yours.  
 In appreciation  
 may we wish a most  
 pleasant Christmas

to you and those about you.  
**J. M. TINDALL GIN**  
 J. E. Baker, Mgr.  
 Kelton, Texas



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

**Dutch Miller's  
 Back In Uniform**

After ten days in the city, Dutch  
 is back in uniform. I don't mean  
 Army khaki or Navy blue—but a  
 different uniform, that's every bit  
 as patriotic and American.

Blue jeans and a denim shirt,  
 for work around the yards and  
 barns; stout boots for tramping  
 through the fields; and a straw  
 hat when the sun gets high—a  
 uniform you see from Maine to  
 Texas, Iowa to Alabama.

It's the uniform of an army—  
 the great army of American farm-  
 ers who, by their productivity, are

helping to keep this nation strong  
 —bolstering the forces of democ-  
 racy that guard our freedom.

And in their way of life, too,  
 they are champions of freedom.  
 Temperate folk who enjoy a mod-  
 erate glass of beer—but never  
 quarrel with those who prefer  
 cider. Tolerant people who fight to  
 the bitter end against oppression  
 and intolerance. From where I sit,  
 a credit to America!

Joe Marsh

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Merry  
 Christmas

IT ADDS MUCH TO THE  
 JOY OF CHRISTMAS TO  
 SEND OUR VERY BEST  
 WISHES TO THOSE  
 WHOM WE SERVE

**NORA'S CAFE**

Wheeler, Texas



**Some Safety Rules  
 For Holiday Season**

It only takes a small amount of  
 carelessness to turn the joyful  
 Christmas holiday into a tragic  
 event. The Christmas tree is the  
 danger spot. There are a few  
 simple precautions that will assure  
 a safe and merry Christmas.

Never burn real candles on your  
 tree.  
 Don't risk using frayed cords and  
 broken plugs.  
 Avoid placing powerful lamp  
 bulbs near fancy ornaments, syn-  
 thetic materials, paper or cotton.  
 Don't go away and leave your  
 tree lighted.

Be very careful when smoking  
 around Christmas package wrap-  
 ping material.  
 Secure the tree by wires to the  
 wall so that tiny tots will not be  
 able to bump or pull it over.

Place your tree so that, standing  
 or fallen, it cannot block a doorway  
 which might be needed to escape  
 from the room.

If you go in for elaborate decora-  
 tions, better make sure they're all  
 made of incombustible material.  
 Flameproofed materials can be pur-  
 chased at many stores. Insist on  
 them.

A Child May Dare  
 So Drive With Care!

As the years roll by

we realize more and more

how much it means to have

the confidence of folks like you.

It is a pleasure to wish you

a Merry Christmas.

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(Published by the students of Briscoe High School.)

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### SENIOR NEWS

The seniors have ordered their diplomas, and we hope to use them in the near future. The juniors and seniors have been selling food at the lunch room when we have a ball game. We hope to make some money for our trip. Everyone be sure and buy something to eat.

### SOPHOMORE NEWS

The sophomores are working hard on their themes and outlines and are trying to get ready for the Christmas holidays. We are planning a real good Christmas party. The sophomore class wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### GUESS WHO?

Hair ----- Brown  
 Color eyes ----- Blue  
 Weight ----- 134  
 Favorite subject ----- Girls  
 Height ----- 5 feet, 8 in.  
 Favorite sport ----- Basketball

### WHAT IF?

Alvie went to Shamrock with a girl?  
 Kenneth went with a girl?  
 Betty went with a boy?  
 Doris went with Vendall?  
 Alvie didn't think he was smart?  
 T. G. went with Betty?  
 Mary Jo wasn't so stuck up?  
 Doris went with Leottos?  
 Haddock had a girl?  
 Glen didn't have a Toni?

### FRESHMAN NEWS

The freshman have been taking things hard whether they are hard or not. Everyone is looking forward to a big Christmas. We are planning to have a good time Thursday morning. The basketball boys are

going to play the outsiders. Imogene what is wrong with your nose, and why do you like Wheeler so well?  
 Carol, let's go to Shamrock. S. W., who was that you were flirting with Saturday night?

### EIGHTH GRADE NEWS

The B Boys won their game with Miami Friday night. Good work boys.  
 Patsy, why the giggle every morning when you come in the room?  
 Leroy, what are you called?  
 Mary, why the funny face when you eat a lemon?  
 Bobby, who was your girl friend at Miami?  
 Say, kids be careful, demerits you know.

### SEVENTH GRADE NEWS

Eddie, who was that you were talking to during reading test?  
 Martha, how did you like the ball game Friday night? He was sure cute.  
 Nelda, why were you hiding from your mother Saturday night? Could it be a boy, huh?  
 Rosalene, could we borrow your bright red boots? They are almost as red as your face sometime.  
 Monette, why didn't you leave your mother Saturday night so she could get your Christmas present?  
 We all hope Wayne has a good time while he is gone.  
 Jeanette, you didn't get mad Saturday night did you?

### GIRLS SPORTS NEWS

The girls have been practicing very hard the past week. We played Miami Tuesday night and again Friday night. We lost the first game 30-20 and the last game 24-18 both in favor of Miami.

### BOYS SPORTS NEWS

We played Miami Tuesday night and Friday night. We lost both games to Miami. They outscored us Tuesday night by 11 points and Friday night by 13 points, but we hope to win our next game which is with Wheeler Tuesday, December 21, 1948 at Briscoe.

### LOCAL NEWS AND NONSENSE

Boys did you enjoy picking chickens Monday afternoon?  
 Have you noticed Betty Jo's new ring? Isn't it a honey?  
 It seems John Douglas has become a bus driver.  
 Ethel, who is that boy you are being teased about?



**SANTA CLAUS** is one of the most precious wonders of childhood. American mothers overwhelmingly agree that he should be portrayed as the spirit of generosity, kindness, and gift-giving.

Although the modern conception of Santa Claus is American, the Spirit of Santa Claus is neither modern nor American. The real Saint Nicholas lived in Asia Minor and ever since his death in 343 stories concerning him have been repeated around the firesides of Europe.

The children of Lapland and northern climates naturally picture Santa dressed in fur and dashing through the snow in a reindeer-drawn sleigh. But in central Europe, St. Nicholas first appeared on his liturgical feast day, December 6, and he was a thin, austere churchman who rode a mule and carried gifts for good children and a bundle of birch rods with which to switch the naughty. Under Dutch influence St. Nicholas lost his solemnity. The Dutch colonists who brought him to America were very practical people and they decided against two gift-giving days in the same month. Thus, Sinter Klass started coming around only at Christmas time.

### Santa Gets a Sleigh.

Eventually, ancient legends were woven into American Christmas traditions. Washington Irving sent St. Nicholas flying through Christmas skies in a reindeer-drawn sleigh in 1809; Dr. Clement Moore's poem "The Night Before Christmas," written in 1822, gave Santa "a little round belly that shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly;" and a series of drawings in 1868 by Thomas Nast added much to the traditional pictures and appearance of the Santa we see today.

In every youngster's life there comes the time when he begins to suspect that the various whiskered gentlemen, so numerous during this season, are not exactly the real Santa Claus. Wise parents advance the "helper" theory as soon as they are asked questions and teach their children to make the Christmas dreams of less fortunate tots and their families come true. Thus, the real Santa Claus isn't just myth or legend. He is the Spirit of Christmas who lives in the sparkling eyes of children and in the hearts of all grown-ups who strive for peace and good will among men.

Patsy Rae, what would happen if you really got mad at a boy instead of making out like you are mad? Tommy, how about this?

Tommy, how was that date Sunday night? Shamrock here I come!

What would happen if Gloria Dell didn't sit in the second seat from the front in study hall? Huh?

Doris, tell us why you were crying Friday night at the ball game?  
 What if Rosemary couldn't leave school with her boyfriend? John C. she would get demerits for leaving school.

We are proud to have all new window shades in one room.  
 Tommy, would you be disappointed if you didn't get a letter

every day from P. R. M. at the end of 6th period?  
 What would happen if T. G. could behave in 6th period study hall? We would like to know.  
 Maureta, what happened in the hall at noon that embarrassed you so and Tommy got such a big laugh from?  
 Mary Jo, which one do you like best?

### SNOOPER

I am sorry to report that no one has said anything that can't be put in the local news. I have been on the job but no one seems to be letting anything slip. They all sewed on a row of buttons. I will try to have some for next week. Bye for now.

### HOUND-O-METER

Just outside a small Southern village, a speeding motorist was overhauled by a chinwhiskered constable.

"You were speedin' through our town, young fellow," the official complained. "Goon' well over thirty miles an hour."

"I don't see that you have any watch or other timing device," the city slicker craftily suggested. "How do you know I was going

over thirty?"  
 "See this here hound?" the constable replied, pointing to a skinny, burr-covered old dog that had just arrived on the scene, and now lay panting at the hayseed's feet. "Well, that dog were a chasin' yer, young fellow and he couldn't catch up with you. And when that hound can't overhaul a fellow, he air 'goin' more than thirty miles an hour."

The best way to forget the high cost of living is to live so that it's worth it.

Scientists are seeking a substitute for gasoline. The surest one we know of is a pair of shoes.

In these times you have to move pretty fast to keep up with running expenses.

Turning over a new leaf too often may make you lose your place completely.

The government has published a bulletin on "How to Treat a Black Eye." More useful would be one on how to explain it.

You don't have to man to miss a good deal of a weak line.

What this country now is day clubs for ers.

Probably the safest effective way to reduce to put a time clock refrigerator.

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195 LARGE ENGLISH WHITE LEGHORN PULLETS NOW IN 70 TO 75% PRODUCTION

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**Merry Christmas**

Yes... Christmas always cheers the hearts of everyone... and we are especially glad that "Peace on earth and good will toward men" prevails again during this holiday time.

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**SEASON'S GREETINGS**

with ALL GOOD WISHES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

**CITIZENS STATE BANK**  
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We wish you a **JOYFUL CHRISTMAS**

a season overflowing with happiness and contentment. Compliments of the Season to everyone.

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**U.N. Establishes New Organ**



The General Assembly has elected 15 members to the International Law Commission, latest U.N. organ, which is charged with studying the development and codification of international law. Counting the votes during the election are members of the United Nations Secretariat and Dr. Oscar Lange of Poland, at the extreme left.

—Boy did you have a surprise Kiddy? Mobeetie was well represented at the basketball game in Wheeler Thursday night. Patsy M. we are all sorry that you were sick Wednesday and Thursday. Edwina, you seem to really go out for Wheeler these days. We hear that Oda Jean has a new boyfriend named Ed Shackelford, how about this Oda Jean? Patsy B. has had the whooping cough this week, we hope she is better now.

**JUNIOR NEWS**

The juniors were entertained with a party in the home of their class parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. McCauley Monday night. Everyone reported a swell time with lots of fun and lots to eat.

**HOME ECONOMICS NEWS**

The Home Ec. girls and Mrs. Clemons decorated the windows of the Home Eco. room with Christmas scenes. Everyone is invited to drive by and look at them as the lights will be left on at night.

**GRADE SCHOOL PRESENTS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

The December meeting of the Mobeetie P.-T. A. was enjoyed by a very large audience. After the singing of Christmas

songs by the congregation, the president conducted the regular business meeting.

The program was in charge of Mesdames C. R. Brown and C. C. Crowder who was assisted by Mrs. H. L. Trimble.

They presented a Christmas Operetta which included all the pupils in the first three grades.

The activities centered around the traditional Christmas story. A beautiful background of Christmas scenery set a perfect stage for the presentation of the shepherds, wise men, and all other characters included in the speaking and acting parts.

The speaking parts centered around four main speakers. Nellie Johnson, acted as announcer. Faith, Hope and Charity were typified by Mary Ellen Scribner, Marcella Patterson, and Betty Sue Gulley respectively.

All of the pupils who did not have speaking or acting parts were organized into a chorus.

At the close of the program a benediction was pronounced by Rev. Vernon C. Willard.

**SENIOR NEWS**

The seniors are having their party Tuesday night December 22, in the home of Mrs. J. H. Scribner. We are all looking forward to seeing Betty Jean Lancaster, who will be home for Christmas. She is one of senior

girls who has had polio, and is arriving home from Hendricks Memorial Hospital, December the 22.

The Commercial Law class (all seniors except one) went courting Monday and Tuesday at Wheeler. And for once the seniors really acted like dignified seniors.

**IDEAL SENIOR GIRL**

**Ideal Class—Senior Class of '49**  
 Hair like ..... Gold  
 Eyes like ..... Doris  
 Teeth like ..... Joy  
 Lips like ..... Cherry Wine  
 Hands like ..... Beverly  
 Clothes like ..... Irvine  
 Figure like ..... Lou  
 Personality like ..... Naomi

**IDEAL SENIOR BOY**

Hair like ..... Arthur  
 Eyes like ..... Bill G.  
 Height like ..... Bill A.  
 Weight like ..... Jimmy  
 Clothes like ..... Drew  
 Personality like ..... Walden  
 Ability to get along with the teachers like ..... Walter  
 Teeth like ..... Paul  
 Physique like ..... Joe Fred  
 Worthless like ..... Douglas

**New Year Brings Joy, Hope, Sadness**

Superstition and curiosity prompted the Anglo-Saxons to climb upon their roofs as the hour of midnight approached on New Year's Eve—it was believed that something might happen when the New Year burst in and everyone wanted to be in a position to see for himself.

Perhaps more of this "something might happen" superstition has survived than is immediately apparent. Almost everyone dreads the thought of being alone on New Year's Eve; if possible, we gather our families and friends around us in our homes. In a more serious mood, an ever-increasing number of persons attend "Watch" services to greet the New Year in prayer and meditation; and there is a universal resolve to "do better" next year. Gathering in public places, in Times Square—or its counterpart—we make as much noise as possible—presumably because our primitive ancestors utilized noise as an expression of celebration, believing the din would keep evil spirits and influences at a distance.

**Joyous New Year Bells.**  
 The New Year bells have ceased to toll for the dying year and now welcome the New Year with joyous peals symbolic of the hope with which mankind looks forward to a brighter future and a better world, but the nostalgic strains of Auld Lang Syne have become so intrinsically a part of our New Year's Eve that even the very gayest gatherings would be incomplete without it.

Indeed, we stand before the New Year with mingled sentiments, not wholly unlike the child of Longfellow's sonnet:

"Half willing, half reluctant to be led,  
 And leave his broken playthings on the floor,  
 Still gazing at them through the open door  
 Nor wholly reassured and comforted  
 By promises of others in their stead,  
 Which, though more splendid,  
 may not please him more."

**New Year's Gift of Broken Dishes**

Most Americans would be perplexed to find a pile of broken crockery on their doorstep New Year's morning. However, it's a time-honored Danish custom to save every dish which comes to grief during the year and hurl it all against the front doors of friends and neighbors on New Year's Eve.

The tossers are supposed to toss and run, but not too fast. Before they get away, the householder is

**Christmas Menu**

Mothers, who are the official cooks of the family, will reap added praise this holiday season if they plan a special Christmas menu for every meal on Christmas day. While "something special" is expected for dinner, a minimum of attention will make the other two meals a pleasant surprise.

Here is a menu for the day which will prove popular.

**BREAKFAST**

Orange juice ..... Waffles  
 Grilled Sausage Cakes  
 Coffee ..... Honey ..... Milk

**CHRISTMAS DINNER**

Clam and Tomato Juice Cocktail  
 Roast Turkey, Giblet Gravy  
 Celery Dressing  
 Mashed Potatoes  
 Buttered Green Beans  
 Calavo and Grapefruit Salad  
 Assorted Relishes  
 Cranberry Sauce ..... Hot Rolls  
 Fruit Cake ..... Pie  
 Coffee ..... Milk

**SUPPER**

Nutbread Sandwiches  
 Mixed Vegetable Salad  
 Fruit Gelatin Dessert  
 Tea ..... Milk

It's a good idea, too, to crowd a small cutting board with assorted cheeses and crackers. Place it in the living room for those who may not be able to eat candy or who don't care for nuts.

**SOME THEORY**

"Your wife is a very systematic woman, isn't she?" asked Robinson.

"Yes, very," replied Smith. "She works on the theory that you can find whatever you want when you don't want it by looking where it wouldn't be if you did want it."

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"My husband speaks, so much in his sleep. What shall I do with him?"

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 Reporter ..... Bill Godwin  
 Reporter ..... Edith St. John  
 Reporter ..... Edwin Sims  
 Reporter ..... Billy Lan-  
 Paul Jones, Inez Lan-  
 Virginia Ware

**NETS A BUZZING**

Noble, what on earth did you do with Chubby Dade, Monday? We hear he didn't come home.

—you are not supposed to do anything whenever you're on the telephone. The book don't say that.

—B, you wouldn't really anyone now would you? now just why aren't you with the boys anymore? don't get worried, no one

is going to tell on you, not even me.

Naomi, why were you so late, getting to school Friday, would you mind telling us why?

Irvine, who was that called you Friday on the phone? It couldn't have been Duane B. could it?

Joy, did you have a good time in Pampa Wednesday?

Bill G. and Walden, why on earth did you all like to go to Moses so well?

The juniors all had just a super time at their party, Monday night. Mrs. Scribner, we are all looking forward to a good time in your home, the night of the party. Looks like we might as well start calling Beverly and Lou the Gold-Dust Twins.

Peggy, you're not supposed to watch Oda Jean kiss Donald Ray. Naomi, please refrain from using profanity in front of us ladies.

Pauline, did you have a good time Monday night, and just who are you going with Saturday night?

To Samnorwood from Mobeetie

**WE HAVE NEW SHIPMENT**

- REFRIGERATORS
- GAS RANGES
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**J. P. GREEN & SON HARDWARE**

Wheeler, Texas

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**W**

ITH our hearts full of the true Christmas spirit,

we wish to express our appreciation for your loyal friendships in the past year. It is good to know that our efforts have not been in vain and that we have met with your hearty approval.

SEASON'S GREETINGS TO EVERY ONE FROM

**BURCH'S VARIETY & SHOE SHOP**

Mobeetie, Texas

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**NOTICE**

**We Will Be Closed Saturday & Sunday December 25 & 26**

**DENSON GRILL**

Mac. Appreciates Your Business Wheeler

**Five-A-Minute Marty By DEKLE BROTHERS MOTOR CO.**



**USED CARS**

- 1947 PLYMOUTH, 4-door
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**WE STILL HAVE A GOOD STOCK OF FINE FURNITURE TO CHOOSE FROM AND IT IS GOING AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES!!**

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 PRICES GREATLY REDUCED... COME IN AND SEE THE BARGAINS

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Furniture - Rugs - Radios - Hardware

# Look, Santa, Here's Xmas Letter

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a BB gun, candy, nuts, fruit and a big truck. Don't forget my brothers and sisters and my first grade teacher.  
Love,  
Ronnie Havenhill

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a little girl. I am six years old. I have been a good little girl. Would you please bring me a doll, some dishes, an iron and ironing board. Please think of all the other little girls and boys too.  
Thanks,  
Phyllis Carol Callan

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a little boy. I am 3 years old. I have been pretty good. Would you please bring me some boots, a gun and all the things that a cowboy likes?  
Thanks,  
Randy Leon Callan

Dear Santa,  
I am a little girl seven years old, in the second grade. I would like a magic skin doll, a fawn and a pair of house shoes.  
Please don't forget my little baby brother. Hoing to see you soon.  
Love,  
Annette Hutchison

Dear Santa,  
We are sisters who have been very good this past year. Please bring us a magic skin doll, blackboard and a suitcase, also candy, nuts, apples and oranges.  
Thanking you very much,  
Carol and Bonna Caswell

Dear Santa,  
I am hoping this to be a white Christmas this year so you can come in your sleigh and bring all the little boys and girls toys. I have been a pretty good little girl this year and I am five years old. I would like a doll buggy, a sink stove, bride doll with some clothes, and also remember my little nephew, Bruce, for this is his first Christmas and please, Santa remember my chum, Ann Johnson. I'll have my sock ready for fruit, candy and nuts. I hope this isn't asking to much.  
Lots of love,  
Josephine Hubbard

Dear Santa,  
I am four years old, and I try to be a good boy. I can't wait for you to come and see me this year—please hurry. I would like a little freight train and a football. Some tinker toys and lots of goodies. Don't forget Terry Lee, my little brother. He wants a squeekie doll.  
Your little friend,  
Kenneth McCasland

Dear Santa,  
I want some tinker toys and a color book and some crayolas. I would also like a pair of house shoes. Bring us some candy and fruit and I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy 1949.  
Love,  
Elaine McCasland

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll and a cash register. A cowgirl suit and I want a billfold.  
Marilyn Sue

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a bow and arrow, a wagon and an electric train. Bring lots of nuts and candy.  
Bring my sister a chemistry set and a basketball.  
Love and thanks,  
Phil Russ

Dear Santa,  
We have tried to be good boys and girl. Would you please bring Mikie a teddy bear, a pull toy and a wagon? Bring Carol a wagon, a doll and a doll buggy and Santa, could you please bring me a drum, a knife and a real watch?  
Your friend,  
Donald Gandy

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll for Christmas and some clothes for my doll and a suitcase for my doll. A doll bathinette and a tea set. I want a gun.  
Patty Kay

Dear Santa,  
I want you to bring me a doll and some clothes for her. Santa, will you bring me a suitcase for my doll. And Santa, will you bring me a cash register if you have it, but you probably won't. And will you bring me a bridle for my pony with pearls in it. And I want a little play stove and a little ice box. I want a billfold and a fountain pen, and I want a Mickey Mouse watch. I want a baseball.  
Kathryn Ann

Dear Santa,  
I am a little boy 4 years old, please bring me a coaster wagon, a cattle truck and plenty of fruit and nuts. Please don't forget any of the other boys and girls and don't forget my Grandpa "Bud".  
Lots of love,  
Charles Hugh McDonald  
Briscoe, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have tried to be a good boy this year. I hope you will bring me a football, a toy truck and some candy and fruit. Please bring my little brother, Larry, some toys too. Remember all the other boys and girls too.  
Your little friend,  
Richard Hampton

Dear Santa,  
I would like very much to have a bicycle for Christmas. Also nuts and fruit.  
Love,  
Richard Aaron McDonald  
Briscoe, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a boy 6 years old and I go to school. I have been pretty good. Will you bring me a wagon, cap gun, gloves, Roy Rogers shirt, story book, apples, oranges, candy and nuts?  
Love to Santa Claus,  
Junior Pannell

Dear Santa,  
I am just a little girl but I am told if I'm sweet that you will soon come to see me and leave me nice gifts. First of all I am wishing for a new set of dishes and then I would like a baby doll in a suitcase with clothes. I hope that you know where Mammy and Pappy live so that you would leave me a doll bed and table over there.  
I love you, Santa  
Cheryl Kay Howell

Dear Santa,  
I'm a little girl 10 years old. This Christmas I don't want much. I want two charter dolls. A toy toaster and large size icebox and I want a red leather jacket if it isn't too much. My little sister wants a doll buggy, suitcase, new doll, shoes, toy dresser set, clothes for doll, shoes for doll. She is 4 years old.  
P. S.—Pat and I want to say hello to Mrs. Santa and the workers.  
Love,  
Mary Black

Dear Santa,  
I am a little girl 6 years old. I want a doll, some cooking utensils, dishes, doll clothes, an iron and a pair of gloves, also lots of candy, nuts and fruits. Don't forget my little cousin, Mary Edith Davis of Kelton.  
Love,  
Peggy Jeanette McDonald  
Briscoe, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have tried hard to be good lately. Please bring me a cap gun, a rocking chair, some toys, marbles and picture books.  
Your friend,  
H. R. Helm  
Briscoe, Texas

Dear Santa,  
When you come this year I would like for you to bring me some books to read, a toy truck and a lot of caps for my cap pistol.  
Your friend,  
Velma Dean Helm  
Briscoe, Texas

Dear Santa,  
You are quite busy I know. But if you have the time and opportunity please bring me an electric train or tiny electric engine and some books.  
Always your friend,  
Jim Helm  
Briscoe, Texas

UNPLEASANT REMINDERS  
Burke—What's those names written on your calendar? "Lois" on the 2nd; "Magie," on the 5th; "Julia," on the 20th and "Geraldine" on the 30th? What is the idea?  
Watson—Those are my alimony days.  
Newspaper Advertising Pays!

## Gets New 'Hands'



WISTFUL Tommy Herbert, 3, stands quietly as his mother, Mrs. Roland Herbert of Cleveland, O., attaches on the small boy for the first time a pair of artificial hands to replace those he lost 14 months ago when he was run down by a switching engine. The "hands" were a birthday gift. (International Soundphoto)



"I am done with the years that were. I am quits. I am done with the dead and the old. They are mines worked out. I delved in their pits. I have saved their grains of gold—Now I turn to the future for wine and bread—I have bidden the past adieu—I laugh, and lift hands to the year ahead. Come on! I am ready for you!"  
—Edwin Markham  
Newspaper Advertising Pays!

## Santa Claus School Trains Jolly Gents

In a colonial farmhouse at Albion, N. Y., there's a Santa Claus school and it's the only educational institution of its kind in the world. Graduates wear white wig and whiskers, red suit trimmed in white fur, wide white belt, and black leather boots. A course at the school prepares the prospective Santa Claus to properly shake when he laughs like a bowl full of jelly, remain calm when a child glares and yells "there ain't no Santa Claus" and maintain proper diplomatic relations with a parent who thinks Santa has given her tot the brushoff.

A Child May Dare So Drive With Care!

## NICE FEELING

The manager of the telephone exchange was aroused to slumber by the ringing of a telephone.  
"Are you the manager of the telephone exchange?"  
"Yes," answered the manager.  
"What can I do for you?"  
"Tell me how it feels to be of bed at two o'clock in the morning to answer a wrong number."  
"Knot holes received, send the knots."

## KNOTTY PROBLEM

A despairing contractor dispatched this telegram mill that had just sent him a load of lumber:  
"Knot holes received, send the knots."

**MOBEETIE DRUG**  
Mobeetie, Texas

**FOR YOUR BUILDING MATERIAL FOR WALLPAPER AND PAINTS**  
—Try—  
**HOLT BROS. LUMBER CO.**  
Wheeler, Texas  
Come By And Pick Up Your New 1949 Calendar

## Our Letter to Santa Claus!

Somehow we just know you won't overlook our friends, the people of this community. They've been mighty good, every one of them, and they deserve the best you've got. We enjoy every one of the 365 days in the year among them; that's why we are sure that you'll manage to squeeze in just one day. And you'll leave happier because you'll see that here, indeed, among these fine people, is the true spirit of Christmas.

**NASH APPLIANCE & SUPPLY CO.**  
"Better Things For Better Living"

**INCOME TAX SERVICE**  
PALMER SIVAGE and CHRIS McCLAIN  
County Treasurer's Office

## It's a Pleasure

to wish all of our friends and customers a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year. We thank you sincerely for your friendships and patronage, and trust that we may continue to be of service to you in the years to come.

**NATIONS BARBER & BEAUTY SHOP**  
Mr. and Mrs. O. Nations  
Wheeler, Texas

## on Christmas morning!

We like to look back over the past twelve months on Christmas morning. It seems to accentuate the passing of another year, a year of work made a pleasure by associating with and serving people like you. We of this organization wish you a genuine Greeting of Cheer for the Holidays.

**Wheeler County National Farm Loan Association**

Directors  
RAYMOND MOORE, President  
TOBE FRYE  
FRED WATERS, Vice-President  
A. N. WILLIAMS  
ROBERT TERRY



**LEGAL NOTICE**

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF WHEELER

In the Name and by the Authority of The State of Texas  
To: Marion F. Reaves if living and if dead, the unknown heirs and legal representatives of Marion F. Reaves, deceased, and Ollie Reaves whose names and residences is each and all respectively unknown and each and all of the respective unknown heirs and legal representatives of all the above named parties.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that suit has been brought and is now pending in the Honorable District Court, 31 Judicial District, Wheeler County, Texas, wherein the State of Texas and County of Wheeler is/are plaintiffs; The City of Shamrock and Shamrock Independent School Dist. said county and state is/are impleaded party defendants; and Ollie Reaves and the unknown heirs of Marion F. Reaves deceased are defendants, by the filing by said plaintiffs of a petition on the 17 day of December, 1948 and the file number of said suit being No. 3976 and the nature of which is a suit to collect delinquent ad valorem taxes on the following described property, to-wit:

All of Lot No. 8, Bradley Addition to the Town of Shamrock, Wheeler County, Texas according to the recorded map or plat thereof in the office of the county clerk said county

together with interest, penalties, costs, charges, and expenses of suit which have accrued and which may legally accrue thereon. The amount of taxes due each plaintiff, exclusive of interest, penalties and costs is as follows: State and County ----- \$193.13

TOTAL \$193.13  
The names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on said property not made party to this suit are:

Plaintiff and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, and in addition to the taxes all interest, penalties, and costs

allowed by law thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including plaintiff, defendants, and intervenors, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law thereon, may upon request therefor, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file and which may hereafter be filed in said cause by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 31 day of January, A. D. 1949 (which is the return day of such citation), before the honorable District Court of Wheeler County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the plaintiff and the taxing units parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Wheeler, Wheeler County, Texas, this 17 day of December, A. D. 1948.

(SEAL)  
CHRISTOPHER S. McCLAIN  
Clerk of the District Court  
Wheeler County, Texas  
2-2tc.

Newspaper Advertising Pays!

**World Court Hears Corfu Channel Case**



Arguments in the first case between nations to come before the International Court of Justice are now being heard at The Hague, The Netherlands. The case involves the United Kingdom's claims for payment from Albania as the result of mine damage to British destroyers and the death of 44 seamen in the Corfu Channel off the Albanian coast. Here Sir Hartley Shawcross (left), U.K. counsel, looks at a map of the channel with Pierre Cot, Albanian counsel.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF WHEELER

In the Name and by the Authority of The State of Texas

TO: E. H. Kromer, E. R. Tinsley, C. B. Tinsley and wife Marion Tinsley; John C. Tinsley and wife, Maude Tinsley; C. A. Blankenship and wife, Nellie Blankenship; B. H. Squire and wife, Hattie Squire; Mrs. S. L. Tinsley, Presley Tinsley and spouse, the residence and further designation of each and all of whom is respectively unknown and each and all of the heirs and legal representatives of such of the above who may be deceased, whose name and residence are unknown, and the respective unknown heirs and legal representatives of all the above named parties, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described property and their heirs and legal representatives, whose names and places of residence are unknown, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, owning or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the hereinafter described property delinquent to plaintiffs herein for taxes.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that suit has been brought and is now pending in the Honorable District Court, 31 Judicial District, Wheeler County, Texas, wherein the State of Texas in behalf of itself and the county of Wheeler is/are plaintiffs; The City of Shamrock and Shamrock Independent School District is/are impleading party defendants; and each and all of the persons above named and E. H. Kromer are defendants, by the filing by said plaintiff of a petition on the 17 day of December, 1948 and the file number of said suit being No. 3975 and the nature of which is a suit to collect delinquent ad valorem taxes on the following described property, to-wit:

All of Lots 6, 7, & 8, in Block 20 of the original town of Shamrock, Wheeler County, Texas according to the map or plat thereof recorded in the office of the county clerk said county together with interest, penalties, costs, charges, and expenses of suit which have accrued and which may legally accrue thereon. The amount of taxes due each plaintiff, exclusive of interest, penalties and costs is as follows: State and County ----- \$272.79

TOTAL \$272.79  
The names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on said property not made party to this suit are City of Shamrock and Shamrock Independent School District.

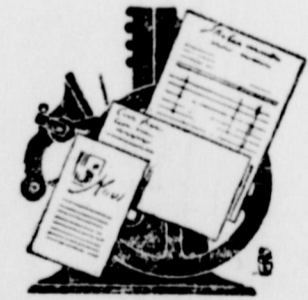
Plaintiff and all other taxing units who may set up their tax

claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, and in addition to the taxes all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including plaintiff, defendants, and intervenors, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law thereon, may upon request therefor, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file and which may hereafter be filed in said cause by all other parties herein, and all those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 31 day of January, A. D. 1949 (which is the return day of such citation), before the honorable District Court of Wheeler County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof,

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**MUGGS AND SKEETER**



**BY WALLY BISHOP**



**NO! I'M NOT COMING OVER THERE UNTIL YOU COME OVER HERE!!**



**WE COMPROMISED! HE'S COMING HERE FOR DINNER... AND I'M GOING THERE FOR DESSERT!**



**LEGAL NOTICE**

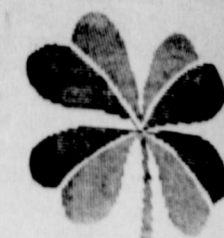
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Estate of E. J. Richardson  
Deceased  
No. 915

Notice is hereby given that original letters of administration upon the estate of E. J. Richardson, deceased was granted to me, the undersigned on the 20th day of December 1948, by the County Court of Wheeler County, Texas. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to me within the time prescribed by law. My residence and postoffice address is Wheeler, Wheeler County, Texas.

ROBERT SMITH

**SOME EFFECTS**

"Why do you always type your employer's speeches from dictation instead of using shorthand?"  
"Because," answered the typist of a long-winded member of Congress, "I need the noise of the machine to keep me awake."



**4/H CLUB NEWS**

**Mobeetie Club**

Mobeetie Grade School Club met at the school house Monday December 6 with Mrs. Morton in charge of the program. The program was how to "Save Time and Steps" when ironing. Our new sponsor, Mrs. H. Atkins was present with us the first time. A Christmas party has been planned for Monday, December 14, with Mrs. Atkins sponsoring. Eighteen members were present and two leaders.

**A Merry Christmas**

**LESTER & EARL SERVICE STATION**  
WHOLESALE & RETAIL  
Phone 30 Mobeetie, Texas

**WARNING!**

There is a City Ordinance in Wheeler which forbids the sale or use of . . .

**FIREWORKS**

in Wheeler and the City wishes to warn parents and children that if children are caught discharging same in the forbidden zone they will be dealt with in the manner prescribed in said Ordinance.

Besides being unpleasant and annoying to most people, the discharge of fireworks is . . .

**DANGEROUS**

There is the probability of serious injury to people when fireworks are discharged around crowds and there is also the ever present fire hazard which always accompanies the use of fireworks.

The City of Wheeler asks your cooperation in enforcing this Ordinance and stopping this menace to life and property.

**The City of Wheeler**



## CHEAPEST WAY TO BUY OR SELL WANT ADS

15c per line (counting 5 words to line) for first insertion. Minimum charge, 45c; 10c per line after first time. Reader ads scattered among local items charge 30c. Cards that run every week 30c per line each insertion. Cards that run every week 30c per line each insertion.

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

**FOR SALE**—Shade trees, fruit trees, flowering shrubbery, evergreens, strawberries and hedge plants. Will Warren. 47-tfc.

**FOR SALE**—Zerex Anti-freeze. \$4.95 per gal. Harrison Hall. 1-1tp.

**FOR SALE**—1947 4-speed PICKUP run less than 20,000 miles. PRICED TO SELL. Wheeler Gas Company. 52-tfc.

**FOR SALE**—4-ft. Servel gas refrigerator, a good one. See Miss Genevieve Morton at Courthouse. 2-1tp.

**FOR SALE**—Man's 19-jewel, 25-year old case Waltham railroad watch, perfect condition, or trade for ladies wrist watch. Paul Newson, Allison. 2-1tp.

**FOR SALE**—Steel guitar, banjo, one nice guitar and amplifier. See Mrs. A. B. Griffin. 2-1tp.

**INSULATE** with a mineral rock wool. Also weather stripping Perma-stone. Curtis Pond with Schell-Mundy Co., 1708 W. 8th, Amarillo, Texas. Office Phone 2-8361, Res. Phone 3-1668. 47-tfc.

**FOR SALE**—Higeria and cane mixed bundles already stacked, 600 to 800 bundles per stack, 10c a bundle. Have about 5,000 bundles and buyer can have until spring to move them. M. H. Vaughn, 7 1/2 miles east of Briscoe. 2-2tp.

**FOR SALE**—A sorry Chrysler Sedan at a high price. See R. H. Forrester. 47-tfc.

**FOR SALE**—'37 Ford Coupe, \$150, at O. H. Lees' 1/4 mi. east of Wheeler. 2-1tp.

**FOR SALE**—Fruit trees and honey see J. M. Glover 6 blocks west of Wheeler Bank. 47-3tp.

**FOR SALE**—500 young peach trees, Hale, Hale Haven, and Red Haven, 30c each, in lots of 50 or more. Harvey Close, Wheeler. 2-2tp.

**R. A. WILLIAMS**  
Massey Harris Dealer  
Wellington, Texas  
Phone 230  
52-2tp.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**POLISH YOUR OWN FLOORS** with high speed polishing machine available at Nash Appliance and Supply Co. 46-tfc.

**NO HUNTING** on my place. Edison Sorensen. 51-6tp.

## QUINTUPLETS BORN TO COW IN PENNSYLVANIA



A HOLSTEIN COW belonging to Mrs. Ada Eliassen of Riegelsville, Pa., gave birth to quintuplets. Here, Leon Kiehline, a son-in-law of the owner, is shown looking over the calves. Dr. F. J. Cavanaugh, a veterinarian, said the quintuplets had a better than even chance of survival. (International Soundphoto)

*Happy Eating for the Holidays*

# OUR Choice Foods

MAKE EVERY MEAL A FEAST!

**PUCKETT'S**  
Meal of the Week  
BY MARY LEE TAYLOR

Pan-Fried Liver with Onion Rings  
Creamed Potatoes  
Broccoli  
Cranberry Salad  
Dress. Butter or Margarine  
Angel Cake Slices with Holiday Sauce

**English Walnuts** No. 1 lge. lb. 35c

**Hard Mix CANDY** 2-lbs. 35c

Natur-Sweet Whole In syrup No. 2 can **APRICOTS** ... 29c

White Swan Sliced or Crushed No. 2 can **PINEAPPLE** ... 35c

Mrs. Tucker's 3-lb. tin **SHORTENING** 85c

**Sun-Maid Seedless Raisins**, lb. box 16c

**Puckett's Best FLOUR** .... \$1.79

**FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES**

Pascal Large, each **CELERY** ..... 19c

Large Red Delicious lb. **APPLES** ..... 15c

Large Head each **LETTUCE** .... 15c

California 2-bunches **CARROTS** ... 23c

Large Red Delicious lb. **ORANGES** ... 23c

Texas—288 size Doz. **ORANGES** ... 29c

Texas—216 size Doz. **ORANGES** ... 29c

2-Pounds for **TANGERINES** . 25c

**PUCKETT'S FOOD MARKET**

**SMOKED HAMS** 49c

Ready to eat Boiled **BAKED HAM** . 95c

Armour's Star—14 to 16 lb. average—half or whole lb. **CURED HAMS** 65c

White Swan 2 no. 2 cans **PUMPKIN** .... 25c

Heinz Fig or Plum 15-oz. can **PUDDING** .... 49c

**COAST** ..... 43c

**MACON** ..... 58c

**Sunshine Hi-Ho lb. box CRACKERS** .. 29c

IT IS OUR WISH AND OUR DESIRE THAT EACH OF YOU, THIS SEASON, ENJOY HEALTH AND HAPPINESS AND MAY THE NEW YEAR BE A MOST SUCCESSFUL ONE FOR YOU AND YOURS

**WANTED**—Butcher hogs and shoats. Phone 286 at E. C. Hoffman Sales, J. P. Barber, Shamrock, Texas. 2-2tp.

**POSTED... NO HUNTING**  
The owners of the above lands in Blocks 24-27 and A-8 have it POSTED—NO HUNTING. If you are not interested in Oil, Gas, Farming, or Ranch Interests KEEP OUT.

Cleve Hamilton, Eugene Martin, Nelson Porter, Dora Morgan, Mrs. Will Stephens, Gladys Grable, J. F. Solomon and Clyde Moore. 51-6tp.

**NO HUNTING** on my place. Virgil Helton. 50-tfc.

**NO HUNTING** or trespassing on my place. Please do not ask permission. R. Wm. Brown. 50-4tc.

**NO HUNTING** on my place. J. C. Bradstreet. 47-8tp.

**BRUCE & SONS TRANSFER**  
Local and long distance moving. Best equipment and vans. We have plenty storage space. Agent: North American Van Lines, serving the Nation. Phone 934, Pampa, Texas. 48-tfc.

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## PEOPLE, CATTLE NEED WATER

Cattle need water. That's something people have known and believed for a long time. Certainly cattle need water—and so do all the other animals. People too.

The thing is, says Dr. W. C. Banks, extension veterinarian of Texas A. and M. College, cattle need water that is clean, fit to drink, and located where the cattle can get to it without much trouble.

During the winter time, when the lakes and ponds freeze over, cattle have a hard time getting any water. And when they do get it, the water's too cold. It's a good idea, when possible, to warm up water for cattle during the cold months. The water doesn't have

daughter a Christmas present that will last through the years. Come in TODAY, we'll sell you one on time, put it away till Christmas or most any way you want to trade.

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to be too warm, but the cattle will drink more of it if the water is brought up to 60 or 70 degrees.

Sometimes there just isn't enough water for livestock. That's when trouble really begins. Take this past dry spell during the summer and fall. On a number of farms and ranches, the usual reliable tank went dry. Result: water had to be hauled in, or the cattle were forced to walk long distances to get it.

Water is important in the proper digestion of feed, good milk production and the normal growth of cattle, says Dr. Banks. Many veterinarians give several buckets of water as part of a treatment to ailing animals. Many of the digestive troubles clear up faster when the animal is given plenty of good water.

Ten gallons of water a day is about what cattle normally drink. When they don't get this much, trouble may—and usually does—start. This is especially important during the winter time when cattle are fed only dry feed, says Dr. Banks.

If there was no despicable tightwads, where would us good fellows borrow money?

Having a good aim in life is fine, but you must know when to pull the trigger to get the best results.

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### Thousands of Bulbs On Largest Tree

Three thousand multi-colored electric bulbs and tons of Spanish moss decorate the world's largest Christmas tree located in Hilton Municipal Park at Wilmington, North Carolina. The giant, 300-year-old water oak rises to a height of 275 feet and its branches spread 110 feet.

Its magnificence has been enhanced by a radio station constructed beneath the spreading limbs from which emanates Christmas music that reaches the crowds from loud speakers concealed in the branches and an apparent voice from the heavens that comes from a speaker mounted atop a nearby giant water tower.

Thousands of people gather around it each night during December to listen or join in the Christmas caroling. The tree won its title as the largest Christmas tree in a contest held several years ago.

### Pagan Rites Basis Of Many Customs

Strange as it may seem, most American Christmas customs stem largely from Pagan rites practiced long before the birth of Christ.

The custom of exchanging gifts is one of the few that springs from the Christian era. Christmas candles, bonfires and Yule logs arise from the heathen festivals observing the winter solstice, December 21, when the days begin to lengthen. That was a time of great rejoicing for ancient sun worshippers who built bonfires to give strength to the "winter sun-god."

Pre-Christian Roman ornamented their homes with green boughs and flowers for the Feast of Saturnalia which began December 19. Druids gathered mistletoe for that season, while ancient Saxons used holly, ivy and bay. Modern mistletoe and holly wreaths come from those people.

Christmas trees, too, spring from the ancient German days when Germanic tribes made sacrifices to the sacred oak tree of Odin. When the missionary St. Boniface traveled to Germany in the Eighth Century and saw these celebrations he persuaded the natives to substitute a fir tree for the oak and to adorn it in a tribute to the Christ Child.

During the Middle Ages the entire Christmas season was celebrated in equal fervor with that now shown on Christmas day. In some lands the celebration lasted from December 24 to January 6—Twelfth Night—and in others from December 21 to February 2. By the year 1644 Christmas in England had become such a wild orgy that the Puritans forbade its celebration by law.

#### BREAKING IT GENTLY

"Mrs. Upton's pet dog has been run over; she'll be heart-broken." "Don't tell her abruptly." "No, I'll begin by saying it's her husband."

#### ON SECOND THOUGHT

"A case of love at first sight, I suppose?" "No—second sight. The first time he saw her he didn't know she was an heiress."

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## CHRISTMAS GIFT

By PATRICIA SINCLAIR

AVIS stood inside the spacious hall of the Carron home with her small overnight bag at her feet and greeted the slim girl approaching her. "Merry Christmas, Barbara! Oh-h, it's snowing beautifully outside!" She looked down at the snow on the toes of her small white boots. "I hate to track it in," she said.

"Don't worry about that, I'm so happy you came." Barbara smiled and helped Avis remove her snow-covered garments.

"Oh, I wouldn't have missed coming for all the world," Avis said, and meant it, now that she was actually there. Her dark eyes swept the attractive, decorated home, and the inviting fire that roared



Avis laughed, and her eyes glowed as they lifted to meet Steve's.

about huge logs in an immense fireplace in the room beyond. "I hope you'll enjoy yourself, Avis," Barbara said. "My guests have not all arrived. Would you like to go up to your room first and—"

"Take the shine from my nose! Yes, thanks so much," Avis responded eagerly, knowing that she needed a few repairing touches after the long trip out to the Carron home by bus.

As she ascended the stairs she thought, how right Barbara had been when she'd told her the other day, after inviting her to her home for the week-end and a Christmas party. "You can't stay in your apartment alone on Christmas. You can't become a recluse just because some fellow preferred another girl to you. You should start all over again."

Barbara was like that. At times Avis couldn't help envying Barbara's carefree, unstable attitude toward men. Barbara would never know the sting of loneliness, the bitter yearning for someone who had become the purpose of life itself.

Avis hadn't told Barbara, nor anyone, everything about her acquaintance with Steve Ross. She hadn't even told Barbara his name. There was no point in going into detail and revealing: "I crossed three states just to get away from the sight of him constantly with the saw blonde who came to town."

Avis could hear Barbara's response to such a revelation. "No battle was ever won by an army of cowards!"

But Avis wasn't built that way. She had pride, and from observation she'd learned that one-sided marriages never panned out.

As she ran a comb through her short dark hair she thought of Steve. It had been two months since she left the little town of Allen Glen. He and Ann were married now of course. They'd spend their first Christmas together.

Her eyes flamed, but she quickly brushed aside the threat of tears and hurried from the room to join Barbara and her guests below. She was glad she'd come. She wouldn't have a chance to think of Steve.

Avis started down the stairs but stopped midway when she saw Steve Ross smiling up at her from the hall below.

He said, "I'm not a ghost, Avis! Merry Christmas, and—well, aren't you glad to see me?" He looked uncertain.

Avis moved down the stairs. "But I didn't know you knew Barbara—" Steve reached for her hands. "Our dads were acquaintances away back," he said. "Was it quite fair for you to skip town, Avis, and not say a word about where you were going?"

"I—I didn't think you'd miss me," Avis stammered.

"Miss you?" He pressed her hands. "Avis, what's that old saying about absence makes the heart grow fonder? Anyway, I've had a terrible time tracking you down, until I thought of Barbara."

"Barbara never said a word," Avis said, still amazed.

Steve chuckled. "She's a regular cupid. She told me to come tonight and explain more fully about the run-away girl I was trying to find. Then after I got here she told me to wait in the hall, there'd be a Christmas gift appear on the stairs I suspected then, of course."

Avis laughed, and her eyes glowed "as they lifted to meet Steve's. 'Christmas gift indeed!' she said

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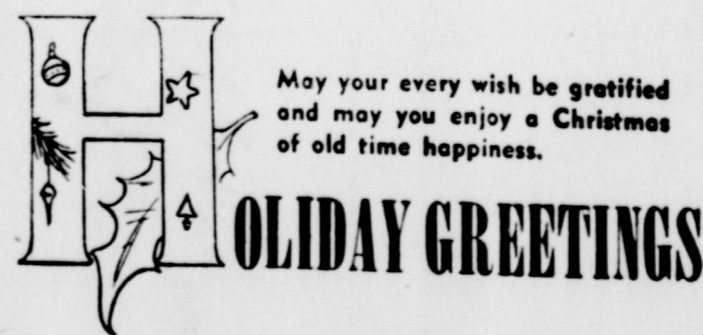


## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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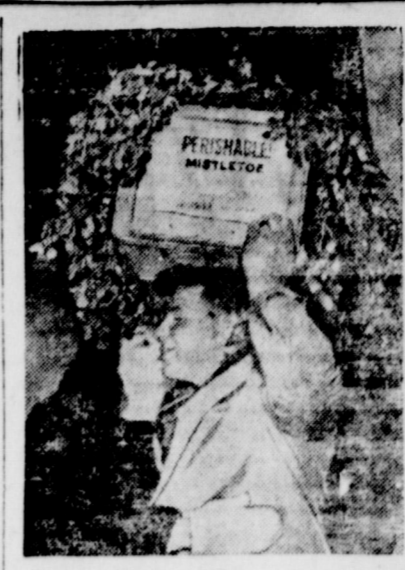
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"Then we gets mad and starts to fight."  
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(Written for Last Week)

**SPORTS NEWS**  
The Mobettie basketball boys and girls went to Shamrock Tuesday night and played the Irish. The boys lost the game by a score of 26 to 16. The girls won with a score of 43 to 21.  
The teams also played the Briscoe Bronchos Friday night at Mobettie. The boy's B team also played, but lost the game. The boy's A team won by a score of 59 to 19. The girls also won their game.  
Both teams go to Samnorwood to the tournament this weekend.

**SONG DEDICATIONS**  
From Sandra to Byron, "Why Don't You Do Right?"  
From Bill to Sue, "Just One Little Kiss From You"  
From Vendell to Ray, "You Call Everybody Darling"  
From Aline to Odis, "Come A Little Closer"  
From Larry to Tommy, "I Walk Alone"  
Waylon to Narvetta, "Everyday I Love You"  
Lavada to Happy, "My Happiness"  
Carl to Aline, "Wave To Me My Lady"  
Martha to Billy, "Don't Flirt With Me"  
Joe to Reba, "I Love You So Much It Hurts Me"  
Gary to Martha, "Oh, You Women"  
Bill Alexander to Patsy Barker, "You Great Big Beautiful Doll"  
Walden to Joy, "This Is Our Hour For Love"  
Donald to Peggy, "Your All I Want For Christmas"  
Mrs. Scribner to seniors, "I'm Gonna Be Boss From Now On"  
The whole High School to seniors, "I Hate To Lose You"  
Edwina to J. T., "Keeper Of My Heart"  
Lou to Wallace, "Take Me Back To Tulsa, I'm Too Young To Dislike Smart alecks Marry".  
Irvine to Drew, "My Heart Belongs To Daddy"  
Patsy M. to Dick, "The One I Love Belongs To Someone Else"  
Doris to Otis, "It's Been So Long, Darling"  
Beverly to Drew, "You Can't Be True, Dear"  
Bill to Naomi, "Just A Little Lovin"  
Hayward to Joyce D., "Bluebird Of Happiness"  
Vernon to Ann Nell, "That's All"  
Beverly, Lou, and Irvine to the teachers, "I'll Get By"  
Joy to her parents, "They Wouldn't Believe Me".



**GOOD JOB . . .** How would you like the job of delivering boxes of mistletoe during the Christmas season? Nice work—if you can get it.

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**JUNIOR NEWS**  
The junior class is planning to have a Christmas party, Monday night, December 13. It is given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. McCauley. They are all looking forward to it.

**JUNIOR PERSONALITY**  
Name — Mary Jeffus  
Age — Fifteen years old  
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**Yuletide Thoughts**  
Heywood Brown once said, "Christmas is not a date. It is a state of mind."  
No man lives today who does not seek, in some way, to follow a guiding star.  
It was Christ who, by his voluntary acceptance of the role of servant, has been elevated to the royal purple and seated at God's right hand.  
A few, if any, times since Christ was born have all the people of the earth needed faith, trust, and peace as much as they do now.  
When we celebrate the birthday of Christ we ought not to think of Him only as a child. Those who think Christmas is only a festival about a child, for children, veer away from facing Him as an adult.

**NOTICE!**  
We appreciate your patronage very much and hope to do better in the future. . . .  
**BUT**  
. . . All our storage space is full so we will be forced to discontinue butchering between now and the first of the year. Right now, every available inch of our storage facilities are completely full and it will take us until January 1, to get this meat all worked out and cured; so, we would appreciate it very much if you would postpone your butchering until after that date.  
Again, we say, we appreciate your patronage and wish to serve you at every opportunity, but right now it is a physical impossibility for us to handle any more butchering until after the first of January. Please bear with us.

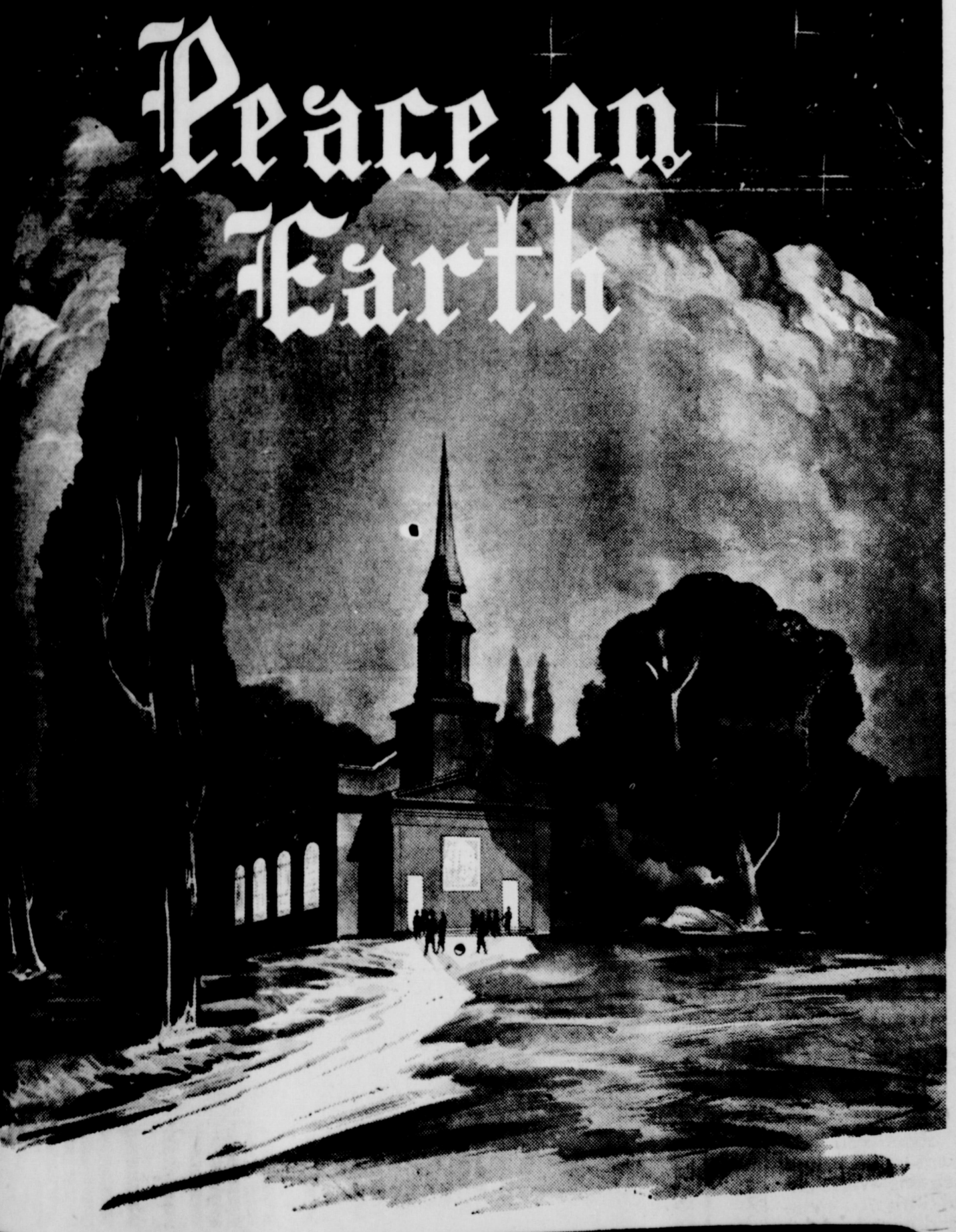
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# SOCIETY

## Mrs. Edge Is Honored With Bridal Shower

Mrs. Clinton Edge, the former Miss Louie Kuykendall, was honored with a bridal shower in the home of Mrs. C. E. Roper Thursday afternoon, December 9. Mrs. J. H. Roper was co-hostess.

Those attending were: Mesdames Leslie Waters, M. Ayers, Jake Allen, Evert Coleman, John Corcoran, Edward Beck, Albert Scribner, Lavern Scribner, J. H. Wase, Jack Kuykendall, Gene Gledzel, Ernest Abbot, and Miss Doris Kuykendall.

Those sending gifts were: Mesdames Doyle Grimes, Ollie Banks, Phil Corcoran, Carl Henderson, Bill Corcoran, Earl Wallace and Glen and Keith Waters.

## Blue Bonnet Study Club Holds Christmas Party

December 16th was the date of the regular meeting of the Blue Bonnet Study Club at which time the annual Christmas party was held in the home of Mrs. Austin Caldwell in Mobeetie. The house was decorated with a lighted tree, poinsettias and holly.

Mrs. Flanagan was leader of the program and gave some beautiful thoughts of "Keeping Christmas in the Home". Mrs. Godwin told a modern Christmas story which stressed the tragedy of putting off doing things which make our loved ones happy. The program was conducted by Mrs. Dunn leading the

group in singing Christmas carols with Mrs. Carmichael accompanying her at the piano.

After the meeting adjourned the gifts were distributed to the following by Mrs. Carmichael:

After the meeting adjourned gifts were exchanged by the following members: Mesdames John Keat, Arthur Carmichael, Henry Flanagan, Grady Harris, Johnnie Scribner, Carrie Willis, Claude Brown, John Dunn, Bill Godwin, Homer Matthews, C. J. Van Zandt and the hostess, Mrs. Austin Caldwell.

Holiday refreshments were served and a lovely holly corsage was presented to each member.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Farnmer of Allison are the proud and happy parents of a 7 pound, 4 ounce daughter born December 14. She has been given the name, Margaret Helen. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Farmer of Wheeler and Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Hames of Gageby and the great-granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bailey and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Farmer of Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hains of Castle, Okla. and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Reames of Gageby.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Williams of Saffter, Calif. are here visiting Mrs. Williams' sister, Mrs. Floyd Atherton and family and brother's, Gwyn Edwards and family of Wheeler, and Roy Edwards and wife of Mobeetie, and Mr. Williams' brother, Marion of Allison.

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## Texas Kids See Christmas Angels



As a Christmas gift to the children of Texas, the classic Christmas story of "The Littlest Angel" has been brought to life in Dallas. One of the life-size cherub figures is shown, above, to four-year-old Patsy Parker, of Ennis, by Arthur L. Kramer, sponsor of the free display. The huge exhibit, requiring twenty figures of angels, cherubs and birds to reproduce the characters in the story, is on display at Main and Akard Streets in downtown Dallas through Christmas Day.

## PLANNING AHEAD GOOD BUSINESS

It's natural for farmers to want to look ahead and give some careful consideration to planning their farm operations.

But sometimes these same "plan ahead" folks forget about the family expenses and the income that pays these expenses. And that's really a problem that some people don't think much about, says Gladys Darden, assistant extension home management specialist of Texas A. and M. College.

Many families find it hard to stay within the income any year—especially in these recent post-war years of high prices. You can get more for your money by planning ahead, rather than just "shelling out" from time to time, says Miss Darden. Without budgeting the income, many unnecessary things are bought. And some of the needed items are put off until later.

Quite a few questions come up about what to do with the income. Some folks wonder whether to buy more land or get ahead on the mortgage payments. Another family has to decide between sending Johnny to college or buying a new tractor. The whole family should go into a huddle in matters such as these, says Miss Darden.

Here is a guide to better spending offered by this specialist.

- 1—Know your income. The family can figure this pretty close from past year's records and the present outlook.
- 2—Know your needs, and decide which one is most important.
- 3—Know what to look for, read the labels and make comparisons.
- 4—Keep records of the money that goes out on both farm operations and family and house expenses.

Miss Darden says that families who keep records for the first time are amazed at the amounts spent for unnecessary items during a year. To make record keeping easy and simple, she suggests getting a record book with such headings in it as food, clothing, household, house repair, furnishings, equipment, medical care, recreation and miscellaneous.

This makes the whole job easier when it's possible to jot down the expenses in the proper column.

and if you get the book now, it will be ready to go to work for you January 1.

Put a pencil with the record book and keep them in a handy place—in the business center of the house, so you'll know where it is. Have a regular time for marking entries, suggests Miss Darden. Some families find once a week is convenient. Others may prefer a day to day business.

Getting bills and sales slips as the purchases are made takes the guessing and forgetting out of record keeping.

Keep the record book handy.

Dr. and Mrs. V. N. Hall had as their dinner guests Sunday, Dr. Don Hall of Muskogee, Okla., Dr. J. A. Hall of Shamrock, Grainger McIlhenny, Mrs. M. McIlhenny and Miss Blanche Grainger.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wofford are the happy parents of a daughter, Martha Ann, born December 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bryant and daughter, Betty, of Riverside, Cal. and Mr. and Mrs. Alec Thomas of Clovis, N. M. spent Saturday night with Mrs. M. E. Harville and Beatrice.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Maxwell of Santa Anna, Calif. are visiting here during the holidays with relatives and friends.

Today's couplet: Girls who gush and baby-prattle haven't brains enough to rattle.

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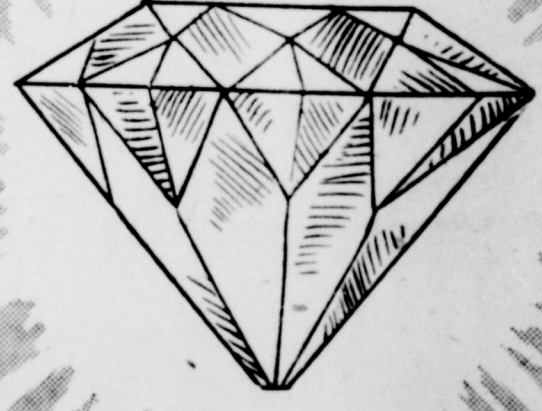
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**Family Fun**

**Group Games**

A real family Christmas party has Santa pack a supplies or games into the whole family can enjoy. This suggestion is from E. H. Regnier, a recreationist at the University of

many hobbies that can be enjoyed between children. Mothers and fathers can enjoy the hobby of model-making—airplanes, trains and other things of interest to the male

enjoys operating a press. Small presses turn paper into a real book. Shellcraft and other hobbies that produce useful articles. For rubber-tipped darts, in-borershoes and marble excellent.

is a time of "togetherness." Let's capture the situation by starting a hobby that will encourage some type of companionship around.

**Home-Sick Tailor**  
**Cut First Tree**

To August Imgard, a home-sick immigrant tailor, goes the credit for introducing the Christmas tree to America.

Imgard came to this country in 1847 to visit his brother in Wooster, Ohio. With the prospects of a dismal Christmas for the first time away from his native land, August decided to bring to his newly adopted home all the Christmas spirit and festivities he had loved so much in Wetzlar, Hessa. To his young nephew and niece he would show how Christmas was celebrated in the old country.

First, he needed a Christmas tree. This is the way he described how he got it: "I walked up Apple creek. . . . When I got to where the trees were I found the water so high I could not get across. So I walked along until I found a tree fallen from bank to bank and crossed on that I cut a tree and carried it to the fallen log. But to get across this time I had to tie the tree to my neck and crawl on hands and feet. People looked at me with considerable curiosity when I walked through town with my tree."

Adapt with scissors, Imgard cut his own paper ornaments and a local tinmith fashioned a silver star for the top.



UNIQUE CHRISTMAS TREE . . . Just one star and the proper window lighting creates this picture on the side of a Minneapolis, Minn., office building. The tree is over twenty floors high.

**Pine Cone Legend**

Once upon a time—according to Harz mountain legend—a poor miner's wife was gathering pine cones in the forest. It was just before Christmas, her husband was ill, and there was no money in the house for food. So, she gathered the cones and sold them to the villagers for kindling—obtaining enough for the day's necessities.

One morning while she was looking for such cones, a little imp jumped out of a huge fir tree.

"Here, here are the biggest, driest cones of all! Take these," he shrieked, jumping up and down excitedly.

Suddenly, there was such a shower of cones that the poor woman was frightened. She tried to run away, but could not move until the little imp had filled her basket. And, having started home, the basket grew heavier and heavier—she wished the elf hadn't disappeared, he might have helped her.

When she finally reached her hut, she called the children to help carry the basket inside. Emptying the basket, they found that every cone was made of solid silver.

Commemorating these legendary silver cones, gilded pine cones are sold in modern stores, to decorate our homes—to burn and crackle gaily in our Christmas fires.

**Christmas Name For Three Islands**

Although Santa Claus doesn't live on any of them, there are three islands in the world named Christmas.

One is the largest atoll in the Pacific ocean. It was discovered in 1777 by Cook, and annexed by Great Britain in 1888. The island is about 100 miles round and less than 100 people live on it. They earn their livelihood by cultivating the island's coconut groves.

Another Christmas island is located in the Indian ocean, 200 miles south of Java. It is 12 miles long by nine miles wide. Surrounded by ocean depths of 14,000 feet, its own highest ground reaches more than 1,000 feet above sea level. It also belongs to Great Britain and a few hundred Chinese, Malays, Javanese, and a few Europeans are engaged in the shipping of phosphate of lime.

Christmas island in the Little Bras d'Or, Nova Scotia, 30 miles southwest of Sydney, is a tiny fishing island of 1,400 population.

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**Christmas Prayer**

MAY THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS—

**"Peace on Earth Goodwill to Men"**

Reign unchallenged in this world forever more . . . Amen

**Allen's Radio Sales & Service**  
WHEELER, TEXAS

**Thank you**



At this time of the year it is appropriate to take time to express to you the appreciation of our entire organization for your loyalty and good will.

My Christmas

**SHORTY ERWIN**

Appreciates Your Business for Past 10 Years  
WHEELER, TEXAS

**Reading Yuletide Stories Adds to Family Christmas**

THE reading of literature's most loved Christmas stories, including the Gospels, is one of the best ways for a family to prepare for the day itself.

A family reading session, planned for the last few days before Christmas, will make it easier for the children to stand the tension of waiting and will add meaning and happy family memories to the occasion.

Christmas is, first of all, religious, and the New Testament accounts of the birth of Jesus ought always to be read first. Both the Christmas tales of Matthew and Luke are beautiful poetry and literature.

Perhaps the most famous Christmas book in the world, after the Gospels, is Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," written in 1843. It is a tale which will be told and retold as long as there is Christmas. It is profound enough for the most adult taste and it is still a children's classic.

Henry Van Dyke's "The Other Wise Man," is another story which has become a Christmas classic.

It tells of a fourth wise man who saw the star rising and set out to follow it. The great desire of this pilgrim was denied, yet fulfilled in the denial.

For a good, unoffensive funny story about Christmas try "How Come Christmas?" by Roark Bradford. It concerns the efforts of a group of Negroes to decide which came first, Santa Claus or the little Lord Jesus.

Probably the most famous American Christmas tale is Kate Douglas Wiggin's "The Birds' Christmas Carol." There are other American Christmas stories well worth reading, though, such as Louisa May Alcott's "Christmas at Orchard House" and Vincent Starrett's "Snow for Christmas." Christopher Morley's "The Worst Christmas Story" happens to be almost one of the best.

These are just a few of the possibilities for a literary Christmas menu. When it is selected, and served to the family circle, have the fireplace going and the tree lights on.

**Jewish New Year Is Solemn Rite**

Jewish people observe the New Year at a different date and with more religious solemnity than is associated with the Christian New Year.

Rosh Hashana, the name of Jewish New Year's day, may occur anytime between September 5 and October 5. It is one of the highest of Orthodox holy days and opens a period of penitence, prayer and charity which lasts until Yom Kippur, ten days later. Yom Kippur means Day of Atonement.

Traditionally, Yom Kippur was set apart as a day of atonement by Moses and elaborate ceremonies solemnized its observance until the offering of sacrifices was abandoned after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 A. D.

In modern times, no other Jewish fast day or festival is as generally and religiously observed. Services in the synagogues begin in the evening of the preceding day and are continuous until sunset on the day itself. The souls of the dead are included in the community of those pardoned on the Day of Atonement, and it is customary for children to have public mention made of their deceased parents and to make charitable gifts on behalf of their souls.

There is, reportedly, a Book of Life wherein the name of every living creature is written. This Book is sealed annually on Yom Kippur. This is the reason for the customary Jewish New Year greeting, "May you be inscribed for a happy New Year."

**A. D. Era Started By Charles III**

The notation A. D. (from the Latin Anno Domini—in the year of our Lord) was started by Charles III, of Germany, who affixed it to the years of his reign in 879.

The Christian era begins on January 1st in the middle of the 4th year of the 19th Olympiad, the 753d year of the building of Rome, and in 4714 of the Julian period. The era, and its system of dating the years preceding the birth of Christ and dedicating the succeeding years to His greater Glory, was invented about 332 by a monk, Dionysius Exelgus—sometimes called Denys le Petit.

Introduced in Italy during the sixth century, the system was not extensively employed until its use was prescribed for bishops by the Council of Chelsea (Middlesex, England) in 316 and made its debut in world affairs under the sponsorship of Charles III.

**BEST Christmas WISHERS**

We welcome the approach of another Christmas season because it gives us an opportunity to express our good wishes to all those about us. May this be a happy season indeed.

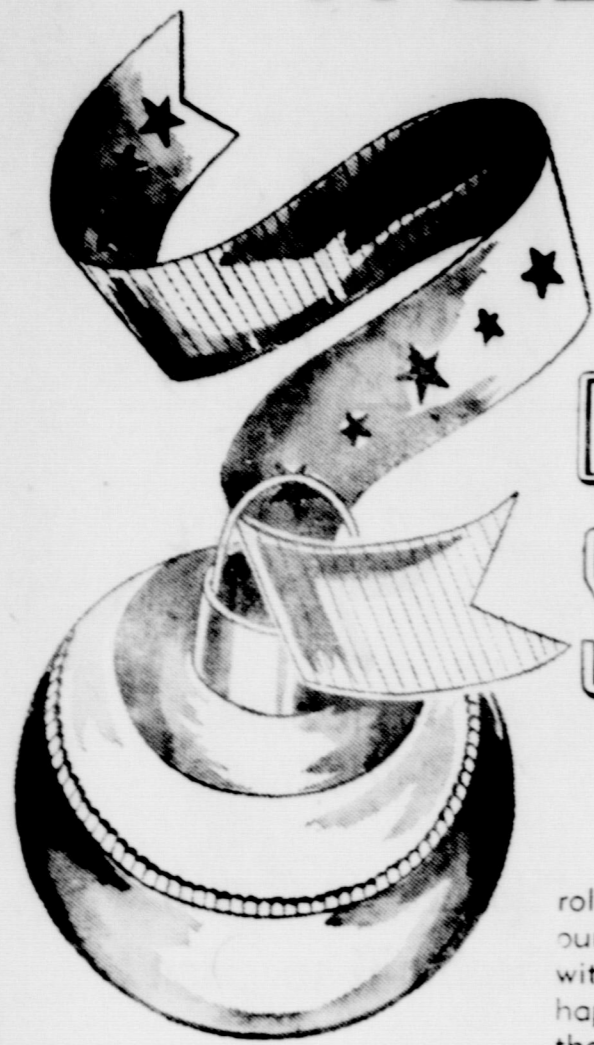
**PLANTERS GIN**  
BILLY J. DARNELL, Mgr.  
WHEELER, TEXAS

*A Friendly Race with Santa...*

We hasten to beat the old gent to your house to wish you enjoyment to the fullest for this season.

**PERCY'S GARAGE**  
WHEELER, TEXAS

# WELCOME



to the

# CHRISTMAS SEASON

When the Christmas season rolls around each year, we find ourselves looking forward to it with anticipation because of the happiness involved. We enjoy the festiveness and the cordiality of the occasion and the friendly atmosphere that prevails.

This year Christmas takes on added significance because we can look back on a year in which we had an extra amount of rich blessings and we are truly grateful.

That is why we are getting more enjoyment out of this Christmas than ever before. We are mindful of these blessings and wish to take this means of expressing our thanks and best wishes.

## KIRK-MASON FUNERAL HOME

C. B. KIRK      CARL MASON      IRMA KIRK  
WHEELER, TEXAS

### With Maggie Gone

By CAROLYN GRANT  
IT WAS late when old Dan left the laundry where he worked, and snow fell in great flakes from the dark sky. He stopped for a moment along the street, unmindful of the eager passersby and their thoughtless jostling against him in their haste on this last night before Christmas. He lifted his face so that the soft flakes fell against his cheeks and melted in cold little drops of water that sought the deep lines sixty odd years had put there.

Snow was a part of Christmas, and after days of hesitancy it had come—just as he and Maggie had always wanted it. "Snow makes the lights seem brighter in the store windows, along the decorated streets of our little town and in our home on our tinsel-draped cedar tree. We haven't missed many Christmases, Dan, having our snow." It seemed long ago since Maggie had said that. Years, it seemed. Yet it had been only last year that they'd stood at their front window looking out at the dark sky, and Maggie'd said those words almost like a prayer.

Dan sighed and let his chin drop into the upturned collar of his overcoat and started on. He wished the snow hadn't come. With Maggie gone, he could hardly bear its soft falling of down about him. He wanted to close his eyes against its brightness with the street lights shining upon it. He wanted to close his ears against the soft music that came from radios along the streets playing Christmas carols, and "White Christmas"—the song Maggie loved best.

Christmas had come again. But for him there'd be no Christmas—



He stopped in front of Carter's store, but minutes passed before he realized that he'd stopped there.

not any more. There'd be only memories of other Christmases eddying about him as the swirling snow, and the plans he and Maggie'd made for this Christmas even before they'd carried out the last would pass without realization, now that Maggie wasn't here to help him carry them through.

He stopped in front of Carter's store, but minutes passed before he realized that he'd stopped there and was staring without actually seeing the array of Christmas toys behind the big plate glass window. His mind was going back. He was seeing again the glow in Maggie's face as each Christmas they'd shop together for others.

Last year it had been the widow Benson and her six little Bensons, who would have been forgotten by Santa if they hadn't bought their gifts. Long ago they'd begun their ritual. They had no children of their own. But Maggie'd said, "We'll pretend that the children about us are ours." And her whole life had been one of giving at Christmas.

This year they'd planned for the O'Shays. They lived in a little house down back of the old depot. "Little Isilly's just four and he's never had a wagon, Dan," Maggie'd said, planning even as they trudged through the snow with their gaily wrapped gifts for the Bensons. "And little Jeep has never had a doll that can talk and go to sleep."

Dan shifted his feet, standing there in front of Carter's, and snow gathered along the stoop of his shoulders. Somewhere among Maggie's belongings was a list of the things she'd planned to buy the O'Shays. He remembered it. Each item came clear to him suddenly as the ringing of a bell, and it was as if Maggie stood by him, then, warm and alive. She touched his arm and together they went into the store with its crowd of excited late shoppers.

A clerk came up to Dan. "Something, sir?" Dan's eyes were fixed, but they were watery from age and being out in the cold wind, the clerk thought.

"Yes," Dan said. "I have a long list of things to buy."

Maggie smiled, she knew he saw her smile, and she got to talking like she used to talk when they went out together to buy gifts on Christmas Eve.

"We're like a house, Dan," she said. "We can close the doors and windows and others can't tell what we have locked inside. We live to bring happiness to others and for the good that we can do."

Dan looked up above packages piled high in his arms and smiled. He said to the clerk, "Merry Christmas, and now we'll be on our way." The clerk looked strange. Old people, he thought, were queer, and he called after Dan, "Merry Christmas to you, too, sir! Merry Christmas!"



**CICERO SMITH LUMBER CO.**  
"THE PLACE OF PERSONAL SERVICE"  
WHEELER, TEXAS



It is a sincere pleasure to remember our friends at Christmas with a few words of greetings and good wishes. We are hoping your Christmas will be a happy, successful occasion, long to be remembered.



**WHEELER CO-OP GIN**  
WHEELER, TEXAS



**WE WELCOME AN AGE OLD CUSTOM**

Christmas has always been a time of friendliness and good cheer. One of the oldest traditions is the simple well wishing to one's friends for a Happy Christmas. This year we send to each of you that wish fourfold. . .

MERRY CHRISTMAS

**Wheeler Radio & Refrigerator Service**  
CARL LAFLIN, Owner      PHONE 119  
WHEELER, TEXAS

**Means Bury Old Clock**

After the death of the old Mexican families observing the custom of burying a black box surmounted by lighted candles on the table. A small clock is placed on top of this casket. The clock is stopped, placed in the garden.

**CHRISTMAS 'PUTZ'**

The Christmas "putz" is a decorative feature in many Bethlehem, Pa., homes during the Yuletide season. It is a representation of the birth of the Christ Child in the stable at Bethlehem in Judea.

The residents of Bethlehem, Pa., follow this custom, which was brought to this country by early Moravian settlers, and spend months arranging the exhibit.

The word "putz" is short for the German "putzen" meaning to arrange or decorate.



**CHRISTMAS PROJECT . . .** The little girls began it, but it was too much for them so they called in the "menfolk." Just one of the thousands of groups of children who celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace in a country dedicated to peace and religious freedom.



**"I WAS A GOOD GIRL ALL YEAR" . . .** It looks as though Santa believes her, too. Right now Santa is busy with millions of interviews like this, but he's expected to stay on schedule and arrive here December 25.

**Mail Carriers Walk Many Weary Miles**



**LOADED . . .** A familiar sight on the streets this time of year. He wishes he had Santa's reindeer to help with the load.

Give a thought to the foot-sore mail carrier, who probably trudges more weary miles during Christmas week than does old St. Nick himself.

His mailsack will be even heavier this year than in 1947. Last December, the nation's postal service delivered 5,000,000,000 pieces of mail. They expect to break that record this Christmas.

You can help spare your mail carrier's bunions—and incidentally speed delivery of your own Yuletide letters, Christmas cards, and packages—by heeding the Post Office Department's suggestions:

1. Shop now—get your Christmas mail and packages off as early as possible.
2. Wrap your gifts carefully. Address them plainly—Aunt Susie may be able to decipher your handwriting, but not all postmen carry magnifying glasses and crystal balls. Register valuable letters. Insure valuable packages.
3. Be sure to put the full address on each piece of mail. Include city zone numbers.
4. Send your Christmas cards by first-class mail. Put a three-cent stamp on every Christmas card and seal the envelopes. They are more personal that way, and if your friend has moved, the card will be forwarded. Third-class mail doesn't have that privilege.
5. Remember that Air Mail for letters and Christmas cards is only a nickel, and it will get them to distant points more quickly—especially if you slip up on Suggestion No. 1.

It's  
**CHRISTMAS**

Again!



and we're  
old fashioned  
enough to  
want to  
say

**HELLO**

**GARRISON SERVICE**

WHEELER, TEXAS

Hello  
**Friends**

HERE'S TO YOUR  
HEALTH AND  
HAPPINESS!!

**Mapman Grocery & Service Station**

HIWAY 152

WHEELER, TEXAS

**Tree Decorations Symbolize Myths**

You may not realize it, but most of the ornaments on your Christmas tree are symbols of myths and legends that were popular three thousand years before the birth of Christ.

At that time the Aryan race, living in the foothills of the Himalaya mountains, saw in the rays of the rising sun, bent as they passed through the humid air, the image of a gigantic tree. These sun poets added to the tree image suggestions from the more distant heavens; the sun, the moon and the stars became the golden fruit that hung on the branches. The larger clouds suggested birds, swans and doves flying in and about the tree. The golden flash of heat-lightning became the mystical flower that grew on the tree, the celestial mistletoe. The showers that watered the tree came from the streams at its base.

From these fragmentary old legends in folklore we get the tree itself, the golden tinsel to represent the rising sun, the golden fruit for stars and the moon, swans and doves for clouds, mistletoe for lightning and showers or streamers of silver tinsel for water.

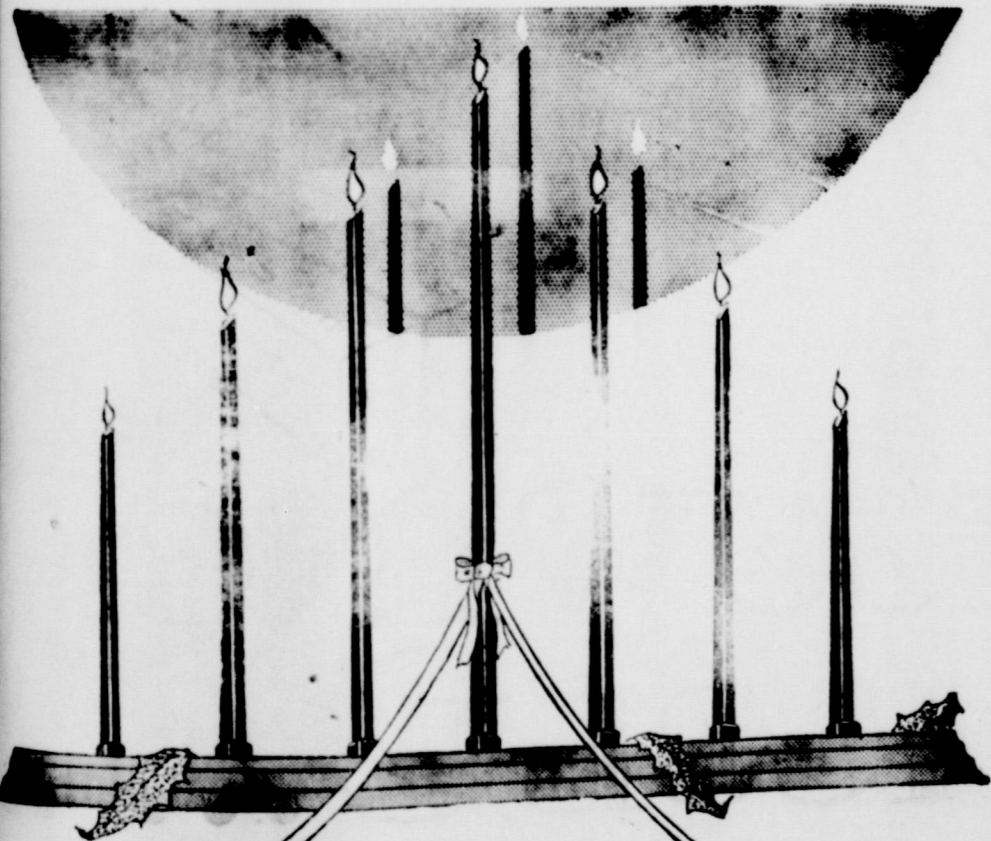
**New Year — QUOTES**

"What an era is every New Year's Day if well considered! Another stage in our journey, a shifting of the scene without interrupting the continuity of the piece . . . the winding up of our watch that it may tell as the time tomorrow; a fresh page in our Book of Existence, in which much may be written."—Caroline Fox.

"No one ever regarded the first of January with indifference. It is the nativity of our common Adam."—Charles Lamb.

"Every man naturally persuades himself that he can keep his resolutions, nor is he convinced of his impetuosity but by length of time and frequency of experiment. They whom frequent failures have made desperate, cease to form resolutions, and they who are become cunning, do not tell them."—Samuel Johnson.

"There is too much said at New Year's about turning over a new leaf. Are the old leaves all so badly written that we must hasten to forget them? Is the blank whiteness of the untouched page more pleasant to the eye or more fortifying to the will than those closely written, ungarbled, untidy, but familiar pages which make up the story of one's life?"—Bliss Perry.



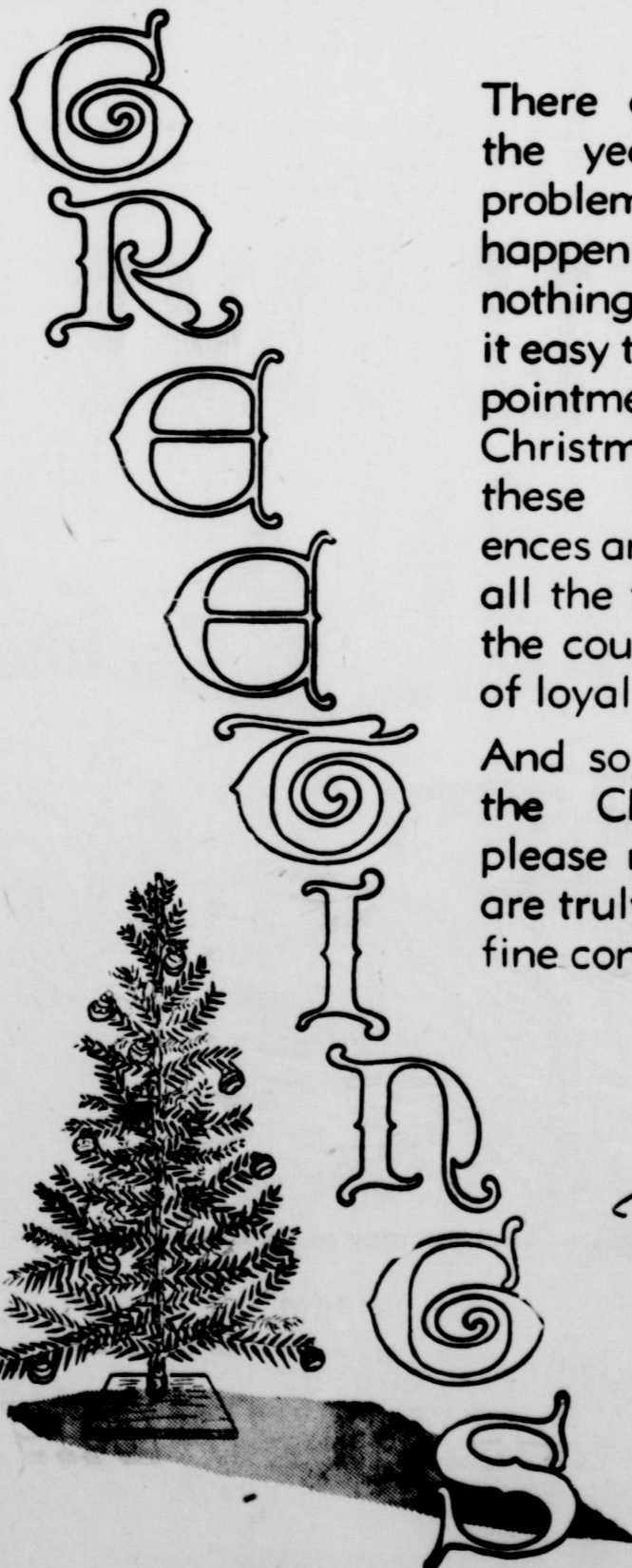
**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

May the glow of the Christmas candles reflect the true significance of this glorious occasion. May their cheerful radiance remind us again of the warm friendships of those about us, symbolizing the trust and confidence of those with whom we have been associated these past years.

It is our fervent hope that each of you will enjoy the Christmas season at its best.

**HOLT BROS. LUMBER CO.**

WHEELER, TEXAS



There comes a time of the year when all the problems and unpleasant happenings fade into nothingness, when we find it easy to forget the disappointments of the past. Christmas overshadows these unhappy experiences and we see before us all the fine things of life, the courtesies and favors of loyal friends.

And so, as you welcome the Christmas season, please remember that we are truly grateful for your fine consideration.

*The Merriest of All Christmases to You!*

**HOLDAMAN IMPLEMENT CO.**

YOUR JOHN DEERE DEALER

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**Our Christmas Date Started By Romans**

The first celebration of the birth of Christ on December 25 took place in the fourth century. Before that date the commemoration of Christ's Nativity and Baptism was held on January 6.

The first mention of Christmas is found in a Roman document known as the "Philocalian Calendar" in the year 354, and the first time the festival was celebrated in Britain was in 598, when St. Augustine baptized 10,000 converts.

In the year 567 the Council of Tours declared a twelve-day festival from Christmas to Epiphany, and in 981-1016 the laws ordained that all strife should cease at Christmas. Christmas was established in 813 in Germany and in Norway in the year 950.

**Animal Costumes For Christmas**

Polish children masquerade in animal costumes on Christmas Eve. It's done to honor the legend that attributes the power of speech to birds and animals during the midnight hour of Christmas Eve in recognition of the animals who, sharing the stable of Bethlehem, warmed the Holy Infant with their breath.

**Flowers Are Part Of Yule Legends**

There are several flowers appropriate during the Yuletide season which are connected with the birth of Christ by the legends of history. Sainfoin, or "Holy Hay," is said to have cradled the infant Christ in the manger. The snowdrop is the flower of the Virgin Mary, and is said to be the emblem of the candles she lighted on Christmas.

According to legend, the Christmas rose was divinely created. A shepherd maid wept at having no gift to lay before the Babe in the manger. Suddenly an angel appeared to her. On hearing why the maiden wept, the angel touched the ground where her tears had fallen and immediately the place was white with Christmas roses, which the maid gathered and laid in the manger.

The chrysanthemum is said to have appeared first on Christmas Eve near the manger as a sign to the Wise Men that they had reached the spot where the star had hidden them.

**Tinsel**  
Old and tarnished tinsel can be made to look almost as bright as new by washing it in warm soap suds to which a few drops of ammonia have been added. Dry tinsel with a towel and hang it up to finish drying.

**Chinese Pay Debts On New Year's Eve**

An ancient Chinese tradition demands that all bills be paid on New Year's Eve; anyone who is a debtor on New Year's Day is considered, and considers himself, very much disgraced. Counting houses hum with activity long after midnight and tradespeople, shielding lighted candles, hurry through the dark streets of residential districts stopping at this door and that door to settle accounts with their customers.

Traditionally, creditors are entitled to their money only so long as their candles remain lighted. Human nature being what it is, we can imagine debtors and creditors have thought of an ingenious way of accidentally extinguishing those candles or keeping them from being extinguished.

**CHRISTMAS AND OTHER'S DAY**  
In Yugoslavia, the second Sunday before Christmas is celebrated as Mother's day. While mother pre-tends not to notice, one of the children slips in cautiously and ties her feet to the chair. The other children rush in shouting, "Mother's day! Mother's day! What will you pay to get away!" The mother then buys her release with Christmas gifts.

**Brazil New Year's A Summer Holiday**

New Year's Day (Dia de Anno Bom) is truly a Red Letter Day in Brazil; in keeping with the hospitality and gaiety universally associated with the observance of New Years, it is the day par excellence for parties, enthusiastic greeting, and general celebration.

Dia de Anno Bom is the "middle day" of the Brazilian holiday season which begins on Christmas Eve and climaxes on Epiphany. Christmas itself does not stand out as a time of merrymaking so definitely as it does among the Anglo-Saxons; the colorful and impressive Christmas processions are part of the church festival; in the realm of gift-giving, Epiphany—symbolizing the gifts which the Wise Men brought the infant Jesus—wins with and even holds a slight edge over Christmas, especially among the children.

Since it is really June in January south of the equator, the Christmas season falls in Midsummer instead of during the winter, a fact which has endowed the holidays with many characteristics of Summer-time festivals. In many cities religious and civic organizations sponsor open air "festas." These affairs are attended by throngs of people representing all classes of the population, gifts are distributed to under-privileged children, while music, flags, and flowers contribute to the general gaiety and festivity.

In a land where all festivals are endowed with several sets of customs—those assimilated through foreign intercourse, etc., superimposed upon the ancient traditions brought from Portugal—New Year's Day is included in the list of Brazil's national holidays and is appropriately designated as the day of universal brotherhood.

**Parents Can Spoil Children's Play**

Here's a Christmas resolution for parents. It's one that ought to be made before New Year's resolutions are even considered. It goes, "I will keep my hands off the children's toys all day on Christmas."

It'll be a hard one to keep because Mother likes to fuss with Ann's doll. She pretends she is showing Ann how to put on the bonnet, but she's actually having a grand time playing. And once Father gets his hands on the train, or the auto that winds up, the boys can't get near them.

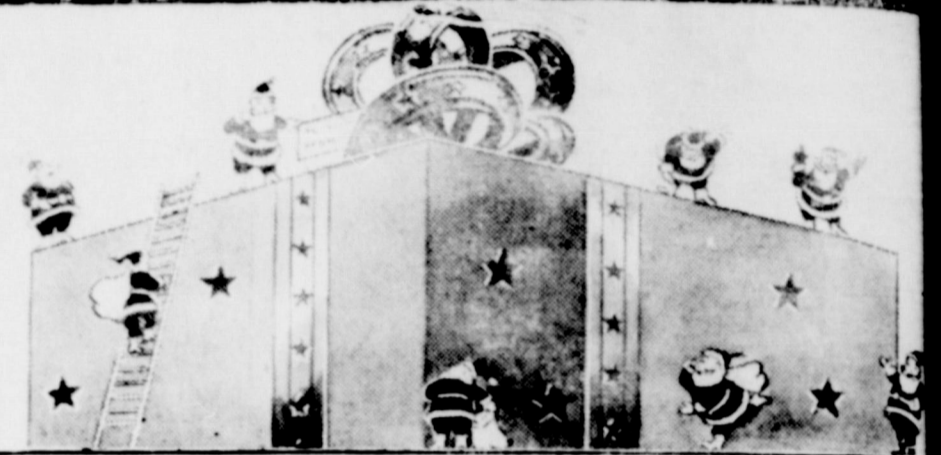
It isn't fair. The children are crying for a little peace and freedom. After all, adults can play with toys for the next 364 days if they want to.



**RICHERSON GRAIN and FEED**

PHONE 50

WHEELER



*Merry Christmas*

**WHEELER HOSPITAL**

**IT HAS BEEN OUR PLEASURE**

*The past year has been an enjoyable one. We have considered it a pleasure and an honor to be of service to you, our friends and customers. Your consideration and good will are invaluable to us and we wish to take this means of extending our thanks.*

*Added to this message is our most sincere*

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**  
**LAWRENCE HATCHERY and FEED**  
WHEELER, TEXAS

*Here Is an*  
**OLD TIME**  
*Wish*

That you may spend Christmas always

**IN THE GOOD OLD-FASHIONED WAY.**

**LUTHER BROCK**  
DIRT CONTRACTOR  
WHEELER, TEXAS

*The*  
**GROWING CIRCLE...**

May this circle symbolize the growing circle of friends whom it has been our pleasure to serve these past years. We are grateful for these associations and wish every one of you a Joyous Season.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**WHEELER ABSTRACT CO.**  
WHEELER, TEXAS





# GREETINGS

L. and GARNETT GUNTER  
USED CARS  
WHEELER, TEXAS

# Merry Christmas

DENSON GRILL  
APPRECIATES YOUR PATRONAGE  
WHEELER, TEXAS

# BLESSINGS

# Christmas



The cordiality of Christmas is one of the best blessings that any of us can possibly enjoy. To us, Christmas means much more than just the opportunity of presenting and receiving gifts. It's more than a season of exchanging greetings and it goes far deeper than the traditional festive occasions.

Christmas, for us, is a season of genuine good will and happiness, a time of thanksgiving for all.

Sincerely,  
LEE and SAL

ROGUE THEATRE  
WHEELER, TEXAS



By WILLIAM TREMON  
EVERY day for a week old Oliver had been passing their house in his wagon loaded with pine and cedar trees.

"Christmas trees cheap!" he shouted. "Christmas trees—two dollars. Only two dollars..."

He was passing now, and Marge, washing the few dishes she and Denny had soaked at their noonday meal, wished she couldn't hear the sound of his shouting voice.

Joe always bought old Oliver's trees. "Old Oliver needs the money," he'd say. "And our old car just would't take the bumps of a hunt for a tree in the country around here."

Old Oliver hesitated in front of the little house, repeating his chant until Marge thought she must go to the door and tell him to stop. She



"Denny, dear," she said thickly, "we're not going to have a tree this Christmas. Daddy isn't here to help decorate it, and besides—Santa will come without a Christmas tree."

and Joe had explained to him the first time they'd bought a tree just the kind they liked. It had to be so tall and so big around. It had to be cedar with clusters of blue berries on it. Old Oliver always had the kind of tree they wanted.

Little Denny ran into the kitchen from the front room.

"Mommy, there's ol' Oliver," he said. "Mommy, he has our tree..."

Marge dried her hands and knelt to gather little Denny in her arms.

"I know he has, dear," she said, making herself look at him. Since last January when the horrible car accident had taken Joe away from her, she'd had difficulty in looking at Denny. Denny had Joe's rumped dark hair, his dark eyes, the deep cleft in his chin. A sob caught in Marge's throat. "Denny, dear," she said thickly, "we're not going to have a tree this Christmas. Daddy isn't here to help decorate it, and besides—Santa will come without a Christmas tree."

"I'll help decorate it," Denny said. "I did last year."

Marge pressed Denny close. "I know, dear—" she said. Poignant memories of last Christmas crowded her so that she couldn't talk for a moment. She could see Joe teetering on the ladder to put the star in the top of the tree.

"I can help, Mommy..." Denny insisted.

"You could, dear, but we don't want a tree with Daddy gone. Someday, dear—oh, I hope it never comes to you—you'll understand why Mommy didn't want a Christmas tree!" She rose to her feet hurriedly feeling a rush of tears.

"I'll get your wraps, Denny, and you can play outside in the snow for awhile."

Shadows lengthened in the little house before it came to Marge with frightening realization that it had been all of those hours since Denny'd left the house.

"Denny—DENNY!" She ran out on the porch and down the steps, her slim unprotected feet and legs sinking into the deep snow that had banked there. "DENNY!" The echo of her voice came back to her in mocking horror across the white stillness of the little yard.

A cold wind swept against her as she stood at the gate looking up and down the street and calling Denny's name. It was a horrible moment, one in which she knew she must have aged twenty years, and one in which she saw in heart wrenching clarity her unfairness to Denny in harboring a self-centered grief over her loss of Joe to the extent of his safety, his protection, his veritable happiness.

A familiar wagon made the turn at the end of the street, and Marge recognized old Oliver and his load of Christmas trees. His chant rang out again. "Buy your Christmas tree now! Only two dollars..."

Marge shrieked against the wind. "Oh, don't—please don't!" Then she saw Denny—little brown garbed Denny sitting up in the seat by old Oliver!

The wagon stopped by the gate, and old Oliver grinned as Denny climbed down into Marge's reaching arms. "He likka th' ride. He..."

Marge didn't give him a chance to talk. "Do you have our tree, Oliver?" she asked.

Old Oliver chuckled and jumped down from the wagon. "All'a week down from the wagon," he said. "I've had your tree," he said. "Just put it in the yard." Marge told him. "Why, Denny and I couldn't do without our tree!"

## JUST BEFORE Christmas



Excitement is mounting and all over town Parents are trying to slow their kids down.



There are Sunday School tableaux, Neighborhood sings, And sister's play Costume needs new Angel Wings.



While packing the box For Uncle John's folks Dad gets himself all Tangled up in the ropes.



Mysterious bundles Arrive from the store And Mother is busy Behind a locked door.



It's just impossible for all to agree What goes where when trimming the tree.



Where, oh where is the Christmas Card list? We all thought this Person had ceased to exist.

Just an Old Fashioned

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TO THE FINE PEOPLE OF THIS LOYAL COMMUNITY

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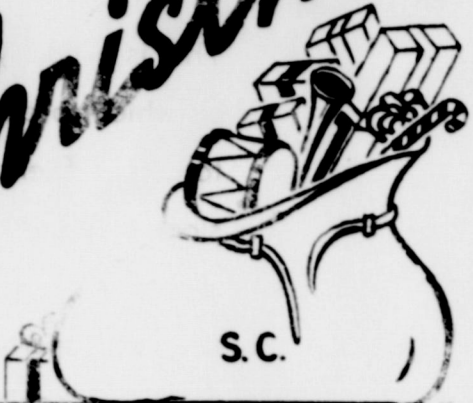
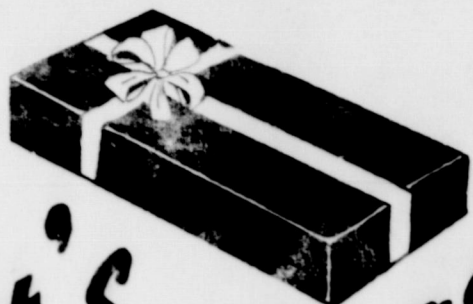
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## Magi Were Priests Of Persian Religion

Along about this time of the year there's a lot written, said and sung about the Magi. Just who were the Magi, anyway?

The Magi were priests of an ancient Persian religion called Zoroastrianism. The Greek historian Herodotus gives a very favorable account of them and their influence in a society which existed four hundred years before Christ's birth.

According to Herodotus the Magi were powerful in public and private affairs. They conducted the education of the young princes, and were in constant attendance upon the king as counselors.

This description of a Magi appears in the sacred writing of Zoroaster: "Thou shouldst call him priest, who sits the whole night thru and yearns for holy wisdom that enables man to stand upon death's bridge fearless and with happy heart, the wisdom whereby he attains the holy and glorious world of paradise."

The three Magi, or Wise Men, who followed the Star of Bethlehem and brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christ child remain nameless, but they were the first to recognize the importance of the birth of the Prince of Peace.

## Cannon Fire Hails Christmas in Rome

A cannon fired from the historic Castle of San Angelo at sunset on Christmas Eve proclaims the beginning of the Holy Season in Rome. By nine o'clock everyone is in church to witness the colorful and solemn processions of ecclesiastical dignitaries which precede the elaborate midnight Mass.

Since everyone has fasted for twenty-four hours, festive banquets are in order after the religious solemnities. It is a gala after-midnight in Rome: hotels and restaurants remain open, families and friends gather around sumptuous tables in gaily decorated homes; and in anticipation of the festivities, many people attend church dressed in formal attire.

Between Christmas and Epiphany, the Calabrian shepherds—Pifferari—visit the homes where they were most cordially welcomed during Advent when they came down from the hills to play their Italian bagpipes before the shrines of the Virgin. The Pifferari play for their Advent hosts during the post-Christmas holidays and receive gifts of wine, dried figs, and small sums of money from their hosts.



By JESSIE WEST

AMY looked out at the bright day and was about to decide it was the loveliest New Year's Eve she'd seen in years when she saw Clarabelle Carter crossing the street; and then she thought the day wasn't lovely at all.

She could hear Clarabelle talking to Mille as she had that day in the store when she'd been standing behind shelves lined with groceries deliberately eavesdropping.

"I do declare, it does look like Amy Wells could get someone," Clarabelle had said. "I suppose she'll die an old maid."

Clarabelle hadn't said anything degrading, of course. But from that moment forward, Amy had wondered if people generally didn't assume that old maids just couldn't find any takers.

She took her eyes from the window and Clarabelle going down the street to look at her reflection in the dresser mirror. At almost forty-five, she didn't think she was being egotistical in appraising herself as actually looking thirty-five. She had very little gray in her dark hair, and the faint lines on her face were unnoticeable against the startling blue of her eyes and general prettiness of her features.

There'd been a time when she reigned as the most popular girl at Obane; she'd been pictured in the college year-book as "the girl all men want but only one can have."

Of course Clarabelle and the populace of Donovan, a little town of three thousand, didn't know these things.

Amy looked out the window again, and not seeing Clarabelle on the street now, the day resumed some



She was startled when someone stood at her shoulder suddenly.

of the brightness that Clarabelle's presence had blighted, and she got to thinking about a trip that 20 years ago had been scheduled for tomorrow. Memory of the tryst had come to her with the approach of another New Year, but she had not planned to enact a promise that years of separation had cast into youth's frivolous dreaming, disappointments and temperamental pride. Yet, seeing Clarabelle and remembering what she'd said about her somehow filled her with unexpected sentiment.

She had nowhere to go on New Year's day, and thought of the trip suddenly became entrancing. It would be emotionally uplifting to go back to the old haunts, and no one would know of her foolish living just for a day among memories of a past that through her own foolhardy pride, had led her into her present state of lonely maidenhood.

"If anything ever separates us," Lance had said that night long ago, "it'd be fun just to meet again, sort of a tryst affair, 20 years hence. Maybe in Park Rendezvous where we first met."

They'd talked like that often, then laughed—because they knew they'd never separate. Someday they'd marry. But they didn't marry. Too soon a trivial misunderstanding had risen between them, and she'd had too much pride to admit that she'd been a little wrong, too.

It was almost noon when Amy reached the Park Rendezvous at Obane on New Year's day. She'd have lunch, she decided, then visit about town. But already she was sensing regret for having made the trip. You couldn't live in the past even for a day without returning to the present with greater pain. How well she knew it now!

She was startled when someone stood at her shoulder suddenly.

"Hello," he said.

Amy's heart fluttered in recognizing his voice. She looked up.

"Why, Lance—" It was all she could manage.

He sat by her at the table and covered her hand with his.

"Looks like we both remembered," he said, chuckling happily.

"But, you married, Lance, I heard." She couldn't help saying it.

"That was false news, dear," he said. "Do you think—but you surely know now! I tried to find you, Amy, but I lost all trace of you."

Amy laughed and her cheeks colored. "I wouldn't have come today," she said wistfully, "but for a person named Clarabelle."

"Clarabelle?"

Amy nodded. "It's a queer little story, Lance," she said, and then she wondered with a little gloating, what Clarabelle, and all of Donovan for that matter, would think when they heard!



Maj. Gen. Bennett E. Meyers was chewing on his fingernails. He had just been indicted by a federal grand jury for perjury at a senate committee hearing.

Donald E. Blodgett of Evanston, Ill., was extending a hearty welcome to two visitors from St. Niklas, Belgium, Mr. and Mrs. George Smet. They had shielded him from Nazis when, as an AAF pilot, his plane was shot down in 1944.

President Harry Truman was wondering what he should do with a brand new spaniel pup. One of his friends in Missouri had sent it to him. The dog's name was Feller. Lt. Glenn Davis (Mr. Outside of the West Point Blanchard-Davis backfield combination) was sulking in his tent. The army had refused to permit him to resign so he could play pro football.

Henry Azard Wallace was being progressive. He announced that he would run for president in 1948 on a third party platform of "peace and abundance for all."

Congressman Clare E. Hoffman of Michigan was being difficult. He set up a barren Christmas tree outside his office and placed a sign on it reading "Nothing for the home folks. They've sent it all abroad."

New Yorkers were calling grumpily for St. Bernards and brandy kegs. They had been presented with 25.8 inches of snow by a 16-hour blizzard.

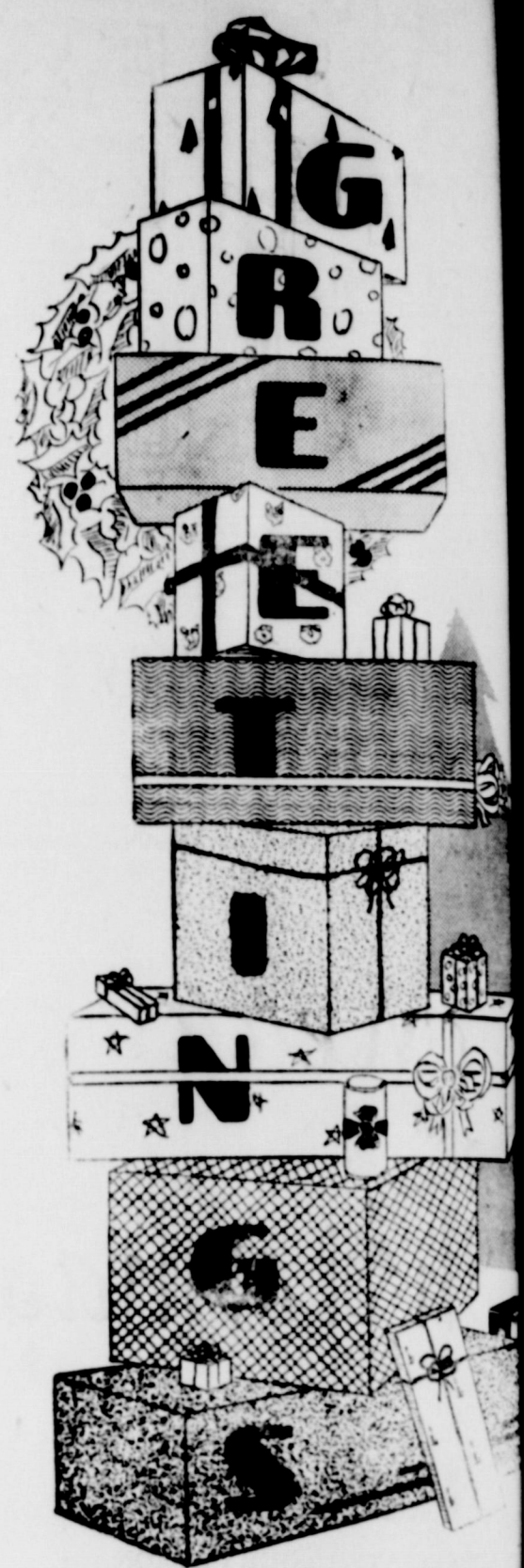
Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault was beaming with happiness. He had just married a Chinese girl, Ann Chan, in Shanghai.

## 'Pin Money' Began As New Year Gift

"Pin money" is a New Year's expression.

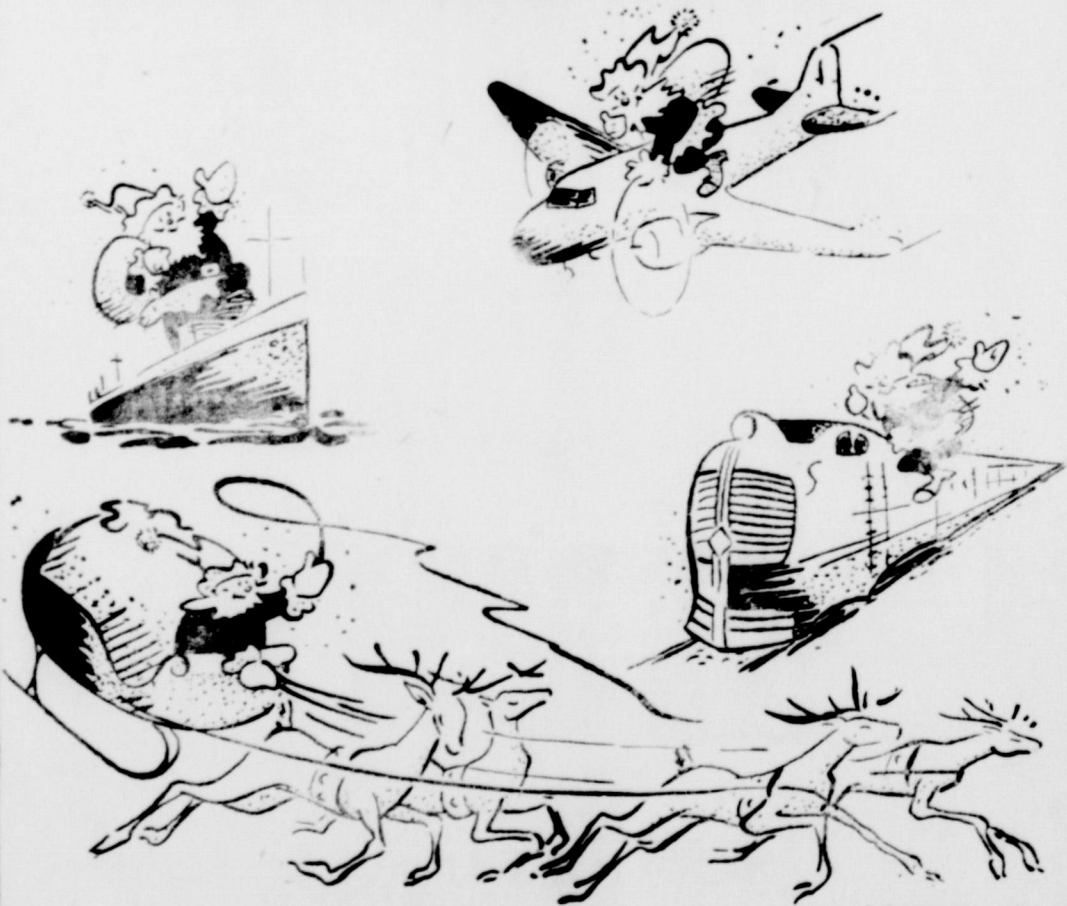
It all started back in the time of the royal Stuarts of England when gift-giving on New Year's day was in fashion. Gloves were considered appropriate gifts for most people, but if a gentleman had saved a little "extra," he gave the money to his wife or sweetheart for pins which were very expensive at that time.

The popular "pin money" phrase in our language has survived both the expensive pin and the New Year gift-giving custom.



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## HE'S ON HIS WAY!



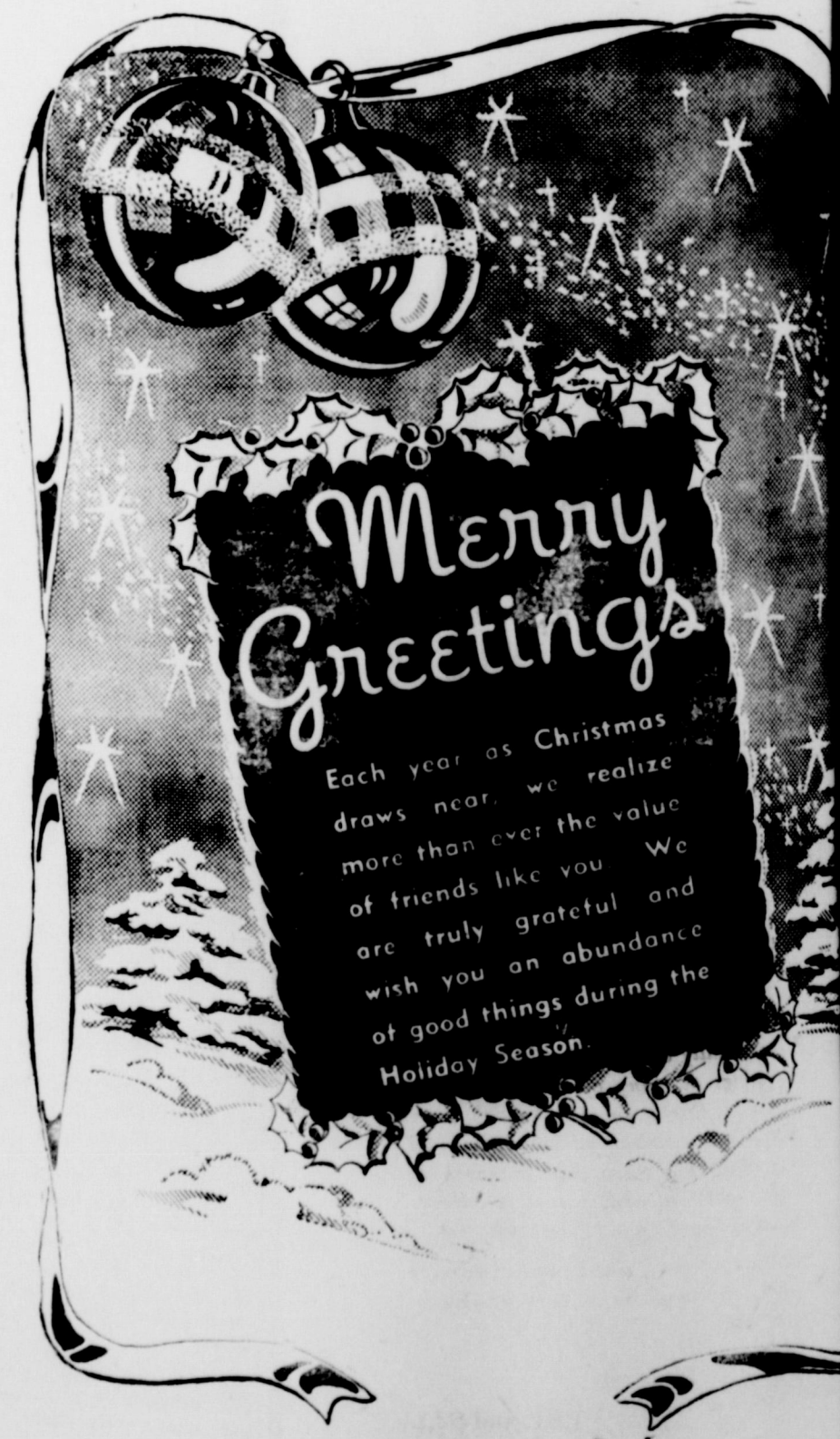
Santa's heading this way. He may come by plane, liner or streamliner, or he may hitch up Donner and Blitzen again, he may even hitch-hike—anyway he's heading our way and we'll be mighty glad to welcome him. May the old gent favor you with a multitude of nice things and an abundant share of happiness and prosperity.



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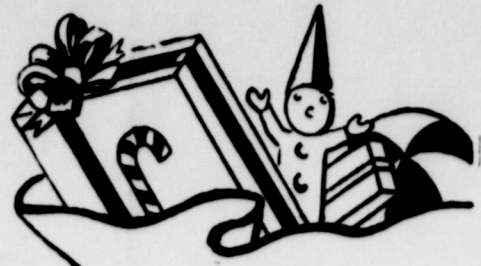
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# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

to the host of acquaintances  
who have given us the privilege  
of serving them in the past.

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## SOMETHING FOR SALLY

IT WAS enough to put a fellow in a morbid state of mind. Last Christmas he'd thought, when he gave Sally the inexpensive little china dinner set, next Christmas I'll give her something really nice. Something she can wear and enjoy. Something expensive. It'll not be practical to fit our Christmas budget, because by then I'll be making more. The tide was bound to turn by next Christmas.

Well, it had turned all right. Fate could have been less callous in the direction to which it had turned the tide. It was even worse this Christmas than it was last. At least Sally



Bill looked up from his overcoat collar. "Hey, be careful!" he shouted.

wasn't out making the living and he, a big hulk of a man, staying home.

The doctor had said he'd overcome the heart condition with prolonged rest.

People were talking. Bill knew. He'd been standing near the living room door the other day when he'd heard Kate Tyler, their neighbor, talking to Sally in the kitchen.

"Well, it just looks a shame that you, such a frail little thing, must work. Bill looks the picture of health. He weighs something near one hundred eighty pounds, doesn't he, Sally?" Kate said, and Bill had visioned with burning resentment her sharp, in-everybody's-business nose twitch with inquisitiveness.

Bill visioned too. Sally's pretty proud head lift when her voice had come in quick sensitive rebellion. "I believe it's my affair about working. I really don't need to work. We have plenty saved up to take us through until Bill is able to go back on his job. I'm working because I want to."

He'd felt like a cad. There wasn't another guy in the whole universe had a wife like Sally, who through her loyalty would even tell a falsehood. Sally didn't deserve the hardship he was giving her. And now with Christmas upon them and no money of his own, unless he sold his best suit to the re-sale shop down the street, he felt it would be even better for his old heart to quit ticking than to face it and have Sally say, "Oh, you didn't need to give anything. Bill. All I want is you! We'll have a real Christmas when you get well."

Bill put on his overcoat, hat and galoshes. It was about time to meet Sally coming home from work.

Cold rain interspersed the snow and already the highway in front of their place was getting coated with ice. Cars moved along cautiously.

Their neighbor's boy, Pike, eleven, slid by him on a sled. "Whee-ee, watch me, Mister Bill!"

Bill looked up from his overcoat collar. "Hey, be careful!" he shouted and went into action with a leap when he saw the sled carrying the boy from the sidewalk into the direction of an approaching car up the highway.

It all happened in a flash. If Bill hadn't been gigantic in size, muscular and agile with youth, he couldn't have saved the boy. "Man, Pike," he panted, standing over him on the sidewalk, "don't play along the street!"

"Aw, I could've made it, Mister Bill," Pike said, and dashed back up the street with his sled.

A large man emerged hurriedly from the big car on the side of the pavement and came up to Bill.

"Thanks, fellow! Say," he said, mopping his forehead, "what was a close call! You certainly used your head."

"I snatched him in time," Bill said.

The man pulled out his wallet. "Here," he said, holding a crisp bill toward Bill. "Take this, fellow."

"But I don't want money for what I did," Bill protested, starting to back away.

The man pushed the money into Bill's hand. "I'd pay a thousand or more to escape what might have happened just now. Think what Christmas would have been for me if it had happened, to say nothing of the kid's parents. Thanks again, fellow—and Merry Christmas!"

He was gone before Bill could do anything.

Bill looked down at the money in his hand. Well, if he felt that way about it. But one hundred dollars. . . .

He looked up then and saw Sally trudging toward him through the snow and a happy, secretive smile curved his lips suddenly. He slipped the money into his billfold and went to meet her.

May we express to those of you with whom we have been associated this past year our best wishes for a Merry, Merry Christmas. Our thoughts are with you this glorious day and we give thanks for lasting friendships such as yours.

Let us strive toward a continuation of the pleasant relationships that result in better and happier living.



# Merry Christmas

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## A New Year's Home Party

ONE of the best places to be on New Year's Eve is right at home—provided you have a party. Successful parties depend upon a bit of prior planning. You must have a theme for the party, and a program to keep your guests amused.

Here are a few good themes for a New Year's Eve party at home: "A Calendar Social," "New Year's Jamboree," "Father Time Party" and "Around the Clock." It will be fun if you tell your guests the theme of your party when you invite them so that they will come in fitting costumes. The best costume ought to win a prize.

There are many games you'll enjoy playing until midnight. At midnight, of course, comes "Auld Lang Syne," and the first snack of 1949.

**COUNT THE HOURS**—Put into a large paper bag numbers cut from all the old calendars you can find. The figures should range from 1 to 12. Have players "count off" and even numbered players form one team, odd numbers the other. Each person draws a number from the bag. The person who gets twelve "hours" first, scores a point for his team—he buys his numbers aside and draws again when the bag comes around. The player must achieve his "12 hours" by drawing the number 12 or by adding the numbers he has picked. 2, 4, 6, will make the "12." Play until one team scores 10 points.

**TIME TO SING**—This can be great fun. Select two leaders and let each

choose a singer for his "choir." When the guests are well divided, hand them these words and give them ten minutes to compose a tune for the verse. They must sing it when completed.

I wish I wuz a little clock  
That didn't have a chime  
Or strike or nothin' all day long.  
But just be tellin' time.  
I'd run on slow time all my life;  
I'd never run on quick,  
And if they didn't wind me up  
I wouldn't even tick.

**PASSING TIME**—Provide a double set of small tokens symbolic of the months of the year. Calendars for January, hearts for February, rabbits for March, paper umbrellas for April, maypoles, roses or pictures of a bride for June, flags for July, picnic pictures for August, schoolhouse pictures for September, turkeys for November, Santa Claus for December.

Prepare two large cardboard sheets on each of which you have marked in black crayon twelve squares and above the squares, in correct order, the names of the months. Each leader of a team is given a small tray containing a year of jumbled month tokens. On the word "go" the leader start their months, one at a time, down their respective lines. When they reach the end player he puts them in their proper places on the calendar. The side that finishes first wins.

### Have Tree Base Stand In Water

Christmas trees, like flowers, will respond to being kept with the base in the water. Here are two simple things to do if you want your tree to stay green and fresh.

Buy a tree which has been cut as recently as possible.

Cut off the end of the trunk diagonally, at least one inch above the original cut. This will expose a moist surface which will absorb water. Stand the trunk of the tree in water at once, and, if it is not to be taken into the house for several days, keep it in a cool place.

### Columbus Unlucky On Christmas Eve

America's first Christmas was celebrated by Christopher Columbus. It happened on Christmas eve of the memorable year 1492.

Columbus was planning to observe the Feast of the Nativity with the Indian chieftain, Guacanagari, who ruled over the island of Haiti. Already he had received fine presents from the chief who he believed to be great Khan of Cipango, that fabulous realm of the Orient. Columbus mistakenly thought he had found it.

But Columbus' plans went wrong. He was so tired from long watches while the Santa Maria cruised the island channels that he retired to his cabin for a nap. While he was sleeping, the next in command decided to take a rest and went below. The helmsman, as tired as the other, decided that he deserved a rest as much as they and turned the tiller over to a cabin boy.

**Abandon Ship.**

The worst happened. Within a few minutes the Santa Maria was fast on a reef. The rolling surf drove the ship higher and higher upon the reef and opened her seams. Soon she fell over on her side and the water poured into her hull. Columbus and the crew were forced to seek refuge on his other ship, the Nina.

Early next morning Columbus sent word to the wreck to Chief Guacanagari. Promptly the chief sent a messenger to Columbus assuring him that he would give him all the assistance possible.

The noble chieftain was better than his word. He assembled a great flotilla of canoes and fled to bring all its valuables ashore. Amid the cargo the natives saw many things that made their eyes open wide with envy. Yet so strong was their friendship for the white men and so careful Guacanagari's supervision that not a single article was stolen.

**Christmas Banquet.**

After the last article had been brought ashore, Guacanagari had another plan. His guests had missed Christmas, but there was no reason why Columbus and the men should not enjoy the finest banquet he and his followers could provide.

There was game from the woods, lobster and fish from the sea; and all sorts of tropical fruits and vegetables. A thousand natives danced in Columbus' honor after the feasting and the climax of the ceremonies came when the chief brought out a coronet of gold and placed it upon Columbus' head. There were also presents of gold for the crew.

In the journal which he was keeping for Ferdinand and Isabella, Columbus wrote: "These people love their neighbors as themselves; their discourse is ever sweet and gentle, and accompanied by a smile. I swear to your majesties, there is not in the world a better nation or land."

**Silent Night**

The famous Christmas hymn, "Silent night, holy night," was written in Obendorf, one of Austria's loveliest villages, on Christmas Eve, 1818, by the local clergyman, who took the words to the home of the village organist the same night, where they were immediately set to the well-known tune.

### Christmas Quiz

How much do you and your family really know about Christmas? Try this one on them when there's a lull in the fun. Both children and adults will enjoy matching wits and everybody will learn something more about Christmas.


1. The Christmas custom of kissing under the mistletoe started in (a) Norway, (b) Russia, (c) Holland.
2. The story of the birth of Jesus is described in which two books of the New Testament? (a) St. John, (b) St. Matthew, (c) St. Luke, (d) St. Mark?
3. The national Christmas tree of America is located in (a) Indiana, (b) New York, (c) Washington, D. C., (d) California.
4. Who wrote "The Night Before Christmas"? (a) Longfellow, (b) Guest, (c) Moore?
5. There is only one town in the world named Santa Claus. It is located in (a) Holland, (b) England, (c) Indiana.
6. Tuberculosis Christmas seals originated in (a) America, (b) Germany, (c) Denmark.
7. The custom of hanging holly in the window on Christmas was originally started (a) to keep witches away, (b) to decorate the window (c) as an invitation to passers-by to come in.
8. Christmas boxes for the poor originated in (a) France in 1887, (b) ancient Rome, (c) America in 1763.
9. The children of what country get Christmas gifts from a kindly old witch by the name of Befano instead of from Santa Claus? (a) Russia, (b) China, (c) France, (d) Italy.
10. The word "Noel" means (a) new, (b) holiday, (c) birth.

### Santa Pictured By Thomas Nast

Thomas Nast, the famous cartoonist who created our conception of Uncle Sam, the Republican elephant and the Democratic donkey, is also credited with giving America its first modern pictorialization of Santa Claus.

Nast first sketched his notion of Santa Claus in 1873. This Santa was a rollicking, chubby old man smoking a pipe and dressed in what looked like a night shirt with fur collar and cuffs. Since that day he has grown taller and rounder, has developed a full white beard and mustache and has acquired the traditional red suit bordered in ermine.

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Merry Christmas to all

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As Santa plans his Christmas trip, we are certain he will make a stop at your house and we sincerely hope he will remember you well.

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Merry Christmas to you, one and all.

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