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Moebettie Meditations

By Mrs. H. L. Flanagan

Senior Demonstration Club
with Mrs. Jim Hathaway on
afternoon. After group
and the club prayer, a
program was given with
Miss Hastings telling the
story of the Red Nosed
and Mrs. Jim Hathaway,
"The Christ Child,"
was then distributed from
the decorated tree by Mrs.
H. L. Flanagan.

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gift exchange was held
at the home of Mrs. H. L. Flanagan
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MINNIE FARNER, A LONG-TIME RESIDENT, DIES

Mrs. Minnie Farmer, one of
Wheeler beloved pioneers, passed
on to her reward last Thursday
afternoon at her home here in
Wheeler. Mrs. Farmer had been
in failing health for some time
but had not been dangerously ill
but a few days at the time of her
death.

Mrs. Farmer was born in Na-
varro County, Texas, August 15,
1875, the daughter of C. Bee Ste-
vens and Eliza Jane Dodson Ste-
vens.

She was married to Daniel
Farmer on December 22, 1894,
who passed away in 1909. To this
union one son, Fred Farmer, was
born.

CARRICK LISTS HONOR PUPILS

Miss Carrick, principal of
the Wheeler District School, has
announced the list of honor pupils
for the month of December.

Honor pupils for the month of
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THIS is the happy Season when
hearts of men are filled with
fellowship and good will, when
esteem and affection for things
near and dear to us find expres-
sion in words and deeds of love
and generosity.



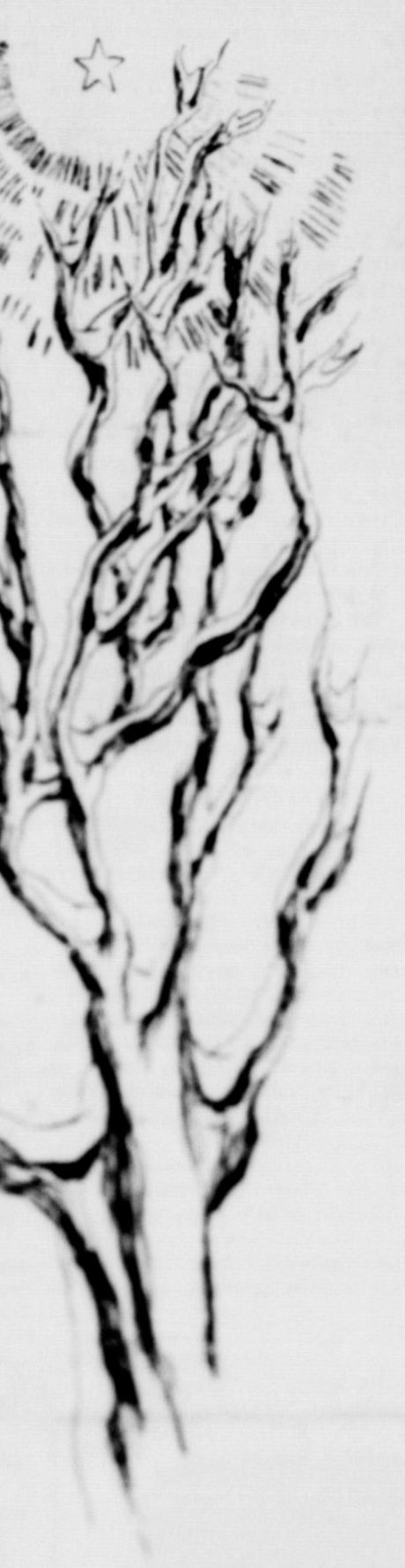
LADY INJURED IN GUN ACCIDENT

Mrs. ... was injured in a
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TEACHERS CLUB HOLDS MEETING

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Big Crowd Greet Old Santa On His Annual Visit Here

A huge crowd of youngsters and
their parents gathered in Wheeler
last Tuesday afternoon to greet
jolly old Saint Nick as he made
his annual appearance on the streets
of Wheeler with sacks of candy,
nuts and fruits for all of them.

Old Santa was escorted from
the school house down to the main
part of town by the snappy Wheel-
er Mustang band under the di-
rection of Patrick Boddy. Santa
rode the Wheeler Fire Truck and
passed out approximately 300
sacks of candy to an orderly crowd
of youngsters.

Teachers from the lower grades
in school assisted in lining up the
children so that they could march
past old Santa in an orderly fash-
ion which was a great help and
was greatly appreciated by the
old good himself, his helpers and
the Wheeler Chamber of Com-
merce.

Max Wiley, president of the
Wheeler Chamber of Commerce,
was assisted in arranging for old
Santa's visit by George Mc-
Henry, Thomas Daugherty, Jack
Garrison and other members of
the Wheeler Chamber of Com-
merce. Expenses of the visit were
defrayed by the Chamber of Com-
merce and the City of Wheeler.

President Wiley stated that he
was happy to see the large crowd
and that he hoped that every
little child who was here received
his sack of goodies from Santa.

CONSTRUCTION ACCIDENT FATAL TO HENRY HINK

A tragic accident at the Hughes
Building in Pampa Tuesday after-
noon cost the life of a popular
Kellian youth, Henry Hink, Jr.
Young Hink was working with
the construction crew when he
fell from a scaffold about 15 feet
high and landed on his head. The
blow apparently crushed his skull
rendering him unconscious. He
died for only a little over two
hours after the fall, never regain-
ing consciousness. He died at the
Wheeler Hospital where he was
taken immediately following the
fall.

Funeral services were conducted
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4-K CHRISTMAS PARTY IS FRIDAY

Wheeler County's 4-K
clubs will stage their first annual
Christmas party at the American
Legion Hall at Wheeler Friday
evening, December 22. Tickets for
the party are \$1.00. The party
will be held from 7:00 p.m. to
11:00 p.m. and will include
music, dancing and other
amusement.

The program will include table
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Wheeler Whisperings

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Happy Birthday

- DECEMBER 22-24
Mrs. T. M. Britt
Charles Frank Egger
Mrs. Cecil Dawson
Holt Green
Mrs. H. M. Wiley
Ruth Baise
Marthalya Hutchins
Dr. John L. Witt
Mrs. C. F. Pennington
Levi Reid
Joe Van Zandt
Mrs. W. L. Callan
Mrs. Dorothy Jamison
Phyllis Carol Callan
Kenneth Crowder
Donald Gandy
Nelda Kay Goad

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1950

Editorial

**DON'T LET DEATH . . .
... TAKE YOUR HOLIDAY**

Once again American armed forces are

in action to protect and uphold the ideal of freedom. Once again the spirit of Christmas will be mocked by the hate and bloodshed of the battlefield.

In many American homes the roar of the cannon will make it hard to hear the ringing of the Christmas bells. That is to be deeply regretted, but throughout history the torch of man's dignity and freedom has been held aloft only through the sacrifice of its bearers.

We can do little to prevent such personal tragedies. But we can do a lot to prevent another kind of tragedy which is equally poignant at the Christmas season—and more cruel because it is needless.

We refer to the preventable tragedy of accidents. The National Safety Council has called for intensive accident prevention effort during the holidays—usually a very dangerous period of the year.

That is an objective which has our wholehearted support, not only because it is better to have a joyous Yuletide, but also because we cannot afford to waste the resources of manpower and material so necessary these days to our national strength.

The waste is enormous—much more than most persons realize. The American Medical Association has shown that accidents rob the nation of more working years than any disease, because accidents strike all age groups, not just those whose productive years are largely behind them.

The traffic accident problem this year is serious, with a death toll of 35,000 in prospect. That would be the largest number of automobile victims since the record year of 1941.

Rigid enforcement of the laws by state, county and municipal police, plus individual determination to play it safe, can keep the Christmas spirit—and all of us—alive this year.

It is estimated there are approximately 500,000 persons with active tuberculosis in this country. About half of these are known to health authorities, but almost a quarter of a million are unknown to health officials. These "unknown cases" must be found so that the individuals can be placed under treatment and the spread of infection can be stopped.

Love may be blind but when it comes to diamonds the girl is not stone blind.

The man who succeeds may take his hat off to the past, but he takes his coat off to the future.

He said he bribed the jury because the wheels of justice needed a little grease.

Church Calendar

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
Evening Worship 8:00 p. m.
W.M.U., Tuesday 2:30 p. m.
Prayer Service, Wed. 8:00 p. m.
Teacher's Meet, Tues. 8:00 p. m.
We preach Christ crucified, buried, risen, and coming again.
M. B. SMITH, Pastor

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bible Classes 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship 10:55 a. m.
Young People's Class 6:30 p. m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.
Wed. Eve. Classes 7:30 p. m.
Ladies Bible Class, Mon. 3:00 p. m.
Radio, KEVA, Tuesday 9:15 p. m.
ERNEST GRIZZARD, Minister

THE METHODIST CHURCH

Church School 9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.
Evening Service 8:00 P. M.
Prayer Meeting (Wed.) 8:00 P. M.
Church Night .. First Wednesday
Methodist Men, 2nd & 4th Thurs.
DARRIS L. EGGER, 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
C. A. JAMES, Pastor

BRISCOE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
First and Third Sundays.
Evening Worship 8:00 p. m.
Prayer Service 7:30 p. m.
Wednesdays, following First
and Third Sunday preaching
services.
Each and everyone is cordially
invited to attend each service.
REV. C. R. HOLT, 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.
WILLIAM PARKS, 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.
FRED HIGGINBOTHAM, Pastor

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Sunday School 10 a. m.
Worship 11 a. m.
N.Y.P.S. 7:30 p. m.
Evening Worship 8:00 p. m.
Prayer Meeting Wed. 8:00 p. m.
E. F. ROBINSON, 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

BRISCOE METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School Each
Sunday 10:00 a. m.
Preaching, second and fourth Sun-
days 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.
A hearty welcome to all.
BERNARD F. SEAY, Pastor

ALLISON METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School Each
Sunday 10:00 a. m.
Preaching, first and third Sun-
days 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.
A warm welcome to all.
BERNARD F. SEAY, 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.
JAMES M. BRYANT, Pastor

ALLISON BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Preaching Service 11:00 a. m.
Training Union 7:30 p. m.
Prayer Service 8:30 p. m.
REV. F. B. DAKE Pastor

KELTON METHODIST CHURCH

Church School 10:00 a. m.
Preaching 11:00 a. m. every third
Sunday.
MYF, WSCS and Bible Study
7:30 p. m.
Preaching 7:30 p. m. every third
Sunday.

L. D. CLEVELAND, Pastor

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Mobeetie, Texas

Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Worship 11:00 a. m.
Junior Church 7:30 p. m.
Sunday Night Service 7:00 p. m.
Prayer Meeting, Tues. 7:30 p. m.
Young Peoples Ser.
Thursday 8:00 p. m.
H. E. LEE, Pastor

ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

Wheeler, Texas

Sunday Services—
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
Evangelistic Service 7:30 p. m.
Wednesday Bible Study
and Prayer Meeting 8:00 p. m.
B. G. SYVERSON, Pastor

Of the 50 most serious infecti-
ous and parasitic diseases, deaths
from tuberculosis alone number
more than all the others combined.

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SANTA LETTERS

Mobeetie, Texas
Dec. 1, 1950

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy two years old.
Please bring me a Stick Horse, a
rubber ball and gun.
Please bring my only sister who
will be one year old Dec. 20 a
rubber doll and metal tea set.
My oldest brother, Thomas,
would like a watch and double ac-
tion dump truck.
Jeffrey would like a gun and

farm set.
Gary wants a ranch
gun.
Larry has been trying
hard to be good and stay
since it is so near your
and Paper Buster gun. Also
fruit and nuts.
Don't forget all the old
boys and girls over the wa-
I'll see you Christmas
With love,
Harvey Purpus
Mobeetie, Tex.

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Each day of the year we are grateful for your fine friendship and patronage but as Christmas day grows closer, we just want to pause and say "Thank You." We truly appreciate your confidence and good will.

That your holiday season will afford you every happiness is our whole-hearted wish for you.

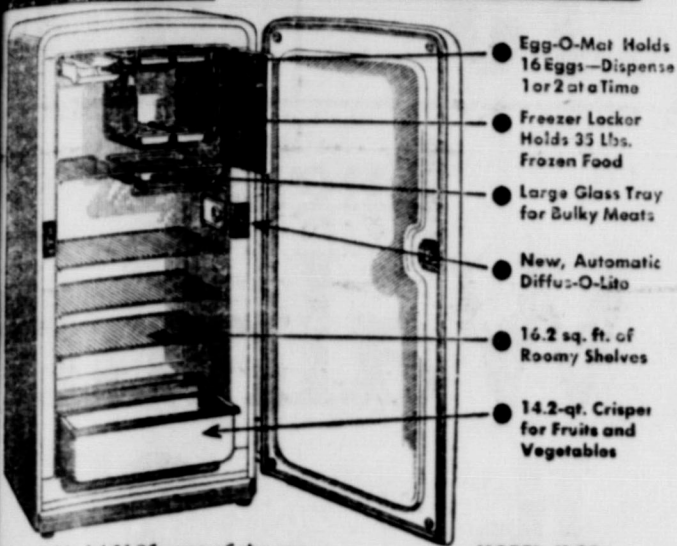
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 Junior Reporter — Patricia Trimble, Vernon Willard
 Sophomore Reporter — Aline Walker, Bill Thomas
 Freshman Reporter — Belle Willard
 Eighth Grade Reporter — Nelda Baird

ATTENTION

All the seniors are now taking deposits for annuals. Make sure you get one by getting your deposit in now.

We also need snapshots for our annual. If you have any you'd like to have in the annual, turn them in immediately to Edwin or Madge.

SPORTS NEWS

Mobeetie boys and girls basketball teams played Miami Friday night. The girls won and the boys lost. The score of the girls game was 33 to 27.

The teams also played Samnorwood Tuesday night. The girls won their game by a score of 41 to 10. The boys lost their game by a score of 28 to 19.

The Mobeetie boys and girls teams entered the Shamrock tournament which lasts the 14, 15, and 16. They played their first games Thursday night. The girls played Samnorwood and won by a score of 42 to 37. The boys played Wheeler and won by a score of 47 to 37. The girls will play the winners of Allison and Briscoe Saturday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock. The boys will play McLean Friday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock.

The boys and girls warm up jackets came in the past week, and we wish to thank the Mobeetie merchants and Jack Montgom-

ery of Shamrock for footing the bill.

SENIOR NEWS

What's New In The Senior Class:
 Madge's glasses.
 Evelyn's bangs.
 Joe's singing talent.
 Edwin's overalls.
 Ann Nell's ability to work.
 Bobby's rust colored coat.
 Patsy's short hair do.
 Ouida's uncle.
 Lonnie Smith from Amarillo came Wednesday to help us get started on our annual. We are really working in earnest now.

SOPHOMORE NEWS WONDER?

Everyone hates to be in the third period study hall every day. Couldn't be because someone keeps yelling, "Face the front!"
 Who Carl's new girl friend is.
 What Martha was so excited about Tuesday.
 Why Vondell came to see Lavada so early Sunday evening.
 Why Sandra will be disappointed Christmas? Sandra, we feel for you, for we know how you feel.

DISLIKES

Martha — Smart-aleck boys
 Sandra — To be teased
 Aline — Certain things
 Vondell — Story tellers (not book writers)
 Lavada — Little brothers to hide behind the door when company comes. (Certain ones.)
 JoAnn — To stay home
 Lanier — To leave people alone
 Waylon — To bring up lessons. (Never does)
 Carl — For other boys to go with his dates
 Dan — To talk
 Billy Ray — To get vocabulary words

FRESHMAN NEWS PERSONALITY

Name — Mary Carter

Age — Almost 15
 Height — 5-ft., 5-in. tall
 Weight — 109 pounds
 Color eyes — Dark brown
 Color hair — Dark brown
 Favorite food — Fish
 Favorite sport — Skating
 Favorite actor — Joel McCrea
 Favorite actress — June Allyson
 Likes — Friendly people
 Dislikes — To stay at home on Saturday night

FRESHMAN FAVORITE SONGS

Virginia — "Harbor Lights"
 Mary — "Old Black Joe"
 Reacie — "Jack of all Trades"
 Marie — "Blue Christmas"
 Billy — "When is Mama Coming Home?"
 Reba — "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning"
 Charles — "It's Been So Long Darling"
 Joe H — "The California Hot Rod Race"
 Shirley — "Billy Boy"
 Bel — "Faded Love"
 Jolene — "If You've Got the Money"
 Joe S — "Rose of Old Monterey"
 Nathan — "Love Bug Itch"
 Jerry — "I Love You a Thousand Ways"
 George — "Life Gets Tedious"
 Daris — "Remember Me"
 Juanice — "Cruising Down the River"
 Clyde — "Under the Red, White and Blue"
 Richard — "Dream Man Boggie"

8TH GRADE NEWS PERSONALITY

Name — Joe Van Zandt
 Age — 13 years old
 Weight — 100 pounds
 Height — 5-ft., 4-in. tall
 Color of hair — Black
 Color of eyes — Brown
 Favorite food — Ice Cream
 Favorite actor — Randolph Scott
 Favorite actress — Shirley Temple
 Favorite subject — None
 Favorite teacher — Aunt Elsie
 Likes — Basketball
 Dislikes — Loud girls and boys
 Ambition — To go to college

IDEAL GIRL

Hair like — Nelda Glyn
 Eyes like — Peggy
 Figure like — Mary Sue
 Hands like — Nelda Barton
 Sports ability like — Tommye
 Personality like — Sally

The eighth grade boys and girls

played Miami at Mobeetie, Wednesday. The girls were defeated by a score of 28 to 16. The boys won by a score of 39 to 12.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The seniors are taking subscriptions to the Amarillo Times and want everybody to get their renewals from one of the seniors. Anyone who does not subscribe to the Times will find it to be a good newspaper and is urged to get a subscription from the seniors. The seniors are finding that money is a little harder to get this year and want your support in this campaign.

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SANTA LETTERS

Mobeetie, Texas
 Dec. 3, 1950

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy 8 years old. I am in the third grade in school. I like my teacher very much. Will you bring me a football and two guns and two holsters and a bicycle. I have been a good boy at times.

Love,
 Glenn Waters



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HERSHEY'S DAINTIES Package 21c	HERSHEY'S BAKING CHOCOLATE 1/2-lb. Package 39c					

IGA FANCY UNSWEETENED GRAPEFRUIT JUICE 46-Ounce Can 25c	IGA FANCY TOMATO JUICE 46-Ounce Can 30c
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Corn King SLICED BACON Pound **43c**

Wilson's Pur Pork SAUSAGE 1-lb. Roll **37c**

TURKEY HENS & FRYERS

BEEF ROAST Lb. **59c**

PORK ROAST Lb. **49c**

HERSHEY'S COCOA
1 Lb. Pkg. **43c**

Fruits and Vegetables

RUBY RED Cranberries
1 Pound Cello Bag **17c**

TOKAY OR EMPERORS GRAPES
2 Pounds **25c**

TEXAS Oranges
5 Pound Bag **29c**

U. S. NO. 1 RUSSETTS POTATOES
10 Pound Bag **43c**

CLAY FOOD STORE
Phone 145 Free Delivery Wheeler, Texas

Avocados Large Size
23c

Coffee
Folger's **79c** | Fleming **79c**

English Walnuts
lb. **25c**

Chocolate Drops
lb. **19c**

Orange Slices
1-lb. cello **15c** | 2-lb. cello **27c**

Hershey's Chocolate Syrup
1-lb. can **15c** | 7 1-lb. cans **\$1.00**

Dromedary Dates
7 1/4-oz. pkg. **19c** | 3-7 1/4-oz. pks **50c**

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WANT ADS**

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

FOR SALE
'49 Ford tractor complete with equipment for sale or trade. Cecil Bailey. 2-4tp.

USED PIPE FOR SALE
We have some used pipe and fittings for sale. Wheeler Gas Company. 22-tfc.

Will have good used piano and small spinet piano in this vicinity in a few days. Must sell. Cash or terms. Unconditionally guaranteed. Write McBrayer Piano Co., Childress, Texas. 2-2tc.

Good bright maize bundles for sale. W. E. Burke, Wheeler. 1-2tp.

1949 Ford V-8 motor complete for sale. L. T. Davis, Jr., Kelton. 1-2tp.

Fruit trees, evergreens, flowers, shrubs, general landscape drawings and planning. Will Warren. 49-tfc.

FOR SALE—Jersey and Guernsey heavy springer heifers and mixed heifers, good size. See E. D. Baker, 1 mi. west of Erick. 52-4tc.

Four can milk cooler for sale. Weldon Weatherly. 1-2tp.

MISCELLANEOUS
WANTED—To lease from 1/4 to 1 section of grass. Lyle Holmes, Shamrock, Texas, phone 4. 2-2tc.

No hunting on my place. Geo. Porter. 50-tfc.

Will buy your scrap metal. Bob Rodgers. 2-4tc.

ALCOHOL PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1
Monuments, grave covering, curbing and all memorial work. Will Warren. 21-tfc.

Corner Building: 40 x 20 for

rent. 1 block west of bank, 3 doors west of Post Office. Wiley's. 25-tfc.

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.

We are paying \$2.50 for your old battery in on a new battery. Owen's Service Station. 49-4tc.

CARD OF THANKS
We take this means of expressing our deepest appreciation to our friends and relatives for their many expressions of sympathy in our recent bereavement, and also for the beautiful flowers.

We also want to thank the Doctors and Ministers who stood by us so loyally.

May God bless each of you in a very special way.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Farmer
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Miller

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to thank our many friends for their kindness and thoughtfulness shown to us during my recent illness and the doctors and nurses for their untiring services rendered to me while I was in the hospital.

May God bless each of you in our prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Weatherly

SOCIETY

OES Holds Christmas Program And Social

The Wheeler Chapter of O.E.S. met in regular meeting December 12 in the Lodge Hall, after which a Christmas program and social was held in the reception room.

The Nativity story was portrayed in pageant under the direction of Mrs. Cora Hyatt, program chairman. Those taking part were Mrs. R. G. Russ, Mary; Mrs. Floyd Pennington, Bible story reading; Lloyd Anglin, Jesse Dyer and George Porter the Wise Men; duet, Mrs. Fred Farmer and Mrs. George Porter. The setting for the pageant was a dimly lit manger scene, while a bright star hung on the east wall. Following the program the lights went on and those present joined in singing, "Joy To The World", and then gifts from a large Christmas tree were distributed by the "Wise Men". Members also brought white Christmas gifts.

Miss Sybil Toon And Wilson Copeland Marry

Nuptial vows were solemnized December 3 in Clayton, New Mexico for Miss Sybil Toon, daughter of Booker Toon of this city, and Wilson Copeland, son of Mrs. Nannie Copeland of Shamrock.

The bride was attired in a light blue satin dress with navy blue accessories.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brown of Shamrock attended the bridal couple.

Mrs. Copeland graduated from the Wheeler schools with the class of 1943 and has been employed at the City Drug in Wheeler the past few months. The groom attended school at Bethel and is employed by Hamlin Bros. in Shamrock.

Forrester Home Scene Of SS Class Party

The Dorcas Class of the First Baptist Church were entertained with a Christmas Party at the R. H. Forrester home Monday evening.

The party was opened by the group singing, "Love is the Theme". The Christmas Story, the sweetest ever told, was most graciously given by Mrs. Mae Tacker. Gifts were exchanged after a short Bible Quiz in which all were awarded 'stripped candy canes' for their honest endeavor.

The hostess, assisted by Mesdames R. B. Mann, Doris Skulley and Ollie Jaco, served refreshments to the following members: Mesdames J. A. Barton, Roy Weatherly, Haskell Weatherly, C. R. Weatherly, R. B. Mann, Geo. Hef-

Crouch Home Is Scene Of Special Club Meet

The Stitch and Chatter Club members entertained their husbands with an annual Yuletide dinner and party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Crouch, Thursday evening, December 14.

Mrs. Hyatt Entertains SS Class With Party

Members of the Cecelia Mann class of the Methodist Church were entertained with a Christmas social at the home of Mrs. Cora Hyatt, Thursday evening, December 14.

Those present were: Mesdames H. E. Nicholson, Geo. Berry, J. M. Lawrence, C. M. Hampton, C. C. Robison, J. W. Barr, T. M. Britt, C. J. Meek, J. E. Willard, J. B. Crowder, C. C. Crowder, C. B. Nash, M. McIlhany and the hostess, Mrs. Cora Hyatt.

Kellerville GA Girls Have Party Dec. 18

Miss Maycie McPherson of Kellerville gave a party for the G.A. girls of Kellerville at the home of her aunt, Mrs. M. D. Ware, south of Mobeetie Monday night, December 18.

Old fashioned games, such as snap, Miller Boy and spin the pan was played, followed by a candy breaking. The games were under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Newt Barker. Gifts from the beautiful Christmas tree were passed out by Mrs. Ollie McPherson. Mrs. Holley and Mr. and Mrs. Newt Barker.

Cookies and hot chocolate were served to: Bobby Jack Lea, Ginger Jones, Bobby Boyd, Gene Farrea, Glenda Smutzer, Ron Holley, Sue Gray, Don Lea, Peggie Tindall, Jr. Bishop, Barbara Hughes, Kenneth Wood, Bobby McPherson, Belle Richardson, Buddy Richardson, Carl Hampton, Maysie McPherson, Manis Medley, Jimmie Farran, Billie Harris, Vernon Tarbet, Loraine Medley, Don Hanson, Mary Tinkler, Shirley Tinkler, Mr. and Mrs. O. McPherson, Mr. and Mrs. Newt Barker, Mrs. Holley, Miss Anabel Ware and Arch Wazze.

M-Sgt. and Mrs. Guy Robison and Cheryl Anna of San Antonio

came Monday to spend the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Robison, and other relatives.



Domedary Dates 7 1/2-oz. Pkg. 23c

HEART'S DELIGHT PEACHES	No. 2 1/2 Can	29c
ALL-IN-ONE FRUIT COCKTAIL	Tall Can	15c
LEINZ PLUM OR FIG PUDDING	14-oz. Can	43c
White Swan or None Such MINCE MEAT	9-oz. Can	19c

SUN-MAID RAISINS	15-oz. Box	25c
PYRAMID FIGS	6-oz. Pkg.	22c
Ocean Spray Jelled or Whole CRANBERRY SAUCE	2 Cans	35c
DEL MONTE PUMPKIN	No. 2 1/2 Can	19c

THE 8-FT. SERVEL REFRIGERATOR
Will be given away within some hour
SATURDAY, DEC. 23RD
Only one ticket will be drawn
You do not have to be present to win
If your name is drawn you will be NOTIFIED

CHOICE MEATS

ARMOUR'S CREAMERY BUTTER Pound 69c

WE HAVE SOME NICE FAT HENS FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS DINNER

SUGAR CURED BACON SQUARE Pound 27c

PICNIC HAMS REGULAR HAMS PRICED RIGHT HALF OR WHOLE

Texas Oranges dozen	25c
CANDY CHRISTMAS MIX	Pound 19c
PEANUT SQUARES	Pound 29c
CHOCOLATE DROPS	Bulk or Pound Pkg. 25c
ROME BEAUTY APPLES	Pound 10c
DELICIOUS APPLES	2 Pounds 25c
TANGERINES	2 Pounds 35c

CHERRIES CHOCOLATE COVERED LB. BOX 49c

PUCKETT'S FOOD MARKET

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22 AND 23

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF WHEELER SHERIFF'S SALE

WHEREAS, on the 28 day of November, 1950, in Cause No. 4145, in the District Court of Wheeler County, Texas, wherein the State of Texas, in behalf of itself and the County of Wheeler, said state recovered judgment against defendant, Duward Price, for taxes, penalty, interest, and cost against the hereinafter described property;

WHEREAS, on the 20 day of December, 1950, by virtue of said judgment and the mandates the Clerk of the above mentioned District Court of said county did cause to be issued an Order of Sale commanding me as Sheriff of said county to seize, levy upon, and sell in the manner and form as required by law the hereinafter described property;

WHEREAS, by virtue of said judgment and said Order of Sale and the mandates thereof I did on the 20 day of December, 1950, seize and levy upon as the property of the above defendant the following described property, situated in Wheeler County, Texas, to-wit:

(Said description showing the number of acres, original survey, locality in county, and name by which said property is most generally known.)

All of Lots 2, 3 & 4 in Block 60, Woodley's South Side Addition to the City of Shamrock, said county and state, according to the recorded map or plat of such sub-division in the office of the county clerk, said county and state.

And I will on the first Tuesday in the month of February, 1951, the same being the 6 day of said month, proceed to sell all the right, title, and interest of the Defendant in and to said property at the Court House door of said county in the city or town of Wheeler, between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to the highest bidder for cash, provided, however, that none of said property shall be sold to the owner of said property directly or indirectly or to anyone having an interest therein or to any party other than a taxing unit which is a party to this suit for less than the amount of the adjudged value of said property or the aggregate amount of judgments against said property in said suit, whichever is lower, subject also to the right of the Defendant to redeem same in the time and manner provided by law and subject also to the right of the Defendant to have said property divided and sold in less divisions than the whole.

DATED at Wheeler, Texas, this the 20 day of December, 1950.
By C. Mixon, Deputy Wheeler County, Texas 2-3tc.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoy Hunter of near Crawford, Okla. and their four sons recently purchased the Gwynn Edwards farm northeast of Wheeler and moved there to make their home Friday of last week. We extend to this fine family a real "Texas Welcome" to our county and to the City of Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Guyette and family of Amarillo visited her father, Codie Cowden, and family and grandmother, Mrs. J. G. Cowden Monday and Tuesday. They were accompanied home by Jimmie Cowden, who will spend the Christmas holidays in their home.

MUCH HAPPINESS

at...
Christmastime

MAY the Holiday Season hold for you a heaping good measure of good cheer and happiness. May it bring you all the good things of life.

And for your patronage many, many thanks.

Beaty's Welding Shop
Wheeler, Texas

SANTA LETTERS

Dear Santa Claus,
Is it cold where you are? It
was very cold here.

I want the train set in the
Montgomery Ward Christmas cat-
alogue on page 132 and one box
car and one hopper car for Christ-
mas. Also some b-bees. Don't for-
get all the other boys and girls.

I have been a good boy.
Love,
Bobby Ray Hill
Mobeetie

Wheeler, Texas
Dec. 2, 1950

Dear Santa,

I want a wood burning set and
glasses of leather. Ribbon candy,
three sacks of it and a pair of
wrens shoes, a pair of nice guns.
From Frankie

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little girl eight years old.
I have been a pretty good girl and
am making better grades than I
did last year, but I still have
want to improve, for I want my
report to be straight A's next time.

I want you to bring me a little
doll that wets its pants, a round
wrench, a diaper and bottle set,
a doll bed, a color book and colors
(in big box). Also fruits, nuts and
candy. If you need to give some

ROGUE THEATRE

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY—

"Trail Of the Rustlers"

—starring—
Charles Starrett

FRIDAY SATURDAY NIGHT—
SUNDAY AND MONDAY

"The West Point Story"

—starring—
James Cagney and Virginia Mayo

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY—

"My Foolish Heart"

—starring—
Ellen Andrews & Susan Hayward

"SMALL BUSINESS"

By C. WILSON PARKER

Watch results of the Senate
Small Business Committee hear-
ings on the current Chicago fuel
oil squeeze. They may indicate
how small business will fare in
the new Congress.

Three years ago, when the Chi-
cago fuel oil situation became
greasy, the committee, then
headed by Sen. Wherry (Rep.,
Neb.), acted rapidly.

In the current case, the facts
are simple. On August 21st, ap-
proximately 300 independent fuel
oil dealers in the Chicago area
were informed by major oil com-
panies who supply them that on
August 31st the dealer's margin
would be cut from 2¢ per gallon to
1.7¢.

Previously the major oil com-
panies had already raised both
wholesale and consumer prices
1/2¢ per gallon.

Approximately 100 independent
fuel oil dealers courageously de-
fying the tacit threats of retalia-
tion filed affidavits with the Sen-
ate Small Business Committee
through facilities maintained by
organized small business.

These affidavits present a
spine-chilling story. Major oil
companies, from whom these
dealers buy, also retail fuel oil.
The affidavits give evidence of
collusion, conspiracy and coer-
cion.

Major oil companies were
"Johnny-come-latelys" in fuel oil
retailing. Some of the independ-
ent dealers filing affidavits, in
business 50 years, pioneered oil
for fuel in a traditional coal area.

Each dealer, even on a 2¢ mar-
gin, requires a big volume. His
equipment investment runs into
thousands. Even one-tenth of a
cent difference in his margin
means profit or loss.

Continued Federation of Independent Business

To serve a customer, a truck
costing about \$5,000 is needed.
Drivers must be paid; business
and vehicle taxes paid.

To accommodate his customers
he also extends credit. Yet a
fair size home in a severely cold
month will use not more than \$45
worth of oil at present prices as
compared to \$24 in 1949. Yet for
delivery and bookkeeping serv-
ices, even on a 2¢ margin, the
dealer was only getting a very
small gross profit on a \$45 sale.

Yet such is the nature of mono-
poly, that even the proverbial
"widow's mite" is not over-
looked.

Major oil companies have long
sought to take over the independ-
ent business.

Three years ago, the Senate
Small Business Committee under
the aggressive leadership of
Senator Wherry stopped them,
apparently temporarily. A puzzle
still remains.

"Why," members of the Senate
committee of that time asked,
"did not the Justice Department
take steps to prevent recur-
rences?"

Big Oil apparently wields an
influence official Washington is
reluctant to discuss.

Thus, the present Chicago hear-
ings, conducted by Senators Ben-
ton (Conn.), Long (La.) and
Schoepel (Kans.), may take in
more territory than Chicago. The
hearings may unearth the reason
why fuel and gasoline prices are
raised almost simultaneously by
alleged competitors; why Pacific
Coast oil prices to government
skyrocketed right after Korea.
Even race track stewards would
be curious if every race ended in
a dead heat.

of these to other little girls just
bring me what you have left. I
will be looking for you Xmas eve
night.

"I love u"
Zuana Ledbetter
I also would like to have a doll
buggy.

Wheeler, Texas
Dec. 7, 1950

Dear Santa Clause,
I am a little boy three years
old, and I have a little brother
too.

We want a little red wagon and

some dishes with a coffee pot. I
want a dump truck, and Danny
wants a new teddy bear. Don't
forget Mommy and Daddy and all
our neighbors children.

We will be good, so by, by.
Wayne and Danny Jackson

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy four years old
and have tried to be nice.

Please bring me a model tractor
and service station, also a collar
for my dog, Eckie.

Please remember Uncle Troy
who is on Okinawa. Also all the

other little boys and girls.
Love,
Ray Corcoran
Box 144
Mobeetie, Texas

Wheeler, Texas
Dec. 5, 1950

Hello Santa,

Here comes another little boy
six years old. I am in the first
grade at school. My teacher is
Mrs. Farmer. I like her fine. I
have been a good boy and get a
dollar for each report card that I
make all A's.

I want you to bring me a cow-
boy suit, boots, 2 Roy Rogers
guns, houseshoes, bat and ball,
candies, fruits and nuts. Hoping
you don't get snowed under.

Your friend,
Jackie Daves

Mobeetie, Texas
Dec. 7, 1950

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy almost four
years old.

I would like very much if you
would bring me a red wagon, a
truck, and a wheat drill if you
have one.

Please Santa, don't forget the
other little boys and girls.

Your little friend,
Cary Jack Johnson
Rt. 2, Mobeetie

Dear Santa,

I am a little girl in the second
grade and have tried to be a nice
girl at school and at home.

I would like a toy accordion and
a doll, also nuts, fruits, candy.
Please remember Uncle Troy who
is in Okinawa, also all the other
little boys and girls.

Love,
Arice Corcoran
Box 144
Mobeetie, Texas

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a baton, a rub-
ber doll and also some candy, nuts,
and fruit.

Love,
Hazel White
P.S. I have been a very good
little girl.

Wheeler, Texas
Dec. 15, 1950

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little girl 4 years old. I
wish you would please bring me
a small blackboard, doll and a
little hammer set. Also some nuts,
candy and fruits. Please remem-
ber all my little friends.

Love,
Sharon Dianne Bradley

Christmas Greetings



We feel with gratitude and
pride the loyalty of our many
old customers and the good
will of our newer ones. We
treasure the warm friend-
ship existing between us and
our customers and hope that
it will continue for many
years to come.

It is, then, in the Christmas
spirit of real friendship that
we extend to all our custo-
mers the most sincere greet-
ings of the season.

Ebb Farmer Service Station

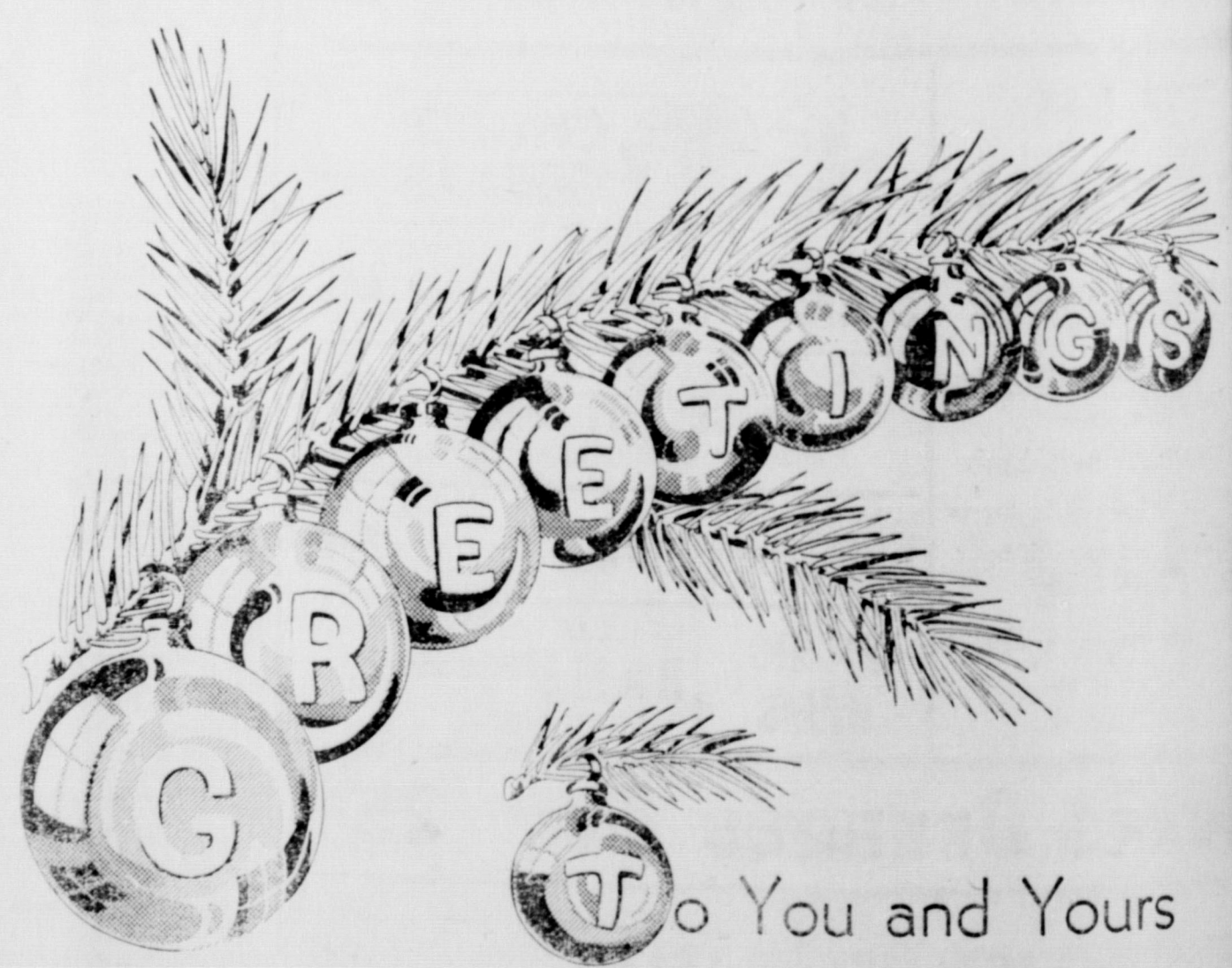
Wheeler, Texas



Merry
Christmas

Paymaster Gin

Billy J. Darnell, Manage
Wheeler, Texas



To You and Yours

Ever mindful of your friendship
and good will, we wish
you and yours a most

Happy Holiday Season

Cicero Smith Lumber Company

Wheeler, Texas

Children's Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
I want to bring me a bride
some dishes and a Cind-
and a fountain pen
27-in. long with rub-
I want it plain.
I want a happy New Year
and a Happy New Year
Christmas.
Santa.
With love,
Jeanette
Wheeler, Texas
Dec. 5, 1950

for this year.
Thank you
With love,
Carolyn Jan Pitcock
Twitty, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a little girl eight years
old. Please bring me a big doll and
a toy ice box and also some dishes.
Love,
Lola Sue Pitcock
Wheeler, Texas
Dec. 6, 1950
Briscoe, Texas

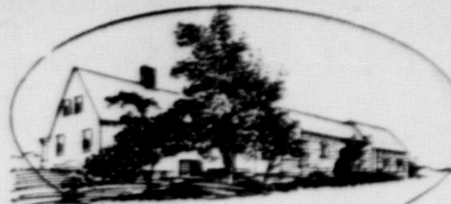
for Christmas. I would like to
have a red wagon and a baseball
and bat. Don't forget all the other
little girls and boys. I'll be looking
for you on Christmas eve.
Your friend,
James Loyd Hefley, Jr.
Briscoe, Texas
Dec. 8, 1950

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy three years old
and my little sister is seven mon-
ths old. Her name is Anita Lynn
and she wants a pink teddy bear

Dear Santa,
I'm a little boy two years old.
I have been good part of the time.
I would like for you to bring me
a red tractor like my daddy's, a
little wheel-barrow, a Negro doll.
I would like some candy and nuts.
Be sure and bring all of the other
little boys and girls lots of toys.
Your little friend,
J. David Zybach

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK

By R. J. SCOTT



"SAM WOODWORTH, A
NEW YORK NEWSPAPER REPORTER,
WROTE THE POEM 'THE OLD OAKEN
BUCKET' ABOUT THE WELL AND
HOUSE OF HIS BOYHOOD AT
GREENBUSH, MASS.

SCRAPS

HOW FAST
CAN INSECTS
TRAVEL ON THE
WIND?
100 MILES PER HOUR.

HERE
IS A
REAL IRISHMAN
DRESSED IN THE
CLOTHES OF A
BY-GONE DAY. A COSTUME NOW EXCEEDINGLY
RARE. NOT MORE THAN SIX NOW REMAIN IN
THE WHOLE OF IRELAND.



Wheeler, Texas
Dec. 7, 1950
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a windup
freight train for Christmas. I am
a little boy 4 1/2 years old.
Please put the train under my
Christmas tree. That is all I want.
Your friend,
James Oscar (Go) Sakke
Wheeler, Texas
Dec. 7, 1950

gun holster set for Christmas. I
would also like to have a basket-
ball, candy, nuts and fruit. Please
remember all the other boys and
girls too.
Your friend,
Richard Hampton.

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy three years
old. I have tried to be a good boy
but you know little boys. Please
Santa, will you bring me some
boots, books, guns and records.
Bring us a bag of fruit, nuts and
candy. Remember all other little
boys and girls.
Your little friend,
Arville Dean Atherton

ATTENTION -- RURAL FOLKS
THE FORT WORTH PRESS
FALL BARGAIN RATE
\$5.00
One full year—by Mail—In Texas
A COMPLETE DAILY NEWSPAPER
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Amount \$5.00—ONE FULL YEAR by mail to:
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Town _____, Texas
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HERE'S WISHING YOU A
Merry Christmas

GARRISON SERVICE
Wheeler, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am seven years old and in the
second grade.
I have been a good girl and I
would like for you to bring me
some roller skates, a purse and a
toy telephone. Hoping to see you
soon.
Love,
Charlotte Austin
Wheeler, Texas

Dear Santa,
We are two little boys three
and four years old. We are good
around this time of year. We want
a wagon and tractor. Candy and
apples.
Two little friends,
Jerry and Joe Pruitt
Wheeler, Texas
Dec. 5, 1950

Dear Santa,
I am a boy nine years old. I am
in the fourth grade at school. I
want you to bring me a Roy Rog-
ers gun set, cowboy boots, size 2
and a cowboy hat. Also fruits, nuts
and candy. Please don't forget the
other little boys and girls.
Your little friend,
Carroll Daves

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl seven years
old. I hope to get a doll, purse and
gloves, fruit, candy and nuts.
There will be cookies under the
tree.
Thanks,
Joan Ann Pruitt

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy nine years old.
I have been pretty good for a boy.
I would like to have a gun, tractor,
firecrackers and plenty to eat. I
hope the weather isn't too bad for
you to find my house.
Thanks for everything,
Willis Clay Pruitt

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl two years old.
My name is Marsha Lee. Please
bring me some candy, a doll, and
a doll buggy. And don't forget all
the other little boys and girls.
Love,
Marsha Lee
Wheeler, Texas
Dec. 7, 1950

Dear Santa,
I am three years old this year.
I have tried to be a good boy.
Please bring me a toy truck and
car for Christmas. I also like
candy, nuts and fruit. I will be
looking for you.
Your little friend,
Larry Hampton

NEW 1951 Chevrolet
AMERICA'S LARGEST AND FINEST LOW-PRICED CAR!

**PLUS TIME-PROVED
POWER Glide
AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION***
—proved by more than a billion miles of performance
in the hands of hundreds of thousands of owners.

AMERICAN BEAUTY DESIGN—Brilliant
new styling . . . featuring entirely
new grille, fender moldings and rear-
end design . . . imparting that longer,
lower, wider, big-car look which dis-
tinguishes Chevrolet products.

AMERICA-PREFERRED BODIES BY FISHER
—With new and even more strikingly
beautiful lines, contours and colors
. . . with extra sturdy Fisher Unisteel
construction . . . Curved Windshield
and Panoramic Visibility.

MODERN-MODE INTERIORS—With up-
holstery and appointments of out-
standing quality, in beautiful two-
tone color harmonies . . . and with
extra generous seating room for
driver and all passengers.

MORE POWERFUL JUMBO-DRUM BRAKES
(with *Dual-Life rivetless brake linings*)—
Largest brakes in low-price field . . .
with both brake shoes on each wheel
self-energizing . . . giving maximum
stopping-power with up to 25% less
driver effort.

SAFETY-SIGHT INSTRUMENT PANEL—
Safer, more efficient . . . with over-
hanging upper crown to eliminate
reflections in windshield from instru-
ment lights . . . and plain, easy-to-
read instruments in front of driver.

IMPROVED CENTER-POINT STEERING
(and *Center-Point Design*)—Making
steering even easier at low speeds
and while parking . . . just as Chev-
rolet's famous Knee-Action Ride is
comfortable beyond comparison in
its price range.

*Optional on De Luxe models at extra cost.

CHEVROLET
WARE CHEVROLET COMPANY
Wheeler, Texas

MORE PEOPLE BUY CHEVROLETS THAN ANY OTHER CARS!

TO OUR GOOD FRIENDS
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

As another year joins the
pleasant memories of
Our association with you
We want to wish a
Merry Christmas full of
good cheer to all

Holdeman Implement Co.
"Your John Deere Dealer"
Phone 143 Wheeler, Texas

Proclamation

Next Monday, the world, of which this community is a part, will celebrate in accordance with accepted custom the birthday of Jesus. The word "celebrate" is used advisedly, I fear, rather than the word "observe" judging by past Christmas holiday seasons. But it would be appropriate for us to pause long enough to realize that we should observe the birthday of a KING; for Matthew's Gospel is characteristically the Gospel of the King. The figure of Jesus is painted in colors of royalty. His ancestry is traced from a royal line; His birth is dreaded by a rival King, and Wise Men offer their royal gifts to the Babe in the manger; His heralds declare that His kingdom is at hand. His temptations reach their climax as He is offered the kingdoms of this world; His great message to His followers, "The Sermon on the Mount" is like a manifesto of a King setting forth the fundamental laws of His kingdom. His miracles are His royal credentials; His parables are termed "mysteries of the kingdom". Even outside His own land He is hailed as the "Son of David"; He claims freedom from paying tribute to "the Kings of the earth", for He is the child of a King; He makes His royal entry into Jerusalem and claims sovereign power, and tells concerning Himself the story of the marriage of the King's son; while facing the cross He predicts His return in glory and His universal reign. He claims power to command legions of angels. In the hour of His death the rocks are rent, the earth is shaken, the dead are raised; His resurrection is a scene of majestic power, emphasized by an earth quake, and by the appearance of an angel; His last words are a kingly claim and a royal command "All authority hath been given unto me; . . . go ye therefore". The characteristic and significant phrase of the Gospel is in the legend "the kingdom of heaven". Here is a portrait in which even the minor touches are resplendent with purple and gold.

What a picture is painted in this Gospel of the Prince of the House of David. Let us behold Him, then, as He comes down from the mountain with great crowds following Him. This is He of whom it is written, "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulders; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

And now consider. He has left all and come down to this poor, wretched, sin-cursed earth—this rebellious providence of His universe—to bring peace from the God of Peace. He was born a King, born of a woman, made under the law, that He might redeem His people from the law. He now presents Himself to those around Him as the Son of David, the Son of Abraham, the true and lawful heir to the throne.

What a truly glorious king He is! As He moves majestically along surrounded by an immense throng, disease and death flee from before His face. The awful plague of leprosy disappears at the touch of His mighty hand, for this is the hand that created the world and all things that are therein. A helpless paralytic lying at a distance bounds from his bed in perfect health and strength at a word from the absent King, and no wonder for it is by the word of His power that He upholds all things. A mother, lying sick of a fever, is perfectly healed by a touch from Him whose touch quickens all things. Even creation itself is subject to Him when He rebukes the winds and the waves, and all nature lies in quiet submission at His feet. And when Satan throws off the masks and thrusts his unclean spirits into the pathway of the King, they are consigned to the swine and driven into the sea.

And yet the people did not want Him—they would not have this man to rule over them. King of Heaven and Earth though He was, He had no place to lay His head. Even His own disciples were so frightened by the storm that they actually looked the King in the face and said, "Master we perish!" And when He had stilled the sea it never occurred to them that they had Immanuel on board, but they only asked one another, "What manner of man is this?" And for a climax, we see the citizens of Gadara positively preferring their swine to the Lord of Glory, and begging Him to leave the country!

Now therefore by the authority vested in me, I hereby proclaim Monday, December 25th, 1950, as a holiday and express the hope herewith that we will observe and commemorate the birthday of a King, rather than celebrate a season of festivities.

Witness my hand at Wheeler, Texas, this 20th day of December, 1950.

R. H. FORRESTER, Mayor
City of Wheeler

A little package
but a **BIG** wish

Merry Christmas

CITY DRUG STORE

DRUGS

Away In A Manger

Carroll Miller

1. Away in a manger no stall for a bed He lay
2. The ox and the donkey the Babe in a manger
3. He came to earth to save us from sin

4. The Babe in the manger
5. The Babe in the manger
6. The Babe in the manger

Wheeler hisperings

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R. H. Forrester, Homer L. Moss, Bill Owen, Mrs. Mary Garrison, Frank Wofford, Wm. W. Wiley, Mrs. James Montgomery, Max Wiley, Allen Kavanaugh, H. L. Flanagan, A. S. Caudell, E. F. Armstrong, Mrs. Sanford Miller, J. L. Gilmore, E. T. Beck, Mrs. J. L. Smith.

John Gillenwater, Bus Walker, W. W. Strawbridge, J. W. Anglin, F. C. Lawrence, W. L. Williams, Stanley Green, C. G. Cantrell, Jr., Mrs. Wesley H. Buice, Sgt. Chester L. Herd, Venson Smith, Ed Gilmer, G. C. Wilkinson, Edward E. Meek, Mrs. E. T. McCleskey and Bill Mason.

We note that the Church of Christ is getting a nice new coat of white dash as a Christmas present which is quite commendable.

Rev. M. B. Smith, pastor of the Baptist Church, tells us that work is again underway on the construction of the new church auditorium.

As we were making our rounds this week Red Richerson showed us the fine bow and arrows he has recently acquired. Red is practicing shooting at a target during his spare time around the elevator and tells us that he is soon going out for big game hunting with his Indian weapon.

As we sign off we'd like to take this means of saying "Thank You" for pleasant associations and relationships during the past year and wish for each of you the "Merriest Christmas" possible under the circumstances.

Mobeetie Meditations

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Sunday dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Sims were Mr. and Mrs. Lige Powers, and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Davis, Dumas, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Kantz, Glendale, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Albert Scribner and children, Holly, Colo., Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Pigg, Wellington, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Beck and children and A. E. Smith, Dumas, Mrs. Susie Spearman and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sims and children, Mr. and Mrs. Al Sims, Wilbur Sims, Mary K. Sims, Mrs. Laverne Scribner, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Scribner and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sims and daughter.

A group of men and women of the Baptist Church membership met at the church parsonage Tuesday for a day of work, getting things in readiness for a thorough re-decorating job.

Miss Nannette Tyson is home from A. C. C. at Abilene, to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Patterson and family visited last Sunday in the Willard Godwin home.

Mrs. Nora Trusty was a guest of her daughter and family, the Joe Gabriels, in Pampa over the past weekend.

We are leaving early in the morning, Wednesday, for Fort Worth. Will be home Friday, bringing LaRue for the holiday weekend at home. The Seasons Greetings to all our friends and neighbors, with the wish that your families can be with you.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Sides and children of Baldwin, Fla. are visiting friends and relatives here and at Amarillo.

NEWS FROM— County Agent's Office

By Ralph Wheat and Robert Ledbetter

BABY BEEF SHOW

The Wheeler County Baby Beef show is to be held January 20, at the Wheeler Community Building. Some 20 head of baby beef 4-H and FFA calves are expected to be shown. After this show, three Wheeler county calves will be shown at Fort Worth, Pampa, and Amarillo. The Wheeler Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis Club are sponsoring this show.

GRASS SEED

Arrangements are being made with some dealers over the county to handle grass seed under a vendor agreement with the P.M.A. This will mean that persons interested in grass reseeding can get the grass seed for the difference of the dealers price and P.M.A. payment. Sand Love grass seed for example is selling for around 65 cents per pound and the P.M.A. payment is 50 cents per pound, therefore the farmer or rancher would just have to pay 15 cents per pound to get the seed. This arrangement should make it possible for some people to reseed grass that could not afford it otherwise.

SOIL CONSERVATION ELECTION

There will be an election of a soils conservation director or supervisor for the sub-district No. 4 at the Veterans class room at Mobeetie, January 8, 1951 at 2:00 p.m. This new supervisor will take over Jap Baileys place on the Wheeler County Board of Supervisors. Jap is unable to serve because of business arrangements.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

We would like to take this time to say to each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and that we have enjoyed working with you this year.

J. P. Meek of Childress, father of Mrs. Fred Farmer of this city, entered the Wheeler Hospital Tuesday for medical treatment.

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Pierce and Jaunita Sanders.

HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

All A's—Carmaleta Brown, Jo Ann Childress, Mary Bob Denson, Maurine Herd, Bonita Ragan and Dixie Sanders.

A's and B's—Molly Berry, Wanda Blevins, Richard Brown, Annie Collins, Loretta Crowder, Wynola Childress, James Clark, Martha Lou Goad, Fliptian Lott, LaJuane Mann, Shirley Moore, Margaret Moore, David Johnson, Neil McQueen, Betty Lou Kidwell, Leola

School Population Of

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4/H CLUB NEWS

Mobeetie Club

The Mobeetie 4-H Club girls met Thursday, December 14, with the H.D.A., Mrs. J. Hastings.

Ellen Corcoran played a number of Christmas carols on her accordion, after which a discussion was held on setting the table the easy way.

The next meeting of the club will be January 11.

Richardson, J. E. Rogers, Glenn Sanders, Betty Jo Trayler and Bob Weatherly.

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Merry Christmas

Those two little words express our feeling at this joyous season better than any others we can find. We've searched for old-time phrases in modern dress but each time we come back to the old familiar expression of "Merry Christmas" May it be you happiest!

McILHANY'S
"For Everything You Wear"
Wheeler, Texas

Society

Mrs. Barnes Hostess To Thurs. Review Club

Mrs. Earl Barnes was hostess to members of the Thursday Review Study Club, December 14, when they met for a study program on Antiques.

Mrs. R. J. Holt, Jr. was program leader and introduced the guest speaker for the evening to be Mrs. J. M. Porter. Mrs. Porter told of her own collection of antiques and displayed a number of pieces of glassware. She also gave some very helpful hints on how to recognize genuine antiques in glassware and furniture. The program closed with the reading of the club collect.

Refreshments bearing the Christmas motif were served to: Mesdames Roy Ford, W. A. Goad, Jr., J. C. Howell, Cecil Richerson, Jr., Carroll Pendleton, Carroll Pettit, Lowell Pendleton, Leroy Robison, Harvey Wright, Jack Sims, Louis Martin, and Misses Glenna and Wilma Hefley and Vendell Starkey, and to two guests, Mrs. J. M. Porter and Mrs. Lester Robertson.

Mrs. Herbert Whitener and daughter, Marilyn, were dismissed from the Wheeler Hospital Thursday morning where they had been receiving medical treatment.

A dollar may not go very far, but usually it travels far enough so that it never finds its way back.

SANTA LET

December 21
Dear Santa,
There are three of us here and we hope you don't forget and see us. We will be glad to see you. We want a baby and a pair of boots. We hope you find this for us. And on the sleigh here don't let any of us off the sleigh. We hope you and also get your wish for Good Will.

The Three Girls
Lee Nell, Mel Marina Louise

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. castle from Texas A. & M. Tuesday night to spend the holidays here with friends.

Miss Peggy Rodgers of Baylor University is here to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rodgers.

Roy Weatherly was from the local hospital where he had been receiving medical treatment.

Among the 48 steers ranks high in the milk cows, but very low on milk and butterfat production. The artificial program, if widely used, will assist in remedying this situation.

Compliments of the Season

TO ALL OUR GOOD FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

ANN'S BEAUTY SHOP
Wheeler, Texas

GREETING

May there come to you at this Holiday-Time an abundance of the precious things of life: Health, Happiness and enduring Friendships.

To those of you who have not yet completed your Christmas shopping, we still have a complete selection of gifts for all members of the family.

We give Gunn Bros. Thrift Stamps.

WHEELER DRUG STORE
"A Friendly Place To Trade"
PHONE 11

Legends Express Christmas Beauty

There are many legends concerning Christmas, but some of the most beautiful have to do with flowers.

Christmas rose, for instance, was divinely created. A shepherd wept at having no gift to lay before the Babe in the manger. Suddenly an angel appeared before her—

The Angel spoke, his voice was low and sweet
As the sea's murmur on low-lying shore,
Or whisper of the wind in ripened wheat.

After hearing why the maiden wept, he touched the ground and the rose had fallen, with the branch of lilies which he carried, and the place was white with Christmas roses, which the angels and laid on the manger.

Others, Sainfoin, or Holy Hay, is believed to have cradled 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 Eve.

**Resolutions Fun,
If Right Spirit
Attends Making**

George M. Cohan may have saluted the great American custom of breaking New Year's resolutions, but Ernestine Evans assures us that around the turn of the century her family played the game of resolutions very seriously and for keeps.

The game was invented by the family's Aunt Callie whose dinners were cut-of-this-world, and if you were invited to New Year's dinner, you automatically were invited to dinner on April 1. There was one qualification, however.

Aunt Callie's guests were required to write out one—just one—resolution, seal it in an envelope and deposit it with Aunt Callie.

**England's Puritans
Banned Christmas
As Privilous Time**

Christmas was outlawed in England by the Puritan government of England in 1643 and, although the restoration of the Stuarts brought a revival of Christmas customs and traditions, Christmas never regained its former prestige in England.

It is observed religiously in the churches and as a day for family reunions and social gatherings, in contrast to the lavish feasting and boisterous merry-making of olden times.

Merry-making and gift-giving come in for their share, however, on December 26 which is Boxing Day.



Roast the holiday turkey in aluminum foil if you want the "juiciest" and tenderest turkey that you have ever eaten.

Boxing Day. The origin of Boxing Day antedates Christmas and can be traced to the custom of gift-giving during the Roman festival of Saturnalia.

In Christian liturgy December 26 is observed as the feast of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, and during the centuries when journeymen and apprentices were in the habit of leaving upon their masters' customers, "Christmas Loxes" were collected on St. Stephen's day.

Thus, the children receive their presents, in boxes, as do old servants, the postman, and everyone else. And reminiscent of the Roman Saturnalia, householders dance with the servants and, toward evening, there is revelling in the streets as groups of merry-makers gather on street corners or ride about London-town dancing on the "flats" of trucks.

Santa's Requests

Santa Claus still gets letters from youngsters with the same cherished requests—bicycles and dolls. But last year a child wanted a live cow. He told a department store Santa so.

Another kid wanted a new daddy because hers was "wearing out on top."

Hello There!

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Griffin Bros. Service Station
Wheeler, Texas

cost of tuberculosis research, and pensions to veterans. The cost of hospital construction is not included.

Of deaths due to tuberculosis, 92 percent is caused by pulmonary tuberculosis, or tuberculosis of the lungs.

GREETINGS

To you, one of our family of friends, we extend our most cordial Christmas Greetings. It is your friendship that gives warmth and feeling to the every day things of life.

Wheeler Hospital
Wheeler, Texas



IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY . . . The Rev. Hugh Giles (left, on stand), minister of music at the Central Presbyterian church in New York, is shown leading the carol singing which marked the lighting of the Christmas trees on Park avenue last year. Six hundred persons joined the choirs of five churches as the 30 trees lining the avenue were lighted and dedicated in honor of U. S. war dead.

SANTA LETTERS

Dear Santa Claus,
This year I would like for you to bring me a pair of roller skates, a doll house with furniture, a suitcase, a baby doll and a record player. If you do not have enough of these things for all the little girls I will be happy with anything you leave.

I hope that Jingle Jolly hasn't given you too much trouble this year and that you will be able to visit all of the little children.

Your little friend,
Cheryl Kay Howell

Dear Santa Claus,
I've been a very good boy so will you please bring me a truck, a catapillar, a steam shovel, a tractor, cap guns and candy, fruit and nuts.

Don't forget the other little boys and girls.

Yours truly,
Bobby Treadwell
Mobeetie

**Maybe It's a Bit
OLD FASHIONED**

... this idea of wishing folks a Merry Christmas but we have been doing so for many years and each season we welcome the opportunity more and more.

Ours is a sincere greeting with the true significance of the Christmas Season the real thought back of our message to you.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
WHEELER ABSTRACT CO.**
Wheeler, Texas

**FIREWORKS
Are Dangerous**

Besides being dangerous and annoying to most people, the discharge of fireworks is DANGEROUS. There is a probability of serious injury to people when fireworks are discharged around crowds and there is also ever present FIRE hazards which always accompanies the use of fireworks.

WARNING

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

FIREWORKS

... in Wheeler, and the City requests that parents admonish their children both as to danger to physical property and violation of the ordinance.

The City asks the cooperation of all citizens, young and old, in enforcing this ordinance and stopping the menace to life and property.

The City of Wheeler

SANTA LETTERS

Mobeetie, Texas
Dec. 4, 1950

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you please bring me a truck, a football, a catapillar, a

steam shovel, a tractor, cap guns and candy and fruits and nuts. Be good to the other boys and girls too.

A good boy,
David Treadwell

Wheeler, Texas
Dec. 5, 1950

Dear Santa,
I am a boy in the fifth grade.

I want you to bring me a bicycle, 2 guns and scabbards. Also fruit, candies and nuts. I thing I have been a pretty good boy this year.

Your friend,
Carl Daves

Dear Santa,
I want a toy guitar and a Bible for Christmas. My little sister wants an accordion. My sisters name is Arlene, she is six years old. I will be nine years old January 3.

With love,
Ina Faye Magee
Allison, Texas

Wheeler, Texas
November 29, 1950

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a doctors set and my brother wants a doll and I want two holsters with two guns that will shoot caps, and four boxes of caps. I want a pair of houseshoes. My brother wants a rocking horse. I want a cowboy shirt, a red one. I want a scout knife.

Jerry Burgess
P.S. I want a Bible.

Times Classifieds Get Results!



By Dorothy Boys Kilian

"THIS HOUSEHOLD is in for a lean Christmas, all right," Bill Robinson said bitterly to his wife who had just come into the living room, dressed for market-ing. Seated in an easy chair, he looked disgustedly down at his still-banded leg stretched out straight on an ottoman.

Margaret leaned over and brushed her cheek against his. "It's enough for us to see you getting well again, honey. When I first saw you after that auto accident, I was plumb scared for your life."

Bill squeezed her hand. "You're a brick, dear. But we can't expect our three- and five-year-old offspring to understand that doctor and hospital bills have completely strapped us. Why we can't even afford a tree, let alone presents"

Margaret was quite for a second. Then she stood up and, turning toward the door, said, "Speaking of the children, Bill, they're out in the kitchen with their water colors,



"What a swell bunch of fellows," he managed to say.

and the two little Johnson girls are with them. Mrs. Johnson had some last minute shopping to do, and I knew you wouldn't mind watching them again."

"O.K.," Bill answered. "That's the least I can do after the neighborly way they treated us through all this mess."

"I'll try to be home before your Cub Scout group descends upon you. Seven lively boys are a terrific handful, I know."

VOICES FROM the kitchen broke into the silence. Judy Johnson was saying excitedly, "I think I'm going to get a doll buggy."

Back came his own little Margie's answer. "I'm going to get a doll house."

"How do you know?"

"Oh, because I asked for one for my birthday last summer, and Daddy smiled and said probably one would come at Christmas."

Bill winced. It had been so easy, promising things for six months ahead.

Just then he heard Mrs. Johnson's hearty voice at the kitchen door. "Where's Mr. Robinson? I have something here for him."

"Oh, a Christmas tree!" The shrill voice of a child exclaimed.

MRS. JOHNSON was laughing as she appeared at the living room door. "Did you hear, Bill? Yes, I went shopping for our tree, and picked one up for you folks at the same time. It isn't so very tall, but it's big enough to cheer you all up."

Mrs. Johnson went on talking, to cover Bill's embarrassment. "I'll take all the youngsters over to my house for awhile." And she was gone.

"Some neighbor!" Bill glowed. "Still," his face clouded over, "That tree may only point up the lack of much under it—"

A loud commotion at the front door drew his attention. "Come on in, the door's not locked," he called, recognizing the voices of his Cub Scouts.

A whirlwind of blue-clad boys swept into the room, their eyes sparkling with happy mischief.

"Oh, Mr. Robinson," the smallest one shrieked. "We've just finished all the—"

"We've been working after school every day at my house, making toys for your children," a second Cub burst in. "You should see—a doll house for Margie, and a doll bed and a kitchen cupboard!"

"And for little Bill, guess what?" The smallest boy couldn't keep quiet. "A wooden sled, and a garage for his little cars and some big blocks, all sanded and waxed and everything!"

Bill tossed his head to get rid of the drops of mist in the corners of his eyes. "What a swell bunch of fellows," he managed to say. "But why—"

"Why not?" the biggest Cub said happily. "You're the one who taught us how to use tools in the first place, aren't you? And besides, we just like the Robinsons!" He stopped suddenly, embarrassed.

"Well, fellows," Bill said, after a deep breath. "I certainly didn't think so a while ago, but this is going to be one of the happiest Christmases of my life!"

SANTA LETTERS

Dec. 18, 1950

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl eight years old. Some time I am bad, but I don't stay bad long. Will you please bring me a zipper note book, a rubber doll and a monopoly set.

I have a little brother too. He is five years old. Some time he is bad too, but he doesn't stay bad long either. Would you please bring him two guns alike, some boxing gloves and a punching bag. Thank you very much Santa Claus.

Lots of love,
Phyllis and Randy Callan

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a toni doll, dishes, color book and a story book.

Love,
Jean Daberry

Kelton, Texas
Dec. 12, 1950

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a pretty good boy.

Would you bring me a Bar-n-Ranch and a doctor set and cowboy suit, nuts, fruits and candy? Your friend,
Don Hill

ine and some cooking. Please bring my two sisters and brother Christmas too. Your friend
Jo Hubbs

Dear Santa Claus,
I am seven years old and have been a good little girl this year. For Christmas I want a pair of skates, a doll trunk, sewing mach-

It amazes us to see with girls. We didn't woman would stand around by another we

A Joyous Yuletide

It is with full appreciation of your loyal and sincere friendship that we take this means of extending Compliments of the season to each of you.

B & B GROCERY AND MARKET
Mobeetie, Texas

A Glorious Christmas

TO EACH OF YOU

OTIS REID GARAGE
Wheeler, Texas

Merry Christmas

FRIENDS

BURCH'S
VARIETY & SHOE SHOP
Mobeetie, Texas

Christmas GREETING

TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

May Your Christmas Be Truly A Glorious Occasion

ATKINS & RUFF
Mobeetie, Texas

MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS

While we are remembering everyone at Christmas time we are mindful of the many kind expressions of good will toward us. For this we are grateful and wish you every Yule joy.

Cicero Smith Lumber Co.
Mobeetie, Texas

GREETINGS

Well do we realize how much we rely on you, our good customers, whose friendships make possible a fuller enjoyment of life.

So, to you, we say thank you. May your Christmas be a merry one.

Farmer's Equity Service Inc.
JACK MILLER, Mgr.
Mobeetie, Texas

We Like to Say-- MERRY CHRISTMAS

It is a greeting of friendliness that warms the heart and brings friends closer to each other. It is the thoughtful expression of regard that one man has for another — the manifestation of kindness among friends and loved ones. It is the greeting that expresses for us the true meaning of Christmas.



Wheeler Gas Company

Wheeler, Texas



By Nancy Plyler

THE SMALL BOY pressed his face closer to the window. Outside the snow lay a white blanket over the community, and darkness had drawn its curtain upon the dog's activities. Johnny had been standing there since dinner.

His mother and father sat nearby. "He hardly touched his dinner!" his mother explained.

"It's too bad! He was very fond of that dog," his father said seriously.

"I'm so sorry this happened. It's just two weeks until Christmas and there's so much to do. Scouring the neighborhood for the dog at this time will interfere with our other plans," the mother said.

While they were talking, the doorbell rang. The wife went to answer it and found two teen-age boys on the porch.

"Yes?" the wife questioned. The boys seemed to be out of breath from running. "Mrs. Rice, we saw two men take your dog into



"Did Santa Claus send him back to me, Mommy?" was all he asked.

their car. They drove away with him," one of the boys explained. "What? When?" the wife was beside herself.

"About two hours ago. We were taking the groceries to Mrs. Jane; we couldn't turn back to tell you. Besides the car was gone before we knew what had happened. I think we'd know them if we saw them again," the boys finished.

"Don, will you come here?" Mrs. Rice called to her husband. "Now, will you please tell my husband what you have just told me?" she turned to the boys.

They reiterated the same facts to Mr. Porter.

His first statement was, "Don't say anything about this to Johnny."

He questioned the boys further, thought for a time, then asked the boys if they would agree to go around the neighborhood with him to see if he could trace the men.

Agreeing to this, the two boys left with Mr. Porter.

MRS. PORTER was sitting in the living-room when Mr. Porter returned. Her eyes questioned what her lips could not say.

"No luck!" he sunk into a chair. "I didn't really think there would be any use to go out and look for them. There just wasn't anything else to do. Poor kid! With Christmas coming on and everything," Mr. Porter was very solemn.

On Christmas morning Mrs. Porter was up very early. The Christmas tree was trimmed to perfection. The wreaths were hung. The living-room was very picturesque. Johnny's stocking was hung over the mantle; it was brimming to the top. All kinds of toys that would delight the heart of a five-year-old boy were under the tree. His mother took one last look before she called to her husband to awaken Johnny.

A sleepy, tousled-haired boy crept down the steps to behold the wonders of another Christmas day. After viewing the scene, he gave one leap to the hobby-horse that waited for him. By now he was no longer sleepy, but had mustered energy to open all his gifts without any help from his parents.

And for a time Johnny seemed so engrossed in the many toys that he never mentioned about his dog. But their hopes were short-lived! For while they were planning for the day, they noticed that Johnny was watching at the window. Mr. and Mrs. Porter looked at each other and knew that they had lost in their endeavor to make Christmas Day a happy time for their boy.

When Mrs. Porter was nearly on the verge of tears, Johnny gave one scream from the window. They ran to it and looking out, saw a small white dog scurrying up the path. Mr. Porter never opened a door more gleefully and the dog dashed into the room, into the arms of his master. Johnny was laughing and crying at the same time. "Did Santa Claus send him back to me, Mommy?" was all he asked.

"Yes, dear," she whispered.

"The dog either broke away; or, the spirit of Christmas must have worked in those men's hearts," Mrs. Porter smiled to her husband.

Happy New Year — Buckaroo Style



GOOD WISHES

THIS Christmas
AND ALWAYS
TITLE ABSTRACT COMPANY

C. J. MEEK, Mgr.
Wheeler, Texas



It's Fun
to Enjoy
Christmas

We cherish the happiness our old and new friends have given us over the year and at this heart-warming season, we extend our sincerest wishes for a MERRY CHRISTMAS.

May this message of thankful appreciation for your good will come to you at a time when you too, are enjoying the pleasant memories of friendships that have lasted through many loyal years.

Wheeler Locker

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Black
Wheeler, Texas

TO THOSE WE SERVE
Merry Christmas

AND TO THOSE WHOM WE HOPE TO SERVE
Merry Christmas

TO EVERYBODY
Merry Christmas

ALLEN'S RADIO SERVICE

Wheeler, Texas

SANTA LETTERS

Dear Santa Claus,
Christmas will soon be here. I want a doll for Christmas, if you can bring it.

I love you,
Vernell Abernethy

Dec. 18, 1950
Dear Santa,
I am almost 3 years old and I want an airplane, a baby doll and a buggy for Christmas.
Love,
Clairette Smith
Wheeler, Texas
If you want to get back on your feet, just get rid of your car.



EYE-OPENER . . . When the clock strikes midnight on December 31, it's time to unmask and greet the New Year with eyes wide open, advises actress Jean Gillespie, suiting her actions to the words. In a few days millions of persons will be pointing to 12 o'clock.

More to Mistletoe Than You'd Think

In America the high-hanging mistletoe is treasured chiefly for its power to invite a kiss from a pretty girl. The bulk of the holiday decoration comes from the Carolinas, Tennessee and the southwest where off-season agricultural workers gather the branches for shipment throughout the nation. The white-berried plant also serves as a winter food supply for mockingbirds, robins, and waxwings. These small birds are responsible for the spread of the tree-damaging parasite. After eating their beaks on the trees, firmly planting the mistletoe seeds they do not eat. The tap root of the seedling pierces the tenderest portions of the tree—young branches or buds—and the tree sap is drawn into the thick leaves and translucent berries of the guest plant. Though the mistletoe plays the dual characters of destructive killer and promoter of love, superstition has it that the plant can switch roles in a twinkling. For instance, if the yuletide mistletoe bough isn't removed from a house by Candlemass Eve (February 1), each leaf left will produce a goblin to plague the careless occupants during the year.

A Child May Dare
So Drive With Care!

Peace On Earth

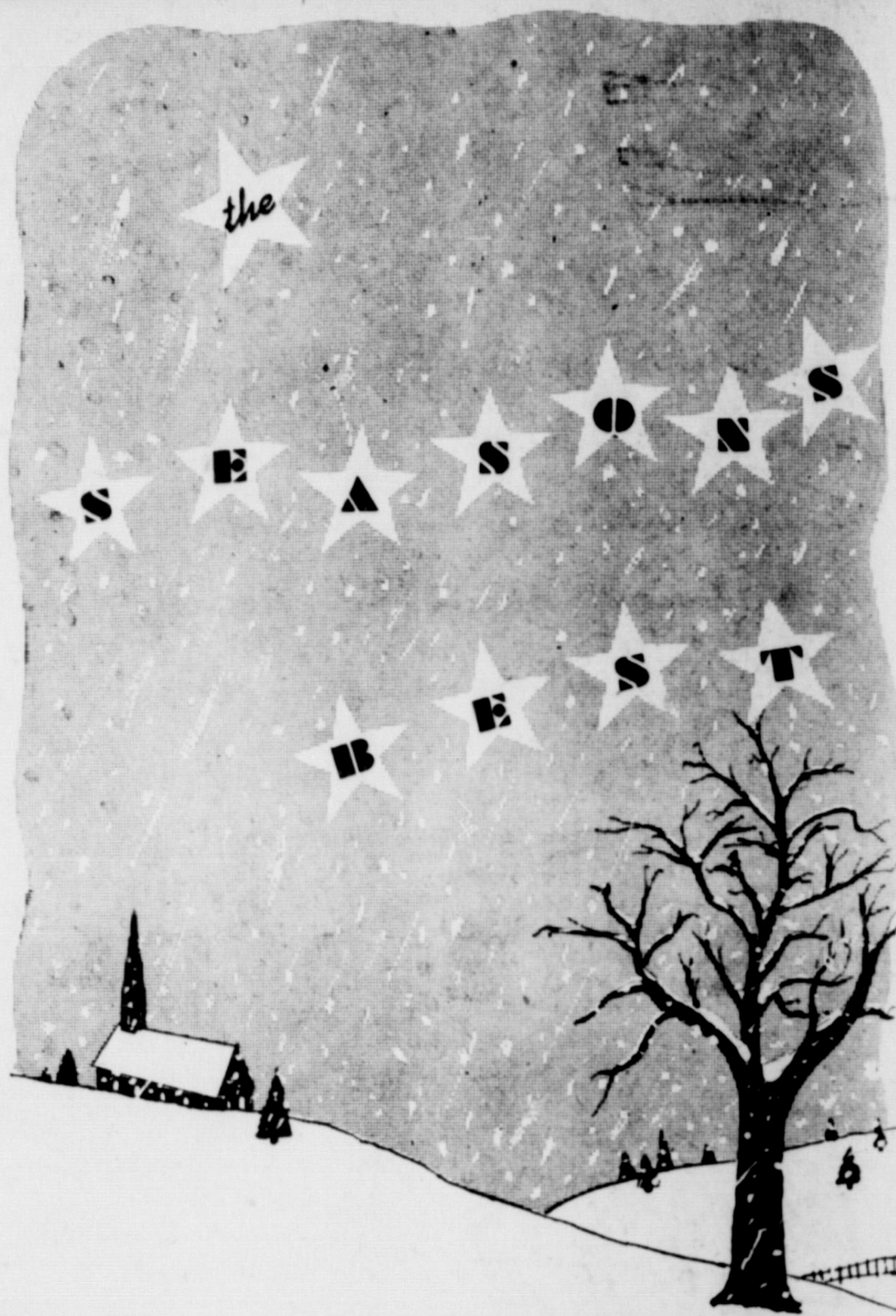


Good Will Toward Men

A Merry Christmas
to Each of You

NASH APPLIANCE
& SUPPLY CO.

"Better Things For Better Living"
Wheeler, Texas



and
All good wishes

G. W. HEFLEY
COUNTY JUDGE



May hope and peace and above all good cheer be yours at this gala season, with a full measure of real happiness for you and yours.

MR. and MRS. T. J. DAUGHTRY



A FRIENDLY Christmas

TO ALL

To us, Christmas greeting messages

are fine and friendly

And we hope you think so, too.

You'll know, when you read this, that

we wish you much of the

good things of life.

J. P. Green & Son Hdwe.

Wheeler, Texas



HARRY WOFFORD
COUNTY CLERK



and
BEST WISHES ALWAYS

CHRISTOPHER S. McCLAIN
DISTRICT CLERK



From One Friend
to Another

GREETINGS

JESSE J. DYER
COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT



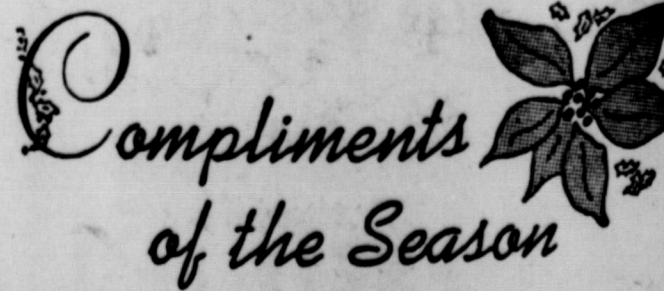
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COUNTY TREASURER



You know that we are
hoping for your

MERRY CHRISTMAS CHEER

HOMER L. MOSS
COUNTY ATTORNEY



TO ALL OUR GOOD FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

JESS SWINK
SHERIFF

emphasizing our appreciation of your

good will and patronage, we

wish to extend

Season's
GREETINGS

to the fine citizens of this area

WARD IMPLEMENT CO.

Wheeler, Texas



'AND THEY WENT UP...'
**There Was No Paved Highway
For That First Christmas Trip**

There was no macadam highway leading from Nazareth to Bethlehem when Mary and Joseph undertook their memorable journey nearly 2,000 years ago.

As far as routes were concerned, there were three. The western route led along the sea-coast and through the plain of Sharon. This route was unpopular with pious folk like Mary and Joseph who shunned the heathen cities, rowdy travelers, etc., as much as possible.

The shortest route, via the fruitful plains of Esdras into the mountains of Samaria and through Shechem and Bethel, was not very popular either. The road was tolerable, but steep; however, the Jews had little use for the Samaritans, and vice versa.

The Jordan route, which descended into the Jordan valley and followed the river's east bank around Jericho, was favored by the majority of Galilean travelers who for one reason or another (the Passover, etc.) went down to Jerusalem at regular intervals and knew their way around as well as suburbanites know their way around modern metropolitan areas.

If the Jordan route was a little round-about, it was fairly level—and steeped in Jewish history, from the shadow of Mount Tabor where Saul in desperation sought his 'witch' of Endor, to the tomb a

little before Bethlehem where the first Joseph buried his beloved Rachel.

It is fairly certain that Mary and Joseph did not choose the western route when they planned their very special journey. Whether they chose to go by way of Shechem and Bethel, or around the walled city of Jericho may never be determined definitely.

But, the distance — nearly 160 miles—was, in any case, unrelenting and conquered only by persistent plodding. And when Mary was too tired to go another step, Joseph took the packs upon his



own shoulders so that she might ride the little donkey which trudged faithfully at his side.

Verily indeed, did Mary appreciate the shelter of the stable that night—no one could have been more grateful or more happy than Mary. And she brought forth her first-born son, and laid him in a manger.

went on to win third place in the tournament. The trophy is very pretty and we are surely proud of our teams.

We are also proud of Lucy Barnett and Thomas Roy Helton. They won gold basketballs signifying that they had been placed on the all-tournament teams.

The son's college education often cures the mother of bragging about him.

Linament makes our arm smart, but we've never yet tried to rub any on our head.

SANTA LETTERS

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a BB gun and I want a pellet gun.
Love,
Bill Stiles

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a pretty good girl. Please bring me a magic skin doll for Christmas.
With love,
Beth Rathjen

In sending you this little Christmas message, we want you to know that your friendship is truly appreciated here. We shall do our best to merit your continued confidence in the future.



MILLER'S CLEANERS

Wheeler, Texas

**A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE
GREETINGS**

AND ALL GOOD WISHES FOR
A HAPPY HOLIDAY



NORA'S CAFE

Wheeler, Texas

BRISCOE BRONCO

Written by the students of the
Briscoe High School.
S T A F F

Editor ----- Doris Brotherton
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Boys Reporter --- Bobby Helton
Sponsor ----- Mr. Henson

SENIOR NEWS

The seniors are getting back to attending their classes regularly now that the play is over. We are getting our school annual ready for the press. We hope it is a complete success.

We are all looking forward to a wonderful Christmas Holiday. We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Our personality for this week is Lottie Murray. She is eighteen years old, has blonde hair, blue eyes and is five feet three and a half inches tall. Her favorite subject is typing. She likes Canadian and dislikes inquisitive people. Her ambition is to finish high school and then become a Mrs. to some nice guy.

**JUNIOR JABBER
PERSONALITY**

Buddy Wilson started school at Briscoe his first year. Buddy is now a very smart junior student. He has grown to be quite a good-looking young man. He is 5-ft., 10-in. in height. He has brown hair and brown eyes. He plays basketball and plays the piano quite well.

SOPHOMORE NEWS

We all enjoyed the Shamrock tournament last weekend. Our boys won third place and we are very proud of them.

Lucy won a gold basketball for outstanding playing in the tournament. In our opinion she really deserved it.

We homemaking girls are going to have our Christmas party Wednesday. We are all bringing gifts for the homemaking department.

The sophomore girls have been practicing singing Christmas carols. Everyone has had such a siege of colds that our progress has been hampered. We are all looking forward to our Christmas Tree Friday with much enthusiasm.

**FRESHMAN NEWS
WONDER WHY**

Monett memorized so many license numbers.
Sylvia honks the car horn at some people.
Gene hates powder puffs.
Martha bets with certain people.
Eddie goes to Mobeetie.

SPORTS NEWS

The Briscoe boys and girls entered the Shamrock tournament last weekend. The boys won their first game but lost to Mobeetie in their second game. The boys lost their first game to Shamrock, but

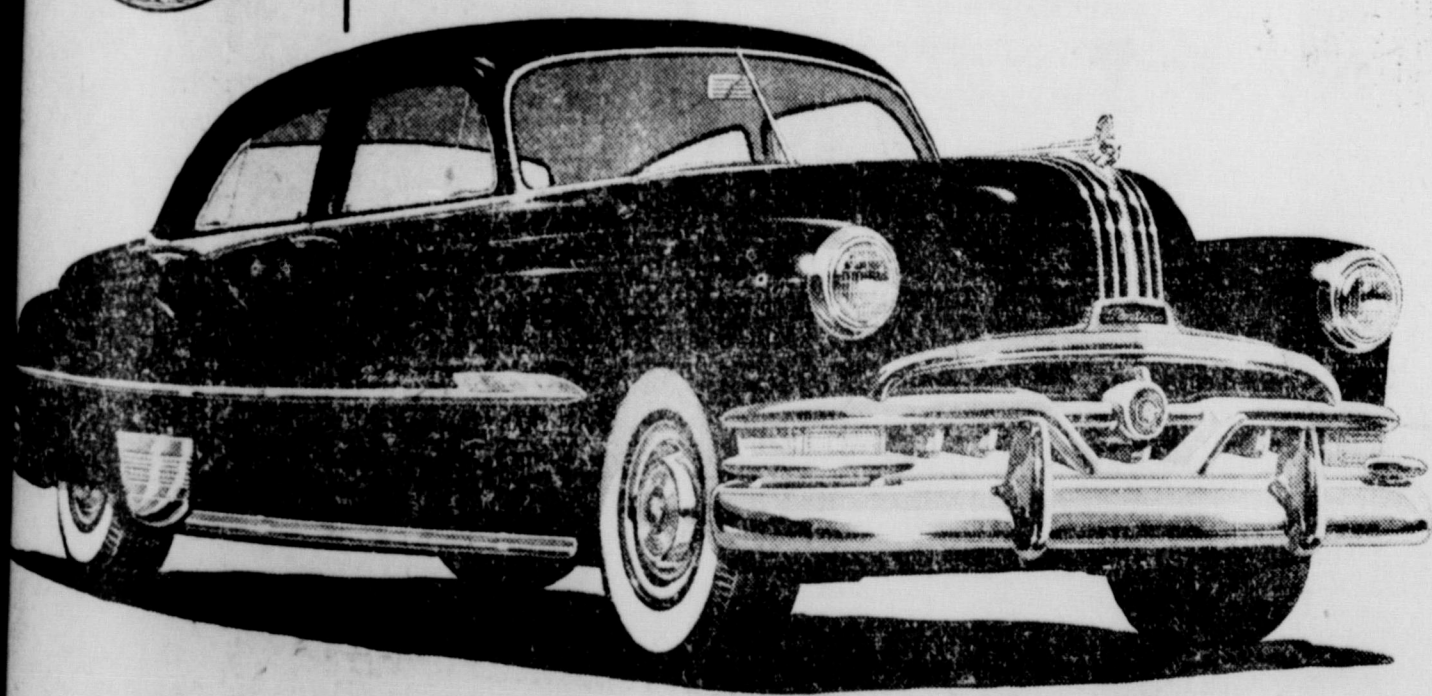
**A generous
share of
Christmas Joy**



MOBETIE DRUG

Mobeetie, Texas

**Come in and see the
New Silver Anniversary
Pontiac**



① A look at the Car proves its Quality

② A look at the Price proves its Value!

In the short time since it was presented, thousands of people have flocked to see the great new Silver Anniversary Pontiac—few cars have ever had a reception to equal this. Most people came to admire, which is natural enough. But a great many people do more than admire, they start figuring—they begin to compare this wonderfully beautiful and desirable car with the modest price tag it bears. No car, at any price, offers more for every new dollar you invest than a great new Pontiac! Drop in any time and look at the car—then look at the price—you'll be doubly sure that dollar for dollar, you can't beat a Pontiac!

Double Proof

that Dollar for Dollar
you can't beat a Pontiac!

WASH APPLIANCE & SUPPLY CO.

Wheeler, Texas

MAY you enjoy a Christmas
rich with Joy, Peace and
Good Friends.

Merry Christmas
☆☆☆☆☆

Lowell's Service Station

Phone 150

Wheeler, Texas



*A Cheery
Old Fashioned
Christmas from...*

RICHERSON GRAIN & FEED

Phone 50

Wheeler

Santa Claus Makes a Stop Out West



**New Year Observed
March 25 in England
Before Calendar Change**

Prior to England's adoption of the Gregorian calendar in 1752, New Year's Day was observed on March 25, and of course, New Year's eve was March 24.

The English always had a big time on New Year's Eve, and after the Puritan government abolished Christmas and absolutely forbade any solemnization or celebration thereof, the people vented all their holiday spirit on the New Year.

Even after the restoration of the Stuarts brought about a revival of Christmas customs and traditions, Christmas never regained its former eminence; but New Year went right along, surviving Puritanism and later, in 1752, the switch in calendars and the date of its observance.

Climate is not important in the treatment of tuberculosis. The most important factor in treatment is rest, which should be under medical supervision.

**It Takes Know-How
To Burn a Yule Log**

THE YULE LOG is a tradition of Christmas, but due to central heating and gas stoves it is becoming a lost tradition in this country. Few city dwellers have open grates or desire a log fire. And those living in the country find coal more efficient and less trouble.

However, for those who have a place to burn the yule log and want one, tradition says it should be oak, ash, olive, apple or pine. Further, the fire on which it is placed should be kindled from a brand saved from last year's log, and that it should not be allowed to go out during the night.

For those determined to have the yule log, the voice of experience says get hold of all the wood you can. Some kinds burn better than others, but reject none these days.

Ash is highly praised by some and can be used without being seasoned. It burns quickly, but throws off great heat. Poplar, on the other hand, should be seasoned or it will spark badly. Elm is condemned as undesirable, but can be used. It is slow to get burning, but lasts a long time and brightens up when it gets going. A few logs of birch, pine or fir will help it along.

Beech and oak are among the best logs. Beech is especially good, having a pleasant aroma and a steady glow. Oak has the outstanding merit of burning slowly.

If none of these are available, wood from all kinds of fruit trees are prime favorites for the yule log because of their pleasant smell when burning.

**Dr. Moore, Author
Of 'Night Before',
Was Ashamed of It**

Everyone knows and loves the poem which begins—

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house

Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse,—

but the man who wrote it, Dr. Clement Clarke Moore, was ashamed of it and would not allow it to be published under his name for more than 20 years.

Dr. Moore, an aloof professor of Greek and Oriental literature in the Episcopal Seminary in New York, wrote the poem on Christ-

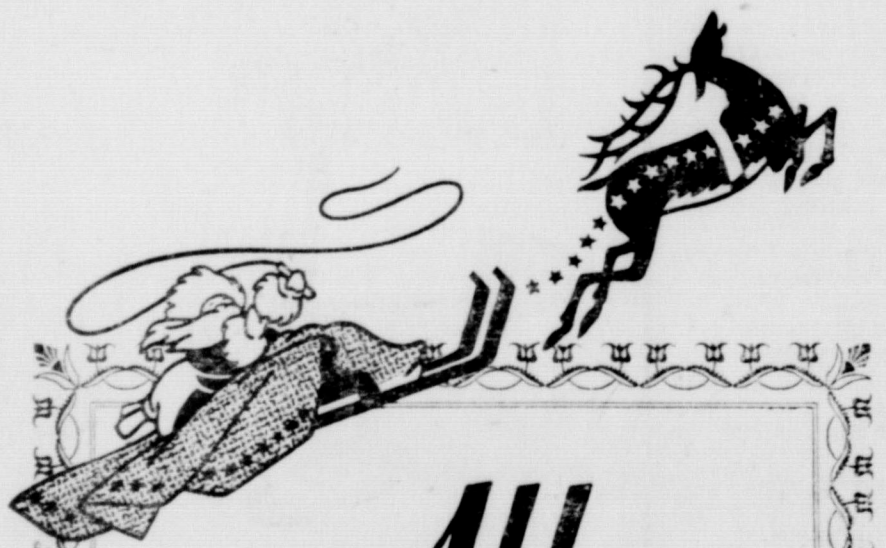
*to our good friends
and customers*



Holt Bros. Lumber Co.

Wheeler, Texas

TO OUR MANY FRIENDS



*All
Good
Wishes*

FOR CHRISTMAS

Wheeler Grain Company

R. N. Byers
Wheeler, Texas



Season's

BEST WISHES

To our customers . . . our friends and . . . to our new customers, who in the coming years we trust will become old customers and old friends . . . to all whose courtesy and friendships have made our Christmas more thoroughly enjoyable, we say sincerely and heartily, Merry Christmas.

Wheeler Radio & Refrigerator Service

L. C. LAFLIN, Owner

Wheeler, Texas

PHONE 119

People with tuberculosis will find a tuberculosis hospital or sanatorium the best place for treatment.

It's father who is put on the pan if he doesn't bring in the bacon.

The good things come to those who hustle while they wait.

KEEP CHRISTMAS MERRY

IF YOU INSIST ON FRAYED WIRING, COTTON SNOW, AND SPARKING ELECTRIC, TRAINS AROUND YOUR TREE, I'LL HAVE TO SHOW UP LOOKING LIKE THIS!

Operation NEW YEAR

By Leo West

BEAUTIFUL NOLA HAMPSHIRE was alone for the second successive New Year's eve. As the hands of her plain electric clock in rare wood neared 11, she put down the novel by Many Jerpit and looked at the sleepy flames in the grate.

Someone in the party on that New Year's Eve 24 long months ago had suggested charades. Nola's soft grey eyes filled as she remembered how on impulse she had thought of reenacting a scene in Jerry Pitman's college life which had anchored him ever since, preventing any real progress in his chosen field.

"Maybe," she thought, "it will wake him up, make him know that he can't go on forever living in the past."

The word she chose to dramatize was "hero." She could do the "he" easily, with a borrowed hat and coat, and she could pretend for the second syllable to row a boat. "Would it be too strong for Jerry?" She looked across the room at his dark, good-looking face, the black wavy hair. His ready smile.

That decided her. Jerry had never stopped living the moment when his Harvard oarsmen had defeated Yale and he had been in the Number 2 slot. It was simply a case of arrested development she had been fighting vainly during the year of their engagement. He couldn't even settle down to what he claimed he wanted to do—write; whereas she was a highly paid

The doctor wouldn't assure him he could be cured of the measles in a week, because he wouldn't make any rash promises.

The price of shoes hasn't advanced. They just changed the basis to \$5 a foot.

Tuberculosis is a communicable disease, spread by persons who have the disease in active form.

When you want to get next to something there's real money in, go over and lean on the bank.

In the treatment of tuberculosis, rest is basic.

Tuberculosis can be cured.

GOOD CHEER

FIELD AUTO STORE
Wheeler, Texas

Christmas GREETINGS

LAWRENCE HATCHERY AND FEED
Wheeler, Texas

Wishing Each of Our Friends a JOYOUS Noel

W. E. PENNINGTON & SON
Wheeler, Texas

Wax From Candles Calls for Caution

With so many candles placed about the home to give a festive air during the holiday season, candle wax drippings on rugs, tablecloths, and mantels are almost inevitable.

Wax spots on rugs can usually be removed successfully by first scraping off as much wax as possible with a dull knife and then sponging with carbon tetrachloride.

When you scrape up the wax, be careful not to injure the yarns. If the candle was colored and a stain remains, try sponging it lightly with a liquid made of two parts of water and one part of denatured (rubbing) alcohol.

As a precaution against fading, test this mixture first on an inconspicuous part of the rug.

Wax that has run down from candleholders onto your best linen tablecloth can be removed by the same method of first scraping—being very careful not to injure the fiber or thread—and then sponging with carbon tetrachloride. If the stain is colored, use the solution suggested for a colored spot on a rug, after you've used carbon tetrachloride. Again you are urged to test an inconspicuous spot for possible fading from use of the solution.

Times Classifieds Get Results!

When she had opened the door and stood face to face with him, she couldn't believe her senses.

laboratory technician in a steel plant. She flushed angrily. What he needed was a shock treatment. What he needed was a charade.

When she had finished rowing madly in Jerry Pitman's most exhausted style, an odd electric silence built up in the small audience. Quietly, fighting the tension in her body, Nola slipped back to her chair. Jerry was staring at her, a weak, sickly grin on his handsome face.

"Oh, forgive me, Jerry forgive me," her heart cried out, wishing desperately that she had chosen another charade. Furtively, she looked around her. Everybody present, it seemed, understood. Oh, it was too, too awful. She put her head in her hands.

THERE WAS the sound of a chair crashing to the floor. She looked up. Jerry had risen, resentment burning in his brown eyes.

That had been exactly two years ago. She had not heard from him since.

Nola Hampshire sighed and looked at the clock. Soon it would be another New Year gone. She had hoped that he might seriously take up writing but although she had watched the new writers one by one appear in print she had not once encountered his name. But moved by some mystic presentiment, she had reserved each New Year's Eve for him. He might not overlook the dramatics of his self-banishment. Not Jerry Pitman!

(When the buzzer sounded, and she had opened the door and stood face to face with him, she couldn't believe her senses.) This tall, handsome man with the new, purposeful shape to his mouth and jaw couldn't be Jerry Pitman.

"Thanks for the charade, Nola." "Come in," she said huskily. "I want to get a good look at you."

Something inside her built up during the two years he'd been gone collapsed then. "I don't care if you're a tramp all your life, Jerry. Life without you is no fun—no fun at all, Jerry."

She'd support him herself if she had to.

Smiling, he turned from her and picked up the novel she had dropped.

"Scramble the syllables in Jerry Pitman. What do you get?" "Pitjer Ryman," she said wonderingly.

His grin widened. "Try again." Many Jerpit—Jerry Pitman—Oh, no, Jerry!

He nodded. Outside the night was suddenly filled with the sounds of bells and whistles.

"Happy New Year, darling," they said together and watched the hands of the electric clock touch.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Our sincere appreciation of the congenial friendships and pleasant associations comes to you with the Season's Greetings.

REID BARBER SHOP
Wheeler, Texas

CHRISTMAS Greetings

The warmth and sparkle of Christmas is in evidence everywhere.

Smiles are brighter... greetings more friendly.

It's just good to have friends.

And so, to you, may we express Our best wishes for a Season of real joy and happiness.

RUSS DRY GOODS
Wheeler, Texas

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WITH candles gleaming everywhere we know it's time to send a

Happy Greeting

of Merry Christmas Cheer

Here's our very best wishes for the season

Merry Christmas

CHAPMAN DAIRY
Borden's Fine Dairy Products
Wheeler, Texas

SANTA LETTERS

Dear Santa Claus,
 Would you please bring me a view master outfit and a sled. My name is Jack White. I have three sisters and one one brother. I am in the fifth grade. I am 11 years old.

Love,
 Jackie White

Wheeler, Texas
 Dec. 5, 1950

Dear Santa Clause,
 This is my second Xmas. I've been a real sweet baby girl, so would you please bring me a Magic Skin baby doll, some rubber building blocks. I am eighteen months old. Also bring me fruits and candy.

Your little friend,
 Sharon Daves

Newspaper Advertising Pays!



Christmas Candles Have Been Used By Many Peoples

It would be astonishing, indeed, if no candles appeared in homes throughout the nation on Christmas Eve. The legend which surrounds the custom is believed to have started in Ireland.

There on Christmas Eve a large candle was burned which could be snuffed out only by one named Mary. As the Irish put it: "Who knows, on some Christmas Eve, Jesus and Mary and Joseph may come again, not to Palestine, but to the Holy Isle on the farthest edge of Europe?"

Their first use for Christmas is not recorded in the annals of any nation, but that the "Christ Child Candle", burned in the window of Christmas Eve is, according to an old legend, placed there to light His way if He makes an earthly visitation and in atonement for the night of His birth when there was no room for Him.

Also among the legends is one about bayberry candles burned on Christmas.

During the early history of our country, animal fats were relatively scarce. The branches of the bayberry shrub were covered with wax-giving berries and children were given the task of gathering the berries when candles had to be made so that the animal fats could be conserved.

According to tradition, one who burned a bayberry candle on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day would have long life and a happy one.

An old verse reads:
 "To learn you luck for the year they say,
 Burn a bayberry dip on Christmas day.
 If the flame burns bright and the light shines clear,
 Good luck will be yours throughout the year."

A Child May Dare
 So Drive With Care!

SANTA LETTERS

Mobeetic, Texas

Dear Santa,
 Please bring me a train, a gun to shoot birds and some tinker toys. I am three years old.
 (Beb) Oliver White

Donald Gandy
 December 7, 1950

Dear Santa,
 We have tried to be good boys and girl. Could you bring my sister

Carol, a doll-dressed in blue, a table and chairs and a refrigerator? Mike would like a grader, a tool set and a tricycle. I would enjoy an electric train, a pocket knife and a watch. Leave just a few nuts, fruit and candy.
 Your friend,

Wheeler, Texas

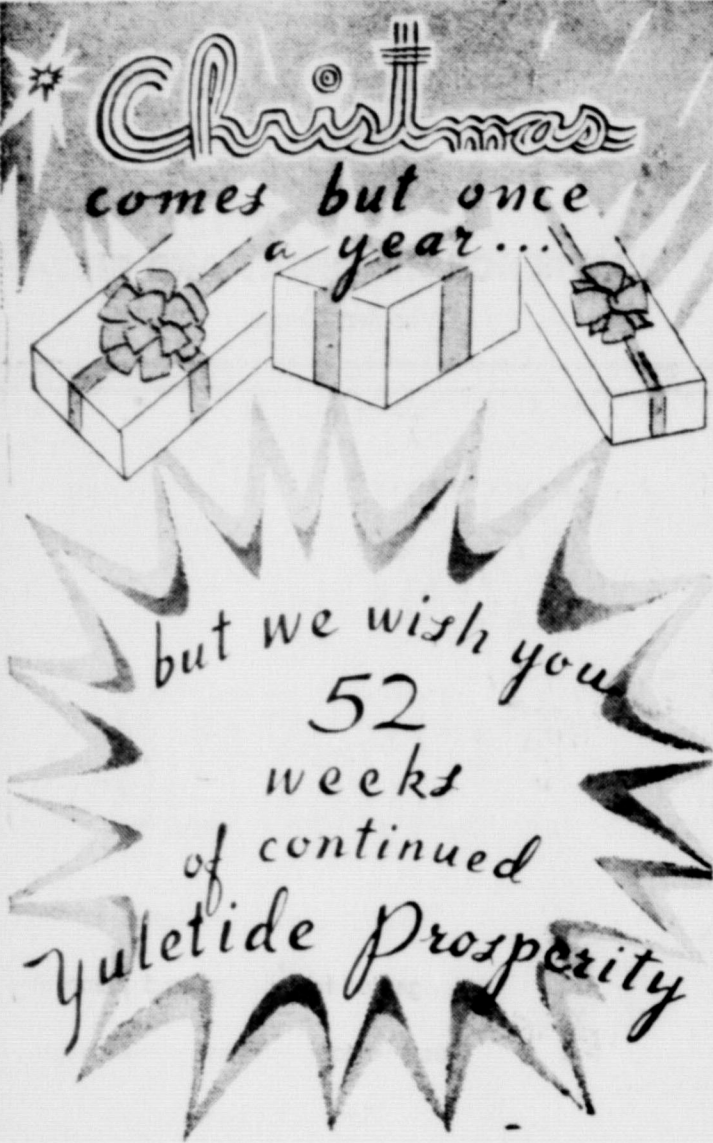
Dear Santa Claus,
 Please bring Robert a police car, chain drive bike and erector set and engine N in Montgomery Ward catalogue, a truck, a train, the house and transformer.

Please get Jeff erector set and

engine No. J in Montgomery catalogue diesel train too. Send your suit.
 Santa, bring us all things you think we need. Please bring train light for Robert and Jeff.
 Robert and Jeff

Now is the time to go to the orchard and to clean up that may serve as winter homes for insects and diseases.

Tuberculosis is not inherited because one person passes disease to others.



CHAPMAN SERVICE STATION

Wheeler, Texas

IF A THING of beauty is a joy forever, a good idea is a good idea for a reasonable length of time, at least. And hundreds of thousands of dollars are spent annually by hundreds of thousands of people who think collegiate football on New Year's Day is a good idea.

The fabulous Rose Bowl game started out as a supplement to the Tournament of Roses when the first east-west game was played on January 1, 1902. Of course, it might have been a better idea—from the California point of view—if the barnstorming University of Michigan had not barnstormed to a 49 to 0 victory over Stanford.

This might have had something to do with substituting chariot races for the football game in 1903.

Originally run with amateur drivers, the chariot races became professional affairs after the first few years, and the public lost interest. The year 1916 brought a return to collegiate football via a contest in which Washington state defeated Brown university.

Prior to dedication of the Rose Bowl in Arroyo Seco, the games were played in Tournament Park. In 1923, the bowl in Arroyo Seco was dedicated with an original seating capacity of 85,000. Recent enlargement made it possible for a paid attendance of 100,234 in 1949.

The tremendous success of the Rose Bowl classic has "mushroomed" various "Bowl" games from coast to coast. Among the many, there are the Orange Bowl, the Sun Bowl, the Sugar Bowl, the Gator Bowl, Hawaii's Pineapple Bowl, and even Alaska's Ice Bowl.

All these "Bowl" games are rapidly becoming a great American New Year's tradition, but the daddy of them all, the Rose Bowl game, continues to be the outstanding collegiate sporting event of the season.

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It's Christmas



so we'll just add our good wishes, too.

CLARENCE ROBISON CABINET SHOP

Wheeler, Texas

Christmas re-awakens our appreciation of pleasant associations with those we serve. While enjoying this Holiday Season we remember your loyal co-operation and good will that has made the past year a memorable one with us.



Kirk-Mason Funeral Home

C. B. Kirk

Carl Mason

Irma Kirk

'NEATH THE STAR

Symbolic to all is the star that shone on Bethlehem about two milleniums ago. Here was represented the hope and aspiration of mankind. Let us pray that in coming days we are given strength and wisdom to follow in His path of peace and charity.



Wheeler County Produce Association

Wheeler, Texas

is the drug most used in tuberculosis but streptomycin is not effective of the disease.

Most of the foot trouble among children results from their wearing outgrown and badly fitted shoes.

If a legume pasture is not available, the developing gilt should be fed a leguminous hay. This can be fed from a hay stack.

THE CORRAL

By the students of Wheeler High School

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SENIOR NEWS

The seniors are anxious for their pictures to come in. After all we have to have something to give for Christmas presents.

We had a wonderful Football Banquet last week. The eats were really swell and the program was good. Every one seems to have enjoyed it better than that we have ever had.

Jo Ann Porter is giving the seniors a Christmas Party Friday night. We will exchange gifts and

have fun.

We have already hung our Christmas stockings, but if some people don't change their ways, it won't do them any good.

The seniors wish to send their best wishes for a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

JUNIOR NEWS

The banquet was a lot of fun. But if we'd had room to cut our meat, we wouldn't have choked so much.

There wasn't any junior news last week, because I was decorating.

Our Christmas Party will be Wednesday night at 7:00, at Mr. and Mrs. Jud Johnson's home.

Bobby, do you still remember which classes you're taking? We're glad to see you around.

Miss Mobley, why did you want us to Play "Post Office"? He won't be at our party. Will Musical Charis do?

The "Student Council" objective is going forward. The representatives met last week and discussed the major aims and purposes.

They are:

1. To improve both the student and the school.
2. To change adolescents to men and women.

Plainview invited our representative to attend one of their meetings. We'd like to, if it is possible.

Christmas comes but once a year and when it comes, it brings good cheer. If the mid term didn't come, too, then students wouldn't be so blue.

MERRY CHRISTMAS, EVERYONE!

No Slumber Songs Needed by Scots On New Year's Eve

Nobody goes to bed in Scotland on December 31. There are too many other things to do.

It is a great night for the youths who, reminiscent of ancient superstitions, go about switching the trunks of fruit trees and petitioning the gods of fertility for a "good howlin' crop."

Before the advent of modern plumbing, teen-agers made quite a fuss about the "cream of the year" which was the first draught drawn

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By Dorothy Boys Kilian

ROGER TOOK one hand off the wheel of the convertible and started to put it around Sue's waist.

She edged away. "It takes two hands to drive on these snowy roads," she explained, laughing nervously.

Why had she drawn away, she wondered. Mightn't she have expected Roger to be pretty ccky? Maybe it was because she felt guilty as she saw that they would soon be passing Grandma Mason's farm. She remembered the scene at her home several nights ago.

"Oh, Johnny, I'm sorry, but I won't be able to go with you this New Year's Eve."

Johnny, her acknowledged escort ever since they had been Juniors in high school, looked incredulous.

"But, Sue, we always go out to Grandma's watch party. Hasn't it been fun other years?"

"Yes, it has," Sue had agreed. "But Roger Tremaine—you know, the boy whose folks come to that big lakeshore cottage every summer—wrote to ask me to spend New Year's Eve with him. His family is coming up for a country holiday."

"We're running into a snow-storm," Roger exclaimed as they suddenly became engulfed in a



"We're running into a snow-storm," Roger exclaimed.

swirling white cloud. We'd better get the top up."

He pressed the proper button, but nothing happened. Then he swerved the car over to the edge of the road, got out and tugged at the folded-back canvas. "Frozen shut!" he growled disgustedly.

Roger climbed back into the car and raced the motor. The wheels spun helplessly. "Now what!" he groaned.

"You got out of the track when you pulled over," Sue said. "Lock out, or we'll sink in so deep we'll never get out."

But Roger stubbornly continued to press his foot on the accelerator, while the wheels settled farther and farther down into the snow.

"I give up," he said finally.

AFTER A FEW moments of uncomfortable silence Roger grumbled, "That's the trouble with this God-forsaken part of the country. If we were anywhere around Chicago a hundred cars would have come along by this time."

"Yes, but most of them wouldn't stop; and we'd be spattered with dirty slush instead of covered with clean, white snow," Sue snapped.

"Say," Roger interrupted excitedly. "A car is coming. See those lights glimmering way down the road?"

"It's Johnny!" Sue screamed, her voice shrill with relief.

"For the love pete," Johnny boomed, climbing out into the road. "Are you two trying to commit suicide or something?"

Sue laughed hysterically and practically hugged his outstretched arm. "Roger's car is stuck, the top is stuck—"

"And now I'm stuck with two extra passengers," Johnny finished. "Well, climb aboard, everybody. I can take you only as far as Grandma's, though. I wouldn't venture any farther than that tonight, even in old faithful here." He patted a battered fender lovingly.

"That's plenty far enough for me," Sue exclaimed. She was already climbing into the front seat.

"You'll find another robe in the back seat," she said firmly, as Roger started to turn the front door handle.

Johnny looked at Sue, and a slow happy smile spread over his face. "Sure, Roger, hop in," he said heartily.

"On second thought, I guess I'll stay until you send a truck back; might not be able to find the car again in the drifts." Roger smiled weakly. "Could I borrow one of those robes, though?"

"Sure thing," Johnny climbed into his car and handed out a heavy one. "It'll only be a few minute's wait."

As the motor began to roar, Sue slid over and put her arm through Johnny's. "I hope you've made mistakes sometimes, too," she said falteringly.

"Listen, darling," Johnny answered warmly, giving her hand a squeeze. "Didn't you ever hear that all's well that ends well?"

American Christmas as Old as Columbus

The celebration of Christmas in this country has deep and permanent roots, although at one time its observance was nearly exterminated.

The first Christmas observance was shortly after Columbus discovered America. The Santa Maria beached on Christmas Eve and

all Christmas' day Columbus and his men worked to free her. When it was found hopeless, she was stripped and as much gear as possible taken to the Nina.

However, the Nina was unable to carry all the men, and some were left behind in a fort, that in honor of the season was called Le Navidad, the nativity.

Approximately 100,000 persons who are free from tuberculosis today will have the disease within a year.

On December 29, the changes in the Federal grade standards for steer, heifer and cow carcasses will become effective.

Merry Christmas TO EACH OF YOU

H. B. GRIDER, JR. WATCHMAKER & JEWELER
 Wheeler, Texas

CORDIAL GREETINGS

Here is a little friendly greeting to each of you for the Christmas Season.

JIM'S CAFE
 Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brown
 Wheeler, Texas

... IT'S

time we took a few minutes to wish you the best of everything at this glad Season of the year. So... here's a

MERRY CHRISTMAS BURGESS SHOE SHOP
 Wheeler, Texas

Christmas Greetings

It's anybody's guess what the future has in store but the past, particularly the last year, leaves no need for guessing. For us it has been filled with pleasure in serving such swell folks as you...

Merry Christmas to You!

MR. AND MRS. CLIFF R. WEATHERLY
 Wheeler, Texas

SEASON'S GREETINGS

to our Friends and Customers

CLARK'S 66 SERVICE STATION
 Wheeler, Texas

As one neighbor to another, we would like you to know how much we appreciate your friendship. We wish you a joyous season.

Greetings

SHELBY PETTIT, AUCTIONEER
 Phone 158 Wheeler, Texas

What! Again?

May the Holidays bring you the good things of life in rich abundance — Health, Happiness, Prosperity and Friendships.

DAUGHTRY'S 5¢ & 10¢ STORE
 Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Daughtry
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A Merry Christmas

To wish you all the gladness of a Merry Christmas Day, All the pleasure of a season of happiness. We wish you the best of all GOOD things because it's such a privilege to do business with you

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 WHEELER
 PHONE 100



SANTA CHECKS ONE OF HIS STEEDS . . . Rodney, who might be a stand-in for Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer, gets an early briefing from old Saint Nick as the bearded old gent prepares for his annual visit. Rodney normally inhabits a Chicago zoo.

Nativity Theme Dominates Cards

Modern Christmas cards feature literally hundreds of interpretations of the popular Nativity theme. Many of these are reproductions from the old masters, while many others have been created especially for the Christmas card industry.

The Nativity theme, which naturally lends itself to an almost endless variety of interpretations and a wealth of detail, long has been a favorite subject of Christian artists. Many of the details, based upon certain Bible texts, have fostered various legends—such as those concerning the Magi—which grew until the Wise Men were identified and given kingdoms.

The Annunciation is among the earliest subjects represented in Christian art, antedating the Madonna and Child theme by several centuries, and it is interesting to note that the fathers of the Church determined how the Madonna should be portrayed: her dress and mantle are usually blue and red.



STOCKED UP FOR THE NEW YEAR . . . Why a kitten stuffed inside an old sock should symbolize the New Year is anybody's guess. The baby, however, is a surer thing. He's ready to get up on his two chubby feet and say "Happy New Year, everybody."

BCG is a vaccine under study as a possible immunization agent against tuberculosis. There are as yet too many unknown factors for it to be recommended for general use.

She said that she had a little pebble on the back of her neck, so he asked her to show it to him.

In connection with the observance of United Nations Day, more especially United Nations Flag Day, home demography agents report that 3,333 Nations Flags were made.

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 FRANKIE & ROE
 Wheeler, Texas

Here are our
BEST WISHES
 for each
 of you

MATTHEWS MART
 Mobeetie, Texas



It was the harsh jangle of the telephone that would ring in the New Year for Reed.

had rushed over to him and was covering him with kisses, but no tears. "Happy New Year!" she shouted back to him as she went out.

Reed stared after her, but did not answer. As he heard the car drive off, he couldn't believe it was happening. If only he could have borrowed some of her bravado.

Two years ago she had wished him Happy New Year and he hadn't answered her then either. She was lying there in her hospital bed, not yet knowing the baby had died, that something in Reed himself had died with it. But the next New Year she knew it—she knew that they were living in two separate worlds, and that she had lost her husband as well. And then came the doctor's words and it was too late. Reed was jolted out of his selfish grief, only to suffer a new plague—remorse. And it was too late.

When the bells rang out at midnight, Reed jumped up from his chair. He couldn't let it end the way she wanted it to. He would go to her—she would have changed her mind at the last and would be glad to see him. He was putting on his coat when the doorbell rang and Millie, their next door neighbor, came in with a pot of coffee.

"Happy New Year," she said flatly, as if the words had already grown stale. Reed looked at her without smiling and said nothing.

"She wanted it this way, she told me so," Millie went on dryly, pouring out the steaming coffee. "I left my party to come over here. Drink some coffee while it's hot."

Reed set down his cup.

"MY, JUST LISTEN to them bells," Millie went on, "Ring out the old and ring in the new. I always say."

(But it was the telephone that would ring in the New Year for Reed—a harsh jangle that had nothing in it of church bells and kisses and laughter.) Mary had wondered if she would celebrate the New Year with him, and they had talked of a new life, new happiness, but neither of them believed in it.

And then the telephone rang. Reed broke out in a cold sweat. Millie was the last person he wanted with him at this moment.

"Hello, Reed my boy," came Dr. Foster's calm voice. "It's all over."

The receiver kept slipping in Reed's sweaty hand. "Is she—is she—" his throat tightened up painfully.

"She's doing fine, Reed."

"And—and—" Reed's head was swimming.

"It's a boy—a fine healthy boy." The doctor cleared his throat and lowered his voice. "I'm not sorry I was mistaken when I said she'd never live through another—I guess she knew better than I. It's the happiest mistake of my career."

"Mine too," said Reed.

"She wants to see you now, Reed—she says you forgot to wish her a Happy New Year."

Christmas Seal funds help support X-ray surveys among apparently healthy people to find tuberculosis in that early stage before there are outward signs.



Newspaper Advertising Pays!

Merry Christmas

FRED FARMER
 GARAGE & MACHINE SHOP
 Wheeler, Texas

SEASONS GREETINGS

WHEELER COUNTY NATIONAL FARM LOAN ASSOCIATION

Raymond Moore, President C. F. Waters, Vice-President
 DIRECTORS: Tobe Frye, Robert Terry and H. F. Finsterwald
 R. H. Forrester, Sec.-Treas.; Glenna Hefley, Asst. Sec.-Treas.

Christmas GREETINGS

. . . and MANY, MANY THANKS for fine patronage you have afforded us during the past year and which we are enjoying through this Christmas Season. We assure you it has indeed been a pleasure to serve you and hope that we shall continue to have the privilege of supplying your needs.

Ernest Lee Hardware

Furniture — Rugs — Radios — Furniture

MUSTANG BAND NEWS

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Vondell Hodges
Helen Johnson
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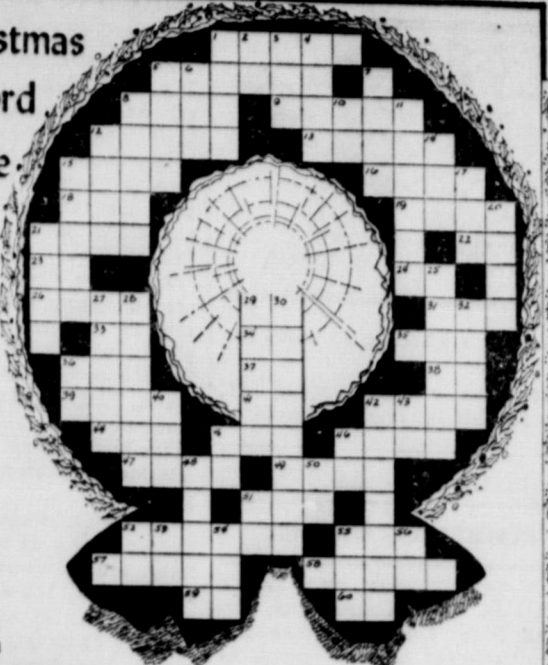
We had our Christmas Party in the school cafeteria after the program Tuesday night and with the exchange of presents, refreshments and the surprise of the Wheeler Band Boosters Club giving the members all the citation cords to go on their uniforms which will add tremendously to the appearance of the band and we had a wonderful evening . . .

We wish to take this opportunity to thank another citizen of our fair city whom is behind the band 100% and that person is George Porter whom had contributed his clarinet which he played a few years back in college and this instrument being one of the costliest of band instruments we would have to wait several years before obtaining one, thanks again.

We really had a busy day Tuesday we also helped Ole Santa make his appearance here in Wheeler for the kiddies and before everyone had a wonderful time and found that most of their names were still on the list . . .

Christmas Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS
1. Collection
 2. Vendor
 3. Sailed
 4. Sailed (col.)
 5. Money
 6. Color
 7. Christmas (fr.)
 8. Chinese
 9. China
 10. Each table
 11. Mistle
 12. Sailed (col.)
 13. Tilt the head
 14. Chinese material
 15. Foot of the tree
 16. Part
 17. Two-head cloth
 18. Sailed (col.)
 19. Otherway
 20. Not set
 21. Healthy
 22. Star and the thread
 23. One



- DOWN
1. Reader (pl.)
 2. Man's name
 3. Book
 4. Point
 5. Girl's top
 6. Part of a building
 7. Fe
 8. Rows
 9. Celebration of
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CHRISTMAS CAMELIA

By John Scott Douglas

STENOGRAPHERS hovered around as Marta Manning unwrapped the package that had just reached the law offices. There were startled gasps of admiration when the paper fell away, revealing a potted camelia. Large and pure white, except for crimson-touched petals, its heart was filled with delicate golden stamens.

"Oh, how beautiful!" Tessie gasped. "Who sent it, Martha?"

"My boy friend," Marta said, her tone warm with happiness.

"I didn't know camellias bloomed in time for Christmas," said Bess. "The Dai Kaugura does," said Marta. "But it's all crimson. This must be a new hybrid that Colby Blake stocked for the Christmas trade."

Could Colby have developed it himself? she wondered. She remembered the day when he had been showing her around his nursery, that she started to enter a small, new lath house at the back. "Don't



GNOMES AT WORK . . . Three little gnomes diligently prepare for Christmas under the watchful eye of Santa Claus in his workshop at Santa Claus, Indiana. They are building, waxing and polishing toys to go into Santa's pack on Christmas eve.

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SANTA LETTERS

Dec. 18, 1950
Dear Santa Claus,
I am almost 4 years old and I want a baby doll, a baby bed and a pair of skates for Christmas.
Love,
Riette Smith
Wheeler, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I love you very much. Please bring me a BB gun.
With love,
Leroy Hunt

Calends to Calendar

In ancient Rome, the priests called the people together on the first day of every month, known as the Calends, and announced the sacred days and festivals to be observed during the month. The people checked the days on their "fasti," marking the important feasts in red.

Merry Christmas

In extending our Christmas Greeting, we trust that the road of life ahead will lead you to much health and happiness.

NATIONS BARBER & BEAUTY SHOP
Wheeler, Texas

surprising isn't it . . . Now that the Xmas vacation will be coming up and school out we will have a few days to relax and rest from all the routine . . . but not for long as upon returning we have to start on the Annual Spring Band Concert which is set for April 24th.

Mistletoe Has Come Long Way Since Days of Druid Worship

The mistletoe has come a long way from the days when it was worshiped by the British druids to its present status as a criminal killer of forests. However, its use as a symbol of love, peacemaking and goodwill survives to this Christmas intact from the pre-Christian days of the ancient Scandinavian light god, Balder, whose palace stood in the Milky Way.

The beloved Balder, so the myth goes, was slain by a mistletoe arrow but was restored to life at the intercession of the other gods. Custody of the mistletoe plant was then entrusted to the goddess of love who ordained that henceforth anyone passing beneath its bough should receive a kiss in token of love, not vengeance. As long as the mistletoe was held high it could never be used as a power for evil.

Tradition of Poppy

The poppy loaf, traditionally a part of Christmas Eve supper in Lithuania, is a small loaf made of bread dough and baked hard in a bread pan. When cool, the loaves are dipped in a solution made of water and sugar and ground poppy seed which is also used as a traditional holiday beverage.

Tradition prescribes that the poppy seed should be ground in an iron kettle using an ax handle as a mallet, and no Lithuanian would think of grinding seeds for the Christmas poppy loaves by any other method.

A Child May Dare So Drive With Care!

Christmas is a time of greeting and words of appreciation. So, here are our good wishes and a hearty thanks for your patronage.

A Merry Christmas

LESTER & EARL SER. STA.
CONOCO WHOLESALE & RETAIL
Mobeetie, Texas

Greetings to Our Friends

ROGUE THEATRE
Wheeler, Texas

The Soft Glow of the Yuletide Candles . . .

lights the way for us to wish you a wonderful Christmas abundant with health, happiness and prosperity. And may we include in our greeting our sincere thanks for your patronage of the past year.

DORIS FORRESTER AGENCY
INSURANCE & ABSTRACTS
Wheeler
Phone 15

Christmas Greetings

W E welcome the good fellowship of the Christmas Season which enables us to extend our cordial greetings to our many friends and customers. May the peace and joy of Christmas continue with you for many days to come.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK
Member FDIC
Wheeler, Texas

Para-aminosalicylic acid, better known as PAS, is a drug often used in combination with streptomycin in tuberculosis treatment. Neither drug, alone or in combination, is a specific cure for tuberculosis, but may be used as an adjunct to bed rest in some types of the disease.

Since signs of tuberculosis can be detected by means of a chest X-ray before there are outward symptoms, X-ray examinations of large groups of people, even of whole communities, are being made in the search for unknown TB.

The entire family's welfare and disposition may well depend upon how well the farm kitchen is planned and used.

Kitchen planners should keep in mind the four phases of activity in the kitchen . . . preparing food, cooking, serving and cleaning and washing dishes, when they are making plans for the new kitchen.

CHRISTMAS EVE IN OLDTIME FINLAND



The Christmas Eve bath was quite a tradition in Finland before the advent of modern plumbing.

The oldtime Finnish bath-room was usually a three-room hut; one room was used for steaming and scrubbing, one for rubbing, and one for dressing.

The hut was warmed by a stone oven, heated for hours before the scheduled bath, and the "bath-room" was really steaming. After bathing came the rub-down and the switching of the body with birch twigs to increase the circulation, topped off by a roll in the snow, supposedly to whet the appetite for Christmas Eve supper.

For supper there was usually stockfish and prune tarts to be enjoyed, plus the traditional barley porridge in which cream and sugar and almonds were mixed.

After supper the boys and men matched their strength; while the girls—garbed in the men's work clothes—blackened their faces and stole away to visit other homes in cognito and "see Christmas." The girls never spoke nor accepted food, but went from house to house merely to watch the festivities.

And when the evening's festivities were over, the smaller children made their beds in the clean straw spread on the floor in commemoration of the Christ Child.

Indestructible Mistletoe

The flame-thrower and atomic energy — lethal instruments borrowed from modern warfare—are out to kill that ancient symbol of peacemaking and love, the Christmas mistletoe.

The unusual battle front is Australia where too many valuable trees each year have been receiving the kiss of death from the harmless looking shrub. Despite mistletoe's popular reputation as the Yuletide promoter of romance, it is a public-enemy parasite in the woodlands, killing off the trees that play it host.

Australian foresters have finally resorted to the flame-thrower as a quick executioner for the plant and are using radio-active tracers, furnished by the U. S. atomic energy commission, to study how the mistletoe saps the water and mineral salts from the trees, starving them to death.

Currier and Ives Cards

Commercial production of Christmas cards in the United States began about 1835 with the founding and developing of the partnership of Currier and Ives in New York.

For more than a century American painters have aided the industry by painting Christmas themes on order or by selling reproduction rights to the art which is now conservatively estimated as worth \$10,000,000 annually.

The favorite Nativity theme is represented by hundreds of interpretations. Winter scenes are next in popularity, some of them dating back to the Puritans of New England, the German forests whence St. Nicholas emerged, and even to the Druids of pre-Christian England.



YOU'LL BE SORRY . . . With the heavy burden of 1950 weighing upon his old shoulders, the passing year embraces with compassion the infant 1951, whose time draws near to take up the cudgel in his year-long bout with the world.

Letters to 'Santa Claus' Come From World Over

Postoffice officials in Santa Claus, Ind., are accustomed to overloaded sacks of mail during the pre-Christmas rush. Senders want their cards and gifts stamped with the famous Santa Claus postmark, plus thousands of wistful letters addressed in childish scrawl to "Santa Claus, Santa Claus, Ind." And then there is the annual crop of "Santa Claus" letters written by youngsters in far-away places who haven't heard about Santa's permanent address in Indiana, U.S.A. At least a dozen versions of the time honored note-in-the-bottle story find their way into metropolitan newspapers every year.

The notes, sealed in small bottles and securely tied to Christmas trees, are discovered by Christmas tree dealers, housewives; and even enlisted men at naval centers and military barracks: they come from places like Renous, a village in New Brunswick, Canada, boasting a total population of 85 inhabitants.

The notes range from the wistful to the desperate, requesting such things as a mamma doll, a sled, a sweater, or a pair of overshoes.

Make it your responsibility to see that the coming Holiday Season is a safe and sound one. Safely practiced in the home, on the farm and highway may save your own life or that of a member of your family.

A Child May Dare So Drive With Care!

Texas 26 and 28, corn developed by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, tested other hybrids and varieties during 1950 at 18 scattered locations in the state.

A good way to relieve the tony of your work is to try ways to improve it.



To all our friends — far and near, we extend compliments of the Season.

HAVENHILL LAUNDRY

Phone 218-M

Wheeler, Tex.



NOTICE!

NOTICE!

At the close of business Saturday night, December 23, we will close the cafe for approximately one week in order that we may have a short vacation. We want you to know that we always appreciate your patronage and enjoy serving you.

DENSON GRILL

Mac. Appreciates Your Business

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Merry Christmas



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MERRY CHRISTMAS NEIGHBOR

It has been a pleasure to serve you during the past year and we cordially invite your continued patronage during the new year.

PERCY'S GARAGE

Wheeler, Texas

Christmas Greetings

Greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ:

God has richly blessed through the days of the year that is coming to a close, and we trust that these blessings shall be crowned with a very joyous Christmas and New Year.

As we approach the New Year may we purpose in our hearts to exult the God of Heaven daily, and point men to the Lord Jesus Christ whose birth we commemorate at this season.

Daily hide the Word of God in your hearts—

Blessed is the man who walketh not in the council of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor setteth in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doth He meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth His fruit in His season; His leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever He doeth shall prosper.

The ungodly are not so; but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish—Psalm 1.

First Baptist Church

M. B. Smith, Pastor