

The Wheeler Times

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THE COUNTY SEAT NEWSPAPER

Mercury Drops To Ten Degrees As Coldest Spell Hits

A hard norther which struck sometime Thursday morning came as a climax to a cold wave which has gripped this section of the Panhandle and much of the nation since last Saturday. Temperatures which have hovered near or below the freezing point for the last five days dropped way down this morning after the norther struck.

No official check of the local temperatures is available to the Times but local thermometers all hover in the neighborhood of 10 degrees above zero or thereabouts early this morning.

Snow began falling around 10:30 this morning and by noon the ground was practically covered. At 2:15 this afternoon light snow was still falling but the sun had begun to show its face and it was predicted that the fall would end before night.

The current cold spell is one of the worst to hit this immediate area in quite some time and it is expected that there will be cattle losses on nearby ranches if the cold continues to hang on for a considerable period. However, it is believed by many that some very cold weather of this sort is needed to help kill out the insects which have been hampering the production of crops in this area for the past couple of seasons.

IRON LUNG IS AVAILABLE FOR USE IN AREA

Local authorities this week verified the fact that the portable iron lung at Shamrock General Hospital is available for use anywhere in the state-line area when needed.

The statement was made to offset a rumor that the iron lung is for use only at the Shamrock hospital.

The iron lung was purchased a few years ago through a public contribution campaign sponsored by the Shamrock Junior Chamber of Commerce. Some members of the Fire Department were trained in the use of the piece of equipment and for a time it was kept by the firemen for use in emergency cases.

The volunteer firemen later decided that it would be more practical for general use to keep the iron lung at the city-owned hospital.

The iron lung is equipped with a portable motor so that it can be used almost anywhere. "We will be glad to loan it anytime that it is needed," declared Don Curl, manager of Shamrock General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rankin and Mr. and Mrs. John Rankin of Pampa visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Burgess Friday evening. The Mr. Rankins are Mrs. Burgess' brothers.

J. P. Meek of Childress has been visiting recently in the home of his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Farmer.

Happy Birthday

DECEMBER 21-27

Rev. Darris Egger
Mrs. T. M. Britt
Charles Frank Egger
Mrs. Cecil Denson
Mrs. Madge Page
Maurine Thomas
Jack Sims
Mrs. H. M. Wiley
Ruth Buice
Marthals Hutchins
Dr. John L. Witt
Mrs. C. F. Pennington
Levi Reid
Joe Van Zandt
Mrs. W. L. Callan
Linda Fern Burks
Frances Cole
Mrs. Dorothy Jamison
Phyllis Carol Callan
Kenneth Crowder



C. R. BAILEY

C. R. BAILEY NOW IN FLORIDA

Seaman C. R. Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bailey of Wheeler, has recently completed his second naval technical training school at Memphis, Tennessee, and is now stationed at Pensacola, Florida. C. R. is in the naval air corp and had been trained in the care and repair of jet planes.

Prior to entering the Navy, C. R. graduated from Wheeler High School and attended West Texas State College. He was a popular student at Wheeler and participated in football and basketball.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey are expecting C. R. home for the Christmas Holidays.

LOCAL GARAGE ROBBED OF \$600 MON. MORNING

Thieves broke into the Ware Chevrolet and stole merchandise valued at around \$600.00 at wholesale sometime between midnight Sunday night and opening time Monday morning. The robbery was discovered by Bud Vanpool when he opened the place for business Monday morning.

The burglars gained entry to the building by cutting a hole in a small door on the north end of the building then sticking their hand through the door to reach the skeleton key which had been left in it to prevent its being unlocked from the outside with a skeleton key.

After gaining entrance at the north door, N. D. Ware and other members of the firm surmised that the robbers opened the west door to the building and backed a pickup in to load the loot onto.

Vanpool reported that the thieves locked the north door back after they gained entrance to the building but left the west door unlocked when they left.

Included in the loot taken by the burglar or burglars was 4 car heaters; between \$400 and \$500.00 in change which was taken from the cash register; 5 generators; 1 starter; approximately 20 cases of permanent type anti-freeze and 1 auto radio.

The culprits overlooked the currency which was in a bank sack and was laying almost in plain sight.

Sheriff Bus Dorman is working on the case but no definite leads had been established at press time.

Williams, Whiteners Attend Anxiety Banquet in Amarillo

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Whitener attended the recent Anxiety Hereford Banquet and Sale in Amarillo. The banquet was held at the Herring Hotel the evening before the sale which was held at the livestock building on the Tri-State Fair Grounds.

Mr. Whitener sold one junior bull and one junior heifer in the sale. The junior heifer went to Leslie Stephens of the Delmay Hereford Farm near Amarillo. The young bull went to L. P. Shelburne of Kellerville. Mr. Shelburne purchased an outstanding senior herd sire from Gordon Whitener last spring.

A junior bull calf was privately purchased from the Whitener herd by Madge Nicholson recently. Mrs. Nicholson also purchased two bulls from W. L. Williams. These bulls will help improve her already good herd of commercial cattle.

Proclamation

WHEREAS according to tradition the Christian World celebrates the birth of CHRIST on December 25th of each year, and

WHEREAS in connection with this holiday season it has grown to be the custom to celebrate with much merriment and happiness; with the exchange of gifts and good wishes; with desires and prayers for peace on earth and good desires toward our fellowman, and

WHEREAS on the annual recurrence of this date on next Tuesday, December 25th, 1951, the uppermost desire in all hearts is for a cessation of hostilities around the world and a hasty return of our soldiers who are fighting in foreign lands,

NOW THEREFORE BY THE AUTHORITY vested in me under the constitution and laws of this State, I hereby proclaim the date last above mentioned as a holiday and admonish the citizens of Wheeler and vicinity to celebrate with constraint, with love in their hearts toward humanity, and with a desire for the return of that King of Kings whose birthday we celebrate.

R. H. FORRESTER, Mayor
City of Wheeler

Times To Give \$2.00 To Readers Who Find Errors In Ads First

Mistakes, mistakes, mistakes—everyone makes them now and then but it seems that the crew of the Wheeler Times has had an extra bad case of mistakes during the past two and a half weeks; however, the crew is only human and if the fine people of this area will try to overlook these mistakes, which were made while trying to produce an extra large amount of work in a comparatively short time, it promises to try to do better in the future.

Two of the most glaring errors produced by the Times crew this week appear in local advertisements and the Times will pay one dollar (\$1.00) each to the first two persons finding both of the mistakes The Times has in mind and reporting them to the Times office either by phone or by stopping by. The above offer is good only for those who receive their paper through the mail and does not apply to anyone who buys their paper at the Times office on Thursday afternoon.

Names of the winners will be published next week along with an explanation of the errors. The Times would like to apologize to these two firms in whole ads these or any other errors appear and make them a pledge that it will try harder to prevent them in the future.

METHODISTS TO HAVE XMAS SERVICES SUN.

Christmas Sunday at the Methodist Church will be filled with Christmas music, sermon, songs and program. Sunday morning the Choir will sing "Tidings of Great Joy" as a special Christmas music selection. Christmas carols and hymns will also be sung. The sermon for Sunday morning will be entitled: "From Bethlehem to Korea".

The Sunday evening service will be given by the children of Young People's Departments. Mrs. Frank Walker is in charge of the program. Each class in these two departments will have parts in the Christmas program. The teachers of these classes are working with Mrs. Walker for a very good program.

Word has been received just a little while ago that Santa Claus will visit the Methodist Church Sunday night after the program. Following the program Santa will distribute his gifts and bags of candy, nuts and fruit will be given to all the children present. Santa is looking for a good attendance Sunday night. All are welcome.

Rev. Wilson To Hold Series Of Services

Rev. M. B. Smith, pastor of the Wheeler Baptist Church, announced this week that Rev. A. Edwin Wilson, secretary of the Southern Hebrew Mission, Inc. of Chattanooga, Tenn., will be at the local church for a series of services beginning Sunday morning, December 30, and continuing through Wednesday night, January 2.

Definite time of the services will be announced later the pastor pointed out. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Wheeler Whisperings

By J. C. Howell

We would like to thank Mrs. Harrison of Mobeetie for the nice purchase she made from us during the noon hour last Saturday when we were supposed to have been closed for lunch. Mrs. Harrison came in and waited on herself, figured up the bill and left the correct change on the counter for her purchase along with a list of items she had taken. We certainly appreciate your business and your honesty Mrs. Harrison.

One time wasn't enough though for us to leave the front door unlocked, one day this week we pulled the same stunt and Rev. M. B. Smith came down to the office for something just before one o'clock. Upon finding the door unlocked came in and warmed up by the fire until some of the crew arrived to wait on him. We also appreciate your honesty and patience Bro. Smith.

If you haven't taken the time out to drive around over town and look at the beautiful Christmas decorations which adorn the front yards, windows and doors of the homes around over Wheeler, we suggest that you designate some evening soon for a short jaunt around town to enjoy the beautiful sights.

Several of the local stores are planning to be closed Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Ware Chevrolet Co. is planning to be closed Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the latter two days for inventory, and the Denson Grill is to be closed from Monday evening through Friday. The Wheeler Times will be open each day except Tuesday and will try to print a paper of some sort next week, even though we will be crowded for time and probably without a great deal of business.

In case you still don't have all the Christmas cards you need, we still have a good supply on hand and can personalize them for you Friday, Saturday or Monday if you should want that done at that late a date.

Around a thousand little children were in town Wednesday afternoon to see Santa Claus and some few of them didn't get sacks of candy, nuts and fruit because some of the larger boys and girls acted like pigs and went back for their second and third sacks.

The students of Wheeler, Mobeetie, Briscoe, Allison and Kelton and the Wheeler and Briscoe-Allison-Kelton bands put on a fine program which was enjoyed by the large crowd which attended.

The visit by Santa Claus was arranged by the Wheeler Chamber of Commerce and the musical program was arranged by Co. Supt. Jesse J. Dyer in connection with the superintendents and musical instructors of the schools which took part.

Whisperings and the staff of the Wheeler Times would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped to make this past year a successful one and wish each of you a HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON and the very best for the coming year.

Don't walk in a daze—
Look both ways.



Pictured above is Mrs. Frances B. Stanton, who assumed her duties in Wheeler County as home demonstration agent the latter part of November. Mrs. Stanton is quite anxious to become acquainted with all the home demonstration club ladies and 4-H club girls of the county and invites them and others to call on her at any time she can be of assistance to them.

This & That

From The HOME DEMONSTRATION OFFICE
By Frances B. Stanton

4-H CLUB WORK OF WHEELER COUNTY

When one stops to think about the work covered in the meaning of those 4-H's, he can think in terms of about two-hundred-fifty girls in Wheeler County that will be enrolled before the end of the week, and have an understanding of what we are trying to accomplish.

"To make the best better," is our motto. This is set up as a goal toward which to work. In it we are first acknowledging that things pertaining to our surro. never perfect. In making the club rolls there are two things that we like to feel quite certain about, namely: 1. They feel that the work has something to offer that they want, and 2. They are not quitters who flinch from responsibilities.

Here are some guide posts that are used to accomplish the goal:

1. Join with friends in work, fun, and fellowship.
2. Produce, conserve and preserve food.
3. Create better homes for better living.
4. Build health for stronger bodies and a strong America.
5. Share responsibilities for community improvement.
6. Develop talents for usefulness by setting up exhibits, decorating and public appearances.
7. Learn to choose and make one's clothing.
8. Recognize problems in personal grooming and overcome them.
9. Learn means of making a living.
10. Open a vision for a bright world in the future.

If you think these things are worthwhile, encourage these 4-H-ers in their work. Ask questions pertaining to the progress of their demonstrations and give help wherever you can. Let's make the club pledge meaningful for Wheeler County this year when they say:

I pledge:
My HEAD to clear thinking
My HEART to greater loyalty
My HANDS to larger service, and
My HEALTH to better living.
For my club, my community and my country.

Wheeler Gas Co. Is Abandoning New Well Southwest of Twitty

H. M. Wiley, owner of the Wheeler Gas Co., announced this morning that the Wheeler Gas Co. was abandoning the gas well which they have been in the process of drilling during the past few months at a depth of a little over 2,000 feet in a granite formation.

Mr. Wiley reported that they had a show of gas at around 2,005 feet but not enough to be usable. The well which was located in the northeast corner of the north half of section 95, black 17 on the J. E. Wood place, 3 miles west and 1 mile south of Twitty was drilled by Scheig and Garrett of Pampa at a cost of approximately \$16,000.00.

Home Paper

"The Voice of Wheeler County"

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Mobeetie Meditations

Mrs. Homer E. Matthews

She brought fourth her son and wrapped him in warm clothes, and laid him in the bed because there was no help but wonder something busy and hurried way today if we take time to be with God the way we are the parents of a child we don't of course that we are in this modern day let us not leave Christ out of our hearts to make the shepherds concerned.

Thursday at the Methodist church Mrs. A. D. Moore entertained for the women of the church. The receiving rooms were decorated and an excellent lunch was made. Christmas cards from recordings were given by the group. Mrs. Moore had each one present with a wrapped fly-swatter and refreshments.

Friday night the grade school had a program "Christmas in the Heart". This was done in a most beautiful way and your hearts have heard many favorable comments about the program. The program was under the direction of W. D. Wheatley and the school teachers.

Friday night the Eastern Mobeetie enjoyed their annual Christmas tree and party in Masonic Hall entertaining with a delicious dinner. Gifts were exchanged, dominoes were played, the evening and delicious refreshments were served. Mrs. Matron, Mayme Patton received a beautiful gift from her officers and she in turn presented her officers with a remembrance. There were around 500 present.

A shower was given for Mrs. C. Howard December 13th at the home of Mrs. G. Cowan of town. Mrs. Howard was recipient of many useful gifts. Delicious refreshments were served. The Howards are moving to the new home around Mobeetie. They are certainly reluctant to go—but our loss will be their gain.

Mr. and Mrs. Peggy Dunn are spending the holidays with relatives and friends in the Kansas where George is in the Air Corps.

Mr. Atkins has been quite ill at the Wheeler Hospital but was home home the first of the week. Best wishes Herk for recovery.

December meeting of the Mobeetie was held Thursday night at the Wheeler Hotel with Jack Miller, president in charge. A show "Western Night" was enjoyed with proceeds to the P-T-A. The 1st and 2nd grade school children in the direction of W. D. Wheatley entertained for the children with Christmas Carols.

Mobeetie Drug Store has new hands since the paper went to press. Mr. and Mrs. Hill are the new owners. Wish them the best of success in their new venture.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hill made a business trip to Tulsa over the weekend.

Mr. F. Hanning Has Received Promotion

Mr. F. Hanning, Jr., former Mobeetie resident has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant First Class. It was announced recently that he is stationed at Camp Stoneman, Calif.

Mr. Hanning is serving as Chief Medical Technician in the U. S. Army at Camp Stoneman, Calif. He is the largest West Coast Army processing center.

Mr. and Mrs. John Young 15-month old son, John Keith, reside at 281, Columbia Park, Mobeetie, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Green family.

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NOTICE TO PUBLIC

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1951

Editorial

LETTERS TO SANTA

One of the great traditions of the American press is the custom — followed by many of the country's newspapers—of printing letters to Santa Claus each Christmas season. Nowhere but in the United States is so much time and effort contributed to this holiday custom.

Perhaps the custom is being discarded in some areas. Nevertheless, many a lin-

type operator this year will work late into the night to include some young tot's letter to Santa in the local paper. The operator understands because he, too, long years ago, painfully wrote out his list of wondrous toys for Santa, and then goggle-eyed, waited for Santa to see it in the local paper.

A WAY TO CUT ROAD TOLL

Most of us are convinced that something must be done to reduce the number of traffic accidents, which have been increasing steadily in this country for a number of years. What some of us do not realize is that increasing accidents are costing most drivers hard-earned money.

The rising accident rate has already forced automobile insurance premiums up nearly fifty percent, compared to the rates of five years ago, and they are still rising. Even with this increase, many automobile casualty insurance companies have lost money in recent years, having had to pay off policies under inflated conditions.

It is estimated that the casualty companies have lost \$120,000,000 since the war on automobile-liability and property-damage insurance. As a result, some casualty companies have suspended the sale of automobile insurance in some areas of the country.

Discussing this unfortunate trend on the highways, one national magazine has speculated that the state might soon have to move into the automobile insurance field, to insure those who desire insurance, the chance of buying it in their area. This insurance problem, coupled with the slaughter on the highways, which reached 35,000 deaths in 1950, is enough to provoke serious thought from the people of Wheeler County.

Part of the solution may lie in better driving license laws, more efficient tests, strict laws which would severely punish drivers convicted of repeated reckless driving, and better over-all laws designating the responsibility of the driver. Another partial solution, to reward the safe driver, may lie in the issuing of accident policies to drivers with long records of safe, no-accident driving at minimum cost.

Drivers who have long records of accidents and reckless driving would be forced to pay higher rates for their insurance. If such a system were combined with either compulsory liability insurance for drivers, or compulsory posting of a bond of responsibility then each driver would have a long-term financial interest in his driving record.

The weather might have been colder when you were a child but chances are it was just about the same.

Most people who marry for money find out they could have borrowed it cheaper.

Regardless of what an education costs, it will never be as expensive as the cost of ignorance.

NATTIES ARE NEWS!



Noteworthy fashion news for men this season is the extremely narrow bow tie. This handsome collegian wears one of the narrow gingham bow ties in a colorful plaid design. The new ties, called "Natties," are made in college colors for various schools, as well as in Tartan plaids, solids, and polka dots. When they are soiled, the cotton ties can be washed and starched to look like new.

NOBODY'S PERFECT

The male half of a new dance team was pleading with a producer.

"You never saw anything so sensational," he raved. "To finish our act, I take my partner by the hair and whirl her round for exactly 20 spins. Then I wind up by heaving her through an open window."

The producer paled. "Heave her through an open window!" he exclaimed, incredulously. "Do you do that at every performance?"

The young man shrugged. "Nobody's perfect," he admitted. "Sometimes I miss."

TERRIFIC SPEED

A jet plane pilot had the job of carrying a Very Important Person to New York City. After a short time in the air he turned to the big shot: "We missed New York, sir. We'll have to circle back."

"How could you possibly miss a huge city like New York?" blustered the VIP. "The pilot confessed: 'I blinked.'"

LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO J. A. FRYER

GREETINGS: You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 28th day of January, A. D. 1952, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 31st District Court of Wheeler County, at the Court House in Wheeler, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 28th day of November, 1951. The file number of said suit being No. 4220.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Vera Fryer as Plaintiff, and J. A. Fryer as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being, substantially as follows, to-wit:

Suit for Divorce and recovery of costs of suit and \$100.00 attorneys' fees.

Issued this the 13th day of December, 1951.
Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Wheeler, Texas, this the 13th day of December, A. D. 1951.
(SEAL)
HAROLD CALLAN, Clerk
31st District Court,
Wheeler County, Texas 2-4tc.

Texas 4-H club members, leaders and friends of 4-H are invited to participate in the "Share and Care" program for the National 4-H Club Center. This center is located in Washington, D. C.

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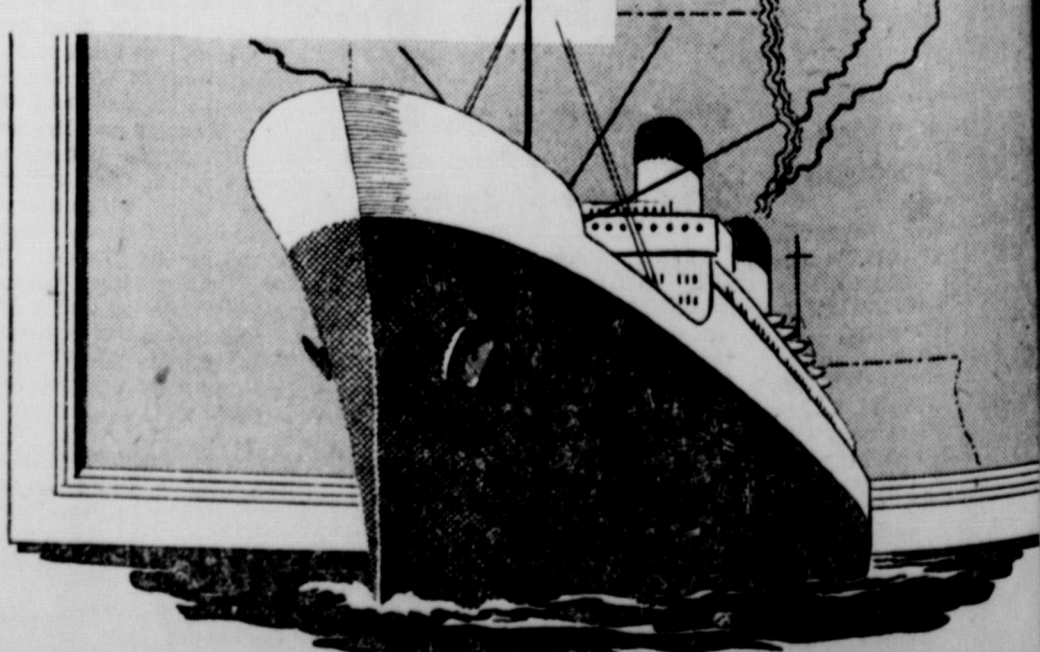
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Paymaster Gin

Mr. and Mrs. Billy J. Darnell
Wheeler, Texas



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Mobeetie, Texas

ME AND MY SHADOW!



This pretty pair looks more like sisters than mother and daughter when they are dressed in their matching corduroy jumper dresses. Their trim new fall outfits designed by Cole of California use soft, rich cotton corduroy for the scalloped jumpers that combine with crisp white blouses edged in cotton lace. National Cotton Council fashionists report that corduroy is one of the most popular fabrics in the new winter collections of both adults' and children's wear.

PUBLIC WARNED OF PENALTIES UNDER NEW LAW

Public Safety Director, Homer Garrison, Jr. reminded Texas motorists today that they will be subject to additional and much more stern penalties if they are convicted of serious traffic law violations when the state's new Motor Vehicle Responsibility Law goes into effect on January 1.

If an operator's license is suspended or revoked for violating any traffic law carrying that penalty, under the new Safety Responsibility Law the Texas Department of Public Safety must also suspend the registration of all motor vehicles registered in the name of that person, unless he gives proof of future financial responsibility in the amount of \$15,000. The same proof must be furnished and maintained before an operator's license can be reinstated, if it was suspended for violation of a traffic law.

Proof of financial responsibility is also required in the following circumstances:

1. For forfeiting any bail or collateral that was given to secure appearance in court for trial on a charge of violating any law that provides for suspension or revocation of an operator's license upon conviction.
2. For operating a motor vehicle without being legally licensed to do so.
3. For operating an unregistered motor vehicle.

Proof of financial responsibility for the future may be furnished by depositing with the Texas Department of Public Safety a certificate showing ownership of an insurance policy that will cover damage claims resulting from a traffic accident, up to \$15,000; by

depositing \$15,000 in cash or securities with the Department; or by posting bond with the Department in the same amount.

"I think it must be evident to the public by this time that our new Safety Responsibility Law really means business in assuring greater safety and security on our streets and highways," Director Garrison said. "The requirement of permanent proof of financial responsibility is, of course, in addition to the penalties that are provided by the traffic laws themselves. This is one of the provisions of the new law that is going to help us put chronic law violators and accident causers off of the road permanently."

SHOULD BE EXPERIENCED

The very rich man was interviewing an applicant for the job as his personal valet.

"You may have trouble with me," he said. "I have a wooden leg, a glass eye, a toupee, an artificial arm and false teeth."

"That won't bother me," replied the applicant. "I used to be on the assembly line at Lockheed."

HE ASKED FOR IT

A pompous individual stalked into the office and demanded to see the manager.

"I'm sorry, but he's not here," replied the receptionist. "Is there anything I can do?"

"No!" snapped the visitor. "I never deal with underlings. I'll wait until he returns."

"Very well, take a seat," said the girl, and went on with her work. Half an hour later, the man became impatient. "How much longer do you think he will be gone?" he demanded gruffly.

"About three weeks," answered the girl calmly. "He left for South America yesterday."

LUCKY

Rufus—Did you hear about the man who was murdered last night for his money.

Goofus—Yes. Wasn't it lucky that he didn't have a cent on him at the time?

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FOR SALE

FOR SALE—3 geese, this year. Mrs. V. N. Hall. 2-1tp.

Many of our dishes, ash trays and small gifts for the home have been reduced for special Christmas selling. Wheeler Radio and Refrigerator Service. 2-1tc.

Hardwick stoves are good stoves, change to a Hardwick today. Wiley's 45-1tc.

Table top Florence gas range with oven control for sale. Bus Dorman. 2-1tc.

Special cut prices on toys, we have dolls as low as 50c each. Ernest Lee Hardware. 2-1tc. We have modernized the Smith farm house southwest of Wheeler, and same is for sale. Max Wiley at Gas Company office. 34-1tc.

Refrigerator, stoves, home freezers, mixmaster, radios, ranges, dinette suits and other appliances make good Christmas gifts, see our selections, convenient payments arranged if you desire. Wheeler Radio and Refrigerator Service. 2-1tc.

FOR SALE—600 Acre farm, Filling Station, 4 modern tourist cabins and 7-room home on Highway 66. W. C. Shull, McLean. 2-3p.

Textile paint sets and supplies makes nice Christmas Gifts. We have these in stock. The Wheeler Times. 51-3tp.

Its still not too late to buy a Lane Cedar Chest or other furniture for Christmas. Ernest Lee Hardware. 2-1tc.

For hand-made belts see Donald Oglesby. 52-1tp.

Fruit trees, berries, grapes and all landscaping materials. See Will Warren. 2-1tc.

We have a few new table model Motorola Radios in stock—one of these would make a nice Christmas gift. Owen's Service Station. 2-1c.

We have a table of specially priced items that would make extra nice Christmas gifts. Wheeler Radio and Refrigerator Service. 2-1tc.

FOR SALE—Sand love grass seed at 50c pound. If anyone wants less than 100 pounds, please bring sacks. Tohe Frye. 52-3tp.

All our toys are specially priced

for Christmas selling. Look over our selection. Wheeler Radio and Refrigerator Service. 2-1tc.

FOR SALE—House, 5-room and bath 3½ blocks south of the water tower on the east side of the pavement. See Lavena Hiatt. 2-1tc.

FOR SALE—Have some grain sorghum in various amounts at a pretty good price. R. N. Byers at Wheeler Grain Co. 52-2tc.

FOR SALE—Jersey milk cows good grade. See Leland Caldwell, 16 miles north of Wheeler on Highway 83. 2-3tp.

MISCELLANEOUS

WANTED—Ironing at my home 1½ miles east of Wheeler. Ethel McWhorter. 2-2tp.

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. 48-1tc.

FOR RENT—4-room modern house, see Chester Lewis. 1-1tc.

No Hunting on my place. Claude Crouch. 51-4tp.

WANTED—To hire a man and wife. Man to do general ranch work and wife to help part time with housework. Apply to T. M. Britt, Wheeler. 2-1tc.

No hunting on my place. J. C. Bradstreet. 48-6tp.

WANTED—100,000 rats and mice to kill with Ray's Rat and Mouse Killer, also Ray's Warfarin Rat Killer, guaranteed. City Drug Store. 48-12tc.

Apartment for rent. Apply at Wheeler Gas Co. 23-1tc.

Monuments, grave covering, curbing and all memorial work. Will Warren. 21-1tc.

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For thrifty foods that will add to your

HAPPY HOLIDAY



Shop at **IGA FOOD STORES**

WE WILL BE OPEN SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23RD AND MONDAY, DECEMBER 24TH. WE WILL BE CLOSED TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY OF NEXT WEEK. THESE SPECIALS ARE GOOD THROUGH DEC. 24TH.

KRAFT DINNERS 2 boxes 25c	IGA Fancy Sifted June PEAS 2 303 cans 37c
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Quality Meats at Low Prices!

HAMS ARMOUR'S STAR—½ or Whole Pound	53c
OYSTERS Fresh from New Jersey Standard Pints	93c
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ROLL SAUSAGE WILSON'S CERTIFIED Pound	37c
PIG LIVER LITTLE PIG SLICED Pound	29c
PORK ROAST LOIN END Pound	39c
COOKED PICNICS ARMOUR'S STAR Pound	43c
PORK STEAK SLICED, LEAN Pound	45c

OLEOMARGARINE GOOD VALLE Pound	23c
SALMON STANDARD 1 lb. can	39c
Salad Dressing MIRACLE WHIP pint	33c

IGA Giving Away Admiral REFRIGERATORS
VALUED AT \$50,000



We are giving one of them away Locally. See it on display at our store. Remember to register each time you are in our store. This Refrigerator will be given away Saturday, December 22nd at 7:00 p.m. You do not have to be present to win!

CLAY FOOD STORE
Phone 145 Wheeler, Texas

MIXED NUTS MIXED FROM FANCY NUTS	Pound
PECANS MISSISSIPPI PAPER SHELL	Pound

FRUITS AND FARM FRESH VEGETABLES

We Have All Kinds Of Fresh Vegetables For That Christmas Dinner!

AVOCADOS CALIFORNIA FANCY	Each
RADISHES CRISP, RED	Bunch
SUNKIST ORANGES BIG JUICY NAVEL'S	Pound
CELERY ANDY BOY	Wrapped Pound

CALIFORNIA ORANGES 200 Size ½ Box	\$3.39
ARKANSAS BLACK APPLES FANCY RING PACKED Bushel	\$3.49
DELICIOUS APPLES Large Size Box	\$5.85
FLORIDA ORANGES Large and Juicy Full Box	\$5.75
DELICIOUS APPLES Bushel	\$4.75
FLORIDA ORANGES 5 Pound Bag	29c

Ocean Spray **CRANBERRY SAUCE** 2 No. 300 Cans 35c

Box Cherry **Chocolates** 55c

Doeskin DINNER **NAPKINS** Pkg. 45c

"Two-Layer" **PINEAPPLE UPSIDE DOWN CAKE** Pillsbury CAKE MIX IGA IN LIBBY'S Pineapple

PILLSBURY HOT ROLL MIX Package	28c
REDDI-WHIP 7½-ounces	49c

PURE CANE SUGAR 10-LBS.	95c
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GREETINGS

May this be the happiest Christmas you have ever had in your homes, and in the church and may the glorious afterglow of the season shine on into the New Year with beauty and spiritual light.

CHAPMAN SERVICE STATION
Wheeler, Texas

Health Officer Urges Care To Prevent Holiday Accidents

Christmas, the season of joy and happiness, will soon be with us and Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, urges every one to do their utmost to prevent accidents in order that the season be one of sorrow or suffering. This season of the year brings with it an increase in motor vehicle traffic. Thousands of persons, on vacation, are on the highways at this time. Like public health, and a great many other things, traffic safety depends upon partnership. Whether you are at the wheel or on the high-ways or street, your safety and the safety of the other fellow, depends on both of you. The speed mania and reckless driving, and all that they imply, the lack of self control, disregard for laws and for the rights of others, are responsible for a large part of the tragic

deaths and unnecessary suffering. In the face of the hazards involved, absent-mindedness on the part of the driver or pedestrian, also becomes a vice, with notorious record for destructive consequences. Motor transportation has become an inherent part of our daily lives. To reduce the hazards for ourselves and for others the least we can do is to admit our obligations as partners in the Safety Traffic business, and to accept our responsibilities as drivers and as pedestrians.

One would not wish all persons to be in a state of constant dread to the extent that every act be considered a source of possible accident; but we can be sensible and intelligent and since we are creatures of habit we can teach ourselves and our young people to recognize certain situations which represent hazards and to act in such a way as to prevent them.

Most people who say they talk too much talk too much.

Trivial matters can prove fatal when not kept in perspective.

EAGER PROMISES

Is There an Easy Resolution?

New Year resolutions have long been a common practice of humanity—and the brunt of a million jokes.

Neither fact is too surprising. Man always has been eager enough to make promises to himself and to others, just as he has been quick to criticize his own weakness when he fails to follow through.

Yet there are always reasons why resolutions fail. True, they might have been made with all seriousness, but still be lacking in strength or perseverance. The fallen resolutions are always those that

were impracticable, and not easily adapted to the general pattern of living.

There is a parable: "No man putteth new wine into old wine skins."

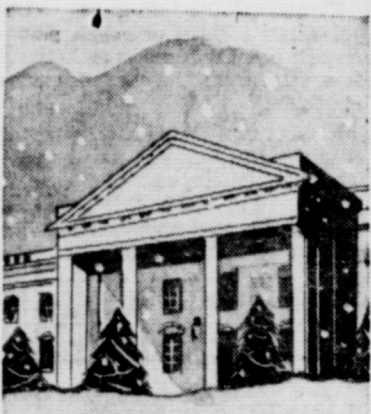
A fermenting wine would easily burst the seams of an old wine skin, just as a non-practicable resolution falls along the wayside of daily living. If one is to make new and strong resolutions, there must be a new and stronger person to uphold them.

The easiest resolution of all to make and follow is one to work for a world of peace and harmony.

Smaller Towns Began Lighting Outdoor Trees

Although the White House and Rockefeller Center outdoor tree decorations have become famous in recent years, the practice of lighting outdoor trees began in smaller towns and cities long before these two displays became an annual affair.

Four widely separated communities lighted up as early as 1913. Two of them, McDonald and Germantown, were in Pennsylvania.



Salem, Ore., decorated a large Sitka spruce. Riverside, Calif., illuminated a large evergreen, an Aracuria.

The first National Christmas tree was in 1924 and was sponsored by the American Forestry association. For the past two years the lighting of the White House has been televised.

New Year's Day Passes on All Old Superstitions

Through centuries of celebrations, New Year's Day has managed to pass on to each succeeding generation the superstitions that people of olden times held about the first day of the year.

Residents of England once believed it to be an ill omen if one shared a lighted match with another on New Year's morning. English maidens, and Scotch ones, as



well, made a custom of rushing to the well at the stroke of midnight. The first taste of the water would have the best luck during the ensuing year.

Residents of the Isle of Man held that a dark complexioned person brought good fortune with him if he were the first to enter a house after the new year had begun. A light-haired visitor was believed a bearer of misfortune.

In early America, New Englanders considered it inviting bad luck to go outside the house on New Year's Day until someone had entered.

Southerners believe that it invites prosperity when black-eyed peas are included on the New Year's Day menu.

Mistletoe Outlived Sinister Meaning

Mistletoe, once used as a weapon of death, is now almost a universal symbol of love and peace.

According to Norse mythology, there was a god named Balder, who personified the sun. Loki, another god, plotted to destroy Balder.

Balder's mother, when she first learned of Loki's intentions to kill her son, obtained a promise from all living things that they would not harm Balder. All agreed, but the mistletoe, so it was with a mistletoe arrow that Loki induced Balder's blind brother, Hoder, to kill the sun god.

Higher powers intervened, however, and Balder was restored to life. The mistletoe was placed under Frigg's care, and the mother of Balda saw that it was never again used to do harm.

The custom of giving a kiss of love or peace beneath the mistletoe is an assurance that it will never again be used as an instrument of evil.

Times Classifieds Get Results!



Santa's little helper came down to us from Scandinavia.

Many years before Leif Erikson touched American shores, the children of the North believed that a little elf with long white whiskers—Jul Tomten—saw that the earth was abundant with good food and that the animals and birds were taken care of.

After the pagan Vikings were Christianized, little Jul became the giver of presents—just as Santa today. It became a custom for children to leave a bowl of porridge on the kitchen table for the little elf, who would leave presents in exchange.

Travelers picked up the legend of Jul Tomten and carried it around the world. To us, he is the busy, jolly, good little elf who works happily in Santa's workshop.

Money and man are much alike. The tighter each gets the more it talks.

Santa Claus, Indiana, Received Famous Name Christmas Eve, 1882

Although many towns have named directly or indirectly associated with Christmas, there is but one town named Santa Claus, in Indiana.

Except for a lucky break, the town would have had another name and hence would not have enjoyed the annual fame that it gathers around the Yuletide season.

The original intention to name the town Santa Fe fell through when the officials at Washington suggested that the town be named something else, since there was already a Santa Fe in New Mexico.

On Christmas Eve, in 1882, the citizens held a mass meeting to select another name, but every one proposed was discarded for one reason or another. The meeting was about to break up when Santa Claus, making his yearly visits in the neighborhood, strode in to get warm. He was in costume and his arrival put one name in every mind.

And so the town was named Santa Claus.

Here's What We Mean-

When we say, "MERRY CHRISTMAS," we mean that in addition to expressing our greetings of the season, we also acknowledge the courtesies extended to us by the many friends of this organization.

Our primary obligation is to serve you efficiently and attentively, and to this end we pledge our every effort.



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



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BLACKSMITH SHOP**
Wheeler, Texas

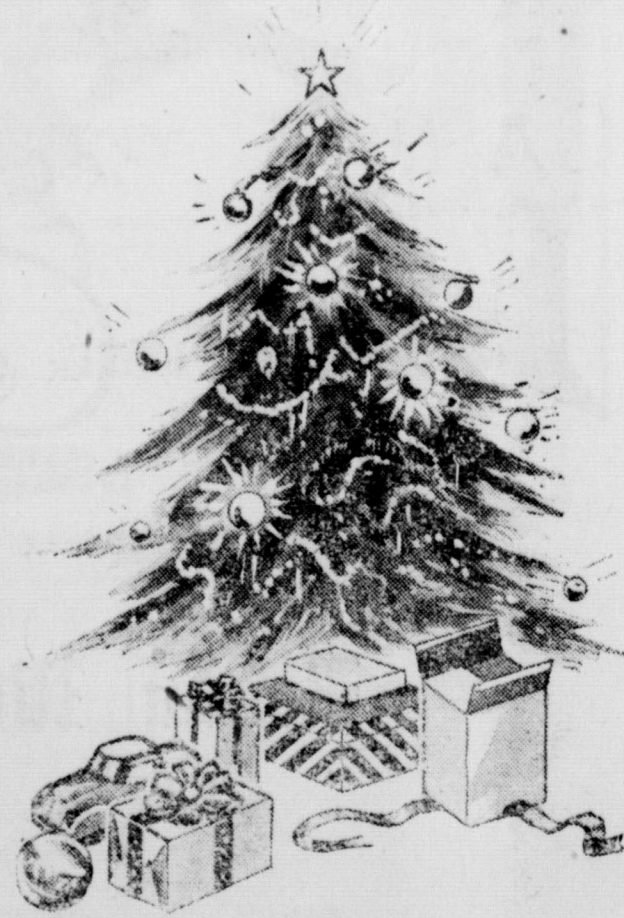


WE GREET OUR FRIENDS

Here it is, Christmas again, and once more we say to you, "SEASON'S GREETINGS". May you receive the most bounteous remembrances and may you enjoy the holidays to the fullest extent.

LILE'S SERVICE STATION
MR. AND MRS. MILTON LYLE
Wheeler, Texas

LIGHT UP YOUR TREE!



May it reflect the full glory of Christmas and brighten the season with a cheerfulness never to be forgotten.

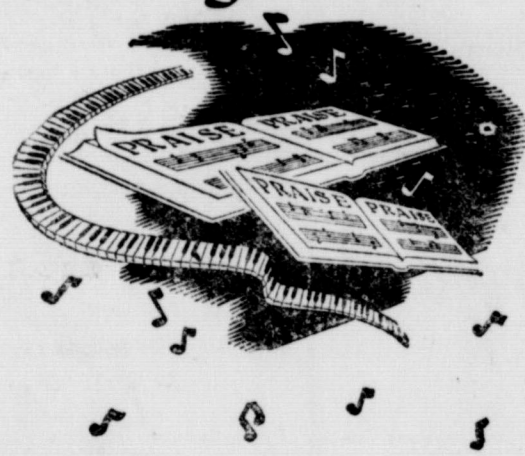
Good cheer, good luck and Merry Christmas!

May we add a sincere "Thank You" for your patronage in the past and a wish for the best for each of you in the future.

ERNEST LEE HARDWARE
Wheeler, Texas

Sing His Praises

... IT'S CHRISTMAS

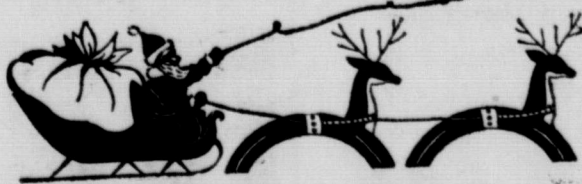


Let us rejoice during this, the most glorious season of them all and sing praises to Him whose birthdate we celebrate.

MEAD'S BAKERY
"MEAD'S FINE BREAD"

THAT jolly old gentleman is here again, bringing with him, we hope, a sleigh full of good things for all our good friends. Welcome, Santa, to this community, you'll find some mighty fine folks around here, each of whom is deserving of all the nice things you have for them.

They're friends of ours, and we're proud to call them friends. They have been good to us—we hope you will be good to them.



Merry Christmas

FORD'S CAFE
MR. AND MRS. FORD NEWKIRK
Wheeler, Texas



SEASON'S GREETINGS

TO OUR FRIENDS

Ware Chevrolet Co.
Wheeler, Texas



Thank You!

A firm like ours could not exist without such friends as you. So, once again, in appreciation of your good will, we pledge our best in everything we do to serve.

Wheeler Radio & Refrig. Service
MR. AND MRS. L. C. LAFLIN
Wheeler, Texas Phone 119



And Bonne Annee to You

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
These words will soon ring around the world, but it won't sound the same everywhere.

For instance, should you be in gay Pares, this is the greeting: "Bonne Annee!" Across the waters in Spain, natives say, "Feliz Ano Nuevo!" In sunny Italy, it's "Buon Capo d'Anno!"

Most of the above greetings we can almost decipher. It is the salute of countries like Germany, Norway and Sweden that are sharp tongue-twisters. For example, Germans wish a happy new year with "Ein Glueckliches Neues Jahr." Sweden and Norway are a little simpler, but still ticklish. The Swedes say, "Got Nytt Ar", and the Norse "Godt Nytt Aar."

None-the-less, it still means, "Happy New Year."

HELPING SANTA

When Buying Toys for Children

If you wish your child to get the most available from this year's toys, be sure to look for the five major qualities recommended by specialists.

Toys to be thoroughly satisfying for the small fry should have five major qualities, say specialists at the college of home economics, Cornell.

First, toys should be durable to withstand the rough and tumble of any one child and his playmates. Sturdy toys can be repaired and repainted and passed on for the enjoyment of other youngsters, in or out of the family.

Toys should be simple and easy to handle and operate. Simple playthings are more likely to hold interest through long child-hours and less likely to be shelved permanently.

Toys should be safe to use—without sharp corners or rough places or poor paint that might be harmful to a youngster. And toys should be washable.

Finally, toys should have what the specialists call a "do-with" quality. Good old stand-bys such as wagons, blocks, clay, sand, finger paints, and the like may fit into the child's interest of the moment.

THERE IS NEWS IN THE WHEELER TIMES WANT-ADS

ONLY

"Did you see the stork that brought me, daddy?"
"Only the bill, son."

The happiest person in this community is probably the one who has helped the most people, in one way or another.

We agree nothing is as bad as active ignorance.

Before marriage they bill and coo. After marriage the cooing stops and the billing begins in earnest.

Every optometrist must have eye for business.

The guy who said that he talks wasn't referring to money.

She claimed he married her money . . . and he claimed he earned it.

When some men discharge obligation you can hear the rattle for hours.

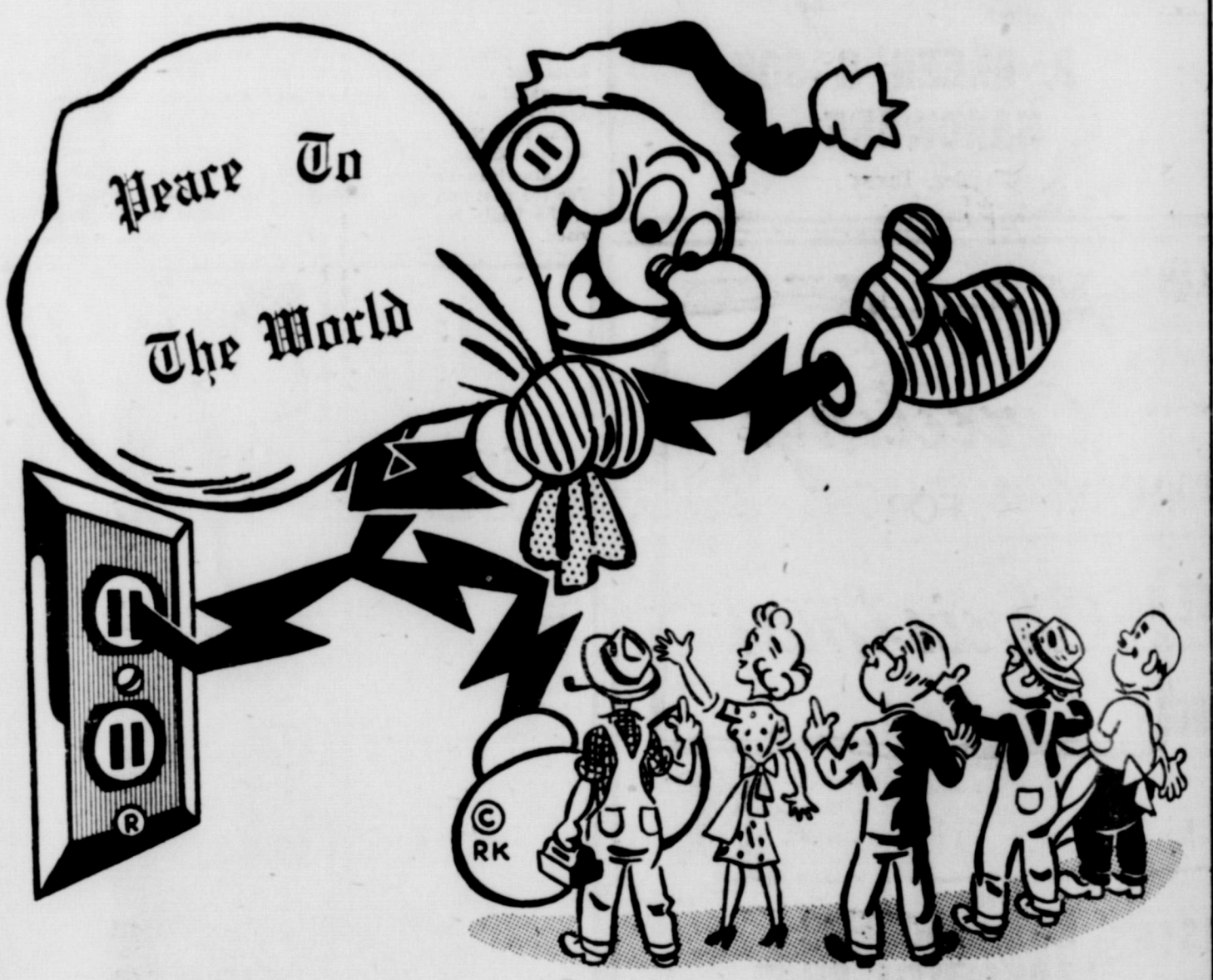
Christmas vacations are which prompts us to remark most boys like school best—



LET'S THINK ABOUT CHRISTMAS

While all of us catch our breath after a very busy Christmas Season, let us extend this one sincere thought—have a huge, happy Holiday, won't you?

MORRIS MALT SHOP
MR. AND MRS. FLOYD MORRIS
Wheeler, Texas



Reddy Wishes Everyone A Very Merry Christmas!



SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
27 YEARS OF GOOD CITIZENSHIP AND PUBLIC SERVICE

Nash Is Hostess
December 17

Nash was the hostess to the members of the S.C.S. Monday, December 17. The party was gay with yuletide decorations. Mrs. Vida Hunt and Mrs. Mrs. Mrs. prepared the program. Mrs. "Holy Night," sung by Marilyn Nash and Mrs. W. A. Goad, Sr., was the opening number. In asking "aunt" to give the invocation, Mrs. present as we are in this season of that other Christmas, the birth of Jesus. The program was sung by Vera Helen Egger, Vida Hyatt, Grace Meek and Mrs. W. A. Goad, Sr. Mrs. Zandt told so interesting a story of the search for the Star of Bethlehem. The story was exchanged and decorations served to:

SOCIETY

Mesdames Darris Egger, C. C. Robison, J. M. Porter, Dorsey Hutchison, Lloyd Davidson, P. Mayfield, M. McIlhany, Cora Hyatt, Frank Noah, Max Wiley, R. Wm. Brown, Nelson Porter, Harcison Hall, C. M. Hampton, C. B. Kirk, C. J. Van Zandt, Dink Hunt, Elizabeth Wiley, C. J. Meek the hostesses, Mrs. Nash and Marilyn and Santa Claus.

Gipson-Atwood Vows At Shamrock Dec. 5

Rev. and Mrs. Lee A. Gipson of Shamrock are announcing the recent marriage of their daughter, Barbara, to Jack Atwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Atwood of Kelton.

The single-ring ceremony was read in the home of the bride December 5 by her father, Miss

Betty Jo Milum of Magic City attended the bride as maid-of-honor and Jimmy (Red) Brittain of Kelton was best man.

The bride chose for her wedding a navy suit with black accessories.

Mrs. Atwood formerly attended Shamrock High School. Mr. Atwood is employed by the Tower Service Station of Shamrock.

Those attending the wedding were the mothers of the bride and groom, Mrs. Lee A. Gipson and Mrs. T. M. Atwood of Kelton.

Three Local Girls Entertain With Party

Misses Dortha Mason, Naomi (Dutch) Scribner and Roberta Leonard were hostesses for a Christmas party given in their home Wednesday night, December 19th.

After a game session, gifts were exchanged and opened. Seasonal decorations were throughout the house and the refreshments.

Delicious refreshments of sandwiches, cookies, punch and all the trimmings were served to the following: Jo Siegmund, Vondell Killingsworth, Clara Marshall, Wilma Hefley, Glenna Hefley, Dorothy Rushing and Darla, Mariwyn Wren, Charlotte Weatherly and the hostesses.

OES Members Enjoy Xmas Party Dec. 11

Members of the Wheeler Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, held their annual Christmas party and tree at the Masonic Hall Tuesday evening, December 11. Husbands and, or wives were guests.

A program was presented under the direction of Mrs. Bob Rodgers, program chairman. Two accordion selections were played by Miss Annette Hutchison and Rev. Darris Egger told of the origin of the most sung Christmas carols, after which the group sang the carol. In conclusion Mrs. Frank Walker gave a reading, "Billy Peebles".

Gifts were exchanged about the gaily trimmed Christmas tree and refreshments bearing the Christmas motif were served.

Those present were: Mrs. Irma Kirk, Worthy Matron; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Howell; Mr. and Mrs. George Porter; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Farmer, J. P. Meek of Childress; Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Maloy; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rodgers; Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Beene; Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Pettit; Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Bowman; Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Faught; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bowen; Mrs. A. A. Jones; Mrs. Al Thomas; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Walker; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Pennington; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Robison; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Courtwright; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse J. Dyer; Mrs. Myrtle Lane; Mrs. R. G. Russ, Jr. and Dr. Mabel Van Dervoort of Santa Anna, Calif.



4-H CLUB NEWS Mobeetie Club

The fifth and sixth grade girls met at Mobeetie grade school, December 13th to organize the 4-H Club.

Officers were elected as follows: President—Kay Quarles; vice-president—Maretta Bures; secretary—Ellen Corcoran; treasurer—Jane White; reporter—Carolyn Walser; and song leader—Linda Jones.

Mrs. Stanton, Home Demonstration Agent, gave the girls some cookie recipes.

The regular meeting time will be on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.

Mrs. Clifford Walser is the club sponsor. She will meet with the club on the fourth Wednesday and Mrs. Stanton will meet with the club on the second Wednesday.

Allison Club

The Allison 4-H Club met with Mrs. Stanton, the Home Demonstration Agent, December 12, 1951. We elected our club officers as follows:

President—Lillie Marshall; secretary—Lona Collins; vice-president—Virginia Giddens; treasurer—Carlene George; reporter—Betty Marshall; and song leader—Mary Ann Ault.

Mrs. Stanton discussed demonstrations in which we could be demonstrators. She gave us cookie recipes and cookie cutters made of pasteboard with Christmas designs.

The meeting came to order at 10:30. Adjourned at 11:20.

Wednesday Study Club Has Christmas Party

The Wednesday Study Club enjoyed its annual Christmas party on Wednesday afternoon, December 12 in the home of Mrs. Frank

Wofford with Mrs. Max Wiley as co-hostess.

Mrs. T. M. Britt directed the Christmas program which opened with the Club Chorus, accompanied by Mrs. Lyndon Sims, singing "O' Holy Night".

Mrs. J. M. Porter gave a reading, "Christmas" and a story, "Virgin as Told by Mary." (authors unknown).

Mrs. T. M. Britt gave a brief history of the origin of the song, "O' Little Town of Bethlehem." The entire club then sang "O' Little Town of Bethlehem."

Refreshments were served, followed by Mrs. W. L. Williams, as Santa, reading an original poem of hers, "Santa's Dream of the Wednesday Study Club," after which she distributed the gifts.

Those attending this very enjoyable occasion were: Mesdames T. M. Britt, R. Wm. Brown, Lee Guthrie, Harrison Hall, R. J. Holt, Cora Hyatt, L. C. Laffin, M. McIlhany, C. J. Meek, Harold Nash, H. E. Nicholson, Sr., Floyd Pennington, George Porter, D. O. Beene, H. E. Nicholson, Jr., W. L. Williams, Fred Farmer, Shelby Pettit, D. A. Hunt, Darris Egger, J. M. Porter, Jimmie Mitchener, Lyndon Sims and the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Russ and family have as their guest in their home, Dr. Mabel Dervoort of Santa Ana, Calif., mother of Mrs. Russ.

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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. O. Nations made a trip to Memphis Sunday to visit with their friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Buchanan of Pauls Valley, Okla. spent last Sunday and Monday in Wheeler visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hooker, parents of Mrs. Buchanan's, enroute to Los Angeles, Calif. to spend the Christmas Holidays with Mr. Buchanan's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Buchanan and family.

Several of the local folks of Wheeler have boys or relatives now serving in the U. S. Armed

Forces. Some of the fellows seen around here the last few days were Donald Barber, son of Mrs. Alta Barber, Gene Hubbard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernice Hubbard, Loyd Goad, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Goad, Sr., Bill Erwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Erwin and Richard Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jackson.

Our Calendar, Relatively New, Unified Time

The Gregorian calendar has been in popular usage only since the late 18th century, and was the first calendar to bring about such a world unity on the time front.

Yet, it has not satisfied everyone. In fact, someone is always trying to introduce a new one.

One of these, concocted by a schoolboy about the time of the first World War, was considered seriously for many years. It was even brought to the attention of congress in 1945 and the countries of China and Great Britain showed interest.

Entitled the Edwards Perpetual Calendar, the plan offers striking revisions from the present Gregorian. To start, New Year's Day is not attached to any month of the year, but precedes Monday, January 1. Monday, incidentally, always starts the week, with Saturday and Sunday at the end of the week, where, it would seem, a week-end belongs.

There are 91 days in each quarter, with 30 days in each of the first two months of a quarter; 31 in the third, sixth, ninth and twelfth months of the year. Christmas, birthdays and all other holidays would always fall on the same day each year, and, a feature appealing to the superstitious, there would never again be a Friday, the 13th.

And, lest we forget, something for the gals, leap year day would be a distinct 24-hour period between June and July—one more chance.

The calendar was worked out by Willard E. Edwards. A lieutenant in the navy during World War II, Edwards presented his calendar to the delegates to the San Francisco conference in 1945, where it met with much approval. He was soon swamped with letters from all parts of the world acclaiming the proposed calendar. Time, however, passes on and the pages of the Gregorian calendar still replace themselves, year after year.



BURGESS SHOE SHOP

Wheeler, Texas



This is a Christmas of great thankfulness and it is especially suitable, therefore, that we of this institution should extend heartfelt greetings. We send our best wishes for a holiday of good cheer.

NATIONS Barber & Beauty Shop

Wheeler, Texas

We hope you have the Merriest Christmas Ever!

Popular Brands Cigarettes
Carton \$1.98

Chocolate Drops
Pound 25c

Christmas Mix Candy
Pound 23c

Paper Shell Pecans
Pound 29c

Each \$3.89

10-oz. Pkg.	17c
9-oz. Pkg.	21c
Pound	12c
2-Pkgs.	15c
2-lb. Cello	39c

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

BY MARY LEE TAYLOR

Rarebit Rolls

- Cut in halves { 4 large sandwich buns
- Pull enough out of centers to make 1 cup crumbs.
- Cook slowly until edges curl, { in 2 tablespoons hot shortening
- Add crumbs and { 1/2 cup fat milk, 1/2 cup water, 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard, few grains pepper
- Cook and stir until thick. Spoon into buns.
- Top buns with { 1 1/2 cups grated American cheese
- Put into shallow pan and bake in moderately slow oven (350) 15 min., or until cheese is melted. Serve hot. Makes 4 servings.

You Will Need:
Fat Milk, Dried Beef, Sandwich Bun, Dry Mustard, American Cheese

Merry Christmas

May we come in a moment to express our customary YULETIDE GREETINGS and to thank you for your fine friendships and the business relationships that have resulted from them.

BURCH'S Variety & Shoe Shop
Mobeetie, Texas

25-lb. Bag	\$1.59
3-pounds	59c
1/2-gal. Bucket	79c
10-lb. Bag	79c

CHOICE MEATS

CURED HAMS 1/2 or Whole	59c
FOR BOILING	Pound
CURED BACON ENDS	25c
FINE FOR MEAT LOAF	Pound
GROUND BEEF	59c
PORK CHOPS Fresh Tender	Pound 55c

Greetings

The world changes, it's true, but there is something which has withstood the test of time unchanged—CHRISTMAS.

May the spirit that makes Christmas the greatest day of all days be yours throughout the coming year.

MILLERS CLEANERS
Wheeler, Texas

MANY THANKS

We have sold our laundry to Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Satterfield and they have assumed management of same; therefore, we would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere THANKS to all the fine people of this area for the nice patronage we have enjoyed during the past few years. It is our hope that you will afford the new owners the same patronage which you have shown us.

May we add to this thanks a sincere wish far a

Merry Christmas And A Prosperous New Year To Each of You

MR. AND MRS. LESLIE HAVENHILL

Specials Good Thru Mon., Dec. 24th

BUCKETT'S FOOD MARKET

APPROPRIATE

Collegiate—Father, I've a notion to settle down and start raising chickens.

Father—Better try owls. Their hours will suit you better.

An optimist is one who sees only the down payment.

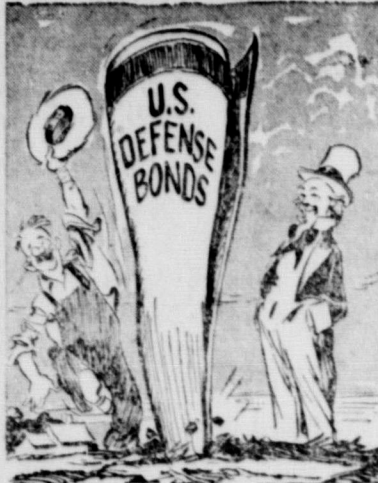
HOPE-CHEST MONNIKER

Visitor—What was your mummy's name before she was married?"

Young Innocence—"I think it must have been 'Savoy.' That's the name on our towels."

Newspaper Advertising Pays!

Uncle Sam Says



The harvest season's about over, but how about sowing a new crop, one that will reap some extra dollars in seasons to come? Just plant part of your earnings regularly in U. S. Defense Bonds, and watch those earnings grow! This you can readily do through the Payroll Savings Plan where you work, or the Bond-A-Month Plan where you bank. The longer you hold these bonds, the deeper they take root and the more interest they bear. In 20 years they will return you 77 per cent more than your original investment.

U. S. Treasury Department

QUITE A GAL!

At a national Sunday School convention answers were given to the roll call by states. When the State of Texas was called, a brawny specimen of southern manhood stepped out into the aisle, and with a strident voice exclaimed:

"We represent the great State of Texas. The first white woman born in Texas is still living. She now has a population of over three million."

There was a pause of bewilderment for a moment, and then a voice from the galleries rang out clear and distinct:

"Send that woman out to Wyoming. We need her!"

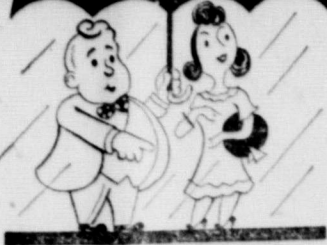
GOOD REASON

The defendant acknowledged that he hadn't spoken to his wife in five years and the judge put in a question.

"What reason have you?" he asked severely.

Replied the husband, "I didn't want to interrupt her."

Your New SOCIAL SECURITY



Many employed wage earners over 75 years of age have applied for old-age and survivors insurance benefit payments, according to John R. Sanderson, manager of the Amarillo social security office.

While Sanderson is greatly surprised at the comparatively large number of insured persons in this age group, his office has no way of knowing the total number. The reason for this lack of information is that many insured workers who have passed their seventy-fifth birthday have not applied for benefit payments. "They do not realize that they and their dependents can now qualify for these monthly payments," he says.

Under the amended law, a worker over 75 years of age may engage in any kind of employment or self-employment and have bene-

fit payments regardless of the amount of his earnings. Between the ages of 65 and 75, the insured person may now have \$50 a month in work covered by social security.

Sanderson urges all insured workers aged 75 or older, and who have not yet applied for benefit payments to do so without delay. Back payments can be made for as many as 6 months, but failure to make application may result in loss of one or more months benefit payments to the worker and his dependents.

Soldiers back from New Guinea report having seen tribes of wild women without tongues. No wonder they were wild!

IDEAL SET-UP

Two men were discussing the coming marriage of their buddy.

"He is getting a wonderfully accomplished girl," said one. "She can swim, ride, drive a car, and pilot a plane. A real all-round girl."

"They ought to get along," observed the other. "He learned to cook in the army."

No one objects to how much you say if you say it in a few words.

The trouble with most of us is that our necessities are too luxurious and our luxuries are too necessary.

REASON ENOUGH

Pretty Stenog—What idea of your working hours a day? I wouldn't mind it. You know what the Equal Pay Act is? I think of it myself. It was who thought of it.

Times Classifieds Get

ROGUE THEATRE

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

"Thunder in God's Court"

—starring—
Rex Allen

PREVUE SATURDAY NIGHT

SUNDAY AND MONDAY

"Stars in My Car"

—starring—
Joel McCrea and Ella

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

"RHUBARB"

—starring—
Ray Milland and Jan



It is time for all of us to pause for a moment or two, that we may exchange friendly Christmas Greetings and to wish all the good folk in this community a Christmas of good cheer.

To these greetings, we wish to add our sincere appreciation to each of you for your kind consideration and your courtesies in the past.

LOWELL'S SERVICE STATION

Texaco Products

Phone 150

Highway 152



All over this great nation of ours, millions of Americans are laying aside their cares and problems to wish their neighbors a Merry Christmas. It's a glorious custom which we enjoy.



At this merry season we extend our thanks to you for your patronage and wish you a Joyful Christmas.

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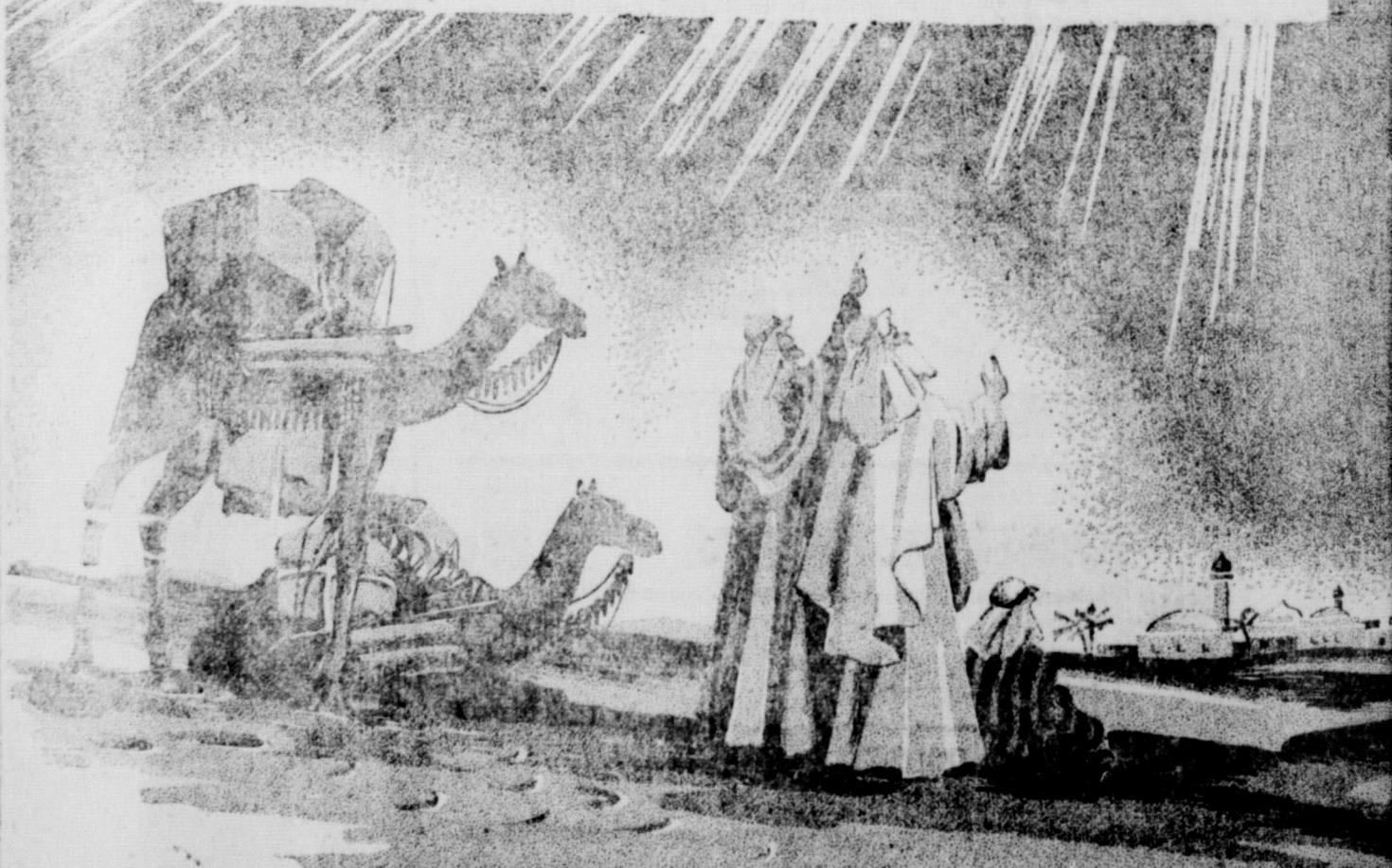
Wheeler, Texas

GREETING

It was Christ, the infant King, Who came on that first Christmas Day. He came as a Babe in swaddling clothes, born in a manger, but His birth was heralded by all the Heavenly Host.

As the Wise Men of centuries ago directed by a shining star, came to the place where the Infant lay and offered kingly presents of frankincense and myrrh, may we, too, lay at His feet our most precious gifts — our hearts and souls.

Then it can never be said of any of us that there was no room for Him in our hearts.



Wheeler Abstract Company

HARRY WOFFORD

Wheeler, Texas

MARY WOFFORD



MUSTANG BAND NEWS

See Sharp or Be Flat

REPORTER: LaJune Mann

Election of new officers was held November 1 and are as follows: Vondell Hodges, president; Bily Owen, vice-president; Loretta Crowder, secretary; LaJune Mann, reporter; Patricia Hubbard, treasurer; and Burley Owen, student director. Members of the Band Council are Tilley Green, Garth Nash, Sharon Green, Barbara Mitchell, Janice Jaco, Wanda Topper, and Nadine Barton. Advisors for the group are Mrs. Clyde Johnson and Mrs. Harold Nash.

We had to postpone our Christmas party until Wednesday night after Prayer Meeting on the 19th. Here are the ones appointed to be on the different committees: Program committee, Kay Hubbard, Margie Barr and Joyce Sims. Refreshment committee, Wanda Topper, Billy Owen and Mary Black.

We are looking forward to a big time at the party.

St. Nick sent the Mustang Band a letter last week asking for the Santa letters. Here are a few of them, sent to him:

Dear Santa,

I is a wittle gurl just a few years old. I'se wants a new tire to go on me wittle wed pickup, cuz I had a flat ter odder nite. Lotz of candy too.

Wittle Vondell Hodges

Dear Santa,

My name is Janet. Janet Russ to be exact. I am very good and smart in my school work. I think I deserve a bigger sack of candy this year, than the one I got last year. And please, no nuts, because everyone says "Nuts to you," to me all the time now.

Your little friend,

Janet

Dear Mr. Santa Claus,

Believe it or not, I am a good woman. Especially to my husband when he comes home. I am in years but I'm not saying how far. I want to say I've enjoyed being the director and hope the students have enjoyed having me. All I want for Christmas is my front tooth which fell out about a month ago. Now don't forget.

Mrs. Pat Boddy

Barbara Mitchell, who is the new friend at Motette?

Pearlie Johnson, do you like grey four-door Dodges?

Tilley Green, go ahead and tell the teacher your name, she won't believe you anyway.

Burley Owen, are you running your legs off for Mrs. Boddy?

Martha Lou Goad, how were things up north?

Tony Byers, how did you like Jim's new car?

Dale Wofford, be a little more careful with the glasses. They are breakable, you know.

Claudine Johnson, why don't you move to Shamrock?

Another letter just came in for Santa, listen to this, this kid is drastic!

Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas is a big blonde, 5-ft., 6-in. man, very healthy and good looking. Also just a pen pal, who fits the same description. Now Santa, I've been real good and I plan on you being good to me.

Love to you,
Barb Mitchell

Nadine Barton, how was the show at Pampa?

Betty Lou Kidwell, please don't break the camera.

Waunetta Burgess, quit worrying.

IDEAL BAND MEMBER

Ambition like ----- Janet Russ

Play like ----- Sharon Green

Sight reading like ----- Pearlie Johnson

Silly like ----- Vondell Hodges

Likeable like ----- Donna Speck

Mischievous like ----- Dale Wofford

Smart like ----- La Veta Moore

UP TO LAST MAN

A large Paris hotel requires that after midnight all guests give their names to the doorkeeper. One night a Spanish nobleman entered and announced proudly: "Senor de Gonzales de Veraqua y Miraflore y Martinez y . . ."

"Okay," grumbled the doorkeeper, "let the last one in close the door."

There may be more than one way to skin a cat, but we know of only one.

W. L. "SHORTY" ERWIN
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1

Holiday **GREETING**
TO OUR FRIENDS

THURMAN RIVES
Tax Assessor-Collector

Merry Christmas

BUS DORMAN
Sheriff

MERRY Christmas

JESSE J. DYER
County Superintendent

Greetings of the Season

G. W. HEFLEY
County Judge

To wish you Merry Christmas

HARRY WOFFORD
County Clerk

And all good wishes for **CHRISTMAS**

HAROLD D. CALLAN
District Clerk

Unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

PALMER SIVAGE
County Treasurer

To WISH YOU Joys of the Season

HOMER L. MOSS
and Family

Christmas Carols

are in the air and they bid us celebrate once again the Birthday of Him, Whose coming brought peace and joy and good will to man.

WHEELER COUNTY NATIONAL FARM LOAN ASSOCIATION

R. H. Forrester, Secretary-Treasurer; Glenna Hefley, Asst. Sec'y-Treas.

DIRECTORS: Raymond Moore, President; C. F. Waters, Vice-President; Tobe Frye, Robert Terry and H. J. Finsterwald

STOVES

- Natural Gas and Butane Heaters
- Oil Heaters
- Cook Stoves
- Water Heaters
- Stock Water Tanks
- Floor Covering

And many valuable gifts for Christmas

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

NOTICE!

WE WILL BE CLOSED
Wed., Dec. 26

AND
Thurs., Dec. 27

FOR
Inventory

WARE CHEVROLET CO.

PHONE 100

WHEELER

LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: J. Homer Johnson
GREETINGS:
You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 4th day of February, A. D. 1952, at or before 10 o'clock A. M. before the Honorable District Court of Wheeler County, at the Court House in Wheeler, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 26th day of July, 1951. The file number of said suit being No. 4207.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Ophelia Johnson as Plaintiff, and J. Homer Johnson as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to-wit: **Suit for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment.**

Issued this 19th day of December, 1951.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Wheeler, Texas, this 19th day of December, A. D. 1951.

HAROLD D. CALLAN, Clerk
District Court,
Wheeler County, Texas "2-4c"

SANTA LETTERS

Wheeler, Texas
December 19, 1951

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy in the first grade who can hardly wait for you to come to see me.

My mother says I have been a good boy most of the time. Please bring me a musical chair, a ferris wheel, a building set and some more toys. I'd like to get some candy, fruit and nuts in my sock, too.

Don't forget to read all the letters that other little girls and boys sent to you and bring them what they want.

Lots of love for you,
Richard Parks

Dear Santa Claus,

My little sister wants a set of dishes and a cowgirl suit and a Betsy Wetsy doll and jacks. I want a big baby doll and some doll clothes, housecoat and housecoats.

Love,
Dorothy Hall and Linda Hall
Harrison and Bernice Hall

Cedars of Lebanon Are Well Protected By Religion, Law

On a shelf-like plateau, 600 feet above the Mediterranean, the world's oldest Christmas trees stand where they have stood for centuries. The cedars of Lebanon, 400 of them, are protected by religion and law from harm at the hands of either the Moslems or the Maronite Christians.

The magnificent trees "that sing of the nativity" were venerated as monarchs among trees long before Judah had her first king. Some of them have a girth of 40 feet and a branch circumference of 300.

In the days of the conquerors thousands of conscripted Hebrew workers were sent into the Lebanon to take to Jerusalem "cedar trees without number", the result of one of the first building contracts, between Hiram of Phoenicia and King Solomon.

Today, however, the trees are protected by law and the department of agriculture of the government sponsors the planting of seedlings, so that the giant cedars will grow forever.

THE WHEELER TIMES classifieds offer more for less money, to both buyer and seller, than any other business device we know about.

FOR SALE

- 1-6" Skill Saw and Motor
 - 1-Table Saw and 3/4-hp Motor
 - 1-9" Band Saw
 - 1-1 1/2" Jointer and 1/2-hp Motor
 - 1-Swing Saw with 1/2-hp Motor
 - 1-Combination Lathe
- Some Miscellaneous Hand Tools
- The above are Holt Green's tools and may be seen at

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

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

LOCALS
Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Griffin of Amarillo visited in the home of Mrs. A. B. Griffin Sunday.

M-Sgt. and Mrs. G. A. (Scoots) Robison and daughter, Cheryl Anna, called Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Robison Wednesday night to tell them they were sailing from New Orleans, La. today for Rio De

Janerio, Brazil where they will make their home for three years.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. and Mrs. Jack Sims and Wilber Sims of Amarillo on Sunday for a Christmas dinner and tree.

To assume that a gift with money in small stings in life's larger often incorrect.

LAST MINUTE Gift Suggestion

A NEW SHIPMENT OF
FRANKHOMA POTTERY
ARRIVED THIS WEEK

NEW ARRIVALS IN LADIES
CHRISTMAS DRESSES

COMPLETE ARROW LINE

- Dress Shirts
- Sport Shirts
- Handkerchiefs
- Ties

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



*Best
Wishes*

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

Christmas Quotes

"Christmas is the time you decide to pay your doctor something on account. You know you will need him the day after."
—Walzer Pulitzer.

"What do people mean by sending you a dozen Christmas cards during the festive season, and not deigning to send you three lines by way of a letter the rest of the year?"
—J. Ashby-Sterry.

"At every Christmas party, just as things are beginning to get good, someone shuts his eyes, puts his head back and moans softly: 'Ah, well, this isn't like the good old days. We don't seem to have any good old-fashioned Christmases any more.'"
—Robert Benchley.

Times Classifieds Get Results!

CHRISTMAS QUESTION CORNER

QUESTIONS

- 1-Who was Kris Kringle?
- 2-What does the name Kris Kringle mean?
- 3-Who wrote the first Christmas Carols? When?
- 4-What superstition had the Scotch about the Christmas candle?
- 5-By what other name is mistletoe known?
- 6-Where did the custom of kissing under the mistletoe begin?
- 7-When were Christmas candles first used?
- 8-How long has the practice of gift giving at Christmas been observed?
- 9-How did the custom of hanging Xmas stockings originate?
- 10-Why are candles used during the Christmas season?

ANSWERS

ANSWERS
1-Santa Claus' helper, 2-"Little Christ Child", 3-St. Francis of Assisi and his friends in Italy—during the 13th century. 4-It was considered an omen of bad fortune if the candle went out before midnight. 5-The Goddess Brighid of England. 6-In the outside ages—at the Jewish Feast of Lights. 7-Since the fourth century. 8-St. Nicholas dropped a purse of gold down the chimney of a poor family. 9-Started in a stocking that had been hung in dry. 10-As symbols of the star of Bethlehem.

'Silent Night' Is Most Beloved Carol

Of all the songs that return to bring warmth in the fallside season, no song is so universally known as "Silent Night." Certainly no other is so loved and sung as this simple German song.

For years its origin was unknown, except that it supposedly dated back for many centuries. Recent investigations, however, disclosed that it was produced in 1818. The poem was originally written by Joseph Mohr, an assistant priest in Oberndorf in South Germany. The melody was composed by a schoolmaster, Franz Gruber.

Both the poet and the composer were part of the choir that sang the now famous carol that Christmas Eve in the Oberndorf church. The beloved song was sung first to the accompaniment of a guitar, for the church organ was out of order that Eve in 1818.

It has since been sung to the tune of almost every musical instrument in the world, in the languages of many men.

Specially FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS

- AIRMAID HOSIERY, we have just received a new shipment in the latest shades — we have them with brown, blue, black or regular heels.
- Men's Airmate Sox and Ties
- Sunbeam pop-up Toasters
- Cara Nome Cosmetics Sets
- Sunbeam Mixmasters
- Evening In Paris Sets
- Sunbeam Automatic Coffee Makers
- Billfolds
- Electric Razors
- Week End Bags
- King's Chocolates
- SILVERWARE — 26-Piece, 6-Place Setting Tudor-Plate With Buffet Tray for only \$23.50.
- SILVERWARE—We also have Community Silver-Plate.



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Films
Flash Bulbs
Developing

Heartiest Thanks

*to All of You
at Christmas!*

Your cooperation and patronage, your goodwill and friendship, have been splendid. We hope that we deserve the good things that have come to us.

Thanks many times over and Merry Christmas.

CITY DRUG STORE
Wheeler, Texas

SAVE!

On Insurance Cost
Farm Bureau Insurance meets all requirements of the Texas Financial Responsibility Act.

DIVIDENDS FROM
20 TO 40%

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BUREAU CASUALTY
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WACO, TEXAS
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Wheeler, Texas

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Toys
For Children



Luggage
For Anyone

ELECTRICAL Gifts

Toasters
Coffee Makers
Waffle Irons

It's not too late to select a wonderful gift for any member of your family or any friend you may wish to gift at this season from our large stock of quality merchandise. We have gifts in all price ranges... large and small gifts, all of them just right for someone.

SOME LAST MINUTE SUGGESTIONS INCLUDE:

- Elgin Watches
- DuBarry Cosmetics
- Costume Jewelry
- Pangburns Chocolates
- Electric Razors
- Dresser Sets
- Playing Cards
- Hosiery
- Watch Bands
- Rings
- Fountain Pen and Pencil Sets
- Tobacco
- Crystal Ware
- Dishes
- Silverware



Seasonal Greetings

May the harmony of
Christmas abide with
you always.

—We Give Gunn Bros. Thrift Stamps—

Wheeler Drug Store

"A Friendly Place To Trade"

PHONE 11

WHEELER

Dear Santa, Here's What the Kiddies Are Looking For

Bring me a tractor and jeep, well digger and be a good boy.
Bill Morris

December 12, 1951
Dear Santa,
I'm a little girl 4 years old and I want a doll, a tricycle and a book.

Thank you,
Mary Dell Tucker

December 12, 1951
Dear Santa,
I'm a little boy 5 years old and I want a cowboy suit, cow-puncher and holsters.

Thank you,
Jerry Tucker

Wheeler, Texas
December 12, 1951
Dear Santa,
I want a cowboy suit, cowboy hat and a pair of boots.

With love,
Jan Pitcock

December 12, 1951
Dear Santa,
I want a little girl doll, a cowboy suit and a pair of boots.

With love,
Linda Sue Moore

Dear Santa,
I want a cowboy suit, cowboy hat and a pair of boots.

With love,
Linda Sue Moore

holster with some bullets. Bring the other boys and girls the things they want.
Thank you,
James Marvin Moore

Briscoe, Texas
December 9, 1951
Dear Santa,
I've tried to be a good boy but you know how three year old boys can be.

Remember my little cousins and all the boys and girls everywhere.
Lots of love,
Larry Meadows

Briscoe, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a little girl two years old. I would like a doll with a suitcase of clothes if you have it.

Love,
Phyllis Cole

Dear Santa,
I am a good mean little boy 6 years old.
I would like to have a pair of Levis, two guns alike and a football also a crowd hunt set please.

Lots of love,
Randy Callan

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be a good girl this year. I am 9 years old and will be 10 December 26.

First, I would like to have an oil paint set and a Pollyanna set, a pair of blue jeans. I would also like a set of dishes please.

Lots of love,
Phyllis C. Callan

Wheeler, Texas
December 10, 1951
Dear Santa,
We are three children who will love whatever you bring this Christmas but we would like to ask for a grader and an army truck for Mike, a doll and a set of dishes for Carol and an electric train and truck for Donald.

Thanks Santa and Merry Christmas to you old fellow,
Mike, Carol and Donald Gandy

Dear Santa,
This is my first Christmas and I'm a very jolly little boy. Please bring me a teddy bear, a ball and a truck.

Don't forget aunt Hannah, she is a second mother to me. Bring my brother and me some candy and fruit.

Be seeing you Santa,
Russell (Rusty) Stephen Atherton

Wheeler, Texas
December 14, 1951
Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 5 years old. I have been a good little girl.

Would you please bring me a doll, a doctor's set, a puzzle and a little doll highchair and some candy, nuts and fruit. Please remember all the other little boys and girls.

With love,
Sharon Dianne Bradley

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a road grader and a doll and a train. Also fruit and nuts.

Bobby Treadwell

Kelton, Texas
December 8, 1951
Dear Santa,
We are three good little girls. And for Christmas we would like for you to bring us a baby doll each and for us all together please bring us a toy piano, blackboard, a wind up ferris wheel and basketball. Also fill our stocking full of

nuts, fruit and candy. Bring all the other little girls and boys some things nice too. Don't forget our grand daddy Keeton.

Lots of Love,
Carolyn, Darlene and Vickie Owens

Dear Santa,
I am four now Santa, and have been looking forward all year to your visit. Thank you so much for my good Christmas last year.

I'd like a road grader, a crane, and a shot gun this year. Don't forget my little brother and all the other little boys and girls. Have a good journey.

Your little friend,
Arville Dean Atherton

Wheeler, Texas
December 8, 1951
Dear Santa,
I'm a little girl and I'll soon be two years old. My birthday is January 5th.

My mommie says I've been a good little girl this year. So please, Santa, I'd like a big red wagon and as I already have a baby doll I'd like a little high chair and a pink set of dishes for her. And lots of candy and fruit.

Don't forget any of the other little boys and girls.
Love,
Shirley Louise Foosee

Briscoe, Texas
December 7, 1951
Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 4 years old. I have been good most of the time and I would like to have a caterpillar and trailer and a tin barn with animals in it.

My little sister, Lynn, wants a baby doll that goes to sleep, and we have a little baby brother 7 weeks old, we think he would like a little teddy bear and a rattler. I would sure like to have a new cap gun, but don't forget the other little boys and girls.

Your friend,
James Loyd Hefley, Jr.

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy almost five years old. I have tried very hard to be a good boy.

Santa Claus is on his way To greet us all on Christmas Day. Dolls and drums (all sorts of toys) For wishful little girls and boys.



Kelton, Texas
December 10, 1951

Dearest Santa Claus,
I am writing for the family of mine.

We will enjoy what we receive. We run in all ages. Two girls, 13 and 11, five boys, 8, 7, 5, 3, and 1 and mom and paw.

Truly yours,
Joslyn family
Merry, Merry Xmas, May God be with all readers through the New Year.

Dear Santa,
Will you bring me a cattle truck? Bone for my dog? Nuts, fruit and candy?

Remember all the boys and girls.
Ray Corcoran
Mobeetie, Texas
Box 144
5 years old

Briscoe, Texas
December 14, 1951
Dear Santa,
I am a little boy three years old. I have tried to be a good boy, which is a hard thing for me to do.

Please bring Daddy and me an electric train. I would also like a wind-up tractor and a stocking full of candy. Be good to all of the little boys and girls.

Your friend,
David Zybach

Dar Santa,
I want a gun that is in Nash's store. The gun shoots paper and does not shoot caps. I would like to have a tie. I want a Bible and a pair of house shoes. I want a knife and blackboard. Mike wants a little horse that he can ride.

Send Mike a pair of house shoes. I want a good puzzle. I want a steam shovel and an army truck. Mike and I want a dump truck and a road grader. I have been a good boy. Thanks for the toys you have brought before.

Your friend,
Jerry Burgess

Dear Santa,
I have been a good little girl this year and I want you to bring me a big doll with hair that I can comb and a table and chairs so my little friends and I can eat

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Christmas Greetings

Let's take stock of our blessings. We've got
Loved ones, homes, friends, an abundance of material things. Above all we have
freedom to live and worship according to our own individual beliefs.

There are many other blessings for which to be thankful. Just look around. These blessings make Christmas a more happy one.

Cares are forgotten as we reverently pause to acknowledge the manifold blessings that are ours to enjoy. Let us be grateful.

Cicero Smith Lumber Co.
Mobeetie, Texas

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a jet plane and a pool table and a farm set, fruit and nuts.

David Treadwell
December 4, 1951
Box 174
Wheeler, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 4 years old and I am a pretty good little boy most of the time.

I would like for you to bring me a Junior "Bike," a dump truck, double barrel shot gun, drum, tractor and bed room slippers.

I sure hope to see you in Wheeler before Christmas.
I love you,
Gary Anglin

Dear Santa,
Hope you have lots of nice things this Christmas for all of the little girls and boys.

For me, Santa, I would be pleased if you would bring me a Toni doll, a set of dishes and a doll buggy. Also I would like to find my stocking stuffed full of candy, nuts and fruit on Christmas.



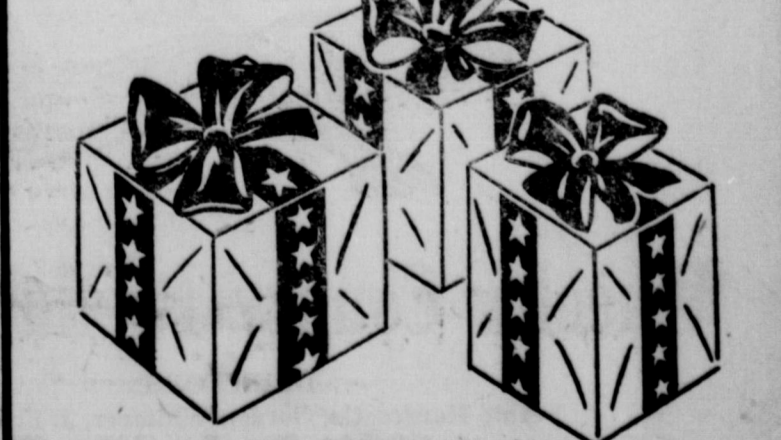
Best wishes for
Christmas
L. A. McWHORTER
VACUUM CLEANERS
ELECTROLUX
Wheeler, Texas



● Not much, to be sure, but with the sincere appreciation in our hearts for the many kindnesses that have been ours to enjoy, we extend this little package of Christmas Greetings to each of you.

● The goodwill of our friends we value immeasurably because we well know that without them life in itself would be empty indeed.

● As we wish you the Joys of Christmas and every Happiness throughout the New Year, we add our heartfelt thanks for all past favors.



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Nations' Customs Widely Varied On Christmas Day

In nearly all of the civilized world December 25 is a red letter day. Peoples of all nationalities and religions celebrate the birth of Christ. The customs of the many nations are as varied as the peoples and their faiths are different.

In the Scandinavian countries, a Christmas tree made of a sheaf of wheat bound to a pole, is raised for



the winter birds. In Norway, rice pudding is always an important item on the menu for the Christmas dinner. One almond is baked in the pudding and the person who finds the almond in his portion is always the first to get married.

Chinese children make odd stockings by sewing three pieces of muslin together, and hang them up on Christmas Eve to hold the gifts brought by Lan Khoong-Khoong, which means "Nice Old Father" to them, Santa Claus to us.

The "old-fashioned" American Christmas, while reflecting the traditions of many countries, most closely resembles the traditional English Christmas, complete with plum pudding, mistletoe, carolers.

Some of the puzzles of life confound us, but we are always able to find someone who knows all the answers.

CAMERA TOPICS

By T. T. Holt



Thirteen year old James Edwards shows a fine hand for pet shots with this prize-winning photograph from the Graflex Photo Contest.

PATIENCE MAKES GOOD PET PICTURES

Dogs, cats, birds and other pets seem to rate a close second to children as the favorite amateur camera subject. Unfortunately, pets are not very cooperative when it comes to pictures. They see no reason to hold a pose while you fuss with your camera and lights.

Dogs are usually the easiest pets to photograph because of their willingness to obey commands. If you have your camera and lights set up before putting the dog in position, he will usually stay long enough for several exposures. Other animals have to be "cornered" on a table or in a box to keep them from wandering away at a crucial moment.

Like children, pets need something to hold their attention and stimulate expression. Your best bet is to have some one they like on the sidelines, armed with a bit of food or a toy they like. Then your job is reduced to lighting

and focusing properly and watching carefully for the right moment to snap the picture.

You need a fast shutter speed for animals are seldom completely still. If you work with flash or natural sunlight, it is easier on the pet than expecting him to stay happy under hot lights. Watch your background so no bold patterns or extraneous objects compete for attention. And shoot from a low camera angle—get down to the animal's viewpoint.

Don't expect an animal to behave for too long a picture session. And above all, don't keep him waiting while you get your equipment set. He'll fidget even sooner than human subjects do and just refuse to cooperate. Have lots of patience, too, for you'll never get that perfect picture the first time. But really good pet shots are worth their weight in gold for years to come.

Graflex Photo Director

"Greetings by Mail" Originated in 1846, Now a Modern Custom

Look at the paintings on the Christmas cards you send and receive—you'll find famous names and some of the best contemporary art. Here is how it all began.

On a December day in 1846, a middleclass Englishman, Henry Cole, sat at the library desk of his London home addressing to his friends what were probably the first Christmas cards ever printed. The cards depicted a Victorian family assembled at the festive board and the traditional Christmas customs of giving to the poor. They also bore the now-classic greeting: "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you."

Cole, in a historic move, two months before had commissioned John Calcott Horsley, a Royal



Academy artist, to paint the illustration for the card and had struck off a thousand lithographed copies. He dispatched them that December. This was such a markedly successful stroke of good will that plain Henry Cole subsequently became Sir Henry Cole.

Horsley's art was a far cry from today's Christmas card paintings, but he started a cycle which a hundred years later was to bring fine art into high favor on Christmas cards.

An American shopping for cards may select, for instance, a painting called "Snow Under the Arch" by another Royal Academy member—Winston Churchill, Britain's wartime prime minister, and famed amateur artist. Or he might choose Peter Hurd's "One Night in Winter" or "Grandma" Moses' "The White Church" or "The Nativity" by Alexander Ross.

The person who controls his temper on the golf course, at all times, rates a medal and cluster.

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Wheeler, Texas

We Celebrate Christmas

It is in keeping with the kindly teachings of the greatest Man who ever lived, He, whose humble birth we are again privileged to celebrate, that we express our greetings of the Christmas Season.



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to All Our Friends



With the splendid remembrances of the harmonious associations we have had with our many good friends in this area during the past, we eagerly look forward to a continuance of them in the future.

We sincerely hope that these friendships have been as pleasant to you as they have been to us.

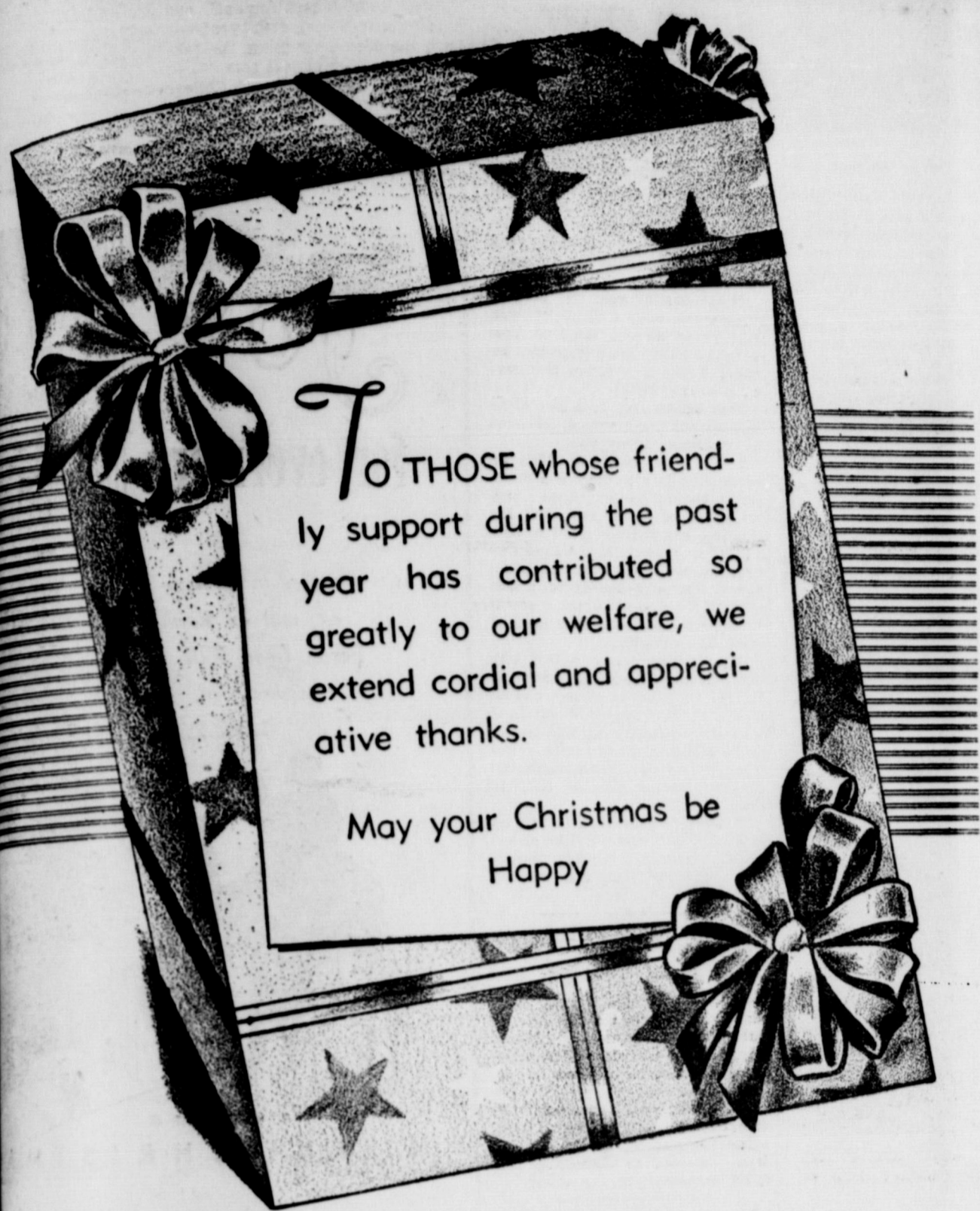
May this be your happiest Christmas and may the New Year bring you some new joy each day.

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To THOSE whose friendly support during the past year has contributed so greatly to our welfare, we extend cordial and appreciative thanks.

May your Christmas be Happy

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By Edward L. Van Dyke

I'LL NEVER FORGET, I guess, the December night when our American Legion post meeting was interrupted by a knock on the door.

Carl Engler, our third vice commander, was nearest the door. He glanced at the commander, then left the room. Out in the hall we could hear a high pitched voice saying something about "mama and daddy." Soon Engler returned, looking puzzled.

"Mister Commander," he said, "there's a boy outside who says he'd like to speak to the post. Says his name is David Cary and that what he has to say is mighty important."

Harry Brooks, our commander, a balding veteran of both world wars, arose.

"Comrades," says he, "I've an idea this lad is the son of Wilson Cary, up on Hollister Hill. Wilson's a veteran who's always knocking the Legion—never would join the post. Let's listen to what his boy has to say."

Young David that night really stirred up our meeting. It was just four days before Christmas; not too many members were present and all were anxious to get home. They really perked up, though.



With a groan he raised himself on one elbow and shook his fist.

when that boy stood gravely before us men and spoke his piece.

When the lad had left, gravely saluting the flag, just as he had seen Engler do, the commander turned to me.

"Comrade Butler," he said, "I appoint you chairman of a committee of six to look into this. Will someone make a motion that the committee be allowed to use up to fifty dollars, if it finds it proper in this case?"

The motion was duly made and everyone shouted "aye."

I drove up ahead of the gang that Saturday night—Christmas Eve. There wasn't much snow, but the roads were badly rutted and I made rather poor time on this, my second trip up the hill.

The Cary house was a really kept place, just off the hillside road. When I knocked at the door, Mrs. Cary let me in. She looked tired and worried.

"Oh, Mr. Butler," she said, her face brightening, "I'm glad you came." She lowered her voice. "Bill is pretty unhappy and bitter tonight—you know why. Walk right in."

WILSON CARY'S expression was a mixture of pain and bitterness. He didn't even offer me his hand.

"Now don't wish me a Merry Christmas," he said harshly. "A man can't be happy when he has a broken hip; is dead broke on Christmas Eve—and has a nice wife and kid on his mind."

I was thinking that, too. "Where's David?" I asked.

"He's asleep," said Cary. "You Legionnaires with your constitutional preamble of promoting peace and good will on earth," he snapped. "Fine words, sure—but words don't help my wife and kid. I'm sorry—glad you came, Butler—but I think you'd better go."

Then came the knock on the door—the sound I had been waiting for.

You should have seen Mrs. Cary when the gang tramped in. There was Engler, carrying so many packages he almost staggered and behind him came McCarthy, Lepkowski, Dunn and Epstein, all with their arms full, too. The boys, you see, had chipped in some of their own cash.

Wilson Cary stared in amazement when we moved in. The packages, save those containing food, we piled near the foot of the bed.

"Bill," I said, "Carl Field Post just learned the other day about your being laid up. The boys just want you to know you're not forgotten."

Cary's lips were trembling. "How did you know about it?" he demanded. When I didn't answer, he spoke again.

"Why are you doing this—I'm not a post member, you know."

"Bill," I said, "you mentioned the Legion preamble a minute ago. Maybe you don't know, but it winds up with these words—'and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.'"

My committee members were grinning happily. But Cary wasn't—he was crying like a kid.

"Come, I said to my gang. 'Let's get the heck out of here.'"

Everyone Wants To See Just One 'Good Old' Yule

"How I would long to see just one more 'old-fashioned Christmas.'"

These are familiar words at this time of the year. Before the Yuletide season is over, some member of the family, grandfather or grandmother, probably, is certain to pass that remark, as they have done each Christmas of the past.

And yet, if we search back into the records . . . to the turn of the century, say . . . we find that, even then, someone was wishing for "an old-fashioned Christmas." It is then that we realize that the celebration of the birth of Christ has not changed greatly with the passage of centuries. Basically, Christmas is the same, year after year. It is only the world and the people who are not the same.

He may not admit it, but when grandfather first began to raise a family, he overheard his elders musing over the changing Christmas customs and heralding the approach to "complete commercialism" of the Yuletide celebration. Even then they were worried.

No one can deny that Christmas has been greatly "commercialized" since the days of early America. Yet, so has the entire nation. In the days of our ancestors there were none of the vast trading centers and commercial marts that we know today. Our very way of life has been greatly changed with modernization. Our holidays, and Christmas is the principal one, have managed to keep abreast.

Still, without reservation, Christmas is basically unchanged in its true meaning as a celebration of the birth of the Christ-Child redeemer, come to save the world. No matter how great or how small the presents piled beneath the tree, each Christian heart never ceases to remember that Christmas is Christ's day.

St. Nick's Spirit

It is thought that St. Nicholas died about 345 A.D., and for 30 days following his festival day his genial spirit roamed the earth, filling the hearts of mankind with love and generosity. He gave the gifts without thought of return—the true spirit of St. Nicholas and Christmas.

NOW HE KNOWS

For several minutes the young man did not speak. His heart was too full. It was enough for him to know that this glorious creature loved him; that she had promised to be his wife.

His good fortune seemed incredible. Finally he whispered, tenderly: "How did it happen, darling, that such a bright, shining angel as yourself fell in love with a dull, stupid fellow like me?"

"Goodness knows," the girl murmured, absently, "I must have a screw loose somewhere."

After fighting their way through Christmas crowds to do the annual holiday buying, many housewives will be thankful Christmas comes only once each year.

The coming holiday season will be just as safe as each individual wants to make it. The Texas Farm and Ranch State Safety Committee urges every citizen to think before acting. The life saved may be your own or a member of your family. Don't let a serious accident ruin your holidays.



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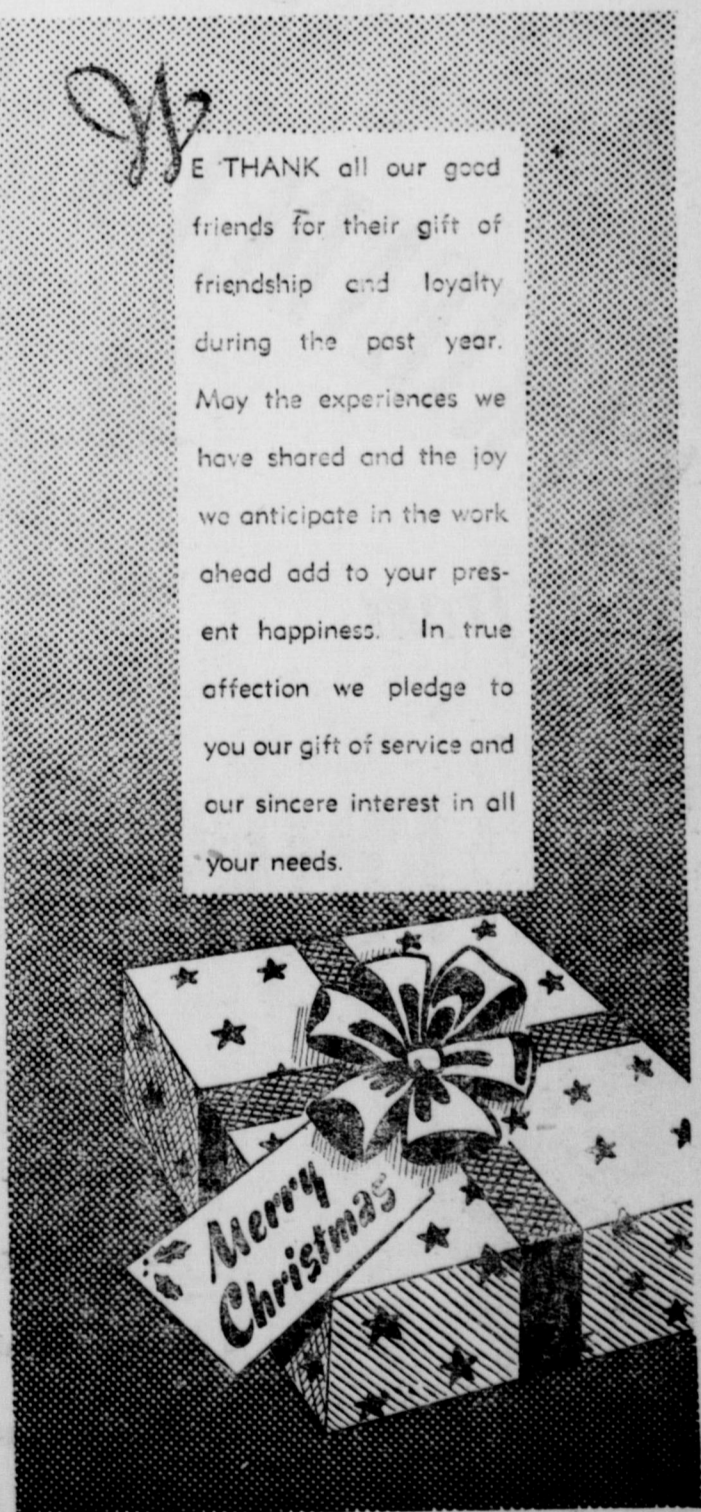
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for the
New Year*

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Mobeetie, Texas

**CANDLES
FOR
Christmas**

Candles have lighted Christmas eve around the world for generations.

It has long been a custom in Ireland to place a lighted candle in the window to guide the Christ-child on his way, and the use of candles appears in other lands in many ways.

In Czechoslovakia, for example, tiny candles are set upright in nutshells and floated in pans of water. Armenians use myriads of candles in preparing their Christmas decorations.

At unique church services in Labrador each child receives a little lighted candle standing in a turnip, and keeps it until after the services, at which time the turnip is eaten.

In Norway, families arrive at church on Christmas eve, each carrying a flaming torch. These are stuck in the snow while the good-folk attend the services.

**January 1 Date
Fairly Modern**

The custom of welcoming in the New Year on January 1 is a relatively modern one. Down through history the holiday was a movable one, many people and nations celebrating at different times of the year.

The vernal equinox, March 21, was celebrated as the start of the new year by the Jews. The Greeks celebrated on December 11, the time of the winter solstice. The autumnal equinox, September 23, marked the beginning of a new year for ancient Egypt.

It was not until the coming of the Gregorian calendar, instituted by Pope Gregory in 1582, that the groundwork was laid for a universal celebration. The continent of Europe, having celebrated New Year's on March 25 since medieval times, was the first to adopt the calendar popularly.

Yet it was not a complete adoption. Great Britain provided the weight that finally tipped the scales in favor of Gregory's calendar in 1752, when the British parliament officially established New Year's day as January 1.

the GONDOLA

By Shirley Sargent

HARLEY DAVIS was always wanting something. He knew Christmas was only two weeks off, but he just inched to buy a gondola car for his electric train. One day he ditched his little sister, Charlene, and hurried down town. He spent his entire monthly allowance and all his savings for a blue gondola car. Harley hoped his mother wouldn't be angry because he had been gone all afternoon. He hoped.

Contrary to his expectations, Mrs. Davis was jovial, teasing him, and even, to his immense relief, keeping Charlene away from his package. Charlene was five and a pest to Harley, because he was nine and grown up. Helping mother with the dishes that night was almost fun, Harley thought; she was so friendly and nice. Then it happened.

"Harley," his mother said tenderly, "Don't tell me what you bought unless you want to, but what did you get for Charlene?"

Harley was stumped. He wished she wouldn't smile at him—couldn't she see he was trying to think? "Nothing, mom," he stammered. "I bought a gondola car."

"Oh," she wiped a plate slowly. "I thought you had been Christmas shopping."

Harley was stumped. He wished she wouldn't smile at him.

"I guess I spent all my money. I guess I sort of forgot about Christmas presents," Harley hung his head.

"Yes, I guess you did," she answered and that was all she said about it, but he felt terrible. He didn't even unwrap his new car.

God, he'd really pulled a dumb trick this time, Harley thought miserably. He'd always bought them presents, but he'd completely forgotten it. Well, he'd have to earn some money, even his piggy bank was empty. He earned a quarter the next morning shoveling snow, but he had to take care of Charlene most of the time.

HE TRIED to get a job the next day, with no luck, and when he found a dime in the snow Charlene grabbed it, yelling "Finders keepers!" He was so furious, he felt like choking her. Instead he made her a big snow house on the sidewalk, right in everybody's way, but people didn't seem to mind. Then the apartment lady with her little girls stopped to admire it.

"How old are you, Harley?" she asked.

"Nine," he said proudly.

"I wonder," she smiled, "I wonder if you could take care of my little girls this afternoon?"

Harley started to tell her gosh, no, but she interrupted, saying she'd pay him \$10 an hour. Harley was so surprised he leaped against the snow house, knocking part of it down. "Way sure, I'd be glad to," he said.

Harley worked hard that afternoon, doing everything three little girls could think of and he could build. Once in a while the lady would wave to him from the apartment window, but he was usually too busy to look up. She paid him a whole dollar and asked if he would take care of the children again the next day. Harley tried to be so managed to say "Yes." His mother teased him about being a baby sitter, and was to be going to change her for taking care of Christmas? Harley didn't mind, after all he had a neat capital of \$1.10.

Although it rained the following day, Harley earned another dollar taking care of the little girls in the apartment.

That afternoon, with his mother's blessing, he went Christmas shopping. He felt proud to pay for the presents with money he had earned. He had the packages gift-wrapped and put them under the tree without telling his mother what he had gotten.

Christmas morning the four was stirred with gay papers, children's toys and Harley's electric train. He opened the box and put the gondola in the track. It looked just.

Then mother handed him another package. "I bought you a gondola car a long time ago," she explained. "But of course I had to return it. I think you've excited me, though."

Harley grimaced at his mother as he peeked the paper off. He knew what she meant. "A tank car?" he stammered. "See, mom, just what I need."

**"TOMORROW
WE START
ANEW"**

Truly speaking, the first day of the year has no more significance as a holiday than that which is given to it by the imagination of mankind. It is important only because it marks a turning point—a spot on the calendar where civilization may say, "That period is done for, tomorrow we start anew."

If the passing year has been an unpleasant one, a time of war, plagues or poverty, the New Year becomes all the more important because it lies in a future that may offer blessed relief.

New Year's Day is a day of tomorrow and for mankind, there are no unpleasant tomorrows.

To the poor, tomorrow offers security; for the sick there is a promise of health; the imprisoned may scale the walls of freedom; the smallest eaglet may learn to fly.

Thus, in essence, New Year's Day becomes one of the most important days in the year—the day of a new start. It is once more the moment that optimism becomes the asset of every human heart.

Days that have been passed with hours at once depart the world for the sketchy pages of history, and all men know that the world was—and shall be—according to the inhabitants. Mankind starts afresh, brimming with new hopes, ambitions and dreams, holding but one reservation.

If the new year fails to live up to expectation, there will be no regrets or contempt. It leads eternally to another year and another chance.

**Plum Pudding Came Far
Since Ancient Origin**

Plum pudding—the ancient English delicacy traditionally served with Christmas feasts—has come a long way since it entered the culinary lists hundreds of years ago as Yule-dough.

Yule-dough was composed of chopped meat paste, spices, to symbolize the gifts of the Magi, and flour, regarded as embodying the spirit immanent in the wheat.

The Christmas tree should be treated as fire hazard in the home and every effort should be made to reduce the possibilities of fires or accidents when the tree is decorated.

Times Classifieds Get Results!

Using fertilizers based on the findings from soil tests returned for B. B. Ashley, Parker County Farmer, four dollars for each one dollar spent. Local county agents have the details covering the taking and mailing of soil samples to the state laboratory at College Station.

In spite of high atomic bombs, and other life gallops along and pile still fall in love the way.


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*Glory to God in the highest,
and on Earth
Peace, Good Will
toward men.*


LUKE 2:14



*We wish you a
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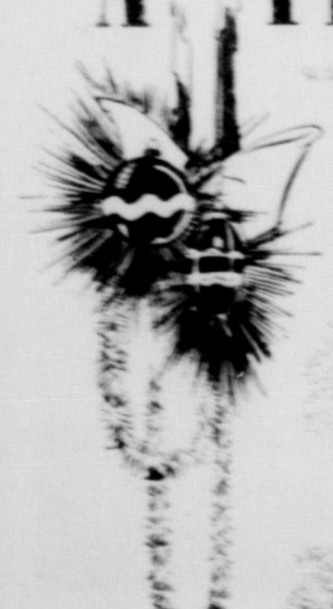
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DURING the days of

the year we too seldom take sufficient time to acknowledge the courtesies and friendships of those whom we know and serve.

For that reason we are glad Christmas comes at least once a year—it gives us an opportunity to pause and say to you in all sincerity

Merry Christmas

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

May our friendship continue through the years as enduring as that spirit which makes this Season of good fellowship live through the ages.

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Wheeler, Texas

NOTICE: We will close at 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve and remain closed until 8:00 a.m. Thursday, December 27



By Shirley Sargent

HOW WOULD YOU like to have an old-fashioned New Year's Eve celebration? Tom paused hopefully as he set the projector up.

"Heck, no," the eight children complained, almost in unison. "We always have movies on New Year's Eve."

"All right," Tom sighed, "lights off, please."

The lights blinked off, plunging the room into darkness, but the projector failed to work. "The plug's okay," his wife, Martha, said softly. Everybody yelled advice to Tom, but he ignored it.

"Lights," he called finally. "Sorry, folks, but whatever's broken can't be fixed tonight."

"What'll we do?" a disgusted nephew asked. Tom grinned at their downcast faces. "You're spoiled by these modern conveniences. Why, up to six or seven years ago, we managed to stagger along without movies. Let's have an old-fashioned celebration like we used to."

"Tell us what to do," the children shouted.

"Well, now, you start out by getting some good fire logs out of the storm cellar so we can get that fireplace going." Three shock-haired nephews clattered out of the room, but Tom wasn't finished. He turned to the adults. "We'll need marshmallows and apples..."

The older folks joined in, with Tom's baritone booming loud and strong.

"And popcorn," his wife interrupted as she bustled out to the kitchen. "That's right, Martha," Tom felt enthusiastic as he packed his movie equipment away and took the blank, white screen down. He was so tired of showing pictures, he didn't even make a pretense of finding out what was wrong with the projector.

"Hey, Tom," his brother-in-law, Herb, called, "come here and give me a hand with this piano of yours. We'll just roll it into the archway and maybe we can get Martha to play after a while."

"Come on," an excited voice hailed them into the transformed living room. A roaring fire lit up the walls, both children and adults were sprawled on the floor, eating apples and fixing sticks to roast marshmallows on.

"Well," Tom chuckled, "this looks mighty familiar to me. Let's turn out all the lights except those on the tree. There, that looks better. Now, I'll tell you a New Year story my father always told us."

BY THE TIME Tom had finished telling his story, the fire had burned so low marshmallows were roasting over the coals. Kernels could be heard popping into crunchy white pieces, as Herb showed the boys how to shake the popper just right over the flickering flames. Martha and the other women brought bowls for the hot popcorn and the salt cellars passed from hand to hand as the family ate.

"Sure is good," sighed one of Herb's little girls, rubbing her tummy. "I wonder if I'll have room for turkey tomorrow."

Everybody laughed. Tom leaned against Martha's leg, staring up at the fire-lit ceiling, seeing the happy faces about him and the bright-colored strings of light shining on the tree. He was just about to ask Martha to tackle the piano when Herb's son slipped over and the strains of "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" filled the room. First the piano carried the dominant tune alone, then the youngster's shrill voices swelled up in accompaniment, and finally the older folks joined in, with Tom's baritone booming loud and strong.

After that, Herb's son didn't hesitate but shifted them from song to song. Tom had never heard the old upright sound so well, even if it did need tuning. And the familiar songs, which were more a part of New Year's to Tom than anything else, had never sounded so beautiful. The harmony was so expressive, the faces of his family so peaceful he hated to interrupt.

"Way past bedtime, folks," Tom smiled, "How do you like an old-fashioned New Year's Eve?"

"Lots better than movies," the children said, "just one more song."

"Tom," Martha whispered, "don't worry about your projector. I thought this would be more fun, so I did what you said and never put the plug in."

Then Tom, filled with the spirit of the hour, led his family in singing "Auld Lang Syne."

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JUNIOR NEWS

WONDER WHY?

Vondell was so happy Monday morning?

Sandra was so happy Tuesday night?

Martha is always glad for Saturday night to come?

Joan hasn't come to school any this week?

Lanier won't tell us who his new girl friend is?

Carl wouldn't tell us who invited him to the sophomore party?

Lavada and Aline had to sew the last two periods Thursday?

Dan wasn't copying his English Thursday?

Waylon is always behind in Bookkeeping?

We are all sorry to lose one of our classmates, Billy Ray. He has moved to Lefors.

FRESHMAN NEWS

WHAT IF?

Nelda Baird wears Herbert's socktobogan.

Jerry S. took Joan home Sunday night?

Joe took Ora to the show Saturday night?

A certain sophomore girl calls Bobby names?

Mary Sue's nickname is Raggedy Sue?

Peggy thought she saw a red dodge pickup from Texola in Wheeler Saturday night?

Nelda Barton had a little hard luck at Wheeler Saturday night?

The freshman boys thought they did good when they played Erick Tuesday night.

Earl was with Joan Saturday night.

Hubert courts a certain sophomore girl on basketball trips. Helen A. invited Bobby to go skating.

All the boys got their lessons one time.

Sally was elected most unusual girl in high school.

SPORTS NEWS

The Mobeetie boys and girls went to the McLean tournament last weekend. The girls played the Quail girls and beat them 60 to 56. The second game the girls played the Groom girls and beat them 59 to 50. The third game the girls were beaten by the Claude girls 49 to 39.

The boys drew a bye and were beaten by the Panhandle boys 40 to 30. Tuesday night the Mobeetie girls and boys played Miami. The girls won by a score of 49 to 34.

The boys were defeated by a score of 45 to 54.

Thursday night we played Briscoe. The girls won by a score of 65 to 54. The boys lost by a score of 32 to 38.

Next Tuesday night the Mobeetie teams meet Allison at Allison.

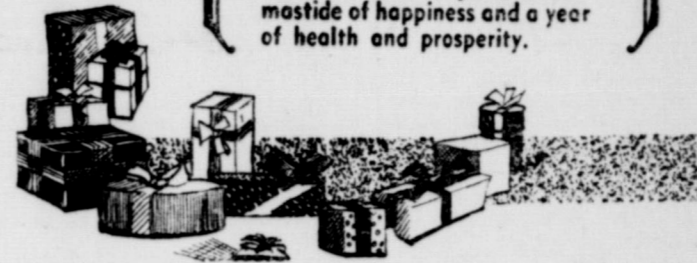
Next Thursday night the Mobeetie teams meet Miami at Miami.

Research conducted by the Texas Experiment Station near College Station indicates that seedling grass in cotton may be controlled more economically by using chemicals than by hand-thinning and hand-hoeing alone.

A farm lad who took a job in the big city returned home a few months later to report he was flat broke in spite of the big pay. He said, "Most of my money I spent on women and whiskey. The rest I just wasted."

the **MERRIEST OF YULETIDES**

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RUSS DRY GOODS

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Joel Poinsett, U.S. Statesman, Noted for Flower

Although he was a brilliant statesman, and the friend of four American presidents, Joel Roberts Poinsett is famous chiefly because he introduced the Mexican plant known as the "Painted Leaf", of "Mexican Fire Plant" into the United States.

Poinsett, then U.S. ambassador to Mexico, called the plant to the attention of American botanists and grew the plant himself as a hobby at his South Carolina home, after he left Mexico.

The plant grew heavily in American favor—especially popular at Christmas time—and was renamed poinsettia, in honor of the man who brought it to this country.

Contrary to popular impression, the flaming red bracts of the poinsettia are not flowers, but leaves, and it is for these bracts that the plants are grown.

It is possible to have variations of either pink or white varieties, as well as of the more usual red, popular because it carries out the holiday color scheme of rich bright red with a contrast of the dark green of the leaves.

The beautiful poinsettia, almost a "must" as far as Christmas decorating is concerned, is one of the most temperamental of plants.

The poinsettia thrives in its native Mexico, but elsewhere must be handled carefully—perhaps pampered slightly. However, the brilliantly colored flowers it has at Christmas time is reward enough for any efforts needed to make the plant thrive.

Constant warmth is needed by poinsettias. Temperatures should be kept between 70 and 80 degrees during the day and no less than 65 degrees at night. Any sudden change in temperature and drafts will cause the plant to drop its leaves.

Abundant water is also a necessity, but it should be applied but once a day so that the plant may become moderately dry between waterings. This permits needed oxygen to reach the roots.

Try to give the poinsettia the sunniest spot available. It is wise to fertilize it occasionally with a good commercial food tablet.

To French Canadians 'Jour de L'An' Is A Great Occasion

The exchanging of gifts and general family reunions are important to the French-Canadian celebration of "Jour de L'An"—New Year's Day.

The conclusion of Christmas day is the signal for a frenzied period of cooking and baking and making ready for an overflow of relatives and visitors that marks the celebration of the first day of the year. In most Canadian cities, midnight Mass is celebrated just as it is at Christmas time.

The "Patriarch," or father, is an important man on New Year's Day. As each member of a French-Canadian family arises on the first day of each new year, he speaks not a word to anyone until he has been to the father of the house to ask for his blessing. Individually, all mem-



bers of the house come on bedded knee to ask, "Father, give me your blessing," and the father extends a hand and says, "May God bless you, my child; I bless you with all my heart."

Just as at Christmas, everyone in the family goes to church, after which the family reunion gets underway. Married sons and daughters begin to arrive, and they, too, go first to the head of the house for his blessing.

The dinner for the day is almost a feast. The menu usually consists of soup, turkey, meat balls, tarts, rolls, creams, nuts and fruits.

After-dinner hours are spent in conversation among the older family members, while the children play.

Sometime during the first month of the year, all the married members of the family take a turn at inviting the family over for a "fritcot," or get-together, the idea being that it will start a custom which will continue the course of the year.

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Small Amount of Plant Food Will Keep Needles on Tree

If you have the type of a tree-holder that permits the tree trunk to rest in water, you will find that a small amount of plant food dissolved in the water will aid in retaining the needles on the tree, and keep the needles green. If you use a pebble or rock-filled pail to support the tree, cover the pebbles or rock with a plant food solution.

Use one teaspoonful of plant food, powdered form, to each gallon of water in the container, or use one plant food tablet to each gallon.

WELL

"Cheer up," said the doctor. "I've had exactly the same complaint myself."

"Yes," replied the patient doubtfully, "but you don't have the same doctor."

DARK MYSTERY

Workmen were cleaning the front of a building with hose pipe and brushes. "What are they doing?" asked a small boy. "They're washing it!" said his father. "Why?" "Well, why do you wash your face?"

It was all too mysterious. The youngster gave up. "I don't know," he replied.

HIS HANDICAP

Little Bobbie—Aw, I could walk that tight rope as well as the girl in the circus if it wasn't for one thing.

Little Jimmie—What's that? Little Bobbie—I'd fall off.

We can remember when the country's crime problems were solved in the highchair instead of the electric chair.



JUST A REMINDER...

CHRISTMAS SEALS

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IF YOU'VE ALREADY MAILED YOUR GIFT THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Please mail your contribution to:

G. W. HEFLEY, Treasurer

Wheeler County Tuberculosis Association

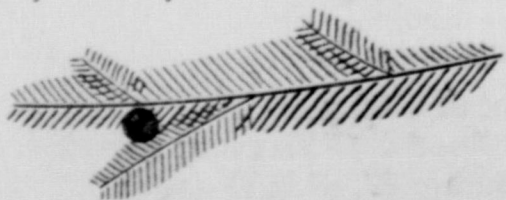
Wheeler, Texas



We've Been Wishing
You A Merry
Christmas for a
Great Many Years

And we haven't seen the time yet that it didn't give us a pleasant experience. Each year we are more appreciative of the friendships and patronage that has been ours. Each Yuletide season has found us more determined to serve you better during the coming year.

This year is no exception. We are truly grateful and fully aware of your part in the progress of this organization. We value your continued good-will and trust that we may merit it for many more years to come.



PERCY'S GARAGE

Wheeler, Texas

TRADITIONS OF CHRISTMAS

Brightly wrapped packages, holly, mistletoe, happy faces of little children, glittering ornaments and the inevitable Christmas tree in all its finery.

The never to be forgotten carols and the age-old story of the star above the village of Bethlehem.

Those are the things that are in evidence at this time

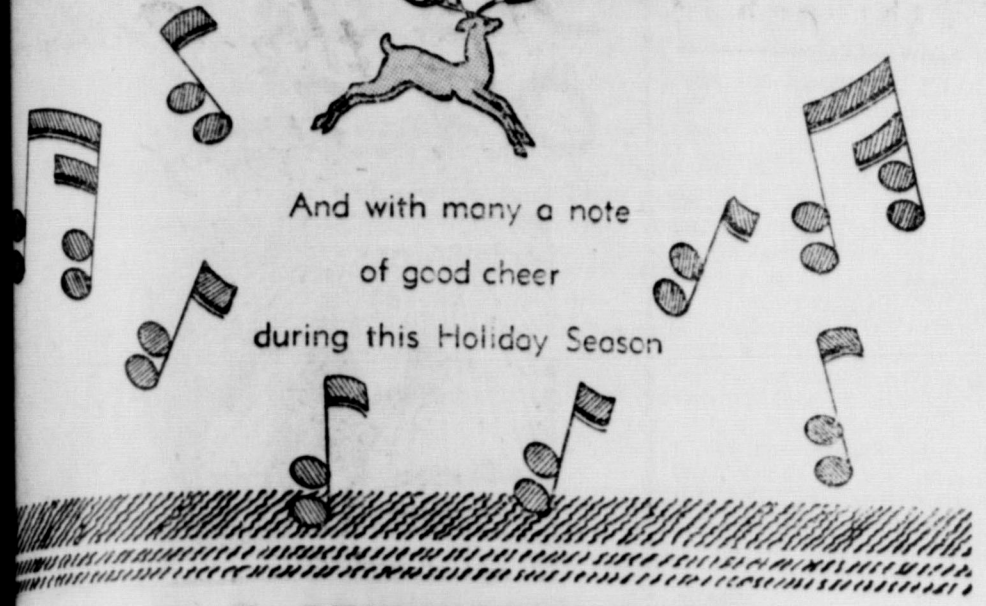
of the year. May you enjoy the richness of this

Yuletide Season to the fullest.

Wheeler Gas Co.

Wheeler, Texas

GREETING YOU *with all* best wishes AT CHRISTMAS



And with many a note of good cheer during this Holiday Season

W. E. PENNINGTON & SON
"Oldest Store In Wheeler"
Wheeler, Texas



WITH EVERY GOOD WISH FOR A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

NORA'S CAFE
Wheeler, Texas



To wish you a real old fashioned

Merry Christmas
GARRISON SERVICE
Wheeler, Texas



Farmer Garage & Machine Shop
Wheeler, Texas

Legitimate Reason

By Willard Olvan Persing

I GLANCED UP at the corny gag above the delivery room door. "We have never lost a father," I grinned at the thought of the hospital having to take it down after all these years. The fellow pacing up and down in front of it looked as though he might take off and fly at any moment, he was that nervous.

Things were too quiet for New Year's Eve. I had just phoned Mac, the city editor, to report the condition of a hit and run victim, and Mac had told me to hang around the hospital till he called back. I had been impatiently waiting to get out and see what was going on when I noticed this fellow trying to wear a groove in the floor. Just for laughs, I sat down where I could watch him without being too obvious.

There aren't many men who can take that in their stride, but this fellow was outworrying any that I had seen there before; he seemed on the verge of hysteria. He kept looking at the big clock on the wall and then checking it with his wrist-watch. I noticed that it was seven minutes till twelve, but that didn't seem important enough to explain the condition of his nerves.

My curiosity got the better of me so I got up and offered him a cigarette when I saw him groping



"Congratulations," I said, "that's quite a start toward a family."

around in an empty pack. His thin features relaxed into a vacant smile of thanks for a moment, but then he frowned again as he looked up at the clock and then at the closed door.

"Your first?" I asked him. He nodded without taking his eyes off the door. "Triplets, they took an X-ray last week."

"Congratulations," I said. "That's quite a start toward a family." He gave me a serious look, then smiled self-consciously. "Yes, isn't it?" Then, after a quick glance at the clock, his attention was back on the door.

Thinking that talking about it might help, I asked, "No complications, are there?"

"Oh, no. The doctor said he thought everything would be all right."

From the tone of his answer, I knew that angle wasn't causing all his anxiety. I caught myself glancing up at the clock each time he did. I was beginning to wonder if he had escaped from the psychopathic ward. Maybe there wasn't anyone in the delivery room. No one had entered or left it since I had been there.

He had managed to use up two of my cigarettes in four minutes; the old year was all but gone, and so was this poor devil. He couldn't even light the third one; I had to light it for him. I thought he was going to pass out when he looked up at the clock and saw that thirty seconds had passed while we were getting that cigarette lit.

JUST AS I WAS glancing around to make sure there wasn't anything loose that he could use for a weapon if he got violent, the door opened and a red-headed nurse poked her head out.

"Two boys and a girl," she announced. The grin on her face let us know that everything was all right. "We'll let you see your wife and the babies as soon as we make 'em presentable. Happy New Year!"

As she shut the door, I looked back at the father. I came closer to being surprised at what I saw than I have been in several years. I wondered if this could be the same fellow that had been eating my cigarettes just before the nurse stuck her head out the door. He was completely calm, with just a touch of the proud smile that is normal in such cases. That got me.

"The doctor in there had the easy part of this job," I told him. "I thought sure I was going to lose the father."

He grinned at that. "I was a little worked up, wasn't I?"

"Mister," I snorted, "that's a lulu of an understatement. There must have been something else involved to get you all steamed up like you were."

"Is three hundred dollars worth getting steamed up about?" I admitted that I had been steamed up over a lot less.

He smiled at my puzzled expression. "By getting here before midnight, those kids saved me three hundred dollars on my income tax. I was a little afraid they weren't going to make it."

Interesting Job? Santa's Beats All At This Season

WHO HAS ONE of the most interesting jobs this time of year? That's easy. It's Santa. The rotund gentleman hiding behind the red ensemble and the flowing white beard learns a great deal about the nature of humans, especially children, at this time of year.

However, after receiving thousands of letters from all over the



country, and talking to thousands of youngsters on street corners and in department stores, Santa usually comes to the same conclusion each year. Times and customs change, but children seldom do.

Requests that Santa receives follow a general pattern each year—everything from bicycles to roller skates and cowboy suits for boys, with dolls and elaborate accessories the favorite with the girls.

There are some exceptions. Lots of children make requests for useful items, typewriters and such, in the hope of becoming writers and stenographers. Last year one lad asked for a Bengal tiger.

Santa, understanding human that he must be, promises to fill all the requests that he can and explains tenderly why there are some that are out of reach.

Bible Foretold Future On New Year for Scots

The early Scots believed that it was possible to foretell the events of a coming year by turning to the Bible on New Year's Day.

It was long a custom to place the sacred book upon a table and open it at random, placing one finger on the printed page. The entire chapter then was read carefully, with the belief that the message it carried described in some way the happiness or misery in store for the person adhering to the practice.

If you have something you think people should and don't appreciate, advertise it. If your analysis is correct, advertising will pay off.

"SLIGHTLY" OVER 21

"What is your age?" asked the magistrate. "Remember," he cautioned, "you're under oath." "Twenty-one years and some months," the lady answered. "How many months?" "One hundred and eight."

Newspaper Advertising Pays!

THE TOAST

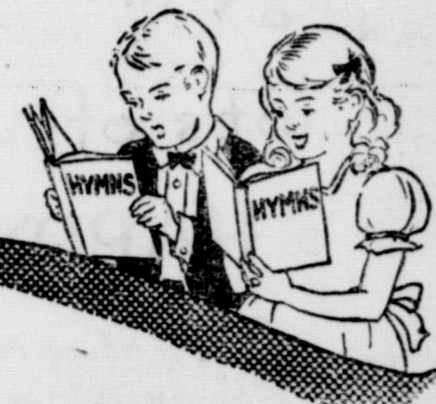
"My father always proposed a toast before he disciplined me." "That's funny! What was it?" "Bottoms up!"

The editor, in case you are interested, realizes you could often demonstrate more ability in these columns than is shown.

COUNT Your Many BLESSINGS

At Christmas, more than any other occasion, we need to reverently pause, gratefully acknowledging the countless blessings that have been ours —

Among these we find one that is always treasured—your friendship. We are truly grateful and trust that we may continue to merit these associations for many years to come.



WHEELER CO-OP GIN

Wheeler, Texas



TURNING to our church and its service, we sing the ancient and beautiful Christmas carols, hear once again the story of the Saviour's birth, follow the Shepherds and the Wise Men to the Bethlehem manger and there find the true source of Christmas with its deep meaning and message to the world. It is then that we cry from the fullness of our hearts "Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift."

Season's Greetings

May God's Richest Blessings Be Yours

The First Baptist Church

M. B. Smith, Pastor

Santa Letters

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together.

Also Santa, please remember my little twin brothers and bring them something nice too.

Don't forget to bring me a Doctor set, nuts and candy, too. Thank you Santa for all these things.

Love,
Donna Jo Rives

Wheeler, Texas
December 10, 1951

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little girl 7 years old and would like a doll with hair that I can wash and curl, a set of dishes, and some fruit, nuts and candy.

I have a little brother that is 3 years old and he would like a toy service station, truck, tractor and fruit, nuts, and candy.

Please don't forget all the other little boys and girls all over the world.

Your little friends,
Sheran Beth and Robert Smith
P.S. Please don't forget our two

THE CORRAL

By the students of
Wheeler High School
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SENIOR NEWS

The seniors are going to have their Christmas party on Monday night, December 17, at the home of Mrs. Jess Moore. We will be served refreshments by Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Nig Clark, and Mrs. W. O. Weatherly.

The senior girls have earnestly started to work on the annual Christmas

afternoon. The work is being supervised by Mr. Paddock who is sponsoring the annual. We would like to thank all the people who have given us advertisements for our annual.

SENIORS ON PARADE

Don Lowrie was born in Wheeler, Texas on March 27, 1934.

He started to school at Wheeler in the first grade school. He played on the grade school football team in the 7th and 8th grades.

In high school he has been in the F.F.A. Club for 3 years. He was officer one year.

His hobby is loafing and his ambition is to be a wheat farmer.

Betty Jo Laycock was born in Samnorwood, Texas on March 4, 1935. She went to school her first seven and one half school years at Samnorwood, moving to Wheeler at mid-term during her eighth year.

In high school she has been a member of the F.H.A. Club for three years. She was secretary a year and a half. Her freshman year she was pep leader of the pep squad of which she was a member two years. She was secretary of the freshman class. She lettered on the high school basketball team her sophomore year and was on the freshman basketball team. Her senior year she was chosen as candidate for Halloween queen. She has been a member of the glee club for three years.

She has worked very hard and is graduating in three years. Her hobby is sewing and her ambition is to be a beauty operator and later get married.

JUNIOR NEWS

The juniors were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burley Mann, Monday night, December 10, with a Christmas party. After many enjoyable games we went Christmas caroling. Then we came back and had refreshments and opened the gifts. Everyone reported a good time.

The juniors have received their playbooks and the characters have been chosen. I think everyone is pretty well pleased with the part they received.

PERSONALITY

Name Glen Farmer
Age 17 years old
Height 5-ft., 11-in. tall
Weight 180-lbs.
Likes Football
Dislikes School
Ambition .. To own a chain of service stations

SOPHOMORE NEWS

Wonder what goes in the English class? I hear there were four students that had to get summaries. I bet Miss Brown thinks we are a mean class. What about this Miss Brown?

The sophomores decided not to have a class party. There are several other activities going on around school and we couldn't seem to find an appropriate time to have a party.

We have decided to add a new feature to the paper in our section of the paper. By the descriptions below guess who the boy and girl are. The answers will be printed in the next edition of the Corral.

BOY

Height 5-ft., 9-in. tall
Weight 150-lbs.
Color of hair Black
Color of eyes Green
Likes Girls
Dislikes School

GIRL

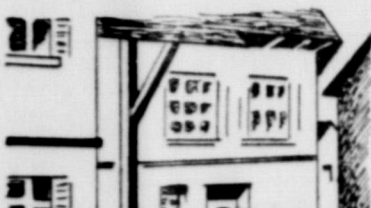
Height 5-ft., 3-in. tall
Weight 120-lbs.
Color of hair Brown
Color of eyes Brown
Favorite subject Basketball
Likes .. A certain senior boy

Denmark Pays Homage To Hans Anderson—Santa's Best Helper

LAST YEAR a festival in Denmark paid tribute to one of the greatest helpers Santa Claus ever had. He was Hans Christian Anderson, fairy tale writer, and composer of many Christmas stories.

His works have sold more copies than any other book, except the Bible, and have been translated into 35 languages, including Arabic, Hebrew, Chinese, Japanese, and Greenlandish.

Since 1875, the year that he passed away, visitors from all parts of the world have come yearly to the town



of Odense to see the home of the writer of such tales as "The Little Match Girl," and "The Ugly Duckling."

Anderson's fairy tales, released just before Christmas each year, brought him money, fame and the attention of princes, as well as the adoration of children.

Once he received a United States dollar bill, enclosed in a letter written by a young American girl. It read: "Papa says that the dollar is my own, that he does not suppose you are in particular need of money, but I owe you this and a great deal more, he thinks it proper that I should send it to you."

Dislikes Nosey people
This person is a very good basketball player.

FRESHMAN NEWS

The freshman had their Christmas party Thursday night, December 13, in the Homemaking Cottage. The girls made the cookies and punch in homemaking class Thursday. There is a little bit of discrimination about the refreshments at the party but all the freshman looked well enough Friday morning. A good time was had by all who attended the party.

Janice, Katie, and Janet are going to Shamrock Friday and (we hope) Saturday, to attend a basketball tournament there.

We are very proud of Goofball, (Janice). She made 14 points in the basketball game against Allison. It must have been the boy that was in the audience watching.

We are also proud of Katie. Although she didn't get to play against Allison she made four points in the last minutes of the game against Kelton.

8TH GRADE NEWS

The eighth grade had a class meeting to decide when to have a party. The party will be Friday night the 14th of December in the school cafeteria from 6:30 to 9:30.

PERSONALITY

Name Sue Gaines
Age 13 years old
Height 5-ft., 3-in. tall
Weight 102-lbs.
Likes A certain boy
Dislikes Classes

SPORTS NEWS

The Wheeler basketball teams have played the following games and the scores are as follows:

Wheeler—33 Shamrock—27
Wheeler—36 Allison—35
Wheeler—22 Briscoe—29



One of the unsolved mysteries is why we eat unseeded raisins at Christmas. The finest thing about mas is that it reminds is a Santa Claus.

It's the Old, Old Story ..



The journey of the three Wise Men to bring gifts to the new born King is familiar to each of us, a story as fascinating and thrilling now as when it was first related. And just as thrilling to us is the opportunity we have each Yuletide to wish our friends

Merry Christmas

ATKINS & RUFF
Mobeetie, Texas



Santa's bringing lots of JOY for a HAPPY Christmas

REID BARBER SHOP
Wheeler, Texas

We, as Christians, have the rare privilege of

knowing the true meaning of Christmas.

May joy and happiness

be yours in abundance,

our Yuletide wish.

GREETINGS

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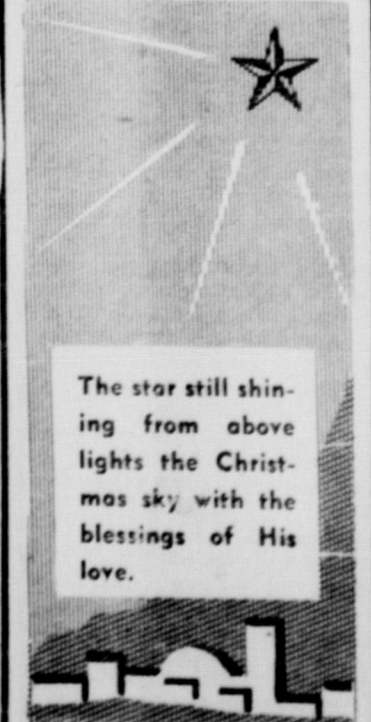


May this Holiday Season bring you much happiness, health, and good fortune.

DENSON GRILL

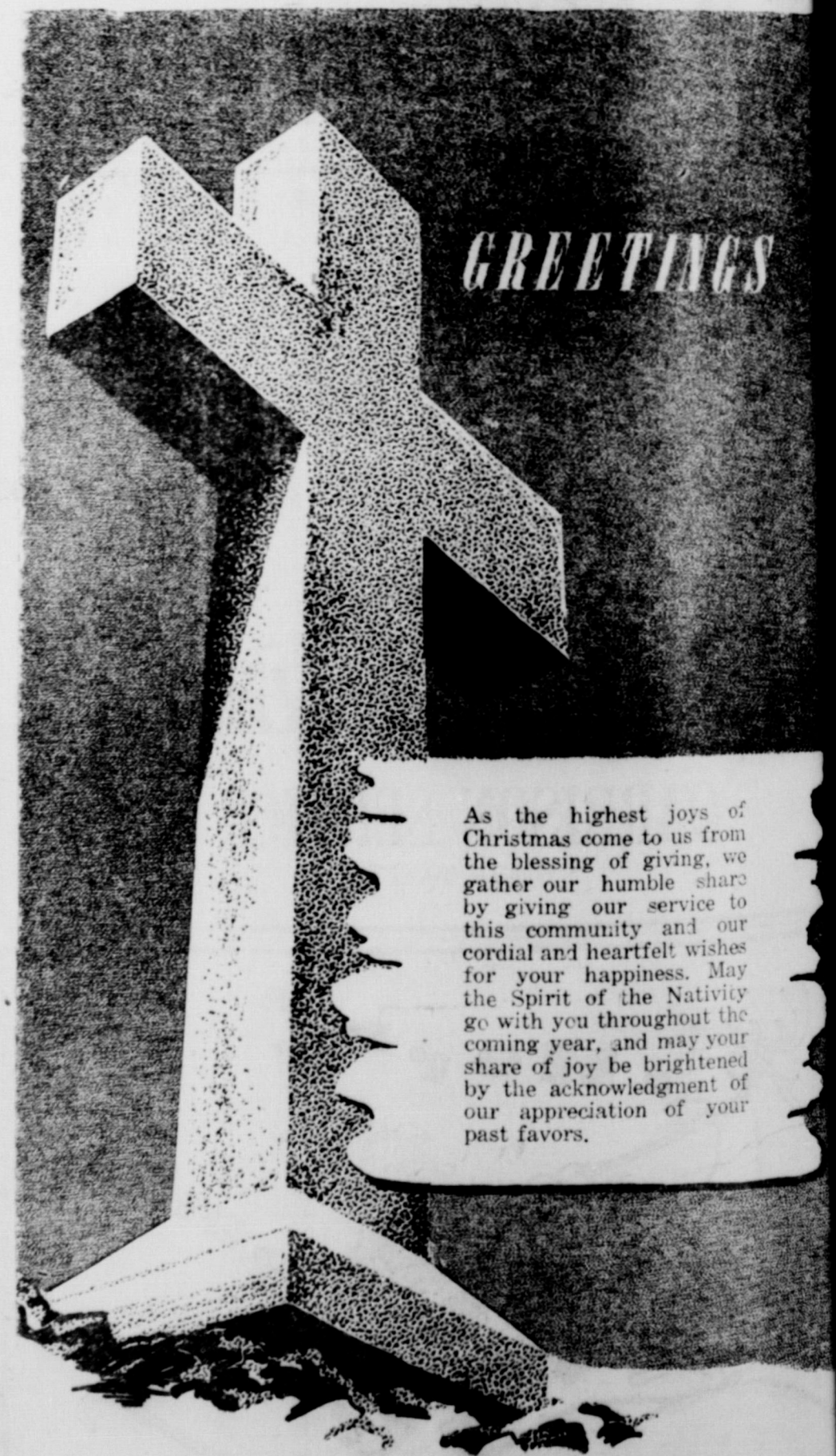
"Mac Appreciates Your Patronage" West Side Square

NOTICE WE WILL BE CLOSED FROM TUESDAY, DEC. 25 THROUGH FRIDAY, DEC. 28



The star still shining from above lights the Christmas sky with the blessings of His love.

MATTHEWS MART
Mobeetie, Texas



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

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