

CHRISTMAS

The Wheeler Times

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HELP IT GROW

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THE COUNTY SEAT NEWSPAPER



Christmas Greetings

Christmas is a time for counting our blessings; for acknowledging with gratitude the loyalty of our friends and for expressing appreciation and good wishes.

We hope the time never comes when this world of ours becomes so busy and complex that folks cannot get sentimental and stop a moment to take stock of the blessings that come from pleasant daily association and the little things which have made life in America so full and wonderful.

The owners, management and employees of The Wheeler Times are grateful for these blessings and for the privilege of being members of this community family. We thank you from the depth of our hearts and extend best wishes for a most happy holiday season.

Proclamation

At this season of giving gifts; visiting and feasting with friends, let us continually keep in mind two of the great givers of all times and two of the greatest gifts ever given to mankind.

When we think on these things we should remember that God the Father gave to the world his only begotten Son and that that Son gave us, who will accept the gift, eternal life, and that same Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, has promised to give us, who accept eternal life, a place, or mansion, in which we may live throughout eternity.

So let us, who are recipients of these great gifts, remember the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ at this season, more particularly than we have heretofore remembered them, and keep in mind that God has said, "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Therefore let us do more charitable deeds toward unfortunate ones on this earth and do that deed in the name of our Savior.

Now therefore, by the authority vested in me by law, I hereby proclaim Monday, December 26th, a legal holiday for Wheeler and vicinity and I ask you that you keep the day in such manner as is commensurate with the event for which it stands.

Done at Wheeler, Texas, this 22nd day of December, 1955.

R. H. Forrester
Mayor

LEGION TO HAVE THREE DANCES

The Wheeler Post of the American Legion has scheduled three dances this week end. One will be held this Thursday night, music by Billy Foust and his Rhythm Busters; the second is the Top O' Texas playboys in their regular Saturday night appearances; the third will be next Monday night, with Blackie Burroughs and his band supplying the music.

TIME CHANGE MADE

Mrs. Gene Hall this week announced that the Thursday Review Club has made a change of time for the awarding of their doll on Saturday of this week. The Doll will be given away in front of the local theatre at 4 p.m. Saturday afternoon, December 24.

BUY SEALS AND HELP FIGHT TB

Last call for sending your dollars to the Christmas Seal fund of Wheeler County.

Need for money is urgent to help fight against the dreaded disease of Tuberculosis. While the few hundred dollars annually receive from the sale of Christmas Seals would not approach the cost of treating tuberculosis patients in Wheeler county, the dollars will help in teaching people how to stay well, said Dr. H. E. Nicholson, president of the county tuberculosis association.

Funds raised by sale of Christmas seals also go toward helping find the unknown cause of Tuberculosis and to help rehabilitate patients so they can return to useful pursuits.

For 49 years Americans have been using Christmas Seals to symbolize their contributions toward the eradication of tuberculosis. Their aim has been a future for their children free from the tragedies that have been caused.

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TEXAS DEATHS SLATED AT 204 THIS WEEK-END

Two hundred and four persons are slated to meet with violent deaths during the 11-day Christmas-New Year's holiday.

That was the grim prediction issued recently by Col. Homer Garrison, Jr., Director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, based on the estimates of his chief statistician, K. N. Woerner.

According to Woerner, the 11-day period (from 12:01 A. M., December 23 to 11:59 P. M., January 2) will bring 12 motoricides; 23 homicides and suicides; and 53 other accidental deaths, such as fires, drownings, etc.

Last year the DPS Statistician predicted that 108 persons would die in Texas traffic accidents during the Holidays, which also spanned 11 days. The final count was exactly 108.

The number of homicides and suicides and other violent deaths was slightly under the estimated figure at the end of 1954 and Garrison said that, as usual, he is appealing to all motorists and pedestrians in the State to strive toward making Woerner's motorcycle estimate "far too high."

"If every user of the streets and highways will observe all the traffic laws and exercise courtesy in driving and walking," Garrison said, "we can prove that Chief Woerner's prediction of motoricides during this Holiday season is far too high and thus assure a substantial number of those 112 tentative traffic victims and their families a really Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

SILVER DOLLAR DAY CHANGED

Date of the regular Silver Dollar Day activities in Wheeler and the amounts of the jack-pot have been changed for this week only.

The regular Saturday afternoon activities will be moved up to Thursday this week. Time of the afternoon activities will not be changed. At the 6:30 hour however the jack-pot will be divided and three \$50.00 prizes will be given away. The selection of prizes to continue at that hour until the three winners have been selected.

The Dollar Day activities for last week end were as follows: Vern Lohberger, Briscoe First

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1955 TAX FORMS WILL BE MAILED

The 1955 income tax forms and instructions to individual taxpayers will be mailed between December 27 and January 10 from Kansas City, W. C. Bowen Officer in Charge of the Internal Revenue Office, Pampa, Texas announced today.

"Taxpayers should postpone their inquiries regarding these forms until after January 10," he said.

"Taxpayers receiving tax blanks and instructions by mail should not misplace or discard them, but should save them for use in filing their tax returns, since the supply of instruction pamphlets is limited," he added.

A Study of the new tax forms shows a few changes which make the return easier to complete. A new tax table for married taxpayers jointly eliminates the complicated computation on the return for figuring tax on split incomes.

Farmers who file and pay estimated taxes by the January 15, 1956, deadline may also obtain the forms they require at district and local offices. Most post offices have a supply of tax forms for local residents.

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

- THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23 — Dance, American Legion Hall, Billy Faust
- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 — Dance, American Legion Hall, Top O' Texas Playboys
- MONDAY, DECEMBER 26 — Dance, American Legion Hall, Blackie Burroughs

NEW FIRMS TO PAY WAGE TAX

Almost 15,000 firms, some of them in Wheeler county employing four, five, six or seven workers, are now in the process of being covered under the recently amended Texas Unemployment Compensation Act, Weldon Hart, chairman of the Texas Employment Commission announced this week.

Any employer who has employed four persons in 20 weeks during 1955 should notify the Texas Employment Commission in Austin, now Hart added, so that an explanation of how to comply with the law can be sent to him.

"We have had little experience yet with the 35,000 firms that have four to eight employees," Hart said, "but we think that the group includes many, many stable firms that have very low turnover — the drug store, grocery, barber shop, service station and cafe. This stability suggests that unemployment insurance claims may be made very rarely, and consequently tax rates can be held low."

"Operators of these firms have responded to letters, publicity and

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LEON FIELD IS LAID TO REST

Last rites were held at the First Baptist Church in Wheeler last Friday afternoon for Leon Keys, Field, well known Wheeler business man who died on December 15 after an illness of several weeks.

Mr. Field was 57 years old, and had operated White's Auto Store until recently. He had resided in Wheeler since 1921, coming here from Nacona, Texas.

A large crowd of out-of-town friends paid tribute to his memory by attending the last rites. Rev. M. Dunsworth of Borger was in charge of the service, assisted by Rev. Leroy Patterson of Allison.

Mr. Field was born in Nacona

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THE NEWS CROSTER STAGE REVUE COMING

A full evening production of comedy, charm, intrigue and large illusions is in store for theatre lovers of Wheeler county when the Croster Stage Revue is presented at Wheeler high school gymnasium at 8 p.m. Wednesday, January 11, under sponsorship of the Wheeler Kiwanis Club.

George Gandy, Kiwanis president, said his club is happy to have the opportunity of bringing the stellar attraction to Wheeler which include Mr. Croster and his entire company of beautiful young ladies.

Recently Croster returned from a tour of the Far East and other Foreign Lands in which he brought back praises for the show. Carlos-Rodriguez Jimenez, Minister of Foreign Affairs from Venezuela,

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CHIEF PETTIT THANKS PUBLIC

Carroll Pettit, Chief of the Wheeler Volunteer Fire Department, this week expressed his thanks and the thanks of the entire department for the consideration given the department in the fire call answered last Friday night.

Pettit said that onlookers remained out of the way of firemen and did not run in and out of the residence while they were trying to control the blaze. This enabled the officers of the department to accomplish what they were at-

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BERTHA GARNER RITES TUESDAY

Funeral services were held in the Evangelical Methodist Church of Pampa Tuesday for Mrs. Bertha Jenette Garner, 60-year old former resident of the Wheeler community, who died at 2:30 o'clock Sunday morning in Oklahoma.

Mrs. Garner was the mother of Mrs. Maxine Gaines of Wheeler, and Mrs. Billy J. Darnell of Lubbock who formerly resided in Wheeler.

Born February 8, 1895, in Whitefield, Okla., Mrs. Garner had been making her home with a daughter, Mrs. Grace Futch of Pampa, for the past seven years.

Survivors are: three sons, Ray

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HOSPITAL NOTES

- #### PATIENTS ADMITTED
- Mrs. Minnie Loter, December 14
 - Roy Bailey, December 14
 - George Pond, December 15
 - M. L. Gierhart, Shamrock, December 15
 - Mrs. W. D. Prater, Shamrock, December 17
 - Mrs. Sam Rianer, December 18
 - Terrell Gunter, December 19
 - Don Meadows, Briscoe, December 19
 - Mrs. Jack Miller, Mobeetie, December 20
 - Mrs. N. D. Ware, Sr., December 20

- #### PATIENTS DISMISSED
- Mrs. Minnie Loter, December 17
 - Roy Bailey, December 16
 - George Pond, December 18
 - M. L. Gierhart, Shamrock December 16
 - Mrs. W. D. Prater, Shamrock, December 20
 - Don Meadows, Briscoe, December 20
 - Zeb Baird, Sudan, December 20
 - Ralph Shelton, Twitty, December 16
 - Larry Anderson, Keiton, December 16

Births

Mrs. Lyndon Sanders are the proud parents of daughter, Becky Darlene, December 16. She weighed 8 1/2 pounds, 19 inches, 10 1/2 ounces. Mr. and Mrs. Sanders and Mr. and Mrs. Sanders all of Wheeler grandparents.

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Correspondent

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of the judges was... on the stand-... on personality

with long blond curls, daughter of Mr. Lester of Mobeetie. Study Club met at... Thursday, at their annual... Mrs. Murrel J. ... resided for... while led the... Mr. Gobwin was... program and con-

study verses of the... St. Luke, was... by Mrs. Homer... who also presented... Bill To Celebrate... The Trust closed the... the popular version... Prayer, as presented... radio and TV

regular exchange... members give money... they are... Mrs. Godwins... one guest, Mrs... and the following... F. P. Johnston... Jim Hathaway... Tracy Willis, Austin... De Doy and Homer

meeting of the Mo... Club, met Tuesday... Es Len Boyd Deck... to order, Ora... B. Dunn II, and the... members were present.

ing, J. H. Serbiner... Alfred Hill, A. A... Deck, Jack Miller and

morning, the following... breakfast in the City... directors meeting, Boyd... Hathaway, Jack Mill... and Aubrey Ruff... School at the First... Church, will begin at... Christmas Morning, with... service at 10:00. At... Methodist Church, there... service that day.

Mr. Joe Holland have... the Gift Department of... Mrs. Mart. C. W. Burch... electrical equipment.

hardware stock, has... in the Burch Variety... plan to keep the... in the building used by...

Ladies met Monday... to package gifts for... the Mobeetie Communi-

basketball game after... season will be with... Okla. at Mobeetie.

Christmas program presented... six grades in the Mo... schools was well attended... evening.

Mrs. Kenneth Walker... Beck, of Sunray, ... and Mrs. C. Nixon, Mr... S. W. Williams, and Mr... Pierce Walker, last week

Mrs. Ruff was released... Highland General Hospi... Friday.

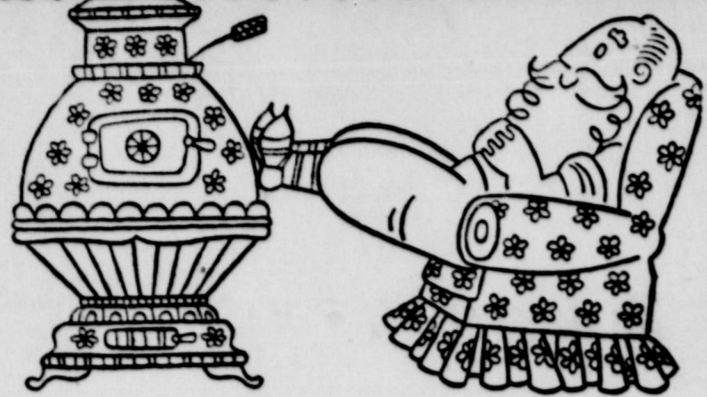
Mrs. Vernon Hooker... granddaughter, Virginia... Anarillo, with them last... Sunday, the parents, ... Mrs. Bill Scott came for... spending the week end... in a City, Okla.

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Warm GREETINGS



It looks as if Santa will get a couple' hot dogs in his Christmas stocking this year... but we know he has an even warmer heart. May all of your homes feel that warmth!

BUS DORMAN

Wheeler County Sheriff

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Merry Christmas
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FHA REVISES LOAN PROGRAM

Revised loan regulations sent to county offices of the Farmers Home Administration recently emphasize that the ability of farmers and ranchers to repay the loans they receive is the major factor to consider in determining the soundness of a loan, according to Walter T. McKay, the agency's State Director.

The loan policies of the Great Plains credit program — which began last August, were reviewed recently by agency officials at meetings in Denver and Amarillo. Special loans made in 145 counties in six Great Plains states enable farmers and ranchers to pay the cost of developing and carrying on the type of farming that provides for proper land use in the area; in addition credit is available for annual operating needs.

Soil resources, past production record of the farm, the applicant's ability and experience, farm plans and similar factors are used to determine the repayment ability of the applicant. A land capability map will be prepared by the Soil Conservation Service for the farm or ranch to be operated with the proceeds of the loan.

Each loan applicant is expected to carry out farming practices that will make proper use of his land and to take part in all programs designed to develop a sound agricultural economy. However, whether or not a loan is made depends upon whether it finances the type of farming that will enable the borrower to repay the funds advanced.

When needed adjustment in farming practices are to be made a detailed farm and home plan will be prepared and management guidance will be provided by the county supervisors of the Farmers Home Administration to the extent needed. When credit is required only to finance annual operating expenses only a minimum of planning is required and farm management guidance will not accompany the loan.

The credit provided by the Farmers Home Administration will be used only to supplement credit available from private and cooperative lenders.

A loan may be made to a farm owner or farm operation if the applicant (1) is an established operator and is primarily engaged in farming or livestock operations; (2) is unable to obtain the necessary credit elsewhere; (3) will have reasonable prospects of success with the assistance of the loan; and (4) will own or have available under satisfactory tenure arrangements a farm suitable for carrying on successful farming operations.

Hemphill and Wheeler Counties are among the 57 Texas counties included in the Great Plains credit program.

Applications for loans are made at the county offices of the Farmers Home Administration. The local county Farmers Home Administration Committee determines the eligibility of applicants for these loans. Applications for these loans by residents of Hemphill and Wheeler Counties are made at the local office of the Farmers Home Administration, on the 3rd floor of the Court House in Wheeler.

GEORGE L. MIZE IN AIR CORPS

George L. Mize, airman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin A. Mize of Wheeler, is serving with Air Development Squadron 4, based at the Naval Air Missile Test Center, Point Mugu, Calif.

Mize reported to the squadron, which is evaluating guided missiles under Commander Air Force, Pacific Fleet, in November.

Before entering the Navy in August 1955, he attended Wheeler High School.



MISS SUE VAUGHAN

Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Vaughan of Briscoe announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sue, to Quentin Hancock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hancock, Mountain View, Okla.

Miss Vaughan is a student at Oklahoma A & M, Stillwater, where she is a member of Pi Beta Phi.

Mr. Hancock is a graduate of Oklahoma A & M where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

The wedding is scheduled to take place at 3:30 p.m. January 29, in the First Baptist Church at Shamrock, with Rev. Byers reading the ceremony.

Dear Santa Clause,

We are three little children who are good most of the time especially Christmas. Please bring us some toys for Christmas. We would like some candy, fruit and nuts also. Neva wants a walking doll, doll bed, cook stove and dishes. Jannis wants a doll and doll bed and just anything else a 2 year old can play with. Bring Raymond some toys that he can pull behind him because he is just learning to walk. I want a cap rifle, Doctor kit, tool set and a coloring book and crayons. Thank you Santa, for the presents you gave us last year.

Conley, Neva, and Jannis Bowles
Wheeler, Tex. Box 324

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ROGERS

people in Moscow...
 Merry Christmas
 ALL YOU WONDERFUL PEOPLE!
 HARRY WOFFORD
 Clerk of Wheeler County

third is the Metropole or subway system.
USSR Agricultural Exhibition
 This exhibition or show place was opened in Moscow on August 1, 1954. It is similar to a large fair ground in the states — for instance, the State of Texas Fair Grounds at Dallas, Texas. The exhibition occupies an area of 207 hectares, which is approximately 500 acres. It has more than 300 structures with a total volume of over 2 million cubic metres. It has about 35 kilometers of asphalted roads and about the same area of sidewalks. The transportation problem is met by the use of trolley-buses. There are many huge,



elaborate and ornate fountains and pools. These reminded me very much of the pictures that you see of the old fair grounds at the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair. There are 76 pavilions in which the exhibits are displayed. Sixteen pavilions are occupied by the Union Republics and 12 are used by the Autonomous Republics of the Russian Federation. There are all located on what is known as Kolkhoz Square, which is more or less the heart of the entire exhibition. Our limited time permitted us to visit only a few of the exhibits — the Main Pavilion, the Armenian Exhibit, the Machinery Building and the Cattle Building. The displays closely resembled the displays of these same types of products at county fairs throughout this country. The machinery exhibit was more interesting to me because they had several types of tractors and automobiles. The tractors were usually caterpillar type and had an enclosure for the operator that was equipped with a heater. This is more of a necessity than a luxury in the severe winters of Russia. I was very interested in a combine that had a tremendous contraption of some kind attached to it. The combine was quite a few years behind our present combines. However, the contraption that was attached to it appeared to be very practical. It was a dryer through which the grain passed after it was separated from the head. The interpreter explained to me the need for this apparatus and told me that it had been very successful in their harvesting operations. The cattle exhibit was not very impressive. Of course, the animals looked very strange to me and were a long way from the outstanding exhibits of cattle we have at our fairs in this country. I saw no beef animals as such. Cattle in Russia seem to be dual purpose cattle. Why they don't raise strictly beef cattle, I do not understand, as they have vast areas of grass. The meat in the markets is extremely high, which indicated somewhat of a shortage.

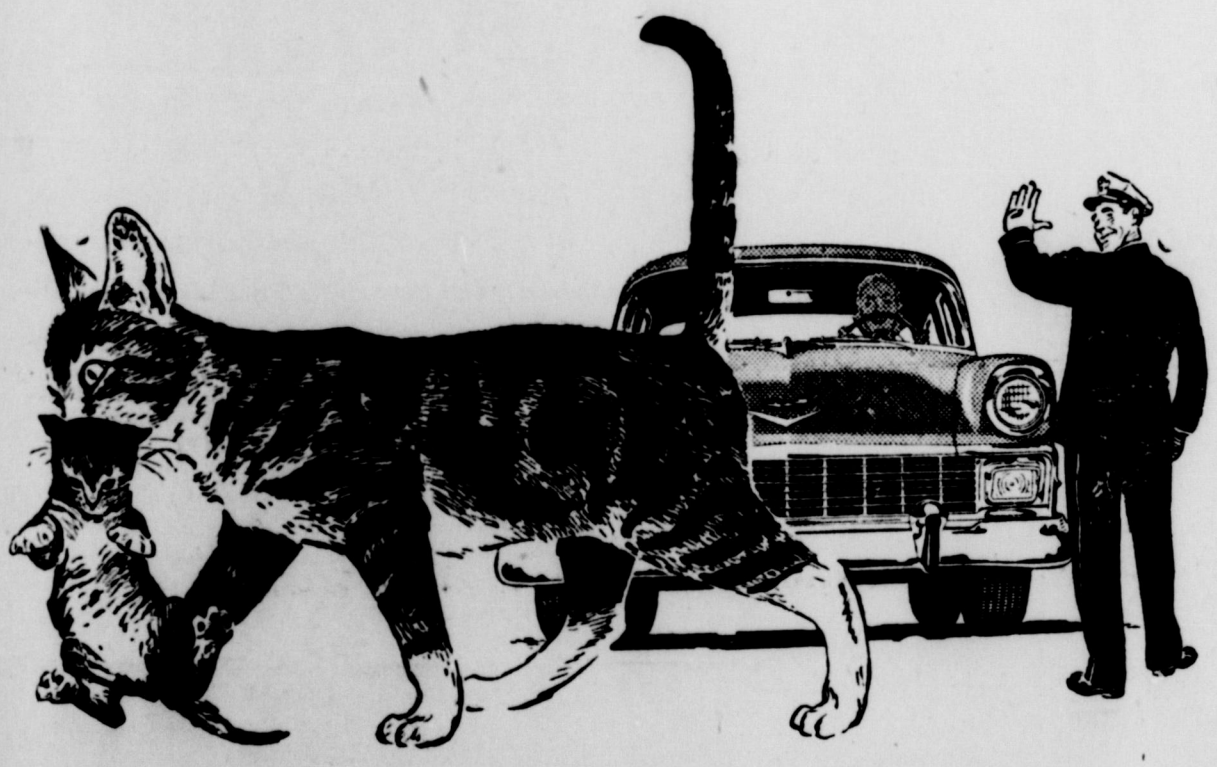
MOSCOW UNIVERSITY
 The University of Moscow is a source of great pride to Russians. It is located on the hill above the Moscow River, which is the highest point around Moscow, and from which you have a complete panoramic view of most of the City. It is the hill on which Napoleon stood during the siege of Moscow. I believe the interpreter told us that there are approximately 18 thousand students in the University and about half of these were day students. All of the operations seem to be, confined to one main building which is a tremendous structure. It is approximately 37 stories high and is well equipped and furnished. The Russians wanted to give us an extended tour of the University, but our limited time and the press of

official business prevented us from having more than hasty visit. We did observe several well-equipped gymnasiums, several eating establishments, and a number of auditoriums. The auditoriums in several instances were designed for particular purposes such as the teaching of dramatics and so forth. The lecture rooms were very similar to the lecture rooms in our universities here. There were several separate library facilities. The building also housed living quarters for the boarding students. We visited these and found them to be very nice. The limited number of students attending University rather surprised me, because the USSR does not have many universities compared to this country. It had seemed to me that the Moscow University would probably have a great deal more students. The number of students attending Moscow University is comparable to the number of students attending the University of Texas. Moscow is a city between 5 and 7 million people and could easily support several universities, if the educational standards there were equal to those in this country.

THE METROPOLE
 The Metropole, or subway system, of Moscow is a project of which the Russians are very, very proud. Each of the subway stations is built of a different color marble. The Russians brag that there is more marble in these subway stations than was in all of the czarist palaces put together. They have escalators from the ground level down into the subway. The trains are usually on time and seem to be well equipped and in good condition. The system is very new, relatively speaking, and the Russians are obviously trying to keep it clean. How long they will succeed in this is, of course, problematical. They insisted that we had to ride on the subway and pointed out to us that the fare is one-half ruble or about 12 1/2 cents. I don't know how efficiently its operation is, because I didn't know where we were going while we were on it or how long it took us to get there. Frankly, if the interpreter had left us, I would probably be in there yet trying to find my way out. I will try to cover more about the subway in subsequent newsletters.

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SEASON'S Greetings
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Give God A Chance

Attend Church Services Sunday!

First Baptist Church
Kelton, Texas
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Training Union 7:30 p.m.
Evening Worship 8:30 p.m.
WMS Monday 2:00 p.m.
Wm. M. Lewis, Pastor

First Methodist Church
Wheeler, Texas
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
MYF 6 p.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Carlton H. Thomson, Pastor

First Baptist Church
Mobeetie, Texas
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
L. T. Fields, Pastor

Briscoe Baptist Church
Briscoe, Texas
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sanford Cole, Pastor

First Baptist Church
Wheeler, Texas
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
We preach Christ crucified, buried,
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Wheeler, Texas
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 8:00 p.m.
D. R. Kirkendall, Pastor

Assembly Of God
Briscoe, Texas
School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Jack L. Robertson, Pastor

United Pentecostal Church
Allison, Texas
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Rev. R. L. Cupit, Pastor

Church Of God
Old Mobeetie
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
C. A. James, Pastor

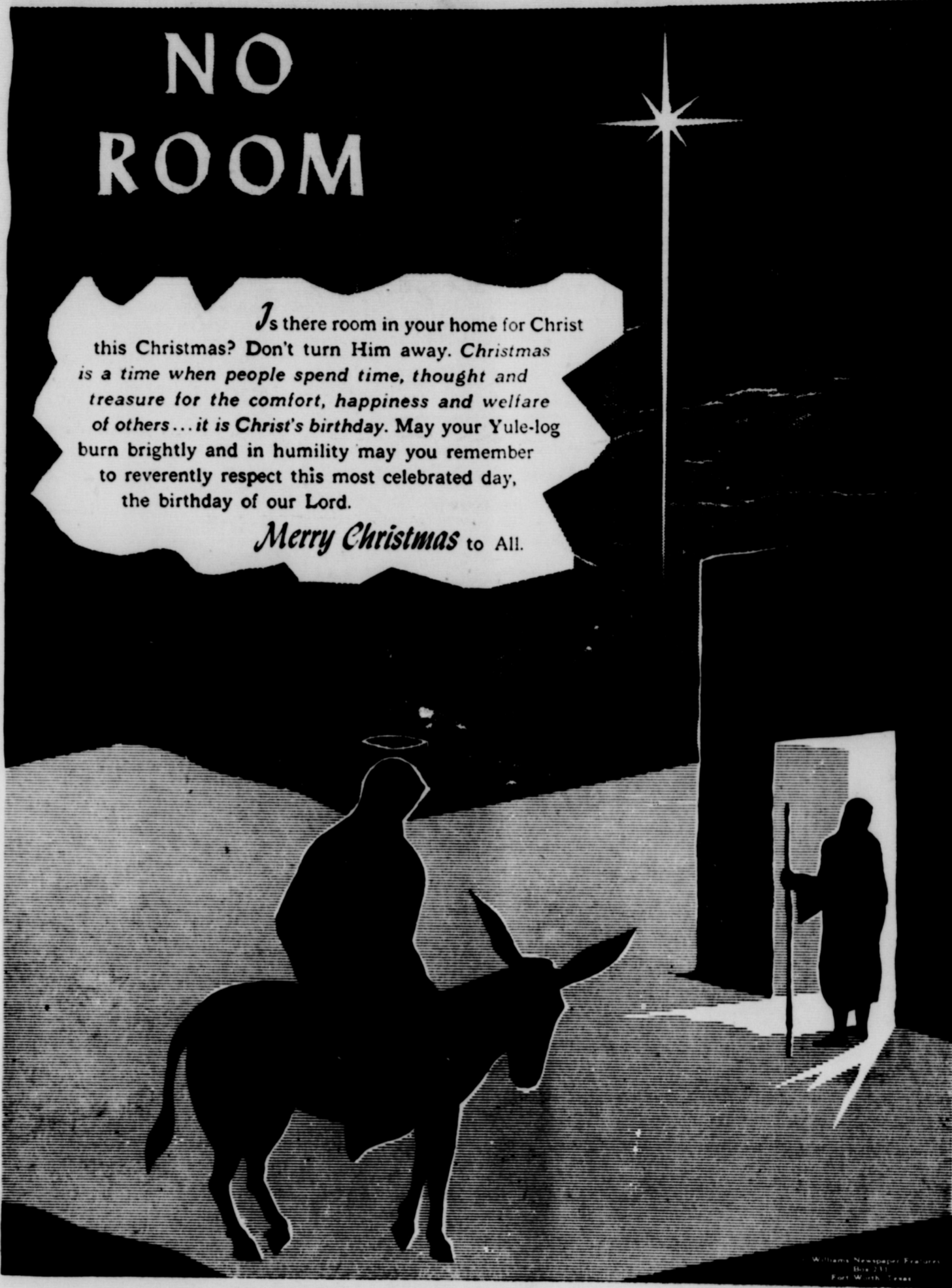
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Wheeler, Texas
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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Methodist Church
Allison, Texas
Sunday School each
Sunday 10:00 a.m.
Preaching, first and third Sundays
. 11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.
Rev. P. E. Yarborough, Pastor

Church of Christ
Wheeler, Texas
Sunday Bible Class 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
E. M. BORDEN, Minister

First Methodist Church
Kelton, Texas
Church School 10:00 a.m.
Preaching 11:00 a.m.
Bruce Parks, Pastor

The Land Mark Missionary Baptist Church
Wheeler, Texas
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Preaching 11:00 a.m.



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A Merry Christmas
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WHAT GOES ON here? Deer poachers? No, just students in the Maine civil defense rescue school at Augusta, Me., "rescuing" a doe from her woodland wandering. The students are demonstrating one of the latest rescue techniques in converting materials at hand, such as ladders, into stretchers for moving casualties out of natural disaster or bomb-blasted areas. Maine Civil Defense Photo

Bethlehem: Many Languages Join Together In Holy Praise

As the angels sang on that first Christmas night, so will there be singing in the village of Bethlehem in this year of 1955.

Bethlehem caroling is in many languages. An Arab choir will join with the voices of tourists and pilgrims in a simple outdoor service. In a grotto which might have been the sheepfold for the watching shepherds, the Christmas story will be read from the Gospel of St. Luke.

The stone buildings and churches of Bethlehem will be filled with thousands of pilgrims who have journeyed here for a pontifical mass at midnight in St. Catherine's Chapel and the procession which later leads down a flight of stone stairs to the grotto beneath the Church of the Nativity.

According to tradition, nearly 2,000 years old, the grotto is the site of the stable where Jesus was born when Joseph and Mary could find no room at the inn.

During the ceremony an infant figure of Christ is placed first on a silver star, then in a manger in a wooden crib where it will remain until the feast of Epiphany.

On both sides of the Israel-Jordan border, a short distance from Bethlehem, tent cities are set up to facilitate border crossing formalities for almost 2,000 Christians living in Israel and temporary Christian residents of Israel traveling to Bethlehem for Christmas. The formalities do not take much time. In one tent, pilgrims get stamps for their permits; in another, their luggage is checked; finally their money is changed.

Then they cross the border, Bethlehem-bound, just as was Mary and Joseph on a similar night long, long ago, and just as are fervent travelers from all parts of the world in this year of 1955.

Wheeler Drug is headquarters for baby items.

Wheeler County Soil Conservation District News

Activity with in Wheeler Soil Conservation District is beginning to pickup. Several district cooperators have contacted Soil Conservation Service personnel about applying their conservation plan. Some most of the crops are harvested several cooperators are planning on terracing while others are getting ready to seed additional acreage to grass.

Terrace lines have been run by S.C.S. technicians for H. H. Hall, Charlie Whitely, Geo. B. Whitely, and H. L. Trimble. Diversion Terrace for Ivy Ducan, Charlie and Geo. B. Whitely are working together on their terracing. Their lines were run together with out considering property lines which is a good practice and should be done on more land when possible. The district board of supervisors have their grass seeding equipment distributed as last season. Drills are beated with all Vocational Agriculture classes at Shamrock, Mobeetie and Wheeler, and Garland Abernathy at Kelton.

SANTA LETTERS

Wheeler, Texas
 December 17, 1955

Dear Santa,
 I am a little boy (7) seven years old and in the first grade. I would like for you to bring me an electric football game, and a long truck with a long bed.

Please remember all of the other little boys and girls.
 With love,
 Johnny Hutekison
 700 Sweetwater

Dear Santa Clause:
 I am a little girl 3 years old. I really think I've been a good girl. I try to help Mother if I do get in the way. I would like to have a doll, a buggy, and maybe a record player. Remember the other little girls and boys with lots of goodies.
 Love,
 Rebecca Lea Cole

Wheeler, Texas
 December 1, 1955

Dear Santa Clause,
 I have been a good little girl all year. I want to thank you for the present I got last year. I want a tiny tear's doll, soup set, bath-inette and a good baton and some clothes. . . Please.
 Linda Hall

PS I would like to wish you and everyone a Merry Christmas.

Making Your Own Holiday Decorations Adds To Pleasure

Make your holiday decorations and you will not only save money, you'll have fun.

A kissing ring for a doorway can be made by covering two embroidery hoops with ribbon or tinsel. Place them at right angles to each other and add a bell, ball ornament or sprig of mistletoe inside. Attach a bow at the bottom if you wish. Instead of embroidery hoops, you may use can rings painted with gilt or tempera paints.

Evergreen branches can be used in many ways. Have you ever tried covering the wood moulding about a door with them? Or bending a wire coat hanger into a circle and attaching greens to it to form a wreath? You can add ball ornaments or bright cranberries to brighten it a bit.

Then how about decorating your windows and mirrors? Cotton, white spray paint or white paper snowflakes always look pretty. But if there's an artist in your family, why not have him paint a scene of a jolly Santa on a window or mirror with tempera paints?

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Christmas Greetings
 May you and your dear ones delight in the glow of Christmas brotherhood.
REID'S GARAGE

Silver Dollar —
(Continued from page one)

award \$25.00; Jimmy Levitt, Allison Second award \$12.50; Albert Marshall, Wheeler Third award \$7.50; H. E. Cole, Wheeler fourth award \$5.00.

Other names called were: W. W. Morris, P. A. Martin, Briscoe; L. E. McPherson, Kellierville, Dick Woods, T. E. Going, V. W. Shoemaker, Shamrock; O. T. Swan, Miami, Lee Barry Briscoe, Mrs. L. H. Killingsworth, J. C. McQueen, C. W. Tillman, A. B. Pond, Wheeler, W. J. Marriott, Twitty.

Crotser Stage —
(Continued from page 1)

S. A. to Japan, stated, "The Crotser Review is High Quality Entertaining value for Adults and Youngsters of all ages."

Mr. Noboru A. Nakano, president of the Gay Entertainment Agency, Tokyo, Japan, said, "Crotser is not only a great entertainer with a rare sense of humor but also a congenial fellow who wouldn't mind going out of his way to serve a worthy cause."

These are a few qualities used to emphasize that this Attraction is truly a magnificent Stage production and a must for all, lasting two full hours, approximately \$25,000 gone into the production of this great performance, making it possible to exhibit death-defying, miraculous feats — Productions and Vanishes of untold Beauty and intrigue.

New Firms —
(Continued from page one)

efforts by our local offices to advise them of their tax liability," Hart said. "However there are 23,000 more who have not responded as yet. It would be to their advantage to do so immediately, so that penalties and assessment of back taxes can be avoided."

Following amendments to the Federal Unemployment Tax Act last year, the Texas Legislature changed the state unemployment law accordingly. Any business which has as many as four employees on 20 days in 20 different weeks after July 1, 1955 becomes liable for unemployment tax on its payrolls during 1956. Beginning January 1 any firm which has 20 such weeks during a calendar year in which four or more persons are employed on any day, will pay unemployment taxes.

"Not only firms which regularly employ as many as four employees will be affected," Hart explained, "but also a small business which has four people working only Saturdays, or one which regularly has two employees during the day and two others at night, will owe the payroll tax at the end of each calendar quarter."

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Miss Lonell Lee and Miss Pat Pride of Denton are home for the Christmas season.

In the Briscoe community, students, from WTSC at Canyon, who are spending this season at home with their families are Pepsy Helton and Anna Dell Fillingim.

Mr. and Mrs. Gwyn Crossland and son, Rex, visited in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Crossland over the week end.

Your dollar buys more quality merchandise at Wheeler Drug, 49-c

Merry Christmas Everybody



GRIFFIN Service Station

Chief Pettit —
(Continued from page one)

tempting, and thus do a more efficient job in controlling the damage.

Chief Pettit also expressed his thanks to the other officers of the department for the efficient manner in which they took over in his absence. He especially mentioned the members of the salvage crew did such a good job in controlling much of the water damage and removing the partially burned materials as they were taken from the attic.

The fire was in the attic of the H. M. Wiley home here and did a great deal of damage. Cause of the conflagration was said to have been an overheated stove. One room and the insulation in the attic along with smoke and water damage to the inside and outside of the house was the extent of damage.

The Chief expressed thanks to the Sheriff department for their assistance in the communication problem and the spot light they furnished.

Bertha Garner —
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of Oklahoma City; Vernon of Abilene; and Joe of Pampa; five daughters, Mrs. Fitch of Pampa; Mrs. Marie Darnell of Lubbock; Mrs. Pauline Dulce of Phoenix, Ariz.; Mrs. Gaines of Wheeler; and Mrs. Juanita Smith of Santa Fe, N. M., four sisters and one brother.

Burial was in the Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, under direction of Duemkey-Carmichael Funeral Home.

Miss Juanita Sanders of Brownwood and the Rev. Bob Beaman also of Brownwood are spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Murry Sanders.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Franklin and children visited relatives in Pampa Sunday and attended the "Messiah" at the First Baptist Church that evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Helton spent the week end at Canyon with his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Helton.

UNCLE TO AID FIGURING TAX

Timed perhaps so worried income taxpayers could relax and enjoy the Christmas holidays more W. C. Bowen, officer in charge of the Internal Revenue Service office in Pampa, announced this week his office would continue and improve the "do-it-yourself" taxpayer assistance program, beginning January 1.

Last year the service encouraged the public to fill out their own tax forms, using the instruction booklet sent through the mail. Those needing further help were assembled in groups with a tax specialist answering individual questions as each taxpayer filled out his return.

Since there are few changes affecting individuals in the tax laws this year, the service feels that more taxpayers can prepare their own returns by studying the instruction booklet mailed with their blank tax forms.

A taxpayer assistance day will be scheduled each week during the filing period in all offices of the Internal Revenue Service. The schedule will be announced before December 31.

"Many taxpayers believe that by coming to our offices for assistance their returns will not be subject to audit later on. This is not correct," Mr. Bowen pointed out. "Such returns will be examined in the same manner as returns prepared by taxpayers themselves or with professional assistance," he added.

Taxpayers will do themselves and their government a service by preparing and filing their returns early, Mr. Bowen said. Employers can also help by furnishing Forms W-2 to their employees as soon as possible.

The Pampa office will be open for taxpayer assistance for a half day starting Monday January 9th and a half day each Monday thereafter through April 16th.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dyson and family of Roswell, N. M., visited in the L. S. Childress and C. C. Dyson homes, Tuesday until Friday last week.

Season's Greeting

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- Arrow Handkerchiefs
- Tulane Sport Shirts
- Tom Sawyer Sport Shirts for boys

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

McILHANY'S
"For Everything You Wear"

Buy Seals And —
(Continued From Page 1)

ed by the disease. Christmas Seals aren't just attractive stickers to decorate our Christmas cards and packages. They have a larger meaning, and happy children illustrate that meaning — one a little boy against the blue of a winter sky, the other a little girl against a background of apple green.

Carrying packages in their hands, they convey the happy mood of Christmas giving. The red double-barred cross, shows boldly behind them as a promise of protection.

Mail your contribution now to: Wheeler County TB Association, Wheeler, Texas. It will make your Christmas brighter.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sanders and son, Kenzie spent Saturday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Murry Sanders. Kenzie remained with his grandparents while his parents tour Colorado the next two weeks as sponsors of the Voluntary Missionary Band from Howard Payne College, where they are both students.

Mrs. Marl Jaco returned home Tuesday last week from California, where she had been visiting her daughters, and other relatives.

Leon Field —
(Continued from page one)

on September 7, 1898. On March 19, 1926 he was married to Miss Jimmy Weeks who survives him. Other survivors are two brothers, Rev. Leonard Field of Mobeetie, and N. C. Field of Nocona and a sister, Mrs. Lola McCraw of Amarillo. One brother and one sister preceded him in death, both passing away in infancy.

Pall bearers were: Bob Markham, Jim Helton, David Kiker, Joe Rogers, A. B. Griffin, and Charles Clemens. Honorary bearers were: Archie Dillon, Ray Brown, Lester Levitt, Bogan Griffin, Leon Fillingim and Fred Waters.

Interment was in Wheeler Cemetery with Kirk Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

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	Yams	10			
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Merry Christmas!

AND A TRULY WONDERFUL YEAR TO COME

We wish you every joy and much prosperity! May you be blessed with the added happiness of having loved ones, gathered as one family, near you in observance of these most Glorious Holidays!

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Black and Staff

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Kiddies Tell Santa Their Desires

Briscoe Route
Canadian, Texas
December 12, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
I've been a pretty good little boy at times. Sure am going to be glad to see you. I want a dump truck because I don't have any. I think Mary would like a dolly best — not too big and not with sleepy eyes. Take care of yourself.
Love,
Danny Fillingim

Mobeetie, Texas
December 10, 1955

Dear Santa Claus,
I'm a boy six years old. I want you to bring me a guitar and a Dr. set. I have two little sisters, bring Carla a doll and a nurses set. My little six month old sister, bring her something to play with. I will leave you some coffee and cake under my tree.
Be sure and bring my teacher, Mrs. Trimble, something nice.
We have been pretty good boy and girls. Don't forget the other girls and boys.

Love you,
Bill Ridgeway

Wheeler, Texas
December 15, 1955

Dear Santa,
I'm a little blue eyed boy, 4 years old.
I've tried to be a god boy this year.

...
I'd like for you to bring me a football suit and a new football for Christmas. I'd like a nice dump truck too.

Please remember all the other children too.

Love,
Monnie W. Edwards

Wheeler, Texas
November 28, 1955

I have been a good boy this year and I would like for you to bring me a dairy farm set, a small horn, a truck and plenty of candy and nuts for myself and a little doll for Meredith Ann. Remember all the other little kids.

I love you,
David Douthit

Wheeler, Texas

Dear Santa,
We want a Betsy McCall doll, a teddy bear, a basinet for our baby dolls, table and chairs and a little sewing machine. Please send Tiny some skates, also send all the poor little boys and girls some goodies and toys.

Your friends,
Cynthia (Tiny) and
Billie Smith



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Wheeler, Texas

A Happy
YULETIDE

BEST WISHES FOR A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

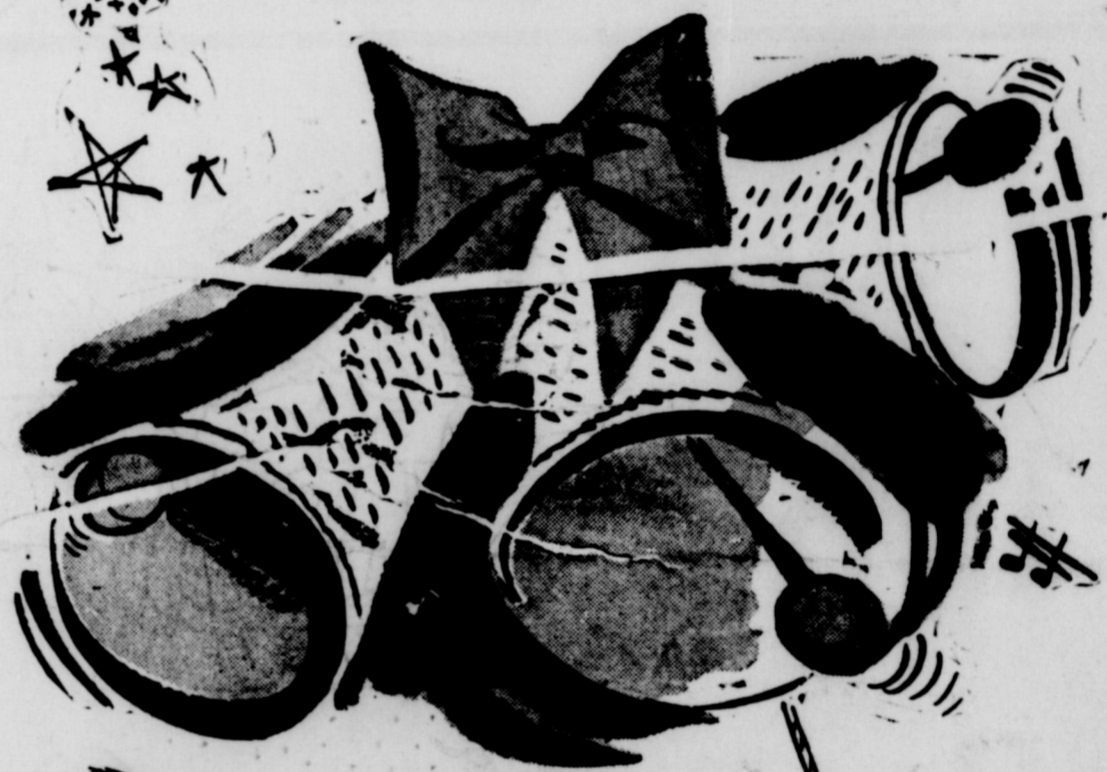
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TO
EVERYONE

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Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Jones
WHEELER, TEXAS



JOY TO YOU

ALL YEAR THROUGH...

We hope the joyous spirit of the Yuletide will remain with you and your family long after the Christmas bells have ceased to toll. May you find health and happiness in the New Year.



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By Janet Hall

EVERYONE was so nice. Kathie Carter thought as she remembered the Christmas gifts she had received last year. So many of her friends, neighbors, and relatives had remembered her. I'd love to buy something for them all. Kathie thought, but she knew it was impossible. She had

only saved enough for a gift to her parents. She had tried to get a sales job, but she had discovered she was too late. There were no jobs left. "Your relatives and neighbors don't expect you to give them gifts," her mother said. "I'd like to give them all some little thing." "When you're older you can return their thoughtfulness." After supper Kathie went to Aunt Betty's and Uncle Ted's house to return a book. "Hi, Kathie," Aunt Betty greeted. "I'm doing dishes so come on out in the kitchen." "I've been hoping to make some fruitcakes for Christmas gifts, but

I don't know whether I can do it this year," Aunt Betty said. "The children seem to take up all my time." "Your fruitcakes are delicious." "They're a lot of work, though. Cutting up the fruit and chopping nuts takes nearly a day." "I'll help you," Kathie volunteered. "I can come around after school and prepare the nuts and fruit and you can use them whenever you want." For two afternoons Kathie chopped nuts and cut citrus fruit. By the end of the week Betty had baked the cakes and packed them in tin boxes.



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Busy Week

The rest of the week was a busy one for Kathie. Mrs. Mason asked her to take care of the children Saturday so that she could go into town to shop. Miss White, a shut-in who lived down the street, asked Kathie if she would select some Christmas cards for her and help her address them. Two days before Christmas Mrs. Cummings asked Kathie to tend her children for the afternoon while she went shopping. After Kathie got them interested in games, she saw a list on the bulletin board headed "Things to do." The list outlined the tasks Mrs. Cummings had to do during Christmas week: clean house, bake cookies, wrap packages, write cards and so many other things. Kathie got out the cookbook and found some recipes for Christmas cookies. When she finished mixing she wrapped each mound of dough in waxed paper and put it in the freezer. As Kathie wrapped her moth-

er's and father's gift, she felt depressed, for she knew all the people she loved so dearly were going to give to her. She had nothing to give in return.

Appreciation

Christmas morning Kathie noticed there were several cards among her gifts. She opened the first one which was written in the spidery hand that she identified as Miss White's penmanship.

"Dear Kathie:

"Thank you so much for your valuable gift. Time in our lives is so important and you gave me such a generous piece of your life that I wish to thank you for it."

There were other letters, too.

"Dear Kathie: I would never have baked my fruitcakes if it wasn't for your help." "I know the children will be pleased with the lovely way you wrapped their gifts. Thank you for your time. The cookies were wonderful." With Mrs. Mason's gift there was a note thanking Kathie for her gift of time. Kathie had to blink away the tears when she finished reading the notes.

"You see, Kathie, you gave something that is most valuable—your time," her father explained.

SANTA LETTERS

Wheeler, Texas

Dear Santa,

I have been a good little girl the last year. I would like you to bring me a big bride doll for Christmas. I would like to have some pajamas and houseshoes. Anything else you can spare. Please bring my little niece Roxanne and my little nephew Randy something nice. We would like to have fruit and candy too. I love you very much.

Sandra Kay Laycock

Dear Santa:

I am nine years old. I tried to be good. I want a doll that you hang on the wall, a can-can, skates drum and horn.

Love,
Gladys Meadows

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl six years old, tried to be good. I am in the first grade so can't write very good so Mother is writing for me. Please bring me a doll and suitcase, cash register also a can-can. Remember my brothers, sisters, Mother Daddy, also bring some candy, nuts, fruit.

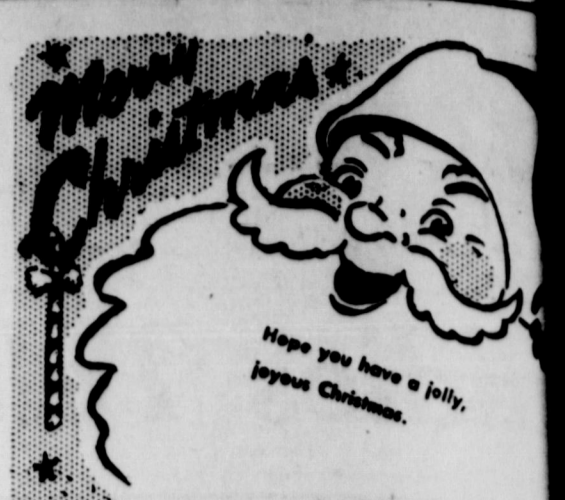
Thank you,
Betty Meadows
Wheeler

Wheeler, Texas

Dear Santa Clause:

I am a little girl 6 years old. I have tried to be a good little girl and Santa I would like to have a doll, a doll bed that lets down on the side like a real baby bed, and a doll buggy. Please Santa don't forget the other little boys and girls.

Love,
Phyllis Ann Cole



JEWEL'S CAFE
Wheeler, Texas

From all of us

Greetings

May Christmas Joy, like a song, bring happiness all day long
May its sparkle and cheer remain with you throughout the year.

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To You

and YOURS

Go our heartfelt
wishes of happiness
at Christmastime!

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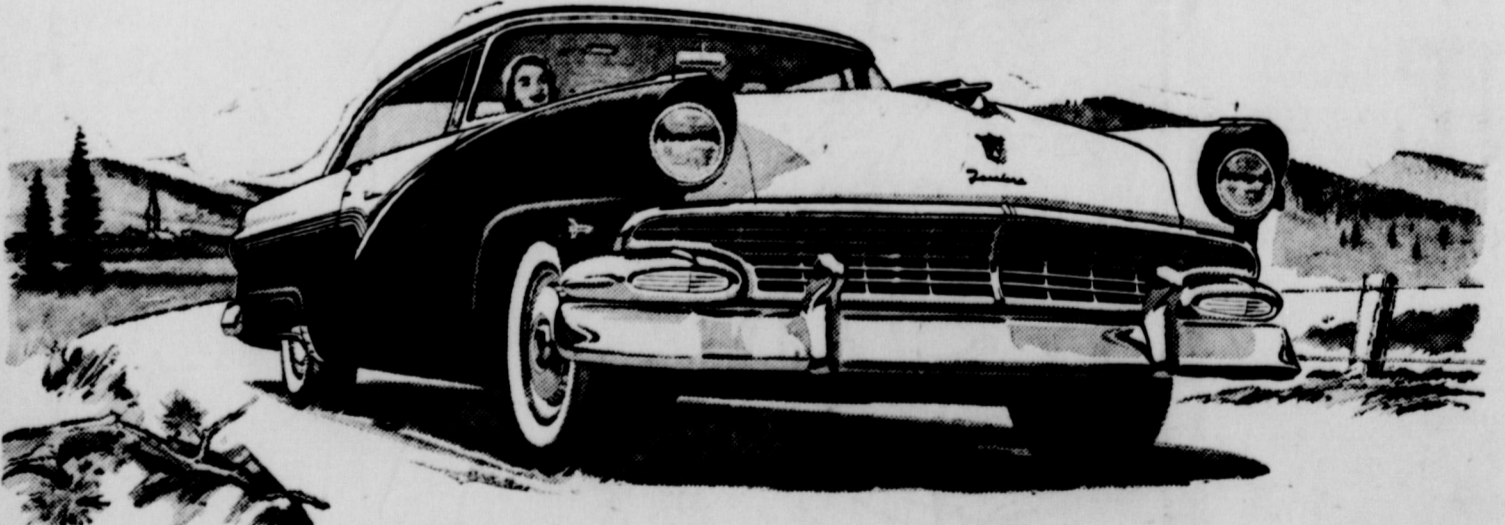
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most pleasant you and your
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too strong. She waited there shaking and suddenly the door was opened. "Well, What do you want?" The tall old man glared down at her. "I'm Nancy Miller. I-ive got—" "Come in. Come in. You'll freeze out the house." Nancy's heart leaped. She was inside and that was something. "I'm selling Christmas cards to help the church. Would you—" Old Martin snorted. "I thought I'd seen you before. Your father owns the garage. You pestered me last year and the year before. And now you're here again. What makes you think I'll buy your cards? I haven't before." "No. But I thought maybe you'd change your mind. The other kids—"

"The other children! Humph! Why don't they come here with their cards? They're afraid, eh? I'm Old Martin, the meanest man in town." Nancy smiled up at him. "I don't think so." "Well—, I'll buy the box of cards just to get rid of you. But mind you don't ever come again."

Memories

Nancy left and the old man stared at the door wondering if he had really bought the cards to get rid of her. Could it be that she, with shining eyes and long golden hair and warm smile, reminded him of another little girl much like her? She who had left her widower father bereaved for the



Old Martin snorted. "I thought I'd seen you before."

second time within a year. Meanwhile, Nancy raced toward the minister's house with the great news.

Late that night in the red brick house the old man spread the cards on a table and glanced over the warm and happy greetings. In the right hand corner of each card he noticed a tiny red and white Santa Claus. "Sentimental rubbish," he snorted and replaced the cards in the envelopes.

The next morning he discovered that the ancient wall paper in the back-hall had loosened and a large strip was hanging. He could fix that, he decided, and realize some return for the dollar he had given Nancy. He spread glue over the

faces of the cards and used them to patch the torn wall paper. Christmas for Old Martin was to be no different than it had been for the past thirty years. He would receive no gifts and he would give none. old and want a Betty Bows doll that blows bubbles and goes to sleep. I would also like a little broom and a set of dishes. I have a new baby sister, Carol. Bring her some toys that rattle and squeak.

With love,
Lucy Meadows

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It was not as easy as it had been the past many years. The memory of the little girl who had visited him the day before blended with the memory of the little girl of thirty years before. She too had looked forward to Christmas with all the excitement and wide-eyed wonder of childhood.

A light burned late in the old house.

Usual Holiday

Most everyone in town, except Old Martin, received a share of Christmas greetings. He got only one; that from a little girl. Eleven needy people received cards with no signature and each card was accompanied by a five dollar bill. The face of every card was rough as though something had been pasted to it and then removed.

Nancy received the twelfth card in care of her father's garage, and though she recognized it as of the style she had sold she couldn't recall to whom she had sold it. It contained a ten dollar bill.

Christmas Eve, an old man knelt and prayed for the first time in thirty years, but from the outside the old brick house looked the same as usual.

Brisloe, Texas
December 9, 1955

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I am a little girl three years

May all of you feast upon the joys of a
Glorious Holiday! May the fruits of added
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A LETTER FOR MARY

By F. L. Rowley

THE loneliest place in the world is a summer resort at Christmas time. Joanne Decker watched gloomily as a half dozen men trudged through the snow skirting Arrowhead Lake. They would return in a few hours carrying Christmas trees on their husky shoulders. Joanne sighed heavily as the last man disappeared into the brush.

This promised to be the dreariest Christmas Joanne had ever known. Even the postman's whistle failed to rouse her. It was only when Mr. Rogers stood at the far end of the drive waving a letter that a faint glow of curiosity came to her eyes. The old postman never signalled unless he had something important. Maybe it was a letter from Eddie!

Slipping into a coat Joanne raced eagerly down the snow-covered path, unmindful of her open-toed slippers.

"It's from Lynne Grove," said Mr. Rogers with a grin. "Lynne Grove?" Joanne stared dreamily at the letter in his hand.

Then Eddie hadn't forgotten her! Perhaps he was even coming back



"You got a letter," said Joanne accusingly. "A nice registered letter from Eddie Long."

to Arrowhead Lake to marry her, as he had promised.

"It's for your sister," said the old man. "Registered too—but you can sign it."

Joanne turned the letter over gingerly, on the flap, in bold, familiar writing, was the name E. Long. So Eddie Long was writing to her sister Mary! And after all the wonderful promises he had made to her. She walked numbly back to the house.

Mary met her at the door. "Did we get mail?" she asked innocently.

Accusation

"YOU got a letter," said Joanne accusingly. "A nice registered letter from Eddie Long!"

Mary was startled; she blushed like a schoolgirl.

"I thought so!" Joanne cried bitterly. "All these months you've been feeling sorry for me because Eddie stopped writing—and you've kept in touch with him behind my back. What a hypocrite!"

Mary blinked helplessly.

Joanne ran up to her room and slammed the door. The radio was on; Christmas carols only emphasized her loneliness. She switched it off. Her eyes settled on a paper box under the dresser. Drawing it out she scowled at the lovely figurine nestled therein. It was her Christmas present to Mary. With a sob she picked up the little figure and dashed it to the floor.

Joanne heard the murmur of serious conversation downstairs. She hoped Mary was catching it. Suddenly she decided to teach them all a lesson. Christmas or not, she would leave home. She

could board a bus this very morning. She knew exactly where to go; her friend Betty Giles had urged her repeatedly to spend a week-end at their new home in Coopersville.

Surprise Meeting

The bus-station was alive with holiday tourists. Joanne felt most conspicuous in her blue-jeans and red sweater. She gasped in surprise when a familiar voice asked: "Where to, Joanne?"

Eddie Long's expressive brown eyes smiled down at her. He had her in his arms before she could remember any good reason to resist.

"Merry Christmas, darling!" he cried as their lips parted. "I've waited more than a year for this. But why the suitcase? Mary told me you'd be at home for the holidays; that's why I sent her the letter announcing my arrival."

"Mary? I—I don't understand."

"Well, it was supposed to be a surprise. Last summer, when I was on my way out here, I met with an accident. Mary and your mother knew that I was hurt pretty bad and they didn't want to frighten you. When I showed signs of returning to normal they suggested that I spend Christmas week at your place. You've got wonderful folks, Joanne. Best in-laws a man could ask for."

Christmas Prom

By Shirlee

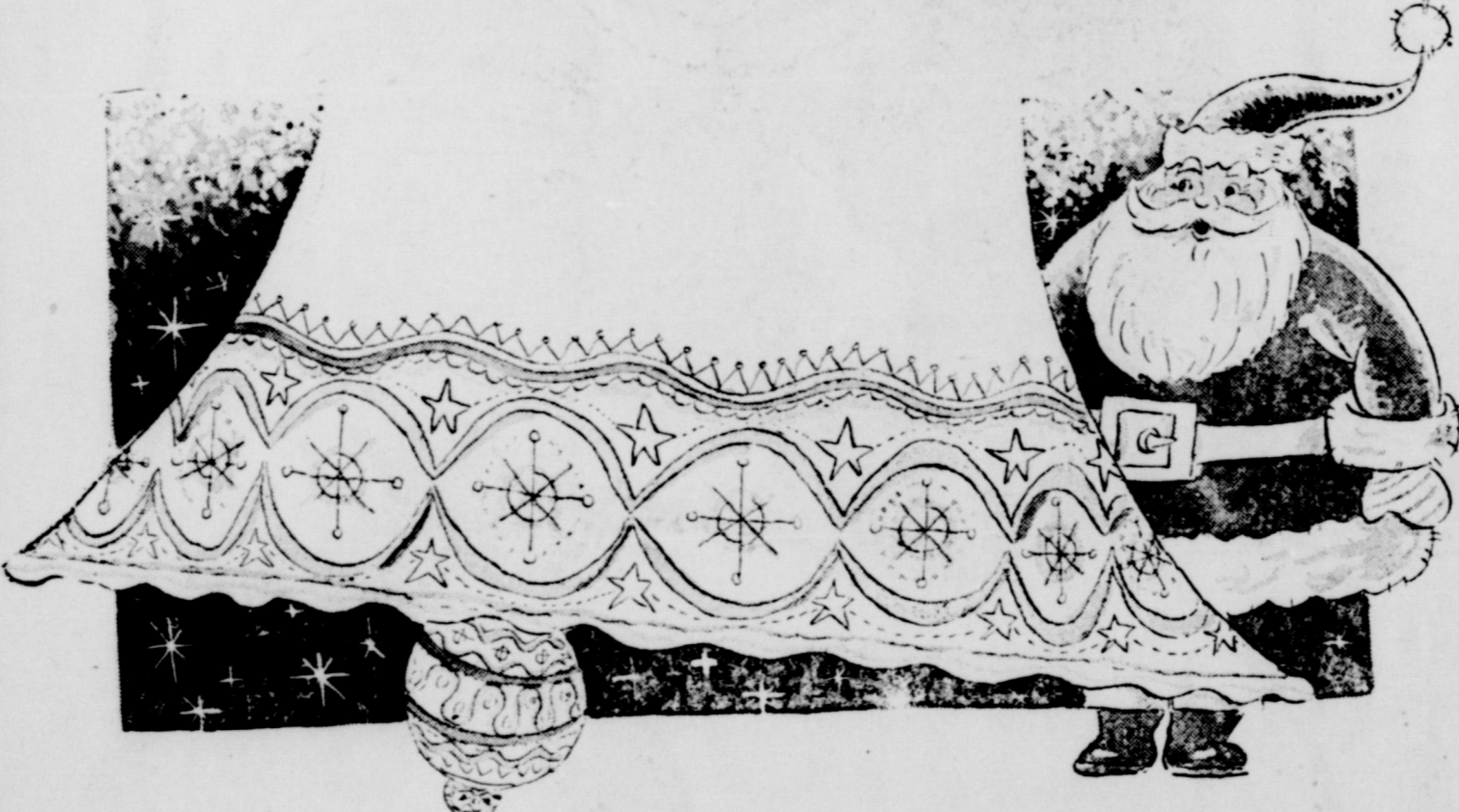
WHEN I was couldn't come enough. The long more exciting the Fourth of July and school all put to magic. Sheer, unadcompounded of the scent of pine closets, mysterious and the un household. This la brothers and I w darndest to be good up in one month for the past year.

Later, Christmas ing to me, now a r In fact the great quickly, too often, work late to escape and sleep even late apartment wouldn't

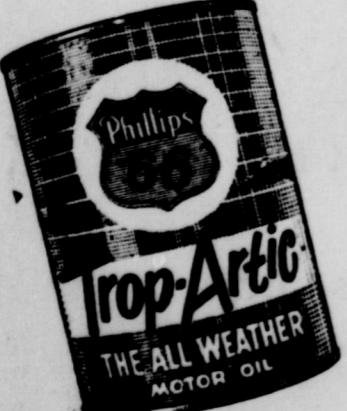
But now I have magic of Christmas little boy gave it be with a grubby kiss is Christmas Eve and home from Korea



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with Carol, the
five months before
and a rowdy two-
named Butch.
the child I had
and he is the boy that
back to me.
I had planned eagerly

on just what Butch should receive.
Butch had a long list of toys that
changed from day to day, but
when I had asked him what he
wanted most of all, he had just
looked at me sadly.

"Don't you know we live in a
apartment?" he had asked

So I told Carol. "I think Butch
is worried that there isn't a fire-
place for Santa to come down.
Say, do you think he's too young
for a football? Just a small one,
of course."

That's how it went—peacefully,
traditionally—from the purchase



He looked at me sadly. "Don't
you know we live in an apart-
ment?" he asked.

of the tree, to the opening of
Christmas cards and the hiding of
presents from Butch. Until now,
Christmas Eve. I ran quickly to
Butch when I heard him sobbing.
His brown hair tousled, his baby-
plump cheeks stained red with
emotion, Butch was another boy
from the one I had put to bed.

"What's wrong, dear? Tell
Daddy?"

"I wanta dog more'n anything
an' I can't have it."
"Can't have it," I repeated
stupidly, holding his warm, sob-
wracked body in my arms. "Why
not?"

Carol's hands were on my
shoulders. "Because we live in an
apartment."

Butch choked, "That mean old
man won't let me. He is too mean,
mommy."

Carol said, "He means Mr. Allen,
the owner. No dogs allowed."

"If I talked to him?" I appealed
to Carol. "If I explained..."

"No," Carol's face twisted, "he
made an exception to allow Butch
here."

To allow Butch. For an instant
anger blazed through me, then I
remembered, with an effort, that
Mr. Allen wasn't the enemy.

"Butch when we move I promise
you may have a dog," I explained

carefully.

"When are we gonna move?"

Children needed a time. He would
be three in May. "Before your
birthday," I promised, "now go to
sleep, son."

In the living room, I said, "I
could buy turtles and fish."

"It wouldn't be the same," Carol
said, "when you were little, don't
you remember..."

"Yes," for I did. I remembered
the disappointments that weren't
swallowed up by other presents
but only by time and the gift of
love. My son has given me more
than I could give him no matter
where we lived. He has given me
not only the happiness but the
heartbreak of Christmas. I took
Carol's hand and drew her into
the magic of love that surrounded
us.

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Dial 2231 Wheeler, Texas



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



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From the gang at —

Ware Chevrolet Company
West Highway 152 Dial 3101

November 28, 1955
Dear Santa:
I am a girl in the first grade. I've made pretty good grades and have been pretty good so would you please bring me a big baby

doll that wears regular baby clothes, a blanket, telephone and a doll suitcase. I have a good little brother and he wants a little horse, a cattle truck with animals in it and a gun. Be good

to all little girls and boys everywhere and don't forget my teacher Mrs. Trumble.
Love you,
Sharon and
Harry Sims



By Janet Hall

MARGE stood in the doorway of her bedroom and looked at the dress in dismay. Obviously it was meant for the Junior Class Snow Ball in January and just as obviously it was expensive. "Oh, why!" she exclaimed, touching the fabric as if it were something repulsive.

What's the matter with them, Marge thought. Dad needs new clothes and things for the house and Mom always looks so poor and worried.

Wearily she changed her clothes. The house was empty, for her mother was baby sitting to earn a little extra to help out.

Marge went downstairs and looked at the Christmas tree and the gifts displayed under it. She felt embarrassed even though she was alone in the room. Somehow it was always rather mortifying to show the gifts when friends and relatives called. Her pile of gifts was always so large and lavish and her parents' so sparse.

Just this once she wanted their gifts to be important like hers, not just little odds and ends to be explained away with "We try to make a big Christmas for Marge."

She had saved nearly every penny she had earned the previous summer so she could give her father a new jacket and her mother a new coat.

I tried to tell them I didn't want a lot for Christmas, but I didn't do a very good job of it, she told herself as she glanced at the twin cashmere sweaters, the new skirt and the other gifts. I wish I'd had the courage to be more frank.

But I have the courage today, she thought, running up the stairs. She found the dress box and carefully folded the dress and wrapped it for return.

For Better

Her knees were shaky as she wondered what she would say when her mother saw the dress wrapped with such finality. It's

for her own good, she told herself firmly. In a week or two she'll realize it's best.

When she heard the front door open and close, she ran down stairs to meet her mother. "Hi," she said, quelling her feeling of nervousness.

Her mother glanced at her anxiously. Her dark brown eyes darted around the room, looking to see if Marge had brought the dress downstairs. Then the expectant look changed to a questioning one. "Didn't you like the dress?"

The question was so humble and so blunt, Marge was startled. "Yes, it's beautiful, but—"

"I knew you'd like it. Have you had it on yet?"



She found the dress box and carefully folded the dress and wrapped it for return.

"No, I haven't."

"It will fit, I'm sure," her mother's voice dwindled off. The brightness in her face seemed to fade all at once. "What's the matter?"

"It's so expensive. I wanted you to get a coat for yourself."

"Oh, is that all. This old thing will last quite a while. While I was in the store I said to myself, 'There's nothing like my old maroon coat.' I didn't see anything I liked better so what was the use of buying a new one?" she chirped.

Her Secret

Marge knew she'd never tell her parents how she felt about their gifts. In a few years I'll be earning money and I can pay them back, but now I'll just take what they offer, she decided, feeling defeated.

"Your father's coming. Go put on the dress and show him how pretty you are," her mother said excitedly.

When she came downstairs they were waiting for her. Clutched in her father's arms was a box which she knew contained something for her. In their eyes were love, pride, and happiness mixed with a satisfied touch of martyrdom.

She had to swallow to keep her face pretty and composed, for what they really wanted most of all was a pretty and popular daughter. That was all they would allow her to give.

Briscoe, Texas
December 9, 1955

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Structo grain truck and lots of candy, nuts and fruit. We would all like a little table and chair set. I am four

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But when the fullness of time was come,
God sent forth his Son, made of a woman,
made under the law,
to redeem them that were under the law,
that we might receive the adoption of
sons. Gal 4: 4, 5

First Baptist Church

Wheeler, Texas



Amid the gayety of the
holiday season may we
pause and remember the
true meaning of Christmas.

WHEELER ABSTRACT CO.

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A Merry Christmas

JESSE DYER



May this very heartfelt wish follow you and your family throughout the Holiday Season and the New Year to come. Pray with us that men of all nations remember the true meaning of Christmas.

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PEACE ON EARTH . . . Music is an important part of Christmas observances everywhere and there is something about the spirit of Christmas that makes young voices sing out loud and clear, with a heart full of joy.



The old joke about Dad "monopolizing" Junior's train is ceasing to be a joke, according to some toy producers, who contend that this year there will be toys for adults under some Christmas trees.

Mr. Jay V. Zimmerman, president of the largest hand puppet makers in the world, recently told toy buyers and salesmen that "toys made specifically for adults to play with will eventually exceed the present popularity of children's toys."

This may sound a little unbelievable and optimistic for the

toy industry, but Mr. Zimmerman says the theory is neither radical or new. "For centuries," he says, "man has been playing with his children's toys under the guise it was for Junior's sake, but that's a lot of toywash. They enjoy playing with their kid's toys, but they're too ashamed to admit it."

Right or wrong, several major toy companies are producing specific adult toys this year. We'll just have to wait and see how many Dads receive some of them as presents from Santa.

Tips on Choosing Christmas Tree That Will Last

If your Christmas tree sheds needles all over the living room last year, chances are you weren't careful enough in buying a "fresh" tree.

Touch-typing will help you pick a choicy tree. You can tell by the feel which trees are better able to withstand the hot siege indoors.

If twigs and foliage aren't reasonably resilient or needles feel dry and crumbly, better pass up the tree. Chances are it will look like a hatrack before Christmas day.

And if you're not quite sure by the touch method, bang the butt of the tree sharply on the floor. A shower of needles will tell you if the tree's drying out, even before you get it home. Of course, the way the tree looks is an important factor, but an attractive tree that will lose its beauty in short order is hardly a bargain.

The ideal holiday tree boasts the traditional pyramid shape, with lush branches reaching to the base. The two favorites in the market places are Balsam fir and Norway spruce. The slower-growing Balsam fir is more expensive than the spruce, but it retains its beauty longer indoors.

Greeting Cards Christmas Gift Of Englishman

Greeting cards are an English contribution to the Christmas observance.

This simple idea of wishing your friends a Merry Christmas was originated in 1846 by Henry Cole, a middle class Englishman and the idea brought Cole great honor as well as knighthood.

Cole's original cards depicted a Victorian family gathered at the festive board and he had a thousand of them struck off by lithograph. Although the cards met with immediate popularity and brought fame to Sir Henry Cole, it was two decades before Christmas cards were sold generally.

Today the demand for cards is so great that many companies spend the full year designing and producing only Christmas greetings.

While today's mass-produced cards are quite superior to the original cards produced by Henry Cole, neither time nor poets have been able to improve on the classical message the Englishman penned to the first Christmas greeting cards: "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you."

Novel Christmas Decorations Add Value To Presents

With so many gifts to wrap this time of the year, paper, cards, ribbons, seals and other package decorations can add up to quite a sum.

By using a little imagination, these costs can be kept at a minimum.

Ends of wallpaper rolls, whether left over from your own walls or bought as odd stock at your local paint store, are especially pretty for large packages. Even newspapers can be used to wrap large packages and the want-ad section is more attractive than the other pages.

Small pieces of aluminum foil or shell paper from the end of the roll are excellent for wrapping smaller packages. Or if you have a young child who fingerprints, why not wrap gifts in some of his paintings.

White tissue paper can be made quite appealing by spattering it with red or green ink or water with food coloring added.

For seals, cut out colored pictures from magazines, old Christmas cards or even small bits of wrapping paper and paste them on the package. Or you can paste them on a small piece of folded construction paper to make an enclosure card.

Acorns, pine cones or oak leaves, painted or shellacked and tied on top of the package will catch the eye of both young and old.

Thousands Send Cards To First Family

Last year some 15,000 Americans sent Christmas cards to President and Mrs. Eisenhower.

This number was almost twice the total received by the Eisenhowers the year before.

About 75 per cent of the senders wrote personal messages on their cards last year and most of them said they were praying for the First Family.

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PALMER SIVAGE
County Treasurer

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WHEELER DRUG
Wheeler, Texas



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a wonderful Christmas!

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Wheeler, Texas



We just wanted to say that we'd go out on a limb to wish each and every one of you the merriest of Yuletide Seasons!

JOHN LEWIS SERV. STA.
Wheeler, Texas

Holy Night

The Blessing of Christmas belong to everyone, regardless of creed or religion, for it signifies all that is good and generous . . . it is the spirit of humanity . . . it is goodwill and peace to all men.

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ORANGES FOR CHRISTMAS

By F. L. Rowley

MR. OWENS is extremely popular in Hillcrest. He owns a big barn where the stock shows play each summer. He even serves coffee and sandwiches to his "guests" when they drop in to watch one of the shows. The truth is that Mr. Owens is a lonely old man who likes to surround himself with happy people.

Several years ago today, when Christmas cheer abounded and glowing parlor windows warmed the hearts of passersby, Mr. Owens was lonelier than usual. He had not even set up a tree that year; what good was a tree without someone to admire it?

Christmas Eve, and Mr. Owens strolled down Main Street alone, peering into the few shop windows that were still lighted. In front of the ten-cent store he saw young Jim Harder. Jim was watching the lights go out with an expression of dismay on his freckled face.

"It can't be that bad, my boy," the old man said kindly.

Jim tried to smile when he saw Mr. Owens. "It's bad enough. I'll sure catch it from mom when I get

home. She sent me out to buy some Christmas-tree ornaments."

"Tree ornaments? At this hour?"

"Yes sir. Last summer we had a

in store windows—and—"

Problem Solved

"I understand," said Mr. Owens with a twinkle in his eye. "Used to do the same thing when I was a lad. Never could figure out why clocks were invented. Say, I've got an idea! I have some old ornaments—"

"You have?" cried Jim eagerly. "On second thought," Mr. Owens went on, "I don't think they'd do. Too old, most of them, with cracked sides and hairpins stuck in their tops. Had one box of good ones, but I stepped on it."

Jim didn't smile. He look miserable.

"Wait!" cried Mr. Owens, laying a hand on the boy's shoulder. "I've got it! You'll have your Christmas-tree ornaments yet."

With Jim Harder striding hopefully beside him, Mr. Owens set off at a brisk trot that belied his years. A happy smile played upon the wrinkled face. He was doing someone a favor at Christmas; he was part of the scene. He joined Jim in a chorus of "White Christmas."

Hiding Place

When they reached his place he surprised Jim by taking the path that led to the barn. The boy followed. Once inside, he groped around until he located an old lantern.

After squeezing between dusty props they reached a huge chest. Mr. Owens pulled out a drawer to reveal several dozen brightly colored balls.

"Wow!" They're perfect!" cried Jim. "What are they?"

Mr. Owens laughed. "Let's see now; those plastic ones are plums, and those pressed-paper ones are oranges. This other drawer is full of stars; it's all part of the scenery. I do hope you'll bring them back after the holidays."

"I sure will!" promised Jim with a big grin.

It was outside church the next morning that Jim approached him, breathlessly: "We got turkey, and you're going to get a drumstick, Mr. Owens!"

"Me? Now Jim, you needn't—"

Mrs. Harder came up. "I asked Jim to invite you to dinner," she explained. "Besides, you must see our beautiful orange-covered Christmas tree. Or would you rather spend Christmas Day in that big, lonely house of yours?"

Mr. Owens couldn't think of a single reason for not going. "I—I reckon I would like to see the tree," he admitted.

Mr. Owens pulled out a drawer to reveal several dozen brightly colored balls.

SANTA LETTER

Box 50
Allison, Texas
December 1, 1955

Dear Santa:

I have been pretty good year. Please send me an set and some log cabins. Set of nuts and candy too.

Yours truly,
Tommy Levitt

Wheeler, Texas
December 2, 1955

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy five year. Please bring me a train, a station and a football suit. don't forget my little cousin Lamb.

Lots of love,
Dickie Burton



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SEASON'S GREETINGS



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GREETINGS



The gently falling snow softly filters the tones of the steeples bells. Our hearts are filled with the nostalgic thoughts of spending Christmas with our loved ones ... our voices are hopefully raised in a prayer for peace.

PERCY'S GARAGE
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