



Merry Christmas!

Eastland Telegram

"COVERING EASTLAND COUNTY"

VOLUME TWENTY-FIVE

EASTLAND, TEXAS, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1955

Yule Program Presented At South Ward

South Ward School children were presented in a Christmas program at the school auditorium when fathers, mothers and friends of the children filled all the seats and many stood.

Floyd Robertson, fourth grader, was master of ceremonies and gave a brief talk in which he welcomed the parents and friends present.

Floyd then introduced the program numbers, as follows: Part I, featuring gay Christmas songs about the Christmas tree and Jingle Bells by the first grade pupils; "Poppy, The Puppy" and "I Just Can't Wait Until Christmas" by...

A-1c Harris Is Laid To Rest At Carbon

Funeral services for A-1c M. J. Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Harris of Scanton, were held Wednesday at the Carbon Methodist Church. Hamner Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Young Harris was born on May 13, 1933, at Carbon and died in Laredo on December 18.

Survivors besides his parents include two brothers, Earl Harris of Pleasant Hill, and John Harris of Abilene; three sisters, Mrs. Roy Hollis and Mrs. Willie Gunther of Eastland, and Mrs. Alton Flemming of Wichita Falls, together with a large number of nieces, nephews, uncles and aunts.

EHS Girls And Boys In Tourney At Gorman Soon

Eastland High boys and girls basketball teams will participate in the Indian Trail Tournament at Gorman High School Gym Dec. 28-31. Here's the schedule:

Wednesday, December 28
1:45 Strawn vs. Dublin, girls.
3:00 Strawn vs. Dublin, boys.
5:45 Eastland vs. Desdemona, girls.
7:00 Gorman vs. ACHS (Abilene), boys.
8:15 Desdemona vs. DeLeon, (Continued on Page 2)

Intermediate GAs Gather At Yule Feature

The Sarah Henley Intermediate GAs of the First Baptist Church were entertained with a supper at the White Elephant and then visited "Granddad" Herring. They sang Christmas carols, read the Christmas story from the book of Luke and presented Mr. Herring with a sack of food.

Those attending were Sarah Sims, Ann Pittman, Roma Kay Plowman, Rebecca Graham, Julia Yynn Inzer and Mrs. Jim Hardwick, counselor.

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"THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS" and Eastland Businessman Jim Horton is telling his granddaughter, Donna (while her sister, Toni, looks on about Santa coming down the fireplace chimney. With the children are Mrs. Jim Horton and the couple's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Horton, parents of Donna and Toni. (Telegram Photo by Fay Casebolt).

Spirit Of Yuletide Is Taking Over Throughout Community

The spirit of the Yuletide today has taken over, just about completely, here in Eastland, as at most other points throughout the nation.

Schools were out, until Jan. 3, and young and old were busying themselves with seasonal

pleasures, but with a great many persons pausing for meditation in the religious services at the churches this weekend.

Monday the town will be closed, since Christmas Day falls on Sunday this year.

Not only those enjoying good

fortune will partake of platable Christmas food. The needy haven't been forgotten. A current benevolence is that of the Men's Fellowship Class of the Christian Church, which has distributed numerous baskets of groceries to the needy.

The stage was set for a season of fine good fellowship throughout the community, with friends and kin already getting in a lot of enjoyable visiting, and ample time for more of it in the long-week-end holiday.

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LETTERS



TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy three years old. I would like a farm set and some boots. Anything else you will bring will be fine. Thank you, Santa.
Larry Wilson

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy six years old. I would like to have a bicycle, a Davy Crockett Fort set and a gun and holster. Thank you very much.
Gene Wilson

Dear Santa Claus:
We love you very much. Please bring me a big doll and some lipstick. I am only five years old and I also like earrings. Bring me anything.
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Ol' Santa Makes 3rd Visit Here

That jolly old chap, Santa, breezed into town Friday at mid-afternoon for his third and concluding community - Christmas party visit although, of course, he'll certainly drop in at the homes of good little children Christmas Eve.

The jovial old saint, on all three occasions, has come downtown on a big red fire truck and given the children a thrill, greeting and chatting with them and handing out Christmas candy.

The Santa parties have been sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, which also has sponsored the downtown lighting scheme, with strands of colored lights from the courthouse and a lighted Christmas tree on the northeast corner of the courthouse lawn.

Other features arranged under the direction of the C of C Christmas committee, headed by Carl Johnson, have included — on Saturdays the 10th and 17th — the giving away of ten turkeys and, Saturday night of last week, a community sing of Christmas carols.

Chairman Johnson and President Hubert Westfall and Manager H. J. Tanner of the chamber stated that they were indebted to many citizens and organizations for co-operation which has led to the series' success.

Basic Training Period of AF To Be Changed

The US Air Force will change its basic training period from 11 weeks to 6 weeks beginning Jan. 3, 1956.

Sgt. Grady Hoyle, in charge of local Air Force Recruiting, made this announcement today and also stated: "The reason for this change in training is to get men in the Air Force into technical training as soon as possible. Critical jobs in the Air Force such as electronics, jet mechanics, guided missiles, radio and radar take many months to train new airmen. If we can cut the time it requires to get men in these jobs then we have made another step forward to giving the public the best Air Force possible at the least cost to the taxpayer."
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DEPT MAKES GRASS RUN

The Eastland Volunteer Fire Department quenched a no-damage grass fire on North Virginia St. Friday afternoon.

Installment Loans Custom Made For Each Customer EASTLAND NATIONAL BANK Member F. D. I. C.

Hospitality For Pipkin Staff Held

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Pipkin entertained the office personnel of Pipkin Grocery Company Friday morning with a coffee at their home, 402 S. Dixie.

Doughnuts, coffee, cookies, fruit cake and candies were served from a large coffee table in their family room, with Mrs. Grady Pipkin pouring and Mrs. Bruce Pipkin assisting in serving.

The table was covered with an unusual cloth, a gift from several couples when the Pipkins moved here from San Angelo. It was of (Continued on Page Six)

55 Eastland Negroes Give to United Fund

Fifty-five Eastland negroes have contributed to the Eastland United Fund, it was learned today from Fund Drive Chairman Bob Perkins.

Mrs. Gloria West and Mrs. Pearl Johnson have completed their task of solicitation in the negro community and turned in their report to Mr. Perkins. The contributions totaled \$69.50.

Both Drive Chairman Perkins and President Tom Wilson of the United Fund stated that they deeply appreciated the work of the solicitors and contribution of the colored folk. There is a small negro population here.

Donors were listed by the canvassers as follows: Mrs. Gloria West, Armstead West, the Rev. O. B. Shaw, Mrs. Reba Hights, Mrs. J. L. Freeman, Mrs. Odeal O'Neil Jr., William O'Neil Jr., Mrs. J. Woodard, Sid Gipson, Mrs. O. Williams, Miss R. Wil-

iams, Mrs. I. V. King, Mrs. V. Jan Jones.

Mrs. Edna Elliott, Floyd King, Mrs. Q. E. Daugherty, Shannon Daugherty, Mrs. Susie Howard, Vory Howard, C. L. Tyrone, S. Cellum, Mrs. Mary East, Mrs. C. I. Hunter, Raymond Jenkins, Rev. G. W. Eason, Mrs. Eddie Eason, Johnnie Jones, Mrs. Mary Washington, Mrs. Ada Evans, Lee Walker, E. E. Walker, Robert Nealy, Grady Rogers, Mrs. Pearl Johnson.

Roston King, Sr., George Hights, Mrs. Annie East, G. L. Washington, William O'Neil Sr., Mrs. Pillie Washington, E. W. Webster, Mrs. W. M. Speaker, W. J. Speaker, William Roberts, Ike Williams, Mrs. Amelia Govan, Mrs. Ester R. Jenkins, Mrs. Florence M. King, Mrs. B. Jones, Mrs. Carrie Willard, Riley Freeman, J. McKellar, Ed Oliver, Mrs. Minora Webster, Mrs. Hattie Roberts.

Special Services On Sat. Eve, Methodist

On Saturday evening — Christmas Eve — there is to be a Holy Communion service in the candlelit sanctuary at First Methodist Church starting at 6:30 and closing at 8 o'clock.

"It is to be a continuous service and persons may come in at any time if for only a few minutes and leave whenever they wish. There will be scripture read and soft organ music; come as you are, and thank God for your blessings and partake of the Holy Sacrament," the announcement said.

Sunday morning church school meets as usual at 9:45.

Morning worship will be at 10:50 with the pastor, Rev. Richard R. Smith, preaching on "They Were There." The choir will sing (Continued on Page 2)

Two Hurt In Eastland Wreck Friday Night

Two Fort Worth residents, on a Christmas vacation, were injured in a pickup-car crash on West Main St. in Eastland Friday night.

Injured were Mr. and Mrs. James Maddux, 3006 S. Jennings, Fort Worth, when their car was involved with a pickup driven by Jack Chick of Eastland.

Spokesmen at Eastland Memorial Hospital said that the couple was suffering from lacerations and bruises but that x-rays were to be taken today.

The condition of the two was not thought to be serious. Chick was uninjured.

No Lions Meet Next Tuesday

President H. D. Reese of the Lions has announced that the club will not meet next Tuesday. Thus the next Lions session will be held Jan. 10.

Eastland Echoes

By Casey

THOUGHT FOR TODAY:

For somehow, not only at Christmas, but all the long year through, The joy that you give to others is the joy that comes back to you.

— Whittier.

As we wish you all a merry Christmas, in this column and elsewhere (more pictorially) in this issue, we're pleased to say that we're having one, ourselves. It's the Casebolt's first, here in Eastland — as we bought the property last January — and we wish to say that the year, as well as Christmas, has been quite enjoyable. It has brought us fine new friendships, patronage for our business, and happiness in many ways. We had always heard Eastland called a good place in which to live — and so it is, its people, or course, make it so. Eastlanders, and countians, we like you very much ... MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Homer Livingston, president of the American Bankers Association, tells this one. Livingston was addressing a large group of bankers in Louisville when the microphone ceased to function. Raising his voice, he asked a man in the back row if he could hear. "No," said the man. (Continued on Page 6)

First Christian Is To Hold Family Worship

A family worship service will be held this Sunday at 9:45 a.m. (Christmas Day) in the sanctuary of the First Christian Church. Church school and Vespers will be omitted for this special day.

For the 8th year, Rev. Roy M. Turner will bring the special Christmas story: "Her Gift." This story is one that will be enjoyed and understood by people of all ages. It is the dramatic tale of a little girl who was working in the inn where Joseph and Mary were refused entrance because of the lack of room.

Carols to be used in this portrayal of the drama of Christ's birth will be: "The First Noel,"

Partly cloudy and warm Saturday with highest temperature in lower 80's and low Saturday night in the middle 50's. Lowest temperature Friday night in the low 50's high Friday 80. Slightly cooler temperatures Monday and Tuesday, not much change Sunday.

Weather FREYSCLAG INSURANCE AGENCY
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Presents the Weather Report



CAROL MUSIC filled the air for the community when a town-sing was held recently under Chamber of Commerce sponsorship around the lighted Christmas tree on the east side of the square.

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FOR SALE: Pekinese puppy and 2 dogs. Registered. Phone 1081-W.

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FOR SALE: By owner, house. 201 High Street.

FOR SALE: A.K.C. registered Boxer pups. T. R. Craig, 622 Pine, Ranger.

FOR SALE: Cheap. Woodwind, clarinet and flute, 912 Young Street, Ranger.

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FOR SALE: Liberty Record Storage Boxes. Telegram Office Supply.

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We have market for several farms, 3 ranches and several homes in Eastland. Let us know what you have to sell.
H. P. Pentecost and J. C. Day.

FOR SALE: Ed T. Cox's Eastland County Histories. (Give one for Christmas). Eastland Telegram.

PIANOS FOR SALE: Christmas sale on pianos. New Spinet Cable Nelson, used baby grand, good used up rights — all in good condition. Terms if desired. 700 S. Seaman, phone 320 or 713-J. Mrs. A. F. Taylor.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS especially priced. China, wrought iron, and redwood planters. New shipment tropical plants. Pottery Sales-room of Horton Ceramics, Highway 80, Eastland.

FOR SALE: Tabletop stove, Frigidaire refrigerator, clay back heater. Good condition. 209 W. Patterson.

REAL ESTATE -

FOR SALE: 2 bedroom house, large living room with dining area. Fenced back yard. \$3700. Phone 109-W.

FOR SALE: 3-room house, very nice inside and out. Will sell empty or partly furnished. 602 S. Connellee.

FOR SALE: New 2 bedroom house, just completed, South Virginia. Inquire 414 S. Oak Lawn or call 875 for key. Tom Stamey.

FOR SALE: 160 acres, goat proof, barn, pens, no house. Also 6 room house located 1009 S. Daugherty. C. G. Stinchcomb, Phone 1052.

NOTICE

NOTICE: Special Christmas gifts at Horton Ceramics Pottery Sales room Highway 80. Special reduced prices on potted plants and tropical foliage.

PETE'S UPHOLSTERY SHOP. And fix furniture. 508 S. Seaman.

LOST & FOUND -

LOST: Amethyst set ring, somewhere in neighborhood of A&P. Finder please notify Mrs. A. M. Hearn, Phone 746W3. Reward.

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FOR SALE: 1941 Plymouth. Good work car. Phone 508-J.

FOR SALE: 1953 Plymouth, good clean car, low miles, owner gone to Japan. Phone 74-W.

SPECIAL NOTICES

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EHS Girls -

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Thursday, December 29
12:30 DeLeon vs. Carlton, girls
1:45 Ranger vs. Carlton, boys
3:00 Winner Desdemona - Eastland vs. Stephenville girls
5:15 Eastland vs. Priddy, boys
7:45 Championship Quarter-finals, boys
9:00 Consolation Quarter-finals, boys
Friday, December 30
12:30 Consolation Semi-finals, girls
1:45 Consolation Quarter-finals, boys
3:00 Abilene "B" vs. Clyde, boys
5:15 Consolation Semi-finals, girls
6:30 Championship Quarter-finals, boys
7:45 Championship Semi-finals, girls
Saturday, December 31
9:00 Consolation Semi-finals, boys
10:15 Consolation Semi-finals, boys
12:30 Championship Semi-final, boys
1:45 Championship Semi-finals, boys
5:15 Consolation Finals, girls
6:30 Consolation Finals, boys
7:45 Championship Finals, girls
9:00 Championship Finals, boys

HERE FROM DALLAS

Dr. and Mrs. Jack G. Bishop of Dallas are visiting in the home of his mother, Mrs. Sallie Bishop, during the holidays. Dr. Bishop is professor of physiology at the Baylor College of Dentistry.

VISIT IN RANGER

Mrs. Nora Stiles and Mrs. Mabel Scott visited in Ranger Wednesday.

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Sunday and Monday
MAJESTIC
IN EASTLAND

Reunion For Hartwells To Be Tuesday

The Rev. and Mrs. Arthur E. Hartwell will leave Monday morning for Bayview, in South Texas, for a holiday visit with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. Leroy Lamberth, until Wednesday. Tuesday night there will be a Hartwell family reunion at Bayview. Next day the minister and his wife will go to Jasper, in East Texas, for the Christening of the youngest grandchild, Thomas Brown Hartwell, son of their son-in-law and daughter, the Rev. and Mrs. Edward M. Hartwell. The little boy's father is vicar of Trinity Church, Jasper.

The Rev. A. E. Hartwell is rector of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church here.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Patients in Eastland Memorial Hospital follow:
Mrs. Minton Hanna and baby daughter were to be dismissed Saturday.
Mrs. Roy M. Turner, surgical patient, was to be dismissed Saturday.
Mrs. Lillie Milford, medical.
Mrs. W. H. White, medical.
Mrs. Minnie Crosby, medical.
J. F. Holloway, surgical.
Rhonda Nerger, medical.
Mr. and Mrs. James Maddux, Fort Worth, accident patients.
Sue Bennett, medical.
Mrs. Rose Day, medical.

LOOK WHO'S NEW

2nd Lt. and Mr. Charles M. Meeks of Colonial Heights, Va., have announced the arrival of a son, Michael Cary, born at 9:30 a. m. Friday, Dec. 23, at Petersburg Hospital, Petersburg, Va.
Michael Cary weighed 6 pounds 12 ounces and his father is stationed at Fort Lee, Va. His mother is the former Miss La Verne Cornelius of Eastland and his grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Victor Cornelius, Eastland, and Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Meeks, San Antonio.

Special -

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the anthem, "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" directed by Mrs. Alva Lotspeich, who also will sing the offertory solo, "Gesu Bambino," by Yon. The offering for the Methodist Home will be taken today.
There will be no evening service, having had the Communion service the night before. The Bible study will be resumed the Wednesday evening following Christmas week.
All young people are cordially invited to be in the service next Sunday morning, as it will be Student Recognition Day. There will be special messages and recognition given to all young people.
The church office will be closed during Christmas week. If anything is needed contact the pastor at No. 12 or the custodian at No. 1080-W, it was suggested.
"The church staff wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas!"

Needy Brought Good Cheer By Benevolence

Baskets of Christmas food for fifteen needy families were being furnished this week-end by the Men's Fellowship Class of the First Christian Church.
The church annex was a busy place as the committee, headed by Carl Garrett, prepared the charity which has been provided by the class each Christmas several years.
Distributing the baskets Friday were Messrs. Garrett, Porter Woods, J. A. Beard and Jerry Freese.
HERE FROM GALENA PARK
Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Blevins have as their Christmas visitors, their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. Cullen Blevins of Galena Park and children, Karen, Valerie, Cullen Jr. and Chesley.

Basic -

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the taxpayer." Sgt. Hoyle added that although the Air Force cannot accept, anymore, non-prior service men this month that applicants are being taken for both aviation cadets and

enlistments for January and February of 1956. Men interested should contact Sgt. Hoyle in Eastland on Thursday or write his office in Brownwood. Check your local post office for address.
PATRONIZE YOUR HOME TOWN MERCHANTS!

Very Merry Christmas

We think you're angels, all of you, our friends and neighbors, tried and true
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- Stamp Pad Ink
- Clip Boards
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Pencils
- Erasers
- Stick Files
- Harp Files
- Steel Card File
- Filing Cabinet
- Filing Cards
- Filing Indexes
- Listo Marking Pencils
- Markwell Dry Pens
- Markwell Staplers
- Bostich Staplers
- Hotchkiss Staplers
- Pencil Lead
- Speedball Ink
- Speedball Drawing Points
- Stencils
- Duplicator Ink
- Correction Fluid
- Type Cleaner
- Memo Paper
- Typewriter Paper
- Esterbrook Pens and Pencils
- Esterbrook Desk Sets
- Esterbrook Renew Points
- Bates Paper Punch
- Thumb Tacks
- Clasp Envelopes
- Desk Blotters
- Waste Baskets
- Liquid Paste
- Typewriter Tables
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- Moisteners
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- Gold Seals
- Price Tags
- Rubber Bands
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Mrs. Crawford Hostess To BWC For Yule Party

The First Baptist Church Business Women's Circle met for a Christmas party Monday night at the home of Mrs. Pat Crawford, 507 S. Mulberry.

Mrs. Mary Hancock, president, presided; Mrs. Roy Young gave the devotional and Miss Lola Laney, program chairman, presented the Royal Service program on missionaries.

Miss Verne Allison gave an article "I Was a Guest of Madame Chiang." Mrs. Crawford's topic was "They Gave Their All," and Miss Laney's subject was "Christmas Eve in Bethlehem." The Lotie Moon offering was made.

Mrs. Crawford's reception rooms were decorated in the Christmas theme and gifts were exchanged from a sparkling silvered tree aglow with varicolored lights. The table was laid with a

lace cloth over green and centered with white candles and Christmas greenery on a reflector.

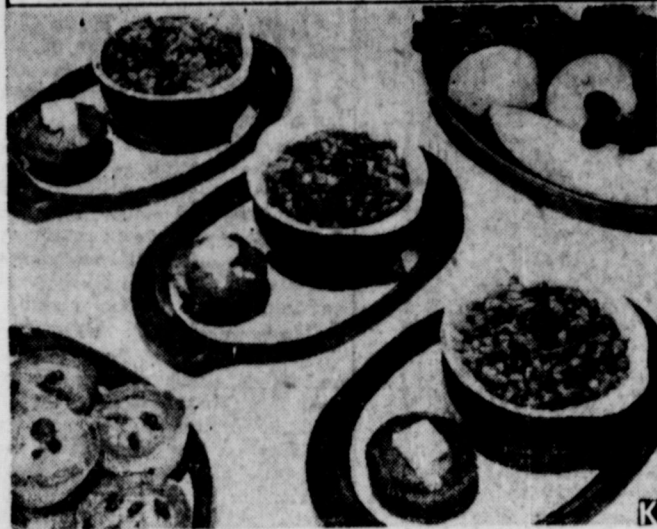
Mrs. Mary Hancock presided at the crystal punch bowl. At the other end of the table a large tray held red and green Christmas cookies. Another tray was decked with snacks and another with candies.

Present were Misses Hancock, Young, Eugene Green, Frances Zernial, Edna Hatcher, Myrtle Anderson, Lois Mosley, Hannah Lindsey, Marvin Hood, Ita Parrish; Misses Allison, Laney, Florence Barber and the hostess, Mrs. Crawford.

TO VISIT FROM MIDLAND

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Kirk and sons, Pat and Mike, of Midland, will arrive here Saturday for a Christmas weekend visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Laney, and sister, Miss Lola Laney. They will visit also with Mr. Kirk's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Kirk of Gorman.

Festive is the word: Baked Beans With Little Brown Breads



Baked beans are so very good but sometimes they seem almost too easy to be flattering. Here's a delicious accompaniment to dress up a too-simple meal. These little brown bread muffins are made with real New Orleans molasses, bringing that perfect partnership to your main course.

LITTLE BROWN BREADS

1 cup yellow corn meal
1/2 cup flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon each baking powder and baking soda
1/2 cup graham flour
6 tablespoons New Orleans molasses
1 whole egg
1/2 cup soft shortening
1/2 cup sour milk or buttermilk
1/2 cup raisins
1/2 cup chopped nuts

Sift corn meal, flour, salt, baking powder and soda. Stir in graham flour. Combine real New Orleans molasses, egg, shortening and milk. Beat into dry mixture and continue to mix and beat until very smooth. Stir in raisins and nuts. Fill greased muffin cups about 3/4 full. Bake in hot oven (425°F.) 20 minutes, or until done. Makes 12 muffins.

Serve with a crisp green salad and fruit for dessert.

of interest to WOMEN

Edited by FAY CASEBOLT

Men's Fellowship, Christian, Sponsors Christmas Festivity

The annex of the First Christian Church was the scene of merriment and good cheer Thursday night at the annual church school Christmas party sponsored by the Men's Fellowship Class.

While waiting for Santa Claus to appear, H. R. (Pop) Garrett, superintendent, presided over a program of entertainment which included: Jeannie Hanna reciting the Christmas story taken from Luke; the Intermediate Class singing "Winter Wonderland" accompanied by Linda Huckaby; Martha Freese singing "White Christmas;" a quintet composed of Helen Ruth Flowers, Dorothy Jo Garrett, Mary Sue Gill, Howard Gill and Roy Turner singing: "O Christmas Tree;" and a quartet composed of the latter three along with Thelma Verner singing several carols accompanied by Ruth Lewis.

several "hoop-downs." A surprise feature included a pantomime (comic) of what was supposed to be a famous panting entitled "The Gathering of the Nuts."

Gifts of appreciation were presented to the pastor, Roy M. Turner; the choir director, Howard Gill; and the organist, Ruth Lewis.

The hour drew near and the group could hear the panting of the reindeer and in dashed Santa Claus with a loud cry of "Merry Christmas." As he spoke to each little boy and girl, they were presented with a bag of candy, nuts, orange and apple. This scene surely was one of "Peace on Earth and Good will to men."

The program was closed with a piano-violin duet composed of Mrs. Smitham and Mrs. Murphy playing several numbers including

The Mayos And Mrs. McBee Host Friendship Club

The Friendship Club met for a Yule party Monday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Mayo, 609 W. Commerce.

Carols were sung by the group led by Mrs. Nora Stiles and gifts were exchanged from a cedar tree, brilliantly lighted and decorated. The mantel was decked with silvered holly and red berries.

Husbands were guests of members on this occasion and canasta and forty-two were played, followed by refreshments.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Horn, Mr. and Mrs. Harlin E. Denny, Mrs. Nora Stiles, Mrs. Winnie Wynne, Mrs. Margaret East and the host and co-hostesses, Mr. and Mrs. Mayo and Mrs. C. H. McBee.

COUPLE MOVE HERE FROM GRAND PRAIRIE

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lawson of Grand Prairie, formerly of Ranger, have moved to Eastland and are residing in the apartment house back of the postoffice. Mr. Lawson, a barber, is a brother of Roy Lawson, proprietor of a barbershop here. They are Baptists and he is a member of the IOOF. They have six grown children, four sons and two daughters.

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AROUND the TOWN

By Fay

Times change and we change with them—but not in the way we feel about Christmas and good friends . . .

Orchids — lots of 'em — to POSTMASTER MARENE JOHNSON and her efficient force for a swell job with the crushing Christmas mail load . . . and to our friendly neighbors, the courteous MERCHANTS and SALESPeOPLE of the community, here at the Christmas-gift season . . .

Busiest people in town lately: Members of the MEN'S FELLOWSHIP CLASS of First Christian Church who have distributed 15 baskets of food to the needy . . . A king-sized orchid to all who have helped with the various worthy causes in extending Christmas cheer to the unfortunate . . . What would Christmas be like if one couldn't feel that he had done something to help someone less fortunate?

WENDELL SIEBERT, schools superintendent, has let the youngsters out until January 3, and are they having fun . . . and in today's issue we have listed a group home from college.

Christmas Eve greetings—especially to those who have been helpful and kind in reporting news items to us since we bought the paper and moved here January 25;

and may you have a happy, satisfying Yuletide . . . That the incoming year will bring you your heart's desire in all that is worthwhile and beautiful; and that the new year be a useful one into which you will go with a real unselfishness of spirit, hope and confidence; that talents and energies will not be wasted and that you will attack every problem with a magnanimous attitude, and above all, be serene and gentle minded with an even adventurous spirit—Our wish.

Christmas Eve orchids to the REV. ARTHUR E. HARTWELL for planning a midnight religious service, beginning at 11:30 Christmas Eve at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, and to the REV. RICHARD R. SMITH III for conducting a Christmas Eve service at First Methodist Church, and to all other churches for presenting programs in keeping with the season.

Here's hoping Santa brings you what you want (oh yes, let's give SANTA an orchid!)—and MERRY CHRISTMAS, everyone!

Ernest Gill Is Feted on Sixth Birthday Thurs.

Ernest Gill was honored on his sixth birthday anniversary with a party Thursday morning, when his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gill entertained a small group of his friends at their home, 701 S. Daugherty.

The children played with toys in the Gills' reception rooms and Mrs. Gill served sandwiches fashioned as Yule trees, and toys, Christmas candies, punch and birthday cake which was a chocolate frosted creation decked with a spun sugar red and green Christmas garland, six white candles and the inscription, "Happy Birthday, Ernest."

Present were the honoree and his sister, Lucy; Marilyn Huckabay, Randy Beskow, Eric Turner, Andrea Lee Turner and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Gill.

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HERE FROM LUBBOCK

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Kilgore and daughters, Gail and Glenna, of Lubbock, went to Brownwood Saturday for a Yule visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Kilgore and will come here Christmas night to visit her mother, Mrs. A. E. Taylor.

They will be joined at Mrs. Taylor's home for Christmas dinner Monday by Mrs. Kilgore's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Perry Jr. and children, Mike and Linda, of Eastland. The Perrys are to return home Sunday night after visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Perry of San Saba.

THE GUY PATTERSONS CHILDREN ARE HOME

Airman I-C Tommy Patterson of Olathe, Kan., has arrived for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Patterson, 309 Oak Lawn. He will report back to Olathe Dec. 28. His brother, Billy Guy Patterson of Corpus Christi arrived Friday night for the Yule weekend planning to return to Corpus Christi Monday afternoon.

The Pattersons' son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cox and children, Jackie and Elaine, of Breckenridge, are to complete the family circle Sunday, when the Pattersons have their Christmas dinner.

Party Given For Cub Den No. 6 And Mothers

Mrs. Harvey E. Basham, Den Mother of Cub Scout Den No. 6, entertained the Cubs and their mothers with a Christmas party Monday afternoon at her home, 1416 S. Lamar.

The program opened with the Scout Flag Ceremony followed by the group singing "Silent Night." Den Chief Bill Jones gave a trombone solo—"Three Kings of the Orient"; Bill Jones and Norman Rhodes also gave a vocal duet, "Three Kings of the Orient."

Gifts were exchanged from the snow-covered, brightly decorated green tree. Each Cub had placed a special gift on the tree for his mother—a paper weight with his picture in it. The Cubs had made the paper weights as a handcraft project earlier for this purpose and Joe Basham had taken a picture of each boy to be used in the paperweights. Candy canes were favors from Mrs. Basham.

Punch and fruit cookies were served. The crystal punch bowl centered the polished table and was encircled with jingle bells attached to red napkins.

Present were Mason Daughett Jr. and his mother, Mrs. Mason Daughett; Larry Earley and mother, Mrs. J. D. Earley; Jerry Dukes and Mrs. W. D. Dukes; Dwain Daniel and Mrs. George M. Daniel; Norman Rhodes and Mrs. Gene Rhodes; Den Chief Bill Jones and Mrs. William Jones; Joe Basham and his mother, the hostess.



When youngsters come home ravenously hungry after basketball practice, see that their snacks are good and nourishing. Prepare simple Gym Dandies with high-protein sardines from Maine. These little domestic fish are easily digestible for the evening bite and enjoy general popularity with young and old alike.

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1 can condensed tomato soup

Arrange buttered toast in baking pan. Top each slice with a piece of cheese, Maine sardines and a generous spoonful of tomato soup. Bake or broil until hot and bubbling. Serve hot to eat with knife and fork. Serve 2 slices per portion. Makes 3 servings.

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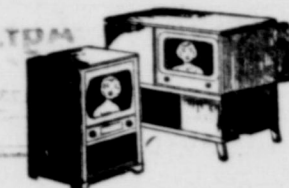
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SATURDAY, DEC. 24
4:00—Palomino Playhouse
5:00—Mr. Wizard
5:30—Christmas Carols
5:45—Lamb in the Manger
6:00—Christmas Music
6:30—Justice

7:00—Dickens' Christmas Carol
7:30—Dragnet
8:00—Max Liebman Presents
9:30—Your Hit Parade
10:00—Late Report
10:15—TV Weatherfacts
10:20—Miracle on Main Street
11:20—Christmas Carols

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6:30—Overseas Adventures
7:00—Perry Como Show
8:00—Max Liebman
9:30—Your Hit Parade
10:00—Telephone Spotlight
10:15—Weather Telefacts
10:25—News Final
10:30—Les Paul & Mary Ford
10:35—Movie Marquee
12:00—Midnight Man
1:00—Sign Off

SUNDAY, DEC. 25
10:00—Christmas Church Serv.
11:00—Church Services
12:00—Industry on Parade
12:15—Cartoon Capers

12:30—Hopalong Cassidy
1:30—Christian Questions
2:00—Movie Marquee
3:00—No Room at the Inn
3:30—Assignment India
4:30—Capt. Gallant
5:00—Meet the Press
5:30—Roy Rogers Show
6:00—You Asked for It
6:30—Famous Film Festival
8:30—Chance of A Lifetime
8:30—Ted Mack's Show
9:00—Loretta Young Show
9:30—Justice
10:00—Texas News
10:15—Weather Telefacts
10:25—News Final
10:30—Les Paul & Mary Ford
10:35—Diamond Theater
12:00—Sign Off

Birthday Dinner Given For Mrs. J. M. Smith

Honoring Mrs. J. M. Smith on her birthday anniversary, her children surprised her with a dinner party Tuesday night when they gathered at the Smith home, Highway 80 east.

The children took a covered-dish dinner and a birthday cake—a white frosted creation embellished with orchid roses, green leaves and the "Happy Birthday" in script.

Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Smith's sons and daughters-in-law and son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee Smith and children, Vivian Kay and Mildred; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Smith; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey E. Basham and sons, Darrell Gene and Joe.

Also the following friends—Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Wilson and children, Treva, Larry and Sharon; Mr. and Mrs. Foy True, the Rev. Marine Short, Miss Edith Short, Miss Madeline Lacy and Bennie Cates.

THE CONNERS' CHILDREN HERE FOR CHRISTMAS

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Conner and children, Truman, Karen and Jan, of Ballinger and Mrs. Richard Randolph of Dallas and her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jean W. Brown and son, Blake, of Houston, are Yule weekend guests of Mrs. Conner's and Mrs. Randolph's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Conner, who also will have as dinner guests Sunday their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Conner Jr. and sons, Earl III and Clark, of Eastland.



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Eastland DAR Members Hostess To County Chapter Yule Party

The Charles Crawford chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met for a Christmas program - tea Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. F. Taylor, 700 S. Seaman.

Assisting Mrs. Taylor in receiving and seating the guests were Mrs. Joseph M. Perkins and Mrs. Ed Castleberry. Mrs. Taylor is chairman of advancement of American music; Mrs. Perkins is chairman of public welfare and Mrs. Frank Castleberry, who served with Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Ed Castleberry as hostess, is chairman of the DAR Museum.

Mrs. Yancey McCrea of Cisco, Regent, presided. "The Star Spangled Banner" was sung by the group, led by Mrs. Taylor and accompanied by Miss Jana Weaver. The Salute to the Flag and a carol, "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (Phillip Brooks) were by the assembly.

Mrs. Taylor was the leader and introduced Mrs. Kate Duncan Smith of Cisco who gave a talk on "Christmas in The Mountain School." Mrs. Taylor then presented two of her pupils, Jan Robertson who played "The Mariner's Song" (Gene Williams) and Linda Huckabay and Jan Robertson who played a duet, "Stars and Stripes Forever" (Souza).

Miss Jana Weaver sang "O Holy Night" (Adams) and "White Christmas" (Berlin), accompanied by Miss Helen Taylor.

Mrs. Joseph M. Perkins told an impressive Christmas story, "The

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Dragoo Junior Music Club Has Christmas Party

The Dragoo Junior Music Club met recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Culbertson and daughter, Kay, 705 S. Seaman, for a Christmas party.

Kay, president of the club, called the meeting to order and Charlotte Vaught, secretary, read the minutes and called the roll. Jackie Baggett, treasurer, reported the club's financial status and there was a discussion on the various interests of the junior club.

Carols were sung with Kay Culbertson, Charlotte Vaught, and Linda Clark playing the piano. The Christmas story from St. Luke was read by the members and Kay gave a description of Christmas as given by a small child. Alice Frazer, Nancy Grubb, John Pipkin and Josie Hernandez read "Christmas Customs."

John Pipkin and Juan Jay Smith played Santa Claus and distributed the gifts from the artistically decorated tree.

Hot chocolate and ice cream snowballs were served by Kay and her mother, Mrs. Culbertson.

Present were Josie Hernandez, Jackie Baggett, Charlotte Vaught, Juan Jay Smith, Linda Clark, Alice Frazer, John Pipkin, Nancy Grubb; Mrs. F. L. Dragoo, counselor and teacher; the hostess and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Culbertson.

MRS. DRAGOO SPENDS YULE IN SAN ANGELO

Mrs. F. L. Dragoo is spending the Yule weekend in the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Beall of San Angelo, her daughter having come here for her Friday.

The Bealls' son, Bobby, student

at Texas Medical School, Galveston, and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Wendland and little son, Wendt, of Dallas, are also their guests this weekend. Mrs. Beall is the former Miss Wanda Dragoo and Mrs. Wendland is the former Miss Billye Beall.

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Eucharists to Be Held At Holy Trinity Episcopal Are Listed

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church has announced that the Christmas services there will begin with the midnight Eucharist at 11:30 o'clock Saturday, Christmas Eve. It will be followed by a service Sunday, Christmas morning, the Christmas Eucharist, at 10 o'clock.

Christian Science

The ever-present power of the Christ, Truth, will be emphasized at Christian Science services Sunday.

Matthew's account of the coming of the Magi to Bethlehem at the time of the nativity of Christ Jesus will be featured in the responsive reading. "Christian Science" will be the topic of the Lesson-Sermon.

Among the passages to be read from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy will be the following: "To those leaning on the sustaining infinite, today is big with blessings. The wakeful shepherd holds the first faint morning rays, ere cometh the full radiance of a risen day. So shone the pale star to the prophet-shepherds; yet it traversed the night, and came where, in eradeled obscurity, lay the Bethlehem babe, the human herald of Christ, Truth, who would make plain to benighted understanding the way of salvation through Christ Jesus, 'til across a night of error should dawn the morning beams and shine the guiding star of being" (Pref. vii:1-10).

HERE FROM ILLINOIS

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stark of Evansville, Ill., have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Teatsorth. Mrs. Stark and Mrs. Teatsorth are sisters.

OLD SANTA

(For our Grandsons, Kyle and David Brock, in England.) This is the question I'd like to know: How Ole Santa gets around in the snow; Leaves not a track, he's very slick; A sly old fella' seems to know every trick.

I've heard he's so big, round and fat; Yet, he gets through places that could choke a cat; That smoke from his pipe could hide the trees; I wonder why he never coughs or sneezes.

I'm beginning to think that nobody knows Just what he looks like, or where he goes? He seems to be here, and he seems to be there; I think you could find HIM anywhere.

We could picture Santa in a spirit of love; Knowing that he was sent from above; So the jolly Ole Santa we may never see; I know he'll be with you at your Christmas tree. (From their grandmother, Mrs. Pat Murphy, Eastland.)

VISIT PARENTS IN BROWNWOOD; ATTEND CANTATA HERE SUN.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gill and children, Ernest and Lucy, are spending the Yule weekend in Brownwood as guests of Mr. Gill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gill.

The W. E. Gills were the Howard Gills' guests last Sunday, coming here to attend the cantata at the First Christian Church, which was directed by Howard Gill.

Sermon Topic Christmas, At Presbyterian

Christmas is the Festival of Gladness celebrating God entering a human life in the Person of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord. At the First Presbyterian Church, morning worship is at 11 o'clock, with sermon by the minister, the Rev. Eugene H. Surface, on the subject, "Christmas — Simple and Profound." The Sacrament of Baptism will be administered, also, as a part of the service.

Sunday church school convenes at 10 o'clock. "Merry Christmas to all!" And with Tiny Tim: "God bless us every one!"

New Manager Singer Center Enters Duties

David Moore of Abilene, has taken over the management of the Singer Sewing Center in Eastland. He has been with the organization for about 18 months and is widely experienced as a sewing machine salesman and service man. Mr. Moore has a wife and two children, David Wayne, 4, and Douglas Eugene, 18 months. He has moved his family to Eastland and says he thinks it is a nice town. Mr. Moore is anxious to get acquainted with all sewing machine users in this area.

Christmas Holidays Bring Home Youth From Numerous Colleges

Christmas time, a season for holiday visits home, is an enjoyable time for youngfolk who have been away at college and just now there are a number of them visiting their relatives and friends here in Eastland.

While there perhaps are others inadvertently missed in a fairly careful check-around, it is known that the following are on Christmas visits, with names of the colleges and institutions given first: Hardin Simmons — Douglass Williamson, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Williamson.

Hendrick Memorial Hospital — Lou McFatter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McFatter.

Howard Payne — Larry Miller, son of Mrs. Florine Miller. Arlington State College — Norman Watson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Watson, and Darrell Basham, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Basham.

Texas Christian University — Frankie McDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. McDonald. Harris Memorial Hospital — Helen Ruth Flowers, daughter of Mrs. Frankie Flowers.

Weatherford Junior College — Richard Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert R. Jones. McMurry College — Sammy Miller, son of Mrs. Florine Miller.

North Texas State College — Sarito Seale, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Seale; Ann Day, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neil M. Day; Joe Ernst, son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Ernst; Bettie Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Guy Robinson; Don Roff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Roff; Don Webb, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Webb; Gale Hogan, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Hogan; Pauline Cogburn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Cogburn.

Baylor — Herbert Weaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Weaver; Doug King, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. King; Jana Weaver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Weaver. Helen Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Taylor.

A. & M. College — Herman Hassell, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hassell.

Texas Tech — Guy Warden, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Warden; Buster Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. (Red) Graham; Mike Cushman, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cushman; Sammy Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Jones; Bill Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Smith.

Tarleton State — George Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Harris; John McAllister, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. McAllister. Southern Methodist University — Rodney Stephen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stephen; Jim Ed Willman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed F. Willman.

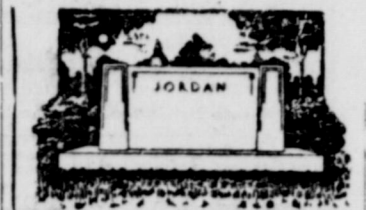
University of Texas — Jimmy

Huckabay, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Huckabay; Neal Van Geem, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Van Geem; Charles Collins, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Collins; Stanley Stephen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stephen; Joe Muirhead, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Muirhead; Jimmy Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Harris.

Mary Hardin-Baylor — Edith Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Cox.

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HERE FROM FT. WORTH Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Cullen of Fort Worth have arrived to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hale and Mr. and Mrs. Andy Taylor. The group will have Christmas dinner with the Taylors. Mrs. Cullen and Mrs. Hale are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Hale.

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interesting to do: Hop in the family car and take a swing around town tonight and feast your eyes on some Christmas beauty, as the decorated homes radiate Yuletide cheer. We salute the Civic League and Garden Club for staging a contest that has deepened interest in this project, and all who have brightened their niches in community life by decorating in the Christmas theme. It has "prettied up" the town a lot and we know the populace appreciates it!

During this season, our thoughts should dwell often upon the true meaning of the occasion, the emphasizing of the Birth of our Savior, and we can best do that in the services of the churches of our community, where the Christmas story will be told in sermon and song.

HOME FROM RANCH
 Sidney E. Seale and daughter, Sarita, and Larry Miller, returned home this weekend from the Seale ranch where they had been hunting since Sunday.

VISIT IN ABILENE
 Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Earley and children, Larry and Billy Wayne, were to spend Christmas day with relatives in Abilene.

WHITTINGTONS MOVE TO NEWLY-DECORATED HOME, 515 S. LAMAR
 Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Whittington and children, Dick and Ann, have moved this week from 105 E. Lens to their newly-decorated and re-modeled home at 515 S. Lamar.

Jordan Comes Up With Idea On Politics

J. Y. Jordan, long-time Eastlander who lists himself as an astrologer, comes up today with his traditional national political predictions, writing—as he terms it—"on the grand marble banks of the Leon River."

"This is the drift of American politics," he says. "In the Democratic presidential primaries, Adlai Stevenson and Estes Kefauver, both well-known. This 1956 campaign will work out just like it did in 1912, when Champ Clark and Judson Harmon entered the primaries. Champ Clark won most of the states and was a sure shot for the nomination and when the Democratic national convention met in New York, Woodrow Wilson bobbed up—a professor of the intellect, President of Princeton University, in New Jersey, and got the nomination. So it will be in 1956, when the Democrats meet in Chicago in August. They will nominate Averell Harriman, governor of New York.

"It is a tradition with both parties to nominate the man from the largest state with 52 electoral votes. The Republicans in 1916 nominated Charles E. Hughes, governor of New York, to buck Wilson, and Wilson defeated him, half vote, in California—a close-go. So this is the thing which will work out, as I have studied the situation ever since the election of James A. Garfield and Chester A. Arthur.

"You people can go home and rest easy as you are certainly are going to have a Democratic president and, not only that, he will be the richest president who ever sat in the White House since George Washington."

Yule —

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 the second graders: "The Little Fir Tree" and "He'll Be Coming Down the Chimney" by the third grade students; "I Got a Cold for Christmas" and "I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas," fourth grade boys; a Christmas doll song, fourth grade girls, and "Look Out the Window," fourth grade boys and girls.

Part II, the spiritually-beautiful part of the program, "The Song of the Christmas Carols," in which the fourth and fifth grade pupils sang four of the favorite carols followed by the Indian carol, "The Dawn of Wintertime," and the Negro carol, "Rise Up Shepherd and Follow."

Gary Graham, fourth grade pupil, gave the benediction. White candles, Yule wreaths and other Christmas decorations adorned the stage and auditorium; for the second part of the program a nativity scene was the stage setting, forming an impressive background for the carols.

Mrs. D. E. Frazer, fourth grade teacher, planned the program and wrote the continuity. Mrs. E. E. Layton and Mrs. H. M. Hart were in charge of decorations and Mrs. Guy Patterson of costumes and scenery. Mrs. Harold H. Durham is principal of the school and Mrs. J. C. Whittington is president of the P-T-A.

Hospitality —

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 red felt trimmed with beaded and sequined Christmas trees, seven socks for the seven members of the family, angels and five cherubs representing the host's and hostess' five children.

Letters to —

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 thing else you want to and plenty of candy. I am Beth. I have a little brother Dan, who is two and he wants a tractor and trailer and some cars; also fruit, nuts and candy. I have a brother, Larry, who is also nine. He wants a football suit and football and my big sister Annita is ten and wants a big baby doll and an overnight case. We have all tried to be good, but mother and daddy say we didn't try very hard. But we will be waiting for you, just the same. We love you.

Beth, Don, Larry and Annita Duncan

Dear Santa:
 I am a little girl 5 years old and my name is Alta Jo Fowler. I have two little sisters. Norma Jean is 3 years old and Judy Ann is 1 year old. Will you please bring Norma Jean a high chair for her doll, a rubber doll that takes a bottle, a doll blanket, and a ring. Will you please bring Judy a little doll, a toy to pull, a doll blanket, and a dress. For me, Santa, will you please bring a doll that takes a bottle, doll clothes and a doll blanket, a ring, house shoes and a purse.

Santa, we will be at Granny's house for Christmas, so please bring our toys up there. I hope you don't forget our little friends. We will leave you some cake on the table. Thank you, Santa.
 Alta Jo Fowler.

Dear Santa:
 I want a tiny tears doll, a buggy, a bicycle with training wheels, baton, and some fruit and nuts.
 Lana Gaye Pittman.

Irish Drilling On Holiday In Busy Period

L. F. Suttle and Homer W. Porter, executives of Irish Drilling Co., have gone to Lubbock to visit with their relatives, in the Christmas season.

Crews have been working on oil wells of the company around the clock for about five months, having drilled 46 wells since January. Wednesday afternoon employees and officials had an informal get-together at their office, in the course of which gifts were exchanged.

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Promotion Is Awarded Maj. R. L. Perkins

Maj. Roland L. Perkins, commander of Detachment 4, 390th Evaluation Squadron, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Tucson, Ariz., has been notified of his promotion to lieutenant-colonel, US Air Force.

Lt.-Col. Perkins was last transferred from B-36s, Carswell Air Force Base, Fort Worth, to B-47 jets Jan. 1, 1954, Tucson. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Perkins, 407 S. Dixie, Eastland. He was reared in Eastland and received his schooling here and at North Texas State College, Denton.

After receiving his Air Force training at several Air Force bases, he is making his home with his wife and two children in Tucson.

VISIT THE PIPKINS HERE FROM MIDLAND

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Mind if we pop up with a Yuletide wish for everybody? May your Christmas be a joyous one, remembered for years to come.

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What Children Should Be Told About Santa

Whether to let their children "believe in Santa Claus" or not?—that is the big question all parents of the very young face at Christmas time. There are usually two schools of thought and both are apt to be extreme in their point of view, says Edith M. Stern in Redbook Magazine. In an attempt to find out which course makes children happier in the long run, she interviewed a wide range of authorities, including psychiatrists, school teachers and clergymen. Writing in the December issue, she reports that whichever version of the Santa Claus story you tell your children, that in itself will have no injurious ef-

fects: "What or when or how to tell the children about Santa—'It's one of the things parents often talk about,' says Elizabeth Ross, Assistant Chief, U. S. Children's Bureau. 'They aren't quite sure that they're handling the matter right.' "Dr. Leo Kanner, in charge of the Children's Psychiatric Clinic, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, finds that parents' thinking on the best way to present Santa tends to run to two extremes. Far to the right are mothers and fathers who maintain that the concept of Santa is so beautiful that if you don't build it up, you deprive children of happiness and irreparably damage their imaginations. Equally far to the left are those convinced that if you start the 'lie,' not only will its impossibilities forever affect children's ability to think straight, but also when they find it out they

will never trust you again. "Every one of the experts I talked to was in heartening agreement on this: It is relatively unimportant whether you present Santa Claus as fact or fancy. What is important for your children's pleasure is to be yourself. 'Do what is natural and casual for you,' Dr. Kanner advises. In short, there isn't any generally right or wrong way to tell your children about Santa—only what is right or wrong for you. "In any case, whatever you decide, you may be sure that in itself it won't injure your child's mental and emotional health. 'Of the tens of thousands of children who have been brought to me over the years,' Dr. Kanner told me, 'I cannot recall one whose difficulty arose from what he was told about Santa Claus.' Usually the discovery that there isn't any Santa Claus doesn't come as suddenly as most grownups

think. For the very young, reality and fantasy are almost indistinguishable, and part of growing up is the gradual weeding out of what's not real. The chances are that your children will outgrow Santa Claus as easily and naturally as they will outgrow lollipops and tricycles. "When parents have set a pattern of confidence, children can take the Santa Claus betrayal in their stride," says Mrs. Bertha Rockwood, principal, the Takoma Park Elementary School. Only when there has been one betrayal after another does the one about Santa Claus damage a child's confidence in his parents. "No more than the psychiatrists and educators, did the clergymen I interviewed want to slay Santa Claus. Not considering him a matter of faith and morals, the Catholic Church has no pronouncement concerning him. The National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., Protestant, likewise approves him by default of policy. Both of the rabbis whom I questioned take their own children to see the department-store Santas. "As so often happens, religion and psychiatry were in perfect accord: If the basic situation is sound and right, almost any way Santa is handled is all right. Christian religious leaders felt that with real understanding of the religious significance of Christmas, 'Santa won't take God's place.' To this end many Protestant church schools today, like those of Catholics, feature the creche, a model of the Nativity, in their holiday celebrations."

GREETINGS

May the blessings of the first Christmas abide with you for all time.

May the spirit of good will to all men be your guiding faith forever.

Eastland Memorial Hospital



Christmas Greetings

In the spirit of an old-fashioned Yuletide... warm with good fellowship and rich in friendship... we wish you the Season's heartiest greetings. May your Holidays abound with good health and high happiness and leave you with a treasure trove of bright memories to cherish through the year ahead.

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CRANBERRY MOLD

If you'd like to add a novel touch to your traditional turkey dinner, consider the relish tray. Scoop out the centers of crisp radishes, and stuff them with a mixture of blue and cream cheese. And here's a different way to use the all-important cranberry: open one No. 2 can of sliced peaches and drain the juice without removing the peaches. Soften one envelope of unflavored gelatin in 1-4 cup cranberry-juice cocktail.

Heat; add another 1-2 cup of the cranberry juice, and stir until the gelatin is dissolved. Cool until thickened, pour into the can of peaches, and chill until firm. Remove the mold from the can and cut through in layers; then cut layers in half to serve with your turkey dinner or as a garnish for a cold-turkey platter.

Try your hand at making time-honored turkey stuffings even better than mother used to make. For instance, in place of water, use chicken consommé. Mash 1 clove garlic and add to your stuffing for an irrestible tang. One cup chopped tart apples added to your favorite stuffing gives it a sprightly flavor, sure to please.

If you will have many children visiting during the Christmas holidays, keep them fascinated by a cookie ree while grown-ups visit. Cut cookies into Christmasy shapes and decorate with colorful icings and decorettes. Then hang the assorted cookies from strings on evergreen branches. Your cookie tree will be the center of attention among the young crowd.

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While the winter snow was lying,
And the winter winds were sighing,

Long ago, on Christmas night,
While, from every tower and steeple,
Pealing bells were sounding clear,
(Never with such tones of gladness,
Save when Christmas time is near),
Many a one that night was merry
Who had toiled through all the year.
That night saw old wrongs forgiven,
Friends, long parted, reconciled,

Voices all unused to laughter,
Mournful eyes that rarely
Trembling hearts that feared the morrow,
From their anxious thoughts beguiled,
Rich and poor felt love and blessing
From the gracious seasons fall;
Joy and plenty in the cottage,
Peace and feasting in the hall;
And the voices of the children
Ringing clear above it all!

Adelaide Ann Proctor

All Free Men Have Certain Bill of Duties

Guard all the freedoms of democracy as you guard your life, but never forget that to abuse them is to destroy them.
Don't ask government to do anything you can do for yourself. The bigger the government, the smaller the people.
Don't rely on somebody else to do your thinking for you. Democracy demands mental alertness from those who deserve to have it.

Protect your right to be governed by men of your choice by choosing them with the same care that you do your friends.

Protect your own right to be wrong by a decent respect for the opinions of others.

Strive for new ways to spread the benefits and ownership of our industrial democracy and to give every one a greater sense of par-

teicipation and accomplishment. Remember that a classless society is the essence of democracy. A class struggle is its mortal enemy.

Heed the rule of democracy that it works best from the bottom up when it works well at the community level it will function smoothly at the top.

Remember that change and experiment are the foods on which democracy thrives. But don't renounce proven good for a glib promise.

Remember that the bargain counter days for democracy are over, and that our democracy is on display before a questioning world. Each of us is its custodian. — Press Proof.

Belgium and Christmas cards and Merry Christmas greetings from England. America has contributed the turkey dinner and the poinsettia as a decoration.

All over the world Christmas bells peal forth the birth of Christ and the nativity is the great holy picture carried in the hearts of the faithful on Christmas morning.

Many of our customs are of English origin and in England these old traditional customs still are observed. In olden days English manor houses were open to all and tables were laden with sirloins of beef, mince pies and foaming ale. Today, although our menu is varied,

Yule Customs

Americans, although of many nationalities, are completely in unison about Christmas customs in the United States.

We adopt the symbol of Santa Claus from Holland, the Christmas tree from Germany, Christmas (shoes) and stockings from



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

May this joyous season abound with the blessings of Peace and Good Will for you and your family.

Dr. and Mrs. Fehrman H. Lund



Season's Greetings

As shepherds watched their flocks...
a Star shone brightly in the hush of a Holy Night... a Babe was born in a manger... and a new spirit of Peace and Good Will came into the world.
May that spirit abide with you and your family now and always.

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Merry Christmas



It is our sincerest wish that this Christmas brings a great abundance of warm and lasting pleasures to everyone.

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Season's Greetings

For us, each new Christmas seems to hold an added significance... a deeper meaning. It's because we realize that whatever we accomplish from year to year is made possible through the cooperation and good will of our patrons and friends. We are grateful for this manifestation of loyalty and confidence and it is with full sincerity that we extend our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

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of Christmas
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The Greatest Gift Was Jesus

AN EDITORIAL

Many people have forgotten to forget Christ on Christmas. Have we in our own forgotten too? Have we imbued with the spirit of and regard Christmas as for partying, drinking and giving without giving a thought to the birth in the manger? Think of the gifts before the manger? We worry for fear the gift for Aunt Susie didn't much as the one she will

give us? Do we buy expensive gifts which we can't afford, and for which we will be paying for the next six months? Christmas has been so commercialized with a Santa on every corner in the larger cities, that we, too often, seem to have lost the true spirit and meaning of the word.

The giving of gifts at Christmas is in itself a beautiful custom and dear to the hearts of both parents and children. But in giving we must realize that Christ is the Giver of all good gifts and without Him what will gifts avail?

Without Him there would be no shepherds, no choir of angels to rejoice at His coming; there would be no Mary and Joseph to fondle and worship Him; there would be no redemption and no salvation; in short, without Christ there would be no Christmas, for Christmas means Christ.

Christmas is Christ's birthday. He was born more than 1900 years ago in a stable at Bethlehem and it is this event that we are remembering and celebrating on December 25 each year.

Let us recall the real story of the birth of Christ. When God made the world and everything in it, He also made Adam and Eve our first parents.

God wanted them to be happy and obedient to Him and He placed them in a beautiful garden with all the pleasures they could desire. But the devil came and tempted them, and they were disobedient to God.

God was very angry and drove Adam and Eve out of the lovely garden and told them they would have to suffer and Heaven would be closed until, in time, He would send someone to make up for the wrong they had done. Now the only one who could satisfy God's justice would be God and so He decided to send His only Son, Jesus, to redeem us and open the gates of heaven once again.

To prepare for the coming of His son on earth God selected a family which would be worthy of Him. God chose the family of Abraham and told them their descendants would possess a new country and their children would be as numerous as the stars. He told them also to keep alive the great truth that there was but one God and that some day from the family, someone would be chosen who would save the world. The descendants of Abraham were called the "Chosen People" and today we know them as the Jewish people.

After many many years, God's promise was made good and an angel appeared to a little Jewish maiden named Mary, who was engaged to marry a man named Joseph, and told her that she was to become the mother of God's own Son. He told her that the baby would be called Jesus and He would save the people from their sins.

The Roman Emperor, Caesar Augustus issued an order that all the people had to be registered. So Mary and Joseph went to Bethlehem to obey the command. While they were there the time came for Jesus to be born, and when Joseph and Mary could not find any room at the Inn in the town, they went to a stable. When the baby was born, Mary wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and placed Him in the manger.

In that country there were shepherds watching their flocks and an angel appeared to them. The shepherds were greatly frightened but the angel told them not to be afraid because he was bringing good news of great joy for today a Saviour was born to them who is Christ the Lord, and they would find Him in a stable at Bethlehem. The shepherds hurried over to Bethlehem and they found the Babe just as the angel had told them wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.

Herod, the king, when he heard of the birth of the King of the Jews, sent three wise men to find and worship Him and take gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to Him. A star appeared in the east and guided the wise men to the stable. King Herod intended to have the baby Jesus killed, but an angel appeared to Joseph and warned him to flee with the mother and child.

This, then, is the story of the birth of Jesus, who came into the world for love of us and to repair the wrong done by Adam and Eve. He did this when, thirty-three years later, He suffered the horrible death of crucifixion.

The coming of Jesus brought Love into the world. It showed God's great love for us and His desire that all men love one another. We express this love by giving gifts at Christmas time to commemorate the gifts brought by the wise men to the baby Jesus.

Let's put Christ back into Christmas.

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Y Night



As you celebrate the Birthday of Him, who was born in Bethlehem upon the Holy Night of long ago, may the true spirit of Christmas surround you and your loved ones, lifting your hearts anew with its glorious promise of "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

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Ad in the Plattsburg, N.Y., Press - Republican: "Wanted: Cleaning woman, chambermaid. Steady work, work, work."
From the Hartford, Conn., Courant: "He is the father of five children and his wife is expecting a sixth. His job keeps him hopping all day and he is not one to spend his nights sitting around the house doing nothing." — The Reader's Digest.

til about 1700. It is believed the tradition crossed the Atlantic with Hessian mercenaries during the American Revolution.
Holly, mistletoe, the Yule log, wassail bowl and candles are relics of pre-Christmas mid-winter celebrations, chiefly festivals of the sun.
Ancient Romans feasted, exchanged gifts and decorated with evergreens during Saturnalia, a December festival honoring the god of sowing.
When Pope Gregory sent out missionaries, A.D. 601, he told them to let pagan converts weave the harmless features of their festivals into the spiritual fabric of Christmas observance.
Abuses of Christmas reached such a pitch in feudal England that the Puritan Parliament outlawed the holiday in 1644. The observance declined until the middle of the 19th century, when Charles Dickens published his "Christmas Carol." The heart-warming story helped revive the Christmas spirit and Dickens is often called the father of the modern Christmas.
The Puritan leaders in Massachusetts also banned the Yuletide holiday from 1659 to 1681, and a whole generation of American children grew up without Christmas.

Christmas Is Happy Blend Of Old, New

The American Christmas is a pageant of something old, something new, a great deal borrowed and all of it blended into the happiest holiday of the year.
No other day combines such a harmonious pattern of religious, pagan, seasonal and national traditions from so many corners of civilization.
Pagans, for example, decked their halls with holly for mid-winter festivals thousands of years before the birth of Christ, the National Geographic Society says.

In comparison, three favorite symbols of Christmas are fairly new: The glittering, gift laden Christmas tree, the greeting card and Santa Claus as he is known today.
Tradition says the original Santa Claus was St. Nicholas, a 4th-century bishop in Asia Minor who gave gifts to the young and poor. But the legendary patron of children underwent striking changes of robe, beard, personality and transportation as he drove through the ages.

The American Santa, rotund and ruddy aboard his reindeer sleigh, evolved from the St. Nicholas of Dutch colonists in New York. The transformation reached full stature in Dr. Clement Clarke Moore's classic, "A Visit from St. Nicholas," in 1823.
Greeting cards are an English contribution. The first cards were designed in the 1840's, but not generally sold for two decades. Two prototypes bore an identical message which has not been improved upon to this day: "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You."
The origin of the tree tradition is not known. According to one theory, the 8th-century missionary Boniface persuaded the Teutons to transfer their worship of Odin's sacred oak to an evergreen decorated in honor of the Christ child. Another story says Martin Luther decorated a tree with candles to simulate an evergreen shimmering with starlit snow.
The use of Christmas trees was confined to the Rhine country un-

MERRY CHRISTMAS



May the happiness of Christmas abide in your home and in your heart now and throughout the gladsome Holiday Season.

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Christmas GREETINGS



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A Merry Christmas



May the joyful hours of Christmas overflow with good fellowship and good cheer for all our friends.

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Happy New Year



A toast for 1956... may good health, and complete happiness be yours in the coming New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Curley Maynard

Greetings of the Season



May we extend to all our friends our sincere good wishes for Health, Prosperity and Happiness during the coming year.

THE FLOWER SHOP
Martha Brashier Irma Parker

The Spirit of Christmas




NOEL



With happy memories of many pleasant friendships, we extend our sincerest wishes for a joyous Christmas to all.

THE S. L. (LEON) BOURLAND FAMILY

HAPPY CHRISTMAS



As old as our faith, as young as our hopes, is the spirit of Christmas. May it once more lift your heart, lighten your cares and brighten every corner of your life. May its infinite joy and glorious promise abide with you and your loved ones... now and

Christmas Wishes

Our warmest wishes to you and your dear ones for a joyous Holiday.



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Yuletide Around The World

MEXICO
A pretty custom of Mexico is the game of the "pinata" in which the children find great joy. The "pinata" is an elaborate and colorful earthenware bowl resembling a face or an animal, filled with fresh fruits, peanuts, candy and good luck charms. The children gather around in a circle and one after another is blindfolded and has his turn at breaking the "pinata." After many attempts, it is finally broken, and the scramble begins with each child keeping whatever he manages to find.

BULGARIA
A large round cake, called KRAVAI, which is decorated with the figures of a bird, a flower, and a cross breaks the two weeks fast on Christmas Eve in Bulgaria. After church on Christmas Day the children receive their gifts from Grandpa Koleba — the Bulgarian Santa Claus. The father of the family brings in the yule log, while the other members of the family sprinkle him with corn — a custom which is followed to bring health to all and a plentiful crop the following year.

HOLLAND
In order to provide food and water for St. Nick's good white horse on Christmas Eve, the little children of Holland stuff their clean wooden shoes with hay and carrots and place them on the window sills with a dish of water alongside them. The children are always pleased on Christmas to see that St. Nick has replaced the hay and carrots with small gifts and toys.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA
Christmas to the people of Czechoslovakia means the ending of all quarrels and the beginning of a new year among friends. It is the custom for all people to visit their friends and foes and forgive any misunderstandings that may have arisen during the year. A legend still believed in is the belief that St. Nick descends from a golden cord, led by a white-clad angel.

NORWAY
One of the most charming customs of Norway is the remembrance of the animals and birds since they were the only ones present at the birth of the Holy Babe. The farm beasts are carefully tended, and the cattle are given extra fodder. The especially gleaned sheaf, saved from the fall harvest, is placed on top of a tall pole in the yard, and on Christmas morning, every gable, gate-way and barn door is decorated with a bundle of grain — 'the birds' Christmas dinner.

Let's Have A Happiness Box

By DENISE WELLS

One of the charms of Christmas is tearing into packages, raving the papers and ribbons to disclose the prize inside. Nobody ever gets tired of opening packages — the more the merrier! So if you want your Christmas tree to be especially merry, give everybody a Happiness Box.

A Happiness Box is any sort of container for a snowfall of twenty small presents — small in size and small in price but wrapped with loving hands at home. It serves many useful purposes. It makes a wonderful conversation piece. It takes away any semblance of a left-out feeling that a stranger at the festive ceremony might have or that a straightened budget might bring on. Children adore it, and it keeps them out of the candy dish and occupied for hours. And of course if the people who love you have put the big pot in the little one and given you a diamond bracelet, so that you only get one present, it fills out your stack! Besides, it's fun to make and anybody can make it. It requires only time and patience to shop and wrap.

so you will have some idea of the dimensions required. A plain white box, tied with red ribbons and topped with a bow and a sprig of holly, looks very festive. A holly-printed box tied with green ribbons and decorated with a Christmas ball or candy cane is effective. If you give several Happiness Boxes, they make a big impression if they all look alike on the outside. Heavy paper shopping bags can also be used to contain the presents. Old-fashioned white string bags look wonderful with their trove of brightly wrapped packages showing through. Inexpensive market baskets with bow-trimmed handles look charming.

The container itself may also be a present. If you give a piece of luggage, a handbag, a salad bowl, a casserole, a wastebasket, a picnic basket, a sewing basket, an ice bucket, or anything that is a container in its own right, you can put your happiness gifts inside.

Happiness Boxes can be developed on any price level, but most of the items suggested here by Good Housekeeping Magazine tend to be inexpensive and easily obtained.

Our very best Holiday wishes to you and yours, this gay and festive season!

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Eastland, Texas



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UNTIL MONDAY MORNING

Holiday Cheer

May the joys of the Holiday Season come to your home...to start!



Holiday callers will like spicy tea served with your Christmas cookie assortment. One good spicy mixture to add to the tea is made this way. Combine water, a cinnamon stick, several cloves and slices of lemon in a small saucepan. Cook about 15 minutes. A delicious aroma announces the tastiness of this spicy hot beverage.

Christmas Eve is a good night for a ready-made dinner, with all the extra work your Christmas dinner will involve. Try the new frozen fish sticks, which require only heating in the oven of your gas range. Serve frozen mashed potatoes and a green vegetable. Dessert can come out of a can or you can have ice cream with frozen strawberries as sauce.

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Greetings
A cheery word for a cheery season... may your Holiday be a merry one!

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EASTLAND, TEXAS

A CHRISTMAS GREETING

Let us harken to the clear-voiced choristers, as they hail the approach of another Christmas! May you partake in fullest measure of all of the joys of the season and carry its inspiration with you into the New Year.

ALTMAN'S STYLE SHOP

The Season's Greetings

We extend to our many good friends a sincere wish for a Yuletide laden with a wealth of the good things in life. May every day be filled with the Blessings of good health, happiness and warm friendships.

Kincaid's Feed and Turkey Hatchery
Phone 43 Eastland

Greetings

To all our cherished friends we extend our sincere good wishes for a joyous Christmas... abounding in the blessings of good health and happiness.

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MUIRHEAD MOTOR CO.
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WISHES YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

As an expression of our thanks and good will, we are extending to all our friends and neighbors our very best wishes for a joyous and memorable Yuletide season.

Greetings to All

It is the season to be jolly...and happy are we to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.

Obie & Doc Cosden Serv. Sta.
E. Main and Bassett Eastland

Mystery Model In Magic Chef's

Combining the most popular range size with the demand for an oven big enough for modern big family cooking, Magic Chef, Inc., has introduced a completely new style in gas ranges in its 36" Family Fare oven line for 1956.

Called The Mystery model during the months of designing and tooling up for production, the

Family Fare Magic Chef combines blue-green, gold, chromium and pure white in crisp lines to produce a new modern look in gas ranges.

The Family Fare oven is in the largest gas oven on the market, 26" wide, 15" high and 18" deep, with 7,000 cubic inches of cooking capacity. It will make half a dozen pies at a time, as well as oven meal combinations which cut hours every week from the homemaker's cooking time. Four inches of wall insulation, an extra thick door, also heavily insulated, and a heat resistant silicone seal around the door opening keeps heat inside the oven for cooler kitchens and better baking.

This completely new range has many other features which rank as "firsts" in the gas range industry. Among them are:

The Roast-Guide, which is a meat thermometer which registers accurately the temperatures of cooking meat on an easy to read dial on the range panel;

A low broiler (20 per cent larger than standard broilers) which automatically comes forward as the door is opened, bringing the broiler to convenient position for turning or removing meat;

A covered basting well in the broiler pan which makes it easy to baste meat or remove drippings for a gravy;

A built-in cast aluminum griddle with thermostatic control and a

cup-sized drip pan which pulls out easily even when the griddle is hot;

An all-chromium top, fluorescent lighted blue-green glass back panel, long, slim chrome oven and broiler pulls, oven door window, and newly designed valve and temperature control knobs make the range a striking focal point for a modern kitchen.

A completely automatic, its clock control can be set to turn the oven on and off even though the cook is miles away while her dinner is browning.

The new leader of the Magic Chef line also includes the familiar features for which the company is best known—the Red Wheel Oven Regulator, double duty burners with high, low and simmer set positions for washing. Oven racks

have a lock stop and are easily adjustable.

Leveling screws make it possible to compensate for floor unevenness and give an absolute level oven. Broiler and carriage come out easily for washing.

PULL THE PLUG ON STOMACH UPSET

Half-alive, headachy when constipation sours stomach? Black-Draught* Relieves constipation overnight. Helos sweeten sour stomach too.

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To all our friends, we extend warm wishes for a Holiday that is full of love and joy. A Merry Christmas to all!

Eastland Drug Co.
H. P. Weaver
I. C. Inzer

Joyous Christmas Greetings

Our sincerest wishes for a Christmas rich in the blessings of love and friendship.

Carl Johnson Dry Goods
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Johnson and Employees

a joyous Christmas

May the happiness of the Christmas season remain in your heart throughout the coming year.

Scott Paint & Body Works
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A MESSAGE FOR Christmas

In the spirit of the first Christmas that "came upon a midnight clear" we extend our warmest greetings to you and yours.

**Mr. and Mrs. H. L. King
Mr. and Mrs. R. L. King
W. D. King**

Joyful Wishes

In harmony with the Holiday spirit, we add this cheery note: May you and yours enjoy for years to come, all the happiness we wish for you this Christmas.

MURRELL GROCERY
A. L. Murrell
701 W. Main Eastland, Texas

Holiday Greetings

May this Holiday Season bring you everything you want most.

Crowell Lumber Co.
727 W. Main Phone 300

Christmas Greetings

and every good wish for the coming year

Pool's Dry Cleaners
207 S. Lamar Phone 47

Season's Greetings

On your journey through the Holiday Season, may good health and happiness always ride with you.

NICK MILLER
THE MAN'S STORE—CISCO

Joyous Christmas Wishes

May the Christmas spirit of Peace and Good Fellowship shine in your heart now and always.

Stephens Typewriter Co
Earl and Delphia Stephens

NOEL

Our heartfelt good wishes for this joyous season to all of our wonderful friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Harris
PREMIER SERVICE STATION

Greetings

May the season bring life's brightest ornaments—the Joy of Loving, the Fun of Giving.

B & W CLINIC
B. B. Westbrook, Jr., M. D. H. J. Bulgerin, M. D.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

That very special time of year is here again...so, to all our friends and patrons—we want to say may Santa shower you with everything your hearts desire.

RUBY LEE'S BEAUTY SHOP
Lucille Taylor, Proprietor
Operators
Merile Dry - Dee Tindall - Jean Jackson

Greetings

Come let us adore Him...the Christ Child...who brought into this world a new spirit of Peace on Earth, Good Will toward Men...a spirit that shines brightly in our hearts today.

Hamner Appliance Store
Eastland, Texas