



HOME FOR CHRISTMAS—President Harry Truman waves to crowds gathered to see him off for Independence, and Christmas at home. Mrs. Truman and Margaret had preceded him to their Missouri home. (NEA Telephone)

# SANTA HAS STARTED:— Santa's Elf, Cluny, Puts Her Own Gift Into the Bag—Gift for Whole World

By HAI BOYLE  
NORTH POLE—(AP)—He's off!  
Santa Claus is on his way at last!  
The jolly old saint and his famous reindeer are zooming through the Arctic skies right now, heading for the American border. He'll reach it tonight.  
His big red sled was placed so full of gifts it overflowed. It looked like a hayrick zooming through the crisp air.  
"Oh, dear, oh dear," worried Santa, just before the takeoff. "I do hope none of these presents fall out and bean some poor innocent rabbit down below. I believe this must be the heaviest load I've had in twenty years."  
"What is he fretting about?" whispered Dunder to Vixen. "He's only riding in that sled. We have to pull it."  
Vixen laughed so hard the bells on her harness tinkled in merry music. And all the other reindeer laughed, too.  
Then Mrs. Santa Claus came running out waving a long piece of paper.  
"You almost forgot your list of good children," she said.  
"Never mind," said Santa. "I don't need it. This year I am going to give a present to every little boy and girl, good or bad. The bad ones will feel sorry then, because they know they don't deserve a nice present. It'll make 'em try harder to be good next year."

Santa stood up to crack his whip in the air—the signal to be off. But then he heard a small voice crying:  
"Wait, please wait."  
It was Cluny, Santa's favorite little elf. He liked her because she had a good heart.  
"Here," said the tiny elf, holding up a small shiny figure.  
"What's this? What's this?" grumbled Santa. "You're too late. My pack is already loaded."  
"It is only my present to the world," said Cluny. "I made it at night in my room—all by myself."  
Santa took the little figure from her hands. It was a beautiful angel with butterfly wings and a robe of purest white. In her hand the angel held a small magic wand.  
"It is the Angel of Peace," explained Cluny.  
"Why, Cluny!" said Santa. "This is better than all the other gifts put together. I'll see that your angel waves her wand for one day at least over every home in the land."  
And he picked up Cluny and gave her a big whisker-ticky kiss on her cheek. Then he picked up his long whip again and cracked it sharply in the frosty air.  
"Ho, ho, ho, here we go!" he roared. "Ho, ho, ho! Here we go!"  
The eight reindeer leaped forward and the big sled began sliding through the snow. Faster, faster, faster, faster—and then they were off the ground and into the air.  
"Best 32-hoof takeoff I ever saw," said a nearby Eskimo.  
Santa was on his way.



## St. Nick Climaxes Week's Festivities

### War's Peril Stressed by Pope Pius

VATICAN CITY—(AP)—Pope Pius XII—drawing a sorrowful balance for 1948—declared today that once again the world is menaced by war.  
The pontiff said in a Christmas message to the world that the past year, which at first had appeared to be the start of a surge toward true peace, today "seems instead opening upon the edge of a precipice."  
The forces of the world, he said, are moving toward two opposed poles, both desiring peace but "both placing it in danger." The pope did not mention communism by name, nor allude directly to East-West differences.  
"Some," he said, "are taking the old saying, not entirely false, but which lends itself to misunderstanding and is frequently abused, that 'if you want peace, prepare for war.'"  
Others, he said, believe they will find salvation in the formula—peace at any price. Both sides want peace, he added, but both endanger it.  
As in the past, he addressed his words to the world at large.  
Moral strength, the pope said, is necessary if the world is to advance with firm step towards peace. Also necessary, he added, is the "courage to look truth in the eye."  
He said 1948 appears today to be a crucial point.  
Yet, he said, 1948, despite its anxieties, has not been entirely barren of "rich and encouraging events"—of visible fruits of the resistance of people against having new wars thrust upon them, and of the many religious services of the year.

### Kiddie Car, Toy Cat Stand Idle Under Baby's Tree

DALLAS—(AP)—The baby son of blind parents died yesterday after nibbling rat poison.  
While his mother, Mrs. J. A. Richardson, decorated a Christmas tree and two brothers hunted a cookie jar, 14-month-old David Richardson tasted the poison. He died in a hospital.  
The two brothers, Paul, 4, and Bobby, 3, explored a kitchen cabinet for the cookies. They found a small container on the top shelf and set it aside. It was a box of poison. David reached for it.  
Mrs. Richardson smelled the poison and rushed to her child. A neighbor carried the baby to a doctor and later to the hospital.  
It made this Christmas a sad contrast to last.  
Last Christmas four-year-old Paul, blind since infancy, recovered from a series of eye operations and saw his first Christmas tree.  
Two presents won't go under the Christmas tree. There's no need now for the kiddie-car with pedals and the toy cat that runs across the floor when you press its tail.

### Shrewd Traders

DALLAS—(AP)—Two little boys, peddling mistletoe from door-to-door, sold Mrs. E. B. Miley of Dallas an armful for 20 cents.  
Then one of the lads asked her, timidly:  
"Can we go out in your yard and gather some more?"

### Judge Goodrich Grants Divorce

A divorce decree was granted yesterday afternoon in 31st District Court by Judge Lewis M. Goodrich to Norma Ray Powers Parks of Calvin D. Parks on grounds of cruelty. They were married in March, 1943 and separated in February, 1944.

### White Christmas Being Distributed

CHICAGO—(AP)—Santa Claus will like this Christmas. Snow was falling over a wide area of the country early today. Snow was expected today or tonight in many other portions of the nation.  
There was sleet and snow in Kansas and Missouri.  
Snow already had covered much of the Rocky Mountain area and was moving eastward. Heavy snows were predicted by tonight or tomorrow in the North Central States. In the East, snow was expected tonight.  
Cold temperatures also hit parts of the country. Salmon, Idaho, had a 26 below zero yesterday. In Montana, it reached 35 below zero.  
A white Christmas is in prospect for sections of California where snow hasn't been seen in years.

### Pioneer Dies

FEOS—(AP)—Mrs. Shipton Parke, 75, widow of a pioneer West Texas cattleman, died in a hospital here yesterday.

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## War and Elements Conspire To Stage Holy Land Rites

JERUSALEM—(AP)—The strangest Christmas Eve and the smallest Christian pilgrimage since the Crusades were in prospect today for Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus Christ.  
War and the weather were to blame.  
Sand-bagged gun posts, barbed wire and mine zones laid out during Arab-Jewish battles barred the Judean hill roads that Joseph and Mary traveled on their way to Bethlehem 1948 years ago. The Holy Land, in uneasy truce, was still without hope of real peace soon.  
Thousands have made the trip in previous years. About 130 Christians in Jewish-held New Jerusalem planned to go today.  
When the stars shine again tonight over the shrine of the manger and the bells of Bethlehem peal for prayer at midnight, most of the worshippers will be Christian Arabs of Bethlehem. They make up 9,000 of the town's population of 11,000.  
Gone will be the British troops who last year went to Bethlehem in armored cars and bearing arms for their 30th and final observance of Christmas Eve at the shrine in the Church of the Nativity.  
Soldiers will be there tonight, but they will wear the red and white headgear of the Arab Legion and the uniforms of the Egyptian Army. Few of these are Christians.  
The main road to Bethlehem usually traveled by Christian pilgrims from Jerusalem is closed under guard. This route, which passes the Jewish shrine of Rachel's Tomb, is 12 miles long. The pilgrims going to the shrine today will pass through a narrow land into the Arab-held old walled city of Jerusalem and then travel by a roundabout dirt road to the Arab Legion built this summer to haul up its siege guns.  
The rains have turned the road into a quagmire.  
Pilgrims include a few dozen foreign consular representatives, among them members of the United States missions in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, and a half dozen Christian journalists.  
Clergymen, mostly stationed within the Old City at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, also will go.

## U.S. VARIES IN OBSERVING HOLY SEASON

By The Associated Press  
Many American communities have their own, individual ideas about how to make this a merry Christmas.  
A last one even has a special date—instead of Dec. 25—for the festivities.  
But whatever the variations, it's all in the name of good will.  
Out west in Boise, Idaho, one group observes the Yuletide season with a "sheep-herders ball." At the event, held by the Idaho Basque colony, everybody must wear overalls and gingham.  
In Nashville, Tenn., a 30-year-old tradition calls for the singing of carols outside every home that has a candle burning in the windows.  
Volunteer carolers make the rounds with proceeds going to a home for children of working mothers.  
Christmas doesn't come until Jan. 6 in the fishing village of Fodanthe, N. C. There, according to a custom followed for generations, they celebrate Old Christmas, or 12th Night, an adaptation of the Feast of the Epiphany commemorating the manifestation of Christ to the Magi.  
In Atlantic City, N. J., which specializes in spectacles, the long beach walk is aglow with a row of 28 lighted Christmas trees down its center. Santa Claus appeared last night aboard a 40-foot crane, which lowered him into a lighted area where he stepped out and distributed candy to youngsters.  
From a mountain-top outside Hot Springs, Ark., will flash a series of tableaux symbolizing the Christmas story. Some 100 chorists will help celebrate the 18th annual Christmas Eve observance.  
In Brooklyn yesterday more than 300 blind men and their friends sang carols around the huge tree at the Light Bulb Club for the blind. Given a description of the tree, the men said that was nearly as good as seeing it.  
All over the country, the Salvation Army and other groups gave parties for the sick, poor and disabled. (See Column 2, Page 1.)

## UN COUNCIL ORDERS HALT OF FIGHTING

PARIS—(AP)—The Security Council today ordered an immediate end to the fighting in Indonesia and prompt release of Indonesian leaders captured by the Dutch.  
The council's Christmas Eve vote on these two issues was seven for and none opposed. Four nations abstained.  
The council turned down the joint U.S.-Colombian-Syrian demand for withdrawal of Dutch forces from areas seized since the Netherlands attack on the Indonesian republic started Sunday.  
Five nations voted for it and none against, but six abstained. Seven votes are needed for passage in the council.  
Russia asked that The Netherlands be condemned as an aggressor.  
The council order was based on the American-Colombian-Syrian proposal, as amended.  
Delegates made their decisions in a series of ballots on separate paragraphs of the three-power project and two Australian-Syrian amendments.  
France, Argentina, Canada, Belgium, the Soviet Union and the Soviet Ukraine defeated the withdrawal proposal of the resolution by abstaining. All other council members voted for it.  
The Soviet delegate was not present and the Ukraine accordingly was marked as abstaining on all ballots.  
France, Belgium, Russia and the Ukraine abstained on the proposal to issue the cease-fire order. France, Belgium, Russia and the Ukraine abstained on the proposal to order the release of captured Indonesian leaders, though a Russian resolution had proposed the same thing.  
Soviet Delegate Jacob A. Malik submitted the resolution, proposing that it be adopted instead of a U.S.-Colombian-Syrian resolution which he termed too lenient.  
The Soviet resolution said the Security Council "condemns the aggression of The Netherlands government, which has again undertaken military action against the Indonesian republic in violation of the well-known Renville (truce) agreement."

## It's Better Than Average Yule Season

LONDON—(AP)—Christians throughout the world looked forward today to a brighter Christmas than they have enjoyed in years—though generally a more expensive one.  
In Western Germany, shoppers thronged the stores, but the traditional Christmas goose went begging. Buyers complained that the merchants were asking too much money.  
The French made ready for the most luxurious—and costly—Yuletide since the war.  
Prices were up almost 60 percent over last year.  
Britain has the makings of a merrier Christmas this year than last for people who can afford it. Chickens, ducks and geese are more plentiful and the Food Ministry has authorized extra rations of some, tightly controlled foods.  
As a special treat, the Fuel Ministry has told Britons to use all the electricity they wish the next three days. Ordinarily home use of electric power is forbidden during daylight hours.  
In Italy, thanks partly to the European Recovery Program, Italians face the Christmas with enough to eat.  
There will be a little extra for Czechoslovak Christmas tables this year, including meat and butter from Russia, coffee from Brazil and cigars from Holland. But it will not be cheap. In many parts of the Holy Land, Christmas prospects were dreary. (See Column 4.)  
American troops abroad will get a taste of Christmas, too.  
U. S. forces in Germany will celebrate the Yule with the traditional dinner and religious services. All personnel except the necessary guards will get Christmas Day off.  
The British-American airlift will operate as usual, but American crews will eat turkey with all the trimmings between flights.

## Jewish State Recognized

OTTAWA—(AP)—Canada recognized the state of Israel and its provisional government today.  
The recognition was of the de facto type—the same as previously given by the United States and the Union of South Africa. This means that a new government is recognized as existing in fact.  
Such recognition is not so far-reaching as de jure recognition, which calls for full exchange of diplomats on an equal footing.  
Soviet Russia and various other countries have granted the latter type of recognition to the Jewish regime headed by Chaim Weizmann and David Ben-Gurion.  
Canada's action could be a forerunner to some similar move by Great Britain, with which Canada has close ties. Great Britain so far has refused to give Israel any sort of recognition.

## Rites for Printer

DALLAS—(AP)—Services will be held at Arlington tomorrow for Stephen J. Whitener, 41, a printer for the Dallas News.  
Whitener was killed late Wednesday night when his truck overturned near Grapevine.  
Needs Lamps? Get them at Lewis Hardware Co.

## Christmas Briefs

**Early Christmas**  
DALLAS—(AP)—Christmas came a day early for seven-year-old Jerry Donelson of Lubbock, in a critical condition following a cerebral hemorrhage late last week. His physician suggested Jerry's Yule party be moved up before the operation.  
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**Card Greeters Violators**  
GALVESTON—(AP)—The Christmas spirit is wonderful. Motorists in Galveston who overparked Thursday found these tags on their automobiles:  
"Season's greetings."  
"The patrolman on this beat notes that you violated the parking meter ordinance."  
"Do not worry about it."  
"We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year."  
The tag was signed by Fire and Police Commissioner Walter L. Johnston and Chief of Police Conway Shannon.

**Prisoners Celebrate**  
ARILENE—(AP)—Christmas came early for inmates of the City Jail.  
Judge A.K. Doss ordered doors opened Thursday so the inmates could be free for the holidays. He marked off the balance due on fines of those in the jail, and suspended all fines levied Thursday and today for those unable to pay.

**Governor Sends Greetings**  
AUSTIN—(AP)—For the people of Texas Gov. Beauford H. Jester sends this Christmas greeting:  
"May the light of his star shine upon you and bring you happiness at Christmas and in the coming year."  
The Governor said he plans to spend the Christmas holidays at the Governor's mansion with family, relatives and friends. He will see the SMU-Oregon game in the Cotton Bowl in Dallas New Year's Day and have dinner at home in Corsicana Jan. 2.

**Scrambled Recipe**  
LOS ANGELES—(AP)—Yuletide recipe: take 360 quarts of milk, 40 quarts of Tom and Jerry batter, 12 quarts of eggnoe batter, 600 eggs and 40 pounds of butter. Mix them up and what do you have?  
An awful mess, reported police, as they cleaned up a down town intersection after a fully-laden milk truck loaded with the Christmas makings and a rubbish truck collided.

**Kiwanis to Air Yuletide Program**  
Local Kiwanians and their friends have been notified that Kiwanis International, in cooperation with the Mutual Broadcasting System, will present a Christmas program Christmas morning from 10-11 p.m. Pampa time.  
The program, to be heard on KPDM, will emanate from Baton Rouge, La., Chicago, and Bradford, Pa., the home of the International president.

**'Unidentified' Object Enroute**  
WASHINGTON—(AP)—Air Force seasonal communique: "Our early warning radar net to the north gives following spot position report of object detected heading southerly direction:  
"One unidentified sleigh, powered by eight reindeer, at 14,000 feet; heading, 180 degrees. Interceptors alerted and vectored in but unable contact. Estimated time of arrival over target 2400 hours 24 December 48."

**Husband Drives Away, Leaves Wife Stranded**  
WICHITA FALLS—(AP)—Mr. and Mrs. Roy Berendzen of Walters, Okla., were reunited here at 2 a.m. today and Mrs. Berendzen says she is warning her husband to "look before you drive."  
Mrs. Berendzen was stranded here for five hours while her husband continued merrily along toward California thinking his wife was in the back seat.  
The Oklahoma couple stopped at a filling station here last night. Berendzen went into a rest room, leaving his wife asleep on the back seat.  
Before he returned and drove off, she awakened and also went into a rest room.  
Berendzen returned, got into the automobile and drove off, unaware his wife was not in the car.  
Mrs. Berendzen asked police to try and intercept her husband.  
"He found out I was gone about 60 miles past Seymour, Tex.," Mrs. Berendzen told the Associated Press by telephone. "He decided it was about time for me to drive so he turned around."  
Berendzen got back to Wichita Falls about 2 a.m. Was she mad?  
"Not really," she laughed.

**One Dead, Six Are Hurt**  
GROOM—A head-on collision inside the city limits of Groom yesterday morning took the life of one woman and injured six other persons.  
Killed was Mrs. H. W. Helms, 66, Elgin, Iowa.  
Injured seriously were her husband, H. W. Helms, 68, who suffered a punctured lung plus other chest injuries and a laceration; Mrs. Jolene Newman, 20, Stotts City, Mo., severe cuts and back injuries. Both are in Groom hospital.  
Treated and discharged were: Clyde Newman, Newman children, Judy and Tony, and Lawrence Linder.  
Amarillo State Highway Patrolmen said the crash occurred when Linder attempted to pass another car, meeting the Helms car head-on.

**16-Day-Old Infant Dies This Morning**  
Jessie Dianne Allen, 16-day-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Denver Allen, 8125-Kingsmill Gasoline Camp, died at 8:25 today in a local hospital.  
The baby had been sick since Saturday. Funeral services will be held in the Duenkel-Carmichael Funeral Home Chapel at 4 p.m. today with the Rev. E. Douglas Carver officiating.  
Besides her parents, she is survived by one brother, Anthony Dee, Pampa, grandparents, J. T. Allen, Haskell, Okla., Mrs. Ida Allen, Tulsa, and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hunter, Emme, N. M.

**\$750 Fire Hits Richards Drug**  
Firemen answered a call to a flash-fire at 2:25 p.m. yesterday at Richards Drug, 107 W. Kingsmill, when Christmas decorations became ignited. Fire Chief Ernest Winborne said.  
Firemen soon had the blaze under control. The damage was estimated at \$750.

**A Merry Christmas**  
Strange Craft On Air Lift



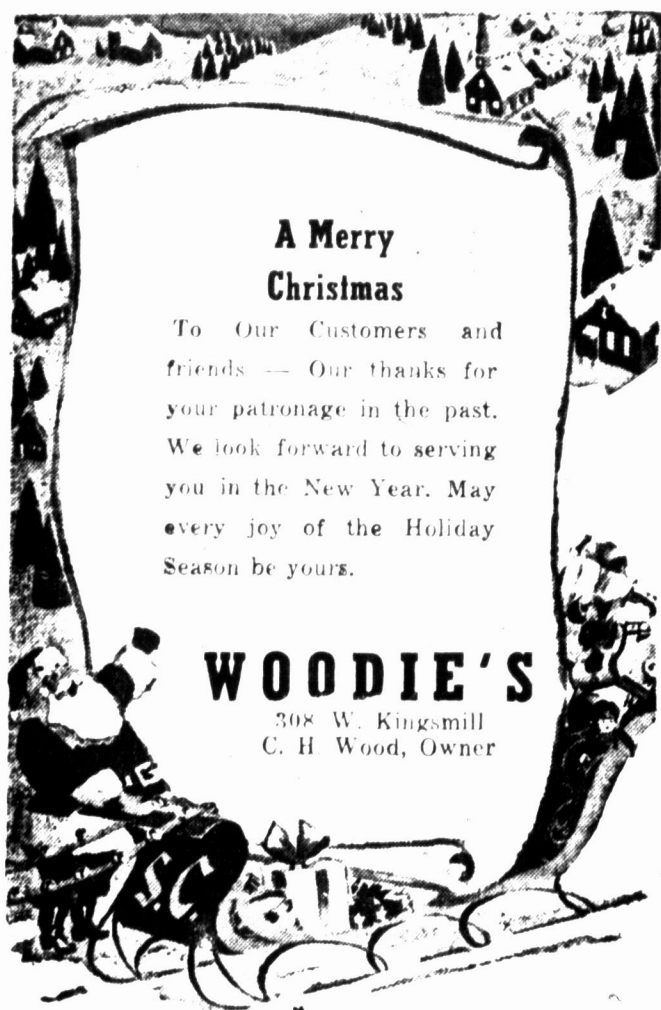
## Today

35th Day of the Year  
Today is Christmas Eve, the day before the day selected by agreement of the churches as the date of the birth of Christ, of which date no exact knowledge is in the possession of man.  
In 1809, Kit Carson, famous guide and scout, was born.  
Congress declared a holiday for Christmas.  
In 1871, Verdi's opera, "Aida," composed to celebrate the opening of the Suez Canal, opened on this day in Cairo, Egypt. Those born this date (from "Who's Who") include:  
Lucretia Bori, soprano, born in Spain.  
Howard Hughes, manufacturer and aviator, born in Houston. The headlines this day in 1942 said: "Allies Break Axis Airline Convoy."  
1943, "FDR Presides at Seine Battle."  
and in 1944, "War-time Horse Racing Banned by Washington."  
A verse from the Bible for today:  
"I shall call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honor him."  
Psalm 124.  
The weather:  
WEST TEXAS—Cloudy and colder late this afternoon and tonight. Occasional rain in Panhandle turning to snow tonight. Saturday partly cloudy and cold. Snow flurries in Panhandle. Lowest tonight, 21 to 32 Panhandle and upper South Plains.



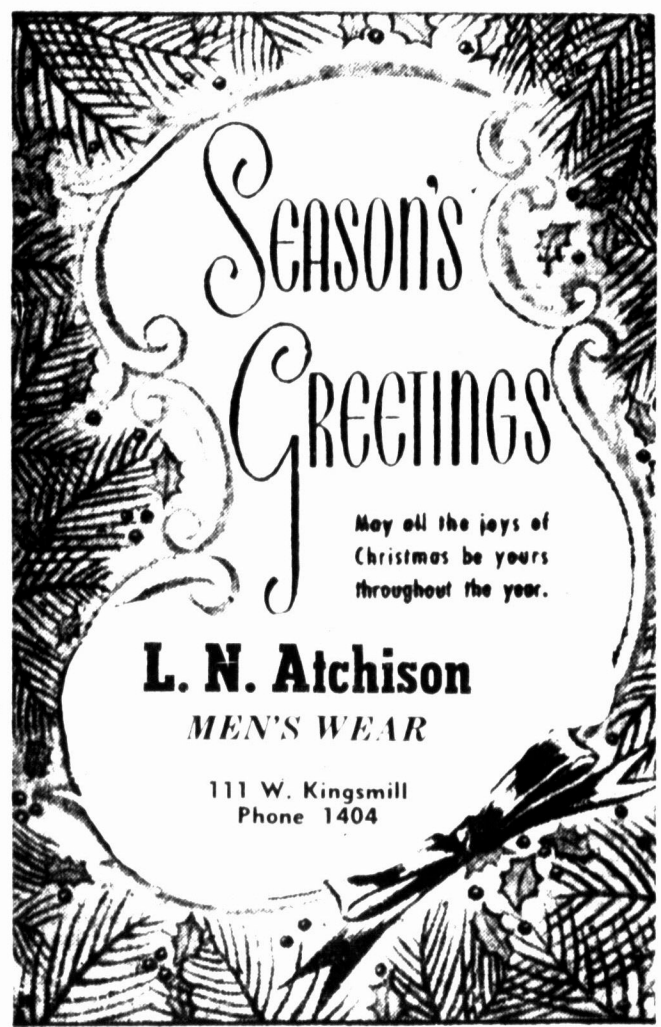
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The reason for this is that both Bach and Handel were church musicians. One of their tasks was to compose songs for church congregations to sing. They proved themselves masters of beautiful, easily followed melodies in their Christmas oratorios and carols came from Bach and Handel.

How Brightly Beams the Morning Star? was composed by Bach and his "Christmas Oratorio" contains the themes of several other popular chorales.  
In almost every town and village in America this Christmas a church choir will render at least portions of George Frederick Handel's "Messiah." When carolers sing "Joy to the World" they'll be singing part of the "Messiah" too, for that carol come from themes found composed the musical theme of "White Shepherds Watched Their Flocks."  
It is a strange fact, but both Bach and Handel were born in 1685, lived for many years within thirty miles of each other, and never met. Yet today, the Christmas music they wrote, sung by men, women and children in countless churches of many faiths all over the world.

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**Christmas Quiz**

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

1. The Christmas custom of kissing under the mistletoe started in (a) Norway, (b) Russia, (c) Holland.
2. The story of the birth of Jesus is described in which two books of the New Testament (a) St. John, (b) St. Matthew, (c) St. Luke, (d) St. Mark?
3. The national Christmas tree of America is located in (a) Indiana (b) New York, (c) Washington, D. C., (d) California.
4. Who wrote "The Night Before Christmas"? (a) Longfellow, (b) Guest, (c) Moore?
5. There is only one town in the world named Santa Claus. It is located in (a) Holland, (b) England, (c) Indiana.
6. Tuberculosis Christmas seals originated in (a) America, (b) Germany, (c) Denmark.
7. The custom of hanging holly in the window on Christmas was originally started (a) to keep witches away, (b) to decorate the window (c) as an invitation to passers-by to come in.
8. Christmas boxes for the poor originated in (a) France in 1887, (b) ancient Rome, (c) America in 1879.
9. The children of what country get Christmas gifts from a kindly old witch by the name of Befano instead of from Santa Claus? (a) Russia, (b) China, (c) France, (d) Italy.
10. The word "Noel" means (a) new, (b) holiday, (c) born.

**New Zealanders See Shadows on Clouds**

AUCKLAND, New Zealand.—(AP)—Down in the south island of New Zealand you can see your own shadow, greatly magnified, "way up (or down) in the clouds. New Zealanders who want to see this trick of light and color climb Mt. Bernard in the late afternoon. Mt. Bernard is a peak overlooking Akaroa Harbor, near Christchurch.

W. R. Curry, of Akaroa, went up the hillside the other day at 4 p.m. A blanket of fog hid the harbor from the mountain top. On the summit, Curry saw his own shadow ringed in a rainbow, "way up in the eastern side of the range. He waved his arm to test that shadow. A long misty arm came back to him from the mirrored figure.

This phenomenon is known as the "Spectre of Brocken." It is named after Mount Brocken in Germany where it was first noted in 1789. Sun and clouds have to be in the right place, and you have to be atop a mountain. Then you may see your shadow, magnified hundreds of times, on the clouds.

**Jaycees See Combat Films**

Air Force films, showing actual aerial combat and strafing over France, Holland, and Belgium during 1943 and 1944 were shown to the Pampa Junior Chamber of Commerce at its weekly luncheon meeting Tuesday noon.

The films were taken by a camera synchronized with a fighter plane's machine guns, so that each time the gun was fired a picture recorded what took place. Some of scenes showed trains and truck convoys being fired on and one scene showed a tank explode from a direct hit.

The films, owned by Roy Webb, Jr., were made while he was a fighter pilot with the 374th Fighter Squadron, 361st Fighter Group, stationed in England.

**Drivers' Liability Laws Suggested**

AUSTIN.—(AP)—The next Legislature "might well give thought" to enactment of a financial responsibility law, or compulsory liability insurance, for Texas automobile drivers, State Auditor C. H. Cavness suggested. In an audit report of the Texas Highway Department's motor vehicle division, Cavness noted

A sound movie in color, showing the beauties of Yosemite National Park, was also shown. The film, made by the Santa Fe railway, showed the many waterfalls and scenic wonders of the park in their natural colors.

A third reel, depicting much of the scenic wonder of Western Colorado, was taken by several of the Jaycees on a recent hunting trip.

that 49 states now have "protective statutes aiming at controlling or excluding from the highways reckless and financially irresponsible motorists."

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**Station Resembles Second-Hand Store**

ORANGE —(A)— The Orange police station looked like, in the words of Capt. L. B. Hayden, a second-hand store.

Police recovered 54 items which had been stolen from automobiles during the night Tuesday.

Night Captain Varreese Berry said that one of two suspects held had used his own car to carry the loot until it became filled. Then he stole a truck and continued the thefts. Both the truck and car were held by police.

**Mainly About People**

Mrs. Lily Hartfield and Miss Elise Donaldson recently spent a day in Canadian.

Bread'er Bread. Golden Loaf.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tripplehorn and children, 1013 Mary Ellen, left yesterday for Fort Worth where they will spend the holidays with his parents.

LOST—Won't somebody please bring back our month-old blond cocker pup. Reward. Mrs. Henry H. Tyler, 114 N. Starkweather, phone 832.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Trollinger and family will leave this afternoon for Goodwell, Okla., to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kinard and son are spending the holidays at Henderson, Texas, at a family reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack McCarley, 1105 Duncan, are spending Christmas at Mineral Wells and Fort Worth. They left this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brander, 415 N. Faulkner, will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan at Borger.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jaynes and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Elkins, Amarillo, will leave for Fort Worth this afternoon to spend the holidays.

Mrs. Elsie Cooper, San Diego, is attending a family reunion at her parents' home, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Mundy, 105 N. Wynne.

Harvey W. Hulce of Canadian will deliver the sermon at 3:30 p. m. Sunday at the Pampa Gospel Mission, 317 S. Cuyler.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Smith of Corpus Christi and M/Sgt. Robert D. Smith of San Antonio are visiting their mother, Mrs. E. B. Smith.

Mrs. Opal McNutt and her daughter, Ruth, of 1036 Wilcox, are spending the Christmas holidays with relatives in Oklahoma.

Bill R. McNutt, 1340 Christine, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Smith, has been notified that he has passed the Examination of the American Registry of X-Ray Technicians. He is entering Civil Service and expects to report for duty with the Veterans' Administration in the near future.

Miss Vera Rigdon of Tahlequah, Okla., spent a few hours in Pampa on Friday greeting friends. Miss Rigdon is a former member of the editorial staff of The Pampa News. She is teaching in North-eastern Oklahoma State College.

**ST. NICK**

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son the Salvation Army has delivered more than 1,500 toys. Approximately 35 children and their mothers will be its guests tonight at a Christmas supper at the Courthouse Cafe.

The Pampa Chapter of the American Red Cross and various Girl Scout troops also presented Christmas trees and gifts to families.

Civic clubs, during the past week, have had various entertainments. The Rev. H. H. Tyler addressed the Rotary and Lions, Wednesday and yesterday on "The Theme of Christmas."

More than 1,700 Pampa youngsters attended the annual VFW and Lions Christmas parties Sunday and Tuesday respectively. Approximately 500 children attended the VFW party and were treated with sandwiches, punch, cookies and gifts while more than 1,200 children went to the Lions sponsored free show and were given sacks of candy, fruit and nuts.

The Christmas spirit got underway in Pampa Dec. 8, at the "Flight of Santa Claus" parade when 44 groups entered floats, choirs and bands in the affair. As the spirit spread more Pampa homes were decorated this year than ever before.

(The staff of The Pampa News joins with its advertisers in sending holiday greetings to all its subscribers and residents in the Top o' Texas trade area.)

**Visitors' Week by Schools Observed**

SHAMROCK —(Special)— Five of the six schools in Wheeler County taking part in the community school lunch program this week celebrated School Lunch Visitors' Week.

The sixth school, Shamrock, observed the occasion last week with more than 100 visitors calling at the local cafeteria during the five school days.

According to Supt. Kavanaugh, 1,010 students are eating daily at the six school lunch rooms in the county. Shamrock tops the list with 325 pupils patronizing the local cafeteria each day. Wheeler is next with 230 diners. Others, listed in the order of their number, are: Kelton, 200; Briscoe, 130; Lela, 75; and Kellerville, 50.

**Houston Becomes Billion Dollar Port**

HOUSTON —(A)— The port of Houston showed an increase of 55.8 percent over last year to become a billion-dollar port for the first time in its history.



HE'S HEAD MAN today and you know who he is. Modeling with clay and cotton, NEA Artist Vic Donahue has caught the characteristics that made his subject loved by youngsters the world over as "Jolly Old St. Nick."

**Reading Yuletide Stories Adds to Family Christmas**

**Do You Recall Last Christmas?**

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

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

President Harry Truman was wondering what he should do with a brand new spaniel pup. One of his friends in Missouri had sent it to him. The dog's name was Feller.

Lt. Glenn Davis (Mr. Outside of the West Point Blanchard-Davis backfield combination) was sulking in his tent. The Army had refused to permit him to resign so he could play pro football.

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

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

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

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

Bulls became just as enraged before a white object as a red one. It is the sight of a strange figure, and not the color, which excites them.

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

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

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

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

Henry Van Dyke's "The Other Wise Man," is another story which has become a Christmas classic. It tells of a fourth wise man who saw the star rising and set out to follow it. The great desire of this pilgrim was denied, yet fulfilled in the denial.

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

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

A Merry Christmas

**Young Quentin Believed in Granddad's 'Strenuous Life'**

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK —(A)— It was a rocky ridge in the Gussella Valley in Tunisia in January, before the almond trees come to bloom.

A battle was going on between the Americans and Germans, and the bare hillside echoed a mortal noise. I climbed slowly toward the ridge top with a middle-aged colonel who wore a baseball cap instead of a helmet.

The overweight colonel paid no attention whatever to the gun fire. It was his shaky legs and shortness of breath that bothered him.

We paused as he mopped the sweat from his forehead.

We climbed to the ridge peak and then it became a matter of belly progress. The colonel crawled slowly—a reluctant earthworm.

It was then I saw the young captain at the peak point of the ridge. The thing I first noticed about him was his neatness. It seemed incredibly out of place in this wilderness of noise and death.

The captain had a field telephone in his hand. He had just set up a forward observation post for his artillery battalion, comfortably situated in a wadi far back.

Calmly, almost as placidly as if he were reading a newspaper aloud, he called back directions for support fire for the infantry. He was completely heedless of danger.

Then he turned around. He had a light sandy moustache of the old-fashioned crowbar style. His eyes were bright with battle excitement, and his lips parted in a wide grin as he saw us. Something in that grin stirred an old memory.

The young captain recognized the colonel and belly-flopped over to us.

"The infantry is working around the next hill," he said. He and the colonel chatted for a few moments, and then the captain started to crawl back to his post. Turning, he flashed a grin—he obviously was enjoying himself—and again that grin touched something way back in my memory.

In those days when the war was young, the battles were being fought by battalions instead of whole armies, and the papers at home were eager to print the names of individual soldiers in action. So I crawled toward him, winning at every inch I was back in a nice safe Manhattan subway.

"What's your name, captain?" "Roosevelt," he said, and his face kindled again in his family's famous friendly grin.

It was Quentin Roosevelt, grandson of President Teddy Roosevelt, lying up to his grandfather's gospel of "the strenuous life." He lived it to the core. Old "T. R." won immortal fame as the "hero of San Juan Hill."

But young Quentin—"Q," his battery mates called him—called the shots from many hills.

In 29 brief years he crowded more danger and adventure into his life than his granddaddy ever wrote about. There was no finer soldier in his clan.

Today young Quentin lies dead in distant Hong Kong, killed in a plane crash. I saw him often in the early battles for Tunisia. But I like to remember him as at first—at the peak, having the time of his life atop a nameless hill in Africa.

A lichen is two different plants growing together in a partnership—an alga which makes the food and a fungus which absorbs water.

**BUSY DEPARTMENT**  
The United States Patent Office received more applications for the registration of trade marks in 1946 than in any other year: 27,729, including renewals.

A Merry Christmas

To your family and loved ones, may we wish a bright and joyous holiday season and New Year.

**SCHNEIDER HOTEL**  
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May your home and all yours be filled with the glory of beautiful Christmas.

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... may we rededicate ourselves to a greater service to our own community to help enrich our own lives and those with which we come in contact.

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As bright and shining as the star atop your Christmas tree are our wishes for you and yours this glowing Yuletide season. Good cheer — good health.

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Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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### Leaves From a Correspondent's Life Note Book

By HAL BOYLE

**NEW YORK** — Mother Nature is slipping. She let the big city down this time. Father Knickerbocker is again the world's biggest snow man. But the old boy wasn't knocked on his ear by the advent of winter this year, as he was 51 weeks ago.

Taken by Broadway standards, the giant snow storm of last Sabbath was strictly a low-grade production. It should have been tried out first in New Haven, Boston or Philadelphia before being brought to the big time. Granted it was the third deepest snow ever to fall here—19.5 inches.

Compared to the high drama of the blizzards of 1947 and 1958, this year's snowfall was strictly vaudeville. Even at that it would never rate top billing at the old Palace Theater. It would be lucky to get a week at Loew's State.

Everybody in the metropolitan area today feels cheated. Here they want the biggest and best—or nothing. And there is a widespread feeling that the storm failed miserably to live up to the Weather Bureau's advance publicity blurbs.

There were a lot of things wrong with it. For one thing it opened on a Sunday—a clear mismanagement by someone. Who cares if it snows in New York on Sunday? Everybody is already at home and up to his armpits in the Sunday newspapers.

And it was too well advertised. It lacked punch, drama, surprise. Even the dear old Long Island railroad, the commuters' delight, was ready and waiting. It only canceled 24 trains in the first 24 hours, and many a veteran rider will insist this makes it little different from a normal day.

The Sanitation Department which a year ago was pretty much in the position of Custer in the battle of the Little Big Horn, this year got a head start. It had nearly 20,000 men out early and almost as many snowflakes fell on them as on the streets—if we may stretch the point a bit.

Yes, sir, even a midget had to look hard to find a place to flounder. And as for a year ago, when the snow stacked up 25.8 inches before the Weather Bureau could say "th-th-thermometer"—well! That was an epic adventure.

The long voyage home took some people more than 20 hours. Admiral Peary in his dash to the North Pole why, he had it easy. In darkest Brooklyn they were trying to buy snowshoes. In the Bronx they were using skis. In the long history of man no race ever faced and won through such a weather ordeal or so the sons of the subway like to think.

That was a real four-star hit snow show.

**Meteor Reported Near Fort Worth**  
FORT WORTH — A Fort Worth astronomer, Oscar Monig, said he had received two reports that a bright meteor was seen south of here about 8:20 p. m. Sunday.

Monig said one report came from J. E. Tucker of Fort Worth and another from Bill Evans, an American Airlines pilot who said he saw the meteor as he sat in his plane on the Abilene airport runway.

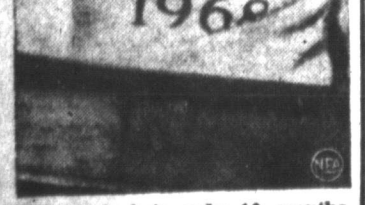
Monig said that from information received by the two men, the meteor probably landed in the vicinity of Temple.

**Polar Bear Leaves Sea to Attack Deer**  
MOSCOW — A rare case of a Polar bear leaving the sea and attacking beasts on land has been reported by "Dawn of the East."

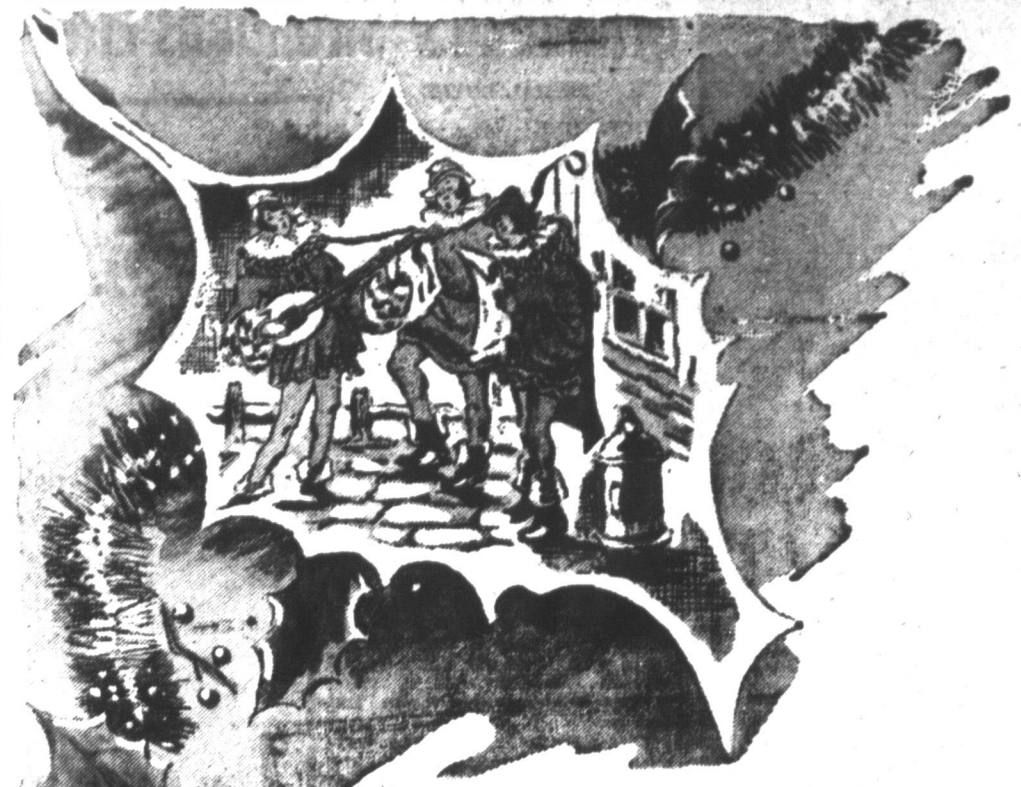
The attack took place recently in the tundra of the Khatangsky region where a polar bear attacked a herd of reindeer, slaying four young deer before a hunter killed the bear.

"Hunters," said a message, "know of only one such other event during their lifetime."

**Chopper Child**



Although he's only 10 months old, Phillip Clark Diebel of Austin, Tex., has 16 teeth, and loves to smile and show them. The son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Clark Diebel, Phillip tips the scales at 30 pounds.



J. C. Daniels—Your Lincoln-Mercury Dealer

**Your TREE...and US!**  
Is there room on your tree for one more wish? We hope so, because the people who are employed at J. C. Daniels are dropping around today with this Christmas card. We haven't figured out a new way of wishing you the best holiday season you ever had, but we want you to know we are thankful for the many things this community has done in the past year to make our home town such a nice place in which to live. We who live and work here know we have the best neighbors anywhere. So friends and neighbors, we say  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS - 1948**  
With the kindest personal regards,  
*J. C. Daniels*  
Founder and Owner

**a CHRISTMAS Poem**

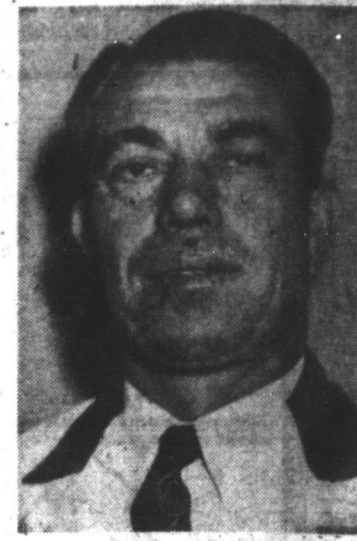
Ah, dearest Jesus, Holy Child  
Make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled,  
Within my heart, that it may be  
A quiet chamber kept for Thee  
My heart for very joy doth leap,  
My lips no more can silence keep  
I too must sing, with joyful tongue  
That sweetest ancient cradle song,  
Glory to GOD in highest Heaven,  
Who unto man His son hath given.  
While angels sing, with pious mirth,  
A glad NEW YEAR to all on earth.



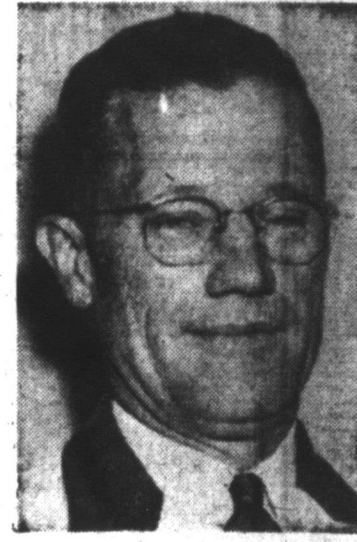
**a CHRISTMAS Prayer**

While Stars of Christmas Shine  
While stars of Christmas shine,  
Lighting the skies,  
Yet only loving looks  
Beam from your eyes.  
While bells on Christmas ring,  
Joyous and clear,  
Speak only happy words,  
All love and cheer.  
Give only loving gifts  
And in love take;  
Gladden the poor and sad  
For love's dear sake.  
—Emilie Poulsson

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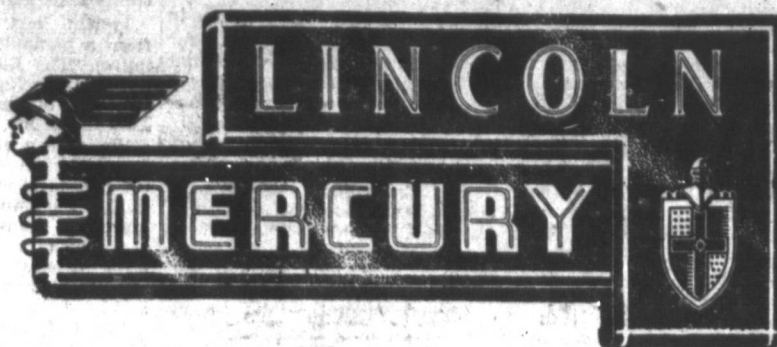


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# Merry CHRISTMAS



WHAT better time than Christmas for every American to reaffirm his faith in God and emulate the great builders of our nation—God-fearing men who turned to prayer for guidance and inspiration. Only through prayer and faith can we assure the continuance of freedom without fear—tolerance without tyranny—democracy and lasting peace. Without the worship of God, life is stark. On this Christmas Day, let us humbly pay homage to Christ who humbled himself for mankind. Let us resolve, through Christian fellowship, to do our part to maintain the rich heritage of our country and to help those less fortunate people of the world until they, too, can find happiness under an actual Peace on Earth.



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### YOU and the YEAR Ahead

Tradition ordains this the season of resolve. Let's keep our resolutions, simple but firm. Ideas have legs. If, on a local level, we resolve to make this community a better place in which to live, it may have an effect on making the world of nations a better place in which governments may live. Start in your own backyard. You figure out what you can do to better the churches, schools and institutions of this place we call our home. We'll start in our own backyard. For the year ahead, J. C. Daniels, your Lincoln-Mercury Dealer, pledges to work in every way for a better PAMPA... A STILL GREATER PAMPA... for any and all efforts at community betterment.

This community is only as strong as we make it. No one outside it cares much what happens to our town. But we care. Let's prove that we care by making that resolution now—to build a better PAMPA. It is in that spirit that the people who work for this firm wish for you a ---

HAPPY NEW YEAR... 1949

With kindest of personal regards

*J. C. Daniels*  
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### Error Rhythm in Sighting Studied

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. —(AP)—There seems to be a peculiar rhythm of error when humans try to sight a gun on a moving target. This rhythm is the frequency with which they continually swing beyond the target, or over-correct for the swings. And it seems to be about the same for everyone. The finding comes from a study designed to make American aerial gunners more deadly in their aim. It's directed by Dr. D. G. Ellison, of the Indiana University Psychology Department, and sponsored by the Air Force laboratory at Wright Field. Dr. Ellison is trying to determine the character of natural, ever-present human error that an operator transmits to a mechanical device. With that knowledge, the instruments or controls can be re-designed to fit the human operator and compensate for human error. This kind of work is a new field, engineering psychology.

"It's roughly similar to the regulation of a driver of a car to the steering of the car," he said. "The driver is constantly subject to tremors in his arms, but the steering mechanism is so designed that it filters out those tremors and they have no effect on the wheels. Similar to the arm tremors is a natural oscillation in the human system, so strong that an aerial gunner is continuously losing the target in his sight, and having to make correction." So far, the frequency of oscillation appears to follow a pattern in all the persons studied. In the tests, they try to follow a target with a pointer. This common pattern is significant, since it might be expected that the frequency would vary among individuals, depending upon their speed of reaction. Individual variation in the degree of oscillation or wavering is not so important. Any damping device put into the gunsight would take care of all the oscillating, strong or light. The next problem, Dr. Ellison said, is to learn whether the frequency changes under emotional stress, as in combat action.

### Is That So???

ANACONDA, Mont. —(AP)—Jack C. O'Toole, Shelby cattleman and Montana booster extraordinaire, insists his state is the nation's largest, instead of being third largest as the books say. Here's the way he argues: "Many people have the idea that Texas is the biggest state in the union. They arrive at this conclusion because of two reasons: First, Texans have been preaching that propaganda for years. Second, people haven't stopped to think that much of Montana is ending on an end. "Iron out the Rockies, and Montana would exceed any other state in size."

### Japan Seeks Revival Of Indian Trade

TRICHUR, India —(AP)—Trade between Japan and India, virtually at a standstill since 1941, is expected to receive great impetus as the result of a tour of India by a trade mission. The mission has just completed its work, after assembling a long, detailed list of what India wants in the way of capital goods and manufactures from Japan. Official announcements say the government of India hopes to receive a reply to its requests soon after the mission returns to Japan. As a result of the mission's visit, the government of India has made available to Japan 85,000 bales of cotton and 14,000 tons of raw jute, according to reports from official sources.

### Aleman Proposes Profits Tax Bill

MEXICO CITY —(AP)— President Miguel Aleman sent Mexico's first excess profits bill to the Chamber of Deputies Wednesday for study. The tax would apply to all corporations, businesses and farms with net incomes over 200,000 pesos (\$28,500) a year.

### A Merry Christmas

### Berlin's Mayor



Ernst Reuter, newly-elected Lord Mayor of the legal Berlin government, wants the three western sectors of Berlin unified. "Complete reorganization of administration in the western sectors is being planned," said Reuter. He also wants the lift to boost its daily tonnage from 4000 to 8000. (Photo by NEA-Acme staff correspondent Joe Schuppe.)



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"I speak the password primal - I give the sign of democracy: 'God' I will accept nothing which is not on the same terms." -Walt Whitman.

We, Like Doubting Thomas, Lack Faith

Thomas was not present when the Christ appeared to His apostles. And when he was told of this world-shaking event, he became the original Doubting Thomas.

His doubt is expressed in the gospel, according to which "Except I shall see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe."

Later the Christ did appear to Thomas, and he did see the prints of the nails in His hands. It was then that Doubting Thomas was converted. He is quoted as saying he would follow Christ unto death.

Here we see one of the apostles doubting the all-mighty nature of God's son. It had been sufficient up until the reappearance of Jesus Christ, the carpenter, after his crucifixion on Golgotha, for Thomas to believe in the man about the country; because it was apparent He was not an ordinary man. Even so, Christ was a simple man speaking simple truth.

Thomas lacked a certain faith, but he had hope. He did not recognize the divinity of Christ in being able to rise again; just as the inn-keeper did not recognize the Christ child in the manger because he was not looking for him. He hoped he would see Christ risen, but he did not have faith that he would. It was not his to recognize the divine nature of the carpenter from Judea.

Perhaps we have hope in our times; but is somewhat doubtful that we have faith. Both are strong words, and great things are brought to pass on their strength. But it is as one of the masters said last Friday in a Christmas message in the Pampa News: we are short on faith.

We pay lip-service to the United Nations, to the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights; we nod our heads in respect to what men are trying to do to keep the world at peace—but in all respects we do not have faith. If we could only see the nail prints, perhaps...

But we have seen the nail prints in every sunrise; in the miracle of birth; in the trees, the flowers, and the birds; in alchemy, art and music; all bear the print of the Almighty.

We who are short on faith, we are cynical. Our sins line the roads of time from the Garden of Eden to Nagasaki, and from the faith in deep-freeze, and we thereby deny The Birth.

If we would not be less magnanimous than Doubting Thomas, we must feel, and recognize, the prints of the nails in His hands.

So They Say

The loss of Manchuria... is just like Pearl Harbor. After the people know that, they will wake up to what has happened.

Rep. Walter H. Judd (R) of Minnesota.

More and more functions of the individual have been taken over by the government. We are rapidly losing our freedom, and free enterprise which has made this country's greatness possible will go with it.

James F. Lincoln, president, Lincoln Electric Co.

FIRING PROBLEM

WASHINGTON (NEA) - How to fire inefficient government employees easier is one of the personnel problems bothering President Herbert Hoover's Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Federal Government. The issue has kicked up quite an argument within the Hoover Commission and the Civil Service Commission.

What bothers the outsiders—the non-government members of the Hoover Commission—is said to be "the state of mind" that has developed among government administrators. Critics of the "Servile Civics" as they disdainfully call it, say that bureau chiefs and section heads, with authority to fire are afraid to use their power.

It is claimed these officials take the lazy way out. Instead of firing the inefficient workers, they merely transfer them. Or instead of giving such workers honest, "Unsatisfactory" efficiency ratings, the administrators pass out "Good" or "Excellent" ratings to all, in order to become known as good bosses. The only way to get a letter-writing campaign in the head of the agency, make a speech on the floor of Congress, start an investigation of the agency, or all three at the same time.

On receipt of such complaints, any commission is to start a letter-writing campaign in the head of the agency, make a speech on the floor of Congress, start an investigation of the agency, or all three at the same time.

Increasing unionization of federal employees has also complicated the firing problem considerably. "Shop stewards" in every government bureau are constantly bal-

Fair Enough - by Westbrook Pegler

As the truth comes out at last, the actual guilt of the Roosevelt - Communist - Harvard Law School combination in stealing and revealing secrets of the United States to Soviet agents is proved beyond reasonable doubt.

The American free press deserves no credit for the exposure, merely remiss but disgraced, for it actually used its loudest voices to belittle and harass the men who had uncovered the spies.

Now a brazen campaign is underway, initiated by Chinaboy Henry Luce, of the Time-Life-Fortune group, to glorify Eleanor Roosevelt, who was deeply implicated in the process of Communist penetration of this country. He is a devout little boy of sly, but he probably has a fellow-feeling for this impudent adventuress because he employed Whitaker Chambers as his senior editor on Time and he frequently has had to "clean house" in the politico-editorial cells of his queer temple. He may think that in exalting Eleanor he is now making common cause with an old accomplice and that by exalting her he helps to extricate himself. However, that is speculation. Luce was born in Shantung and he brought to Occidental journalism an Oriental slant which baffles the standard American.

President Truman is committed to large white lies, to false trustees in the State Department and his motives in fighting down the truth are not impersonal as many citizens generously thought they were. His guilt is personal because, we now discover, he learned of this treachery soon after he became president in 1945. He has been protecting the traitors ever since. He thus weakly became tainted with guilt himself. There is legitimate ground for impeachment here. Far from pursuing the traitors, the Department of Justice, obedient to a guilty "policy," has been obstructing the House Committee on Un-American Activities and has failed to take criminal action on evidence which was presented to the Roosevelt cabinet as long ago as 1939. This is not gossip but sworn testimony.

The press has failed shamefully and for dishonorable reasons and even today the full, candid truth is behind an iron curtain. The great power controlling much of our press and much of radio have suppressed the existence of a treacherous "apparatus" in our State Department for years. Excuses are heard nowadays for this betrayal of the press franchise, but they are tawdry pleas by guilty men. Now Truman has the power further to suppress evidence and persecute, by false indictment and economic boycott, those who bring facts to light for the department of justice confines itself to grotesque mock-prosecutions of old Communist friends conducted by stumbling fakery such as we have seen in several New Jersey cases.

The default of the American press in this case has been due to a combination of cowardice, venality, editorial arrogance and incompetence. Many of the men at fault threw in with Roosevelt and his henchmen without any thought that they were thereby creating or discrediting his wife would discredit them. Some of these fellows have refused to let citizens, in monopoly towns where they censor news and history, learn the sorry facts of authentic treated swindles by the royal family.

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MOPSY by Gladys Parker

There is a common belief that when a government employee is marked for the sack, he has the right of appeal to half a dozen higher authorities and boards. This process is supposed to take months and even years, and to discourage firing.

Actually, the only laws on this point are that if a veteran is fired he has the right of appeal to the Civil Service Commission, and if any employee charges he is fired for political or religious prejudice, he has the right to contest his dismissal.

The Civil Service Commission side of this story is that all the machinery necessary for fast firings is now in operation. All it takes to make it work is a little guts on the part of the section chief and the director or personnel in every agency.

Every new employe on the government payroll is on trial during his first year. He can be summarily fired if his work is found unsatisfactory during that time. After his first year an employe must be given a notice in writing as to why he is being discharged, and he must be given a reasonable time to reply to the charge in writing.

A discharged employe may appeal to the Civil Service Commission only if he charges he was fired arbitrarily and without cause. The commission may recommend that such a discharged employe may be given another chance under different circumstances in another agency. But it cannot order a discharged employe reinstated.

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Common Ground

By R. C. HOLLES

What is the Reason for Limited Government? In the last issue we quoted from a pamphlet under the heading of "The Bill of Rights" written by Dean Russell and published by The Foundation for Economic Education, Inc.

We regard the Foundation for Economic Education as the soundest and most consistent organization in the United States now trying to get the people to understand the principles on which this government was formed. Dean Russell is a member of the Foundation staff.

The last issue related how the Bill of Rights was really a Bill of Prohibitions against government. It was to quote further from this splendid pamphlet of which single copies can be had without cost by writing to the Foundation for Economic Education, Inc., Irvington-on-Hudson, New York.

Individual Rights "These personal and individual rights include freedom of worship, free speech and a free press, the right to assemble together, the sanctity of person and home, trial by jury, the right to life, liberty and the private ownership of property."

Finally, to make absolutely sure that no government official could possibly misinterpret his position as servant rather than master, the people added two more blanket restrictions against the federal government. The Bill of Rights specified that, "The enumeration . . . of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny . . . others retained by the people."

And, "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution . . . are reserved to the States . . . or to the people."

Personal Freedom "It was this philosophy of individual freedom and individual responsibility . . . reflected in the Bill of Rights . . . that attracted to this country millions of persons from the government oppression and anti-carter-laws, have quietly gone abroad within the last week. They departed so suddenly and so stealthily that some of the key members of the agency have not yet learned of their mission."

ALLEGATION — These experts will examine seized documents to support or discredit allegations that American and British firms, through arrangements with German steel, aluminum and chemical corporations, helped to rearm Hitler in the years before the invasion of Poland. Some of this country's most prominent industrialists have been mentioned in this connection.

The FTC men will also check on reports that the military authorities here and overseas have shown favoritism toward certain corporations in their dismantling program. According to still unverified charges, plants which were essential units in Germany

our persons' affairs and responsibilities. Many of us seem to favor various types of government-guaranteed and compulsory security. We say that we want personal security in all its aspects: government housing, government job controls, government-guaranteed jobs and wages. We boast that we are responsible persons, but we vote for candidates who promise us special privileges, government pensions, government electricity.

Freedom is Responsibility "Such schemes are directly contrary to the spirit of the Bill of Rights. Our heritage is being lost more through weakness than through deliberate design. The Bill of Rights still shines in all its splendor, but man of us are looking in another direction. Many of us are drifting back to that old concept of government that our forefathers feared and rejected. Many of us are now looking to government for security. Many of us are no longer willing to accept individual responsibility for our own welfare. Yet personal freedom cannot exist without individual responsibility."

Your Choice "Thus the American people are on the verge of a final decision. We must choose between the destruction caused by government paternalism, and the security insured by individual freedom with individual responsibility as expressed in the Bill of Rights. There is no other choice.

"As it must, the choice rests with each of us as individual Americans. No one can tell us what to think or do. No one should. To do so would be a violation of both the spirit and the words of the Bill of Rights. As we have the privilege and the obligation to pursue what each considers to be the right course of action. But this above all—before we act, let us understand the meaning of our actions."

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FUNNY BUSINESS

BY HERSHBERGER



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news behind the news

WASHINGTON — President Truman has made his first overt move to check up on the Army administrators' rule in Germany, and to investigate charges that certain civilian higher-ups in the military department are feathering their own nests by extending favors to prewar industrial associates in the former enemy country.

Several members of the Federal Trade Commission, which polices the enforcement of anti-monopoly and anti-cartel-laws, have quietly gone abroad within the last week. They departed so suddenly and so stealthily that some of the key members of the agency have not yet learned of their mission.

A CIO economic expert set the stage for the blowup. In testifying before the Joint Economic Committee studying corporation profits, he voiced the need for another pay boost, as well as employers' ability to finance raises, by comparing 1940 wages with the 1948 scale. Using that basis, he maintained that profits had increased far more than wages.

"But why," interjected Mr. Flanagan, "do you not use the 1939-1946 wage figures as a basis for your comparison?"

PROSPERITY — The CIO spokesman pointed out that such a contract would be unfair to the labor viewpoint because both wages and profits did not begin to soar until after Hitler's conquest of the Low Countries and his blitzkrieg on England. Besides foreign purchases of weapons here, he said, it was in 1940 that Franklin D. Roosevelt made the United States an "arsenal of democracy."

"You concede what I have always contended," said the Vermont senator, "it was war purchases and armament, not New Deal legislation, which gave us our so-called prosperity."

ASSERTION — "What do you mean," snapped Senator O'Mahoney, "notice that you liked the New Deal so much that both your recent presidential candidates — Willkie and Dewey — supported it. You even endorsed it in your 1946 and 1948 platform. You have never tried to repeal New Deal laws."

"Yes, they did," chimed in Mr. Flanagan. "They repealed the Wagner Act by passing the Taft-Hartley Act. But last month the voters repealed the GOP-backed Taft-Hartley Act. How, then, do you explain Senator Flanagan's original assertion."

PURGE — President Truman will attempt to "purge" of Dixiecrats on Capitol Hill because his Congressional associates have informed him that reprisals would destroy party solidarity and create a legislative stalemate that would discredit his administration in the eyes of the public. He will not try to discipline Senator Glenn H. Taylor of Idaho, Henry A. Wallace's running-mate and a vicious White House critic.

The White House representatives at the eastern end of Pennsylvania Avenue—National Chairman Howard McGrath and Leslie Biffle, director of the Policy Committee — realize that almost every Southern member secretly sympathized with the anti-Civil Rights party, even though they did not break openly with the party.

Any move to chastise the outright rebels would antagonize half the Democratic membership of the Senate and at least one-third of the men in the House.

PROMISES — Democrats from Dixie will control most of the major committees, and they will hold a majority of the committee chairmanships. But they would lose the influence which their seniority gives them if Thurmond-Wright supporters were denied committee seats, or if Southern voting power were weakened by packing the committees with Northern, pro-Truman Democrats. Both devices have been suggested as a means of minimizing the South's influence in Congress.

Senator Taylor cannot be singled out for punishment if anti-Truman members from other sections are admitted to the family without chastisement. Somebody would be sure to note the discrepancy if the Idahoan were dog-housed and a score of Dixiecrats allowed to escape disciplining.

Lastly, the Democrats will have enough doughnuts over the President's attempt to fulfill all his campaign promises, without looking for unnecessary, intra-party feuds.

It's a fouled-up world. —Dr. David Bradley, atomic scientist.

White Deer

WHITE DEER — (Special) — The Venado Blanco Club held its annual Christmas dinner last Thursday evening in the High School Homecoming Department.

The two long dining tables were decorated with evergreen, Christmas balls, and red candles, while an arrangement of pine cones and red and white candles centered the serving table.

After dinner, the members listened to Ronald Colman's recording of Dickens' "Christmas Carol," and gifts were exchanged. All then joined in preparing the treats for distribution by Santa Claus on the following evening.

This "visit of Santa Claus" to the small children in town is one of the club's main projects, and 130 bags of fruit, candy, and nuts were distributed.

Present at the dinner were Mesdames D.V. Biggers, Bob Farley, Kenneth Gibson, Laura Jo Skaggs, Olyve Jordan, R.R. Weaks, Ray Vineyard, Hope Ruak, Fred Mullings, C.A. Jensen, and Kittie Allison; and Misses Mildred Cole, Winnie Warren, Ruby Lee Hill, Gertrude Galloway, Clara Evers, Mary Green, and Helen Walker.

Eleven new members were initiated into the White Deer Chapter of the National Honor Society last week at the High School.

The six members of the chapter, dressed in blue robes, stood before a large arch of yellow and white, and on a table in front of them were placed six blue candles and a large white, blue, and yellow ceremonial candle.

As Billy Joyce Adams played the school song, the initiates, also wearing robes and carrying blue and yellow lighted candles, descended the stairs and took their places on each side of the arch.

Four members made brief talks on the principles of the organization. Ann Scott spoke on scholarship; Larrie Bednorz, leadership; Wendolyn Sparks, character; and Frances Egan, Service. The president, Roberta Sparks, explained the new candle-dripping ceremony, and symbolizing the contribution of each member to the chapter, each initiate added a bit around the tree; and then members of the group played "42."

Present were: Messrs. and Mesdames J. L. Dunn, T. A. Greenhouse, H. E. Matthews, R. C. Carter, D. C. Baird, J. S. Johnson, Doyle Grimes, C. J. Van Zandt, J. R. Patterson, O. G. Trimble of Pampa, A. K. McBride, and Mrs. Mayne Patterson and Nellie Davis.

Elwyn Dysart of Channing visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Dysart, the past weekend.

J. M. Bryant, J. R. Patterson, and Mrs. C. A. Dysart attended the workers' conference of the North Fork Association at the First Baptist Church, LeFors, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Trimble of Pampa, and the Wiley Davis home Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Johnson of Pampa visited in the J. S. and Jack Johnson homes last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Johnston visited last weekend with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Martin, and family, at Bovina.

Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Goodnight, Jr., and children visited Sunday in the I. T. Goodnight, Sr., home.

A baby. But be sure, Santa, that the kid doesn't look like Al Johnson.

Al Johnson: A private television wire to the U. S. Treasury Department so he can at least see his money.

Harry Cohn: A couple of hurrahs for letting Columbia and Larry Pack get together.

AND MOST OF ALL. Hollywood: A good public relations campaign.

John Leslie: Half a dozen movies. Everyone has missed her during her three-year absence from the screen (because of that Warren lawsuit which finally was settled out of court).

Don Ameche: Who just started a five-day-a-week radio show: An oxygen tent for weekends.

Jack Benny: A card so he can park his car free at CBS. He's still worried about it.

Ingrid Bergman: A comedy. Howard Hughes: Skip him. He's got everything.

All of Hollywood unemployed: Their jobs back.

Red Skelton: His release from M-G-M.

America's moviegoers: Lower admission prices and better movies.

Sabu: A smaller elephant and a bigger apartment.

Lana Turner: Happiness.

Atwater Kent: Give HIM a party.

Remember Tiny Shaffer, the fat boy of the Our Gang comedies? He's a handsome six-footer now, featured with the Eddie Murphy orchestra . . . Fibber McGee and Molly are rebuying the home they built in Encino, 10 years ago. They sold it three years ago, bought another, but said they were never "at home" there.

QUICKIES By Ken Reynolds

"H-m-m-m! Just as I was ordering a News Want Ad—and already it starts paying off!"

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# Both Amarillo and Monahans Minus Stars for Title Game



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## Blue-Gray Battle Wide-Open Affair

MONTGOMERY, Ala., (AP)—All-star teams from North and South of the Mason-Dixon Line wind up preparations today for tomorrow's 11th annual game of the Blue-Gray football series.

The Yankees probably have an edge with their average 207-pound man line. On the other hand, the Rebels have more depth and possibly more talent in the backfield.

Jack Hutchinson of V M I and Huey Keeney of Rice are no slouches at ball-hugging themselves, and they'll be on hand for any emergency.

Big Veto Kisel of Holy Cross is expected to do a lot of the Yankee line plugging. Wally Dreyer of Wisconsin, George Guerre of Michigan State and Phil Colletta appear to be the Yanks' fanciest openfield runners.

## Sul Ross Hopes Drop

ALPINE.—(AP)—Sul Ross State's hopes for victory in the Tangerine Bowl Jan. 1 against Murray State took a drop today when it became known that Jack D. Belcher, defensive center, would be unable to play because of injuries suffered in a car accident.

Belcher suffered injuries to the head and back when thrown through the windshield. Coach Paul Pierce said he would probably be taken to Orlando but could not play.

Amarillo and Monahans each goes into the final battle with crippled chances. The Sandies will miss their sparkplug, James Garner, a great wingman who also has quarterbacked the team. He definitely is out because of a knee injury. Waldo Young, fine Monahans back, couldn't do much work this week because of a bruised knee but is expected to be able to play tonight.

Fort Worth anticipates at least 16,000 for the Waco-Amarillo tilt. Odessa looks for 8,000 to 10,000 for the first Class A championship game ever to be staged.

Bullet Bobby Thomason of V M I shapes up as the South's top passer. He threw 14 strikes during the 1948 season, each going for a touchdown and his performance this week has been up to par.

The South will build its running game around such men as Shorty McWilliams and Harper Davis of Mississippi, power-driving Harry Bonk of Maryland and Russ Inman of Auburn.

Waco is a heavy favorite over Amarillo because of the fact that it could topple such a powerhouse as Port Arthur and because of the absence of Garner from the Sandie lineup. Featuring the passing of Claud Kincannon and the running of Dick Farms, the Tigers are rated one of the finest teams ever to reach the schoolboy finals.

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Christmas is the time of the year when people all over the world rejoice with their family and friends. May this Christmas prove to be a joyous one and the New Year bring an abundance of good health and prosperity to all.

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Best wishes for a joyous Christmas, a bright and prosperous New Year.

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# WARREN'S WARMUP

By WARREN HESS—News Sports Editor

QUESTION: Who is the newly appointed manager of the New York Yankees?

ANSWER: The new manager of the Yankees is that colorful character, Casey Stengel.

**TOMORROW'S FOOTBALL:** Things still look dark for the Golden Sandies tomorrow in Fort Worth. James Garner is definitely lost to them for the big game, which fact practically spells defeat in itself.

Waco has used both ground power and air power to win their game, and they have a potent attack in either. If one doesn't click, they turn to the other. Last Saturday their ground attack only racked up 61 yards, but the air route gained 270 yards, completing 27 of 41 passes attempted. It looks as if Sandstorm better set up some sack-back guys to knock down the aerial bombardment.

The Amarilloans will go into the game as definite underdogs, and if they should win it will be a great upset. Perhaps Garner's injury can be a motivating force to create that upset, using it as a fight song.

Again Warmup can't see the Sandstorm as the victors Christmas afternoon, but it would be able to play tonight if they did. We want to see the Top o' Texas produce the best football in the state.

**UNDER THE TREE:** Here are a few presents that some of our nation's sportsmen would like to find under their Christmas tree tomorrow morning.

Owner Bill Veek of the Cleveland Indians would like to find another Bob Feller or young Satchel Paige; Sammy Sneed would like a putter guaranteed not to miss; Joe Louis would like to find the recipe for not getting hit with a right hand; Happy Chandler would like Jean Leo Durocher in his life; Connie Mack wants just one more championship; The Yankees would like a couple more Joe DIMaggios, and Joe would like an \$80,000 contract; Pete Rose would like to get through a season unscathed; All football coaches would like a win over Notre Dame; Pappy Waldorf would like a Rose Bowl victory; TCU would like to find another Sam M. By; Bobby Riggs would like to be able to stop Jack Kramer's powerful forehand drives; Warren Wright wants another colt like Citation; The St. Louis Cardinals would like to locate another Gas House Gang in their chain system; Baylor would like to find a quick remedy for cage star Jackie Robinson's trick knee; Bill Nicholson would like to find that batting eye that he lost; A.C. Football team owners would like to find peace with the NFL; Bing Crosby would like to have his Pirates beat Bob Hope's Cleveland Indians in the World Series; Marty Be would like another Donk Walker; Gus Lesnevich would like a crack at Joe Louis' crown; baseball fans would like two more races like last year's major league pennant chase; Odessa would like another Donk Walker; and Warmup would like everyone to have a merry Christmas.

**Sports World Pauses**  
NEW YORK.—(AP)—Amateur and professional sports pause tonight for Christmas Eve.

No major college basketball games are scheduled. Nor are there any games in organized pro and amateur hockey leagues and the two professional basketball leagues.

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# Five Man Match on Benefit Wrestling Program Tonight At the Sportatorium Ring

By WARREN HESS—News Sports Editor

QUESTION: Who is the newly appointed manager of the New York Yankees?

ANSWER: The new manager of the Yankees is that colorful character, Casey Stengel.

We can't tell who will wrestle whom tonight at the Sportatorium in the semi-windup and the windup, but we can name the contestants in the preliminary. In that event Monte La Due will take on Dory Fuly not take on Benny Trudell will take on Vic Weber will take on Olan Boynton. And if you're still with me, here's the how and why.

It will be a five man wrestle royal tonight. The above named men will all tangle together in the first bout to determine the participants in the final and semi-final matches.

The first man eliminated will be through for the night, and can go home and unwrap his presents. The second and third men pinned will wrestle the semi-final and the remaining two battlers will feature the main event. So there should be lots of excitement.

The night will also be the annual benefit night for the Boy's Ranch at Amarillo. Last year a truckload of items was collected and this year it is hoped will be even bigger. Anyone who has any used clothing, especially warm clothing, will be very much appreciated. Also, gifts of food, canned food, can be used. So bring your donations along with you and they will be collected there and delivered for Christmas.

**Musial Tops NL Sluggers**  
NEW YORK.—(AP)—Stan (What a man) Musial is the holder of the National League's slugging title for the fourth time in his six year career.

The peerless St. Louis star hit at a .702 gait according to the final official averages, highest mark since the late Hack Wilson also led in runs batted in, .783 and total bases, 2,152. Brooklyn hitters fanned the most, 684, and Card batters the least, 521. Boston drew the most walks, 671. The Cards grounded into the most twin killings, 128 and the Phils the least, 99.

**BETTER BOWLING**  
RIGHT DRIFT: Apparently an earlier article, a reader in the impression that I said only bowlers who stride (run) to the foul line in a straight line can hope to be successful. Well, that's not correct, and it's certainly not the point I wanted to emphasize.

It is true, however, that solid footwork is developed more quickly when the stride is straight and to an identical spot at the foul line, because the arm then swings PARALLEL with the body and on to a full swing-through for accuracy. But not all bowlers can run straight, or find it natural to do so.

Short, slight bowlers might well find it more comfortable to start their stride in the center of the alley and angle toward the right corner, easily and naturally. The weight of the swinging ball "drifts" the small bowler to the right so that the ball is released consistently at the same spot.

If you feel, when you try to straighten out your stride a physical pressure from CARRYING instead of swinging the ball, and you aren't able to swing through, then it might be wise to follow along with your natural right drift, and standardize it. Dropping the ball on, or behind the foul line frequently might also be remedied by drifting naturally.

So, I'd like to establish my position on that once again. For slight people, it may be advisable to allow the weight of the ball to throw the body into somewhat of an ANGLE TO THE RIGHT (see illustration). The most important thing is to finish at the same spot at the foul line.

The ball will naturally be delivered near the gutter in right-angling stride, and to be accurate the arm swing must be smooth going past the body. Hurrying the swing will cause the ball to either be forced high on the head pin or dropped.



**Hickman Offers North Team Some Eating Advice**  
MIAMI, Fla., (AP)—Between 35,000 and 40,000 football fans are expected to attend the Shrine's North-Side all-star charity game tomorrow night in the Orange Bowl.

Both teams planned light drills for today.

Herman Hickman of Yale, coach of the North's 25-man squad, warned his team:

"I want you boys to look sharp out there Christmas night. If we win we'll dine on steaks and beer. If we lose we'll eat bread and water."

"We're ready and in great shape," said Andy Gustafson, University of Miami, coach of the South team.

Both Hickman and Gustafson have promised a wide-open, fast scoring game with plenty of passing.

Gustafson will utilize George Blanda of Kentucky for most of the passing assignments while Hickman is relying on Notre Dame's great Terry Brennan.

**Sports Round-Up**  
BY HUGH FULLERTON, JR.  
NEW YORK.—(AP)—High spot of tomorrow's North-South football game in Miami won't be the contest so much as the verbal exchanges between those old pals and rival coaches, Herman Hickman and Andy Gustafson.

Hickman, for instance, accused Andy of putting too broad an interpretation on "South" in collecting talent. "I understand he was fishing around in South Dakota," said Hickman. "As long as he stays out of South Bend, I'll get along." Then, as an after-thought: "He'd better stay out of South Korea, too. Glen Davis is over there and I don't want my boys to try to stop him."

**Golden Bears Rest**  
BERKELEY, Calif. (AP)—The day before Christmas never looked better to California's Golden Bears, who meet Northwestern in the Rose Bowl Jan. 1.

It brought respite—though temporary—from the ruggedest football drills since the team began the campaign.

The Christmas holiday means a rest until the final week's drills begin at Riverside Monday.

It's time to give out yuletide greetings.

To those swell guys we're always meeting.

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GOOD LUCK TOKEN The custom of using mistletoe is not Christian in origin. According to the World Book Encyclopedia, the Druid priests of ancient Britain cut branches of mistletoe from their sacred oak

tree with a knife which had a golden blade. The mistletoe was given to the people on New Year's Day as a good luck token. Read The News Classified Ads

BKG Club Has Christmas Social

The BKG Sorority met Sunday afternoon in the home of Mrs. George B. Cree, 1109, Mary Ellen, for its Christmas social.

Members brought gifts that were placed around the gaily decorated Christmas tree and later exchanged. Gifts were served red and green Christmas punch and hors d'oeuvres from a table covered with an imported linen cloth. The centerpiece was of giant gold and silver snow flakes, and tapered red candles surrounded by holly and red Christmas balls. Favors of candy canes tied with red and green ribbon and bells completed the table appointments.

Mrs. Charles Hickman, Jr., played several piano selections and accompanied the group in singing Christmas carols. Mrs. Bob Duket led the singing. Mrs. John Garman, Mrs. Ralph Hamilton and Mrs. Bus Benton planned the entertainment for the afternoon. Mmes. Bill Bridges, George B. Cree, Jr., Bill Davis, and Raymond Reid had charge of refreshments.

Rehearsal Dinner Honors Couple

SHAMROCK — (Special) — The rehearsal dinner for the wedding party of Miss Cecile Solomon and Wallace Fields, was given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Fields Saturday evening. The dinner was served buffet style from the dining table which was laid with an Italian cut-work cloth. A central arrangement of white pom-poms and white carnations in a low silver bowl was flanked with blue tapers. Small tables were laid with Madeira linen cloths and centered with blue tapers tied with white satin bows.

The bride's place was marked with a gift from the hostess, a maid in blue atop a musical powder box. The melody was Mendelssohn's Wedding March.

Seated at the tables were the honor guests, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Laycock, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Solomon, H. T. Fields, Mrs. Earl Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Benson, Miss Betty Jean Solomon of Lubbock, Mrs. L. B. Ewen of Lubbock, J. S. Solomon of Sherman Oaks, Calif., Rev. and Mrs. S. M. Dunnam, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Purcell.

Assisting the hostess in serving was Mrs. V. W. Bentley of Magic City, aunt of the bride-elect. Small boxes of wedding cake were presented to the guests.

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- SATURDAY 6:00 Farm Fare—KPDN. 6:35 News and Markets—KPDN. 6:45 Farm Fare—KPDN. 7:25 Sports Parade—KPDN. 7:30 News—KPDN. 7:45 Morning Melodies—KPDN. 8:00 News—KPDN. 8:15 Farm Fair—KPDN. 8:30 Shopping Guide—KPDN. 9:00 Gift Club—KPDN. 9:15 Excursions in Science. 9:30 Albert Warner News—MBS. 9:45 Morning Melodies—KPDN. 10:00 Horned Girls Corps—MBS. 10:30 Magic Rhythms—MBS. 11:00 Dance Music—MBS. 11:30 Swindle and the News—KPDN. 11:45 Extension Service—KPDN. 12:00 Smokey Mountain Hay Ride—MBS. 12:30 J. C. Daniels—KPDN. 1:00 Columbia-Cornell Football—MBS. 2:30 Sports Parade—MBS. 2:00 Hamblin Rhythm—KPDN. 5:00 Take a Number—MBS. 5:30 True or False—MBS. 6:00 Dinner Dance—KPDN. 6:30 Sports Review and Preview—KPDN. 6:30 Robert Hurligh—MBS. 6:45 Mel Allen—MBS. 7:00 Twenty Questions—MBS. 7:30 Stop Me If You've Heard This One—MBS. 8:00 Life Begins at 80—MBS. 8:00 What's The Name of That Song—MBS. 9:00 Terrace Grill. 9:15 Dance Orchestra. 10:00 News—KPDN. 10:30 Dance Time—MBS. 11:00 Spin A Hit—KPDN. 11:55 News—MBS. 12:00 Record Parade—KPDN. 12:25 News—KPDN. Sign Off at One.

TONIGHT ON NETWORKS NBC-7 Paul Lavalle Christmas music; 7:30 Jimmy Durante; 8:30 Red Skelton; 9 Life of Riley; 10:30 Sing All Ye Noel, music from New York Chicago and Dallas; 11:30 Hollywood choir. CBS-7 Jack Carson; 7:30 Mr. and Mrs. Ace; 8 "Piper" Jones; 9:30 Spike Jones; 10:15 Boys Town Choir; 10:30 Concert from Boston; 11 Carol Service. ABC-7 The Fat Man; 7:30 This Is the FBI; 8 Break the Bank; 9:30 Edward Arnold Christmas play; 10:15 Nelson Olnsted Christmas Story; 10:30 Hollywood concert; 11 R. Service; 12 Midnight Mass, New Orleans. MBS-7 Great scenes concert; 8:30 Yours for a Song; 9 Chicago concert; 10 Boys Town Choir; 11 Recorded Carol.

SATURDAY ON NETWORKS NBC-11:15 a.m. Christmas message from American Legion commander Perry Brown; 11:30 Eddie Cantor Christmas party; 12 Noon national farm and home; 1 p.m. Christmas round the world; 2 p.m. Round the world concert; 2:30 Famous Jury trials; 3 Gangbusters; 4:30 Amazing Machine. CBS-3 a.m. King George; 10 Abbott and Costello; 11:30 Pine tree quartet; 12:30 p.m. Round the world pickup; 1 "La Boheme"; 4:30 Christmas concert; 7:30 Famous Jury trials; 8 Gangbusters; 8:30 Amazing Machine. MBS-3 a.m. Choral music; 10 Dad Benson; 10:30 Kiwanis Christmas parties; 11 Noon campus salute; 12:30

The Woman's Page

God's Operations Are Constant

BY WILLIAM E. GILROY, D. D. After Christmas for us, of course, comes New Year's Day. And since in Christmas we celebrate the birth of Jesus, and on New Year's Day we celebrate the beginning of a year ostensibly reckoned from His birth, the days would have been identical if everything in history had worked with the exactness that some would like.

As it is, we are forced to recognize how greatly human affairs fall short of the precision that marks the movements of the heavenly bodies and the exact operation of the laws of nature. God's operations are constant, exact, and dependable; but man's course in history is marked by error, ignorance, uncertainty and tragedy.

After the first Christmas, after the coming of the Christ, came light and blessing. Goodness flowered in the founding of the church, in the mission of the disciples, and in the world struggle for right and truth; but evil flowered in the outbursts of hatred and violence, persecution and destruction. Jesus came to give life and to give it more abundantly; but evil powers sought only to destroy.

It was but a few years before the Christians were under the fires of persecution, and new and terrible tragedies were upon the Jews in the sacking of Jerusalem, and the destruction of the Temple, which Jesus had foretold.

The most imaginative of books must be read with imagination, as well as reverence; and surely it has its message for today when the freedom of faith and conscience is imperilled in many lands.

Christian Science Sunday Services

"Christian Science" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon which will be read in all churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, Dec. 28.

The Golden Text is: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness" Psalms 48:1).

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee" (Isaiah 60:1).

The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "The light portrayed is really neither solar nor lunar, but spiritual Life, which is the light of men" (page 561).

p.m. Christmas in Scripture and song; 7:30 Take a number (temporary time); 7:30 Chicago theater "Lohegrin."

Shamrock Baptist Class Has Party

SHAMROCK — (Special) — The annual class party for the T.E.L. Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church was held Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Frank Sanders.

Red roses, a potted poinsettia, Christmas trees, Christmas bells and evergreens formed the setting for the Yuletide meeting.

Mrs. Flake George presided. The program opened with prayer led by Mrs. J. F. Shortt. The devotional on "Love" was given by Mrs. Jack Kersh. Mrs. George Stanley gave two poems, "Holiday" by Grace Nell Crowell, and "The Keeper of the Inn," by Guest. Mrs. George and Mrs. Charles Cadenhead sang "Silent Night," accompanied by Mrs. Kersh.

Mrs. Lawrence T. Davis reviewed a Christmas story, "The White Kid Gloves," by Margaret Cousins, and read "A Grown-up Child's Letter to Santa Claus."

The gift exchange followed the program and Mrs. J. F. Shortt, teacher of the class, was presented with a personal gift from the group. Mrs. George, class president, was also presented with a gift.

The associate members of the class served refreshments to those mentioned and Mmes. Winnie Whitehurst, Bryan Eoff, Johnny Reeves, Willie B. Tate, A. E. Connell, Myrtle Marchbanks, Edw. C. Derr, Bert Boland, Ellnor Howell, B. F. Chance, Helen Lea Cox.

Mmes. Austin Byrd, Tom Montgomery, J. P. Hall, Will Stevens, Milt Williams, S. L. Harrel, George Braxton, Murray Davis, Bill Wilson and Charles Green.

Medical Auxiliary Meets at Borger

Harper Scroggins was guest speaker at the Women's Medical Auxiliary which met Tuesday in Borger.

He discussed the great Pyramid of Egypt from the viewpoint of mathematical precision and cited the fulfillment of Biblical prophecies up to the present time.

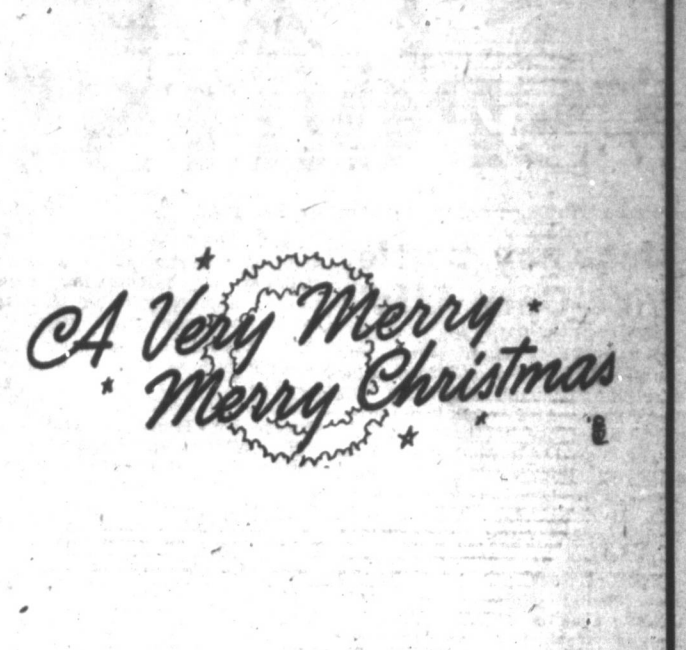
A Borger barbershop quartet provided music for the meeting. Twenty-four Christmas corsages marked places for a turkey dinner, a courtesy extended by Borger members.

Decorations carried out the Christmas motif and gifts were exchanged.

JUST 'PIN MONEY' English husbands gave their wives money on New Year's Day to buy enough pins for the whole year. According to The World Book Encyclopedia, this was the beginning of the expression, "pin money."

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# Los Angeles Vets Take Dad's Place As Santa, But Dad Still Foots the Bill

By PAT WATTS  
NEA Staff Correspondent  
LOS ANGELES — (NEA) Santa Claus will come to the house and see the children this year. For a fee, just like a sitter.

This will save fathers the hardship of gluing on false whiskers and stuffing the midriff with pillows, at least in Los Angeles, where the local American Veterans Committee is setting up a Santa Service at \$3.50 a visit, no extra charge for large families.

The AVC got its idea from Switzerland, where visits by Santa to children in their homes is a tradition. Los Angeles veterans think it's the first time it's ever been done in the U. S., and right now are training 500 members in two-week courses for the yuletide job.

The price of the visit includes a preliminary conference with parents to brief Santa on gifts that should not be encouraged. The Santas-for-hire are getting lessons in how to steer junior's con-

versation away from bicycles, for instance, if his parents are planning a scooter or a wagon instead. A flat "no" is prohibited by rules of the AVC, Santa Claus division; a hedging method is preferred.

For the same fee, Santa will also put in a plug for spinach, carrots, and other items which mothers have trouble peddling to their youngsters.

The amateur Santas are holding preliminary uniform drills right now, with emphasis on how to wear pillows. The pillows are anchored with a drawingstring around the waist and chest, but the rule book says that in case the stuffing drags anchor in the midst of a visit, Santa is to assume a Napoleonic stance, grabbing the pillow with a hand thrust inside his jacket, and beat a hasty retreat.

Presents go along with each visit. The Santas will carry a sea-bag, depending on the branch of service in which they served.

The only thing the AVC is worried about is the rented beards.



PRESENT WHISKERS! Los Angeles AVC Santas L. A. Curry, Ben Rinaldo, George Bodie and Allen Holzinger (left to right) line up for inspection by Mrs. Ben Rinaldo.



PORTABLE WAISTLINE: Allen Holzinger, Los Angeles veteran in training as a visiting Santa, gets his stuffing adjusted by Ben Rinaldo. AVC is coaching 500 of its members for the role.

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## Fire Danger Now at Peak, Engineers Say

The danger of home fires will be greater during the next three months than during any other part of the year, the National Board of Fire Underwriters points out.

Year after year, fire losses climb as the temperature falls, the National Board engineers reveal. For that reason, they urge householders to inspect their homes to reduce winter fire hazards.

Defective chimneys and flues, cause many of the fires which break out in homes during the cold months. Chimneys should be inspected carefully, and all cracks and holes should be repaired. Flues should be cleaned.

Overheated stoves and furnaces also endanger the home, the fire experts point out. When heaters fail to give sufficient warmth, they should not be forced. In many cases, the equipment may need cleaning or repair, and occasionally a new heater may be required, but "forcing" any heating device is always dangerous.

Portable heaters should be cleaned regularly while in use, and kept away from combustibles. In one state, neglected portable heaters are listed as the number one cause of serious fires in residences during the past 25 years.

The National Board engineers also suggest that observation of these seven rules would reduce the probability of your home catching fire:

1. Don't use kerosene to start fires in stoves or furnaces. Use rolled or folded newspapers.
  2. Refill portable oil heaters outdoors. Keep portable heaters where they won't get knocked over.
  3. Don't overload electric circuits by plugging in too many heaters or appliances.
  4. Remove all rubbish, old clothes, or papers from the basement and attic, and check to be sure that no combustibles are placed close to any heating device.
  5. Always put ashes in a metal container.
  6. Place a tight-fitting metal screen in front of the fireplace.
  7. Learn the quickest way to summon the fire department, in case of fire.
- And if a fire does break out, turn in an alarm immediately and get everybody out of the house at once.

They're attached with chin guards, ear wires, and elastic. If a curious youngster yanks at Santa's whiskers and the whiskers snap back in Santa's face, do the parents get a refund on the visit?

only incombustible or flame-proofed decorations. Have plenty of ash-trays and do not allow smoking near the tree.

Let's heed this appeal of the NFPA and make this not only a merry but a firesafe Christmas.

Hypochondria was a word used originally by the ancients to designate the region of the abdominal region.

Approximately 8,000 tons of garbage are handled every day in New York City.

### Don't Let Your Home Burn This Christmas Eve

The National Fire Protection Association warns that, from a few days before Christmas to a few weeks after New Year's, a plague of fires rages up and down the country. Many of these fires are the result of hazards which exist only during the holiday season.

In a little country school house in Babbs Switch, Okla., where 150 people were crowded for a Christmas party, candles ignited the Christmas tree. There was only one exit. Windows were heavily barred. Thirty-six celebrators were killed in the panic or left behind to burn to death when the crowd stampeded.

In fashionable Selma, Ala., country club six women were burned to death and several others injured when someone struck a match in their midst and ignited their cotton-trimmed Xmas costumes.

Four people were killed in a Jersey City, N. J., hotel when a Christmas tree in the lobby was ignited by a toy electric train.

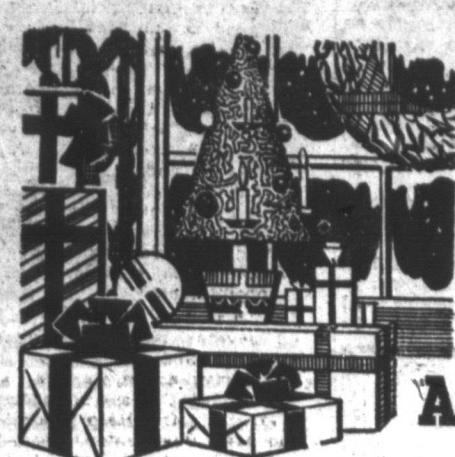
The NFPA offers this five-point plan for Christmas fire safety: Wire your tree so it won't fall over and place it away from fireplaces and other sources of heat. Bring your tree in as short a time before Christmas as possible and remove it as soon afterwards as you can. Don't use open flame lighting; electric lighting is just as attractive and much safer. Use

## He Failed to Read Rule Seven

MUSKOGEE, Okla. — (AP) — Joseph H. Smalley settled down in an easy chair at home to read an item in the paper about fire hazards around Christmas time. Thoughtfully, he reached over

and pulled the plug from the socket—the one hooked onto the Christmas tree lights. There was a flash, the Christmas tree blazed and the interior of the apartment suffered heavy damage before firemen put out the flames. On down in the item—which

Smalley didn't quite finish—it said: "Rule No. 7—do not plug or unplug lights beneath the tree." The rabbit matures at six months and frequently bears as many as four litters a year.



## A Portrait of Christmas

Trees a-glow with colored lights—be-ribboned gifts heaped beneath the tree—stacks of greeting cards from friends and loved ones—the heart-stirring melody of Christmas carols—stockings hung up on the mantle—the promise of a princely feast on the morrow—but, first Santa's visit and the mad scramble of eager children to see what he has brought. This is Christmas. May all of this be yours—and to it we add our warmest greetings and kindest wishes.

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## Gather Together Your Nicest Friends for Christmas Eve

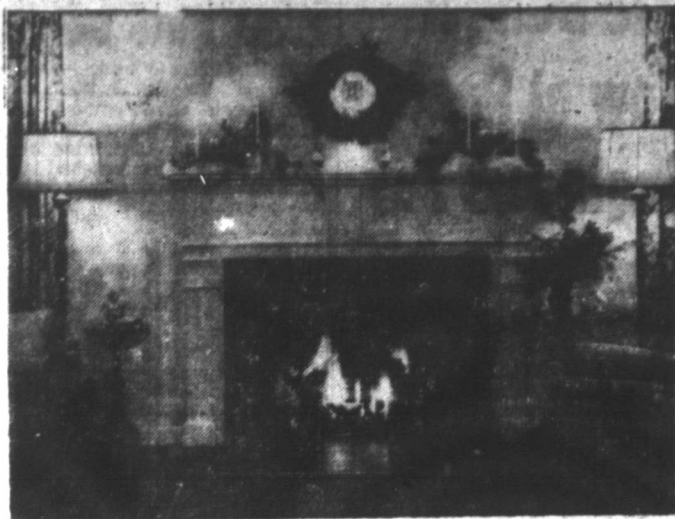
**By VIVIAN BROWN**  
**AP News Features**  
 Shine up those Christmas bells, pick the holly, sweep the chimney, and get set to help Santa shake the soot out of his whiskers. Gather up the nicest gals and guys you know and stage a Christmas party.

The best time for this holiday revelry is the night before Christmas when everyone is in that mellow peace-to-all mood. Invite the gang to your house for a tree-trimmin' party. This is lots of fun, marks the beginning of the Yule

season and gets the ornaments on the tree before you can say Donner and Blitzen. You don't really have to hurry the project. But if there are small fry in the house, you will have to wait until they are safely tucked in bed with "visions of sugar plums" in dreamland.

Sing the carols early. You might do this while wreaths are being hung in the windows or outside the door. Then the lusty voices will not wake sleeping moppets.

If you live in the country and the boys in your crowd are am-



**SIGNIFICANT OF SEASON**—Many homes this year have a lighted wreath to embellish the mantle-piece. It not only offers an attractive scene, but it is also a reminder of the deeper significance of Christmas. Framed in a wreath of evergreens, the small Della Robbia plaque of the Child whose birth was heralded by a star, becomes almost life-like when illuminated.

bitious, perhaps you will not cut the tree down until Christmas eve. The gang can hop in a car or walk to the fir grove, wield the ax, and all help to cart the tree back.

You should have some snacks prepared to serve during the trimming period. Warm spiced cider, or hot chocolate, carrot sticks and crackers and cheese are good to stave off hunger. After the tree is bedecked break out with some food that can be prepared in advance and reheated. Spaghetti, chicken ala king and chile con carne are perfect for this. Chile always is fine food for a party because it is filling and inexpensive. To every can of chile, add an extra can of beans. Serve it with saltine crackers or over spaghetti, for that Southern favorite, Chile Mac.

If you plan to use cranberry and popcorn decorations on the tree, why not let the girls string them while the boys get the tree in shape? I like alternating the cranberries and popcorn for a prettier effect.

The crowd may not pair off, and if this is the case, the small present which is brought by each should be put in a grab bag and fished out. Girls can bring something for boys, and boys for girls. These should be inexpensive, perhaps from the dime store. If any of the crowd is especially chummy, their main presents should be reserved for Christmas day giving. This way kids who are not on a "big gift" list will not be embarrassed.

Dress up for this occasion if you like. Wear one red and one green sock, small jingle bells in your hair, holly berries on your dress. Put the mistletoe in a prominent place. Christmas Eve is not an evening for games but you can find plenty of amusement just sitting around the fireplace and waiting for Santa Claus!

**RED PIONEERS MOVE EAST**  
**MOSCOW** —(AP)—"Dawn of the East" published a Tass dispatch from Khabarovsk in which it was reported that many new settlers are arriving in the Far East. The people coming to the East to make new homes include collective farmers, tractor men, doctors, teachers, fishermen and workers of the lumber and coal industries, the dispatch said.

**REDS APPROVE WORKER ACQUIRING LIVESTOCK**  
**MOSCOW** —(AP)—Soviet workers are being encouraged to acquire and maintain cows, goats, and other livestock as an additional source of cheap food.

"Ogonek" reported recently that at the large Ural Machinery Works in Sverdlovsk alone workers and employees now have over 1500 large horned cattle and goats and are receiving 7000 metric centers (one center equals 220 pounds) of milk yearly. They have set up two livestock cooperative societies in addition.

## Let the Recipients Pick Their Gifts From Christmas Grab Bag

**By BETTY CLARKE**  
**AP Newsfeatures Beauty Editor**  
 You'll just have to get a Christmas grab bag, fill it up with gifts, and let the recipients pick. So many delightful new things are crowding cosmetic counters that Mrs. Santa will have quite a problem deciding how to tag the loot.

Everything from inexpensive sachets to swank fitted cases will catch the eye of the Christmas shopper. It all depends on the budget, however, and every girl for herself.

Junior purses will find colognes, perfumes and sachets individually packed, and well within the realm of half-pint pocketbooks. Also there are: a bell-hop zipper kit containing dry skin cleanser, special dry skin mixture, orange flower skin lotion, face powder and lipstick; body duster made of snowy-white goat's hair. Powder is in the transparent cylinder in the handle and sifts through the brush; four lipsticks on a smart silver key chain with a heart-shaped metal mirror for initials; spicy scented toilet water, dusting powder or perfume in Early American decorated bottles; a debutante set of toilet water, tangy pine bath oil, face powder and sweet-scented pink bath soap; pocketbook size gold plated nail clip in a leather case; vanity case with lipstick attached; lipstick and nail polish set in plastic box to be used later for hair clips or pins; a roly-poly Santa real red velvet hood, jingling bell, contains three bottles of cologne; straw basket containing cleansing cream, powder, lipstick and rouge. Use it later for a bread basket.

The Christmas Club girl with more to spend might select bejeweled compacts and lipsticks in matching sets; a bracelet of golden links with a melon ball pendant containing a vial of perfume; a dresser set in jewel-like colors—ruby, sapphire or clear crystal—complete with professional brush with comb and mirror grouped on a plastic dressing table tray; oblong satin evening bag in bright green, red or witch black, chain handle, containing golden plaid compact and lipstick; manicure set complete from polish to tweezers and emery boards in luxurious pineal leather case with simulated tortoise shell tray.

Plush-lined pocketbooks can splurge on a pouch bag of black or cocoa, calf with adjustable strap. An outside front pocket holds a powder compact, lipstick, coin purse and comb. Back has large flat pocket for notes and papers; perfume in fancy and luxurious packaging; an elegant kit of genuine alligator calf, fitted with a treatment tray of make-

up boxes. Two jewel boxes for precious treasures, zippered waterproof sections for wash cloths, shower caps. Underneath sections for personal finery; solid gold and jeweled lipsticks.

Daily sewage in New York City totals one billion gallons.

Michigan State College's cross-country team in 1948 achieved the first harrier "grand slam" in history by winning the ICAA, NCAA and AAU races.

In the time of Confucius, the rabbit was bred for sacrificial uses in China.



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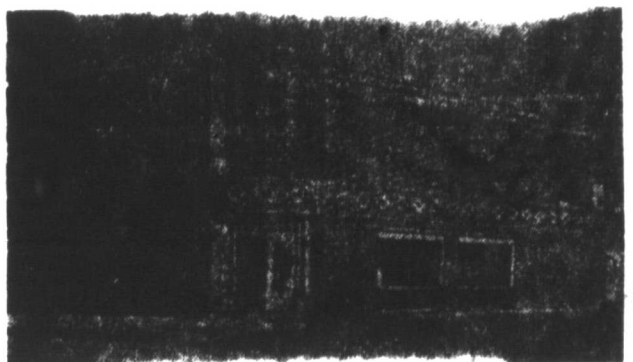
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**Santa Gets Taken for a Ride**



Because the Matson Liner SS Marine Phoenix will be crossing the International Dateline on the night of Dec. 24, a day is skipped and when these child passengers awaken the day after the 24th it will be the 26th—and no Christmas. But Santa and ship's officers will make up for the loss with special festivities.

**NOEL JOY CAN GO UP IN SMOKE**

By DAVID TAYLOR MARKE  
AP Newsfeatures

Each year fire turfs Christmas, the most joyful time of the year, into tragedy in hundreds of American homes. But if parents knew of the hazards surrounding a Christmas tree, and learned how to prevent tragic fires, says the National Safety Council, they could help keep Christmas as joyful as it should be.

How can you prevent accidents from ruining your holiday? All you have to do, says the Council, is to follow some simple rules. First, buy a fresh green tree. Put it in water outside of the house as soon as you get it home. If you live in an apartment, place it in the coolest spot in the apartment and turn off the radiator nearest it. Then, cut off the bottom of the trunk on a slant—at an angle with the line of the trunk—and stand it in one of the special tree holders with a water cup and fill it daily.

Plain water is best, says the Council. Chemicals added to the water, supposedly to fire-proof the tree, have not proved to be satisfactory. Some have made trees even more flammable. No fireproofing done at home can be depended upon.

Be sure that your tree is fastened with wire or cord to at least two points on the wall to prevent it from being pushed over by junior.

If junior is to help you trim the tree, reserve the lower branches for his contributions to the artistic effect. Do not, under any circumstances, use cotton or paper for decoration on the tree or around the tree.

Get your Christmas tree lights out of storage well in advance. Look over the wires and examine each socket carefully. If the socket is broken, if any of its parts appear to be loose, if any bare metal is visible where the wires enter the socket, then cut that socket out of the string and replace it with a new one.

If you use metal foil "icicles," avoid the possibility of a short-circuit by being careful not to allow the metal to come in contact with any lighting sockets or fixtures.

Don't attach too many light strings to one outlet. A blown fuse is the signal of a dangerous overload. Be sure fuses are the right size and never use a penny in a fuse socket.

Don't use lighted candles on the Christmas tree or with other decorations. Place the tree well away from a fireplace or any other location where it is exposed to sparks or strong heat. Also keep tissue wrappings away from heat.

On Christmas morning, provide a large basket, box, or carton for the gift wrappings removed from the presents. Remove the wrappings from the room as soon as possible after the gifts have been opened.

Other prevention hints are provided by the National Board of Fire Underwriters. They add that it is a good idea to provide a switch some distance from the tree, rather than a plug, for turning the electric lights off and on; not to leave tree lights burning when no one is home; inspect the tree to see whether any of the needles near the lights have started to turn brown. If so, change the location of the lights. When the needles start falling, it is a good idea to take the tree down and discard it.

**Citizens With Narrow Necks' Barred**

MOSCOW — (AP) — A writer in the newspaper "Soviet Moldavia" called on restaurant managers and other commercial officials to be more careful in their wording of signs—some of which, he

added, are causing a lot of laughter. He told of a case where an amused citizen called on a doctor and asked him to fill out a certificate that he had a "normal neck." The doctor could not understand until the friend led him to a kerosene store which

exhibited a sign saying: "Kerosene will not be sold to citizens with narrow necks." The sign referred, of course, to citizens with cans with narrow necks which caused spilling.

The Ibis, sacred bird of ancient Egypt, is related to the stork.



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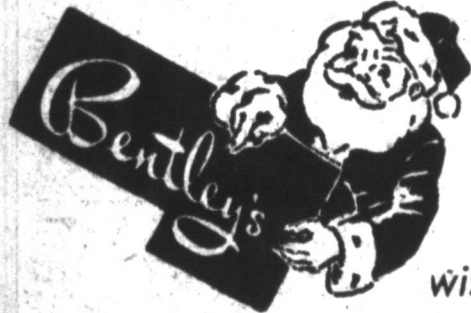
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**Americans Have Been Mighty Rough on Santa**

It's little wonder that Saint Nick is especially generous to the American people. History proves that Americans have done a lot for Saint Nick!

According to Mabel Johnson, research expert with the World Book Encyclopedia, the Americans have given Saint Nick a new name, a new face and figure, and a new means of transportation.

The original European version of Saint Nick pictured him as a tall, angular man who rode on a bony, gray mare. Both the horse and Saint Nick looked like they hadn't had a good meal in some time. The Saint had deep sunken eyes, and wore a flowing, threadbare cloak, and a black skullcap.

The early English settlers in this country started giving Saint Nicholas his "new look." The English children had trouble pronouncing Saint Nickolas. Somehow the name changed to "Santa Kalouf," and finally it was corrupted to "Santa Claus."

However, this was only the beginning. In 1869 Washington Irving, in his "Knickerbocker's History of New York," wrote of the Saint as the guardian of New York City. Irving described Saint Nick as a jolly fellow with a broad-brimmed hat and huge breeches. He taught Saint Nick to smoke a long pipe, and, in the story, replaced his shuffling hay-burner with a trim wagon that floated over New York house-tops.

A short time later, Saint Nicholas' transformation was aided by Clement Moore in his famous poem, "The Visit From Saint Nicholas," written in 1822. Moore, a professor of Divinity in a New York Theological Seminary, gave Saint Nick a sleigh, twinkling eyes, cheeks like roses, nose like a cherry, and a round little belly. Today's Santa Claus, as by no means streamlined, but he is a far cry from the lean, ascetic, somberly dressed fellow who, for centuries, on Christmas Eve, guided his way through the streets of Europe.

If you are caught in a thunder storm and cannot get into an automobile or safe building, experts say the best thing to do is sit down or lie down to avoid being hit by lightning.

"Here's Where I Come In..."



... to wish one and all a Christmas brimming over with laughter, song and good cheer—a New Year filled with health and happiness. May the lights on your tree be symbolic of the brightness ahead—may the glow of the Yule log fill hearts with eternal warmth, everlasting friendship and good will."

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# 37 DIFFERENT CHRISTMASSES

Five hundred years before the birth of Christ, pagan sun-worshippers established the custom of a late-December celebration that today is observed in 37 different parts of the world as Christmas.

In this five-century period before Christ, Romans celebrated the Saturnalia, or the Feast of Saturn. Egyptians, Greeks, Persians, Chinese, Celts, Gauls, Scandinavians, Goths, Saxons and Teutons also made with the December festivities—all in honor of the sun that had ceased its movement away from the earth and was believed to be on its return. These celebrations were held on December 25.

The Christian religion was not strong enough in the beginning to combat these long-established customs, so the church accepted them. There are no records to show that Christ was born on December 25. Historians and astronomers agree His birth was near the shortest day in the year. But because most peoples of the world celebrated the winter solstice on December 25, the date was accepted by the Christian religion in the Fourth Century A. D. as Christ's birthday.

It was not until 86 years after the birth of Christ that His birthday was celebrated and another 40 years before it was adopted as a Christian festival. By the Fourth Century, the festivals were universally accepted.

Although originally observed exclusively as a religious holiday, Christmas is now universally recognized as the year's greatest holiday for children. The Christmas season might be very dull for children if it were not for gifts and Santa Claus. Santa Claus is of American origin, however, every nation has its giver of gifts who is known by different names in various parts of the world.

The best known of all European 'Santa Claus' is St. Nicholas. He actually existed and was the Bishop of Myra in Asia Minor. He was the patron saint of poor maidens, sailors and children. Tradition has it that he once heard of a father with no dowry for his three marriageable daughters. St. Nicholas secretly dropped three bags of gold into their home and soon the daughters were happily married.

The modern custom of hanging up stockings on Christmas Eve can be traced to the days of St. Nicholas when maidens tacked their stockings to the wall hoping to receive their dowry. Three bags of gold, or three gold nuggets, were used to represent the generosity of St. Nicholas. Today, the pawnbroker's sign of three gold balls represents a more recent adaptation of this symbol.

**FEMALE SANTA**  
Santa Claus is the children of Italy is La Befana, a woman. Many years ago, La Befana supposedly lost her child and husband and moved near the road to Bethlehem. When the Wise Men and shepherds asked her to accompany them to see Christ she refused, but started alone the following morning and lost her way. Since that time she has visited the sleeping children of Italy and leaves gifts under their pillows, always hoping one of them might be the Christ child.

Kris Kringle gives the presents in Germany and is believed by the children of that country to be a child messenger from the Christ child. Much emphasis is placed on giving to the poor. Christmas trees are everywhere and in some parts of Germany, the Yule Log is burned. The entire family attends church on Christmas Eve and when they return, find that Kris Kringle has visited and has placed gifts under the Christmas tree. Gifts are concealed in many wrappings, each of which bears the name of a different person. The name of the person on the last wrapper is the one who finally receives the present.

St. Nicholas visits the children of Belgium on Christmas Eve. He comes dressed in a Bishop's robe and gives praise to the good children, punishment to the bad. He then promises to return the following morning. The children place baskets, shoes and plates around the room and also set out water, hay, carrots and a pole for St. Nicholas' gray horse. The next morning they find the house in general disorder, proving that St. Nick has been there.

The Christmas season in Brazil begins on Christmas Eve and ends with the Feast of Epiphany on January 6. Christmas day falls in Brazil's mid-summer season and is observed with picnics, open-air fiestas and fireworks. New Year's day is the biggest day for celebration, feasting and exchange of gifts.

In China, the Christmas season is known as the Holy Birth Festival. Homes and churches are decorated with evergreens and chains made of colored paper. Gifts of tangerines, peanuts, picture cards, candy and lead pencils are distributed in the family and food, clothing and money are given to needy neighbors and to nearby provinces where there is famine or plague.

Svaty Mikulas is the children's patron saint of Czechoslovakia and is escorted to the earth by an angel. Mikulas leads an evil spirit, Cert, who punishes the children if they don't know their prayers. If they do know them, the angel gives them a gift.

The Christmas season in Denmark is one of feasting and visiting friends. Even the livestock is given the best of food during this season. On Christmas Eve the main holiday dinner is served. The first course is always rice pudding, which has a whole almond somewhere concealed in it. The person receiving the almond in his portion is given a prize. After dinner, guests go to a room which has been locked for days and which contains gifts left by the elf, Juliansen. Later in the evening cookies and wine are served—and it's an unpardonable breach of etiquette for a guest to refuse them.

At the time of the Celts, Christmas in England was entirely a religious celebration. It has retained this characteristic to this day, probably to a greater extent (See FAGAN, Page 13)

## Belgian Puppets Perform 'Nativity'



Each Christmas Eve, a Liege, Belgium, museum presents the traditional puppet presentation of "The Great Tragedy of the Nativity." The production is complete with battles, knights and the story of Christ. Here a stage technician arranges the scene wherein the wise kings and the common people, following the star are led to the Christ child.

### Christmas Tree of Light, Unlighted

PORT ARTHUR — (AP) Port

Arthur's "Christmas Tree of Light" didn't light up as scheduled.

Vandals stole all of the bulbs.

A large crowd had gathered for the traditional ceremony of illuminating the tree when the theft was discovered.

### Three Thousand Bulbs On Largest Tree

Three thousand multi-colored electric bulbs and tons of Spanish moss decorate the world's largest Christmas tree located in Hilton Municipal Park at Wilmington, North Carolina. The giant, 300-year-old water oak rises to a height of 274 feet and its branches spread 110 feet.

Its magnificence has been enhanced by a radio station construction beneath the spreading limbs from which emanated Christmas music that reaches the crowds from loud speakers concealed in the branches and an

apparent voice from the heavens that comes from a speaker mounted atop a nearby giant water tower.

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

I would hate to see any increase in taxes, but if we are going to spend as much money as it looks like, we should raise taxes rather than go back to deficit spending.  
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# Pagan Sun-Worshippers First Established Celebrations

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 than in any other nation. The reason for this adherence to the original purpose of Christmas is that during the Reformation, the celebration of Christ's birthday was banned in all but the Lutheran and Anglican churches. Then when Parliament abolished the celebration entirely in 1852, the time of festivity was switched to New Year's day.  
 Paris does not celebrate Christmas except in the churches; but for outlying provinces of France, this season is one of great festivity. Children gather laurel, holly and berries with which to decorate their homes, then on Christmas Eve they place their shoes on the hearth for the Christ child to fill with gifts.  
**COLD FOR FINNS**  
 In Finland, the floors of homes

are covered with straw where the children must sleep, reminiscent of the Christ child. They then await the arrival of Wainemoinen and his companion, Ukko. On Christmas Eve the entire family takes a bath, then rolls in the snow. This chilling but cleansing activity is followed by the visits to the homes of friends where gifts are exchanged.  
 The children of Hungary leave their boots in the window anticipating the arrival of St. Nicholas and his attendant dressed as the Devil. As in Belgium, good children receive presents, the bad get birch rods.  
 Christmas day in Holland is one of church-going. The Dutch celebrate December 6, much the same as we celebrate December 25. Like the Germans, they put



THE THREE WISE KINGS, each representing a great race, are a part of the traditional puppet presentation of "The Great Tragedy of the Nativity" shown annually at Liege, Belgium. At right, the "powerful Lords of Liege," made senseless by the impact of the "Tragedy," are surveyed by a "common man" at right.



ows its Christmas connection to mythology. Freggia, the goddess of love and beauty, had a son named Balder. She made him immune from all things except mistletoe. When Balder's enemy, Locke, heard of this he made an arrow of mistletoe and enticed the blind god, Heda, to shoot Balder. The gods brought him back to life and ever since, Freggia has offered to kiss anyone who will stand under the mistletoe, in gratitude for the return of her son.

### XMAS IS CORRECT

The Christmas card was first used in 1846. The English sent plain calling cards with "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" written on them. Incidentally, there is nothing wrong in writing Christmas "Xmas." It appears that way quite frequently in early manuscripts. The X does not stand for the cross upon which Christ died, as popularly believed, or for an unknown quantity. It simply means "ch" in Greek.

All in all, Christmas in this country is pretty much of an inherited thing. America can claim credit only for originating the name "Santa Claus" and for the commercialism that each year on December 25, and on successive days thereafter, proclaims, "Only 364 more shopping days 'til Christmas." What about mince pie, you say? That, too, came from the East. It's supposed to be symbolic of the spices the Wise Men took to Christ.

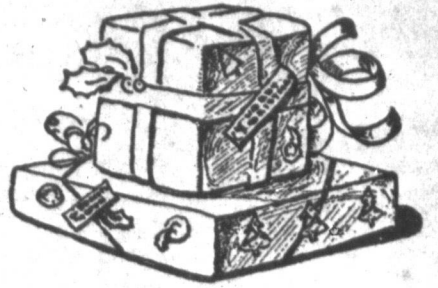
### Czech Unions Blast Factory Tardiness

PRAGUE—(AP)—Strenuous efforts are being made to reduce absenteeism and late arrival for work in Czechoslovakia's nationalized industries. Premier Antonin Zapotocky has denounced late-comers as "saboteurs" of the nation's economic efforts.

Propaganda is the chief weapon being used in an effort to cut down these figures. At some factories, loudspeakers have been set up, with a union leader at

the microphone. Late arrivals may hear something like this: "Well, Comrade Svoboda, we hope this will be the last time you are late to work" or "Oh, Miss Cerna, we cannot imagine what made you 15 minutes late today."

Experts say that during a violent storm you stand a good chance of being struck by lightning if you are standing, walking or running on a beach, playing golf, hiking, working in a field or standing under a tree.



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many wrappings on their gifts. The longer it takes one to get the present, the greater the surprise. In order to prolong the suspense, Hollanders often find their gifts baked in a loaf of bread or buried in the ground. Sometimes they struggle through a series of packages, each one containing directions as to where the actual gift might be.  
 The Japanese are putting more and more emphasis on Christmas and have adopted the tradition of other nations. Christmas trees adorn department stores and although they have no carols of their own, most Japanese know "Joy to the World" and "Silent Night."

In Mexico, Christmas celebrating begins on December 16. Instead of a tree they have earthen jars elaborately decorated and filled with nuts and candy. A jar is broken and the contents distributed on each of the nine nights of celebration.

Norwegians start preparations for Christmas many days before its arrival by painting their houses, washing woodwork, floors and otherwise tidying up their places of residence. Gifts are distributed to children by Jule-nissen and consist for the most part of clothing and other practical items, with an occasional apple or piece of candy tossed in.

POLES WRITE LETTERS  
 Before Christmas each Polish child writes a letter telling what he wants for a present. He places the letter in the window or near the fireplace where the Wise Men, who distribute the gifts, can get it. The Christmas dinner, which is served when the first star appears on Christmas Eve, always finds one vacant chair at the table for the Christ child.

In Palestine, three Christmases are celebrated. Roman Catholics observe December 25; Greek Orthodox, Syrians and Abyssinians, January 6; and Armenians, January 18. Less than one-sixth of

the people of Jerusalem are Christians.

Since the revolution, the Russian Christmas has been radically changed and now falls on January 6, because the Julian calendar is used. The Christmas dinner consists of 12 courses, one for each of the Apostles. Presents are distributed to children by a woman, Babouska, who supposedly misdirected the Wise Men on the road to Bethlehem. In repentance, she searches for the Christ child and leaves a present under the pillow of each child, hoping one of them will be Him.

Sweden has four holidays during the Christmas season: Christmas day and the first, 12th and 20th days following. These days are occasions for giving to the poor and, as in the majority of nations, St. Nicholas is the giver of gifts. In most countries he rides a gray horse, but in Sweden he finds it faster to travel by sleigh pulled by reindeer.

In Bulgaria, Grandfather Koleda is the gift giver. On New Year's day, however, the children give gifts to their parents. In Greece, St. Basil is the patron saint of children. Gifts in Poland and Spain come from the Wise Men. In Syria, the youngest camel which accompanied the Wise Men, called the Camel of Jesus, gives the presents. In Switzerland it is St. Lucy and Father Christmas.

There are many references to trees in ancient festivals, but they doubtless bear little connection with our modern Christmas tree custom. In the days of the pagan celebration of the winter solstice, evergreens were brought into homes to lend a touch of nature during the drab and dreary winter days.

Our Christmas tree probably originated in Alsace around 1604. For 200 years German children along the Rhine were the only ones to enjoy it. In 1800, the custom spread throughout Eu-

rope and then to the rest of the world. It was unknown in England until Queen Victoria married a German Prince. German and Dutch immigrants brought the custom to America. Although the Druids considered the mistletoe sacred, it probably



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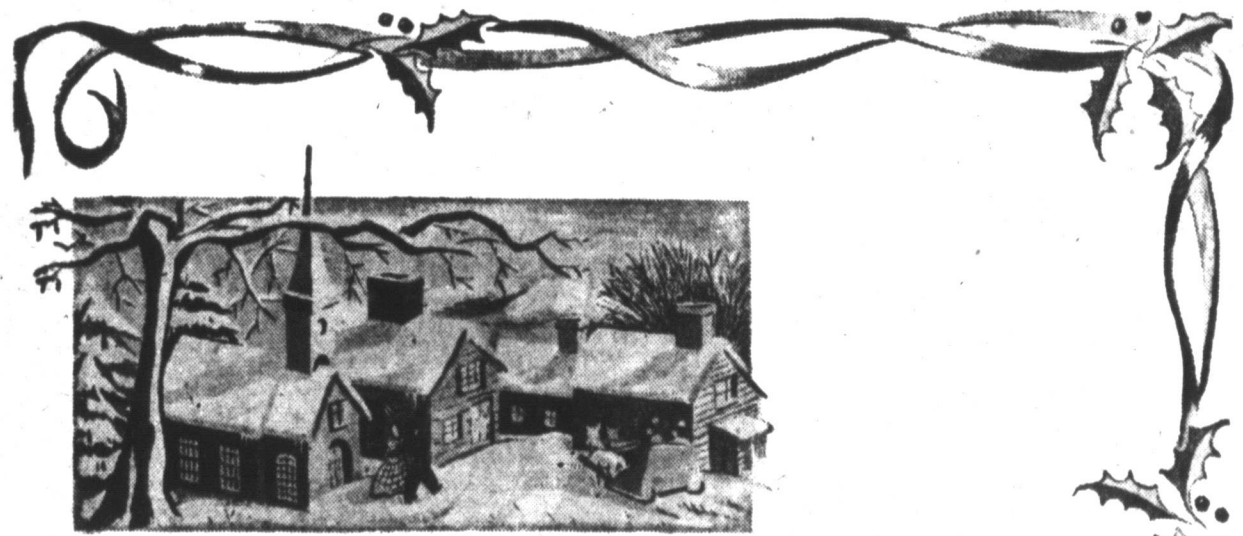
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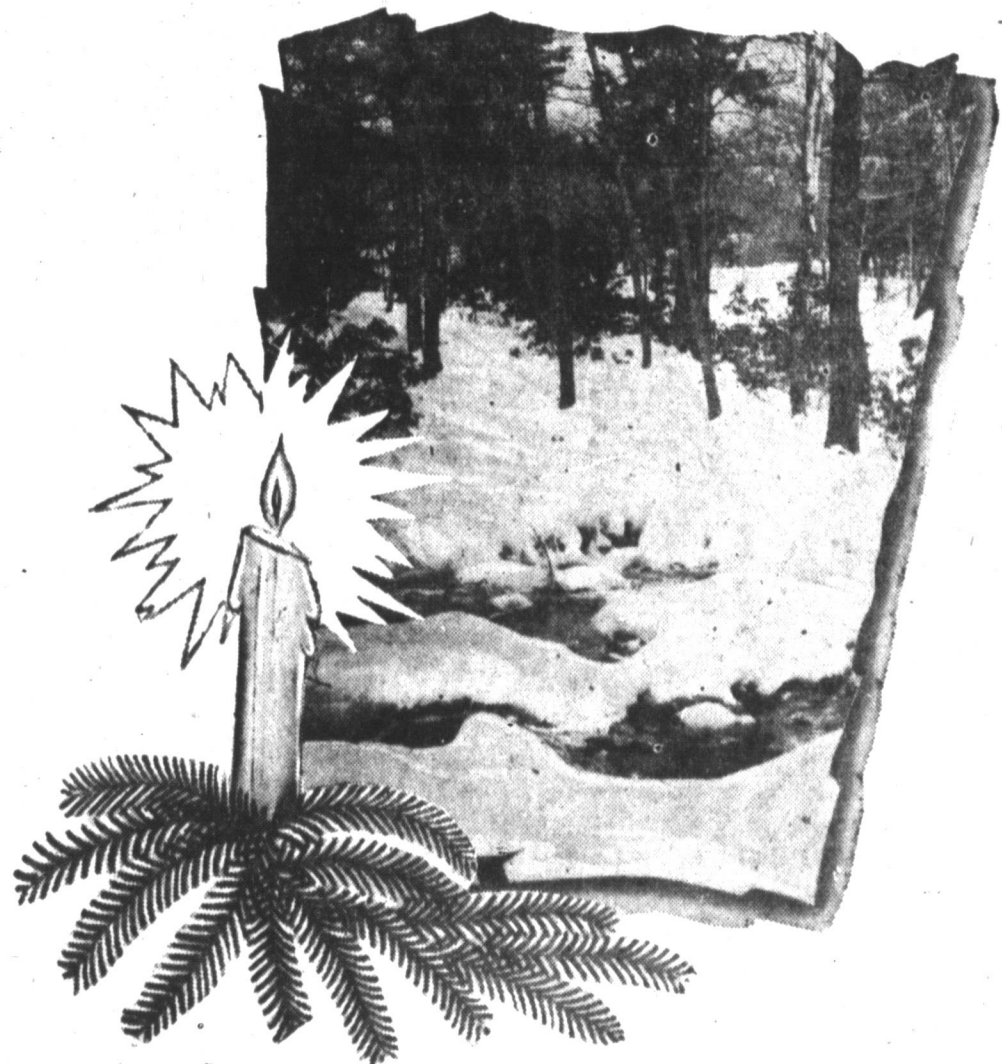
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Fat and jolly is the way everybody thinks of Santa today. But it wasn't always so.

## It Took a Long Time to Fatten Santa

KANSAS CITY, Kans.—(NEA)—Want to make it a real old-fashioned Christmas when you play Santa for junior this year? All you have to do is go on diet—or leave the pillows out when you put on the red suit. You'll look like S. Claus, 100 years ago.

That was when Santa was an anemic bean-pole on the Christmas cards of the era, instead of the healthy, round fellow you see today on greeting cards, in newspapers, and in department stores.

A combination of artistic progress and public demand put the weight on Santa, according to Jeannette Lee, supervisor of creative art for Hall Brothers of Kansas City, greeting card publishers.

Miss Lee, whose artists are turning out more than 40 different paintings of Santa for this year's Christmas cards, is an authority on the artistic and corpulent growth of that jolly citizen.

When Santa made his bow as a magazine cover-boy in the 1840's he was a tiny, pixie-like figure. He had spindly legs, no shoulders and most important, no little round belly that shook when he laughed like a bowl full of jelly.

Artists of the mid-Nineteenth Century must have been rugged individualists, Miss Lee points out, because they refused to follow that wondrous description of Santa Claus in Clement Moore's Yuletide classic, "The Night Before Christmas." "The Night Before Christmas," originally titled

"A Visit From St. Nicholas," and published in 1822, described the real Santa Claus as "chubby and plump," with merry dimples, twinkling eyes, cheeks like roses, a nose like a cherry, and a beard white as snow.

America's artists didn't get the idea for years. As late as 1881 they were still painting a version of old St. Nick that looked more like an advance man for a famine.

"Possibly," Miss Lee explains, "the first painters of Santa Claus thought they had to make him literally thin enough to get down the chimney, in order to preserve childhood faith."

At any rate, her research shows, Santa Claus didn't begin to gain weight and develop a rounded silhouette until the 1900's.

Nowadays, to picture Santa Claus as anything but huge, pink and happy would start a major uprising, Miss Lee says. And when you tell junior how St. Nick grew from an emaciated three-foot elf to the large economy size man who brings all the presents, it may even help persuade junior to eat his cereal.

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



Even though the sentiment rivals 1948 teen-age talk, who'd recognize this 1880 Santa?

## Tree Decorations Symbolize Myths

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

At that time the Aryan race, living in the foothills of the Himalaya mountains, saw in the rays of the rising sun, bent as they passed through the humid

weave the spirit and pattern of your whole setting. But before deciding on your centerpiece consider whether the table setting is for a formal dinner, informal party or buffet.

Among ideas she suggests for effective holiday centerpieces are: tall columnar candelas draped with Christmas awags; sprays made of Christmas tree balls and tinsel leaves; decorative Christmas tableaux; or a group of angels (ceramic or paper) placed on small boxes of varying heights which are hidden by a cloud of misty spun glass—the effect is of angels suspended in clouds above the table.

A "can't miss" approach to holiday table setting, says Miss Stupell, is to use lots of silver and crystal, combined with individual touches. She says: "Just decorate the way you want to. Dare to be untraditional, and see what fun it is!"

air, the image of a gigantic tree. These sun poets added to the tree image suggestions from the more distant heavens: the sun, the moon and the stars became the golden fruit that hung on the branches. The larger clouds suggested birds, swans and doves flying in and about the tree. The golden flash of heat-lightning became the mystical flower that grew on the tree, the celestial mistletoe. The showers that watered the tree came from the streams at its base.

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

Most active U. S. centers for lightning are Vicksburg, Miss., Tampa, Fla., and Santa Fe, N. M., which average from 60 to 90 thunderstorms a year.

One out of six excessive drinkers is a woman.

## Hunger Said Worst Is

INDIANAPOLIS —(AP)— To provide Indiana hunters with more and better squirrels, John M. Allen has been spending nearly all his time for two years studying squirrel ways.

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in two test areas of South India he has discovered that hunger is the squirrel's worst enemy. Only does he starve to death wholesale lots when his food supply runs low but he delays raising a family. Consequently his brood may starve when he is

Concentrating on the squirrels of by the hunter. The project backed by the state and federal governments. The rabbit was domesticated by the ancient Greeks and Romans.



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CHRISTMAS

Christmas Cheer

May the future be as joyous as our Christmas greetings to all our kind friends.

Friendly Mistletoe

## Christmas Turkey Turns Out to Be Pet of Family

McALLEN —(AP)— Twelve years ago Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Fields of McAllen bought a three-pound turkey in Reynosa, Mexico, for their Christmas dinner. But the turkey still is hanging around the Fields home and now weighs 25 pounds.

"By the time we got him across table if you want to, and you the border and in a pen in the back yard," Fields says, "we had become so attached to him we that's the way our fancy runs, just couldn't think of killing and eating him, so he became a pet, would rather be dead than traded."

We don't aim to eat him at home, is to be individual. Deco- all, ever, but will keep him un- into your house the way YOU'll be dies of old age."

Mrs. Fields has her side of the story. "At least he's a pet, but doesn't like me a bit. Whenever Mr. Fields comes around, Gobbler don't strut and show off, but if I try to go into his pen, he fights. I have to take a broom with me when I feed him, because he takes after me lickety split."

Fields says, "I don't know just what it was about the turkey roller skates. Look at a Van Gogh that first gave us the idea of still life, it strikes with movement, making a pet of him," Fields says, "unless it was that he was such a little fellow and was so far away from home. Maybe we are just a little too sentimental."

## Turn Tables on Christmas, Use Purple and Chartreuse

By DOROTHY ROE  
You don't really have to have red candles and evergreens for your Christmas decorations, says Carole Stupell, who glories in their Christmas dinner. But the turkey still is hanging around the Fields home and now weighs 25 pounds.

You can have a purple and chartreuse Christmas dinner if you want to, and you can deck the mantel in cactus back yard," Fields says, "we had become so attached to him we that's the way our fancy runs, just couldn't think of killing and eating him, so he became a pet, would rather be dead than traded."

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Use the kind that are tinselled or iridescent. Use satins or other shimmering fabrics. You have lots of leeway at Christmas time. Use all the sparkle you can find, because Christmas is a sparkling occasion.

"You needn't be limited in the colors you select. Of course, reds and greens are always good traditional colors. But magenta and fuchsia and coral are more dramatic and unusual, and just as beautiful."

To prove her point, Miss Stupell points out a Christmas table setting in which the dominant color theme is deep purple. The table cloth is iridescent and throws off dancing lights which are reflected in the fluted blue glass dinnerware and the blue and crystal stemware. But it's an unmistakable holiday table. It even has two small Christmas trees for decoration—but they're made of Christmas tree balls in all colors.

The centerpiece is a subject close to Miss Stupell's heart. Eyes aight, she warns to her subject:

"The centerpiece is the heart or focal point of the table. It's the thing around which you



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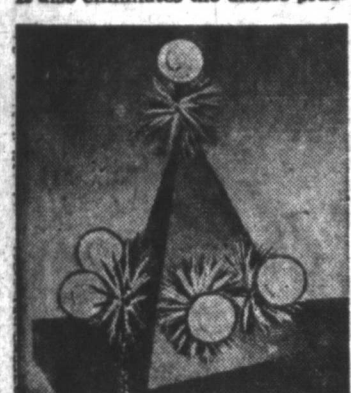


## Wiring Specialists Give Outlet Tips For Xmas Lighting, Year-Round Living

YOU can go "all out" on lighted Christmas decorations, wiring specialists advise, if your home has enough electrical outlets in handy spots. Properly located outlets not only make it easy to place Yuletide decorations in appropriate places, the experts claim, but also provide greater convenience and flexibility in lighting and appliance use throughout the year.

Three unusual arrangements are pictured and the following wiring installations are recommended for lighted holiday ornaments as well as general year-round use:

**Floor Outlet**—A sunken floor outlet under the dining table that can be connected by a cord to a multiple plug-in receptacle attached to the table itself. It provides convenient use of small cooking appliances and special centerpieces like the one below. It also eliminates the unsafe practice of trailing extension cords over or under the rug. The triangular tree illustrated is made of heavy red flameproof paper. The light cord is fastened in place on the inside with gummed tape. The lights are set into holes cut in the "tree." Fire-resistant green crepe paper, fringed to look like pine needles, hides the bases of the bulbs and gives a finishing decorative touch.



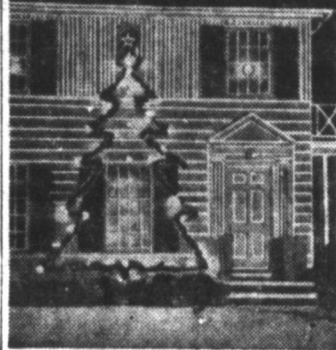
**Outdoor Outlet**—Installed near the front entrance and other appropriate spots for outdoor decorative lighting, garden or cooking appliances. Weatherproof cord sets should be used for exterior decorations like the one shown.

**Outlets Every 12 Feet**—When convenience outlets are spaced every twelve feet along the wall,



distinctive decorations like the home-made church scene pictured can be set up without limiting the use of lamps and appliances in other parts of the room. Outlets spaced according to the twelve-foot rule eliminate the need for unsightly extension cords and make it possible to arrange furniture where desired.

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## Ancient Legend Makes Dream Of Budding Actress Come True

On Christmas Eve, a year ago, a budding actress named Ann Lee sat in her father's ranch house near Amarillo, weeping aloud. Reason for tears: her dream of a summer theater in Santa Fe had reached an impasse. The city's only building remotely suitable was an abandoned movie hall, without a stage. To rent and alter it would cost \$10,000. Santa Fe businessmen had refused financial support. Then, writes James D. Woolf in the December Reader's Digest, Ann remembered a childhood story. A great white boulder near the ranch gate, according to ancient legend, covered a hoard of Spanish treasure. The kind of child's story no one believes. Ann hadn't even thought of it for years. But now... "We'll move the rock tomorrow," her father, James Lee, said.

James Lee takes his oath for what followed. Only the deep imprint in the desert remained, when the rock was moved. James Lee tried to jest with his daughter: "Peace of mind is dearer than pieces of eight." He idly kicked the sand, stubbed his toe on something hard. When finally unearthed, the brass-bound, worm-eaten chest was full of old silver coins. James and Ann Lee pinched themselves, but they weren't dreaming. But an unemotional appraiser said: "Not doubloons, only reales. Worth about \$400." James Lee raged at this fate. But Ann was aglow with an idea. In Santa Fe, with her 108 silver reales, she called on each of those who had endorsed her theater project, with everything but cash, presented each with a gift of Spanish treasure found under a white stone on Christmas Day. Who could resist such a wonder? Thanks, Ann! And would I like to invest a little in your summer theater? Well, why not? It is a matter of verifiable fact, the author says, that Ann Lee collected her full \$10,000. In Santa Fe's El Teatro she produced nine plays last summer, and on the season's success ob-

## Belgians Confused By Tax on Radios

BRUSSELS —(AP)—The Belgian Ministry of Communications has launched a campaign against motorists who have not paid the tax on their car radio. And that goes for most of the motorists on the roads of Belgium today. Under Belgian law a car radio owner must pay a yearly tax of about \$3.50 for the radio in his home. It doesn't matter how many sets he has around the house, because the law says a man has only one pair of ears so can only be listening in one place at a time. This goes for his car radio too, and as long as the car is in the garage the radio is held to be "at home." Asked how the confused situation affected the owner of a portable radio, an employee of the ministry said: "Well, actually you are supposed to give us notice each time you take the set out. That's the rule." But he declined to say how many portable radio owners called to report their outings.

## Dear Santa: Please Bring Me a Man

By CYNTHIA LOWRY  
AP News-features Writer

It has certainly never been the intention of this pillar (a synonym for "column" I picked up the other day) to dash people's hopes—and right before Christmas, too.

But I feel it my duty to pass along the bad news with the good. And, sisters, this is indeed bad news.

To wit: bachelors are becoming as scarce as 50 cent blue-plate specials.

The United States Census Bureau, which isn't much influenced by whimsy and straw in the wind, indicates that finding a husband is currently a girl's hardest job.

In 1940, the bureau reports rather starkly, one man out of three who was between the ages of 20 and 45 was eligible for an altar date. As of last year, the number has been chopped down to a mere one in four.

This grave situation is one which should give everyone, from blushing maiden to ambitious parent, something known as "pause."

Let's consider the implications from a number of angles. In the first place the decline of the bachelor may be one of the nicest compliments ever paid to American women. It may mean that during the past seven or eight years our hunting techniques, charm and personality have improved so that more of us are irresistible.

Maybe it means that a lot of gentlemen had their ladies all picked when a small war intervened. Or maybe it means that today's perfumes accomplish the miracles attributed to them.

But how about the legion of ladies who'd like to be wed? With only a handful of bachelors around, some of the sisters are going to be left with futures filled with the traditional cats, canaries and good works.

This is a grim enough prospect. But what effect is this situation going to have on the remaining bachelors, pursued and beset by a raft of women with determined looks in their eyes? It will either frighten them so they'll take to the woods and hermit's caves, or make them completely insufferable, conceited bores. There doesn't seem to be any middle ground.

One hopes, however, that the shortage of marriageable males won't preclude an American adoption of the European dowry system. But with income taxes what they are, this isn't beyond the realm of possibility. One hates to think of romance, American style, degenerating into a marriage of convenience with back street overtones.

Don't despair, however. There's a way to beat statistics: 1. Find the one and only before he turns 20 and eats the gay fruit of bachelorhood. 2. Sit out grimly, and catch him when he emerges, feeble and sort of senile, into the twilight years beyond 45.

### Dog Aids Archeology

ROME —(AP)—A howling dog led diggers to an archeological find in Sardinia. Health Department workers oiling mosquito breeding pools near Su Arbaraghine were attracted by the dog, Cagliari, dispatches say. They dug where the animal scratched. In a short time, they broke through to a cavern containing eight skulls and other human bones. The dispatch said the bones apparently dated from prehistoric times.



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### Here's One Little Girl Who Knows There IS a Santa Claus



You can't tell little Rosaria Nuccio of New York that there isn't any Santa Claus. She has seen him—in fact, she has seen 20 Santa Clauses. Yuletide workers for the Volunteers of America, they tend sidewalk "chimneys" in midtown New York, collecting contributions for the needy

### Dish of Jelly Gets Driver in A Jam

COPENHAGEN —(AP)— A car hit a tree near the road outside the island of Funen. The front part of the car was smashed, but all members of the family inside escaped injuries.

The cause of the accident was a dish with jelly. The dish had been placed in the back of the car together with other foods, and when the driver drove comparatively slowly through a village, several hundred bees were attracted by the smell. They swarmed through the open car window and dive-bombed into the

juice. The passengers tried to defend (1) the jelly, (2) themselves. But the bees struck back and buzzed around while making furious attacks here and there. Result: the driver lost control of the car and subsequently struck a tree.

**PENCIL LIGHTER**  
A new gold-filled lighter comes equipped with a lead pencil on one end. Press down on the pencil clip and the lighter springs into action.  
Queens County, New York, was noted for horse races as early as 1665.

### Operation Noel Set For Europe

**By BRACK CURRY**  
AP Newfeatures  
FRANKFURT —Old Santa has some special Christmas treats in store for thousands of Europe's needy children.  
War orphans and DP children will frolic at scores of Yuletide parties given by Americans in Germany. There'll be warm meals and goodies for all. Many will receive toys and clothing.  
Throughout the U. S. zone in Germany, generals and GIs are pitching in with American civilians to collect food, toys and clothing for luckless kids.  
And not even the Russian blockade of Berlin has stalled their plans. The U. S. Army's European Command has set up a plan to handle and transport Christmas gifts for Berlin from Army personnel.  
It's called "Operation Noel." Boxed collections from military posts will be shipped by rail to Glessen and stored until the air lift is ready to deliver them to Berlin.  
Gen. Lucius D. Clay, the American Military Commander, has allotted air lift space to handle the Christmas donations.

Clothing is coming in from the United States and other parts of Germany. From individuals in England and the Scandinavian countries pledges of more than \$1,000 have arrived unsolicited. They heard over the American Forces Network the story of the Berlin Christmas party fund drive.  
In Berlin itself, every American contributed for the Christmas parties. The \$17,350 raised so far insures a Christmas dinner party for some 76,000 German children. Thirty tons of food are required for the Berlin dinners plus four tons of candy. Capt. Philip J. O'Neill, German Youth Activities officer there, says: "The hope which at first seemed fantastic that our community would be able to provide 76,000 children with a Christmas party, including a dinner, candies and entertainment is now a reality."  
"We are now assured that not a single needy child in the American sector of Berlin or those within its orphanages and hospitals will be without a Christmas dinner and we shall be able to give some institutional children in other sectors a share."  
In addition to the drive for funds, various GYA units in Berlin have been collecting clothing and making toys. So some 22,000 toys will be ready for Christmas distribution.  
In the Frankfurt area, Yule parties are planned for 150,000

German and DP children. Brig. Gen. Robinson Duff, commanding the Frankfurt Military Post, says the fold is to "enable every German and DP child in the post area to participate in some way in Christmas celebrations."  
Even Clarence the Camel is going to bat for the kids. The noted mascot of the U. S. Air Force's 88th Fighter Wing at Neuberg Air Base is touring Army installations in Germany to collect funds. He's snared more than \$300 to finance Christmas parties in Munich and Berlin.  
At Heidelberg, the American Women's Club has gathered 4,000 pounds of gifts—food, toys and clothes. They will be flown to Berlin.  
Americans in nine states have sent gifts to Bremerhaven for Yule parties.  
In Stuttgart, U. S. military government officials have started a campaign to make Christmas a little merrier for more than 60,000 needy children in the state of Wuettemberg-Baden. They hope to raise \$4,600 for Christmas parties.  
**CHRISTMAS CARDS**  
Make your own Yule cards by using decorative papers or by making use of a linoleum block. If you are artistically inclined paint some for your favorite friends.  
New York City has 157 banks and 94 insurance companies.

### Art Experts Find Titian Canvas

MODENA, Italy —(AP)— A canvas hanging in the apartment of an opera singer here has been identified by art experts as the work of the immortal Titian.  
The painting, the property of baritone Vincenzo Giucciardi, depicts Christ with a rope around his neck being dragged to face Pontius Pilate.  
A work on a like subject in the San Rocco church at Venice had always been deemed to be Titian's, and the one here a copy. But the art experts, headed by some of Italy's most reputable critics, recently decided the Modena canvas was the original and the Venetian one the copy.  
Soon after they passed judgment, a group of art lovers from Venezuela was reported to have offered Guiccardi 50 million lire (\$83,000) for the canvas. However, the singer told them he planned ultimately to present it to Modena's civic museum.  
A gift for the pipe-smoking outdoor dad is a windproof pipe with a cover which offers complete protection against sparks. A flick of the thumb lifts the cover for easy filling of the pipe.  
One twin birth in every 87 births is standard in North America and Europe.

Our greetings go out to you for the merriest Christmas ever. May yours be a holiday overflowing with happiness and good cheer. With our Yuletide greetings and best wishes for a happy New Year go our heart-felt thanks for your kind patronage of the past — for your continued patronage in the future.

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That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth  
To touch their harps of gold;  
Peace on the earth, good-will to men,  
From heaven's all-gracious King;  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing.*

# Christmas Greetings

High above in the belfry tower the joyous peals proclaim the

arrival of Christmas. Out and over the rooftops towards

distant horizons goes the spirit of peace and rejoicing.

It is our wish to join in this spirit of good will and merriment

by extending to all our friends our fondest hopes that they may

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physiologist who died recently, left a bequest of 300,000 Swiss francs (about \$70,000), interest of which is to be used to train girls in Zurich to administer to their homelands because of racial or religious persecution. Bismach, known for his research work in hormones, gave up a professorship in Vienna in 1938 and came to Zurich.



On this joyous occasion  
we want to wish one and all the very  
merriest of holidays and  
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with the promise of better things to come  
in the near future.

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'Eyes Like Christmas Candles'



The laughter and clapping was something to hear when Santa Claus visited children in the polio ward at Cleveland's City Hospital. Billy Stacy, 7, of Geneva, Ohio, only youngster in an iron lung in the hospital, listened wistfully to these gay sounds from his private room two doors away. He wished as hard he could be in the big ward with Santa and the others. Then he looked into the mirror on the iron lung—and saw Santa coming toward him with his pack of gifts. Billy's eyes lighted up like Christmas candles. He was so overwhelmed he couldn't think of a thing he wanted for a present, except "maybe a sun visor to keep the overhead light out of my eyes." Santa is Burt Eisburg, who plays the role for a Cleveland department store.

**Carols Have Survived Centuries of Censure**

By GERARD TETLEY  
AP Newsfeatures

Carols, dear to everyone at Christmas time because of the simple emotions they evoke, are among the oldest forms of music. The first of them was the carol of the Heavenly Host over the plain of Bethlehem (Luke 11:13-14) but the earliest manuscript of a carol is found in the British Museum in London executed in the Thirteenth Century.

The carol is perhaps the earliest form of the song and dance known to man, the derivation of the word itself being somewhat uncertain.

The more accepted derivatives are cantare, the Latin word for "to sing," and rola which is a joyous interjection. Some musi-

cologists, however, find a different interpretation and contend that the word stems from the early word for chorus. Even more intriguing is the belief by some students that there is a relationship between druidical rites at Stonehenge in England, that mystic ring of monoliths. Carol is seen to be a vulgarization of Koroll, a circle, which came to mean a ring dance. Early records contain references to Stonehenge as "the carol."

The first book of carols was "auctored" by my lord of London" in 1562 and bore the title page "Christenmasse Carowles." Some of these were legendary and were drawn from the Coventry Mystery Play "Joseph Was an Old Man," also from some of the English folk tunes, used as the vehicle for words relating to (See CAROLS, Page 19)

*Greetings*



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**CAROLS**  
(Continued from Page 18)

the Christ Child. There seems little doubt that there is a pagan throwback to the carols carried into the Christian church. Religious dances were of record in Spain in the Fifth Century when the choir boys equipped with castanets capered, singing, around the lectern.

Carolling reached its musical height during the days of the Tudors although there is an historic reference in 1328 to the fact that when Henry VIII lay very ill he forbade "carols, bells and merrymaking."

The Puritans endeavored to do away with carols, holding that they had no religious significance and the Scottish people at an even earlier date had tried to suppress the lighter carols considering them "popish" and "pernicious."

As time went along, there was a tendency to widen the horizon of the carol and some of the good old drinking tunes were deployed for the sacred words denoting the birth of Christ—no irreverence being intended, since carols were usually regarded as festive music.

The custom of singing carols from door to door is almost as old as the carols themselves. The first form was that of the watch maintained in nearly all English mediaeval cities. The men of the watch would sing carols accompanied by a flageolet and they would collect pence from the gentry. In the West Riding of Yorkshire today children parade from house to house with "milky" boxes (milk boxes) in which there is a crib and a recumbent babe and into which the money offered them is placed.

Rated among the most famous Christmas carols in "While Shepherds Watch Their Flocks by Night" written by Nahum Tate in 1705.

Charles Wesley in the Eighteenth Century wrote "Hark, How All the Welkin Rings," later paraphrased to "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing." Good King Wenceslas" which denotes the Christmas charity of the Bohemian monarch also ranks high. The repertoire increased as the carol custom spread through Europe, to become known as Noels in France, and Wiegeliel in Germany.

**Railroad Plans Stock Transfer**

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The Missouri Pacific Railroad Co. said its common stock should not be "wiped out" when the company is re-organized.

Current earnings and the prospects of future business, Missouri Pacific told the Interstate Commerce Commission, justify the assignment of a specific value to the present common stock when a new company is set up.

The company filed exceptions to the recent report of ICC examiner Ralph H. Jewell which recommended a new reorganization plan with a capitalization of about \$600 million.

Jewell recommended that preferred stockholders be carried over into the new company.

The railroad, which has been in a bankruptcy proceedings since 1933, said that its property now "is in its best physical condition in 26 years" and that the examiner had failed to recognize the substantial increase in freight business which Missouri Pacific is developing in the citrus fruits and chemical fields.

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### Correspondent Sends Wedding Invitation

PITTSBURGH —(AP)— Margaret Cartwright, pretty 23-year-old assistant bank librarian, is going to Europe to be a bridesmaid for a Dutch girl she's never seen. Two years ago Margaret began corresponding with Lizekee de Brauw, daughter of Baron Albert de Brauw, one-time mayor of The Hague. Their international friendship developed after an American soldier told Margaret that Lizekee would like to cor-

respond with someone in the states. Since then, they've found a lot of mutual interests. For one thing, Margaret likes art—and Lizekee has been working in an art museum. A few days ago Lizekee wrote that she's getting married and wouldn't it be lovely if Margaret could be a bridesmaid? It would, Margaret agreed. She secured a three-month leave of absence from the Peoples First National Bank to make the trip.

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### 23 Federal Judges Sought

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The Judicial Conference of the United States will ask the next Congress to authorize five more judges for U. S. circuit courts and 18 more for federal district courts. The Judicial Conference comprises Chief Justice Vinson and the senior judges of each of the ten federal circuit courts. The recommendation for new judges is contained in a report on a meeting of the conference which was held here last September. For U. S. district courts, the additional judges recommended included:

Southern Texas, one additional judge whose official residence shall be in the southern half of the district.

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### SANTA ALWAYS VISITS BELGIAN HOMES FIRST

By WILLIAM ANDERSON AP Newsfeatures

BRUSSELS—Belgian children, unlike their counterparts the world over, are not awaiting the coming of Santa Claus. They already welcomed him on Dec. 6.

This date is the name-day of St. Nicholas, patron saint of children, from whose name the Anglo-Saxons derived the words "Santa Claus" are derived. The 6th, in Belgium, is purely for children. Adults have little to do except finance the good man.

In Belgium, the shops start very early with decorations and other signs of the times. From the beginning of November, the big chain stores devote most of their window-space to the legendary figure in his bishop's hat,

staff and long flowing red cloak. Every shop pays tribute to the "bonhomme" according to its class of business. Pastry shops are full of traditional sugar pigs, chocolate santas and chocolate donkeys carrying sacks of sweets. One department store this year devoted much of its window-space to a panorama of the "Enchanted Forest" where good, represented by St. Nicholas, fights evil, represented by a witch. The "good" part of the forest was full of dancing fairies and frolicking mechanical animals. The witch's domain featured such niceties as children-eating trees, dragons, and a most life-like snake.

Another large store devoted itself to the "Nursery of 2000 A. D." In this piece of mechanical ingenuity, one nurse, herself a robot, operates a switch panel which controls the washing, feeding, spanking, teaching and even "diapering" of dozens of little dolls.

Every store has a Santa Claus. Some indeed have several. Each store employs different means of proclaiming the arrival of its santa. Bang up to date was the much-publicized arrival in Brussels of one chain store santa. He came down from heaven—where the Belgian santa lives—with the help of the Belgian Airways and a Dakota. On arriving at the airways terminal, he stepped into an old mail-coach, decorated for the occasion and to fanfares from accompanying trumpeters, toured the streets of Brussels. Hundreds of children attended this particular arrival.

In the schools, teachers are telling and retelling the entry of Saint Nicholas. The children learn how the bad butcher captured the three little boys and turned them into bacon. How the all-knowing saint got to know of it, and pretending to be a customer visited the butcher. The latter, the story goes on, realized who his customer was and prayed for forgiveness. Santa forgave him saying his conscience would punish him enough. All over Belgium little faces light up when by a miracle the good man restores the three boys to life and happiness, thus proving that good will always triumph over evil.

However, the big night for groupings in Belgium is still New Year. Greeting cards and presents are exchanged and everyone is on holiday. After a meal which may last for hours, Belgians get down to their traditional beer-drinking which they

### Soviet Civilians Given Uniforms

MOSCOW —(AP)— Since the end of the war ranks, uniforms and insignia have appeared in many branches of Soviet life. "Supreme Soviet News" for instance, says leading and responsible workers of the financial houses and banks are to have "personal titles" and special forms of clothing and insignia to correspond with rank. Also "personal titles" and new insignia of rank have been introduced for the directing personnel of the Ministry of the Merchant Marine.

These are just two additions to a long list. Since Jan. 1, 1947 decrees have introduced "personal titles" for the following: The river fleet, leading workers of the coal industry, the Ministry of Geology, the Ministry of Ferrous Metallurgy, the Minister of Non-Ferrous Metallurgy.

### Dutch Blockade Runner Missing

MANILA —(AP)— Jim Fleming, 28-year-old American airman from Kilgore, Tex., who has been backing the Dutch blockade for the Indonesian republic, failed to arrive here as scheduled Sunday.

His wife expressed fear that he may have failed to get his old amphibian off the Maguwo airfield before the Dutch captured it. He had flown to the republican capital of Jogjakarta four days ago.

Fleming has been flying the blockade running job about two months. He took over after the disappearance in October of Bobby Freeberg of Parsons, Kans. Freeberg has been repeatedly reported in custody of the Dutch but the Dutch have consistently denied it.



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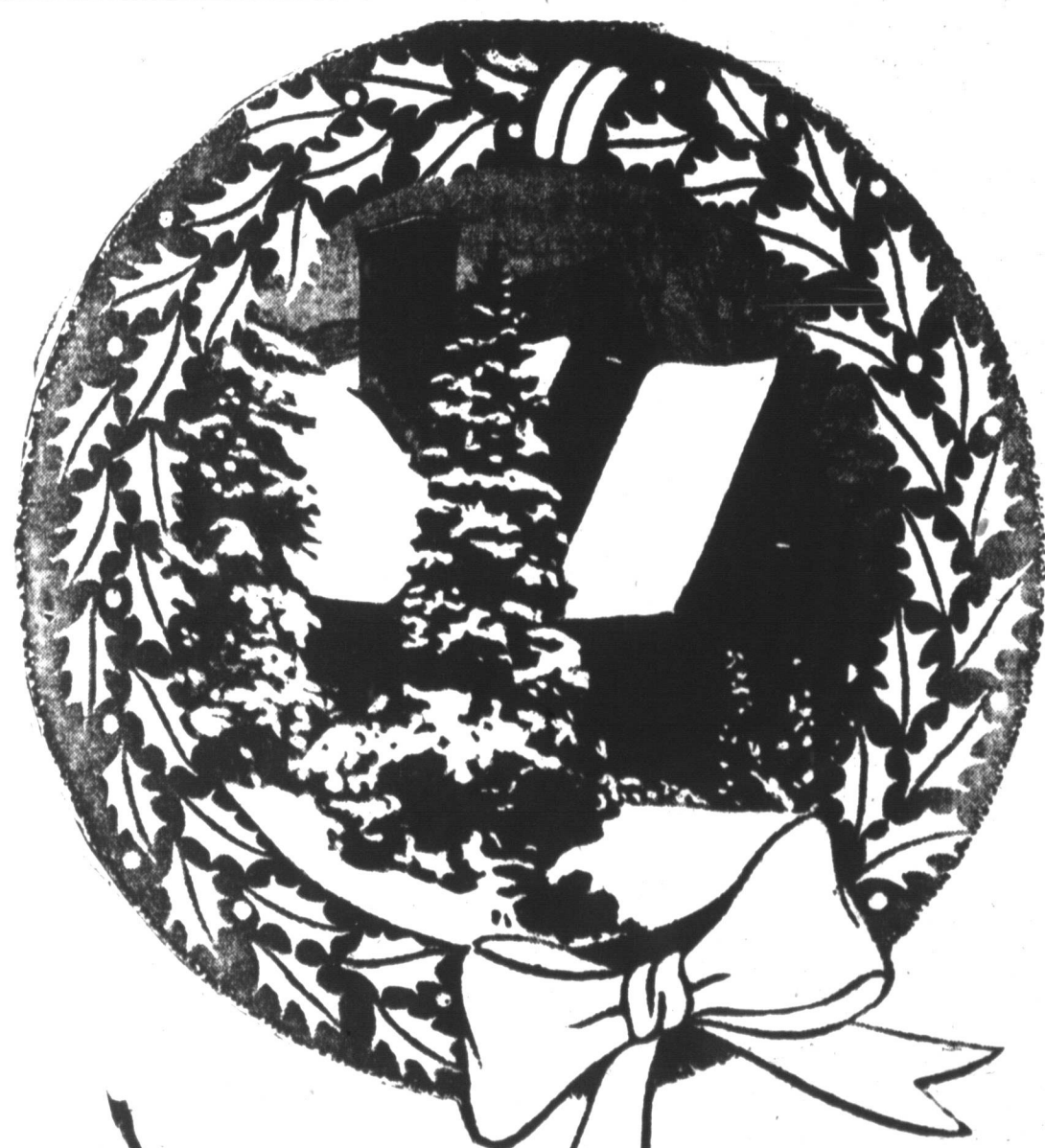
### Merry Christmas

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

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## Backlog Helps Yule Records To Roll Along

By W. G. ROGERS  
AP Arts Reporter

It's a record record season. Though for well over a year the companies and Petrillo and his AFM haven't been able to get together to make new recordings, the backlog has kept the business rolling right up to a heavy schedule of holiday releases.

The lists may seem loaded with operatic numbers, but that is because November is traditionally opera month; the really noteworthy, and newsworthy, characteristic of the late-year releases is the unusual preponderance of French works . . . to parallel the large number of French artists as well as works heard in New York halls this fall. Straight from France come recordings of Ravel's "L'Enfant et les Sortilèges" and Saint-Saens' "Samson and Delilah." Sayso and Nadell are the voices in Debussy's "La Damselle Elue," with Ormandy and the Philadelphia orchestra; Robert and Gaby Casadesus are the pianists in Satie's "Trois Morceaux en Forme de Poire"; the

## When It's Christmas in Christmas



Santa, a little warm in all his North Pole trappings, pauses while reading his Christmas mail in sunny Christmas, Fla., to ponder gifts for two shoeless admirers, Stanley and Lewis Yates. He seems to favor shoes, but the boys would undoubtedly prefer something more practical—like a football.

## Planes Shake Window

PARIS—(AP)—Lovers of French art are agitating for removal of the Chartres airdrome, whose landing strips are less than 450 yards from the towers of the world-famous Chartres cathedral. They were supported in a recent letter from Education Min-

ister Edouard Depreux to Air Minister Andre Marié. It is said that the mere passage of a big bomber at a low altitude would endanger treasured stained-glass windows by the vibration of its motors. The windows, removed to safety during

the war, have now been replaced in large part. Lew Andrea, Syracuse's head basketball coach, is starting his 24th season as head of the Orange cagers.

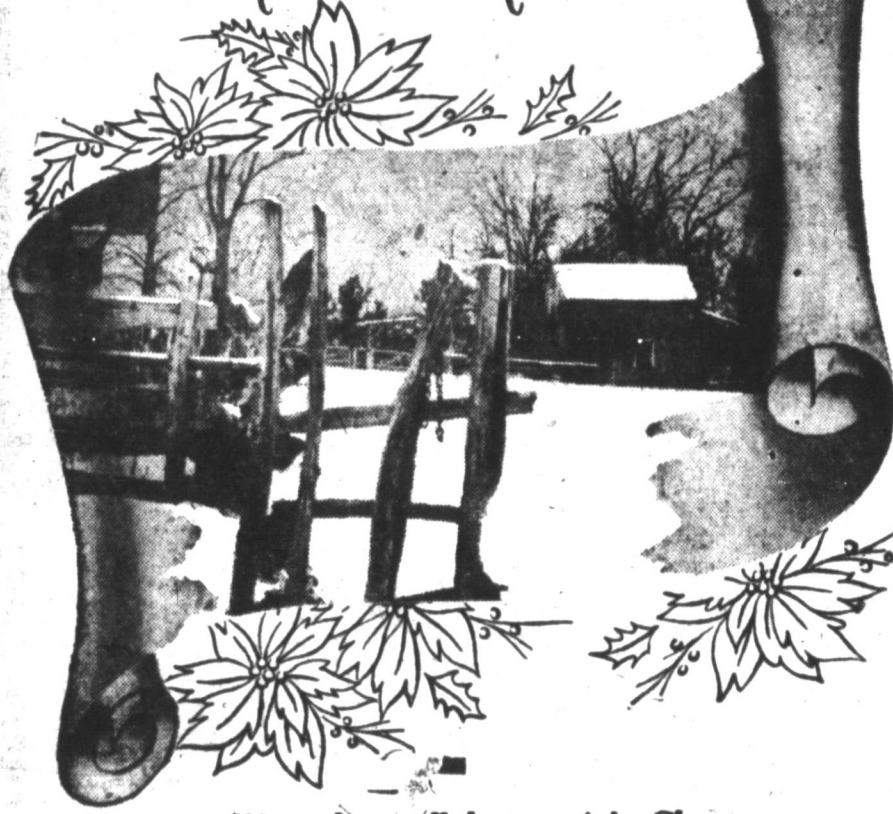
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City of Birmingham orchestra presents the ballet music from Gounod's "Faust"; Madeleine Grey sings songs of the Auvergne with an orchestral accompaniment.

To all these Columbia issues are to be added RCA Victor recordings of Poulenc's Concerto in D minor, with duo-pianists Whittemore and Lowe, conductor Mitropoulos and the RCA Victor orchestra; Saint-Saens' Concerto No. 2 in G minor, with pianist Benno Moisewitsch and Basil Cameron conducting the Philharmonic orchestra; Poulenc's "Presto" and Debussy's "Serenade for the Doll," played by Horowitz, and Massenet and Gounod singles. If you're interested in the new regardless of the nationality, pianist Byron Janis, tenor Giuseppe de Stefano and "the voice of Denmark," Aksel Schott, make their American record debuts under RCA Victor sponsorship; and there are first recordings, again from Victor, of "Four Saints in Three Acts" by Stein and Thompson, and, from Columbia, Menotti's "The Medium" and "The Telephone" and David Diamond's "Romeo and Juliet" music and a Mozart three-piano concerto as the first offerings of the Little Orchestra Society, Thomas K. Scherman conducting.

For the gramophone enthusiast, the year's biggest event was Columbia's long-playing microgroove records. By cutting the speed of the turntable and narrowing the sound track, Columbia gets an entire symphony on one record. The Brahms Second and Third, for instance, each in an old-style album of four large records apiece, are now on one new-style disk apiece, and "La Boheme," which used to occupy two fat albums, boxed, on your shelves, is now available in its entirety on two records. They are unbreakable vinylite.

My favorite are RCA Victor albums of Strauss' "Elektra" and "Also Sprach Zarathustra," Stravinsky's "Dances Concertantes," the Brahms "Requiem," the Stein-Thomson "Four Saints," and the

## Hitler Headquarters Now 'Amerika Haus'

MUNICH, Germany—(AP)—Hitler's former headquarters where the Munich pact of 1938 was signed is now "Amerika Haus," a U. S. information center for Germans.

Here 15,000 books, 5,000 magazines and newspapers, music rooms, lecture halls and a theater are provided for Germans to learn about the United States and the rest of the world from which they have been isolated so long. It is one of the biggest of several such centers in American zone cities.

In a single day, New York City uses more than one billion gallons of water and 23,500 tons of food.

## Eyes Right



Although she's 88, Mrs. Ada M. Macrea, who lives in the Utica, N. Y., Masonic Home, gets along without having to wear eyeglasses. Here she shows how she irons her own dress.

Columbia issues of Bartok's Concerto for Orchestra.

## What More Is There To Say



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Only four times during the 1948 season did Stan Mustia, St. Louis Cardinal slugger star who led the majors in hitting, go two games or more without a hit.



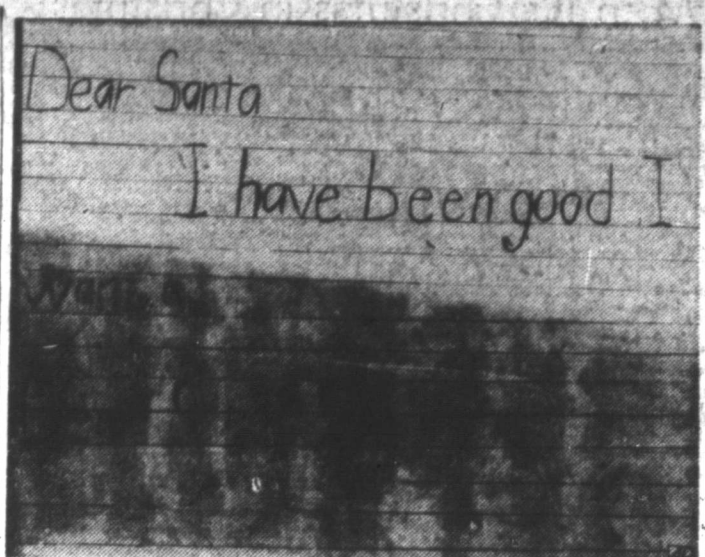
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### Cannon Proclaims Roman Christmas

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

Since everyone has fasted for twenty-four hours, festive banquets are in order after the religious solemnities. It is a gala affair, midnight in Rome: hotels and restaurants remain open, families and friends gather around sumptuous tables in gaily decorated homes; and in anticipation of the festivities, many people attend church dressed in formal attire. Between Christmas and Epiphany, the Calabrian shepherds—Pifferari—revisit the homes where they were most cordially welcomed during Advent when they came down from the hills to play their Italian bagpipes before the shrines of the Virgin. The Pifferari play for their Advent hosts during the post-Christmas holidays and received gifts of wine, dried figs, and small sums of money from their hosts.

The word "hymn" was originally used by ancient Greeks for a song or poem in honor of gods, heroes or famous men.



**END OF NOTE**—Santa won't get six-year-old Emilio Landeros' letter. "Dear Santa: I have been good. I..." he wrote on a bus enroute home from school in San Antonio. The lad was fatally injured when he was struck by a truck as he darted from the bus, the unfinished letter in his hand. Here two unidentified men carry the lad from the scene of the accident.

### Pappy Yokum Plays Santa For Funnyfolks' Christmas

By HENRY S. GORDON  
Pampa News Staff

It was early afternoon of Dec. 24 in Funnyland when the first flakes of snow began to float lazily to earth, covering low hanging bushes and leaving just a film of white on the streets and sidewalks.

Many hours before, the sun had been hidden by white fleecy clouds whose heavy load of snow began to turn them slowly but surely to gray. Finally the load began to turn them slowly but delicately crystals earthward.

Truly, this was to be a white Christmas for the comic strip folks who were on their different ways from every point in the world; from the prairies, from the jungles, from the hills, from the valleys, and the cities.

Back in Tookerville Dr. Womnug was feverishly working the time machine to bring Dr. Bronson and Alley Oop back from Merrie Olde England where they were visiting with King Arthur and his knights.

The Bumsteads were already on their way with Alexander, Cookie, Daisy and the five pups all piled high in one of Mr. Dithers' spare sedans, a Ploidsome six. When the happy little family arrived at the party home, Dagwood immediately lay down to take a nap until the other guests arrived.

From another direction Red Ryder and Little Beaver were galloping in from the West plains as fast as their horses could carry them.

Out in a distant bramble patch a poor little pig, named Elmer, was huffing and puffing as he pushed a broken down floppy nearer to the party. In the driver's seat, handling the steering wheel, sat Bugs Bunny. Bugs, of course, pointed out to Elmer that since he ate carrots and had better vision it was a better that he steer. Elmer, who ate nothing but cream sauce, mayonnaise, and French dressing, was caught mentally flatfooted and had to the pushing.

All this time others were on their way too. Mammy and Pappy Yokum, the "sohul leedura" of Dogpatch, Lil Abner, Salomey and Daisy Mae were spread all over Bathless Groggins' palatial dilapidated limousine. The car was all right—all but the engine, tires, lights, brakes and frame. The horn worked good. Superman was zipping in at lightning speed and the Hooples had been on the scene for several days because it was Martha Hoopie's turn this year to do the Christmas dinner cooking. Major Hoopie was sporting a new suit. It fit perfectly—all but the coat and pants. The pants were a little tight. They were all right when he stood up, but when he sat down he stood up.

As the dark shades of evening rapidly dropped over Funnyland the last guests drove up in a shiny new seven passenger Hunkajunk eight. The car swung gracefully in to the driveway and unloaded its passengers—Knobby Wash, Joe Palooka, Mom and Pop Palooka, and Taran, Vic Flint, who had driven Joe's and Knobby's car, parked it in the huge garage where other cars, their motors still warm, were nesting down for the night. At the far end was Bugs Bunny's old Panhard—they had gotten a lift from Mutt and Jeff in their new Steadybreaker Land Bruiser; Captain Easy's Cattleback 12; Dr. Womnug's Pointyack; and Pomy's Shiverlate. Other well known cars of the funnyfolk were also stalled up for the night.

Inside the small 39-room guest house, Bugs Bunny, as usual, had the floor. He and the learned Major Amos Hoopie were deep in a technical discussion of whether the mortar held bricks apart or held them together.

"Egad, my worthy long-eared colleague," said the major, "a person with my unlimited experiences at building both here and in the remote reaches of Pakon-bakanstan is more than adequately able to state that the mortar positively holds the bricks apart, not together."

"To be sure," chimed in Martha from the kitchen, "and that is just why the wall you built fell in on Uncle Cassidy's head, because you didn't put in enough mortar to hold them together."

"Ya see Doc," Chomped Bugs. "Ya didn't know what ya was talkin' about. Ya should've used your head."

The short-lived debate over Martha Hoopie went back to the kitchen to prepare a little Christmas Eve snack for the comic folk.

Outside, the dimming day had turned to deep impenetrable blackness, the snow storm increasing in its fury.

clouds, but the snow continued to fall. Through the little town the jingling of sleigh bells could be heard and the muffled clump of horses hooves padding over the snow.

Little by little the clouds began to roll away and more and more stars began to show their pale blue lights in the heavens. Far away, and with ghost-like voices, the silvery tinkle of church bells, calling funnyfolk to Christmas Eve candlelight services, could be heard.

Mrs. Palooka came busting into the room to announce that two sleighs with teams had been procured by Bathless Groggins; that Bathless would drive one and Pricilla's Pop the other. The radio was tuned up so Martha could hear church services over the air.

Into their coats and capes the funnyfolk got and went through the door with Blondie helping to button sleepy Dagwood's coat.

Church lasted only a short while, and the funnyfolk were back ready to eat Martha's snack. The sleigh ride had been fun and was the subject of conversation. But, where were Pappy and Mammy Yokum?

They got into Bathless' sleigh after services and Pappy wanted to sit high in the rear so he wouldn't miss anything. Coming from Dogpatch he and Mammy had never seen such deep snow as this. It lay fully 15 and one half inches in the more shallow places. Lil Abner began to whimper, "Pore harmless little Pappy, he must have seen an electric train on the way and tumbled over backwards trying to see it better."

Joe and Knobby became worried. Captain Easy suggested a hunt, but the funnyfolk didn't have the slightest idea where to look. Vic Flint, Easy, Wash Tubbs and Superman decided they would help to look for the little old couple from the hills. Out they went into the night to search all over Funnyland. Bugs Bunny suddenly caught a cold and Major Hoopie had gotten indigestion. After all it was only 2 degrees below zero there in Funnyland.

Shortly after 12:30 the hunting party came back. No Mammy or Pappy Yokum were to be found. The party seemed dull. The Christmas tree stood fully lighted. (See PAPPY, Page 23)

### PINE CONE LEGEND

Once upon a time—according to Harz mountain legend—a poor miner's wife was gathering pine cones in the forest. It was just before Christmas, her husband was ill, and there was no money in house for food. So she gathered the cones and sold them to the villagers for kindling—obtaining enough for the day's necessities. One morning while she was looking for such cones, a little imp jumped out of a huge fir tree.

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

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

When she finally reached her

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NEW YORK (AP)—Esso Standard Oil Co. announced a reduction in heavy fuel and diesel fuel prices and an increase in its but, she called the children to help carry the basket, they found that every cone was made of solid silver.

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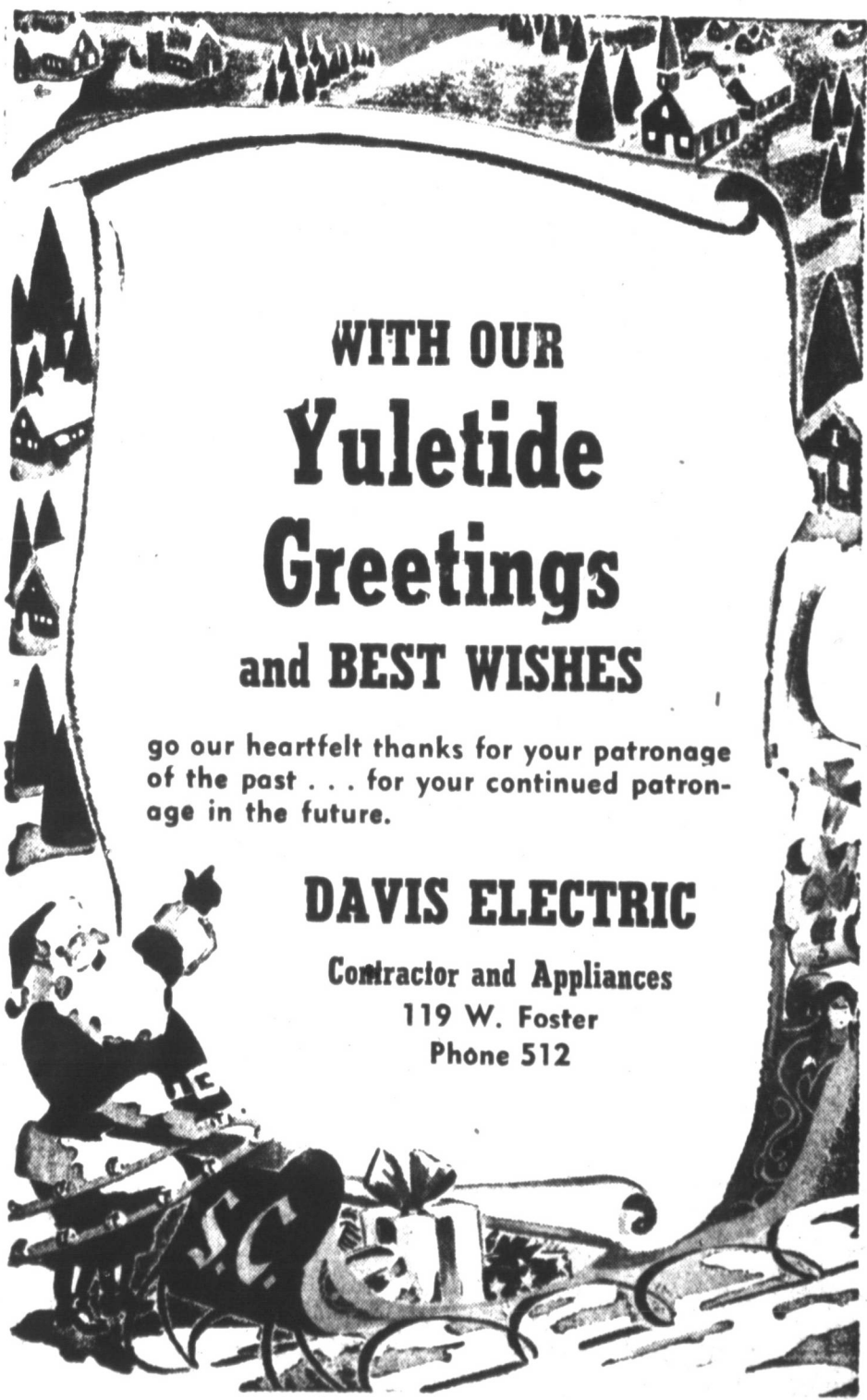
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**PAPPY**  
 (Continued from Page 22)  
 and the presents around it were just like another pile of boxes. Without Pappy and Mamma Yokum to help open them it would not be Christmas. The world's greatest manhunters had failed. Superman was silent. Tarzan, who conducted his own search, hung his head. Vic Flint and Capt. Easy licked dry chapped lips. Major Hoople broke in—  
 "Such farcical bunglers. Had I my youth and old stamina I would venture into the wretched night myself and look for him. I remember when in Snoplowstanbul it was really bitter cold—a bout 137 degrees below zero—a hunting mate of mine was lost. We had all given up hope and returned for a wee bit to eat, but I was not ready to give up hope. Alone through the drifts, 25 feet high, I plodded for mile upon mile—"  
 "Jingle, jingle, clang, clang," sounded sleigh bells, high in the air. They were far away at first and grew louder by the second. The funnyfolk rushed to the window and threw up the shade, leaving the major and his wild tale drifting off into nothingness.  
 Dagwood was the one who first came to life, to everyone's surprise, and got to the window first. Alley Oop and Oola right behind. Dr. Womung and Dr. Bronson were pulling up the other shade as the strange musical and mysterious bells came nearer and nearer. The shades up, the brightness of the snow on the ground reflecting the white moonlight all but blinded the comic characters. They looked around on the crisp ground. They saw nothing. They looked up in the sky.  
 There flitting across the sky in a huge sleigh pulled by eight young Shmoos, was Santa Claus. They cheered and called, but no heed did he pay. His sleigh once turned as if to come down and land on the party house roof, but all of a sudden it changed its course again and zipped up into the moon. Then it was gone from sight.  
 Alexander and Cookie were really disappointed.  
 Mamma and Pappy Yokum had disappeared and now Santa Claus had passed them up. What a Christmas!  
 Martha Hoople and Mrs. Palooka ordered everyone to bed, but who could sleep on a night like this? The little midnight snack had been only half eaten and the scraps were being taken back to the kitchen.  
 Finally it was silent throughout the house. It remained that way until the faint rays of dawn began to creep out of the east.  
 Everyone came tumbling down stairs to eat a small and tasteless breakfast.  
 "Now don't youse be sad," said Mrs. Palooka. "Mamma and Pappy are all right, I know because they were good folks and He always looks after them kind."  
 "That's right," answered Joe. "Mom never was wrong yet."  
 Then suddenly—as if from nowhere—came the loud clatter of those mysterious musical sleigh bells the funnyfolk heard in the night. Just as suddenly as they sounded, just that suddenly they ceased. They seemed to be over—  
 (See PAPPY, Page 23)



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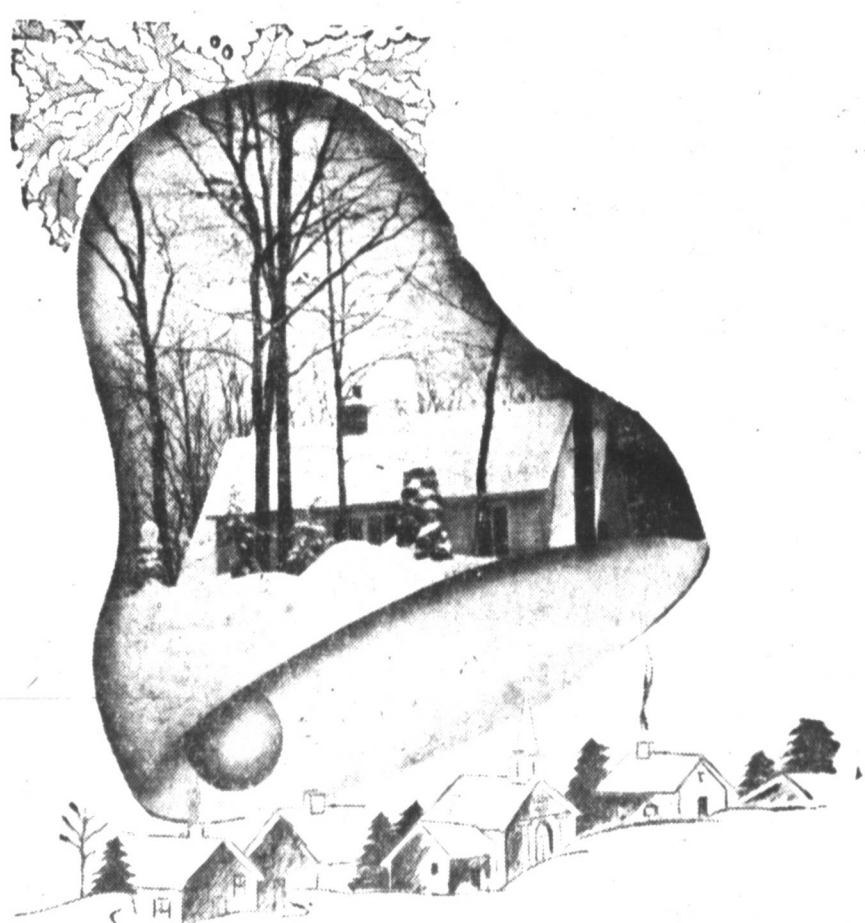


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### Here Are Some Safety Rules or Holiday Season

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and broken plugs. Avoid placing powerful lamp bulbs near fancy ornaments, synthetic materials, paper or cotton. Don't go away and leave your tree lighted. Be very careful when smoking around Christmas package wrapping material. Secure the tree by wires to the wall so that tiny tots will not be able to bump or pull it over. Place your tree so that, standing or fallen, it cannot block a doorway which might be needed to escape from the room. If you go in for elaborate decorations, better make sure they're all made of noncombustible material. Flameproofed materials can be purchased at many stores. Insist on them.

### Magi Were Priests Persian Religion

Along about this time of the year there's a lot written, said and sung about the Magi. Just who were the Magi, anyway? The Magi were priests of an ancient Persian religion called Zoroastrianism. The Greek historian Herodotus gives a very favorable account of them and their influence in a society which existed four hundred years before Christ's birth.

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

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

whereby he attains the holy and glorious world of paradise."



**RAILROADERS AID ARMLESS GIRL**—Grace Purcell, age 4, is lifted from a train in Atlanta, Ga., by railroad engineer Henry E. Lee as conductor I. B. DuBose watches. Grace was born with only stumps for arms, but she waved so happily to trains passing her home in Lovejoy, Ga., that she now has a new set of artificial limbs and more than \$2,000 to assure replacements as she grows. Mr. Lee, who led the drive to secure her artificial limbs, took Grace to Atlanta for examination and fittings. His employers, the Central of Georgia Railroad, did their bit by stopping the streamliner Nancy Hanks II at Lovejoy just to accommodate little Grace.

### Secret Gifts Left By St. Nicholas

The story of how St. Nicholas became associated with secret gift giving, and even today comes covertly at night to leave his presents, is one of the most important in the history of his life.

Once upon a time there was a man with three daughters, all of them wishing to marry, but with no dowry forthcoming. Sorry, indeed, was their plight. Their father had about decided to sell them as slaves, but the good St. Nicholas heard of it, and filling a purse with gold, went quietly by night to their home. Seeing a window open, he threw in the bag of gold and then stole away in the night. This money enabled the eldest daughter to marry. A second and a third time St. Nicholas made the trip and finally all three daughters were married.

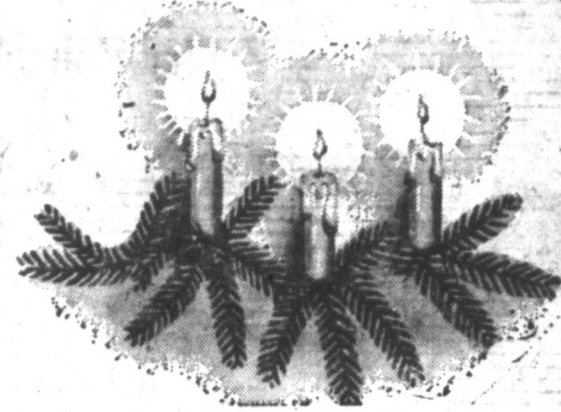
After the saint's third trip, the girls' father, who had been watching to see who brought the gifts, ran after St. Nicholas and thanked him for his kindness. St. Nicholas made him promise not to divulge his gift-giving and after that he always deposited his presents so secretly that no one ever saw him. Yet people knew, somehow, that it was he who brought gifts during the night, and so whenever they found a package mysteriously delivered they instantly exclaimed, "Saint Nicholas has brought it!"

### MORAL: DON'T CLEAN

EAST PRAIRIE, Mo. —(AP)—A local railroad agent, A. L. Webb, was cleaning out his office desk recently and he came across an unmailed letter. Upon investigation he found that his wife had given him the letter to mail 11 years ago. Rather than face the possible consequences, he mailed it.

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

### Flowers Are Part Of Yule Legends

There are several flowers appropriate during the Yuletide season which are connected with the birth of Christ by the legends of history.

Sainfoin, or "Holy Hay," is said to have cradled the infant Christ in the manger. The snowdrop is the flower of the Virgin Mary, and is said to be the emblem of the candles she lighted on Christmas.

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

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

### YULE SPINACH

Armenians believe spinach was eaten by the Virgin Mary so the custom is to eat it on Christmas Eve.

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**Siamese Women Fear Devil—Cut Hair**

BANGKOK (AP)—Fear of the devil has made more than 700 Siamese women in Singaburi cut off their hair. The craze spread after a religious mystic dreamed the devil had decided to kill every woman in Singaburi Province. The women might escape, he thought, if they cropped their hair and posed as men.

**Writer Warns U.S. Against Complacency This Christmas**

By JAMES MARLOW  
WASHINGTON (AP)—A note to anyone who believes in an everlasting Santa Claus: I hope you'll have a fine Christmas, comfortable, surrounded by your family and friends, and rich, good food. But on Christmas Day if you're

going to make one wish above all others, as a lot of people do, let me suggest this one: That next Christmas and all your Christmases be as good and cheerful and peaceful for you as this one. Wish hard for that. Maybe that sounds a little chilling, like the bony hand of a witch knocking on your window-pane in the moonlight. I don't mean it to be.

But I know how easy it is to feel cozy in your own warm house on Christmas Day, and forget what's happening in the street outside.

It happened on my own street. She had been shopping all day for their son. And the husband expects a pay raise. So the future looks pretty good and solid to them.

She talked about Christmas and the other night I was talking with a couple of neighbors, a man and his wife, who are very happy.

democracy. She's a great believer in both. And she seemed to think both are perfectly safe forever, at least here.

I told her that was comforting, and I hoped it was true, but I told her that before everything is the way she wants it to be, we may have a big job on our hands.

I asked her to wipe her windshield while I told her this story: At this minute we're like a man caught between two automobiles, both owned by Communists, that are backing up on him. We'll try to keep from getting crushed but we'll have to be strong to do it.

To the east of us—we're trying to keep communism, which has taken over half of Europe, from taking the other half.

To the west of us—we're practically helpless to stop the Chinese Communists, who've taken over half of China, from taking the other half.

My neighbor's wife, in one way or another, was aware of these things before I mentioned them, although vaguely. She tried hard, I think, not to think of them. She looked solemn when I finished.

**Nut-Bowl Filled From Many Lands**

Nuts from all over the world go into your nut-bowl at Christmas. Like Christmas traditions, the nuts so popular at this time of year are a mixture of many varieties and different histories.

The English walnut, for instance, is not English at all. It originated in Asia centuries ago and was called "the food of the gods."

The round little filbert and the almond came from the old world. Other nuts, so familiar at Christmas, the hickory nut, the black walnut and the chestnut, to say nothing of the pecan, are strictly American.

The pecan is native to this country. Two other American nuts worthy of mention are the chestnut and the butternut.

Although many nuts originated in other parts of the world, almost every variety known is now grown on American soil and experts are constantly searching for more kinds of nuts to transplant to this country.

**CHRISTMAS 'MOTHER'S DAY'**

In Yugoslavia, the second Sunday before Christmas is celebrated as Mother's day. While mother pretends not to notice, one of the children rush-in shouting, "Mother's day! Mother's day! What will you pay to get away!" The mother then buys her release with Christmas gifts.

**CHRISTMAS 'PUTZ'**

The Christmas "putz" is a decorative feature in many Bethlehem Pa. homes during the Yuletide season. It is a representation of the birth of the Christ Child in the stable at Bethlehem in Judea. The residents of Bethlehem, Pa., follow this custom, which was brought to this country by early

The keeping of Christmas or saint's days, and the making of mince pies were illegal in the early Massachusetts and New Haven colonies. The strict religion of the Puritans banned observance of holy days. Moravian settlers, and spend months arranging the exhibit.

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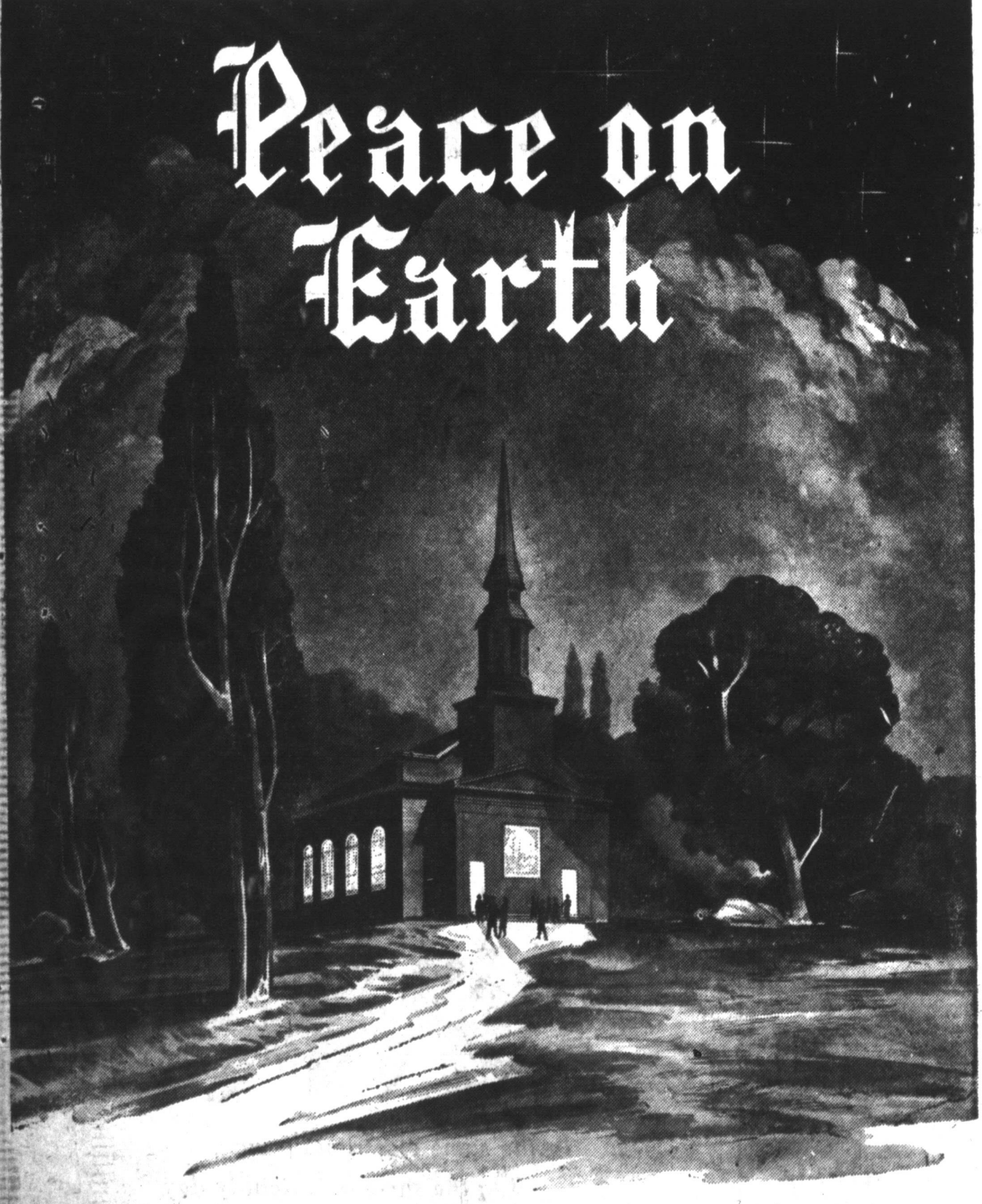


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## Yule Sales Are Index To Future

NEW YORK—This year's Christmas sales may be a tip-off on the fate and character of the whole business boom for the next year or two, according to Business Week.

of a fundamental transition, the tip-off this year will be more significant than usual, the magazine says. It is explained that the post-war boom brought about by the satisfaction of wants that accumulated during the war is being replaced by a new kind of boom that goes with full employment and a national income of \$220-billion or more. "At the moment," says the magazine, "the retail picture looks brighter than it has at any time for the past year. If retail

sales are no longer carrying the business boom as they did in 1946, at least the boom is carrying sales." The magazine predicts that with a halfway decent Christmas, 1948 retail volume will break all records. So far this year, sales of all retail stores have been running about 10 percent over last year. If they hold this pace for the next two months, they will wind up the year with a total of about \$130-billion, against 1947's \$118-billion.

Unit sales, the physical volume of merchandise, seem to be edging up above 1947, the article states. Price rises account for no more than 5 or 6 percent of the rise in dollar volume this year. The remainder is an actual gain in the quantity of goods sold. "To many retailers," the article adds, "the rise in physical volume is the most encouraging sign of all. A drop in unit sales—even if it is offset by a rise in the size of the average ticket—is the time-honored warning of trouble."

### FULL STOCKINGS

The Dutch settlers brought to New Amsterdam the custom of having a burgher dress as old St. Nicholas and distribute toys and sweets to the children.

Andy Mogish, former Syracuse University basketball star, is coach of the freshman team this season.



We join good old St. Nick in wishing one and all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Christmas decorating is in full swing at the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children as Richard Coley, Spearman, and John Ballard, Dallas, trim a Christmas tree. The two little girls in wheelchairs, Marolyn Barrett, Odessa, and Tommie Kay Robinson, Hereford, avoid the Christmas postal rush by wrapping their gifts early with colorful paper and ribbon. The Scottish Rite Hospital is supported by contributions and bequests from generous people in the Lone Star State.

## Christmas Went Underground in England With Puritans in 1644

There was a time when Christmas went underground. People who advocated Christmas were in danger of arrest and imprisonment and it looked as though Christmas was on its way out. It all happened around 1644 when the Puritans in England forbade any merriment or religious services, by act of parliament, on the ground that it was a heathen festival. What resulted was much grumbling, breaking of the law and a Christmas

underground which wrote and distributed pamphlets in favor of Christmas.

In 1648, for instance, was published "Canterbury Christmas." This pamphlet gives an account of the subsequent proceedings after the Cryer of Canterbury had upon Wednesday, December 22, "spending proclaimed that Christmas day and all other superstitious festivals should be put downe, and a market should be kept on Christmas day. Which being not observed, (but very ill taken by the country) the town was thereby unserved with provision and trading very much hindered; which occasioned great discontent among people, caused them to rise in a rebellious way."

Among the rarest of the pamphlets issued at that time is one entitled "The Examination and Tryal of Old Father Christmas." In this volume, "one old Christmas was commanded to be brought to the Bar, then was a jury for Life and Death to be impaneled. The Judge was Judge Hattebate, the Sheriff's name was called Leonard Love-peace."

In the end Christmas is acquitted, but is cautioned by Judge Hattebate, "for avoiding all such scandals as have been cast upon you for the future, do think fit to admonish you, that you remember your Office is not so much to feast the Body, as to refresh the Soul, by thankful and pious Meditations."

Charles II re-established Christmas in 1678 and "Jolly Old Father Christmas" has never had to stand trial since.

### Our Christmas Date Started by Romans

The first celebration of the birth of Christ on December 25 took place in the Fourth Century. Before that date the commemoration of Christ's Nativity and Baptism was held on January 6. The first mention of Christmas is found in a Roman document known as the "Philocalian Calendar" in the year 354, and the first time the festival was celebrated in Britain was in 598, when St. Augustine baptized 10,000 converts.

In the year 567 the Council of Tours declared a twelve-day festival from Christmas to Epiphany, and in 991-1016 the laws ordained that all strife should cease at Christmas. Christmas was established in 813 in Germany and in Norway in the year 950.

A Merry Christmas

## Englishman Protests Solomon Island Rule

Englishman says he is on his way back to London to tell the Colonial Office that administration in the Solomon Islands "is rotten, impossible, and criminal."

He resigned this complaint signed by missionaries, officials, planters, and business men to present to the British Government.

The island authorities, Porter says, are more concerned with the dignity of their position, the life of ease, and their future pensions, rather than the betterment of the island people and the rehabilitation of the area. Porter says he has letters of Arizona's basketball squad is shooting or its fourth straight Border Conference championship



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**Woman Dies After 102nd Birthday**

PLAINVIEW — (AP) — A 102-year-old Plainview woman, Mrs. Emily Johnson, died here Monday of complications following a hip fracture suffered Dec. 8.

She celebrated her 102nd birthday Sunday. Funeral services were held here Tuesday.

Clyde Scott of Arkansas scored all of his season's total of 36 points in Southwest Conference football competition.

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**Where Really Is a Santa Claus**



Holding out their hands eagerly, little French orphans look on as two sisters at Paris' Orphelinat Saint Louis cut up chocolate bars from the first batch of CARE packages sent to France by the U. S. "Silent Guest" Committee. The good-will parcels, distributed by the American Paris Christmas Fund, will enable the homeless children to enjoy a real Christmas dinner.

**Early Buyer Gets That Yule Bird**

By CYNTHIA LOWRY  
AP Newsfeature Writer

There are a few obnoxious people around these days: the foresighted types who have their Christmas shopping done before there's even frost on the pumpkins. Next to people who boast about how early they get up in the morning, they are my winter-season candidates for extinction. It's not so much that they've put the business of gift-buying behind them, it's the gentle, superior sort of way they go on. And the way they let you know right off the bat they haven't a worry in the Yuletide world except the fuss over a wreath for the front door and pick up some holly, and, darling, the holly this year seems sort of scrubby. All this when I'm in a star-spangled swivet about remembering whether Aunt Emma is allergic to wool and whether little Priscilla has gone out of the toy, and into the book, age.

There aren't many of them, thank goodness. But in the interests of my own self-esteem—I'm a last-minute shopper by nature—I recently surveyed those among my acquaintances who were all finished with Christmas shopping when I was fooling around with the idea of a Labor Day barbecue. Every father's daughter among them went a-traveling this summer.

Maudie, with a three-day stop-over in Paris, walked among the Seine bookstalls, and picked up a gross of those quaint old maps of the Ville Lumiere.

Joannie, on that all-expense Mexican junket, bought out a Texaco shoppe which featured quaint, old, made-in-Sy-r-a-c-u-s-e pottery.

And Pattie, on her something less than A Deck Caribbean cruise, came back with a formidable sunburn and lapsed down to the duty-free line with perfume.

All this is very commendable, but it's not for me, thanks. Christmas shopping is different from any other kind of shopping. It should be done with spirit at a time when there's a feel of winter in the air, fake Santas ringing bells on corners and crowds in the stores. There should be an urgency about it, a feeling of holiday in the heart, and store windows full of tinsel and soap-chip snow.

Of course, if you're going to parcel out gifts from a stockpile, as though you were issuing ammunition to a regiment, Maudie, Joannie and Pattie are pretty smart people. But that makes Christmas quite simply a day on which presents are meticulously swapped, not a day of giving. In that case, August mark-down sales are perfect times to pick up a couple of dozen tie-dyed scarfs for a song.

But that's not for me. I'll concede, however, there's a happy ground somewhere between the two. Like right this minute, even if I just start making a list. Oops, \$5.37 in the bank and those organdy curtains for the living room coming C.O.D. Wednesday. Well, next year, I'll

**Santa Told Hollywood's Gift Needs**

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD — (AP) — What should Santa Claus bring Hollywood for Christmas?

I have wheeled out the AP Hollywood forum to ask stars what they think the movie town needs from Santa. Some of them were stumped for an answer. But most of them came up with fast replies. Such as these—

Eddie Cantor: "A book on 'How to Act in Public.'"

Shirley Temple: "The ability to continue to entertain people."

Dennis O'Keefe: "That the good things Hollywood is doing—such as benefits, hospital tours—would be as highly publicized as the few bad things."

Anne Baxter: "A five-day week."

Dinah Shore: "A good public relations director who could let the public know that Hollywood is a pretty sane place, despite a few notables who make headlines."

Gail Russell: "Rain."

Bob Hope: "Take away the smog so we can look at the scenery again."

Ester Williams: "Peace and goodwill. And make everybody love everybody—then we'll make better pictures."

Red Skelton: "A little personal kindness. It will go a long way."

John Payne: "A more sober realization of the immense influence of the picture business and the responsibilities thereby. And a little less concentration on the dollar end—because if you make good pictures, the money will come in anyway."

And there we have a good cross-section of what movie stars are thinking about in this Christmas season of 1948. Many of them are concerned about what the rest of the nation thinks about Hollywood. Others are worried about conditions. And some merely about quality of product and work about the weather, as who doesn't?

**Ambulance Stolen**

SYDNEY — (AP) — A young Sydney resident, injured in a traffic accident, stole the ambulance that took him to hospital. The youth, name unknown, drove off while the ambulance driver was looking for a doctor to patch up his cuts and bruises. Police later found the abandoned ambulance. They are still looking for the youth.

**NEW YEAR'S EGGS**

In ancient Persia, eggs were given to friends on New Year's Day, says the World Book Encyclopedia. The Persians regarded the hatching of the eggs as symbolic of the beginning of a new life.

**FAST, THEN FEAST**

The day before Christmas is a strict fast for the Polish people, says The World Book Encyclopedia. But, when the first star is seen on Christmas Eve, the feasting and revelry begins.

do it, and that's for sure. Guess I'll even join a Christmas club.

**To That Man With a Beard**

By CYNTHIA LOWRY  
AP Newsfeature Writer

DEAR SANTA: As you know from other years, I'm certainly not a girl who has everything. In fact, I'm one of the women who are NOT Christmas problem children. I could be made happy if you'd send me a bunch of single earrings to replace the left-eared pieces I leave in coin telephone booths. And stockings that would either match some good singles I have or new nylon that would get runs in both legs at the same time. I'd adore to have them, Santa, but I'll even forego that if you'll just bring two little items. In fact, if I can just have

these two, I promise not to ask for a single thing—next year, even.

Santa, I want an electric hair dryer and a thing they call a zipper repair tool set. If I have just these two things I'll never need another thing. Between them, they can cope—at least their press agents claim they can cope—with just about every single one of life's problems. Well, maybe I'd still need an alarm clock, but that's all.

Sure, I go to the hairdressers to have my hair done. You missed the point. If I get a hair-dryer I can dry dishes with it in a flash. I can defrost windows and the refrigerator; heat fish-bowls in cold weather; blow dust out of the radio and television set; warm adhesive tape; fluff that raccoon coat; solidify frosting on cake; thaw frozen foods;

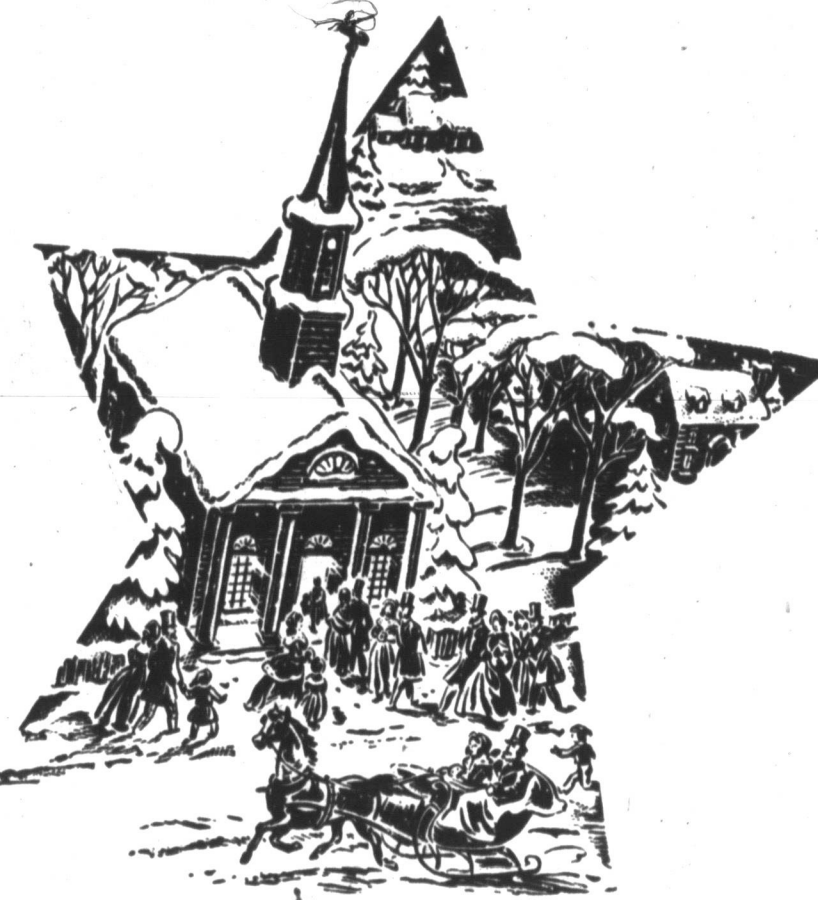
blow foam off beer; warm cold feet, and fill air cushions.

You probably wonder, Santa, how you ever managed to get along without a hair-dryer yourself. You could fluff your beard with it, for goodness' sake, and dry the reindeer after their baths.

Then about the zipper repair tool kit. If I can only have a rotating machet head tool with four prongs, a tool masher and a tool opener for the slider, there's nothing I can't do because just about everything nowadays zips in and out. But mine seem to slide open and it's horrible. And my psychiatrist said that the inception of my last breakdown dated from the minute I caught that imported tweed skirt in its own zipper—which was quite an achievement.

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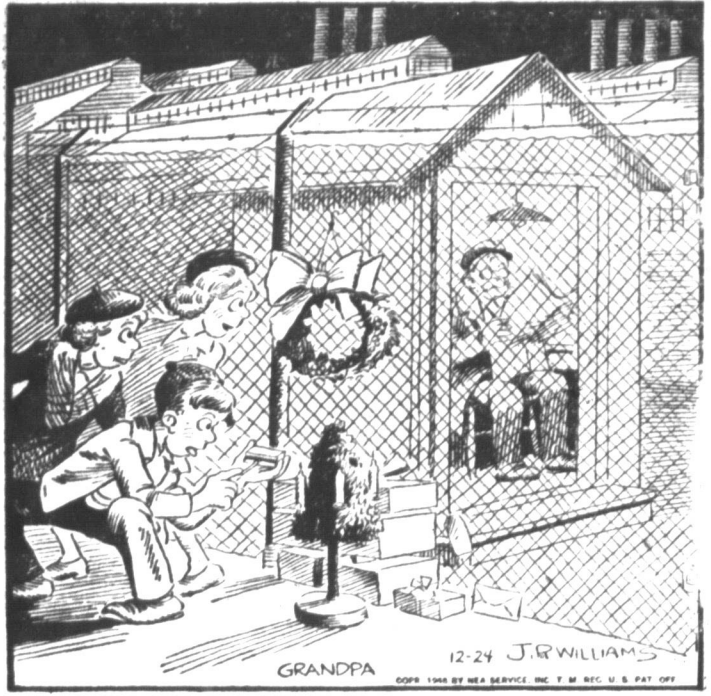
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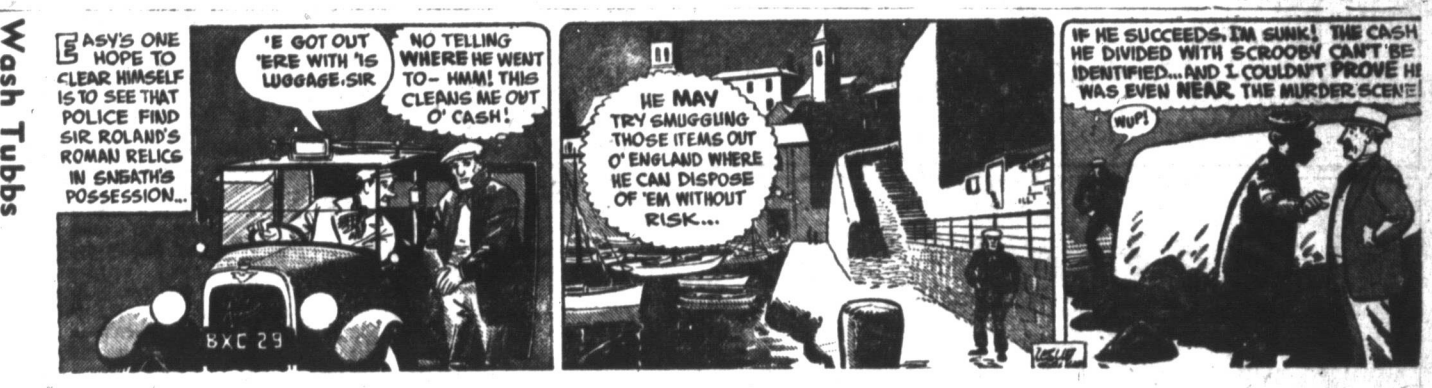
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8 Sun god  
9 Camel's hair cloth  
10 Suggest  
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12 Inferior vessel  
17 Doctor (ab.)  
18 Lieutenant (ab.)  
21 She recently married her  
22 They are noted  
25 Egret  
27 E'k  
30 Cooking  
32 Small child (pl.)  
33 Defeated  
36 Very high  
38 Lure  
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47 Poems  
48 Abraham's home  
49 Samarium (symbol)  
50 Female sheep  
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53 Unit of energy  
55 Tree  
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59 Nickel (symbol)





**PAPPY**

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 head. The patter of eight tiny pair of feet could now be plainly heard on the roof top and the chimp of oversized boots almost shook the house down. It sounded like someone was dragging a heavy load over the roof.  
 The funnyfolk looked at each other, none knowing just what to say.  
 Like a flash he was upon them. Right there in the middle of the room was Santa Claus. But he looked not like the fat jolly old St. Nick they all heard about or had seen pictures of. He was little and puny. The pack on his back, held off the floor by some mysterious force, made Santa look like a toy soldier standing aside the Empire State Building.  
 Slowly Ol' Santa let down his pack. The heads of perspiration running like water from him as he groaned and grunted under the heavy load, but Santa didn't let the pack down very gently.  
 A muffled roar of female rage came from beneath the pack.  
 The pack heaved a little, swayed and then toppled over. There, sitting spraddled on the floor was Mammy Yokum, her corncob pipe all but broken and an angry gleam

in her little blue eyes.  
 "Pappy Yokum," she cried, "as a gentleman, you all'd make a purty good Black Rufe."  
 Floor, bleating Pappy, hung his head in shame and by force of habit asked:  
 "Whar is the woodshed so's Mammy can teach me some more manners with that long wooden book that has only two sides, but which is good for any lessuns she wants ta teach?"  
 But Mammy forgave Pappy, being as how it was Christmas, and left Pappy fipish playing Santa Claus. Pappy had wanted to be Santa since the real Santa said he had been so busy with all of the new children, and some of the older ones, that the funnyfolk could help a lot to have their own. So it was decreed—by Mammy Yokum of course—that Pappy could be Santa.  
 On the way back from church, Superman, who was let in on the secret, snatched Mammy and Pappy from the rear of the last sleigh and carried them away to another house where they loaded packs for funnyfolk in other parts of Funnyland. They had decided long before to bring these funny folks their gifts last so they could spend the whole day together.  
 Pappy gleefully handed out the

presents. To Boots and her husband he gave an oversized recording machine; to Bugs Bunny a copy of Dale Carnegie's book on "How to Win Friends and Influence People"; to Dagwood, an extra loud alarm clock; Alexander got an electric train and Cookie got her doll house she had been wanting; Daisy Mae was hoping for a diamond ring from Li'l Abner, but got a picture of Abner loving Salomee instead; Alley Oop got cigars; Dr. Womnug a new set of time machine operating headgear; Dr. Bronson, an explorer's kit; Captain Easy a movie camera; little Elmer got two presents, a new headlight for his bicycle and a bundle of switches marked: "for use in taming obnoxious rabbits"; Bathless Groggins received a carton of bubble bath with a sponge, and Martha Hoople a set of ear muffs. Major Hoople was given a book on "How to be Truthful Under Trying Circumstances"; Joe Palooka was given a handsome boxing robe and Knobby received that new pitter he was wanting; Mrs. Palooka was happy with her electric iron, and Penny, of course got a whole album of jazz band records.  
 Truly it was a great Christmas, Santa hadn't forgotten them, Mammy and Pappy Yokum weren't lost and they all sat down to



**'ADORATION OF THE SHEPHERDS'**—Maurice Block, director Henry E. Huntington Gallery, San Marino, Calif., chose the picture above, by Giorgione, 15th Century Venetian master, as his favorite Christmas picture. He says: "Magnificent in conception, superbly designed with strongly contrasting straight and curved forms emphasizing the devotional attitudes of the figures and the emotional content of the picture. Instinct with deep sentiment, the picture moves us as do some of the great old Christmas hymns and carols... humbly and reverently, the shepherds kneel with Mary and Joseph. They form one of the tenderest groups in all paintings."

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according to the survivors who have escaped to Sweden or eventually to the American and British zones in Germany, unspeakable crimes are perpetrated against people whose only offense is that they love freedom.  
 In a recent "Appeal to the Jurists of the World" former lawyers and judges of Lithuania reported on the fate of the families of Lithuanian jurists. They said that approximately 70 percent of their profession have been maltreated by the Russians. Among statistics cited are: 40 percent dismissed from jobs and therefore barred from employment, 6.5 percent kept in jail without being told the reason for their detention, 10.3 deported to Siberia or other remote slave colonies, 3.73 percent murdered.  
 Such is Soviet justice to men whose lives are dedicated to justice. While in the Christmas season the Star of Bethlehem emphasizes good-will, the Red star of Russia flares its symbol of suppression of all human rights.

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**Star of Bethlehem Does Not Shine in the Russias**

By JOHN FISHER  
 McClure Syndicate  
 In the closing hours of the United Nations General Assembly in Paris, the Russians, true to their nature, abstained from voting on the new, international Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the delegates.  
 Thus the Reds go on record as opposed to principles which the free world considers paramount in civilization. On a diplomatic plane this formal affront to liberty is a disturbing event. But when detailed incidents of suppressed freedom are examined, the monstrous evil of communism is even more shocking.  
 Human rights are removed, not only in the Draconian Soviet Union, but everywhere that the iron-handed Russian system is in power. All Communists are birds of the same red feather, taking their orders from the enemies of liberty in the Kremlin.  
 One of the great traditions of Central Europe was the exercising of the right to object. History is filled with inspiring stories of

**Santa Claus School Trains Jolly Gents**

In a colonial farmhouse at Albion, N. Y., there's a Santa Claus school and it's the only educational institution of its kind in the world.  
 Graduates wear white wig and whiskers, red suits trimmed in white fur, wide white belt, and black leather boots.  
 A course at the school prepares the prospective Santa Claus to properly shake when he daughs like a bowl full of jelly, remain calm when a child giars and yells "where ain't no Santa Claus" and maintain proper diplomatic relations with a parent who thinks Santa has given her tot the brushoff.  
 Old and tarnished tinsel can be made to look almost as bright as new by washing it in warm soap suds to which a few drops of ammonia have been added. Dry tinsel with a towel and hang it up to finish drying.  
 The practical Czechs seemingly conform to the new tyranny that has deprived them of their human rights. But millions secretly hate it. An example of the growing unpopularity of Communist oppression is a story told in Prague:  
 A Czech businessman, fed up with the Red terror, decided to speak his mind even though he knew it meant punishment. He went to a hall in Prague where a mass meeting was advertised in honor of Stalin. He stood up and shouted, "Death to Stalin. Down with communism."  
 He expected to be beaten into pulp. Instead an usher whispered across, "Are you crazy, mister? Imagine what would have happened to you had there been a Communist in this hall."  
 Liberty is stifled in Poland. Since the recent purges in its own ranks, the Communist government has been more ruthless to suspected democrats. A large building in Warsaw quarters the "Central Office of Military Information." The people call it the "House of Fear." Persons accused of espionage and treason are incarcerated behind its grim walls which enclose a prison, torture chambers and death cells. The lower windows are cemented against prying eyes.  
 Similar temples of terror are springing up in other cities but the locations are kept secret. Since October the underground has operated a clandestine radio that broadcasts the addresses of these secret prisons, naming those in charge, who most often are Soviet army officers.  
 Stalin's Polish henchmen also persecute foreigners. A former employee of the British Embassy was sentenced to a term of four years on the phony charge of collaboration with the Germans, although this British subject had been severely wounded fighting against the Nazis in the ill-fated Warsaw uprising.  
 German school children in the Russian zone in Berlin are forbidden to read the books of Karl May, who died before World War I, because his stories of American Indians—in the style of James Fenimore Cooper—extol "American imperialism" and therefore are hostile to communism.  
 A group of slave laborers recently was brought in cattle cars to Kaltmenai in Lithuania. Kind-hearted peasants crowded around them, chatting about the weather and other harmless subjects. Whereupon the MVD dragged off 80 farmers to court, charging them not only with talking to strangers but also with attempting to converse with them.  
 Nowhere under the Hammer and Sickle are human rights less respected than in the captive states Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia. In satellite lands as Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Hungary, a few shreds of the old freedoms still are left. But in the imprisoned Baltic, where Stalin's brutes are in absolute control the whole country is a vast concentration camp.  
 Russia refuses to allow outside newspaper correspondents, representatives of the international Red Cross or foreign diplomats to enter. Along the frontiers of Poland and East Prussia not only are barbed wires but also a wide strip of land plowed up and harrowed smooth so that tell-tale footprints can be disclosed, watch towers and patrolling the border, are changed frequently to prevent them from becoming friendly with the wretched inhabitants.  
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## Oil Production Increases Over Previous Week

**TULSA**—(AP)—The nation's daily average production of crude oil during the week ended Dec. 18 increased by 3,185 barrels over the previous week, the Oil & Gas Journal reported.

The journal gave the total production as 5,632,045 barrels daily. One state—Colorado—had a new high for year. Its daily average (minus 160 barrels of Utah production) was 53,250 barrels, a gain of 1,080 barrels.

Other principal contributors to the increase were Illinois, up 2,700 barrels to 181,100 barrels; Kansas, up 7,250 barrels to 307,150; and Oklahoma, 1,900 to 441,300.

Biggest declines were in Missis-

issippi, off 1,550 barrels to 128,700 barrels; and Wyoming, down 7,800 barrels to 154,520. Arkansas dropped 350 barrels, and Texas, net 300 to 81,400 and Louisiana, 2,516,875.

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## Christmas Trees Part Of Cold War

**BERLIN**—(AP)—The Christmas tree is likely to be ammunition in Russia's cold war with the west in this blockaded city. The people are crazy about Christmas trees.

The Russians can bring them in from their surrounding occupation zone. The only way the western powers can bring them in over the Soviet blockade to western Berlin is via the airlift. But the airlift is crowded to capacity with more important things. Thus for many western Berlin families this may be a mistletoe instead of a Christmas tree. Christmas trees are hauled in from a suburban forest may decorate the mantel and substitute for a tree. Or a little artificial tree may be erected in the home.

In previous years of the occupation the four powers cooperated to bring in Christmas trees to this battered city in quantity to provide one for every family with children. They came from the Russian occupation zone and the British zone in Western Germany. They were brought in by railroad and trucks from the west. Now those avenues are closed.

## Experts Warn Of Yule Tree Fire Hazards

A single spark can turn the Christmas season into a period of tragedy, unless proper precautions are taken to prevent Christmas tree fires, the National Board of Fire Underwriters points out.

It is impossible to make a natural tree flameproof, various experiments have indicated, and for that reason many families may prefer to use small artificial trees which can be flameproofed.

If a natural tree is used, it should not be brought into the house until a few days before Christmas, because it quickly becomes tinder dry. The tree should be placed in the coolest part of the house, and any nearby heaters or fires should remain unlit as long as the tree is installed.

**NO CANDLES ON TREES**  
Candles should never be used on trees or employed in any way around the home. Cords used for stringing electric lights on the tree should bear the Underwriters' Laboratories label, as the surest sign of safe manufacture.

Tree lights should never be left burning while the family is away, and an occasional check should be made to discover whether any of the needles have started turning brown from the heat of the lights. If so, the location of those lights should be changed. When the needles start falling, take the tree down and get it out of the house.

**PUBLIC PRECAUTIONS**  
Particularly in public places, care should be taken in placing trees so they will not block exits, and they should not be located near stairways or elevators which would provide an up-draft through which fire could spread through the building. Many communities have banned the use of natural trees in places of public assembly, and experts recommend that only flameproof artificial trees be used.

Trees should be disposed of very shortly after New Year's Day, to avoid the unnecessary additional fire hazard which arises from leaving the tree up or carelessly storing it away for later disposal.

True wasp: make the cells of their nests of dry wood and saliva, worked together to make a sort of paper.

## Experts Warn Of Yule Tree Fire Hazards

However, the routes from the Russian zone are open. Over them will come, according to announcements in the Soviet-controlled press, some 350,000 trees.

These are scheduled for distribution to the million inhabitants of the Russian sector of the city. But wise western Berliners figure there will be an overflow that will come into western Berlin—especially if western currency is offered for them in the black market. Although the Russians have declared western marks illegal, even the Germans of the Soviet sector want to get their hands on the coveted money at premium rates.

Western authorities also expect that the Russians will offer Christmas trees to western Berlin non-Communists as bait to come into the Soviet sector of the city to register for rations. Previous attempts to win over the people of the U. S., British and French sectors of the city were made with food and fuel rations, but with only scant success.

It is expected, however, there won't be nearly enough trees to go 'round.

So the U. S. Army's German Youth Administration is planning community Christmas parties for 70,000 German children in the American sector of city. About \$17,000 and large contributions of sweets and other articles are being collected for this purpose from the American population.

In addition, the airlift is expected to bring in enough trees for church and community celebrations in the blockaded two-thirds of the city.

## Jester Discusses Budget Today

**AUSTIN**—(AP)—Gov. Beauford H. Jester and state department heads talked money at a meeting of the governor's administrative cabinet this afternoon.

If there are any complaints about the budget recommendations submitted the Governor Saturday, they may be aired.

The budget—biggest in Texas history—calls for appropriation of \$187,440,987 for the judiciary, eleemosynary institutions, state departments and state colleges and universities during the two-year fiscal period beginning next Sept. 1.

It forms the basis for legislative action on appropriations for those major divisions of state government. The Board of Control's recommendations go to the Governor, and he makes the formal presentation to the Legislature.

The budget recommendations call for an increase of 65 million dollars over the current appropriations.

They do not include such major expenditures as appropriations for the public schools, rural aid and funds for education of handicapped children.

## Nine Working Language is English

**MANILA**—(AP)—This is the country where the president, Elpidio Quirino, makes his speeches in English and has to have them translated into the local dialect, unless he is in his native northern Luzon.

Luis Taruc, leader of the Hukblahap peasant army and a congressman, makes his most effective speeches in his native Tagalog, the language of central Luzon. But he writes his speech outlines in English. This, he says, is because he thinks better in English, having been educated in that language.

## Giant Petrel Makes Long Air Flight

**PERTH, Australia**—(AP)—Robert Beattie, a railway worker, went fishing here and hooked a bird—a giant petrel. A band on its leg showed it had been released by British scientists at Signy Island in the South Orkneys.

Local scientists calculated that it flew over the South Pole and flew 5,000 miles. And if it took a route via Kerguelen Island and flew twice that distance. The petrel ended its travels in the South Perth zoo.

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Boon in Bicycles Boosts Club Roster

LONDON - (AP) - The biggest bicycling boom in Britain's history is now underway. The Cyclist Touring Club reported it has new members coming in at the rate of 500 to 600 each month, and its membership has risen from 3,000 to 47,000 in the past year.

New Car Licenses To Be Black on Gold

AUSTIN - (AP) - Black letters and numerals on gold background will be the pattern for Texas' 1949 car license plates. The State Highway Department said the new tags will be the same as last year's, with the same letter arrangement as the present tags. They will go on sale Feb. 1.

He Inhaled twice in rapid succession, in quite involuntary confirmation of the foreign odor.

"Was that you I saw on the street just now?" She took a moment to answer, though how could she be uncertain, if she had just returned? She looked out one more flower. She turned it about by its stem, studying it for faults. She put it down. Then she turned about and faced him, readily enough. She saw his eyes rest for a moment on her plum-rose costume. It was only then she answered.

"Where were you, to the post office?"

"I had an errand," she said, steadily enough. "There was something I needed to buy."

"You didn't go to the post office?"

"I did step into the post office," she said negligently. "To buy stamps. They are in my purse now. Do you wish to see them?"

"No," he said unhappily. "If you say you bought stamps, that ends it."

"On her way out of the room she let her hand trail, almost fondly, across the breadth of his back."

"You don't trust me, do you, Lou?" she said quietly.

"I want to."

She shrugged, in the doorway, as she went out. "Then do so, that is all you have to do. It's simple enough."

When he heard her light footsteps going up the stairs, he flung himself down at a couch before the fireplace, made rapid circling motions with his hands over its brim, flooring. There was some brittle paper-ash lying on the otherwise scoured, blackened surface; very little, not enough to make a good-sized fistful. He turned up a piece that had not been consumed, perhaps because it had been held by the burner's fingers to the last.

It bore a single word, in conclusion, "Billy." And even that was not wholly intact. The upper closure of the "B" had been opened, eaten into by the brown stain of flame.

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Large 3 room modern, \$2600. Large 5 room house Fraser Add, for quick sale, price \$12,500. Almost new 4 room modern home, with garage, fenced in yard, \$4450. New 4 room modern with garage, \$4200. Nice 4 room East part of town \$1250 down, balance, terms.

Three bedroom home close in, \$6450. Large framed building about 30x100 feet to be moved, priced for quick sale. New 2 bedroom home, well located, \$8750.

Nice 2 bedroom home well furnished on Duncan St., \$4900. Large 5 room house, \$12,500. Addition, \$6500. Three unit apartment, rental in real close in, \$4500. A Help-Self Laundry, good location, priced \$2500, will lease \$2000. 8 room duplex, double garage \$7250. Good grocery store well located with living quarters, \$10,500. 4 room duplex, 2 baths, close in \$4200. Farms, acreage, etc. See Woodrow. Your Listings Appreciated

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### Much Family Fun In Group Games

Make it a real family Christmas this year by having Santa pack a few hobby supplies, or games into his pack that the whole family can enjoy together. This suggestion comes from E. H. Regnier, a recreation specialist at the University of Illinois.

There are many hobbies that can help build companionship between parents and children. Mothers and daughters like jewelry construction and tapestry weaving. Men and boys enjoy model building, rubber-tipped darts, and making airplanes, boats, trains, door plastic horseshoes and marble and other items of special interest games are excellent.

Christmas is a time of togetherness, says Regnier. "Let's capitalize on the situation by starting out newspapers that have a real professional look. Shellerstaff and age the same type of companion-woodburning are hobbies that pro-

### TRY THIS FOR SIZE

EL PASO, Tex. —(AP)— J. E. Sims, Lower Rio Grande valley farmer, grew a 12½-pound muskmelon. "Just the large economy size," said Sims, but conceded it was the biggest he's ever seen. It took four months to grow from the time the seed was planted. Sims surprised at the melon's size. "Nosirree — just good soil and a well-fertilized melon patch," he said.

## French Orphans Thank God, Ask Blessings for Gifts

"May the hallowed nook of this old world That's Home Sweet Home to you With Love and Peace at Christmas-time Be cheered and blessed anew."

That, along with personal letters, is the message a French family, deprived by the death of war, sends at this Christmas-time to the American Legion Auxiliary of Pampa.

The greeting card, in English and printed "in Gt. Britain," and

Auxiliary sent a box for each, also two boxes of food, with plenty of candy for all. Mrs. Lawson said: "We plan to continue to send some food from time to time."

Here are excerpts from two letters: "Dear Madame and Benefactress: . . . Be my interpreter to the members of the Legion Auxiliary to accept our wholehearted wishes for a joyous Christmas and our sincere desire for a good and happy year and that God may protect you . . ."

In another letter, the mother writes: "With big kisses from Marie-France, Claude and John and my sincere friendship to you, our friends from Texas. . . . Once, addressing Mrs. Lawson, the mother said: "I assure you that Marie-France talks often of the American lady and today when she put on the blue dress with the shoulder straps, she raved about you. . . . Poverty crept through these words: . . . After a letter telling us of a Christmas package, we found out we could only get it after it had gone through the

French customs office at Saint Die. This would occasion some extra expense—but as there is an office of the American Legion on Cherche Midi Street in Paris, perhaps we can receive the package through that organization."

The family lives in Paris.

### Parents Can Spoil Children's Play

Here's a Christmas resolution for parents. It's one that ought to be made before New Year's resolutions are even considered: It goes, "I will keep my hands off the children's toys all day on Christmas. It'll be a hard one to keep because Mother likes to fuss with Ann's doll. She pretends she is showing Ann how to put on the bonnet, but she's actually having a grand time playing. And once Father gets his hands on the train, or the auto that winds up, the boys can't get near them.

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

### Power Company Given Permission for Notes

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The El Paso Electric Co., El Paso, Tex., received permission from the Power Commission to issue \$1,600,000 in two percent promissory notes.

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Read The News Classified Ads

Merry Christmas from Camp Picketwire Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Dale Stonewall, Colo.



Here's a most sincere wish that you and your loved ones enjoy every possible happiness this Yuletide.

**AMERICAN CREDIT CO.**  
324 S. Cuyler Phone 303

Greetings and best wishes to our friends and patrons for a joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**The Toggery**  
216 N. Russell Ph. 207





John Claude the letters arrived a few days ago—with pictures of the children, two of whom were orphaned by war. The little girl, Marie-France, is the child of a second marriage. (Though the marriage is estranged).

Mrs. Al Lawson, chairman of the Auxiliary Child Welfare Committee, at first adopted the little girl.



Marie-France And then it was learned there were two other children — Claude and John Alm. The grandmother of these children lost her husband "the first time" (1914), and then there was the boy's mother, who lost her husband in WWII. There is also an aged grandfather. "So," Mrs. Lawson said, "we decided we would send a Christmas box for every one of the family." The

Merry Christmas



We send you sincere and hearty greetings . . . full of Christmas cheer for each of you. May you all have a Victorious and Happy New Year.

**ECONOMY FURNITURE**  
515 W Foster Phone 535

Best Wishes for a Joyous Holiday Season!

"GOD BLESS US EVERY ONE"

ALL of us are wishing all of you the best the season has to offer! That covers good health, good friends, good times and good fortune!

**PAMPA BAKING CO.**  
848 WEST FOSTER  
PHONE 9541



**JOYOUS CHRISTMAS**


The Yuletide comes this year as a welcome carrier of good cheer. It is our fervent Christmas prayer that the coming year will bring total Victory and restore to all the world peace for all time.

**Waldon E. Moore Structural Engineer**  
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WISHING YOU AND YOURS

*A Joyous Christmas*

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## YOUR EASY ABC SHOPPING LIST

<p><b>A MARRY CHRISTMAS</b> Friends and Customers and we feel sure we've made many new friends this past year. We hope you will enjoy the Yule Season and wish for you a happy New Year.</p> <p>LEWIS HARDWARE CO.</p>	<p><b>MAY THE NEW YEAR</b> 1949, Bring you all the good things you wish for. Health and Happiness Peace and Wisdom</p> <p>ADDINGTON'S WESTERN STORE</p>	<p><b>EVERY GOOD TIDING</b> To our friends and patrons throughout the Christmas Season.</p> <p>PAMPA BAKING CO.</p>	<p><b>RING OUT THE OLD</b> RING IN THE NEW . . . With Best Wishes to all our friends and customers everywhere.</p> <p>IDEAL FOOD STORE — No. 1 and No. 2</p>	<p><b>'ROUND THE</b> CHRISTMAS Fireside or the beautiful tree may you find the comfort and joy of friends and kinfolk to brighten every hour.</p> <p>NEWTONS FURNITURE</p>	<p><b>"YULE TIDE</b> MERRIMENT among friends and family is our sincere wish for you, our customers.</p> <p>HARVESTER PHARMACY</p>
<p><b>CANDLES</b> Brightly burning spreading the light of love and Peace —In every heart—This is our greeting to you as we resolve to help make 1949 a happier and better world.</p> <p>CRYSTAL PALACE</p>	<p><b>HELP YOURSELF</b> to Happiness throughout the holidays and the New Year. Our 1949 resolution — to try to serve you better. In sure your satisfaction and health.</p> <p>JOHNSON'S CAFE</p>	<p><b>RESOLUTIONS!</b> We're making 365 right off the tick clock. One for each day of this new and promising year—to serve you better every day at</p> <p>BEHRMAN'S And a Wish from Us for Your Happiness Always.</p>	<p><b>IT WOULD</b> take plenty of ink to letter the full scope of our good wishes for all our friends during the Merry Christmas season and for the New Year.</p> <p>QUALLS PAMPA STUDIO</p>	<p><b>SO! WE ARE</b> entering 1949—Nearly half way through the 20th Century—Makes us pause and resolve to do our best to make life happier and better for all. To serve our customers better, to spread cheer throughout the New Year.</p> <p>TEXAS FURNITURE CO.</p>	<p><b>TELL HE</b> Children the beautiful Christmas story. Hold high the ideals of Christmas. Let them know there is a Santa Claus. That he is the Spirit of Christmas. Peace on Earth - Good Will Toward Men.</p> <p>SIMMONS CHILDREN'S WEAR</p>
<p><b>MEASURE</b> Your Cup of Happiness by the good deeds of the past year. This Christmas, if you meet folks who are too burdened with grief or worry to smile just give them one of yours.</p> <p>May we keep the Christmas spirit always in evidence.</p> <p>FRIENDLY MEN'S WEAR</p>	<p><b>A CHRISTMAS</b> Message to you and yours. May you enjoy a happiness that lasts not merely thru the holidays but that continues throughout the entire year 1949.</p> <p>BERRY'S PHARMACY</p>	<p><b>"SLEIGH BELLS"</b> May not be sounding in this "Our Texas" but "joy bells" are ringing out the best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us at</p> <p>THOMPSON HARDWARE</p>	<p><b>THANK YOU</b> for your splendid patronage this past year. We shall endeavor to do our best to merit your good will at all times. We extend to you all our best wishes for a Bright and Happy Yuletide.</p> <p>CRETNEY'S</p>	<p><b>OUR CUSTOMERS</b> and friends have made our past year a happy one. We take this opportunity to wish for you all, Holiday Greetings.</p> <p>MURFEE'S Inc.</p>	<p><b>EVER HOPEFUL</b> for the betterment of our busy world. Let's turn our thoughts to the wonderful blessings of the past year and the Promise of the year to come with "Peace on Earth - Good Will to Men" first in our minds and hearts.</p> <p>MONTGOMERY WARD COMPANY</p>
<p><b>VERY BEST</b> Wishes to you and Yours, for . . . Healthy, Wealth and above all Happiness throughout the New Year.</p> <p>WILSON DRUG</p>	<p><b>EVERYWHERE</b> we see the Christmas spirit —In the faces of little children, in the shop windows and on the street—It's more than just Plain Merry Christmas—It's peace in our hearts. May it endure always.</p> <p>SMITH QUALITY SHOE STORE</p>	<p><b>RELAX</b> and give thought to the beauty of our land. Throughout the busy shopping weeks preceding Christmas we often lose sight of the real spirit of the season. May we pause now to give Thanks for the many blessings we enjoy and to extend Season's Greetings to all.</p> <p>CITY DRUG</p>	<p><b>YEAR</b> after Year—It's the same good tidings to all of our friends and customers Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.</p> <p>SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE CO.</p>	<p><b>OUR HEARTS</b> are made glad with the thought of Peace on Earth—Good Will Toward Men. May the year 1948 clear the way for a universal Peace.</p> <p>JONES MARKET &amp; GROCERY</p>	<p><b>NOEL! NOEL!</b> Sound the beautiful Christmas Carols far and near, that they may bring joy to the hearts of men everywhere. Our Season's Greetings.</p> <p>YOUNGS MATTRESS FACTORY</p>
<p><b>EACH OF US TREASURE</b> our deep friendships as one of our greatest blessings in life. May you never lose an old friend but gain many new ones as the years go by is The Wish of</p> <p>THE TREASURE CHEST</p>	<p><b>I</b> The Best Ever—That's the sort of Christmas we wish for our friends and clients in Pampa.</p> <p>THE PAMPA DAILY NEWS</p>	<p><b>Not just a wish for Christmas . . . But a wish for each day of the year . . . And never were greetings more hearty . . . Or Wishes more true and sincere . . .</b></p> <p>CLASSIFIED DEPT. Mrs. Jessye Stroup, Mgr. Evo McGee, Asst.</p>	<p><b>9</b> To All our friends— Old and New, Past, Present and Future— We Say . . . "Merry Christmas!"</p> <p>PAMPA DAILY NEWS</p>	<p><b>CHRISTMAS JOY</b></p> 