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The Christmas Story

The Book lies open and we read again the wondrous story of Christmas, "... For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ, the Lord." May the glory of its meaning fill our hearts and enrich this season with the true spirit of Christmas.



Babson's Forecast For 1957

By ROGER W. BABSON

Both presidential candidates, in their pre-election speeches, promised PEACE, PROSPERITY, and PROGRESS. They stated that they must do this in order to enforce the Employment Act of 1946. This is the basis of my Outlook for 1957, tempered of course by Russia.

1. World War III will not start in 1957.

2. 1957 will witness gradually increasing inflation.

3. Manufacturers will be faced with higher costs for both materials and labor.

4. All businesses will be confronted by increased competition, both within their own industries and from other industries.

5. More advertising will be necessary in 1957 if profits of manufacturers and retailers are to equal those of 1956.

6. Failures will increase in 1957 both as to numbers and liabilities. Thousands of small concerns will be wiped out. One or two of the largest corporations will face bankruptcy or re-organization.

7. Cost of living will rise slightly during 1957.

8. Most labor unions will hesitate to make public fights for higher wages, but will work for shorter hours, pensions, and "fringes."

9. Europe must pay so much more for oil that it will have less money for purchasing other goods.

10. Unexpected events will occur during 1957; however, as a whole, business will remain fair, but with smaller profits.

MONEY OUTLOOK

11. As foreign countries must pay in gold or dollars for oil, their industries will be handicapped, unemployment will increase, and pressure or aid from the U. S. will be greater.

12. The Federal Reserve Board will not relax its restrictions so long as we have full employment in the United States; but if unemployment increase we may expect a relaxation. I am very glad Mr. Robert Cutler will again be Mr. Eisenhower's adviser.

13. Owing to the tremendous numbers of employees, suppliers, and retailers dependent upon the large corporations, these will be first to receive bank funds.

14. Many plans for expansions of plants, by both big business

and little business, will be postponed. Most corporations will find it difficult to get new short-term money at any price in quantity; while long-term financing will be too expensive.

15. Tight money will cause state, municipal, and town governments to postpone plans for building roads, schools, and hospitals except in cases where the Federal Government pays most of the costs. This will put a damper on many lines of business.

16. Owing to these increased money rates, state, municipal, and town bonds, although tax free, have been declining rapidly in price. Most financial advisers forecast much lower prices for such securities. It is possible that the postponement of such building plans may so diminish demand for such money that these non-taxable bonds will sell at higher prices before the year is out. This postponement may also reduce the price of steel and other materials.

17. The money managers for each corporation, large and small, will now arrange their financing needs for two years by either securing the necessary funds now or reducing their requests.

18. Prices of corporation bonds will not recover so quickly as the non-taxables. I forecast lower prices for most corporation bonds.

19. Many of the smaller and newer corporations will be much disappointed by their inability to secure funds during 1957, except by selling convertible preferred stocks on terms very favorable to investors. It is well to issue such securities when money rates are low because the advantages continue for many years; but not when money is tight, as such securities then tie up the borrower for a long number of years at high rates.

20. This means that 1957 will be a good year for investors to switch from low-yielding stocks to attractive bond issues.

REAL ESTATE OUTLOOK

21. Home building, corporate expansion, and municipal improvements will decline in 1957. Therefore, it will not be a good year for speculating in real estate.

22. Interest rates on mortgages will be higher in 1957. Loans not "federally" guaranteed will require larger margins.

23. Real estate in large cities will continue inactive with de-

clining prices due to lack of parking facilities.

24. Suburban real estate will continue active, but fewer new houses will be built. Houses will be for sale by executives who have lost their well-paid jobs.

25. Purchasers will give more attention to the size of the lots than to the houses. Better locations can be secured by buying existing houses. Modern kitchens will become a "must."

26. Acreage near proposed shopping centers will be excellent for speculation. The automobile will continue to raise havoc with real estate prices helping some locations and hurting others.

27. New inventions in connection with heating, lighting, and other features will make most older houses obsolete.

28. Large commercial farms will continue prosperous. Small farms on the fringes of cities will be more valuable. The outlying medium-sized farms will be both expensive to operate and hard to sell.

29. The nearness to schools, churches, stores, and bus routes will become a more important factor in the re-sale of homes.

30. Those wishing to own a well-located home to occupy will find 1957 a good year to buy or build; but a dangerous year for speculation.

STOCK MARKET OUTLOOK

31. It is foolish for anyone to now forecast the stock market for 1957. The Dow-Jones Industrial Average, now around 490, may decline to 400 or advance to 600 during 1957.

32. All investors will want "safety" but wise investors will first decide whether they also want "income" or "profit." Only by luck can you obtain all three features with certainty during 1957.

33. Investors can buy, during 1957, well-seasoned preferred stocks (preferably cumulative) which will give, with safety, a yield of near 6 percent. I will gladly send, free of charge, a list of such to any reader so requesting.

34. During 1957 good utility stocks should be attractive for yield and marketability. The demand for electricity will continue to increase throughout 1957.

35. The above two recommendations apply to those in moderate income tax brackets. The investor in medium or high brackets

will buy during 1957 non-taxable state, municipal, or town bonds carrying "full faith and credit." Taxes will gradually increase during 1957, and non-taxable bonds will be more in demand from wise investors.

36. I am not now prepared to advise readers who do not care for income, but only for profit. As above stated, the Dow-Jones Industrial Average may approach, during 1957, either 400 or 600. It will be very easy to make a mistake by either buying or selling stocks at this time, except for intelligent switches. I am willing to say, however, that readers should not get panicky and sell their oils. Even Gulf Oil,

which has the largest interests in the very rich Middle East fields, should not be sold.

37. All sensible investors will carry good bank balances and reserves during 1957 so as not to be caught whatever happens.

38. There should be no panic in the stock market during 1957. Stocks will either fluctuate near their present levels or else will gradually slide downward or upward. It will be risky to borrow money to buy stocks in 1957; rather, one might sell stocks to get out of debt.

39. The way to make money in the stock market is: (1) Confine your purchases to the stocks of the leading companies in each in-

dustry. (2) Diversify moderately and do not try to pick out winners, remembering that, whether you buy or sell, someone (probably as smart as you) is doing the opposite at the same time. (3) Store up cash when most people are bullish; use this cash to buy stocks when most people are bearish.

40. We are no longer on the Gold Standard but on a Political Standard. Although the Law of Action and Reaction will ultimately rule, yet periods of prosperity can artificially be extended by manipulating money rates, subsidies, and other financial props.

41. Every reader should have a little stock in one of the local

banks in which he has his account. Bank stocks should make money during 1957, whatever the "blue chips" do.

INTERNATIONAL AND OTHER AFFAIRS

42. During 1957 the Administration will do everything possible to keep us out of war. It certainly will not get us involved with England, France, Israel, or their allies.

43. So long as President Eisenhower is in good physical condition (as Commander-in-Chief), he will back the United Nations with our Army, Navy, and Air Force. This is the only way in which he will be tempted ever (Continued on Page 3)



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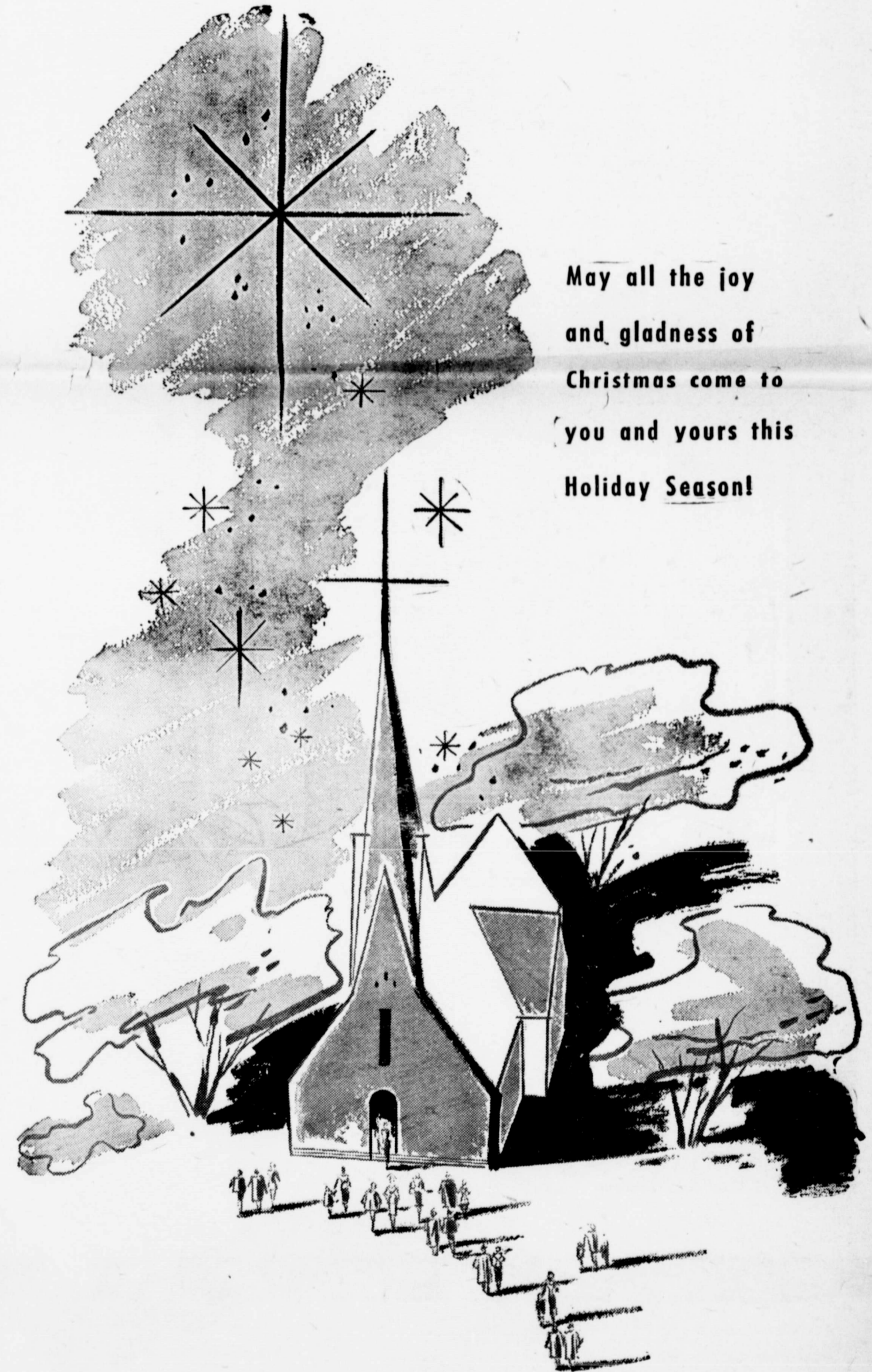
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Padre Island Has Money Hill; Big Question is Where

Padre Beach, Texas.—Like the vagabonds who have their rock candy mountains, this legendary treasure island has a Money Hill. Where it is today, nobody knows—except that it is near the Padre Beach area on the south tip of Padre Island.

Money Hill is just like any other sand dune except for one important difference: It is reputed to be filled with old Spanish coins. Last time anyone made a harvest at the hill was in 1916 when Captain Ed Otter of Aransas Pass—a Texas coastal city—picked up 40 Spanish coins, some dating back to the time of Columbus.

Money Hill was so dubbed in 1921 when William Headon, a former mayor of Corpus Christi, told of finding it forty years earlier.

He was stumbling through early morning mists on a hunting trip, he said, and put his hand on a pocketful of coins.

They had been minted between the years 1515 and 1535.

The winds have pushed Money Hill to another location today. But it still lures present-day treasure seekers to this booming year-around resort area.

FROM COLORADO

Harold Merrifield, who is stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado Springs, Colo., is spending the Christmas holidays with his wife and son in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Bedford.

Cuban money is printed in the United States.

Rural Youth To Have Special Day At Fort Worth

Thousands of Future Farmers, 4-H Club members and Future Homemakers are expected from all parts of Texas and from other states on Saturday, Jan. 26 at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show. The day has been designated in honor of these organizations.

Steers, lambs and pigs of the junior show will be judged on FFA, 4-H and FHA day.

On Jan. 27, the Sunday School breakfast for junior show exhibitors will be held in Pioneer Palace with the First National Bank of Fort Worth as the host.

A new feature of the junior show will be a breeding beef heifer division. Junior dairy show judging is scheduled for Jan. 31. "Auction of champions" will take place Feb. 1. Poultry judging and grass judging contests for 4-H club members and Future Farmers will be held Feb. 2. The Jaycees will present a plaque and a Western hat as showmanship awards in the junior steer, heifer, dairy calf, pig, and lamb shows.

VISITING MOTHER

Robert McCown, who is attending the Church of Christ Bible Chair at the University of New Mexico in Portales, N. M., is spending the Christmas holidays visiting in the home of his mother, Mrs. Myrtle Frazier.

William Tell was a Swiss patriot who lived in the 14th century.

French is the official diplomatic language of the world.

Babson's Forecast

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to enter World War III.

44. The United States will not use the A-Bomb or H-Bomb during 1957 or give these bombs to any other nation. However, to save the United Nations President Eisenhower will give that organization all the bombs it wants.

45. 1957, should be a good year to make tax-exempt gifts to colleges hospitals, and other worthy causes. You, however, should give a stock which shows you a profit, and let the beneficiary do the selling. 1957 should be an especially good year for such institutions to make drives for funds.

46. Householders will avoid making unnecessary purchases on installments until the international situation clears. Several feasible plans are being considered, one of which is to have a very small tax on every gallon of oil moving through the Canal with the understanding that the money will be used for financing the Great Dam on the Nile River which the Egyptians so much need. This would make unnecessary any expropriation of the rich Middle East Oil reserves and any renegotiations. Either expropriations or renegotiations will scare our investors out of making further foreign investments.

47. The big thing that Russia wants is not so much the oil fields as freedom to pass through the Dardanelles. This will be an important feature of a settlement of the Suez Canal problem. I further forecast that the Republic of Panama will attempt to undo the "steal" which we perpetrated in 1904, in order to build the Panama Canal.

48. I would be unfair to readers of this Forecast not to mention the great importance of Mr. Eisenhower's health. In connection with any building, business, investment, or other program, it should be continually kept in mind.

49. Better fed and more intelligent populations both in the U. S. and elsewhere will continue to increase. Important new discoveries and inventions will take place. Twenty years ago we were enjoying the prosperity brought on by the Electrical Era. Then followed the Motor Car and Oil Eras which we have recently been enjoying, plus a Chemical and Building Boom. These coming together account for the great prosperity of the last ten years. Sometimes we will witness a business readjustment, but it will be followed by a new Electronic and Nuclear Era. Therefore, be optimistic.

50. In closing, I urge my friends to read the 8th Chapter of the Bible Book Deuteronomy, which was written 3,000 years ago and is as applicable today as ever. Incidentally, it mentions Egypt, which even then was an important factor in world events.

FROM A & M

Don Davis, a student of Texas A & M at College Station, arrived home the later part of last week to spend the Christmas holidays visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Davis.

IN LEWIS HOME

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Kornegay, Karen and Jan of Lubbock, spent the Christmas holidays visiting in the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Max Lewis.

Nightmare Before Christmas!

It was the night before Christmas and all through the house not a creature was stirring, with the exception of . . .

Father, who wants to know what happened to the Christmas tree stand when he put it away last year . . .

Mother, who is trying to answer the telephone and father at the same time . . .

Norman, aged three, who is calling from the crib and wishing to be informed if that noise he hears is Santa Claus . . .

An expressman, aged 150 by the way he feels, who is delivering a rocking horse at the side door . . .

Aunt Agnes who has just dropped the library table drawer, seeking a pencil to sign the receipt . . .

Grandma, who can't remember what she did with the Bedtime Stories she bought for Norman's stocking and who wanders about like Lady McBeth . . .

Anne, aged sixteen, who skips endlessly and wants to know if they can't unpack the new phonograph tonight instead of tomorrow so she can ask some boys in to dance while father trims the tree . . .

A delivery man, who sounds like a troop of cavalry in the front vestibule and who is with difficulty convinced that he has the wrong house . . .

Jack, aged fourteen, who blows

out a fuse while monkeying with the lights for the Christmas tree and throws the whole house into darkness . . .

Radio loud speaker which announces, "Christmas Carol, God Rest you Merry Gentlemen, Let Nothing You Dismay," broadcast from Station DIN.

Irrigation farmers in the High Plains area of Texas now have 2,532 miles of underground concrete pipe in use on their farms. Last year they added 710 miles, reports George L. Black Jr., associate county agent-irrigation, at Lubbock. Such installations, said Black, are long-lasting, save water by eliminating evaporation and ditch seepage cut labor costs and make possible better water distribution on the farm.



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Interesting Job? Santa Has One

Who has one of the most interesting jobs at this time of the year? That's easy. It's Santa.

The retund gentleman hiding behind the red ensemble and the flowing white beard learns a great deal about the nature of humans, especially children at this time of year.

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

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

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

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

FROM HOUSTON

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Slick, Sr. and Mrs. E. M. Gregg of Houston are holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Slick and family.

HOLIDAY VISITORS

Carolyn and Archie Nelson, both students of Texas Tech in Lubbock, are spending the holidays visiting in the home of their mother, Mrs. A. M. Nelson.

Parrots have no wishbones.

GI Loan Interest Rate Fixed By Law At 4 1/2%

Lenders may qualify GI loan commitments they make to veterans by stipulating generally that the loan may bear the maximum interest rate permissible under VA regulations at the time the loan is closed, Dr. George T. McMahan, manager of the VA Center in Waco, said this week.

Dr. McMahan said VA will consider a commitment from lender, with or without the qualification, as a firm commitment on the part of the lender to close the loan. However, the lender may make a tentative commitment to the veteran. To do this, the lender must submit a letter to VA from the veteran acknowledging that the commitment is tentative and that it may be withdrawn or cancelled if the lender is unable to close the loan under conditions contemplated at the time the tentative commitment was issued.

Dr. McMahan said that many inquiries have been received by VA since FHA raised its interest rates to 5 percent effective Dec. 4. The maximum GI loan interest is fixed by law at 4 1/2 percent and cannot be changed except by the Congress.

Dr. McMahan said VA expects all lenders with outstanding loan commitments which have been processed through VA to honor those commitments without undue delays and to close the loans at the 4 1/2 percent rate.

Throughout the nation as of mid-November there were an estimated 104,000 such loans totaling \$12 billion awaiting closing by the lender.

Branching such commitments, Dr. McMahan warned, may result in suspension from the GI loan program as a detrimental practice.

President Johnson Issued Civil War Amnesty On Dec. 25

Christmas is traditionally a day of universal good will. Even in times of war the battlefronts are often quiet and serene, by mutual consent, on Christmas Day.

It was also on December 25, in 1868, that President Johnson issued his Civil War amnesty. In an attempt to heal the wounds left by the great war, Johnson issued an amnesty proclamation which did not exclude any person or classes of persons — not even the highest officials of the Confederacy. Previous amnesty proclamations, issued by Johnson and his predecessor Lincoln had not been "total" amnesties.

At that time, President Johnson expressed the belief that universal amnesty would tend to secure permanent peace, order, and prosperity throughout the country and would renew and restore respect for law and attachment to the national government.

The proclamation pardoned all persons who participated directly or indirectly against the United States in the Civil War "with restoration of all rights, privileges and immunities under the Constitution and the laws which have also been made in pursuance thereof."

Lesser Events Took Place On Christmas

Christmas is, above all else, the day on which we recognize the Nativity of Christ. It has been so since the fourth century, when the Western Church officially adopted December 25 as the date of the birth of the Saviour.

Since that time, this greatest of all events has completely overshadowed every historical event occurring on the same day. Ask anyone to tell you of something else in history that happened on December 25 other than the birth of Christ, and chances are they will give you a negative answer.

A few will remember that it was on this same date that George Washington crossed the Delaware. Only a true student of history will tell you that the date marks the birthday of Isaac Newton, Clara Barton and Frances Blake, among others.

Actually, the fact that Washington crossed the Delaware on Christmas is all the average American should be expected to remember. But, it's interesting to note some of the other events that happened on the same day.

In 1837, the Battle of Okeechobee.

In 1942, Japanese captured Hong Kong.

In 1492, wreck of the Santa Maria, at Haiti.

In 1926, Hirohito became Emperor of Japan.

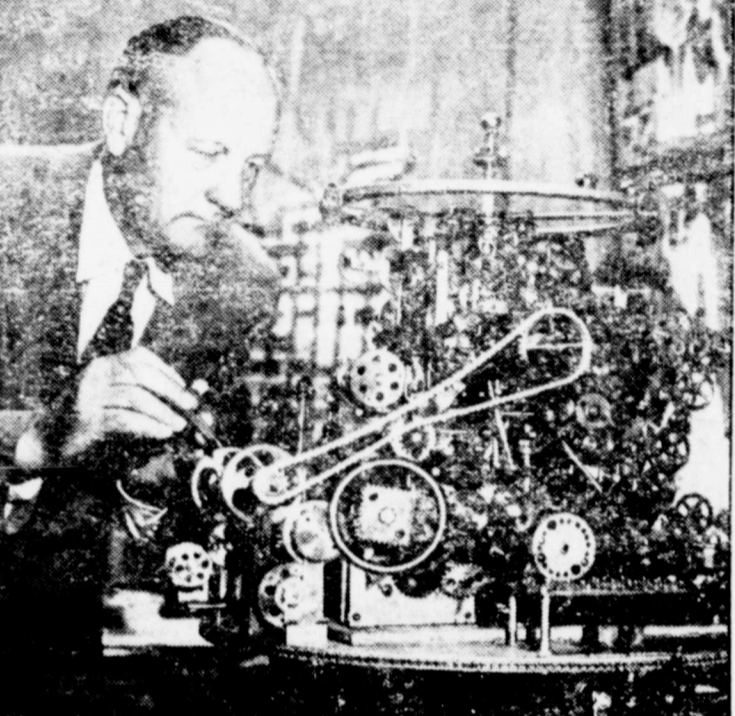
It was also on Christmas day, in 1947, that China's constitution was adopted and went into effect, making the date China's National Renaissance Day. And Christmas is also the birthday of the town of Kelso Washington settled on Christmas day, 1847, by Peter W. Crawford.

HAD SURGERY

Phil Speer, 14 year old son of Major and Mrs. Edwin Speer of Boise, Idaho, recently underwent major surgery, according to information received by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Lang. He is reported to be doing nicely.



SIGHT UNSEEN—Sketching Jacqueline Francois while he is blindfolded is no task for French artist Denis Olivier. While on a painting tour in North Africa, he executed several studies of an "Ideal Woman," such as the one seen above his easel. When exhibited in Paris, they proved to bear a marked resemblance to the pretty singer, whom he had never seen before the paintings were made.



THERE'S NOTHING TO IT—Take it from California inventor Lawrence Wahlstrom, who is adjusting his multigear mechanical marvel prior to its appearance on a New York TV show, there's nothing to designing a complicated machine of this nature. Featuring what is perhaps the only square-gear drive in the world (circled), the complicated device accomplishes with much display of energy what many people would like to do—exactly nothing.



TWIRLING TOT—Her smile helps, but it's really her talent. That's why four-year-old Linda Kay Bialas of Chicago, Ill., is wearing all those medals. The baton-twirling tot has accumulated over 25 medals and two trophies while competing in five mid-west states during the past year.

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Stories of the Origin of Christmas Carols Which Are Sung Annually At This Time of the Yuletide Season

Origin of the Christmas Carol
The first Christmas Carol originated nearly two thousand years ago in the land of Judea, Palestine, near the little town of Bethlehem. This carol, as recorded in the second chapter of Luke, verses thirteen and fourteen, was chanted by a heavenly chorus of angels. The most beautiful carols written since that time have been inspired by this old, sweet story.

Almost every land has its own Christmas Carols. Carol singing was popular in Europe in the Middle Ages and is still popular there. In England, "waits" sing under windows on Christmas Eve.

In Russia, ancient Kolyand songs are sung about the streets. The French Noel songs and the German Kristlieder are always heard at Christmas time.

In our own land, every Christmas program includes the singing of Christmas Carols.

Stories of Christmas Carols
"Silent Night, Holy Night"
This widely used Christmas Carol was written high up in the Austrian Alps by a devout young Austrian priest, Joseph Mohr, and his friend Franz Gruber. The two friends were lovers of music and often talked together of the need of a great Christmas song to tell to others the story that

"Jesus, the Saviour, is born."
As Mohr sat in his church study on Christmas Eve, 1818, conscious of the stillness of the night and the snow-clad beauty of the mountain scene, he wrote the song which we have come to know and to love as "Silent Night, Holy Night."

Early the next morning, Christmas day, Mohr hurried to the home of his friend, Franz Gruber, the village schoolmaster and church organist, with his song.

Gruber was thrilled with Mohr's verses and at once set to work to compose the melody for his friend's verse. Finally the beautiful melody that we now use came to him. The two men sang it together over and over again. That night — Christmas night — Mohr and Gruber sang their new Christmas song for the villagers who came to worship in the little gray mountain church far up in the Alpine mountains.

In this little village there were four sisters, known for their well trained voices. "Silent Night" became the favorite of this Strasser "Quartette." One day the Strasser sisters were invited to sing this hymn in the Cathedral of Leipzig in Germany. So this beautiful carol was brought to that great city. The hymn was passed on from one music lover to another. Then in 1842, it was printed, twenty-four years after it had been composed.

Twelve years later in 1856, the choir of the Imperial Church in Berlin, Germany, sang "Silent Night" before the Emperor Frederick Wilhelm IV. He was so pleased with the song that he declared "Silent Night" should be given first place in all religious Christmas programs. The song was put in other languages and today it is sung all over the world. For many years before her death Madam Schumann-Heink always sang this carol as part of her radio program on Christmas Eve.

taught the children. Each child was taught the Lord's Prayer as soon as he could speak. Each was taught to read at five years of age and learned the alphabet in one day.

From the spiritual preaching of Charles Wesley and his brother John grew the Methodist movement.

Charles Wesley became the greatest of all hymn writers. Poetic lines often came to his mind no matter where he was—while he was walking or talking with others, while on horseback or in a stage coach. He just had to sing. While the beautiful Christmas Carol "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," would alone have made Wesley famous, he wrote hundreds of other hymns just as beautiful, as for example, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul."

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" was set to music from Mendelssohn's Cantata "God Is Light."

5. "Joy to the World, the Lord is Come."

This lovely hymn, sung at Christmas time, was written by Isaac Watts in 1719. Watts loved children dearly and his verse still appeals to childhood. He wrote one of the best-loved lullabies ever written, "Hush, My Babe, Lie Still and Slumber." He was also the author of a song-book for children (1715). He has never been surpassed as a child's hymnist.

A monument to the memory of Isaac Watts was put in Westminster Abbey at his death, the highest honor that any Englishman can receive. The monument pictures Watts writing while angels whisper songs in his ear.

Condition Of Glynn Hill Is Improved But Still Serious

Mrs. O. C. Hill returned home Friday from Bryan where she had been at the bedside of her son Glynn Hill, and reported his condition improved, but doctors at the hospital in Bryan consider him still critically ill.

Student at A & M College, Hill was injured in a one-car accident Sunday, six miles north of College Station, when the driver, Bernard Charles Bernardoni of Galveston was killed. Another student, Joseph Henry Norville of Port Arthur, in the car at the time, was also critically hurt.

Mr. Hill and other close relatives remained at the bedside of Glynn.

HERE FOR CHRISTMAS

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Dry and sons of Amarillo are spending the Christmas holidays in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Dry and other relatives and friends.

FROM WICHITA FALLS

Marie Hill, music instructor in the Wichita Falls High School, is spending the Christmas holidays in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Hill and with other relatives and friends here.

TO FORT WORTH


Miss Marie Maughan, Future Homemaking instructor, left Saturday for Fort Worth to spend the holidays with her parents and to attend a family reunion.

IN WILSON HOME

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Wilson Jr., and family of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Neill and daughter of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wilson of Bronte are visiting in the L. F. Wilson home.

VISITING RELATIVES

Mrs. C. Kornegay of Beeville is spending the Christmas holidays visiting in the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. John Q. McAdams and the Max Lewis home.



... cheer to one and all,
may this Holiday
Season be the finest ever!

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2. "Away In A Manger"
Martin Luther composed both the words and music to this beloved Christmas Carol. Luther was a poor miner's son born in Eisleben, Germany, in 1483. He was wonderfully talented in music and could play the flute and lute besides being an excellent singer.

While a student at a Franciscan Monastery school at Christmas time Luther used to sing under the windows of wealthy people. He gave the money which he received to help the poor.

Not often do we find one who is so gifted as to compose both the music and words for his inspiring hymns, but Luther had this unusual gift. He wrote happy tunes and fitted beautiful words to them to suit children's tastes. The little cradle song, "Away in a Manger" has been a delight to children all over the world.

Luther wrote this song for his small son Hans (John) for a Christmas Eve festival in 1530.

3. "O Little Town of Bethlehem"
Phillips Brooks wrote this Christmas Carol after he had visited the "little town of Bethlehem" where Jesus was born. In that year he was the young rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity (Episcopal) in Philadelphia. Later he became one of the best loved American preachers.

Phillips Brooks had spent a year traveling abroad, visiting the Holy Land in December. On Christmas Eve he went to Bethlehem, the scene of Jesus' birth. He saw the shepherds "keeping watch over their flocks," just as they had on that night when the angels came to tell them of Jesus' birth. He attended a midnight Christmas service in the Church of the Nativity, built at the spot where it is believed Jesus was born.

Three years later after Phillips Brooks had returned to his church in Philadelphia, he wanted a Christmas song for the children of his Sunday School. The beautiful scenes of the Holy Land were still in his memory. So he wrote verses describing the little town of Bethlehem as he had seen it sleeping under the stars. When he had finished the song he took it to Lewis H. Redner, his organist and Sunday School superintendent, and asked him to compose a tune for the carol so the children could sing it on Christmas day.

Redner worked hard all the week trying to compose the right tune. He went sadly to bed on Christmas Eve for he must disappoint his pastor and the children of his Sunday School. Suddenly, he was awakened in the night by a strain ringing in his ears. He got up and wrote it down. The next morning the lovely carol was sung by the Sunday School children in Philadelphia, Christmas 1868.

4. "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"
"Hark the Herald Angels Sing" was written by Charles Wesley and is one of the ten hymns which has gained the greatest favor in the hymn-books of England.

Charles Wesley came from one of the most remarkable families in the history of music and the Church. He was one of nineteen children. Good schools were far away from his home in Lincolnshire, England, so his mother



May this Holiday
Season be the
nicest you've
ever had!

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VISITING GRANDPARENTS
Rodney Buxkemper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Buck Buxkemper of Ballinger, is spending the holidays visiting in the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Pumphrey.

TO CORPUS CHRISTI
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Afflerbach left Sunday for Corpus Christi to spend Christmas in the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Liberta. The Afflerbach's other daughter, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Psenek of Freer plan to join the family in Corpus Christi.

TO VISIT RELATIVES
Rev. and Mrs. Cecil Taylor are spending Christmas with their son, Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Taylor, Jr., in Killeen. They will visit relatives in Waco and Temple before returning home.

VISITS SISTER
Mr. and Mrs. Neal Oakes are spending Christmas in Killeen visiting in the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Little.

HERE FROM CORPUS
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Young of Corpus Christi are spending the Christmas holidays in the home of his mother, Mrs. T. D. Young and other relatives and friends.

HERE FROM SAN ANTONIO
Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Rice and family of San Antonio are spending the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. V. P. Rice and other relatives.

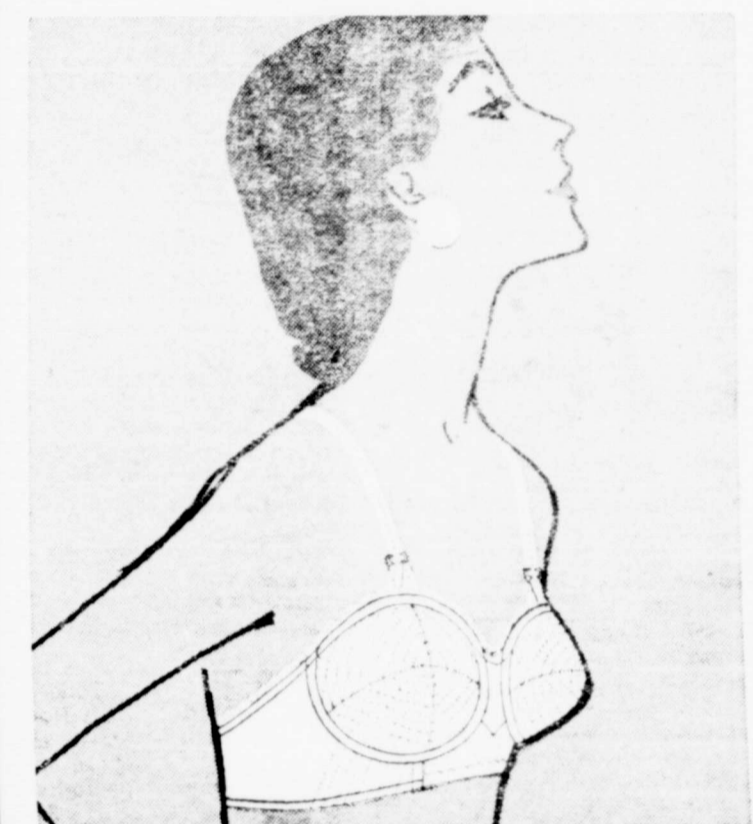
IN TAYLOR HOME
John Kungin of Seoul, Korea, and Johnny Taylor are spending the holidays visiting in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Cecil Taylor.

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300 Attend 4-H Club Xmas Party, Achievement Program

Nearly 300 Runnels County members and leaders attended the 4-H Achievement Program and Christmas Party held December 15th. The program for the evening consisted of the singing of Christmas carols, the Grand March, Tennessee Wig-Wag by the Rowena 4-H members, presentation of awards, and exchange of gifts. Mrs. L. A. Wilbanks read the Christmas story.

Cookies and punch made up the refreshments.

Featured in the awards part of the program was the Gold Star Girl, Marcella Schmiedekamp, and the Gold Star Boy, Valton Hoffmann.

Mrs. L. A. Wilbanks, adult leader of the Bethel-Ballinger 4-H Club, and Mr. Ralph Gerengross, adult leader of the Offen Club, received the Alumni Awards for Runnels County.

Others receiving awards were:

Achievement:
Jimbeth Flynt, Ballinger; Sue Lindsay, Wingate; Pat Pritchard, Wingate; John Middleton, Ballinger.

Beautification of Home Grounds:
Norma Olhausen, Ballinger.

Boys Agricultural:
Clifford Frey, Ballinger; Hilmer Halfmann, Rowena; Bryan Webb, Winters; David Smith, Winters.

Canning:
Lee Anna Halfmann, Offen; Dixie Wilbanks, Ballinger; Joyce Dierschke, Offen; Joan Hurley, Winters.

Clothing:
Alma Spill, Winters; Elaine Hoppe, Winters; Barbara Urbanek, Rowena; Nancy Ann Minzenmayer, Winters.

Dairy:
Chester McCown, Miles; Jerry Smith, Ballinger; Kenneth Booth of Ballinger.

Dress Revue:
Barbara Greger, Norton.

Entomology:
Patrick Halfmann, Rowena; Wilbert Halfmann, Rowena.

Field Crops:
Kenneth Egemeier, Miles; Roy Minzenmayer, Norton; A. L. Mitchell, Jr., Winters; Truett Bryan, Winters.

Food Preparation:
Jerry Helen Deike, Winters; Helen Halfmann, Rowena; Lillie Jane Bryan, Winters; Rita Hurley,

Winters.

Frozen Foods:
Naomi Busher, Winters; Loreta Halfmann, Rowena; Lavera Williams, Winters; Otilia Hajovsky, Rowena.

Garden:
Ruth Ann Spill, Winters; Lucille Niehues, Norton; Mary Frances Halfmann, Ballinger; Clayton McCown, Miles.

Girls Home Economics:
Carolyn Gottschalk, Winters; Lynn Ann Kruse, Winters; Elaine Hoppe, Winters; Mary Frances Greger, Norton.

Home Improvement:
Socorro Ibarra, Wingate; Sylvia Marie Franke, Rowena; Betty Joyce Fuchs, Ballinger; Betty Sue Wessels, Winters.

Leadership:
Kenneth Wendland, Miles; Marcella Schmiedekamp, Rowena.

Meat Animal:
Sammy Folsom, Wingate; Gordon Hays, Ballinger.

Poultry:
Louis Sneed, Wingate; Mike Priddy, Winters; Stanley, Miles.

Recreation:
Carolyn Pelzel, Ballinger; Linda Wright, Ballinger; Jimmy Boothe, Ballinger; Wilburn Frey, Ballinger.

Safety:
Patty Greger, Norton; Marie Niehues, Norton.

Soil and Water:
Charles Williams, Ballinger.

Tractor:
Johnny Mokry, Rowena; Emmett Egemeier, Ballinger.

Wildlife:
Valton Hoffmann, Ballinger.

The following members received Year Pins and Certificates:

4 Year: Gordon Hays, Ballinger and Chester McCown, Miles.

3 Year: Kenneth Wendland, of Miles, and Harvey Egemeier, of Rowena.

2 Year: Clayton McCown and Richard Herring, Miles; Freddie Jansa and Bennie Kalina, Rowena; Virginia and Bryan Webb, of Winters.

1 Year: Max Tidmore, Norton; Sidney McCown, Alfred Lippe, David Herring, Mike Sparks; and Barry Sparks, of Miles; Clifford Watkins, Jr., Wayne Paschal, and Johnny Parks, of Ballinger; Archie Gallant, Don Orr, and Mike Priddy of Winters; William Jansa, Dennis Lange, David Kruppa,

Bobby Zak, Larry Joe Droll, Johnny Multer, Kenneth Lange, Jerry Franke, Stanley Kvapil, Robert Gully, Michael Willberg, Johnny Mokry, and Kenneth Egemeier, all of Rowena.

Oddities of Christmas

Clement Clark Moore, famous author of the poem "Twas the Night Before Christmas," was for many years deeply ashamed of this poem. Dr. Moore, a professor of Divinity at New York Theological Seminary, wrote the poem in 1822 in an off-hand moment and casually read it to some friends gathered in his home. One of them copied it down and sent it in to the Troy Sentinel, keeping the author anonymous. Through the years the poem became famous. Finally 22 years later, Dr. Moore officially admitted authorship.

Early Americans, especially those in New England, did not celebrate Christmas. They even looked upon it as a day of evil, calling it "the multitude's idol day." In 1659 in Massachusetts a law was passed which read: "Whosoever shall be found observing such a day as Christmas . . . either by forbearing of labor, or feasting in any way, shall be fined 5 shillings." Governor William Bradford sentenced three youths to jail for playing on Christmas day.


This reminder from the Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council—fireproof the family Christmas tree by keeping its base in water; by using nonflammable decorations; by not using candles on or near the tree and by placing the tree away from heating units. Too they say, make sure lights, sockets and wiring are in top condition. Don't spoil Christmas by having an accident in the home.



May blessings unfold for you at Christmas!

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Today, as of old, the promise of Peace and Good Will inspires mankind with new hope as Christmastime approaches. May the blessings of the season be yours — Merry Christmas to all!

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Merry Christmas

Jolly good wishes for a Christmas as gay and sparkling as the decorations on your tree!

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YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

(Editor's Note: This is the ninth in a series of articles on the 1956 Amendments to the Social Security Act, prepared for this paper by Floyd B. Ellington, manager of the San Angelo District Office.)

Whether social security payments can be made to a retired worker, or to the survivors of a deceased worker, depends on whether the person worked long enough in social security employment or self-employment to be insured. The amount of the payments depends on the average earnings from such social security coverage.

The usual rule as to how long a worker must have had coverage is that he have coverage for a length of time approximately equal to one-half the time from January 1951, to the date of his death or the date he became 65 (62 for women). In the recent amendments to the Social Security Act, Congress, because of the newly covered groups, reduced this requirement to provide that a person is fully insured if he has a quarter-year of coverage in all but four quarters after 1954 and before retirement age (65 for men, 62 for women) or death, whichever is first. Under this special, lower, requirement the needed quarters need not be continuous, but there must be at least six quarters of coverage after 1954.

There are some significant changes in the method of com-

puting the amount of payments under the law. In the first place, in all cases it is now possible to drop out up to as high as five of the lowest years on a person's record. In addition, an employee's payments can be based on the short period from January, 1956, to July of 1957 if he has a quarter of coverage for each of these six quarters.

Next week the concluding article in this series will give information on several miscellaneous provisions of the 1956 amendments to the Social Security Act.

Ninety-Seven Rural Accidents Reported In San Angelo Dist.

Rural accidents for the month of November in the San Angelo District which were reported totaled 92. This amount was more than was reported for any one month of 1955 or 1956. The number involved 45 one-vehicle accidents, 46 two-vehicle, and one four-vehicle.

The San Angelo district includes the counties of Brown, Coke, Coleman, Concho, Crockett, Edwards, Glasscock, Iron, Kimble, Llano, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Mills, Reagan, Runnels, San Saba, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton and Tom Green.

The total number of deaths for the district was 89 and property damage amounted to \$587,792.

IN BURSON HOME

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Jenkins of Artesia, New Mexico are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Burson and other relatives and friends.

"Holiday Fever" Is Common Ailment At Christmastime

Most Texans are susceptible to holiday fever, declares Dr. Henry A. Holle, commissioner of health. Each year they are caught in a last minute rush of buying gifts, wrapping packages and sending cards; in short they have caught the annual fever. This "fever," just as any fever, should be handled carefully, or serious complications may arise.

In order for the fever not to get you down you had better incorporate a few sane ideas into what might become the mad rush of these days.

Organize as well as you can so as to save steps. Always stop before reaching the point where sheer fatigue affects your judgment, tempers and bodily control. When fatigue gets the better of one, he is much more vulnerable to accidents — at home or on the road.

Duities should be scheduled to allow some time for relaxation. It is surprising how much more enjoyment one gets when he is well rested. Some time should be devoted to sitting and thinking—thinking of what Christmas real-

ly means.

If there are children you will want them to have a part in the family preparation for Christmas and a share of the fun. Parents need to remember that the younger children's routines should be upset as little as possible. To deprive a child of his nap, to drag him through crowded stores, to expose him to confusion and to offer him too many sweets is not the right kind of sharing.

The child under five can be easily over stimulated about the holidays. Too much advance excitement may make the day itself a let down. Setting limits for older children is also wise, so that Christmas won't be spoiled because they are half dead with fatigue or are battling against a cold. The older folks would also be wise to get plenty of rest, watch their diet and do everything possible to avoid accidents in the home and on the highways.

FROM DAVIS

Martha Davis, a student of SMU School of Nursing in Dallas, is spending the holidays visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ladell Davis and other relatives.

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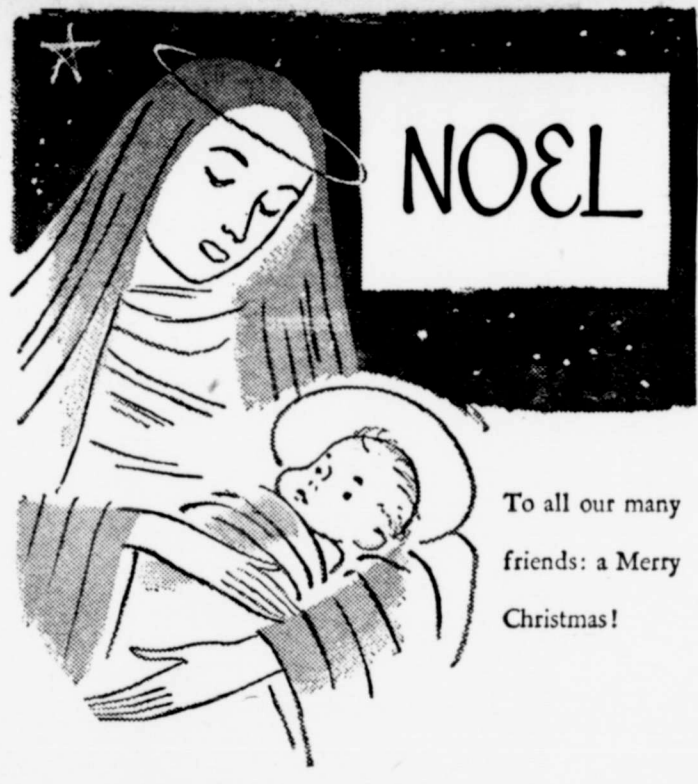
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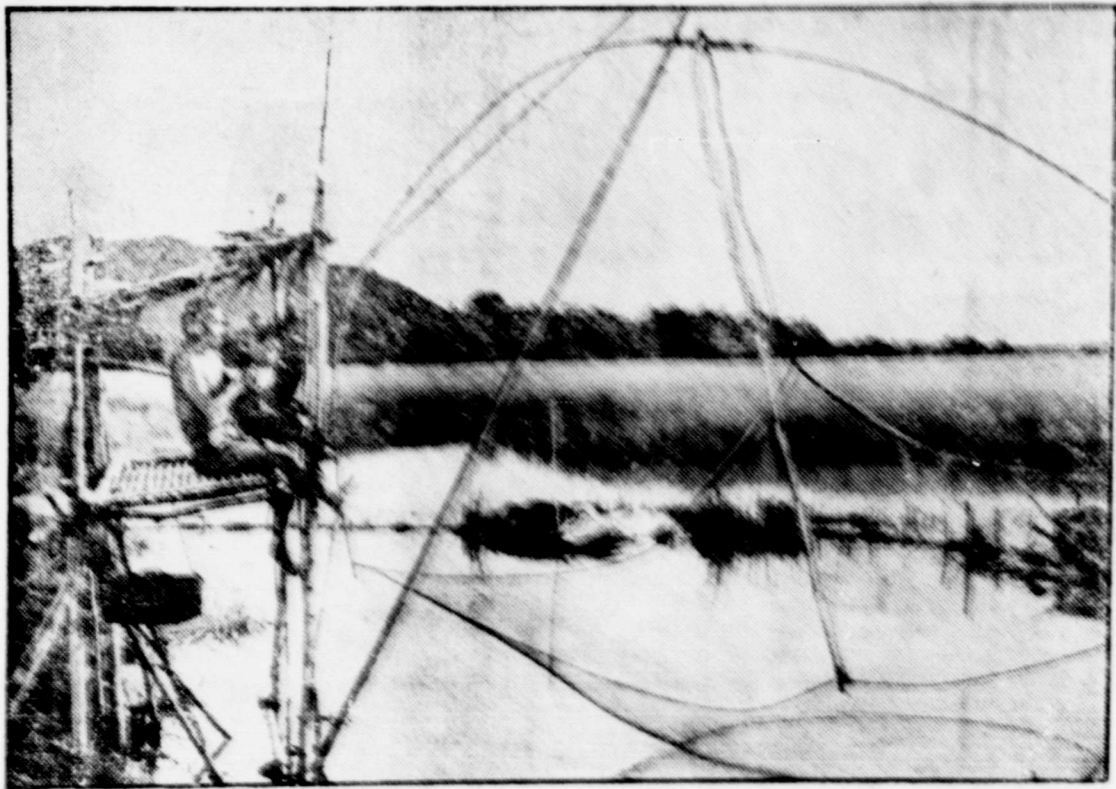


Once again the gleam of candles prompts our wishes for you for a Yuletide shining with joy and gladness!

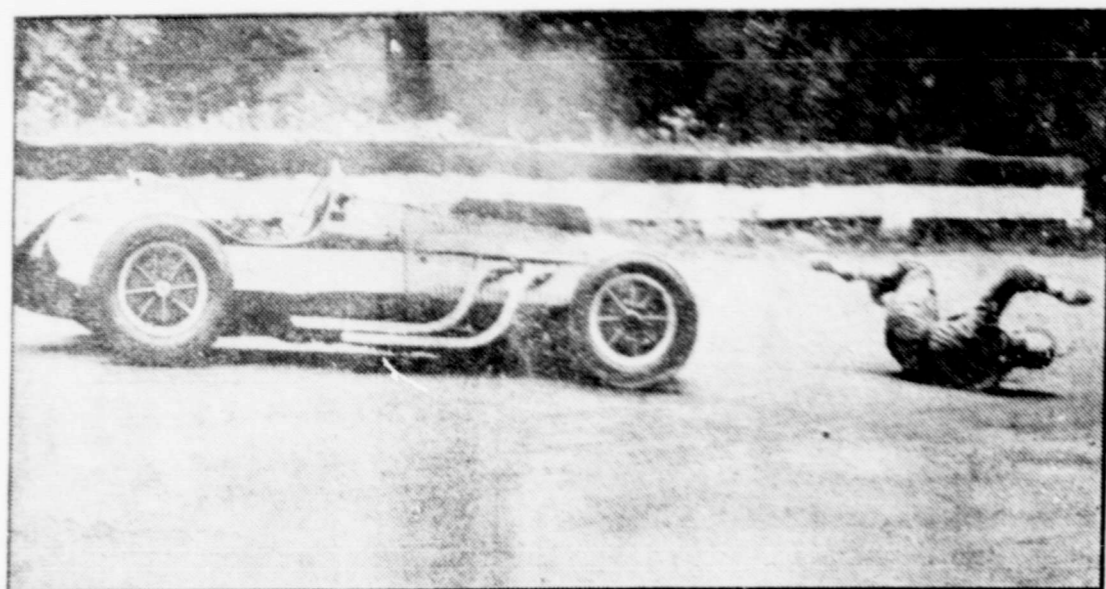
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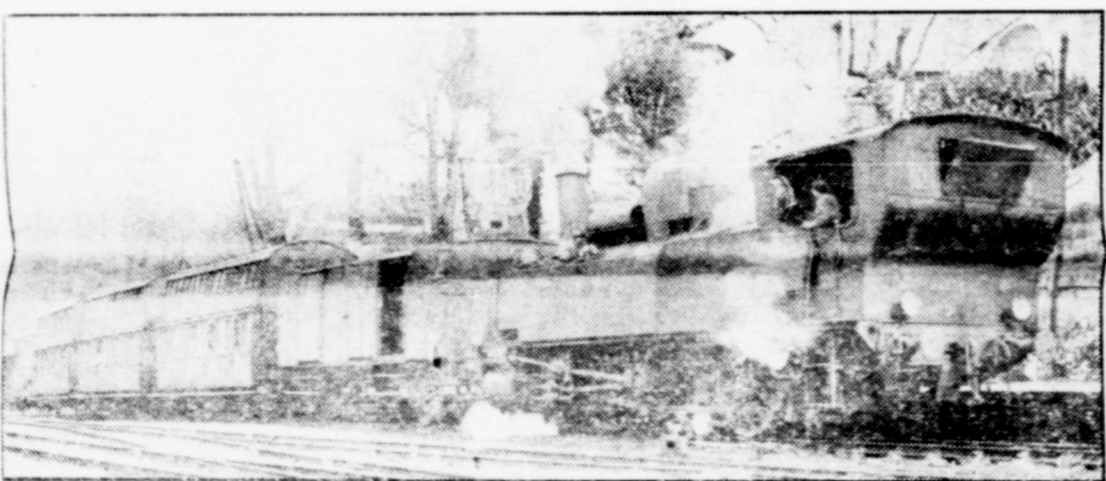
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RICE-PADDY FISHERMAN—A rice farmer in Kedah, Malaya, hopefully drops a fishing net into the shallow moat surrounding his rice paddies. The net is supported by bamboo poles.



FALL NO BALL FOR HALL—Keith Hall lands in front of his racing car, hitting a barrier during a race in London, England. Hall, who was leading the field at the time of the accident, suffered a fractured collarbone.



DREAM TRAIN—Looking like something out of this world, which it soon will be, this ancient tank-type engine puffs its way out of the station at Enghien Les Bains, France. It is nearing the end of its journey from the 1890's to oblivion, and during all of its 64 years has shuttled commuters from Enghien to Montmorency. Buses will replace the locomotive and its three double-deck passenger cars.

Letter To Santa

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a doll, doll-layette, and a baton.
Bring my brother, Jim an electric train. Don't forget my little brother, Joe.

Mary Lou Wilkerson.

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IN FISHER HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Max Fisher and family of San Angelo are spending the Christmas holidays visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Fisher and Nevelle.

FROM ANSON

Mr. and Mrs. David Casey and girls of Anson are spending the holidays visiting in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry London and Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Casey.

State Hospitals Short On Christmas Gifts For Men Patients

Volunteers working in state-operated hospitals expect to have a gift of some sort for each patient, but they are short of suitable articles for men.

Shaving accessories writing materials, all types of tobacco, lighters and items of wearing apparel such as T-shirts, sweaters, shirts, robes, pajamas or slippers are requested by the volunteer groups who are sorting, wrapping and tagging gifts for the patients. Accessory items like bill-folds, tie clasps, cuff links, belts, socks and ties also are needed.

State Volunteer Council Chairmen, Hoyt Williams of Austin for Mental Hospitals and Joseph B. Hennessy of San Antonio for the TB Hospital groups, ask that gift items be sent to the nearest state hospital. They should not be gift wrapped, but wrappings are a welcome addition.

Persons unable to shop may

send cash donations in any amount to the Volunteer Council for the hospital and volunteer workers will purchase the items most needed.

"On behalf of the patients, we would like to thank personally every generous Texan who has added a hospital gift to his shopping list," the chairmen said. "We believe it reflects the true spirit of Christmas."

Recently made field observations have shown that the use of some insecticides directly on the skin of poultry is causing severe skin burning and discoloration, reports Kermit Schlamb, extension poultry marketing specialist. Extension entomologists do not recommend spraying any chlorinated hydrocarbon directly on poultry.

TO LEVELLAND

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Brown left Friday for Levelland where they will spend the holidays visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Brown.

FROM TEXAS TECH

Lynn Billups, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Billups and student of Texas Tech in Lubbock is visiting his parents during the Christmas holidays.

IN JARRELL HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Glover and Sandra Kay of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Waggoner of Floydada are spending the holidays in the J. C. Jarrell home.

IN BENSON HOME

Kenny Benson, a student of Baylor University, is spending the holidays visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Benson and other relatives.

LEFT FRIDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Bernice Gardner left Friday for Biloxi, Miss., to spend Christmas with their son, Robert, who is stationed at Keesler Air Force Base.

France was the first country to recognize the United States of America.

What magic Christmas holds for children . . . Santa Claus and sugar plums and wonderful, glittering dreams! May you recapture the enchantment of the Yuletide Season, and may all your fondest hopes and dreams come true at Christmas!

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TRUST ARRANGEMENTS EXPLAINED

When property is placed in trust it is turned over to a trustee who will see to it that it is properly managed for the benefit of a person or persons you name as beneficiaries. It is a method of disposing of your property and may be used in conjunction with a will.

Trusts have many advantages. A trust may be used to provide income for persons unable to support themselves, to provide funds for a child's education, as a means of establishing an annuity, or to provide a gift for a charitable institution.

In these days of high taxes, a trust may be utilized to minimize the tax burden. If carefully planned, a trust may decrease income and inheritance taxes.

A trust arrangement works roughly in this manner. A person who desires to create a trust is called a grantor. The grantor chooses a trustee. The trustee may be a bank, an individual, or a trust company. The grantor through a trust instrument tells the trustee how to distribute the trust property or income. The trustee will then manage and distribute the trust proceeds or property in whatever manner the grantor desires.

A very common arrangement is to place the property in trust with directions to pay the income from the property to a wife for her life, and on her death the trust is to end and the property is to be distributed to the grantor's children.

An interesting type of trust is that which is sometimes called a spendthrift trust. This is an arrangement whereby one sets up a certain sum of money to be given out to another at a definite rate per month or per year or under definite restrictions.

This type of trust is generally

used in wills where a person desires to leave money to an individual but feels that the individual is not capable of properly caring for the money and that if left to them in full that the party receiving the money will spend and waste the money and not receive the maximum benefit from it.

Trust property quite often consists of securities. The law regulates the type of property in which trust funds may be invested. However, the grantor may designate the type of investments the trustee may make.

The effectiveness of a trust is dependent largely on its proper creation. To avoid the pitfalls and dangers of lawsuits and ineffective trust operations, a trust instrument should be properly prepared. A poorly planned or carelessly drawn trust instrument can not only defeat the objectives of its creator, but may prove costly as well.

Your lawyer can advise you whether a trust arrangement will be advantageous in your particular situation and is qualified by education and experience to prepare properly the legal papers necessary to set up a trust. If you have in mind some bank or trust company to act as trustee, that firm's trust officer will be glad to discuss the matter in a conference with you and your attorney.

(This column, prepared by the State Bar of Texas, is written to inform—not to advise. No person should ever apply or interpret any law without the aid of an attorney who is fully advised concerning the facts involved, because a slight variance in facts may change the application of the law.)

VISITED PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Christian spent the weekend in Slidwell visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Christian. They will spend Christmas day in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Parish Sr., in Ballinger.

Dolls Through The Ages Tell Many Tales

What is more precious to a little girl than a gift of a gay doll at Christmas time?

Precious puppet of childhood days, the doll is one of the oldest human institutions. In ancient remains of earlier societies, dolls of clay, wood, bone and ivory, were found in children's graves. It is known that in earlier centuries, these dolls used as playthings, were connected with images of saints.

In many aborigine groups dolls are made as the image of a deity and are considered sacred. They are entrusted to the children as part of their religious instruction.

In Japan, dolls were created as "scapegoats" — they were dressed, and fed, and generally treated as though they were alive to ward off evil from the families' children.

Among the Hindus and Mohammedans where infant marriages prevail, elaborately-dressed dolls with many belongings, are presented to the girl at marriage.

In Africa the use of dolls as toys is complicated by the fact that they are often used for magic rites and are often kept as household fetishes.

Among the Fingo of the Orange Free State, a girl is given a doll when she becomes of age, which she keeps until she has a child, then her mother gives her a second doll, which she keeps until she has a second child. These dolls too, are considered sacred.

However, little girls today find a thrilling array of exciting dolls. Dolls that walk, say their prayers, recite verses, can have their hair waved cry real tears or dampen their didies! . . . It's really so much more fun this way!

And — you'll have a thrilling time when you select that wonderful doll for that youngster on your Christmas list.

Naturalized citizens of the United States are entitled to all privileges except that of becoming president.

STORY NO. 2

Duval's Background For Dictatorship Is One of Violence and Sudden Death

By-FREDERICK HODGSON

SAN DIEGO, TEX.—To know the history of Duval County is to understand the power of George B. Parr. To know the county's people is to know Parr himself.

Parr's power, and that of his father before him, is based on the Latin-American, by tradition an easily led "follower." Almost 90 per cent of the people in Duval are "Mexicans," so called even though their families may have lived on this land since the days of the Conquistadores. Most of them are desperately poor. Many are illiterate. Many speak no English at all.

Perhaps half the population of this little county town, 4,397 at the last official census, live in miserable "jacales," unpainted huts built with scrap lumber.

The town, officially a city, is typically Mexican, with a mission-style church and a central plaza with a band stand. The line separating Duval from Jim Wells County runs through the town, and through the center of the San Diego Cafe, meeting place of the anti-Parr forces. Across the street, Highway 44, and catty-corner to the West is the Courthouse and the Windmill Cafe, headquarters of the Parr brigade.

The "Mexican" in Duval is small, dark-skinned, Catholic by religion.

George Parr is an "Anglo" and by all rules of deep South Central Texas he and his followers should be as different as day is from night.

The average "Anglo" in Duval is a big man, taller by inches than the general run of Americans. By religion he is Protestant. He speaks little or no Spanish. He is apt to wear fancy, high-heeled Western boots and a Western hat.

Even though his skin may be burned by the sun to the shade of old copper he thinks of himself as "white"—in contrast to the Mexican-American who is patronized as a peon, as part Indian. The "Anglo" speaks of "good Mexicans" and "bad Mexicans" but always of "Mexicans." He doesn't think of the Latins as Americans at all.

More than a trace of the frontiersman still remains in the Duval "Anglo." There are men still living who can tell truthfully of pulling trigger on yelling Apaches.

It is more than a bit startling to the outsider to get the "feel" of the small towns in Duval, Jim Wells, Brooks, Webb and other north of the Nueces River is a

"Yankee" and an alien. The feeling, the psychology, the atmosphere, is that of the frontier, of violence and of sudden death.

It would give a man from Austin, from Dallas or from Chicago quite a jolt to sit in a man's office as I did and ask a casual question about another man and have your host aim a loaded .45 on the polished desk so hard that it left a dent.

"One of these days the blankety blank so and so is going to walk in here and I'm going to kill him." Or to hear a peace officer say very seriously that if he were such and such a man—naming him—that he wouldn't fool around waiting for the law, he'd just up and kill the fellow who had gunned a relative.

Or to hear another man tell of visiting a friend in jail for murder, a friend who was acquitted quickly when the case went to a jury. I asked for the circumstances.

"Oh, he was throwing out of a bar when said 'Go ahead, why don't you kill me?' My friend said 'Alright, if that's what you want.' Bang!"

It's not so many years ago that these same men were killing Mexican raiders from across the Rio Grande on sight—and asking questions afterward.

George B. Parr's father, old Senator Archie Parr, and the son after him, put the anti-Mexican, patronizing psychology of the "Anglo" into reverse. They then parlayed the gratitude and adoration of the Latins into one of the most cynical, most ruthless dictatorships in American political history.

Old Archie, then a red-necked, cocky little \$25 a month cow puncher, arrived in San Diego at the turn of the century and took the side of the "Mexicans" against the "Anglos."

The "Anglos" in Duval were then split into two factions, led by the Robinsons and the Hoffmans. Archie shrewdly moved in between the two groups, voted his Mexicans as a solid unit and before a dozen years had passed he owned the county as a private barony. He knew every political trick in the book and added some of his own. The title "Duke of Duval" was no empty honor.

Old Archie was a small man, pot-bellied in his later years, who spoke Spanish like a native and thought like a Mexican. He apparently sincerely loved his followers, loved them as a man might love a faithful dog. He punished them when they were

naughty, fed them when they were hungry, led them like a flock of sheep, robbed them blind, tended their hurts—and used them so adroitly that no man dared oppose him. He made alliances with political leaders in adjoining counties. His power was vast.

Old Archie sat in the State Senate for twenty years, ran a rip-roaring wide open county back home in Duval where not a dog barked without his permission. He controlled the courts, the police, the schools, the rackets, everything in the county. He manipulated elections with the dexterity of a gambler with a deck of cards.

There were sporadic revolts against his rule, of course, but these were put down ruthlessly. On primary day in 1912, for example, three men were shot to death in the street in front of the Courthouse. Two years later a determined attempt was made by Parr foes to clean up Duval by the simple expedient of abolishing the county altogether. It didn't work. In 1915 the Texas Supreme Court ordered an audit of the county's books and the Courthouse burned down after the auditors had worked only one day, destroying the records.

In building his power, and in consolidating it, Old Archie had one powerful force operating in his favor—the Constitution of the State of Texas.

Ironically, that much-amended Constitution of 1878 was framed deliberately to give counties the greatest possible measure of home rule. Behind the solid rampart of that document the Duke of Duval ruled with the absolute authority of a Medici.

Thus it was the Constitution, as much as Parr himself, that posed the serious obstacle to Attorney General John Ben Shepherd in his march on the Duchy of Duval. He had to stay carefully within its obsolete framework while fighting against forces that cared not one snap of the fingers for all the law in Texas.

Old Archie's son, the present Duke of Duval, grew up in this atmosphere of corrupt politics. He knew of the liquor-laden pack trains that came into the county during the lush days of prohibition that went on, and he learned well. His playmates were the Latin children of San Diego. Spanish, not English, was his mother tongue.

Among his playmates was Manuel "Meme" Marroquin, now Parr's most bitter enemy, editor of a militant little bilingual newspaper "New Duval." Other articles in this series will tell more of Marroquin, a man who has suffered much, including physical beatings, at the hands of the boss and his henchmen.

Meno Hunt, Pioneer Bradshaw Merchant, Buried Saturday

Funeral services for Meno Hunt, of Bradshaw were held Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the Methodist Church at Bradshaw, where Mr. Hunt had been a Sunday School teacher for the past 44 years. The Rev. Clasby Patterson, pastor, officiated and Dr. Hubert Thompson of Abilene assisted. Burial was in the Bradshaw cemetery.

Meno Hunt, owner of the historic Audra Mercantile Co. and one of the few remaining early settlers of Taylor County, died at his home in Bradshaw Friday at 4 a. m. He had lived in the county since 1879.

Mr. Hunt had suffered a paralytic stroke several months ago and had been in ill health since then.

In the fall of 1892, Mr. Hunt married Julia Brewer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. K. Brewer.

He was the brother of the late Mrs. H. O. Wooten of Abilene. Survivors include two sons, Ocie of Sweetwater and Wayne of Bradshaw; and two daughters, Miss Opal Hunt of Bradshaw and Mrs. Arthur J. Jones of Abilene; five grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Hunt founded the Audra Mercantile Co. now at Bradshaw, which grew into one of the biggest enterprises of the area. The business was started at Audra but moved to Bradshaw when, in 1909, the town was bypassed on the east by the Abilene & Southern Railroad.

Mr. Hunt was born Jan. 13, 1872, near Hillsboro in Collin County. He came to Taylor County with his father in 1879, just when the Indians were vanishing.

The original home was three-fourths of a mile northwest of Guion. His father traded a shack there for a horse. Five years later they moved five miles north of where Bradshaw is now located.

Mr. Hunt's father died at 40 and the children then lived with their grandparents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Hill.

He attended his first school in 1879 three miles northwest of Guion. The school was of log construction, roofed with turf and had a dirt floor.

In 1880 Mr. Hunt attended old

Buffalo Gap Presbyterian College under the tutership of Professor Beauchamp and Champ Taylor. In 1886 he entered the horse-raising business and in 1890 the cattle business.

FROM DALLAS

Helen Love Smith of Dallas is spending the Christmas holidays visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Smith.

IN ROBERTSON HOME

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. McGuire, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. McGuire and son Dixon, all of Comanche and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Robertson of Abilene are holiday visitors in the D. C. Robertson home.

FROM TEXAS TECH

Garner Young, senior student of Texas Tech in Lubbock, is spending the Christmas holidays visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Young.

VISITED PARENTS

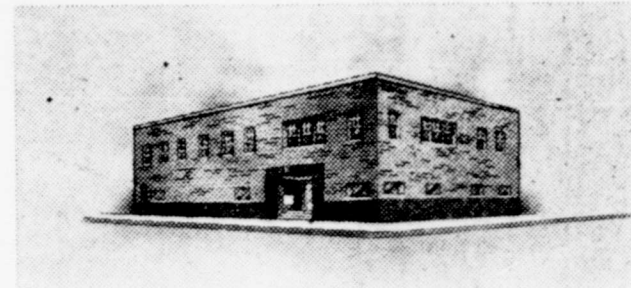
Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Oakes of Bryan are spending Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Oakes and Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Orr.

Merry Christmas To All

For many centuries Christmas has been a day of gladness. It marked the beginning of a new and brighter era. Its spiritual and religious significance has remained unchanged in an ever changing world.

It is time to think of others, and its deeper meaning is expressed by the scriptural precept that we must continue to strive for peace and for the day when good will may prevail among all men and among all nations.

At this season we are especially mindful of how much our depositors and friends mean to us. Have a good Christmas, every one of you, and allow us to help make you happy and prosperous in the New Year.



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Winters, Texas

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PEACE AND GOOD WILL

'Tis Christmas and with the coming of the Yuletide season there is added a new spirit that spreads cheer and happiness thru-out the Christian world. In commemoration of the First Christmas approximately 1956 years ago, when the wise men and the shepherds came to give gifts of love to the Giver of all good and perfect gifts, they established in a sacred way the First Christmas.

With the passing of each historic year and the adding of another anniversary to that sacred and perpetuated event, new cheer, new enthusiastic brotherly love has likewise been added. The First Christmas came at a time when love and a democratic feeling of close association of man with his fellowman was most needed.

The doctrine sacred at Christmas time, and for which the greatest of all holidays is annually observed was foreign to humanity prior to the time and birth of Christ, and many years after His doctrine had been forwarded.

But that first Christmas was the beginning of what modern

Christian nations now enjoy and hold sacred. Not only do individuals perpetuate the event by remembering their friends with gifts of greetings and love, but the spirit has become incorporated in the ideals of the most democratic nations.

The rule of the people resulted from the spirit of the true Christmas, and nearly all of the modern democratic principals where the recognition of the right of representation in governmental affairs is granted, may be traced from the very first doctrines Christ set forth nearly two thousand years ago.

The spirit of Christmas, thus, was the foundation upon which stability in every walk of life has become materialized. Not merely stabilized is a resultant, but the positive forces that make modern prosperity and happiness realities have as their firm foundation, the doctrines that were first forwarded when the birth of the Christ became known—that which affirms of good will toward men remains predominant, peace on earth shall be the glorious resultant.

"Peace on earth, good will toward men" then, is democracy's watchword, and the watchword of individual friendship and love,

brought to mind more impressively and more sacredly at Christmas than at any other season of the year. If there is good will, there is peace, and vice versa, if there is peace—there must of necessity be a predominant feeling of good will.

That is the watchword, too, which every community should hold with high recognition. Peacefulness, among individuals of a community means the making of a unified feeling that all are members of one big family, each striving to reach a goal of magnitude, each praying that the other members shall likewise win favor and hopefulness in whatever walk of life he might choose to pursue.

We are glad that as residents of Winters, we may boast of realizing just such a spirit—not merely during the yuletide season, although it is perhaps more impressive then, but each day, each year, there is a predominant trend of thought in everyone's mind—good will—that in turn spells peace. And by peace is meant harmony and concord between individuals with amicable relations, just as it means harmony among nations.

Peace and good will, then, briefly, means the spirit of Christmas. Peace and good will is the goal of the more democratic and freedom loving nations; peace and good will is the goal of an individual who utters like the angels before the shepherds nearly two thousand Christmases ago. "Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace, good will toward men!"

HOLIDAY VISITORS

Holiday visitors in the C. E. Sullivan home are J. C. Underwood of Rising Star, Mr. and Mrs. Felton Underwood of Cisco, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Underwood and Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Newson and Julia Jean, all of Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Underwood and son of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Underwood and son of Mont Bellieu.

FROM DALLAS

Dr. and Mrs. F. Lee Lindley of Dallas are spending Christmas in the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Colburn.

FROM O'DONNELL

Son Guin of O'Donnell is spending Christmas in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rube Guin of Wingate.

TO VISIT PARENTS

Ina Simmons, teacher in the local schools, is spending the Christmas holidays in Dallas visiting with her parents.

Happy New Year

Be happy!

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EXTENDING OUR SINCERE HOLIDAY

Greetings

... to all our friends, and wishing you the best always!

HERMAN'S MEN'S STORE

Check-Off Planned On Livestock Sold In Texas

Ft. Worth, Tex. — Commission Chairman Frank Scofield of Austin confirmed in a telephone conversation last week the plan to check-off five cents per head on all cattle, three cents per head on all hogs and one cent per head on all sheep and goats sold thru terminal markets and auction rings in the state.

Scofield emphasized the need for the funds to get ahead with the state livestock health program which has lagged until "we are now standing 48th among the states," he said.

When asked whether the special tax would also apply on livestock sold in the country or direct to packing plants, and which does not pass through either an auction or a terminal market, Scofield said: "We realize these types of selling livestock are competitive with the terminal markets and the auctions and if means can be found to bring these livestock under the program, we certainly hope to do so."

We want to treat everybody alike and not have anyone bearing an unfair share to the burden."

Scofield has gone over the proposed legislation with Senate and House leaders, he said, and they had expressed approval. He hopes to ask for a total budget of \$1,178,000 of which \$400,000 would come from the general fund and the rest from the new check-off tax.

This year's appropriation was \$300,000.

Other items in the projected bill include a one-half cent per bag tax on each sack of feed sold in the state. This portion of the bill seems destined for heavy opposition from industry, since the feed makers have strongly opposed suggestions to increase the feed tax.

At present these feed tax fees go to Texas A. & M. College for administration on the feed control law, with funds in excess of need being used for feed and livestock research.

A new feed control bill is due to come up in the legislature at the next session, and the new levy for the livestock health program is believed by some to jeopardize this new law which has been strongly advocated by livestock and poultry organizations of the state.

Other features of the new revenue-raising bills which have been proposed include a service fee ranging from \$25 to \$150 to be charged operators of garbage feeding of hogs. This service fee to help defray expense of checking their operations.

Another feature of the proposal is a \$100 license fee to be charged each livestock auction operator. This fee to help defray the cost of inspection and services at the rings.

BULLS HIGHER, FED CATTLE LOWER LAST MONDAY

Fed cattle were numerous again around the major marketing circle, and prices weakened at all points. At Fort Worth fed steers, yearlings and heifers were 50 cents to \$1 per hundred lower. Similar declines were reports at most points across the country. Cows were steady, and bulls opened the week at 50 cents higher prices. Stocker trade and slaughter calves was about steady.

Comparative prices: Slaughter steers and yearlings \$10.00 to \$18.50; fat cows \$9.50-12.00; canners and cutters \$6.00-9.50; bulls \$8.50-13.00; good and choice fat calves \$14.00-17.00, some over \$20.00.



APPLE A DAY, ETC.—Here's a porpoise with purpose—he's bringing an apple for the teacher. The "classroom" is at Marineland, in Florida.

pounds to \$18. Lower grade calves \$8.00-13.50; stocker steer calves and stocker steer yearlings \$13.00-17.50.

HOGS SKID, 17,000 MORE AT 12 MAJOR MARKETS

USDA reported 17,000 more hogs at the 12 major markets last Monday and this tipped the price range downward. Top hogs at Ft. Worth drew \$17 or 25 to 50 cents under last week's close. The \$17.50 close last week represented the best levels for hogs since September, and prices were \$5 above a year ago mid-December. Sows drew \$14 to \$14.50, a few \$15 in the Monday trade.

LAMBS TOP \$17.50 TO CONTINUE COME-BACK

Good and choice slaughter lambs topped at \$16 to \$17.50 at Fort Worth last Monday, lambs at the higher figure usually carrying No. 1 or Fall shorn pelts. Cull to medium killing lambs drew \$10 to \$15.50. Stocker and feeder lambs cashed at \$13 to \$16.50, while old ewes sold from \$4.50 to \$6.50. Old bucks drew \$4 to \$5.

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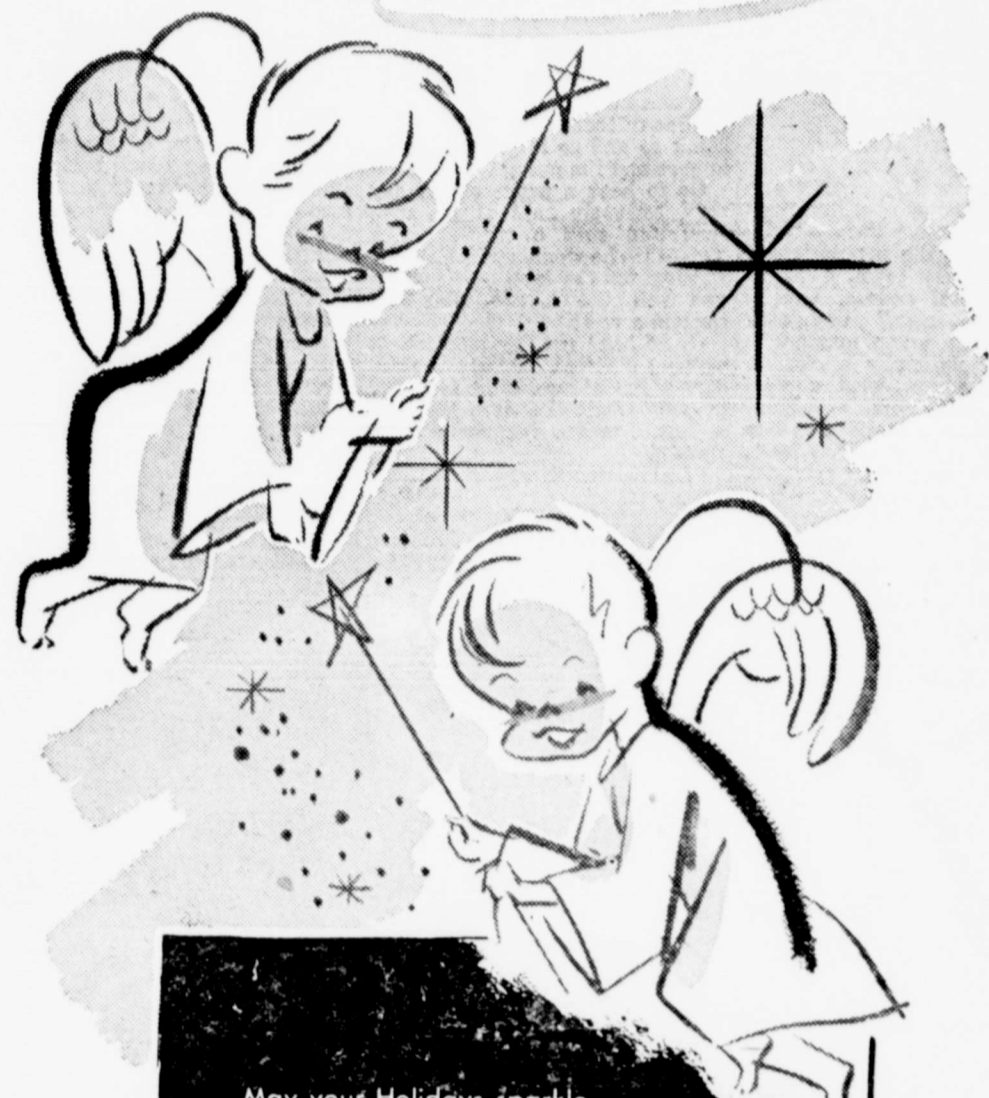
One look at some "GUMS" is enough to upset anyone.—Drug gists refund money if the first bottle of "LETO'S" fails to satisfy.

MAIN DRUG COMPANY



SCENE - STEELER — Sparkling new addition to the Manhattan skyline is this 45-story Sweeney Mobil Building, first and world's largest stainless steel skyscraper. Recently dedicated, the building has a "cornersteel" in which is sealed a time capsule, holding messages from President Eisenhower, Governor Harriman and Mayor Wagner, as well as copies of New York newspapers and documents detailing construction of the unusual building.

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May your Holidays sparkle
with joy and laughter, and may
Christmastime bring you
continued health and good fortune!



May the spirit of
Christmas bless you
and yours and bring
you much happiness!

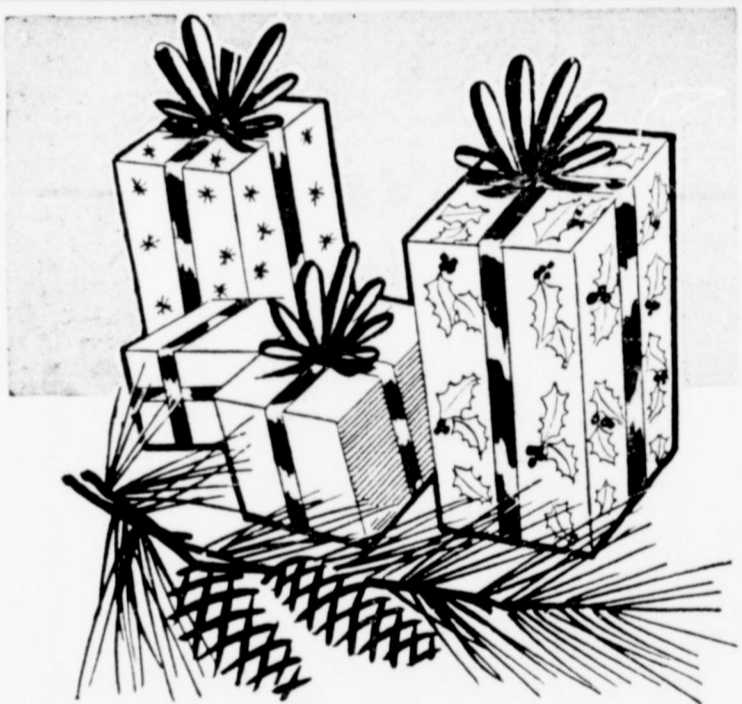
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Merry Christmas to
everyone — we
hope Santa brings you
the best of everything!

CLARA BELL'S BEAUTY SHOP



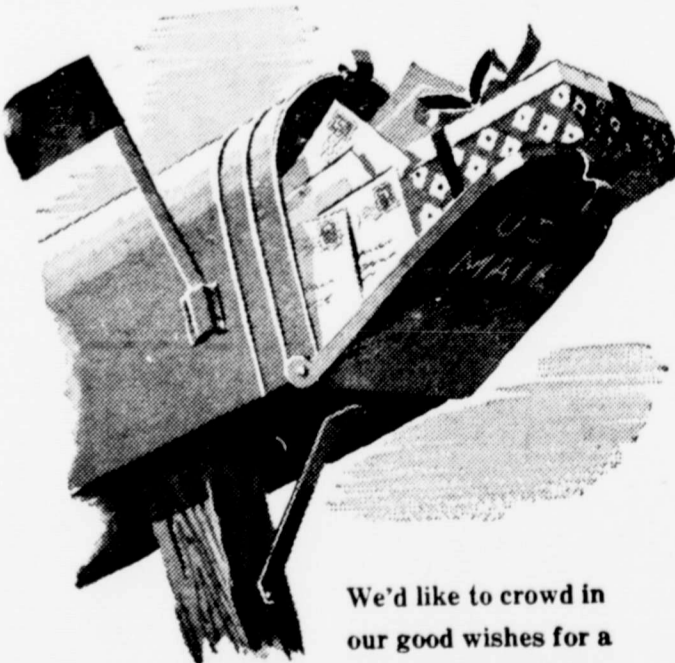
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NATIVITY SCENE AT WINGATE — Pictured above is the Nativity Scene which was made by the students of the art class in the Wingate School, under the direction of Mrs. Faye Penneger. The characters are life size and made of plywood. Students pictured above are back row, left to

right, Gail Gardner, Charles Wetzel, Wayne Lanthrop, Clark, Mrs. Faye Penneger and Wilson Wade, Center, Donnie Adams, Pat Pritchard, Jerry Dunn and Moon Cathey; kneeling, front row, Sammie Folsom, Monty England, Pedro Rodriguez, Bob Miller and Lloyd Carroll.

(Photo by Little)

Proposed Salary Raise For School Teachers Is Emergency Measure

The proposed salary increase for Texas public school teachers is an emergency measure to provide teachers for Texas children until more lasting provisions can be worked out, Dana Williams of Gladewater, president of the Texas State Teachers Association said this week.

A complete citizens study of teachers salaries and school building needs will be made between now and the convening of the 56th Legislature in 1959, he explained.

Although the immediate request calls for an increase in the State minimum pay of \$399, the increased annual increments will provide most Texas teachers with a \$579 pay raise, Williams pointed out.

The plan calls for salary raises of \$90 per year for the first five years of service compared to \$54 at present. This represents an ad-

ditional \$180 increase for those teachers with five or more years service.

The program also corrects certain inequities in salaries of principals.

From the conferences of citizens studying salary and building needs will come "realistic recommendations which should provide solutions to these current pressing problems," Williams said.

"Texas school population is increasing at the rate of more than 100,000 per year," he said. "By 1960 an additional 350,000 children will be in our classrooms. Texas will need by that time 43,000 additional teachers to teach the new children and to replace the thousands of experienced teachers who leave the classrooms each year. This situation creates a serious emergency which I believe the Legislature will put among its top problems to be solved at the session convening in January."

"This salary increase request is modest indeed in the light of

the increasing cost of living and of the salary increases which have been granted to employes in the various trades and industries of the State and nation," Williams declared.

"It will serve as an emergency measure to keep teachers in classrooms and to permit more successful recruitment among desirable young college graduates," he added.

IN GARDNER HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gardner of Premont arrived Thursday to spend the holidays in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Gardner.

IN BEDFORD HOME

Linda Bedford, student of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Belton, is spending the Christmas holidays visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Bedford and with other relatives.

As far as the Constitution is concerned, a woman can be elected to the U. S. Presidency.

FROM CINCINNATI

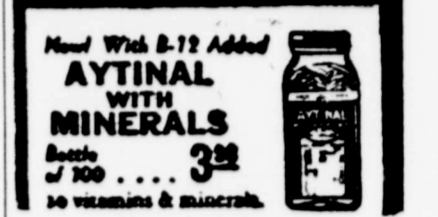
Kenneth Lloyd, who is a student in the University of Cincinnati, is spending the Christmas holidays visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lloyd.

VISITING PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Granville Long and baby son, Stacy Day, of Lubbock, are spending the Christmas holidays visiting in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Granville Long, Sr.

TIRED? NERVOUS?

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Lone Star Agriculture

By JOHN C. WHITE

IMPROVED PLANTING PRACTICES—A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

A good New Year's resolution for Texas farmers would be,

Resolved: To Plant Texas Registered or Certified Seed for the 1957 Crop Year.

There is no such thing as "bargain basement" seed. Cheap seed often results in inferior plants—you get about what you pay for, with few exceptions. Registered or certified seed isn't necessarily expensive but it is sensible—you know what you are paying for.

The farmer should look for the official tag on the bag of seed which indicates that the contents have been inspected by the Texas Department of Agriculture. It means the seed meets specifications of the Texas State Seed Law that demands certain regulations.

A seller of certified seed must plant his plots with the purest foundation or breeder's seed. The fields to be certified must be isolated from similar crops according to the standards and these fields are checked by impartial state inspector for purity and freedom from disease and weeds. Warehouses where seed are stored must measure up to certain standards and the seed are sealed in a bag with the red, white and blue state of Texas seal and the Texas certified or registered tag securely attached.

Registered seed, strictly, is not guaranteed quality seed. The tag merely guarantees that the bag is properly labeled as to content; what percent is foreign matter, etc. This label is purple. Certified seed, on the other hand, must meet strict standards and this tag is pale blue.

These labels are the farmer's protection against inferior or misrepresented seed products. He knows exactly what he is buying and that his seed bags contain exactly what the tag says they contain.

In other words, the tag on the bag guarantees the breeding in the seed.

Further information about Texas registered and certified seed will be given on request. Address inquiries to John C. White, commissioner, Texas Department

Farm Bureau Will Attempt To Amend Soil Bank Program

Waco. — Texas Farm Bureau members will join with members from all over the nation during the next session of Congress in attempting to amend soil bank legislation to carry out Farm Bureau policies.

Many specific Farm Bureau recommendations are included in the Agricultural Act of 1956. However, at Miami Beach, Fla., Dec. 13, delegates to the American Farm Bureau convention approved the following recommendations "in order that the soil bank may make a maximum contribution to the solution of our surplus problem:"

(1) Maximum possible use should be made of Commodity Credit Corporation stocks for payments in kind under the acreage reserve program. Certificates entitling producers to payments in grains other than rice should be interchangeable.

(2) No acreage placed in the soil bank under either the acreage reserve or the conservation reserve should be harvested or grazed under any circumstances.

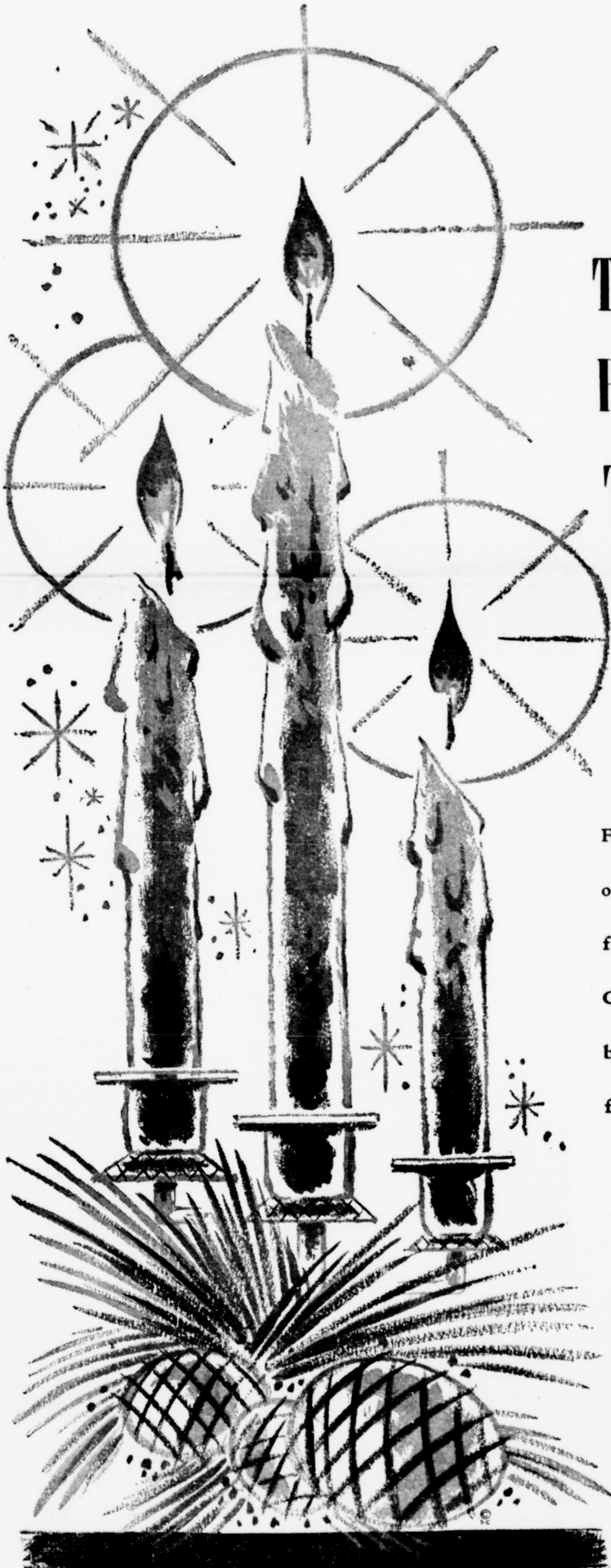
(3) Farmers placing land in either the acreage reserve or conservation reserve should be required to maintain the acreage of other land on the farm that normally is idle or devoted to uses that exclude it from the soil bank base.

(4) Producers desiring price supports should be required to place cropland in the soil bank in amounts determined by applying a percentage factor to their acreage of price supported crops. This recommendation is not intended to require a reduction of acreage devoted to allotted crops. Producers would be free to meet this requirement either by placing such amounts of their allotted acreage as they desire, in the acreage reserve program, or by placing "non-allotted" acreage in the conservation reserve program. In either case soil bank payments would be earned.

FROM HOUSTON

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dell Gardner and little daughter, Deborah, of Houston, are spending the Christmas holidays visiting in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Gardner and Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Blalock.

of Agriculture, Capitol Station, Austin 14, Texas.



The Brightest
Holiday Greetings
To You All!

From all of us here to all
of you, we send warm and
friendly wishes that this
Christmas will shine as a
bright spot in your memory
for years to come!



CHRISTMAS

... is a time of peace
and joy — may yours prove
to be the finest ever!



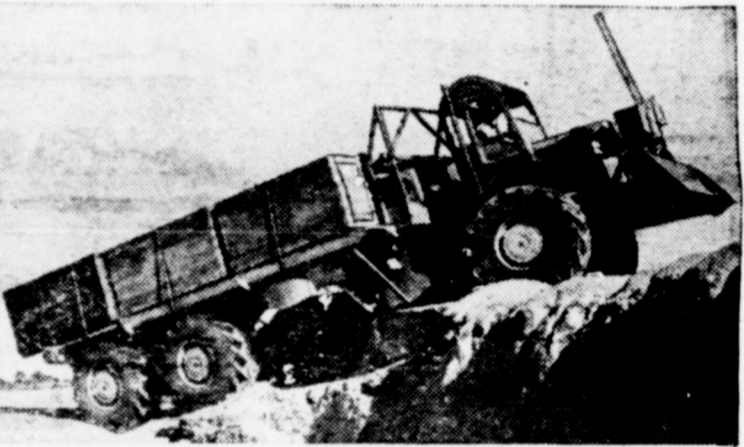
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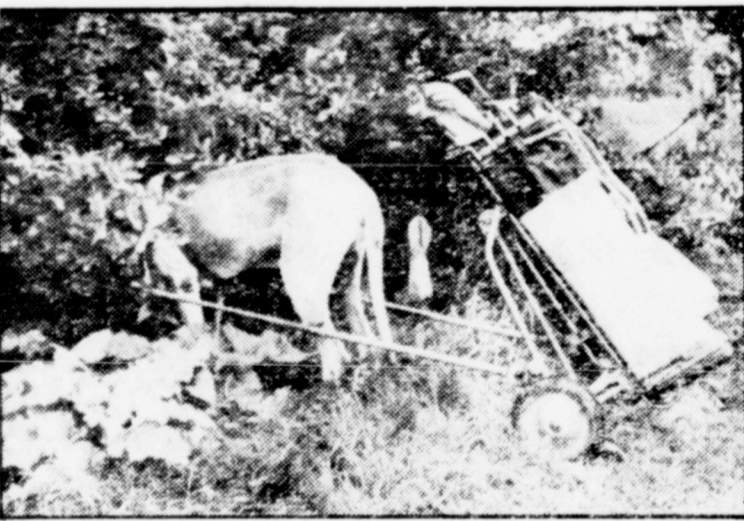
WHAT'S NEXT?—Women have been "fishing" for things in their crowded purses for so long that it comes as no great surprise that someone finally came up with the above purse design. Created by British designer Elizabeth James, the sequin-scaled, feather-fan bag's displayed by model Hazel Penman in London.



PAIR OF QUEENS—Radiant charm of two British queens sparkles as Queen Elizabeth II, right, and the Queen Mother arrive at the Royal Academy in London to attend a reception. Ermine for wraps and jeweled tiaras complement the regal setting of royal limousine.



ROADLESS WONDER—No roads are needed for this vehicle. The Transporter, built by R. G. LeTourneau, Inc., of Longview, Tex., can haul a 70,000-pound cargo over steep embankments and ditches, through mud, sand or snow. Powerful electric motor is geared directly to each wheel to provide the Transporter with all-wheel drive.



WHERE'D IT GO, WHERE'D IT GO?—Dog-gone difficult for this canine caddy to find the stray golf ball, but he's trying hard. The Great Dane, owned by Dominick Colucci, of Northbrook, Ill., was entered in the first National Dog Caddy contest held in Chicago.



GOODBY, HARRY—A new ordinance is passed and an old business fades into the past. That's the story on Harry Sansone's popcorn wagon. After over 35 years of operating on the streets of Champaign, Ill., Harry's business was banned recently by a city ordinance prohibiting the sale of merchandise from vehicles parked on the streets.

Mr. and Mrs. LaDell Davis To Hold Open House Sunday, December 30

Mr. and Mrs. LaDell Davis, who have recently completed a new home, just off the Crews Highway two miles east of Winters, will hold open house Sunday, December 30, from 4 to 6:30 o'clock.

Friends of the couple are invited to call during the designated hours.

Literary, Service Club Enacts Christmas Story In Tableau

An impressive Christmas story told in tableau was featured for the annual Christmas party of the Literary and Service Club held Thursday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Lewis. Mrs. Russell Mote and Mrs. Floyd Sims were joint hostesses.

The tableau of customs, legends and carols was presented with Mrs. Loyd Roberson as narrator and Mrs. James Nevins, accompanist. As a prologue, Mrs. Cecil Taylor told the Biblical Christmas story as Mrs. Nevins softly played "Infant So Gentle," and "While Shepherds Watch Their Flock."

The manger scene was life-size with a huge white Christmas tree in the background decorated with red ornaments tied with red ribbons. Dressed in costume the characters were Mrs. R. A. Hanson as Mary, and Mrs. J. T. Randolph, Joseph. The club members sang "Away In A Manger."

Mrs. Taylor continued the story with "Adoration of the King" as the song "We Three Kings" was played as background music.

The French peasant Christmas scene with music "Angels We Have Heard On High" featured Pamela Gans as the French child complying with the custom of placing her wooden shoes beneath the Christmas tree and club members sang "The First Noel."

The Christmas Eve posada with music "The Search for Lodging" was enacted by Paula Poe, angel, Mary and Joseph and the pilgrim Mrs. Alton Roberts, appearing at the door of the Inn seeking shelter from the Inn-keeper, Mrs. Frederick Poe, his wife, Mrs. A. L. Fox and their child, Betty Shoemaker. They were told there was no room at the inn, until Joseph announced it was Mary who was with child, the Christ child. The innkeeper and his family then knelt at the altar.

The manger scene was again shown with Mary holding the child and singing "O-Ru-Ru-Ru-Little Jesu."

Mrs. Roberson continued the narration with "The Christmas City of America" to the music "Star of Beauty, Bethlehem Star." Club members sang "O, Little Town of Bethlehem."

The concluding scene of the tableau "St. Lussi" featured Sherri Mote dressed in typical Swedish white dress and wearing a crown of lighted candles as she sang "Christmas Has Come

Again," and inviting guests to take food and drink.

For the occasion the Lewis home was beautifully decorated with cedar and red Christmas baubles on the stairway and holly, yaupon, pine needles and cones used throughout the party rooms.

The tea table laid in pink linen trimmed in silver fringe was centered with a lovely arrangement of cedar and pink Christmas balls. Table appointments were of silver. Sherri Mote poured coffee from a silver service and was assisted by Mrs. Mote and Mrs. Sims in serving the tea plate of date-nut roll, topped with pink whipped cream, sandwiches shaped as Christmas trees with filling tinted pink and salted nuts.

Gifts were exchanged and each member brought a toy to be sent to the State Home for Children.

Members present were Mesdames Earl Dorsett, A. L. Fox, Robert Gans, R. A. Hanson, Lee Harrison, J. C. Jarrell, Charles Kruse, Jr., M. V. Lewis, Z. B. Morgan, Russell Mote, H. N. Nichols, Fredric Poe, J. T. Randolph, Loyd Roberson, Floyd Sims, Claude Tatum and Cecil Taylor, and the guests, Mrs. Alton Roberts, Pamela Gans, Sherri Mote, Betty Shoemaker and Mrs. James Nevins.

Senior Class Had Christmas Party Saturday Evening

Members of the Senior Class of Winters High School had a Christmas party Saturday evening at the City Hall.

Tables laid in white linen were arranged in a U-shape. The head table was centered with an arrangement of pink candles and angels on a styrofoam base. Place cards were ice cream cones decorated with pink snow with each name extending from the top.

Games were played, gifts exchanged and the class presented their sponsors, Mrs. Charles Kruse Jr. and W. B. Middleton with ten dollar gift certificates from Heidenheimers.

Santa Claus paid an unexpected visit and distributed gifts from a gaily decorated Christmas tree.

Approximately sixty-five members, guests and sponsors attended the affair.

FROM SMU

Gerald Dietz, student of Southern Methodist University in Dallas, is spending the holidays visiting in the home of his mother, Mrs. Effie Dietz.

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for forgiving all offenses and all enemies—a good time to forget and to forgive. It is also a good time to forget self and think of others.

FROM SEGUIN

Virginia Spill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Spill and a student of Texas Lutheran College, is spending the Christmas holidays visiting with her parents.

FROM TLC

James Spill, student of Texas Lutheran College in Seguin, is spending the holidays visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Spill.

IN UECKERT HOME

Altus and Keith Ueckert, both students of Texas Lutheran College, are spending the holidays visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Ueckert.

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POPEYED WITH INTEREST—These three Parisian lads are bodily in the Bois de Boulogne, famous park in Paris, France, but in their minds they're miles at sea, standing on the bridge of the French battle cruiser Richelieu. The scale model of the ship is radio-controlled, and was entered in competition with other scale-model craft on the famous pond in the Bois.



TILLING WORLD'S MOST PERISHABLE CROP—Specially designed harrows plow-under the stubble in the wake of a sprinkler truck as Hialeah Race Track is readied for the winter crop of winners, which "blossom" in moments, and are "harvested" at the betting windows. During the summer, the famous Florida track's main racing strip is planted to more conventional crops.

Highway Department Sets Up New Program In Runnels For 1957

Texas Highway Department has announced from Austin that the first step has been taken that will set up a new program of highway work for the calendar year of 1957. This new program is especially designed to protect the investment already made in the state system of roads.

J. A. Snell, District Engineer of the Texas Highway Department at San Angelo, has stated that the following state highways and roads in his area are scheduled for work under this program:

U. S. 83, from Hatchel to 1.0 miles north of Ballinger, 7.5 miles, mixed in place asphaltic concrete, leveling and widening course, at a cost of \$25,000.

U. S. 83, from Ballinger to Concho County line, 11.4 miles, level asphalt surface and seal, estimated cost, \$22,500.

F. M. 53, from Wingate to 5.0 miles east of Winters, 17.1 miles, level asphalt surface and seal, \$24,500.

F. M. 1692, from Tom Green County line to Miles, 3.9 miles, asphalt seal coat, \$5,000.

It was announced that work will begin on these projects just as soon as final planning is completed.

Whales cannot breathe under water.

'NEATH THE MISTLETOE

Did you ever hear this story of the origin of the custom of kissing under the mistletoe? It has come down to us from Scandinavian mythology.

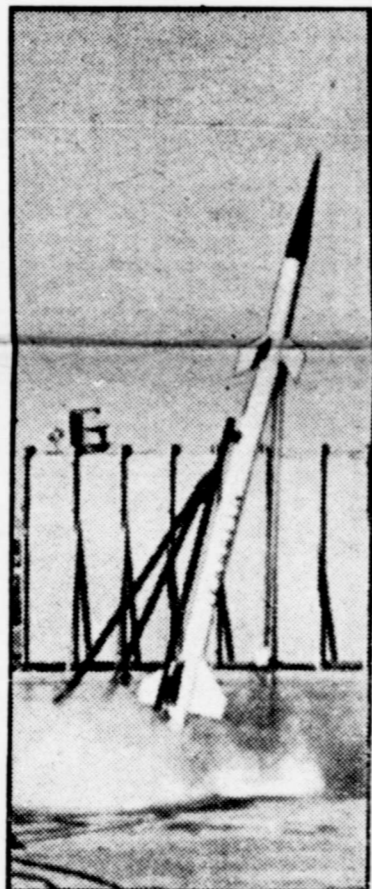
Balder, the Scandinavian Apollo, had been charmed by his mother against all injuries from fire, water, air and earth. But his ancient enemy, Loki, the bad one, fashioned an arrow out of mistletoe. Being a parasite it did not spring from any of the above elements.

Balder was severely wounded by the mistletoe weapon, and was only brought back to health by the efforts of all the gods. Balder's mother decreed that the mistletoe plant should never again be used as a weapon. She was so grateful for her son's recovery she promised to kiss anyone who passed beneath the branch of mistletoe.

And so it is, a man may demand a kiss of a maiden as she stands beneath the mistletoe at Christmas, but he must give one of the berries. When the berries are gone, the mistletoe loses its spell, and kissing is over—except on a mutual basis.

IN KRUSE HOME

Jimmy Kruse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kruse and a student at TLC, is spending his Christmas vacation visiting in the home of his parents.



AWAY ALL ROCKETS—The "Terrapin," newest missile to probe outer space, blasts off during a test run. Developed by the University of Maryland and Republic Aviation Corporation, the "Terp" is less than 15 feet tall, can be handled by three men, and is very economical—as rockets go. The new missile has already reached heights of 80 miles, speeds of 3,800 miles per hour.



SWOON WITH IT, MAN—This real cool daddy is gone, man—at least halfway gone—in a pool at the Paris, France, Vincennes Zoo. Elvis Presley fans should get so carried away. A tres unseasonal heat wave a la Paris sent Papa polar to the welcome waters.

VISITING PARENTS

Joe Kraatz, student of Texas Lutheran College, is spending the holidays visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kraatz.



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Capt. Glenna Briley On "Operation Safe Haven" In Munich

In a recent letter from Capt. Glenna Briley, who is stationed at Augsburg, Germany, to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Briley and Estelle, she wrote that she was in Munich, 42 miles from Augsburg, on "Operation Safe Haven." This is one of the places where the Hungarians come and then fly to the United States.

There are eight American nurses who are helping with "Operation Safe Haven," Capt. Briley stated that this is really a "once in a life-time experience."

Usually the Hungarians arrive in Munich one day and are flown to the States the next day. These people are so happy to get out of Hungary and they can't believe that the United States could be

so good to them.

The nurses have interpreters, who speak for them in telling them their needs. Capt. Briley said, "I cannot understand what they are saying, but the smile on their faces says 'we are so thankful and grateful to the United States for helping us.'"

There are very few of these people who are sick so the nurses help get them settled. Many of them have never seen such good food as we are feeding them.

There are many volunteers who are helping and the Red Cross is set up in Munich and have almost anything they need.

People from all over Germany have sent clothes, so that they all have warm clothing, and even though it is old, the Hungarians are so appreciative.

"Beto" comes from the Latin meaning "I forbid."

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We wish to express our sincerest thanks and appreciation to the friends and neighbors for the many kind deeds and words of consolation during the illness and at the death of our loved one, Ernest Matthies.

We especially wish to thank Dr. Rives and the nurses at the hospital for their care of him during his illness; pastor Flathmann for his kindness and to those who brought and served the food. The

lovely floral offerings and memorial wreaths were deeply appreciated and we wish that each of you would accept this as a message of our thanks.

May God bless each of you in the prayer of Mrs. Ernest Matthies and Fritze, Mr. and Mrs. William Weida and family. 1tp

VISITING RELATIVES

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Osborn are visiting relatives in Terrell during the Christmas holidays.

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We hope that this Holiday Season brings you the best of everything.

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ROGER BABSON SAYS:

Annual Reports of Companies Interesting

Babson Park, Mass., Dec. 20.—During my summer vacation at Gloucester, Mass., I read about forty 1955 annual reports of corporations listed on the New York Exchange. I was especially pleased with some of these because they had been made very interesting, illustrated by attractive pictures and charts. I assume that these latter have been prepared by professional advertising agencies and public relations men. I am very pleased to see so many of them with the date of the year in large type in the upper right-hand corner on the outside cover.

Relation of Price to Net Earnings

The common "quickie rule" for brokers to use in looking at annual reports is to study the relation of price to net earnings. When the price is 30 to 40 times

earnings, it is usually a sign that the price is too high; while if the price is only 5 times net earnings after fair depreciation and taxes, it is looked upon as attractive. I like to keep within the range of 10-to-20 times earnings.

Mixed-Up Figures

Some of the reports were unconsciously misleading. For instance, some would include the sale of land or securities with the gross income, which, of course, should not have been done. Furthermore, depreciation or "write-off" has been handled differently by different companies. This depreciation figure is very important to study for two reasons: First, heavy depreciation can reduce the net earnings to less than they really are; while small depreciation can indicate the reverse if not honestly treated. Second, under ordinary circumstances the government allows an average of about 5 percent on depreciation, but on special military work 25 percent is sometimes allowed.

Oil companies have the largest write-offs. My two favorites are Continental Oil and Phillips Petroleum. Standard Oil of California also rates well, with over 10 percent write-offs each year. The chemical companies also have a good record for write-offs, leading with Dow Chemical at 13 percent and Monsanto Chemical at nearly 9 percent. Union Carbide also has a 9 percent write-off.

Steel Manufacturers and Mining Companies
Upon studying the annual reports of the six leading steel companies, it was evident that U. S. Steel led with a write-off of 7 percent, although National Steel followed closely with 6.5 percent. The lowest in my list was Inland Steel, which showed only 3.3 percent. On a replacement basis probably U. S. Steel would amount to \$200 to \$300 a share while today it is selling at \$72. Bethlehem Steel, its nearest competitor, writes off less than 5 percent.

Other reports were on aluminum and nickel companies, together with the three leading copper companies, namely, Anaconda Company, Kennecott Copper,

and Phelps Dodge. The aluminum companies—encouraged by special government concessions—lead, with write-offs of over 7 percent. Anaconda, however, leads the copper companies with a write-off of about 4 percent. International Nickel has a good write-off, but readers who purchase this stock should have the certificates stand in the name of some U. S. bank or stock exchange firm and not in their own names. Otherwise, such stock is quite embarrassing in the case of the death of an individual.

Miscellaneous companies—the write-offs range from about 15 percent for International Business Machines down to less than 2 percent for several of the companies. One of my favorite stocks, Westinghouse Electric, has a write-off of 3 percent. The smallest write-offs are in retail trade companies, due largely to the fact that they lease most of their stores. F. W. Woolworth has the largest write-off of 2 percent, while both Sears, Roebuck and Montgomery Ward write off only a fraction of 1 percent. Caterpillar Tractor, Corning Glass, and Eastman Kodak have good write-offs of from 3½ to 4½ percent. General Electric writes off less than 3 percent and General Motors less than 2½ percent. General Foods writes off less than 1 percent. In giving these figures I do not mean that these are the best stocks to buy, as there are many important things to consider besides annual reports figures. I do, however, urge my friends to read each annual report received.

IN DAVIS HOME

Mr. and Mrs. James Wheeler and family of Dallas are spending the holidays visiting in the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ladell Davis.

FROM MULESHOE

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kimbrough and Nancy of Muleshoe are spending Christmas in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Vaughan.

FROM BAYLOR

Ronald Huddleston of Baylor University in Waco is spending Christmas visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Huddleston.

Results of the 14th annual beef cattle performance and progeny test at the Balmorhea substation of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station have been released in Progress Report 1899. It is available from the Agricultural Information Office, College Station, Texas.

Bethany SS Class Christmas Dinner In Roberson Home

Decorations in keeping with the Yuletide season were featured about the rooms in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Roberson Tuesday evening when members of the Bethany Class of the First Baptist Church held the annual Christmas dinner and party.

Dinner was served at four some tables laid with white linen and centered with a red candle on white styrofoam base surrounded by sprigs of cedar and pyracantha berries, giving emphasis to the red and green color scheme. The delectable menu consisted of turkey, giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, individual salads moulded as Christmas trees, broccoli, iced angel food cake, hot rolls, butter and coffee.

Mrs. Roberson told a Christmas story and gifts were exchanged from a gaily lighted Christmas tree. Secret pals were revealed and gifts were sent to Patricia Graham, a girl at Round Rock, who is sponsored by the class.

Those present included Miss Marie Maughan, Mesdames Paschal Frierson, Von Ray Frierson, James Huddleston, Gene Virden, Jack Harrison, Irmal Aley, A. L. Fox, J. N. Clark, Bill Milliron, C. W. Armstrong, T. E. Blalock, L. H. Henslee, J. F. Riechie, W. H. Burleson, Bud Davis, J. B. Whitlow, Neal Oakes, Beverly Hudson and Mrs. Roberson.

IN COLBURN HOME

Mrs. Willie Colburn of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Mathis and children of San Antonio are spending the Christmas holidays in the home of Nell Colburn.

FROM DALLAS

Dr. and Mrs. R. B. Leathers and children of Dallas are visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sykes and other relatives.

According to a surveyor's measure, 36 square miles comprise a township.

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Eighty-Seven West Texas Cities Have Construction Boom

Eighty-seven West Texas cities experienced a construction boom in 1956 that totaled almost 400 million dollars, according to a survey conducted by "West Texas Today," the monthly publication of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

Estimates for 1957 indicate that the boom will continue, and probably surpass that recorded in the 12 months preceding. Results of the survey are published in the December issue of the magazine.

Construction dollars spent in the 87 cities from November 1, 1955, to November 1, 1956, totaled \$385,996,316. More than half of the money was spent for construction of residential dwellings. Residential construction totaled \$202,464,510.

Commercial construction, which totaled almost 80 million dollars, accounted for the second largest portion of each construction dollar. New schools, which cost more than 30 million dollar, ranked third in money spent on construction.

Other major projects which

claimed a large percentage of each construction dollar were: sewer and water facilities, 27 million dollars; street construction and paving, 14 million; state and federal buildings, nearly seven million; and city and county buildings, more than five million.

In addition, approximately two million dollars was spent on church construction. Miscellaneous types of construction accounted for more than 17 million dollars.

In 1957 estimates are based on bond issues for city and county construction and schools, announced plans of businesses and industries, and federal allocations for military and defense spending.

Residential construction is expected to again lead in the total construction dollars spent, although it appears that 1957 dwellings will not constitute as large a percentage as was the case in 1956. Commercial construction will be up considerably, however, as will school construction and federal construction.

Estimates on federal construction, including Air Force and Army installations as well as nuclear ordnance plants, indicate that more than 55 million dollars will be spent in 1957. This is approximately an 800 percent increase over 1956.

Considerable increases are also expected in street paving and construction and sewer and water facilities. City, county and state building projects are also expected to be increased in 1957. More than seven million dollars have been set aside for city, county and state buildings in West Texas.

FROM McMURRY
Don Vinson, student of McMurry College in Abilene is visiting his parents, Mr and Mrs. J. D. Vinson.

VISITING PARENTS
David Ledbetter, student of McMurry and son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ledbetter is spending the holidays visiting with his parents and sister Judy.

FROM H-SU
Lynn Faubion, student of Hardin-Simmons University is spending the Christmas holidays visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Noble Faubion.

LEFT FOR TEMPLE
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Moore left Saturday for Temple to spend Christmas with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Autry and family.

More Improved Fertilizers on the Way

College Station, Nov. 7.—Fertilizers are a lot better than they used to be, but more improved fertilizer materials can be expected in the future, reports M. K. Thornton, extension agricultural chemist.

Higher analysis fertilizers containing more nutrients and less bulky inert matter, and soluble or liquid fertilizers—all now on the market—have reduced weight and bulk and made both storage and application of fertilizer materials cheaper and easier for farmers and home gardeners.

Industrial and State-Federal research now being carried out will undoubtedly lead to further improvements, says Thornton.

One of these improvements will be the development of slower acting or less soluble forms of chemical fertilizer that will not leach out of the soil so rapidly. This will mean that enough fertilizer can be applied in one operation to meet the demands of a long-season crop, thus eliminating the need for repeated applications throughout the season. It will reduce present heavy losses of nitrogen through leaching. It will also prevent excessive potash consumption, now a problem in alfalfa and certain other crops in many parts of the country.

Other improvements will change the physical makeup of fertilizer materials, making them easier to store and to apply. A start in this direction has been made with the development of some granular products that have less tendency than older materials to cake and harden during storage and that distribute more easily and uniformly in the field.

A lot more work needs to be done in developing these better fertilizers, says Thornton. But farmers would do well to be alert for new developments in this field because they will open opportunities for increased efficiency of production and greater farm profits.

IN BUCKNER HOME
Paula Buckner, student of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Belton is spending the Christmas holidays visiting in the E. Y. Buckner home.

FROM BELTON
Patsy Scott, student of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Belton, is spending the Christmas holidays visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Scott.

Lloyd's of London writes all forms of insurance except life insurance.



B & K: THE HAPPINESS BOYS—U.S. Ambassador to the U.S.S.R. Charles E. Bohlen, right, accompanied by the ambassadors of NATO nations, walked out of a Polish embassy reception in Moscow recently when Red party chief Nikita Khrushchev, left, began a bitter attack on Western powers with the remark, "We will bury you." Gent in center with goatee and vodka is Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin. Photo, above, was taken at a July 4th reception at Bohlen's residence in Moscow.

Around the equator the earth is larger than around the meridian. Government run by women is called gynarchy.

GI Insurance May Still Be Converted

The right to convert World War I and II GI insurance from term to permanent plans is not affected by the new Survivors Benefits Act, Mr. Scott B. Harrington of the Veterans Administration Region Office at Dallas, Texas, announced today.

Mr. Harrington said the only GI policies which may not be converted are the 5-year term post-service policies which the law stipulates are non-convertible.

"Otherwise," Mr. Harrington said, "all other GI term policies are convertible, even the post-service term policies for which disabled veterans are eligible if

they apply within one year from the date that VA finds their disabilities to be service-connected."

The Survivor Benefits Act merely limits issuance of new GI insurance policies. It does not alter the conversion rights in existing policies, Mr. Harrington said.

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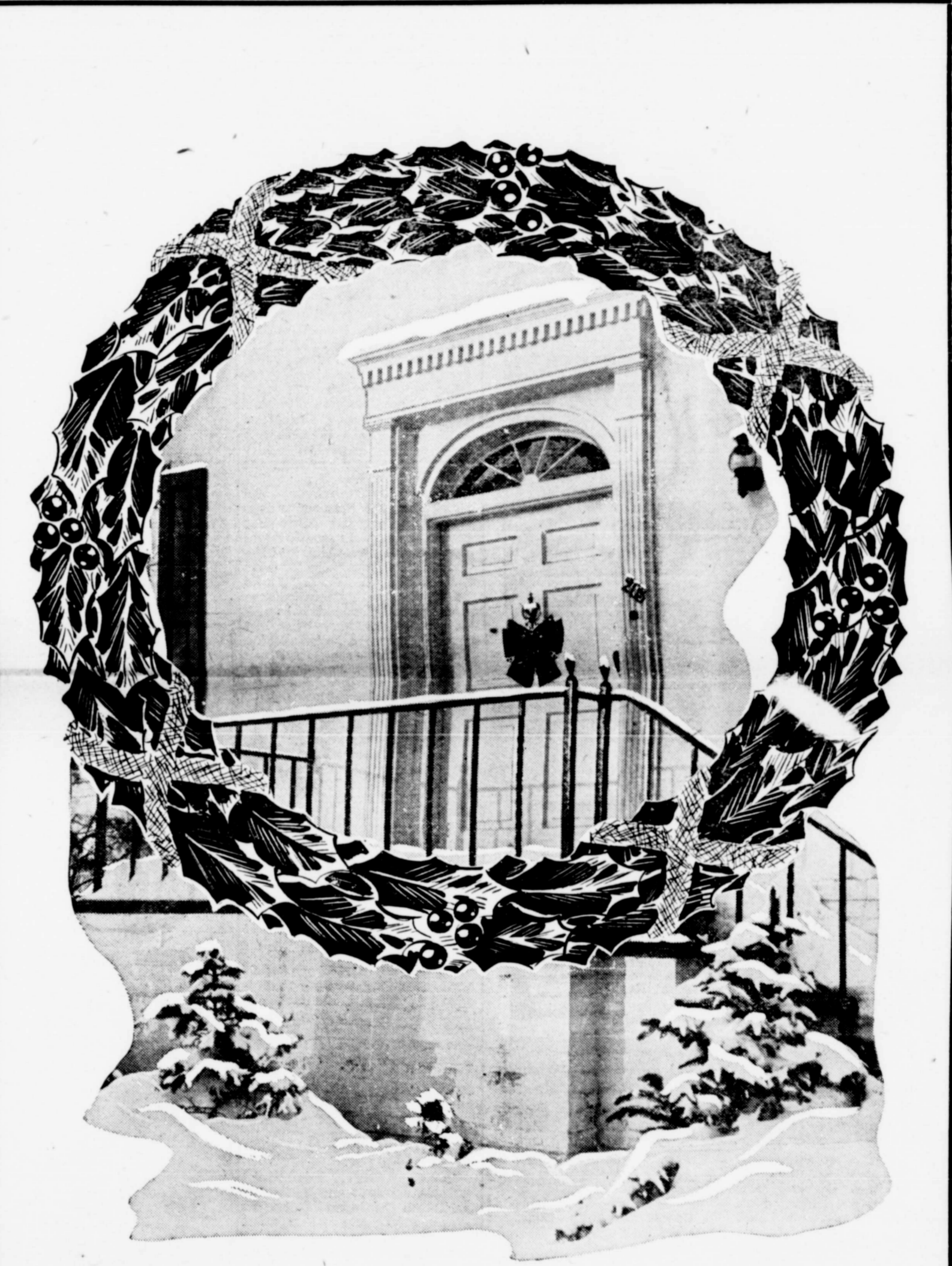
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 Saturday "Fort Yuma," "The Little Kidnappers"
 Sunday and Monday "High Society"
 New Year's Eve "Shack Out On 101"



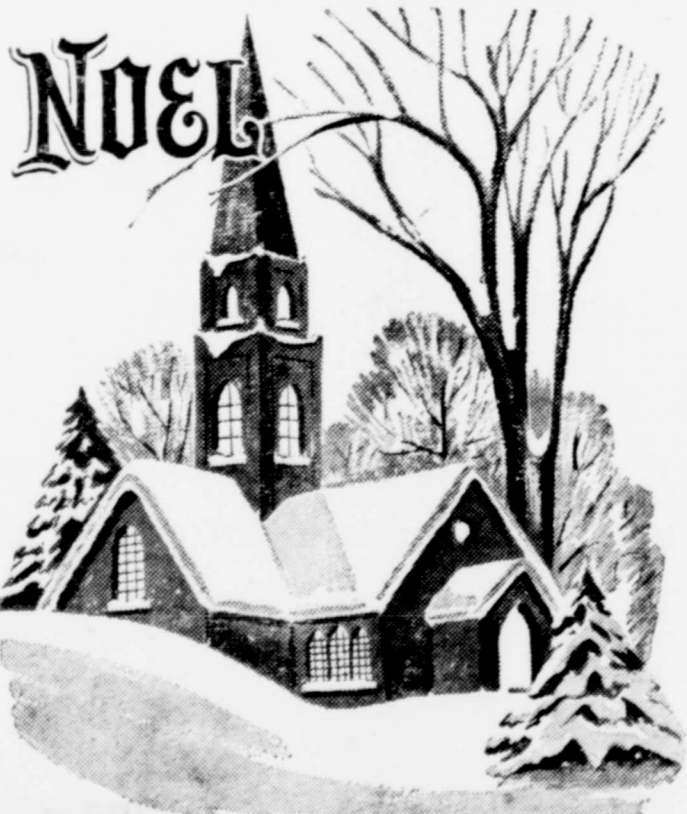
Bing Crosby, Grace Kelly and Frank Sinatra bring you songs, laughs and romance in "High Society," M-G-M's big new musical with a flock of new Cole Porter songs hits. Filmed in VistaVision and Technicolor, the outstanding attraction co-stars Celeste Holm, John Lund, Louis Calhern, Sidney Blackmer and Louis Armstrong and his Band.



The shaggy dog is Happy, his master is Bob Hope, and the other, dismayed principals in this scene from "That Certain Feeling" are George Sanders and Eva Marie Saint. The Technicolor delight opens Thursday at the State Theatre. Popular singer Pearl Bailey has the top featured role and cartoonist Al Capp makes a guest appearance in the Paramount VistaVision film.



Ginger Rogers suffers emotional torment at the hands of her "Teenage Rebel" daughter, played by Betty Lou Keim, in this scene from the Twentieth Century-Fox production in CinemaScope at the State Theatre. Michael Rennie, as the youngster's stepfather, also is starred in the Charles Brackett production directed by Edmund Goulding. It is based on Edith Sommer's Broadway hit play "A Roomful of Roses."



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"Teenage Rebel"
 The modern-day story of a mother who has lost her daughter in a divorce settlement some years back, and of her efforts to win over the love of this innocent victim of her earlier indiscretion, will be told in "Teenage Rebel" which opens Tuesday at the State Theatre.

The Twentieth Century-Fox CinemaScope drama, based on the Broadway stage play "A Roomful of Roses" by Edith Sommer, headlines Ginger Rogers, Michael Rennie, and three stars of the future, Betty Lou Keim, Warren Berlinger and Diane Jergens. The central figures in the film plot are the latter three, all teenagers, who represent the initial phase of the film company's current campaign to develop new faces in motion pictures.

Betty Lou Keim, already established on Broadway and TV and with the MGM film, "The Wilder Years," before she was signed by Twentieth Century - Fox, plays the role she created on the stage—that of the teenage daughter who has developed an extreme dislike for her mother. Handsome young Warren Berlinger also comes to the picture from "A Roomful of Roses," and makes his film debut in the screen version. A product of the Broadway stage and TV, he has won considerable critical praise for his acting ability. The fine notices on his performances in the TV version of "Kiss and Tell" are a recent example. Diane Jergens, who plays Berlinger's sister in "Teenage Rebel" already has appeared in several films and is also a talented TV performer. Her most recent film role was in "Friendly Persuasion."

"That Certain Feeling"
 Bob Hope's latest picture, "That Certain Feeling," shapes up as a film with all the special qualities that mark great comedies: warmth, heart and hilarity. Arriving Thursday as the State Theatre's next attraction, it stars Hope, Oscar-winning Eva Marie Saint and George Sanders and features singer Pearl Bailey in a story that should provide the year's best laughs.

In color by Technicolor and VistaVision, the Paramount opus once again presents Hope in a straight role, the type that was so successful for him in "The Seven Little Foys." He portrays a talented comic-strip artist who has trouble holding jobs because of an unusual psychological quirk—a problem he faces often because his happy-go-lucky attitude rubs bosses the wrong way.

The merry plot, an adaptation of the Broadway hit "The King of Hearts," has Eva Marie Saint, Academy-honored for her dramatic role in "On the Waterfront," performing her first comedy role. As Hope's ambitious ex-wife, she sets the story in motion by hiring him to "ghost" the famous comic strip of her boss and fiancée, George Sanders, thus precipitating a situation that eventually involves two lovable kids, a monstrous dog, a senator, and a wild burlesque of a famous TV show.

"Fort Yuma"
 Adventure and romance on the Frontier when the United States Cavalry and the Apache Indians were at each other's throats keys the action of "Fort Yuma." Bell-Air Productions' exciting Technicolor adventure drama for United Artists release, which opens Saturday at the State Theatre. Peter Graves, Joan Vohs, John Hudson and Joan Taylor are co-starred in the thriller filmed entirely outdoors amid the scenic splendor of Zion National Park on the Utah - Arizona border, where many of the memorable struggles depicted in the picture actually took place.

The story centers around the horror-filled days and dangerous nights on the open desert as Graves, in the role of Lieutenant Ben Keegan, a veteran cavalry officer, with a distrust for all Indians, leading a column of reinforcements to Fort Yuma, is stalked at every turn by Apache Chief Mangas' son and his Membrero tribe. Around this dramatic situation hinges the tense action of the film.

"High Society"
 Bing Crosby, Grace Kelly and Frank Sinatra, each an Academy Award winner, topping the year's outstanding cast. Cole Porter's first original score for a motion picture in ten years. Louis Armstrong and His Band. Crosby and Sinatra singing together on the screen for the first time. Grace Kelly making her debut in a musical.

That's the unbeatable entertainment offered in Sol. C. Siegel's production of "High Society." The big attraction filmed in Vista Vision and color and released by MGM opens Sunday at the State Theatre.

Laid against a glittering background of Newport's social world and its summer jazz festival, the story of "High Society" has a full quota of laughs in a plot revolving around a beautiful society girl who can't make up her mind about which husband she wants, the respective happy-go-lucky sportsman and stuffy careerman who vie for her affections, and the snooty magazine reporter who appears on the



ALL THAI-ED UP IN TRAINING—Fighting efficiency of the U.S. Marine Corps is passed along by an American leatherneck to a Thailand Marine at the Royal Thai Naval Base in Sattahip, Thailand. Training program is part of a bilateral Thai-U.S. military program called "Operation Teamwork." The program climaxed with an amphibious "invasion" of Had Chao Samrah Beach by Marines of the two nations.

scene in quest of scandal but ends up in arranging for the right romantic parties to get together.

"The Little Kidnappers"
 "The Little Kidnappers," opening Saturday at the State Theatre through United Artists release, is an accurately descriptive title. The bold baby snatchers of the story are a pair of boys, eight and five.

The film, in which suspense and tenderness are the prime ingredients, is the unusual story of the kidnapping of an infant, set against the background of Nova Scotia in the early years of the Twentieth Century.

A presentation of the J. Arthur Rank Organization. "The Little Kidnappers" was adapted for the screen by Neil Paterson (author of the recent "Man on a Tightrope") from his own best-selling novel. Philip Leacock directed the film, which was produced by Sergei Nolbandov and Leslie Parkyn. Heading the cast are Duncan Macrae, Jean Anderson, Adrienne Corri, Theodore Bikel, Jon Whiteley and Vincent Winter.

Male mosquitoes live on flowers while females live on animals.

FHA Girls Christmas Program Given Wed. In Regular Meeting

Totsy West, a member of the Future Homemakers class of Winters High School, selected and directed the Christmas Story at the regular meeting of the FHA held Wednesday in the home-making department.

Karen Smith, president, presided at the meeting and the narrator for the story was Elizabeth Mitchell.

The characters in the pantomime were Edna Lewallen as the Inn-keeper; Lavanda Russell, Mary; Ann Presley, Joseph; Clea Gerhart, Angel; Ophelia Dietz, Nina Hord, Marilyn Mitchell, Wiseman; Carol Cathey, Cassie Barron, and Nancy Roberts as the Shepherds.

Mrs. A. L. Mitchell was a visitor.

VISITING RELATIVES
 Mrs. C. L. Hudgens and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Jennings and family of Arlington are spending the holidays visiting with relatives. Mrs. Hudgens is Mrs. Albert Spill's sister and Mr. Jennings is the son of Dr. and Mrs. T. V. Jennings.

Yuletide Customs Come From Various European Nations

Christmas customs remind us of the spirit of giving and rejoicing, however, many of these date back before the coming of Christ.

Many of the people of Europe looked forward each winter to the return of longer days of sunshine and to show their joy the Jews had a Festival of Lights, the Norsemen held a Yuletide celebration and the Romans a Feast of Saturn.

During the Christmas season, fire, candles, lamps, the burning of the Yule log, and brightly lighted homes and streets play an important role in our decorations, which date back to the early times and the love for the warmth of the sun's rays.

From the time of the singing of the first Christmas carol by the angels to herald the Christ Child's birth, music has been an important part of Christmas.

Special Christmas music was played by bands and musicians in Southern Italy. They would assemble and visit the homes throughout their community. On the Great Hungarian Plains this custom is called "Bethlehem Sing-

ing." Northern and Western Europe are responsible for the burning of the Yule log. The big log is cut and one end placed in the fire to burn slowly to last throughout the holidays. On Christmas morning the first neighbor is handed a shovel to strike the log and make a wish as the sparks fly.

The German people presented the tree idea. Christmas feasts originated with the Norwegians, the feast is followed by singing and dancing and distributing of gifts. Celebrations are similar in Sweden. Customs of the British Isles are similar to those of the continent.

Even though Christmas customs may differ from one country to another, the real Christmas spirit remains much the same, no matter where a person lives.

IN JOHNSON HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Johnson of Olney, Mrs. John Presley and family of Laurel, Miss., Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Clark of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hathorne of Abilene are spending Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson.

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