



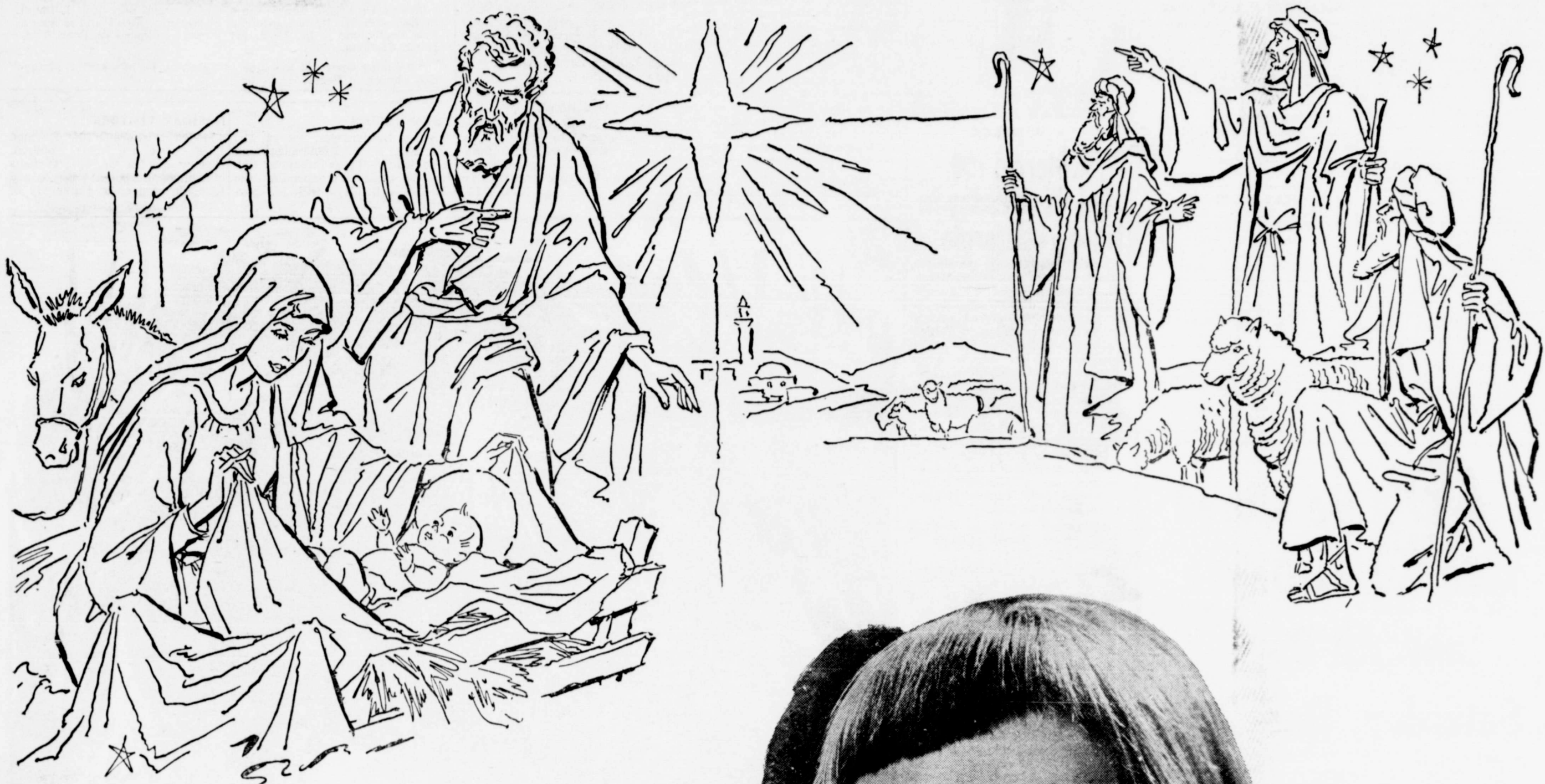
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On Earth, Peace, Good Will Toward Men.

"And A Little Child Shall Lead Them"...

At Christmastime let us become as children, with faith pure and simple. Let our hearts open wide to the significant message revealed at Bethlehem and renewed once again unto us all this season. Let us strive for a lasting friendship with our fellows, and be blessed by Him with the spirit of the Holy Holiday all year long.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Highway Dept. Gives Total of 41st Year Of Operation

The Texas Highway Department has just totaled its forty-first year of operation. State Highway Engineer D. C. Greer said that 80 per cent of the funds expended during the past year were for construction, and 13 per cent for maintenance.

"Less than two-thirds of one percent was spent for the administration of the Highway Department, and the remaining six and one-third percent went for the highway patrol and miscellaneous operations.

"The 80 percent expended for construction is the largest percent that has gone for this item since the few years soon after the creation of the Highway Department. Almost all of the expenditures went for construction in those early days, as the counties were responsible for highway maintenance of state highways in 1924.

"Over the 41 years, 70 percent of the funds have been expended for construction," Greer said.

Greer stated that during the past year, 19 percent of the revenue of the Department came from license plates, 32 percent from the gasoline tax, 43 percent from the federal government, and the remaining 6 percent from miscellaneous sources.

FROM SAN ANGELO

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Robbins and family of San Angelo will spend Christmas visiting in the home of Mrs. Frances Campbell and with other relatives.

FROM SAN ANTONIO

Gayle McHuge of San Antonio will spend Christmas visiting in the home of Mrs. Laura Howell.

FROM NORTH TEXAS STATE

Serena Minzenmayer, student of North Texas State College in Denton, arrived Friday to spend the Christmas holidays visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Minzenmayer.

FROM BALLINGER

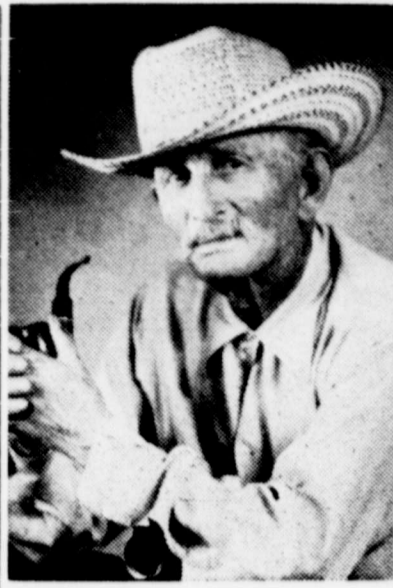
Mrs. Luella Rampy and E. C. Pape of Ballinger will spend Christmas day with the Floyd Sims.

IN WESSELS HOME

Patricia Wessels, student of North Texas State College in Denton, is spending the holidays visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Wessels.

Wanna know the only thing wrong with that dollar that used to buy twice as much? You didn't have it.

In the 41 years of operation, \$3.3 billion dollars have been spent on the Texas Highway System. The System now consists of 60,374 miles.



W. A. MERCK

W. A. Merck, 100, Died Wednesday In Tulare, California

Funeral services are pending in Tulare, California for W. A. Merck, 100, former resident of Runnels County, who died Wednesday in Tulare. He had suffered several strokes since returning to California from Winters after celebrating his 100th birthday July 4, in the home of his granddaughter, Mrs. Vernon Fuller of the Content community.

Born July 4, 1859 in Alabama, Mr. Merck moved to Blanco County, Texas 1869. He was the son of a Confederate army veteran. He married Minnie Lee Spencer, daughter of a Kimble County Judge and granddaughter of Capt. Creed Taylor, in 1896.

The couple moved to Runnels County from Kimble County in 1922.

Mr. Merck, a cowpuncher before his marriage, was a farmer and horse breaker prior to his retirement in 1927. Mr. and Mrs. Merck moved to Tulare, California in 1943 and Mrs. Merck died the following year.

Survivors include two sets of twins, Alby and Elby of Fort Worth and Roy Merck of Stockton, Calif., and Mrs. Renzie Hopkins of Tulare.

Other survivors include another son, Dan of Lubbock; three other daughters, Mrs. Zella Autrey of Santa Maria, Mrs. Lena Nothcutt of Austin and Mrs. Carrie Matthews of Rock Springs; 37 grandchildren; 53 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Merck also reared

Guide for Analyzing Farm Or Ranch Operation Released

A guide for estimating the return to labor and management and a listing of resources needed for a \$2,500 labor-management income in Central and East Texas has been released by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

It should be especially helpful to persons now farming or ranching or contemplating doing so in these areas. The guide was written by Tom E. Prater, extension farm management specialist; Sidney L. Jenkins, extension agent in farm management and other Texas A & M personnel.

Ten enterprises are budgeted, with a goal of \$2,500 estimated return to labor-management, except with feeder pigs, Prater said. Enterprises considered are: cow-calf (beef operation), timber, timber-

beef, sheep, feeder pigs, slaughter hogs, commercial egg production, broilers, turkeys and dairy cattle.

Estimated expenses and estimated income from the 10 operations are also listed and space is provided for you to estimate the value of your particular operation and compare it with the guide. Estimates were obtained from research data and other sources that are applicable to the enterprise in these areas. The estimates should be used as a guide, with adjustments in a particular situation, Prater added.

Contact your local county agent for a copy or write the Agricultural Information Office, Texas A & M, College Station. Ask for MP-380.

IN MILLIORN HOME

T-Sgt and Mrs. Bob McClelland and Debbie of Waco, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Milliorn and son of Bozeman, Montana are spending the Christmas holidays visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Milliorn.

two Indian boys, Charlie Carnes of Keota, Okla. and his brother, Odie, killed in World War II.

Daughter of Former Residents Will Wed Air Force Lieutenant In February

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Poe Jr., of Pecos have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Nancy Joe of Dallas, to Richard Warren Wheeler, of Fayetteville, N. C.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. C. R. Hightower and Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Poe of Winters.

A graduate of Christian College, Columbia, Mo., the bride-elect, Phi Theta Kappa, received her degree in fine arts and continued her arts major at the University of Kentucky.

The future bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy J. Mann of Robinson, Ill. He is a graduate of Western Illinois and is now a first lieutenant in the U. S. Air Force, stationed at Pope AFB, North Carolina.

Wedding vows will be repeated February 14, in the First Methodist Church in Pecos.

FROM SEGUIN

Bobby Bredemeyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Bredemeyer and a student of Texas Lutheran College in Seguin, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents.

HOLIDAY VISITORS

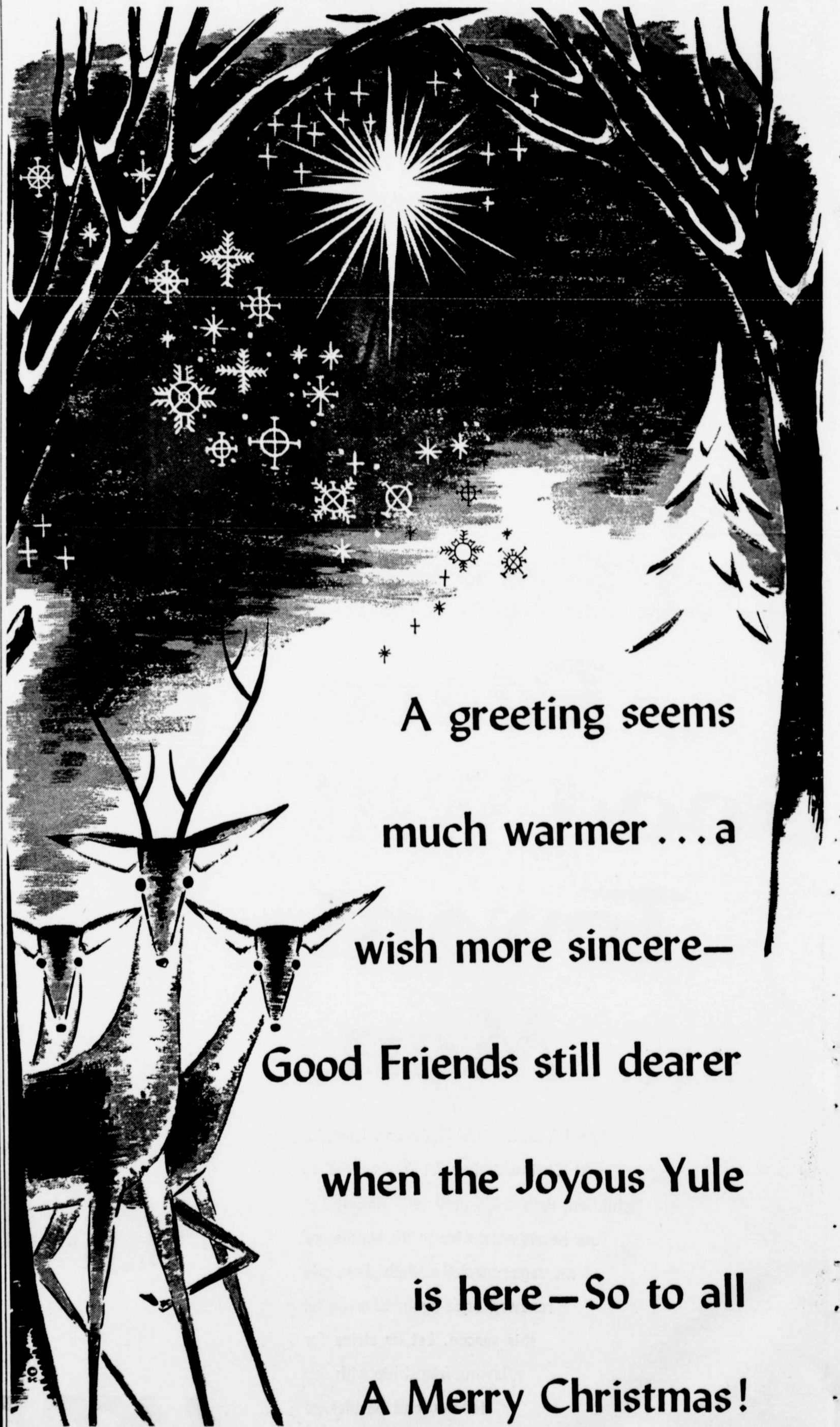
Holiday visitors in the Raymon Lloyd home are their children, Rodney and Martha, both students of Abilene Christian College, and Kenneth, student of University of Cincinnati.

**We Will Be Closed
Christmas Day
and All Day
Saturday, Dec. 26
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Season's Greetings

Our Holiday wish is as warm and bright as the glow of candlelight. May the blessings of Christmas be with you always.

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Good Friends still dearer

when the Joyous Yule

is here—So to all

A Merry Christmas!

City Grocery



Deanne Puckett and Buddy Mathes Exchanged Marriage Vows Dec. 18

Linda Deanne Puckett, daughter of Mrs. Nina B. Puckett, and Buddy Mathes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Bunch, exchanged marriage vows at 7:30 p.m. Friday, December 18, in the home of the bride's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Drake.

The Rev. B. T. Shoemaker, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiated for the double ring ceremony before an improvised altar decorated with baskets of white gladioli and candelabras holding white tapers.

Nona Davidson was maid of honor and Jimmy Largent of Spearman served as best man. Miss Davidson wore a blue two piece wool crepe dress designed with a boat-shaped neckline and a rolled collar. She wore a white feathered half hat and her accessories were blue. Her corsage was pink carnations.

Given in marriage by her brother-in-law, J. T. Sprinkle, the bride wore a white wool dress fashioned with a fitted bodice, coachman collar and three quarter length sleeves. The wide belt was fastened with a rhinestone pin. Her accessories were blue and she carried a colonial bouquet of white feathered carnations.

Immediately following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Drake home. The bride's table

laid with net over white taffeta was centered with an arrangement of red carnations. Table appointments were of milk glass. Members of the house party were Judy Ledbetter, Sammie Lou Jones and Beverly Bedford.

The bride, a 1959 graduate of Winters High School, is employed in Abilene with Life and Casualty Insurance Company of Tennessee. The bridegroom, also a 1959 graduate of WHS, is employed at Thorntons Food Store in Abilene where the couple will make their home.

VISITING PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Poe, Susan and Kyle of Eunice, New Mexico will spend the Christmas holidays visiting with their parents, Mrs. Fred Poe, and Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Mills and with other relatives.

FROM ABILENE

Sammie Lou Jones, student of McMurry College in Abilene, is spending the holidays visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones.

TO SAN ANGELO

Rev. and Mrs. Virgil James and family will spend Christmas day visiting with his mother, Mrs. Nola James in San Angelo.



MRS. RAY BRYANT

(Photo by Little)

Martha Mae Russell Became The Bride Of Ray Bryant Saturday, December 19

Martha Mae Russell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Russell, became the bride of Ray Bryant, son of Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Bryant of Tupelo, Mississippi, Saturday, December 19, at 7 p.m. in the home of Rev. and Mrs. B. T. Shoemaker.

Rev. Shoemaker officiated for the double ring ceremony.

Carolyn Green of Winters was maid of honor and Fred James of Lubbock was best man.

The bride wore a ballerina length gown of white lace over satin with a scalloped neckline, fitted bodice and bouffant skirt. Her veil of illusion fell from a half hat studded with seed pearls. She carried a bouquet of blue carnations atop a white Bible.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carver in Abilene.

The bride is a 1958 graduate of Winters high school and Draughtons Business College in San Antonio. The bridegroom is a 1956 graduate of Sherman High School in Sherman, Mississippi. He received his discharge from the Air Force December 14.

The couple will make their home in Memphis, Tennessee.

HOLIDAY VISITORS

Holiday visitors in the T. A. Smith home are Mr. and Mrs. Granville Long and Stacy of Austin. They also will visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Granville Long Sr.

Ready for Christmas

By Rachel Hartman

Christmas demands so many preparations—the cookies to be baked, the silver to be polished, the children's gift-making to be supervised, the church programs to be planned, all that shopping to be done! But are we prepared in our hearts?

Mary was ready for that first Christmas, of course. We like to think about her careful preparations and growing love for the little One who was to come. She had been pondering things in her heart long before that star-bright night when the shepherds came with a story of chrousing angels and radiant skies.

The shepherds were ready, probably awake watching the sheep. Somehow their hearts must have been ready, too, because they believed when they saw something they had never seen before. They didn't tell themselves they had been dreaming; they followed the angel's directions to the manger where the Christchild was.

Several Oriental astrologers were watching, prepared for a significant sign in the heavens. And when they saw it they had the courage to start on a long and difficult journey to find the One they believed to be King of the Jews.

There were some who were unprepared that night—the innkeeper and other residents of Bethlehem. Afterward they probably wished they had known it was going to be that night. Probably even Herod wished someone had warned him.

And today as we face Christmas we need to be prepared. If you did not see a single star or wreath or greeting card or candle or bell, would you know that it was Christmas?

Several years ago, in December, two missionaries were imprisoned by Chinese Communists. Their possessions all had been confiscated and the two men were placed in a small room with a guard but were not permitted to speak to each other. Wakening early, one missionary remembered that it was Christmas morning. "They had been keeping track of the days by marks on the wall." He wanted very much to give some greeting to his friend across the room but dared not alarm the guard. Suddenly he had an idea.

Pulling several pieces of straw from under his bedroll he set them up beside him, carefully spelling out the word "Immanuel."

January Wedding Plans Are Revealed For Linda Bunger and Dane Grant

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Bunger are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Linda, to Dane Grant, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Grant of Lubbock.

Wedding vows will be repeated Sunday, January 24, in the First Christian Church in Breckenridge.

A smile lighted the face of the other missionary as the truth of "Immanuel—God with us" lifted his sagging spirits. In the silence of that dismal prison, Christmas carols rang in their hearts. The men, later released, were able to tell their own families of the joy of that Christmas Day with no gifts or choir music or decorations, but the real meaning of Christmas, that God has come to share our life.

We hope we will never need to see a Christmas without all the charming accoutrements of the season, but if we should would we still have Christmas, as those two prisoners did? At the first Christ-

mas, God came into the world in human form. Today, in another sense, God is taking human form—ours—as we give our bodies and personalities to Him.

Christina Rossetti has a charming line in one of her poems, "Love came down at Christmas." Jesus Christ is Love in human form, where we can understand it a little better. And if Christ is in us, we should be the embodiment of love, too. Perhaps we ought to read the 13th chapter of I Corinthians often in these days before see a Christmas without all the charming accoutrements of the season, but if we should would we still have Christmas, as those two prisoners did? At the first Christ-



Merry Christmas!

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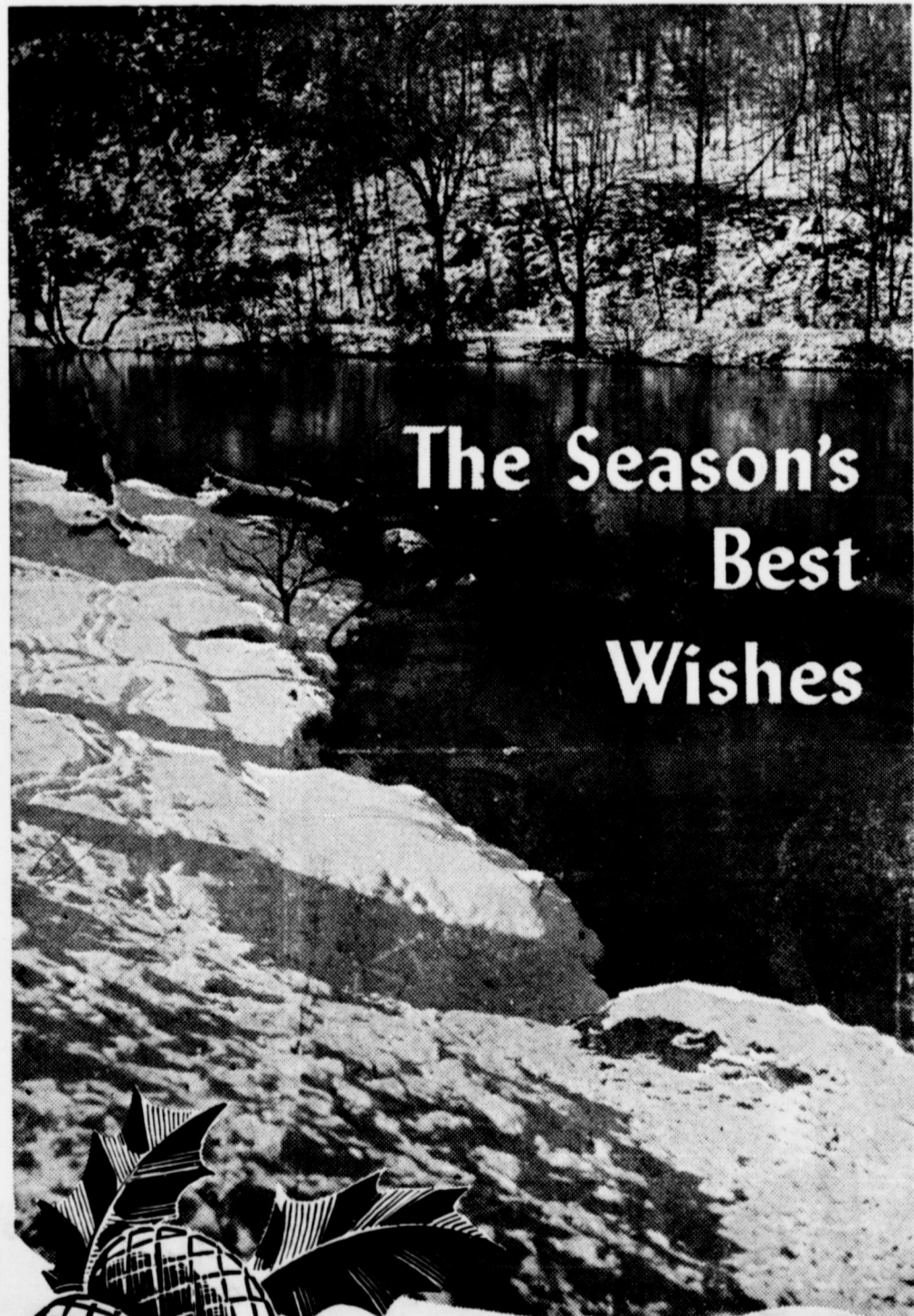
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Amusements Coming to Local Theatres

AT THE STATE THEATRE

"SHANE"

Ever since the first motion picture glorified the strong, silent men who fought for law and order on the Western plains, producers have been improving on this ever-popular theme. But to date no one, according to the highest authorities on the subject, has been able to top George Stevens and his Technicolor production of the Paramount all-time champion, "Shane," which starts its re-run Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 31, January 1 and 2 at the State Theatre.

Starring Alan Ladd, Van Heflin and Jean Arthur with young Brandon De Wilde and Jack Palance in the much talked-about role of the black-garbed gunslinger Wilson, "Shane" is no ordinary Western. It is based on Jack Schaefer's memorable novel of the same name, and the screenplay was written by Pulitzer prize winner, A. B. Guthrie, Jr. The story is unflooded against a background of such breathtaking beauty that cameraman Loyal Griggs won an

Academy Award for his strikingly scenic photography.

The drama recounts the fierce struggle between courageous but late-coming homesteaders and the equally courageous cattlemen who, right or wrong, resented the newcomers whose cause Ladd champions.

"BLUE DENIM"

"Blue Denim," starring three of the fastest rising young members of the acting profession, Carol Lynley, Brandon De Wilde and Warren Berlinger, is a serious insight into some of the most perplexing social problems confronting teenagers today. . . children unable to communicate with their parents and the unfortunate consequences of teen-age promiscuity. "Blue Denim" which opens Sunday at the State Theatre, forces the spotlight on illegal operations many teenage unweds are made to seek out.

Produced in CinemaScope by Charles Brackett and directed by Philip Dunne, this Twentieth Cen-

tury-Fox adaptation of the successful Broadway play by William Noble and James Leo Herlihy will be released nationally in late July.

The film follows Twentieth's long-range policy of training its cameramen on important social problems, a policy which has met with so much success in such motion pictures as "Gentlemen's Agreement," "The Snake Pit," and "A Hatful of Rain."

"JUKE BOX RHYTHM"

Columbia Pictures' "Juke Box Rhythm," a musical frolic starring Jo Morrow, Jack Jones and Brian Donlevy, opens Saturday Midnight at the State Theatre. George Jessel guest stars and the musical talent also includes the Earl Grant Trio, the Nitwits with Sid Millward and Wally Stewart, Johnny Otis and the Treniers.

Said to be the musical surprise of the year, "Juke Box Rhythm" is the story of a princess who took off her crown and let her hair down. Miss Morrow, one of the Columbia studio's upcoming starlets, is delightful in the royal role.

In America to buy a wardrobe for her coronation, she meets brash young singer, Jack Jones, whose impoverished producer—father, Brian Donlevy, is looking for money to put on a Broadway show. How the princess gets her wardrobe, Jones gets the princess and Donlevy gets his money is said to make for a joyously rhythmic jamboree.

"GIGANTIS, THE FIRE MONSTER"

Not one—but two, flaming, fighting monsters from an unknown world invade the motion picture screen when "Gigantis, The Fire Monster" opens at the State Theatre Saturday night. Presented by Paul Schreiber and distributed by Warner Bros., the film stars deadly Gigantis and maddened Angurus, two hundred tons of beast that set out to ravage and destroy the world.

Partly by instinct and partly by the disturbance of mankind, the two monsters from a long-lost world are released from their remote island home and turn their hatred toward a quiet city and its people. However, their fury is not spent in this one city alone: Gigantis, the stronger of the two giants, attacks Angurus and kills him after a fantastic animal battle that used to be seen only in prehistoric times.

But this is modern warfare. After Angurus, torn and bleeding, falls into the sea and dies, Gigantis turns his hatred and revenge against the people of the world, and man is faced with the most terrible war he has ever fought.

"HEY BOY! HEY GIRL!"

Hey boy! Hey girls! Here's Louis Prima and Keely Smith, America's No. 1 song-and-fun team, starred in their first big movie, Columbia Pictures' "Hey Boy! Hey Girl!" is showing Thursday, New Year's Eve Midnight at the State Theatre, a truly wonderful story with a brand new heart-beat and some real torrid musical entertainment.

"Hey Boy! Hey Girl!" starts with Keely's effort to persuade Prima and Sam Butera and the Witnesses to play at a church bazaar for James Gregory's summer camp fund drive, if Keely will try out as band vocalist. Their professional relationship ripens into love but the fly in the ointment is Kim Charney, Keely's kid brother, whose opposition to the band leader must be overcome. It is, too, but not before Louis and Keely really go to town to send some big city kids to the country.

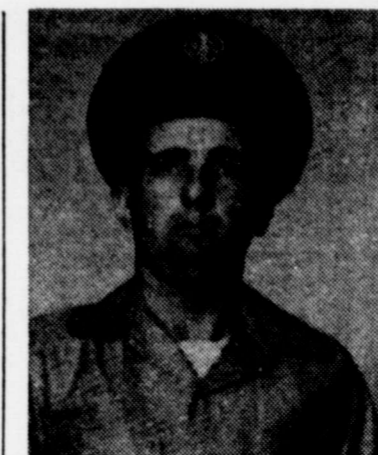
Prima sings "Oh Marie," "Lazy River" and "When the Saints Go Marching In," and his latest sensation, "A Banana Split for My Baby," belting out these songs like the real pro he is. Keely Smith is heard in Autumn Leaves," "Nitey Night" and "You Are My Love." The top-flight entertainment team together sing the delightful new title song, "Hey Boy! Hey Girl!" Sam Butera and the Witnesses, the sensational instrumental-vocal group, back up Prima and Miss Smith in their numbers. Butera whams home a frenetic version of "Fever."

"THE KING"

Clark Gable, who for many years has been affectionately dubbed "The King" by his friends and colleagues in the movie colony, seems to be determined to become known instead as "The King of Comedy." Having walked off with top honors in the laugh field with his highly successful "Teacher's Pet," Gable is headed for another riotous record-breaker with his performance in Paramount's new Perlberg-Seaton Production, "But Not for Me," which is due to arrive next Thursday and Friday at the State Theatre.

"The King" is no novice in the art of making people laugh. As the star's many fans will remember, although he was side-tracked into action and adventure films, he won an Academy Award for his hilarious acting in the comedy hit, "It Happened One Night." He now seems to be well on the way toward proving to the cool teen-aged offspring of his own generation that he's a real gone comedian with his male magnetism still powerful enough to attract young lovelies like Carroll Baker, Miss Baker, Lilli Palmer and Lee J. Cobb, co-star in "But Not for Me."

In his new film Gable has a role made to order for his talents in both the laugh and the love departments. He portrays a reluctantly aging theatrical producer whose ex-wife (Lilli Palmer) still keeps a possessive eye on him ostensibly to protect her alimony interests. He is having his problems getting his pet playwright (Lee J. Cobb) to come up with a satisfactory script. But when his secretary (Carroll Baker) makes a surprise pass at him, he decides that she has hit on the angle the play needs—a young girl pursuing the older man. He romances Carroll to help Cobb write a "realistic" play, but Carroll's boy friend (Barry Cobb) and Miss Palmer get in the act with results that should make "But Not for Me" a picture for everybody.



AIRMAN REUBEN L. SAMPLE

Airman Sample Has Completed Basic Military Training

Airman Reuben L. Sample, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland D. Sample of Winters, has completed his Air Force basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base. He has been selected to attend the technical training course for supply specialists at Amarillo AFB, Texas. He graduated from Winters High School.

Basic airmen at Lackland are selected for specialized training at

HOLIDAY VISITORS

Holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Ueckert were their children, Altus and Keith, both students of Texas Lutheran College in Seguin.

IN GLENN HOME

Jimmy Glenn, student of Texas University in Austin, is spending the holiday visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Glenn and other relatives.

Mrs. W. D. Sanders Gave Program At Literary Service

"Native Christmas Customs, Legends and Carols" was the topic of the program presented by Mrs. W. D. Sanders at the Christmas party for members of the Literary and Service Thursday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Roberson. Mrs. B. T. Shoemaker and Mrs. Russell Mote shared hostess duties with Mrs. Roberson.

Mrs. H. M. Nichols led the club in reading the collect and response to roll call was "Favorite Christmas Carols." Mrs. H. K. Flathmann presided for a short business session and Mrs. Charles Kruse Jr. introduced the program.

Mrs. W. T. Stapler and Mrs. Weldon Minzenmayer played Santa Claus and delivered gifts to members from their "secret pal." After gifts were exchanged, Mrs.

Earl Dorsett led the group in singing carols accompanied by Mrs. Floyd Sims.

Those present were Mesdames J. W. Bahlman, E. L. Craig, John Davis, Earl Dorsett, L. E. Ellison, H. K. Flathmann, Sallie Gray, Lee Harrison, J. C. Jarrell, Charles Kruse Jr., Weldon Minzenmayer, Z. B. Morgan, H. M. Nichols, Frederic Poe, James Randolph, Roy D. Riggs Jr., W. D. Sanders, Floyd Sims, W. T. Stapler, Claude Tatum and the hostess.

FROM ROSWELL, N. M.

Lt. and Mrs. Sherwood McNelly and son of Roswell, New Mexico will spend the Christmas week end visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Liddell.

IN KRAATZ HOME

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

VISITING PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Don Davis of Claredon will spend Christmas week end visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilma C. Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Virden.

technical schools on the basis of their interests and aptitudes. They are reassigned to the school after four weeks of basic, and are given additional military basic training along with the technical subjects.

A Christmas Prayer

Let us rejoice now, for the Prince of Peace is born again, bringing us a renewal of faith and hope.

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Season's Greetings

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Out of Legend and Fact Comes Santa Claus Image As We Know It

Why does Santa Claus have a white beard? Why does he drive a sleigh and have six reindeer? Why does he enter by way of the chimney? And where did he get his name, Santa Claus? How old is he and where was he born?

Even with the best reference sources, it's difficult to establish just one set of facts about Santa Claus. But, after all, is it so important whether the name Santa Claus has its origin in the Dutch "Sint Nikolass" or "Sinterklass" or in the German "Christkindl" or "Kristking" or "Kris Kringle" or "Kris Kringle"?

Such inconsistencies actually make the history of Santa Claus and his forerunners all the more interesting.

It is generally agreed that the idea for our modern day Santa Claus began with a young boy called Nicholas over 1600 years ago.

During his early years, growing up in the Asia Minor portion of present-day Turkey, he was a generous and pious. These qualities grew within him until as a

man he became the Bishop of Myra.

His most famous deed of generosity was directed toward three beautiful daughters of a poor nobleman. He wanted dowries for these girls so they could be married and well cared for.

So, Nicholas on three different nights tossed bags of gold through a window of their home so each daughter could be married.

This tale was translated into languages the world over and soon, whenever unexpected gifts were received St. Nicholas was credited.

St. Nicholas, known by other names adapted to the spoken language, was pictured as a kindly, white bearded, black robed bishop who rode a white horse over the housetops when he distributed gifts.

So it is to St. Nicholas that we give thanks for Santa's custom of giving, full white beard, riding over housetops, and, partially, for his name.

Santa Claus had many other forerunners, some who still bring

gifts in his place to children in other lands.

Another "ancestor" of Santa" came from Germany. "Christ-kindl," sometimes called "Kristking" is a little girl, a messenger of the Christ child.

This same angel-girl also was the gift-giver to the Swiss children. There she arrived in a sleigh drawn by six reindeer.

In Norway, "Julenissen" or "Jul Tomten," a gay elf, left gifts in the hayloft and in return received a bowl of pudding from the children.

So, in Norway, Santa's fine helpers, the elves, were found.

And in England, the chimney was swept before New Year's Day so that good luck would have a way into the home. This, then, was the novel and perfect way for Santa Claus to make his deliveries.

Dr. Clement Clark Moore, a seminary professor, wrote "A Visit From St. Nicholas" ("The Night Before Christmas") for his seven children. He vividly described Santa Claus, bringing together all the many legends that were "known" at that time.

In 1863, cartoonist Thomas Nast was commissioned to illustrate Moore's poem. Santa Claus, much as we see him today pictured everywhere at Christmas, emerged on Nast's drawing board 94 years ago in New York City.

Three years later it was definitely decided that this red and white garbed fellow known as Santa Claus—with the big heart, the jolly face and abundant goodwill—is here to stay and is quite, quite real!

The decision came in a famous letter published in the New York Sun in 1897. It was the answer to an inquiry received from Virginia O'Hanlon, an eight year old girl. She asked, "Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?"

The reply that stirred the hearts of people across the nation came from Francis E. Church. . . . "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. . . . ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

Cotton Root Rot—A Serious Problem

Root rot takes a big bite out of many cotton farmer's profits. Harlan E. Smith, extension plant pathologist, says the average loss has been an estimated 25 percent for all growers of the central Blackland area. Lower Rio Grande Valley growers lost an average of 10 percent, he adds, with losses in some fields in these areas as high as 80 or 90 percent.

Although root rot cannot be eliminated, it can be reduced. Now is the time for growers to plan their campaign against this disease. Smith gives these pointers toward reducing root rot: deep plow badly infested areas; grow resistant crops in rotation; turn under large tonnages of organic matter; produce early cotton; fertilize properly; and avoid excessive planting rates. Remember, emphasizes the pathologist, a combination of these practices carried on for a number of years is necessary for best results.

Where recommended practices have been carried out over a period of years, root rot damage has been reduced from 75 to 5 percent or less. For further information on how to prevent this profit eating disease see your local county agent and ask for the new publication, "Root Rot Losses of Cotton Can Be Reduced."

IN GRAY HOME

Ray Gray, who is stationed at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, will spend Christmas visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Gray.

IN STRICKLAND HOME

Jerry Strickland, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Strickland and a student of North Texas State College in Denton is spending the holidays with his parents.

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Lorene Clark
Joye Shade



To all our many friends and customers—
may you enjoy the happiest holiday ever!

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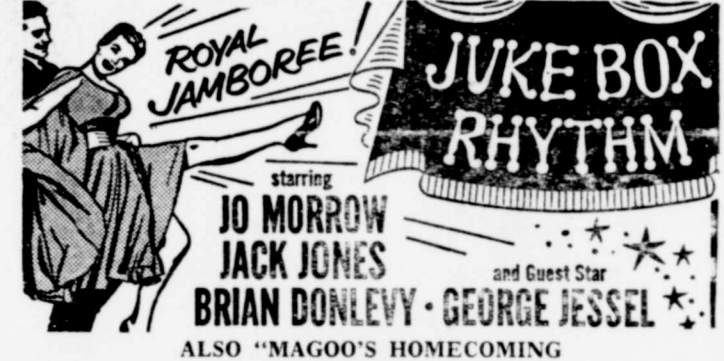


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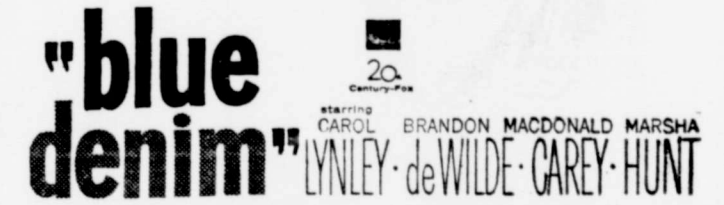
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THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY
DECEMBER 31—JANUARY 1-2



Former Resident Died In Lubbock

Johnny Johnson of Lubbock, former resident of Winters, died suddenly in his store in Lubbock Wednesday afternoon.

He was associated with Gardner Dry Goods here for several years and married the former Vida Curry, sister of John T. Curry of Winters. The couple had lived in Lubbock ten years and Mr. Johnson was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Funeral services will be held Friday and John Curry and Delbert Koehler plan to attend.

FROM SOUTH CAROLINA

Marvin Gerhart who is stationed at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, will spend the Christmas holidays visiting with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Gerhart.

HERE CHRISTMAS DAY

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Key of Balinger will spend Christmas Day visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer C. Davis.

IN PRESLEY HOME

Ann Presley, student of Texas Lutheran College in Seguin, is spending the holidays visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Presley.

IN YOUNG HOME

Sylvia Young of Dallas will spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Young.

You make the money my father used to make and I'll cook the way your mother used to cook.

Miss Bunger Nominee For 1960 Who's Who At Texas Tech College

Linda Bunger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Bunger, is among twenty-four Texas Tech students who have been nominated for the 1960 "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Students were selected by a student committee representing Tech's five undergraduate schools. They were nominated by deans, faculty members and students.

Committee selections were based on scholarship, character, leadership and service by the student body. Each nominee must have at least a 1.65 grade-point average for nomination.

Miss Bunger, 2.32 grade-point average, is a senior business administration major at Tech. Her activities include Student Association secretary; Student Council; Delta Delta Delta, president, vice president; Phi Gamma Nu; Mortar Board; Junior Council; Sigma Iota Epsilon; Phi Kappa Phi; All-College Recognition Service; Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, 1958-59.

IN BEDFORD HOME

Beverly Bedford, student of North Texas State College in Denton, arrived Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Bedford.

FROM A AND M

Roeneal Boles, student of Texas A and M in College Station, will spend the holidays visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Boles.



MRS. TOMMY RAY CUMBY (Photo by Little)

Reta L. Fuller Weds Tommy R. Cumby In Mid-Afternoon Ceremony Dec. 19

In a mid-afternoon ceremony Saturday, December 19, Reta Lee Fuller became the bride of Tommy Ray Cumby in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Fuller of Lawn.

Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Cumby of Tuscola.

The Rev. Lester Garrett of the Anson Baptist Church officiated for the double ring ceremony before an improvised altar with a wrought iron arch entwined with plumosa fern, pink and white roses. Baskets of pink and white roses were at either side.

Dexton Shores of Winters, nephew of the bride, was ring bearer.

Mrs. W. D. Shores of Winters served as matron of honor and Patricia Yost of Lawn was bridesmaid.

Bill Swindle of Abilene was best man and Jackie Cumby of Tuscola, brother of the groom, was groomsman.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an ivory bridal satin and imported lace dress fashioned with a fitted bodice extending to a point in the front and a bouffant skirt. The bodice had inserts of lace, a high lace collar and a row of self covered buttons centering the front. Her veil of imported lace fell from a terra studded with seed pearls.

She wore glass slippers, a pearl necklace and earrings, belong to

her sister, Mrs. Dub Shores, a blue garter, and a penny in her shoe. She carried a bouquet of white feathered carnations atop a white satin Bible covered with lace.

Immediately following the ceremony, a reception was held in the home of the bride's parents. Lynda Kendrick presided at the register.

The bride's table, laid with white lace over pink, was centered with a three tiered wedding cake decorated with pink roses and topped with a miniature bride and groom. The cake was on a reflector encircled with pink roses. Jere Merck, cousin of the bride served the cake. Mrs. Wayland Scott ladeled punch and Mrs. Harold Swinney, sister of the groom, served coffee.

For a wedding trip the bride wore a red wool jersey suit, a white feathered hat and white gloves. Other accessories were of black and her corsage was from the bridal bouquet.

The bride is a junior in Jim Ned High School where she was most athletic, class favorite and runner-up best all around. She served as a majorette three years, secretary of the band, song leader of the Future Homemakers of America, student council representative and junior high football sweetheart. She was a member of the basketball, volleyball,

Mrs. Jim Wilburn Gave Program At Junior Culture

Mrs. Jim Wilburn presented program "Don't Commercialize Christmas," at the regular meeting of the Junior Culture Club Thursday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hinds. Mrs. Billy Joe Colburn shared hostess duties.

Each member brought fruit for a basket which will be delivered to a needy family.

Mrs. Rodney Cathey gave the opening prayer and Mrs. J. E. Royce, vice president, presided for the business session.

Mrs. Wilburn gave a brief history of Christmas and gift giving. She stated that if one gives of himself, he gives more than if he is just giving. She also stated that people should keep their individuality and that the activities of a modern Christmas are a far cry of the past, that parents can help their children to learn the true meaning of Christmas by giving them some of their time by showing how to give of themselves. Children will learn the true meaning of Christmas by making gifts for others. Helping others will give you a true Christmas spirit.

Gifts were exchanged from a beautifully decorated Christmas tree and refreshments were served from a table laid with pink lace featuring a miniature white net Christmas tree with colored baubles.

Those present were Mesdames W. F. Bryns, Rodney Cathey, Hal Dry, F. P. Graham, John Griffin, Wendell Holmes, Earl Little, Henry Richardson, J. E. Royce, J. R. Vague, Jerry Ward and the hostesses.

CHRISTMAS VISITORS

Christmas visitors in the Wilma C. Davis home will be their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pate and Tammi of Fort Worth.

softball teams, Pep Club, Choral Club and officer in the Dramatic Club. She also served as song leader for the Content Baptist Church.

The groom is a 1957 graduate of South Taylor High School where he was class favorite, most representative, runner-up for Mr. South Taylor. He was a member of the football, basketball, baseball and volleyball teams, vice president of the Future Farmers of America and class officer. He also was a chapter farmer and a member of the judging team. At the present time he is employed at Motor Parts Service in Abilene, where the couple will make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom O. Carroll To Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary Dec. 27

Mr. and Mrs. Tom O. Carroll will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary Sunday, December 27, from 3 until 5 p. m. in the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. David Carroll, 614 North Rogers.

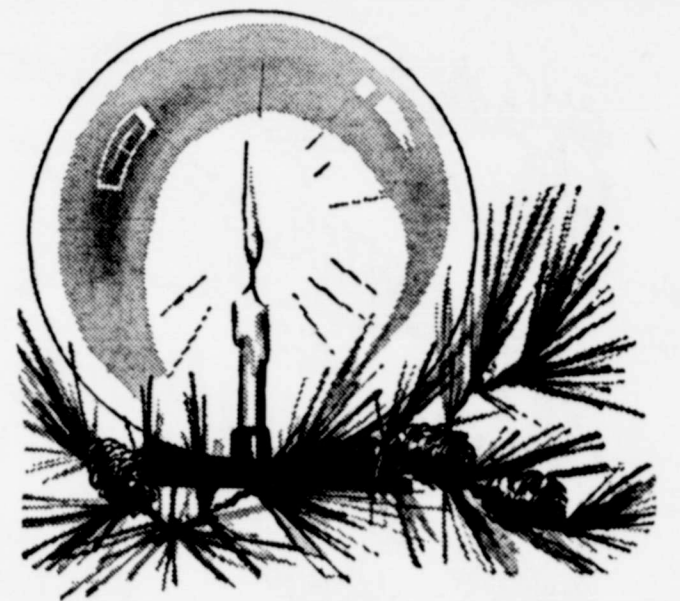
The children of the couple will serve as hosts.

Friends and relatives of the couple are invited to attend.



To all our friends and customers, a very "Merry Christmas"

CROWE'S BEAUTY NEST



We're aglow with that intangible thing called Christmas spirit — and wish all our friends A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

JNO. W. NOR MAN
The Insurance MAN

Our sincere best wishes for a Merry Christmas

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As warm as
Candlelight and
just as glowing—
our compliments of
the season to you
and yours . . .

**Main Radio
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Merry Christmas

We wish all our good friends happiness through the holidays!

TINA'S BEAUTY BAR

MERRY CHRISTMAS

To all our Friends;
our Thanks and
Warmest Wishes!

WINN'S

Christmas

May the magical wonder of the first Christmas be renewed in all our hearts!

Farm Equipment Co.
E. E. THORMEYER



MISS SHIRLEY M. SCOTT

(Photo by Parker)

Shirley M. Scott and Billy Jack Hall To Marry Wednesday, December 23

Wedding vows uniting Shirley Marie Scott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Scott, and A-2C Billy Jack Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Stout of Johnson City, Tennessee, will be repeated Tuesday, December 23, in the First Baptist Church.

The Rev. B. T. Shoemaker, pastor, will officiate for the double ring ceremony before an altar decorated with baskets of white gladiolus and candelabras holding white tapers.

who will play traditional wedding music and accompany Mrs. J. N. Clark Jr. of Abilene, soloist, who will sing "Because" and "The Lord's Prayer."

Olene NeSmith of Abilene will be maid of honor and bridesmaids will be Peggy Tiller and Mrs.

Ken Deatheridge, both of Abilene. They will wear identical street length sheath dresses of teal blue velvet and carry colonial bouquets of white feathered carnations with blue puffs.

Bob Bryce of Abilene will serve as best man and groomsmen will be Ken Enes of Abilene and Alpheus Hill of Winters.

The bride given in marriage by her father, will wear a bridal gown of chantilly lace over satin fashioned with a fitted bodice, sabrina neckline and long tapering sleeves. The bouffant skirt of layers of net illusion over satin with drapes of the net attached with chantilly lace appliques ending in a chapel train. Her fingertip veil of illusion falls from a lace trimmed Juliet cap and she will carry a colonial bouquet atop a white Bible.

Interesting Past Of Christmas Card Custom

In London, 115 years ago, from a plate designed and engraved by a sixteen year old apprentice, emerged the first Christmas card!

Young William Maw Egley's quaintly cluttered card showed scenes of a formal banquet, a party dance and skaters. Beneath the illustration appeared the greeting, "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You."

The next famous card appeared in 1846, arousing shouts of protest from temperance crusaders.

Sir Henry Cole asked J. C. Horsely, a friend and artist at the Royal Academy in London, to design a card for him. The card, showing a family toasting Christmas with glasses of wine, was the cause of the furor. Sir Henry had sent 1000 cards that Christmas—the last he ever sent!

Though credit is generally given to Egley, there is a possibility that his card may have been antedated by R. H. Pease of New York.

Pease, who owned a store in Albany from 1834 to 1855, sent a card bearing Christmas scenes as an advertisement for his store. The year he used the cards is not known.

The "Father of the American Christmas Card" is Louis Prang. His first cards were made in his lithography shop in Boston in 1874.

He was prompted along this line by his friend Charles Dickens. The latter sent Prang a card he'd received from Mrs. E. O. Whitney

The bride's mother will wear a pale blue two piece suit with navy and white accessories. Her corsage will be white carnations.

Immediately following the ceremony, a reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Members of the house party will be Mrs. Jack Pierce, Mrs. Hubert Crenshaw, Mrs. Mack Edwards, Mrs. Gene Virden and Misses Helen Mitchell and Nadine Kute, both of Abilene.

For traveling, the bride will wear a teal blue suit, a white feathered hat, black shoes and bag with white gloves.

The bride is a graduate of Winters High School and Hendrick School of Nursing. She is employed at Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene. The bridegroom is a graduate of Science Hill High School, Johnson City, Tennessee and is with the United States Air Force stationed at Dyess AFB, in Abilene where the couple will make their home.

of England. Prang then printed the card for his family and friends.

But, it was not until Prang began creating his own exquisitely beautiful cards that his fame spread. Before long he was selling his cards all over the United States for several dollars each.

Prang's card appeared in a many as 20 colors. Very few of them used Christmas scenes, but instead were illustrated with designs of spring flowers, harvest scenes and pictures of children playing.

From that small beginning in 1842 grew a demand for cards that is so great today, many large companies work year 'round to turn out billions of cards of every description.

IN DAVIS HOME

Martha Davis of Dallas and Cynthia Davis, student of North Texas State College in Denton, are spending the Christmas holidays visiting in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. LaDell Davis.

FROM TENNESSEE

Captain and Mrs. Gilmore Sanders and family of Smyrna, Tennessee are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mord Tucker and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sanders. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Duncan and family of Arlington will spend Christmas day in the Tucker home.

FROM DENTON

Diane Sims, student of North Texas State College in Denton, is spending the Christmas holidays visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Sims.

IN BUCKNER HOME

Paula Buckner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Y. Buckner and a student of North Texas State College in Denton, is spending the holidays with her parents.

IN MAYHEW HOME

Tommy Mayhew, student of North Texas State College in Denton, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Mayhew, during the Christmas holidays.

IN GERHART HOME

Kleta Gerhart, student of the University of Texas, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Gerhart.

FROM SAN ANGELO

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Roach and son of San Angelo will spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Gerhart and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Roach.

CHEER

We want you to know that we appreciate your patronage in the past.

STELL'S VARIETY

OUR GLAD CAROL RINGS...

Joy to the World!

'Tis the season to be merry and to voice our sincerest wishes that this Christmas be a joyous one for you and yours!

PIGGY WIGGLY

Beautiful indeed, is the story of Christmas ... the story of how, so many years ago, the wise men saw the light ... the Star ... and followed it to a rich and wonderful reward.

Again it is Christmas ... a time to draw our loved ones and our friends closer to us ... a time to find new faith and new hope in the true spirit of Christmas.

It is in this spirit that all of us here at West Texas Utilities Company send warm and cordial Christmas Greetings to you and yours. May you have a very Merry Christmas. And may its laughter, its friendships and its good cheer be yours in abundance in this joyous season.

West Texas Utilities Company

Blizzards Freeze Hamlin, 36-34, In Overtime Tuesday

By Billy Lynn Little

The Winters Blizzards came from behind to axe the Hamlin Pied Pipers 36-34 in the first overtime Tuesday night.

The Blizzards, trailing by four points at the beginning of the fourth period, pulled to within 2 points with 30 seconds left. The Blue, playing for the sure shot, lost the ball to Hamlin with only 15 seconds left. The Pipers brought it back down, seemingly with the ball game in their hip pockets—but Winters had something illegal everywhere except on the basketball court—a pick-pocket by the name of Jimmy Smith. With but 3 seconds on the clock, Hamlin's Robert Brandon flipped a pass across to Gerald McCannless, only the pass never reached his waiting arms. Just as Brandon let the ball go, Smith broke down the center. He took the ball, and with the ease of fleetfooted Mercury,

glided down court, and sank the lay-up just as the clock struck zero. Delirious fans, singing the praises of Smith, suddenly came to the realization that the game wasn't over, there was at least a three minute overtime which could either make our break the Blizzards' bid for their first victory of the season. Jimmy had saved the game—momentarily.

Winters got the tip over the much taller Pipers, but the ball changed hands twice before the Blizzards finally got set up for the good shot. The question now was "Who would be the one to take the shot. With a minute and 30 seconds on the clock, little Jerry Dunn, who had led the fourth quarter come-back with 8 points, drove to corner of the key. The Blizzards sensed the man open, and flipped the ball to the little sophomore. Jerry faked, then jumped, for a moment towering above the Pipers—and in that moment he fired, and the ball ripped the cords—for the first time in the game, the Blizzards led. The Blizzards stayed with their tight defense, and with 1 minute left, Hamlin threw the ball out of bounds. The Blizzards pass-

ed in, then called time. Coach Jerry English had a bit of strategy planned for the visitors. He sent in his top ball handler, sophomore Johnny Caskey, and gave his team orders to stall it out. The team of Smith, Dunn, Caskey, Pee Wee Williams, and Walter Kraatz, killed the last 45 seconds, and all hopes of a Himlin victory.

Dunn was high for the night with 12, while Sammy Albro had 10. In the final analysis the key to victory lay in the fact that in the clutch, led by Kraatz, Albro, Williams, and Dunn, the Blizzards were finally rebounding. Also credit must be given to Smith and company, for not only rebounding, but in 5 different places at the same time—one of them being under the basket making a lay-up while the clock is half of a second from zero.

The "B" team fell by a score of 51-34. Rodney Butts was again high with 12.

The Blizzards are now tightly involved in their own tournament, at Blizzard gym Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

After this, they will have no games until January 5, when they play Lakeview here.

FROM GARLAND

Mrs. Inez Neely and Patricia of Garland will spend Christmas with her mother Mrs. J. T. Denton and with other relatives.

FROM SAN ANTONIO

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Mathis and family of San Antonio will spend Christmas week end with her mother, Mrs. Willie Colburn and other relatives.

TO VISIT PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry English, Brad and Terry will spend Christmas eve in Abilene with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. John English. They will spend Christmas day in Stamford with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Terry.

FROM BROWNWOOD

Janice Colburn, student of Howard Payne College in Brownwood, is spending the holiday season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Colburn.

CHRISTMAS IN ARLINGTON

Dr. and Mrs. T. V. Jennings are leaving Wednesday to spend the Christmas holidays in the homes of their sons, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Jennings at Irving, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jennings at Arlington.

IN JONES HOME

Mike Jones, student of the University of Texas in Austin, is spending the holidays visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey D. Jones.

VISITING PARENTS

Johnny Pope, student of Texas University in Austin, is spending the Christmas holidays visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Royce Pope.

IN IRVIN HOME

Jerry Irvin, student of Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, is spending the holidays visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Irvin.

Final Christmas Drawing To Be Held Dec. 24

Final drawing for the Christmas season, sponsored by the merchant members of the chamber of commerce, will be held at 4 p.m. December 24, in front of the commerce office.

All that is required to win is that a person register at one or several of the many stores participating in the drawing and be present at the final drawing. No purchase necessary.

Participating merchants, their families or non-member merchants or their families are not eligible for the drawings which are being promoted by the chamber of commerce to stimulate business during the holiday season.

Tommy Mayhew To Participate In Artists' Competition

Tommy Mayhew, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Mayhew, will be one of five North Texas State College School of Music students who will participate in the Young Artists' Competition sponsored by the San Angelo Symphony Orchestra in San Angelo City Auditorium December 29-30.

Four piano students of Stefan Bardas and a violin student of Miss Majorie Fulton will compete with students from nine universities, colleges and several high schools.

Seventeen pianists, three vocalists, and six instrumentalists have been entered in the competition. Entrants are from NTSC, Baylor University, Southern Methodist University, the University of Texas, Hardin-Simmons University, Howard Payne College, the University of Houston, Texas Tech, the Juilliard School of Music in New York City, and a number of Texas high schools.

FROM FORT WORTH

JoAnn Alfrey, student of Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, is spending the Christmas holidays visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Alfrey.

FROM DALLAS

Bobby Anderson of Dallas will spend the Christmas holidays visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Anderson.

FROM EL PASO

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Kornegay and Jan of El Paso are holiday visitors in the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Max Lewis.

IN OSBORNE HOME

Mr. and Mrs. James Wheeler and family of Abilene will spend Christmas visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Osborne and other relatives.

Ideas are like children; no matter how much you admire someone else's, you can't help liking your own best.

FROM TEXAS TECH

Marion Roper, student of Texas Tech in Lubbock, is spending the Christmas holidays visiting with his mother, Mrs. M. G. Roper.

VISITING PARENTS

James Spill, student of Texas Tech in Lubbock, and Alma Spill, student of Methodist School of Nursing in Dallas, are spending the holidays visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Spill.

FROM HOUSTON

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Lee Roper and family of Houston are spending the Christmas holidays visiting in the home of his mother, Mrs. Lee Allen.

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FROM TEXAS TECH

Billy Jacob, student of Texas Tech in Lubbock, is spending the holidays visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Jacob.

TO NEW MEXICO

A. B. Spill and Albert Spill spent the week end visiting with their brother, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Spill in Tierra Amarilla, New Mexico.

VISITING PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Christain and Kris will spend Christmas eve with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Christian in Slidell. Christmas day they will visit with her parents, Judge and Mrs. O. L. Parrish in Ballinger.

IN ERNST HOME

Gaston Ernst, student of Texas Tech in Lubbock, is spending the holidays visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ernst.

ARRIVED FRIDAY

Gray Gardner, student of Texas University in Austin, arrived Friday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gardner.

TO SAN ANGELO

Mr. and Mrs. George R. Hill and Linda will spend Christmas in San Angelo visiting with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Moses.

The best way to break a bad habit is to drop it.



Season's Greetings
May the joys of Christmas follow you throughout the coming year...

KIRKHAM LOCKER PLANT



May the spirit of Christmas be with you always.

BLOSSOM SHOP
MRS. FLOYD GRANT



Hi There!

Just Coming Around to Say—
"Have a Gay Holiday...!"

GULF SERVICE STATION
ROY E. YOUNG



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS!

May each of you have a holiday full of cheer, enough to last all through the year!

THELMA & VERNIE GIFT SHOP
THELMA JOHNSON VERNIE BOURNE

Christmas Greetings



When the bells ring and the candles are lighted at Christmastime, they symbolize the new hope and the abiding faith which have exerted such a profound influence on the lives of men since the dawn of the Christian Era.

The years pass; everything changes but this glad Holiday which has long been celebrated in many lands. Always, it has been an occasion to think of others and to give expression to such thoughts by words of friendly greeting.

And so, in the old-time spirit of the day, we extend to our depositors and friends, and to everyone in the community, our sincere good wishes for a very MERRY CHRISTMAS!



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Christmas Cheer To One And All!

When Santa comes at Christmastime with great good gifts for you, may his sack be overflowing and last the whole year through! Good cheer, good health and good fortune to all of you from all of us!

PIERCE CAFETERIA

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Pierce

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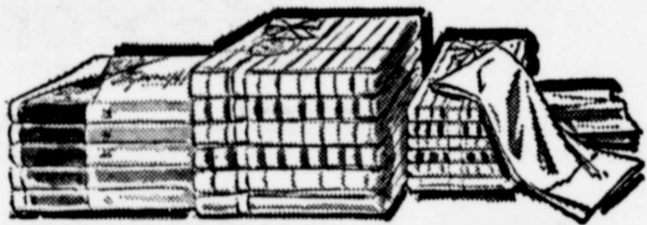
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Truly Christmas shoes. Sold in small, medium and large. Just about any color combination.

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Merry Christmas
To Our Friends and Customers!

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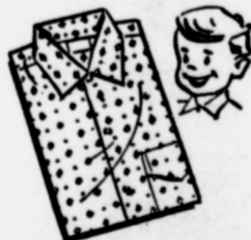


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Our buyers have carefully selected shirts that have styling far from ordinary. Distinctive and Tasteful! Mostly 100% cottons with 2 pockets.

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Plenty of new colors to choose from. Sleeveless or with long sleeves.

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Give him a pair of HAGGAR

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Greetings

May the true meaning of this season
come alive in your heart with joy and
happiness for a truly Merry Christmas!

Citizen's Gin

Toiletry Items Make 'Scents' For Her Gifts

Toiletries for the modern woman are both a necessity and a luxury. She requires them to add to her total loveliness. . . and when she uses them, she feels utterly feminine and deliciously luxurious!

Toiletries are increasing in popularity as gifts, especially at Christmas, for that reason. When in doubt as to the suitability of a practical or simply lovely gift, toiletries for young moppets.

These items are boxed for extra attraction—including cutout dolls, toys, charms for bracelets and the like.

For the early cosmetic stage, there are now many shades, all soft and proper, that will please the tastes of both mother and daughter.

Lipsticks for women, besides offering a multitude of exquisite shades, appear encased in elegant tubes. These range in price from a little above the usual cost of the lipstick to practically unlimited figures!

Perfume, cologne, all the liquid toiletries pour from bottles that even look expensive when empty. They are jeweled, gilded, shaped and beribboned.

Boxes for these items, as well as powders, bubble bath creations, soaps, make-up bases, nail polishes, and all the rest are most exciting, too.

Sets embracing the same fragrance of various types of toiletries make perfect gifts, as well. And, as with the individual items, these are often available in special Christmas packages or can be purchased in their year 'round setting.

"Extras" are included with many of the grown-up selections, too, though of course, much more sophisticated in nature than those of the little gals!

Delicate to see (but sturdy) "premiums" such as powder mitts with dusting powder enhance the gift of toiletries.

Luxury does begin to overshadow necessity in such items as 19-Karat gold-plated hair brushed. But it should "last a lifetime."

A gift of toiletries is always suitable—for every age—in any price. There are many wonderful, special-for-Christmas items, too.

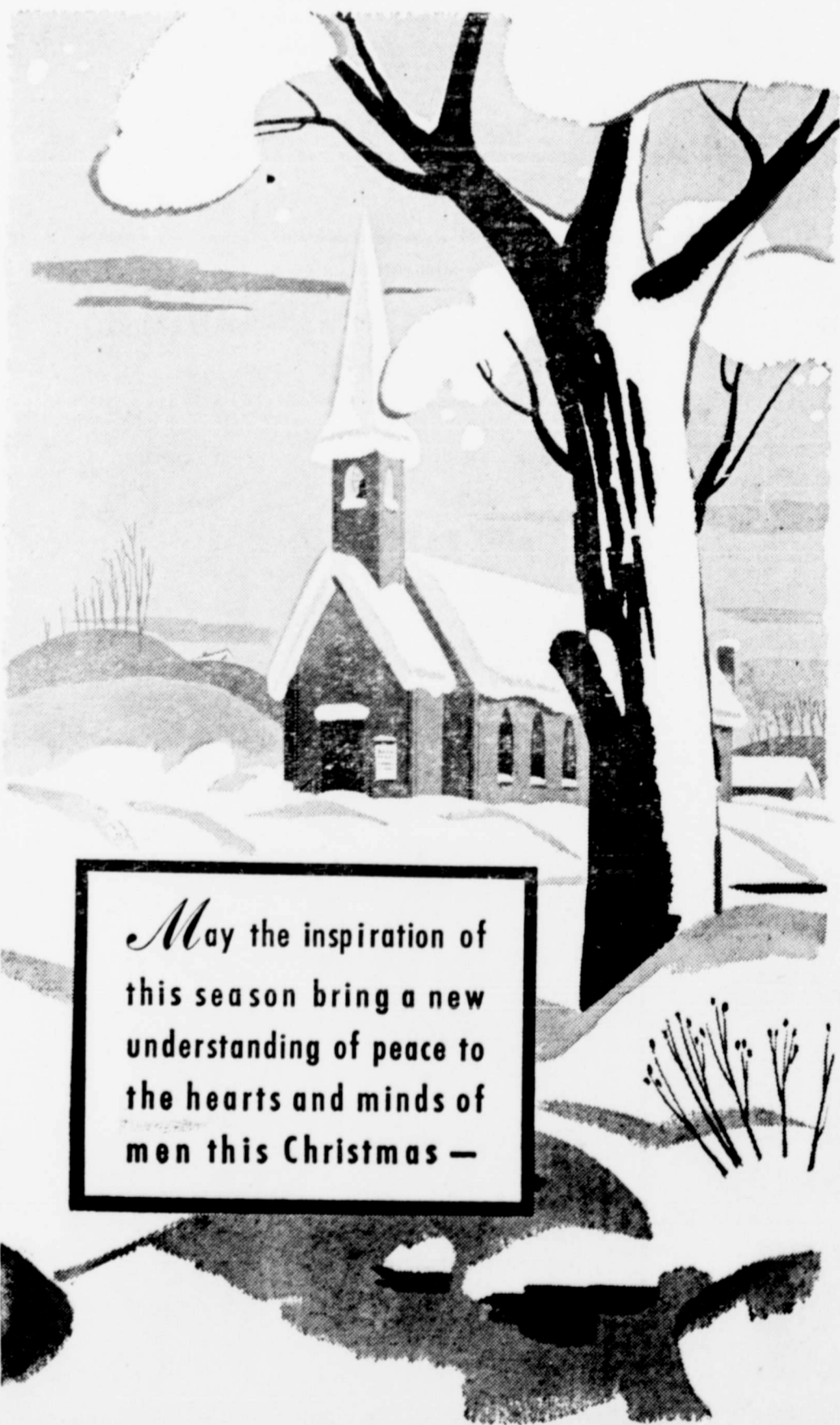
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Judy Ledbetter, student of McMurry College in Abilene, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ledbetter of Bradshaw.



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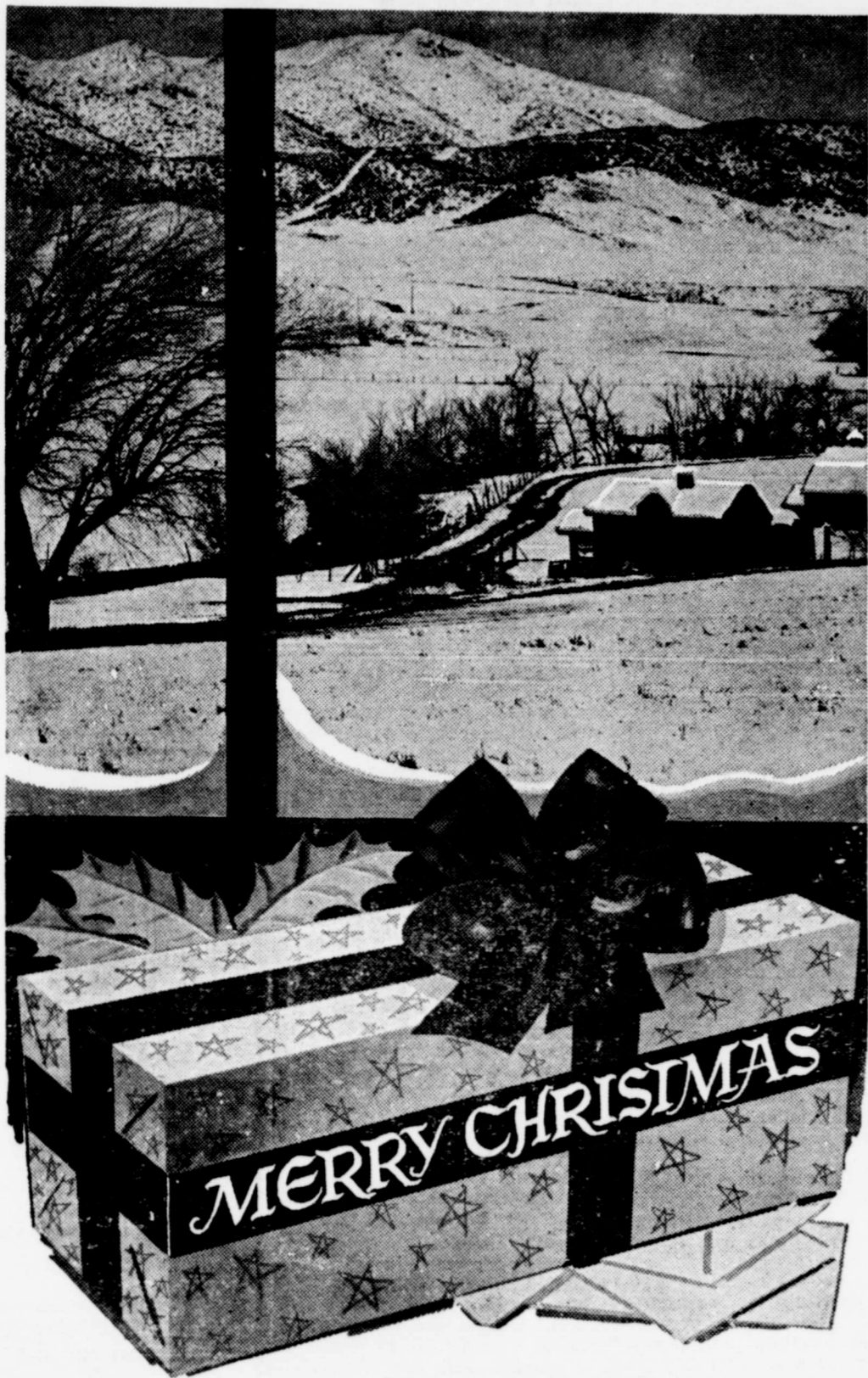
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The Germans brought Luther's hymn for children, "Away In A Manger." "God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen" came from England. The French gave us "Cantique de Noel" or "O, Holy Night."

The exact origin of "Oh, Come All Ye Faithful," translated from the Latin "Adeste Fideles," however, is unknown. Some authorities believe it was written around 1221 and changed through the years by other composers.

American composers began early to fill the roster of Christmas favorites.

In 1730, Charles Wesley, younger brother of John Wesley, founder of the Methodist denomination, wrote "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing."

"It Came Upon A Midnight Clear" was composed in 1849 by Edmund H. Sears, a Unitarian minister.

In 1859, Dr. John Henry Hopkins, Jr., an Episcopal rector, composed the words and music for "We Three Kings of Bethlehem Are."

"O, Little Town of Bethlehem" was inspired by a trip to the Holy Land. It was composed in 1868 by Phillip Brooks, an Episcopal minister. The music was written by Lewis H. Redner, organist of Brooks' church.

John Pierpont, churchman from Conn., wrote "Jingle Bells."

It is odd that one of the best-known carols, Charles Dickens' "Christmas Carol," written in 1843, is to be read, not sung.

Toys Copy World Today In Miniature

Designed to bridge the gap between the wonder-world of childhood and the practical, adult world are a new and fascinating selection of toys spilling out of Santa's billion dollar pack.

According to Melvin Freud, president of the Toy Guidance Council... an organization specializing in making it easier to buy toys for children of all interests... toys should stimulate creative thought and activity and make learning fun.

NEW LOOK IN TOYS

Even tried and true favorites wear a new look; ABC blocks come in push-pull versions of jet planes; blackboards are attached to push and pull trains.

Play kits are slanted to discover aptitudes that may point to careers and hobbies. Girder and panel building sets are based on the latest assembly principals of the construction industry; tile setting kits and jewelry design outfits pay extra dividends in decorative gifts.

ELECTRONICS, TOO

Electronic toys include teletype sets that really send messages, and miniature guided missile installations. All the latest national defense installations have their toyland prototypes.

Electric trains are fitted with Nike rocket equipment; train accessories now include realistic versions of every possible railroad operation.

Many toys are designed for limited space and apartment dwellers. A spinning top with rubber suction cup spins merrily in one spot. New playroom tables and chairs, game boards, doll carriages and doll beds fold away for compact storage.

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"Steps To Learning," a scientifically gauged series for the 3 to 5 age groups has been pre-tested by educators. They help children adjust to school, acquire basic skills, learn arithmetic and master clock and calendar lore.

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There's a greater variety than ever of musical toys including miniature organs and harps that really play.

GIRLS DELIGHT

Little girls will delight in the replicas of ranch houses and split level buildings created for 8 to 10 inch dolls and furnished with modern sectional pieces and new kit chen equipment.

Mechanical toys encompass exact reproductions of sports cars complete with steering wheel, gear shift, and windshield wiper.

By now it must be obvious that the major problem during Christmas, and after, will be keeping these fascinating play-and-learn toys out of adult hands.

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Jimmy Hoppe student of Texas Tech in Lubbock, is spending the holidays visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Hoppe.

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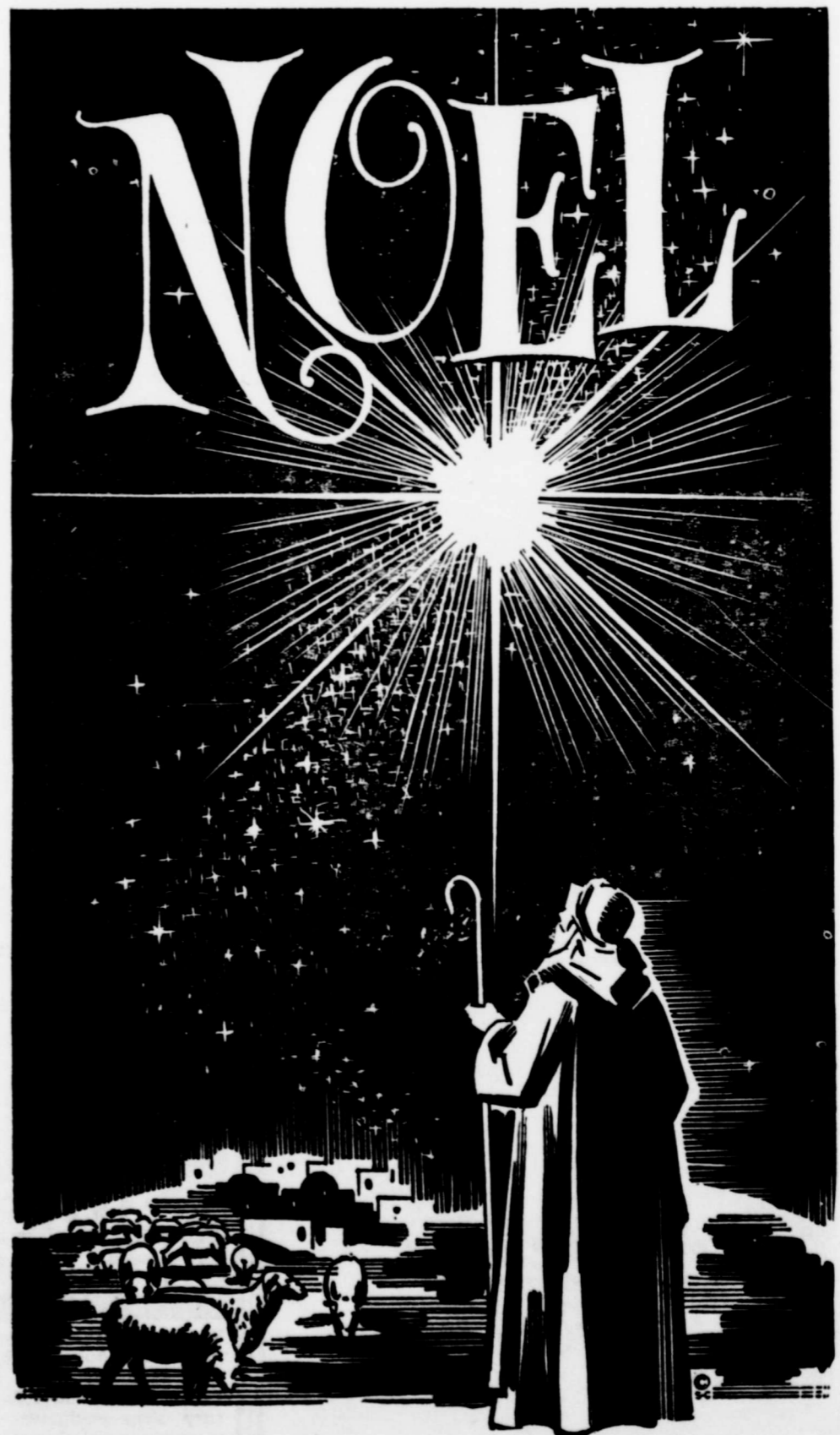
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Step Forward Now—And Control Erosion

Have you been thinking about that water running off or through your field? Maybe it has already made a ditch, or will in the near future. Or what about that small ditch along the side of the field that water breaks out of quite frequently? If these thoughts have been running through your mind, now is the time to start planning and doing something about it.

The most common thought is to "build terraces and all of my troubles will be solved." This is a far fetched thought and is not true. Most cultivated fields that have water problems will need some type of a water course to dispose of the excess water.

The natural depression in a field is the best and most commonly used area as a drainageway for the excess water. This drainage-way or waterway, as it is commonly referred to, may be used to carry outside water through the field, or carry water discharging from terraces, or both, provided some form of vegetation is established in it to protect the soil from erosion.

The waterway should have vegetation established in it before any additional water is diverted into it. This may delay the construction of terraces a year or two. If vegetation is not present, the concentration of water will cause scouring and gullying will soon develop.

The type of vegetation used in waterways will depend upon location and type of soil. There are several locally adapted grasses such as K. R. bluestem, buffalo and sideots grama, that may be seeded. Coastal bermuda grass is sometimes sprigged in waterways also. For information on seedbed preparation and planting dates, contact your local Soil Conservation Service technician or District supervisor. The establishment of waterways is cost-shared under the Great Plains Conservation program.

The size of the water way will depend upon the area draining into it and it is desirable to have it large enough so that it can be managed for economical returns.

The waterway area should be the highest producing area in the field because being in the natural depression, the slope is the flattest and the soil is the deepest. Also, the waterway being a collecting area for the excess runoff water, it is receiving a supplemental irrigation which in turn will give more production than an adjoining area. It is not lost acreage draining into it and not the acreage in the waterway itself.

Residue carrying excess runoff water without causing erosion, the waterway may be used for grazing, hay crops, and grass seed production. When used for grazing, caution must be taken to avoid overgrazing.

Waterway should be inspected after each heavy rain. Repairs made then may prevent failure of the waterway later on. Proper mowing, shredding, or grazing of the vegetation tends to develop a cover and root system that is more resistant to erosion than rank vegetation. Avoid using the waterway for cattle lanes and roadways.

Inspect your farm for erosion and by stepping forward now, erosion can be controlled easier and cheaper than by postponing it a few years.

TO MIDLAND
Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Gideon of Houston are expected to arrive Christmas eve to be with his mother, Mrs. L. E. Low. They plan to spend Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gideon in Midland.

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Recent Income Tax Changes Important

Some taxpayers may overlook recent changes in income tax regulations that could reduce their 1959 tax. One new feature is the 20 percent first year depreciation allowance on tangible personal property. Farm and ranch operators should know the limitations on this special depreciation option in order to decide whether to use it, according to C. H. Bates, extension farm management specialist.

To be eligible for this first year write-off, the property must have a useful life of six or more years. Usually a tractor or combine will qualify. Also, the property must have been purchased. Bates said any asset acquired by gift or inheritance does not qualify. The maximum amount on which this depreciation can be taken is \$20,000 on a separate return and \$10,000 on a joint return. However, explained the specialist, this limitation may include several items of property to make up the total.

The full 20 percent additional depreciation can be taken on equipment bought in December so it enables quick recovery of this much of the cost. Then, the regular yearly depreciation can be set up for the remaining cost, less salvage value. For example, a tractor bought on December 5 for \$4,200, would be allowed \$840 first year depreciation. In addition, one month's regular depreciation would be allowed. If a salvage value of \$160 is set up, the annual straight line depreciation on an eight-year basis would be \$400. Depreciation for the month of December would be \$33. So the total depreciation allowance on this tractor for 1959 would be \$873 (\$840 plus \$33). In 1960 the depreciation allowance on the straight line method would be \$400.

Some situations in which this additional first year depreciation might be beneficial tax-wise are: In years to unusually high net income, and in periods when considerable borrowed capital is needed for beginning or expanding operations. Also, in case of casualty losses involving considerable equipment, such as a fire, windstorm or flood. Bates said the advantage of larger depreciation allowances would "cushion" the financial shock of re-investing in equipment needed.

For a complete explanation of this and other newer features of the tax regulations, obtain a copy of the 1960 Farmer's Tax Guide. It is available from your county agricultural agent and from the Internal Revenue Service.

LONE STAR AGRICULTURE

So now we come to the end of one of the best production years Texas agriculture ever had—but net farm income is dropping down a full 15 per cent below 1958.

The 1959 Texas cotton crop is estimated at around 4,500,000 bales compared with 4,308,000 bales in 1958. Sorghum grain production is figured at about 277,000,000 bushels for 1959, a little up from the 273,066,000 bushels harvested in 1958.

Rice production for the year is running at 13,136,000 hundredweight, against 11,938,000 cwt. in 1958. The corn crop is due to exceed 41,366,000 bushels, also up from 1958. The Rio Grand Valley is well under way with at least a nine million box citrus season, up two million from 1958 and the first real bumper season since the disastrous freeze in 1951.

Ranges and livestock in general are in their best condition in the past 10 years. There were an estimated 8,510,000 cattle on Texas ranges at the beginning of the year, along with 5,355,000 sheep, and there are more now.

But cotton is the cheapest for any December in a decade. Corn is bringing \$1.12 a bushel, compared with \$1.21 a year ago. Overproduction and cheapness of corn is going to have its effect on the vital Texas sorghum grain market—if not this year, certainly next year. Livestock markets, seldom robust and always highly sensitive, are showing signs of weakening in the face of heavy production.

There is a drastic squeeze in the parity ratio—in relation to the prices they pay, the prices received by farmers in 1959 are the lowest in 19 years. The farmer's share of each dollar spent by the consumer has dropped to 38 cents, lowest since 1942. The most authoritative sources agree that farm income is due to fall somewhat lower next year—in other words, things are liable to get worse before they get any better.

About the only flat statement concerning the U. S. farm problem on which you can get anywhere near unanimous agreement is this: Something is wrong. Try to go any further than that and you are likely to learn at first hand just how controversial this farm problem can become.

Although most of us insist that we're not superstitious we might feel a bit troubled if Bellboy No. 13 took us to room 1313 in a hotel.

Several Kinds of Soil Are Found In Rannels County

"The many different kinds of soil found in Rannels County are due to various factors such as parent material, vegetation, topography and age of the land", states Dewayne McAndrew of the Soil Conservation Service.

These soils have been divided into soil types, according to the texture of the surface soil and the permeability of the subsoil.

Texture refers to the fineness or coarseness of soil particles and is determined by the percentage of sand, silt and clay particles that make up the soil. The texture of a soil also indicates its ability to hold moisture and soil nutrients.

Permeability refers to the rate that air, water and roots penetrate the subsoil. Soils with heavy clay subsoils are usually slowly permeable while soils with moderately fine to medium textured subsoils are moderately permeable.

The texture and permeability of a soil indicates the susceptibility of that soil to wind and water erosion. The coarse textured soils are very susceptible to wind erosion while the medium and fine textured soils must be protected against erosion by water.

McAndrew also stated that soil maps showing the different types of soil are prepared by the Soil Conservation Service and have proved helpful to individual farmers in learning more about their particular soils and in planning a sound land management program.

FROM CISCO

Joyce Heathcott, a student of Cisco Junior College and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Heathcott will be home for the holiday season beginning December 18.

FROM ABILENE

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Young of Abilene will spend Christmas visiting with their parents Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Bedford and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Young.

FROM ATHENS, GEORGIA

Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Bowman of Athens Georgia are spending the holidays visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Mapes.

Lee Johnson Died Saturday Morning In Phoenix, Ariz.

Lee Johnson, 68, of Olney Springs, Colorado, former resident of Winters, died early Saturday morning in a hospital in Phoenix, Arizona, following a stroke. He had been in ill health about five years.

He was born March 22, 1891, north of Winters. He was a stock farmer here until he moved to Olney Springs, Colorado in 1948, where he was a rancher. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have spent the winter months in Phoenix for the past three years.

He was a member of the Methodist Church and has been a member of the Masonic Lodge in Winters for 50 years.

The body will arrive in Abilene Monday morning and brought to Winters by Spill Funeral home. Funeral arrangements are pending.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Lee Johnson, one daughter, Mrs. Paul Hathorn of Abilene; one son, James Lee Johnson of Winters; two brothers, J. E. of Richmond, Calif., and Frank of Winters; three grand children and two great grandchildren.



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By Vern Sanford
Texas is indeed fortunate that the great outdoors has become so enticing to so many citizens throughout the length and breadth of the state.
Our weather is ideal for the outdoors man.
Our transportation, power and manpower facilities, available to manufacturers of outdoors equipment are excellent. Here again our long summers and short winters also play an important part in inducing such industries to locate in the state.
Unless you have tried to watch

the development of these businesses, dedicated to the outdoors man, you just can't realize the magnitude of this relatively new industry in our state.
Take Giddings, for example. It is a town of around 3,000 population. Recently we learned that a new boat manufacturing firm had opened for business there. Inquiry revealed that the Invader Boat Co. had been formed last March and was employing 25 persons.
Just the other day we stopped in for a looksee. They have a very nice plant, located about

minutes from downtown Giddings. It's no small layout either. In fact, it is a truly modern factory and as clean as a kitchen.
At present the firm is geared for production of about 25 fiberglass boats a week. Now already being distributed are 14, 16 and 17 foot runabouts.
A widely known designer of boat hulls, Bill Raschke of Fort Worth, is the draftsman.
President of the firm is Walter Helweg of Deanville. Business manager is Don Thrash from Fort Worth. Shop foreman is Merle Joy, also of Fort Worth.
Interested in knowing something about the outboards these fellows are building?
Then read on—for we certainly were—and we were quite impressed with their snappy appearance and gay colors.
Invader "Forty" is their smallest streamliner. It's a rakish 14-foot streamliner, with chrome ornamented fins and sculptured fore-dock . . . rated for motors up to 40 h.p.
Invader "Eighty" is a sixteen foot craft heavy enough to take an 80 h.p. motor. It is equally at home in big waters or small lakes. It has a large open cockpit. An ultra modern matching fiberglass top is available.
Newest in the line is the Invader "One Hundred"—a 17-footer with a maximum horsepower of 100. It is built for offshore bay fishing and of course is equally at home on inland lakes.
Then—for the fisherman there's the Invader "Twenty" that's coming. This will be a 12-foot boat, two or three seater, with bait well.
Also on the drawing board is an 18-foot cruiser, which on paper looks like it is going to be the gem of the waters.
All the Invader boats have air-tank floatation and a self-bailing motor well. We really fell for the step-through, back-to-back front seats. They were foam rubber padded and covered with gaily colored plastic.
Another impressive feature is the spillover panel. If you ever have had the back wash of a wake roll up behind your boat following a sudden stop, you already know the value of the spillover panel. It runs that slosh-over right back into the lake . . . where it belongs . . . helps keep the boat dry . . . and has a very definite safety angle.
Also we were pleased to see so many high transom models. Evidently that too is a coming thing. Very definitely it is another safety feature.
Having lost a boat because high waves rolled in over the low transom and filled the docked boat with water . . . during a heavy storm on Lake Travis . . . we were more than just a little bit interested in the trend to high transoms and spillover panels.
The tall, wrap-around windshields on the Invader boats and the ultra-modern steering wheels add class to the Giddings products . . . and assure a dry and pleasurable ride.
Don't see how a person can resist the boating urge once he sees one of these classy rigs.
And isn't it wonderful that the small towns of Texas can share in the excitement of making these pleasures possible?

Traditional Yule Colors Decor For Country Club Party
Traditional Christmas colors formed the decor for the Winters Country Club Friday evening for the annual party for members and their wives.
Hosts for the affair were Dr. and Mrs. H. H. McCreight, Messrs. and Mesdames Bob Loyd, Neal Oakes, Pat Patterson and H. L. Way.
Dinner was served from a table laid with red linen centered with an arrangement of gold and white baubles with dream puffs. Four-foam tables also laid with red linen featured miniature white styrofoam angels surrounded with cedar. A miniature white Christmas tree, cedar and pine decorated the mantel. Red puffs and mistletoe were hanging from chandeliers.
Following dinner, games of forty-two, bridge and canasta were played. Mrs. Floyd Grant won high score prize for canasta, C. R. Kendrick for bridge, and Bo Williams, forty-two.
Those present were Mrs. H. B. Livingston, Pat Livingston, Messrs

Some Stores Will Close On Dec. 26
Saturday, Dec. 26, has not been designated as a holiday in Winters, and most stores and offices will be open for business. However, some Winters businesses will be closed on that day.
Businesses which have announced plans for closing Dec. 26 include Pierce's Cafeteria, which will close at 2 p. m. Dec. 23 and remain closed until Dec. 29. Spill Bros. & Co. will be closed on Dec. 26. Henslee Cleaners will close at noon on Dec. 24, and will be open again on Dec. 28. Judy's Dress Shop will be closed on Dec. 26.
C. L. Green Milling & Grain Co. has announced they will be closed on Dec. 26. Smith Drug Co. and Main Drug Co. will be closed on Dec. 26, as will Tab Hatler's Barber Shop.
To force opinion is like puching the magnetized needle round until it points to where we wish the north star stood.
and Mesdames Max Lewis, C. R. Kendrick, Floyd Grant, Bo Williams and the hosts.

FROM TEMPLE
Mr. and Mrs. Horace Autrey and children of Temple plan to spend the week end following Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Moore.
FROM DALLAS
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Eisenstein and Sharon of Dallas are spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Herman.
IN FORT WORTH
Mrs. C. E. Briley and Estella and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Conlee are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. James Conlee and family in Fort Worth.
IN WHITE HOME
Christmas visitors in the V. A. White home will be their daughters and families, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kenner and children of Phelps, Wisc., and Mr. and Mrs. John Reynolds and children of Cisco.

Records Needed By Every Poultryman
The importance of poultry husbandry skills have long been recognized by poultry producers. During recent years, the change in production from small side-line flocks to commercial units has focused attention on the need for management skills as well as husbandry skills for successful poultry production. The larger the flock size, the more costly are wrong management decisions and the greater are opportunities for benefit from right ones, emphasizes Ben Wormeli, extension poultry husbandman.
To protect the investment of money and labor in poultry production and to maintain a favorable position for profit, dependable and current performance information is needed on each flock to serve as a basis for sound business judgment.
The happiness of life is made up of minute fractions—the little, soon forgotten charities of a kiss or smile, a kind look, a heartfelt compliment, and the countless infinitesimals of pleasure and genial feeling.

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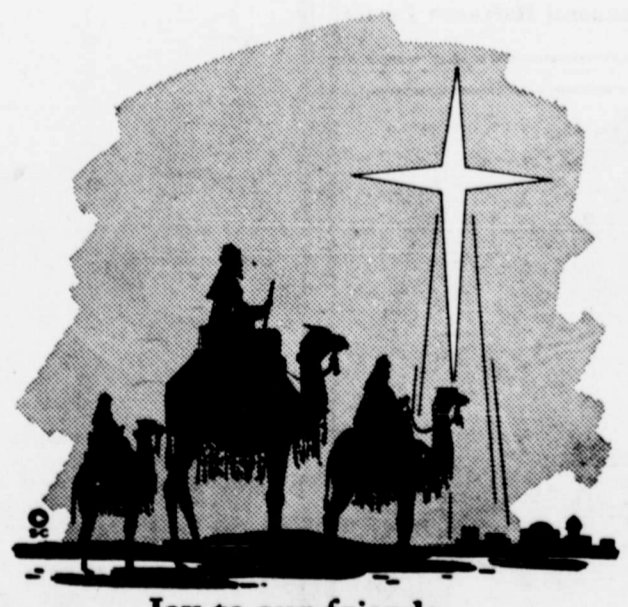


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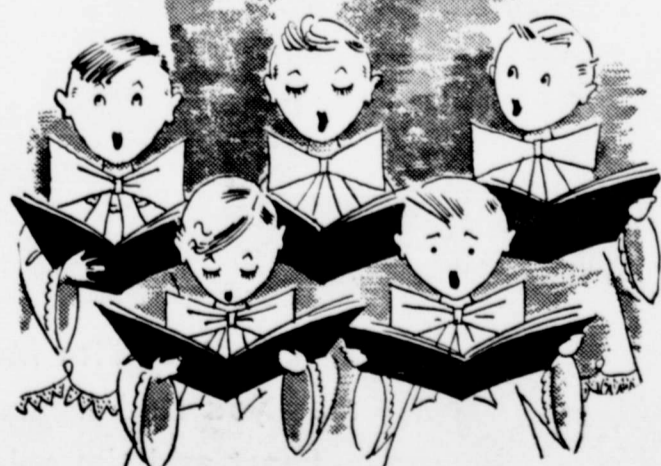
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ROGER BABSON SAYS

Various Tests For Selecting Right City To Buy Land For New Investments

There are various tests for selecting the right city to buy land for a new supermarket or apart-

ment house or merely for an investment. One test is population growth; others are the tax rate,



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water supply; and — very important—the condition of the schools, the churches, and the character of the people.

The Plight Of Most Cities

Although we are now in a period of prosperity with wealth increasing rapidly, yet we are not using this wealth to improve our daily living. We certainly have not provided the mobility for our citizens which good business and good health deserve. Our streetcar lines are going into bankruptcy; our railroads are giving up passenger business; our roads are overcrowded with private cars and trucks. Therefore people are moving to the suburbs while still working in the cities, creating an impasse in mobility within the cities.

All of the above means that the best cities in which to invest money are those which have widened their roads, provided ample parking space, and are making trucks deliver and pick up at night. Although our present prosperity is due largely to the automobile, it is this very industry which is revolutionizing our cities, and crumbling real estate values. We owe much to Henry Ford, but I wish he were alive today to help us out of this dilemma.

Motor Age Problems

The automobile has given us new freedom; but, paradoxically, this industry to which we owe so much is also threatening to strangle us all and make us live and work in city caves. Yet the biggest part of the transportation program has barely started. The huge road-building program will not only change the faces of all cities, but will set the location for new cities. These may be very long and narrow, with very wide streets for autos. In the rear may be streets meant wholly for trucks to pick up and deliver merchandise; while our sidewalks will have two stories and our stores two "ground floors."

No city should be blamed for getting into the present messy condition. The New England locality in which I am writing this column had its streets laid out by cows 300 years ago. These cow-paths were gradually widened for ox wagons, then for horse-and-buggies. Most cities have inherited today's problem. But, oddly enough most city residents do not own autos or get very upset about the congestion, so city planners find it hard to get recommendations adopted.

Traffic Problems Can Be Eliminated

It is hopeful that cities are beginning to study the traffic problem and are employing traffic engineers. Newspapers are joining the demand for a solution which will restore the prestige of their cities and not leave them man-

ufacturing, business, and living slums.

Cities have long been conscious of water pollution, and most cities have pure water today. Some are concerned about air pollution but are just awakening to the importance of proper zoning, and the development of parks, forests, and conservation projects. Although we have only 60 people per square mile, compared with Japan's 620, yet traffic conditions in Japan today are better than in the U. S. Better living and transportation conditions would justify increasing taxes; people would accept a higher tax if they got more for their money.

Conclusion

In view of the above, the wise investor in real estate is giving much more attention to traffic conditions, parking space, and road control. When one builds a new home, the value of the house declines from year to year; but if the city has proper traffic control, the value of the land will increase year by year. This is something city newspapers as well as real

estate agents should emphasize. I believe in reviving the old city centers, with proper traffic regulations. The new shopping centers may be fads which are now at their zenith.

Chambers of Commerce, Boards of Trade, and Merchants Associations should therefore give their primary thought to improving the transportation and parking facilities of their cities. They should remember that their task is not to keep things as they are, but to forge ahead and prepare for the great changes which are already in progress.

TO COLORADO CITY

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ernst and Gaston will spend Christmas visiting with Dr. and Mrs. Oscar Majors in Colorado City.

HOLIDAY VISITORS

Holiday visitors in the A. L. Mitchell home are their daughters, Elizabeth, student of Baylor University in Waco and Marilyn, student of Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

How to Choose Your Christmas Tree, Decorate It, and Keep It Fire Safe

You are probably planning on having a Christmas tree this year, and a few timely suggestions can keep your Christmas fire safe and merry.

Remember, the Christmas tree is a potential fire hazard. Properly cared for, however, it can be kept safe.

The National Board of Fire Underwriters asks that you follow these safety suggestions:

1. Choose a small tree instead of a large one. It can be just as beautiful, and less of a hazard.
2. Keep the tree outdoors until you are ready to install it.
3. Wait until just before Christmas before setting up the tree.
4. Set up the tree in a place where it does not block a doorway.
5. It is best to set up the tree in the coolest part of a room, away from radiators, heaters, and fireplaces.
6. Stand the tree in water to

retard drying.

7. Use fireproof decorations of glass or metal, and avoid cotton or paper decorations unless they are flameproof.

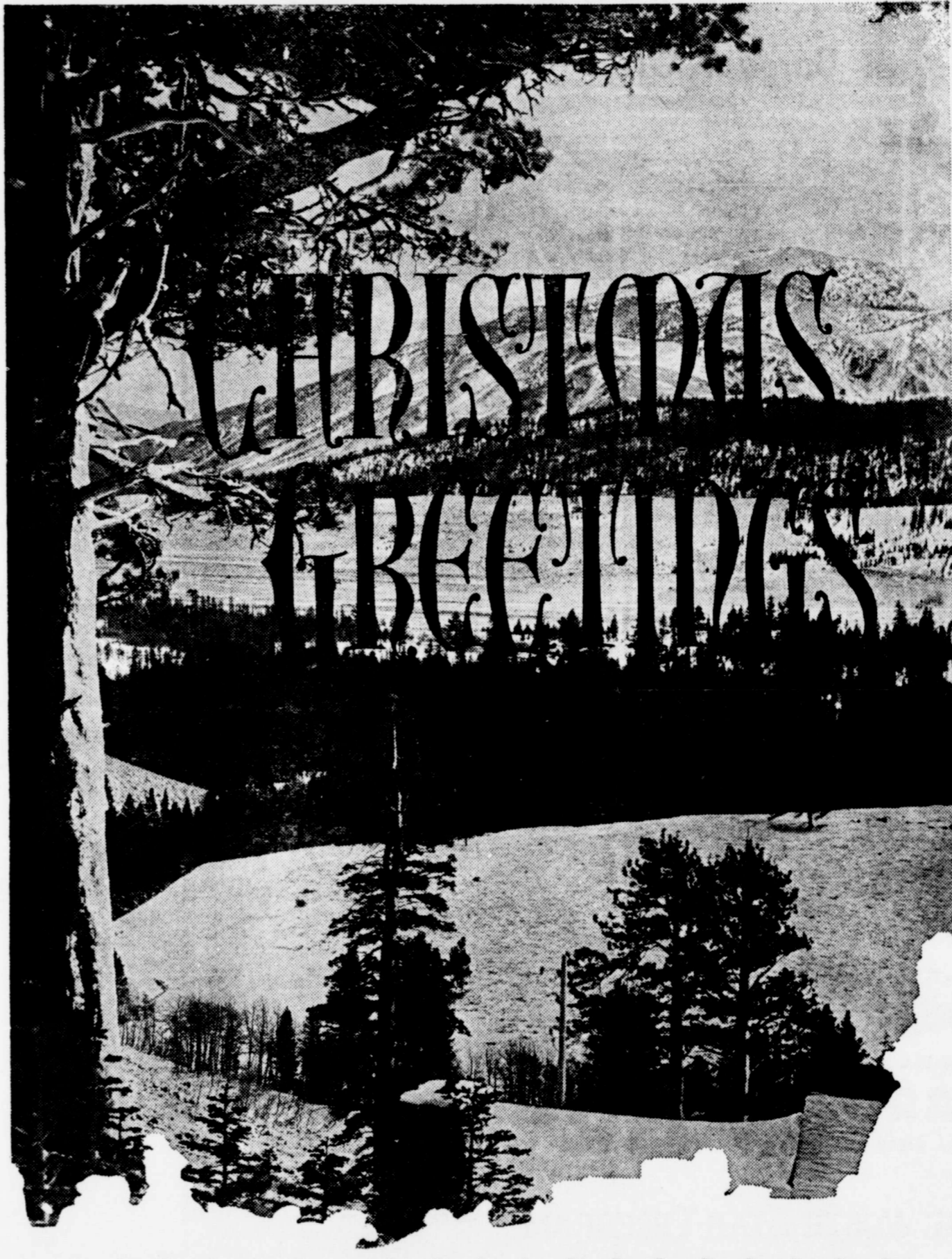
8. Set up electric trains away from the tree.

9. Be sure your strings of electric Christmas lights are in good conditions. Discard sets with frayed wiring. When buying new sets, look for the UL label of Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc. Lighted candles should not be used on the tree.

10. There should be a switch some distance from the tree for turning all lights on and off.

11. Don't leave tree lights burning when away from home.

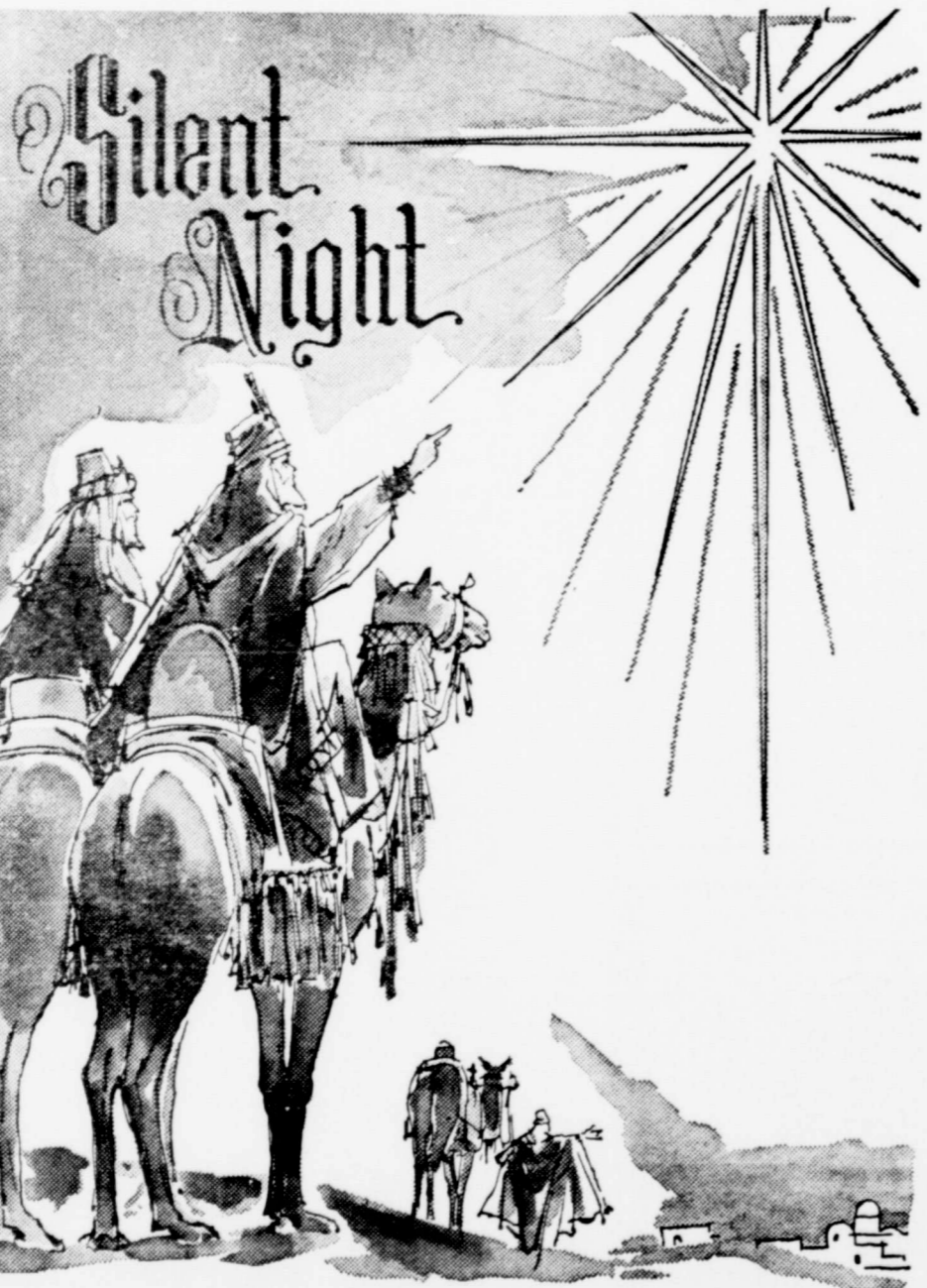
12. Inspect the tree from time to time to see whether needles near the lights have started to turn brown. If they have, change the position of the lights.



Once more we come to Christmas, the day of Greetings and family gatherings, of Joy and Peace and Good Will. On this day we especially want to pause and say "Thanks" to you for our very pleasant association during the past year. We want to wish you a very Merry Christmas, with our most sincere wishes that the New Year will bring an abundance of happiness.

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Christmas Greetings!

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Most Countries Mark Christmas With Gaiety, Gift Giving and Feasting

The real and beautiful meaning and spirit of Christmas is the only aspect of the gift-giving holiday that is shared by all the world.

Greetings, the spiritual bestower of gifts, dates of celebration, traditions and superstitions are unique in each land or region. December 25 is, however, generally the red letter day.

The melting pot of the world applies to the American Christmas celebration as well as to its people. Here, as in no other land, more of these ideas and ways-of-doing are intermingled, though our Christmas most closely resembles that of the English.

But, America, too, has one really unique "tradition" — Santa Claus. The jolly fellow we see around at Christmas is not the same gift-giver in other countries. He is, however, a composite of many of those "Santas" across the seas.

Bayberry candles are an origination of the American settlers—and the poinsettia plant is a native of tropical America.

In Norway, "Julenissen," a gay elf, arrives on Christmas Eve as shouts of "Gledelig Yul" ring out.

"St. Nicholas" dressed in black robes rides over the house tops on a white steed on December 5. He visits the children of Austria, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg and Greece.

"Joyeux Noel" is the happy French greeting and "Pere Noel" is the bearer of gifts.

Italian children are visited by "La Befana," a good fairy, on January 5, the Eve of Epiphany. "Buone Feste Natalize" is their greeting.

"Feliz Navidad" is the phrase of the day, January 5, in Spain. There the Three Wise Men fill the children's shoes with gifts.

"Lan Khoony-Khoong," meaning "Nice Old Father," fills odd-shaped stockings made by Chinese children.

The Christ Child Himself traveling on foot visits the children of Germany. "Froeliche Wienachten," they say on that day.

St. Lucy brings gifts to the children of Denmark and Sweden. She gives the girls of Switzerland gifts as Father Christmas makes the boys happy.

Other "Santas" are "Father Frost" in new Russia and "Baboushka" to the old Russians. "Father Christmas" goes to England. "Good Stars from Heaven" send down gifts to the young ones in Poland and the Slavic countries. "A Most of Angels" shower gifts over Hungary. Gay elves appear with gifts in Finland. "Papa Noel," who looks much like Santa Claus but enters through windows, is found in Brazil.

In Bulgaria, it's "Grandpa Koledan" who arrives on Christmas, but there the children's big holiday is New Year's Day. In Scandinavia "Santa" arrives riding a goat.

The Merry Christmas greeting

Gift Giving On Holy Days Comes From Bygone Era

The custom of giving gifts once a year at a religious festival has been handed down to us through the ages.

The ancient Romans and pagans in central Europe observed this custom and of course the first Christmas gifts were gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Exactly when the idea of giving gifts at Christmas became a "traditional" custom is not known.

The feudal way of living in Europe accounted for many magnificent Christmas gifts that were in fact, yearly "tribute" to land-owners and royalty.

The lords received gifts from

their tenants, and kings from their nobles.

Queen Elizabeth received many gifts of great value and if the quality or quantity wasn't satisfactory, the donors were unceremoniously so informed.

Feasting, pageantry and an opulent display of wealth entered the picture when King Henry III entertained; but it was Henry VII, though, who outdid all others in a Christmas display of grandeur.

Lavish artificial gardens were erected for the event, with tournaments, entertainment, feasting, and drinking going on for days on end. The cost is not recorded!

If all the children in the neighborhood play at your house, don't get mad at their parents. Pity them; you're having all the fun.

Candy At Christmas Is Traditional

Christmas is the season of mirth and merriment, of sugar plums and spice, of drinks and delights. It's the time of year when holiday hospitality is at its peak!

Therefore, it's a good idea to keep a buffet table set with simple, yet elegant foods for those who drop by to exchange Christmas greetings or help to trim the tree.

Set the table with your prettiest punch bowls filled with both an alcoholic punch and a non-alcoholic drink platters of cookies, cheese and crackers and an assortment of the freshly-made fine quality choc-

olates that you can buy at your local retail candy shops.

Each box of assorted chocolates usually comes in a variety of perhaps twenty different centers so your guests can choose to their heart's content from the soft creamy centers, chewy nut and fruit centers, rich chocolate-covered caramels, crunches and the like.

And be sure to remember candy when you shop for gifts. It's a delightful Christmas present for

age. There are numerous types of candies for you to serve, candies being one of the best party items, and a note of gracious hospitality but you'll find that those chocolates that are freshly-made are the tastiest and will offer your guests the most enjoyment.

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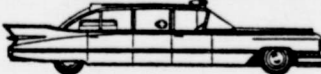
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Traditional Christmas Food Treats Date Back to Earliest Yule Feasts

There is no sense overlooked in the pleasure of Christmas. The smells and taste of the Day's special foods are a delight to all.

But, have you ever wondered where the traditional eggnog, plum pudding, turkey and fruit cake originated?

MMM! EGG NOG!

Eggnog is an American concoction. Too rich for daily consumption (twelve egg yolks, two quarts of cream and a pound of sugar to each fifth of rum), eggnog soon became the main refreshment of the southern holiday open house.

Rum, in the early days of eggnog, was an essential ingredient of this drink. Today, eggnog is enjoyed by many without it.

PLUM PUDDING

"Frementry," the early name of plum pudding began in pre-Roman England. It was made of stewed wheat boiled in milk, raisins, sugar and spice. Later called plum porridge, it became plum pudding in 1670.

TURKEY TREAT

Turkey is native of the New World. It was introduced to Europe by returning Spanish settlers and first appeared on the menu of an English Christmas banquet in 1524.

FRUIT CAKE

It was the Romans that originated fruit cake. Almonds were added to the rich spices to symbolize the pain and pleasure of life.

WASSAIL

Wassail is often served in place of eggnog. In England, where the drink originated, wassail was usually prepared in a large wooden bowl. The base of the drink cider, along with seasonings were placed in the bowl and it was set on the hearth. Apples were tied above and as they roasted, the drippings fell into the bowl. The name "wassail" comes from the middle English "waes hael", meaning be thou well!

If you're planning to serve wassail at your open house this Christmas, you can keep it warm in a chafing dish.

DEAR SANTA:

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl 5 year old. I have been a good girl. I would like for you to bring me a doll, some dishes, a truck, a gun and a pretty top.

I have a little sister 2 years old named Tanya. Please bring her a doll, some dishes, a telephone and a top.

Love

Aletha Whittenburg.
P. S. Please bring my big brother, Van Ray and my big sister, Betty Sue something nice.

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Dear Santa,

I am 8 years old and have been a very good boy. Will you please bring me a football game, a Paladine suit, a tool chest, a Buckle gun, and a "Firebird 99". Please bring my big brother a baseball game and also some new sweaters and clothes. Don't forget the candy fruit, and nuts. Remember Grandmother and Grandpa Moore and all my little cousins in Texas.

Love,
Stevie Ley

Wingate, Texas,
Dec. 12, 1959

Dear Santa,

First I want to thank-you for the nice things you gave me last year, then I want to ask you to please bring me a baby doll, bible, baton, sewing machine and a seat for my bike; also some candy and nuts.

Please bring all the other boys and girls some gifts too.

Love,
Carla Walker

Wingate, Texas,
Dec. 12, 1959

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a tiny tears doll, skates for my tiny tears doll, and a sewing machine and a baton; also some candy and nuts. Thank-you for the gifts you brought me last year, and please remember all the boys and girls everywhere.

Love,
Landa Walker

IN LOWE HOME

Sandy Lowe, student of McMurry College in Abilene, arrived Friday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Lowe.

TO LAWN

Mr. and Mrs. Billy George Moore plan to spend Christmas day with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Hefley in Lawn.

LONE STAR AGRICULTURE

There is so much talk and so much alarm spread about the billions of dollars U. S. taxpayers now have invested in agricultural surpluses through farm price supports that many of our people fail to recognize that surpluses are a relatively small part of total farm output.

In recent years these surpluses have represented only five to eight per cent of annual production.

Now as to those billions of dollars U. S. taxpayers have tied up in agricultural surpluses: In the 25 years from 1933 to 1958, farm price support losses have cost the taxpayers \$5,173,788, an average of about \$200 million—not billions—per year.

In the same period of time, the House Committee on Appropriations has reported, business reconversion payments by the government in tax allowances, tax adjustments, tax rebates and many other types of so-called "reconversion payments" have amounted to \$43,362,000,000—more than eight times as much.

In one ten-year period, from 1946 to 1956, mail and postoffice subsidies alone amounted to \$5,968,000,000, more than farm price support losses for the entire 25 years. In the 20 years from 1938 through 1957, subsidies to maritime organizations to keep U. S. ships sailing the seas cost the taxpayers \$3,500,000,000.

It must always be borne in mind that the \$6.8 billion dollars the government now has invested in farm surplus products on hand, mainly wheat, corn and cotton, can by no means be written off as a loss. The stocks are in storage, most of them will finally be sold, and experience has demonstrated that the eventual rate of recovery will be relatively high.

A hundred years ago, in 1860, this was a nation of only 32 million people. Today our population is nearly 180 million, more than five times as many. But the number of farm workers in the U. S., now about 7 million is virtually the same today as it was back in 1880.

From 1920 to 1940, production of all farm products rose about one-fifth, while land in cultivation stayed the same and farm employment dropped almost fifth.

In the 20 years since 1940 we have raised our total agricultural output by more than half. Farm employment has fallen by one-third. Farm output per man-hour

has doubled.

With all this, the fact remains that in recent years our farm surpluses have represented only five to eight percent of annual production. This means that most of the increase in farm output achieved during the past 20 years has been vitally necessary production—production we had to have to meet the requirements of our fast-growing and generally prosperous population.

Population experts are now projecting this growth in population to forecast a total of some 240 million people in the U. S. by 1975, nearly double the population of 1930.

LEAVING TUESDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Spill and family plan to leave Tuesday for Biloxi, Mississippi where they will spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. B. Z. Welch.

ARRIVED THURSDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sentez and daughters of Durango, Colorado arrived Thursday to spend the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. Lena Spill and other relatives.

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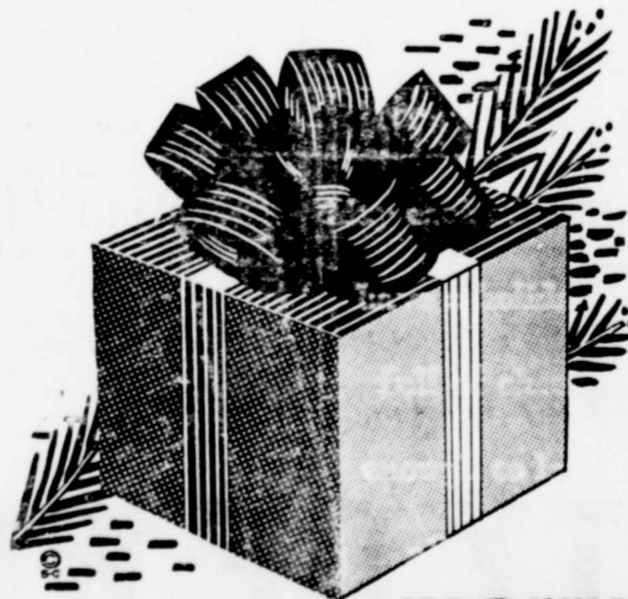


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