

St. Johns Judged First In Decoration Contest

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle St. John, 702 Eighth Street, took first place in the white section of the yard and home Christmas decoration contest. The judges made an inspection of the city Saturday night and gave their report to the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce Monday morning.

Over 200 Attend Utilities Banquet and Program Here

More than 200 people attended the annual banquet and Christmas party for employees of district G, West Texas Utilities Co., Friday night. The dinner was served in the junior high school cafeteria by Mrs. W. E. Elkins and staff.

ROWENA CHURCH TO HAVE SPECIAL CHRISTMAS RITES

There will be a Christmas day service at Zoar Evangelical and Reformed Church, Rowena, a 10:00 a. m. with the sermon subject "He is Our Peace." Sarum of holy communion will be administered.

SCHOOL CORONATION PROGRAM JANUARY 2

Faculty members of the Ballinger schools have scheduled the coronation program and dance for Saturday, Jan. 2. This program was formerly set for December 18 but was postponed because of football games.

V. F. W. POST HERE SKING ADDITIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Regular meetings of the V. F. W. Post No. 4402, Veterans of Foreign Wars, have in set for the second Thursday of each month. The meetings will be held in the city auditorium and for the several months will be at 7:30 p. m.

TURNER COMMISSION AS NAVAL RESERVIST

Bobby Turner reefed his naval reserve commission as an ensign on November 4 as a son of Mr. and Mrs. Z. Turner, of Ballinger. Turners have been in the merchant mine six years, having joined in after graduating from Baier high school.



CHRISTMAS PERSONALS

Claude R. Stone, Jr., of Amarillo, will be here for the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Stone. Out-of-town visitors for Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Flynt will be Mr. and Mrs. Duke Jimerson and children, Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Flynt and Harold, Jr., Brownwood and Mr. and Mrs. Marion Flynt, Midland.

Ballinger-Huntsville State Title Game Set at Temple

Special Santa Fe Train May Run to Grid Game

Two Paying Wells Added Past Week; Several Locations

Howley & Jacobs No. 1-Harry Jonas was completed last week for a daily flowing potential of 83 barrels of 41.2 gravity oil. Top of the Gunsite pay was encountered at 2,336 feet. The well is located three miles northwest of Winters.

Committee Books Banquet Program; To be January 29

Plans are being perfected for the annual membership banquet and meeting of the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce, to be held on Friday, January 29. The affair will be held in the junior high school cafeteria and will be limited to 300 attendance.

Ticket sales on a special train to Temple Saturday were started here Tuesday morning, the deposits being turned in at a fast rate. Employees at the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce office, where deposits were being made, stated that the early sales almost assured the operation of the special.

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Santa Fe officials here Tuesday morning stated that the equipment would be provided when 300 passengers were assured. School officials stated that the band would be transported on the train and many fans were anxious to have these facilities and were booking tickets for all members of their families.

Columbian Fuel Corp., of Houston, has filed an application for a 3,760-foot hole, to be known as its No. 4-Billups. This will be a stepout to production in the one-well Sykes-Billups gas field in the northeastern part of Runtels county. The opener in this field was gauged at 425,000 cubic feet of gas plus one barrel of oil daily.

Sojourner Drilling Co. No. 1A-Ralph Burns, in the Bays (Goen line) field, is projected for 5,500 feet. An application to change operators has been filed by Mid-Tex Drilling Co. for No. 1-W T. Brown, one location that has daughter would graduate this year and had never been on a train. Others pointed to the safety of a train as compared with a large caravan of cars on the trip with other heavy holiday traffic.

Indications Tuesday morning were that approximately 2,000 fans and students would attend the game from here.

Practically all local store managers have announced they will close for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, giving employees a long holiday period as well as time off to attend the game. A few stores will be open for business Saturday.

Methodist Home Offering Will be Continued Here

Rev. Wayne Reynolds, pastor of the First Methodist Church, announced the first of the week that the offering for the Methodist Home, Waco, would be continued through Sunday, in order to give all members an opportunity to contribute. The cash offering last Sunday totalled \$1,086.

There are 450 boys and girls in the Waco institution who depend upon Methodists of the state for support.

A watch night service will be held at the church on December 31. This service will start at 9:00 p. m. and be concluded at midnight. Holy communion will be administered and all members and friends of the church are invited to participate.

A group of young people with their sponsors went caroling after the evening service last Sunday. They sang to shut-ins, the hospital and closed the tour at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Agnew, where refreshments were served. A covered truck was furnished by W. O. Irby.

Rev. and Mrs. Ivan Kountter, Marilyn and Carolyn left Monday to visit Mrs. Kountter's parents at Texarkana.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Wallace will join Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McMillan, Jr., and Bobby, of Tuscola; and Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Sullivan, Judy and Peggy, of El Paso, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Jackson and Johnny, at Abilene for a Christmas get-together.

chartered busses and all students who want to attend the game will be given free transportation on school busses. These busses will leave the high school campus early Saturday morning. Mr. Forester said he would meet students at the high school one afternoon to arrange for students' tickets and assign them places on busses.

Student tickets will be fifty cents each if purchased here. All tickets the day of the game will be \$1.50 each. Reserved seats selling here are also \$1.50. Ballinger fans will occupy the north side of the field.

Ballinger scouts at the Huntsville-Refugio game Saturday returned with the information that the Huntsville Hornets are big, have a power running back and one fast man and a good passing attack. None of the schools officials would express an opinion on the game and all stated that the Bearcats would have to play their recent style of football to win.

The Bearcats have received much statewide publicity the past week and have been set up as the "come-back boys."

Letters were being received here the first of the week from former Ballingerites asking for tickets.

The Hornets have played a perfect season and are untied and undefeated in 14 games. Ballinger has lost 2 and won 12 to gain their way into the state finals.

The Ballinger Bearcats will meet the Huntsville Hornets at Temple at 2:00 p. m. Saturday in the state championship football game for class AA schools.

These arrangements were made at Huntsville Saturday following the Hornets' victory over the Refugio team by the count of 13 to 7. This game was played in a driving rain and a field of mud. Invitations were received from Waco and Temple for the state championship game, facilities and full cooperation being offered at both places.

Tickets were prepared at Temple and sent here to Principal Joe Forester, who put them on sale Tuesday at Keel Drug Store. Mr. Forester stated that tickets would be taken up at 1:00 p. m. tomorrow (Thursday), as he had to make a report before banks closed. After that hour those who want tickets can get them at Temple.

The Temple high school stadium will take care of a crowd of about 5,000 people. It is located on the northwestern side of Temple and is only two blocks from the highway leading into that city from Gatesville.

The Bearcats will leave Friday in a chartered bus and will work out en route to Temple. They will be quartered at the Hawn Hotel, Temple, and this will be headquarters for the Ballinger fans.

The Bearcat band will leave early Saturday morning by special radio network.

TO AIR GAME AT TEMPLE: A special radio network of nine stations will carry the broadcast of the conference AA final high school championship football game to be played at Woodson Field, Temple, Saturday afternoon.

Describing the play-by-play action between the Ballinger Bearcats and the Huntsville Hornets will be Eddie Hill, while Bill Mercer will narrate the color and half-time activities of the clash. The broadcast, commencing at 1:45 p. m., will be heard over KWKC, Abilene; KRUN, Ballinger; KSTA, Coleman; KRLD, Dallas; KTRH, Houston; KSAM, Huntsville; KABC, San Antonio; KSTV, Stephenville; KTEM, Temple.

HAMPTON BREAKS LEG AT COLEMAN BALL LOT

Hill Hampton broke a leg at the football game in Coleman Friday. Mr. Hampton was leaving the stands at the end of the Ballinger-Comanche game when he fell about ten feet and sustained the injury. He was taken to the Coleman hospital and later brought to his home here.

Misses Ollie and Zaza Chenoweth will have as Christmas guests, their sister, Mrs. Lula Harris, of Victoria; Billy Harris, of Beville; and Claude Harris, Jr., of San Marcos.

SOCIETY

Miss Hays, Airman Bradburry Wed in Church Ceremony

An outstanding event in the Christmas season was the marriage Saturday evening of Miss Thelma Catherine Hays and Airman Kenneth D. Bradburry, of Goodfellow AFB, San Angelo. The Rev. Wayne Reynolds read the double ring service in the First Methodist Church at 6:00 o'clock.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Hays. Airman Bradburry's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Orlo Bradburry, of Wheelock, North Dakota.

Vows were exchanged before the white archway decorated with huckleberry and jade. White tapers were used in the wrought iron candelabra, and baskets of calla lilies and white gladioli were arranged in the setting.

Miss Wilma Duke, organist, played "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life," as candles were lighted by Grider and James Hays, brothers of the bride. She also accompanied Mrs. Charles Webb who sang "Because," "Because You're Mine," and "The Lord's Prayer" at the benediction. She also played traditional wedding marches and "Always" during the ceremony.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown

of white bridal satin. The molded bodice was fashioned with an off-shoulder sweetheart neckline which was scalloped and encrusted with seed pearls. The long fitted sleeves buttoned to petal points at the wrists. The full skirt extended to a chapel-length train.

A waist-length veil of nylon tulle was caught by a crown of beads. The bride carried a cascade of white rosebuds, showered with stephanotis and ribbons. Her only ornaments were a strand of pearls and earscrews, a gift from the bridegroom. She carried a lace handkerchief which her mother carried at her wedding.

Miss Gale Hays, student at Texas Technological College, Lubbock, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. She wore a strapless gown of sky blue nylon net. The shoulders were covered by a matching stole. The floor-length gown featured a bouffant skirt. A bandeau of blue net was outlined with matching flowers. She carried a nosegay of sky blue pom poms.

Cynthia Ann Hays, cousin of the bride, was flower girl. She wore a sky blue nylon and lace dress with matching headdress and carried a basket of pink rose petals.

Mike Giardino, of San Angelo, was best man. Ushers were Bill Edgar, III, and Bill Hays, both of San Angelo, cousins of the bride.

A reception was held in the home of the bride's parents on Ninth Street. The reception suite was decorated in the

GREETINGS

Looking back over the year just closing we realize how many pleasant associations and friendly contacts we have enjoyed. That is why we are glad of this opportunity to extend to you cordial Greetings of the Season. May every signpost on your journey through the New Year point the way to new success and prosperity.

In Business 73 Years



Ballinger, Texas

Christmas theme. The bride's table was lace-laid and centered with a red berry and green foliage arrangement flanked by red tapers in silver holders.

Mrs. Jimmy McAden served the three-tiered decorated cake and Miss Frances Thomas presided at the punch bowl. Mrs. Mike Giardino registered guests in the bride's book.

When the couple left for a wedding trip to Wheelock, North Dakota, the bride was wearing a two-piece beaded crepe dress of rose tan with brown accessories and a winter brown top coat. She wore a white rosebud corsage from her bridal bouquet.

Mrs. Bradburry attended San Angelo College after graduating from Ballinger High School. She is employed by the West Texas Utilities Co. at San Angelo. Mr. Bradburry is stationed at Goodfellow AFB, San Angelo.

Out-of-town wedding guests were the bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orlo Bradburry, of Wheelock; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Edgar and children Jan and Bill, IV, Mrs. Marie Hays, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Worsham and Marvin, Miss Louise Beard, San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Giardino, Goodfellow AFB.

Alathean Class Has Christmas Party

The Alathean Class of the First Baptist Church held its Christmas party last Thursday evening in the home of Mrs. James A. Wear on Tenth Street. Co-hosting with Mrs. Wear were Mrs. H. G. Burkhart and Mrs. Frank Kemp.

Reception rooms were aglow with Christmas decorations. An angel arrangement was on the mantel, potted poinsettias on occasional tables, the huge tree lighted with multi-colored lights. Miniature Christmas trees adorned with sequins were at each corner of the red linen dining table cloth, and a red candle surrounded with magnolia leaves, pine cones and branches on a styrofoam base formed the centerpiece.

Mrs. E. E. King, president, conducted the meeting and presented Mrs. W. E. Elkins, who gave the story, "Room at the Inn," by Clark McMeekin. Gifts were exchanged from the tree and gifts were presented the teacher, Mrs. Berta K. Spooner, the assistant teacher, Mrs. J. E. Jones, and to Mrs. Elkins.

Hostesses served mince pie topped with whipped cream, nuts, candies and hot chocolate.

"Pyorrhea" May Follow Neglect

Did you ever see an attractive person with irritated "GUMS"? Druggists refund money if first bottle of "LEFO'S" fails to help. Pearce-Bailey Drug

May all the joy of this Happy Christmas Day be yours

Goetz Farm Machinery Co.

Your Allis-Chalmers Dealer

Christmas GREETINGS

Christmas is the time for all of us to revive old friendships. It is a time to wish our friends a full measure of happiness, and a time to say with all sincerity "Thanks for everything!"

Curry-Hambrick Jewelers

Ballinger, Texas

Best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season

Jacob's Food Market

MERRY CHRISTMAS

In this Happy Holiday Season, we want to express sincere thanks for your past patronage and wish you and yours a most bountiful Christmas.

Dixon Grocery & Station

BROADWAY

SEASON'S Heartiest Cheers

Sincere greetings to all our good friends. May the Christmas blessings of Peace and Happiness be yours today and in the days to follow.

CHARLES HERRIDGE J. O. WOOD
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T. E. Foreman's Broadway Gulf Station

GREETING YOU AT CHRISTMAS WITH BEST WISHES FOR YOUR HAPPINESS

L. C. Daugherty Drug Store

NERVOUS STOMACH

ALLIMIN relieves distressing symptoms of "nervous stomach"—heaviness after meals, belching, bloating and colic due to gas. ALLIMIN has been scientifically tested by doctors and found highly effective. More than a billion sold to date.

Pearce-Bailey Drug

"Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!"

From the Red River to the Rio Grande, your friends and neighbors at your electric service company wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

West Texas Utilities Company

CHRISTMAS

Sweet time of security, may it remain with you throughout the days to come.

TINSLEY'S FOOD MARKET

MERRY CHRISTMAS

As we pause in the gaiety of Christmas, let's think first of the Nativity of Him who is the hope of the world today, as two thousand years ago. He alone can bring about the peace of mind and contentment which we eagerly search for and need. May we follow His teachings so that the true spirit of Christmas can remain with us through the days to come.

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Bearcats Scalp Indians To Enter State Finals

The sensational Ballinger Bearcats did it again Friday at Hufford Field, Coleman, when they pulled another upset to defeat the Comanche Indians by the score of 20 to 13 and in their way into the state finals in class AA football.

The Bearcats have been doped to lose in all four of their games since winning the district title and each time have kicked the bucket over and fought their way to victory. In the four games they have scored 139 points to 27 for the opposition and 14 of the 27 points were scored against the second string.

Sports writers and radio announcers of the state have called the Bearcats the comeback kids, the most surprising team in Texas football, the Cinderella boys and the team without a star.

Following the win over Comanche, Coaches Doug Cox, Bill Scoggins, Joe Burks and Richard Ritchie, Superintendent Ernest Caskey and Principal Joe Forester left for Huntsville to see the Huntsville-Defugio game and be on hand to make arrangements for the state finals with the winners.

Every available seat and all standing room was filled at Hufford Field for the game Friday.

At the beginning of the contest the Indians started rolling and all the first period looked bad for the Bearcats as the Comanche clan piled up a 13 to 0 lead in 7 minutes and 51 seconds of play.

The recovery of an Indian fumble on the opponents' five-yard line by Bobby Bird ignited a spark that did not burn out until the Bearcats were in charge the rest of the way. A crowd of some 3,000 Comanche fans were stunned as they watched their lead fade and the Bearcats soundly outplay their undefeated Redskins.

The Comanches struck fast and furiously. On the first play after the opening kickoff Calvin Lee broke into the open and raced to the Ballinger 5. A touchdown was staved off when a fumble was recovered on the one-foot line. Bell punted out but the Indians struck back and a pass, Gene Coulter to Dalton Hicks in the end zone, brought the first score. Weldon Hicks missed the extra point to make it 6 to 0.

Just two minutes later the Tribe roared back after a beautiful 33-yard run by Weldon Hicks. Lee hit the line for the last 7 yards and a touch-

down. This time Hick's kick was good and the score was 13 to 0.

In the second quarter, Bell got off a fine kick with the ball carried down on the Comanche 4. On the second play the ball was fumbled and Bird covered it on the 4-yard line. Richard Tolliver, the work horse of the day, hit the line for one yard and Jerry Bell on a quarterback sneak followed Spike Dykes, Bobby Winans and Lawrence Wimberly through for the score. Ferguson added the extra point and at half time the score was 13 to 7.

Soon after the opening of the second half the Bearcats took over on their own 23-yard line and launched a drive downfield which went all the way. Tolliver did most of the line hammering and he and Brevard chucked up five first downs in going to pay dirt. Jerry Bell plowed for the last two yards behind that hard charging line. Ferguson missed the uprights and the score was tied at 13-13.

In the final quarter the Bearcats gained possession of the ball on their own 11-yard line after holding the Indians. It was here that the Ballingerites made their greatest display of power. It was Tolliver one time after another with an occasional sprint by Brevard, Bell and Egan that carried for 89 yards and the touchdown that sent the Bearcats to the state finals. Tolliver crashed



Merry Christmas

Thanks, too, for your good will and friendship in the past.

Ballinger Electric Co.



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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Through the ages, Christmas has marked the occasion for the expression of good will and thanks. At this season, we want you to know of our appreciation, and sincerely wish you a

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Afflerbach's 5c to \$5 Store

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Stokes and Linda Joyce, of Big Lake, will visit this week-end with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Altus Stokes.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Carroll and Lee will go to Menard for a Christmas visit with relatives and friends.

Rev. and Mrs. Alvin O. Rue attended the Brownwood presbytery, which was held at Dr. Ben Moore's ranch east of May last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Moore and Chris, of Van; and Rev. and Mrs. Anson T. Dewey, of Menard, will be holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. Demmer.

Jim Erwin, junior student at Texas Technological College, Lubbock; and Miss Ruth Ann Erwin, student nurse at Shannon Memorial Hospital, San

Angelo, will be here for a holiday visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Erwin.

Airman 1c Bobby Curry, of Sewart AFB, Nashville, Tennessee, will be at home for the holidays with Mrs. Curry and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Curry.

Buford Curry, of Fort Worth, will be here during Christmas for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Curry.

Virginia Lange, student at North Texas State College, Denton, and Mr. and Mrs. R.

E. Taylor, of Brownwood, will spend the holidays here with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Lange.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie O'Kelly, of Lubbock, will make an after-Christmas visit here with Mrs. E. J. O'Kelly and Hammond O'Kelly.

Mrs. W. L. McMillan is at home to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hamner.

Charles Speck, of Sierra Blanca, is here for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Longnette and family. They will all spend Christmas day with relatives

Howard Hamner, student at Baylor University, Waco, is at

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Arrant and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walker and Randy will join Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sides and family, of Carlsbad, New Mexico, for an after-Christmas week-end in Odessa with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Arrant and Mr. and Mrs. Obert Scott.

Merry Christmas

In this simple, and time-worn phrase we include our genuine thanks to you whom we have had the pleasure of serving in the past.



Lanham Flynt Motor Co.

"We have seen His star in the east and are come to worship Him." — MATTHEW 2:20

Christmas Blessings

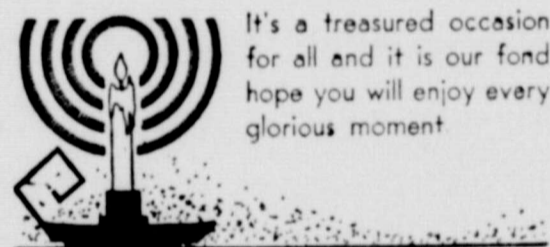
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Ballinger, Texas

CHRISTMAS with Friends

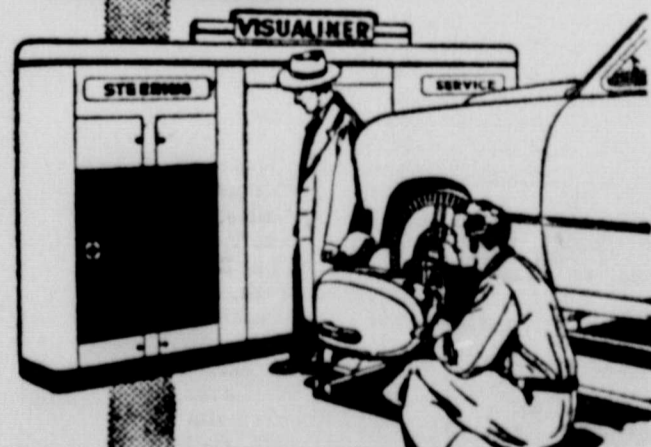


It's a treasured occasion for all and it is our fond hope you will enjoy every glorious moment

Boswell Produce

RACHEL AND RUEL BOSWELL

SEE FOR YOURSELF WHY YOUR CAR STEERS HARD



"Wandering" front steering and pulling to the right is but one symptom of a steering mechanism that is out of kilter. A complete steering service check is our "Visuminer" feature. It's free and you can see for yourself the steering condition, plus more safety and more life to the wheels. Stop in today and let us check your car on the "Visuminer."

VISUMINER MEANS MAJOR STEERING SERVICE

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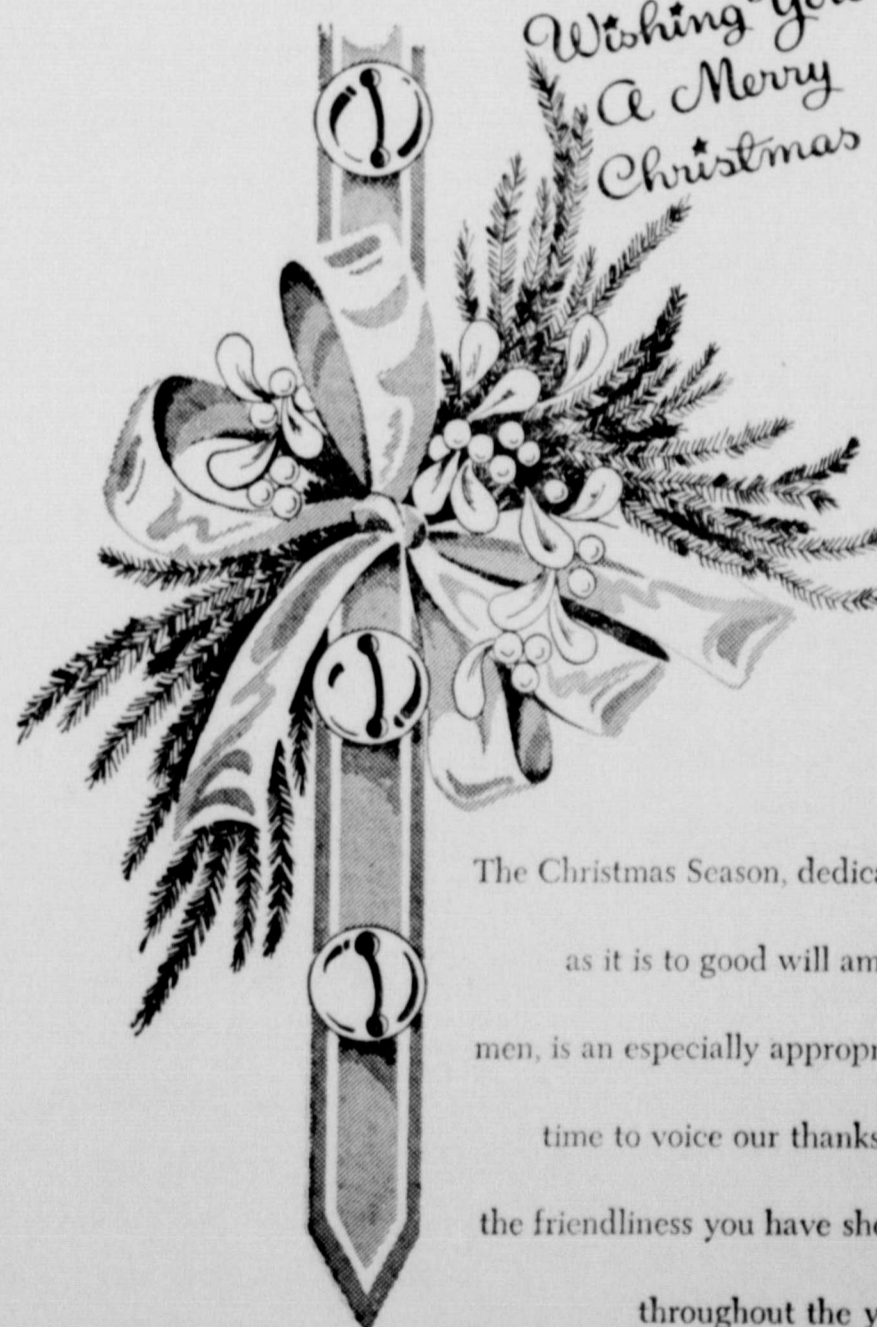
"MERRY CHRISTMAS" TO YOU!

In the feeling of festivity that fills the air during the holiday season may you find a lightened and lifted spirit, and in the calmness of the Christmas Season, it is our sincere hope you will find a deep and abiding faith to carry you through the coming year.



King-Holt Furniture

Wishing You A Merry Christmas



The Christmas Season, dedicated as it is to good will among men, is an especially appropriate time to voice our thanks for the friendliness you have shown throughout the year.

Acme Sheet Metal

Charles P. Clifton

It's time to wish

Every Happiness

to those we know and serve in this community.

Ballinger Ice Co.



MAY the spiritual beauty of Christmas

Bring most wonderful blessings to you,

And may the peace and joy of

God's guiding hand

Make the future happy and prosperous.

Green Hut Cafe

"Where Good Friends Meet and Eat"

GEORGE W. BURK



TO OUR MANY FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS:

May you and your loved ones enjoy a Glorious Holiday filled with cheer!

TEXAS GRILL AND EMPLOYEES

THIS is the time to send our sincere thanks for your kindness and cooperation and to wish you and yours a very

Merry Christmas

Gabbert's Wholesale Meats

FRIENDLY NEIGHBORS HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

Members of the Friendly Neighbors home demonstration club included their husbands and children when they entertained at their annual Christmas dinner last Thursday evening, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Russell.

The lace-covered dining table was centered with a popcorn ball arrangement with pink candy bows at each side where the turkey menu was served buffet style.

Following the dinner carols were sung, games of forty-two played, and gifts exchanged from the large illuminated tree. Other decorations throughout the home were greenery and

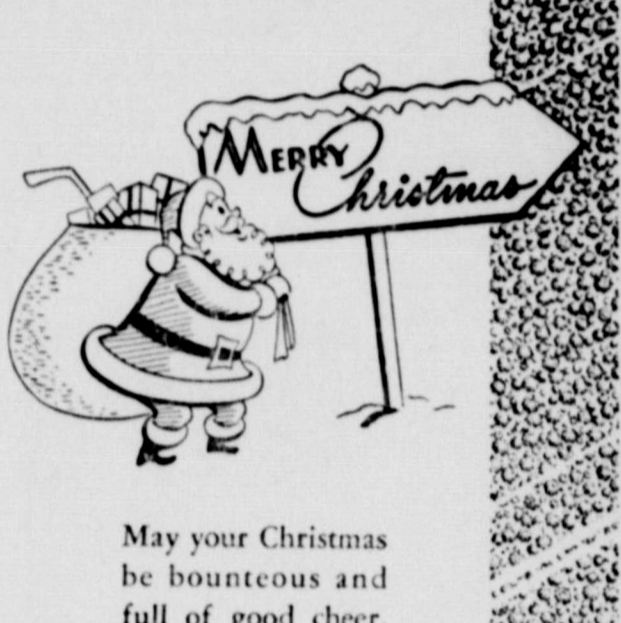
Santas. Others present were: Messrs. and Mmes. J. A. McClelland and son, Roy Tyree, J. J. Wessels, W. J. Curtis, Roy Tyree, Cecil Lander, Andy Riddle, Leon Russell, Harold Mueller, Mrs. John Duke, Arlene Wessels, Anita Sue Lander, and Mary Frances Mueller.

EAST SIDE HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

The East Side home demonstration club held its Christmas party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Routh. Attractive decorations added beauty to the party rooms. A turkey dinner was served buffet style to members and their families. Gifts were exchanged and

Hope you have a Merry Christmas Dayton's Food Store

Wishing you much happiness AT CHRISTMAS The Dairy Barn



May your Christmas be bounteous and full of good cheer.

Mansell Bros.

May Peace be with you This Christmas and Every Christmas. GREETINGS Kirk Hardware

PERSONALS

REUNION WILL BE HELD HERE BY RAMPY FAMILY All the children of Mrs. T. J. Rampy will assemble here on December 27 for a family reunion. The affair will be held at the American Legion hall, Bruce Field, and will be highlighted by the noon Christmas dinner with all families sharing in the spread.

PERSONALS All the children of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Doherty will be at home for a Christmas visit this year. Included are Mr. and Mrs. Lester Doherty, El Paso, Mr. and Mrs. George Doherty, Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bounds, Ferris; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Doherty and Nancy, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Boynton, Karen and Phillip, Houston; Rev. and Mrs. Johnny Ivy, Freddie and Nancy, DeLeon; Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Doherty, Billy Joe, Butch, George and Fayrene, San Antonio; Mr. and Mrs. Reed McMillan, Lloyd Wayne and Larry, Crews.

PERSONALS spend Christmas in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Gibson. Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Ross, Deanna and Johnny, of San Diego, were pre-holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Witter, Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Witter are sisters. Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Irby and Wayne will make an after-Christmas visit at Comanche with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Irby. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Berryhill, Betty and Delphine, and Buster Berryhill, student at Texas Technological College, Lubbock, will visit at Snyder and Lubbock during the holidays. Mrs. W. B. Smith will go to Austin to spend Christmas with relatives and friends. Pvt. Joe Vancil will be at

PERSONALS home for the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Vancil. He is stationed at Gary AFB, San Marcos. Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Payne and Stephen, of Abilene, are here for a visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Saunders. Mr. and Mrs. Benny Lagow, of Killeen, will also be holiday visitors in the Saunders home. Mrs. E. J. O'Kelly will spend Christmas day at Abilene with Mr. and Mrs. Rothal O'Kelly. Dean Albright, student in Texas Technological College, Lubbock; and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bailey, San Angelo, will be holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Albright. Miss Tookie Wade, of San Angelo, will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. O. Wade, during the holidays. Rev. and Mrs. Ivan Kounter and Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Arrant

will attend the Christmas tree celebration for children in Hendricks Memorial Home, Abilene. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Adams and Edwin will make a Christmas visit at Caradan with Mrs. Adams' parents. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cartledge and Nancy, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, will spend Christmas here with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson and Dean. Mrs. M. H. Barnett returned to her home after a visit with the Cartledges in Albuquerque.

Christmastime is in the air. As we approach the happy Christmas season we want to express our deep appreciation for the fine cooperation of the people of Ballinger in helping to make our tasks as pleasant as possible. Merry Christmas. Our Offices will be Closed December 25 and 26. City Officials City Employees

Every happiness at Christmas time. Here are our best wishes for a memorable Christmas — abundant with good cheer and good fellowship. RIEGER'S. A Timely Reminder. WE WANT to remind you that we are conducting a real prescription department for the express purpose of compounding prescriptions. PEARCE-BAILEY DRUG Where Pharmacy is a Profession

IT'S CHRISTMAS and We Hope Everybody's Happy. Motel Stonewall "The House by the Side of the Road" MR. AND MRS. SAM BEHRINGER AND EMPLOYEES

TIDINGS of Great Joy

As in years past, may the birthday of the Prince of Peace bring tidings of great joy to each of you.

L. R. Tigner

Jeweler and Optometrist

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Ruble spent the past week-end at Lott with the former's parents. For Christmas they will have as guests, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sheehan, of Houston.

Miss Mary Jane Kiechle will visit during the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Campbell, of Big Spring; her grandmother, Mrs. Charles Kiechle, Evansville, Indiana; and Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Kiechle, Cedar Lake, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Punderburk and Ronald will visit at Brownwood Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Barnett, of the Valley View community, will have as guests during the holidays Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Lee and family, of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Lacy and children, of Midland; and Mr. and Mrs. Alva Pettit and children, of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Moss and Billy will visit at Killeen during the holidays.

Mrs. Clarence J. Jennings will go to Lubbock to spend Christmas with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave VanWinkle and children, of Lawton, Oklahoma; Mrs. Edra Ripley and Billy, of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Chester Dorer and Sheryl, of San Angelo, will join other family members in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bradshaw for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Barr will spend Christmas day at Bronte with the Cumble family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Jones will have as guests during the holidays Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Reddick and children, Harlingen; Mr. and Mrs. Burval Holt and children, Lufkin; Mr. and Mrs. Evans Watkins and children, Cross Plains; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Murphy and children, May; Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Denton and children, Wilmett.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Truett, Judy and Danny, Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Canady, Hobbs, New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Murray Canady, Seguin; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Barnes and Billie, Cleburne, will be holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Canady.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Thomas and Homer, of Marshall; and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Barnett, Barbara, Mike and Pat, of Odessa, will be holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thomas.

Sam Dunlap and son, Jack Dunlap, of Dallas, came in Monday for several days visit with Mr. Dunlap's mother, Mrs. G. W. Dunlap, and his aunt, Mrs. J. B. Arterburn. Miss Hattie Mae Dunlap is also at home for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Parish



May the Blessings of Christmas be heaped upon you a hundredfold.

Acapulco Restaurant

Greetings

The good will and patronage of our many friends are worthy indeed of our sincerest best wishes for a Merry Christmas.

Mrs. Gertrude Woods

Bartlett, Doris and Mike, of Mission; Mr. and Mrs. Marion Holman, of San Jose, California; and Ritchie Davis, of Brownwood, will spend Christmas here with Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Bartlett.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Simmons, of Seagraves, were pre-holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Bartlett. They were en route for a holiday visit with Major and Mrs. J. D. Bailey, of Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rountree, Conrad and Mike and Miss Deanie Rountree will spend Christmas day at Mertzon with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Ketchum and Jan and Mrs. Weldon Howell will go to Little Rock, Arkansas, for a holiday visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Sides and children and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Walker and children, of San Angelo, will visit during the holidays in the B. C. Walker home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Agnew, of Dallas, will visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Agnew and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Guynes. Mr. Agnew is a junior dental student at Baylor University medical school, Dallas. Mrs. Agnew teaches in the Dallas schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Witter, Suzanne and Billy, will go to Belton for a Christmas visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Epting will spend Christmas day at Hillsboro, visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Richards, Bob and Mike, of Abilene, will visit Mr. Richards' parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Richards, and other family members during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hill will spend Christmas day with relatives and friends at Abilene.

Misses Rosa, Winnie and Kate Hills, Mrs. Mildred Deaton and Mrs. Grace Duty, all of San Marcos, will spend the holidays here with their sisters, Mrs. D. G. Posey and Mrs. E. E. Avey, and families.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Underwood, Barton, Martin and Pamela will go to Rogers for a holiday visit with Mr. Underwood's parents.

Mrs. W. J. Wilke is at Houston for an extended holiday visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Chababa, of Dallas, will join the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Parrish, for a Christmas visit at Lubbock with Mr. and Mrs. Hie Parrish and son.

Guests in the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Bailey during the holidays will be Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Bailey, Jr., of Forth Worth; Miss Sally Bailey, student at Christian College,

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Christmas for remembering the friendships we cherish, and there are no wishes like the old tried and true ones

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Merry Christmas

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Our eggs come from a parent flock of 800 large English White Leghorn hens. These are raised by a breeding farm that specializes in quality. They are mated with pedigreed males.

Book your baby chicks now for delivery after January 19.

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Merry Christmas

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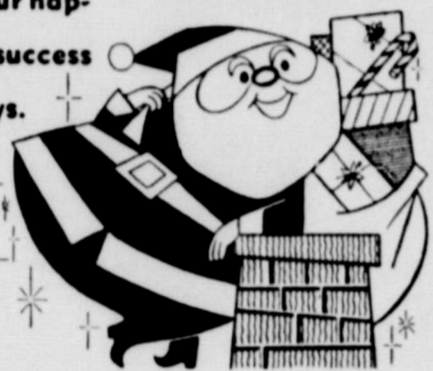
We want to wish each and every one of you a glorious Holiday!

May the spirit of brotherly love bring peace to all mankind!

Broadway Food Market

We are most happy to send you Greetings of Christmas with all our sincere wishes for your happiness and success in future days.

Merry Christmas

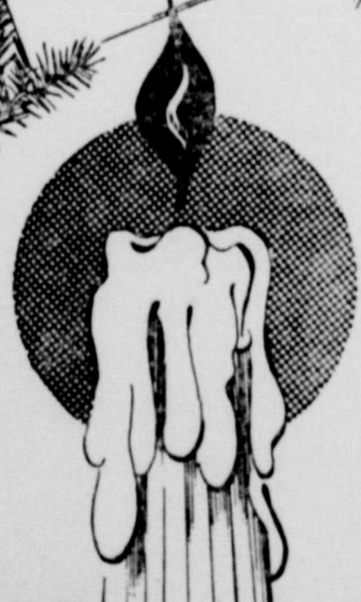


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Mr. and Mrs. James A. Hanson, Gayle, Judy and Alvin, and Rev. and Mrs. Gene Chamness, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Hanson, and Kay, of Graford, will visit here during the holidays with...

Merry Christmas

It is a pleasure at Christmas to include in our message of greeting a sincere word of appreciation for your confidence and patronage.



WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S APPAREL MORGAN'S

OWEN AND TONY

SOCIETY

First Methodist Church Scene of Poe-Vestal Wedding

An impressive service read Saturday evening in the First Methodist Church united in marriage Miss Joan Elaine Vestal and Billy J. Poe. The Rev. Wayne Reynolds, pastor, read the double ring rites at 8:00 o'clock before an arch entwined with huckleberry and jade, with baskets of calla lilies and white gladioli on both sides of the chancel rail. Tall white tapers in candelabra flanked the arrangement. Pews were marked by white satin bows.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert L. Vestal. Mr. Poe is the son of Mrs. Bill Poe and the late Mr. Poe. Entering on the arm of her father, who gave her in marriage, the bride was attired in a gown of nylon lace and net over white satin. The fitted bodice was styled with long lace sleeves that came to petal points at the wrist. The tulle yoke had a scalloped low neckline which was encrusted with seed pearls to follow the design of the lace. The bouffant skirt was fashioned with lace panels on each side and featured a slight sweep at the back.

The bride's veil of imported illusion cascaded to fingertip length from a crown of lace over satin, which was scalloped with clusters of seed pearls. She carried a bouquet of white gladioli showered with stephanotis and ribbons atop a white Bible belonging to Mrs. James Palmer, matron of honor. She wore her maternal grandmother's ring.

Mrs. Palmer wore a gown of yellow nylon tulle over taffeta designed with a fitted bodice and bouffant skirt. Her nylon tulle bolero was dotted with rhinestones and a matching halo trimmed in ruffles and rhinestones. Her bouquet was of aqua pompons.

Bridesmaids were Mrs. Wilfred Buxkemper and Miss Frances Thomas. Their dresses were aqua nylon tulle over taffeta and made similar to that

of the matron of honor. They carried colonial bouquets of yellow pompon mums.

James Palmer was best man. Groomsmen were Clyde Harville, of San Angelo, and Foy Wilson, of Abilene, both of whom are cousins of the bridegroom. The groomsmen lighted the candles.

A program of pre-nuptial music was furnished by Miss Wilma Duke, organist, who played accompaniments when Miss Clara Hill sang "With These Hands" and "Through the Years," and "The Lord's Prayer" as the couple knelt on the satin prieu due for the benediction. Miss Duke also played the traditional wedding marches.

A reception was held in the home of the bride's parents on Eleventh Street. Mrs. Joe Forman assisted the couple and their parents in receiving. Miss Dorothy Bishop registered guests in the bride's book.

Reception rooms were decorated with arrangements of white flowers. The table was laid with a cutwork linen cloth and centered with white gladioli and ferns. Miss Clara Hill and Miss Wilma Duke served the three-tiered decorated cake, and Mrs. Jimmy McAden and Miss Muriel Smith presided at the punch service.

Others in the houseparty were Miss Lillian McMillan, Mrs. Herbert Tickle, Mrs. L. M. Bowden and Mrs. E. H. Dean.

When the couple left on a wedding trip, the bride was wearing a winter blue suit with pink and navy accessories. Her corsage was of white gladioli.

They will be at home at 809 Eighth Street.

Mrs. Poe is a graduate of the Ballinger High School and attended North Texas State College, Denton. Mr. Poe was a member of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity while attending the University of Texas, Austin. He is employed by the Cree Drilling Co. and Mrs. Poe is employed at the agricultural conservation office.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert L. Ves-

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Greetings

May the meaning of Christmas

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stronger and its hopes brighter

as you observe this greatest of

all occasions.

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tal were hosts at the rehearsal dinner which was held at the Central Hotel Thursday evening.

Arrangements of aqua and yellow chrysanthemums centered tables. Places were marked by cards designed with silver wedding bells.

Guests were members of the wedding party, Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Reynolds, Mrs. Bill Poe, Mrs. Jimmy McAden, Mrs. Clyde Harville, of San Angelo; Mrs. Foy Wilson, of Abilene; and Wilfred Buxkemper.

Mrs. Olsak Hosts Christmas Party for Art and Needle Club

Mrs. Charles Olsak was hostess to members of the Art and Needle Club and added guests

Thursday afternoon, entertaining in her Wilke Terrace home.

Christmas decorations were featured in party rooms. The spruce tree was decorated with baubles and lights where gifts were exchanged. The lace-laid dining table was centered with a reflected arrangement of greenery, berries and candies where a sandwich plate with cake and coffee was served.

Mrs. E. F. Krc conducted the business and gave the prayer. Club members brought canned food and other gifts to add to other contributions of tea towels and a quilt, made by members.

Mrs. R. E. Willingham reviewed "The Littlest Angel," and "The Story of the First Christmas." Christmas carols were sung by the group.

Visitors were Mrs. Kenneth Feist and Mrs. Ed Kass, both of Rowena; and Mrs. Paul Harral. The next meeting will be held on January 18 in the home of Mrs. Walter Mueller.



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Christmas

Greetings

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May the meanings of Christmas,

be deeper, its friendship

stronger and its hopes brighter

for each of you this Season.

Frank Flynt Motor Co.

Glory to God
in the highest,
and on earth peace,
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Christmas Greetings

When the bells ring and the candles are lighted at Christmas time, 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.

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SOCIETY

Shakespeare Club Has Program on "Christmas Spirit"

The annual Christmas program of the Ballinger Shakespeare Club was held in the library club room last Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. E. H. Boelsche, program chairman, presented the leader, Mrs. J. B. Dankworth. Mrs. John McDonald gave "Christmas Recollections of Some Celebrities," in a most charming and interesting manner; and Mrs. J. W. Guynes' topic was "Thoughts on Christmas."

Mrs. Estes M. Lynn presided for the short business period. Mrs. E. A. Saunders, social committee chairman, reported on the Federation tea.

Others were: Mmes. William Harris, B. C. Kirk, Jack Moore, P. C. Miller, Paul Petty, Berta K. Spooner and Bob Sykes.

Presbyterian Young Adult Class Honors Wilsons

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Wilson and sons, Mike and Ronny, who are moving to San Angelo after the

first of the year, were complimented at an appreciation fellowship supper held in the First Presbyterian Church, U. S. A. parlors last Thursday evening.

Decorations were seasonal wreaths, candles and other Yule symbols, and the lighted tree where Mrs. Mart Gorman and Mrs. Jack Ashton served the covered dish supper. The affair was sponsored by the Young Adult Class.

After a program of carol singing in the church sanctuary, the class presented a new standard version Bible to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson. Games of 42 were played in the parlors.

Rev. and Mrs. A. O. Rue and about 40 members attended the supper.

Mrs. Creasy Hostess at Party for Whip and Whisper Club

Mrs. N. Bruce Creasy was hostess to the Whip and Whisper Sewing Club Tuesday afternoon of last week, entertaining at a Christmas party in her

home on Fourth Street.

Background for the decorations was a French window sprinkled with snow patterns and encircled with sprays of greenery and baubles. Poinsettias and candles decorated the rooms where gifts were exchanged following the sewing period.

Fruit cake, mints and coffee were served to: Mmes. F. M. Pearce, R. G. Erwin, Estes Lynn, Troy Simpson, C. F. Bailey, Q. V. Miller, Paul Trimmer, Harry Lynn; and Miss Marryatt Smith.

Mrs. Simpson Gives Review for Christian Faith Class

Mrs. Troy Simpson reviewed "The Man at the Gate of the World," by W. E. Cule, for the Faith Class of the First Christian Church last Thursday evening. Mrs. Charles P. Clifton was hostess to the group in her home on Twelfth Street.

Yule decorations were used in rooms where Mrs. D. B. Crockett conducted a brief business session. Mrs. J. W. Longnette, program chairman, gave the prayer and presented the guest speaker.

Members exchanged gifts from the decorated tree and a

gift was presented Mrs. Simpson.

Fruit cake and coffee were served. Others were: Mmes. H. B. Edmondson, Gene Crawford, Charles Mapes, Curtis Reece, C. F. Bailey, Lynn Burkes, Stuart Johnson, A. E. Kitchens and Herman Price. Visitors were Miss Lula McElroy, Mrs. C. B. Orahod, and Mrs. Truman Haupt, of Rockdale.

Blanton Club Meets in Tounget Home

The Blanton Club met on December 16 in the home of Mrs. Charlie Tounget for its annual Christmas dinner and party.

Fifteen members and three visitors, Mrs. Curtis Ross, San Diego, California; Mrs. Mary Kurtz and Mrs. Joe Cox, were present. A turkey dinner with all the trimmings was served.

New officers elected were: Mrs. Robbie Tounget, president; Mrs. Ella James, vice-president; Mrs. Elaine King, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Mary Reese, assistant secretary; Mrs. Selma Berry, reporter.

Gifts were exchanged from a beautifully decorated tree.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Charlie James on the third Thursday in Jan-

uary.

Personals

Guests during the holiday season of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Simpson will be Mr. and Mrs. Fred McClanahan, Freddie and Betty, Shreveport; Mrs. J. H. Goss, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Dodge and daughter, Jo, Hawley; and Andrew McDadage, Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Stobaugh and sons, Bob and Jeff, of Odessa, will share a Christmas visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh and Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Williams. Other Christmas day guests in the Williams home will be R. L. Williams, Jr., of New Rochelle, New York; and Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Williams, of Stephenville.

James Skinner will visit relatives at Kingsville Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Sessions, Tom and Bob, of Fort Worth; and Mr. and Mrs. James Trail and Sally, of Dallas, will be holiday guests in the home of

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Zappe.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack B. McGregor, Tom, Bob and Frances, of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Alexander McGregor and Stuart, of Texas City; and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Salfen, Mac, Terry, Ronnie and Jack, of Atlanta, Georgia, will be holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex McGregor.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Hall and Rebecca, Mrs. Marguerite Dow and Jerry, San Angelo; Mrs. Charles W. Tibbs, Dallas; and Charles William Tibbs, Los Angeles, will join other family members here and visit in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Harry

Lynn, Mr. and Mrs. James Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Truly and Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Tigner.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Young will spend Christmas at Frederick and Hobart, Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Dickinson will spend Christmas day at Norton with members of the latter's family.

Miss Elizabeth Wear, teacher at Baylor University, Waco, will be here for the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Wear.

Mr. and Mrs. John McGrath and Ronny will spend Christmas at Dallas, visiting relatives.

Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Robinson will make a Christmas visit here with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Blair Hays. Rev. Robinson is a student at McMurry College, Abilene, and pastor of the Mullin Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Rowan, Michael and Martha, of Athens; and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Duncan, Franklin and Phil, of Fort Stockton, will be Christmas week-end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Duncan.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Trimmer are at Houston for a holiday visit with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Trimmer.

The Yuletide Season brings joyous Greetings to all our customers and an appreciation for the considerations we have enjoyed during the past year. Our Good Wishes to you and yours.

GREETINGS
of the Season

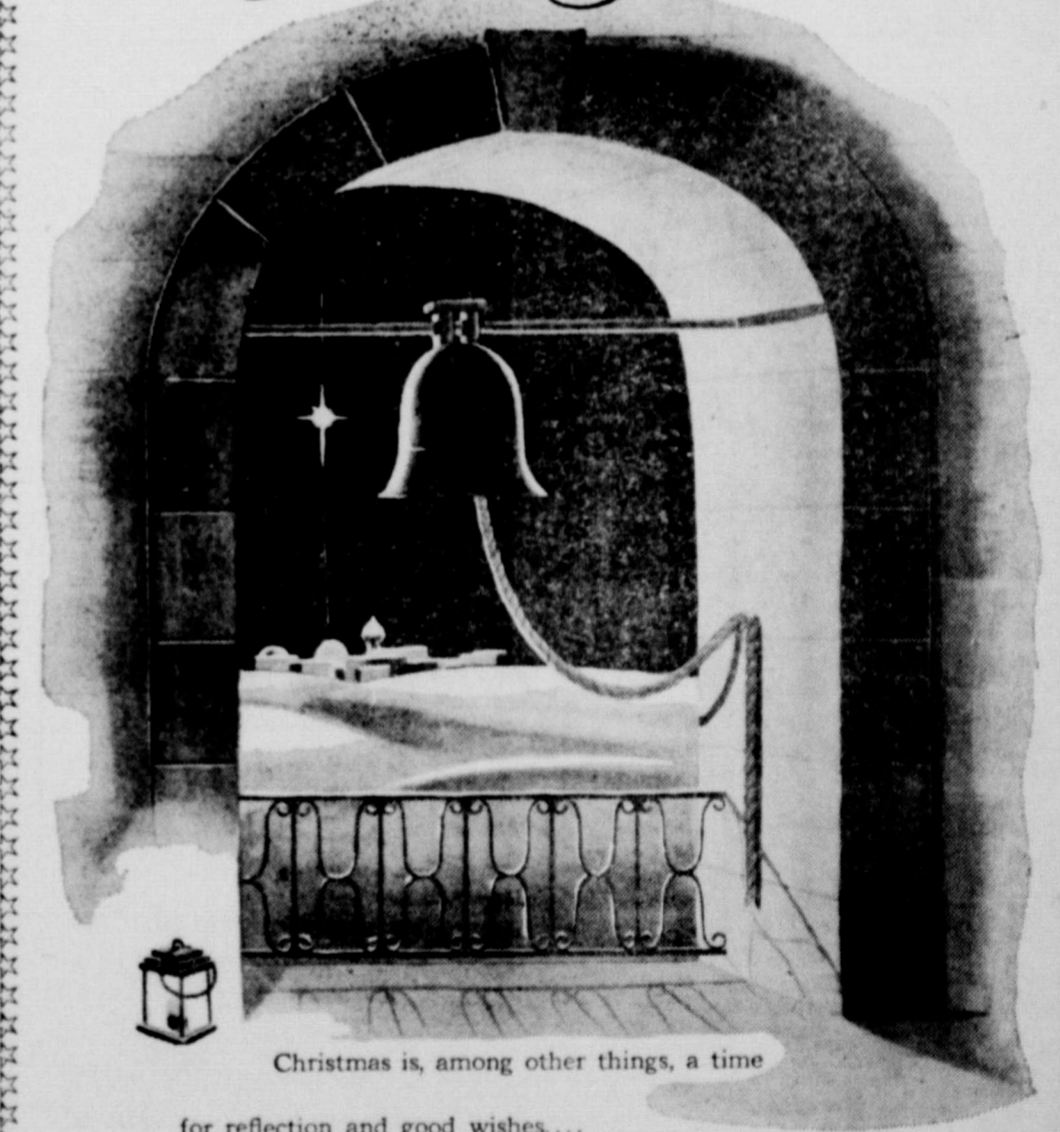
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May the hope
and joy and beauty
That the Christmas season holds
Bless you now
and through the future
As each passing day unfolds.

Season's
Greetings

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Christmas Greetings



Christmas is, among other things, a time for reflection and good wishes...

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May the New Year deal kindly with your Dreams and Ambitions.

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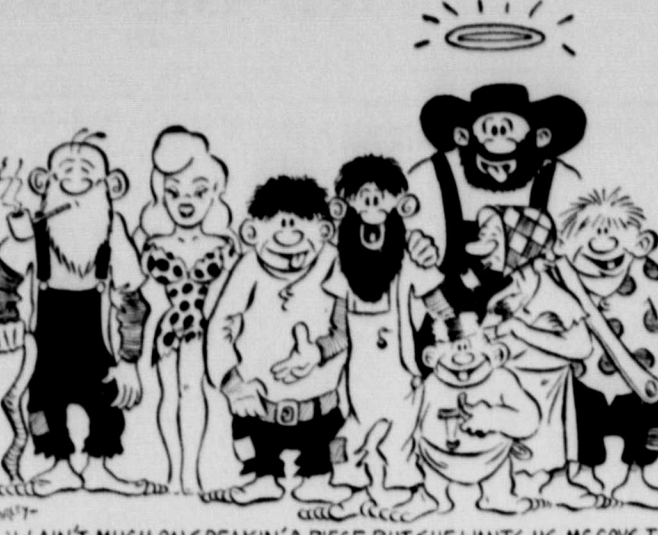
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Lynn Ray Tanner
All of the unknown heirs of
Mary J. Tanner, deceased, the
names and residences of all of
whom are unknown to cross-
plaintiffs.

Also the unknown husbands
of each and all of the named
and unnamed married female
defendants herein whose hus-
bands may not be specifically
named herein.

The said First Amended Original Cross Action was filed in said cause on the 1st day of December, 1953. The nature of said cross-action which contains two counts is as follows:

By the first count cross-plaintiffs pray for a construction of the will of Mary J. Tanner, deceased, which was probated in Runnels County, Texas, on December 18, 1940, after the death of John W. Tanner (who died also leaving a will probated in said county August 16, 1949) was given all right, title and interest in the estate of Mary J. Tanner except only for a contingent remainder in real estate undisposed of at his death and of which there was none in fact, and that the said John W. Tanner had full right, title, power and authority to sell, convey and dispose of the fee simple title of all real estate owned by Mary J. Tanner at her death and to use, consume and dispose of the proceeds thereof, and that all personal property in his possession at his death was owned by him. Cross-plaintiffs pray for judgment so constraining said will and adjudicating that cross-defendants have no interest in the estate of Mary J. Tanner, deceased, and no interest or claim against the estate of John W. Tanner except for such claims as certain ones of them have as his designated legatees.

By the second count, the cross-plaintiffs bring suit in trespass to try title against all of the cross-defendants to recover the title and possession of lands, all in Runnels County, Texas, sued for by each cross-plaintiff respectively as follows:

Second group of cross-defendants:

James Pruitt
Mrs. Nancy E. Reader
Margaret Belyew, sometimes known as Margaret Belyew Gertrude Like
Grace Morrison, sometimes known as Grace Morrison and husband, Harry Morrison
A. E. Henry
Mrs. Delmar Griffith and husband, Delmar Griffith

The unknown heirs of Amelia Henry, deceased, the names and residences of all of whom are unknown to cross-plaintiffs.

Albert K. Tanner
Mrs. Dovey Boyd and husband, Lawrence Boyd
Frederick Tanner
Robert Tanner
William Tanner

Glenn Eager
The unknown heirs of Henry Bynum, deceased.

The unknown heirs of Mary J. Tanner, deceased.

Cross-plaintiffs to said cross-action are Ila Mae Eager and husband, Glenn Eager, Alvin Benson, Fred Young, J. M. Phillips, H. L. Speer and S. A. Whittenberg.

The cross-defendants to said cross-action are:

The first group of cross-defendants are all of the original plaintiffs to said cause of action as listed above. Also Jo Anne Bynum, a minor.

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Robert Tanner
William Tanner

Lewis Bynum
Carl R. Bynum
Ollie Mae Smith and husband, Arthur Roy Smith
Carroll Bynum

The original defendants in said cause are as follows:

James Pruitt
An Jo Pruitt, whose correct name is Anzo Pruitt Davis
Mrs. Nancy E. Reader
Ora Williams
Caroline Catlin, who is the same person as Carline Catlin
Amelia Henry
Margaret Belyew, who is the same person as Margaret Belyew Gertrude Like
Grace Morrison, who is the same person as Grace Morrison
A. W. Tanner
Irma Sigler
Sally Heysler
Hattie Stewart
Lillie Babb
Dessie Power Dickinson
Lollette Gilliland
Rex Hayes
Verdie Davis
Isabell Parish
J. M. Phillips
D. L. Phillips
Alvin Benson
Fred Young
S. A. Whittenberg
H. L. Speer
James Blair Baker
J. C. Lewis
Humble Oil Company
Ila Mae Eager and husband,

W. E. Autrey
Vernella Clampitt and husband, M. P. Clampitt
Geneva Louise Bynum Greenwood and husband, Robert Greenwood
W. E. Bynum
Calle Boyd and husband, Bert Boyd
Luther Bynum
L. O. Bynum
Joel Bynum
Seth Bynum
Doris Bynum Wrinkle and husband, Charles Wrinkle
Eleanor Bynum Turner and husband, Benjamin Turner
Darrell T. Bynum
Harold Bynum
Marguerite Bynum McChristian and husband, Bill McChristian
E. Louise Bynum Smith and husband, Charles S. Smith
R. T. Bynum
Ben Edward Bynum
Mrs. Ruth Cole and husband, Lewis Cole
Modell Fulton Dyer
Joe Dyer
Luther Huckaby
Walker Nugent
Guy Nugent
Mrs. Ruth L. Bynum, a widow, and as guardian of the estate of Jo Anne Bynum
Lorine Carroll and husband, G. P. Carroll
Mrs. Ruth Irene Whitworth and husband, Tommie Whitworth

Winters, Runnels County, Texas.

Cross-plaintiff, S. A. Whittenberg sues for the following land:

10 1/2 acres, more or less out of the Southwest corner of SA & MG Ry. Co. Survey No. 7, fully described in deed from John W. Tanner to S. A. Whittenberg and wife, dated August 17, 1942, and recorded in Vol. 185, page 368, Runnels County Deed Records.

Cross Plaintiff, Alvin Benson sues for the following land:

FIRST TRACT: All of Lot No. 1, in Block "A" of the Broad and Bomar Subdivision of parts of Blocks 4, 5, & 6 of Murray Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas, and also a reversionary right in and to a 23 foot by 52 foot tract out of Lot No. 5, Block 6 of said Murray's addition, all as fully described in deed from J. W. Tanner to J. Clarence Lewis, dated February 3, 1942 and recorded February 14, 1942 at 4:45 P. M. in the County Clerk's office of Runnels County, Texas.

Cross-plaintiff, Fred Young sues for the following land:

All of Lot No. 2, in Block "A" in Broad and Bomar Subdivision of parts of Blocks 4, 5 and 6 of Murray Addition to the City of Winters.

Cross-plaintiff, H. L. Speer, sues for the following land:

All of Lots 1 and 2, and the North 8 feet of the West 41 feet of Lot No. 3, all in Block No. 1, of the South Side Addition to the City of Winters, all as described in Deed from John W. Tanner to H. L. Speer, dated September 7, 1944, and recorded in Vol. 192, page 499 of the Runnels County Deed Records.

Cross-plaintiff, J. M. Phillips, sues for the following land:

Situated in the City of Winters and being all of Lots No. 11 and 12, in Block No. 5, of Roberts Addition to the said City of Winters as shown by recorded plat thereof.

Mary J. Tanner is alleged by cross-plaintiffs to be the common source of title.

If this citation is not served within 90 days after date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court at my office in the City of Ballinger, on this 1st day of December, 1953.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and said seal. (Seal)

WILLIE STEPHENS
Clerk of the District Court of Runnels County, Texas

Issued this 1st day of December, 1953.

Personals

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bell for the holidays will be Mr. and Mrs. James Bell and Sheila, Big Lake; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bell, Jr., Kermit; Major and Mrs. R. P. Currie and Jimmy, El Paso; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jones and children, Brownwood; Airman 3c Roland Bell, Scott AFB, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell and Eddie, of Dallas, and Mr. and Mrs. King Barker, of San Angelo, will spend Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Crockett.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Baker will go to Hamlin for a Christmas visit with Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Prater.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Swann and Mrs. W. N. Wilkey will make a Christmas visit at Talco with relatives and friends.

Ruby Padgett, of Edcouch, made a pre-holiday visit here with his mother, Mrs. W. T. Padgett, and other relatives.

Oscar Sensabaugh, of Berwick, Louisiana, will spend Christmas day here with his mother, Mrs. O. F. Sensabaugh.

Rev. and Mrs. Fred W. King and family, of Three Rivers, and Mr. and Mrs. John H. Wall, of Dallas, will be holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. King.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Cope, Brenda and Gaye, of Dallas, and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Guinn and Tony, of Fort Worth, will be here this week-end for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cope.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wood, Al and Rama, of Vernon, and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Collins, of Dallas, will be holiday guests of Mrs. E. J. Collins and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lee White, of Winnipeg, Canada, and Fort Worth; Miss Jeanette White, of Brady; and Albert Lee White, Jr., Baylor University student, will make an after-Christmas visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Grindstaff.

Mrs. Curtis Hays, of Abilene, will be a Christmas guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Branham, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Paschal and children, of San Angelo, will visit during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Wirt Bales.

Miss Cynthia Tuckey, of Odessa; and Miss Dian Tuckey, student at Baylor University, Waco, will be here during the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Tuckey.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gibbs and children, of Childress, will be holiday guests in the Cam Blackmon home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Cotton, Dale and Linda, of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Altan E. Cotton, Lubbock; and Mrs. Elizabeth Odom, Stephenville, will be Christmas visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Cotton.

Holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Jacob will be Mr. and Mrs. Otis Jacob and Kay, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Jacob and Sue Ann, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Cathey, Edna Carol and Ernest Mack, of Wingate; Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Jacob and Kenneth and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jacob, Tommy and Johnny.

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry Guynes, Stephen and Janie, of Grand Prairie; and Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Alford, Jr., Lee III, and Jimmy Joe, of Caldwell, will visit during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Guynes and Mr. and Mrs. Powell Wear.

Citation by Publication TO FREDERICK TANNER and WILLIAM TANNER: You and each of you are hereby commanded to appear before the District Court of Runnels County, Texas, to be held at the Courthouse of said County in the City of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, at or before 10:00 a. m. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the issuance hereof, that is to say at or before 10:00 a. m. of Monday, the 18th day of January, 1954, and to answer and to appear by filing a written answer herein to the First Amended Original Cross-Action of Ila Mae Eager, et al, cross-plaintiffs, in Cause No. 5734, in said Court and styled Mary J. Schneider, et al vs. Glenn Eager et ux, et al. The original plaintiffs in said cause are as follows:

Mary J. Schneider and husband, Eugene Schneider
Charlotte C. Scholz and husband, Erwin H. Scholz
Sarah Claire Schlake and husband, Edgar Schlake
Annie Pearl Taylor and husband, Milton Taylor
Geneva Myrtle Barrow and husband, William B. Barrow
S. P. May
Katie Autrey and husband,



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As we approach the Christmas season may we extend greetings and wish for you and your loved ones

A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

W. H. RAMPY, County Judge
E. C. GRINDSTAFF, District Attorney
MISS OLLIE CHENOWETH, County Home Demonstration Agent
PRICE MIDDLETON, County Treasurer
DALTON CROCKETT, County Tax Assessor-Collector
FRANKIE BERRYMAN, County Clerk
JOHN A. BARTON, County Farm Agent

JIMMY CUSENBARY, Assistant County Farm Agent
WILLIE STEPHENS, District Clerk
DON ATKINS, Sheriff
W. E. ELKINS, County Superintendent
JACK W. MOORE, County Attorney
CLYDE CHAPMAN, Commissioner, Precinct 1
PAUL GORDON, Commissioner, Precinct 4



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It's not the wording of a Christmas greeting, but the thought and sincerity that prompts it. Ours carries with it the full appreciation of your courtesies and genuine good wishes for a happy Yuletide.

Broadway Cafe

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Many Stars Scintillate in Xmas Week's Programs at Hillcrest Drive-In Theatre

"Thy Neighbor's Wife," 20th Century-Fox release, is the principal attraction at the Hillcrest Drive-In Theatre today and tomorrow (December 23, 24). Starring famed producer-writer-director Hugo Haas and Cleo Moore and Ken Carlton. "Thy Neighbor's Wife" is an adult drama set in an ancient Moravian village of the 1790s. Heading the supporting players are Kathleen Hughes and Tony Jochim.

"All the Brothers were Valiant," M-G-M's thrill-cramped adventure romance in Technicolor, will have a four-day run at the Hillcrest (Christmas day) Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, December 25 through 28. Robert Taylor, Ann Blyth and Stewart Granger are the stars in this screen version of Ben Ames Williams' best-seller novel, most of which was filmed

on location in Jamaica, British West Indies. In supporting roles are Betty St. John, Keenan Wynn, James Whitmore, Lewis Stone, Kurt Kasnar and Robert Burton, with a large group of actors composing the crew of the whaler, "Nathan Ross."

Filmed in the tradition of the memorable "Captains Courageous," this spectacular tale is replete with action throughout every reel. It includes a tropical island romance, a 19th century whaling expedition, pearl diving, fights with savage, spear-throwing natives, a mutinying crew and an unusual love triangle involving two brothers and the young girl one of them marries.

What is probably the greatest collection of celebrities ever assembled for a single motion picture appears in "Main Street to Broadway," Metro-Goldwyn-

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JOHN SUTTON JAY C. FLIPPEN SCAT MAN CROTHERS
Technicolor

Mayer production, booked at the Hillcrest Tuesday and Wednesday, December 29, 30. Stars to be seen in this spectacular triumph of Broadway and Hollywood are: Tallulah Bankhead, Ethel Barrymore, Lionel Barrymore, Gentrude Berg, Shirley Booth, Louis Calhern, Leo Durocher, Rex Harrison, Faye Emerson, Oscar Hammerstein, II, Helen Hayes, Joshua Logan, Mary Martin, Agnes Moorehead, Lilli Palmer, Richard Rodgers, Herb Shriner, John Van Druten and Cornel Wilde.

Teamed with these celebrities are two screen newcomers, Tom Morton and Mary Murphy.

'Lion in the Streets' Stars James Cagney

The high-tension story of an unscrupulous backwoods peddler's climb to untold power is told in the Technicolor picture of "A Lion in the Streets," to be shown at the Texas Theatre Tuesday and Wednesday, December 29, 30.

James Cagney is starred, and Barbara Hale and Anne Francis have top roles as the women in Cagney's life.

Miss Hale portrays the school teacher wife of the peddler and it is she who starts him on the road to fame, by providing him with the education he lacked. The other woman is played by blonde Anne Francis. It is she who decides that Hank Martin belongs to her and she too opens a road for Cagney, but it is the road to infamy.

Mr. and Mrs. Zane Branham, students at Texas Technological College, Lubbock, will share a Christmas visit with Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Branham, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Elkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kemp and Carolyn, of Bronte, will join other family members in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kemp.

Glen Chapman, student at Shreiner Institute, Kerrville, will be at home for the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Chapman.

'Wings of Hawk' Director Keeps Action Moving in All Directions

An action-adventure on the motion picture screen should be made up of 99.44% action, contends Director Budd Boetticher, whose latest Technicolor film for Universal is "Wings of the Hawk," starring Van Heflin and Julia Adams. The picture, billed at the Texas Theatre Sunday and Monday, December 27, 28, has in its roster of supporting players Abbe Lane, Noah Beery, George Dolenz and Antonio Moreno.

That premise goes double for a spectacular outdoor picture such as "Wings of the Hawk," says Boetticher. Set against a rugged background, the story has hero Heflin discovering a

gold mine, fighting a pitched battle with corrupt troops, being captured, falling in love with bandit-queen Julia Adams, and setting off a series of spectacular explosions all in breathtaking succession.

The intense play of strong personalities dominates the fast-moving action of Universal's outdoor drama in Technicolor, "Tumbleweed," to be presented on the double-bill at the Texas Friday (Christmas day) and Saturday, December 25, 26. Audie Murphy, Lori Nelson and Chill Wills are the stars. Supporting players include K. T. Stevens, Russell Johnson, Madge

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VAN HEFLIN - JULIA ADAMS - ABBE LANE

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With every good wish for

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Meredith and Roy Roberts. On the same program is "Man Without a Country." A real honest to goodness treat is promised in Paramount's brand new film, "Those Red-Headed from Seattle," to be presented at the Texas Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 31, January 1, 2. It marks the first time the magical 3-D cameras have been used to film a Technicolored musical extravaganza. As an extra-added feature, the picture, which stars Rhonda Fleming, Gene Barry and Agnes Moorehead, also introduces to screen audiences the nation's most popular new singing sensations, Teresa Brewer, Guy Mitchell and the Bell Sisters.

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**WEST TEXAS
NOTES**

It is time to say Merry Christmas again and this year we would like to put added emphasis on the message. During the year our readers, advertisers and friends have been extremely nice and have assisted us in our efforts to gather the news as well as helping us by using space. We thank each person who in any way has assisted us during 1953. May we invite the same type of cooperation in 1954 and we promise to do our best to serve you as a community and to always strive to promote those things which will make Runnels county a better place in which to live.

During the next few days there will be many fire hazards in Ballinger homes and stores. Let's all strive to prevent fire by exercising every care in Christmas decorations and wrappings and in the shooting of fireworks. Christmas is normally a happy time, but a bad fire could spoil this merry event for some. Ballinger firemen are urging that all citizens work with them for a Christmas season without an alarm.

January will be the final month for paying property taxes before they become delinquent. The three collecting offices here will be open all month and property owners are urged to take care of their tax accounts early in the month. Next year will see elections for state, district, county and precinct offices and poll tax payments should be much higher. Citizens should want to have a part in the selection of officials who will operate our governing bodies for another two years. When you pay your property taxes also get a poll tax receipt and be an eligible voter in 1954.

Ballinger people have shown their desire to share with those less fortunate, all families listed for help during the Christmas season having been taken care of. In fact there were more groups wanting to "adopt" families than there were families listed. Some went out and found needy people to deliver clothing, food and toys to on Christmas eve.

Airline service to and from Coleman will be resumed on February 1, according to information received from Trans-Texas Airways. Stops at Coleman were authorized several weeks ago but the airline had not indicated when it would be ready. The municipal airport is being made ready for resumption of service. For several years regular stops were made at Coleman by Trans-Texas. Service was cancelled but Coleman organizations campaigned to have the field approved and were successful.

The Miles Lions Club has named Homer Hudgins the community's "man of the year." A certificate was presented Mr. Hudgins by Mayor Kasberg, who told of the many ways in which Hudgins served the community during the past twelve months. Manager for the West Texas Utilities Co. at Miles, Hudgins has been a leader in civic movements.

A contract for the remodel-

ing of the First National Bank of Bronte was let last week to Templeton & Cannon, contractors, of San Angelo. L. T. Youngblood, president, said the work would be started January 1. The remodeling, to cost \$40,000 to \$50,000, will make this one of the most modern banks of this section. Another building, formerly occupied by a drug store, will be added to provide more room for the bank. New entrances will face on two streets.

Highway 83 in the Paint Rock area is being improved and will get seal coating and a wider roadway. Joe Henson, foreman for the state highway department, said the road would be full 18 feet wide and that approximately \$18,000 was being spent at this time. He added that about \$20,000 would be spent early in the spring in putting on blade mix asphalt topping.

A contract for the construction of a new city hall and fire station at Stephenville was let last week. The low bid was \$74,967. Construction will begin

about January 3 and will be pushed, 180 calendar days being allowed. The building will provide office space for all city officials, a business room for the tax department, ample room for the fire equipment and living quarters for full-time firemen on the second floor.

The Colorado City city council took steps last week to improve and maintain the city's Ruddick Park. The civic committee of the chamber of commerce was asked to study the park needs and to make recommendations for improvements and a plan for financing. It is planned to bring the facilities up to a point that meet the needs of the community. An appropriation of \$1,000 had been made earlier for park work.

Menard leaders are preparing for a second visit of the Red Cross bloodmobile unit on December 29. The quota is 105 pints and every effort is being made to register enough donors who will promise to appear on the specified date. The committee in charge of local arrangements is urging citizens not to let their Christmas affairs prevent them from signing up and attending the clinic.

The Brady city council passed an ordinance last week making it a violation for any person to store, discard or junk an ice box without first removing the lock and thereby making it possible to open it from the inside. This action was taken

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after deaths of a number of children in the United States who locked themselves in refrigerators while at play. The council also appointed three men to a planning committee to assist the aldermen.

Hamlin civic groups have just concluded two Christmas decoration contests which attracted wide interest. The first was to name winners in show windows and the second was the selection of the best home and yard pieces. Numerous entries were registered in both events. In addition to the decorations provided through the two contests a number of public buildings and other places are displaying lighted pieces featuring the Christmas theme.

Melvin merchants will take two days for the Christmas holidays. Stores will be closed

on Christmas eve and reopened the following Monday. This is being done to give clerks and other employees a longer time to celebrate. The merchants requested that customers help by anticipating their needs for the holidays before closing time December 24.

The Winters livestock show will be held on January 25. This date was set by the sponsors at a meeting last week. Neal Oakes, president of the recently formed Winters Livestock and Agriculture Association, stated that practically all preliminary plans had been perfected for the 1954 show. Changes were made in the rules this year which will put entries on a competitive basis instead of classification.

A Massachusetts textile firm is planning to locate a plant at Brownwood for the manufac-

This warm and friendly greeting
Now that Christmas time is here,
Is but an echo of a wish
Which we hope will last
Through all the days to come.

Christmas Greetings
Home Furniture Co.

ture of upholstering fabrics. Representatives of the firm were in Brownwood last week to meet with city officials and civic leaders to consider a location and other details. Following the meeting, Charles L. Cohen, vice-president of the company, told Brownwood officials that details of the plant construction would be released as soon as technical details were solved. The new Texas plant will not cancel the one which is being operated at Clinton, Massachusetts.

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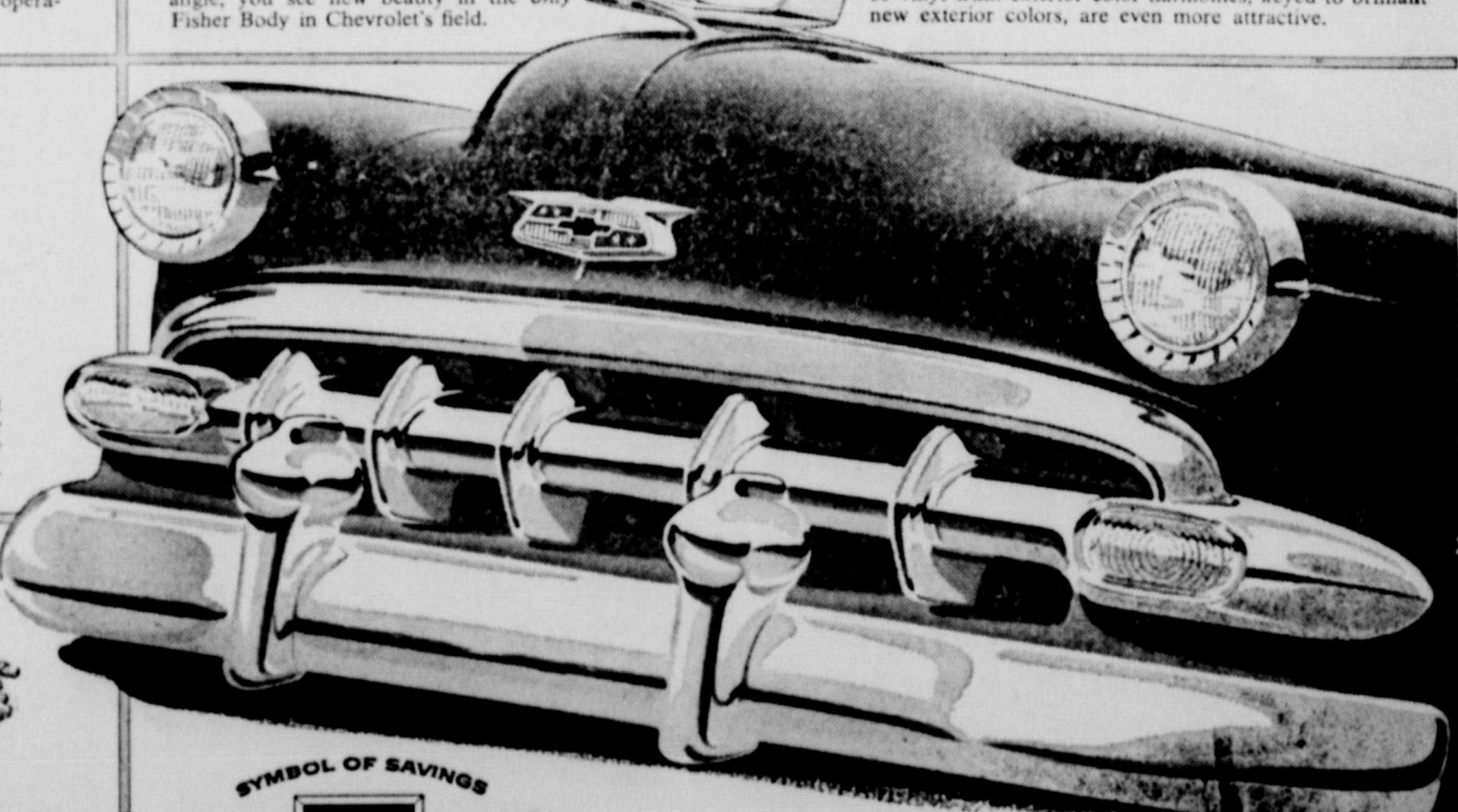
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May we be ever thankful
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May your Christmas be happy.

Ballinger Motor Sales, Inc.

Bascom Giles, Commissioner of the General Land Office of the State of Texas, and except the cross plaintiffs, in trespass to try title, alleging that said defendants disseminated the State of Texas from the possession of said premises on September 30, 1950, and withhold the possession of same from the State of Texas; that said defendants have drilled two oil and gas wells on said land and have produced and are still producing oil and gas from said land.

The cross plaintiffs pray for title and possession of said premises, for damages and rents of \$3,000.00 per year for the surface of said land, and for an accounting for the oil and gas produced and judgment for the value thereof with interest thereon and costs and for general relief.

If this citation is not served within 90 days after date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

ISSUED and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at office in Ballinger, Texas, this 28 day of November, 1953.

(Seal)
WILLIE STEPHENS
Clerk of 119th District Court, of Runnels County, Texas 3-48

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Faubion will have all their family at home for the Christmas season. To be present are Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Goode and children, Levelland; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Webb, Marble Falls; Mr. and Mrs. B. Paul Thomason, Austin; Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Tackett, Haskell; Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Faubion and children, Winters; Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Faubion and Brenda and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Faubion and children, Talpa.

Mrs. J. E. Gentry will visit Mr. and Mrs. Joe Huffman at Ventura, California, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carmichael at Palo Alto, California, during the holidays. Mrs. Gentry flew to California.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hampton and Julie will spend the holidays with the former's mother, Mrs. Lina B. Hampton, and Mrs. Hampton's mother, Mrs. A. F. Page, of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Camp, Mike and Dale, of Farwell, will visit here during the holidays with

their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Harral and Mr. and Mrs. Doc Camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Maxie Cole, of San Angelo, will share a Christmas visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Harral and Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Cole.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Hargus attended a reunion of the Scott Richardson family at Waurika, Oklahoma, which was held as a pre-Christmas celebration.

Lt. and Mrs. Donald V. Martin made a holiday visit with the former's aunt, Mrs. G. M. Hargus, and Mr. Hargus. They are en route from Norfolk, Virginia, to San Francisco, to embark for Saipan, where Lt. Martin will be stationed for two years with the navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Harper McFarland, Jr., Gary and Jimmy, of Lamy, New Mexico, will be holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harper McFarland.

Mrs. M. S. Jones and Mrs. Ivy Cornelious, of National City, California, and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dameron, of San Diego, will be holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hash.

Miss Gayle Hays, student at Texas Technological College,

Lubbock, will be at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hays, for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hill, of College Station; and Miss Gladys Hill, of Del Rio, will be here for the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hulsey will visit at Stamford, Hamlin and Tulla during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Fain, Mr. and Mrs. J. Perry King, of Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Holt, of Altus, Oklahoma, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Holt, of Waco, will be Christmas guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. King.

Mr. and Mrs. John King, Mike and Vickie will visit Mrs. King's parents at Clarendon after Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ledford and Brent, of San Antonio, will be here this week-end to visit Mr. and Mrs. Sim Ledford.

Mrs. Malcolm McGregor and Miss Patsy McGregor will make an after-Christmas visit with Dr. and Mrs. Reese Kinser, of San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McShan will spend Christmas day at San Angelo with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McShan.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dinges, Judy and Jan; Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Moreland and Margaret Lynn, of San Antonio; Earl Moreland, of Texas City; and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Moreland, Jr., of Abilene, will spend Christmas here with Mr. and

Mrs. J. L. Moreland.

Marie Ankeny; Garland Anthony, Robert S. Anderson; Beloil Corporation, Ltd., a private corporation; Henry M. Brown; Raymond Bauduc; Edna Bauduc; Edward H. Bailey; Nettie Currie, individually and as Independent Executrix of the Estate of Sallie M. Odom, deceased; C. R. Craig; J. Brown Cutbirth; A. L. H. Cheesman; Delaware Drillers, Inc., a private corporation; John J. Delfell; Dan H. Dailey, Jr.; Miss Louise Dailey; Maurice Dailey; R. D. French; W. H. Francis, Jr.; Evelyn G. French; S. J. Fuller; Fred Goodstein; D. G. Gordon; A. N. Goldberg; Greenbrier Oil Company, a partnership, composed of DeWalt H. Ankeny and wife, Marie Ankeny; William Hamm, Jr.; James E. Kelley and wife, Margaret H. Kelley; William H. Lang and wife, Theodora Lang; and Joseph A. Maun, who have filed an answer herein; Humble Oil & Refining Company, a private corporation; W. L. Herstadt; Louis B. Heney and wife, Mabelle Heney; James T. Harris, Jr.; J. T. Harris, III; Wm. H. Hamm, Jr.; Thelma Irby; Margaret Schmid Jerezhiah; Virgil E. Jones; James E. Kelley; Margaret H. Kelley; Lester & Duffield, Inc., a private corporation; William H. Lang; Theodora Lang; Margaret Alice McNay, a widow; John R. Moran; Fred M. Manning; Geo. P. Murrin, individually, and as Trustee; Wright Morrow; Mrs. Lucy G. Moses; Mrs. M. P. Piper; J. H. D. Danna; Christine Hall Danna; Individually, and as Agent, Malco Refineries, Inc., a private corporation; Joseph A. Maun; M. P. Piper; Gray Corporation; Newmount Oil Company, a private corporation; Olivia Cooten Oberhaus; N. P. Powell; Roy M. Pugh; Piper Trust Company of New York, a corporation; Leon M. Payne; E. A. Poe; Clara Elizabeth Quick; Giddings Rogers; James W. Riddle; May Dailey Rellly; Herbert Rosenbush; Ann B. Sleczak; John Richard Schmid; Wm. C. Sylvan; Dale Sumrall; William S. Sherwood, Agent; Clarence W. Sanders; L. P. Teas, Trustee; John H. Tomfohrde; Mrs. Edna Wiley; C. M. Wiley; Wunderlich Contracting Company, a Nebraska corporation; John H. Wilson; Warren Petroleum Corporation, a private corporation; Mannon L. Walter; J. H. Wooten; and G. H. Wooten, each of the above named Defendants having been duly cited by person service of citation upon him in this cause, and the following other Defendants, to-wit: Janice M. Comisky; A. J. Long; Clint G. Rogers, Trustee; John D. Rogers and wife, Carolyn G. Rogers; Percy S. Strauss, Jr.; Henry W. Shimeall; and Henry Stern; and the unknown heirs of the eight defendants last above named who may be deceased, if any, and Bascom Giles, Commissioner of the General Land Office of the State of Texas, are defendants, filed in said Court on the 20th day of November, 1953, and the nature of which said suit is as follows:

Plaintiff alleges that he discovered a tract of vacant, unsurveyed school land in Runnels County, Texas, which land is described as follows:

Said tract is bounded on the North by Survey 298, in the name of Maria Candida Zuniga, and on the west by said survey 298; on the south by Gray Carroll Survey 291; and on the East by Survey 292, in the name of Jose Maria Garcia, and containing 288.55 acres of land, more or less.

That plaintiff made application to lease said vacant land under Article 5421c of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925; that in due course the Land Commissioner, after survey, on September 15, 1952, entered his finding of no vacancy, and thereupon plaintiff brought suit, praying that the court determine the existence of said vacancy and grant to plaintiff a preference right to acquire an oil and gas lease from the State of Texas covering said area.

Thereupon, the defendants John Ben Shepperd, Attorney General of Texas, and the State of Texas filed their original answer and cross action, alleging that by virtue of citation having been served upon said Attorney General and the Land Commissioner, and they having intervened herein, the State of Texas is in effect a party to this suit; and said defendants bringing said cross action, who will herein be referred to as cross plaintiffs, allege that the land above described is vacant land and is owned by the State of Texas; and the cross action is brought against all of the defendants in said suit above named, except the defendant

Wishing You
A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS

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 find new faith and new hope in the true spirit of the occasion. May your Christmas be rich in joy and happiness... a season of much joy.

The First Methodist Church
WAYNE REYNOLDS, Pastor

Giant boy



Recently, a group of scientists and engineers was asked to predict what's next.

Now that we have electrified farms, factories and homes, is that the end? The answer appears to be no, that the electrical industry is a "giant boy" with its great growth still ahead. Here are some of the predictions.

Take a personal thing first. Millions of homes will have heat pumps to heat and cool automatically—using electricity for fuel.

You can expect to cook food someday by electronics—in seconds. Electrical incinerators will consume your waste paper and waste food. Dust will be taken from the air electrically. The day may come when TV screens hang like pictures on the wall, with only a tiny wire to the set.

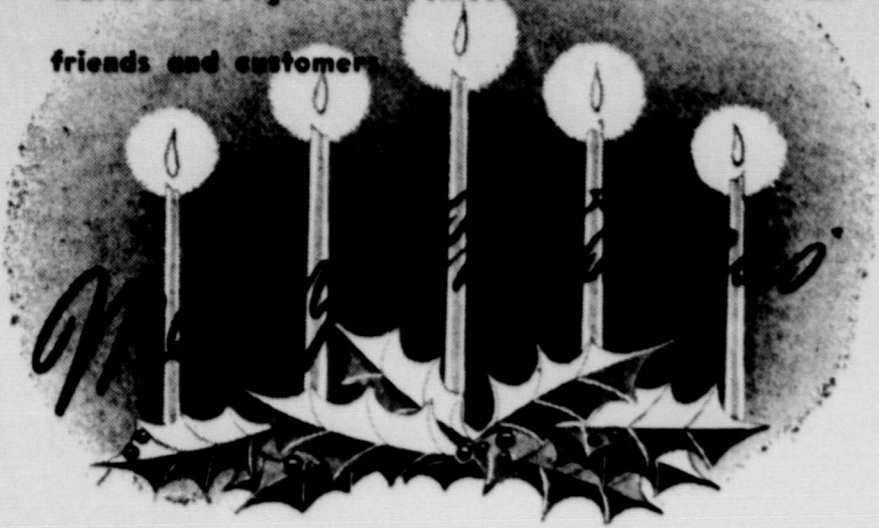
Nuclear fuels are on the timetable of the scientists. Energy from the atom will eventually be a major source of power, regardless of whether fossil fuels are seriously depleted. By century's end, most new plants generating electricity will operate with atomic (fission) fuel. Aircraft, battleships and the like will measure fuel consumption in grams.

Storing heat from the sun is another long-range project of scientists, with billions in savings as the potential result.

The year 2000 looks big and distant. Actually it is only 47 years away. By then, any puny prognostications made today will have been rewritten many times. But larger. Electricity has always been a field where each new fact generates many more things new. The years should be interesting to watch.

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May the sparkle of Christmas candles make your season warm and bright — our sincere wish to each of our friends and customers



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Personals

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Harding will be Mr. and Mrs. Roy Frederick and family and Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Taylor and family, of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tupper and Mr. and Mrs. Lora Howell, Winters; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Howell, Lubbock; Mrs. Gale McHugh, San Antonio; and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Sawyer and family, of Ballinger. Mr. and Mrs. William Harris and son will visit relatives and friends at Quanah during the holidays. Miss RaMona Wright will spend Christmas at Abilene with relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kitchens will go to Corsicana for a holiday visit with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Lacy will be here for an after-Christmas visit with Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Crawford. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Price, Pamela and Paul, will spend the holidays at Eden with relatives and friends. Mrs. Henry Kitchens is now at home in Ballinger, moving here from Menard. She is the mother of Mrs. Herman Price. Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Briley, of San Angelo, will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lane, during the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gray, of Snyder, will visit here during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. R. E. George and Misses Lula and Samantha McElroy. Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Edmondson and Hugh will spend the Christmas week-end with relatives and friends at Mineral Wells. Mr. and Mrs. Truman Haupt, of Rockdale, will visit here during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Ted Caudle. Other guests in the Caudle home will be Mr. and Mrs. Ted W. Caudle and son, of Ardmore, Oklahoma; and Mrs. Ben Ray Jobe, of Austin. Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Burkes and children will meet the latter's mother at Waco for a holiday visit. Miss Helen Brewer, of Odessa, is at home for Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Brewer. Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Armstrong and Mrs. C. B. Armstrong will go to Odessa Christmas for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers and Grey. Mrs. B. Williams and Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Wells will make an after-Christmas visit with relatives at Watonga, Oklahoma. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dooze, Jr., of Panther Creek Ranch, near Gouldbush, will visit here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hamp Byler and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dooze, Sr. Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Fielder and Sue, of San Angelo, will be holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dooze, Sr. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Miller, of Georgetown, had a pre-holiday visit here with Mrs. Miller's mother, Mrs. W. L. McMillan. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Baldwin, of Winters, will spend Christmas day here with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Ayers and family. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gregory and Shella will go to Arlington for Christmas to visit the former's mother, Mrs. Doc Gregory. Carol Bailey, freshman student at Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, will be at home for the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Y. Bailey. Mr. and Mrs. Price Middleton and Suzy will make a holiday visit at Bradshaw. Mr. and Mrs. George Newby, Georgia and Ginger, will spend Christmas with their parents at Bradshaw and Tuscola. Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Cavanaugh, of Houston, will spend the holidays here with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cavanaugh. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy McAulay and Goerge will visit with members of Mrs. McAulay's family at Knox City and Bowie. Cpl. Wendell Byler, of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, made a pre-holiday visit with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hamp Byler. Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Byler and Sharilyn, of Bangs; and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Byler, of Brownwood, will be here Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Hamp Byler. Mr. and Mrs. John Purifoy will visit Christmas with relatives and friends at Sweetwater. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Clark, Mr. H. K. Corum, Buddy, Mike and Larry Clark will visit during the holidays with relatives at Velasco. Mr. and Mrs. Grafton Brookshier will spend the holiday season at Dublin with relatives. Mrs. Vada Burn, Joe and Bob, of San Angelo, will visit here next week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rountree. Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Turner, Jerry and Phil, will spend the holidays at Bronte with Mrs. Turner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clark. Mr. and Mrs. Leon Russell

GREETINGS

The goodness and helpfulness of the Christmas Spirit are the factors that have kept it alive for nearly two thousand years. The belief in Christmas continues to set standards on which we place our faith.



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will visit during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Johnson, of Rockwood. Mr. and Mrs. Harris G. Carter and family, Mrs. E. T. Tickle and Miss Joanne Young, San Angelo; Horace Balotte, San Marcos; Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Tickle, Cheryl and Karen, San Marcos, will be Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Tickle. Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Willingham, Hollis and Jerry, will go to Coleman Christmas for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Shelton. Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Tickle will make an after-Christmas visit at San Marcos with relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Tickle, II, will visit with the latter's parents at Sulphur Bluff during the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Had-

dock, of Pampa, will be here during the holidays to visit Mr. and Mrs. Harlon Hyde. Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Camp will visit relatives at Woodward, Oklahoma, during the Christmas holidays. Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Renza Lee at Maverick during the holidays will be Mr. and Mrs. Ross Lee, Louisville, Kentucky; Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lee and family, Mr. and Mrs. Royce Lee and children, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Kiker and Janie Lou, San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Martin and family, Winters. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fowler, of Fort Worth, will be Christmas guests of Mrs. C. B. Looney and Mrs. H. B. Fowler. Mrs. Mary V. Townsend and Sam, of San Angelo, will be Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Julian H. Holland. Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Rieger and Sam will spend Christmas day with relatives at Brownwood. Mr. and Mrs. John Bradshaw will spend Christmas day at Coleman with the latter's family. Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Blackburn and son, Everett James, student at Baylor University, Waco, will go to Abilene for Christmas for a visit with Mrs. Grindstaff's father, J. A. Porter, and Mr. Grindstaff's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Grindstaff. Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Shepard, of Brownwood, will be holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lee Shepard.



CHRISTMAS brings thoughts of our friends and customers. It strengthens the bonds of associations that result from the patronage of those whom we serve. That's why we want to express our sincere good wishes to each of you at this glad time of the year.

Season's Greetings

... AND BEST WISHES TO EACH OF YOU, OUR FRIENDS

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Advertisement for Ray Fuqua Chevrolet Co. featuring a large scroll with the text 'Season's Greetings' and 'CHEVROLET'. The scroll is held by figures and includes a quote: 'The pleasures of the Christmas Season are enhanced greatly by the knowledge that, here, in this community, are the finest people on earth. We are grateful for the privilege of serving you and we trust we may continue to merit your thoughtfulness. Merry Christmas to you, our loyal friends.' The Chevrolet logo is prominently displayed.

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C. O. D. Grocery & Market

Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, GREETING: You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock a. m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 25th day of January, A. D. 1954, at or before 10 o'clock a. m. before the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, at the Court House in Ballinger, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 9th day of December, 1953. The file number of said suit being No. 6324. The names of the parties in said suit are:

Isaiah Dabney and wife, Maude Dabney, as Plaintiffs, and J. E. Brown and Manda Brown and the other persons to whom this writ is addressed and hereinabove named in this citation, as Defendants.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows: to-wit: Suit in "TRESPASS TO TRY TITLE" filed by plaintiffs against defendants to recover the title to, and the possession of, the following described lands located in Runnels County, Texas, to-wit:

Being all of Lot No. Ten (10) in Block No. Two (2) in the Lankford Addition to Ballinger, Texas, as shown by the map of said addition now on file in the records of Runnels County, Texas, to which reference is here made for a more particular description.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. Issued this the 9th day of December, A. D. 1953.



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Keel Drug Store
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Ballinger, Texas

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Ballinger, Texas, this the 9th day of December, A. D. 1953. (Seal)

WILLIE STEPHENS
Clerk, District Court, Runnels County, Texas. 17-41

Roy Rogers, Bing Crosby Topliners On Horseshoe's Christmas Program

It's thrills spiced with comedy and mystery in Republic's Roy Rogers-Tito Guizar starrer, "The Gay Ranchero," one of the two feature Christmas attractions at the Horseshoe Drive-In Theatre tomorrow, Friday and Saturday, December 24, 25, 26. Reported to be one of Rogers' finest films, it boasts an outstanding cast of favorite players. In top featured roles are Jane Frazee, Andy Devine and Estelita Rodriguez; while Bob Nolan and the Sons of the Pioneers, LeRoy Mason, George Meeker, Dennis Moore, Keith Richards, Betty Gagnon, Robert Rose and Ken Terrell head the list of supporting players.

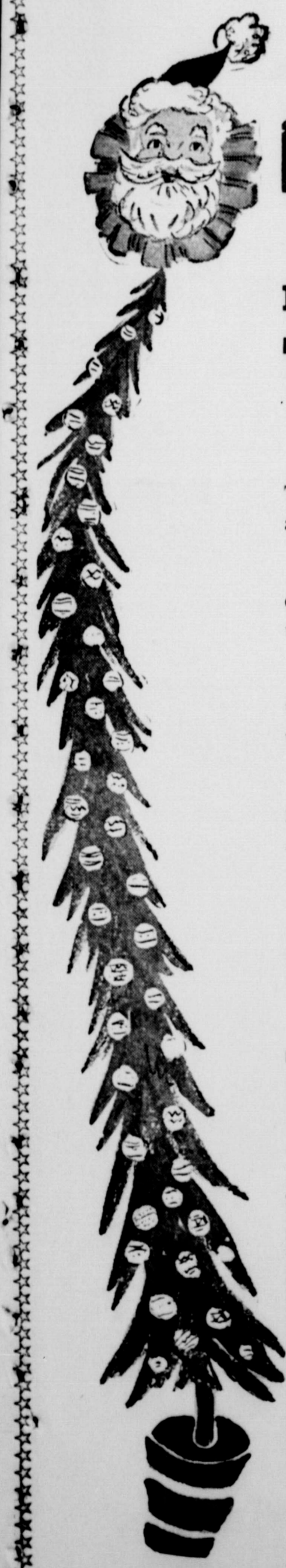
A warm, human drama, "Little Boy Lost," a first-run Bing Crosby starrer, is the other Christmas special at the Horse-

Merry Christmas
Ballinger Appliance & Electric Shop
BUSTER FARRISH

backdrop of the New York musical comedy stage, the picture marks Miss Crawford's return to the studio which launched her to stardom, and also marks her first appearance in an all-Technicolor production. Michael Wilding, the handsome English actor is co-starred, and Marjorie Rameau and Gig Young head the supporting roster, with other featured roles played by Henry Morgan, Dorothy Patrick, James Todd, Eugene Loring, Paul Guilfoyle, Benny Rubin. "Savage Mutiny," one of the "Jungle Jim" adventure series starring Johnny Weissmuller, is the other feature on the above dates. The film, which has Weissmuller smashing an atom bomb spy nest in Africa, features Angela Stevens, Lester Matthews, Nelson Leigh and Tamba, the talented chimp.



Citation by Publication THE STATE OF TEXAS TO J. E. Brown and Manda Brown, and the unknown heirs of J. E. Brown, Deceased, and the unknown heirs of Manda Brown, Deceased, and all persons claiming any title or interest in the real estate hereinafter described under deed heretofore given to J. E. Brown and Manda Brown, Grantees, dated March 16, 1925, now of record in Vol. 128, Page 431,



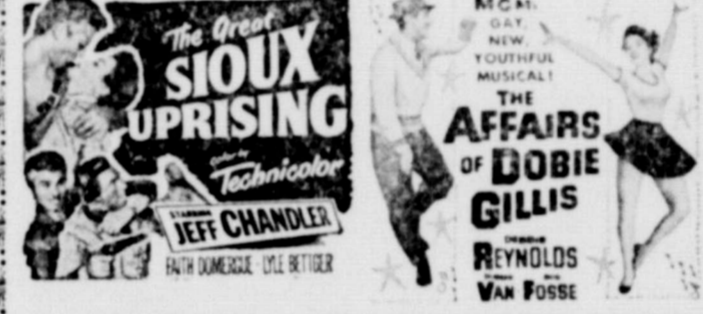
Merry Christmas

1886 1954
The First National Bank
Ballinger, Texas

To Our Customers and Friends:
IT HAS BEEN OUR PLEASURE to serve you during the past year, and we hope that we may continue to enjoy your friendship and good will.
Your patronage has contributed in a large manner to our success and we acknowledge your cooperation with due gratitude.
We thank you for the confidence you have shown in us—for the opportunities you have given us to serve and for the pleasant relationship it has been our privilege to share.
All of us here at our Bank wish for you and yours much happiness and the fulfillment of hopes in the coming year.
Sincerely,
THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK
of Ballinger

1954 Calendars
According to our custom for the past 49 years we will have for distribution
Beginning Saturday, January 2, 1954,
our CALENDARS for the NEW YEAR
Calendars will not be mailed. Children must have a written order from parent or guardian. Please permit this calendar to find a welcome place on your wall. They are yours for the asking as long as the supply lasts.

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LAST SHOWING TONIGHT!
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Buy Your Christmas and New Year's Fireworks at the Horseshoe. Full Line of Fire-Crackers, Bombs, Roman Candles, Sky Rockets and Special Pieces.

Greetings for Christmas



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Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Parrish, Ben Sims Parrish and Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Parrish will spend Christmas day at Eden with Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Parrish.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Kloven, of Big Spring; and Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Price, of Odessa, will make a Christmas visit here with Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Parrish.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Penn, of Corpus Christi, will join Capt. William H. Penn, of McClelland AFB, Sacramento, California, for Christmas visits with their mother, Mrs. Ona Penn, and their grandfather, U. E. Hartman.

Graham Hart, student at San Angelo College, will be at home for the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Hart.

Dr. and Mrs. A. T. Taylor and Alan will spend Christmas at Vernon with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. David Caudie and children, of Lovington, New Mexico, will share a visit during the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Caudie and Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Clamplitt.

Miss Pat Caudie, teacher in the Snyder schools, will be here for the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Caudie.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen McFarland, Kenny and Marcia, of Miles City, Montana, will spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harp McFarland and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Batts, of Mexia, will visit Mrs. E. F. Batts and other family members during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Toney, of Goldthwaite, will be Christmas guests of Mrs. M. L. Forgye and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. McFarland will spend the Christmas season at Houston.

Miss Maryatt Smith will go to Fluvanna for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Morgan and Johnny Parks will spend Christmas at Abilene with Mr. and Mrs. Tillman Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Massey.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Baker, of Sufphur, Louisiana, were pre-holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hollis.

Rev. and Mrs. Lloyd Nixon, of Yoakum, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Nixon and Nancy, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Nixon, Johnny and Jeffrey, of San Angelo; Jimmy Nixon, student at Texas Technological College, Lubbock, will join Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nixon, Jr. and Tommy, Mr. and Mrs. Myles Nixon and Jane and Mrs. T. J. Forgye for Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nixon, Sr.

Capt. and Mrs. Barry Williams of Walker AFB, Roswell, New Mexico, will spend their holiday leave time with Mrs. Williams' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Agnew, here, and with the captain's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Williams, at Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Collinge, of Blanket, will visit during Christmas with the latter's aunt, Mrs. Don Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Chapman, Deborah and Randy, will make a Christmas visit with relatives at Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moore, Johnny and Jimmy Dick, will visit their families at Brownwood during the holidays.

Guests of Mrs. Lemmie Davis for the holidays will be Mr. and Mrs. John Tate, Carol and Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Herrington, Mr. and Mrs. Corbet Davis, Stanley and Janna, and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Corbin, Truman, Karen and Janabeth, will make their annual holiday visit at Eastland and Ranger.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Turley and Miss Linda Turley, of Fort Worth, will spend the Christmas week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dickinson.

Seth Swift, of Los Angeles, will visit relatives here, at San Angelo, Fort Worth and Arlington during the holidays. Mrs. R. A. Dickinson, a sister, will accompany him to the other towns. Mr. Swift is a pioneer of Runnels county.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Robertson, of Austin, will be holiday guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gay Edwards.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

As another year passes by, we wish to thank each and every one of our friends for their kind favors and patronage! May the spirit of Christmas enrich your lives throughout the coming year! May there be peace and goodwill among all mankind!

Pearce-Bailey Drug



To wish you a Merry Christmas

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Greetings

The bells of the Yuletide season ring out to herald the coming of another gala Yuletide season. As you enter into the observance of Christmas, we extend our best wishes to each of you. Whether a customer or not, as a citizen of this community, we wish you the best of everything.

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