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THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

JOSEPH L. EMERY, Pastor
WALTER R. LANGSTON, Assistant to the Pastor

Activities of the Week:
SUNDAY
9:45 a. m.—Sunday School
10:55 a. m.—Morning Worship
6:15 p. m.—Training Union
7:15 p. m.—Evening Worship
MONDAY
3:00 p. m.—W. M. S.
3:00 p. m.—Sunbeams.
FRIDAY
7:15 p. m.—Prayer Meeting
7:15 p. m.—Choir Rehearsal
9:00-12:01 a. m.—Watch-Night Party.

STUDENT NIGHT AT CHRISTMAS

A special service honoring our college students and high school seniors will be presented at the First Baptist Church Sunday evening. The young people will have charge of the services themselves. The pastor is asking that all college students home for the holidays please meet him in his office at two o'clock Thursday to work out the final plans for the service. Everyone is given a special invitation to be present for this impressive hour of worship.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT CARADAN CHURCH

There will be a Christmas program and Christmas tree at the Caradan Baptist Church, Thursday night, December 23 at 7:30. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

CHRISTMAS TREE AT SCALLORN

There will be a Christmas Tree at the Scallorn Baptist Church, Friday night, December 24. A program at 7:30 o'clock. Everyone invited to be present.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE AT NAZARENE CHURCH

The Christmas Service will be held at the Church of the Nazarene Wednesday night beginning at 7 o'clock. The service will open with a special program by the children, followed by a four-act play, titled, "The Birth of Christ."
ACT 1. The Shepherds watching their flocks by night.
ACT 2. Scene of the Manger with Mary, Joseph, and the Baby.
ACT 3. The visit of the Wise-men to Mary and the Baby.
ACT 4. The service will close with a tableau of the Shepherds, the Wise-men and Angels at the Manger.

SINGING DAY AT THE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Sunday will be Singing Day at the Church of the Nazarene at 2:30 p. m.
The public is invited to come and sing with us.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM M. E. BLAKE

To the members of the church and to our neighbors and friends in Goldthwaite and the community, we wish to extend a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year greeting. We hope you will receive many gifts, and give many gifts, and in all your receiving and giving remember the Giver of all things, who gave His own Son as a ransom for our souls. As you commemorate His birth do not forget that He has asked us to commemorate His death until He comes again. He gave His life—His precious blood. Remember Him. Best wishes to each and every one.

M. E. BLAKE and family.

Annual Dinner

The Partridge family celebrated their annual Christmas dinner at Gatesville, Sunday, the 19th with Mrs. Gracie Fulton and son, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Partridge, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Barnett and Wynona and Billie Bob, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Partridge and Juanita, Mr. and Mrs. Dudley McBride and Miss Mary Ann Clary present. Every one present enjoyed the wonderful dinner. Presents were exchanged and all had a fine time.

There are eight countries bounding France.

250 Miles Power Line To Serve 300 Families To Be Built In District

Weldon Groves, manager of the Hamilton County Electric Cooperative Association, has announced letting of a contract for construction of 250 miles of power lines to serve from 300 to 400 families, mostly in the southern part of the Hamilton Co-op district.

The construction crew will be located at Goldthwaite and most of the work will be in the southern end of the district served by the Hamilton REA. Mills, San Saba and Lampasas Counties will get most of the new construction.

Low bid was submitted by Abernathy Construction Company of Wichita Falls, and was for \$275,000. It calls for completion of the job in 150 working days. The contractors say, however, that with good construction weather the job will be well done within 90 days.

Last week Cong. O. C. Fisher of San Angelo wired The Eagle that the Comanche Co-op had been granted a loan for \$330,000 to build 550 miles of line in the six counties that it covers to serve 1,117 new connections, part of which will be in Mills County.

Parts of the eastern edge of Mills County are to receive new REA connections from the Brady Co-op early in the new year.

EAGLE'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GREETINGS EDITION THIS WEEK

As has been customary during the past, The Goldthwaite Eagle publishes its Annual Christmas Greetings Edition this week. It goes to press earlier than usual so that all subscribers will get their Christmas issue before Christmas Eve, and that the Eagle force can get a few days' holiday.

Read all the greetings from Mills County merchants and others—and you will truly get the Christmas spirit. Merchants have the best stock of Christmas merchandise on display this year than since before the war—and the stores have been crowded with shoppers the past two weeks, and will be on up to Friday night. This will be the best Christmas Mills County has seen in many years.

From Half To Inch And Half Rain Over Mills County Fell Last Week

From one-half to an inch and a half of rainfall covered Mills County the middle and last of last week, bringing badly-needed moisture to young grain and to weeds and grass in the pastures. It was the first appreciable fall since November 19, when from one to two inches was generally measured over the county.

The government gauge kept here by Harry Allen measured .19 of an inch Tuesday of last week, .29 Friday and .03 Saturday, making a total here of .51 of an inch. This brings the total here in town for the year up to 18.45 inches.

Gauges from over Mills County registered for last week:

J. H. Priddy, west of Priddy, .60; John L. Leonhard, five miles east of Goldthwaite, 1 1/2 inches; Jim Soules, Star, 1.31 inches; Dr. T. C. Graves place at Mt. Olive, half inch; A. P. Lee, Moline, 1 1/2 inches; Wilkey Shady Oak Ranch, 7 miles southwest of town, 1 1/2 inches. Mullin reported .87 of an inch for last week's fall.

In town at Priddy, the total for the week registered 1.26 inches.

MILLS COUNTY SERVICE LEAGUE REMEMBERS VETS AT WACO

The Mills County Service League, is making a \$25.00 donation again this year. We buy fruit, nuts and any other Christmas needs for patients in the Veterans Hospital at Waco. The service League wants the Vets to have the happiest Christmas ever.

ROG'S CORNER

TWO KITTENS
Twas the night before Christmas
And, all 'round the house,
Little Lola and Lula
Were hunting a mouse.

They ran through the kitchen
Out into the hall
But nary a mouse
Did they find at all.
Then, stopping in the parlor,
Briefly for a pause

There, in the corner,
Stood Old Sana Claus
A winkin' and blinkin'
As much as to say:—
"Welcome to you, little kittens,
For this is Christmas Day."
—ROG

CHAPPELL HILL

by PEARL CRAWFORD
The Eagle Publishing Company, Mr. 100.—The readers of this news, hope your Christmas celebration proves to be a big success, and the coming of the New Year brings you lots of happiness.—Pearl Crawford.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

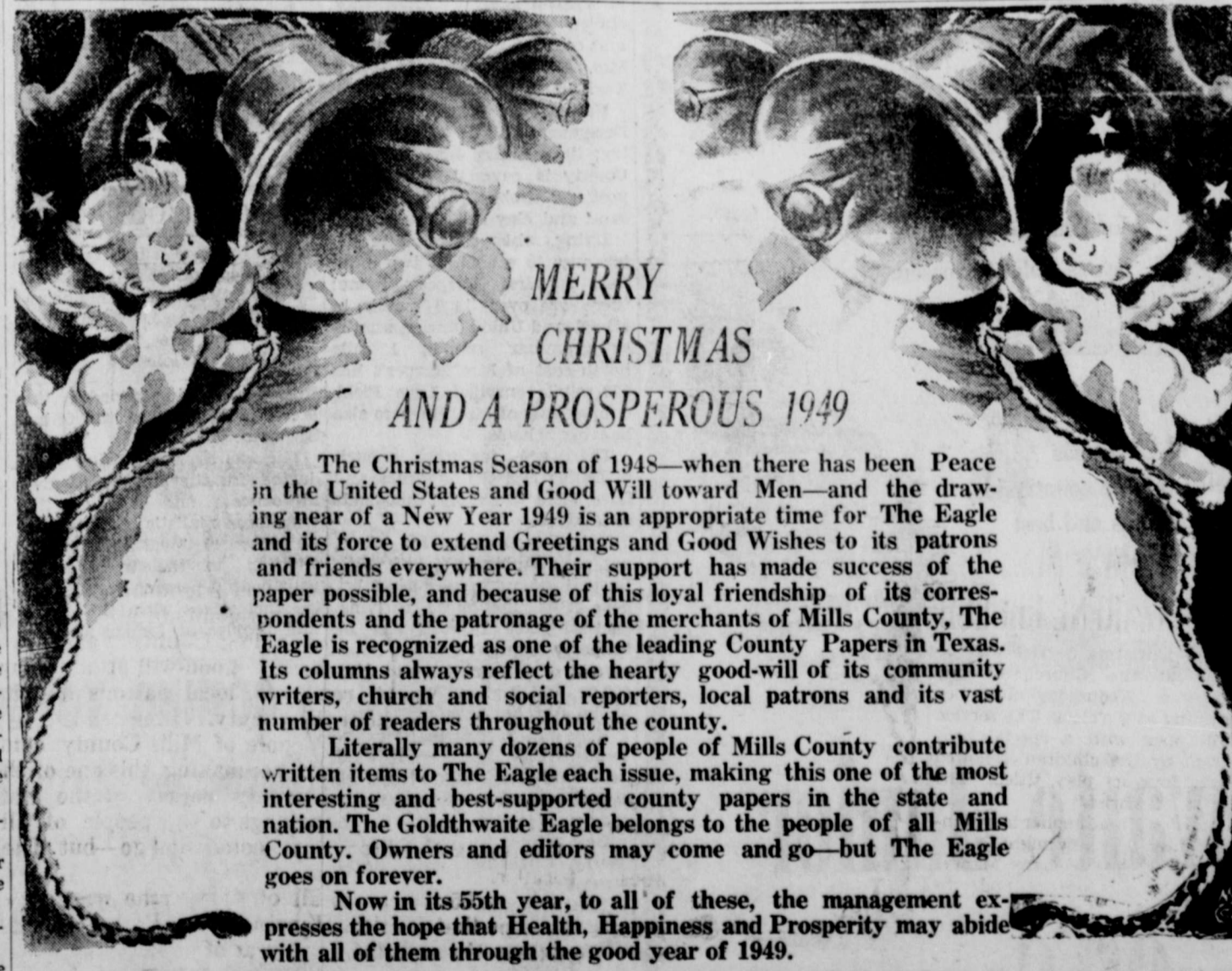
Marriage licenses issued by County Clerk Earl Summy since last report are:
Jack Vernon Crook and Melba Jean Bachus; Perry D. Burk and Lola Wilkey.

HERE FROM DALLAS

Eugene Thompson, owner of the Thompson Type Foundry in Dallas was here last Saturday and visited the Eagle Office. Mr. Thompson worked in the Eagle Office 50 years ago for a while.
Myopia is nearsightedness.

NOTICE:

The Home Demonstration Agent's office will be closed from December 23 to December 28.
—Ella Hintz.
Ignatius de Loyola founded the order of Jesuits.



The Eagle Force

Now in its 55th year, to all of these, the management expresses the hope that Health, Happiness and Prosperity may abide with all of them through the good year of 1949.

- CHARLIE WILSON
- ROY LEE HILL
- LORAN JONES
- ARNOLD KELLY
- JOE BALDWIN
- FRANK WEATHERS
- OLD MAN 100
- (And She-She)
- KATHRYN WILSON
- EARLENE NIX
- RUTH ERVIN
- LILLIE MARTIN

KNOWS ALL
NEXT TO NOTHING

OLD MAN 100

OLD MAN 100 SAYS IT
NEITHER IS THE OLD
GET MAD, COUNT AT
THOUSAND BEFORE YOU
BEAT HIM UP.—(THE BOSS)

CHRISTMAS

Walter wants to take up
the Boss' valuable (?)
with all his merry read-
ers. Anyway a Very
New Year and a Pros-
perous Christmas Season. O. H.
has a invite to eat
supper with his favorite
lawyer at Coleman, and
otherwise have a merry
picture below was
which it won't be. That
7th at all, and if it
wouldn't bring it home
just doing some wish-

ever mind what's in
—they'll look so pretty
glass window shelves."

QUIZ SHOW

Can you answer these Q's
than you can read the
you should get a big
but won't.
is the nose in the mid-
the face? Because it is
center.
is it every living per-
seen but will never see
Yesterday.
what makes more noise than
under the fence? Two
under the fence.
what is the most popular
at a summer resort? Fly-
ing.
what has a long tongue but
says a word? A wagon.

LAWS AND OUTLAWS

Problems would be lessened
marriage they'd forbid;
laws cause more trouble
in outlaws ever did.

It's a good sign that could
step up in them night clubs
bars: "Please don't stand
when the room is in mo-
tion."
Irishmen are tough, all
Onc! when one was jest-
ing out of the ether in the
after an operation he
said, "Thank God, that's
a man in the next bed."
"Don't be too sure. They
sponge in me and had to
open again." Just then
surgeon who had perform-
ed operation stuck his head
the door and called out,
"Anybody seen my hat?"
The Irishman faints.

"Let's get married—it
be much trouble. You
my O. K. with me—we
just try it anyway. My dad's
lawyer, you know."

Some things left to the im-
agination a few years ago are
as plain as day to those
with good eyes.

Had Hummert spent two hours
yesterday listening to an argu-
ment between a half-baked nut
and a partly-stewed bum.

Also, the SEVENTH and O. H.
had another big argument.
He said a certain red-head
was beautiful—and o. h.
made the mistake of agreeing
with her.

First Devil—"Ha, ha! Ho, ho!"
Satin—"what's so funny?"
Second Devil—"I just put a wom-
an into a room with a thousand
and no mirror."

Also, when the 6th was get-
ting the divorce, the judge ask-
ed, "Madam, how long did you
know this man before you mar-
ried him." 6th—"I was ac-
quainted with him for two
years, but I really never knew
him until we married and I ask-
ed him for a dollar."
Goldthwaite Lady—"I want a
man to do odd jobs about the
house, run errands; one who
never answers back, and is al-
ways ready to do my bidding."
Applicant—"You're looking for
a husband, ma'am, not a ser-
vant."

When O. H. was telling a good
story, "The god a fridatral code
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WHAT MORE Is There To Say

As our thoughts turn to you this Holiday Season, we wonder just how we can convey to you all that is in our hearts.

We finally choose - as always - the simplest and sweetest message of them all: "Merry Christmas."

GERALD WORLEY

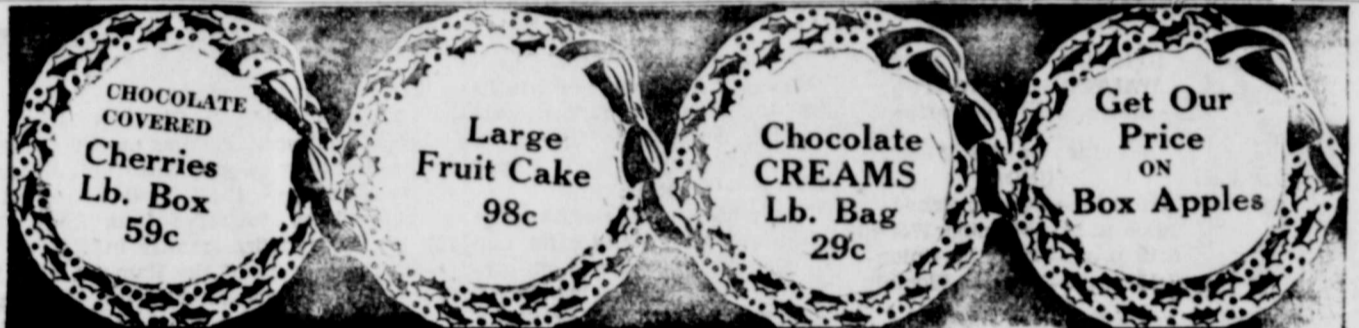


Feast ye Well and be Merry

Who can eat what we want when we want has much to be thankful for. Let's spread a great deal of happiness this year by giving

SEE OUR GIANT CIRCULAR — PRICES GOOD ALL THIS WEEK

Free A 12 IN. CAKE PLATE GIVEN TO EACH CUSTOMER **Free**
WITH PURCHASE OF \$10.00 OR MORE. Be Sure to Come in for Yours.



TEXAS ORANGES

Mesh Bag

25

EXTRA SELECT BEEF FOR YOUR XMAS CUTS!



Piggly Wiggly



A Christmas of joy and contentment; of peace, good cheer and happiness—that is our wish for you and yours this joyous Yuletide season.

As the Spirit of Christmas unfolds itself over the countryside, we add our greetings and best wishes of the season.

Goldthwaite Junior Chamber Of Commerce

FROM AUSTIN JONES

Irving, Dallas Co., Tex.,
December 15, 1948.

Dear Eagle Editor:
Will let you know where I am. I take this method to let my friends know where I am so it will make it easy on me in regards to writing so many letters. I am very well.

My wife, Mrs. Gertie Jones, died February 25, 1948; sold my place at Star in May, 1948, and went to live with my daughter, Mrs. Ruth Lee, at Center City; stayed there until July 3, 1948, and came to my other daughter, Mrs. Okie Harper at Irving, Texas, and am here yet.

Had a good rain the 14th of December. This is a busy country; the country here in Dallas County is covered with heavy post oak timber and cedars, red sand and clay soil.

Irving, where my granddaughter goes to school, is two miles west of Mrs. Harper's home; there are over 1400 pupils in school and Union Bower, another grammar school, 1 mile north-east of Mrs. Harper's has 270 pupils enrolled. Love Field, 6 miles east of Mrs. Harper's also has big schools.

There are factories enough in Dallas and Grand Prairie and Love Field to supply thousands of laborers.

Irving is a beautiful place, not quite so big as Goldthwaite. Busy is no name for it. I believe it is the most thriving, busiest place I ever was in. Property is high; dwelling houses will cost from \$4,500 to \$15,000.00 and higher. There is no cheap stuff up here.

Hope my friends in Star and Center City and Goldthwaite read this and think of me. If this misses the waste basket I may come again.

Best wishes to the Eagle force. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

You that wish to write to me, address, Austin Jones, Irving, Texas, Route 2, Box 523, % A. L. Harper.

IN WESTERN PACIFIC

Lewis Wesley Conner, radio-man, third class, USN, son of Walter L. Conner, Route 1, Goldthwaite, Texas, is serving aboard the aircraft carrier USS Tarawa, a unit of Task Force 38, which is now undergoing an

RABID FOX GIVING FAIRFIELD TROUBLE

Mrs. I. N. McGirk sends some clippings in to The Eagle from the Fairfield, Texas, paper:

The commissioners' Court voted, in a special session, December 1, to discontinue paying bounty on fox at 12 o'clock noon, December 4. The court had passed an order, October 25, to place a bounty of \$3 on each fox killed in the county, following numerous reports of citizens being attacked by rabid fox.

From October 25 to December 4, Compton White, county auditor, reports a total of \$2,442 paid on 814 fox killed.

About a week after the Commissioners' Court placed a bounty on fox, a group of landowners and stockmen met and agreed to place a bounty of \$25 on wolves and \$5 on bobcats, killed in the county. This bounty is still offered. To date two wolves and one bobcat have been reported killed.

Intensive training period in the Western Pacific and the China Sea area.

The exercises are being conducted for the purpose of giving officers and men of the task force realistic training in all phases of Naval activities. In addition to the training on ship board, personnel familiarize themselves with the ports and peoples of foreign lands.



May the true joys and blessings of that first Yuletide be yours today—
Peace on Earth
Good Will Toward Men.

1948

JESS TULLOS

COMING TO GOLDTHWAITE
December 27th To January 9th
For A YOUTH REVIVAL At The
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

TWO GREAT YOUNG EVANGELIST
Be Sure And Hear Them
Special Children's Service at 6:45 P. M.
Evangelistic Service at 7:00 P. M.
COME AND BRING A FRIEND





To you and yours this Yuletide season we extend our sincere good wishes for a Merry Christmas.

A Christmas of joy and contentment; of peace, good cheer and happiness—that is our wish for you this joyous holiday season.

Clements' Drug Store

GOLDTHWAITE, TEXAS

Bill Woody

Dave Clements



Merry Christmas 1948

† † Christmas is an old-fashioned holiday, a time for reliving childhood days and for recalling old times, old friends.

May all the peace and tranquility of the season be yours in full measure.



And lots of it, for friends, old and new.



SAYLOR Chevrolet Co.

KELLY SAYLOR

W. G. SAYLOR

Goldthwaite Wool Co.

Our Christmas Wish

MAY THE JOY OF MANY GOOD FRIENDS GLADDEN YOUR CHRISTMAS THIS SEASON.

We sense... a New Year filled with plenty of good things for the people of this community.

We're happy and proud to be a part of it. Best wishes!

Everitte Holland

Bonded Trucks

Greetings at Christmas

1948

Christmas is here again with its sweet joy of planning and doing for someone you love. We hope this Christmas brings you more true happiness than any that have gone before.

GRADE

PASTUERIZED

MILK

L. J. COWAN

COLLIER'S DAIRY



Christmas means splendor to everyone. Its brightly lighted trees, shopping for presents, singing carols, children hanging stockings, gaily decorated shops and windows, attending church . . .

these and countless others that make a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**ROSS GROCERY
And MARKET**

83,252 Acres Of Camp Bowie Maneuver Area Advertised

The Federal Mortgage Corporation, disposal agency for the Houston Federal Land Bank, advertised in last week's Eagle and in Brownwood newspapers 191 tracts of land for sale, approximately 83,252 acres, of the old Camp Bowie maneuver area in Brown and Mills Counties. The land will be offered at appraised values which total somewhere in the neighborhood of \$1,750,000 for the 83,252 acres. The property will be sold subject to the following priorities in the order listed:

1. Government agencies.
2. State and local governments.
3. Former owners or the spouse and children of deceased former owners.
4. Tenants of former owners.
5. World War II veterans or the spouse and children of deceased servicemen.
6. Owner-operators.
7. Non-profit institutions.
8. Non-profit institutions.

The priority period of 10 days

for government agencies and state and local governments to exercise priorities and submit offers will begin at 12 noon on Saturday, Dec. 18, and end at 12 noon on Tuesday, Dec. 28. The 90 day priority period for former owners, tenants, World War II veterans, owner-operators and non-profit institutions begins at 12 noon Saturday, Dec. 18, and ends at 12 noon on March 18, 1949. The priority rights of those who do not exercise them in writing during the priority period will expire. Persons not having a priority may also make offers to purchase during the priority period. Information on sales prices, terms and conditions and other information can be obtained at the Camp Bowie Land Office, 203 East Anderson, Post Office Box 296, Brownwood, or by telephoning 8505. The 191 tracts are listed by numbers, beginning with A-101 and down to and including No.



We're delighted to extend this holiday greeting to all our friends.

**L. L. COWAN
TEXACO SERVICE STATION**
1 Mile Out On Brownwood Highway

887, as listed in the advertisement for sale, which was published last Friday in this newspaper.

PRIDDY BOYS ENROLLED IN SAN MARCOS COLLEGE

SAN MARCOS—Alfred Niemann and William R. Shipp from Priddy are enrolled at Southwest Texas State Teachers College.

WICKER SELECTED AS ALL DISTRICT FOOTBALL PLAYER

The current enrollment of 1800 tops the highest registration figures in the history of the College.

The coaches of the teams of District 22-A met at Llano Monday night, December 13 to select the best players of the district. Carlin Wicker was selected as the all-district center for this year. Carlin is a senior in High School, a four year letter man, was captain of the football squad in 1947-48, received a trophy from Coach Brewer as being the best all-round sportsman on the squad, and is now an all-district player. Carlin loves football and has worked very hard at reaching his goal of playing college football. With a record like his, his friendly personality, and many other good characteristics, he should reach his goal and go far above what others have done.

Very honorable mention goes to Billy Joe Heath, another Senior, and John Alex Miller a Junior. Billy Heath played right tackle and was an excellent player. He lacked only one vote making all-district. John Alex was the outstanding fullback of the Eagle squad. He made many scores and was a close runner up for being an all-district player.

The Eagles of 1948-49 did not win all their games, but they made a great showing by three of them being selected as top players. The other boys played hard as did Carlin Wicker, Billy Heath, and John Miller. The school, the football team, the faculty, and all are proud of these boys and do not mind saying so.

CAKES FOR VETERANS AT WACO HOSPITAL

On Sunday, December 26, the Goldthwaite Lions Club will hold their fourth Open House for the veterans who are patients of the Veterans Administration Hospital at Waco. Many patients will not be able to go home for Christmas and the Open House will be the one bright spot for them Sunday afternoon from 2 to 4 p. m., December 26th.

The Mills County Chapter of the Red Cross has been active with the Waco hospital for two years. This year the chapter has furnished 597 gifts, consisting of socks, handkerchiefs, cigarettes, hair oil, Baseballs, caps, pipes, cigarette cases, smoking tobacco; the chapter also furnished 10 boxes cigars, 55 pounds candy, 5 cartons of cigarettes; furnished cream for two Ward parties; sent 503 magazines and 6 Tarzan books. And for Christmas the Mills County Chapter has furnished 130 feet of Christmas rope, 20 Xmas sprays and wreaths, and 165 Christmas gifts, as follows: 50 T shirts, 50 ties, 50 pair socks, and 15 pipes, and will send candy, cookies and fruit later in this month.

The American Legion Post and V. F. W. have furnished 106 gifts for the Open Houses. The Lions Club has presented a good program for the Open House. The ladies of Mills County have baked 49 delicious cakes for the patients. We would like to have 15 home made cakes for Sunday, Dec. 26. Any lady that wishes to make a sick veteran happy by baking a cake please call Brian Smith or Phone 186 and bring cakes to Red Cross office December 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rudd received a cablegram from their daughter, Mrs. E. L. Davis, stating she and her husband, Lt. Davis, had landed in Bermanhau, Germany where he will be stationed for some time.

JUNIORS ENJOY CHRISTMAS PARTY

G.-H.-S. The Junior Class met at the Hangar, December 13 at 7:30 for their Christmas Party.

Upon arrival every one guessed the number of pieces of candy in a jar. Mack Robertson, who won, generously shared his jar of candy with the crowd.

The class divided into two sides, the red caps and the green caps, to compete in a number of Christmas games. Then, with a jingle of bells, jolly old Santa Claus arrived

and passed out gifts to all. Popcorn balls, candy canes, cup cakes, punch, and nuts were served from the attractive Christmas table.

The joyous occasion came to an end, and several stayed to dance. Every one thanked the room mothers for planning such a wonderful party.

HILLSIDE MISSION

A preacher told his congregation of a ship wreck. As the ship was sinking, a man who could swim dived into the water and rescued fourteen people, by that time he became so ex-

hausted with the fourteenth person, ropes were thrown out to drag him to safety. He went out for another victim and made the rescue and had to be dragged in again by a rope; he fell unconscious and was taken to a hospital. As he began to rally and remember he began to talk about the sinking ship and he said: "Did I do all that I could?" He was told that he rescued fifteen people. He asked again—"Did I do all that I could?"

"Throw out the Life-Line Across the dark wave, There is a brother Whom some one should save; Some body's brother!

Oh, who, then, To throw out the His peril to sha

Mr. and Mrs. J. two children ca Odessa Sunday n the holidays her tives and friends, a good job with pany, and will Hobbs, N. M., nex

Mr. and Mrs. J daughter Barbara Jack Wilson, of rived Monday to s days with his Annie Armstrong relatives.



TEXAS ORANGES Or GRAPEFRUIT
8 Lb. Mesh Bag 25c

FANCY CELERY
Stalk . . . 15c

FRESH COCONUTS
Each . . . 19c

FANCY DELICIOUS APPLES
Pound . . . 15c

HOME DRESSED HENS Lb.

SWIFT'S PREMIUM HAM -1-2 Or Whole . . Lb.

SLICED BACON Lb.

T-BONE Or LOIN STEAK Lb.

Assorted JELLO - 3 Pkgs. 25c

Bulk 1-2 COCONUT Lb. 29c

Ocean Spray CRANBERRY SAUCE 19c

PET MILK - Lg. Can 15c

Chocolate DROPS Lb.

WALNUTS 14 Oz. Bag

Del Monte FRUIT COCKTAIL - Can 2 1/2

Fresh Cranberries - Lb.

IMPERIAL SUGAR 10 Lb. Bag 89c

MIRACLE WHIP SALAD DRESSING . . Pint 35c

FOLGER'S COFFEE 1 LB. 53c
. 2 Lbs. \$1.05

PURE LARD 3 Lb. Carton 65c



LOY LONG and employees are wis you a Merry Ch mas and a H New Year!

RICH SUDSING TREND-2 Boxes

GOLD MEDAL FLOUR 25 Lb. Sack

EXPOSITION PEACHES 2 No. 2 1/2 Cans 4

Loy Long Grocery

Goldthwaite - Phone 193

AMUSEMENTS

MELBA

Give Christmas Cheer By Bringing The Family To The Show.

THURSDAY And FRIDAY NIGHTS
A TENDER, HEART WARMING TRUE STORY.
'I REMEMBER MAMA'

IRENE DUNNE, BARBARA BEL GEDDES,
OSCAR HOMOLKA, And PHILIP DORN
Also Chapter VII—**'THE BLACK WIDOW'**

SATURDAY NIGHT ONLY
'SINGAPORE'

Starring FRED McMURRAY And AVA GARDNER

Saturday 10:30 Prevue, Sunday And Monday
In Technicolor
'TYCOON'

Starring JOHN WAYNE And LORAIN DAY

Tuesday And Wednesday
THE BOWERY BOYS In
'NEWSHOUNDS'

PLUS
'BETRAYED'

Starring ROBERT MITCHUM And KIM HUNTER

COMING—

'Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House'
'TO THE END OF THE EARTH'

Watch for Added Special Attraction on Thursday
And Friday Starting In January.

FISHER WANTS TARIFF AND OTHER AID GIVEN MOHAIR

(San Angelo Standard-Times.)

Rep. O. C. Fisher, 21st District congressman, who returns to Washington Dec. 27 for the convening of the 72nd Congress on Jan. 3, said his No. 1 project in the capital would be to aid the distressed Texas Angora goat industry.

"Approximately 90 per cent of the nation's mohair is grown in Texas, and it normally yields about \$11 million. Factors beyond the grower's control are hurting the industry. Something should and must be done about it," Fisher said.

The representative explained that the Department of Agriculture is advancing a business and promotion program in regard to the troubled mohair industry, which has suffered because of the large increase of imported coarse wools from Uruguay and Argentina, used as a substitute for mohair. The tariff on these coarse wools is only about one-half of the tariff on ordinary wools, which is 34 cents a pound.

"And I am intending to ask for a survey to determine whether or not this extra low tariff is not contributing to the destruction of the mohair industry. If it is, then it will be strongly suggested to the Tariff Commission that an adjustment be made in behalf of Angora growers," the congressman explained.

Fisher added that he felt the government should provide the same support to the mohair growers as is being given to wool and other agricultural commodities.

The congressman said that he regretted that his time here has been limited, due to his committee hearings in Schen-

tedy, N. Y., and similar investigations of communistic infiltration in Alaska and the West Coast. He had made a few trips around the district, talked to a number of people, but not as much as he would have liked, he added.

Questioned as to what most constituents had asked him to do in Washington next year, he replied, "Everyone is mostly concerned with this long drouth. Legislative issues generally take a back seat to the rain shortage right now."

Fisher does anticipate heated discussion on possible repeal of the Taft-Hartley law, which he was instrumental in forming.

"I am opposed to the repeal of the law because I think it had been a helpful law to the public and the laboring people themselves," he said. He believes it may be amended but not repealed altogether.

The representative advised he had received a few requests for seats at President Truman's inaugural on Jan. 20, but mostly from former West Texans now residing in Washington.

Meanwhile, Miss Helen Routh, Fisher's secretary, is busy sorting and packing office files for transfer to Washington.

DON'T LET DEATH TAKE YOUR HOLIDAY

"Don't Let Death Take Your Holiday!"

That slogan will keynote the National Safety Council's nationwide campaign to hold down the huge Christmas-New Year's accident toll.

Each year accidents cast a shadow on the holiday celebration of thousands of families throughout the nation, according to Council figures which show the year-end holiday season to be the most dangerous period in the year.

Joining forces with the Council in a united effort to call



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

Mills County Medical Society

Dr. C. M. Smith — Dr. M. A. Childress

public attention to the extra holiday hazards and the extra caution needed to overcome them are city and state officials, civic groups, local safety councils, and 130 national organizations.

The Council said the heavier winter travel and the festive spirit of the holiday season add to the normal winter hazards, such as bad weather, slippery roads and more hours of darkness. Traffic accident deaths on both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day total more than two or three times the annual daily average.

"Every family in the country looks forward to Christmas as the time for joy and celebration, and that is what the holiday period should be," said Ned H. Dearborn, president of the Council.

"But every year thousands of families see Christmas joy turned into suffering and tragedy because of unnecessary and preventable accidents.

"To keep death from taking your holiday costs nothing, takes no time and requires only a little effort—refusing to take the drink you can't handle, yielding the right-of-way, waiting for the light to change, discarding a string of Christmas

tree lights with worn insulation.

"These are little things—but they pay off big in happiness. They will keep the lights burning in your home, keep the holly wreath on your door, and pre-serve for you and yours the delight that is America at Christmas."

Mrs. L. B. Porter and young grandson, Pete Johanson, visited Mrs. Porter's sister, Mrs. Pack of Valley Mills, several days the past week. Mrs. Pack is confined to her bed, recuperating from a major operation, and is recovering nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Johanson went to San Saba County deer hunting over the past week-end.

TO SPEND CHRISTMAS AT NEW ORLEANS

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Porter will spend Christmas day with their daughter, Mrs. Boudreaux, at New Orleans. They will be out of the State for several days.

Translucent objects permit the passage of light.

Spain and Portugal occupy the Iberian Peninsula.

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A PORTRAIT OF CHRISTMAS

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

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Greetings

To Our Friends

May the CHRISTMAS Spirit with all its blessings be yours throughout the New Year.

THE HARVEY VARIETY STORE

PRESIDENT TRUMAN URGES XMAS SEALS

New York, N. Y., Dec. 17—Citizens urged the use of Christmas Seals to support the work of the voluntary associations.

The sale of Christmas Seals is being conducted now throughout the country and will continue until Christmas to raise funds for the tuberculosis control work of the NTA and its affiliates.

The President's complete statement follows:

"When the World Health Assembly, meeting in Geneva last summer, adopted the program for the first year's operation of World Health Organization on a permanent basis, tuberculosis headed the list of health problems.

"The emphasis thus placed on

tuberculosis is a forceful reminder of what a serious menace this infectious disease is throughout the world. Even here in the United States, where the tuberculosis death rate is declining, I am informed that nearly 50,000 people died of tuberculosis last year.

"The American people are in a strategic position to help speed the day when tuberculosis will be eradicated. Through our established organizations—our official health agencies and the voluntary associations affiliated with the National Tuberculosis Association—we can lead the way to total victory against tuberculosis.

"Between now and Christmas we have an opportunity again to demonstrate our support of the tuberculosis control work of the voluntary associations by the use of Christmas Seals."

MILLS COUNTY OIL TEST DOWN 800 FEET

The oil test being drilled in the northeastern part of Mills County, about a half mile from the Hamilton County line in the Pecan Wells Community, was down to a depth of 800 feet last Saturday night.

The test is being made by Goldy Tullos and Tex Allen and others of Odessa, who recently brought in a well a mile and a half from the present location, but ruined it in shooting. Intentions are to go to the Marble Falls formation which is about 3,100 feet. The largest rotary rig ever used in Mills County is a three-decker 136 feet high.

They have bought 300 acres of the old Pfluger land and are drilling on it.

An archipelago is a sea with many islands.

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Joe Stalin can tell the Russians what to think. But if anybody tried that in Texas they'd ship the body back home.

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LIONS CLUB LADIES' NIGHT CHRISTMAS PARTY BIG SUCCESS

A large crowd attended the Goldthwaite Lions Club Ladies' Night Christmas party at the Hangar Monday night, enjoyed an hour and a half eating a chicken dinner and entertainment.

Lion M. D. Lowry, program committee chairman, introduced Martha Carolyn Graves, who played three Christmas carols on the accordion, after which Lion Ben Day led the club in singing and playing with a spoon and glass accompaniment.

Santa Claus then appeared and read a letter from three "good little preachers, Dick, Mickie and Joe." Christmas gifts were exchanged through drawing of numbers. The Jolly Old Fellow was in high spirits and caused much merriment and laughter. Lion T. C. Graves then presented a gift box to Lion Minister M. E. Blake, who has moved from Goldthwaite to San Angelo. After much unwrapping, the large box with a price marked on it of \$118.50, finally disclosed the presents to be a clothes pen, a toy velocipede 2 inches high, rubber knife, a top, and a toy automobile.

Lion M. Y. Stokes then made the real gift presentation to Minister Blake, a new hat to be selected by him. He explained first that Lion Blake was tops with the local club, that the dull rubber knife symbolized that the bonds between him and the club may never be severed, and the clothes pen was to provide an easy method to hang up his memories of this club. Lion Blake made a touching acceptance speech.

The club was adjourned with the singing of Merry Christmas To You.

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FARM AND RANCH CHATTER

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People waited longer to do their Christmas shopping this year. Sales have declined upstairs, but are about up to par in bargain basements, we hear. The sale of Christmas trees and lights has boomed. The sale of lights for Christmas trees this year may hit fifty million dollars.

We checked upon the Christmas trees sold in Fort Worth. Most of them come from Canada—British Columbia, to be specific. Mostly spruce, fir and pine, they are cut early in November, and come in five size classifications, ranging in price from twenty-five cents to as high as some people will pay for those fancy painted kinds. The average price seems to be around \$1.50.

Dealers say the preference of folks for Christmas trees is a fickle thing. One year everyone seems to want small ones—next year their tastes may run to big ones. One dealer said his theory that smaller homes would call for smaller trees didn't seem to work out.

The price this year is about the same as last year, with a slight increase for raised freight rates.

But there are lots of pine and cedar trees in Texas that make excellent Christmas trees. Maybe we're missing a good market on these items.

Regardless of the high priced feed, diligent spraying, worming, good barns, etc., your livestock and poultry may have, the won't do well without plenty of good water, summer and winter. Ice does them no good. Cold water is bad. Water over 60 degrees is best.

Sounds like the Farm Bureau convention just finished at Atlantic City was a lively one. The big issue seemed to be over price supports, with the south-

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8:00 p. m., Saturday—Evangelistic Service;
10:00 a. m., Sunday—Sunday School;
11:00 a. m., Sunday—Morning Worship;
8:00 p. m., Thursday—Bible Study;
7:30 p. m., Sunday—Evangelistic Service.

W. W. PAASCH, Pastor

erners and the plains wheat farmers favoring 90 percent of parity, and the midwesterners favoring a sliding scale of parity price supports. The southerners have won, at least temporarily.

Even so, continuing price supports indefinitely isn't the answer we're trying to find for our farm problems, though it's a helpful crutch sometimes.

There's a new cotton problem looking at us. Prospects are for another surplus of lint next year, with reports from the belt indicating big plantings in 1949. Farmers and ginners used to throw away the cottonseed, but now there's a bigger demand for oil seeds than for lint. A good oil seed for the south without the lint would bring about a diminishing cotton acreage.

The weather bureau springs a new one on us. Something it calls "graupel", fell in New York state the other day. It looks and feels like snow, but this "graupel" is the "international designation for stuff that's a mixture of frozen rain and sleet and stuff that looks like snow". We don't know, but if it melts into water, we'll take some of it.

\$345 IN PRIZES IN TEXAS HISTORY WRITING CONTEST

A first prize of \$100 will be awarded the winner of the 1948-1949 Junior Historian Contest sponsored by the Texas State Historical Association. Twelve papers will receive awards totaling \$345.

Contest entries may deal with any topic in Texas history, but contestants are urged to work on some subjects related to their community or local history. Suggested for topics are: cattle, trails, saddles, Indian depredations, transportation, natural history, exploration, oil, economic, political, or biographical subjects.

"Any boy or girl in Texas under twenty-one years of age may become eligible for competition," stated H. Bailey Carroll, editor of "The Junior Historian," the magazine of the Association which is written almost exclusively by young Texans.

April 1, 1949, is announced as the closing date of the contest. All interested are invited to write for further information to The Junior Historian, Box 2131 University Station, Austin 12, Texas.

JUNIOR CONTEST

A special prize of \$50 is being offered in the Junior Historian Writing Contest for 1949 for the best paper dealing with the history of some business enterprise, preferably one that has been significant in a Texas community for a number of years.

The contest is sponsored by the Texas State Historical Association.

This special contest has been created with the hope of interesting students in the little-explored field of business history.

Some enterprises suggested are: banks, drug stores, grocery stores, merchandising enterprises, printing and publishing establishments, shoe shops, gar-

GROWN UP CHILD'S LETTER TO SANTA

(Author Unknown)

"Dear Santa:
"It has been a long, long time since I have written to you.

"I have now moved from the old home on Happy Street to a house of loneliness and doubt, which stands at the end of Disillusion Ave."

"All of the gloriously bright little baubles that I had in years gone by are now either broken or tarnished and tear-strained.

"Please bring me a few of those precious toys that I once had—the shining bubbles of joy; the tinkling bells of cheer that rang in my voice; the candles of faith that shone in my eyes; the frankincense and myrrh of steadfast hope that strengthened my soul and the lode star of universal love that gleamed in my heart.

"In the years past, I realize I did not appreciate those priceless treasures or care for them as I should have—but now I repent my carelessness and humbly ask you to remember me with another supply this Christmas.

"I will hang my empty heart right by the chimney Santa and, please, this is what I want:

"Give me a large basket of forgetfulness, with which to cover up all bitterness and useless brooding; a large box of forgiveness for those who robbed me of laughter and filled my eyes with tears; leave me enough of the cement of hope to mend the shattered fragments of joy; tuck in a little song of cheer and, please, Santa, leave quite a lot of plain old-fashioned faith, understanding, unselfishness and tolerance that I can share freely with my neighbors.

"Sincerely and thankfully,
"A GROWN-UP CHILD."

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Judson Strickland came by Goldthwaite, Saturday, to visit his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Roberts. Judson was on his way to Brady to be with his father Ernest Strickland and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Ha and Mrs. Edgar McNutt attended a singing at the Methodist Church, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Jr. and children, of Steven are here for a few days with his parents, Mr. and Marshall Miller Sr.

The Girls Auxiliary of Baptist Church gave an interesting pageant at the Educational Building Sunday night. The Life of Lottie Moon.

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Caution Urged To Combat Fire Losses Threatened in "Dangerous December"

Attention to fire hazards is essential during the month of December, because the danger is greater than in any other month, the Board of Fire Underwriters points out.

In the ten years of 1937 to 1946, an average of \$100 million in property was destroyed each December. When the 1948 totals are completed, this average will doubtless be still higher because the general fire losses are increasing steadily.

Fire ranks second in fire damage, followed by February, and April in that order. "Dangerous December" is one of the coldest months in nearly every section of the country, and this is one reason for its high average fire loss. Stoves and furnaces are in almost constant use in most houses and buildings during December, and defects in these heating devices account for many fires. Chimneys, flues, and stacks are often subjected to heavy use without advance checking.

One special December hazard is the use of flammable decorations and costumes during the Christmas holiday period, resulting in many needless deaths. Christmas trees, candles, defective Christmas lights, and unsafe toys are also responsible for a large number of fires.

CHRISTMAS CANDLE LIGHTING WORSHIP

One of the most beautiful inspiring services ever held at the First Methodist Church was that of Candle Lighting Service, beginning at six o'clock Sunday evening. The church was crowded to its capacity with many standing in prayer.

With credit and great praise to Mrs. Talbot Ledbetter, Mrs. M. D. Lowry for the training of the young men and very small children and the assistance of the organist, Mrs. Hope D. Schultz, the reader, Mrs. Charles Kline, who so capably told the story as it was acted out. Shirley Kline was responsible for the manger scene which was very realistic.

The young children brought their candles up the center aisle of the sanctuary walking

ONE AND A HALF MILLION VETERANS RECEIVE TREATMENTS

More than a million and a half veterans were treated during fiscal year 1948 under the "home town" medical program. Veterans Administration announced this week.

Treatments averaged three per veteran, according to a VA report, a total of 4,416,000 treatments by both VA staff doctors and private physicians during the year ending June 30, 1948. Individuals treated numbered 1,825,169.

The private physicians treated 761,165 veterans, cooperating with the VA in a program designed to provide "home town" care for disabilities attributed to wartime service. They were paid \$11,437,739 for 2,735,429 treatments, establishing an average charge-per-treatment of \$4.18 and a cost-per-veteran of \$15.03.

VA staff doctors during the year handled 865,004 individual veterans and a total of 1,330,183 treatments. Since these were taken care of in VA outpatient clinics, located in the "home town" hospitals and other field installations, no per-patient or per-treatment costs were compiled for this group.

VA's Dallas Branch Area Office, which includes Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi, reported 131,524 treatments by private physicians, representing 333,029 individual veterans, at a treatment cost of \$3.28.

Week end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Fox were her brother, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hays, of Temple, and Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Rection of Eastland.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Moreland spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Moreland and his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Moreland and Jan. They remained Monday night to attend The Toyland dance recital in which Jan has a part.

Mr. and Mrs. Dutch McKenzie and Mrs. Marvin Nesbit visited over the week end in Eastland with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Oran Nesbit.

Floyd Sansom Jr. of Texas University arrived Tuesday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Weathers.

Mrs. M. E. Archer left Tuesday for San Angelo to spend the Christmas holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Luther Quinn and family.

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SHOPPERS' GUIDE...

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CHRISTMAS SPECIALS FOR DECEMBER 22ND THROUGH 24TH

Merry CHRISTMAS

We take this opportunity to wish you and yours a very merry Christmas. May you have peace and prosperity during the New Year.

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TEXAS 4-H STAR SHINES

Her dream came true when she attended the 4-H Club Congress in El Paso as a Santa Fe award winner. That's what Evelyn Haberman, speaking for the girl winners, told approximately 150 attending the twelfth annual 4-H Club breakfast. G. H. Minchin, Santa Fe vice-president, starts to pour a glass of milk for her, as Roy Kline, who spoke for the young men, registers happiness about the whole thing. Evelyn is from Heizer, Kan., and Roy hails from El Paso. He was one of the sixteen winners of Santa Fe awards at the convention.

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BIBLE SPEAKS

By DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

SCRIPTURE: Daniel 7; Revelation 1: 4-8; 11: 1-19; 15: 2-4; 21: 2-3.
DEVOTIONAL READING: Revelation 7: 9-17.

God's V-Day

Lesson for December 26, 1948.

EVERYBODY loves a fight, they say. But the underdog does not love it, and nobody loves one that goes on and on and seems to have no end. The longest war in history is the war that mankind wages against everything that is out to destroy him. It is the war between man at his best and man at his worst, between the angel and the devil in man himself. We seem to be the underdogs—and how tired we grow of it!

God's Fight
The Bible shows us that this fight is not one in which we human beings are left to defend ourselves alone. We have an enemy, Satan; and we have an ally, God. Whenever a man lines up against anything that is wrong, hateful, deceitful, destructive, and on the side of what is creative, just, brotherly and true, he finds that this is not a private fight, it is not even the struggle of mankind alone. It is a cosmic conflict.

God's universe is not a neat garden in which only flowers grow; he has to work cutting down the weeds. His universe is not a realm at peace, with no need even for police; treason is abroad, rebellion breaks out here and there.

The Greeks used to think that the gods never went to any trouble, they ruled without effort. But the Christian Bible tells of a God who does have troubles, who meets opposition and fights against it.

Bright Books for Dark Times
TWO books in our Bible bring this out in a startling way: Daniel and Revelation. We have been thinking through three months now about various kinds of literature in the Bible. The kind represented by these two books is called "Apocalyptic." Scholars have discovered a number of similar books, but these two are incomparably the greatest and were the only two to be admitted to the Bible. One feature of all apocalyptic literature is that it always appears in dark times, and its first readers are people down at the bottom of the heap, people beyond all human hope.

Daniel, long before the time of Christ, and Revelation, two generations later than Christ, came as lights in a very dark world. The first of these books circulated when the Jews were hard pressed by Syrian persecutors, and when the other came out, the Christians were about to be crushed out of existence by cruel Roman emperors.

Observing what went on in those days, you might have thought the Jews, or the Christians as the case might be, had no prospects of surviving. But these books brought a brighter message: Have courage! God will not lose!

A Code in Pictures
DANIEL and Revelation are both hard to understand, and for the same reason. Their messages are framed not always in plain language but in symbols. Hidden meanings abound.

This had to be so; if one of these books fell (as sometimes they did) into the hands of the persecuting agents of the Syrian or Roman governments, it would not get the owner into trouble, for the agent would hardly be able to interpret the strange language.

All sorts of weird creatures and events move through these mysterious pages, and they often probably refer to persons or events known to the writers and the first readers: beasts with iron teeth and horns with eyes; a flaming throne set on a river of fire; golden vials filled with the wrath of God; a red dragon sweeping the stars down with its tail.

God's Victory
WE NEED not be distressed now at not being able to unlock all the code in which these extraordinary books are written. We can read them for their sheer beauty and force of imagination, for one thing, and we cannot miss their main truth. The bright picture of the New Jerusalem in Rev. 21, 2 is one of the loveliest and most comforting passages in the entire Bible.

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County Committee Men To Serve Next Year Elected At Meeting

County Committeemen who will have charge of playing a part for soil building practices carried out in Mills County were elected yesterday at a meeting of the delegates from different communities, said A. A. Downey, present chairman. Delegates from the 7 different communities in the county were as follows: Charley Miller, Bruce Burnett, W. W. Limmer, Tom Watson, Edgar Burkett, J. G. Huckabee, Hubert Reeves. All 3 of present members were re-elected. They are A. A. Downey, Chairman; Luther Soules, Vice-chairman; Harry Welch, Regular Member. These men will have a big responsibility during 1949 program year. In addition to allocating money for soil-building practices, peanut marketing quotas will be in effect and also several Commodity Loan Programs that have not been in effect previously will be administered through the county office.

Casland, Vice-chairman; William H. Welch, Regular Member.

ATTEND FUNERAL

Those who attended the funeral of Mrs. J. D. D. Berry in Goldthwaite last Monday afternoon, from Hamilton included the following: Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gillam, Mrs. Paul Winn, Mrs. Hogue Williams, Mrs. Clyde Weatherby, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Conger, Mrs. Seth Williams, and Mrs. Owen Doggett.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lovelady and son of Rockwood visited Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Simpson.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Caraway of Lansing, Mich., spent Sunday in the home of Otto Simpson; also Mr. and Mrs. P. K. Caraway were visitors in the Simpson home.

Mrs. Lee Dyas of Burnett is here for the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. Walter Bayley.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hester and son, Richard, came Friday to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hester and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Keese. Mr. Hester returned to Ft. Worth while Mrs. Hester and son remained for the Christmas holidays.

A message has been received from Mrs. Bowles that Rev. J. S. Bowles was seriously ill at his home in Fort Worth. Mrs. Orby Woody left Friday of last week to be at his bed side. His daughter, Miss Mary Bowles, who is in Germany has been notified by cablegram of his condition.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Barton and family of Waco spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. Fred Barton.

Jack Simpson of Shreveport, La., spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Elam Kelly.

OLD MAN

(Continued from page 1)
in by head," the said: "I've got one of those weather picks out spots."

WOMEN POSTMASTER
Now, Goldthwaite man postmaster, all maybe she ain't so trigger as one O. H. about out West. Her reader in a western to the editor about mistress in his home. "We don't set up that our manners are they should be, but we be reasoned with along. The postmistress a worthy woman, all there ain't a thing a character, but she of rude and hasty. One took the mail carrier, flushed up and carried to remove his hat on the official mail. What hat was shot off and ruined, and he left office so swiftly and ed that it told age standing of the town."

Old Hanner last week a kid got from a train said he was both a pig and a pointer. But when he tried him out two days turned out to be an up and a disappointment.

Old Hanner had been for six hours to hood without even a nibble along and her young let me see you catch. And the mother told "Now, don't you catch him until he says please."

Old Hanner's wife think the world of his she even believes the taught him to swear. And when the judge a negro defendant how he ed, he said: "Ah please and walves de hearing."

"What do you mean, hearing?" Negro—"Ah don't want to hear no more."

A swollen-headed young lwood actor was told a viewer wanted to see he gave the visitor full part of his new contract, man an enormous weekly salary to set as salary. He asked: "And what paper from?" Interviewer—"No I'm from the income tax."

How much is a ton of Depends on whether shoveling it or burning it.

Carol

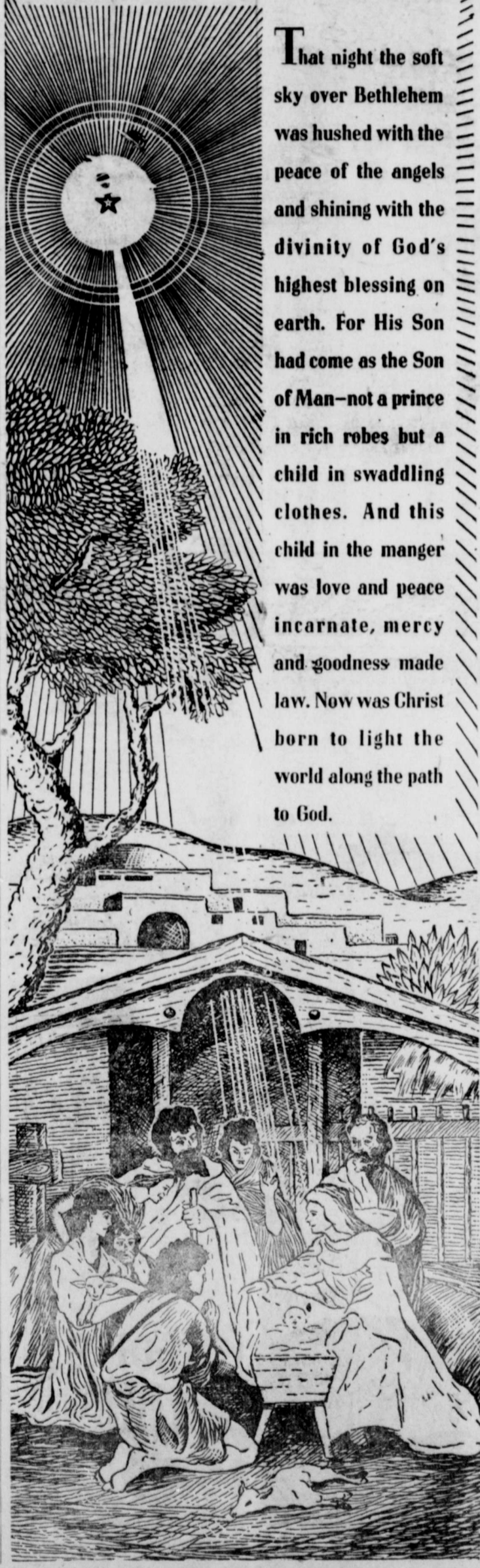
A Christmas Prayer

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

Glory to God in the Highest

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That night the soft sky over Bethlehem was hushed with the peace of the angels and shining with the divinity of God's highest blessing on earth. For His Son had come as the Son of Man—not a prince in rich robes but a child in swaddling clothes. And this child in the manger was love and peace incarnate, mercy and goodness made law. Now was Christ born to light the world along the path to God.



and on earth Peace, Good Will Toward Men



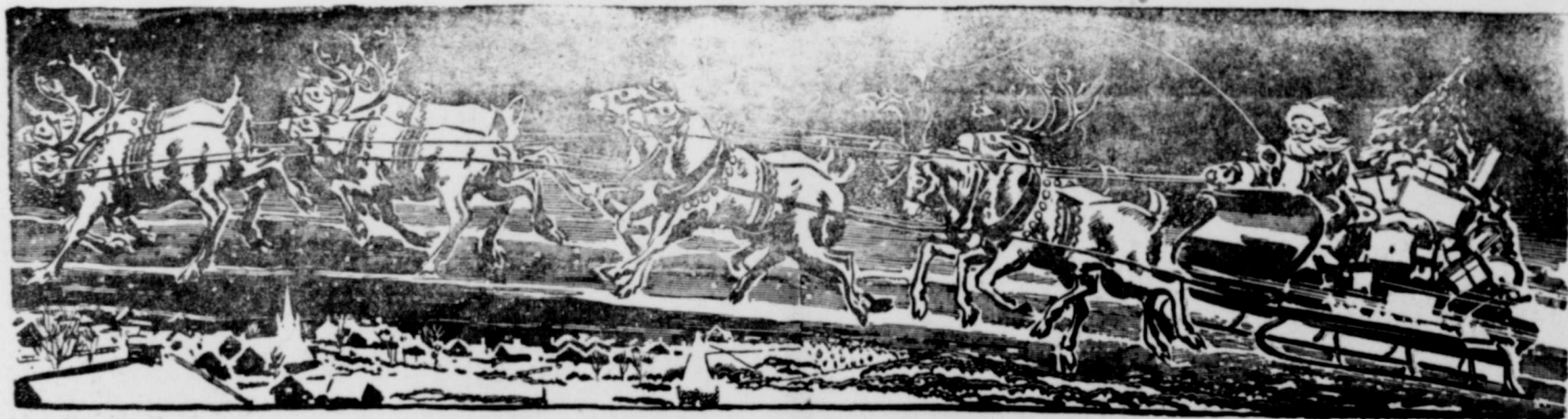
Our Best Wishes

For A

HAPPY HOLIDAY
SEASON!



CITY OF GOLDTHWAITE



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Once again as the glow of the Holiday Season envelops the land, we extend our friendliest greetings and warmest wishes for a joyous YULETIDE SEASON.



Season's
Greetings
1949

BARNES & McCULLOUGH

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And A

Prosperous
New Year

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

AS the Spirit of CHRISTMAS Unfolds, we
add our greetings and best wishes of the Season.

A CHRISTMAS of joy and contentment; of
peace, good cheer and happiness — that is our
wish for you and yours this joyous YULETIDE
SEASON.



The
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Merry CHRISTMAS 1948



Merry Christmas

CHRISTMAS, WITH ITS MOMENTS OF WISTFUL SOLEMNITY AND PRAYERFUL RENEWAL OF THINGS THAT ARE GOOD, IS MUCH MORE THAN A DAY. ALL HAPPINESS TO YOU AND YOURS ON THIS DAY OF DAYS!

JACK JERRY
REID And WALKER
GARAGE



Breezes are bursting with gaiety during this season and we're mighty glad to be a part of it all. We hope that this Christmas for you is your happiest ever.

Steen Hardware
BOB STEEN

Christmas Music By Bach, Handel

For a great many people the music of Bach and Handel make difficult listening — until Christmas comes around. Then, suddenly, everybody starts singing and humming tunes by the two old masters.

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

"How Brightly Beams the Morning Star" was composed by Bach and his "Christmas Oratorio" contains the themes of several other popular chorales.

In almost every town and village in America this Christmas a church choir will render at least a portion of George Frederick Handel's the "Messiah." When carolers sing "Joy to the World" they'll be singing part of the "Messiah" too, for that carol comes from themes found in the great oratorio. Handel also composed the musical theme of "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks."

It is a strange fact, but both Bach and Handel were born in 1685, lived for many years within thirty miles of each other, and never met. Yet today, the Christmas music they wrote is sung by men, women and children in countless churches of many faiths all over the world.

Pagan Rites Basis Of Many Customs

Strange as it may seem, most American Christmas customs stem largely from Pagan rites practiced long before the birth of Christ.

The custom of exchanging gifts is one of the few that springs from the Christian era. Christmas candles, bonfires and Yule logs arise from the heathen festivals observing the winter solstice, December 21, when the days begin to lengthen. That was a time of great rejoicing for ancient sun worshippers who built bonfires to give strength to the "winter sun-god."

Pre-Christian Romans ornamented their homes with green boughs and flowers for the Feast of Saturnalia which began December 19. Druids gathered mistletoe for that season, while ancient Saxons used holly, ivy and bay. Modern mistletoe and holly wreaths come from those peoples.

Christmas trees, too, spring from the ancient German days when Germanic tribes made sacrifices to the sacred oak tree of Odin. When the missionary St. Boniface traveled to Germany in the Eighth Century and saw these celebrations he persuaded the natives to substitute a fir tree for the oak and to adorn it in a tribute to the Christ Child.

During the Middle Ages the entire Christmas season was celebrated in equal fervor with that now shown on Christmas day. In some lands the celebration lasted from December 24 to January 6—Twelfth Night—and in others from December 21 to February 2. By the year 1644, Christmas in England had become such a wild orgy that the Puritans forbade its celebration by law.

Much Family Fun In Group Games

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

There are many hobbies that can help build companionship between parents and children. Mothers and daughters like jewelry construction and tapestry weaving. Dad and Junior go in for model-making—airplanes, boats, trains and other items of special interest to the male population.

Everyone enjoys operating a printing press. Small presses turn out newspapers that have a real professional look. Shellercraft and woodburning are hobbies that produce genuinely useful articles. For family fun, rubber-tipped darts, indoor plastic horseshoes and marble games are excellent.

"Christmas is a time of 'togetherness,'" says Regnier. "Let's capitalize on the situation by starting a game or hobby that will encourage the same type of companionship the year around."

Santa Pictured By Thomas Nast

Thomas Nast, the famous cartoonist who created our conception of Uncle Sam, the Republican elephant and the Democratic donkey, is also credited with giving America its first modern pictorialization of Santa Claus.

Nast first sketched his notion of Santa Claus in 1873. This Santa was a rollicking, chubby-old man smoking a pipe and dressed in what looked like a night shirt with fur collar and cuffs. Since that day he has grown taller and rounder, has developed a full white beard and mustache and has acquired the traditional red suit bordered in ermine.



It's Christmastime, and we are happy once more to extend our heartiest Yule greetings to a host of good friends, young and old, old and new.

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Merry Christmas



...and we mean MERRY,
with loads of fun!

The HANGAR

Mr. And Mrs. John Jackson

Greetings
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A Cheery
Christmas
Season
To All ...



It's a real
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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

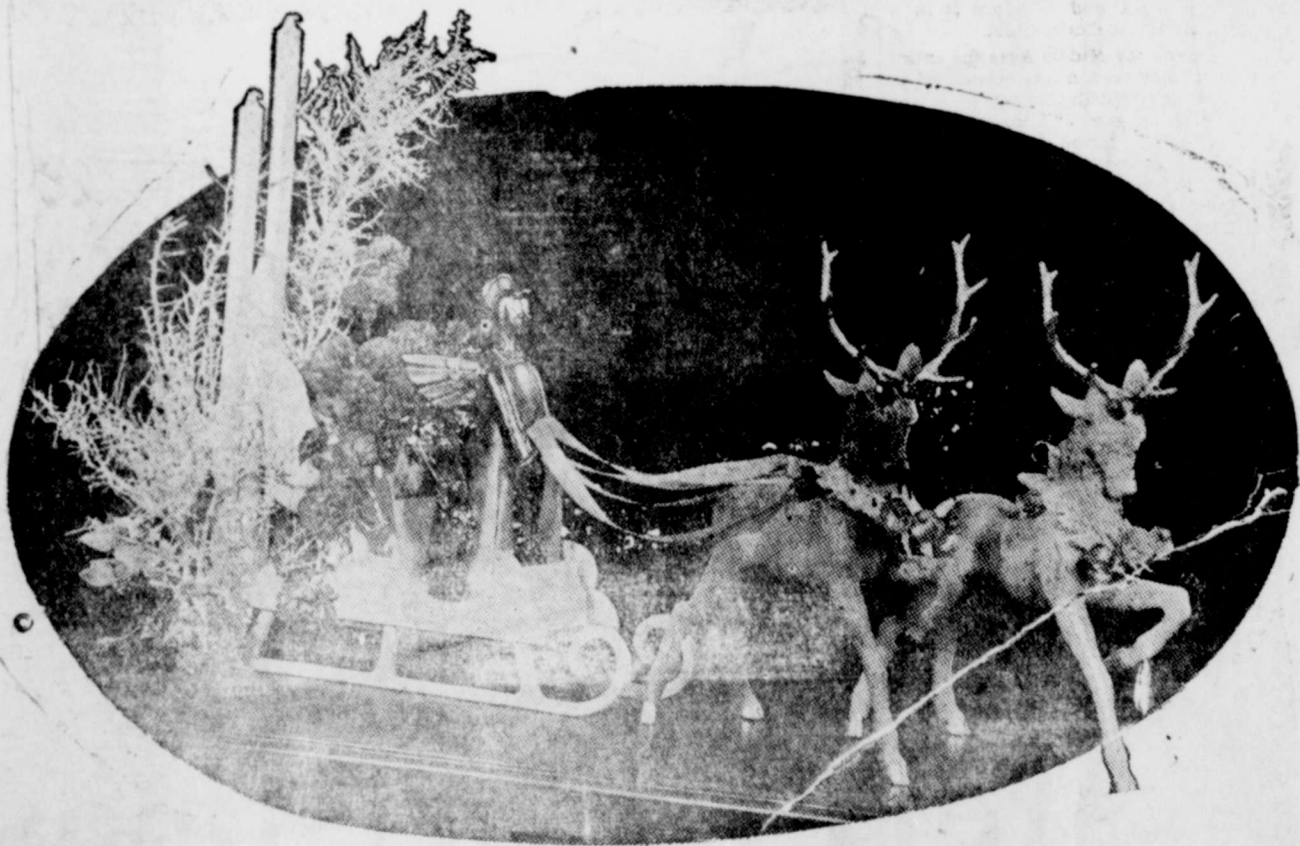
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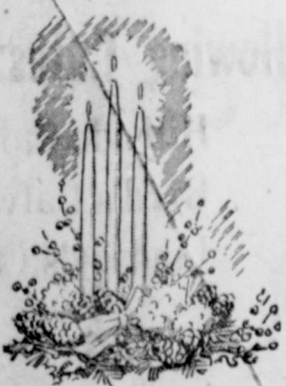
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For A Happy Holiday Season

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Tidings of Joy



*May the Christmas star
shed its radiant light on you and your
family as we celebrate once more this
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Season's Greetings

1948

We are
deeply grateful for
your patronage,
and wish you all a
Merry Christmas.

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May There Be A

"Song In Your Heart"

All Through A

Merry Christmas

And A

Happy New Year!

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Happy

Christmas Season

TO ALL

Merry
Christmas
1948

J. H. Randolph Lumber Co.



1948
Christmas
Greetings

The magic spell of Christmas is everywhere . . . no corner too remote! We extend hearty Yule greetings to all our friends.

CHRISTMAS, with its glorious traditions, its gift-giving and family reunions, is here once more. It's the same old season, and we're making the same old wish —

For A

Merry
Christmas
1948

To You

Hollis Blackwell Warehouse



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Merry CHRISTMAS 1948

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Come to Church Christmas

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

JOSEPH L. EMERY, Pastor
WALTER R. LANGSTON, Jr.,
Assistant to the Pastor.



May this yule-tide season bring a spirit of joy, love and happiness to each of you to the degree that the Christ-child of Bethlehem might reign supremely in your heart.

"The Lord bless thee, and keep thee; The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee; The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace." Numbers 6:25-26.

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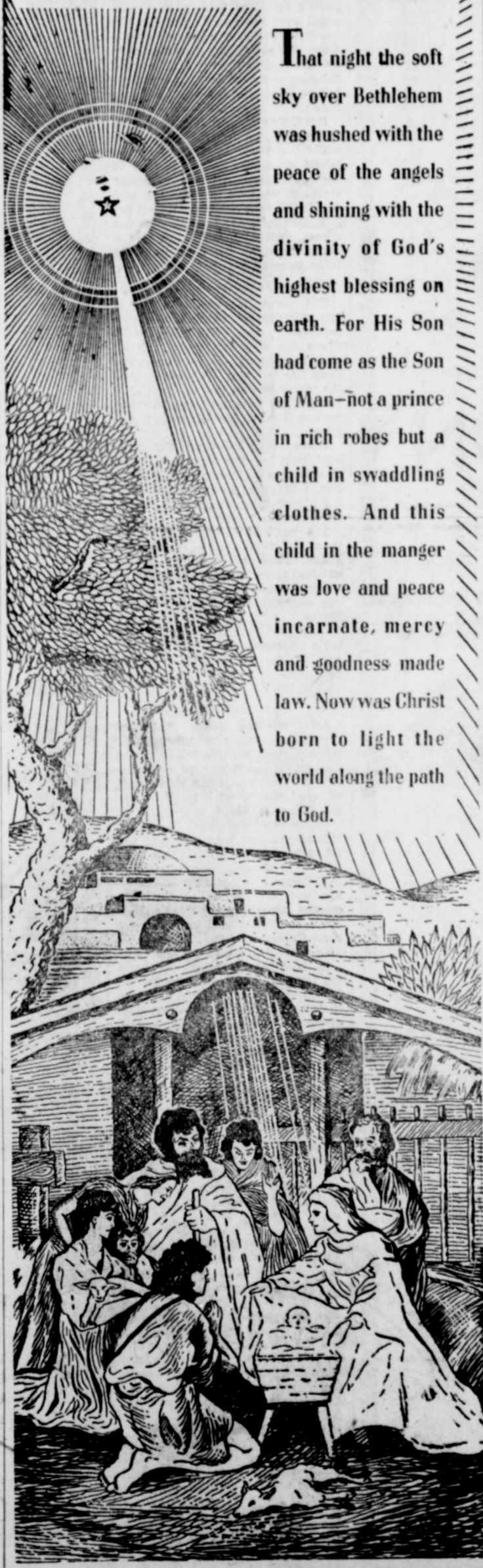
M. DICK LOWRY, Pastor
PRAYER FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS

I ask for you
At this sweet, hallowed time,
A stillness and a star,
And then a room
Where little children are,
Where yellow lamp-light
Sweetly sheds
Haloes of glory round their heads;
The will to worship,
The urge to give,
A sense of holiness
About the place you live;
Goodwill to all mankind,
Surcease from grief, release
From dull regret;
And in your heart
A deep, abiding peace.
—Francis McKinnon Morton



CHURCH OF CHRIST

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CHURCH Of The NAZARENE

R. M. HOCKER, Pastor

"YOU SHALL FIND HIM IN A MANGER"

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger (Luke 2:7.)

Every occurrence in the history of our world must take its place both in date and in importance with reference to the coming of Jesus Christ to be the Savior of men; for that coming of His is the central date and the most important event that has ever yet taken place upon this earth.

The birth of Jesus Christ was the principal subject of prophecy among God's chosen people for hundreds of years before it took place, and so minute were the descriptions given that the place and manner of His birth were as well described before as after His appearance. About the Manger cradle of the new born Christ gather all the joys and hopes of the race of man. So when Mary brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger there was brought to men a message of many phases and of infinite scope. The scope, being infinite, no man can describe it. The Master Himself said only that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son. But any of us may look somewhat into the phases.

1. The Manger speaks of the faithfulness of God. God has promised to send a Savior and Deliverer. The promise had been long delayed and many difficulties had arisen to hinder its fulfillment. But God did not forget and His wisdom and power found a way.

2. The Manger speaks of the knowledge of God. Prophecy is history written ahead of time, and the prophecies of the birth of Christ are the most minute and most particularly and unmistakably fulfilled of any in the Bible. And all the currents of the world converged at the time and place for Jesus to be born.

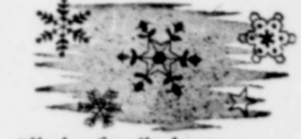
3. But most of all the Manger speaks for the love of God. And while we cannot fathom the scope of this love, we may know and feel its power. The gift of God's love becomes the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. "Whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

4. The message of the Manger is a message of salvation. On the eve of His birth the angel said, "Thou shalt call His name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21). And the message of salvation is: (a) A message of forgiveness of sins. (b) It is a message of regeneration and of new life. "We know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren." (c) It is a message of cleansing from inbred sin. "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil" (1 John 3:8)

5. The message of the Manger is a message of peace and good will among men.

6. The message of the Manger is a message of coming glory. Jesus was rich, but became poor that we might be rich. He was in heaven, but came down to earth that we might go up to heaven. He was enthroned, but came down to the Manger that we might go up to the throne. He was humiliated that we might be exalted. Now come and let us go to the altar of humility, and worship Him in the beauty of Holiness. "Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name; bring an offering, and come before him: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." I Chron. 16:29.

REV. R. M. HOCKER.



All the fragile beauty of a snowflake symbolizes this shimmering season of joy and happiness. May this Christmas be the most joyous of them all.

W. M. JOHNSON
Texaco Products



May true happiness come to you and yours on this Day of Days.

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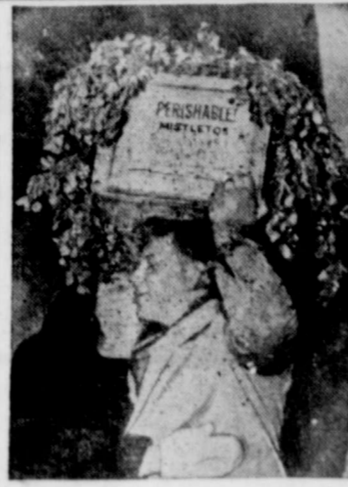


Count us among the treasured friends calling to extend best wishes for a **HAPPY NEW YEAR**



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GOOD JOB . . . How would you like the job of delivering boxes of mistletoe during the Christmas season? Nice work—if you can get it.

Columbus Unlucky On Christmas Eve

America's first Christmas was celebrated by Christopher Columbus. It happened on Christmas eve of the memorable year 1492.

Columbus was planning to observe the Feast of the Nativity with the Indian chieftain, Guacanagari, who ruled over the island of Haiti. Already he had received fine presents from the chief who he believed to be great Khan of Cipango, that fabulous realm of the Orient. Columbus mistakenly thought he had found.

But Columbus' plans went wrong. He was so tired from long watches while the Santa Maria cruised the island channels that he retired to his cabin for a nap. While he was sleeping, the next in command also decided to take a rest and went below. The helmsman, as tired as the others, decided that he deserved a rest as much as they and turned the tiller over to a cabin boy.

Abandon Ship.

The worst happened. Within a few minutes the Santa Maria was fast on a reef. The rolling surf drove the ship higher and higher upon the reef and opened her seams. Soon she fell over on her side and the water poured into her hull. Columbus and the crew were forced to seek refuge on his other ship, the Nina.

Early next morning Columbus sent word of the wreck to Chief Guacanagari. Promptly the chief sent a message to Columbus assuring him that he would give him all the assistance possible.

The noble chieftain was better than his word. He assembled a great flotilla of canoes and despatched them to the Santa Maria to bring all its valuables ashore. Amid the cargo the natives saw many things that made their eyes open wide with envy. Yet so strong was their friendship for the white men and so careful Guacanagari's supervision that not a single article was stolen.

Christmas Banquet.

After the last article had been brought ashore, Guacanagari had another plan. His guests had missed Christmas, but there was no reason why Columbus and the men should not enjoy the finest banquet he and his followers could provide.

There was game from the woods, lobster and fish from the sea; and all sorts of tropical fruits and vegetables. A thousand natives danced in Columbus' honor after the feasting and the climax of the ceremonies came when the chief brought out a coronet of gold and placed it upon Columbus' head. There were also presents of gold for the crew.

In the journal which he was keeping for Ferdinand and Isabella, Columbus wrote: "These people love their neighbors as themselves; their discourse is ever sweet and gentle, and accompanied by a smile. I swear to your majesties, there is not in the world a better nation or land."

Secret Gifts Left By St. Nicholas

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

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

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



As Christmas approaches, ties of friendship grow stronger and we open our storehouse of memories. We like to remember our friends at this time with a MERRY CHRISTMAS greeting and a word of thanks for their kindness.

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Merry Christmas '48



TO ALL OF YOU,
A SEASON BRIMFUL WITH HOLIDAY JOY.



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MISS BESS CREWS

Merry Christmas 1948

We Hope...

that your home is blessed with all the contentment possible during this holiday season.

We're stopping by with a cheery greeting.

Mills County National Farm Loan Association
F. P. BOWMAN, Secretary.

1948 BEST WISHES FOR

Christmas



Cheerily we add our voice to the many happy ones raised in the wish...
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

ROSE SHOE SHOP

Christmas Menu

Mothers, who are the official cooks of the family, will reap added praise this holiday season if they plan a special Christmas menu for every meal on Christmas day. While "something special" is expected for dinner, a minimum of attention will make the other two meals a pleasant surprise.

Here is a menu for the day which will prove popular.

BREAKFAST

Orange juice Waffles
Grilled Sausage Cakes
Coffee Honey Milk

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Clam and Tomato Juice Cocktail
Roast Turkey, Giblet Gravy
Celery Dressing
Mashed Potatoes
Buttered Green Beans
Calavo and Grapefruit Salad
Assorted Relishes
Cranberry Sauce Hot Rolls
Fruit Cake Pie
Coffee Milk

SUPPER

Nutbread Sandwiches
Mixed Vegetable Salad
Fruit Gelatin Dessert

Tea Milk

It's a good idea, too, to crowd a small cutting board with assorted cheeses and crackers. Place it in the living room for those who may not be able to eat candy or who don't care for nuts.

Flowers Are Part Of Yule Legends

There are several flowers appropriate during the Yuletide season which are connected with the birth of Christ by the legends of history. Saintfoin, or "Holy Hay," is said to have cradled the infant Christ in the manger. The snowdrop is the flower of the Virgin Mary, and is said to be the emblem of the candles she lighted on Christmas.

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

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



The Christ-child lay on Mary's lap,
His hair was like a light.
(O weary, weary were the world,
But here is all aright.)

The Christ-child lay on Mary's breast,
His hair was like a star.
(O stern and cunning are the kings,
But here the true hearts are.)

The Christ-child lay on Mary's heart,
His hair was like a fire.
(O weary, weary is the world,
But here the world's desire.)

The Christ-child stood at Mary's knee,
His hair was like a crown.
And all the flowers looked up at Him,
And all the stars looked down.
—G. K. Chesterton.

Nut-Bowl Filled From Many Lands

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

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

The round little filbert and the almond came from the Old World. Other nuts, so familiar at Christmas, the hickory nut, the black walnut and the chestnut, to say nothing of the pecan, are strictly American. The pecan is native to America and is found nowhere else. Two other American nuts worthy of mention are the chestnut and the butternut.

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

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



A triple wish for all of you is ours:
**Good Cheer! Good Friends!
Good Health!**

R. V. LITTLEPAGE
Produce



The old message of "peace on earth; good will to men" echoes again over the entire Christian world in this happy holiday season. Harking back to the spirit of the first Christmas, we wish for you all the joys and blessings of the season.

Thomas Humble Station
Esso Extra Gas



1948

When Santa sneaks in, we trust he will leave a sack brimful of all good things for you.

JACK LONG
Service Station



"OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS!"
WE HOPE YOU HAVE ONE, AND THAT THE THOUGHT OF SUCH A DAY BRINGS YOU A FLOOD OF HAPPY MEMORIES.



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DON'T LET DEATH TAKE A HOLIDAY!

Is your Christmas list all made out? Wait a minute—here's something you may have forgotten.

How about giving one extra gift this year? No, we can't tell you who to give it to. That's up to you. Maybe you will give it to your wife or husband, or one of your children, or a complete stranger. You may even end up giving it to yourself.

The gift is life!
Each year hundreds of persons are killed by accidents during the Christmas-New Year's holiday celebration. Most of these deaths and injuries are in traffic mishaps. The National Safety Council has found that the traffic death toll on Christmas is two or three times the annual daily average—the most dangerous single period of the year.

You may be one of the many drivers and pedestrians who will have it in his power to give a gift of life this Christmas.

Well, if you refuse to take that holiday drink before you get behind the wheel—you may be giving life to someone.

If you don't try to pass that car on the hill—life can be your gift.

If you slow down when you see that pedestrian step hesitantly from the curb—you may give the best present of all.

It is an ironic fact that the most joyous season of the year is one most likely to bring traffic tragedy. The reasons are simple, but too often overlooked.

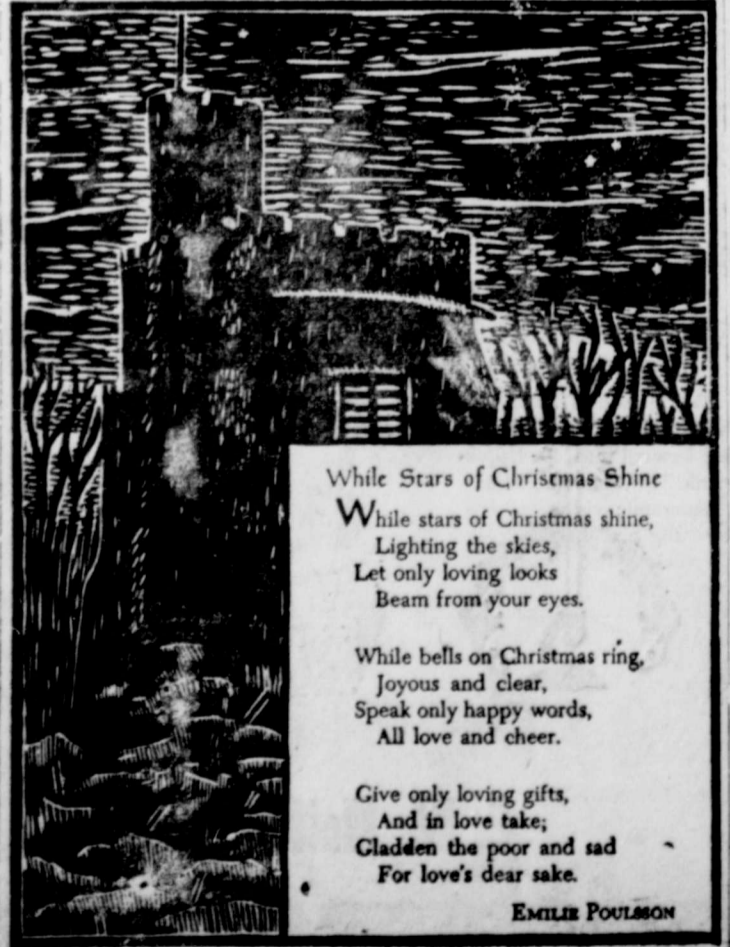
Family gatherings and other festivities of the year-end holiday season bring about the peak travel of the winter, and when more cars are on the move, there is more chance of an accident.

Early darkness plus bad weather add up to poor visibility. Fogged windshields also make it difficult to see and avoid accident situations.

The good fellowship of the season stimulates more drinking, and too often the celebrants clink glasses with death.

Rain, snow and ice, when they are present during the holiday, mean slippery streets and highways. And thousands of drivers still fail to adjust their speed to such adverse conditions.

So get out that Christmas list again and write on one more gift—the life you may give if you drive prudently and safely.



While Stars of Christmas Shine
While stars of Christmas shine,
Lighting the skies,
Let only loving looks
Beam from your eyes.

While bells on Christmas ring,
Joyous and clear,
Speak only happy words,
All love and cheer.

Give only loving gifts,
And in love take;
Gladden the poor and sad
For love's dear sake.

EMILIE POULSON

WHEN THE OLD BIRD WAS YOUNGER

TEN YEARS AGO
(Taken From Eagle Files, December 23, 1938.)

Goldthwaite homes are ablaze with colored lights this Christmas. Stimulated by the awards offered by the local Garden Club, Christmas lighting this year is more extensive and more beautiful than ever.

A well filled church of delighted listeners enjoyed an exceptionally well trained choir present a Christmas cantata at the Methodist Church last Sunday evening.

Miss Clara Bowman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Bowman of Goldthwaite is one of 16 "belles" chosen for the beauty section of the Mary Hardin Baylor College Annual in a student election this week.

Marshall Miller of Goldthwaite and Dean Bagley of San Saba, were the only two players who have won places on the mythical all-district football team with out a dissenting vote.

The piano recital given by Mrs. A. H. Smith's Class on Friday afternoon from 4:00 to 6:00 o'clock was a decided success; all the pupils showing splendid training.

"Cyote Wisdom," 1938 publication of The Texas Folk-Lore Society, was released in October, and is now available at all book stores in Texas. The book contains a story by Miss Mae Featherston entitled "The Snap Party in Mills County."

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Hendry of McFarland, California, are announcing the marriage of their daughter, Katherine to David Earl Armantrout, of Pasadena California, December 10.

J. D. Berry, Novaleen Berry, Troy Berry, R. C. Petty, Lorane Biedsoe, Fayne Coffman, Al Langford, Juanita Rudd, Fred Soules, Addie Mae Summy of Goldthwaite, who are attending John Tarleton College, are at home for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Forehand are here to spend Christmas with relatives.

Out of town relatives who attended the funeral of Harry Martin last Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Schweingung of Sonora, Mrs. Otto Theirs, Camp Allison, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hiller, Shive, Roy Blair, Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Templin, Austin, Mrs. Pete Houston, Clovis, N. M.

Mrs. Chas. McKemy of Denison is in Kings Daughters at Temple for treatment. She will be remembered as Miss Myrtle Harrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Collier and sons, spent Sunday in Gorman with the family of Ed Virdens.

Mr. and Mrs. Haynes Harrison of Brownwood, visited Mrs. Harrison's mother, Mrs. J. D. D. Berry, Sunday.

Joe Palmer made a business trip to Austin, Monday.

Mrs. Martha Westerman and Miss Leona Riley spent Sunday in Pottsville.

Mrs. W. H. Nelson is at home in Big Valley after a three weeks stay in Scott and White Hospital.

Mrs. Floyd Blair, the former Miss Malda Hudson, was honored with a miscellaneous shower at Evant, Saturday afternoon.

Two hundred and twenty-two bucks were killed on the White Bros. Millcreek Ranch at Mason, by December 1. Last year, 186 were killed the first two weeks.

John Hester, and brother, Ben Hester, of Brownwood, went to San Antonio, Wednesday, to visit their sister, Mrs. Baylor Lewis. On their return they stopped in San Marcus, and brought Misses Lottie Belle, and Jerry Hester, home for the holidays.

Mrs. J. H. Randolph, and Trenton Smith left Thursday for Austin where Mrs. Randolph will spend Christmas with her sister.

Mrs. Bedford McBride and son, John D. of Arlington, came Tuesday for Mr. and Mrs. John Keese, who will spend the holidays in Bristow, Oklahoma, with their children, Mrs. S. S. Lasarsky, and Carl Keese and their families.

30 YEARS AGO

(Taken From Eagle Files, December 21, 1918.)

Rev. W. G. Callihan, and C. B. Mohler returned Monday from Rio Grande Country where they spent several days hunting, and brought back one large buck to prove their success.

Miss Eula Barbour arrived in this city from Mineral Wells, the early part of the week for a visit to her sister, Mrs. D. L. Lanford and family.

Will H. Trent and wife were called to Temple Tuesday night by a message announcing the serious illness of O. B. Caldwell.

H. F. Butts was a visitor to Temple this week.

Mrs. Porter of Mountainair, New Mexico, is visiting Mrs. Eula Nichols, of the Rock Springs Community.

Gordon Brinson is here from Bisbee Arizona, visiting friends and relatives.

W. H. McFarland has received a message from his son, Louis who has reached New York on his return from France.

Mrs. S. A. Oden and family have enjoyed a visit from her uncle, M. M. Murra, of Del Rio.

Rev. J. D. Long, of Miller Grove boarded the train here Wednesday for Scallorn, where he has been called to conduct the funeral service of Mr. McDougal.

Mrs. R. H. Patterson of Star returned yesterday from a visit to relatives in Mississippi.

J. T. Prater has been offered a position in the Comptroller's department at Austin, and will likely accept it.

Rev. L. L. Hays, who has been employed in ship building at the yard at Orange, came home Thursday night and will make good old Mills County his home.

Mrs. Russell Mullin died of pneumonia in Houston Wednesday morning and her remains were brought here for burial.

Rev. W. G. Callihan and O. H. Yarborough went to Temple Tuesday to meet the funeral party en route to this city, with the remains of Mrs. Russell Mullans.

Miss Sallie Morgan arrived from Dallas Monday to spend the holidays with relatives here.

John Hays, who is in the aviation department of the Navy arrived Thursday night from Pensacola, Florida, to spend Christmas with home folks.

The people of Mills County learned with sincere sorrow of the death of Earnest Fletcher, which occurred at his home in Lometa Friday night.

J. W. Hill, who recently had the misfortune to get his leg broken by the kick of a horse is able to be up and about.

Don McCormick, of El Dorado, son of Mr. Phil McCormick, visited friends here the first of the week. He was on his way home from Camp Travis where he had been in the military service.

Brother J. R. Davis and Mrs. John W. Roberts, of Rock Springs, were among those who attended the Baptist Convention at Dallas, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cox, are moving to the Porter farm in Big Valley.

Mrs. Oscar Burns, of Clifton, is making the home coming of Charles more joyous with a Christmas week visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Stephens, of Star, Mr. Burns will be there Christmas eve.

J. E. Perkins and family of Star spent Sunday in Pearl with J. D. Perkins. While there he witnessed a regular water spout.

Ranee Richards and wife are here from Little Rock, having been summoned on account of the serious illness of his mother.

40 YEARS AGO

(Taken From Eagle Files, December 19, 1908.)

Mr. F. M. House and family left Wednesday for their new home at House, N. M.

Miss Lucia Talbert left Tuesday morning for Bangs to visit her home folks.

J. H. Allen Jr. has resigned his position in the Trent State Bank and Wilbur Fairman has taken his place.

Miss Julia Kemp spent several days here visiting friends and left Monday for Mesquite to visit her sister and brother.

W. H. Thompson of Brownwood was here Wednesday looking after business matters and visiting relatives.

H. B. Neely was in town, Saturday and ordered his address changed to Mullin.

W. C. Dew made a business visit to Mullin the first of the week.

Mrs. Walter Ford was carried to the hospital in Temple last Saturday night and last reports said there had been little or no change in her condition.

Mrs. W. C. Dew arrived from Mullin yesterday. Mr. Dew moved their household furniture here the first of the week.

J. M. Skaggs and wife, Mrs. Frankie Nabors and Miss Mary Lou Grundy, Edward Geeslin and Emesa McGuirk went to Mullin, Thursday night, to hear Rev. Wilson's lecture.

Dr. M. L. Brown writes to his relatives here that his wife is getting along nicely in the hospital at Baltimore.

Miss Flossie Driskell went to Killeen the first of the week to remain until after the holidays with her sister, Mrs. W. B. Brown.

Rev. Mr. Russell of Dallas, will preach at the Methodist Church Sunday.

Mrs. J. P. Booker died at the family home in the Center City Community Wednesday morning.

I have sold my interest in the photo business to Miss Carrie Saylor and John Scott Jr. Signed: G. W. Wakely.

W. F. Page left the first of the week for Jonah to visit his parents.

Deputy Sheriff E. O. Priddy made a business visit to Comanche, Friday.

Rev. G. W. Gartman left yesterday for Bola to hold a meeting which continued over Sunday.

Waddy Ross has been here this week from Fort Worth, visiting and attending to business.

D. J. Weathers left yesterday for Hopkins County to spend the holidays with relatives.

Miss Lillian Lewis, teacher of the Rock Springs School left yesterday for her home at Coleman.

W. E. Pardue will exchange flour for wheat. Satisfaction guaranteed.

J. D. Urquhart has bought a red auto and it is expected to arrive in less than sixty days. It is of the Ford make and a fine car.

Mrs. E. R. Dalton and her little grand-daughter were visitors from Center City, Tuesday.

P. H. Rahl and wife expect to leave the first of the week for Cleburne, Fort Worth and other points to spend the holidays.

J. H. Evans of Center City, W. A. Hamilton and W. F. Swindle of Indian Gap, and Geo. Evely of this city, returned Friday night from a visit to New Mexico. Mr. Evans sold his land there to Mr. Swindle.

Rev. W. G. Peyton and family left the first of the week for their new home at Rochester Haskell County. All who know them wish them happiness and prosperity in their new home.



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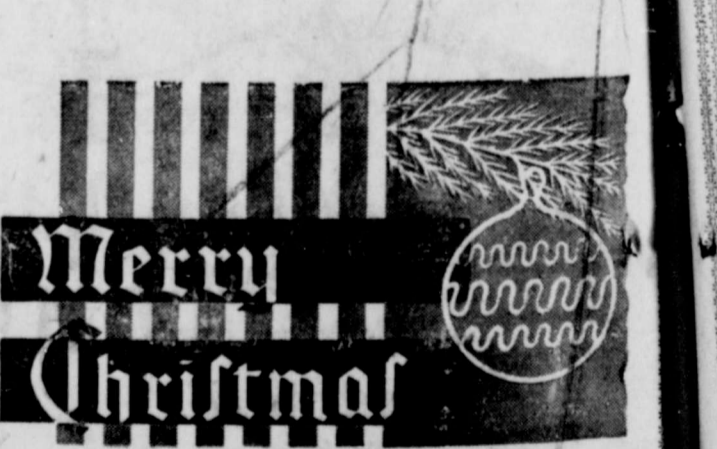
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Everything Reduced

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I believe a knowledge of the Bible without a college course is more valuable than a college course without a Bible.—William Lyon Phelps.



E. B. ADAMS

ON SAN SABA HIGHWAY GOLDTHWAITE, TEXAS

Christmas gifts
Should make eyes light up...
NOT black out!
NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL

Christmas
Should be a holiday...
NOT a hollow day!
NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL

SATURDAY - Special Farm Day
 MAKE OUR STORE YOUR HEADQUARTERS
SEE THE NEW FIRESTONE CHAMPION TRACTOR TIRE



Farm Day Specials
USED TIRES
 From \$1.00 Up


All Sizes
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FIRESTONE STORE

SERVICE FOR:
 • HYDROFLATION
 • CUT DOWN
 • CHANGE-OVER
 Anywhere, Any Time—Farm Terms

OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"



CHRISTMAS is an old-fashioned holiday, a time for reliving childhood days and for recalling old times, old friends.

May all the peace and tranquility be yours in full measure.



The House of Beauty
 Earline and Robbie Gene Simpson

Merry Christmas to You

Wishing you all the things that hold a true meaning of Christmas . . . friends, contentment, peace of mind. May the spirit of Christmas dwell in your home and throughout the coming New Year.

DR. C. C. SADLER

In schools and churches throughout the land, the story of the Christ child is being retold in words and music. . . . As we listen, our faith in the triumph of life and hope is reaffirmed and — each in our own way — we are once more united in the spiritual accord of the Christmas season — a time of peace and good will.

In a letter to chiefs of police the Governor expressed confidence that diligent enforcement efforts will be effective in reducing the toll.

Hi! Neighbor!
Merry Xmas!

Gwin—
The Cleaner

PLUMBING NEEDS . . .

We Are Equipped To Take Care Of Your Plumbing Needs.

SEE US BEFORE YOU BUY

Geo. Hammond Plumbing



YOUR GREATEST CHRISTMAS GIFT MAY BE YOUR LIFE

Austin, Dec. 11—(Sp1)—Your greatest gift may be a life!

With this slogan as its spearhead, the Texas Safety Association Saturday took Governor Jester's campaign against holiday traffic deaths to the far corners of the State.

The Association asked the 41 statewide organizations supporting its traffic safety program to spread the word that there can be less than the expected 25 deaths and twenty-five hundred injuries between December 23 and January 1 "if individual Texans will assume the responsibility for making it so."

The need for extra driving and walking caution.

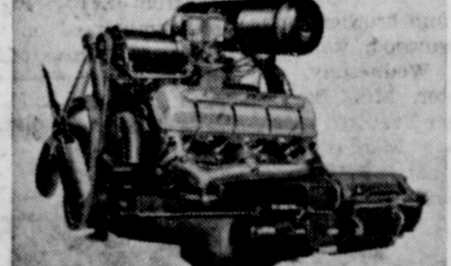
The Governor addressed an appeal for action to college and university presidents and school superintendents, asking them to alert students to the hazards of Christmas travel.

Here they come —
THE NEW FUTURAMICS !



White sidewall tires optional at extra cost. Hydra-Matic Drive standard equipment on Series "76" optional at extra cost on "76".

OLDSMOBILE "ROCKET"



HERE IT IS! Oldsmobile's new "Rocket" Engine, which offers all these features: Rigid-Block Valve-in-Head Construction; Dual Down-Draft Carburetion; Five-Bearing Precision-Balanced Crankshaft; Hydraulic Valve Lifters; Short Sturdy Camshaft; Steel-Reinforced Alloy Pistons.

Oldsmobile rolls forward into '49—with an All-Futuramic line—a new "76," a new "98," and a revolutionary new "Rocket" Engine.

They're here! They're new! They're both Futuramic! Two sparkling new Oldsmobiles . . . rolling forward into '49. Upper left, the Futuramic "76" . . . with Fisher's newest body, panoramic vision, plus a remarkable new "Big Six" Engine. And out in front, a newly styled Futuramic "98" . . . with that revolutionary new "ROCKET" Engine you've heard so much about. It's a completely new, high-com-

pression, valve-in-head eight that actually gives you more power on less gasoline! Combined with GM Hydra-Matic Drive, the "Rocket's" performance is so smooth, silent, and spirited, you've got to try it to believe it! Your Oldsmobile dealer invites you to inspect the new Futuramic—examine the new "Rocket" Engine—and experience **"The New Thrill!"**

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICE

"Christian Science" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon which will be read in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, December 26.

The Golden Text is: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness" (Psalms 48:13).

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

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

Alton Talbot was exhibiting an albino squirrel he killed Wednesday while hunting in the Butler section. Mr. Talbot said the white squirrel was in a tree with several cat squirrels. The squirrel was solid white with pink eyes.

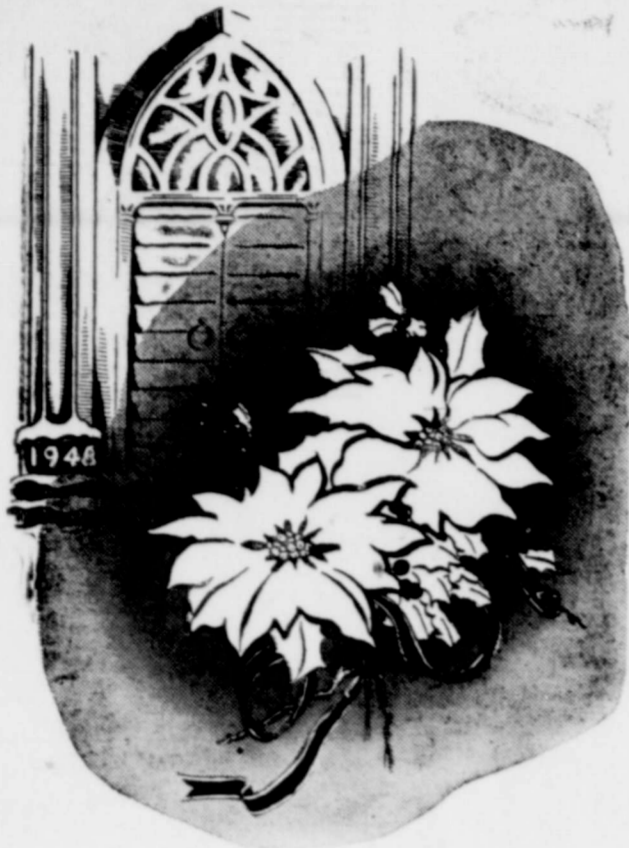
'48 Christmas Joy!

Just a line to express our true regard and friendship for you on this Day.

Gulf Service Station
 L. R. (Bally) RUDD

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MERRY CHRISTMAS



Now, when the glow of hollyberries brightens the windows . . . we extend to you, our friends, sincere wishes for a most joyous Christmas.



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A Wish
on Christmas

MAY ALL
THE THINGS
YOU WISH FOR
BE FULFILLED
FOR YOU.



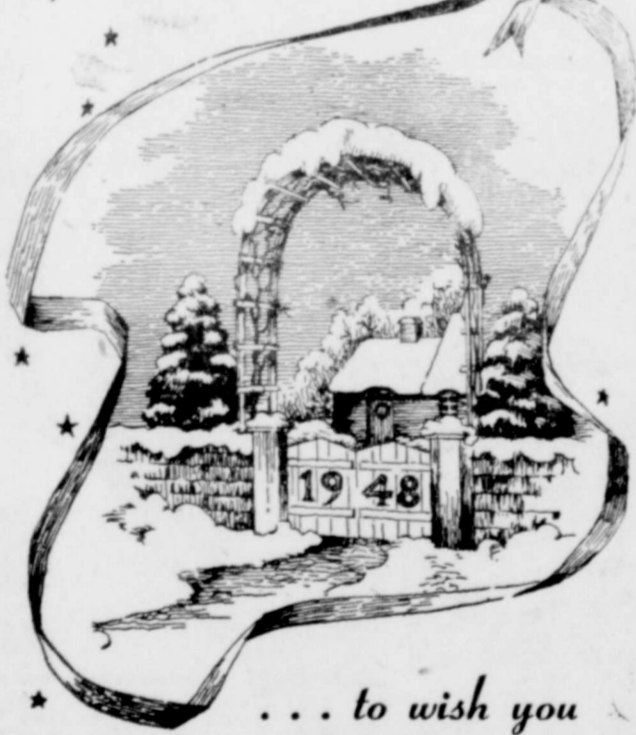
ROBERTA
Beauty Shop
INA HAYS FOX



 MAY THIS
CHRISTMAS SEASON
BRING YOU MANY
BLESSINGS AND
MUCH JOY
AND HAPPINESS.

F.D. Reynolds
JEWELER

A Christmas
Sheer



... to wish you
a Christmas rich
in longed-for joys.

L. J. Gartman Co.



Just to
remember you
in this
friendly way.


Dalton Cleaners



Light up that tree and
flood your home with
joy! It's Christmastime
again! A happy Holiday
to all!

FRAZIER Bros.



Along with Christmas pine and holly... may health, wealth and happiness deck the halls of your home.



Can we come in with a gay note to sing out... Best Wishes?



As the wonderful, star-crowned story of Christmas moves once more through our lives, there is no one of us who is not conscious of the inexpressible divinity of the season. It is a time to be generous, a time for deep happiness, a time for neighborliness and good will towards all.

E. D. VANN'S
Service Station

FAULKNER'S
Barber Shop

SMITH
Equipment Company



1948
A Christmas Greeting

☆ In this changeless season of Christmas we greet our friends and neighbors with that changeless message of cheer...



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Estep Furniture



Just for a minute, we relive all the joys and raptures of childhood as we behold the bright tinsel and the gay wrappings of the boxes stacked high under the Christmas tree.



May your gift be an assurance that all your most cherished dreams and hopes will be realized—that is our wish for you at this happy Yuletide season.

DURENVILLE

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MR. AND MRS. NORMAN DUREN



GOD BLESS US
EVERY ONE

May the coming New Year bestow upon you good health, happiness and friendship—the most important possessions in life that money alone can't buy!

Many thanks for your valued patronage in the past year. May we have the pleasure of serving you again in 1949.

COFFEE SHOP

BURL And TONIE HOLLAND



Christmas Wishes

by the
Thousand

We send to all our friends this Yule Season of 1948. May yours be indeed a MERRY CHRISTMAS

Long & Piper Gro.

Courtesy Important When Sending Cards

The exchange of cheerful Christmas cards between friends is one of our most delightful Yuletide customs—and like all other social relationships, it is governed by simple, common-sense rules of etiquette.

You may properly send your holiday greetings to almost everyone—business and professional associates, if you wish, as well as social acquaintances and relatives.

Be sure to choose appropriate cards, however. If Aunt Jennie is a garden enthusiast, she'll probably appreciate a beautiful flower print more than a dozen Santa Claus designs.

Special Titles

Cards with special titles, such as "Merry Christmas, Mother," are available for mothers, wives, sweethearts and practically all relatives, including the in-laws, and are a mark of individual thoughtfulness.

If you can spare a moment or two, pen a brief holiday note on each card. It adds a warm sincerity and a touch of your individual personality to your Yuletide greetings. Christmas time is a sentimental and nostalgic season for everyone, and many a friendship has been kept alive through the years by the annual exchange of holiday greetings.

Colored ink is entirely proper both for signing the card and addressing the envelope, provided it harmonizes with the color scheme of the card itself.

Signatures need not be formal, except on engraved Christmas cards. You may have your name neatly printed if you wish, or take your pen in hand and sign the greetings yourself with a holiday flourish.

"Mr. and Mrs."

Married couples may omit the "Mr. and Mrs." if they prefer and sign their cards simply "Paul and Jenny Wilson." Either the husband's name or the wife's may appear first. Children in the family rate a place in the signature, too.

In addressing the envelopes, it is best to send one card to a husband and wife, and separate cards to other adult members of the family too. As an alternative, one card may be mailed to the whole family if you are careful to write the names of each individual on the envelope, including the children.

Use three-cent stamps for your Christmas cards, following the rule of good taste which says that first-class friends deserve first-class mail. It is entirely proper to write your return address on the envelope, to help friends keep tabs on changes of address.

Selecting attractive Christmas cards for each of your friends is a delightful pre-Christmas activity. Don't treat it as a sober social responsibility. Plunge in with a smile and the gay holiday scenes on the cards will soon fill your heart with Yuletide cheer and sentiment.

Santa Claus School Trains Jolly Gents

In a colonial farmhouse at Albion, N. Y., there's a Santa Claus school and it's the only educational institution of its kind in the world.

Graduates wear white wig and whiskers, red suit trimmed in white fur, wide white belt, and black leather boots.

A course at the school prepares the prospective Santa Claus to properly shake when he laughs like a bowl full of jelly, remain calm when a child glares and yells "there ain't no Santa Claus" and maintain proper diplomatic relations with a parent who thinks Santa has given her too the brushoff.

Tinsel

Old and tarnished tinsel can be made to look almost as bright as new by washing it in warm soap suds to which a few drops of ammonia have been added. Dry tinsel with a towel and hang it up to finish drying.

Have Tree Base Stand In Water

Christmas trees, like flowers, will respond to being kept with the base in the water. Here are two simple things to do if you want your tree to stay green and fresh.

Buy a tree which has been cut as recently as possible.

Cut off the end of the trunk diagonally, at least one inch above the original cut. This will expose a moist surface which will absorb water. Stand the trunk of the tree in water at once, and, if it is not to be taken into the house for several days, keep it in a cool place.

December Dates

There aren't very many famous birthdays during December—too near Christmas! However, a few of history's prominent people were born in December and here they are:

- Dec. 8, Eli Whitney, inventor of the cotton gin.
- Dec. 16, Ludwig von Beethoven.
- Dec. 17, John Greenleaf Whittier.
- Dec. 24, Christopher (Kit) Carson.
- Dec. 27, Louis Pasteur.
- Dec. 28, Woodrow Wilson.
- Dec. 31, Rudyard Kipling.



We know of no better time than Christmas to give recognition to our many friends who have contributed so greatly to our success during the past years.

— FROM ALL OF US TO YOU —

A Merry Christmas

And
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Senior Class

1948 - 1949

GOLDTHWAITE HIGH SCHOOL

MERRY CHRISTMAS

And

HAPPY NEW YEAR 1949



May your mail-box be loaded daily with bundles of good things all through the New Year. That's our wish for all our friends this 1949 Happy Holiday Season.

THANK YOU

Patrons of the
GOLDTHWAITE POST OFFICE

Thank you for your business and thank you for your patience and cooperation during the Christmas rush.

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