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Tell-Tale Fe-Mail

By M. L. G.

The time is almost here—for me to start my Christmas shopping, that is. I certainly hope all of you are through so I won't have to stand in line or nudge past you, because there isn't much time left and I'll have to work fast.

We have such exciting looking packages under our tree from as far away as Vermont and Massachusetts and we haven't even had time to write and tell them they arrived safely.

I understand retirement age in the future will be older than the present 65, maybe as high as 75. That certainly is good news to me, because as far behind as I am on everything, I'd never get caught up enough to retire by the time I'm 65. I can just hear my son as he reads this. He'll ask, "You mean you're not 65 yet?"

I meant to send out the Christmas cards I bought last year and didn't have time to send, but I didn't make it again. Our Christmas ad in this edition of the paper is taking place of the cards.

Speaking of the Christmas ads, do take time to read them. They were chosen carefully, all of them, with you in mind. It is our (those of us who have ads) way of saying "thank you" for your kindness throughout the past year.

I hate to bring up the subject but so many have asked that I guess I'd better. The progress of the porch. I'll say just this—we had to put all our outside lights in a tree to detract from the mess at the front of the house. Plans were to frame the doorway, etc. but—

I made a suggestion to the Straw Boss that awarded me a dirty look. I suggested stringing them (the lights) on the boards propping the porch up while it is under repair, or sort of draping them on one of the stacks of lumber in the front yard.

Need some last minute ideas for gifts? How about a 1958 version of a vintage 1903 automobile for Junior? It comes in a knock-down kit form for under \$1,000 complete with 4.8 horsepower engine, tiller steering, brass headlamps, bulb horn and wooden spoke wheels.

And for mother—a hula hoop in the new musical model that makes a maracas tick-tock as it whirls should please her. Then there is the battery-powered cocktail stirrer that lights up for the fellow who likes to mix Martinis in the dark.

If none of these seem right for the person you have in mind, there is always the Merkel Mail. It doesn't play music like the hula hoop, and it doesn't light up in the dark, but it does cost less than the car kit.

Don't forget to be in Merkel for the climax of the Fall Festival Tuesday night this week. Exciting things are happening all over town and the stores still have lots to choose from in the gift line.

Dear Santa Claus,
All I want for Christmas is a new front porch. From — One Who's Patience is Waning.

A Merry, Merry Christmas to all of you!

BSP Sorority Has Christmas Party

Husbands of members were guests at a progressive dinner staged by the Lambda Beta Chapter Phi Monday night, Dec. 15.

Each course of the four course dinner was served in different homes. Following the dessert gifts were exchanged, with Joe Lassiter acting as Santa Claus.

The Joe Lassiter, Carroll Benson, R. E. Dayton and Bob Gardner homes were visited.

Fifty persons attended.



Christmas is for Children of All Ages!
—but, let's all enjoy it together—
And may your yuletide stocking be filled with a wonderful gift of peace, happiness and prosperity.

You Are Needed In Our P.T.A.

Our P.T.A. needs you because there is work to be done for children and youth—work that will not wait. It doesn't take a child long to grow up, and growing up under undesirable conditions may mean tragedy for the child and loss to the nation.

By joining forces with us and with more than eleven million other citizens who are members of more than 44,000 P.T.A.'s,

YOU CAN HELP:

Build a nation of homes in which children are loved and parents and children alike enjoy a satisfying home life.

Establish good home-school relations so that each child will be assured of wise guidance and warm understanding both at school and at home.

IN OUR P.T.A. YOU CAN:

Join with others in taking practical and effective community action to combat juvenile delinquency—stressed prevention as well as treatment.

Make a strong and successful attack on all influences that tend to destroy children's happiness and security.

Guided by wise and experienced leadership, share in determining the kind of school program that inspires good teaching and effective learning. Basically parents want the school to give their children: Information and skills in reading, writing, thinking, and computing; Skills to find and hold jobs; Education for citizenship; Faith in God, their country, their fellow men, and themselves.

IN OUR P.T.A. YOU CAN:

Help to hold the doors of educational opportunity to all children—and to all those adults who believe that education never ends.

Add your voice to millions of other voices that demand and enforce laws protecting children and youth.

Keep informed on the findings of all those who have made a life-work of understanding young people, and see that these findings are put into practice.

IN OUR P.T.A. YOU CAN:

Participate in carrying out the action programs of the P.T.A. national organization, the National Congress of Parents and Teachers. They are fashioned to help us conduct successfully the most important business in the world—the building of future citizens, strong in body, healthy in mind, and free in spirit.

Work with other men and women who care about what happens to children and youth in their homes, schools, and communities.

Cooperate with other citizens to foster the character development and spiritual education of all children and youth.

Share in a democratic parent-teacher partnership that is pledged to work for the best interests of all children.

YES, IN OUR P.T.A. YOU, as an individual, count and are counted upon. As a member of our group YOU will belong to a great and growing parent-teacher organization that represents the highest hopes and best efforts of the American people to preserve for their children America's heritage of freedom.

This, then, is a cordial invitation to YOU to JOIN OUR P.T.A. We need YOU, whether you are a mother, a father, a teacher, or one of the many other civic-minded adults of our community.

America's children and youth depend on you. Give them an inspiring example of your strength and steadfast interest in their welfare by JOINING OUR P.T.A. TODAY.

Russell Receives Football Honors

Jackie Russell, a Merkel graduate, was one of six Tarleton State Football players named to the All-Conference team in the Pioneer Conference selections recently.

Russell was also a nominee to the All-Texas Junior College Conference.

Top ground-gaining honors went to Russell at Tarleton, who despite three games in which he played and gained 354 yards during the season and averaged 62 yards per carry.

Jackie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell.

Stores Open 'til 8:30 Tonight --- See Page 3

20 YEARS AGO IN MERKEL

Janelle Black, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Black, and Carl Bush, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Bush, of Merkel, are listed on the mid-semester scholastic honor roll at Abilene Christian College.

The football season of '58 for Merkel High is history! Fourteen of the lads who worked hard this season are lettermen. Those who will receive their jackets are: Preacher Windham, captain, W. L. Wenzel, co-captain, Kenneth Neill, Ralph Russell, Arthur Lee Graham, Willard Paine, Mark Malone, Lester Rister, Deaward Gilbreath, Cleis Fowler, DuBland, Red Davis, Bryon Bryant and Elby Frazer.

The first of the week the Merkel Drug Company installed a modern Silex coffee-maker to cater to the popular coffee-drinking habit of the nation. Another innovation finds seven leather-cushioned springback stools for the convenience of fountain customers.

Bill Harris, formerly employed by the Merkel Drug, has accepted a position with the Oats Drug Store in Haskell. Tracy Wood has taken his place at the Merkel Drug.

J. L. McLean of Mulberry canyon was displaying admiration of friends downtown this week a handsome blanket made from the hide of a Hereford-Durham steer. He had it dressed in Abilene by L. V. Tate. The blanket is about 40 square feet in dimension. The steer from which the blanket came grossed 930 pounds.

A twenty-one point buck was the trophy which Norman Hodge, manager of the Queen Theater, proudly brought back Thursday afternoon after a week's deer hunt in the Davis mountains. Two

others in the same party, Sanford Hodge of Stamford and Henry Biggs of Odessa, also got a buck a piece, the former a four-pointer, and the latter, a six-pointer. Jack Laird of Odessa, fourth member of the group, was unsuccessful.

Jack Smith, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith, was reported resting well Thursday morning, following an injury to his left eye Friday night while out post-hunt with a group of boys. A 22 shell which had been tossed into the campfire the boys had built exploded and a piece of the shell lodged in his eye.

Cash return of \$481.55 is the result of this year's experience of Mrs. Dave Anderson of the Butman Ranch in raising turkeys, and, besides, she has 45 or 50 more which she is holding for the New Year's market. The turkeys yielded an average of 16½ cents.

When accidentally hit with a piece of chalk on Tuesday of last week, Jasper Penn Howard, son of Dr. J. P. Howard, received a painful injury to his left eye. He was reported as not suffering much Tuesday morning, but extent of the injury has not been determined.

Paul Douglas, making his third deer hunting trip, was accompanied last week to Real County by his brother, Grover Douglas, of Odessa, Bertis Lang and County Commissioner Jack Canon. Bertis got a gobbler, the only one of the party bringing back any game.

Friends and acquaintances of Miss Elizabeth Harkrider will be interested to read of her marriage to Harry Wilfred Firstbrook of Dallas last Saturday afternoon at Brownwood in the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Roy Rust Largent. The Rev. Leslie A. Boone read the ceremony. Attending the couple were Mr.

MAKING CHRISTMAS COOKIES A FAMILY AFFAIR

Making cookies for Christmas is the most fun when it's a family affair. Children love the excitement of getting ready for this important holiday and they want to take an active part in cookie making.

Your youngsters will enjoy pressing the pecans on the butterscotch pecan cookies described here. Or they'll like to place the cut chocolate cookie on the baking sheet.

The Christmas tarts can be varied with different kinds of fillings; such as the instant chocolate or vanilla pudding; prepared canned blueberry or cherry pie filling, or cherry or raspberry jelly. A lemon filling is delicious—the recipe for this is given.

This recipe is prepared in three parts. First the dough for the shell is made and chilled. Then preparations for the filling and meringue can be made ready to add to the shell after it has been formed in the tart pan.

Each of these cookie recipes depends on real butter as its key ingredient. Butter's natural flavor gives cookies a special goodness that's impossible to obtain from any other ingredient.

Now for the recipes for buttery Christmas treats: butterscotch pecan cookies, chocolate refrigerator cookies, Christmas tarts and holiday fruit cakes.

Butterscotch Pecan Cookies
4-5 dozen cookies
375° oven 6-8 minutes

1 cup butter
1 cup brown sugar, firmly packed
½ cup milk
½ teaspoon vanilla
2 cups sifted flour
2 teaspoons baking powder

Pecan halves
Cream butter and brown sugar. Add milk and vanilla and mix well. Add dry ingredients which have been sifted together. Chill in the refrigerator for one hour. Shape into balls and place on an ungreased cookie sheet. Press a pecan half into the center of each cookie and bake in a 375° oven for 6-8 minutes.

Chocolate Refrigerator Cookies
5 dozen cookies
375° oven, 8-10 minutes

1½ cups sifted flour
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon baking powder
1 cup butter
1 cup sugar
1 tablespoon heavy cream
½ teaspoon vanilla
½ cup finely chopped pecans, grated

Sift dry ingredients together. Cream butter and sugar. Add cream and vanilla and mix well. Add sifted dry ingredients gradually, then add chocolate and nuts. Form into small rolls, 1" in diameter and chill in the refrigerator for several hours or overnight. Slice thin and place on an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 375° for 8-10 minutes.

Christmas Tarts
1½ inch tart pans 3 dozen
325° oven, 20 minutes

Pastry:
¾ cup softened butter
½ cup sugar
3 egg yolks, beaten
2 cups sifted flour

Cream butter and sugar. Add beaten egg yolks and blend. Add flour, half at a time, mixing well after each addition. Chill pastry in refrigerator for 30 minutes.

Filling:
Use prepared, canned cherry pie or blueberry filling or instant chocolate or vanilla pudding, or the following lemon filling.

Lemon Filling
1 cup sugar
2½ tablespoons flour
Grated rind 2 lemons
¼ cup lemon juice
1 egg
1 teaspoon butter

Mix sugar and flour, add lemon rind and juice and egg. Melt butter in a small saucepan; add egg mixture and cook and stir until it boils and thickens.

Meringue Topping
3 egg whites
¾ cup finely chopped blanched almonds
1½ cups sifted confectioners sugar
Beat egg whites until stiff. Fold

in chopped almonds and confectioners sugar.

TO MAKE TARTS:
Butter small 1½ inch tart or muffin tarts. Pinch off small pieces of dough and shape into balls. Put each ball in cup or tin and press against bottom and sides with fingers. Put about 1 teaspoon of desired filling in shell and top with about a teaspoon of the almond meringue. If desired, cut out tiny stars from dough which has been rolled out, sprinkle with red and green colored sugar, and place on top of the meringues. Bake in a 325° oven for 20 minutes or until the pastry is done. Let stand in the pans for a few minutes before removing.

Holiday Fruit Cake
250° oven, 3 hours 9 pounds
3 loaf pans, 9½x3¼x2¼

¾ cup fruit juice
½ pound chopped, candied fruit
1½ pounds dark raisins
1 pound sultana raisins
½ pound candied citron, cut up
1 candied lemon peel, cut up
¼ pound whole candied cherries
½ pound pitted dates, cut up
2 pieces each red, green white candied pineapple, cut up
1 cup butter
1½ cups sugar
6 eggs, well beaten
½ cup molasses
1 cup milk
2½ cups sifted flour
½ teaspoon baking soda
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon cloves
1 teaspoon nutmeg

Prepare the fruit and soak it in the fruit juice while preparing the batter. Cream the butter and sugar and add the well beaten eggs. Add the molasses, then the sifted dry ingredients and the milk alternately. Add the fruit. Pour the batter into waxed paper lined pans which have been buttered, lined with waxed paper, and buttered over the top. Bake at 250° for 3 hours. Remove from the pan immediately. Cool on cake racks. Store in a covered container.

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Mrs. J. E. Tindell of Sylvester, through letters to his parents and friends while he was in Korea, was instrumental in getting donations to complete the "House of Hope," a tile building to replace one of adobe. He worked with army chaplains in two orphanages.

Tindell said that Korea church members were very church and Christ minded. They go to unheated churches and give all their money and sacrifice personal belongings.

His wife, parents and two sisters were among those present for his talk in Trent. Visitors

from Merkel and other churches were also present. Refreshments were served after the film and talk.

Ribera Aboard Oiler In Far East

FAR EAST (FHTNC) — Narciso C. Ribera, commissaryman third class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francisco Ribera of Merkel is serving aboard the oiler USS Pnchatoula, operating with the U. S. Seventh Fleet in the Far East.

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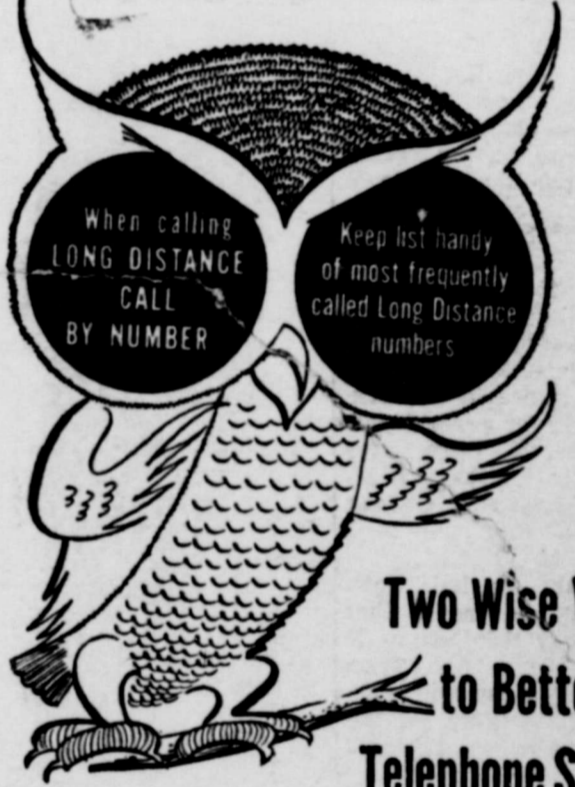
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Charity, Fellowship Uppermost At Christmastime

Make Christmas a jolly time. The whole significance of Christmas is generosity, charity, good fellowship and consequent happiness, and we must stand in with this spirit of joyfulness or admit ourselves as by no means belonging to the highest types of humanity. If we adopt the Irishman's well-known and philosophical dictum, that "one man's as good's another, and

New Hospital For Southwest Is Announced

Designed as the nation's most modern combined diagnostic clinic and hospital, this \$10,000,000 building project has been announced by the board of the Scott and White Memorial Hospital of Temple, Texas. It will provide 279 beds and facilities for 50,000 clinic and hospital patients annually. An innovation for care of the critically ill will be a special observation unit on each hospital floor. A nursing station will be surrounded by a circle of 12 private rooms, where all patients will be under constant observation within a few steps of the nurses. This, it was said, will improve service for many of the critically ill.

Four hospital bed floors in the shape of a cross (A) and two clinic floors (B) rise above the first two floors and basement, which contain diagnostic and research laboratories, surgical and X-ray departments, rehabilitation therapies and other jointly used facilities. A Nurses Residence (C) will help meet the shortage of nurses in the Southwest by increasing student nurse enrollment from 60 to 85. The structure marked (D) is a future building for educational purposes.

The consulting architects, Elterbe and Company of St. Paul, Minnesota, designed the new Mayo Clinic and specialize in planning combined diagnostic clinic and hospital facilities. Architectural working plans will be prepared by Wyatt C. Hedrick of Fort Worth.

Jay A. Phillips, of Houston, Chairman of the Scott and White Board of Trustees, said that the target date for starting construction is June 1, 1960. "We already have upward of \$1,000,000 and are aiming at raising the balance over the next year and a half. As a non-profit institution Scott and White serves patients from all parts of the Southwest. This new center will be of tremendous benefit in providing people of moderate means throughout our region with a high quality of diagnosis and treatment at a reasonable cost."

and Mrs. Rust Largent as matron of honor and best man. The bride was given in marriage by her brother, William L. Harkrider Jr.

same a deal sight better," then we want to be a "deal sight" in most every thing, and good fellowship proclaims that loudest and longest. So, go in for a good time in any old first-class, fine-edged way you can get it, at home or abroad, outdoors or in, upstairs or down, with or without the best means for enjoyment, for the means can be made; if you're determined to make it, there is always a way. If you lack dollars, use pennies; if you lack pennies, use your wits. There are many other things that you have in abundance to spend, and you can spend them by transferring to others and the general atmosphere your optimistic joyfulness over what you have, be it much or little.

Saucy Stuffed Tomatoes



Here is young fried chicken, tender and crusty. Here are plump red tomatoes, bulging with savory dressing. And as you set the platter on the table, warm familiar whiffs quicken appetite.

The flavors of the dish are on the light, zesty side. For this, the Saucy Stuffed Tomatoes can take large credit. For that stuffing, thick crumbed, has canned apple sauce for a new and joyous burst of flavor; has sage, onions and seasonings for edge and tingle.

The whole dish, while simple, yet has the elegance you desire for guest meals. But with all that, you'll probably serve it most often at family meals. Indeed, the Saucy Stuffed Tomatoes taste every bit as fine with chops or steak as they do with chicken. And as a relish go-along—pass a bowl of canned apple sauce.

SAUCY STUFFED TOMATOES
8 large tomatoes
¾ cup finely chopped onion
2½ tablespoons butter
¾ cup dry bread crumbs
1¼ cups canned apple sauce
½ teaspoon sage
¾ teaspoon salt
Few grains pepper
½ cup grated Parmesan cheese

Wash tomatoes thoroughly. Cut a slice from top of each tomato; carefully scoop out centers. Use centers for stewed tomatoes, do not use in filling. Saute onion in butter until lightly browned. Add bread crumbs, apple sauce, sage, salt and pepper. Place filling in tomatoes. Sprinkle with grated Parmesan cheese and bake in moderate oven, 35° degrees, 25-30 minutes. Serve with chicken. Makes 8 servings.



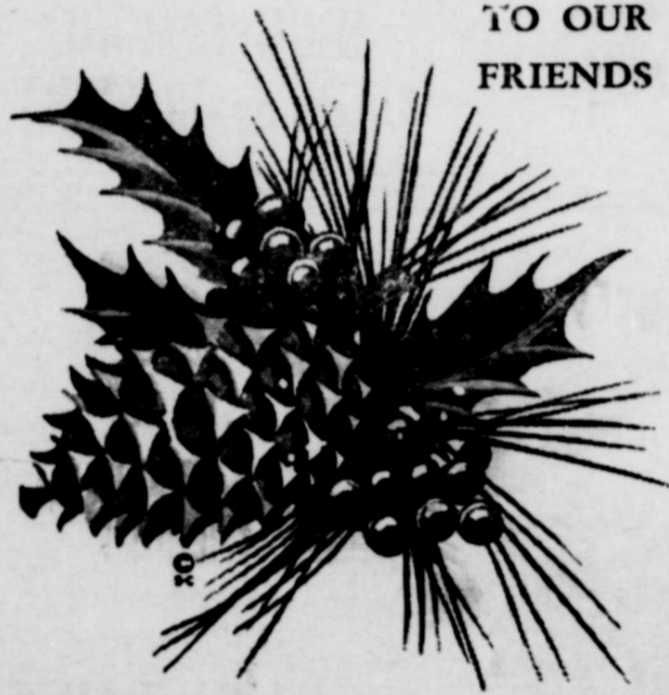
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**Christmas Safety
Tips**

Christmas suggestion for the house that has everything — a built-in brain to detect booby traps in Christmas trees and toys.

The tip comes from the National Safety Council, which says every household already has this wonder gadget, but most don't realize it.

"It's the collective brainpower of the family," the Council said. And it operates on a few basic principles:

1. The Christmas tree is one of the most combustible objects known and (once on fire) it burns so fiercely, fed by natural pitch and resin, that it's almost impossible to douse the flames by ordinary means.

2. Children's toys must be bought not only with age, interest and physical capabilities of the child in mind, but also with the intention of teaching the child how to use the toys.

"Trees should be taken down when the needles start to fall, even if the holidays aren't over, and disposed of out-of-doors in fire-safe areas," the Council said. "Never dispose of the tree in a fireplace, furnace or stove where the fire might get too hot to control."

Other Christmas tree safety tips:

Keep tree in a cold place until ready to set it up, then saw off diagonally about an inch of the trunk, put it in a water-containing holder and keep container filled.

Don't put the tree near a fireplace, radiator, television set, powerful electric light or other heat source. Don't run an electric train around its base.

Use electric lights which bear Underwriters' Laboratories label, check wires for defects and don't overload house wiring. Turn out tree lights when not in the room for a long time.

Make sure ends of metallic icicles and other ornaments don't dangle in light sockets. Don't use flammable decorations.

Use a step ladder when trimming the upper branches.

"Toys should stir the imagination, encourage creative ability and train the child for better living," the Council said. "But many times parents order things which turn out to be dangerous."

When shopping for children's toys:

Choose toys which aren't too heavy for youngsters to handle. Check toys for small parts which may become loose and which toddlers might swallow. Don't buy small toys, marbles, jacks, coins or beads for very young children.

Make sure toy is strongly made so that it won't break and leave jagged edges.

Avoid toys or play clothing which are highly flammable like celluloid and many brushed and napped fabrics.

Select washable playthings colored with non-poisonous dye or paint. Steer clear of electrical type toys for very young children. For older children, select only those which bear the seal of approval of the Underwriters' Laboratories.

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It's still time to give

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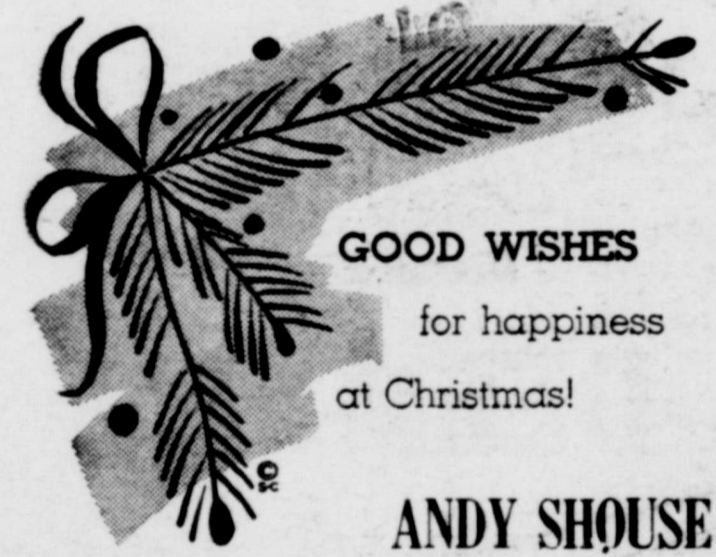
Merry Christmas
To Our Friends!

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... best wishes
and much joy we
send to you, our
patrons and
friends!


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GARAGE**



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for happiness
at Christmas!

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Joy to All
... this Christmas
Season — and our
thanks for your
loyal patronage.



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May all
your hopes
and dreams
come true this
Christmas!

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Symbolism of Christmastime

From the dim ages of long ago have come many of the festive rites and customs of our Christmas season.

The symbolic use of a tree dates back at least 4,000 years, when Egyptians celebrated in honor of their Sun God, in the month corresponding to our December. They believed that the sun died every night and was born again in the morning, and that late December and January brought the turning point, when the sun remained with them a little bit longer each day. This was a season of rejoicing, and the palm trees became their symbol, as it put out a leaf every month and the twelve leaves symbolized the complete year.

A few thousand years later came the feast of Saturnalia, also held in December, but the tree the Romans used was a tall conifer, loaded with decorations. Roman legions carried this symbolism over the Alps into Gaul; and about 15 B. C. the tree was used in Yuletide celebrations of the Germans.

Hundreds of years passed, and a tree became the symbol of celebrations connected with the patron saint of Russia and of children—Saint Nicholas, who in his lifetime was Bishop of Myra, in Asia Minor.

An old legend tells us that the kindly St. Nicholas unintentionally originated the custom of hanging stockings by the fire at Christmas. St. Nicholas was rich, and loved to make mysterious journeys bearing secret gifts to the poor. For a long time his identity remained hidden but he was caught at last with his sack of gifts on his back.

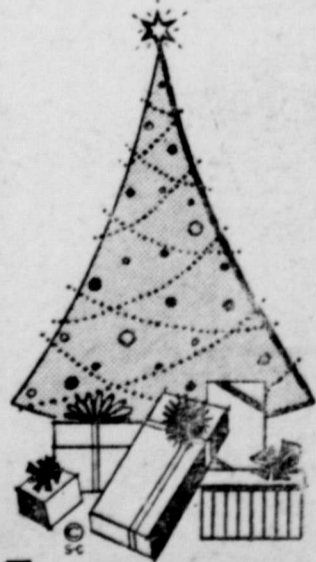
St. Nicholas knew an old nobleman who was very poor and who did not want anyone to know of his poverty. Wishing to give him a gift of money St. Nicholas crept to a window of the house and saw the old gentleman asleep by the fire. The good Bishop climbed to the roof and dropped his gift down the chimney, thinking it would fall on the hearth at the nobleman's feet. However, it so happened that the gentleman's daughter had hung some stockings to dry by the fire and the money fell into one of them; and from the kindly deed of the good Bishop has grown the widespread custom of hanging stockings at Christmas time.

The anniversary of St. Nicholas' death in 1087 became a festival in the Russian church, and in time the name became corrupted to Santa Claus and associated with the festivities of the Christmas season with its tree, its decorations, the holly and the mistletoe. These are the joyous symbols of Christmas.

We can keep Christmas merry, observes the National Board of Fire Underwriters, by safeguarding these symbols against fire.

THE WORD CHRISTMAS WAS FIRST USED IN 1038

The word Christmas is of comparatively late origin. The word was first used in 1038, its form then being Christes-Maesse, the mass of Christ. Origen, an early father of the church, said that in the Scriptures it was the sinners alone, not the saints, who celebrated their birthdays. Another early writer referred to the fact that the birthdays of the pagan gods were kept by the people. The very evidence of a feast having been held in honor of the birth of Christ was in Egypt about the year 200. Clement of Alexandria said, "Certain Egyptians theologians over curiously assign not the year alone, but the day of Christ's birth, placing it on May 25." Another date assigned to the event was March 28.—Exchange.



Extending to you our warmest and most sincere wishes for THE MERRIEST CHRISTMAS, EVER!

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Kind Salute — Generous Detention!



"All over the Colony", an English visitor to Virginia at Christmastime, 1746, declared, "an universal hospitality reigns: full tables, open doors; the *Kind Salute*, the *Generous Detention!*"

In a much changed and changing world, that universal hospitality stays the same, doubled always at holiday-time, it seems, throughout America. For kind salutes and the merriest kind of detentions, Egg Nog is the perfect refreshment today as it was in 18th century Virginia.

Today's host and hostess, however, need spend no time on the elaborate rituals of concocting Egg Nog from its luscious basic "makings". The commercial product today, made by a classic old-time recipe, is ready to serve just as it comes from home-delivery or at dairy counters everywhere. Smoothly sweet and rich, delicately spiced, fragrant with non-alcoholic rum flavorings, commercial Egg Nog is a treat for carolers, for the invited and the uninvited guest, throughout the holiday season.

As accompaniment to the pitcherful of Egg Nog, Sealtest Kitchens suggest simple holiday cookies, salted nut-meats, fruit-cake, or small finger sandwiches for the perfect go-togethers. The whole hospitable board may be prepared so quickly, with so little effort, that Egg Nog in a holiday pitcher is bound to be the hit of many a party, planned or unplanned. **END**

NOODLE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Toliver of Cisco visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Spurgin Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Williams are entertaining a new daughter since Saturday, Dec. 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell, Paula, and Mr. and Mrs. Willie E. Smith visited in the home of their daughter and sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Clements at Roscoe Sunday.

Miss Joan Maxwell of Dallas is at home visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nath Maxwell. She will be here until after Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Carson Hatfield will soon be moving to their farm near the river.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Fellers recently were Mr. and Mrs. John Moore and children Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Wisenhunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Yondell and children all of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Eoff have heard from their daughter, Mrs. O. C. Shouse, who said she and the children, Ann and Dicky, had arrived safely in Germany where her husband is stationed.

Jan McCoy spent Sunday night and Monday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Blue McCoy. Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Callaway Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Lois Melton and Freida of Snyder, Keith McCormick and Chevva Boss of Snyder, Marty Hooper and James Sweeney of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Warren Jr. and children, Mrs. Thex Warren, and Mrs. Jenobia Lucas, all attended church at the Church of Christ in Noodle Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Callaway and his sister, Mrs. Andrew Barbee, visited another sister, Mrs. Fronia Sosebee in Anson Monday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Bonneaux are to leave this Thursday for Washington D. C. where they will spend the Christmas holidays with their son, Karl Jr.

Graphite, Texas, in eastern Llano County, was built to ship graphite, but actually was used to ship cattle. Graphite is a station name on a spur of the Texas and New Orleans railroad.

Davis Resigns Conservation Job To Open Business

Perry Davis, work unit conservationist here since May 21, 1956, has resigned from the Soil Conservation Service, effective as of Jan. 10, 1959.

Perry will take over about Feb. 1 as Purina Feed dealer in Merkel.

Davis, a graduate of Texas A&M in 1955, came to the Merkel work unit office from Denton.

Working with him at Merkel are Newt Goodwin and George Sparkman. They will remain as members of the technical staff.

Effective Jan. 1 the Merkel work unit will become a sub-work unit office under the supervision of James F. Dornier Jr., Abilene work unit conservationist. It has heretofore operated as an independent unit under the supervision of the area conservationist.

Davis said he devoted a lot of



May the Joys
of Christmas
last forever!

CYRUS PEE
INSURANCE AGENCY



Time again
to say,
have a
Merry
Christmas
Day!

JIM'S
DUCK INN
GROCERY

thought to the matter before making his decision. He said one thing that helped him was the prospect of being transferred to the Stanton WU office.

"I like Merkel, its people and the farmers with whom I work. I have this opportunity to go in business and stay in Merkel and I took it," he said.



Greetings
May your
Holiday
be a gay
one...

Nell's Beauty Shop



May Your Christmas Be
Bright As Holly Berries!

**HIGH SCHOOL
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Merry Christmas
...to our
many
friends!

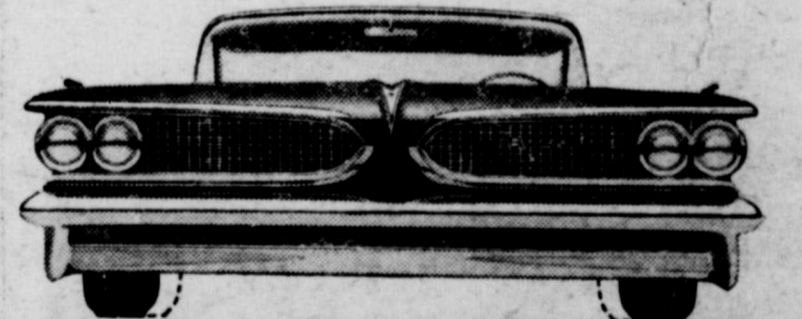
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**JACK POT
 WINNERS and LOSERS
 THIS WEEK**

TUESDAY—LOSER	Mrs. Ida Musgrove	35.00
WEDNESDAY—LOSER	Ben Jones	40.00
THURSDAY—LOSER	Mrs. Roy Gregory	45.00
FRIDAY—LOSER	Melvin N. Young	50.00
SATURDAY—LOSER	Mrs. J. H. Schmidt	55.00

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 Hog Sale — 9:30 a.m. — Cattle Sale 10:00 a.m.
 East End North 7th — Abilene — Phone OR. 3-7865
 References: Citizens National Bank
 First National Bank
 F&M National Bank, Merkel, Texas
OWNERS
 Cramer Reynolds — Billy Haynes — Oris Reynolds

**Mrs. Alf Walla
 Hosts Woodman
 Circle Supper**

Members of the Woodman Circle met in the home of Mrs. Alf Walla for a pot luck supper Tuesday, Dec. 2.
 The serving table was decorated with a frosted Yule log, candles and greenery.
 Mrs. Clyde Bartlett, guest for the evening, read the Bible story of the first Christmas. She also led the group in singing "Joy To



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**Christmas
 Services**

A Communion Service will be held at the First Methodist Church beginning at 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve.

Arrangements have been made for individuals or families to come at any time from the stated hour until 8 p.m. A prepared meditation sheet will be available to use as a guide in the devotions.

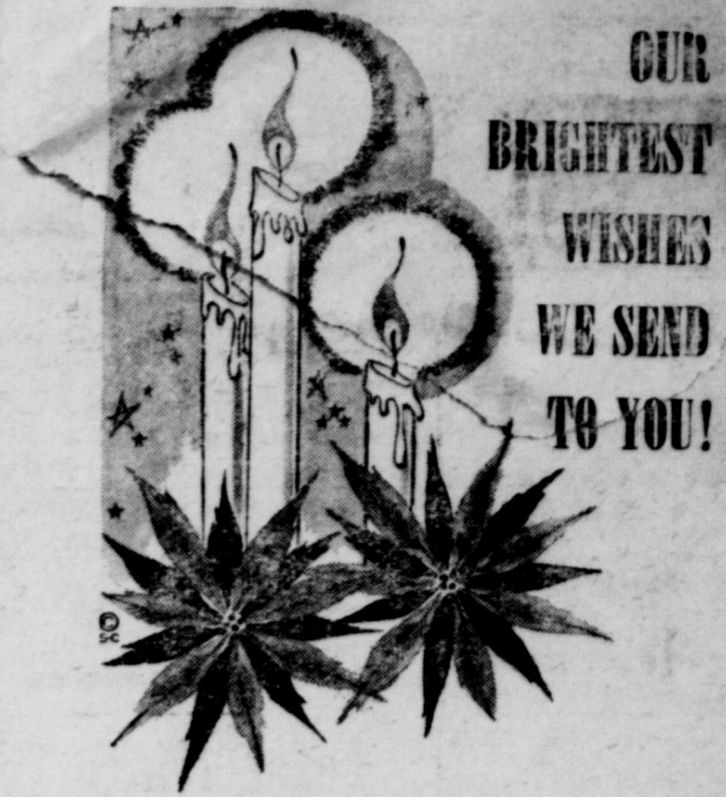
The Rev. J. A. Cooley, pastor said that anyone may come and stay as long as they like and leave as soon as they wish. He said "It is my hope that every Christian will take this opportunity to worship Christ in this Communion Service. On this Eve of Christmas, is there room in your heart for Him?"

The World." Gifts were exchanged by the 14 members.
 Those present were Mmes. R. H. Mathews, W. A. McCandless, Dent Gibson, Carl Bonneaux, C. W. Seago, Lecl White, Sallie Grant, Lewis Luke, Tommie Neill.
 Edith Perry, Bee Reeves, Elsie McDonald, Harry Barnett, Lake Renfro; Miss Maurine White; Pam and Mike Walla, Linda and Ronnie Luke and Thomas Neill.

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 Reddy Kilowatt

West Texas Utilities
 Company



**Christmas
 Joy**

At Christmas time... it is natural that we should think of our reasons for celebrating Christ's birth. One is that HE helps us to find peace of mind, surely one of the greatest blessings of this life.

I have long observed people who have the gift of inner peace, and have asked their secret.

Most often their answer is a reference to Christ's words, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you... let not your heart be troubled."

We find quiet peace in the fellowship of loved ones. Beautiful music brings peace to troubled minds and hearts. So does the beauty of nature, dew sparkling in the grass at dawn, or the silvery moon shining on rippling water at night.

But this peace which the world gives passes away, while the peace that HE gives abides forever.

From the writings of Norman Vincent Peale

May your holiday abound with
 lasting happiness —

And your heart be filled with
 the greatest gladness.

BONEY INSURANCE AGENCY

WANT ADS

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING RATES
Classified ads are 4 cents per word for the first insertion and 3 cents per word for additional insertions. Minimum charge is \$1. Cards of thanks are \$1 for the first 50 words; 4 cents for each word over 50.

MISCELLANEOUS
WATER WELLS pulled and serviced. W. W. Wade. Tel. 213-J 38-4tc

WANTED — Barley. See Jack South at Patterson Grain. 35-4tc

WANTED—House painting, Repairing, Remodeling, Building. Big or little jobs. Hour or contracts. Lee Ward, Phone 195-J, 511 Ash. 23-4tc

NOTICE MASONS
Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710. A.F. & A. M. Thursday, Dec. 25, 8:30 p.m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.
Othell O'Kelly, W. M.
C. B. Rust, Secretary.

WANTED — Yard man at 508 Lois St. Mrs. E. A. Click. 41-1tc

FOR RENT
FOR RENT: 4-room and bath unfurnished duplex. Call Ray Wilson at 173. 13-4tc

FOR RENT — 3-room furnished apartment with garage. Also 4-room unfurnished house with good garage. See A. B. Patterson. 607 Oak. Ph. 355-J 39-4tc

FOR RENT — 3-room furnished house. Call 51-W. 39-4tc

FOR RENT — Furnished apartment, 2 or 3 room. Phone 383-R or 320-J, R. T. Smith. 39-3tp

FOR RENT — One and two-bedroom apartments. Also bedrooms. Call 405-W or inquire at the Merkel Hotel. 40-4tc

2 FURNISHED Apartments for rent. 1 bedroom and 3 bedroom. Bills paid. See Macks Cleaners. 39-4tc

FOR SALE
FOR SALE—Extra nice used GE Electric Range. Palmer Motor Company. Phone 159. 40-4tc

FOR SALE — 2-bedroom home. fenced back yard. 1226 La Salle, Abilene. Ph. 340-J, Merkel. 38-4tc

FOR SALE—Tru-Cold 16 ft. upright deep freezer. New at a bargain. Merkel Salvage. 928 N. 1st. 7-4tc

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FOR SALE — Duroc and Chester white pigs weaned and on feed \$10. Kenneth Ray at Butman Ranch House

FOR SALE — Moline one-way 8-26 inch disks. 10 inch spacing. All bearings new. Disk sharpened. 4 miles north of Noodle. C. N. Hatfield. 40-4tc

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G. E. Washer \$89.50
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Kenmore Washer 125.00
Maytag Washer 67.50
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FOR SALE
FOR CHRISTMAS give a New Electric Sewing Machine with attachment and button holer. Look at the price only \$89.50.
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FOR SALE — Furnished 2-bedroom house. One Master bedroom, breezeway and garage. 912 Locust. Second house south of hospital. H. B. Chambless Estate. Call Trent 2-9382 or 63-W Merkel. 40-3tc

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Merkel, Texas

Legal Notice

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas —
GREETING:
You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Monte Clifford Kemmerling, Defendant, Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of issuance of this citation, same being the 5th day of January A. D. 1959, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 27 day of October A. D. 1958, in this cause, numbered 23,418-A on the docket of said court and styled Mildred Louise Kemmerling, Plaintiff, vs. Monte Clifford Kemmerling, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married February 25, 1954 and became permanently separated in October, 1958.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment.
Plaintiff sues for custody of their minor child Monte Lawrence Kemmerling and for support of same. Plaintiff alleges there is no community property to be adjudicated, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 20th day of November A. D. 1958.
Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas.
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.
(SEAL) 38-39-40-41

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TO: John Banavige, Defendant,
Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COM-

MANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 29th day of December A. D. 1958, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 12th day of November A. D. 1958, in this cause, numbered 23,468-A on the docket of said court and styled Helen Banavige, Plaintiff, vs. John Banavige, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were remarried August 1, 1948 after having previously been divorced October 1947, but never lived together as husband and wife after second marriage.

Plaintiff sues for divorce and custody of children of previous marriage. Plaintiff alleges there is no community property to be adjudicated as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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TO: Floyd Medearis, Defendant,
Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 26th day of January A. D. 1959, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 26th day of September A. D. 1958, in this cause, numbered 23-357-A on the docket of said court and styled Jewell Medearis, Plaintiff vs. Floyd Medearis Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married on or about February 1, 1953, and became permanently separated on or about July 26, 1957.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment.
Plaintiff alleges that no children were born to this union and that there is no community property to be adjudicated, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served

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TO: John Banavige, Defendant,
Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COM-

SEAFOOD WREATH HAS HOLIDAY AIRS



Extra charm of the Yuletide season is the symbolic finery that decks your hospitality foods. In this arrangement by Oneida Table Planning Service, easy seafood cocktail becomes a bright addition to Christmas decoration, set against a "Gems" printed backdrop of ready-made Kenneth window curtains.
To make this eye-catching "wreath" use a small silverplated Revere bowl for Christmas-red sauce. Mount it inside a larger, equally gleaming Revere bowl edged with green parsley and heaped with shrimp and other seafoods. Complete the "wreath" with a big red ribbon bow on one of the parsley sprigs. Final touch is a crown of self-service salad forks—here, in the new "Silver Flower" pattern by Community Silverplate, which is tapered slim and literally a-sparkle with tiny star-like blossoms.

SEAFOOD COCKTAIL
Your seafood cocktail for ten to fifteen guests may be a complete "Shrimp Noel" or a variation of the following:
2 cups flaked cooked crab meat (lobster or scallops)
2 cups flaked cooked halibut (or other mild fish)
2 cups boiled shrimp
1/2 cup French dressing
Celery salt
Lettuce
Marinate the crab meat in French dressing for flavor and body. Season with a dash of salt. Serve on a bed of lettuce and crushed ice, using the shrimp for a topping.
Classic sauce is a simple 4-to-1 mixture of tomato catsup and lemon juice, seasoned with salt, Tabasco sauce, Worcestershire sauce, and horseradish or dry mustard to taste.

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 10th day of December A. D. 1958.
Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas.
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.
(SEAL) 40-41-42-43

LEGAL NOTICE

No. 23,371-A
Joseph William Glezman vs. Belle Rose Glezman in the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT FOR CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF TAYLOR
BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Joseph William Glezman, plaintiff in the above entitled and numbered cause, who being by me first duly sworn, states on oath that the place of residence of defendant, Belle Rose

SILENT NIGHT-HOLY NIGHT-MAY YOUR CHRISTMAS BE VERY BRIGHT!



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May the spirit of Christmas be with you always.
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gabby doodle from noodle says:

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

There's somepun about the Christmas spirit that makes folks fergit their burdens and troubles. Fer instant, up at the country

stare Saturday night all the fellers was in a good mood, telling funny stories instead of complaining about things. One feller said he'd got so lazy



From all of us to all of you

BEN FRANKLIN



**Merry Christmas,
Everyone!**

THE NOOK CAFE



Season's Greetings

It's such a pleasure to say thank you to our many friends and customers at Christmas. May this Yule be filled with wonder and happiness for everyone. . . .

MAX

MELLINGER'S

since he got addicted to them allotment checks that it was a real chore fer him anymre to hold the lantern for his old lady to see how to chop wood. And another feller was telling about stopping work on the house he was building for hisself, so's he could build a goat house. He allowed as how there ain't nothing in the world that hates rain like a goat, and he said he just couldn't stand to see that pore goat suffer no longer. His wife and four kids is staying with his mother till he gits the goat house built and gits back to work on his own house.

And Ed Doolittle said his wife had him a necktie fer Christmas but that she fergot to remember he didn't have no shirt to go with it. And some feller spoke up and allowed as how, since Ed stayed in the dog-house so much, it would be more fittin if his old lady bought him a dog collar.

And some time was spent on discussing the difference between farming and agriculture. It was finally decided that farming is done by farmers and agriculture is mostly a literary proposition carried on by Government employees.

And that's the kind of good-natured talk that was going on. I reckon they ain't no happier folk in the world than a bunch of rural fellers when they git around a warm fire about Christmas time.

And this being the Christmas season, I ain't got no sermon fer my little piece in the paper this week. It's been a good year in a heap of ways, and while I'm always complaining about things that don't suit me, most of us has got plenty to eat and a warm place to sleep and warm clothes to wear, and we should put aside disagreeable things and be happy and jolly at Christmas time.

I want to wish all my readers (if I got any) the very happiest Christmas they ever had, spent with their kin folks and friends. I hope things in the nation will be in such shape next year that I won't have to complain quite as much as in the past year. I ain't making that as a promise, Mister Editor, just wishing it.

A very Merry Christmas to you, Mister Editor, and to the good folks that takes your paper. I even hope them Congressmen has a Merry Christmas, them fellers that thinks the taxpayers is Santa Claus and spends our money like ever day was Christmas.

Yours truly,
Uncle Gabby



May this Christmas be but another happy marker along the road of a good life!

Fox Repair Shop



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It's time to send greetings your way...

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Orient-Inspired Holiday Dessert



FROM THE ORIENT COMES THIS WONDERFUL IDEA of topping fluffy vanilla tapioca pudding with the tantalizing, sweet-sharp taste of diced candied ginger. A treat at any time of year, we recommend it highly as the perfect finish to a hearty holiday meal.

CHRISTMAS PUDDING

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| 1 egg white | 1/4 teaspoon salt |
| 2 tablespoons sugar | 2 tablespoons sugar |
| 1 egg yolk | 1/2 teaspoon vanilla |
| 2 cups milk | 1/2 cup whipping cream |
| 3 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca | Diced preserved ginger
Nuts, coarsely broken |

Beat the egg white until foamy. Add 2 tablespoons sugar and continue beating with egg beater until meringue stands in soft peaks. Set aside.

Mix egg yolk, milk, quick-cooking tapioca, salt, and 2 tablespoons sugar in saucepan. Cook and stir over medium heat until mixture comes to a full boil (5 to 8 minutes). Pour a small amount of hot mixture gradually into meringue, blending well. Quickly stir in the remaining tapioca mixture. Add vanilla. Let stand 15 to 20 minutes; stir. Then whip cream and fold into tapioca cream. Chill. Serve in sherbet glasses. Sprinkle with diced preserved ginger and nuts. Garnish with additional whipped cream and a cherry, if desired. Makes 5 or 6 servings.

LEGAL NOTICE

A. D. 1958.

Mrs. Chester Hutcheson, Clerk of the County Court, Taylor County, Texas, By Louise Hurst, Deputy.

(SEAL)

ONLY ONCE A YEAR

But how seldom Christmas comes—only once a year; and how soon it is over—a day and a night! If that is the whole of it, it seems not much more durable than the little toys one buys of a faker on the street corner.

But surely that need not and ought to be the whole of Christmas; only a single day of generosity, ransomed from the dull servitude of a selfish year. If every gift is a token of personal thought, a friendly feeling, and unselfish, interest in the joy of others, then the thought, feeling, the interest, may remain after the gift is made. — Henry van Dyke

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas —

GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published, ONCE not less than ten days before the return day thereof, exclusive of the date of publication, a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy—but if there be no newspaper so printed in said county, then that you cause the said citation to be posted for at least TEN days before the return term thereof as required by law).

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Mrs. Banie Kincaid, Deceased. No. 6243, County Court, Taylor County, Texas. Craig Lynn, Administrator with the Will Annexed in the above numbered and entitled estate, filed on the 17th day of December, 1958 his verified account for final settlement of said estate and requests that said estate be settled and closed, and said applicant be discharged from his trust.

Said applicant will be heard and acted on by said Court at 10 o'clock A.M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from date of publication of this citation, the same being the 5th day of January, 1959, at the County Courthouse in Abilene, Texas.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court at said above mentioned time and place by filing a written answer contesting such application should they desire to do so.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 17th day of December

Holiday Greetings

PATTERSON BROS. PLUMBERS

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Greetings

Our Sincere Best
Wishes for a Happy
Holiday to Each of You!

COSDEN SERVICE STATION

J. L. FISHER



Oh Holy Night...

...with "tidings of great joy!" Again the Savior is reborn in the hearts of all mankind! May love and peace light your way this Christmas!

TAYLOR TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

Address Of Aliens Should Be Sent To Attorney General

Harlon B. Carter, District Director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, stated that aliens in the United States will be required to report their addresses to the Attorney General within the near future.

All aliens, with few exceptions, who are in the United States on January 1 each year must report their addresses by the end of that month. Only the following classes of aliens are excused from this requirement: (1) Accredited Diplomats; (2) Persons accredited to certain international organizations; and (3) Those admitted temporarily as agricultural laborers.

Forms with which to make the report can be obtained from any Post Office or Immigration Office during the month of January.

Mr. Carter said that the law provides severe penalties for failure to comply with the reporting requirements.

Keeping Christmas

By Henry Van Dyke

It is a good thing to observe Christmas Day. The mere marking of times and seasons, when men agree to stop work and make merry together, is a wise and wholesome custom. It helps one to feel the supremacy of the common life over the individual life. It reminds a man to set his own little watch, now and then, by the great clock of humanity which runs on sun time.

But there is a better thing than the observance of Christmas Day, and that is keeping Christmas.

Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background, and your duty in the foreground; to see that your fellow-men are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy; to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life; to close your book of complaints against the management of the universe, and look around you a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness—are you willing to do these things even for a day?

Then you can keep Christmas. Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and the desires of little children; to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old; to stop asking how much your friends love you, and ask yourself whether you love them enough; to bear in mind the things that other people have to bear in their hearts; to try to understand what those who live in the same house with you really want without waiting for them to tell you; to trim your lamp so that it will give more light and less smoke, and to carry it in front so that your shadow will fall behind you; to make a grave for your ugly thoughts and a garden for a day?

Then you can keep Christmas. Alonzo Alvarez de Pineda, a Spanish explorer, and his followers are believed to have been the first white men to set foot on what is now Texas soil. Pineda and his group explored the area in 1519.



We hope you have a happy holiday!

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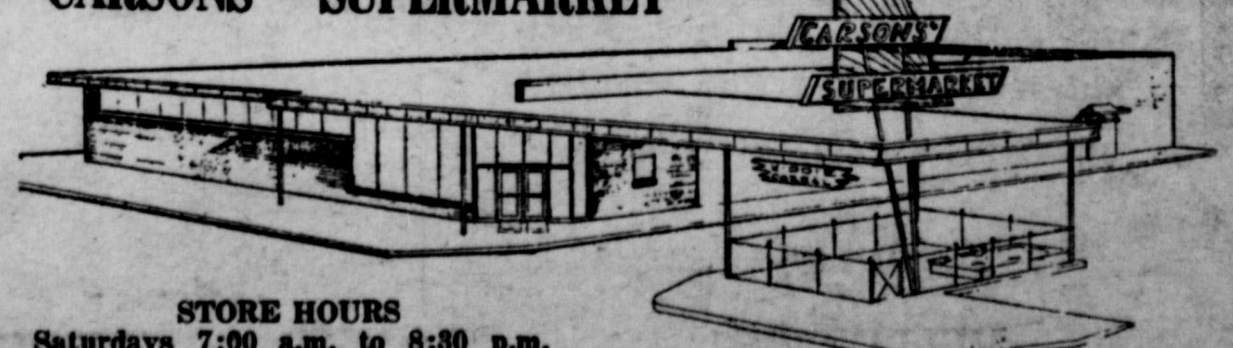
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This wish, Santa framed for you,
Spells out Merry Christmas and
Happy Holidays, too!

WOOZY'S CAFE

Religion Still First At Christmastime

Christmas holds a unique place as a yearly celebration. The observance of other holidays has changed, but Christmas has yielded none of its original sacredness. It is now, as at first, essentially a religious day. Its reality voices a song of fraternity people grow at this season more generous, more indulgent, more human. It is evangelistic for the destruction of malice and ill-will-differences between one and another are forgotten.

Year by year Christmas devalizes selfishness, and consequently day is a powerful factor for good. Great characters step from the spiritualized atmosphere; majestic deeds of charity leave their blessing and example everywhere. Yuletide is not merely a period of gift bestowal or solely a time of thoughtfulness. Its significance is more profound. Feeling is immersed in kindness. Conduct is adapted to what is highest and best.

The first plain Christmas, of which that of today is a sublime issue, dignified sacrifice. The Good Book says: "And there were

shepherds watching, and keeping the night watches over the flocks." A manifestation of personal sacrifice. Those who would be rich must give. The gift need not be monetary. Giving is without limitation—if a singer, give to others a glad song; if a millionaire in experience, give freely of advice; if a table of plenty, share the repast with those who are not only physically hungry, but thirsty for sympathy; if invested with geniality, become a prince giver of laughter, of service, of encouragement. Be constructive. Followers of this doc-

trine draw from the season a rich return in happiness.

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Friday, December 26, 1958

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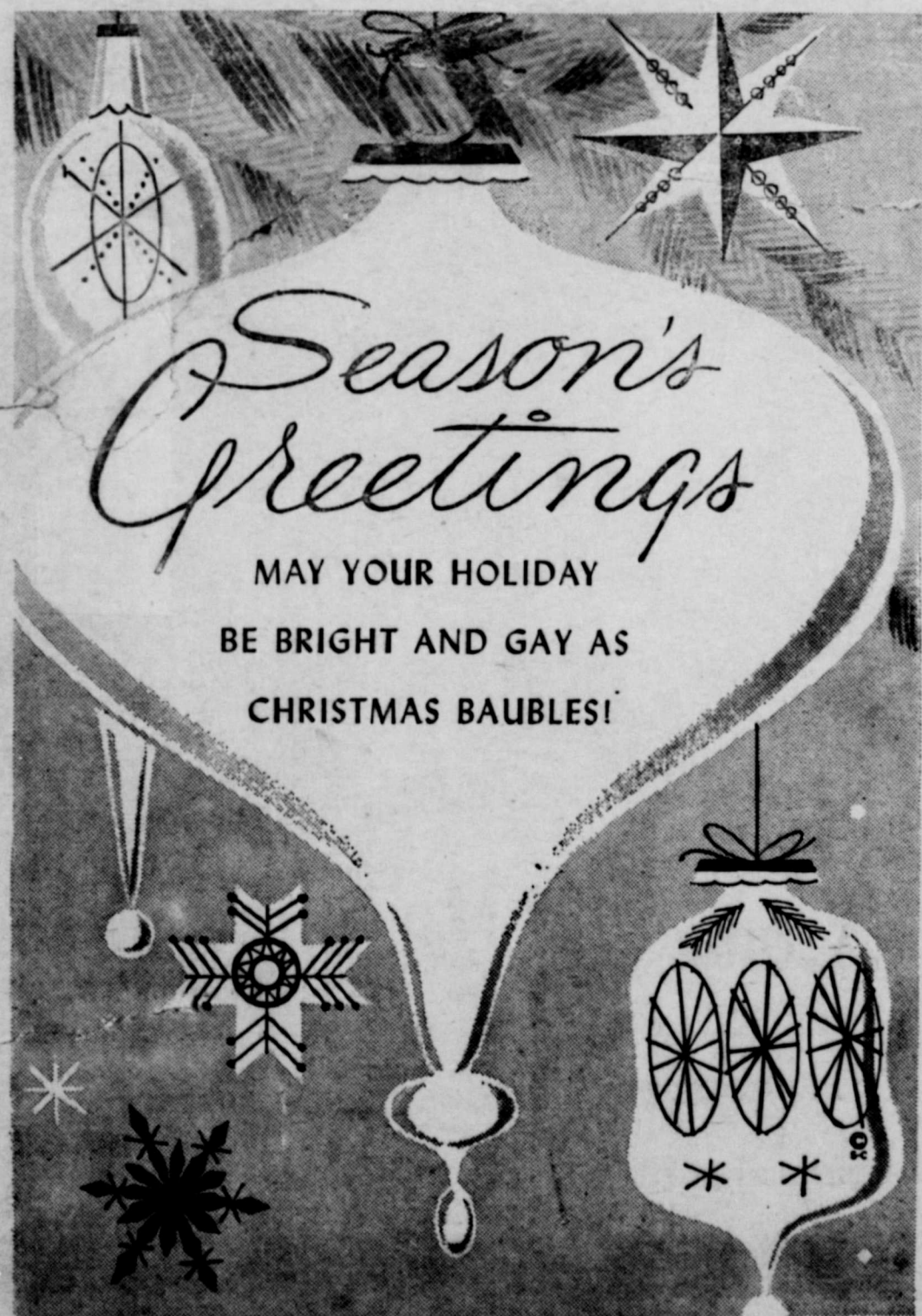
TO ALL OF
OUR MANY, MANY
GOOD FRIENDS



Christmas is a time
for counting our blessings,
for acknowledging with gratitude the
loyalty of our friends, and for expressing
appreciation and good wishes that the
coming Holiday will be a happy one!

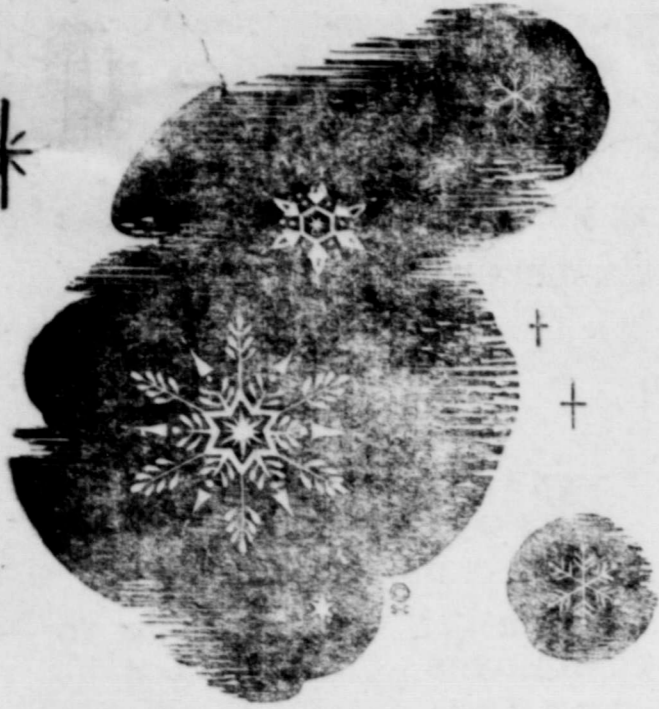
Season's Greetings To All

TAYLOR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC.



To all our friends and many patrons...
We wish the very best during the coming year!

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It's our fond hope that Christmas will "sparkle" for you and your family!

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SANTA'S ON HIS WAY!



Have the merriest, most wonderful Christmas ever!

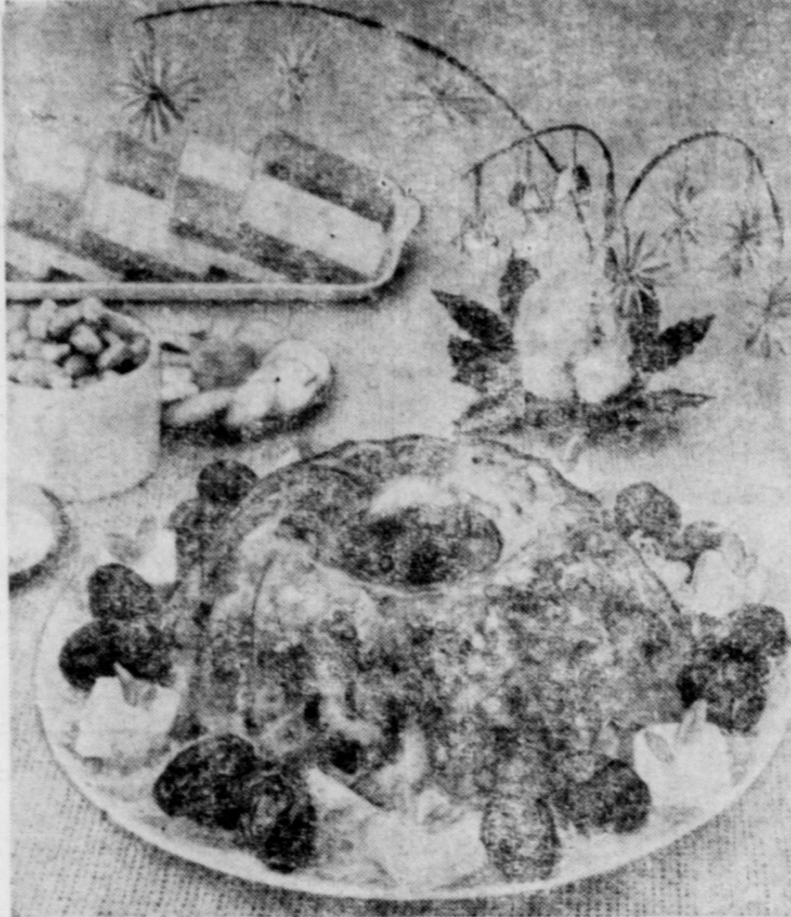
MERRITT PLUMBING



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Festive Prune - Cranberry Mold

... the refreshing note in a rich holiday meal



"REFRESHING" is the word for the fruited crunchiness of this mold. It's filled with big plump, meaty prune pieces that offer a cool, tart-sweet stringency of flavor most welcome, chopped raw cranberries, pungent citrus rind, and celery and slivered almonds . . . all crowded close in tender jelly.

You can serve this mold cut in wedges as a relish with ham or beef, with hot turkey or cold turkey. You can offer it full blown as a salad, garnished with cream cheese cubes and whole prunes. You can bring it out as a holiday tea time fancy, accompanied by bread-and-butter sandwiches—and a pleasant change it is from sweets.

It's remarkably simple to make. Here's how:

Festive Prune-Cranberry Mold

- 1 pkg. lemon-flavored gelatin
- 1 cup hot water
- 1 large orange
- 2 cups fresh cranberries
- 1 cup dried pitted cooked prunes
- 1/2 cup diced celery
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 cup slivered toasted almonds
- 1/4 Chicory
- 1 8-oz. pkg. cream cheese
- Slivered toasted almonds
- Mayonnaise or salad dressing

Dissolve gelatin in hot water; cool. Peel orange, put orange rind and cranberries through medium blade of food grinder. Section orange; combine with rind, cranberries, prunes, celery, sugar and almonds. Add cooled gelatin. Pour into mold; chill until set. Unmold on chicory. Garnish with cream cheese cubes topped with slivered almonds. Serve with mayonnaise or salad dressing. Makes 6-8 servings.

Deadline Near For WAC Officer Applications

Women interested in becoming an executive in the Women's Army Corps have less than a month to submit their applications for the next officer training class, M/Sgt. Leonard M. Evans, Army Recruiter, announced to-

day. This class begins on February 23rd. All applications must be submitted at least two months in advance to insure necessary processing and selection.

Accepted applicants receive a direct commission as a lieutenant and then attend this five month's course at Fort McClellan, Ala., before their initial duty assignment.

Qualified college graduates and certain non-graduates are eligible to apply. Non-graduates must have completed at least two years of college and have sufficient leadership and supervisory experience in civilian life.

Executive level assignments are in many career fields. A few examples are personnel, intelligence, communications, and public-relations. Experience in a particular field is not a prerequisite for assignment to most of the career positions open to WAC officers.

WAC officers have opportunities for overseas assignments in such places as Germany, Japan and France.

M/Sgt. Evans explained that women who meet the qualifications will find this is an excellent opportunity to begin a new vocation which is both interesting and rewarding.

For further information contact M/Sgt. Evans at 900 N. 3rd St., Abilene, Phone OR 3-2576.



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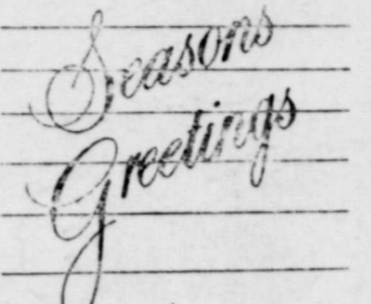


And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart; And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children . . .
 —(Deuteronomy 6, 6-7.)

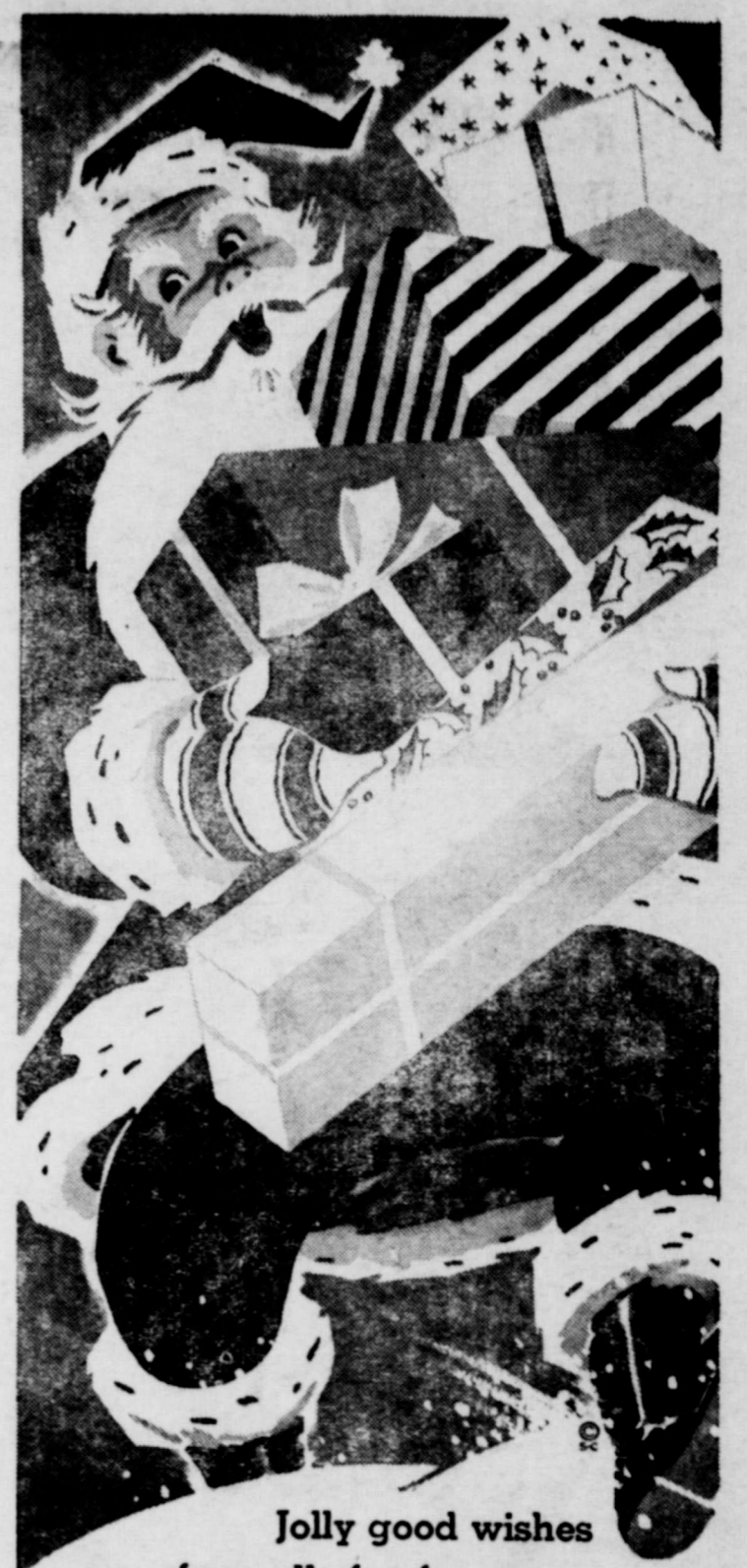
The God of the Hebrews, the same yesterday, today and forever, makes clear the duties of all parents. Juvenile delinquency is but the result of the shirking of parental responsibility.



"There is not much to talk about at parties until one or two couples depart."



MERKEL THEATRES



Jolly good wishes from all of us for a very **MERRY, HEART-WARMING CHRISTMAS!**

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Come All Ye Faithful

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CHRISTMAS COOKY TREE

Here's a simple centerpiece or decoration for a holiday sideboard which will appeal to adults and children alike. Santa Claus, his reindeer, a jolly snowman, bells, stockings and all sorts of Christmas symbols can be made of cookies and hung from a small wooden tree. These brightly colored sugar cookies (made from butter for that melt-in-your-mouth flavor) can decorate the regular Christmas tree, too.

Some of the decorations can

be put on the cookies before baking, some after. To make holes in the cookies, cut paper drinking straws into small pieces and insert a piece of straw into the top of each cookie before baking. Be sure to remove these as soon as the cookies come out of the oven. Cool the cookies, decorate, and then insert red or green ribbon and tie them to the tree. To make the fine lines and finishing decorating details, apply frosting with toothpicks or small wooden dowel sticks.



Traditional Christmas Butter Cookies
7-8 dozen cookies

2 cups sifted flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 cup butter
1 cup sugar
1 egg
1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Sift flour, salt and baking powder together. Cream butter. Add sugar and mix well. Chill

dough for 3-4 hours. Roll out on lightly floured board or pastry cloth and cut into shapes with cookie cutters. Place on lightly buttered cookie sheet. If desired, decorate with colored sugar or decorates before baking. Bake in a 400° preheated oven for 6-8 minutes or until cookies are lightly browned around the edges. Remove from cookie sheet and cool on cake racks. Frost cookies after they have cooled.

Teddy Banned Christmas Tree From White House; Sons Put It Back

Teddy Roosevelt almost rode roughshod over the Christmas tree in his drive to conserve the nation's forests. But two little boys put the Christmas spirit — and the tree — back in the White House.

The Christmas tree was well-established in the United States when TR became president.

Research experts say a Harvard professor named Charles Follen set up one of the first known trees in America in 1832.

President Franklin Pierce put up a tree in the White House in the 1850's to entertain the Sunday School of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church. And President Benjamin Harrison

continued the custom in the 1890's.

But some modern-day Scrooges convinced Roosevelt that the cutting of Christmas trees would soon deplete the nation's forests. TR promptly banned the tradition at the White House.

However, the old Roughrider forgot to consult his young sons. Archie and Quentin cared little about presidential edicts—and less about conservation. They smuggled a tree into the mansion on Pennsylvania Avenue and set it up in Archie's room.

The president relented, and ever since, the White House has had an indoor Christmas tree. TR's concession also sent the



Christmas is a gift that belongs to us all... but in our merry-making, let us not forget the true meaning of the day!

H. W. LEMENS
BUTANE & APPLIANCES

Christmas tree industry soaring beyond the dreams of one of its founders—a Catskill farmer who brought his trees to market in New York City in 1851. And it helped pave the way for a new custom—the community Christmas tree.

In 1924, a Norway spruce was planted near the White House and later dedicated as "a National living Christmas tree."

Two years later, a giant California redwood in King's Canyon national park, named General Grant after the Civil War hero, was dedicated as "the Nation's Christmas Tree."

Reaching 267 feet into the sky from a base 40 feet thick, the tree is the second largest in the world.

Every year, nearby townspeople and visitors join in a holiday service and sing carols at the bases of the sequoia, which was growing on the mountain slope when Christ was born in Bethlehem.

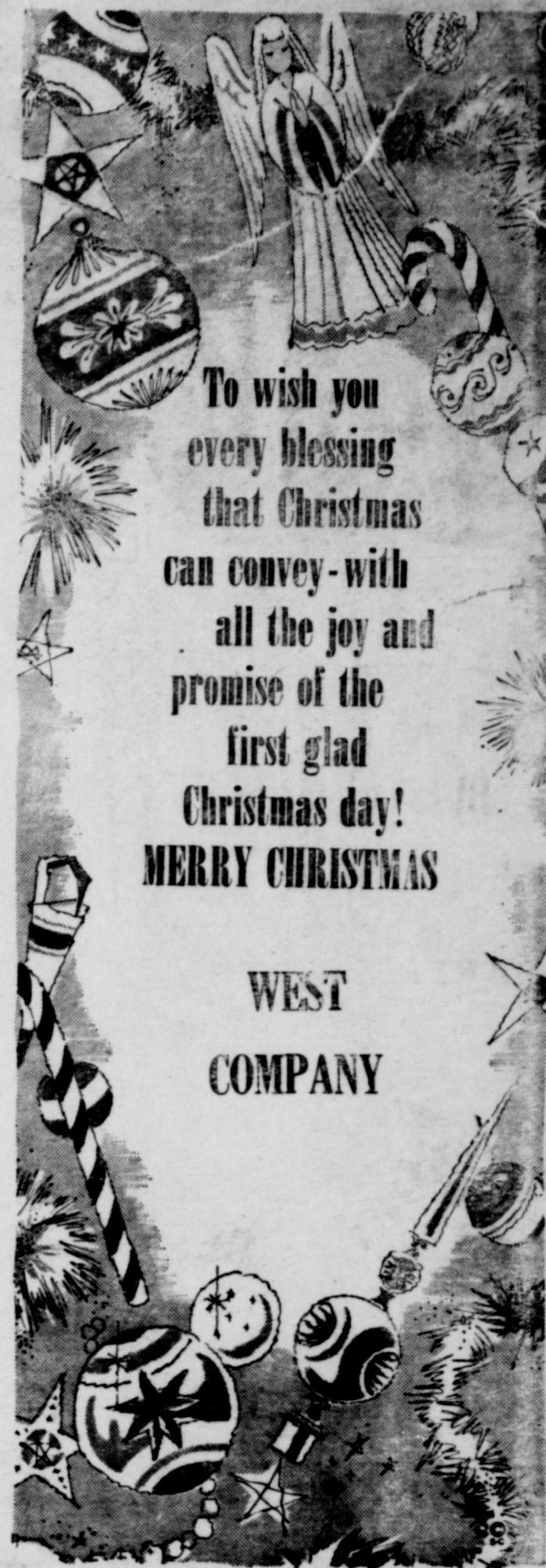
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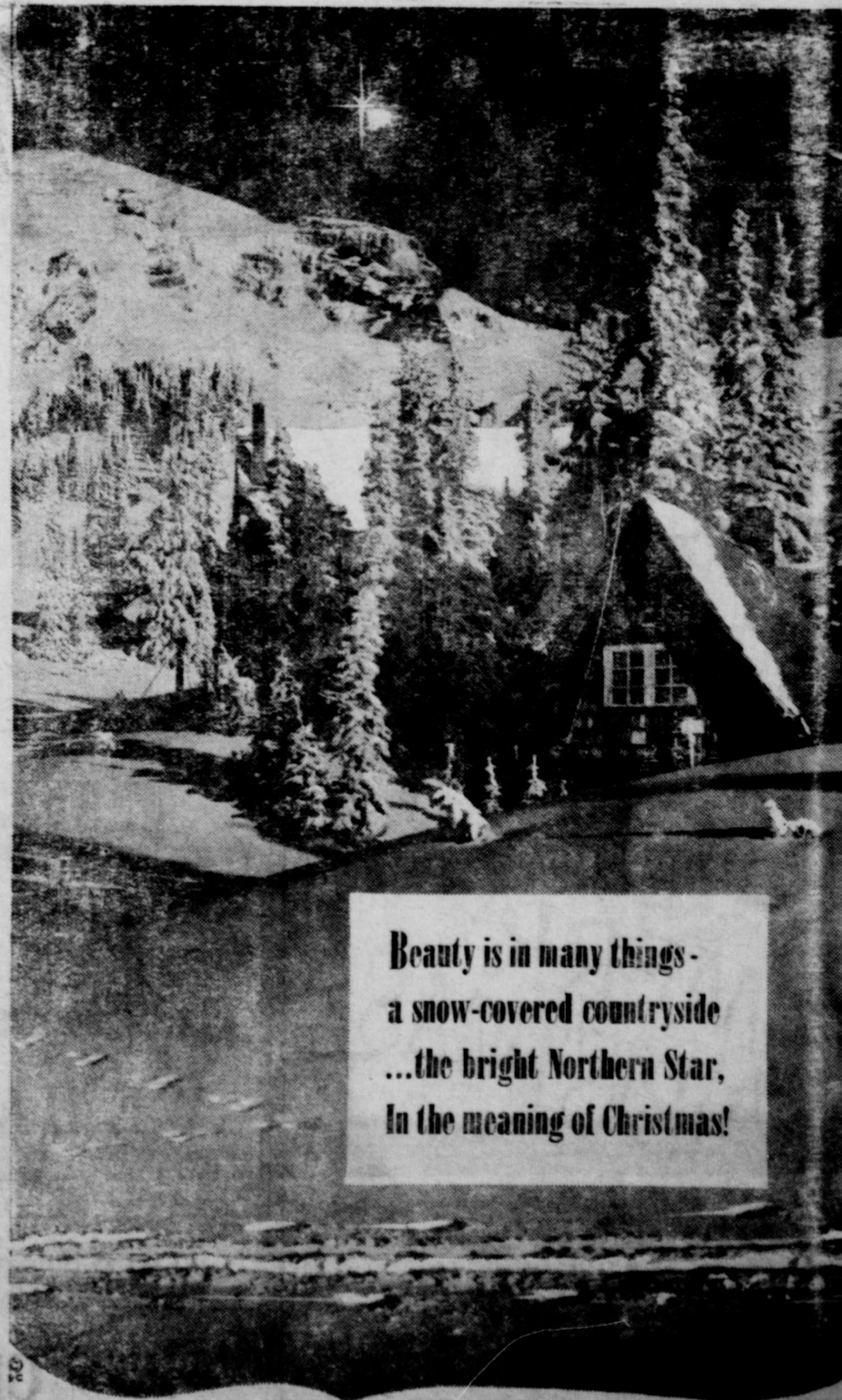
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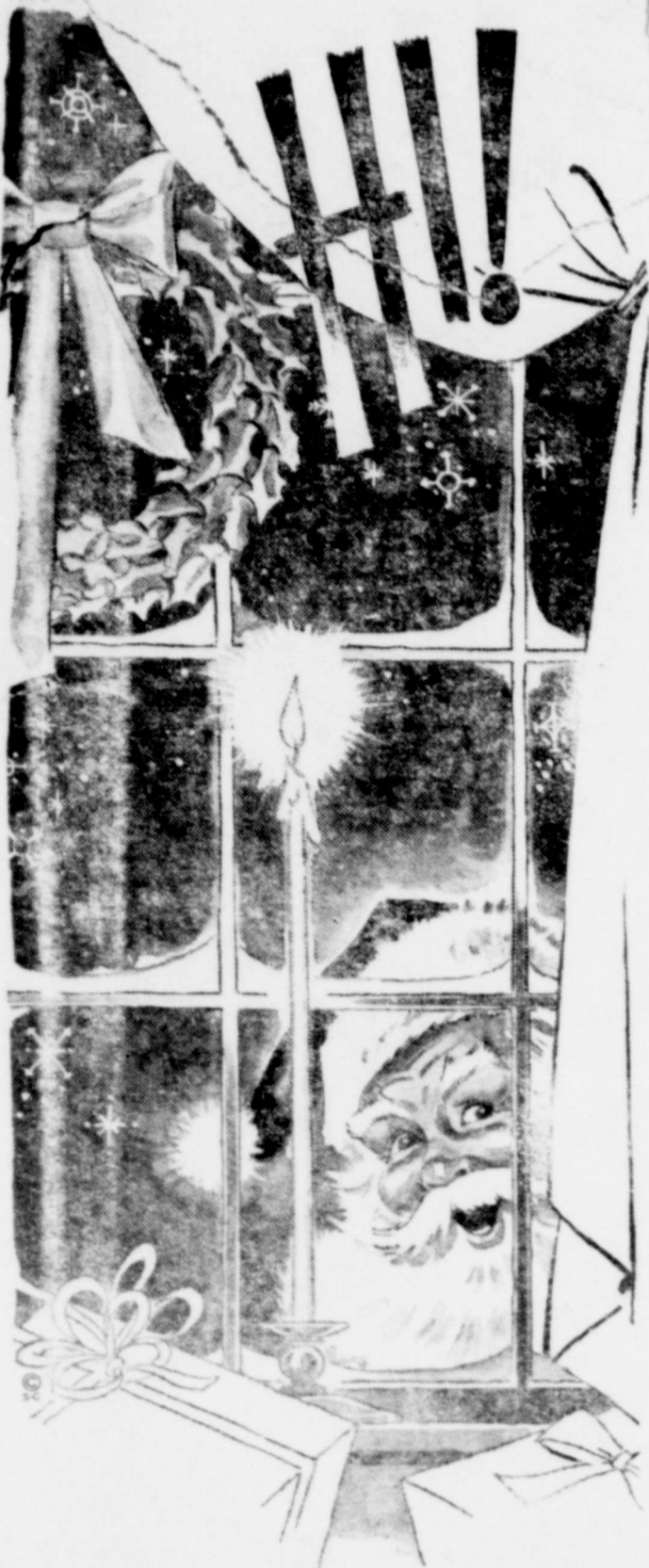
To wish you every blessing that Christmas can convey—with all the joy and promise of the first glad Christmas day!
MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Beauty is in many things - a snow-covered countryside...the bright Northern Star, In the meaning of Christmas!

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CLYDE BARTLETT

DON SCHOOLCRAFT

PUMPKIN PIE AND POLITICS



America's two most popular holiday desserts—pumpkin and mince pie—are much more than past centuries both have had political and religious implications. Long before the Pilgrims observed our first Thanksgiving, politics entered into the eating of pumpkin pie in England in 1433. An act of Parliament that year forbade the eating of pumpkin pies by everyone below the rank of Baron. Prior to that they were sold by street vendors in early London. It was customary for the purchaser to stick his finger into the filling and pour some sweet juice into the opening. From this custom came the expression, "having a finger in the pie."

Such a small thing as the shape of a mince pie caused the Puritans to abolish, for several years, the observance of Christmas in the United States. In 1659, Colonial "pys-bakers" reduced the size of the hitherto

of this suit is as follows, to-wit: plaintiff and defendant were married on or about May 20, 1954, and became permanently separated on or about December 1, 1957. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment. Plaintiff further alleges that there are no children of this union and no community property to be adjudicated, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit. If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs. Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 2nd day of December A. D. 1958. Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk, 42nd District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Irene Crawford, Deputy. (SEAL) 39-40-41-42

"Texas" came from "Tejas," an Indian word meaning friends or allies. The name was applied to Indian tribes living around Spanish missions in eastern Texas.

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas—
GREETINGS:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: James Martin McCarty, Defendant, Greetings:

You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 19th day of January A. D. 1959, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 7th day of March A. D. 1958, in this cause, numbered 22,846 A on the docket of said court and styled Vergie McCarty, Plaintiff, vs. James Martin McCarty, Defendant. A brief statement of the nature

A Christmas Lullaby

Half an hour before midnight on Christmas eve in Mexico the "Litany of the God Child" is sung. It is after this that the world-famous lullaby song of all Mexico, the "Roro", is heard. Every Mexican mother knows this "Rock-a-bye" song, which is supposedly for the soothing of the infant Jesus. In time and tune it is not unlike the American song, "Old Gray Goose."

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