

## GOODFELLOW VOLUNTEER STAFF ASKS FOR AREA CONTRIBUTIONS

With Christmas only ten days away, the volunteer staff of the Merkel Goodfellow Fund are stepping up their appeal to area people for contributions "in money, clothes, and toys."

"We did not plan this year to set a goal in dollars and cents," said Mrs. Mary Mosier, chairman "for we believed that people in the Merkel area would realize the good that this organization does at Christmas time for the needy."

As of press time Wednesday, only \$173.00 is in the Goodfellow Fund, and by Monday of this week already seven requests have come in by mail for "help at Christmas time."

family, "counting mother and daddy," writes, asking "for something for all my little brothers and sisters."

"They need clothes and shoes," she writes. "And all that I ask is that you make my little brothers and sisters happy at Christmas."

Another request went, "To the Goodfellows, won't you help my children for Christmas? One is 11, one 6, one 9 and one 4, and one 2."

Mrs. W. R. Cypert, Goodfellow co-chairman, said that persons wishing to contribute clothing or toys may bring them to the Goodfellow Store on Kent Street, or leave them with Vincent Barnett at Barnett Barber Shop.

Donations (money contributions) may be sent to: Goodfellows, c/o Mrs. Mary Mosier, P. O. Box 535, or Mrs. W. R. Cypert, P. O. Box 218 or to the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, Merkel.

Contributions include:

Dr. and Mrs. Jarrett	
Williams	\$50.00
Miss Christine Collins	\$20.00
Rev. John Curtis	\$5.00
Beta Sigma Phi	\$5.00
Merkel Mail	\$10.00
Young Homemakers	\$10.00
Rev. Newton Daniel	\$5.00
Irvin Thompson	\$5.00
Key Sunday School Class	
Methodist Church	\$10.00
Balance left over	\$53.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$173.00</b>

## Community Christmas Tree Goes Up On Edwards Street



### Program Planned For December 23

Merkel's Christmas Spirit, beginning with the parade held last Saturday, will continue to shine, thanks to the efforts of a lot of work by several merchants this week.

With real community-wide participation, a large Christmas tree was "going up" in the very center of North Second and Edwards streets Tuesday afternoon.

The large tree, donated by Ray Wilson, was cut down and delivered by members of the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Put in place in the middle of the intersection by Merkel city employees and the Merkel Telephone Company, the tree will be lighted by the West Texas Utilities.

Fruit and candy will be soaked by volunteer members of the Merkel Fire Department, and will be ready to be handed out to youngsters, including high school age, by Santa Claus, Saturday, Dec. 23, beginning at 3 p.m.

"Santa will arrive by fire truck and distribute sacks of goodies to all the children, up through high school age," said Button.

The Rev. Newton Daniel, pastor of the First Methodist Church will ask the invocation for the program and Cyrus Pee will lead the group in the singing of Christmas carols.

Button said the money for the project will be obtained from the Local Contingency Fund of the Merkel Community Fund.

"All children of the Merkel area, including Trent, Noodle, Mulberry Canyon, are invited," he said. "And if anyone in the area should have extra tree decorations they would like to donate, for the trimmings, they may bring them down and put them on."

### Zip Code Book Sale Continues

Sale of the Zip Code Directory by Boy Scout Troop 18 "got off to a good start" according to Scoutmaster, Glenn Reed.

"We have sold approximately 100 of the directories," said Reed. "and will continue our sale until Christmas."

Reed asked that persons who would like a directory and did not get contacted, to call him and one of the Scouts would deliver the directory.

"Purchase of the Zip Code Directory helps three ways," said Reed. "The mailer and the Post Office department are helped, and it helps the Scouts buy camping equipment."

### CITY SALES TAX CARRIES IN MERKEL

Merkel Voters in Saturday's election approved the one per cent city sales tax by a vote of 119 "for" and 63 "against."

A total of 181 votes were cast.

"The large majority in favor of the tax, seems to indicate that citizens prefer the sales tax," said Mayor Johnny Cox, "and we are most pleased."

"Looking into the future, your City Government should be able to do a better job of service to residents than it has in the past," said Cox.

It is estimated that the sales tax will yield additional income to the city of around \$5 per person per population annually said Cox.

However, the sales tax is not expected to bring "immediate relief" for Merkel, since the tax is not expected to become effective until the second quarter of 1968 and the first payments from the collections to be handled by the state, "are not likely to be available to the city before July, 1968."

"There will be only three quarters in 1968 in which the tax will be collected, but beginning in 1969, the city will receive tax for the full four quarters," Cox explained.

## HUNTING CARRIES RESPONSIBILITIES

AUSTIN — The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department wishes to remind sportsmen that hunting is a privilege that carries with it certain responsibilities.

First, the hunter has a responsibility to the law. He must obtain the proper hunting license, have permission to enter private property, use only legal means of taking game, and hunt only legal species.

Second, the hunter has a responsibility to the landowner. He must respect the property rights of the landowner and remember that he is a guest.

He should remember to leave gates as he found them and not to shoot near livestock, houses or barns.

The hunter should know the boundaries of the land on which he hunts, and he should cross fences in a safe and proper way.

Fire is always a hazard, and littering can make an enemy out of the landowner in a short time.

As an act of courtesy and a gesture of good will, the hunter should offer to share game with his host if he is hunting free.

Third, the hunter has a responsibility to himself.

He must know his physical limitations because over-exertion can mean a heart attack or other serious physical ailments.

Using the right firearms and ammunition and a well sighted rifle will not only make hunting easier, but safer besides.

The hunter should learn all he can about the game he hunts. This will increase his chances for a successful hunt and make hunting more enjoyable and exciting.

The hunter should be sure of his target and aim for a clean kill. If he wounds an animal, he should make a conscientious effort to retrieve it.

For safety sake, he should make his presence known to other hunters so they will not mistake him for game.

The hunter should practice good sportsmanship always and obey the 10 commandments of shooting safety.

## Bands to Present Holiday Concert

The Merkel Public Schools will present their bands in a joint Christmas concert Sunday, Dec. 17, at 2 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Glenn Reed, director of the school bands, will conduct the program.

The program of Christmas music will include the three school bands. They are the High School Band, Junior High Band, and the Beginning Band, totaling 160 members.

Reed announced that the concert is open to the public.

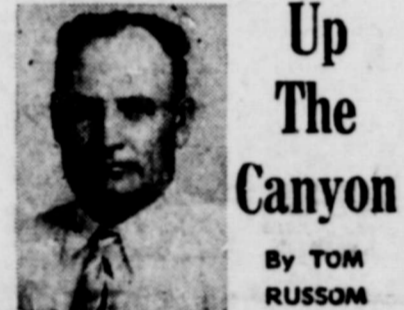
Bill Button, Band Parents Club president, announced that "following the concert a short business meeting will be held." He asked that all Band Parent members plan to stay for the short meeting.

## Homemakers Give To Goodfellows

In a meeting Monday evening at the Taylor Electric Cooperative building, the Taylor County Young Homemakers voted to contribute \$10.00 to the Goodfellow Fund.

Members also voted to send delegates to the State Convention in Austin, Jan. 12-13. They are Mrs. Dink Whisenhunt and Mrs. Hugh Baker. Alternates are Mrs. Charles Jacobs and Mrs. Tommy Cutler.

A Christmas party is planned for Thursday, Dec. 21 at the Robert Malone home said Mrs. Baker.



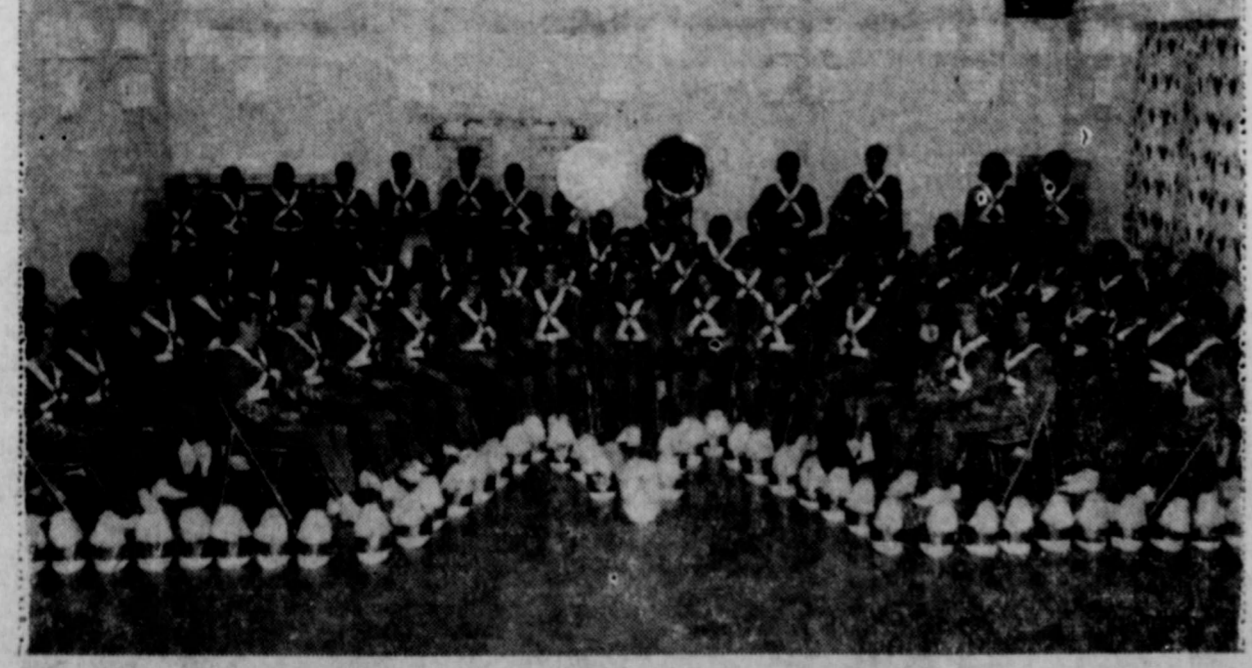
Up The Canyon  
By TOM RUSSOM

Well, just looking across the Canyon today and feeling the warm sunshine, it seems so spring like. We have just had a little snow, about two inches, and it was the first of the season. More snow and bad weather is perhaps yet to come.

Suggest when you go out looking over your land, to take your ax along and scout around down on the creek and look for a beautiful Christmas tree. It could give you the Christmas spirit.

By the way, when I was just a little boy, I know Christmas could have not been any more real to anyone on earth than it was to me. It was one time of the year, our sweet mother would call for our "annual report," asking if we thought we had been a good bunch of boys. And that was one time I always dreaded to come, and was glad when it was over. Then, after hearing our side of the story, I remember the tender words she spoke. She would say, "Well, this is the night for old Santa to come, and I think it would be well for you boys to get in plenty of wood for the fireplace, for Santa will be cold when he gets here." My, oh my, we would bring in wood enough to last a week. We went

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IN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM — The Merkel School bands will present their annual Christmas Concert this Sunday, under the direction of bandmaster Glenn Reed. Participating in the program will be the High School Band, Junior High Band and the Beginning Band. (Photo Courtesy Jim Baber)

## WINS FIRST PLACE — The Taylor County Homemakers' float entry in Saturday's parade took first place. Their float depicted the scene "Twas the Night Before Christmas." Club members in foreground are, from left, Mrs. Hugh Baker, Mrs. Dickie Dannheim, vice president, and Mrs. Ronnie Toombs, president. (Photo Courtesy Taylor Electric Cooperative)

### IN CHRISTMAS PARADE

## HOMEMAKERS FLOAT WINS FIRST PRIZE

Santa Claus made his "official" entry into Merkel Saturday, at the annual Christmas Parade, riding atop the new fire truck.

Several floats, other units, and the Merkel High School Band played a colorful role to attract a street-lined crowd that gathered in the brisk, chilly weather.

Waymon Adecock was parade marshal.

And even though Merkel merchants have been enjoying early Christmas shopping, "Christmas has officially come to Merkel."

Winning first prize of \$50 in the float entries was Taylor County Young Homemakers' "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

Second prize of \$35 went to Beta Sigma Phi, with a float depicting "A Saviour is Born."

Cub Scout Pack 20 won the third prize of \$25 with a float entry titled "Joy to the World."

Honorable mention went to Carson Super Market and Ben Franklin Store.

Carson's entry displayed a float chocked full of foods, and wishing a "Merry Christmas to Everyone."

"Towntown" was the theme of Johnny Hammond's Ben Franklin Store entry, with a float loaded with toys and "real live" children waving to the crowd.

In the two Christmas posters divisions winners were:

## Oooooops!!! We Goofed!!!

The Merkel Mail regrets that in naming the all-district Badgers, we unintentionally omitted the name of guard for first team, Joe Dudley.

Sorry, Joe, we made this error.

## 'LETTERS TO SANTA' SPEAK OF LOVE

Letters to Santa came pouring into The Mail this past week, and the content of each could make us "oldsters" set up and take notice.

Neatness. Why, who would want Santa to have difficulty in reading writing.

Style — the very best.

Content — Each letter is written with the "donor" in mind. The very latest "politician" style. One little writer remembers to say "I love you, Santa," right at the very beginning. So, Santa, you can know right off, that you are very much loved.

Many were definite in letting Santa know "I have been good."

And don't you dare question that, Santa Claus.

One very thoughtful writer remembered Mama.

You can read them all on page two of this edition. They're short, to the point. They speak of love, and being good.

## First Methodist Plans Program

First Methodist Church's Christmas Program will be held Sunday, Dec. 17 at 7 p.m., according to the Rev. Newton Daniel, pastor.

"A drama of the Christmas Story will be presented by the Senior High Youth Department," said Daniel. "The Choir and children will provide the Christmas Music."

Rev. Daniel invited the public to attend the program.

## Holiday Program Planned for P-TA

The Merkel Parent-Teacher Association will present its Christmas program Thursday, Dec. 14, at 7:30 p.m.

Children from the third and fourth grades of the Primary School will present Christmas music.

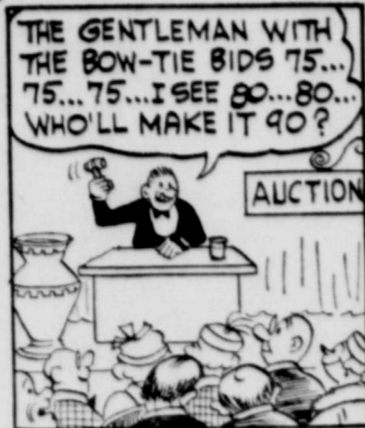
They will be directed by Mrs. Comer Haynes and Mrs. Bryan Dunagin, third grade teachers, and Miss Norah Foster and Miss Lyda Norcross, fourth grades.

The meeting will be held in the high school auditorium, and association president, Vincent Barnett, urges all parents to make plans to attend.

## Film Library

The film library at the Regional Education Center in Abilene will be "open for business" on Dec. 15, Dr. Robert A. Montgomery, executive director, announced.

**THE FIZZLE FAMILY**



By H. T. Elmo

THE MERKEL MAIL, MERKEL, TEXAS  
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**Crossword Puzzle**

**ACROSS**

- Part of the hand
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- Trees
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**DOWN**

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**Answer to Puzzle**

**ACROSS**

1. Part of the hand: **Wrist**  
 2. Flower: **Flower**  
 3. She lost her sheep: **Wool**  
 4. Not level: **Uneven**  
 5. Rest: **Rest**  
 6. Unruffled: **Unruffled**  
 7. Consumed: **Consumed**  
 8. Quickness: **Quickness**  
 9. Moisture drops: **Dew**  
 10. Draw slowly: **Draw**  
 11. Article: **Article**  
 12. Hodge-podge: **Hodge-podge**  
 13. Middle nation: **Middle**  
 14. Skilled worker: **Worker**  
 15. Number: **Number**  
 16. Exit: **Exit**  
 17. Earth: **Earth**  
 18. Trees: **Trees**  
 19. Seine: **Seine**  
 20. Loud cry: **Loud**  
 21. End part: **End**  
 22. Caustic: **Caustic**

**DOWN**

1. Nigeria: **Nigeria**  
 2. Fear: **Fear**  
 3. Smash: **Smash**  
 4. Of a holiday: **Of**  
 5. Smaller: **Smaller**  
 6. Be ill: **Be ill**  
 7. Tools: dial: **Dial**  
 8. Users of foils: **Users**  
 9. Oily fruits: **Oily**  
 10. Referee: **Referee**  
 11. Cooks: **Cooks**  
 12. Lasso: **Lasso**  
 13. Humorous: **Humorous**  
 14. State: French: **French**  
 15. Quant: **Quant**  
 16. Minute particle: **Minute**  
 17. Performer: **Performer**  
 18. Exit: **Exit**  
 19. Compass point: **Compass**



**LETTERS TO SANTA**

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike and a Barbie doll. Please bring Mama a big clock.  
Thank you,  
JANET WADE

Dear Santa,  
I want a vanity set, and a real typewriter that just costs \$3.00, and Baby Crawl A-Long, and Snakes Alive.  
From  
TAMMY THOMAS

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike and a box of guns. That's all.  
From,  
MIKE TUCKER

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike and a carpenter set. I have been good.  
BILL FISHER

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. Please bring me Little Miss Fussy, and Barbie.  
Love,  
Debra Ybarra

Dear Santa,  
I want a box of guns. Bring Beely paper dolls. We have been good.  
From,  
RUSTY WATTS

Dear Santa,  
I want a twist and turn Francy. I have been a good little girl.  
Love,  
CINDY BOONE

Dear Santa,  
I love you. I want a colored Barbie doll for Christmas. I want a record player and a music box.  
Thank you,  
CARLA RISTER

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

NO. 6275  
R. L. YOUNG INSURANCE  
VS.  
WOODROW GIBSON  
IN THE COUNTY COURT  
AT LAW  
OF  
TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
WHEREAS, by virtue of an execution issued out of the County Court at Law, Taylor County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said Court on the 17th day of October, 1967, in favor of the

said R. L. Young Insurance and against the said Woodrow Gibson, No. 6275 on the docket of said Court, I did, on the 20th day of November, 1967, at 10:20 o'clock A.M., levy upon the following described tracts and parcels of land situated in the County of Taylor, State of Texas, and belonging to the said Woodrow Gibson, to-wit:

Let No. Sixteen (16), Block No. Two (2), J. B. Collins Subdivision of part of Block No. 26, North Park Addition to the City

of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas; and on the 2nd day of January, 1968, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m., on said day, at the Courthouse door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said Woodrow Gibson in and to said property.  
Dated at Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, this 20th day of November, 1967.

s—JOHN W. THOMAS  
Constable, Taylor County, Texas  
40 3tc

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**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: Barbara Cluck, Defendant.

Greeting:  
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations 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 15th day of January A.D. 1967, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 25th day of November A.D. 1967, in this cause, numbered 3783 on the docket of said court, and styled Dewayne Curtis Cluck, Plaintiff, vs. Barbara Cluck, Defendant.

of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married September 6, 1965 and became permanently separated in April, 1967. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment 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 27th day of November A.D. 1967.  
(Seal)

Attest: R. H. ROSS,  
Domestic Relations Court  
Taylor County, Texas  
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.  
39 4tc

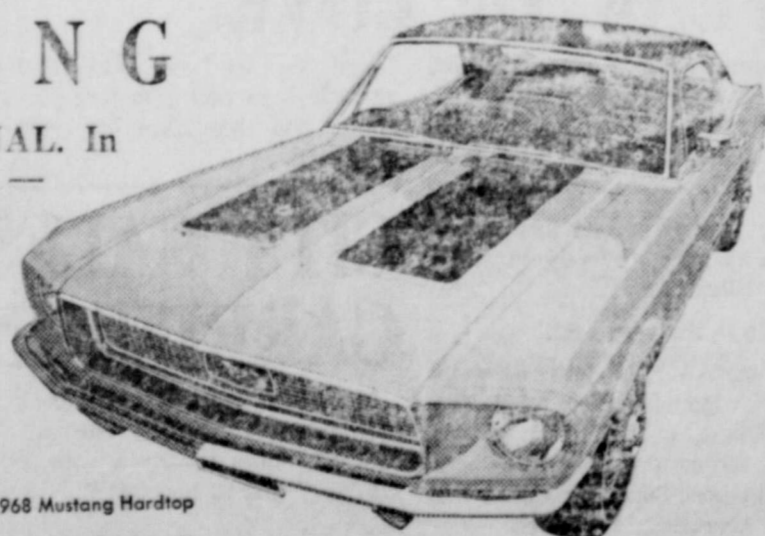
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Card of Thanks: \$1.50 for the first 50 words, 5c per word for each additional word. TERMS: Cash in advance, unless an account is already established.

NOTICE of typographical or other errors must be given before the second insertion or claims for refunds or extension will not be recognized.

### - Miscellaneous -

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**MASONIC MEETING**  
Stated Meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710 on 2nd Saturday and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Members urged to attend.

**ALLEN MORGAN, W. M. DAN BUTLER, Sec'y.**

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## BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Dec. 18 - Anson boys and girls A there at 7:00 p.m.  
Jan. 4 - Anson Tournament  
e-Jan. 8 - Jim Ned boys A & B, girls A there at 6:00 p.m.  
e-Jan. 15 - Wylie boys A & B, girls A here at 6:00 p.m.  
Jan. 18-20 - Jim Ned Tournament  
e-Jan. 22 - Baird boys A & B, girls A here at 6:00 p.m.  
e-Jan. 29 - Jim Ned boys A & B, girls A here at 6:00 p.m.  
e-Feb. 5 - Wylie boys A & B, girls A there at 6:00 p.m.  
e-Feb. 12 - Baird boys A & B, girls A there at 6:00 p.m.  
e-Conference game.

## Gardeners Meet With Mrs. Peachy

The home of Mrs. G. R. Peachy was the scene for the Christmas luncheon of the Merkel Garden Club last Thursday.

Members brought soft cookies for distribution to patients at the Starr Rest Home.

After the business meeting, three members - Mrs. W. T. Sadler, Mrs. Joe Hartley and Mrs. Erma Black talked on "My Most Memorable Christmas."

Those present were Mrs. A. H. McElmurray, Mary Grimes, W. S. J. Brown, John Shannon, A. H. Odum, Jarrett Williams, Edith Leach, Joe Hartley, O. R. D. W. J. Satter, Charley Sherrill and W. L. Brown.

Also Mrs. Ora Griggs, Oda Clark, Oleta Gamble, Erma Black, G. D. McConnell, Johnny Cox, J. C. Click, Lottie Everett, G. R. Peachy, Miss Christine Collins and one visitor, Mrs. Odell Freeman of Trent.

## Services Held For Mrs. Beard

Funeral services for Mrs. Rosa Ellen Beard, 79, were held Sunday, Dec. 10 at Calvary Baptist Church, with the Rev. David Hahn, pastor, and the Rev. W. G. Richardson, pastor of Victory Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mrs. Beard died Sunday at St. Ann Hospital in Abilene, after a lengthy illness.

Born Jan. 31, 1888, in Cookeville, she married J. M. Beard March 24, 1914 at Bogota. They moved to Mt. Pleasant, living there until 1935, when they moved to Stith and then to Merkel in 1944. Mr. Beard died in 1948.

Survivors include four sons, Homer and Albert S. of Abilene, Lonnie and Howard of Merkel; two daughters, Mrs. Eunice Isenberg of Canton and Mrs. Imogene Williams of Merkel; three sisters, Mrs. Ocie Clark and Mrs. Fannie Lunsford, both of Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. Kate Johnson of Fort Worth; 23 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren, and 2 great - great-grandchildren.

Palbearers were grandsons.

## Up The Canyon

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to bed early, and after thinking of not telling mother the story really as it was, we felt Santa would miss us by. But, anyway, it was just that real, and to me ever since, it has just been pretty doggone real!

I plan in a few days to visit my old home place in deep East Texas, where this really happened. The place where we shot the fireworks, and I will try to see if it will make me feel some fifty years younger. Won't that be something?

As far as we know, all of the crops are harvested up the Canyon. Some small grain is making splendid growth and some seems to be growing off.

We regretted very much to hear this week of the death of Mrs. Dae Vaughn of Merkel. We feel like Mrs. Vaughn, the former Annie Watkins, was an early day resident of the Canyon. If we get the report right, she was born in a house in Nubia that still stands. She was born in 1897 in the Lee Watkins' home, which is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Riney. So I am sure Mrs. Ruth Beall, formerly Ruth Martin, will recall school days spent with Mrs. Vaughn.

Elmer Patterson, manager of the Butman Youth Camp, underwent surgery Tuesday, Dec. 12. He is in intensive care, but reports are that he is doing fairly well.

## Japan to Join With HemisFair

SAN ANTONIO - Japan has become the twenty - third nation to announce participation in HemisFair and will occupy 6,000 square feet of space in what premises to be one of the more interesting exhibits at the first World Fair to be held in the Southwestern area of the United States.

The announcement was made by Hidebe Tanaka, Consul General of Japan in Houston.

HemisFair President Marshall Steves said he was most happy to hear the news about Japan's participation and thanked Tanaka and his government for their cordial message accompanying the announcement.

Other foreign nations which had previously announced participation plans are: Belgium, Bolivia, Canada, the Republic of China, Colombia, El Salvador, France, Germany, Honduras, Italy, Korea, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, the Philippines, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, Tunisia and Venezuela.

## SPORTSMAN'S CORNER

By Clark Webster, Remington Wild Life Expert

### Dad-On Target

Back in the days when Daniel Boone and Davy Crockett were helping carve a nation out of the wilderness, family "togetherness" wasn't an advertising slogan, but a way of life. As they farmed, hunted, and hunted together, the pioneer father and son developed the kind of deep camaraderie that is so rare today.

Today, parents and children hardly ever share the same close companionship of that slower paced era. Frequently you'll hear the father of a modern teen-ager say wistfully, "I just can't reach him any more." Nor is this very surprising. As boys grow older, they enter a new world of their own. Playing in Saturday's sandlot game or making the high school football team is certainly more exciting—and more challenging than a session of backyard catch with Dad.

Can you hold on to him? Yes, if you take a tip from fathers of the past and include him in a sport where Dad is—and will remain—the accepted leader for many years to come. And no sport fills the bill so well as hunting—a part of every boy's love of the Great Outdoors, a part of every youngster's American heritage.

Introduce your son to this fascinating world while he's still small. As he listens to the staccato notes of the woodpecker, feels the nip of an early morning chill, watches a pair of squirrels scavenging for nuts, he will be learning about the combination of beauty and harsh struggle for survival that is Nature.

Once he understands the principles of sportsmanship and conservation, it's time to begin teaching him how to shoot. An excellent gun for this purpose is a single shot 22 caliber rifle, such as Remington's Model 580 bolt action rifle—specially suited for the novice. With your guidance, and practice at one of the local shooting ranges, your son marks his entry into the world of the adult—the world of his father. Don't miss the opportunity of crossing this frontier with him.

# Religious Review

Worship Service ..... 11:00  
Evening Service ..... 7:00  
WEDNESDAY  
Evening Service ..... 7:00

**MISSION BAPTISTA BETHEL**  
Juan Nix, pastor  
Sunday School ..... 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Training Union ..... 6 p.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 7 p.m.

**GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
JAMES SINCLAIR, pastor  
SUNDAY  
Sunday School ..... 10:00  
Worship Service ..... 8:30

**FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**  
Newton Daniel, pastor  
SUNDAY  
Sunday School ..... 9:45  
Worship Service ..... 10:55  
Youth Meeting ..... 6:00  
Evening Worship ..... 7:00  
WEDNESDAY  
Choir Practice ..... 8:00

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Dwight Holland, pastor  
SUNDAY  
Bible School ..... 9:45  
Morning Worship ..... 10:55  
Evening Classes ..... 6:00  
Evening Worship ..... 6:45  
WEDNESDAY  
Bible Classes ..... 8:00

**ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
John Curtis, pastor  
SUNDAY  
Sunday School ..... 9:45  
Preaching ..... 11:00  
Evening Preaching ..... 7:00

WEDNESDAY  
Mid-Week Evangelistic Service ..... 7:30  
Mid-Week Service ..... 7:30 p.m.  
Choir Practice ..... 8:30 p.m.

**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
5th and Runnels  
David Hahn, pastor  
SUNDAY MORNING  
Sunday School ..... 10:00  
Worship Service ..... 11:00  
SUNDAY EVENING  
Training Union ..... 5:30  
Worship Service ..... 6:30  
WEDNESDAY  
Evening Service ..... 7:30

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Bill Tanner, pastor  
SUNDAY  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Radio Broadcast ..... 10:15 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 10:50 a.m.  
Radio Broadcast ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Youth Choir ..... 5:00 p.m.  
Training Union ..... 5:30 p.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 7:30 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Women's Missionary Society ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Sunbeam Band ..... 3:15 p.m.  
Junior GA's ..... 3:45 p.m.  
Intermediate Royal Ambassadors ..... 3:30 p.m.  
Midweek Service ..... 7:30 p.m.  
FRIDAY  
Junior Choir ..... 3:30 p.m.

**VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
307 El Paso St.  
W. G. Richardson, pastor  
SUNDAY  
Bible School ..... 10:00

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**LETTERS  
TO THE EDITOR**

**EDITOR'S NOTE** — Letters to the editor do not necessarily express the view of the editor nor of this paper. But The Merkel Mail will continue to run letters to the editor as long as some are not liable, in good taste, and they must be signed.

**Dear Editor:**  
The Goodfellows try to see that everyone in our community has a good Christmas.

I could not enjoy my Christmas if I knew some family were in want.

I suggested at our organizational meeting of the Goodfellows that we not solicit for funds. I also said that I believed that the Merkel people would give all that we needed to help all those who need help.

I still believe it.  
Mail your checks to Mrs. Mary McInnis, or Mrs. W. R. Cypert, or the Farmers and Merchants National Bank.

I thank you.  
Sincerely,  
NEWT DANIEL



MR., MRS. KARL BONNEAUX  
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**KARL BONNEAUX'S  
RECEPTION SUNDAY**

Mr. and Mrs. William Karl Bonneaux will be honored on their 50th Anniversary Sunday, Dec. 17 at Open House in their home, from two until five p.m.

Hasts will be their son, Col. and Mrs. William Karl Bonneaux Jr., and daughters, Mrs. Marilou Campbell, Karel and Phyllis Jane all of Randolph Air Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bonneaux were born at Millsap, Tex., near Weatherford. They attended the "same church and school all their lives." They are active members of the Church of Christ.

The Bonneauxs were married at Weatherford in 1917. They moved to Jones County in the community of Goodman in 1929 and to Noodle in 1960.

Active in community work, Mr. Bonneaux was president of the Trent School Board for 17 years. He is a pumper for three oil com-

panies, and is still purpasing for one company. He is a World War I veteran and is now commander of the Merkel Tent Barracks.

Mrs. Bonneaux, the former Lucy Byrd, has been active in all kinds of club work. She has been a Home Demonstration club member for thirty five years, and is now president of the Jones County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs.

She has been a member of the Woodmen Circle for approximately thirty years, and is still a member of the Drill Team.

Mrs. Bonneaux's hobbies are painting, writing, and sewing.

The Bonneauxs have one son, Col. William Karl Bonneaux Jr., who is a graduate of Hardin Simmons University and Texas University.

**MRS 'DOC' VAUGHN  
DIES AT AGE 70**

Funeral services for Mrs. Doc Vaughn, 70, were held Wednesday, Dec. 13, in the Merkel Methodist Church, with the Rev. Newton Darjel, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mrs. Vaughn died Monday, Dec. 11 in Hendrick Memorial Hospital, following a lengthy illness.

Born Martha Ann Watkins, March 8, 1897, in Mulberry Canyon, she was married to D. H. Vaughn Nov. 4, 1917 in Harrold, Tex. They moved to Merkel in 1921. While active, she took part in the Women's Society of Christian Service, participated in the choir and other church activities.

Survivors include her husband; one daughter, Mrs. Price Mitchell of Abilene; two brothers: Claude Watkins of Gruver and Kenneth Watkins of Brownfield; three sisters, Mrs. J. R. Hughes of Houston.

**Travel Conflab  
Slated Jan. 17**

AUSTIN — Gov. John Connally will introduce Texas to a scenic, historic and recreational network of 10 Travel Trails at the third annual Governor's Tourist Development Conference to be held in Austin on Jan. 17.

He will be joined at the state-wide meeting by two panels of travel experts whose aim is to tell all communities how they can best lure tourists into their areas by promotion of the trails and HemisFair '68.

Selection of the Travel Trails has been one of Gov. Connally's major projects as the state prepares to welcome more than 7 million visitors next year to the World's Fair in San Antonio.

**Astros Open  
At Home April 8**

The Houston Astros will open their 1968 home schedule in the Astrodome on Monday night, April 8 against the Pittsburgh Pirates and will play 81 regular season games on 81 different dates plus four pre-season games with the Minnesota Twins on April 4, 5, 6 and 7.

The Monday night opener will break baseball tradition as the Washington Senators and Cincinnati Reds have been the only clubs in recent years to open on Monday. The Senators and Reds will continue their traditional openers on Monday afternoon, but all other openers will remain on Tuesday. The Astros were granted the special Monday opener due to scheduling conflicts later in the week.

**Davis' Purchase  
Home In Merkel**

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Davis have moved into their home at 1507 South Street which they purchased from the Federal Housing Administration.

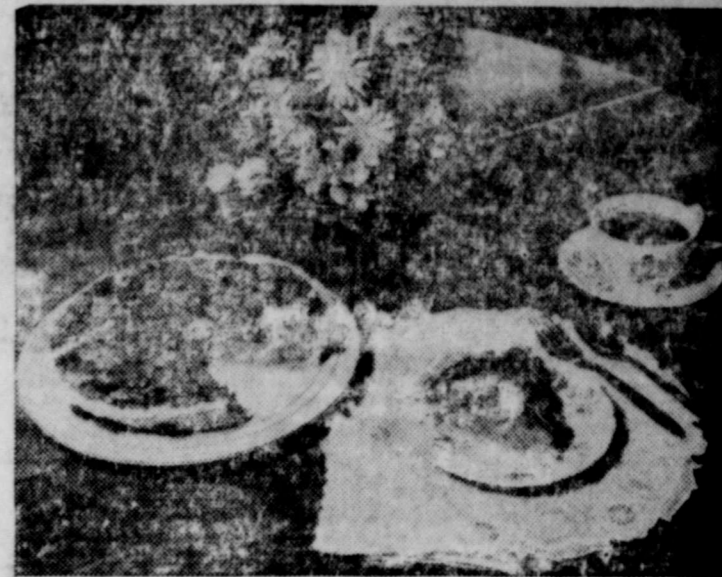
The home has three bedrooms, attached garage and built-in kitchen range, all in new condition.

Mr. Davis is operator of the Humble Enco Service Station in Merkel. He and his wife have two children, Davie 7, and Rebbin 5. They are members of the Pentecost Church. They moved here recently from Tye.

Sales transaction was handled by L. H. McAden, local real estate broker.

**TAX MAN  
SAM SEZ:**

The 1968 edition of "Your Federal Income Tax" is on sale at all Internal Revenue Offices now. This well-indexed booklet has the answers to more than 90 percent of the tax questions that an individual taxpayer might have. It is presented in simple, non-technical language, that tells the taxpayer "pay the tax" or "You don't owe anything." It will pay you to invest four bits and spend a little time studying your tax situation.



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1 1/2 cups pecans  
1 unbaked 8" pie shell

Beat eggs slightly and mix with sugar, waffle syrup, butter and vanilla. Stir in pecans. Pour into unbaked pie shell and bake 45 minutes or until lightly browned, at 375°.

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### Star Nursing Home News

By MARY OUTLAW

Everyone is doing very well at this writing.

Sadie Ward passed away last Wednesday. She had been in our home over two years and everyone loved her. We extend our sympathy to her loved ones.

We wish to thank the Merkel 4-H Club for bringing a Christmas box to the home. It consisted of fresh fruit, canned fruit and nuts. Thank you, Christie Lucas and Kathryn Criswell for delivering it.

Major and Mrs. Glenn Proctor, and Mrs. V. M. Wright of the Salvation Army of Abilene filled their appointment here Sunday afternoon. They brought their hand with them. They also brought all the patients a gift. Everyone enjoyed the hand and we appreciate their kindness.

We wish to express our sympathy to the family of Ross Beard. Mrs. Beard had been a patient here until moving to the hospital.

Ruth Smith has been away on vacation. We hope she will soon be able to work with us again.

We have a new employee. She is Mrs. Jim (Joan) Smith, and replaces Imogene Williams. Joan has worked for us before and we are glad to have her back.

Hettie West, who has been very ill, is slowly improving.

Mrs. Gibson, our evening supervisor has a new son in law. Her daughter, La Rue, married A.I.C. Donald Moore. He is stationed at Dyess AFB.

We wish to thank whoever is responsible for the nice hot-topping job in front and in the driveway.

to the Nursing Home. It certainly was appreciated.

Mrs. Jewel Hart celebrated her 90th birthday Tuesday. We wish her many more.

We are glad to have Neva Stinson and Joyce Minnich back with us, after being absent on account of the virus.

Our thanks go to the girls who brought the little baskets of roses for each room. Sorry they didn't leave a card with them. We would certainly appreciate knowing who brought them.

Everyone is getting the Christmas spirit. We hope that it will be a beautiful day so the ones who are able to go home, will not get disappointed.

### Christmas Love Feast Observed By Dorcas Class

The Dorcas Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church met on Dec. 7 in the church for their annual Christmas Love Feast.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. Horner Finch, and devotional by Mrs. Blanche Teaff. Mrs. Sybil Wiley sang Christmas songs.

Dinner was served to Meses Clara Delver, Jessie Shanks, W. A. McCandless, P. F. Harris, Lige Harris, J. W. Tison, Mary Jones and Teaff.

Also Meses Ira Myers, Bessie Jackson, Finch, E. R. Foster, Calie Price, Emma Moxley, Clay Satterwhite, R. Y. Buchanan and Corolla Scherer.


Also Meses Emory Wilburn, Irene Fumroy, Jan Kitchensell, Dave Anderson, A. H. Zollinger, Howard Phillips, E. M. Blackburn and Myrtle Walker.

There were sixteen visitors present. Mrs. Massey closed the meeting with prayer.

The U.S. Marine Band has played at all New Year's receptions at the White House since President John Adams inaugurated the event on Jan. 1, 1801.

### TELL ME

**HOW HOT IS THE SUN?**




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### DRIVERS CHALLENGED BY DPS TO AVOID TRAFFIC TRAGEDIES

AUSTIN — Col. Homer Garrison Jr., director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, said today that DPS Statistical Services has estimated 53 persons may die in traffic mishaps over the Christmas weekend.

Garrison said that the combined efforts of state and local police agencies and private traffic support organizations will be directed toward keeping the traffic toll below the estimate.

"Operation Deathwatch will be in effect from 6 p.m. Friday, December 22 through 11:59 p.m. Monday, December 25," said Garrison. "During this period we will make every effort to inform each motorist of the need for attention to safe driving. For the first time in many years the uniformed services of the Department are at almost full strength, and every highway patrolman will be on duty as much as possible. In addition, we will have about 200 more officers in a short while that traffic tragedies can be avoided."

"Traffic deaths are terrible tragedies at any time of the year," Garrison said, "and they are made even more terrible by the fact that they don't have to happen... at Christmas or any other time. We can each do a great deal toward cutting down on the number of mishaps by using a little common sense in our driving and showing a little courtesy."

"We issue each driver a personal challenge at this special time of year. This Christmas let's all go out of our way to show a little consideration for our fellow man, both on and off the road. We can

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### Merkel 4-H Club Meets; Hears Christmas Stories

The Merkel 4-H Club held their monthly meeting Dec. 7 as a Christmas party.

Boyd American Pledge was led by Jackie Harris and 4-H Motto, Pledge and Prayer by Jeanie Fincher.

Christmas stories were told by the Rev. and Mrs. Newton Daniel, pastor of the First Methodist Church in Merkel. Gifts were exchanged and refreshments served.

Each member brought canned fruit to be taken to the Starr Nursing Home by members, Christie Lucas and Kathryn Criswell.

### Basketball Time Is Here— So Are Cold-Weather Appetites



The crisp, cold air, and the extra adrenalin used in cheering the team on combine to make basketball time strictly from hunger—the deep hunger which calls for hearty hot meat sandwiches. Whether the team won or lost, both appetites and spirits will be appeased with Team-Burgers, touched with mustard and topped with tomato and cheese.

The Test Kitchens of The R.T. French Company, Rochester, N.Y. developed Team-Burgers as a cold weather version of the perennial hamburger. The secret of its new taste is using packaged onion gravy mix which is tucked right into the good ground beef.

- TEAM-BURGER SANDWICHES**
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- Blend together the onion gravy mix, water, and ground beef. Cut bread into 12 thick slices. Spread meat mixture evenly over each slice. Place meat side up in a shallow baking pan. Bake in 375° oven 10 minutes. Remove from oven; spread meat with a little mustard. Top each bread piece with a slice of tomato and one quarter slice of cheese. Return to oven. Bake 3 to 5 minutes or until cheese starts to melt. Eat while hot. Makes 12 sandwiches.

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# Gibson-Meece Vows Exchanged

Rue Gibson and Donald Meece were married Saturday, Dec. 9 at St. Paul's Methodist

Church in Abilene. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Gibson of Trent. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne R. Meece of Hutchinson, Minn. are parents of the bridegroom. The Rev. Frank Charlton, pastor, officiated at the double ring ceremony.

Mr. Gibson presented the bride in marriage. She was attended by her sister in law, Mrs. David (Sue Ann) Gibson. The groom's attendant was David Gibson, brother of the bride. The bridegroom is a member of the 96th Strategic Aerospace Wing, Headquarters Squadron, Dyess AFB. The couple lives at 1108 No. 4th St., in Merkel.

Rehabilitation training has been provided to 714,000 disabled veterans of World War II, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam Conflict and peacetime service. At a cost of \$1.86 billion, training, in the form of college, vocational school, on the job training, apprenticeship, and farm cooperative training has been provided to assist the disabled veterans to overcome the handicap of service connected disabilities.

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SAN ANTONIO—Millions of Texans will be licensed to publicize HemisFair 1968 next year. All private passenger cars and trucks will carry a license plate similar to the one being held by Miss Danielle Hutchinson, 20-year-old secretary with the international exposition. The plates, which go on sale February 1, must be on vehicles by April 1, five days before the opening of the 184-day Texas World's Fair. Reduced priced tickets and bonus books are now on sale in 280 cities throughout Texas.



Stith News  
By MRS. FRITZ HALE

### Area Teachers To Serve On Committees

Selection and evaluation committees for media have been established in four sub regions to serve the Region XIV, Education Service Center, Mr. James Taylor,

Winter has really come to Stith; there was snow Sunday morning.

Mrs. Fletcher Jones and Mrs. Ray Perry attended the Mission Program at the Noodle Baptist Church Thursday.

Several from Stith attended the Christmas Parade at Merkel Saturday. Marsha Clyburn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis C. Clyburn, won first place in the Christmas Pester Contest and marched in the parade.

Members of the Home Demonstration Club held their Christmas party at the Stith Community Center Friday night. Supper was served and a program presented by the children. Santa came and handed out gifts from the Christmas tree.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale and Charles visited in Anson Thursday with Mrs. Cliff Hill, Mrs. Ada Newton and Mrs. Ola Chapin. Mrs. Olin Potts of Anson visited

her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Troyce Strong, M., and Mrs. James Strong and Melinda and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Sailer and boys, all from Odessa, stopped by Sunday for a short visit with Mrs. J. E. Swincell, and the Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Swindell and son. They were on their way to Dublin to attend the funeral of their father and grandfather, Will Strong. The services were held in Dublin Monday.

Miss Hattie West is seriously ill at the Star Nursing Home in Merkel.

assistant director for media, announced. Teachers and administrators in the Merkel area are Mrs. Beulah Pykins, Noodle - Horn school, Language Arts; Mrs. Edith Rudd, Trent, Social Studies, and Mrs. Norman Winter, Merkel, Math - Science. B. A. Hays, administrator with

the Taylor County Schools, will serve on the Social Studies committee. LSD will be used in experiments at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Los Angeles to determine if the drug is helpful in relieving dying patients from dread and pain.

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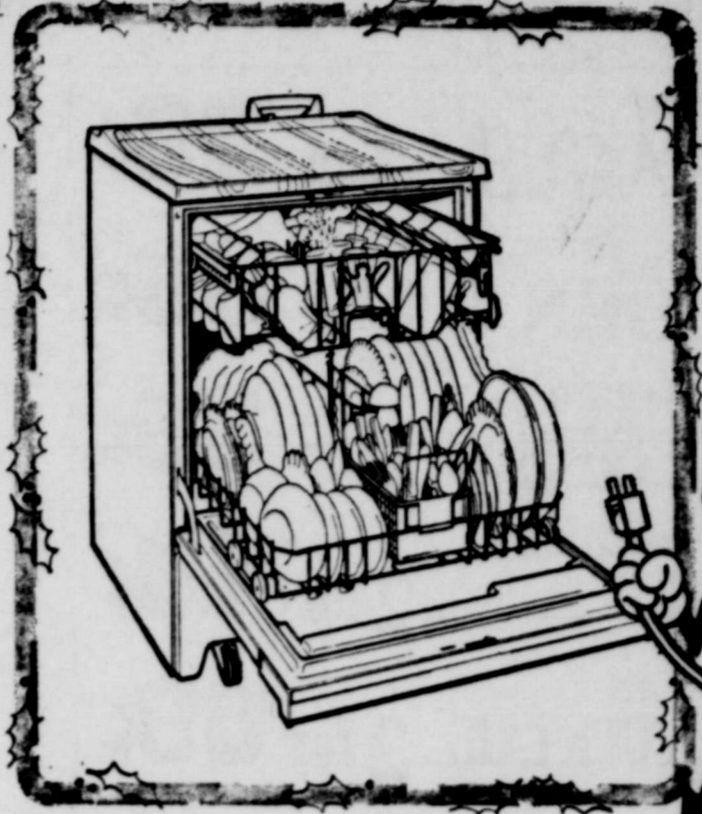
Some 45 national and industrial pavilions at HemisFair are free. Bonus Books admit you to rides and special attractions; the Tower of the Americas, Monorail, films, theme exhibits and much more. Adult or Child Books, some with grounds admission, \$3 to \$11.

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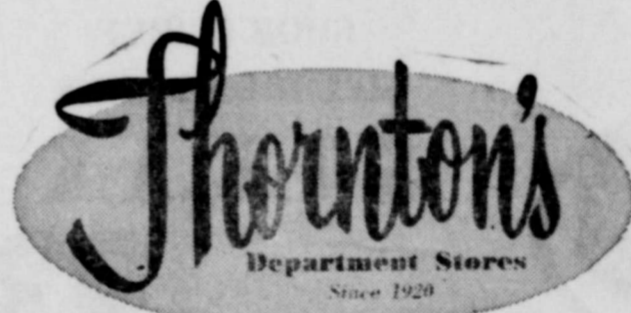
### The perfect Christmas gift for her

An electric dishwasher for Christmas? Nine out of ten homemakers prefer it! The new mobile dishwasher, for example. It's portable on casters, move it to any part of the kitchen. No plumbing required, connects quickly at the sink. If you move to another home, take it along. Can be built-in as a permanent installation later if you prefer. Washes dishes sparkling clean, electrically, automatically. Completely frees homemakers from this burdensome, three-times-a-day task. Many models, both mobile and permanent, now available at your electric appliance dealers. Emancipate her from dishwashing, make her Christmas last all year!

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AN INVESTOR OWNED ELECTRIC COMPANY

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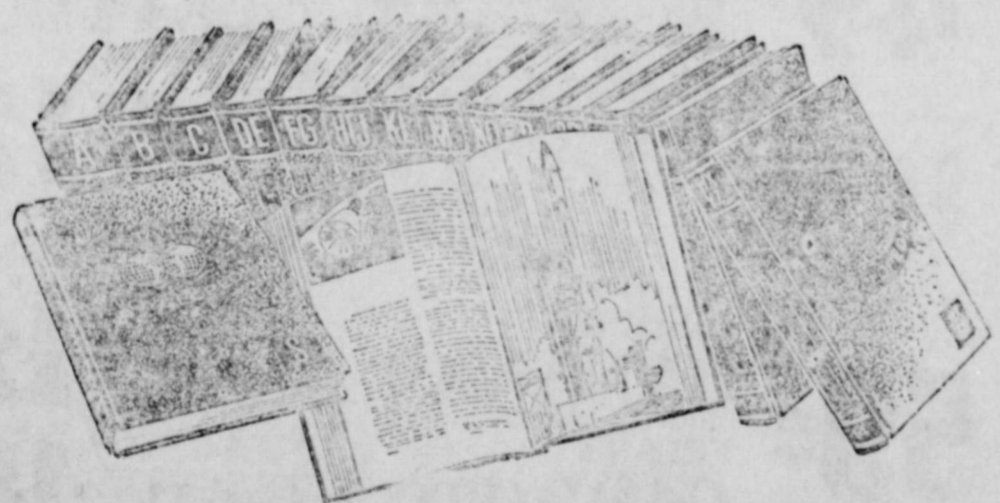
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**PUNCH** ..... 2 for **49¢**  
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**MEAT BALLS** ..... Can **35¢**

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**HOMO 2 MILK**  
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**FAB**  
 BOX ..... **59¢**

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**PRESTONE** ANTI FREEZE GAL. .... **1.59**  
**FOIL WRAP** REYNOLDS HEAVY DUTY 18-INCH 25-FT. ROLL ..... **53¢**  
**CRISCO** CREAMY (1 Limit) 3-LB. CAN ..... **69¢**  
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**GLEEM** Ex. Lg. .... **59¢**

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 30 Daytime ..... 1.79  
 30 New Born ..... 1.49  
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FRESH  
**LETTUCE**  
 Pound **12¢**

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**BANANAS** ..... Lb. **12¢**

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**CARROTS** ... Cello Lb. **15¢**

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**TANGELOS** ..... Lb. **15¢**

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# THE MERKEL MAIL

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SECTION TWO

## Christmas Spirit Available Now In Musical Form

Bringing the Christmas spirit in musical form to Texas classrooms doesn't have to cost a lot of money.

Thanks to a special service provided by the Texas Education Agency, the music of Christmas is available in 19 different listings in the "Catalog of Tapes for Teaching."

Teachers have a choice of Yuletide items ranging from "Typical Christmas Music of European Countries (Contrasted With That of America)" to "Popular Songs of Christmas for Young and Old."

"All for the price of a blank roll of recording tape and the postage involved in returning the requested selection to the teacher," says George Lipscomb, Director of the Agency's Division of Instructional Media under which the Tape and Television Laboratory operates.

The Christmas selections are among 5,000 listings in the Tape Laboratory's 336-page Bulletin No. 665 which, since its publication this past spring, has kept the laboratory's engineers busy at their recording equipment.



### Sweet Treats With Grapes

Good news for smart housewives is that Thompson seedless grapes are now in abundant supply at markets across the country. These sweet green grapes—named after California farmer William Thompson who discovered them 75 years ago—offer unlimited possibilities for imaginative desserts. To perk up palates at your table, try these delightful dishes:

- Mix grapes with sour cream. Sprinkle brown sugar and cinnamon over top. Serve icy cold.

- Prepare orange gelatin and allow to chill until it thickens slightly. Fold in stemmed Thompson seedless grapes and chill until firm. Serve with sweetened whipped cream.

- Mix grapes with vanilla or fruit flavored yoghurt. Serve right out of the carton, or in an elegant dessert dish.

- Melt 1/3 cup strawberry jam and spoon over grapes. Chill until ready to serve.

And if you're expecting guests this weekend, round off your prize meal with Fluffy Grape Pudding—a tasty triumph for the end!

### FLUFFY GRAPE PUDDING

Makes 6 servings  
1 package cook type vanilla pudding  
2 cups milk  
Grated rind of 1 small orange  
1 cup heavy cream, whipped  
2 cups stemmed Thompson seedless grapes  
1/3 cup crushed peanut brittle

Cook pudding according to package directions using 2 cups milk. When thick remove from heat and cool. Stir in orange rind. Fold in whipped cream and grapes. Spoon mixture into sherbet glasses. Chill until ready to serve. Just before serving, spoon crushed brittle over top.



## OLD FASHIONED GREETINGS

To all our friends and neighbors, sincere best wishes for the holiday season.  
May your Christmas be bright with good cheer, warm with the affection of those you love, and merry with the sound of laughter.

THE OLD RELIABLE

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### SEASON'S GREETINGS



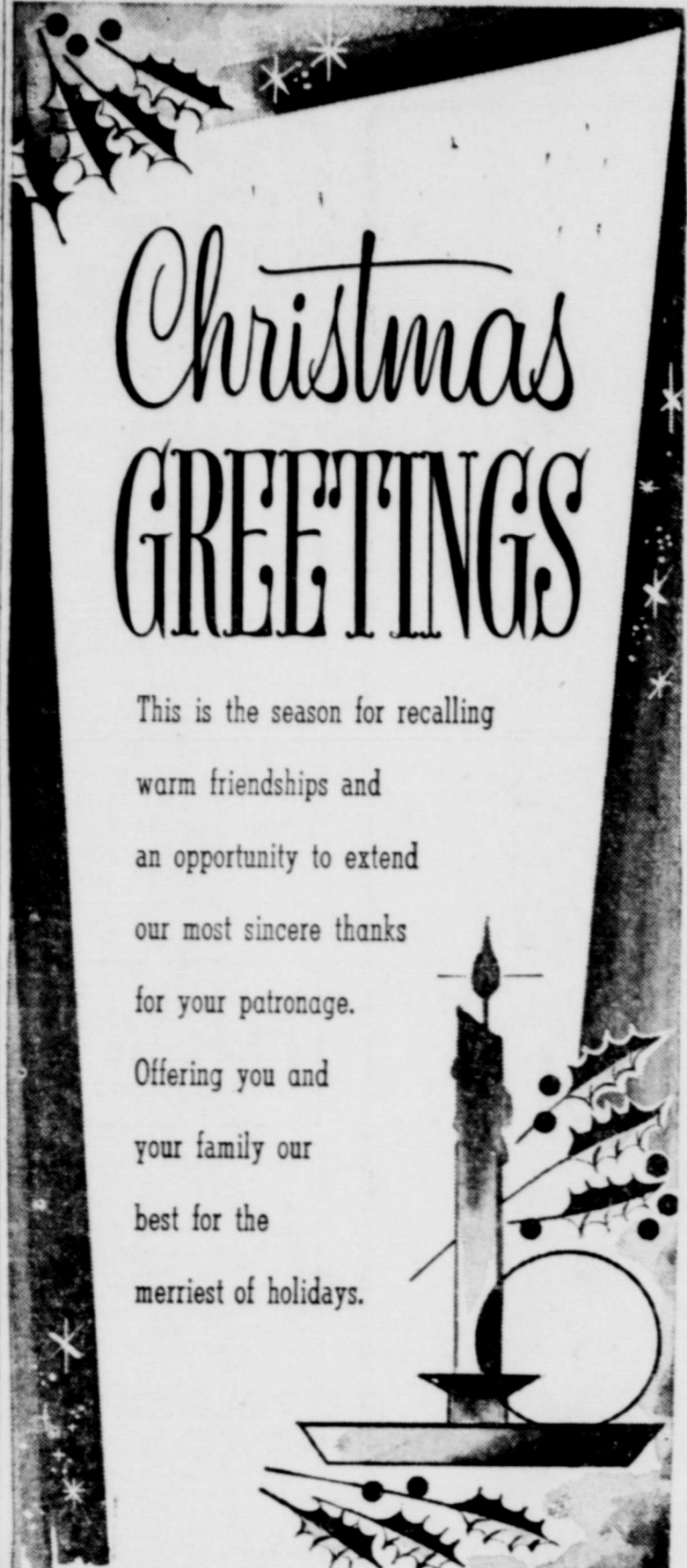
We wish you health,  
wealth & happiness  
in abundance!

Lee Ward

For COLDS take 666

# CHRISTMAS LEGEND AROUND THE WORLD

Through the centuries, wherever country has inherited its own Christmas is celebrated, each ancient customs and beliefs.



## Christmas GREETINGS

This is the season for recalling warm friendships and an opportunity to extend our most sincere thanks for your patronage. Offering you and your family our best for the merriest of holidays.

**MERKEL RESTAURANT  
AND MOTEL**

At this Christmas season, let's take a look at some of the countries that celebrate Christmas and observe some of the ancient customs they have inherited and even practice today.

According to World Book Encyclopedia, "Christmas is the happiest and busiest time of year for millions of people."

**IN GREAT BRITAIN**, children hang their stockings by the fireplace, hoping that Father Christmas will fill them with Christmas treats. The British call the day after Christmas, "Boxing Day." On this day most families give money to the milkman, postman, and others who have served them throughout the year.

**IN FRANCE**, children put their shoes on the doorstep on Christmas Eve on Le Petit Noel (the Christ Child) can fill them with gifts. The French use mistletoe as a symbol of good luck.

**IN GERMANY**, some people have Christmas trees in their home for each member of the family. Everyone gathers on Christmas Eve for the Bescherung (ceremony to light the Christmas tree).

**IN SWITZERLAND**, young people visit nine fountains on their way to midnight church services on Christmas Eve. They take three sips of water from each fountain. A legend says that if they do this, they will find their future husband or wife waiting at the door of the church.

**IN ITALY**, the people fast (go with little or no food) on the day before Christmas. At the end of the day, the family holds a ceremony around the Presepio (the miniature scene of Bethlehem).

**IN SPAIN**, the people enjoy dancing at Christmastime. After midnight Mass on Christmas Eve, the streets quickly fill with dancers and onlookers.

**IN SWEDEN**, celebration of the Christmas season begins on St. Lucia's Day, December 13. Swedish children believe that elves help them with many holiday tasks.

**LATIN AMERICA**. The Christmas season lasts from December 16 until January 6 in Mexico.

Christmas time is a time to share with others, especially on our highways. Drive carefully if you travel.

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## STAR OF BETHLEHEM

By REV. W. C. RICHARDSON

Some nineteen hundred years ago on the Judean hills, one night sat a group of scribes discussing prophecies of the scripture about the Saviour that was to be born. And suddenly a multitude of angels began to sing and shout

"The Saviour is born in the City of David." They arose and went down to the city of Bethlehem to see this thing that had happened, and to carry gifts.

They left all their possessions to go and worship the Saviour.

This was the greatest gift that was ever given to men.

Another scene we see is the one of the three wise men, Gaspar, Melchior and Belshazzar, as they look for the star.

In my mind I can hear them sing as Mr. Adgar M. Pace, when he wrote the song, "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem."

"Oh, Beautiful Star of Bethlehem, shining afar through shadows dim, Giving a light for those who long have gone; And guiding the Wise Men on

their way  
Unto the place where Jesus lay.

"O beautiful star, the hope of light,

Guiding the pilgrims through the night,

Over the mountains 'til the break of dawn,

And into the light of perfect day,

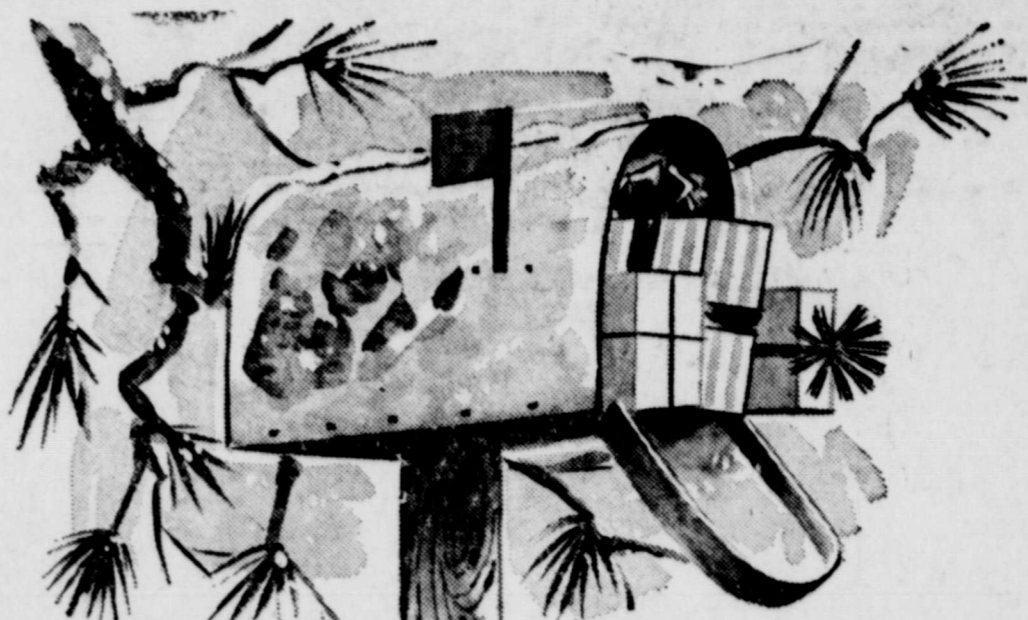
It will give out a lovely ray . . ."

Attend the church of your choice and realize the true meaning of Christmas.



A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

**Barnett  
Barber Shop**



## MERRY CHRISTMAS

Our message to you comes wrapped in the happy spirit of this gay holiday time!

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Peace to you

May the true meaning of Christmas peace abide with you and yours always.

## THE MERKEL MAIL

CHICK, CARL, BOBBY, JEAN, DAVID, PEGGY,  
BOB, TOM, FRITZ, ELAINE AND DAVE

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS



May all the joy and gladness of Christmas come to you and yours this Holiday Season!

## HIGGINBOTHAM - BARTLETT COMPANY

Raymond

Pat



Sincerest wishes for happy holiday times from the staff and management of

**THE GLAMOUR BAR**  
MERKEL



May every home be filled with joy at Christmas!

**JOHNSON'S 9TH ST. GROCERY AND CAFE**



May the season ring with gaiety & good cheer for all!

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At this holy season, may we take the opportunity to wish you every blessing! 146 XG '67 Form 18

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**'HE SHALL BE GREAT'**

By REV. DAVID MAHN  
"And behold, thou shalt bring forth a son and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great..." (Luke 1:31, 32)

As we come to another Christmas season, the world at large is still seeking for something "great." We are being constantly reminded that in order to be a success in this materialistic world we must somehow attain that mystical quality of "greatness." The leaders of the world are referred to as "great" men. While we have no right to question their claim to the title, we certainly do have the obligation to ourselves to consider what brings about true and lasting greatness.

The Scriptures tell us that Jesus was, is now, and shall forever

be great. Surely there is some reason which accounts for the marvelous possession of this quality which is so universally sought after, and so frequently eludes the seeker. Again, perhaps, there is a way by which all can achieve greatness if only it can be identified and followed. God would surely care enough about the objects of His creation to make it possible within His Divine plan for them to also be "great."

During His public ministry upon the earth, Jesus spoke these words as recorded in John 14:6. "... I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." From these words, and many others spoken by Him, we see that the only way to reach the Father is

through the Son. Therefore, God in His infinite wisdom HAS provided a way for all to achieve greatness.

Yes, men can become "great" today in the same way that true greatness has always been accomplished, namely by confessing their sins and asking the Saviour Jesus to forgive them. Salvation of the soul is not found at Bethlehem, but only after our Lord had gone on to Calvary was the price paid for our redemption.

Bethlehem was only the opening of the door which provided mankind with the only opportunity to escape the penalty of sin. While we should certainly rever the birth of Christ, we should not stop and waste precious time at the manger. Our thoughts and actions as grateful Christians should ever be those which would enthrone Him in our lives and present Him hopefully to those who have somehow missed both Bethlehem and Calvary.



With thanks to our many friends we say A Happy Holiday.

**HARDY GROCERY**  
ROYCE, JOY AND LINDA



from the folks down at

**VERNON MANSFIELD FARM AND RANCH SUPPLY**



Let us lift our hearts and voices in joyful song and prayer at this most holy season.

**FRED AND NAOMI STARBUCK**



With genuine appreciation of our pleasant acquaintance, Happy Holiday!

**COTTER SPEEDWASH**  
AT

120 No. 2nd IN MERKEL

—BERTHA COTTER



Let us all pray for peace... that it may reign throughout the earth now, at Christmas, and always.

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# CHRISTMAS—1967

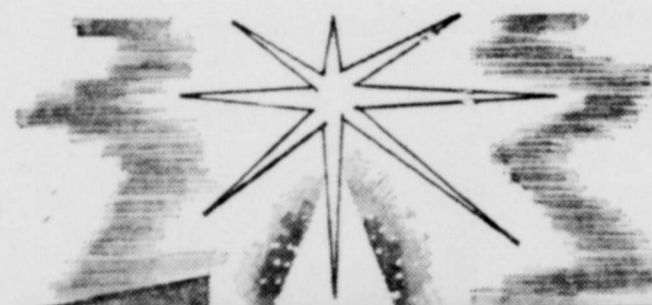
By REV. NEWTON DANIEL  
 "Joy to the World, the Lord Has  
 Come. Let Earth receive her  
 King."  
 With gladness we greet another

Christmas season . . . the time of  
 the year we celebrate the birth  
 of our Lord and Saviour.  
 What if Christ had not come?  
 What kind of a world would we be



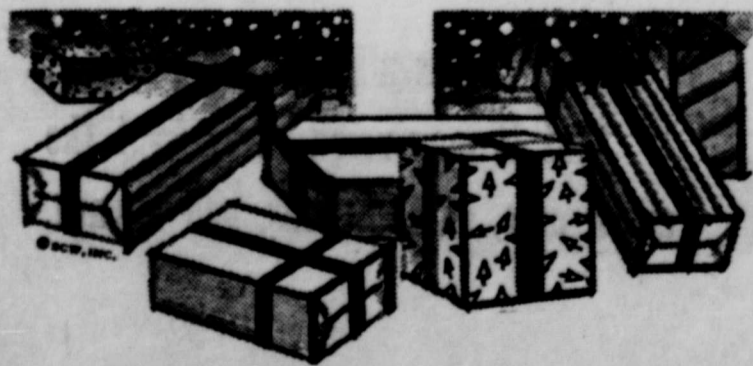
To our friends and patrons . . .  
 we wish you the best during the  
 coming Christmas and New Year

MELLINGER'S



## A BRIGHT CHRISTMAS

*Thank you one and all  
 for the gift of  
 your good friendship and  
 loyal patronage.  
 May we renew our pledge to  
 serve you faithfully  
 and extend to you and yours  
 a Merry Christmas.*



MINA WINTER BUTANE

living in?  
 "God so loved the world that  
 he gave his only begotten Son,  
 that whosoever believeth in Him  
 should not perish, but have ever-  
 lasting life." (John 3:16) God  
 loved us so he sent his only Son  
 from heaven as a gift to us.  
 We in turn, give gifts at this  
 time of year — gifts to loved  
 ones, to friends, and to the needy.  
 It is not necessary for the gifts  
 to be of material value. Sometime

the gift of friendship, an en-  
 couraging word, forgiveness, a  
 word of appreciation can mean  
 even more than a material gift.  
 These wonderful gifts we have  
 in abundance, may we be sure  
 to use them.  
 Let us recall the beautiful  
 poem by James D. Freeman, and  
 may we use it:

"Take time before Christmas  
 Day to go

A little way apart,  
 And with hands of prayer pre-  
 pare  
 The house that is your heart.

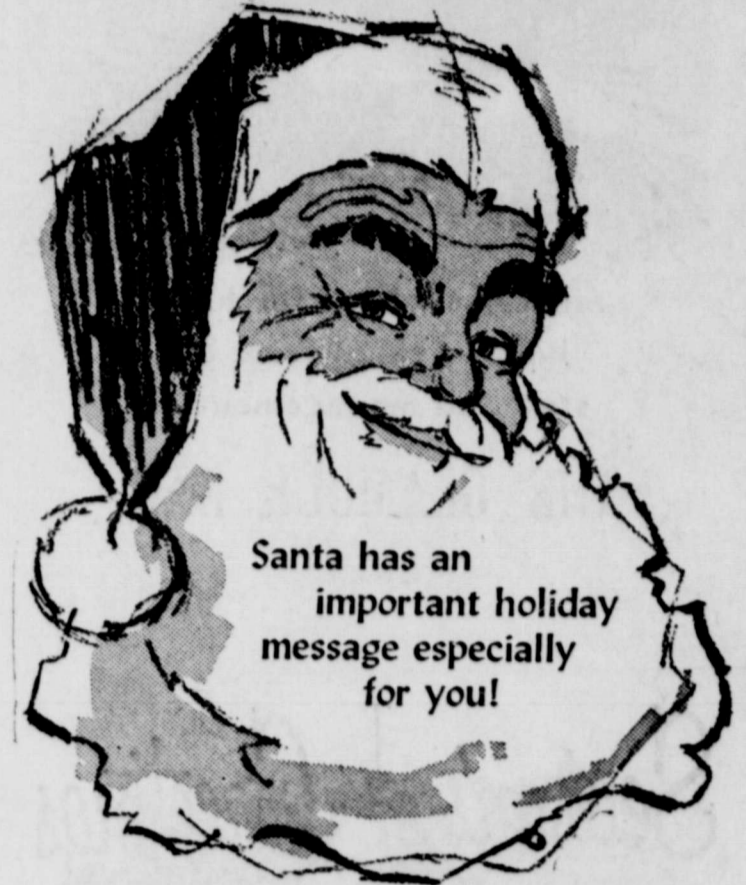
"Brush out the dusty fears,  
 brush out  
 The cobwebs of your care,  
 'Till in the house that is your  
 heart  
 It's Christmas everywhere.

"Light every window up with

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love,  
 And let your love shine through,  
 That they who walk with you  
 share  
 The blessed light with you.

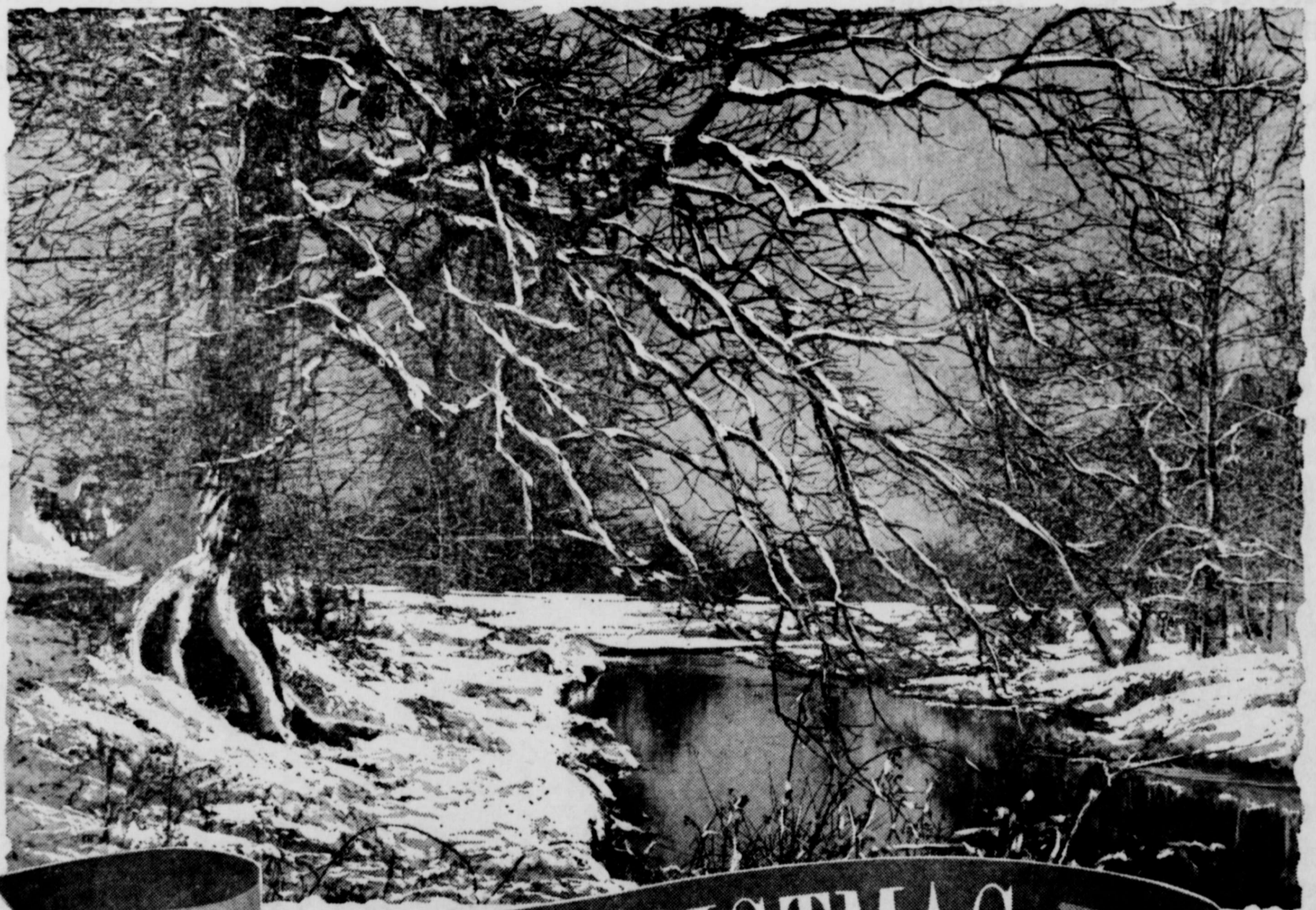
## GREETINGS!



Santa has an  
 important holiday  
 message especially  
 for you!

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM  
 ALL THE PEOPLE AT

BRAGG'S  
 ETHEL, FLORENCE, WANDA,  
 FERN AND MARY



It's that time of year . . . when winter  
 spreads its mantle over the countryside . . .  
 when thoughts turn to friendships old  
 and new, and good wishes are sent your way!

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