



CUSTODIANS OF KNOWLEDGE - The MHS senior librarians who recently spent two educational days in Austin, touring the University of Texas libraries as well as public school libraries are, from left, Billy Jackson, Vicki Biera, Betty Ascencio, Donna Phillips, Pat Moore and Larry Riney. They were accompanied by school librarian, Mrs. Ruth Windsor. (Staff Photo)

SENIOR LIBRARIANS STILL TALK ABOUT 'EXCITING' AUSTIN TRIP

Six Merkel High School seniors recently spent an exciting and educational two days in Austin. Librarians Betty Ascencio, Vicki Biera, Billy Black, Pat Moore, Donna Phillips, and Larry Riney went with their sponsor, Mrs. Ruth Windsor.

In an interview with the group, it was obvious that everyone had had an unforgettable experience.

"We thought we were going just to look at libraries," said Donna, "but it turned out that we saw over thirty places in Austin besides the six libraries we visited."

The people at the Oak Springs and Burnet libraries certainly were friendly to show us around — us being strangers, too," said Betty.

"I'll never see a card catalog bigger than that one in the University; or an elevator as small as the one we rode there in the stacks," commented Billy.

Pat recalled the Stark Rare Books Library with its beautiful and expensive setting and gilt edged volumes.

St. Mary's Cathedral was one of the most beautiful churches ever seen, agreed Vicki and Larry.

"But don't forget St. Luke's-on-the-Lake, the other church we saw, reminded Pat. "Remember that breathtaking view of Lake Austin from all those huge windows."

"Speaking of views," Donna said, "Don't forget the one of the whole city from on top of Mt. Bonnell."

"Counting those 98 steps to the top of the mountain was fun, too," said Larry.

"And part of the fun was because it was pitch dark night," laughed Billy.

"It was my favorite place," concluded Betty.

"Another beautiful view was from the top of the University tower — 30 floors high," reminded Larry.

The capitol looked so close and almost the whole town was below us," Billy added.

"That capitol was just fantas-

tic," from Vicki's viewpoint. Donna really expected Luci Johnson Nugent's home to be "bigger and prettier." Betty especially liked the East Mall Fountain at the University campus.

Larry enjoyed seeing Stephen F. Austin's grave in the State Cemetery, but Vicki said, "I don't like cemeteries on cloudy, rainy days; too depressing."

"The animal display in the Parks and Wildlife building was cute — so real looking," recalled Pat. "Especially the badger," commented patriarchic Vicki.

"That Oriental Garden in Zilker Park reminded me of the Sunken Gardens in San Antonio; it was neat," said Betty.

Vicki enthusiastically agreed with, "Man, it was beautiful! I'm going to go back there!"

"I liked the Swedish Log Cabin in that Park, too," added Larry. Billy commented on the many hippies seen: "I never saw so many long haired men in my life!"

Donna's reaction to them was, "They were just blah," but Betty remembered that many of them were clean and neat, though unshaved, "I'd never really seen

any before," she added. "and they weren't as bad as I expected — except the dirty ones."

Most of the group agreed, however, that the traffic jam around the University following the Arkansas game was a high point of the trip.

"All that honking and yelling and honk - 'em - horns signals! It was great," said Billy, "and the tower was beautiful in that orange light, too."

To Mrs. Windsor, a high point was the presentation of a large plush, pink cat from her students. It was soon named Bepabi Dolavi, after its donors.

Christmas Home Lighting Contest Winners Named

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Toombs, 1109 So. 9th was first place winner in the Merkel Chamber of Commerce's Home Lighting contest.

Winning second place was Mike Steck, 609 Cherry, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones, Kent Street, third.

Other entrants besides the first three winners named, are W. R. Cypert, 409 Oak; Fred Starbuck, 611 Oak; David Gamble, 701 Oak; Horace Hargrove, 712 Locust; Buddy Smith, 704 Locust, and Junior Clark, 1010 Locust.

Also W. G. Reed, 805 Ash; Pat Cypert, 807 Ash; Laverne Moore, 1406 Sunset; Horace Boney, 1412 Herring, Edith Kennedy, 504 Yucca, and Ed Read, Rt. 2.

"All homes entered are beautifully decorated and in keeping with the Christmas theme," said C-C president, Ray Wilson, "and while riding around during the pre - Christmas and Christmas holidays, be sure to see them all."

NOTICE

City Water Superintendent Robert Harris, said there would be no garbage pick up Thursday, Christmas Day.

"Thursday's pickup will be on Friday and Saturday," said Harris.

GOODFELLOW FUND GETS \$179 MORE

Additional donations this past week have pushed the Goodfellow fund drive to a total of \$345.18.

Goodfellow donations are used to provide clothing, food and gifts for needy persons in the city.

Letters, requesting assistance

in the form of clothes, food and toys continued to come to the Goodfellow fund, according to secretary, Mrs. William Cypert.

One such letter read in part: "I have five children and am not able to work this Christmas. My five children need clothes and food and they would like some toys too."

"We are very pleased with donations that have been coming in since Goodfellow was started two weeks ago," said chairman, Lawrence Hewitt. "We know we were running a little late, but Merkel people have always been good about helping this fund, and all the Goodfellow workers are most appreciative."

The Goodfellow Store at the Masonic building on Edwards Street (Just south of Hicks Auto Supply) was opened Tuesday and will be open all day Tuesday for people who need to get clothing and toys.

Contributions

Christine Collins	10.00
Mrs. Mabel Easterwood	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. James T. Russell	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Russell	10.00
Carson Super Market	25.00
West Texas Utilities Co.	10.00
Rev. N. S. Daniel	8.00
Mrs. George Moore	10.00
Farmers and Merchants National Bank Employees	19.00
Ted and Hazel Pargament	10.00
Merkel Duplicate Bridge Club	25.00
Methodist Key Sunday School Class	15.00
Collection Jar at F&M Bank	12.18
TOTAL	\$179.18
Previously Acknowledged	\$166.00
	\$345.18

FARMERS, RANCHERS COMPLETE PROJECTS


Nineteen farmers and ranchers in Taylor County, two in Callahan County, and three in Jones County, that are worked by the Abilene Work Unit of the Soil Conservation Service have completed Great Plains Conservation Program contracts on their farms and ranches, according to Mickey Black. Their contracts expire December 31, 1969. These farmers and ranchers are: H. N. Davis, W. G. Pritchett and James F. Demory, Nan S. Gullaborn, W. B. Decker, Jimmy Partin, Robert Stephan, A. G. Stephan, Bradley Cox, J. C. Jacobs, Frank Harrel.

Frank Fite, Charles Trull, A. E. Hohertz, George Minter Frank Bell and Frank Fite, Loy Jackson, Bert Helm and E. B. Yeatts of Taylor County, Darrell Knight and V. H. Shultz of Callahan County, Donald Strole, C. F. Hill and Geneva H. Cunningham of Jones County, states Black.

Since the Great Plains program started in 1953, 166 farmers and ranchers, working with the Abilene Work Unit of the SCS, have participated in the program. This covers 110,735 acres of land. Of this number, 95 for 61,004 acres have completed a Great Plains Contract on their farms and ranches.

The Great Plains Conservation Program is a voluntary one. Its core is a complete soil and water conservation plan based on soil, plant conditions, the available water supply and the problems and needs of the farmer or rancher. A farmer or rancher can get cost-share assistance to apply a complete soil and water conservation plan at a stepped - up pace. This gives him the best drought defense that science and farmer-rancher experience have been able to work out, according to Black.

OPERATION MOTORCIDE CHRISTMAS 1969

54  **?**

6 P.M. DEC. 24 — **MIDNIGHT DEC. 28**

The Texas Department of Public Safety estimates that 54 persons will be killed in traffic accidents during the Christmas holiday period from 6 p.m. Wednesday, December 24 to midnight Sunday, December 28. DPS officials are joining with the Governor's highway safety program in urging Texans to "Drive Friendly" during the holidays and stay alive for the seventies.

Merkel Men Give Special Yule Message

Somebody has to work in Merkel on Christmas Day and New Years, too.

At least three of these people who are on duty during the holidays hope they don't have to lift a finger. This is not laziness; it is just the way the police chief, the fire chief and the ambulance driver have of wishing you a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Det. W. W. Adcock, fire chief; Mike Briley, police chief, and

Fred Starbuck, ambulance service, for Merkel could find the holidays some of their hardest days.

Statistics show that the Christmas season is one of great temptation for potential thieves. Chief Briley cautions motorists not to leave keys and packages in cars and to lock automobiles if they are going to be parked for long. Visiting friends and family during the Christmas season is part of the holiday fun, but often trips

are planned on too tight a schedule. Starbuck suggests that you plan trips to give adequate time on the highway and not try to "make up time" on the road. Better to lose time than life on a dark winter road due to poor driving conditions.

Most people do more driving than usual during the holiday season. Be sure to check the brakes, lights and wipers on your car, advises Starbuck. An accident due to faulty equipment can be a bad experience on a cold winter's night.

Adcock said fires at any time are tragic but seem to cut more deeply at Christmas. Adcock pointed out that many Yule fires are caused by electrical circuits being overloaded, by material that will catch fire being too close to hot Christmas decoration, or by Christmas gift wrappings catching fire from a lighted cigarette or open flame.

A Christmas tree can certainly help to make the season bright, but some precautions should be taken, says Adcock. Check all lights for frayed wires and short circuits. Discard home - repaired and other dangerous electrical equipment. A few bulbs can go a long way toward brightening the season and save electrical circuits unwanted strain.

Christmas presents are a great way to share the holiday joy, but loose wrappings and paper can become a real fire hazard, warns the fire chief. Christmas morning confusion can have the house in an uproar and a lighted match or cigarette that is carelessly dropped in the wrappings can have the memento collector, store these "goodies" in a safe place.

Meanwhile from Austin the Texas Safety Association says Texans at Christmas can at least double their chances for survival and a happy holiday by not riding in the car with a drunk driver or not being a drunk driver or walker themselves.

Records show that a driver is 25 times more apt to crash when he is drunk.

Drinking drivers will easily cause half of the holiday smash-ups fatalities and injuries a predicted by national studies.

Furthermore one out of two pedestrians killed by autos will be drunk, no matter if the fatal driver is sober.

AT TRENT FFA LIVESTOCK SHOW IS DECEMBER 31

Judging for the Trent FFA and 4-H Livestock Show will begin at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, with the poultry division.

Following in order will be judging of sheep, beef cattle, swine and will conclude with the horse show, according to v - ag teacher, Albert Maberry.

Superintendents for this year's show are John Hamner and Clovis McElmurray, Junior superinten-

dent will be Johnny Jones, T. C. Blankenship, vocational agriculture teacher at Hamlin, will be overall judge.

"We're expecting approximately 125 entries with the swine department having the strongest part of the show," said Maberry.

Showmanship trophy will be presented by Taylor Electric Cooperative.

The Trent Community Club is sponsoring the Livestock Show.



WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS — And that is the Christmas message coming this year from the three pretty winners in the Miss Merry Christmas contest sponsored by the Merkel Chamber of Commerce. They are, from left, Cindy Wiley, high school; Debbie Fincher, elementary, and Jan Melton, primary. (Staff Photo)

Greetings From the Burlasons

Ruth and I are pleased to be asked to join with the other officials in extending Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes to the many fine people in the Merkel area, by way of The Merkel Mail. We hope your Holiday Season will be a Joyous one and that the New Year will bring Happiness and prosperity for all. Sincerely,

OMAR AND RUTH BURLESON

We Wish You A Merry Christmas...

Disabled Vets Given Party

Karl Bonneaux, commander of WWI Barracks 2248, and Mrs. Bonneaux, president of Ladies

Auxiliary, went to the Veterans Hospital in Big Spring and joined the Abilene Barracks and Auxiliary in joint effort in having a party for the disabled veterans.

Abilene distributed approximately 100 packages, coffee, cookies and fruit. The Merkel - Trent Barracks distributed \$1.00 bills

in Christmas folders (\$39.00 in all).

The Bonneaux were accompanied by Mrs. L. J. Renfro, V.A.V.S., chairman

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 same are not libelous, in good taste, and they must be signed.

Dear Editor,

At this Christmas season we want to express our thanks to the Taylor Electric Cooperative for letting our World War I Barracks and the Ladies Auxiliary

meet in their building. We appreciate so much the courtesy they have shown us.

As a non-profit organization, we are more than appreciative of having a nice, warm place in the winter time and a cool place in the summer to meet — rent free.

May we say to the entire staff

at Taylor Electric, a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,
Karl Bonneaux,
Commander WWI Merkel-Trent Barracks
Mrs. Karl Bonneaux,
President Ladies Auxiliary.



Do your share for freedom
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We wish our friends and patrons a very merry Christmas... may your holidays ring with good cheer and plenty!

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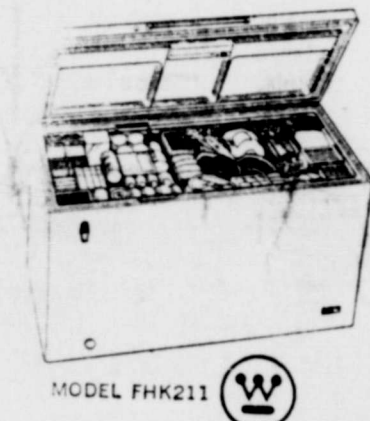
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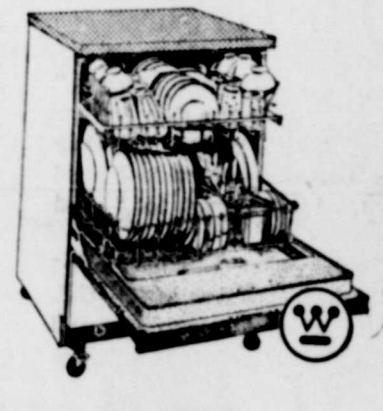
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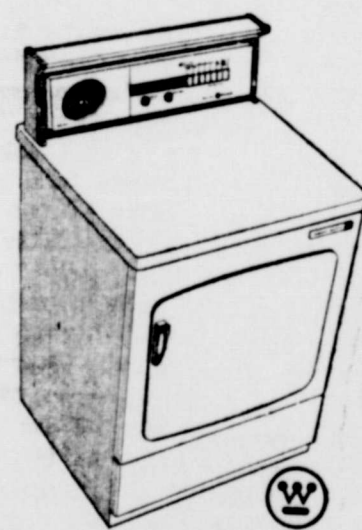
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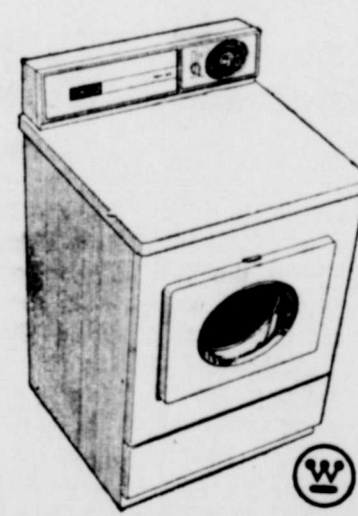
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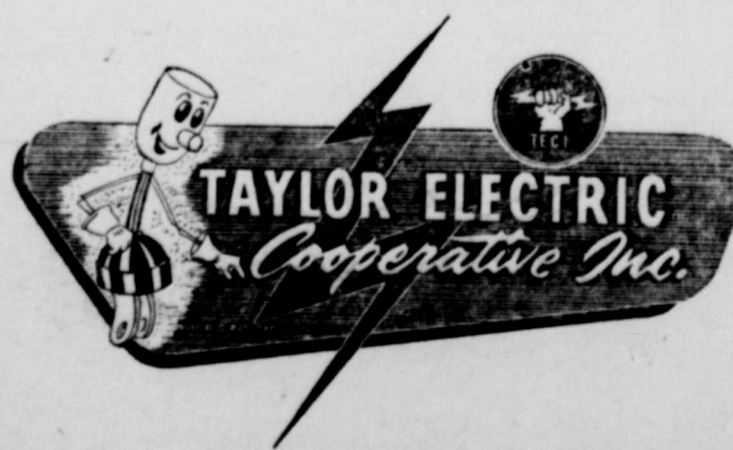


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GREETINGS!



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Put Away Toys For Rainy Days

What to do if your pre-schooler receives too many toys for Christmas? It's a familiar problem — especially for families with one child or the first grandchild. When a preschooler has too many new toys to play with he may become frustrated, unable to decide which one to play with first. Or he may try to play with them all, and not reap much benefit or enjoyment from any of them.

The solution, according to Play-school research, is to put some away temporarily, and to do it immediately, before your child has an opportunity to miss them. They'll be so much more appreciated on some future "rainy day."

In deciding which ones to store, take into account his present interests and level of development as well as the variety, size, and play value of the new toys. Toys which are too advanced for him should be put away until he's ready for them. Extra action toys will be a perfect surprise for that day when he (and you) are housebound and bored. A quiet game type toy or puzzle is just right for when he's in bed with a cold.

Christmas lets for several months when wise parents distribute toys from generous Santas to best help their pre-schoolers discover his world through play.



Christmas Greetings

May all Yuletide Joys be Yours

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Oh Holy Night

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Greetings

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- For Rent -

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R RENT — 2 furnished apartments. One 1 bedroom \$50. One bedroom \$65. Bills paid. Call 3-5577 or see Mrs. H. R. Mciever, 301 Bunbels. 39 ff

- For Sale -

FOR SALE — Geese. Good for Christmas eating. Call Clarence Melton, Nubia. 846-4332. 42 2tp

FOR SALE — Good gas range, 405 Locust, Call 928-5272. 42 2tp

FOR SALE — Used Westinghouse dryer, Mrs. Alton Doan, phone 928-4963. 42 2tp

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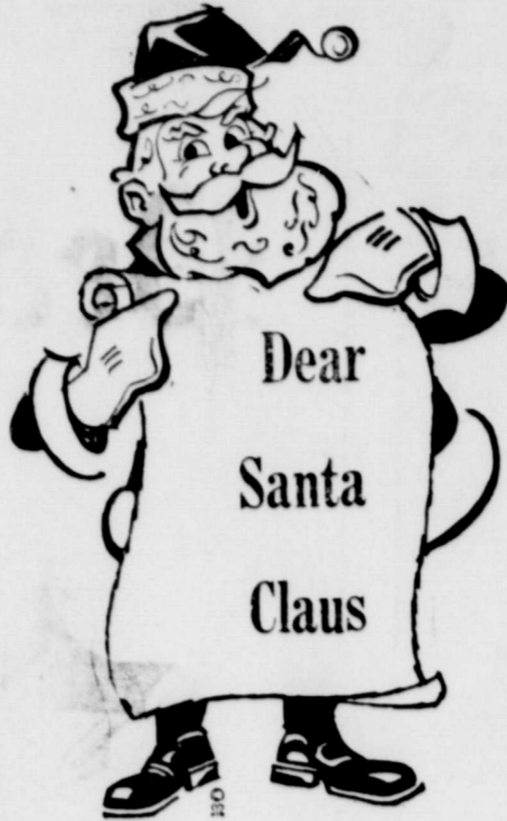
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Our very best
holiday wishes to you
Hicks Auto Supply



Dear
Santa
Claus

That time's almost here, all you "good little boys and girls," when Santa will be slipping down your chimney, your window or through your door.

Remember — THAT NIGHT — you must get to bed early, for Santa has a long trip to make and lots of stops for there's been just lots and lots of good little boys and girls this year.

Here's some more letters and with the ones he's already got — directly to him — and through the Merkel Mail — we know he's going to have to start early and that last stop will be just before sun up Christmas morning.

Dear Santa,

How are you, I hope you are fine.

I have been a good boy this year. I stayed home with mother tonight so she wouldn't be scared. I have already told you what I want for Christmas. (I want a big wheel).

Well, bye, bye. See you Christmas. I'll leave something on the table for you.

Love,
Chris (Mashburn)

Dear Santa:

Sure hope you're feeling fine right now. I won't get to see you when you come Christmas Eve, but I told you what I wanted when you came to the parade. Just in case you had so many talking, I'll tell you again. I want a B-B gun, a red wagon, a bicycle (I'm a boy) and

CARD OF THANKS

OUR HEARTFELT THANKS to all who extended comforting sympathy and help in our recent sorrow. For the logistic service, for a offering, visits and prayers and your many other kindnesses, we are deeply grateful.

Pat and Margo McAllister

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FOR SALE
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Letters To Santa Claus

for you Christmas night. My stocking will be on the fireplace and daddy will leave the door unlocked.

I love you,
Cindy

Dear Santa:

I want a twister and a Crissy doll. And lolypop maker. And some boots please. I am in the 2nd grade. I'm 7 years old. Dec. 17, 1939, phone 928-5027, town, Merkel, Texas, 1523 Heath Street.

Love
Lisa (Shugart)

Rev. Juan Nix To Be Honored

Sunday, Dec. 28, there will be a reception following the evening service, honoring the Rev. Juan Nix and family, according to First Baptist Church pastor, the Rev. Kenneth Jones.

Rev. Nix, pastor of the Bethel Mission will be conducting his last service at the Mission on Dec. 28.

Rev. Jones invites all friends of the Juan Nix family to attend the reception.

a football helmet.

Love,
Jimmy

Dear Santa:

I will have some milk and fruit cake (my mommy baked it)



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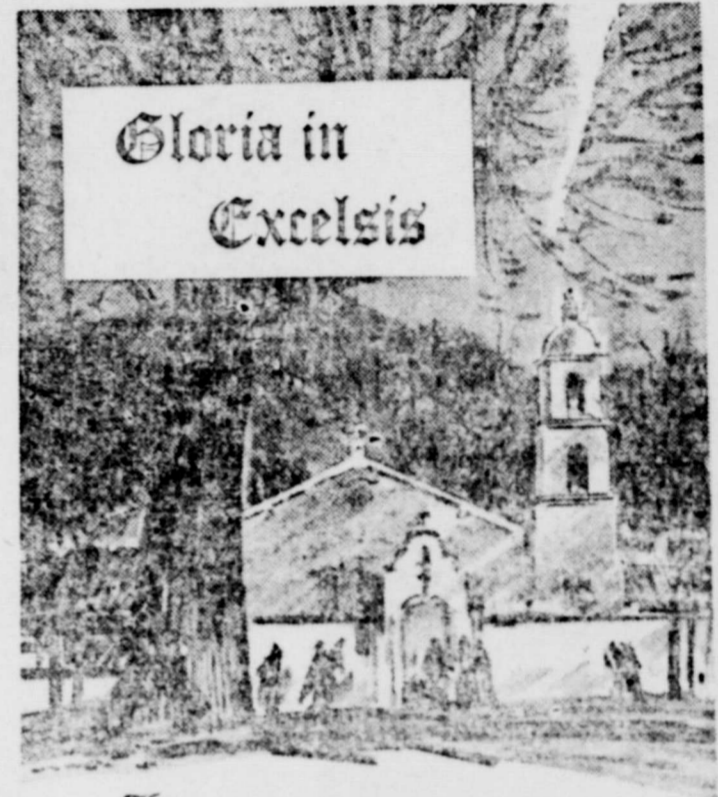
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May the season bloom with joy!

Bill's Flowers

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**Merkelite Gets
ASA Membership**

Fred Perry, Merkel, has been accepted into the membership of

the American Shorthorn Association, according to C. D. Swaffer, executive secretary. The American Shorthorn Association, with national offices in Omaha, Neb., registers, transfers and promotes Shorthorn and Polled Shorthorn



Best of the Holidays to you!

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A JOYOUS GREETING TO ONE AND ALL!
MAY YOUR HOLIDAY RING WITH LAUGHTER!

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Peace on Earth



May the spiritual gifts of
love and understanding be
with you and yours this Christmas.

from the staff of the
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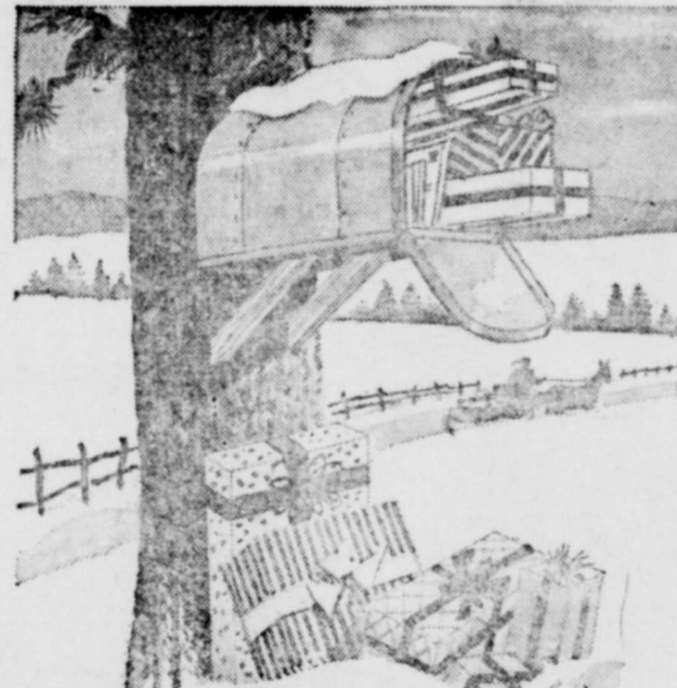
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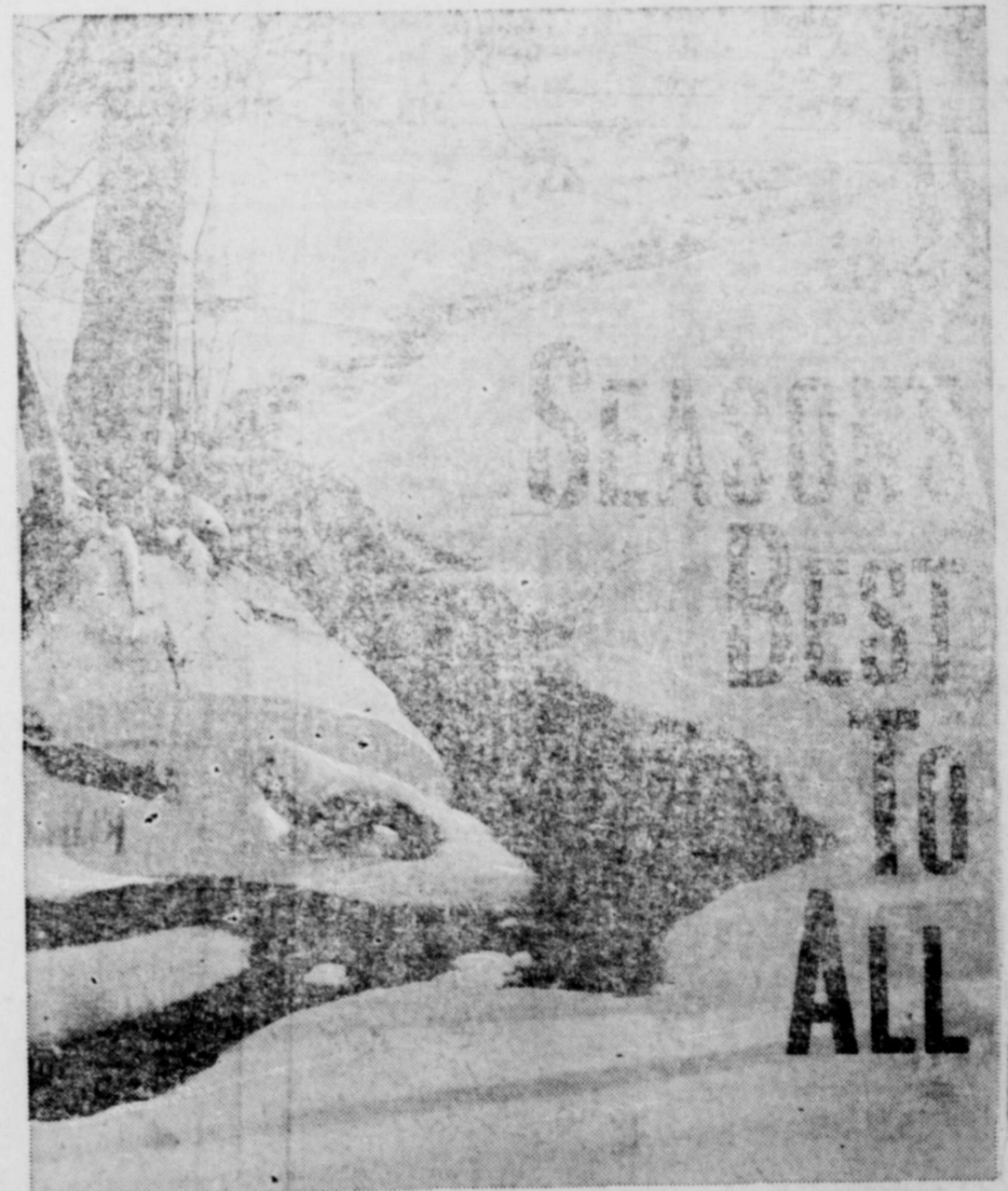
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HOLIDAY GREETINGS!

And a very sincere thank you

Irven Thompson



SEASONS
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TO
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We would like to thank you, our loyal
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It has been a real pleasure serving all of you.



It's time
to greet our many
friends and wish them the best!

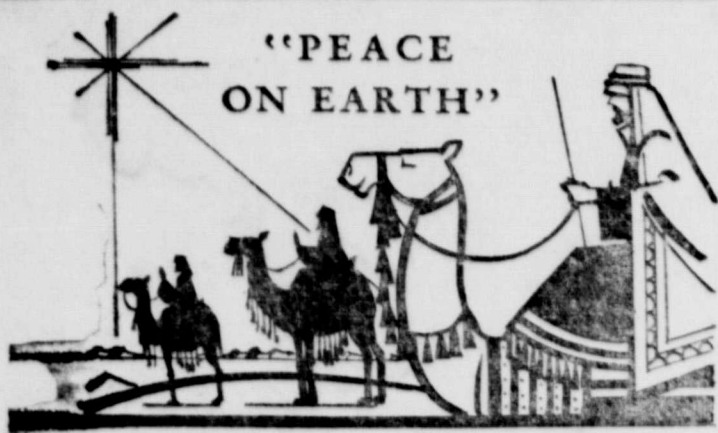
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Greetings

May you "see" your way to Happiness

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JOY TO ALL!



Wishing you peace at
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Fred and Naomi Starbuck

Christmas
Greetings...



... to all our fine customers!
We hope your holiday stocking
is stuffed with lots of goodies!
Best wishes from everyone at

PALMER MOTORS

T.D.P.S.:

HOLIDAY ACCIDENTS CAN BE PREVENTED

AUSTIN — The director of the Texas Department of Public Safety today estimated that traffic crashes in Texas over the Christmas and New Year holiday periods may claim as many as 87 lives.

Col. Wilson E. Speir said 54 deaths are expected in the Christmas period beginning at 6 p.m. Christmas Eve to midnight Sunday, Dec. 23. It also is estimated 33 traffic deaths will occur during the New Year holidays from 6 p.m. New Year's Eve to midnight Sunday, Jan. 4.

"We urge each individual driver to accept the challenge of proving our estimates are too high," Speir said. "Many holiday ac-

cidents can be prevented if Texans will drive safely and realize that no one is immune to a traffic crash."

Speir also announced that the Department of Public Safety will place all available patrolmen on the highways during the holidays to enforce the law and aid motorists. He said a special "Operation Motorcycle" would be in effect over both holiday periods, during which periodic tabulations of traffic fatalities will be made and given the widest possible dissemination in order to focus public attention to the added dangers involved in holiday travel.

Basketball Schedule

December 29, 30 Stamford Tournament Boys

- JANUARY**
2 Coleman (here) A & B Boys and Girls — 5:00
6 Hamlin (there) A & B Boys, A Girls — 5:00
3 & 10 Merkel B Team Tournament
9 Stamford (here) A & B Boys — 6:15
13 Ballinger (there) A & B Boys — 6:15
16 Haskell (there) A & B Boys and A Girls — 5:00
20 Haskell (here) A Boys, A 1 B Girls non district — 5:00
22, 23, 24 Albany B Team Tournament
23 Anson (there) A & B Boys, A Girls — 5:00
27 Winters (here) A & B Boys A Girls — 5:00
30 Coleman (there) A & B Boys A Girls — 5:00
FEBRUARY
3 Hamlin (here) A & B Boys, A Girls — 5:00
6 Stamford (there) A & B Boys — 6:15
10 Rotan (here) B Girls — 4:45
10 Ballinger (there) A & B Boys — 6:15
13 Haskell (here) A & B Boys, A Girls — 5:00

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Thom McAninch

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — Marine First Lieutenant Thomas W. McAninch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. McAninch of Rt. 2, and husband of the former Miss Carolyn S. Anderson of 507 Manchester St., all of Merkel, is serving with the Second Battalion, Third Marine Regiment at Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

The Battalion is a unit of the newly formed Fifth Marine Expeditionary Brigade.

He will serve as a member of the Brigade's Regimental Landing Team.

Billye G. Gant

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Doctor (Colonel) Billye G. Gant, son of Mr. Sallie E. Gant of 602 Yucca, Merkel, has received the U.S. Air Force Commendation Medal for meritorious service at K. I. Sawyer AFB, Mich.

Dr. Gant was cited for his outstanding professional skill, knowledge and leadership in the performance of his duties as commander of the 808th Medical Group.

He was presented the medal during ceremonies at Nellis AFB, Nev., where he now serves as the 47th Tactical Hospital commander.

Dr. Gant, whose father, Ed

Gant, resides at 2907 Cotton, Mobile, Ala., is a 1938 graduate of Merkel High School. He earned his B.S. degree in 1949 from McMurry College, Abilene, and his M.D. degree in 1953 from Baylor University College of Medicine in Houston. The doctor is a member of Alpha Kappa Kappa.

His wife, Betty, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Maahs of 826 E. Winnebago, Appleton, Wis.



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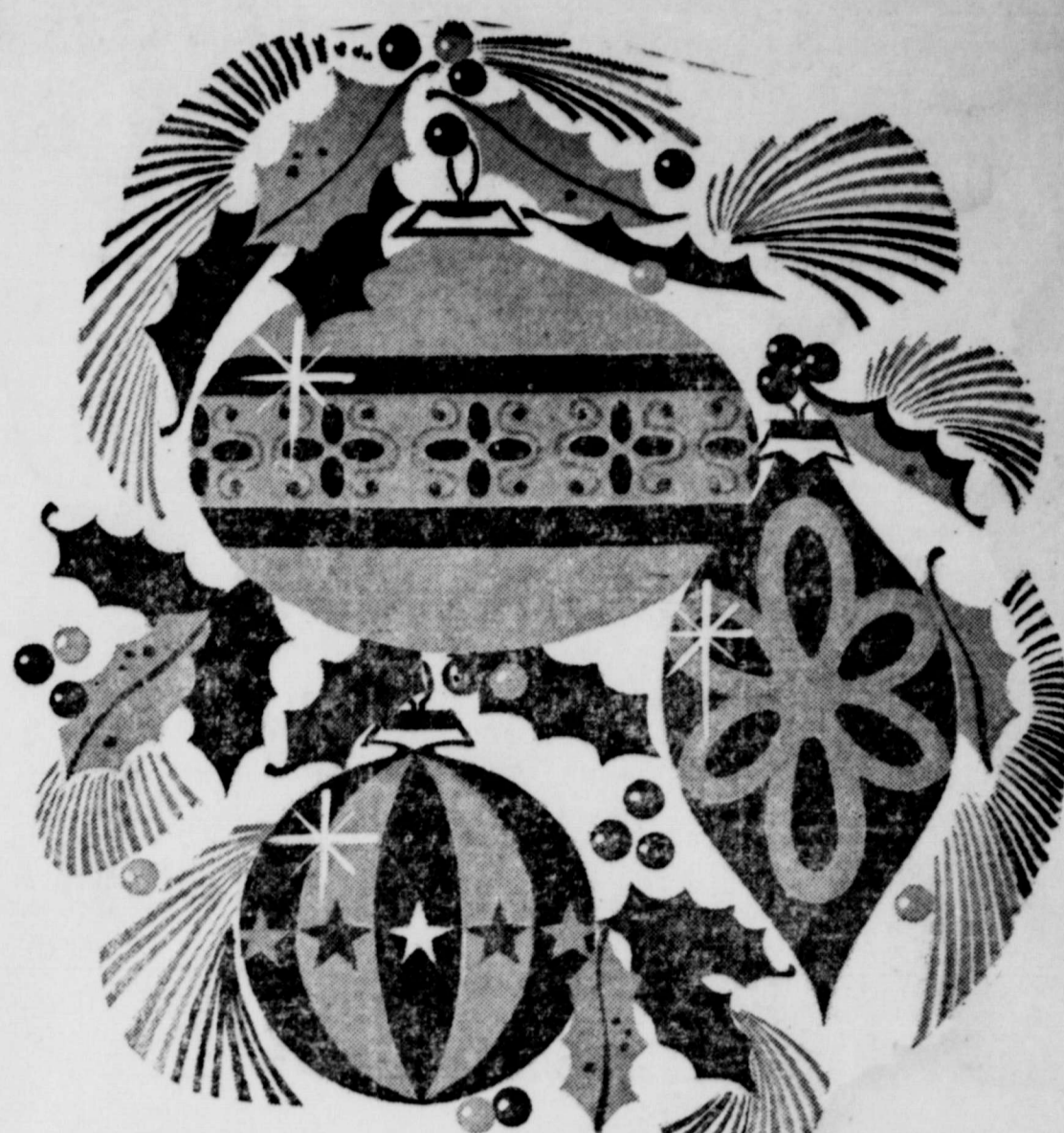
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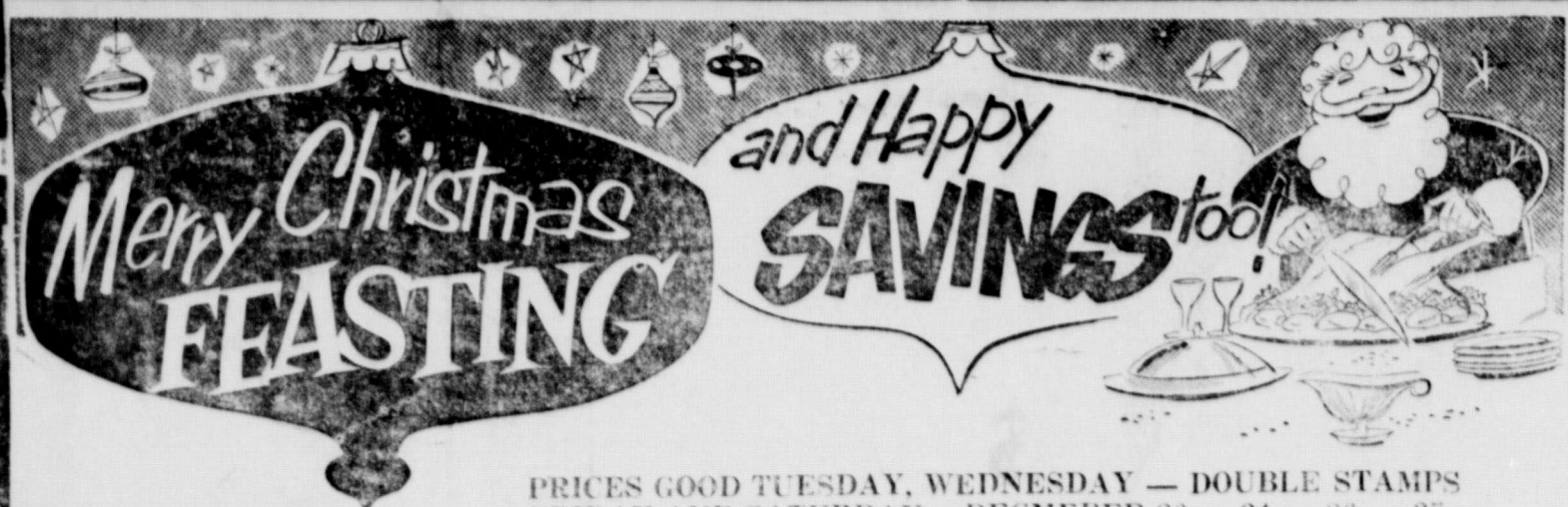
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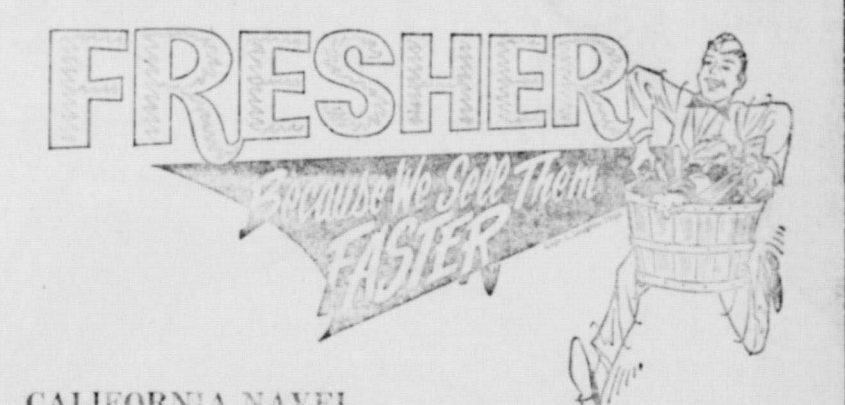
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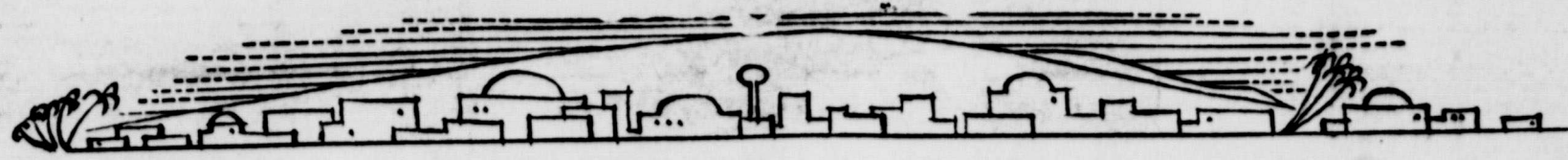
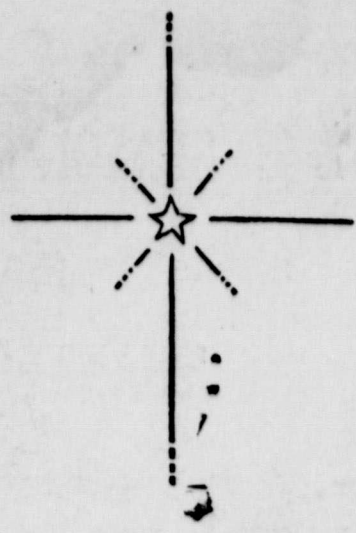
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As we listen to the beloved hymns and carols of Christmas, our thoughts travel to another time, another place. With the shepherds, we hear the heavenly host announce the glad tidings...with the Wise Men, we follow the Star of Bethlehem...with Joseph and Mary, we gaze in wonder at the Holy Babe. He is born again in our songs...and in our hearts.

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REV. JONES:

'MERRY CHRISTMAS' MEANS SO MUCH

"Merry Christmas!" These two words will be heard, spoken, written, or read by all of us in the days just ahead. These words are time-honored manner of expressing to others our sentiments concerning the holiday season.

But what do they mean? What really prompts us to wish someone a "Merry Christmas?" Do we really give thought to the meaning of the words? Other words can be used in place of the word "merry" — such as, "glad," "joyful," "delightful," "jovial."

Holy Night



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or "happy" — though we have reserved that word, "happy" for use at the New Year season. Our wish, of course, is that others will experience the kind of Christmas that will bring joy and happiness. Certainly Christmas should be such a time! Sadness at Christmas just seems "out of place," doesn't it? And yet, in spite of all our cheery greetings and great hopes, there will be those who will experience sadness at Christmastime this year. Is not there some greeting — some message — that we can give them? Yes, I think there is, and it is my hope that these brief sentences will help carry that message.

In the past year, God has seen fit to call unto the heavenly home a large number of people in our community. Family circles have been broken, and precious relationships have come to an end. We miss their presence, but most especially will they be missed at this Christmas time. Memories of past Christmases, happy, merry Christmases will flood our hearts. With the memories will come sadness, unless — unless we can capture the real meaning of this holy day.

Let us not forget the message of the angel to Joseph, in Matthew 1:23, "... and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, GOD WITH US." These three words are yours to hold on to.

But there is another thought that can bring precious peace to those whose family circles have been broken in the past year: Because of Christmas — because of the birth of Emmanuel, GOD WITH US — it was possible for our loved ones to be WITH GOD! Were it not for Christ's coming and dying for us, being WITH GOD could never have been possible!

I believe that the redeemed of God, whom God has called unto

himself this past year, will experience for the first time the true meaning of Christmas. One word tells the story — PEACE! He who is the Prince of Peace has left us a promise which is all the more meaningful at Christmas: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: — let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." (John 14:27) And so, our message — God's message — to those whose Christmas will be "different" this year, is this: "GOD WITH US . . . PEACE!"

GREETINGS OF THE SEASON



May the spirit of brotherly love illuminate every heart and home at Christmastime.

Mina Winter Butane

'TIS THE SEASON OF BEST WISHES and THANKFULNESS

You have made the Year 1969 such a wonderful and happy one for the patients at Starr Nursing Home and for me. Your thoughtfulness toward us has been overwhelming and we are all so deeply grateful.

Our Season's Greetings and Gratitude

are extended to one and all. Especially to all of our ministers for their visits, our churches for their services, the Salvation Army, farmers, ranchers, business men, housewives, civic clubs, doctors, young people in grade and high schools, FFA, FHA, and to every one, individually and as an organization, we say to you:

THANK YOU AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS

MARY OUTLAW

Starr Nursing Home



Merry Christmas

The feeling and atmosphere generated by these happy days prompts us to truly thank each of our friends for all the kind thoughts, understanding and help we have been given during the past year; it prompts us to say thank you for your patronage, but more importantly, for your friendship.

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REV. MERRELL:

CHRISTMAS . . . AN ART IN GIVING

At Christmas time, we think about giving and receiving more than the rest of the year. There is an art in giving that comes out of realistic caring, by finding out the new which we can best meet. Someone has said "It's hard to give to someone who has everything." No one has

everything. Often for children the needs are the small or big "things" that are important in their lives and very often after often after they get the "thing" they soon realize that "things" do not satisfy the longing within the heart.

The often quoted scripture John 3:16-17 is the best example of giving I know. "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world but that the world might be saved through him."

The Christian is expected to do acts of righteousness. These acts of kindness take on many different deeds. Sometimes it may be taking an unpopular stand for or against an issue. Sometimes it is giving food, clothing and shelter to those in that need. All the time Christian giving is doing these deeds of kindness that we can do in visiting, sharing our Christian experiences, listening with the physical ear and with the heart (the spiritual ear).

God gave His Son to a world where only a few listened and because of these few, we celebrate the birth of Christ, anew, every year. Praying that Christ's birth shall become the spiritual birth in every heart.

There is also an art in receiving. First, we have to consider the giver. Someone said "the gift without the giver is bare." So truly the give should be our first thought. Ten men received the gift of being healed of leprosy, only

one returned to thank the Giver. Always we are to thank God the "giver of all good gifts" no matter who He has to carry the gift.

I saw a little child deeply hurt because the receiver did not accept the material gift, the gift was an expression of his love. A marriage was hurt because the gift was not accepted. Always the giver is more important than the gift.

We think of Jesus Christ as God's gift, God supreme gift to us. Jesus said "he who receives anyone I send receives me and he who receives me, receives Him who sent me." This is Christmas. May you receive and be God's gift and be received this Merry Christmas.

REV. SINCLAIR:

SIMPLICITY . . . THIS SPECIAL DAY

Each Christmas many words are spoken and written on the meaning of this special day. And within all these words, the real, vital message of the Day slips away. It becomes lost because those who do the talking about Christmas ignore the simplicity of the Day. The — really we — get lost in a maze of stars and angels and shepherds and wise men on the way to the manger.

So what is the simple message

of Christmas? It is that God became one with us. Emmanuel, a Hebrew word, meaning God with us, became a living reality at Christmas. This God with us talk is a departure from the religious

quest of mankind, for most religious talk is about men going up to God. But the whole talk of the Bible is just the reverse. In Scripture, we find the record of God coming to man, and this coming of God reached its climax when God became one with us in Jesus Christ.

John's Gospel was written for the pagan Greek speaking world. In fact, the first chapter of John reads almost like something from first century Greek philosophy. It reads like philosophy until the 14th

verse, and then the departure takes place. "The word became flesh," it reads, and for a man seeking God that's a radical statement. It is a reversal of the pagan religious quest in every age. But that is what separates the Christian tradition from other religions. We do not seek after God, for he comes to us. This is the simple message of Christmas.

On this Day, we celebrate the event, the person, who became one with us, God's Son, Jesus Christ.



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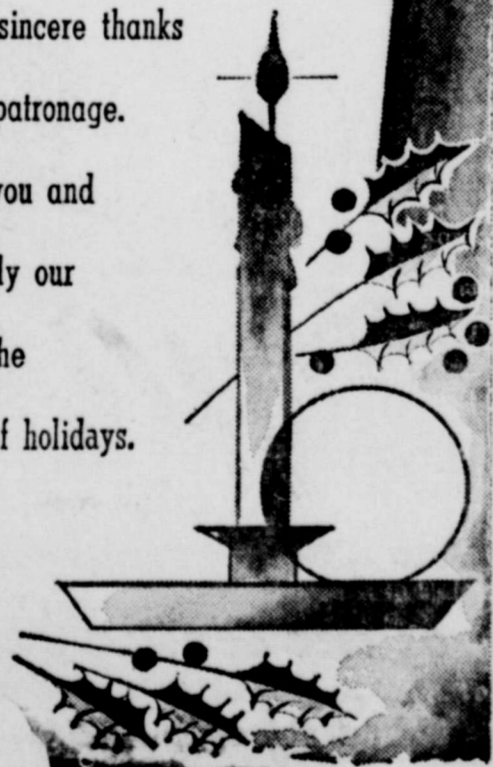
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BILLY PATTON:

JESUS' BIRTH . . . A WONDERFUL STORY

"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wisemen from the east to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is he that is born King of the Jews?'" (Matt. 2:1, 2.)

We don't know much about these wise men, not even their names are revealed in scriptures nor how many there were. We know they found a baby in a manger crib and they presented gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. We also know there were shepherds and we know they found themselves surrounded by the sound of music and singing in the field.

But . . . what a story! No dramatist could ever have devised it. Only God could have thought of it. If it had been man's bringing into the world such a child, they wouldn't have had him born in a stable amid the cows and sheep, . . . the very idea! He would have been born in some swanky apartment on Park Avenue. But God . . . when He wanted to redeem the human race, all He did was lay a Baby on the doorstep of the world, and Mankind took this Baby to their hearts.

The thing that Jesus the Christ did in this world, and is doing

now, is to teach us that the right is good; that the truth always prevails; that truth, crushed to earth, shall rise again, and that wrong will not endure nor turn out right.

But we must ask, 'Why was Jesus born?'

Jesus gave the answer: "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." (John 10:10).

"Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for man." (Matt. 20:28).

Jesus was born to die! And he te'd us to REMEMBER that . . . (Matt. 26:26-30). Why did Jesus die? (1) To fulfill and take away the Law given on Mt. Sinai that he might establish his own covenant, (2) To make possible the church, (3) So we could be reconciled to God, (4) To redeem us (pay the price for sin), (5) To die as a propitiation.

A man was asked, 'Could you summarize in one sentence the essence of the Christian Faith?' His answer: "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so."

The secret of the greatest man who was ever born is that He loves you, and He showed how much His Father loves you also.



YOUR AVON REPRESENTATIVE AND FRIEND

FRANK CALHOUN:

CHRISTMAS . . . A WONDERFUL TIME

Isn't Christmas a wonderful time of the year? And, isn't it wonderful to be a Christian?

When the trees go up, the lights come on, Children get increasingly excited and the shopping crowds get heavier, I think again - what it is all about, and one man, one solitary life.

He was born in an obscure village. He worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty. He then became an itinerant preacher. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a house. He didn't go to college. He had no credentials but himself. He was only thirty-three when the public turned against him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to his enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While he was dying, his executioners gambled for his clothing, the only property he had

on earth. He was laid in a borrowed grave. Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today He is the central figure of the human race. All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that ONE SOLITARY LIFE.

Merry Christmas,
FRANK W. CALHOUN,
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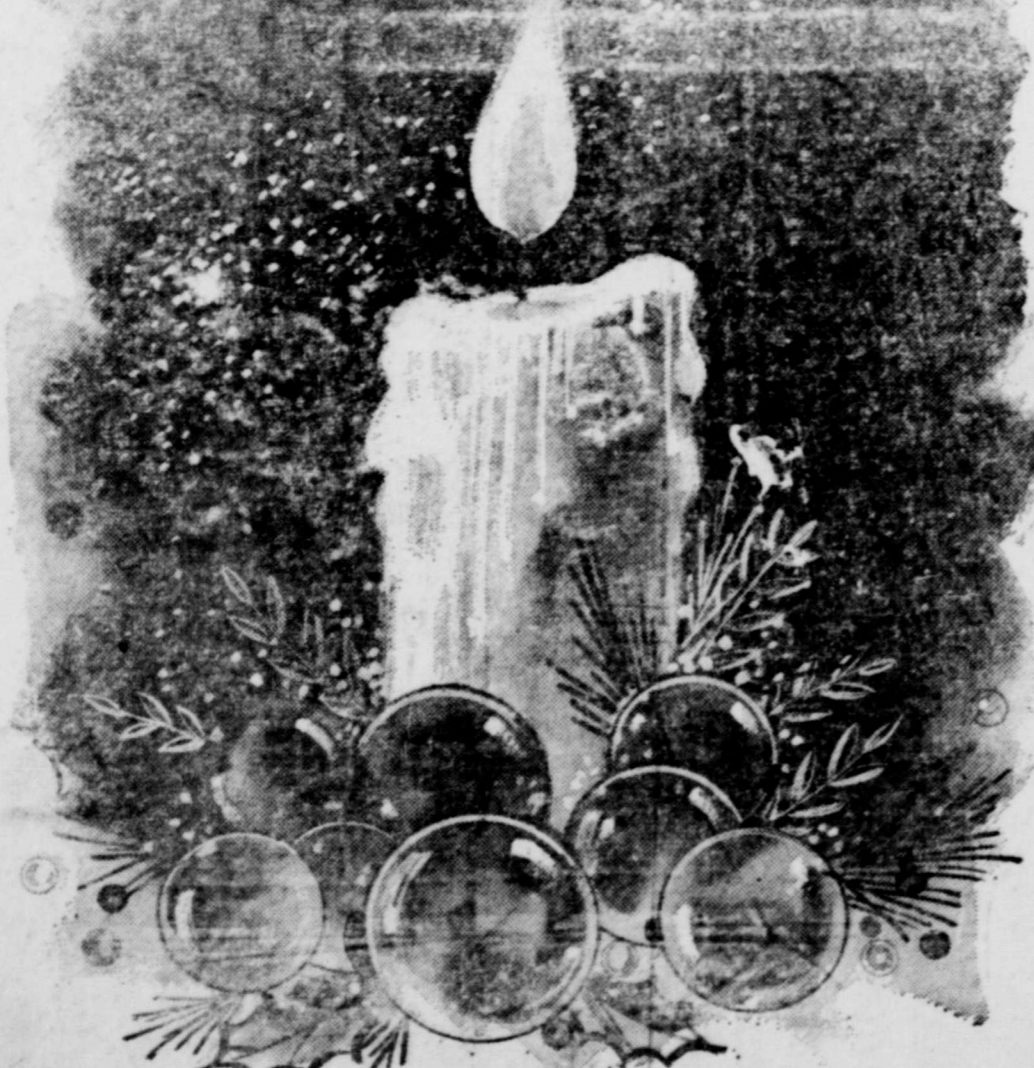
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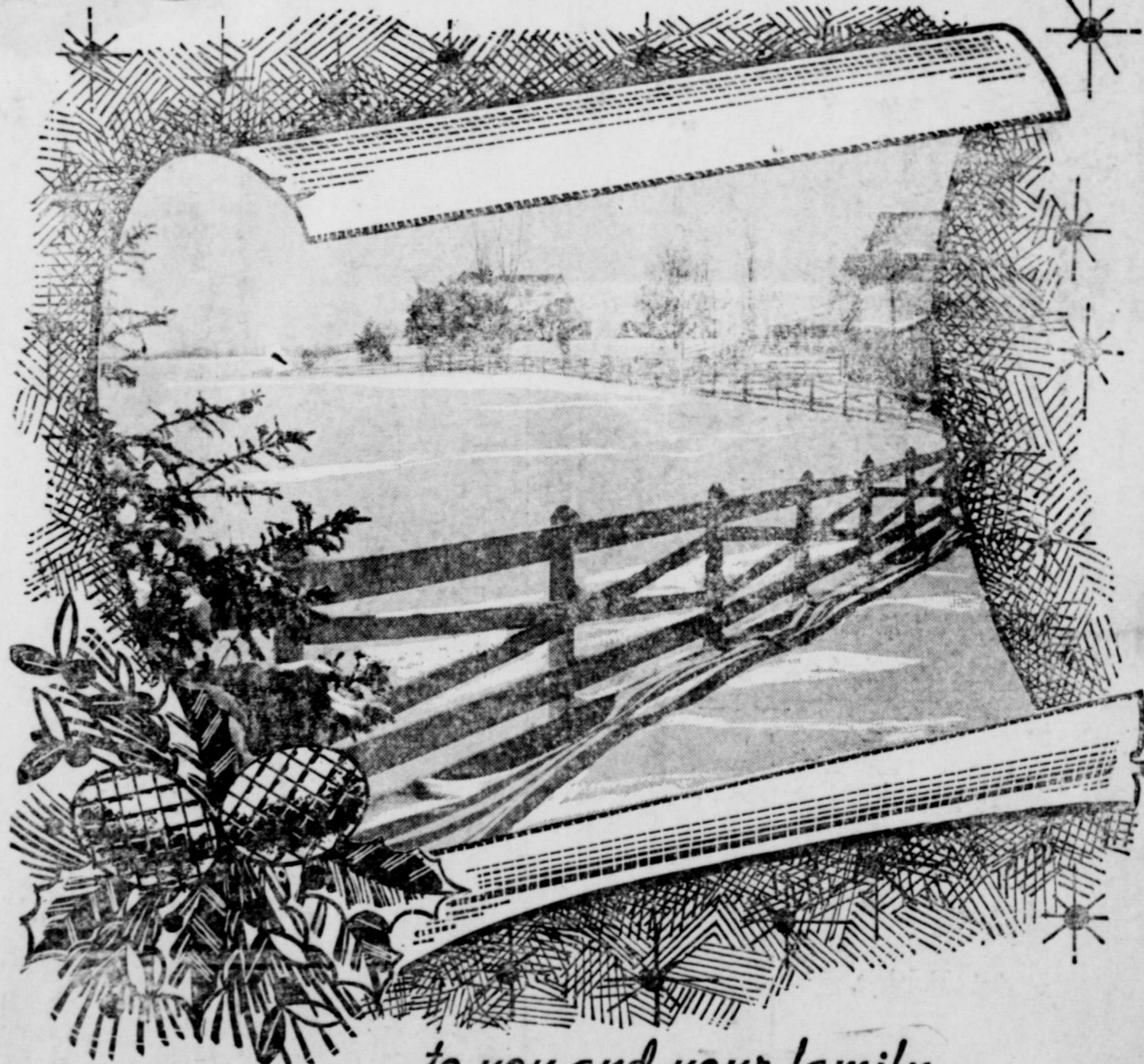
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