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Junior High Students Offer Thoughts On The Real Meaning Of Christmas

Junior High School English students of Mrs. H. V. Stokes were assigned themes to be written on the meaning of Christmas. We are publishing the five themes judged to be best of the group:

"The Real Meaning of Christmas"
By Jim Fish

December 25 is celebrated by Christians all over the world, because it is the birthday of Jesus Christ.

The first Christmas, when Jesus was born, was one thousand, nine hundred sixty-two years ago. It was a silent, holy night. Wise Men and shepherds came from far around to see the Savior, who lay in a manger. The Wise Men brought gifts of gold and other valuable things to give to little Jesus Christ.

Now, nearly two thousand years later, the real meaning of Christmas is nearly forgotten. Houses are decorated with holly, mistletoe, Yule logs, and wassail bowls. These are thought to have originated from celebrations of the Germanic and Celtic tribesmen. Every house has a Christmas tree decorated with icicles, angel's hair, bells, stars, and other ornaments. This originated from Roman celebrations.

Christmas is now thought of as a holiday from work and school, and a time for over-eating and getting intoxicated. More people die from murder, suicide, and car, train, and plane accidents than at any other time of the year.

"What Christmas Means To Me"
By Mary Ellen Noriega

What Christmas means to me is: A time to love, a time to give, and a time to worship. Christmas has several meanings, but the true meaning to me is a time to worship. Many people seem to think that Christmas is just a holiday, but it is not. Christmas is a time to worship and love, not a time to eat and drink.

Christmas, as it has well been said, is "like a big sieve in which everything that was most beautiful, most significant, most potent, most lively, both in Christendom, remained, while all that was small and trivial and outlived fell through and blew away. It became the great festival of the entire year, the day of greatest significance, which attracted ceremonies, and symbols from a whole series of other festivals and celebrations which had disappeared and were forgotten."

Giving presents is an important part of Christmas happiness. The custom seems to go back to the ancient Romans who distributed gifts in the course of their midwinter festival on New Year's Day. In the Bible, the Wise Men or Magi brought gifts to the infant Jesus on the twenty-fifth day after his birth.

Today we have gone far away from the true meaning of Christmas. We do not celebrate Christmas any more. Instead we think that it is a time for giving gifts and having fun. That is not entirely right. We must gradually come back to the true meaning of Christmas.

"Christmas Carols and Customs"
By Laney Cook

Christmas is the anniversary of the birth of Christ. Christmas is celebrated on the 25th day of December, just a week from New Year. Among the Romans certain Christian practices were adopted from an older pagan celebration to honor the sun. Among people of Germanic ancestry, including the English, the celebration of the Christmas season, with holly, mistletoe, and the Yule Log, are relics of an old pagan festival honoring the shortest day of the year. The custom of giving presents at Christmas is associated in the mind with the gifts that the wise men presented Christ from the East. The custom of decorating the trees has been traced from Rome to Germany, from Germany to England, and from England to the United States.

Saint Nicholas was a noted bishop of Myra in Asia Minor. His reputed sympathies were broad enough, for he was regarded as the patron saint of the seafaring, of scholars, of virgins, and of children. He is also regarded as the saint of the Greek Church. December 6th is celebrated as the festival of Saint Nicholas. According to the tradition Saint Nicholas is a charitable bishop. Learning that a certain poor man needed a dowry in order to marry his three daughters properly, he is said to have thrown a bag of coins in the window on three occasions, thus providing a gift for each child. On being detected he begged the poor man not to reveal the name of the giver. In this way Saint Nicholas became the patron of gifts, the Saint Nicholas of nursery fame who provided bags of presents for every child on Christmas Eve. Santa Claus supposedly brings presents on Christmas night.

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"The Meaning of Christmas"
By Margaret Bundy
When I think of Christmas, I

think of Christ in a manger. I think of Mary sitting on a pile of hay beside Christ, of the cow warning Him with her sweet breath, of the shepherds, wise-men, Joseph, and all of the animals gathered around Him in a barn. But I cannot quite imagine the barn being dirty, though I'm quite sure it was. I see, in my mind's eye, a clean, sweet-smelling barn with fresh hay in a corner and scattered on the floor.

Christmas ought to be full of truth, love, and friendship. Instead, for some people, it is a time to buy presents for friends now, and go in debt in January. This is very foolish. We ought to give, yes, but an expensive gift is not necessary. Any little "do-dad" is all that is necessary to show that you are thinking of someone. You do not realize how hard it is to earn money until you try it.

Christmas, to little children, is a big, fat jolly old Santa Claus coming down the chimney to bring them some toys and candy. Little children ought to be told the true meaning of Christmas. They ought to be told that Santa Claus is a fairy tale as soon as they are old enough to doubt his existence.

The commercializing of Christmas is very far off the true meaning of Christmas. It is happening too often and starts so early in the year that you get tired of jolly, old Santa sitting in the store window. I do not like so much commercializing of Christmas because it causes Christmas to lose part of its meaning to me.

"Christmas Symbols"
By Gilda Ingram

There are many Christmas symbols used at Christmas time. A lot of them have lost their true meaning and have simply become habits. Some of these are Santa, the Christmas tree, gifts, and even church services. Many people do not even stop to think of why we even have Christmas, although most of us really know.

The Christmas tree has many stories of its origin. One particular story is that of the Scandinavians who worshipped trees and, when they became Christians, they made the evergreen tree sacred at their Christmas and Christian festivals.

Santa Claus originated when a bishop, St. Nicholas, went around giving gifts. His fame spread, and he became known to American children who later shortened his name to Stanta Claus.

As you know, the giving of gifts represents the shepherds and Wise Men's gifts to the Baby Jesus. Some people give gifts primarily because they feel they must, not because of love, as they should.

On Christmas Eve and Christmas Morning, churches hold services. Some people go because they have something new to wear, or because they feel an obligation to the church.

Christmas symbols should mean somethings to us. They should stand for something sacred or holy; something of peace, love, and truth.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Groom and children Diana and Mark of Springfield, Missouri will spend Christmas here with Mrs. Groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Eaton. The Eaton's son, Dan, who is attending Baylor Dental College in Houston will also be home for the holidays.

Johnny Fields, a student at the University of Texas, will spend Christmas here with his family, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Fields, Corky and Tryon.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Cooper of Los Angeles, California are visiting his uncle and family Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cooper.

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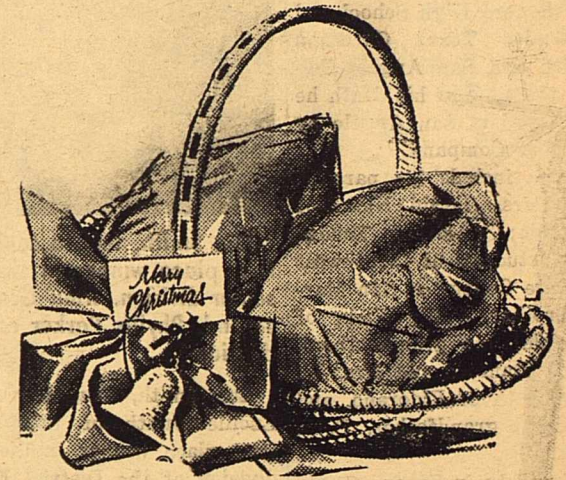
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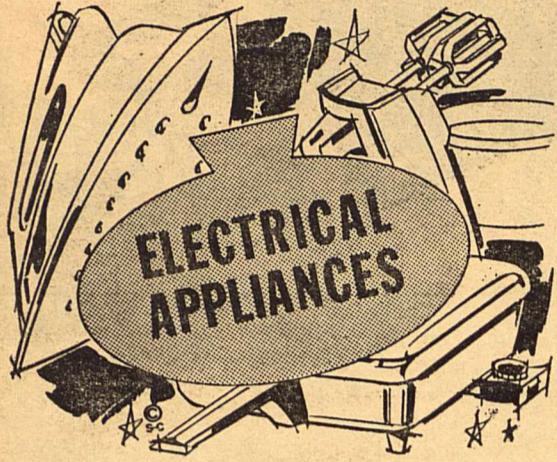
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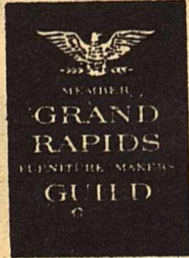
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By Lindy Groda

Did or does race really divide the North and the South? Was it more that northern manufacturers wanted protectionist tariff and southern farmers could buy cheaper finished goods from Europe? Had not the northern traders already made the money on the imported human chattel? Sometimes we beat the drums fiercely on a moral issue. And it is not as moral with us, as that it touches our pocketbooks or our wanting our way. It's easy to agree with the North on high tariff and anti-slavery, yet still know that the Civil War was one set of people imposing its will on another set. And the guise, called race, still divides as we keep punishing the past on a false issue ... a white lie.

The devil never comes as himself, for then most of us would steer clear. He always comes disguised as truth. It takes some thoughtful pondering to know what is true, false and mixed ... if ever ... if ever.

I'm angry with Allen Drury, because he has written the book on race I wanted to write 15 years ago in Virginia. I'm more pleased than angry tho' that Drury has written "A Shade of Difference" and taken the whole wide world and crammed it into the United Nations. He brings a Harvard-educated African prince (who has seven wives at home) over here and throws him smack in the middle of a school integration crisis. It ends up for the communist side right on the UN floor, of course.

The international chatter about the United Nations pleased me. "How could anyone not believe in it?" Inquired Miss Viet Nam (South). "When all of us here have seen such remarkable proofs of it? It has saved half of my country—and half of your country—and half of your country—and who knows where this half-ing will end?"

"Now you are being bitter," remarked Miss Burma (East). "This has been agreed by the great powers and thus all have been satisfied. In Moscow this half-ing has been a triumph of communism and in Washington it has been a triumph of democracy, and so everyone has been happy."

"Except that Moscow has been happiest of all," said Miss Malaya (North), and they all laughed with a knowing air, like a group of little cymbals tinkling away with a polite scorn.

"You do not believe then," said Miss Thailand (West), "that it has really been a triumph for the democracies, this half-ing? Washington has told us so. Do you not believe Washington?"

"I do not even half-believe Washington," said Miss Viet Nam (South), and they all laughed merrily again.

Drury observed that winter was coming—maybe the winter of the world. One couldn't help adding silently ... and it may never be spring again. But he closes with an embarrassing concept, too simple and direct, too naked and desperate for clever editorial writers and smooth radio-TV commentators. "So reluctant are men to see the love that binds them, in contrast to the eager diligence with which they pursue the hate that divides."

So the season comes ... to emphasize the birth that divided time, wrote the law on men's hearts instead of on tables of stone. It's a time to remember that the Virgin Birth would have been nothing ... without the fulfilling of the Old Law ... with the death ... with the positive proof of life after death. Beautiful myth? Lovely paradox? Or the Word was God? Truth, lie or mixed?

Read the first few chapters of Luke and Matthew to your little

THE WOMEN' PAGE

Garden Club Plans Home Pilgrimage Sunday Afternoon

The Christmas pilgrimage of the Sonora Garden Club is to begin in Mrs. Joe Berger's home Sunday afternoon at 2:30.

The Club will visit the other homes on the itinerary and conclude the pilgrimage in the home of the hostess and president, Mrs. Charles F. Browne when refreshments will be served.

The Garden Club concludes the calendar year with some needed clean-ups to its credit in its first three months. Its work is in evidence now on the courthouse law and around town.

The first meeting of the new year will be January 28, when nomination of officers is scheduled in the home of Mrs. Jack Mackey.

Ladies Golf Group Has Bridge Lunch

Mrs. Robert Kelley, Jr. held high score and Mrs. G. C. (Son) Allison second high in the monthly bridge-golf luncheon of the Sonora Golf Club Auxiliary Wednesday, December 12. Mrs. James Morris won the game prize.

Golf play was postponed because of cold weather.

The Christmas theme was used in decorating the party rooms of the Longhorn Cafe where the luncheon was held. Hostesses were Mrs. L. P. Bloodworth, Jr., Mrs. Frank Bond and Mrs. Carl J. Cahill.

ones. It's that kind of a birthday. And let's don't be too wise ... and figure it all out ... and try to explain even the miracle of natural birth ... or all the races ... or the first amoeba. The Christian confession is not "I know". It is still "I believe".

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Hope Lutheran Plans Christmas Services Sunday

Hope Lutheran Church will hold special Christmas services at seven o'clock Sunday evening, December 23.

The Rev. Arno H. Melz, pastor, extends a welcome to all in the community to attend.

Presbyterians To Hear John S. Otey, Dr. B. O. Wood

The Rev. Allan Guthrie, assistant pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of San Angelo, conducted traditional Christmas candle-lighting services at the Church of the Good Shepherd here Wednesday evening, December 19. A pick-up supper and Christmas gift exchange followed

St. John's Plans Christmas Eve Communion Service

The Rev. James C. Billingsley, new rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, announces Holy Communion Services at 11 p.m. Christmas Eve and family worship with Holy Communion on Christmas Day at 10 a.m.

The Rev. Billingsley reminds everyone of the regular Sunday services at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. with Sunday School at 10 a.m.

Kenneth E. Beggs, minister of the Church of Christ, Sheffield was an Ozona and Sonora visitor Tuesday, when he addressed the Ozona Rotary Club.

the services.

The Rev. James W. Mosley of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary will conduct the morning services for the congregation Sunday, December 23.

Mr. John S. Otey, student supply for the church will preach the Sunday morning sermon on December 30 and on Sunday, January 6, the Rev. Dr. B. O. Wood, pastor emeritus of the First Presbyterian Church of San Angelo, will preach the morning sermon and install and ordain new deacons and elders of the church.

Rev. James Mosley To Preach Sunday

The Rev. James W. Mosley, director of admissions at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin will be guest pastor for the Sonora and Roosevelt Presbyterian Churches on Sunday, December 23. He will preach the eleven o'clock morning service at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Sonora and the seven o'clock evening service at the Roosevelt Church.

Mr. Mosley, a native of Batesville, Arkansas, attended Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas, where he received his bachelor of arts degree. He received a bachelor of divinity at Austin Seminary.

He was pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Galveston from 1955 to 1960 and is chairman of the Youth subcommittee, Committee on Christian Education, Brazos Presbytery.

Mr. Mosley is married to the former Miss Joanne Nolen of Houston. They have two children.



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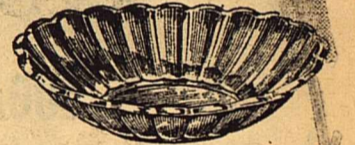
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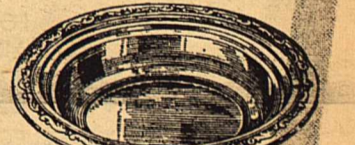


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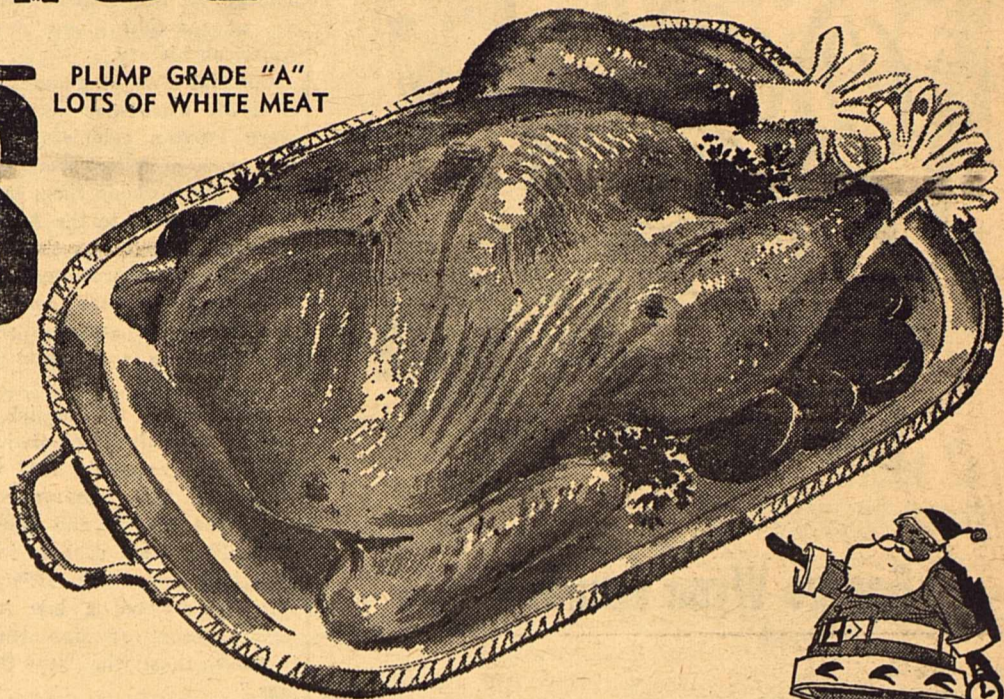
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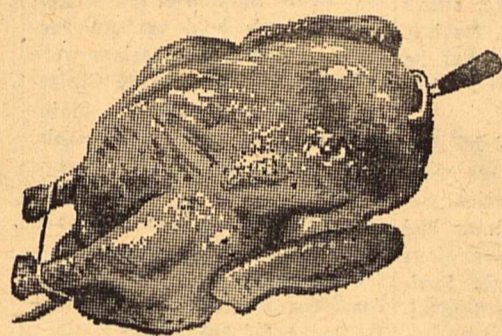
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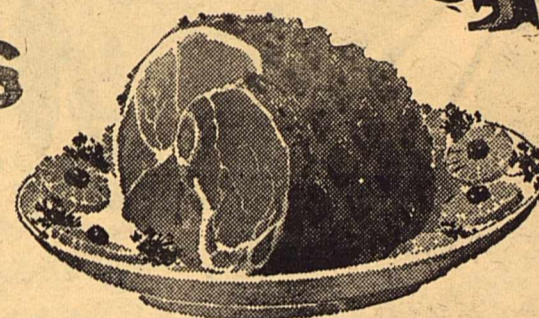
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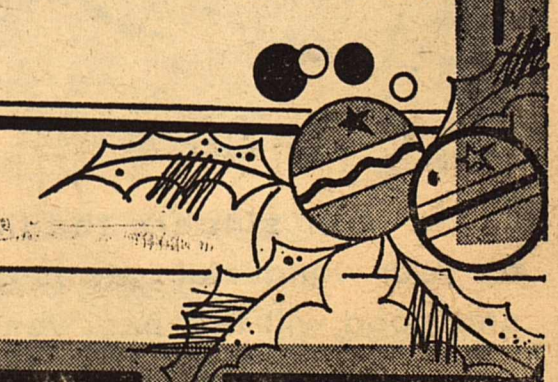
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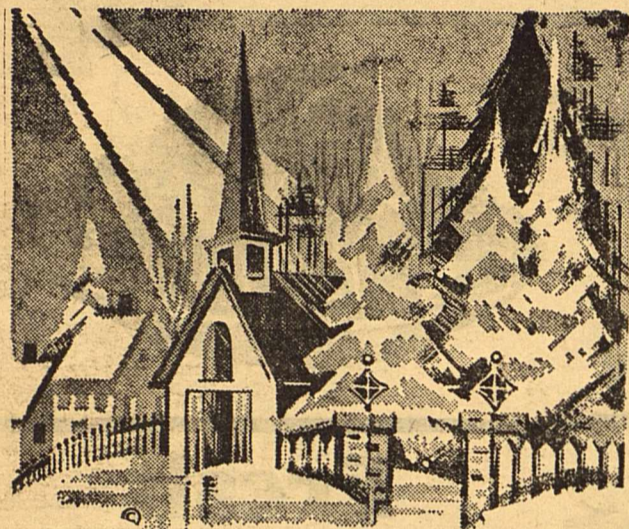
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Celebration of Christmas—the most widely observed religious holiday of the modern world—was at one time illegal in early American history.

Colonial New England did not celebrate Christmas because the stern Puritan colonists believed that such activities were wholly pagan and forbade them by law. Christmas came to the American colonies while it was the subject of strenuous controversy in England. English Puritans condemned it as "popish" and the secular celebration as a "wanton Bacchanalian feast."

Opposition of the English Puritans to festivals culminated in an act of Parliament in 1647 which abolished the observance of Christmas, Easter and Whitsuntide. This was echoed in the American colonies in 1659 when Puritans enacted a law in the general court of Massachusetts to punish those who "kept Christmas."

The law read "whosoever shall be found observing any such day as Christmas or the like, either by forbearing of labor, feasting, or in any other way . . . shall be subject to a fine of five shillings."

The law was repealed in 1681 but many of the Puritans were not reconciled to this action. Secular reveling at Christmas had often interfered with religious devotions and offended the Puritans' moral sense. This intensified their sectarian hostility to the religious observance of Christmas—an attitude they maintained for the better part of two centuries in parts of New England.

The fun-loving Dutch colonists of New Amsterdam, however, celebrated Christmas as their chief holiday. They brought the old customs from their homeland, especially the Christmas stocking and observance of the feast day of St. Nicholas.

In the Southern colonies, the planters celebrated the yuletide with feasting, singing, and dancing. On many plantations slaves were given a holiday as long as the yule log burned.

The latter half of the eighteenth century saw a swing of attention to the realm of economics and politics and religious controversies became of less importance. The fact that English and Hessian troops celebrated Christmas during the Revolutionary War may have added a patriotic note to the denominational controversy.

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Albert M. Everett
- Thursday, December 27,
Melinda Earwood
Mrs. Jerry Shurley
Bill McClelland
Will Wallace
Al Elliott
Mrs. Lin Hicks



General Washington crossed the Delaware River on the night of December 25, 1776, to surprise and defeat the Hessian troops stationed at Trenton, New Jersey. In the opinion of one writer, Washington's bold venture succeeded because the Hessians were enjoying their customary Christmas revels and failed to maintain the usual watch and patrols.

However, denominational opposition to the ecclesiastic observance of Christmas continued into the second half of the nineteenth century. An account in the New York Daily Times for December 26, 1855 read:

"The churches of the presbyterians, Baptists, and Methodists were not open on December 25 except where some Mission Schools had a celebration. They do not accept the day as a Holy One, but the Episcopalians, Catholics, and German Churches were all open. Inside they were decked with evergreens."

In the twentieth century, all denominations have embraced Christmas widely both as a religious and as a social celebration. Today, men, women and children in every Christian land crowd into churches to give their thanks. More than one fourth of the world's population—about 800 million people profess some form of Christian faith.

The splendor and beauty of Christmas observances is very different from the humble stable in Bethlehem where Christ was born; but the message He brought to the world is the same—"Glory be to God in the highest; and on earth peace, good will toward men."



O Come, All Ye Faithful

As you observe this Christmas in the tradition of your faith, may joy abide with you.

Tommy, Guggle, Tim and Steve Thorp

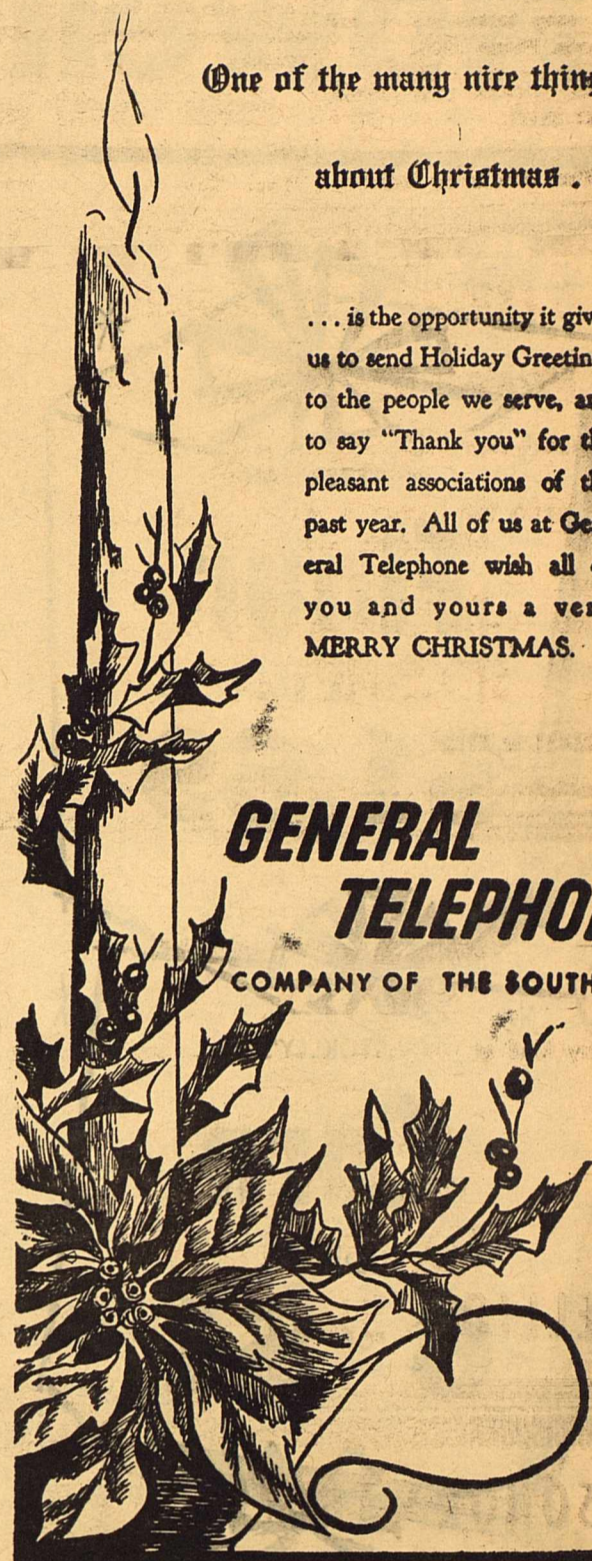


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News Want Ads Bring Results

G. I. Forum Has Dinner Dance At 4-H Club Center

The Sonora G. I. Forum held a dinner and dance at the 4-H Center Saturday evening December 8. Mary Gutierrez, Junior Forum chaplain, led the opening prayer and Alma Sanchez, secretary, said grace.

Ralph Gonzales acted as master of ceremonies, introducing guests.

Ed Soliz of Bolivia was a special guest and demonstrated a native Bolivian dance.

Rudy Garza's orchestra provided music for dancing.

About 100 persons attended including guests from Ozona, San Angelo and Sonora.

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Scanning The Movies This Week

Audrey Hepburn, Burt Lancaster, Audie Murphy, Lillian Gish and John Saxon are the unforgettable in "THE UNFORGIVEN." They settle the Texas Panhandle in 1870 with Kiowas to fight, half breeds caught in the middle, and the subject of race has a surprise twist. The turn of events is in reverse to the popular son, "Son, don't go near the Indians." This is a family picture that received Parent Magazine's merit award.

THE SPIRAL ROAD is a brilliant appraisal of civilized man's struggle in the jungles of the Netherlands East Indies. It involves Dutch doctors, government-sponsored medical education and leprosy. Burl Ives and Gena Rowlands are in the cast. Rock Hudson, as a young doctor, endures some voodoo torture and gets lost in the jungle. He returns to civilization with the knowledge that there is no serum for fear, no substitute for faith and no power greater than love.

No one should go to see WHISTLE DOWN THE WIND. No one except students, writers, Christians, heathens, ministers, mothers, daddies, little boys, little girls, fat people and skinny ones. This is a good story about a little boy who finds his kitten dead and decides Jesus let it die. He mistakes an escaped murder for susus. The same little boy wonders why the local vicar cannot tell him why Jesus lets good people die. Have all the scenario writers lost sight of the fact that man since Adam has had a knowledge of good and evil and a free will to pick, that physical death is inescapable, that spiritual death is a matter of choice? Audiences should see this one and write Pathe-American pictures a little truth to balance out this movie nonsense that everything bad must have been God's will or he wouldn't have let it happen! I'm seeing this one, for sure.

THE PIGEON THAT TOOK ROME must have taken the Eternal City sometime in 1944 after the fall of Mussolini with Nazi occupation. The Italians went underground and the pigeons left. Charlton Heston, the American Captain, gets into the act from Anzio Beach. This comedy involves the eating of 22 American carrier pigeons plus some mixed-in German pigeons, carrying American messages. It's a funny story with some of the American military-type pigeons turning out to be sitting ducks with a homing instinct for romance.

Cary and Doris are on their way home in THAT TOUCH OF MINK. Grant and Day, this is.



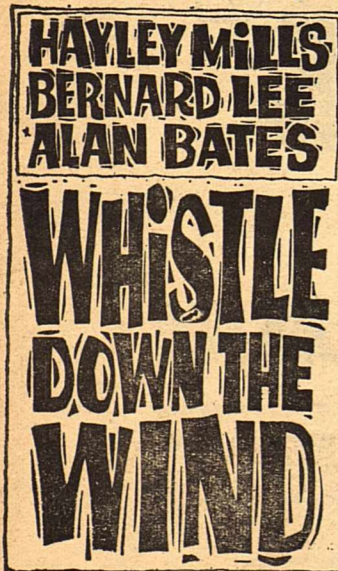
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DOS MARIDOS BARATOS
Thursday - Friday - Saturday



Friday & Saturday

Next Week
THAT TOUCH OF MINK

John David Fields First Place Winner In Denton Tourney

John David Fields, 15-year-old sophomore at Sonora High School reached finals in Humorous Prose Reading at the Sweepstakes Speech Tournament this past weekend in Denton, where over 900 students participated in one of the most competitive tournaments in the state.

John David, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Fields, is an honor roll student with all A's last period. He has played football two seasons and has been working on his tournament entry only since football season ended. The Sonora boy was with the local radio station as announcer-news-caster when it opened in February until football practice started this fall.

Other Sonora students who ranked high in the preliminaries were: Dick McMillan and Pam Jones, second in Duet Acting; Nancy Prugel and Diana Black, second in Duet Acting; Tommy Dock Raye, third in Extemporaneous Speaking; and Betty Jack Cooper second in After Dinner and third in Humorous Interpretation. Others attending and

David Archer is home from Texas A. & M. College for a vacation visit with his family, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Archer and Kay.

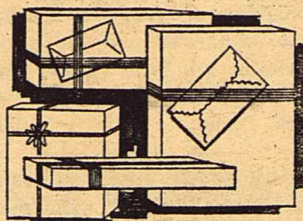
Martin Luther was one of the first persons to make congregational singing popular. He is believed to have composed more than 30 hymns.

No one really knows at what time of the year Christ was born, but Christians have celebrated December 25 as His birthday since the 300's.

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showing a lot of talent with resultant good critiques were Carla Whitworth, Dick McMillan, Jo Ann Lowe, Cissy Young, Corky Fields, Mary Davis, Irene Davis, Cindy Galbreath and John Paul Friess. Each Sonora student entered in three categories, some in Poetry, Debating and other classes. They showed up unusually well competing against Denton, Wichita Falls, Dallas, Houston and a total of 48 schools.

A banquet honored the tournament participants Saturday evening, followed by a party for the



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Sonora delegation in the home of Dr. and Mrs. N. Thomas, parents of one of the Denton speech students.

The students and their teacher, Smith Neal, express appreciation to their sponsors and those who helped to coach them for the tournament.

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These children are only two of over 450 at the Methodist Home in Waco, Texas, who wait expectantly for Santa Claus. The Methodist Home serves in providing a homelike atmosphere for children separated from their families by death, poverty or other misfortunes. Youngsters receive individual care in family sized groups at the Methodist Home which will soon celebrate its seventy-third anniversary of service to children.



The Devil's River News

SEVENTY-THIRD YEAR

Devil's River News-Sonora, Texas, Thursday, December 20, 1962

FOURTEENTH WEEK

Christmas Safety Check List Helps Reduce Accidents

A Christmas gift list is one essential for successful holiday shopping. While making your gift list, the Texas Safety Association suggests you also make a holiday safety check list to assure a successful celebration. Following are some suggestions for your list:

UNWRAPPING GIFTS

Have a wastebasket or carton handy for discarded wrappings. Dispose of gift wrappings as soon as possible—accumulations of waste papers are fire hazards.

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

Place Christmas greens where they cannot be ignited by lighted candles, a spark from the fireplace or other sources of flame. Use only paper table cloths and

cotton batting from trimming which marked fire resistant.

COSTUMES

Santa's suit or your child's costume for a Christmas play can be made fire proof with a solution of nine ounces of borax and four ounces of boric acid and one gallon of hot water. Saturate fabric and hang to dry. Repeat process after each washing and don't forget Santa's whiskers.

PARTY TIME

Provide plenty of ash trays for your adult guests.

Make sure the path to your door is well lighted and remove hazards which might cause your guests to fall.

GOING OUT

Give your "sitter" good instructions and be sure to tell her what to do in case of an emergency, such as fire.

If you have too many "socials" while out, let someone who hasn't drive you home.

THE TREE

Make a diagonal cut at the

base of the tree and place it in a stand which holds water. Keep water above level of cut to avoid drying out. Dry trees are more likely to catch fire.

Place tree away from radiators, fireplaces, etc., and where it cannot be knocked over.

Check wiring for electric lights carefully. Check frayed cords, broken sockets, loose connections, etc. Do not overload circuits and NEVER use lighted candles.

Metal and glass decorations are non-flammable. Do not let metal foil icicles or tinsel touch a light socket or cord.

To reach upper branches when decorating use a step stool or ladder and don't smoke while decorating, and especially when taking down a drying tree. Let children help by decorating the lower branches.

Turn off tree light when leaving the house for any length of time.

From Folk Dances To Christmas Carols

Today's Christmas carol is a domesticated descendant of a lively folk dance.

The carol started out in the Middle Ages as a circular country dance, called a "carole" in French. Some of the early Christians looked askance at dancing, however, and the carol soon lost its steps.

The lyrics of the songs that had accompanied the dance began to change, too, and eventually the "macaronic" style appeared. This consisted of tacking a Latin phrase on to the popular lines, so that the people sang:

Make we joy now in this feast
In qua Christus natus est

They didn't necessarily understand the Latin, although it carried on the sense of the song, but the stately Latin words gave them a religious image.

In 1223 St. Francis of Assisi started the custom of placing a creche, or miniature Nativity scene, in the home at Christmas time. People began to act

Texas DPS Adding 150 Patrolmen In Effort To Curb Holiday Deaths

An estimated 180 persons will meet violent death during the 11-day Christmas-New Year holiday season—92 of them in traffic crashes, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The estimate is based on past experience over many years and compiled by DPS Statistical Services. Purpose of the estimate is

to focus public attention on the dangers that accompany the holiday season. Past statistics indicate that in addition to 92 "motoricides", 42 persons will be victims of suicide and homicide, and 46 will die violently in various accidents other than traffic.

"Operation Deathwatch" will be in effect starting at 12:01 a.m. Saturday, December 22, through 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, January 1, 1963. During this period the DPS will tabulate violent deaths by category and make releases to the news media three times daily.

In addition to appeals to the driving public to observe the traffic laws and rules of safety, the department will put some 150 extra patrolmen from the license and weight and motor vehicle inspection services on highway patrol duty.

It is believed this will help to

remove some of the dangerous drivers from the road. In most cases only the individual behind the wheel can make sure that he and his loved ones are not among the 92 expected traffic victims. He can do this only by driving carefully and lawfully—and by driving defensively against those who don't.

Every driver is urged to be especially alert during this period and enjoy safe holiday travel over our fine highway system.

The DPS motorcide estimates for the past 17 Christmas-New Year periods totaled 1,592 and the actual number killed was 1,567. Thus the combined estimate was 25 or 1.57 percent above the actual total.

A review of the factors involved in fatal traffic crashes during the last Christmas-New Year period indicates excessive speed figured in 29.8 percent of them, at least one driver had been drinking in 26.8 percent, and a pedestrian violation was involved in 11.5 percent.

December 24, Christmas Eve, was the most deadly day, with 23.7 percent of the holiday motoricides occurring on that day.

OUR CHRISTMAS PRAYER...

May the spirit of this season, its joy,

hope and peace, abide in every heart now and forever; may

its message bring renewed courage, devotion and never-

ending faith. May each of us devoutly join in doing

our share to keep the Christmas spirit and message shining

brightly before the world. And in our invocations,

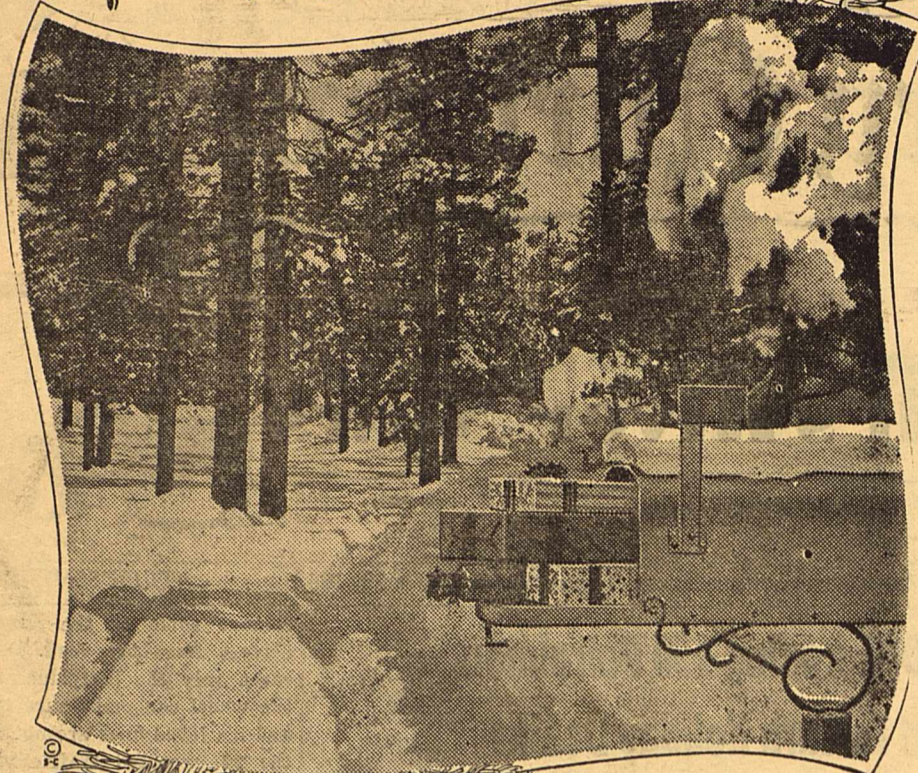
may we always remember to give thanks for our blessings.

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if we didn't get in touch,
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Merry Christmas to our friends!

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true joy beyond all measure—the kind of
joy that your heart will forever treasure.

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Letters To Santa

December 7, 1962
Sonora, Texas
Dear Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus,
Will you please bring me a
little doll and a walking doll?
Will you bring my mother
some dishes?
Will you bring my daddy some
clothes?
Will you bring my little brother
5 cars and one gun? Will
you bring my little sister a doll?
Thank you,
Love,
Odilia Samaniego.

December 7, 1962
Sonora, Texas
Dear Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus,
I want a talking doll please. I
want a little radio please. My
mother wants a set of dishes and
some clothes. My brother wants
some big trucks and a b-b gun.
My daddy wants a gun and some
clothes.
I love you, Santa Claus.
You love every body.
Love,
Josephine Gutierrez.

December 7, 1962
Sonora, Texas
Dear Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus,
I want a talking doll please.
I want a record player please.
My sister wants a balerina doll
and some dishes.
Love,
Lilia Castro.

December 7, 1962
Sonora, Texas
Dear Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus,
I want a little record player.
Please bring something nice
for my brothers and sisters too.
Love,
Hipolito Sanchez.

December 7, 1962
Sonora, Texas
Dear Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus,
Please bring me a baton.
Please bring my little brother
a gun.
I love you, Santa Claus.
Your friend,
Irene Dominguez.

December 7, 1962
Sonora, Texas
Dear Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus,
Please bring me a bike. Please
bring my sister a doll. Please
bring my brother a b-b gun.
Please bring me a walking doll.
Please bring my sister a little
dog.
Merry Christmas to you!
Clara Velardez.

December 7, 1962
Sonora, Texas
Dear Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus,
I would like a balerina doll,
a walking doll and a play house,
please. Don't forget my brothers
and my sisters.
I love you.
Juanita Duran.

December 7, 1962
Sonora, Texas
Dear Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus,
I want a talking doll. I want
a big bicycle please. My sister
wants a kissing doll. My sister
wants some toys. My sister wants
some dishes. My mother wants a
set of dishes.
Thank you,
Love,
Elsa Torres.

December 7, 1962
Sonora, Texas
Dear Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus,
My mother wants a set of
dishes. My brother wants a big
ball. I want a kissing doll, and
a toy bear. And my sister wants
a bicycle. My little sister wants
a dancing doll, too.
Love,
Thank you for all these things.
Stella Gomez.

December 7, 1962
Sonora, Texas
Dear Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus,
Please bring me a kissing doll.
Please bring me a walking doll.
Please bring me a dancing doll.
Please bring me and my cousin
a baton.
Please bring my grandmother
some dishes.
Please bring me a tether ball,
too.
Love, Santa Claus,
Rosemary Perez.

December 7, 1962
Sonora, Texas
Dear Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus,
I want a little dog. My sister
wants a bicycle.
Santa Claus, I love you.
Humberto Villarreal.

ATTEND CHURCH SUNDAY



Peace on Earth
Good will
to men

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God Rest You
Merry, Gentlemen

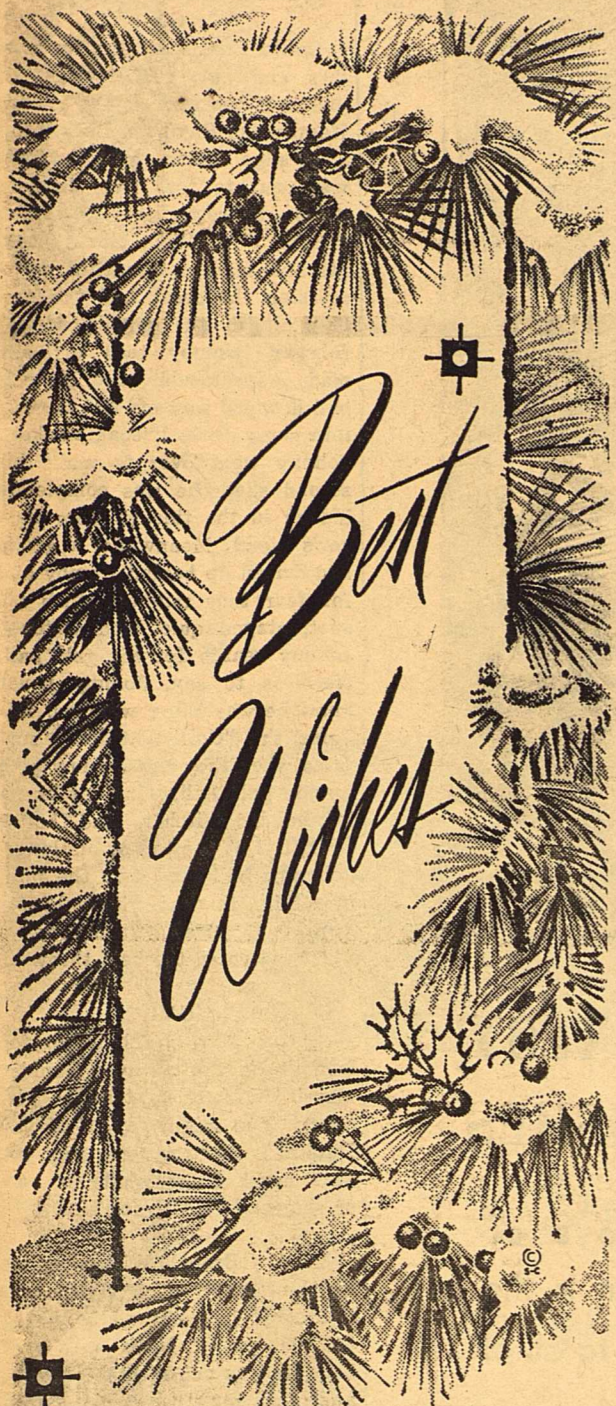
THERE'S A SONG IN OUR HEARTS THIS
CHRISTMAS SEASON, FOR THIS IS THE

TIME WE COUNT OUR BLESSINGS AND

THINK MOST OF YOU, OUR FRIENDS!

Sonora Feed & Supply

Letters To Santa



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December 5, 1962
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Texaco Fire truck and a big bruiser.
Lots of love,
Rex.

December 5, 1962
Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a Thumbelina.
Love,
Sherrill Lynn.

December 5, 1962
Dear Santa Claus,
I'd like for Christmas a Barbie with two or three sets of clothes.
I love you very much.
Love,
Claudia.

December 5, 1962
Dear Santa Claus,
I would like some squaw boots and a white poodle and a gray haired Huggy baby doll and Susie Smart and Tiny Thumbelina baby doll.
Merry Christmas Santa Claus.
Love,
Daisy Lynn.

December 5, 1962
Dear Santa Claus,
I wish that you will give me a dog and a cat?
I want for Christmas Susie Smart and Chatty Kathy.
Love,
Karen Harrell

December 5, 1962
Dear Santa Claus,
Santa please bring me a Chatty Kathy, and a thumbelina.
Love,
Melissa.

December 5, 1962
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a football and an electric train.
Love,
David.

December 5, 1962
Dear Santa Claus,
I want mittens and Chatty Kathy Susie Smart, please.
Love,
Kathy Sharp.

December 5, 1962
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a white poodle. And a gray haired Huggy baby doll and Susie Smart. And Tiny Thumbelina baby dolly.
Merry Christmas.
Love,
Derry Lynn.

December 7, 1962
Sonora, Texas
Dear Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus,
Please bring my mother a set of dishes. I want a bike for Christmas. My father wants a TV. Bring my brother a train for Christmas. I want a record player and a talking doll, too. Bring my sister a tether ball.
Thank you.
Love, Stanta Claus,
Your friend,
Claudia Flores.

December 7, 1962
Sonora, Texas
Dear Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus,
I want a little dog.
I want a record player.
I want a b-b gun for my brother.
I want some dishes for my mother.
I want some clothes for my daddy.
I want a stocking of candy.
I want some cars please.
I love your reindeer.
Love,
Your friend,
Johnny Gonzales.

December 7, 1962
Sonora, Texas
Dear Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus,
Please bring mother some dishes. Please bring me a radio.
Love,
Your friend,
Leticia Virgen.

Christmas Safety Check List Helps Reduce Accidents

Sutton County still maintains a record of no rural traffic deaths for the first eleven months of 1962, according to figures released this week by the San Angelo Sub-District of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

While there were no highway accident deaths in the county for November, there were three accidents, one involving personal injury and two property damage. One person was injured and property damage amounted to \$4,450.00.

The San Angelo Sub-District reported a total of 72 accidents for November with one fatality. A total of 22 persons were injured and 49 accidents involved property damage in the amount of \$62,941.

Sutton County's cumulative record for the first 11 months of 1961 and 1962 shows 13 personal injury accidents in 1962 as compared to 15 in 1961; 11 property damage accidents in 1962 and 7 in 1961; 24 total accidents in 1962 and 22 in 1961; 20 persons injured in 1962 and 23 in 1961; \$32,205 in property damage in 1962 as compared to \$13,955 in 1961. There were no traffic fatalities during the entire year 1961 and none for the first 11 months of 1962.

Mrs. A. B. Whitehead of Del Rio was a Sunday guest of her sister, Mrs. Roy Aldwell.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sears Sentell and Kelly Sue were Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Hodge of Dallas.

Mrs. Lewis Spraggins will leave Thursday morning for Denton to accompany her daughter, Linda, home for a holiday visit from Texas Woman's University.

Sarah Sawyer, who is attending Sullins College, Bristol, Virginia, arrived home Saturday for a Christmas visit with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Sawyer, Eddie, Jane and Molly.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Vander Stucken and Jan will have as Christmas guests their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jame A. Jackson of Denton.

Jo Addah Johnson, a student at Sullins College in Bristol, Virginia, is spending the Christmas vacation here with her family, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Johnson, Jr., Jessie Lem and Janet.

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This is the season when all hearts are filled with a prayer for peace... when we wish every blessing to you and yours.

Carl J. Cahill Inc.



Love is the heart of Christmas; its spirit is peace, and hope the gladness. May you and yours be blessed with these joys and every other happiness for which you are wishing.

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May the Star of Bethlehem guide you to deep Christmas joy-

AS THE WISE MEN HEADED THAT STAR AND FOUND GREAT JOY, SO, WE HOPE, MAY YOU, OUR FRIENDS FOLLOW YOUR STAR TO THE HAPPINESS OF THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON.

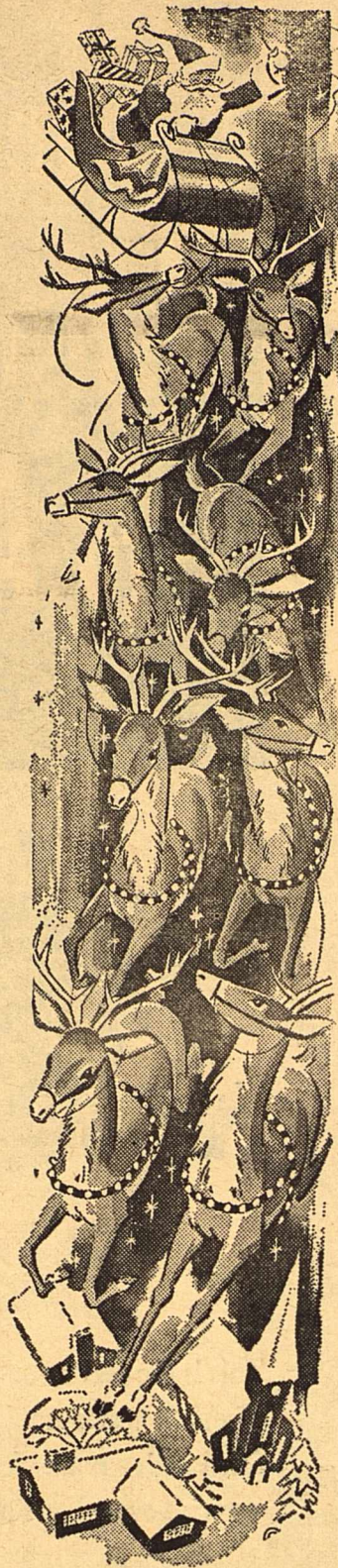
**Foxworth-Galbraith
Lumber Company**

Christmas is near
-It's time to say:
To all "Good Cheer"
On Christmas Day

IF WE HAD BUT ONE WISH TO OFFER
ON THIS GLORIOUS HOLIDAY—IT WOULD
BE THAT EVERY LITTLE WISH COME TRUE
FOR YOU AND YOURS, OUR VERY GOOD
FRIENDS AND PATRONS.

A HAPPY
HOLIDAY TO ALL!

Stockmen's Feed
Company



Our Christmas Prayer

Our very best wishes for a
holiday rich in the true, deep
meaning of Christmas.

Wesley C. Young

Legends

The willingness of people all over the world to believe myths and legends that have been passed down from generation to generation, is well known.

Because Christmas—and the festival of the holiday season is so interwoven with mysticism, legend and historical records, many superstitions have resulted in various countries.



The very Santa Claus story itself, is perhaps the greatest of all the Christmas myths, and as research has revealed, is expressed differently in various parts of the world.

As a matter of fact, the actual modern symbol of Santa Claus with his round belly, twinkling eyes, rosy cheeks, flowing white beard, driving his reindeer-drawn sleigh across the sky on Christmas Eve from the North Pole where he has a mammoth toy factory, was created in New York as early as 1882, a mere eighty years ago.

There are, however, equally as fanciful beliefs in other parts of the world, and while there is no documentary evidence to support actual belief in these superstitions, they are nevertheless accepted as legend and passed on, keeping them alive.

For example, if you were born on Christmas Eve in Scotland, it wouldn't be at all amiss if you believed that you had the power to see spirits, and yes, even to command them to do your bidding.

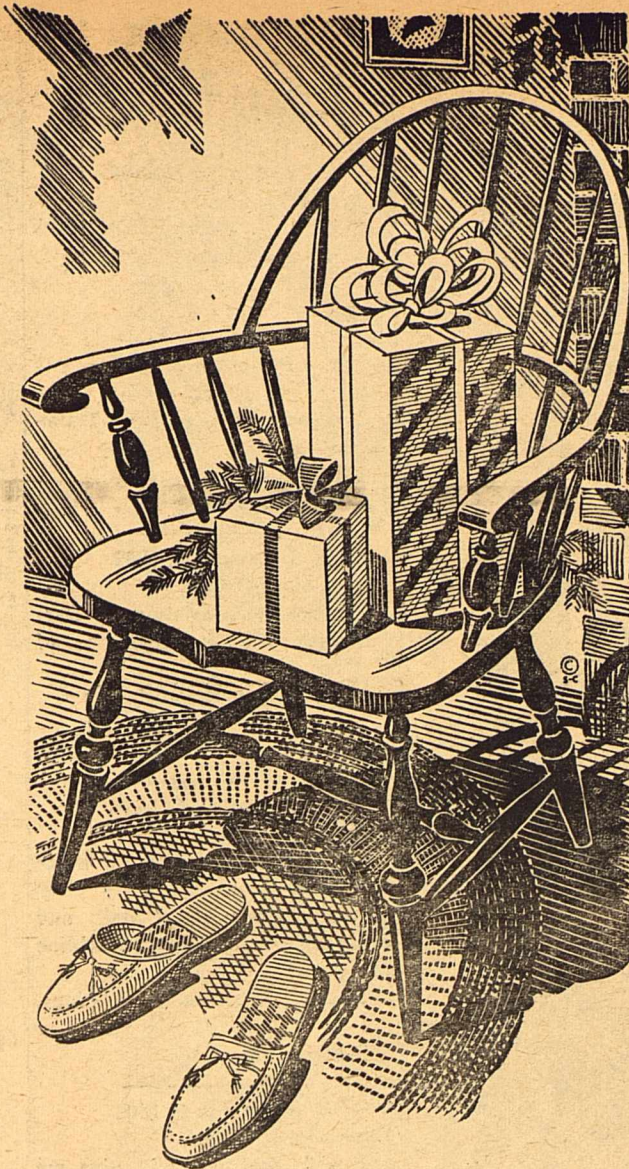
If this idea gives you pause and you mentally raise a quizzical eyebrow in disbelief, consider the peasantry of France. These gentle folk believe (the story goes) that all babies born on Christmas Eve will have a ready and facile tongue. We wonder if by that they mean "gift of gab."

But that isn't all with these French folk of the countryside. They also believe that those babies born on Christmas Day will be gifted with logic; a moot quality, one often born with the progenitor of argument. But ah, the maidens of France who, born on Christmas Day, come in for the big boon, for these lucky mademoiselles, it is said, will be witty, wise and virtuous!

The Silesians have a pixieish sense of legend—or perhaps humor, when it comes to the gifts earmarked for babies born on Christmas. And how they arrived at this equation beggars logic, because they claim that all such babes who see the light of day on this holy day are destined to be either lawyers or thieves!

In Ireland—land of the leprechaun and other little folk from never-never land, they have a religious belief that is worthwhile indeed. They believe that if one dies on Christmas Day, he goes straight to Heaven. The doors to Paradise are open for such fortunates, and Purgatory is completely bypassed no matter what kind of malefactor the deceased was on earth. Now that's a gift of Heaven!

The farmers of Denmark have a legend they keep alive—but this one is couched in the economic formulas of life. They believe that baked goods, and particularly bread that is made at Christmastime and saved until sowing time, will insure a good crop and harvest.



OUR FRIENDLIEST YULETIDE WISHES

One of the joys of
the Christmas season is the
opportunity to extend to all of
you our best wishes.

Hardegree's Live Oak "66"



This cheery wish for Christmas joy,
though it's repeated yearly, is
just as warm as it can be and meant
oh-so sincerely: Happy Holiday!

Home Hardware & Furniture Co.

-GREEN NEWS-

By Betty Jones
Did you know—this is our
Club's first Christmas?
MERRY CHRISTMAS.
-GN-

Called Buzzie Stokes for some 20's and 30's golf stories. Do you remember when—? Johnny Hamby and Raymond Barker had a grudge game going? They went out to the Alvis Johnson course to settle this particular grudge. . . . Well, Barker teed off and made a beautiful drive, crossing the creek and the golf ball hit in the middle of the fairway. Hamby teed off and made a spectacular slice, his golf ball dropped way off the fairway into some dense liveoak thickets. Johnny went over to make his second shot (he was completely hidden in the thicket from Barker's view). Meanwhile, a group had driven up behind Hamby and for fear they might disturb his shot, stayed quiet and watched Johnny search for his golf ball. Needless to say, Johnny never knew he was being watched. Imagine the "Golf Watchers" surprise when they saw Johnny pick up his golf ball, wind up like a left-handed pitcher, and holler "FORE!" at the top of his lungs. Johnny's ball landed in the middle of the fairway with only one stroke. (I mean throw.) . . . This was voted the best throw of the season.
-GN-

By the way, a follow up for last week's story. Mayor Dunklin married his school-teacher girl friend. You might say of Mayor Dunklin's courting days that his date never knew what hit her or she really FELL for him.
-GN-

M. A. (Bronc) Wilson, editor of the "Devil" back when) was interested in golf and bought a \$125.00 set of clubs with golf bag. He was out with a foursome and made some miserable--awful--shots. After completing his eighth terrible shot, Wilson calmly walked over to a large stout oak tree and broke every club in his set. Without a word he turned around and gave Bud Stokes the golf bag. Mr. Wilson got in his car, drove back to town and was never seen at the Golf Course again.
-GN-

A Christmas present—We welcome a new golfing family, the Walter Popes.
-GN-

Members: If you have not been contacted about the Clubhouse, please call President Lunetta Morgan or Bobbie Fawcett for your donation. I'm real anxious to get our building moved and tpoxy it, aren't you?
-GN-

Rex Martin Lowe certainly enjoyed his Sunday afternoon at the golf course.
-GN-

Pauline Thompson remarked that our Auxiliary President is quite a girl. She said Lunetta was getting things ready for our past club dance and was real "put out" with herself and afraid she might be coming down with a cold because she couldn't move that huge piano by herself.
-GN-

Have you heard about the active revolving golf trophy? Our threesome have their own private trophy. Each time this threesome plays, even if it's four games a day, the winner is awarded the trophy. To keep the trophy permanently, one of the threesome must win it 375 consecutive times. Do you know this Threesome?
-GN-

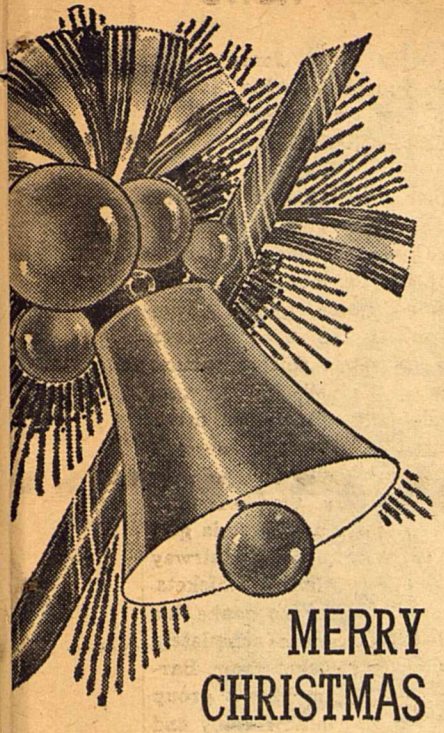
And a Happy New Year.
-GN-

Bobby Fawcett, please tell us what Betty Stewart kept muttering about you and putting.
-GN-

Reggie Trainer played 27 holes of golf on his birthday. That's better than too much chocolate cake.
-GN-

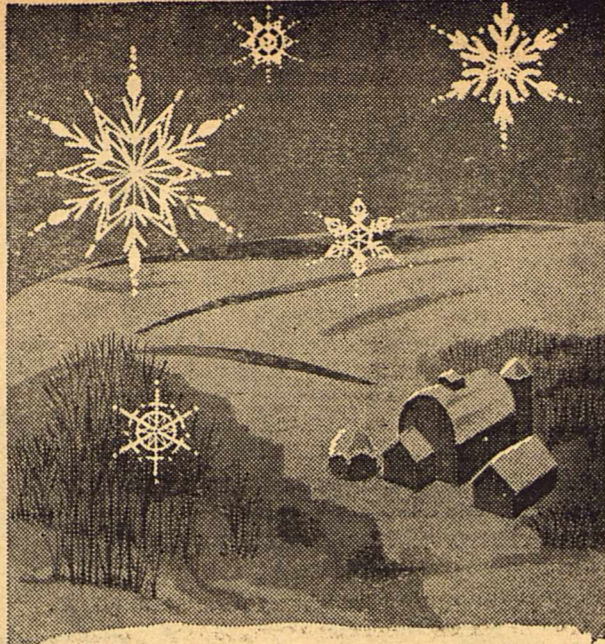
Saw Mary Barrow make a pretty drive across my hazard Sunday. Number Eight I claim as my own. I've known it since it was a Number Two Green. Have never made it across and feel rather sentimental toward it now. Mary just teed off, the ball went across, and she smiled like there was nothing to it. Hated to tell her that the "rocks" she walked across were really all my old lost golf balls.
-GN-

Office Supplies At News Office



MERRY CHRISTMAS

INDERS FLOWERS



Christmas Greetings to our many friends

THE CHUCK WAGON

Norm Cash is anxious to play golf here. A real likeable fellow, no wonder he has fans from 6 to 60. Will try to let you know the day he plans to be here. Believe Dick McMillan and Gil Trainer will notify the teen-age set.

Bud Smith shot a 42 Sunday afternoon. Sammy came in too late Monday afternoon to challenge Bud again.

If you want to see youth and skill just watch Junior golfers Lawrence Holland and Dorr Scherz.

Saw Bill McGilvray enjoying an afternoon of golf.

Threesome: Wanda Cahill, Sammy Espr, Betty Stewart.

Twosome: The Rev. Stanley F. Hauser of Houston and Dr. Charles F. Browne.

Other weekend golfers: Doyle Morgan, Dennie Hays, Jerry Hopkins.

Twosome: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harrison.

Domingo Gutierrez, Jr., will be home to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Domingo Gutierrez from Lamar Tech in Beaumont.

Santa Clause Around The World

The beauty in all children, the wonder that lights up their faces and gladdens the hearts of everyone at Christmastime is eloquent tribute to the holy idea behind the festival celebrating the birth of Christ.

In many lands, the symbol of Christmas and Santa Claus is different. In America and many other countries the appearance of Santa Claus is the signal for the holiday season to begin.

The jolly, round, rosy-cheeked character with the flowing white beard is the fellow responsible for the bringing of gifts. He drives a sleigh drawn by reindeer, and rides across the night sky on Christmas eve from the North Pole, hopping from chimney to chimney with his pack of toys for all good boys and girls.

But the origin of Santa Claus dates back many centuries to many lands where the symbol of Christmas has taken many forms.

Strangely enough, St. Nicholas was born in a remote town in Asia Minor by the name of Petras. It has been told of this great, hardest working saint of all, the many and wondrous deeds of good for which he was responsible. He helped the poor and needy and saved the lives of many.

Believe it or not, he is the patron saint of bankers, pawnbrokers, children, unmarried girls, sailors, and thieves. He lived a long time ago and is said to have died about 343 A.D.

About the year 950 A.D. Russia adopted St. Nicholas as her patron saint. Later the Laplanders followed suit as did the Samoyeds. Legend has it that this is where St. Nick acquired the story of the reindeer and sleigh.

And with the changing of the locale, so changed the symbol of Santa Claus. In Germany, France, Switzerland, Holland and Luxembourg, Santa Claus is recognized as a horseman on a beautiful white steed, loaded down not only with gifts for the good children he visits, but whipping rods for the naughty ones. He makes his ghostly ride December 5th.

St. Lucy is little known in most countries, but in Denmark, Switzerland and some others, it is this saint who is responsible for the distribution of gifts.



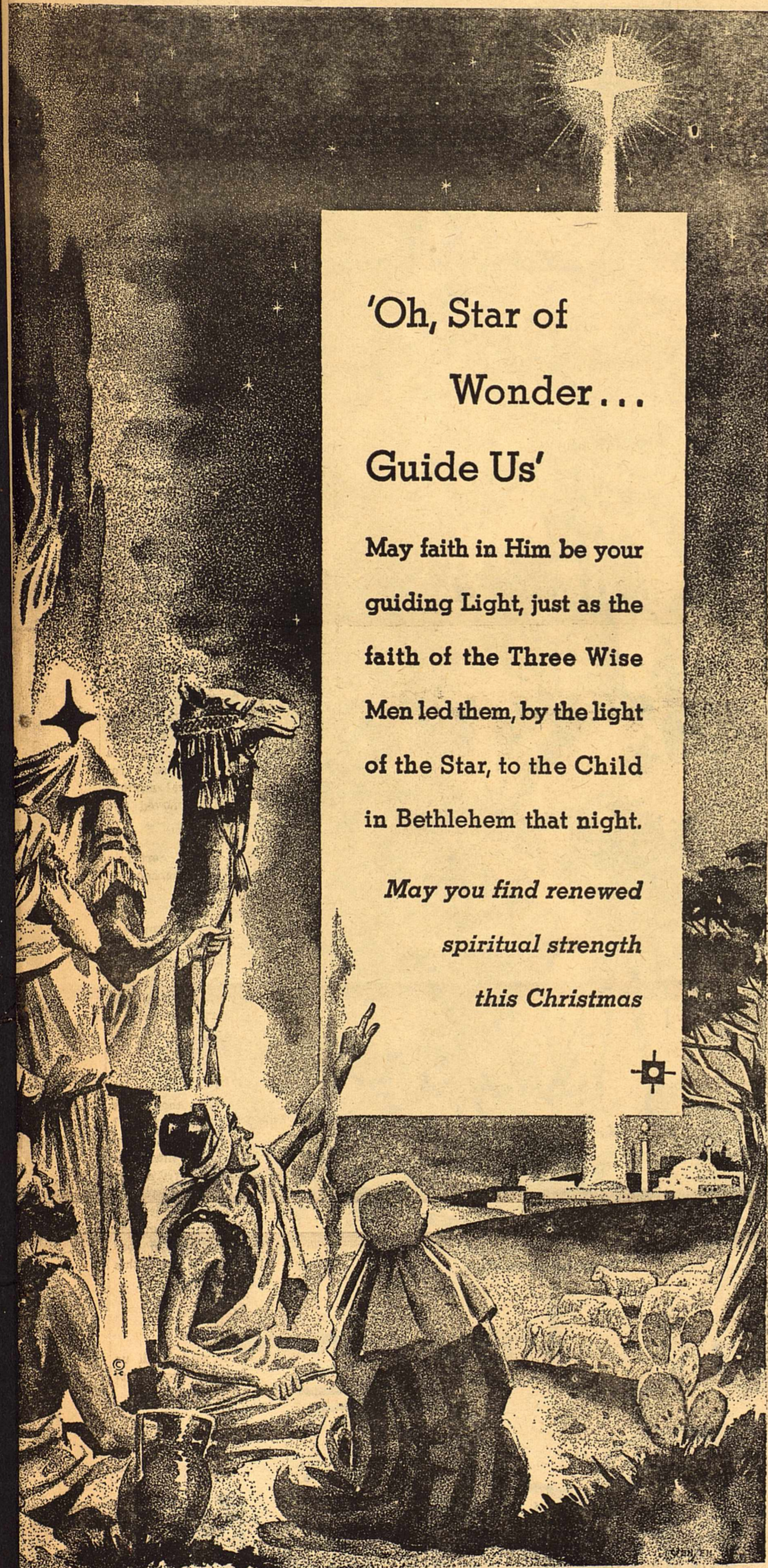
We're hoping that your Christmas holiday is as wonderful as it can be — so gay and sparkling that each day far outshines the brightest glittering bauble on your tree!

SONORA TV SERVICE CO. INC.



It's such a pleasure to say "thank you" to our many friends at Christmas. May your home be filled with merriment, and may it glow with the radiance of warm friendship and love.

R. S. Teaff Oil Co.



'Oh, Star of Wonder... Guide Us'

May faith in Him be your guiding Light, just as the faith of the Three Wise Men led them, by the light of the Star, to the Child in Bethlehem that night.

May you find renewed spiritual strength this Christmas

We extend our sincere greetings and best wishes to all our customers and friends.

Chamber of Commerce



MERRY CHRISTMAS

to our many customers and friends.

THE BARROW JEWELRY AND SPORTING GOODS



All joys that you desire,
all blessings that God may bestow,
we pray will be yours this Christmas.

THORP'S LAUN-DRY



Peace be
with you
and yours

May your Christmas
be beautifully serene
and wonderfully joyous—
we take this opportunity
to thank you for your
continued friendship.

The Holiday Host

Devil's River Philosopher Takes Time To Acknowledge That Yule Spirit Has Arrived Once Again

(Editor's Note: The Devil's River Philosopher on his bitterweed ranch on Devil's River has some Christmas thoughts this week.)

Dear editor:

Along about this time every year people used to say, "What, you mean Christmas is here again? Why it doesn't seem like any time since the last one."

But you don't hear that anymore, and anybody who claims Christmas has slipped up on him obviously has a busted television tube and hasn't seen a newspaper since before Thanksgiving.

I was talking with a prominent man in town the other day and he said he'd noticed that Christmas cards have started arriving

a lot earlier than they used to, he'd already gotten 75 two weeks before Christmas.

Another man chimed in and said, "Yeah, but isn't it a shame some people wait twelve months and let you hear from them only at Christmas time."

Well, now, I'll tell you. Hearing from some people once a year is just about right. But I won't go into that. Congress will never get around to handling the problem of kinfolks and in-laws. That's one area you haven't got

anything to worry about when it comes to Washington's stepping in with Federal control. Congressmen are human beings too, they've got relatives too, and they'll never tamper with a system whereby a Christmas card is a substitute for a visit.

I know some people say that Christmas has been commercialized, but all I've got to say to that is I wish I could say as much for this bitterweed ranch.

There's nothing wrong with giving gifts at Christmas time, and there's nothing wrong with receiving them. I'm in favor of both, and if you know of anybody who's opposed to the latter, put me in touch with him. I'll be glad to relieve him of his burden.

I like Christmas, and I'll come right out in the open and say it: Merry Christmas, Mr. Bundy.

Youth faithfully,
J. A.

News Want Ads Bring Results



TIME TO SAY:
MERRY CHRISTMAS

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

W. A. Carroll, Texaco Consignee

Here's Your 1962-63 Cage Schedule

Sonora High School's head basketball coach Bob Painter this week released the school's basketball schedule for the 1962-63 season:

Thursday, December 20, Ozona, here.

Friday, December 28, Menard, there.

January 3 through 5, Big Lake Tournament.

Friday, January 11, Mason, there.

Tuesday, January 15, Big Lake, here.

January 17 through 19, Ozona Tournament.

Tuesday, January 22, Stanton, there.*

Friday, January 25, McCamey, there.*

Tuesday, January 29, Alpine, here.*

Friday, February 1, Crane, here.*

Friday, February 8, Stanton, here.*

Tuesday, February 12, McCamey, here.*

Friday, February 15, Alpine, there.*

Tuesday, February 19, Crane, there.*

*District Games.

All pre-conference games are scheduled for eight o'clock in the evening. All conference games other than those with Stanton and Alpine will start at eight. The Stanton and Alpine games will begin at four o'clock in the afternoon. "B" squad games begin approximately an hour and a half before the varsity games.

Hospital Notes

Patients receiving treatment at Hudspeth Memorial Hospital during the period from Wednesday, December 12, through Tuesday, December 18:

- Danny Jalife
- Alma Williams
- Luke Mayfield
- Alma Brockman, Fredericksburg
- Ann Burch
- Victor San Miguel
- John Cauthorn
- Tom Henderson, Eldorado
- Mollie Hite
- Alejandro Ramos
- Mollie Morriss
- Emma Bradshaw, Eldorado
- Terri Rutherford
- Mary Hefflin
- Mat Adams
- Santos Brown
- Lupe Jimenez
- Hazel Parks, Eldorado
- Alice Ruth Dyer, Eldorado

Patients dismissed during the same period:

- Danny Jalife
- Alma Williams
- Ann Burch
- Victor San Miguel
- Mollie Hite
- Alejandro Ramos
- Mollie Morriss
- Terri Rutherford
- Santos Brown
- Lupe Jimenez.

Charlie Howell, a student at the University of Mississippi, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Howell.

Herman Moore, Jr. is home from Abilene Christian College to spend the holidays with his family. Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Moore and Larry Bob.



The Joys
of Christmas

The season brings so many wondrous joys -
we hope that you will share in all of them.

Evans Foodway Stores



Merry Christmas

... may it bring you an abundance of good cheer.

SONORA DEALERS IN
HUMBLE PRODUCTS



Christmas—the birthday of Him
who brought Love to us.

Christmas—the day to remember
His many blessings.

Christmas—the time to wish the
best to all our friends!

SONORA WOOL & MOHAIR CO.

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
I have moved to Senora, Texas. I would like a Walky-Talky doll.
Beverly Shotwell.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a baton. I want to learn to twirl. I want my friend to teach me how to twirl. If she won't I will get someone else to teach me.
Suzanne Shurley.

Dear Santa,
I want a new bicycle, some Civil War Men, and a Dick Tracy Walky-Talky.
Thank you Santa,
Mark Wayne Rousselot.

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a football suit, a helmet, and a transistor radio too.
Teddy Coker.

Dear Santa,
I want dolls for Christmas. I want Ken and Barbie.
I love you,
Alice Ruth Cook.

Dear Santa,
I want a machine gun for my Christmas.
Brad Linzy Anderson.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Thumbelina doll, a record player, and a doll carriage.
Corlis Ann St Clair.

Dear Santa,
For this Christmas I want a Thumbelina doll and baton.
Well Santa I want one more thing a uniform and nurse's kit.
Eileen Lutz.

Dear Santa,
I want a Walky-Talky doll, and I have tried to be good. And also I hope all the other children get good gifts too.
Mary Gale.

Dear Santa,
I want a new bicycle. I want a ukelele too. I am seven years old. How is Rudolph?
I can't wait for Christmas Day to get here.
Santa are you coming in an airplane?
James Benson.

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a sewing machine.
I am seven years old.
I want a dress.
I want a bicycle.
Donna Cooper.

Dear Santa,
Will you please come to see me and bring me a bicycle?
Bring my little sister a girl's bicycle.
Steven Bolt.

Dear Santa,
I want a kissy doll, dishes, baton and coloring book.
I wish a Merry Christmas to all.
I am seven.
Janice Nance.

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a bicycle, a Kissy doll, and a ring.
Venita B. Ormsby.

Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle, guns, games, ships, and airplanes. My sister want a Thumbelina doll. My brother want a toy train.
Ricky McKee.

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want an English racer with a light. And I want a football suit.
Michael Lee Livingston.

Dear Santa,
I want a ball, a bat and a glove. I want a B B gun and a pair of boots.
Jodie Bricker.

Dear Santa,
I want a Kissy Doll, a scarf, and a bicycle for Christmas.
Cynthia Weatherford

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Kissy doll and some candy.
I want a coat and a new Sunday hat.
Vicki Lee Groda.

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want a Smoky bear, I want a gun, and an airplane. If you can not bring all of them just bring some of them.
Steven Street.

Dear Santa,
I would like a Thumbelina doll for Christmas. Happy Christmas Santa.
I have tried to be good all year.
Janet Oglesby.

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a walky-talky doll.
Will you bring it for me?
Glenna Chadwick.

Dear Santa,
I want a pair of football shoes, a new football with a kick-tee, an English racer, and an animal history book.
Wesley Richardson.

Dear Santa,
I want a train for Christmas. I have been good. I wish you would bring me a train.
Bobby Lee Smith.

Dear Santa,
I would like a Ballerina doll and a baton for Christmas please.
Merry Christmas,
Sarana Dunlap.

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie Doll.
Janine Hemphill.

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Dear Santa Claus,
I want English racer and a pair of football shoes please and a highway set?
Your friend,
Wade.

December 5, 1962

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a scooter and a radio please. I hope you have it.
I love you Santa, I have a sister, and she wants a tricycle. She loves you too, Santa.
I sit with Sarah Allison.
Love,
Cindy Cavaness.

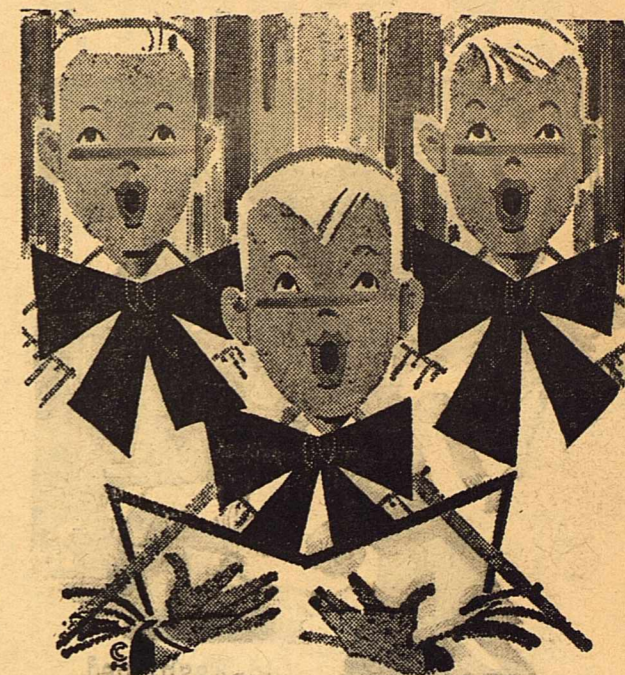
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Dear Santa Claus,
I want a pair of squawboots and please bring me a Mrs. Carolina. That is all I want for Christmas.
You do not have to bring me Mrs. Carolina. But please bring me some squawboots.
And if you can bring my little brother any kind of gun that shoots. You do not have to.
Love,
Terry Lowe.



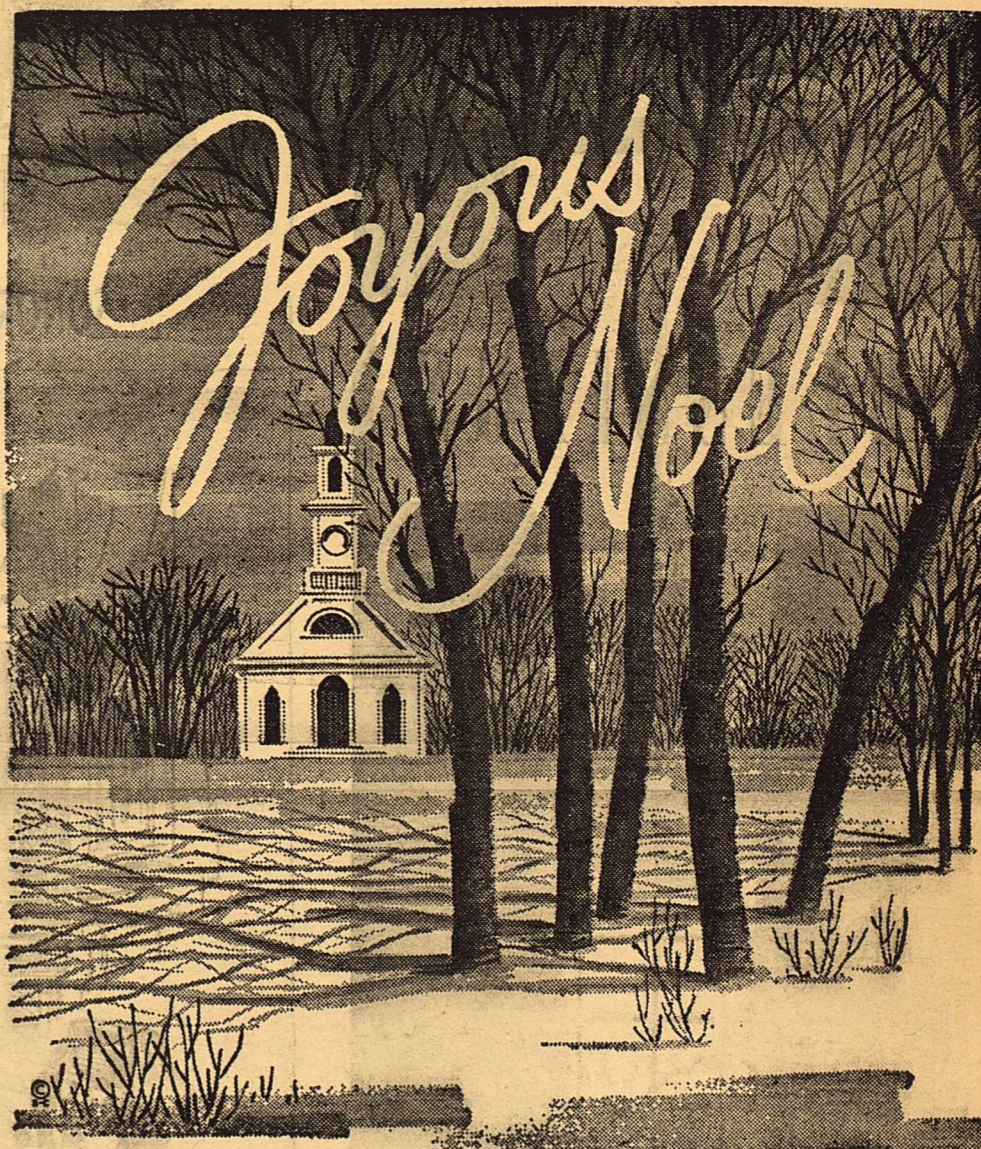
MAY GOOD WILL AMONG ALL MEN REIGN IN
THE WORLD THIS CHRISTMAS—AND FOREVER!

THE RUTH SHURLEY JEWELRY



GREETINGS at CHRISTMAS

SEMMLER'S EL PASO STATION



As Christmas brings the sound
of church bells brightly pealing,
here's hoping it will give to you
a most joyous Christmas feeling.

JOSEPH'S DEPT. STORE



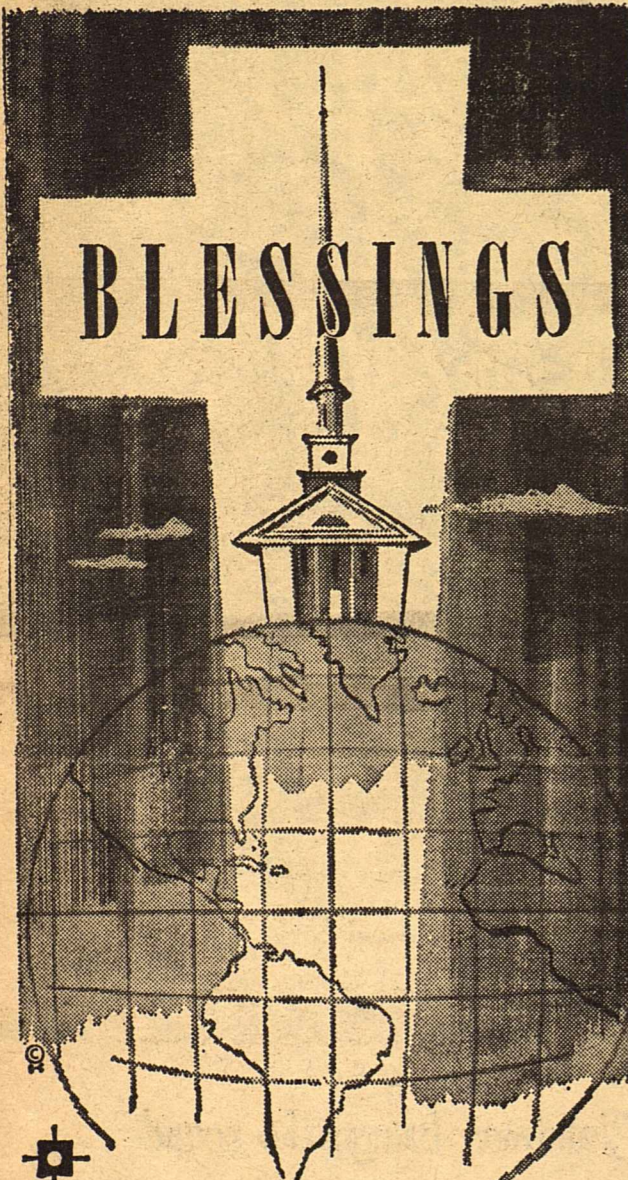
GREETINGS TO ALL OUR FRIENDS,
PATRONS AND NEIGHBORS

Billies Beauty Shop

BILLIE AND DELIA



Corral Trading Post



**PEACE ON EARTH AND
GOOD WILL TO MEN**

The joy of Christmas comes to our world once more, bringing its message of hope and love to all men. May we wish you the happiest of seasons at this time.

Western Motel

A Gay 90's Christmas Dinner

In this day of calorie-counting and weight-conscious people, it's interesting to note what a Christmas dinner was back at the turn of the century. As a matter of fact, the suggestions given for the three Christmas meals at the White House are slightly staggering and yet they weren't considered out of line when it came to holiday feasting.



BREAKFAST
Oranges
Boiled Rice
Broiled Salt Mackerel
Poached Eggs a la creme
Wheat Bread
Potato Fillets
Griddle Cakes (with honey)
Coffee

Now then, after this "light" breakfast, you were expected to sit down and do justice to the traditional Christmas dinner.

DINNER
Oysters On The Half Shell
Game Soup
Boiled White Fish
Roast Goose (or Turkey)
Boiled Potatoes
Mashed Turnips
Stewed Onions
Boiled Rice
Lobster Salad
Christmas Plum Pudding
Mince Pie
Orange Jelly

Under today's rules for eating, one would have drawn the line after breakfast and delayed dinner until a late hour. Not so with our hearty forebears. These gentry, took a deep breath and girded themselves for battle with the evening meal. Light by comparison, but see what they considered "light."

SUPPER
Cold Roast Goose (or Turkey)
Oyster Patties
Cole Slaw

Yuletide Customs Different

Abroad

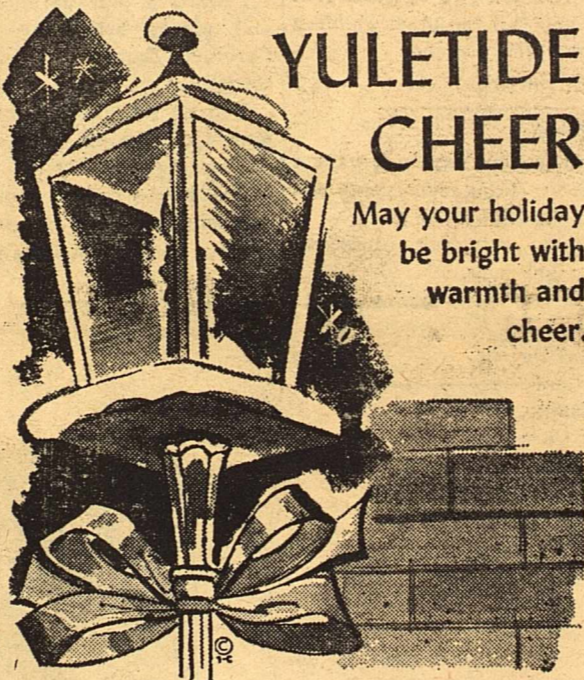
Buns
Charlotte Russe
Peach Jelly
Tea

However, in spite of the fact that our forebears were trenchermen in the food department, they nevertheless were all subject to the same gastronomic ailments and discomforts we of the patent medicine age are.

This revealing fact comes to light in the White House Cook Book of 1900, hedging its bet on the possibility of perhaps you may have over-eaten at the groaning Christmas board. This is what it says under the heading:

HEALTH SUGGESTIONS

"First restore digestion, take plenty of sleep, drink all the water the stomach will bear in the morning on rising, take moderate exercise in the open air, eat oatmeal, cracked wheat, graham mush, baked sweet apples, roasted or broiled beef, cultivate jolly people and bathe daily."



May your holiday be bright with warmth and cheer.

SONORA MEN'S STORE



**SINGING OF JOY
AT CHRISTMAS ...**

The joyous carols of Christmas echo the many greetings we send your way.

Sonora Electric



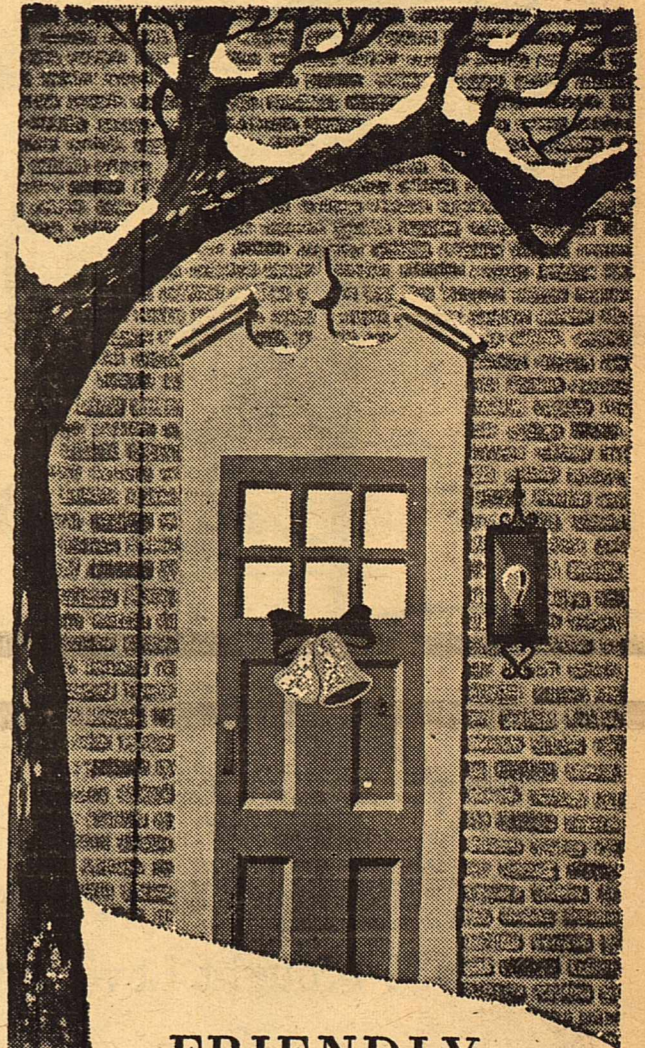
MAY JOY ABIDE IN YOUR HOME AT CHRISTMASTIDE

Sonora Floral



As the glad tidings ring out, may we wish every holiday blessing to you and yours.

C. G. MORRISON STORE



**FRIENDLY
CHRISTMAS
GREETINGS**

With gratitude for your loyal friendship and support, we extend our warmest wishes for a very cheery holiday season,

J. & S. MOTORS

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