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CHRISTMAS EDITORIAL

You would almost think that the ordinary adult would get used to Christmas, after all these years; would get a little case-hardened, so to speak, so that the day would lose a little bit of its special, magical appeal.

But somehow that never happens. Christmas is forever new; even the most dour and crabbed of people, like old Scrooge, are apt to find themselves mystically made over by its influence, if only for a day or two.

For Christmas is, among other things, a kind of spiritual rebirth which restores the freshness and expectancy of childhood. It is not for nothing that its common symbol is a jovial Santa Claus, bearing a pack of gifts for children. Above all other days, Christmas is a children's holiday; and the adult who can pass through it without at least partly entering once more the stainless and unforgotten world of his own childhood is a hard and isolated soul indeed.

And it is quite right that Christmas should be the children's day. Its infinite significance, born of that divine event in far-away Judea, is something we must never overlook in the hustle and bustle of holiday observance; and the One whose birth the holiday commemorates is, after all, the author of that profound remark, "Unless ye become as little children—"

Which, in its turn, is a reminder that a spiritual rebirth like the one which Christmas brings is entirely and fundamentally necessary to us. That coating of cynicism which worldly experience puts on all of us, that readiness to expect the worst, to return evil for evil, to suspect motives and to count the costs of all generous actions—is not that something which we must discard, somehow, before we can shape the world in the way it must be shaped?

We cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven with this cynicism; and Christmas is an excellent time to remember, also, that the Kingdom of Heaven is after all within ourselves. We must find the Kingdom there or nowhere. Until we do find it the world will continue to be the sorry and imperfect place it now is.

Christmas is a good time to start looking for it. For, on top of everything else, Christmas is a reminder that the Kingdom is really there, if we take the trouble to get at it. Man is perfectible, after all; his dreams are not vain, his ideas are not unattainable. If we can but remember that today, our Christmas will do for us what it was meant to do.

Message of the Christmas Time, Written By Local Man, Has Inspirational Value

Editor's Note: The following article was written by W. I. Pratt to be delivered at the Rotary club Thursday but, due to his necessary departure from the city, it was not given as a speech and is herewith printed by The Reporter-Telegram for its inspirational value.

BY W. I. PRATT.

We are again at the threshold of the celebration of that event in world happenings that for near two thousand years has attracted the attention of the Christian world as no other occasion recorded in the pages of history. From that date, in the dim past, when the shepherds on those Judean hills heard the voice saying "Behold! I bring you good tidings of great joy," to this very hour, mankind in ever increasing numbers has been accepting the message of the messenger of Christmas time with the resulting peace and contentment of heart that knows no comparison. To the lowly keepers of the flocks it was the fulfillment of prophecy. It was the end to a long wait of anxiety. It was the realization of dreams almost too good to be true. It was a reward of faith. A King had been born.

After this score of centuries, during which mighty and many changes have been wrought thru man's ingenuity, well might we ask the question: "What message has the Christmas time for you—for me?" What is the significance of Christmas to you and to me? The error of thought that it was His mission to set up an earthly kingdom was soon realized by those who heard His matchless teachings. Displacing the old order of "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" with a message of brotherly love such as the world had not heard, carrying therewith the mandate of necessity of practice if eternal reward be received. He did not receive the popular acclaim of selfish mankind but was made to suffer the ignominy and shame of a cross on Golgotha's Hill, where with pierced hands and feet, and blood flowing from the wound in His side. He lifted His eyes heavenward and prayed to His Father to "forgive them for they know not what they do." Even His most devout followers could not for the time understand such a spirit

of sacrifice and were sore distressed thinking that after all their hopes had been in vain. Wise men from the East who at His birth had come bringing rich gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh to lay at His feet as tribute, were bewildered as they reasoned among themselves for an explanation. Avaricious and selfish Kings shuddered on their thrones as they contemplated the ultimate results of such a nexpression of love and sacrifice. To unborn generations was to be the privilege of comprehending the meaning and experiencing the gradual but sure benefits and satisfactions that would come from the acceptance and practice of such revolutionary teachings as He had promulgated during the short period of thirty three years that He walked among men.

Surely no generation can give more complete testimony to what such a mode of living means individually and collectively than those of us privileged to play our part of the game of life in this twentieth century of the Christian era. Centuries that have passed during which the ever increasing number of believers have, to a degree at least, put into practice the message of the messenger of Christmas time, prove conclusively to you and to me that in the message of "good will toward men" is embodied the secret to true happiness here, and to the faithful, an assurance for that which lies ahead. The beautiful pleasure of the rewards of a life of service as drawn by Van Dyke in his story of "The Other Wise Man" are realities of life to each of us if we will only allow ourselves to be concerned with the relieving of those conditions that bring distress, suffering and heartaches to a trail and erring humanity. For great as the sacrifice may seem, and though we too, may thus lose a sapphire "as blue as a fragment of the night sky; a ruby redder than a ray of sunrise, or a pearl as white as the peak of a snow mountain at twilight," we will hear that same small voice come stealing into our hearts: "For inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren ye have done it unto me."

From East to West and from North to South, from the frozen wastes of the Arctic north to the torrid zones

Larger Navy For The U. S. Is Demanded

Colorado Senator Stresses Need of Increase in Ships

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—A demand for a more powerful navy and air force, to serve notice on foreign nations that the United States is "not afraid" of a fight, came Thursday from Chairman Taylor (D-Colo) of the house appropriations committee.

He said many Americans, particularly in the west, believe this country should not submit "supinely" to Japan's "insolent treatment."

"I feel," Taylor told reporters "that conditions have changed throughout the world so much since August that our country would be justified in showing the world that we are going to get ready, and that we are not hunting a fight but are not afraid of one."

Even the desire for a balanced budget, Taylor said, should not be permitted to interfere with "systematic" improvement of national defenses.

Senator Borah (R-Ida), who commented on the far eastern situation before Taylor spoke, declared the nation should be on guard against "war hounds," who seek to build up a belligerent psychology.

"I do not think that we ought to get out of China, or leave the East," he said, "and neither do I think that if we fail to do so we are going to war with Japan."

He expressed confidence President Roosevelt is seeking to adopt every practicable measure to avoid war.

"It does not require any great amount of courage or statesmanship," the senator added, "to throw a people into war, but it sometimes requires a vast amount of courage and great statesmanship, when the war hounds have hit the trail, to keep a people out of war."

Unlike Borah, Senator Wheeler (Mont) advocated the withdrawal of American troops and ships from China and favored proposals for referendum prior to any war.

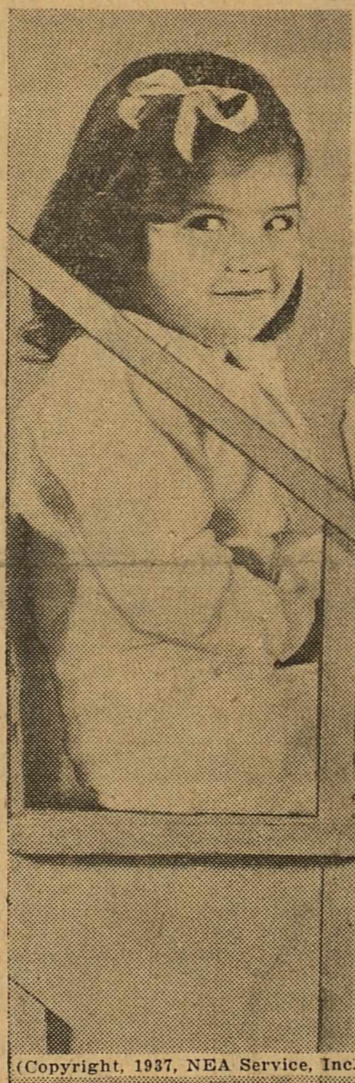
Senator Nye (R-ND) suggested, however, that the United States be permitted to declare war without a vote of the people if a foreign power invaded any country of

of the equator; from the lonely prairies to the congested centers of human industry, we see and experience evidences of the workings of the message of the Christmas time.

The gilded domes of massive church edifices, cathedral spires, pointing heavenward as well as the less pretentious shrine of worship by the roadside give mute testimony of the universality of applications and acceptance. The scores of institutions of mercy in which physical man is ministered to and restored to usefulness and the many great humanitarian organizations such as the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army and others of similar nature are but proof positive of the on-going and spread of the gospel of unselfish service and good will one to another. The intensity of search for a courageous aviator lost on the boundless billows of the deep, tho' it involves the fleet of a nation and an expenditure of fabulous sums of money, or the heroism shown in braving the terrors of the frozen north to carry food and medicine to an isolated and stricken people of another race and tongue, are but evidences to me of the progress of the message of the Christmas time by man in the varied activities of life. And, may I go further and say that the message of the messenger of the Christmas time, the Prince of Peace, is being more completely unfolded when the leaders of governments, representing the greatest nations on earth such as ours, are earnest and sincere, I believe, in their efforts to not only relieve suffering humanity from its ills, regardless of the causes thereof, but to so construct as to accord to all mankind equal opportunity in the natural resources of this great world of ours.

But, beautiful as the picture might

Santa Claus Comes Tonight



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Carrying candles in true Christmas fashion, the Dionne quintuplets are off to bed, to dream of reindeer and Santa's sleigh, and all the marvelous gifts the jolly Old Saint will leave on his visit to the nursery tonight. As they trudge up the stairs Annette, highest, is about to offer Yvonne advice on how to hold a candlestick. Cecile holds hers high and Emilie makes sure she'll get no wax on her pajamas, even though the candles aren't lighted. Marie thinks it a great lark. Then Annette has a sly little idea. She'll just sit right down and wait until Santa comes. But she's finally persuaded to go up to bed.

North, or South America. Secretary of State Hull sent last night to Ambassador Grew in Tokyo two official reports of 4,000 dramatic words on the sinking of the gunboat Panay. Grew was to present them to the Japanese government.

President Roosevelt and Hull read the reports during the day. One was the account of the skipper of the Panay, Lt. Commander James J. Hughes, Washington, D. C.; the other contained the official findings of the naval board of inquiry. Secretary Hull said the presentation to the Japanese government was in the nature of supplementary representations. They supported the facts mentioned in his original note but did not constitute a further protest.

James Troy Seago Cops First Prize In Quints' Contest

To two boys, James Troy Seago and Martin Morren, go first and second prizes in the Quints' Christmas Coloring Contest sponsored by the Reporter-Telegram last week. Third prize was won by Frances Irene Palmer.

The drawings submitted by James Seago were far ahead of all others submitted. The 10-year-old boy used water colors and did work that would be creditable to a far older person. He didn't "bear down" too hard on his drawings as did some of the entries, thereby ruining them with too much coloring. Martin Morren, winner of second place, turned in some nice work on his drawings but they were not equal to those turned in by the first place winner. He was one of the youngest entrants in the contest, eight years old.

Little Miss Palmer's drawings easily ranked third, and it took quite a bit of study to decide between them and the second place winner. Interest in the contest was fairly high, approximately two dozen entries being received. A few others came in too late to be considered in the judging. First prize of \$2.50, second prize of \$1.50 and third prize of \$1.00 will be paid by The Reporter-Telegram to the winners today.

"Last Round-up" of Holiday Shopping Being Held Today

Midland merchants today were preparing for a "last round-up" of Christmas shopping to accommodate those who have lingered to the last to do their trading.

Several of the stores will be open tonight until 9 o'clock, as they have been all week, but all will be closed up "lock, stock and barrel" tomorrow. Many residents of the city will make out of town trips to spend Christmas day with relatives and friends, but on the other hand, many persons will be arriving here tonight and in the morning to spend the week-end here.

Turkey sales were rapid during the past two days at Midland markets, and were continuing through today. Many housewives and cooks will put the birds on the stove this afternoon, leaving only the final baking for tomorrow. Along with the heavy traffic that is already noticeable, warnings from the state highway patrol to drivers were issued. A heavy toll of holiday accidents are expected despite urgings by officials to drive carefully and safely. Two churches, the First Methodist and First Baptist, will hold Christmas tree ceremonies tonight, and midnight mass will be held at St. George's Catholic church.

Supt. Lackey Leaves For Holiday Visits

Superintendent W. W. Lackey of the city schools left today for Port Worth where he plans to eat Christmas dinner with his brothers and sisters. He plans to see the state high school championship football game Saturday afternoon in Dallas, and may remain over for the Rice-Colorado Cotton Bowl game New Year's Day. While on this trip, the Midland superintendent will contact Texas Colleges in an effort to fill two or

BULLETIN

The welfare committee of the chamber of commerce announced this morning that all needy families of the community had been "adopted" by more fortunate persons of the city and that all will receive baskets of much needed food, the baskets being distributed today. Organizations and individuals of the worthy program and chamber of commerce officials issued a statement this morning thanking all persons who aided in the program.

Approximately 100 baskets of food will be distributed over the city this morning and afternoon. A marvelous response has also been given the Boy Scouts in their used toy program, and over 750 toys will be divided among needy children of the city this afternoon. Needy families of the city will have a merry Christmas as a result of the thoughtfulness of Midland citizens.

Two Churches to Have Trees Tonight

Methodist and Baptist churches will hold their Christmas trees tonight. The Methodist tree will be at 7:30 o'clock and will be a general tree. It will be preceded by a program presented by children of the Sunday school. Some one will be at the church from one o'clock this afternoon on to receive the gifts or putting on the tree. Rev. W. C. Hinds has announced. The Baptist tree, for all pupils of the Sunday school, will be held at 7 o'clock this evening. It will be preceded by a brief program.

Declare All Responsible Reprimanded

Assurance Given Recurrence to Be Guarded Against

TOKYO, Dec. 24 (AP)—The Japanese government today acknowledged full responsibility for sinking the American gunboat Panay. Officials advised the United States that the flying squadron, commander and others responsible had been punished and assured the American government definite and specific steps had been taken to prevent recurrence.

Foreign Minister Koki Hirota personally handed the note to Ambassador Joseph Grew after approval by the cabinet and the sanction of Emperor Hirohito.

It answered American representations after bombing the Panay and three Standard oil vessels in the Yangtze above Nanking December 12.

Hirota did not make clear how the responsible bombers had been punished. United States Consul General Clarence E. Gauss made strong representations to Japanese authorities today over a reported insult to the American flag by Japanese soldiers at Wuhu, 60 miles up the Yangtze from Nanking.

He also requested a complete investigation of the incident which allegedly occurred Dec. 13, the day after Japanese bombs sank the U. S. S. Panay when Japanese soldiers were completing their occupation of the important river port.

According to reports received here Japanese soldiers seized a boat owned by the American missionary-operated general hospital there, pulled down the American flag and threw it in the river.

When members of the hospital staff rescued the flag and brought the matter to the attention of the Japanese commander at Wuhu he was reported to have expressed his regrets.

Merry Christmas, Papa and Mamma, Have Meal Ready

By JESS RODGERS. It is going to be a "hard Christmas" for relatives as well as The Reporter-Telegram personnel is concerned.

An independent poll (I won't vouch for the truth of all answers) indicates that five, maybe more, of the regular employees will be eating turkey or what have you "on the folks."

Our boss, T. Paul Barron, says he will be at home and will listen to all complaints that might arise ChristmasDay—but that he sure does hope there "won't be none." In particular, he hopes there won't be any necessity of getting out an "extra."

James Phillip Harrison (the bald-headed man) and his wife, Fannie (the circulation editor) are planning on spending the day at home along with Rigo von Wilsona Hof. Just in case you don't know the latter—he is that overgrown pup that several have confused with a Shetland pony. The society editor—Kathleen Eiland—will either take a trip to El Paso to get her eyes examined or visit with relatives in Stokes, Texas, and try to get her share of turkey, weak eyes or no weak eyes. Ben Lyle Crites and Guy Bennett, linotype operators, will both be out of town—and won't that be nice in case an "extra" is needed? Crites, his wife and two boys, Charles and Billy, will leave today for Lubbock to visit relatives. Bennett will follow his wife and three sons, Carter, Lynn and Ralph to Dallas. Mrs. Bennett and the boys left Wednesday for a visit with her mother.

D. E. "Shorty" Holster, shop foreman, will get away today (he hopes) with his wife and sons Russell and Earl for Forkum, and the missus three sons, gnawing drum sticks with her parents in Big Spring unless plans go "hay-wire."

Johnny Rhoden admits he has See (Christmas) Page 7

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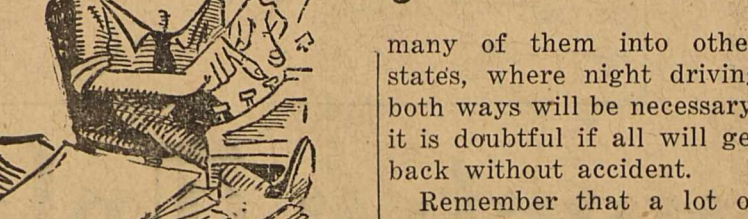
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# The Town Quack



many of them into other states, where night driving both ways will be necessary, it is doubtful if all will get back without accident.

Remember that a lot of the safety depends on you, and a lot which should depend on the other fellow will have to be taken care of by you.

That's all. Merry Christmas!

HOME FROM AUSTIN.  
Joe Morrow, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Morrow, is home from the University of Texas at Austin to spend the Christmas vacation.

There are 3955 miles of railways within the borders of the state of West Virginia.

# Church Services

**MEN'S CLASS**  
The Men's class meets every Sunday morning at 9:45 o'clock in the Crystal ballroom of the Hotel Scharbauer. It is a non-denominational class and every man who does not attend services elsewhere is cordially invited to attend. The teachers are Marvin Ulme and Judge Charles L. Klapproth. There is a singing service of fifteen minutes prior to the speaking.

**NAOMI CLASS**  
The Naomi (inter-denominational) class for women will meet at 9:45 o'clock in the private dining room of the Hotel Scharbauer. Mrs. J. Howard Hodge is the teacher.

**HOLINESS TABERNACLE (Pentecostal)**  
Pastor O. W. Roberts  
10:00 Sunday School.  
11:00 Preaching Service.  
7:45 Wednesday, Prayer Meeting.  
7:30 Evening Service.

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
T. H. Graalmann, Pastor  
Services are held every second and fourth Sunday at the Midland Episcopal Church at 2:00 p. m. You are cordially invited to attend.

of the Resurrection."  
5:00 p. m. Junior Endeavor.  
6:00 p. m. Intermediate and senior Endeavors.  
7:00 p. m. Evening worship. Rev. C. A. Rineheart of Missouri will preach.  
8:30 p. m. Monday—Missionary society.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
W. J. Coleman, Minister in Charge  
J. L. Kendrick, Church School Supt.  
9:45 a. m. Church school.  
Carrying out the previously announced intention, of having at least one Christmas service each Sunday during the month of December, the Minister will bring Seasonal messages at both the morning and evening worship hours. The vested choir will lead the carol singing as well as furnishing appropriate special numbers.  
11:00 a. m. "The Meeting Place of The Race" (The Manger Cradle of Jesus) Genesis 49:10.  
7:00 p. m. The People's Hour. The message theme: "The Wonderful Saviour." Isaiah 9:6.

**SOUTH SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Corner of South Colorado and California Streets  
C. E. Kiser, Pastor.  
10:30 a. m. Preaching.  
11:30 a. m. Communion service.  
7:30 p. m. Preaching.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Winston F. Borum, Pastor  
9:45 a. m. Sunday school.  
Claude Crane, superintendent.  
11:00 a. m. Worship. Sermon by the pastor on the subject: "My Covenant."  
6:15 p. m. Training union. Dick Denham, director.  
7:30 p. m. Evening worship. Sermon by the pastor. Subject: "Hidden Possibilities."

**ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH**  
The Rev. G. M. Cartier, O. M. I. In Charge.  
8:00 a. m. Mass for Mexican people. Spanish sermon.  
10:00 a. m. Mass for English speaking people.  
7:30 Evening services.  
Daily Mass 8:30 a. m.

**TRINITY CHAPEL (Protestant Episcopal)**  
P. Walter Henckell, Minister in Charge.  
Richard E. Gile, Lay Reader  
11:00 a. m. Lay reader service. Mr. Gile, leader.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
John E. Pickering, Pastor  
H. G. Bedford, Supt. of Bible School  
Mrs. M. A. Park, Director of Music  
9:45 a. m. Christmas Bible school  
10:50 a. m. Preparation for Lord's Supper.  
11:00 a. m. Worship sermon by the pastor. Subject: "The Power

## Champion 'Coon Dog Loses Prestige in Log

OLD APPLETON, Mo. (U.P.)—Ben Schnurbusch's hound dog—renowned throughout the Ozarks for his ability to hunt 'coons—has found the raccoon that he'll let alone hereafter.

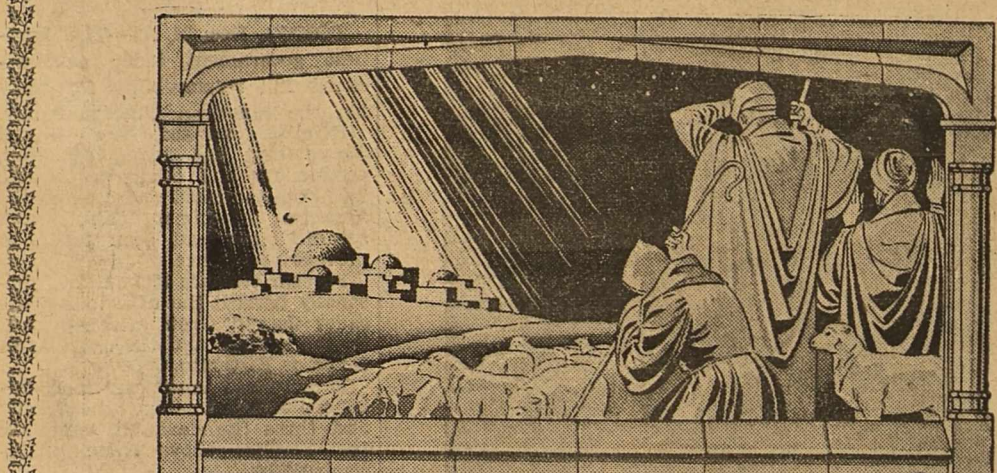
Investigation proved it was Schnurbusch's 'coon dog, nearly dead from starvation. Schnurbusch said that some wily raccoon probably had lured the dog into the log, from which it was unable to escape.

The American people today own 28,000,000 motor vehicles and each year 40,000,000 regular operators travel 500,000,000,000 automobile passenger miles.

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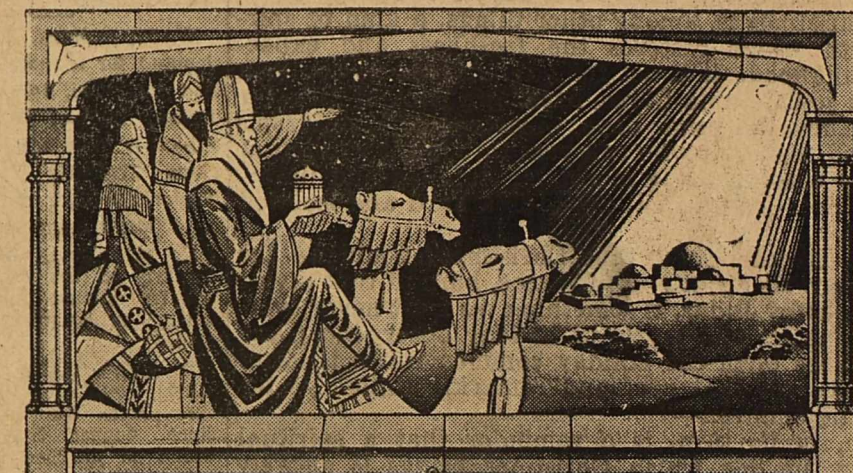
In the True Spirit of the Occasion  
WE WISH FOR  
OUR FRIENDS  
*A Merry Christmas*  
and a  
*Prosperous New Year*



MRS. J. B. FORD



Your  
**Dodge & Plymouth**  
DEALER  
WISHES FOR YOU  
A  
**Merry Christmas**  
And a  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
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*Our Heartiest*  
*Best Wishes*  
For a  
**JOYOUS**  
**CHRISTMAS**

May all those things which endear the past, enrich the present and make the future bright with hope, be yours on Christmas Day!

We like to feel that this institution holds a place in the hearts of the people of Midland and West Texas and that our greetings, although expressed in cold type, will carry to you the warmth that comes from genuine sincerity.

In pleasant remembrances of our past associations with our patrons, we extend to you our Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday Season.

From the  
**OFFICERS**  
**DIRECTORS**  
and  
**EMPLOYEES**

**The First National Bank**  
MIDLAND, TEXAS

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
AND  
**Happy New Year**  
**FIRESTONE**  
AUTO SUPPLY & SERVICE STORES

WE  
WANT  
TO ISSUE  
AN INSURANCE  
POLICY THAT WILL  
INSURE YOUR HAPPINESS  
AND PROSPERITY DURING  
THE HOLIDAY SEASON AND  
THE COMING YEAR! AT THE  
SAME TIME LET US WISH YOU  
THE SAME MERRY CHRISTMAS THAT  
WE DID MANY YEARS AGO WHEN OUR  
FIRM HAD ITS BEGINNING IN MIDLAND.  
ACCEPT THE HEARTIEST WISHES  
FROM  
THE  
FIRM  
OF  
**MIMS & CRANE**

### Everything But Her Is Thrown by Withers in Film

Withers starts throwing  
ound, studies Louise Hen-  
est in Thomas Beck, and  
with the Hartmans who  
throw voices, dancing and  
to the winds as forty-five  
club members throw up  
s in Jane's funniest pic-  
Fathers" Twentieth Cen-  
rough-packed film which  
y at the Yucca theatre.  
ded by an exceptional

cast, Jane raises a riot in an exclu-  
sive bachelors' club when its mem-  
bers adopt her, exposes a false ro-  
mance, and brings happiness to ev-  
erybody.

Leaving Africa, where he father  
was fatally wounded while hunting,  
Jane meets the Hartmans, eccentric  
ventriloquists, dance satirists and  
sleight-of-hand artists, aboard ship.  
Becoming inseparable, the trio ar-  
rives in New York where, after a  
series of wild adventures, Jane  
lands in a Fifth Avenue bachelor's  
club, whose forty-five members sol-  
emnly draw lots to determine which  
one will have the privilege of being

### Theatre Employes Complimented With Christmas Party

Employes of the Yucca, Ritz, and  
Rex theatres were entertained with  
the annual Christmas party Wed-  
nesday evening at 11 o'clock, at the  
Yucca.

As guests arrived, fortunes were  
told by "Chi-Chi" sticks by Mrs.  
J. Howard Hodge and Mrs. Archie  
Estes.

In the lobby of the theatre, a long  
table was attractively laid and a  
luncheon plate was served. After-  
ward games were played until a  
late hour.

The evening was concluded with  
the presentation of gifts from the  
Christmas tree, with J. Howard  
Hodge, theatre manager, acting as  
Santa Claus.

Gifts were presented to both Mr.  
and Mrs. Hodge from the theatre  
staff. Each employe was given an  
extra pay check.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs.  
Archie Estes, Mr. and Mrs. C. J.  
Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gregory,  
Haskell Wadkins, Miss Marguerite  
Lee, Martin Neill, Mrs. Leonard  
Clark, Miss Tommie Hewitt, Mil-  
ton Kidwell, Mr. and Mrs. Edward  
Carson, Walter Johnson, Mickey  
McGuire, Jack Moore, Edwin Am-  
merman, and the host and hostess,  
Mr. and Mrs. Hodge.

### "Magic Eye" Pearl Back To Vault in Melbourne

MELBOURNE (U.P.)—The famous  
"Magic Eye" pearl has been  
brought to Australia by its owner  
for permanent keeping unless it  
should some day find a purchaser  
elsewhere.

The pearl is one of the world's  
most extraordinary stones, al-  
though ranking as a freak of na-  
ture. It is a huge black pearl  
embedded in the center of a white  
one and giving the appearance of  
the pupil and white of an eye.

It was found in 1926 and has  
twice been exhibited at London ex-  
positions. Mrs. A. C. Lumley owns  
the gem.

her foster father, Richard Carle  
wins, but the members find they  
have dynamite on their hands as  
Jane and her pet monkey go on a  
rampage.

Carle takes Jane to his nephew's  
home, where she seeks to do good  
by rescuing the wealthy nephew  
from an entanglement with an at-  
tractive but scheming society girl.  
Her good intentions serve to cause  
more trouble, excitement and fun.

Building steadily and hilariously  
to the climax, in which a heartbalm  
trial is in progress, the picture be-  
comes a carnival of laughter as  
Jane and the Hartmans expose  
snobbish society schemers with  
ventriloquistic hi-links.

Expertly directed by James Tin-  
ling, with John Stone as associate  
producer, "45 Fathers" is fast-mov-  
ing, frolicsome entertainment.

### Personals

Miss Fairy Gregory will return  
to Seminole during the holidays to  
make her home for sometime with  
her parents. She has been associated  
with the City Cleaners here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Ramfield will  
spend the holiday in Fort Worth  
with relatives.

Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Sutton will  
leave today for San Angelo where  
they will spend Christmas with his  
mother. Accompanying them will be  
their three sons, Walter Lee, Robert,  
and Charles.

Mr. and Mrs. John Winborne are  
here from their ranch near Fort  
Sumner, N. M., visiting relatives  
over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Means and  
son, Colie, of Valentine will spend  
the holidays with her parents, Mr.  
and Mrs. E. P. Cowden.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Babb and  
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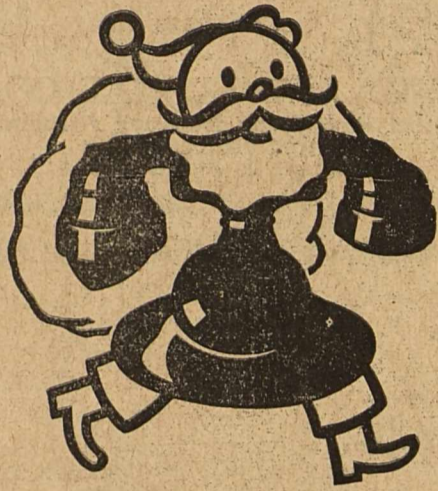
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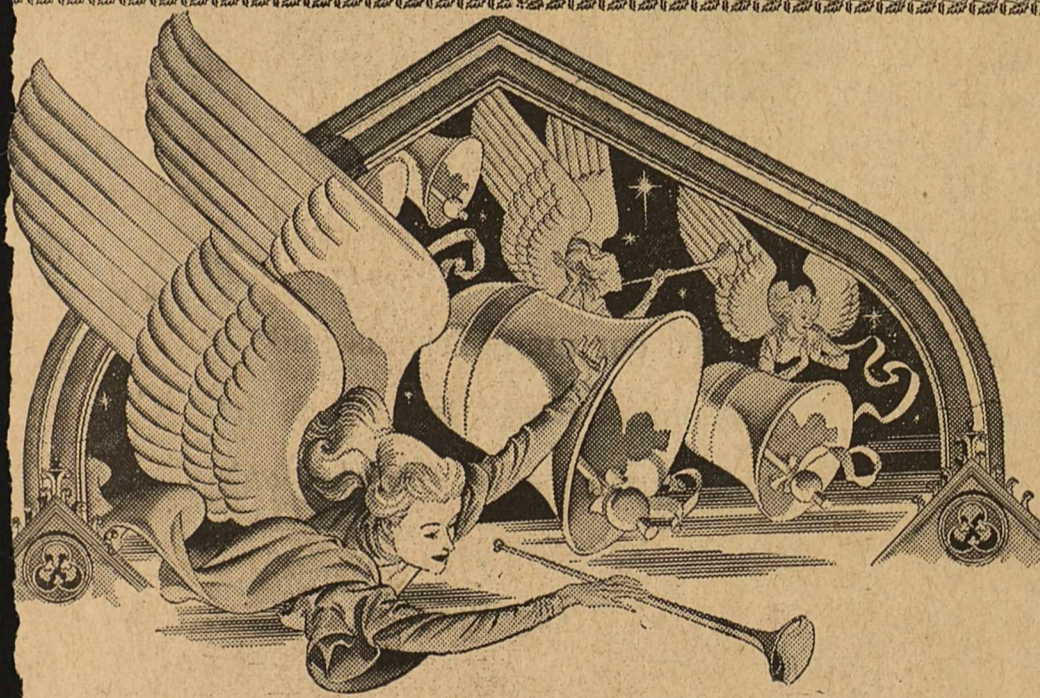


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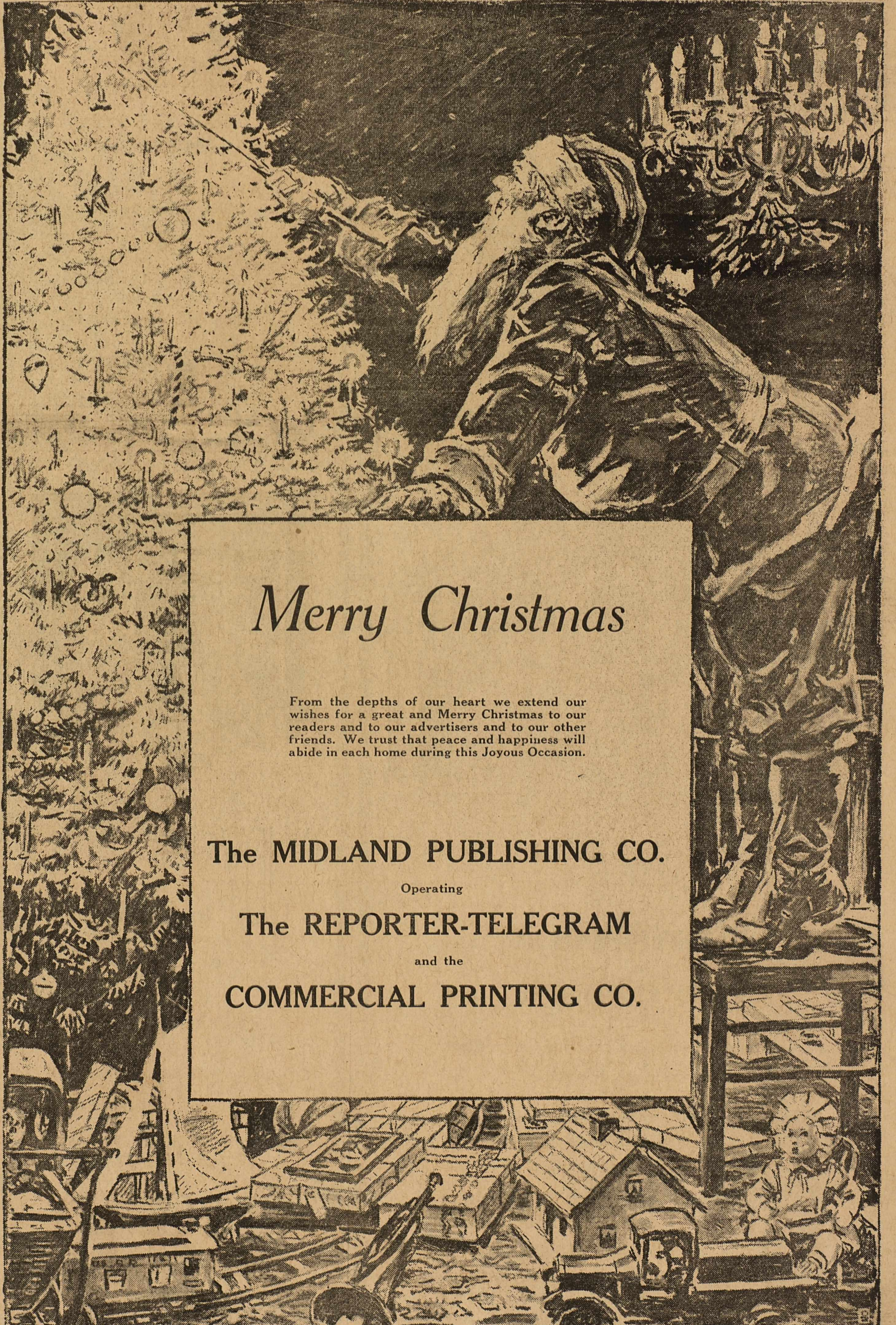
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# SOCIETY NEWS SECTION

## Christmas Tree Party Is Treat For Class

The boys' and girls' class of the Church of Christ Sunday school taught by Elmer B. Walker was complimented with a Christmas tree and party at the home of Mrs. Pearl Parrott, 310 S. Pecos, Thursday afternoon.

Gifts from the tree were exchanged according to names that had been drawn and cellophane bags of candy were additional treats.

Various games were played under

the direction of the hostess. At the refreshment hour, Mrs. Parrott, assisted by Mrs. J. S. Ramfield and Miss Lillian Manning served a party plate. Favors were wee dolls in baskets for the girls and cars for boys.

Children present included: Marcella Romans, Patsy Jean Godine, Jill Parrott, William Drake, Eloise Gabbert, Bervin Hines, John Pe-trey, J. C. Hejl, Glenn Parrott, Joe Ramfield, Wallace Jackson, and Kathryn Hanks.

### ARE VISITING HERE.

John P. Cowden and son, Charles Cowden, are here from Nashville, Tenn. on a visit. They have relatives in Texas points and are dis-tantly related to Cowden families here.

### TO AMARILLO.

Miss Dorothy Herzog left this morning for Amarillo to spend Christmas with her sister.

## Picturesque Frontier Dance Features Social Calendar

### Edd Dick Cowden Are Hosts to Gay Costume Affair

Most picturesque of the Christmas social affairs was the frontier dance with which Mr. and Mrs. Edd Dick Cowden entertained pioneer residents of Midland at the Heidelberg Inn Thursday evening. The invitation list included only pioneer residents of this section and a few of the pioneer oil families of the country.

Invitations were black and yellow handbills couched in frontier lan-guage, inviting "Ladies and Gents" to the affair.

As guests arrived, all in appro-

prate costume, they were annoth-ed over a loudspeaker and signed a guest book.

Following the grand march, prizes were awarded. Hal Peck was judged best-costumed man. He was arrayed as Diamond Jim Brady was close runner-up for the award. Mr. Peck was presented with the guest reg-ister, which was bound in wood lac-ed with leather thongs.

Mrs. Walter Cowden received prize for the best costume among the women and was presented with hand-carved wooden figures of a cowboy and cowgirl.

The orchestra members served as judges. The dance hall was decorated in

### Christmas style.

Babe Lowry and her orchestra played for modern dances. Three floor shows were presented.

John Hix played for the square dances and Bob Preston called the figures.

A midnight supper featuring a western menu of barbecued sand-wiches and accompaniments was served.

The invitation list for the affair included: Messrs. and Mmes. Fred H. Fuhrman, Ed Whitaker, John Perkins, Roy Parks, Andrew Pas-ken, I. E. Daniel, M. C. Ulmer, C. M. Goldsmith, Frank Cowden, Guy Cowden, Clyde Cowden, Rall Bell Cowden, Mrs. Ellis Cowden;

Messrs. and Mmes. Geo. Glass, Joe Youngblood, O. B. Holt, Clar-ence Scharbauer, John P. Butler, E. H. Ellison, Barron Kidd, Fred Wilcox, A. N. Hendrickson, Geo. Mc-Entire Jr., Henry Wolcott, Allen Tol-ber, Harry Tolbert, Hal Peck, Mrs.

Jas. Fitzgerald, Judge and Mrs. C. Klapproth.

Mmes. and Messrs. W. T. Walsh, John Shipley, O. C. Harper, Lee Hays, Harvey Conger, B. H. Blake-ney, Frank Williamson, John Dub-lin, Johnson Phillips, Fred Wright, Jim Baker, Walter Cowden, Ben Williams, Hayden Miles, Miss Lula Elkin, Mmes. and Messrs. Dunn Reil-ger, Porter Rankin, Bill Wyche, W. E. Wallace, Owen Cochran, Bob Preston, Mr. John Hix, Mmes. and Messrs. W. J. McMillan, Chappell Davis, Fred Turner, Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Whitehouse, Mrs. Adale Abell.

Claude Cowden, Autrey Moore, Mmes. and Messrs. Claude Duffey, Joe Crump, Harvey Sloan, Harry Watson, Frank Fulk, Elliott Cowden, Foy Proctor, Bob Estes, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Mclear, Tom Patterson. Out of town: Mmes. and Messrs. Mark McGee of Fort Worth, L. B. Denning of Dallas, Grady Crowley of Dallas, Frank Crowley of Fort Worth, Mrs. Karl Griffith of Dallas and Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Dyer of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Fields of Dallas, Uncle John Schar-bauer of Fort Worth and Midland. Mrs. Jim Baker and Mrs. Lee Hays presided at the guest book.

## Methodist Class Favored With Party

Mrs. J. L. Tidwell entertained her class of intermediate girls from the Methodist Sunday school with a Christmas party at her home, 316 S. Big Spring, Wednesday evening. Various games were played and the high point of the evening was an exchange of gifts.

Refreshments were served to the following: Class members, Leeda Whigham, Emma Ray Greenhill, Mary Ruth Roy, Inez Pittman, Leta Dell Stevens, Armalee Romans; mothers, Mmes. J. B. Terry, L. J.

Stevens, A. G. Whigham, L. H. Pittman, G. T. Ro the hostess.

### EPISCOPAL SERVICE

Rev. P. Walter Hen-d Spring will be in Midla duct 9 o'clock services Chapel Episcopal church day morning.

### LIBRARY CLOSED.

The county library all Christmas Day, M Hester, librarian, has

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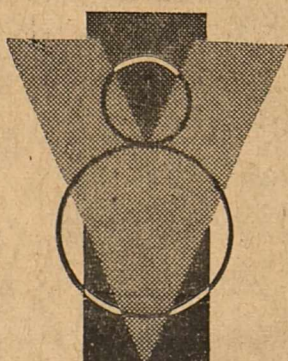
## Christmas Greetings

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### Texas Women's Press Head, Visiting Here; Declares Journalism Wonderful Work for Women Inclined Toward It

"I am amazed because more women are not in it," declared Mrs. Pearl L. Ward, president of the Texas Women's Press Association in discussing journalism as a profession for women with a reporter Wednesday. She is in Midland as the holiday guest of her son, B. L. Crites of The Reporter-Telegram mechanical staff, and Mrs. Crites.

Mrs. Ward believes newspaper work is a wonderful profession, as she says, "for the woman who is inclined that way." For four years, following the death of Mr. Ward in 1930, Mrs. Ward carried on his work as editor of the Rusk Cherokeean, which can be dated back to February, 1849, and is believed to be the oldest newspaper in Texas.

Editorial Troubles. The troubles which beset the editorial pathway were aptly illustrated by Mrs. Ward in her experience of the customer who decided to give up her paper because it was a prohibition paper and the woman who complained that she could not tell by reading the paper whether the editor was prohibitionist or not. A newspaper must always stand for the highest and finest in things, she insists, but there are necessarily many issues on which good business sense dictates that the paper shall not crusade but shall give evidence on both sides of the question. Her

husband had observed the principles of trying to show both sides of the question and in this respect she followed in his footsteps.

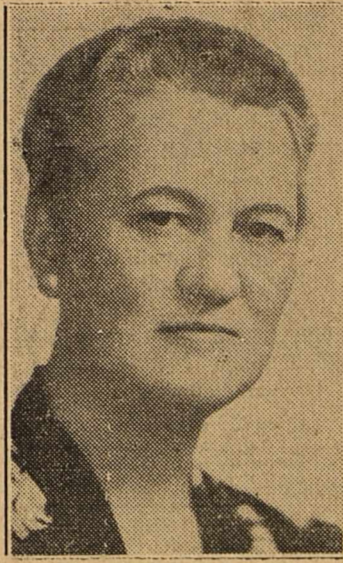
As to the prohibition question, Mrs. Ward declares that she is an ardent prohibitionist.

In her years on the Cherokeean, she was assisted by her son, Mr. Crites, who returned from Arizona to help in putting out the paper, learned the intricacies of linotyping quickly and became so interested in the work that he is remaining in it.

Three years ago, Mrs. Ward sold her newspaper but she retains her interest in newspaper work.

When she began her brief career as publisher, there were only 12

### Visits Son Here



Mrs. Pearl L. Ward of Rusk who is here visiting her son, B. L. Crites and family, is president of the Texas Women's Press Association and alertly interested in newspaper work for women.

chosen as president of the Texas Women's Press Association, one of the oldest women's organizations in Texas. She will be in charge of the yearly convention in Dallas in April, 1938.

She is a staunch supporter of the Association and interested in its membership growth. The organization awards a scholarship in the University of Texas to a girl interested in journalism, having adopted a new system of long-time loan as more practical than the original out-right gift of financial aid.

She believes, too, in having the membership composed of women who are actually interested in newspaper work rather than in purely "literary" lines of writing such as poetry. All her officers and members on her standing committees are composed of women actively engaged in newspaper work.

Attractive in appearance and young in manner, this leader of the state's group of newspaperwomen betrays in her conversation the definite personality, will power, and executive capacity which have made her a leader.

#### Varied Activities.

Newspaper work is not by any means her only interest. At the Centennial convention of the TWP she presented an address on "The Part Women Played in the Colonization of Texas" which was so well received that a copy of it was asked to be spread upon the minutes of the organization in order to preserve it for the future. A copy of the address is also in the possession of the Midland county public

library here.

P. T. A. work, church work, and other activities have found her a willing and active worker. Among the honors bestowed upon her along these lines was her election to presidency of the Eastern Texas Presbyterial.

But back of her varied interests along other lines lies the immemorial interest of a mother—"There is nothing unusual about me" she says, "but there is about my son" and eagerly turns the conversation to him.

Mrs. Ward will be remembered here from previous visits. She plans to accompany Mr. and Mrs. Crites and their two sons to Brownfield today for the holiday weekend, returning here Sunday and leaving Monday. She will spend the remainder of the winter in Waco.

### T. E. L. Class Has Traditional Party At Wimberly Studio

In keeping with a traditional custom, the T. E. L. class of the Baptist Sunday school held its annual Christmas party at the Wallace Wimberly studio, 617 W. Texas, Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. W. W. Wimberly, through whose co-operation the studio has always been available to the group, is in El Paso visiting a son and was unable to be present. It was in accordance with her expressed wish that the class

hold the Christmas social at the studio in her absence.

Christmas decorations were used in the entertaining room and a Christmas tree with colored lights added gaiety to the party.

Little Mildred Brinson and Jo Ann McDonald presented readings.

Mrs. D. W. Brinson brought the devotional, reading the Biblical Christmas story.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. S. T. Cole.

Gifts were exchanged, names having previously been drawn by class members. A party plate was served to: Guests, Mrs. Fred Middleton, Mrs. Lucy Hartman of Los Angeles, Mrs. Willis, Mrs. Slaughter, Mrs. Chas. Langford, Mildred Brinson, Jo Ann McDonald, members, Mmes. J. G. Arnett, J. H. Barron, D. W. Brinson, H. E. Cummings, Martha Holloway, Frank Lord, T. O. Midkiff, Brooks Pemberton, Mary Quin, Smith, V. Z. Wren, S. T. Cole, R. O. Walker.

#### FIRST METHODIST CHURCH.

W. C. Hinds, Pastor. 9:45 a. m. Church school. 11:00 a. m. Morning worship. Theme for sermon: "The Four Corner Stones of the Gospel." There are only four. To loose one is to loose all. This sermon will be good for all Christians. Epworth League Evening Service.

6:15 p. m. Intermediate department at the church.

6:15 p. m. Senior department at the annex.

7:30 p. m. Evening worship. (Please note change in time.) Sermon by the pastor. Theme: "The New Deal."

Airline traffic for the first nine months of 1937 showed an increase of 93,785 passengers over the same period of 1936. Scheduled airlines to Sept. 30 carried 838,485 passengers as compared to 744,700 carried during the same period of 1936.

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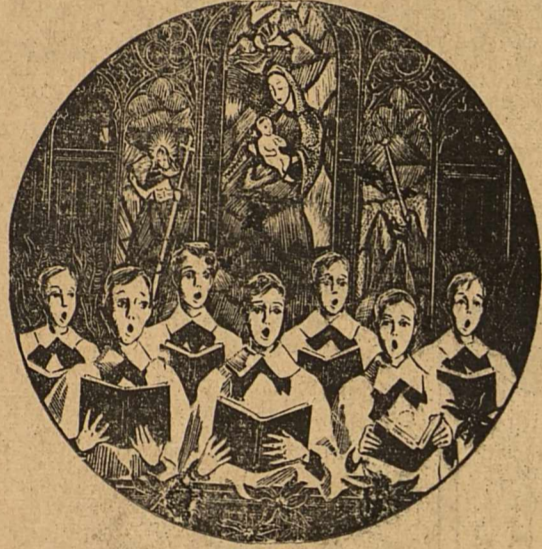
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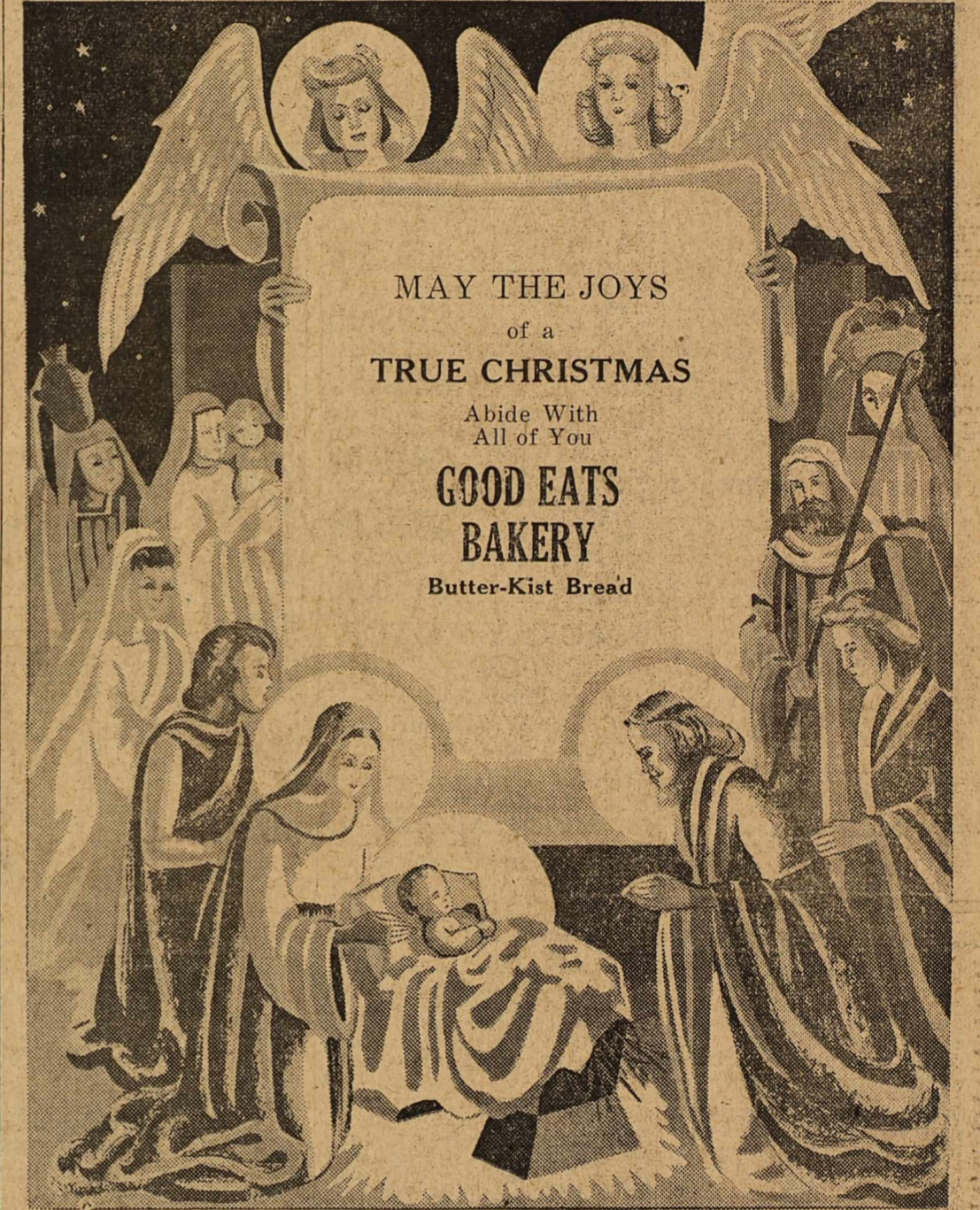


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Personals

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Miss Ruth Pratt has gone to El Paso to spend Christmas.

Houseguests in the E. P. Cowden home for the Christmas holidays will include Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Means and son, Cole Cowden Means, of Valentine, and Mr. and Mrs. Al Cowden and daughter, Emma Sue, also of Valentine.

R. L. Denham has gone to St. Louis for the holidays. Mrs. Denham will accompany him home, having preceded him on a visit. Ann Spurgeon will go with him to visit with the Denhams over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Hall have as their houseguests, his sister, Mrs. O. V. Johnson and daughter, Lew...

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an, of Greenville. Mrs. Clark Perkins and Mrs. Joe Adams and son, Joe Edd, are visiting relatives in Commerce, Texas, over the holidays.

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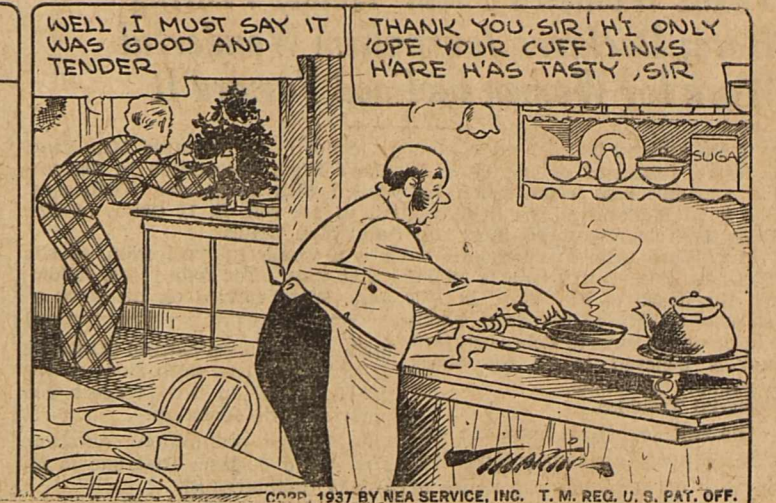
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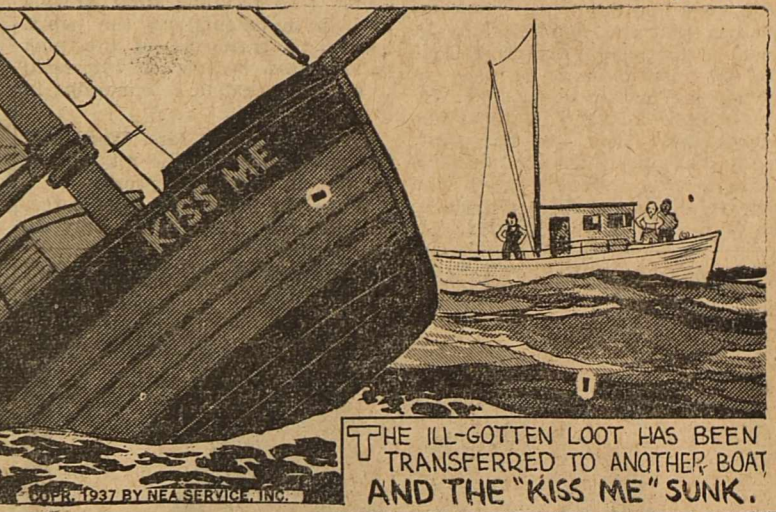
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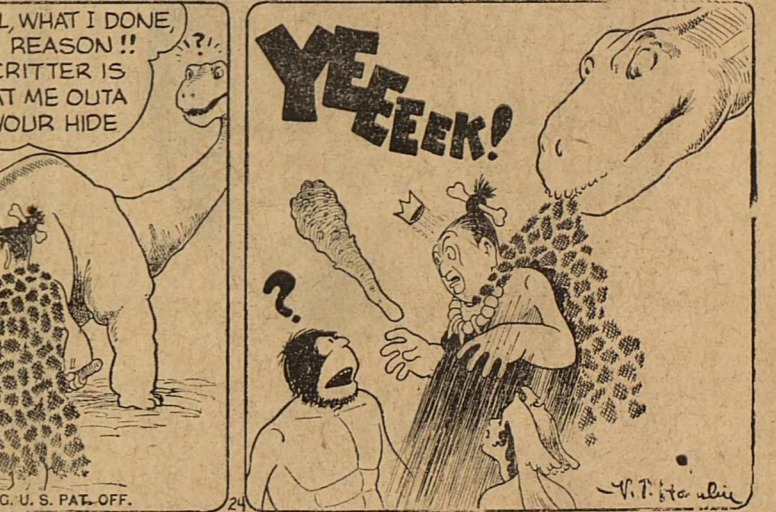
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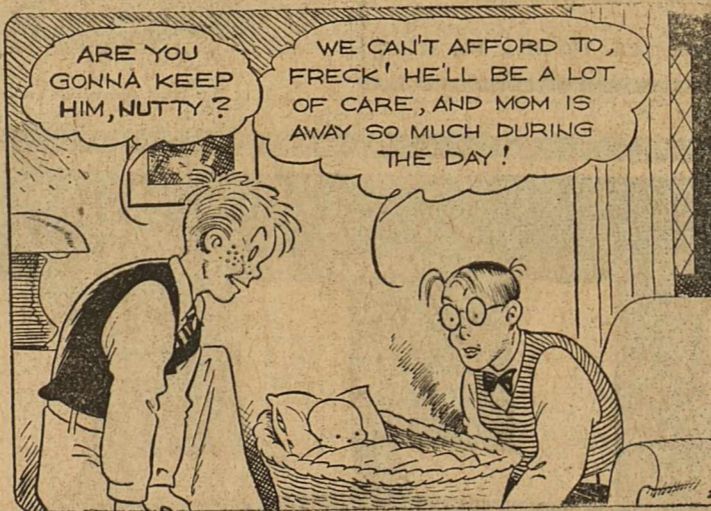
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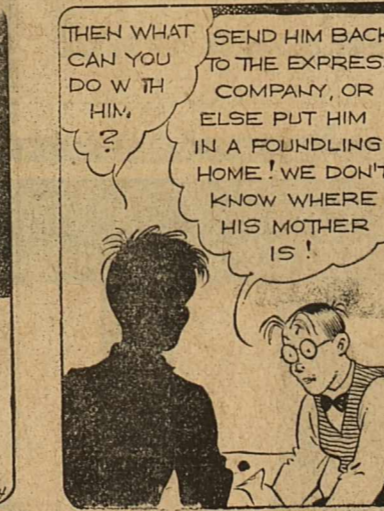
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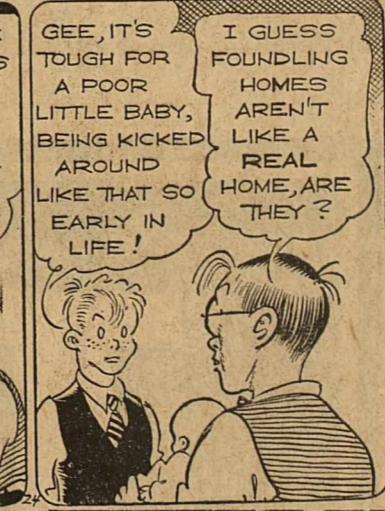
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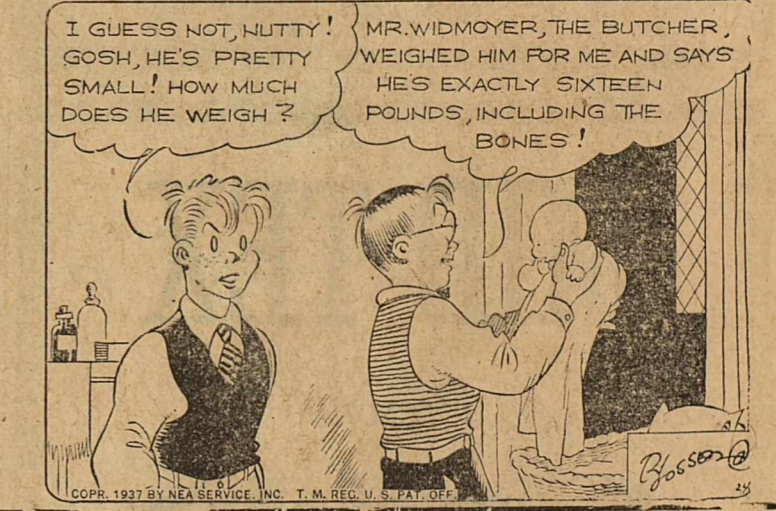
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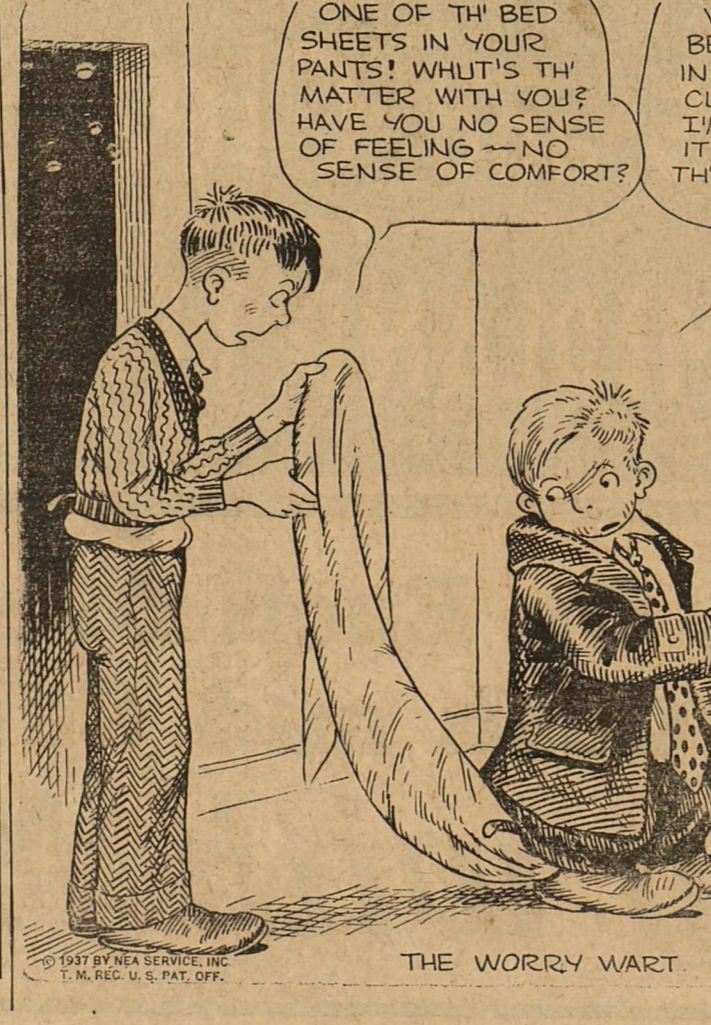
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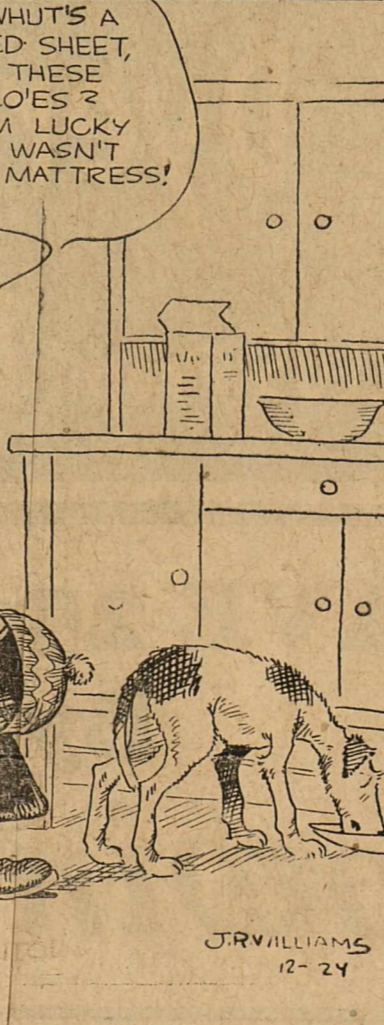
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My name is Eddle Clarke, I am in the low fourth grade, and eight years old.

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I live at 109 West Pennsylvania.

Dear Santa Claus:  
My name is Richie Clarke; I am in the low first grade; I am seven years old.

I want a pair of skates, house shoes size 13, an erector set, black board and black belt size 24. Also, candy and nuts.  
I live at 109 W. Penn.

Dear Santa Claus:  
My name is Melba Jeane Clarke; I live at 109 W. Penn.; I am only five years old and cannot go to school yet.

Please bring me a nursing doll, house shoes size 11, and anything

else you want to bring me. I sure would like to have some candy and nuts.

### Christmas--

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been offered a free meal in Sweetwater with friends and will probably accept.

With the "red-head" and the son and heir, I will once more get a home-cooked meal—this time one that my mother-in-law has prepared. And what can give a man more pleasure than causing extra trouble for his mother-in-law? But you'd be surprised at how easy it is to get along with them when they are 400 miles away. And anyhow, I never have been around her long enough to fuss.

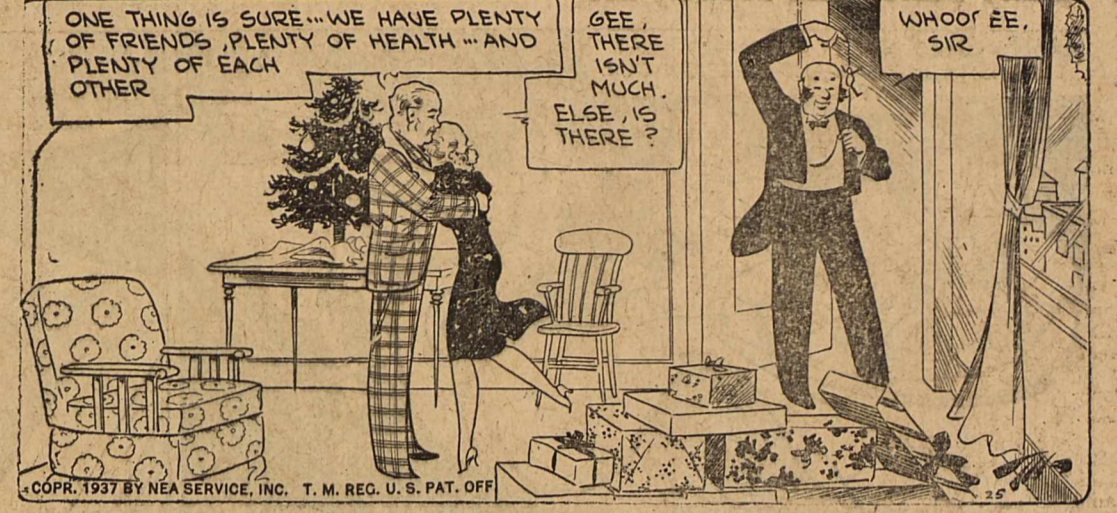
Frank (Scoop) Gardner, the orl editor, will be helping 'Gadget' (the son) hold down the back seat as I loose-herd the Dodge to Oklahoma.

But regardless of where we may be,  
A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to You.

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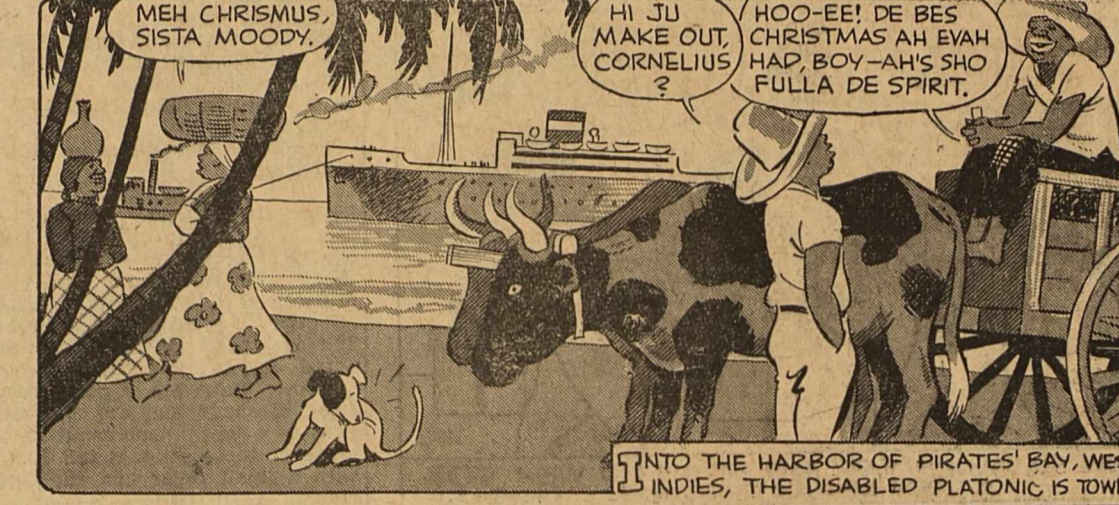


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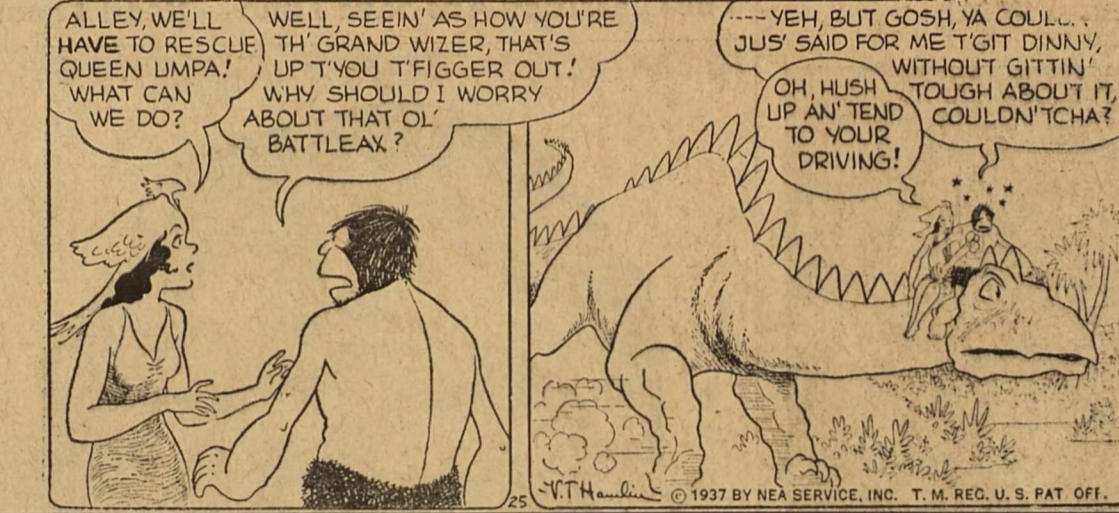
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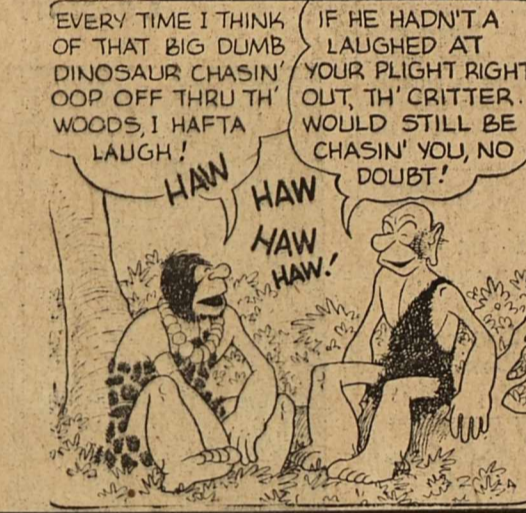
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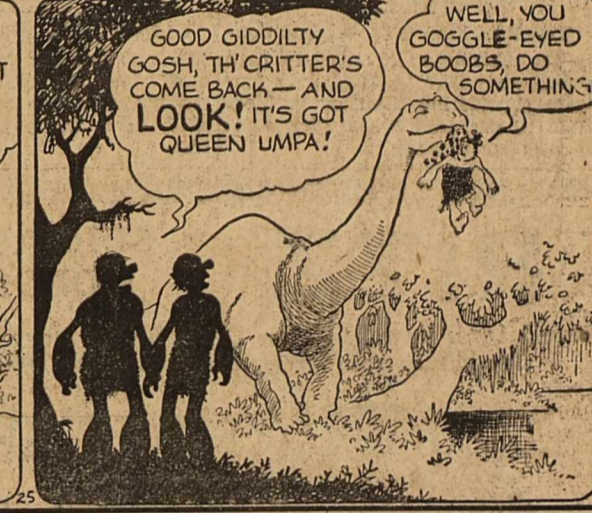
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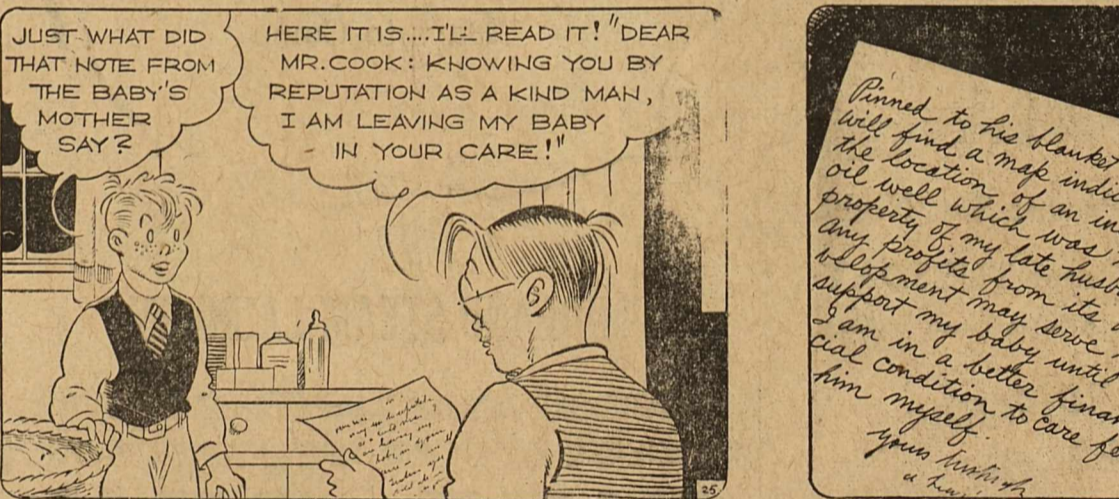
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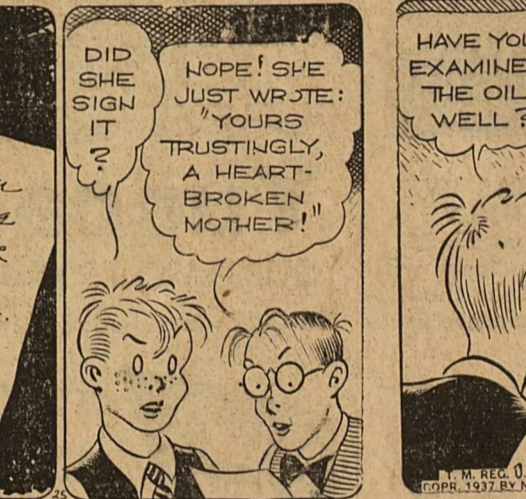
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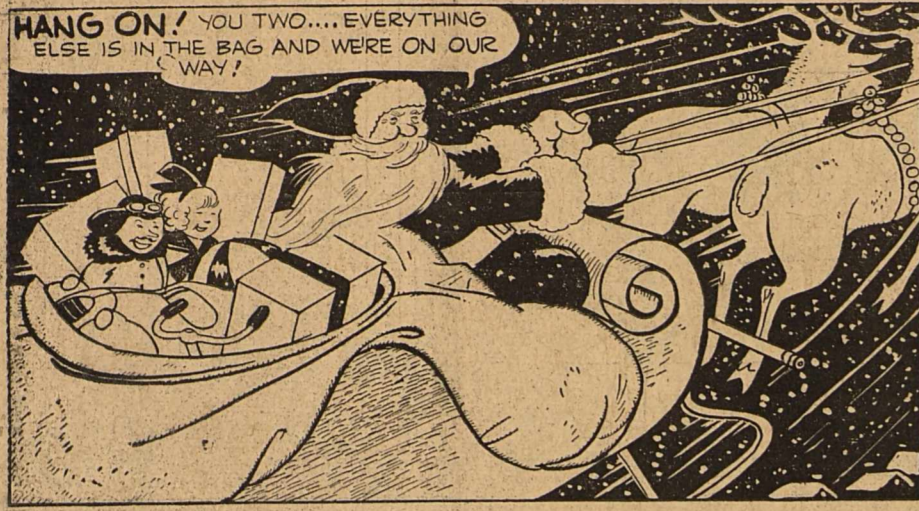
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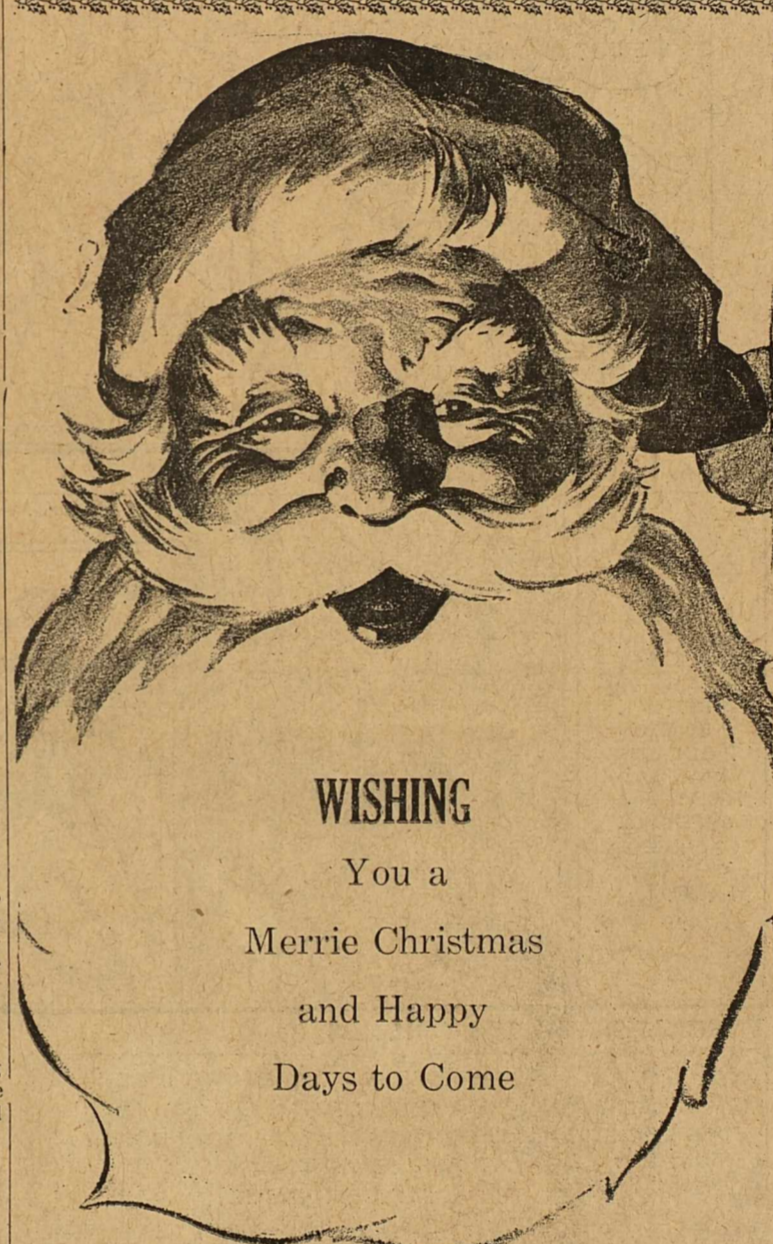
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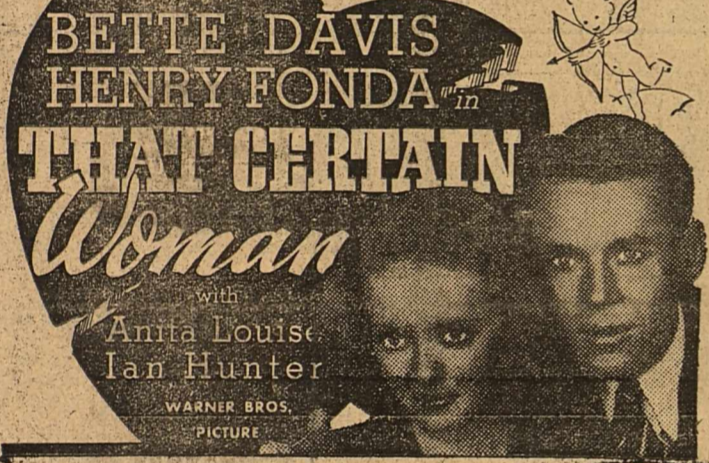
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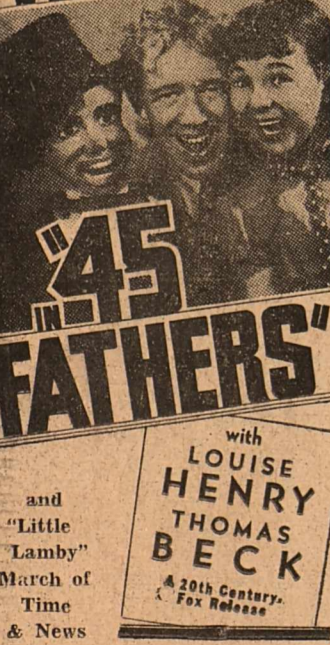
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