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Christmas Contest Winners Announced

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by b. m. n.

Had you ever thought about the various sections of the country represented by people returning to their old home for a Christmas visit?

Even a small town, such as Dimmitt, in the course of years becomes represented in many sections of the nation and world by people who continue to claim the city on the top of the Plains as their old home town. In addition to students from the various colleges and universities in the state and nation who return home for the holidays, there are those who have been gone for many years who come back to their old home town to celebrate Christmas.

In the past few days we have seen people from up and down the West Coast, from the East Coast, all sections of Texas, South America, the Far East and Europe. Some of the soldiers here have just returned home from tours of duty overseas. It all adds up to Christmas, a time of rejoicing in the reuniting of families and worshipping during the one world-wide holiday.

—adacc—
And speaking of Christmas, I take time out here and now to extend Christmas Greetings from Viola, Bascom, Don and Mary, H. D., P. M., and myself to all of our readers and to wish you a very, very happy holiday season.

—adacc—
This business of printing a newspaper can and does become drudgery on occasions regardless of what department you may be working in. H. D. and P. M. sometimes feel like our duties around the newspaper plant are just a few more than can be conveniently handled. In other words, it is all but impossible to keep from becoming weary of our duties occasionally.

Then with the approach of the Christmas season we realize more than ever how fortunate we are to be privileged to serve some of the finest people in the world. The nature of our business makes it a public service of and to the community, and the people of the community have a right to expect even more than we are capable of producing. But regardless of our errors and innumerable shortcomings, our friends have been loyal, our readers have been patient and our advertisers have been very considerate—all of which we hope we have the capacity to appreciate to the fullest, again Merry Christmas.

—adacc—
There will be some changes around town around the first of the New Year. Some of our business establishments are moving into new locations. Others are planning expansion programs, and no doubt some new businesses will be established during the New Year. Dimmitt should have its greatest growth to date during 1953. I predict that it will have.

—adacc—
I have been hearing some comment about something that was said in this column about the

(Continued on back page)

Huseman Donates Four Hogs to 4-H

Mr. Frank Huseman of Nazareth, breeder of registered Poland China swine, recently presented four 4-H members of his community with a registered Poland China gilt apiece through his swine rotation program.

Members of the Castro County 4-H receiving gilts were Ralph Albracht, Jon Pyeatt, Jerry Lang and Joe Venhaus.

In accordance with Mr. Huseman's swine rotation program, these boys agreed to feed the gilts, show them whenever possible, and return a choice gilt of the first litter to Mr. Huseman, who will present the four gilts to four other boys in the county next year.

Mr. Huseman started this program in 1949 and through his efforts sixteen 4-H members have received top gilts since.

Boys who have received gilts through the swine rotation program in the past are Richard Hoelting, Cyril Brockman, Dennis Hoelting, Gene Lewis, Don E. Cooke, Elmer Albracht, Ted Godfrey, Bill Hill, Howard Schulte, Jack Sanders, Doyle Johnson, and Byron Ray Tate.

Plains Memorial Hospital News

Patients in hospital:

Mrs. Jim Adams
J. W. Anderson
Leon Sandoval
Betsy Frye

Patients dismissed since last report:

Mrs. E. R. Waggoner and baby girl
Mrs. Charlie Hestand
Janette Anderson
William Lopez
Essie Marie White
Valton Royall
Mrs. Eva Sepeda and baby boy

Former County Resident Dies

Clemens B. Rickwartz, former Nazareth resident, died at his home in Amarillo on December 10, at the age of 77. He is survived by six daughters and four sons.

Born February 17, 1875, in Oldenburg, Germany, Mr. Rickwartz came to America in 1903, at the age of 28. He married Mary Smith at St. Bernard, Neb., in 1909, and moved to Nazareth the same year.

His wife died in 1936. He lived with his family on a farm near Nazareth until he moved to Amarillo three years ago.

Funeral services were conducted in Holy Family Church, Nazareth, on December 13, and interment was in the Nazareth cemetery. Survivors include Herman and Elizabeth Rickwartz, Mrs. Ervin Podzemny, and Mrs. Bernard Kleman, of Amarillo; Philip Rickwartz and Mrs. Victor Eggemeyer, of Happy; Conrad Rickwartz, of Las Vegas, Nev.; Mrs. Al Friemel, of Vega; Joe Rickwartz, of Hitchcock, S. Dak.; and Mrs. Lon Brockman, of Nazareth.



Who Is Santa Claus?

Who is Santa Claus? Just what is the spirit of Christmas that has caused our Santa Claus to survive for centuries?

In some countries he is Cris Kringle, in others he is an elf, in still others he is a guardian angel, who is he? Here is his own story.

"My name is Marilyn. I am eight years old. My best friend is Gretchen. Gretchen is the girl down the street. She came from a country far away. She doesn't have any shoes. One day her feet were cold and she was crying. I took her home with me. I gave her a pair of my shoes. She is my best friend.

"I am an American soldier. On Christmas last year I was fighting for my life. A buddy of mine was wounded when a grenade went off in front of our foxhole. I looked around for a medic, but they were all busy. So I started with him to the field hospital. Shells were going off all around us, and I got some shrapnel in my leg, but somehow or other we made it. They told me I had saved his life. I don't know. If I did it was God's will. He's okay now and is coming by soon to see me walk on my new leg . . .

"I am a Protestant student in an American college. I am surrounded by students from many foreign countries. One foreign student I especially remember. He was a Catholic boy from Germany. He was lost in America and was bewildered by American customs, but he tried valiantly to become accustomed to the life he knew little about. One day he came to me and asked how we returned favors in America. When I asked him why he wanted to return a favor, he told me that a boy had taken much trouble to show him how to play tennis, then had given him a second-hand tennis racquet to play with. He joined a tennis club and won a prize for his tennis playing. He had played his former teacher and would have lost if the other boy had not forfeited by admitting a personal break of the rules. He wanted to present the other boy with his trophy, but I told him I didn't want it—all I wanted was to see his competitive good will as a reward for my efforts. I was that other boy . . .

"I am a worker in a large factory. I didn't know my boss—I had been hired by the foreman of my department. My boy was attacked by a disease and I didn't have any insurance. I didn't have the money to pay for his operations and treatments. But the owner of my factory heard about it and set aside a fund for my boy, which was to be taken out of factory profits and didn't need to be repaid. Since then this factory fund has grown and is helping many of my fellow workers. My boy lived because of the generosity of the man who didn't even know me. I will be thankful to him for the rest of my life."

"I am Santa Claus—the spirit of Christmas. I give and don't ask credit, I sing and don't ask praise, I work and don't expect favors. I am anyone you meet on the street, in the home, or in the factory. I am your business associate, your competitor, your wife, your husband, your friend. I am everybody who gives unselfishly."

CROP Gets 10 Bales of Cotton From Local Gins

Mr. Elmer Dixon, chairman of the Castro County Christian Rural Overseas Program, stated Monday that Castro County's 1952 CROP quota is 10 bales of cotton.

"All local gins contacted so far have been very generous," Mr. Dixon reported. "I feel that each gin will contribute to the program," he continued.

Mr. Dixon encourages all organizations or individuals who are interested in contributing to this cause to contact him in the near future.

"The Texas Friend Ship to Korea is to sail from Houston January 15," he said, "and this means that all contributions from Castro County must be assimilated prior to January 5."

Tech Alumni Plan Dinner

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Ex-students who haven't received letters and are interested in attending the dinner are urged to contact A. J. Kemp, Goldmar Dyer, Jackie Brannan or Edd McLeroy.

Mr. A. W. Moody attended funeral services for his cousin, Mr. Lewis Rix, 40, at Big Spring Monday. Mr. Rix died Sunday morning following a heart attack.

Snow Brings Needed Moisture To Wheat Crop of This Area

Wheat crops that were suffering from the continued dry weather were promised relief from the drouth Tuesday night when snow started falling here at about 11:00 p. m. By 1:00 a. m. approximately two inches of snow blanketed the county and the fall continued unabated.

Many farmers of the county have recently reported that wheat crops were beginning to damage badly from the continued dry weather and that moisture would be needed immediately to avert another short wheat crop. The snow Tuesday night will afford ample moisture for immediate needs.

Winners were announced Monday in Dimmitt's annual Christmas decoration contest, with six winners and three honorable mentions being named.

Winners of the business decoration contest were Streu Hardware, first; Castro County News, second; Cowsett Abstract Co., third; and Wilson Super Market, honorable mention.

In the home decoration contest, winning entries were Mr. and Mrs. Bob McLain, first; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Singer, second; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Kirkpatrick Sr., third; and J. C. Newton and Mrs. B. M. Nelson, honorable mentions.

Streu Hardware won first place in the business decoration contest with their two-windoy display of separate Christmas morning scenes.

In one window of Streu's display is a fireplace topped by candles and a Christmas arrangement. The fireplace is fronted by wrapped gifts and gift suggestions for the family.

The other window of Streu's display shows a child's ideal Christmas morning. Underneath an ornamented and lighted tree are all sorts of gifts for the children—dolls; toy guns; con-

struction, and chemistry sets; and the traditional tractor-drawn wagon and caterpillar on a modern self-powered scale. Both windows are trimmed with decorations of holly and borders with the words, "Season's Greetings."

The Castro County News placed second in the business decoration contest with a scene showing the three wise men approaching Bethlehem on their camels. All charicatures in this scene are cut from styrofoam. The background is of blue crepe, and the Christmas star is illumined with a blue light.

The Cowsett Abstract Company placed third in the business decoration contest with their town scene, which shows a row of miniature houses fronted by pinecone trees and groups of children singing Christmas carols. In the blue background are stars and the words, "Merry Christmas."

Honorable mention in the business display contest went to the Wilson Super Market for their painted-window picture of Santa Claus and the word "Hi!" beside it.

Winners of the home decoration contest were Mr. and Mrs. Bob McLain. In front of the McLain home, a large blue spruce is lighted and decorated with tinsel, colored pie-pan decor, bells, and canes. Above the tree is a large tinsel star held by a pole.

Second place in the home decoration contest went to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Singer for a large painted window display of a winking Santa Claus holding a telephone, whose line spells out "Merry Christmas." The colored scene is in front of a blue background.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Kirkpatrick Sr. won third place in the home decoration contest with their manger scene.

The Kirkpatrick scene shows a manger surrounded by the wise men and their camels, shepherds, and miniature animals. Inside the manger is Jesus, with Joseph and Mary on each side.

In front and below the upraised scene is a large Bible opened at the book of St. Luke, which tells the Christmas Story. The Bible is between two large candles, and the background for the entire scene is blue crepe with stars. Above the manger is the star of Bethlehem. The scene is accompanied by Christmas carols projected through a loud speaker.

Mrs. B. M. Nelson won honorable mention with her lighting display. Blue lights outline the porch line of the Nelson home and lead to a Chinese Arborvitae reflecting colored lights inside the tree. Beneath the tree is a miniature lighted Santa Claus holding presents.

J. C. Newton was the youngest winner in the contest with his honorable mention display. The Homer Newton home has rooflets outlined with spruce branches and lights, with a giant wreath on the front door and a large lighted spruce tree in front. Above, on the roof, a life-size Santa Claus illumined by floodlights is beginning his descent down the chimney with a bag of toys.

Winners in the home decoration contest were presented with prizes by Umberson Electric Company. First place winner was presented a Sunbeam Mixmaster, second place received a Sunbeam Coffeemaker, and third place won a Sunbeam Toastmaster.

The contest was planned to stimulate interest in Dimmitt's Christmas decorating program.

Last Rites Held For Mr. P. B. Harbin

Funeral services were held Sunday in Whitharrell for Mr. P. B. Harbin, father of Mrs. Robin Vann of Dimmitt.

Mr. Harbin died Friday noon in the Lubbock Memorial Hospital after a six month's illness.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. P. B. Harbin of Dimmitt; two daughters, Mrs. Allene Lewis of Whitharrell and Mrs. Robin Vann of Dimmitt; three sons, Mr. J. B. Harbin of Whitharrell, Mr. Joe Harbin of Muleshoe, and Mr. Ralph Harbin of Lubbock; and seven grandchildren.

Mr. Harbin had lived in Whitharrell since 1925, where he owned a dairy of registered Guernsey cows. He was a member of the Whitharrell Church of Christ when he moved to Dimmitt in January, 1952. Mr. Harbin was 58 years old at the time of his death.

Price Funeral Home of Levelland was in charge of funeral services. Burial was in the Whitharrell Cemetery.

ATTEND FUNERAL OF A RELATIVE

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Youts attended funeral services for Mr. and Mrs. Merle Harwell and three children at Odessa Saturday. Burial was made in the Cisco cemetery. The five members of the Harwell family, relatives of the Youts, were killed in a highway accident near Odessa Thursday.

Local Companies In New Locations

Mrs. Myrtle Wright and Mrs. Prebble Berryman have announced that their firms, the Castro County Real Estate Company and the Castro County Abstract Company will be at a new location after January 1.

Both firms, originally located in the Woodlee Building on Bedford Street, will move into the Wright Building on Seventh Street north of the Dimmitt Post Office and will be open for business at this location after January 1.

CHRISTMAS

to everyone

MYF SKATING PARTY

The Methodist Youth Fellowship held a Christmas skating party at the Plainview Roller Rink Monday night. Approximately 50 young, guests, and sponsors enjoyed the party. The MYF presented its sponsors, Mrs. Sam Hunter, Mrs. George Bagwell, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Holland with Christmas gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cowen and son left Monday for Comanche and Clifton where they will spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Stafford Forbes left Tuesday for a Christmas visit with relatives at Afton and Matador.



By Hal Marquette

MIDGE AND BILL were standing in front of Landsbury's department store, window wishing. Suddenly, Bill looked down at the sidewalk at his foot nudged the object he had dropped.

"Fumbler," he said under his breath and glanced toward Midge. She was gazing intently at the toys and did not seem to notice when he stooped to pick up the billfold and slyly put it into his pocket. Otherwise . . .

"Bill, look," Midge was saying as she pointed to a large doll dresser. "Why the interest in toys . . . Now if . . ." He was hunting for words to hide his agitation.

Midge felt a slight warmth come to her cheeks and her heart began to pound. For a second she wondered if she could finish his 'now if' and tell him here and now. She wondered if they could be thinking of the same thing.

They continued on their way back to the apartment.

Bill was glad and relieved when Midge suggested coffee. That would



FULL REHEARSAL FOR THE BIG DAY . . . Robert wanted Nick, the dog, to have dinner with him at his private table, but Dad and Mom were not enthusiastic until Robert demonstrated that Nick's table manners are impeccable. He did it with a dress rehearsal, which you see here. Nick seems to be enjoying nonchalantly an after dinner cigarette.

Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a bicycle, a little tractor, a play caterpillar, and a tank, and a truck that the wheels come off and tools.
Please bring Jack a tractor with not any graders, a tractor with graders, and what Bob is going to get.

Yours truly,

Bob Bradford
Dear Santa,
I want a gun that has a car-

rying case that fits on a saddle, commonly known as a saddle gun. And I want a football, regular size. Please fill my box with candy, nuts and fruit. I will have some coffee for you in the percolator on the cabinet and also some cake. Give your Rein Deer my best wishes.

With best wishes,
Harold Golden
8 years old
2nd grade
Dimmitt, Texas

Dear Santa,
Harvey and I have been good boys. Please bring me a bicycle



"I didn't find that billfold, Midge," he stammered.

give him time to examine his find in privacy. That's what he'd planned to tell her if she ever questioned him. He'd never kept anything from Midge before, excepting . . . But, he'd been young and had paid society . . .

Bill trembled as he thought of the "fumble" back there on the street. What if . . . He waited until he was sure Midge was busy with the sandwiches before he got the billfold from his overcoat pocket. Finally, after what seemed an eternity, he was examining its contents. Here was more money than he'd ever had in his hands before.

SUDDENLY Bill heard Midge's voice. It seemed to come from far away and then to crash in his ears.

"Bill, why don't you answer me . . . And whatever have you there?" He tried to get the billfold into his pocket before she came to his side. But again there was a fumble. "Oh, oh . . . Midge, I . . ." He stopped short and brought the billfold back to view and slowly handed it to her.

"I found it tonight . . . Landsbury's corner . . . Meant to surprise you . . ." he said lamely.

Midge fingered the contents excitedly.

"Bill, you must call the man immediately . . . He must be worried."

"Do you think I'm a fool . . . It's . . . And Christmas only five days away . . . I have so little . . . This could be our happiest Christmas . . ."

Midge stared at him as he spoke. He was talking in a tone she'd never heard from him before.

"How could we ever have a merry Christmas . . . We'd never forget . . . Don't you see . . ."

There was a brief tense silence as Bill looked at the billfold in her outstretched hand.

"Bill, the phone number is on the license . . ."

The lights on the tiny Christmas tree was blurred as Bill put his packages beside it. Lately, everything seemed to blur thru a mist of tears whenever he thought of Midge and Christmas. Why hadn't he told her everything the night that he returned the billfold instead of waiting until now. He looked up to see Midge standing in the doorway.

"Midge dear, sit down . . . I've something I've got to say . . ."

"What, darling . . ."

"I didn't find that billfold, Midge . . . I . . ." he stammered, "I did that once before . . . long before I met you . . ."

Her lips began to quiver and big tears began to tumble down her cheeks but she was smiling.

"Say something, Midge . . . Ask me what I mean . . ."

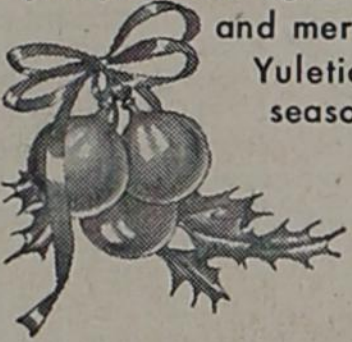
"There's nothing to ask, darling . . . The doll dresser in the window at Landsbury's had a mirror and . . . And, darling, as of this moment it is the merriest Christmas ever . . . I had hoped and prayed that you'd tell me . . . and you have . . . Now, let's open our Christmas secrets . . ."

A warm word of
Cheer



CHRISTMAS '52

We offer our best holiday greetings and pledge you a bright and merry Yuletide season.



Rawlings Hotel Coffee Shop



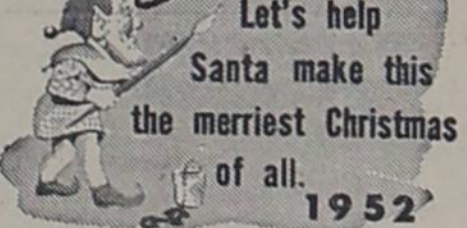
May Christmas bring you all its joy



Floyd's Cafe



Let's help Santa make this the merriest Christmas of all.



GLENN RATCLIFF
CONOCO WHOLESALE



A wealth of happiness be yours this Christmas.

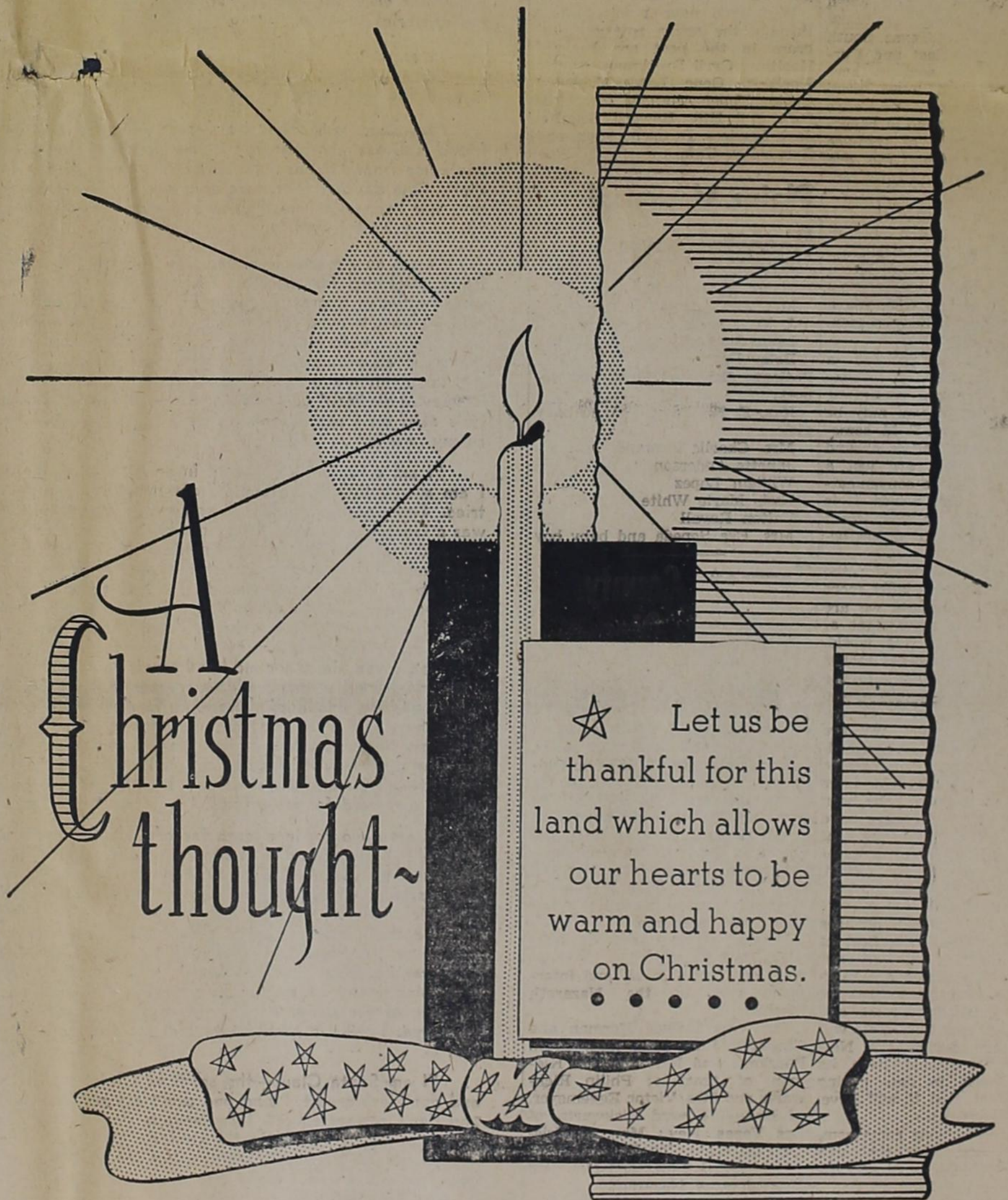
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Castro County Real Estate

MRS. MYRTLE WRIGHT

Castro County Abstract Co.

MRS PREBBLE BERRYMAN



☆ Let us be thankful for this land which allows our hearts to be warm and happy on Christmas.

Chamber Of Commerce

CLEO NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Autry attended funeral services for an aunt of Mrs. Autrys at Fredrick, Okla., last week.

Visiting in the Jack Summers and Ross Summers homes for a few days were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Summers of California.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Lamb and Mrs. Melvitt Summers were shopping in Amarillo Monday.

Miss Frances Waggoner is home from A.C.C. for the Christmas holidays.

Visiting in the home of Mrs. Houtchens Thursday were Mrs. Marvin Boyd and Lois Rae of Clovis, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Green Erskine of Pacific Grove, Calif., visited in the Roy Cluck home Sunday.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Autry Sunday were their children and families, Mr. and Mrs. Judge Baldrige and

Janice, Mr. and Mrs. John Hogue of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hutton and sons and Mr. and Mrs. James Autry and son.

Mrs. Allie Wiggins of Edmonson visited Mrs. Ross Summers Tuesday.

Richard and Jesse Wooten have been called to the bedside of their father, Mr. C. M. Wooten, who is seriously ill in his home in Waurika, Okla.

Alice and Evelyn Waggoner spent Sunday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Waggoner.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baker of Gallup, N. M. and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith and girls of Hugo, Colo., are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Baker and daughters, Marcia and Kathy of Muleshoe visited in the Lilburn Arnold home this week. Mr. Arnold and Mr. Baker are World War II buddies.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Greathouse

were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Dowell.

Mr. and Mrs. James Worthington and family have moved to Fort Worth.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Hoyler and family to our community. They have moved to the Joe Thompson farm.

There is also a new family on the Andy Neison farm, we hope they find a happy life in our community.

Several in our community now have television. The first was Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Bradley, then Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Petty, and we noticed Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith putting one in today.

We've been having some real nice weather but we would think it nicer if it would snow or rain.

Weldon Bradley, with others from Dimmitt attended a brotherhood meeting at Melrose, N. M.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lilburn Arnold were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Arnold and children of Whitharral and Mr. and Mrs. Odell Arnold, Judy and Donnie.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Burch, Crystal and Ellis are here from Washington for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Burch and other relatives and friends.

CLEO CLUB NEWS

The Cleo club met Dec. 18 with Mrs. Ross Summers. After a business meeting a short program and exchange of gifts was enjoyed by all. Delicious refreshments were served to the following: Mesdames Eulys Waggoner, A. A. Dodd, W. T. Autry, Will Wright, H. H. Houtchens, Roy Cluck, Bill Summers, Richard Wooten, J. Roy Smith and two visitors, Misses Frances Waggoner and Billie Cluck.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hembree of California are in Dimmitt to spend the Christmas holidays with friends and relatives.

'Grandpa Frost' Helps Russians Celebrate Midwinter Festival

Although Christmas is no longer a holiday in Soviet Russia, a non-religious midwinter festival is celebrated and children receive gifts from "Grandpa Frost."

In Czarist Russia, it was customary for well-to-do families with large homes to entertain lavishly on Christmas day. The invitations were extremely formal and begged the invited to consider that "... for thousands of years it has been so; with us it has not

commenced with us it has not ceased. Do not, therefore, disturb the festival; do not bring the good people to despair. Without you there will be no maiden festival at Anna Karpowna's."

In planning these houseparties, hostesses gave particular attention to the selection of partners for the young ladies. The selection was sometimes very satisfactory and sometimes left something to be desired.

Arrival of the "fair maidens," each with her mother and retinue, bringing cake and sweetmeats and gifts for everyone, proceeded according to prescribed ritual: the guests sooner freezing in their sleds before the gate than to alight before receiving the greeting of

the host and hostess. Having been ceremoniously welcomed, the guests offered prayers before the icon (sacred picture) and then proceeded to the feasting and festivities arranged for them.

News Want Ads Get Immediate Results



Our sincere good wishes go out to you.



Buddy Birdwell
GULF WHOLESALE

Legends Associate Mule, Gentle Camel of Jesus With Gift-Giving Custom

Syrian legends have associated the Magic Mule and the Gentle Camel of Jesus with gift-giving, for reasons that are at once different, and yet similar in their association with the Christ Child.

It seems a certain traveler tied his mule to a tree when he went into an inn for refreshment on Epiphany Eve. Just at midnight, when the boughs of the tree bowed down in homage to the Holy Infant, the mule was caught up on the rebound and found cradled high up in the branches by its returning master.

The youngest camel of the three ridden by the Wise Men was exhausted by the pressing journey and was blessed with immortality by the baby Jesus as it lay moaning near the Nativity scene.

Carolyn Lee arrived home this week from California for a holiday visit with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy J. Rothwell and family of Everton, Mo., are here for a visit with his mother, Mrs. E. R. Rothwell and other relatives and friends.

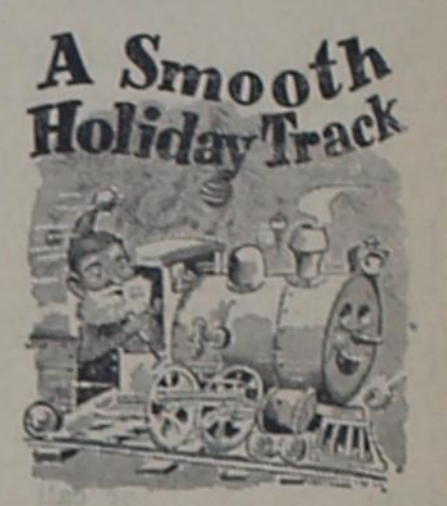
Christmas Cheer...

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May the great joy of the season find its way into your hearts in large measure.

Trimble's Barber and Beauty Shop



The Duncans

Merry Christmas

May the warmth of Yuletide never depart from your hearts



Dimmitt Lumber Co.

Henry Stalcup	Brad Fulfer
Pat Hardy	John Word
Louis Wilkinson	Raymond Chism

Merry Christmas, Everyone...



C. & S. Equipment Co.

Norman Cleavinger	M. E. Cleavinger, Jr.
Goldman Dyer	Jim Cleavinger
Charlie Warnock	Leon Blundell
Jim Ramsey	Evelyn Noble



FOR SALE
 FOR SALE — Good 3-room house. 53-4tp Leonard Dempsey
 FOR SALE—1 midget washing machine; one 7½ horse Champion boat motor; one 7½ horse Scott Atwater with shift; two 8 in. Craftsman saws with motors. See Pat Patterson or call 299 27tfc

Expert Radiator Service. Castro Motor Co.
FOR SALE—Firestone Tractor tires and Tubes for all model tractors. Bearden Tractor Co.
 FOR SALE—by Dimmitt school 1950 Chevrolet ½-ton pickup, good condition, low mileage. See T. E. Harrison, Secretary 50-tfc

SAFETY GLASS — wholesale and retail, for any make or model car, truck or pickup. 34-tfc Willson & Son Lbr. Co.
 FOR SALE—Amati Violin, 100 years old, good condition. New case and violin tuner, good bow. Can be seen at Frazier Jewelry & Gift Shop 44-tfc
 FOR SALE—by Dimmitt school 1951 Ford tractor equipped with heavy duty front end scoop and blade. See T. E. Harrison Secretary 50-tfc

FOR SALE—15 ft. Krause one-way plow, good condition. Priced at \$500.00 6-3tp Ray Sheffy
STRAYED
 STRAYED—From 12 miles S. W. of Hereford, one sorrel mare, white spot on forehead and spot on nose. Flying V brand on right thigh. Figure 5 and triangle on left thigh. Liberal reward offered. Call collect 3031, Earth, Texas. Gene Gray or notify Miles Roberson Hereford, Texas 6-2tp



the ox and the ass." Father Martin continued and recommended that we:

SERVICES
 ALL KINDS of Insurance. For your land with me. Farm & Ranch Loans 4½% J. C. Rawlings Rawlings Hotel 35-tfc
 HAND TOOLED leather purses, billfolds and belts make ideal Christmas presents. See Monette Kenmore 4-tfc
 CUSTOM Farming and Hauling—I am equipped to do your custom planting, plowing, combining, etc., also hauling long or short distances, large or small loads. 20-tfc J. D. Williamson In Northwest Dimmitt

"Leave the man in the red suit to those who have nothing better for whom life must end in disillusion and despair."
 Father Martin's sentiments are reminiscent of Martin Luther's vigorous campaign against neglect of the central idea of Christmas, which is the birth of Jesus. So, German children have been taught that the Christkind brings the presents—Christkind being depicted as the messenger of the Infant Jesus sent earthward at Christmastime to bring happiness to good children.
 The modern conception of Santa Claus is, of course, 99 per cent fictional and strictly American. But the spirit of generosity and thoughtfulness as typified by Santa Claus is neither sugar daddy-ish nor essentially American. Unfortunately not all children who await Santa have learned from their mothers' lips the story of the Holy Child.

WESSON SPECIAL
240 ACRE FARM:
 Fair set of improvements. Fine irrigation well in shallow water belt. All extra fine, perfect level land in cultivation and irrigation. \$25,000.00 cash, balance good terms Located in Castro County north of Dimmitt, Tex. Priced to sell.

320 ACRE FARM:
 Good complete set of improvements. Good 8" irrigation well. A near perfect tract of land, all in cultivation and irrigation. A large loan can be assumed. ½ mineral goes. Possession Jan. 1st. A fine location right close to Dimmitt. Price and other details on request.

FINE SECTION:
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LATIMER MOTORS

Lucia Day Starts Christmas Season In Swedish Custom

Celebration of Lucia Day on December 13 inaugurates the Christmas season in Sweden. It takes its name from St. Lucia, or Lucy, martyred for her faith and virginity in Syracuse in 304, A. D., and venerated by the church each December 13.

The prettiest blonde in every home, office, factory, village and town is elected a "Lucia" and visits the sick, leads carnivals and processions and attends banquets and balls accompanied by her "handmaidens."

The ancient custom coincides with the winter solstice, when the sun swings toward the earth once more and the days begin to lengthen.

In addition to beauty, other qualifications for "Lucias" or "light queens" are fair hair, a nice disposition and high character.

Dressed in long white robes, wearing crowns of lighted candles (the traditional costume for "Lucias") the girls present gifts and the traditional Lucia day coffee and rolls to hospital patients, etc. The queen and her maidens, enthroned in a star spangled horse-drawn chariot, lead festive processions around the village squares and through city streets.

Parade participants depict alternate scenes from Sweden's picturesque Lapland and the Wild West of the United States, while musicians in multi-colored costume alternate playing northern folk tunes and American jazz.

Danger of Fire Is Greatly Enhanced By Christmas Tree

THE AVERAGE CHRISTMAS tree can go up in smoke in only two minutes. That doesn't leave much time for the fire department to get there.

A live tree with roots packed in a bucket of earth is the safest. Be sure and keep the dirt moistened. A small tree is safer than a large one and festive trimmings can make up what it lacks in size.

Keep the tree outdoors until you are ready to set it up inside. When you bring it in, keep it in the coolest part of the house with the radiator nearest it turned off.

Use nonflammable aluminum foil—not cotton or paper—to conceal container in which tree is "planted."

Use nonflammable trimmings on the tree.

Don't use lighted candles. (This may seem an unnecessary precaution in this day of electric lights, but lighted candles contribute to tragic fires every year.)

Check the wiring for the tree to see that it's not frayed and is in perfect condition. The switch for turning off and on electric lights should be at some distance from the tree. Don't plug or unplug lights beneath the tree.

Don't leave tree lights on when it isn't necessary and especially when the family is away from home. From time to time, check over the tree and see if needles near the lights are turning brown. If they have, move the lights.

Watch the calendar. New Year's is the day for the tree to go down. If you should extend the time, don't leave the lights on the tree for more than a half hour at a time.

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FLAGG NEWS

Mrs. Bob Cook was honored with a pink and blue shower Friday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Clyde Ray Davis. Delicious refreshments were served to the following guests, Mrs. L. T. Smith and Mrs. Rex Angalee of Earth, Mrs. Cecil Ginn, Mrs. Jess Birchfield, Mrs. Lonnie Bell, Mrs.

James Bradford, Mrs. C. G. Ballard, Mrs. Otis English, Mrs. Clyde Dameron, the hostess and honoree.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dameron and Jeannie of Estelline visited his parents this week.

We are happy to report that Mrs. Jewel Gossett, who underwent surgery in the Amherst Hospital last week, is making a very satisfactory recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cook were

guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cook Sunday.

Mr. James Bradford attended the Lubbock vs. Baytown football game in Dallas Saturday. Mrs. James Bradford and boys spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lust.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dameron attended a Dameron family Christmas dinner in the Legion Hut of Plainview Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bessemer



CHRISTMAS CHOIR . . . Junior members of a church choir lift their voices in song during the annual Christmas candlelight service. Truly, they represent the spirit of Christmas.

Carl Easterwood were Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Heiskell and boys of Dalhart. Mr. and Mrs. Heiskell formerly lived in this community. Mr. and Mrs. Everett Fassaver of Dalhart spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Easterwood.

The annual Flagg Club Christmas party was held Thursday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edd Wilson, Sr., in Dimmitt. Games of 42 were enjoyed until a late hour and gifts were ex-

changed. Refreshments of fruit cake and coffee were served to the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ray Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest ones, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bradford, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Sheffy, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Birchfield, Mrs. James Bradford, Mr. Lloyd Lust, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Booher, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dameron and the host and hostess.

The community takes this opportunity to express our deep and

sincere sympathy to Mrs. Robina Vann on the loss of her father.

Mrs. Eleanor Youts of Shawnee, Okla., is here for a Christmas visit with her mother, Mrs. J. C. Montgomery, and other relatives and friends.

W. C. (Pie) Montgomery of Hugo, Colo., is here for a visit with his mother, Mrs. J. C. Montgomery, and other relatives and friends.



Christmas Greetings

To you and yours, this Christmas season, we extend our sincere wishes for happiness that will long outlast the tinsel and the tree . . . and live on in your hearts through all the days and years to come.

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Your Ferguson Dealer

Now has a new Shop Foreman,

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. . . an experienced mechanic on tractors and automobiles.

We are equipped to handle your mechanical troubles

Quaint Rehearsal Of Christ's Birth Found in Old Carol

"Auld Lang Syne" has become such an integral part of our modern New Year's eve that no celebration, however gay, would be complete without it.

The music sheets for those nostalgic strains simply say "Robert Burns—Scotch Air," and Robert Burns generally is supposed to have written it after he had settled down on a farm and taken himself a wife, following the sweeping success in 1778 of the second edition of his "Poems." Well and good, but Auld Lang Syne was not exclusively a Burns' product, nor did he claim it to be.

In a letter to George Thomson, a publisher, Burns explained:

"It is an old song of olden times, which has never been in print. I took it down from an old man's singing."

Modern scholarship has discovered that Burns was wrong when he told Thomson "Auld Lang Syne" never had been in print. Its refrain, at least, was printed obscurely long before Burns heard his "old man singing."

Further, the original song often has been credited to Sir Robert Aytoun (1570-1638). Aytoun was one of the earliest Scots to use the lowland dialect as a literary medium. Multitudes of Americans descended from non-British stock are perpetually mystified by this dialect, nor does it seem to make much sense in the standard English translation.

Regardless of its original author and origin, it was Burns who gave "Auld Lang Syne" its immortality.

and Jimmy left Friday to spend the holidays with her parents in Bellflower, Calif.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs.

Christmas Wishes

A Glorious Holiday



CARLILE THEATRE

Merry Christmas



CASH-WAY FOOD

COME IN SATURDAY FOR OUR

Hot Specials

PRE-INVENTORY SALE---SATURDAY ONLY

CLOSED THURSDAY And FRIDAY

December 25-26

Nazareth PTA Votes Playground Expansion

NAZARETH—In a meeting December 15 the P.T.A. voted playground improvements for the school which houses the primary grades. Announcement of the dates of the Christmas vacation was made by Sister Victoria. Classes are to be dismissed from December 23 to January 5.

Andy Rogers, state senator from the Thirtieth District, was the speaker at an open meeting held December 16 by the Knights of Columbus. Mr. Rogers has repeatedly shown his interest in the welfare of the farmer, and was able to answer the questions

which were of special interest in a rural community.

Chubby Aldridge of Corpus Christi is here for a Christmas visit with relatives and friends. Aldridge has employment with the Rogers Company who are engaged in oil exploration in the gulf off-shore waters.

Mrs. A. W. Bates of Plainview and Mrs. Virgil Nowell of Muleshoe were here last week for a visit with their mother, Mrs. E. R. Rothwell.

Fred Jr. and Carl Bruegel are home from Texas Tech for a holiday visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bruegel.



By Dorothy Boys Kilian

"THIS HOUSEHOLD is in for a lean Christmas, all right," Bill Robinson said bitterly to his wife who had just come into the living room, dressed for marketing. Seated in an easy chair, he looked disgustingly down at his still-banded leg stretched out straight on an ottoman.

Margaret leaned over and brushed her cheek against his. "It's enough for us to see you getting well again, honey. When I first saw you after that auto accident, I was plumb scared for your life."

Bill squeezed her hand. "You're a brick, dear. But we can't expect our three- and five-year-old offspring to understand that doctor and hospital bills have completely strapped us. Why we can't even afford a tree, let alone presents"

Margaret was quite for a second. Then she stood up and, turning toward the door, said, "Speaking of the children, Bill, they're out in the kitchen with their water colors,



"What a swell bunch of fellows," he managed to say.

and the two little Johnson girls are with them. Mrs. Johnson had some last minute shopping to do, and I knew you wouldn't mind watching them again."

"O.K.," Bill answered. "That's the least I can do after the neighborly way they treated us through all this mess."

"I'll try to be home before your Cub Scout group descends upon you. Seven lively boys are a terrific handful, I know."

VOICES FROM the kitchen broke into the silence. Judy Johnson was saying excitedly, "I think I'm going to get a doll buggy."

Back came his own little Margie's answer. "I'm going to get a doll house."

"How do you know?"

"Oh, because I asked for one for my birthday last summer, and Daddy smiled and said probably one would come at Christmas."

Bill winced. It had been so easy, promising things for six months ahead.

Just then he heard Mrs. Johnson's hearty voice at the kitchen door. "Where's Mr. Robinson? I have something here for him."

"Oh, a Christmas tree!" The shrill voice of a child exclaimed.

MRS. JOHNSON was laughing as she appeared at the living room door. "Did you hear, Bill? Yes, I went shopping for our tree, and picked one up for you folks at the same time. It isn't so very tall, but it's big enough to cheer you all up."

Mrs. Johnson went on talking, to cover Bill's embarrassment. "I'll take all the youngsters over to my house for awhile." And she was gone.

"Some neighbor!" Bill glowed. "Still," his face clouded over, "That tree may only point up the lack of much under it—"

A loud commotion at the front door drew his attention. "Come on in, the door's not locked," he called, recognizing the voices of his Cub Scouts.

A whirlwind of blue-clad boys swept into the room, their eyes sparkling with happy mischief.

"Oh, Mr. Robinson," the smallest one shrieked. "We've just finished all the—"

"We've been working after school every day at my house, making toys for your children," a second Cub burst in. "You should see—a doll house for Margie, and a doll bed and a kitchen cupboard!"

"And for little Bill, guess what!" The smallest boy couldn't keep quiet. "A wooden sled, and a garage for his little cars and some big blocks, all sanded and waxed and everything!"

Bill tossed his head to get rid of the drops of mist in the corners of his eyes. "What a swell bunch of fellows," he managed to say. "But why—"

"Why not?" the biggest Cub said happily. "You're the one who taught us how to use tools in the first place, aren't you? And besides, we just like the Robinsons!" He stopped suddenly, embarrassed.

"Well, fellows," Bill said, after a deep breath, "I certainly didn't think so a while ago, but this is going to be one of the happiest Christmases of my life!"

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SATURDAY
DECEMBER 27

"HORIZONS WEST"

Robert Ryan Julia Adams

SUNDAY — MONDAY

DECEMBER 28 and 29

"She's Working Her Way Through College"

In Technicolor

Virginia Mayo Ronald Reagan

TUESDAY WEDNESDAY —

December 30 and 31

"HELLGATE"

Sterling Hayden Joan Leslie

THURSDAY FRIDAY

JANUARY 1 and 2

"AFFAIR IN TRINIDAD"

In Technicolor

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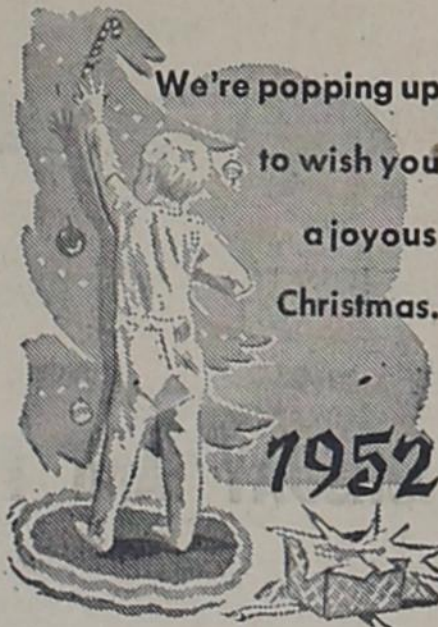
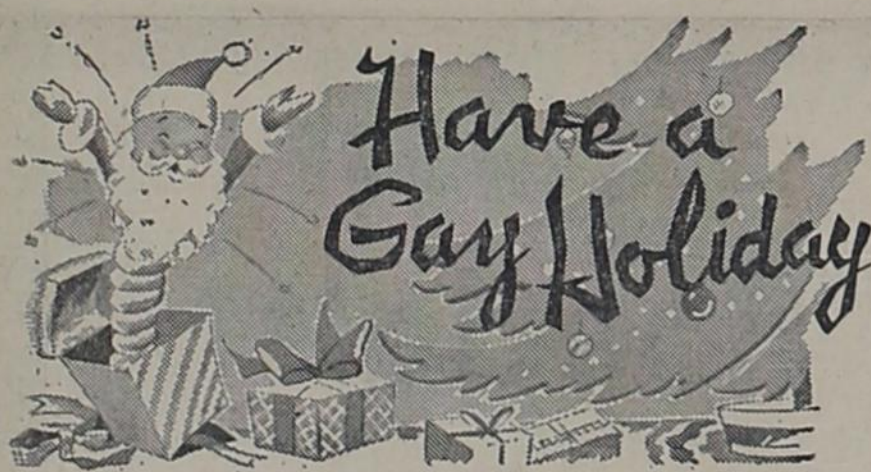
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CITY BARBER SHOP

Curtis Tate

Louie Allen

Merry Christmas



Cooper Implement Co.

Christmas Greetings



We hail the season with hymns of praise
and love on our Saviour's birthday

Homer Hill's Store

Hart, Texas



KEEPING CHRISTMAS

by

Henry Van Dyke

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

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Once upon a medieval Yuletide, King Richard I celebrated at Litchfield—and during the festivities 2,000 or 200 tons of wine were consumed.

Of course, the feudal set-up provided the great lords with the wherewithal for magnificence—the lords received gifts from their tenants and kings received gifts from their nobles; and the graduated scale for giving and receiving was as well ascertained as the quiddam honorarium of any bar-rister or physician.

Queen Elizabeth received a large part of her wardrobe as gifts from her courtiers, and if the quality or quantity was not satisfactory, the donors were unceremoniously informed of the situation.

When Henry III entertained a thousand knights, peers, and assorted nobles who came to attend the Yuletide marriage of the Princess Margaret, his majesty received a royal Christmas gift of 2,700 pounds, plus 600 fat oxen from the Archbishop of York.

With similar assistance, whether exhorted or given in the spirit of generosity appropriate to the season, his majesty could well afford to give Christmas feasts for the poor like the one given in West-

minster Hall in 1248, which lasted a week.

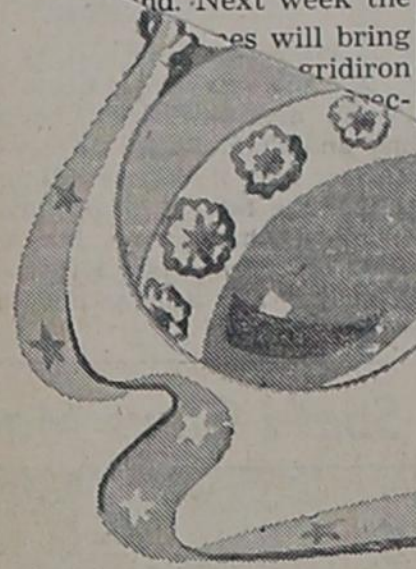
Striving to outdo his predecessors and give his successors something to shoot at, Henry VIII kept one Yuletide at which the cost of gold cloth that was used amount to 600 pounds alone. He had tents erected and artificial gardens plotted within the spacious hall of his palace. Knights came out of the tents to joust in tournaments and fantastically dressed dancers, covered from head to foot with gay ribbon streamers, emerged from the gardens to entertain the guests.

Preparation for the feasting on such occasions is perfectly appalling to epicures of the 20th century—and can only be vaguely comprehended by considering that Richard II normally employed 2,000 cooks to prepare food for the 10,000 persons who dined—irrespective of special feasting—at his expense every day.

Warming the Bench

WITH JACKIE COPELAND

Here it is Christmas week and still a lot of football games will bring the spirit of the season to the gridiron.



Exchange News

From the Tulla Hornet

Joe: How come you're at home? Don't you have a job?
Jack: I'm a ghost writer.
Joe: Then why aren't you writing?
Jack: Because the spirit hasn't moved me.

Bill: My ideal wife is one who bakes good bread.
My ideal husband is one who kneads the dough in the morning.

We extend a warm invitation that your holiday will be completely happy

WHOZIT

Age—16
Color of eyes—Blue
Color of hair—Brown
Shoe size—7
Sex—Female
Weight—115
Height—5' 3"
Favorite sport—Basketball
Hobby—Music
Initial—C
Classification—Junior
The Whozit for last week was

Katy Coke

Age—16
Color of eyes—Hazel
Color of hair—Brown
Shoe size—8½
Sex—Male
Classification—Senior

MERRY CHRISTMAS



1952



We are stocking up on wishes for your Holiday happiness.

BAYLETS SHOE SHOP



INFLATION . . . Santa supervises while one of his helpers inflates a doll. The benevolent old gent looks on with interest. Perhaps he is thinking inflation is not confined to economics.

George Pendleton will visit friends in Trinidad, Colorado

during the Christmas holidays.

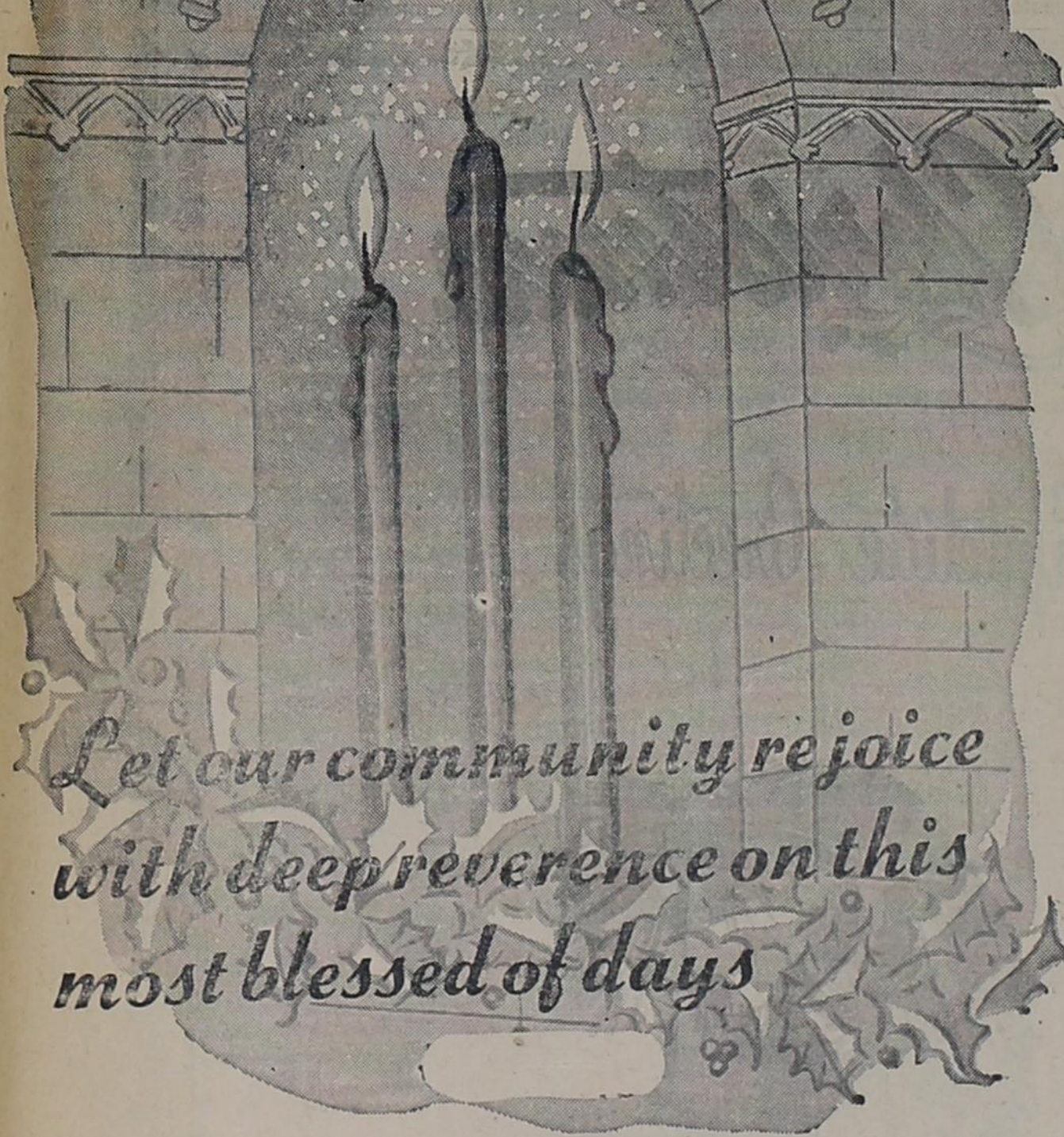
Mrs. G. L. Willis and Miss Allie Mae Willis are here from California for a visit with relatives during the holidays.

Dale Maxwell is home from Texas Tech for a holiday visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Maxwell and family.

Nancy Lee is home from Abilene Christian College for a holiday visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Lee.

M. & K. Cleaners

Christmas Greetings



Let our community rejoice with deep reverence on this most blessed of days

A. J. HARRIS & SON LUMBERMEN

Hart

Texas

Latimer Motors

'Lord of Misrule,' 'Hodening Horse' Make Noel Jollier

A DIFFERENT playtime observance for your Christmas festivities is the game "Lord of Misrule."

When your guests have all arrived and have been greeted by the music of the minstrels and the song of the carolers, it is time for the most honored guest of the evening to arrive. With much fanfare the "Lord of Misrule" is announced. He enters with great pomp and ceremony and takes his place as the master of ceremonies for the evening.

The Lord of Misrule comes to us from the Tudor courts where he was elected annually to reign over the Christmas festivities. His word, during the festivities, was law, and the ridiculous commands he laid upon the guests had to be obeyed.

At your party, the Lord of Misrule will command each guest to do his bidding. He may call for singing, dancing, pantomime, imitations and stunts of all kinds. Failure to do the bidding of the Lord of Misrule results in the payment of a forfeit. And here another unusual note may be injected. The forfeit, instead of being paid to the Lord of Misrule may be paid to another Christmas character, the "hodening horse."

It was the custom in Kent, England, for young men to go from house to house with the hodening horse, an imitation of a horse's head attached to a long stick. Two lads, forming the body of the horse, were hidden from view by a covering of cloth resembling horse's skin. The hodening horse was accompanied by paraders who rang the bells throughout the town and begged for money or food.



ALLERGIC TO WHISKERS . . .
Not all little boys who love Santa Claus this time of year have a sublime trust in the old gent. This young man obviously wishes he were somewhere else.

Chemical Solution Protects Christmas Trees From Flames

To fireproof your Christmas tree, which is still a hazard even with electric lights, select your tree four to six days before you intend to decorate it. Then weigh the tree and buy one-fourth as many pounds of ammonium sulfate as the tree weighs. This chemical is available in most stores that sell seeds and fertilizers.

For each pound of ammonium sulphate use 1 1/2 pints of water to make the fireproofing solution. Mix the solution in something tall and narrow that will hold the tree upright. Then saw off the tree diagonally so as to give a large cut surface. Set the tree in the solution in a cool place, away from the direct sunlight, and leave it there until most of the solution is absorbed.

You Can Make a Big Christmas Candle

You can make a big, long-burning candle to fit into your Christmas decorations if you have a number of odds and ends of partly burned candles around the house. Melt them and pour into cardboard containers and remold. Use ice cream cartons, oatmeal containers or others. Use plain cord for a wick. When the wax is beginning to set, tie the wick to a pencil and suspend it in the wax. Let set hard, remove carton and there is a nice candle for your table.

1 B. C. and 1 A. D. Were Not a Year Apart

According to our calendar, one would naturally assume that between the year 1 B. C. and the year 1 A. D. there should be a year called zero. As a matter of fact, no such year exists, as far as historians are concerned, and the year 1 A. D. follows directly after the year 1 B. C.

A person born in 3 B. C. would not be five years old at 2 A. D., but would be four years old when one is calculating data in that period. When adding B. C. and A. D. years, it is necessary to always subtract one to compensate for the year zero omitted between 1 B. C. and 1 A. D.

Why Christmas Candles?

On Christmas Eve the Christ Child wanders all over the earth seeking deserving people—people who are kind and thoughtful of others, and people who have loving hearts. Lighted candles are placed in the windows by such people so that He may not stumble and fall. In the course of His search He visits every castle and hut, no matter how rocky and rough His path may be.

Nativity Theme Dominates Cards

Modern Christmas cards feature literally hundreds of interpretations of the popular Nativity theme. Many of these are reproductions from the old masters, while many others have been created especially for the Christmas card industry.

The Nativity theme, which naturally lends itself to an almost endless variety of interpretations and a wealth of detail, long has been a favorite subject of Christian artists. Many of the details, based upon certain Bible texts, have fostered various legends—such as those concerning the Magi—which grew until the Wise Men were identified and given kingdoms.

The Annunciation is among the earliest subjects represented in Christian art, antedating the Madonna and Child theme by several centuries, and it is interesting to note that the fathers of the Church determined how the Madonna should be portrayed: her dress and mantle are usually blue and red.

Letters to 'Santa Claus' Come From World Over

Postoffice officials in Santa Claus, Ind., are accustomed to overloaded sacks of mail during the pre-Christmas rush. Senders want their cards and gifts stamped with the famous Santa Claus postmark, plus thousands of wistful letters addressed in childish scrawl to "Santa Claus, Santa Claus, Ind."

And then there is the annual crop of "Santa Claus" letters written by youngsters in far-away places who haven't heard about Santa's permanent address in Indiana, U.S.A. At least a dozen versions of the time honored note-in-the-bottle story find their way into metropolitan newspapers every year.

The notes, sealed in small bottles and securely tied to Christmas trees, are discovered by Christmas tree dealers, housewives; and even enlisted men at naval centers and military barracks: they come from places like Renous, a village in New Brunswick, Canada, boasting a total population of 85 inhabitants.

The notes range from the wistful to the desperate, requesting such things as a mamma doll, a sled, a sweater, or a pair of overshoes.

Santa Claus Makes a Stop Out West



streets to reach their home. Preliminary work on a new paving program should be started immediately.

—adacc—
The Chamber of Commerce is probably the biggest booster that Dimmitt and Castro County has. It merits and deserves the support of every business firm and individual that would like to see our town and county develop and prosper. It is an organization worthy of your support and one that needs your support. Why not resolve to become a member of the Chamber of Commerce with the beginning of the New Year. A concerted effort, on the part of our people can bring about a rapid development of our town

and county.

—adacc—
Sometimes we wait until next week to write this column but this time we are going to wait until next year.




Merry Christmas





Wilson & Son Lumber Co.

Phone 74 or Phone 132
Dimmitt, Texas

**about dimmitt
and
castro county**
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need of more pavement in Dimmitt. Local citizens are interested

in securing pavement for their streets. I imagine it is a rather depressing situation when a resident reaches the end of the pavement and has to pull through a block (or several blocks) of mud-dimitt streets or bounce over rough

Christmas

Yuletide Greetings

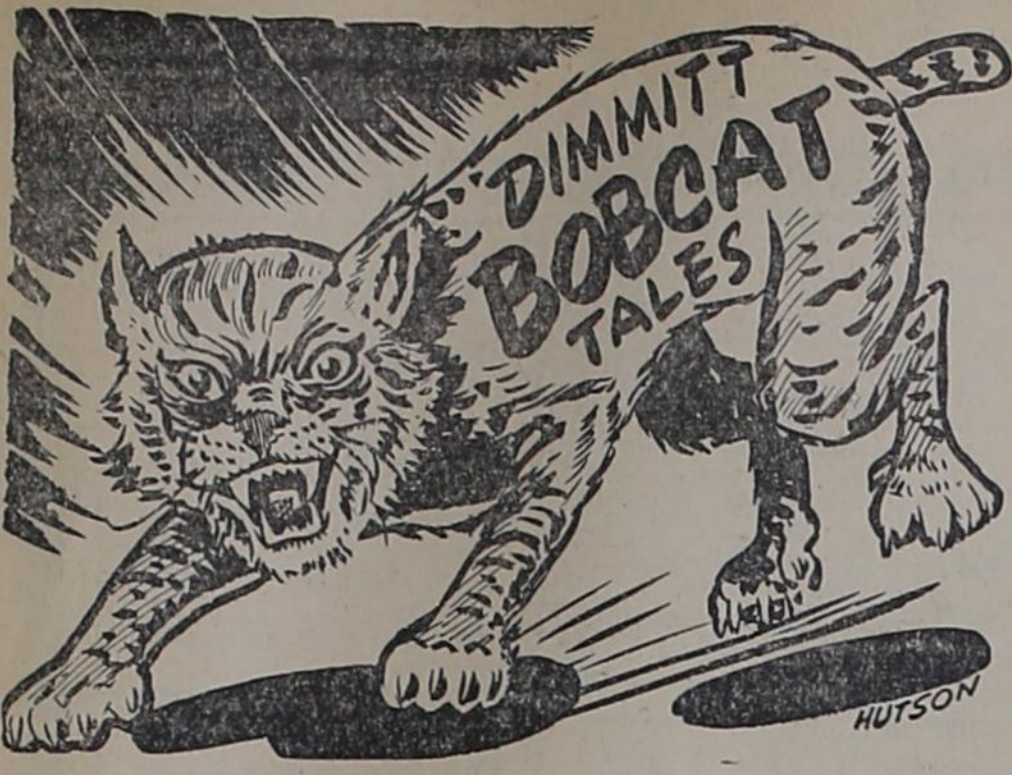


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Christmas Happiness



Joe Cowen Agency



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EDITORIAL

The Yuletide season is here once again. People are rushing here and there doing the many things that are always done at Christmas. Most of these things are customs of long standing. Let us think of the origin of some of these customs.

One version of the first Christmas tree is that it originated with Martin Luther, early in the 16th Century, in Germany. Being impressed with the beauty of the trees, he brought one home and put candles on it to represent stars so that his children might be impressed also. Santa Claus as we know him is derived from the Dutch "San-Nicholaas." Christmas music traditionally goes back to 1223, when St. Francis, at Greccio, Italy, tried to portray the first Christmas to his flock. Hanging up stockings for Santa to fill comes from the old Dutch practice of leaving wooden shoes for the same purpose. Hanging mistletoe is of Celtic origin. These peoples in ancient days thought mistletoe, hung in the house, would prevent sickness and misfortune. Later it simply became a Christmas time festive symbol which gave a young man the privilege of kissing any girl standing under the sprig.

We all think of these at Christmas. But do we think of the true meaning of Christmas? Let us think of that story of old and be glad. May there be "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

Choral Has Charge Of Chapel

Friday, December 19, at one o'clock, the student body of D. H. S. gathered in the auditorium for the Christmas chapel program. The choral classes and Mr. Smith, the director, had charge. To open the program the choral group sang the "Lord's Prayer." Next a reading by LeNora Poe after which Mrs. Bates read a few letters to Santa from the students. After Janet McMahon gave a reading, Miss Merritt presented gifts to Mr. Vestal and Mr. Loyd from the faculty. The group joined in on singing several Christmas carols and the program was closed with "The Holy City" sung by the choral group.

West Texas Capella Choir

Mr. Smith, the local bandmaster, announced the West Texas Choir which visited Dimmitt Monday, December 15, to present their Christmas program. This outstanding Choir is under the direction of Houston Bright. Their program consisted of special and traditional Christmas music. Soloist and ensembles were featured. Wanda Gollehon, a graduate of Dimmitt High, is one of the fifty-four members of the A Cappella Choir. The Chorus was appreciated by the students and the many visitors from Dimmitt and surrounding communities. The ensemble specialties were especially enjoyed by the students.

New Students

Harley Worrell, age 17, is a new student in the junior class. Harley moved here from Paducah, and is enrolled in: English, Algebra II, Farm Engineering, and civics. This is the first time Harley has lived anywhere but Paducah.

Rita Halcomb, from Muleshoe, Texas is a new student in the Freshman class. She is 14 years old, 5' 6" tall, and has brown hair and blue eyes. Her pastime is playing the piano.

Junior News

Twelve members of the Junior play cast and their director, Mr. Bates, attended the performance of "Act Your Age" given by the Junior class of Muleshoe.

The cast enjoyed the play from a spectator's point of view since it was the same play given by the Juniors of Dimmitt.

After the play, the Dimmitt cast was served in the Homecoming department of the Muleshoe High School.

Question Of The Week

What Are You Going To Do Over The Holidays?

Monette K.—As little as I can get by with.

George R.—Go to Dallas.
 Carolyn R.—Run around.
 Dalvia H.—Go to Dallas.
 Katy C.—You'd be surprised.
 John G.—Go help Santa Claus at the South Pole.

Mitzi W.—Have fun.
 David H.—Stay home, sleep and eat.

Carolyn B.—Go to Oklahoma.
 Dewayne B.—Eat, sleep and play basketball.
 Dalia T.—Open presents and have fun.

Jack J.—Loaf.
 Decimae D.—Nothing.
 Barbara C.—I don't know—yet.

Mr. Loyd—Attend a family reunion.

Carolyn C.—Have company.
 Shirley P.—Mess around and not study English IV.

Clarence R.—Work.
 Jerry V.—Eat and sleep.
 Kenneth B.—Take pictures.
 Ray M.—Work.

Mary N.—Watch for Santa Claus.

Pat D.—Little as possible.

Mr. White—I'm going to California.

Senior Who's Who

"I think it's a wonderful place." This is what Jackie Copeland said when he was asked how he liked to go to school in Dimmitt. Jackie is 5' 8" tall, weighs 138 pounds, has blonde hair and blue eyes. He is manager of the Bobcat team, a member of the F. F. A., and reporter for the Senior class. He plans to attend college after graduation either at T. C. U. or Texas University. Some of his favorites are: pastime—loafing, color blue; food—charcoal steak; sport—all of them.

Warming the Bench

WITH JACKIE COPELAND

Here it is Christmas week and there is still a lot of football talk going around. Next week the post season bowl games will bring to a close the current gridiron season. For Lubbock and Breckenridge the season is over with great success. There two teams won the 4A and 3A state championships last Saturday. Lubbock won the 4A title by nosing out the Baytown Garders 12-7 and Breckenridge beat Temple 28-20 for theirs. There are two more state titles to be decided this week. Wink will take on Deer Park for the Class A title and Terrill and Yoakum will tangle for the 2A championship. I will pick Wink to win by a 21-6 score and Terrill to take Yoakum by 18-12.

There will be several outstanding bowl game this season. Texas and Tennessee will tangle for the Cotton Bowl crown. This promises to be a fine Texas offense against a great Vol defense. But it looks to me that Texas will win by one TD. Southern California should take the Rose Bowl victory from Wisconsin by 24 points. Georgia Tech should defeat Mississippi in the Sugar Bowl by 3 touchdowns and Oklahoma will whip Syracuse in the Orange Bowl by 21 points.

Football has to share the spotlight with basketball in Dallas next week although. The Southwest Conference Basketball tournament will be held December 28-30. It will give fans a preview of what to expect in the coming basketball season. Most people predict Rice, Texas, and Arkansas to field the strongest teams. But by beating Kansas, Rice is considered as having an inside chance.

Well, the Bobbies long winning streak has finally ended. Hale Center cut the string at 64 last Friday night in Dimmitt when they posed out the Bobbies 39-38. This was the first defeat for the state

Exchange News

From the Tulla Hornet

Joe: How come you're at home? Don't you have a job?

Jack: I'm a ghost writer.

Joe: Then why aren't you writing?

Jack: Because the spirit hasn't moved me.

Bill: My ideal wife is one who can bake good bread.

Dalia: My ideal husband is one who can raise the dough in the hour of knead.

champions since Springlake performed the feat in January of 1951, by the same margin, 1 point. Every winning streak has to be ended at one time or another and maybe this was the best time.

The Bobcats added 2 more victories to their string last week when they defeated Tulla and Hale Center. These were the last games for the Bobcats and Bobbies until January 2 when they meet Happy in conference games.

WHOZIT

Age—16
 Color of eyes—Blue
 Color of hair—Brown
 Shoe size—7
 Sex—Female
 Weight—115
 Height—5' 3"
 Favorite sport—Basketball
 Hobby—Music
 Initial—C
 Classification—Junior
 The Whozit for last week was Katy Coke

WHOZIT

Age—16
 Color of eyes—Hazel
 Color of hair—Brown
 Shoe size—8½
 Sex—Male
 Weight—148
 Height—5' 11"
 Favorite sport—Football
 Hobby—Building model cars
 Classification—Junior
 Initial—G
 The Whozit for last week was Bobby Jones.
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And, we might add, a double Merry Christmas.

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Christmas Game

Snapdragon was a favorite Christmas game in England more than 200 years ago; it is still played in modified form in England and America. The original game called for a quantity of raisins to be deposited in a large bowl or dish. Brandy or some other spirit was poured over the fruit and ignited. The bystanders then endeavored to grasp a raisin, by plunging their hands through the flames. A carol, called "The Song of Snapdragon," accompanied the game.

Serving of Boar's Head One of Old Christmas Customs

Of the customs that grew up around the Christmas festival in Merrie England, the serving of the boar's head was one of the most stirring. It endures to this day at Queen's college, Oxford, where the 50-pound tusked head—a lemon in



its grinning jaws—is borne in on a great silver dish, escorted by trumpeters and candle bearers. In the olden days there was an appropriate chant, half carol and half ritual, that the gentlemen used to bellow at the moment the dish troubled the board:

*Then set down the swineyard,
The foe to the vineyard,
Let Bacchus crown his fall.
Let this boar's head and mustard
Stand for pig, goose and custard,
And so ye are welcome all.*

God Bless Christmas

"There are many things from which I might have derived good, by which I have not profited, I dare say," returned the nephew. "Christmas among the rest. But I am sure I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come around, as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; and, therefore, uncle, though it had never put a scrap of gold or silver in my pocket, I say, God bless it!"—Charles Dickens, "A Christmas Carol."

The Prophecy

Isaiah 9:6

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

All our customers have been so nice words fail us when we try to tell you how much we appreciate you.

So we will say THANKS for your patronage, your cooperation, your being so patient with us, for being so good to us in so many ways.

We are looking forward to serving you in 1953.

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CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

UNITED STATES (Merry Christmas)—Christmas tree, mistletoe and Santa Claus.



BRAZIL (Boas Festas)—A family dinner is first on the list of festive celebrations in Brazil. Christmas trees, gift exchanges and other typical U.S. holiday customs are being adopted in South America.



HOLLAND (Hartelijke Kerstgrooten)—Land of old St. Nicholas, forerunner of our Santa Claus. In former years, the Dutch celebrated for a month. St. Nick scattered his gifts about the floors of Dutch homes as early as December 6.



ITALY (Bono Natale)—Shepherds gather in villages on Christmas Eve to play musical instruments as townsfolk sing sweet Nativity songs. Thousands flock to St. Peter's in Rome on Christmas Day.



GREECE (Kala Xristouyeha)—Decorated trees, greeting cards and gift exchanges are season highlights. New Year's Eve is really the top holiday, with big dances, parties and other celebrations for young and old.



PHILIPPINE ISLANDS (Maligayang Pasko)—Church services, singing and dancing are Yuletide favorites in the islands.



SANTA CHECKS ONE OF HIS STEEDS . . . Rodney, who might be a stand-in for Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer, gets an early briefing from old Saint Nick as the bearded old gent prepares for his annual visit. Rodney normally inhabits a Chicago zoo.

Hawaiian Christmas Is Elaborate Affair

Although many Hawaiians have seen ice only as frozen in mechanical refrigerators, the trees used by the Islanders for Christmas decorations are painted white to simulate snow.

Christmas dinner is an elaborate affair, enjoyed in the privacy of the home behind locked doors and drawn blinds. Any open-house hospitality is an economic impossibility; if the shades were not drawn and the doors not locked, homes would be invaded by hordes of strangers—all expecting food and drink.

Gift-giving is the order of the day as everyone exchanges inexpensive presents. Even the servants in hotels expect and receive gifts from over-night guests.



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Sale of stock was pushed everywhere, the most unique place being the Cleveland stock exchange where the stock was listed at the head of other securities. The sale brought \$12,000, which purchased Christmas cheer for 13,000 citizens, as well as the first community Christmas for the city.

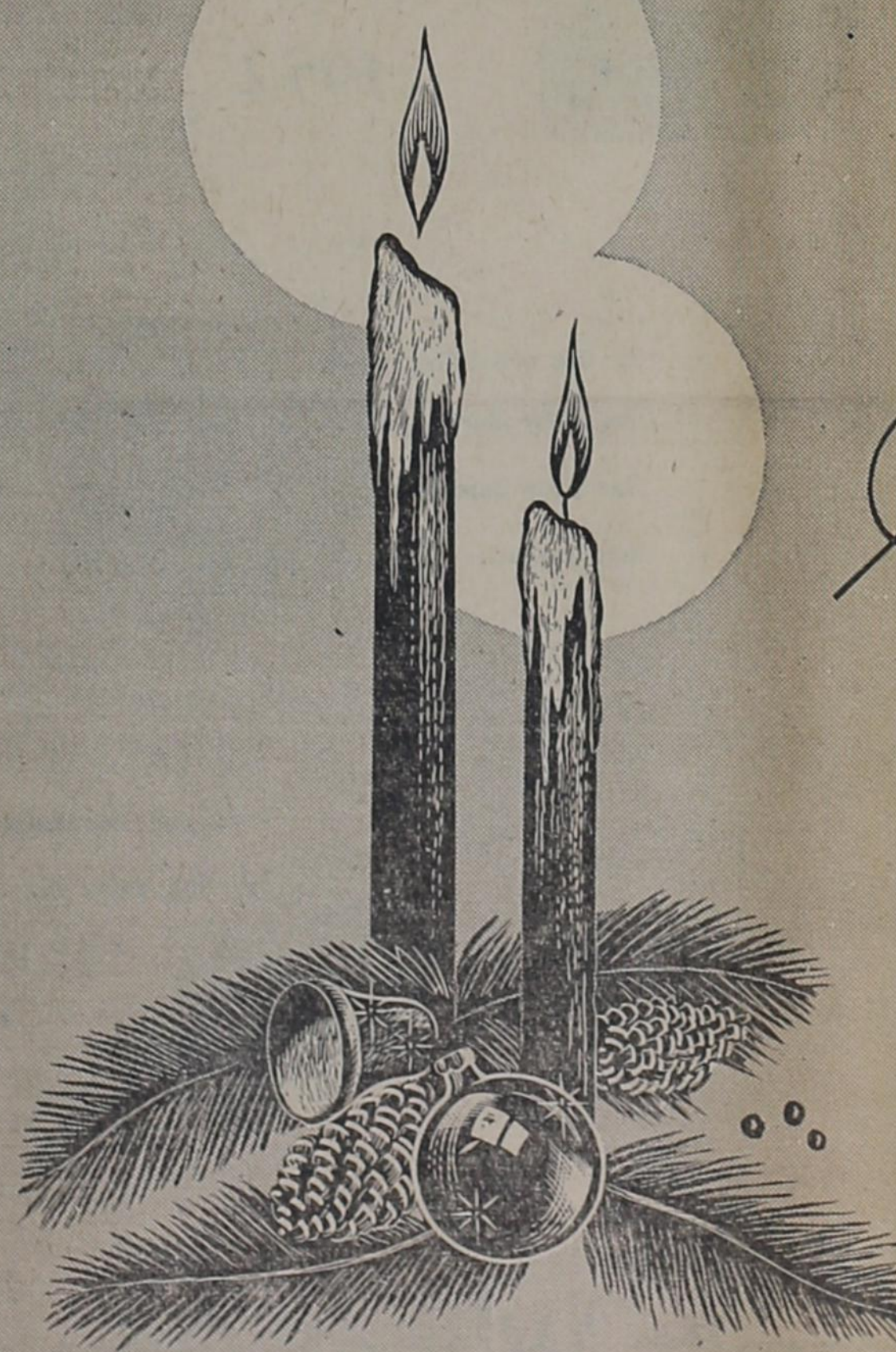
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Love,
Ann Nelson,
Dimmitt, Texas

'Silent Night' Hymn Is Often Called Song From Heaven

'Silent Night' is often called the 'Song from Heaven' because the story of its inspiration and composition is one of the most beautiful Christmas stories in existence. On December 24, 1818, in the Austrian village of Hallein, as Father Joseph Mohr sat reading his Bible, there was a knock at his door. It was a peasant woman who wanted the priest to visit a poor charcoal-maker's wife to whom a child had been born. The parents had sent her to ask the priest to come and bless the infant. Father Mohr was strangely moved by the visit to the mother. And that evening as he returned to his home saw that the dark slopes of the Alps around the village were



alight with torches of the mountaineers on their way to church. To him it was a Christmas miracle.

Later, as he tried to put down on paper his feeling and experience, the words kept turning into verse. When dawn came he found he had written a poem—a beautiful and moving poem. On Christmas Day his friend, Franz Xaver Gruber, music teacher in the village school, composed music to fit the verses. Village children heard the priest and teacher singing the song and learned it. From there it spread throughout the world. Today, it is regarded as the greatest Christmas hymn and, wherever there are men of good will they sing:

*"Silent night, holy night—
All is calm, all is bright,
Round you Virgin, Mother and Child,
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace—
Sleep in heavenly peace."*

Santa Claus
North Pole

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 6 years old. I think that I have been pretty good. I would like a carpenter set for Xmas. If I can't have a carpenter set I would like a dump truck about 18 inches long.
David

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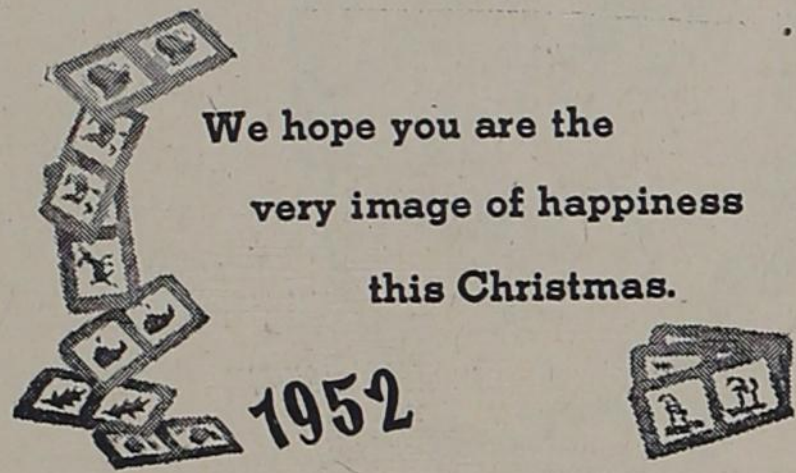
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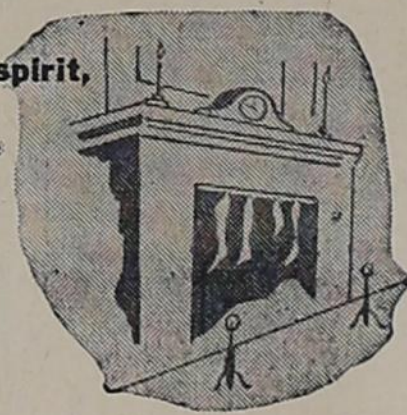


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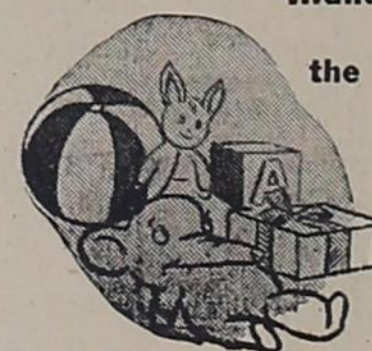
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Bethlehem Rites Feature March To Nativity Cave

CHRISTMAS is observed in Bethlehem on December 25 by the Roman Catholics and Protestants.

on January 6, by the Greek Orthodox and affiliated churches, and on January 18 by the Armenians. All Bethlehem, however, turns out on December 24 for the arrival of the Patriarch of Jerusalem—Cardinal of the Holy Land—who each year brings an ancient effigy of the Infant Jesus to Bethlehem which he lays in the manger within the cave where Christ was born. Dramatically the procession approaches: heralded by a single horseman, his banner streaming

aloft. A corps of native police mounted upon fiery Arabian horses follow and then another single horseman upon a prancing black steed carrying the cross on high; the Patriarch in his cardinal and ermine, mitred bishops, clergy in embroidered vestments and white robed acolytes—swinging golden censers—precede the jeweled pavilion of the Holy Child. Magnificent corteges of government officials, foreign embassies, bands, religious

organizations follow, and finally, American made automobiles mingle with native two-wheeled carriages.

The procession enters the Church of the Nativity. The public is not permitted to witness the actual placing of the effigy, as that part of the Church—built above the Cave of the Nativity—is under the jurisdiction of the Greek Orthodox church.

The grotto-like Cave of the Nativity in no way conforms to the modern conception of a "stable;" in biblical times, however, shelters for man and beast were hewn into rocky ledges—thus, the Stable of Bethlehem.

On Christmas Eve, members of all denominations assemble to sing carols above the birthplace of the Holy Child before midnight mass is solemnized in the Church of the Nativity.

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Especially for You



Peace attend
you the season
through.
And may your
fondest dreams
come true.



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We're on time
with 'special'
wishes for a
bright and
happy holiday
season.

History of Christmas Seals

When you see the Christmas seal do you ever wonder how it started?

It was born in Denmark, home of the fairy tales of Hans Christian Anderson.

Einar Holboell, a Copenhagen postal clerk, was sorting mail one snowy afternoon before Christmas, 1903, when he thought of the idea of a penny stamp to swell a fund for children's hospitals.

Authorized by King Christian, the first Christian seals were sold in Copenhagen in 1904.

Holboell's scheme outgrew his wildest imaginings, for before his death in 1927, he lived to see it spread to 45 countries.

The seals found their way to America on letters and packages and first attracted the attention of Jacob Riis who wrote an article about them. Few people, however, were interested in the idea.

Then, in the autumn of 1907, Emily Bissell, a public health worker, concerned about the fate of a small sanatorium, recalled the article and sat down to sketch America's first Christmas seal, a wreath of holly encircling the words "Merry Christmas."

With 50,000 stamps printed and nowhere to sell them, Miss Bissell at last enlisted the aid of a columnist on a Philadelphia newspaper. The idea caught and within a few weeks \$3,000 was collected.

The first nation-wide sale was held the following year and was backed by newspapers all over the country, religious and civic groups, and sponsored by the American Red Cross and the National Tuberculosis association.

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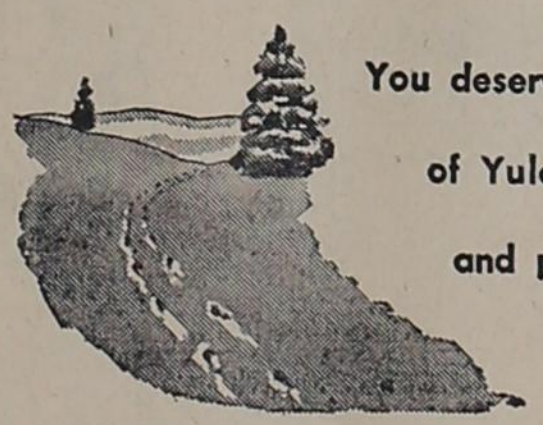
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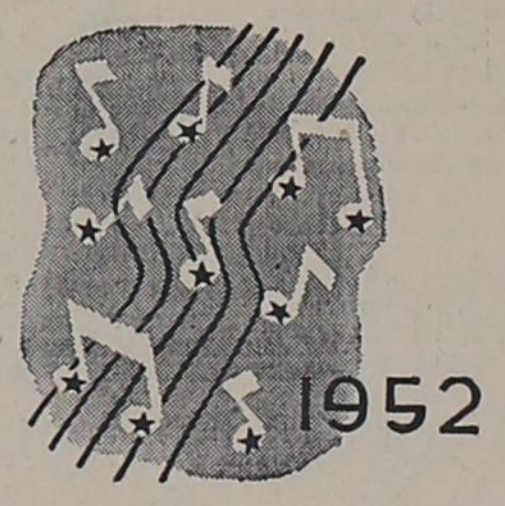
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Egyptians Made Elaborate Dolls For Children

No one knows for sure who made the first doll, but it can be assumed the earliest figures were sacred—gods and ancestor images. These doll-like forms were not toys for the delight of children, but solemn religious figures that preserved the tribe from harm.

Then, somehow, somewhere, a change took place. Dolls became a toy for girls and the most popular Christmas toy of them all.

Dolls have been discovered in Egyptian tombs and ruins, some even had real hair; some were ivory, carved by craftsmen for a king's daughter; others were made of straw by an overworked mother in a peasant's hut.

In ancient Greece dolls were played with and cherished by little girls until they were ready to be married. Then (their dolls were taken to the shrine of a favorite goddess) and, often with tears, presented to her. The Roman children played with dolls, too, but after the fall of the Empire there came a long period in which there is no record of dolls.

Not until the thirteenth century when dolls were made in Nuremberg and dressed in the fashions of the times did little girls again play with dolls. They were here to stay.

By and by in Europe, the French fashion dolls became all the rage, not for children to play with but as models from which fine ladies could pattern their own modish costumes.

In America, the Indian children had dolls of their own made of rawhide and feathers and wood. Pioneer children had dolls much like these, and some were made of braided cornhusks, or nuts, or corncobs, or rags, and were dearly loved in spite of their plainness.

Much later, lifelike dolls were imported from Germany, where the doll industry had reached enormous proportions. These dolls had fine china heads with carefully painted faces and kid bodies that were jointed at the arms and legs. Later there came the Japanese-made dolls, which were inexpensive enough for almost any child to own. Then the American-made dolls began to appear—the special dolls, the kewpies, billikens, Buster Browns, teddy bears, Patsy dolls and Shirley Temples and phonograph dolls, with all the host of others that have followed and which are still to come. For

dolls always will be part of childhood and part of Christmases as long as there are little girls and boys to play with them, and parents and fond kinfolk to buy.

Burial Place of Santa Said to Be in Italy

SANTA CLAUS, otherwise St. Nicholas, otherwise the one-time bishop of Myra in Asia Minor, is buried in Bari, Italy. His body was stolen from its original tomb in Myra and swiftly borne to Bari by Italian sailors, who thought back in 1087 that a saint's body brought prosperity and good luck to your town.

St. Nicholas, who was tortured and imprisoned for his faith during the reign of Emperor Diocletian, found no rest in his first tomb at Myra. Always some expedition was attempting to remove his remains. However, once buried again in Bari, the saint's body was credited with curing 30 people of distemper and performing other miracles. So Bari became a place of pilgrimage, and the legends about St. Nicholas multiplied apace.

We owe our notion of Santa Claus as a secret dispenser of gifts to a story that St. Nicholas once saved three girls from a life of prostitution by throwing purses of gold through a window in Patara, thus permitting a poverty stricken nobleman to give his daughters suitable dowries as custom demanded.

In addition, St. Nicholas was credited with restoring life to some boys who had been slain and dismembered by a wicked innkeeper at Myra—hence the occasional stained glass windows in which the saint is shown beside three lads in a tub.



TIME OUT . . . Santa Claus pauses in his Christmas Eve visits sometimes to pick up a hot dog and ice cream cone at an all-night hamburger stand.



Christmas is a tree with bright lights and tinsel and the Star atop. It is a tumble of gifts, wrapped with pretty ribbon, beneath its green boughs. It is the light and faith in little children's eyes on Christmas morning. It is the choking feeling of joy in mother's heart as the packages are opened. It is the tear that wells in dad's eye and he tries to hide it with a grin. It is the remembrance of many other Christmases by grandmother and grandfather, undimmed by golden time.

It is the sermon of the Story of Bethlehem. The hymns of the choir, the candlelight service, the softness of children's voices, the peace and goodwill that can come into men's hearts.

Christmas is the big tall tree in school, the only tree some of the children call their own. It is the striped candy cane.

It is the joyful music of chimes and church bells, the carols from the record shop, the spirit of the season that makes strangers friends.

It is the garland and the candle in the window, the cards on the mantel, the wreath on the door, the mistletoe hung for Sis. It is sincerely in a handshake, the wishes of glad tidings, the vocal meaning in the bello from neighbors.

Christmas is a light. A light that vanquishes darkness; the light of charity.



On the point of refusal, she remembered the broken date. "I'd be glad to, Mr. Ladd."

go in there, Marta!" And then he'd been embarrassed as only a big, redheaded outdoor man can be embarrassed by his own rudness. "Forgive me for speaking so sharply, darling. You'll understand, some day."

In the two years since then, he'd never explained his strange words. It was but one of the things that had marred a more perfect understanding. The many broken dates were another. Engagements he could not keep because a truckload of plants must suddenly be delivered, or a customer must be seen

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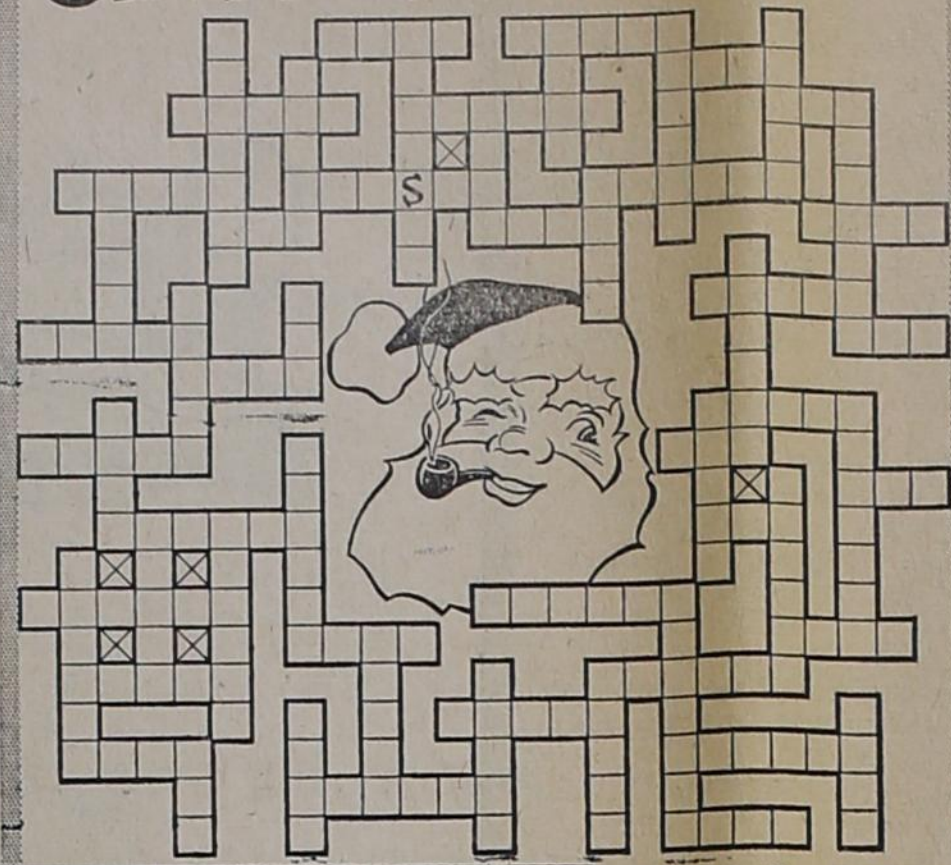
A bright and merry Christmas to our friends and neighbors.

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Christmas criss-cross



Here is a Christmas puzzle that will be fun for all the family to work. It is simple. Fit the words into the right spaces. One letter "S" is given as a starting point. The completed puzzle is at the lower right. Don't peek!

ALL	LOVE	CHILD	SPELL	INFANT
DOM	NOEL	COMET	TRAIN	MANAGER
EYE	NOSE	CUPID	VIXEN	SEASON
FUN	RAFT	GLOBE	WHITE	SILENT
GAY	RING	HOTEL	ANGELS	SLEIGH
HIN	ROOF	LIGHT	CANDLE	TINSEL
KAP	SLID	MYRIM	CAROLS	WREATH
RUN	SNOW	NIGHT	DANCER	WIND
WAT	WRAP	PEACE	CHIMNEY	SNOW
DOLL	TULE	REIGN	HOLIDAY	STARS
EACH	CANDY	SANTA	FRANCIS	FRANCIS
GOLD	CHEEK	SHEEP	FLOCKS	FRANCIS
HALL			GOSPEL	TIDINGS

Answer

The Mystery of God's Firmament

THE "STAR" which signaled the First Christmas may be interpreted in many ways. In all such interpretations we must put ourselves as nearly as possible into the social and psychological frame of mind of those whom we try to understand. The astronomer knows that through the ages the word "star" has been used to indicate almost any celestial phenomenon. We still speak of "falling stars" or "shooting stars" which we know quite well are not stars at all. In more ancient times the comet was called a "hairy star" and was derived from the Latin word coma, meaning hair. The planets were the "wandering stars" as opposed to the "fixed stars," and from the Greek word for wanderer we derive our word "planets."

The Star of Bethlehem could have been any of these. It could even have been a "new star" or nova which suddenly burst forth with a many-thousand-fold increase in brilliance, due to some great stellar catastrophe. These are all explanations of what the "star" could have been. Had it been any of the above, it would have been seen by many peoples, and in literature would have been found references to the appearance of the object which attracted attention. But nowhere in the literature or in the folklore of any of the peoples noted as astute observers of celestial phenomena do these references exist. From this we are forced to conclude the appearance of the star was a sight given only to the Wise Men to see.



Season's Best Wishes
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BOBCAT TALES

(continued from page 1)

Darlene Cates' Ideal Boy

Most Handsome—Billy Gregory
 Best Dressed—Paul Stanford.
 Most Athletic—Melvin Witt
 Nicest—DeWayne Brown
 Best Personality—Milton Bagwell.
 Most Friendly—Don Hardy
 Cutest—Elmo Blackwell
 Best Physique—Richard Woods

Best All Around—Chad Moore
 Most Likely to Succeed—Jerry Vandiver

Best Manners—Edgar Dennis
 Meanest—Mr. Fields.

Edgar Dennis' Ideal Girl

Most Beautiful—Dalia Twiner
 Best Dressed—Kay Bearden
 Most Athletic—Darlene Cates
 Sweetest—Dolores Battles
 Best Personality — Decimae

Dennis
 Most Friendly—La Nette Hoyle
 Cutest—Dolores Battles.
 Best Figure—Belva Warren
 Best All Around—Katy Coke
 Most Likely to Succeed—Sandra Neumayer
 Best Manners—Monette Kenmore

My English

Written By David Adams
 I thought it would be simple, cheerful and gay
 As I went to English on that very first day
 The rest of the year I found out why
 It wasn't easy to finish "Old Dimmitt High"
 My first year in English? Well it wasn't so bad
 But when I had finished I was anything but sad
 The next year I was downcast, unhappy and blue
 For I was about to undertake my dear English Two
 At my grades all year, I was afraid to look
 For you see I had never cracked a book.
 Oh yes, English Two was quite a pain
 I was politely asked to take it again
 So friends when your working your hands to the bone
 And the teacher's heart seems made of stone
 Then lay down your books and think of me
 And the trouble I'm having with my English Three
 It would give me great pleasure to write to you more
 And I will when I've taken my English Four.

DEAR H. & S.

Is it true that sailors have a girl in every port? You see, my boyfriend is a sailor and every-time he lands in a different port, I fail to hear from him. Do you think this has anything to do with his not writing? I will be waiting for your needed answer.
 Signed
 Desperate.

Dear Desperate:
 It is true that sailors have a girl in every port, but it could be that your sailor is true to you. You should write to him and inquire why he hasn't written. If he can't give you a suitable answer, we suggest that you try the Marines.
 H. & S.

Dear H. & S.
 I am a sophomore girl that is in love with a certain junior boy. I like him a lot, but he wants to go

with other girls, and I don't want him to.

Please tell me what to do.
 Thank you,
 Wondering.

Dear Wondering:
 First decide whether you really like him or not. He may not be worth all of your worrying. Why not try going out with other boys? Don't let him know that you really like him. Always be friendly and say nice things to him, but don't overdo it.
 H. & S.

Dear H. & S.
 How could I be more popular with the girls.

Sincerely,
 Interested.

Dear Interested:
 You did not tell us enough of yourself for us to tell you what to do, but we suggest you use Cam-ay. It has helped millions.
 H. & S.

Dear H. & S.
 How can you keep your eyes open after being late the night before?

Sleepy
 Dear Sleepy:
 If you don't have time to sleep, use tooth picks to keep your eyes open. They might hurt at first, but you will get used to them.
 H. & S.

Dear H. & S.
 I would like to know where I could find a 1929 Cadillac running board.

J. G.
 Dear J. G.:
 You could probably find a 1929 Cadillac running board on a 1929 Cadillac.

H. & S.
 Dear H. & S.
 We are two Senior boys who are looking for a mate. Should we look around school, or join a lonely hearts club. Would you study this problem and answer?
 Hot and Bothered

Dear H. & B.:
 We suggest you look around D. H. S. for a mate. At least you can see what you are getting. Do no "join" a lonely hearts club. They never work.
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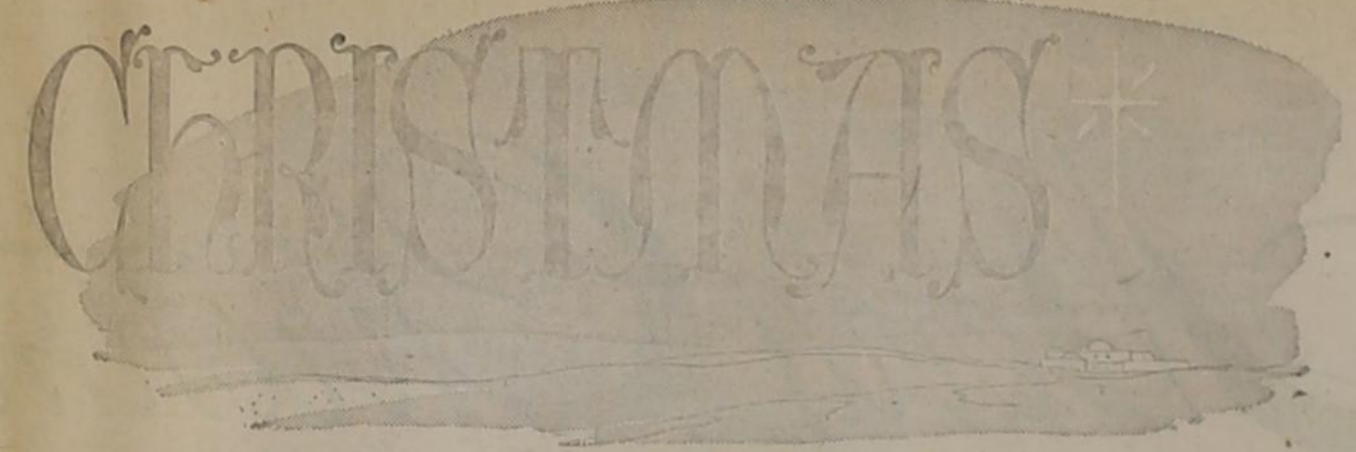
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In the East, a star,
 and in the hearts of men a great joy,
 for unto the world is bore a Saviour.
 His blessing upon mankind!

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Fear not, for behold!

The good tidings of great joy are wonderfully repeated for us all again this year.

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Zealot Club Has Annual Christmas Party

The Christmas yuletide season was celebrated by the Zealot Club members in the home of Mrs. T. C. Ray. In honor of the husbands, the festivity was a planned buffet dinner. However, due to the illness of many members there was room and service for a magnificent banquet in the huge living room prepared for the gala event. In the midst of Santa Claus cof-

fee mugs, Christmas tree, mistletoe and holly, the Christmas spirit found its way into the hearts, minds and bodies of all present in a way that will give a new enthusiasm for our duties and occupations for the new year. Though Christmas was the theme for the winter season occasion, the mystery of the China Homeland was an especially interesting back-

ground displayed in the home furnishings of the host and hostess home.

Jack Dyer is home from Texas Tech for a holiday visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Dyer and family.

Lois Cleavenger, student at Texas Tech is here for a Christmas visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Cleavenger.

The Santa Legend Should Be Explained, Psychologist Says

"CHILDREN enjoy Santa Claus more when they know what he really is," Duke University psychologist Dr. Gelolo McHugh says. "No one enjoys finding out that he has been kept in the dark," says the specialist in child psychology, "and children are no exception." The real meaning of Santa Claus is the joy of giving to make others happy, says Dr. McHugh, and no child should be deprived of this privilege.

Later parents have the difficult job of explaining that there is no jolly old Christmas man, Dr. McHugh points out. When the truth comes out the parent has placed himself in the position of being responsible for Santa's disappearance.

Santa should be a part of Christmas, however, Dr. McHugh believes, but from the very beginning, he should be treated as a wonderful pretend game. This method has proved successful with many children, the specialist says, including his own two young boys.

Children, who love to make-believe, are perfectly capable of enjoying Santa, reindeer, chimneys and all, while knowing in their hearts, when they stop to ask themselves, that he is a pretend person, he says.

The child who takes part in the Santa game doesn't have to wonder on Christmas morning why Santa didn't like him well enough to bring the expensive toys that were ordered from the North Pole, the psychologist points out.

The young Indianapolis mother who recently wrote a Christmas letter for her 5-year old son just before her death in an airplane crash, had wonderful understanding, Dr. McHugh says. She ended her letter by telling her little son that "anyone who loves and gives is real Santa."

Juanelle Rogers, student at West Texas State College, Canyon, is here for a holiday visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Rogers.

Bill Hunter is home from West Texas State College, Canyon for a Christmas visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kemp, Mr. and Mrs. Melton Richardsort and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Finch are attending a meeting of Chevrolet dealers in Oklahoma City this week.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to publicly thank those who were so thoughtful of us during the illness and death of our father. We especially thank you for the beautiful floral offering, for food and those who served it, for the cards and many words of sympathy. May God bless each of you.

The Mayfield Family

Glenn Lust is home from Tech for a holiday visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Lust.

Harold Brannan, student at Texas Tech is home for the Christmas holidays.

Sunnye Brown is home from business college at Plainview for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Brown.

Miss Verbie Oldham of Lubbock visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Nelson and family this week.

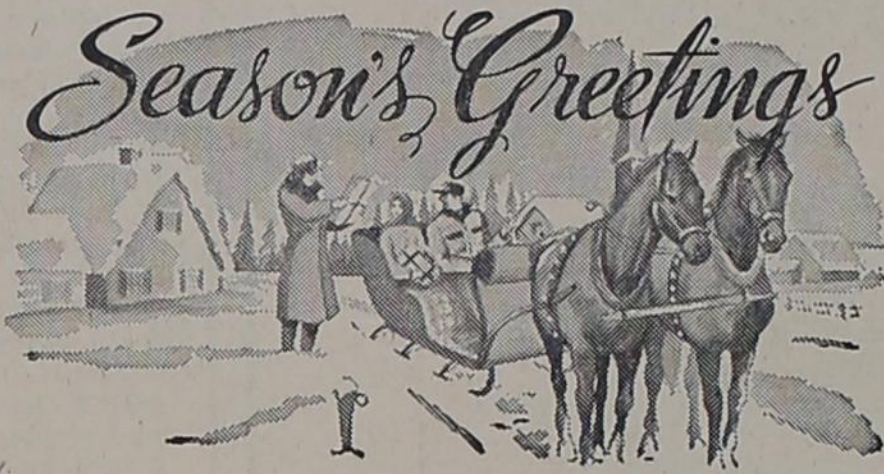
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Estes and children left Monday for a visit in the home of her parents in Raydon, Okla.

Mr. Mark Cowsert is visiting his daughter in South Texas.



All the blessings of the season to you and yours.
1952

Cowsert Abstract



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DON'T decorate the tree with lighted candles unless it's absolutely unavoidable.

DON'T place the tree near a stove or fireplace.

DON'T leave lighted tree unguarded at any time.

DON'T use a rickety, unsafe ladder in decorating the tree.

DON'T place Christmas candles near the tree, curtains, paper wreaths or other decorations.

DON'T overlook the opportunity to make your tree fire-resistant.

DON'T leave toys exposed where people can trip on them.

DON'T allow steps and sidewalks to become icy in cold weather.

DON'T drive recklessly.

Early Yuletide Thought Pagan By Christians

CHRISTMAS, like any other blessed institution has had to fight its battles. The first great enemy of Christmas was the Roman empire whose pagan emperors determined to blot out all kinds of Christian rites.

Then when Roman Emperor Constantine Christianized the empire other enemies of Christmas arose. One course of contention was: Is December 25 really Christmas? Some said Christ was born on January 6; others held for March 29. Some set April 21 as His birthday. Nobody knew with complete confidence just when to celebrate Christmas. At last, in the fourth century, Pope Julius I settled the matter in favor of our present date. His decision was accepted.

From the first there had been among Christians a certain hostility toward the Christmas festival. The celebration of birthdays in general was considered heathen-

which do not stab the hand. Douglas fir, the best of the firs, has long pointed red buds. Other firs have globose buds. All have soft needles. A spruce drops its needles soon after it's placed in a warm room. A Norway spruce, however, makes an ideal community Christmas tree outdoors. A white spruce is better than a Norway spruce for indoor use. Pines recognized by extra-long needles can be used. Hemlocks and junipers are of little value as Christmas trees.

Preventing needle drop: Cut at a slant an inch off the base and set the tree in a bucket of water or wet sand 24 hours before bringing it in the house. Then anchor tree firmly in a holder that contains water or moist sand. Do not place it near a radiator.

Fire precautions: (Internally)—No tree can be made completely flame-proof. Government experts suggest reducing flammability by standing tree in a solution of either ammonium sulfate, ammonium phosphate, calcium chloride or ammonium sulfamate four to six days. First weigh tree and divide by four. That will be number of pounds of material required. To each pound add one and a half pints of water. During treatment, keep tree in cool, dark place. (Externally)—Mix nine parts water glass (soluble sodium silicate) with one part water containing teaspoon of wetting agent (such as solvent soap) per quart. Dip tree into solution or spray it on tree. This will give shiny finish to needles.

Christmas Greens: Measure height of ceiling before buying tree. If branches must be trimmed from tree, use them for door spray, mantel piece or swag for newel post.

Probably the safest and most effective way to reduce weight is to put a time clock on the refrigerator.

The government has published a bulletin on "How to Treat a Black Eye." More useful would be on on how to explain it.

Try a NEWS Want Ad

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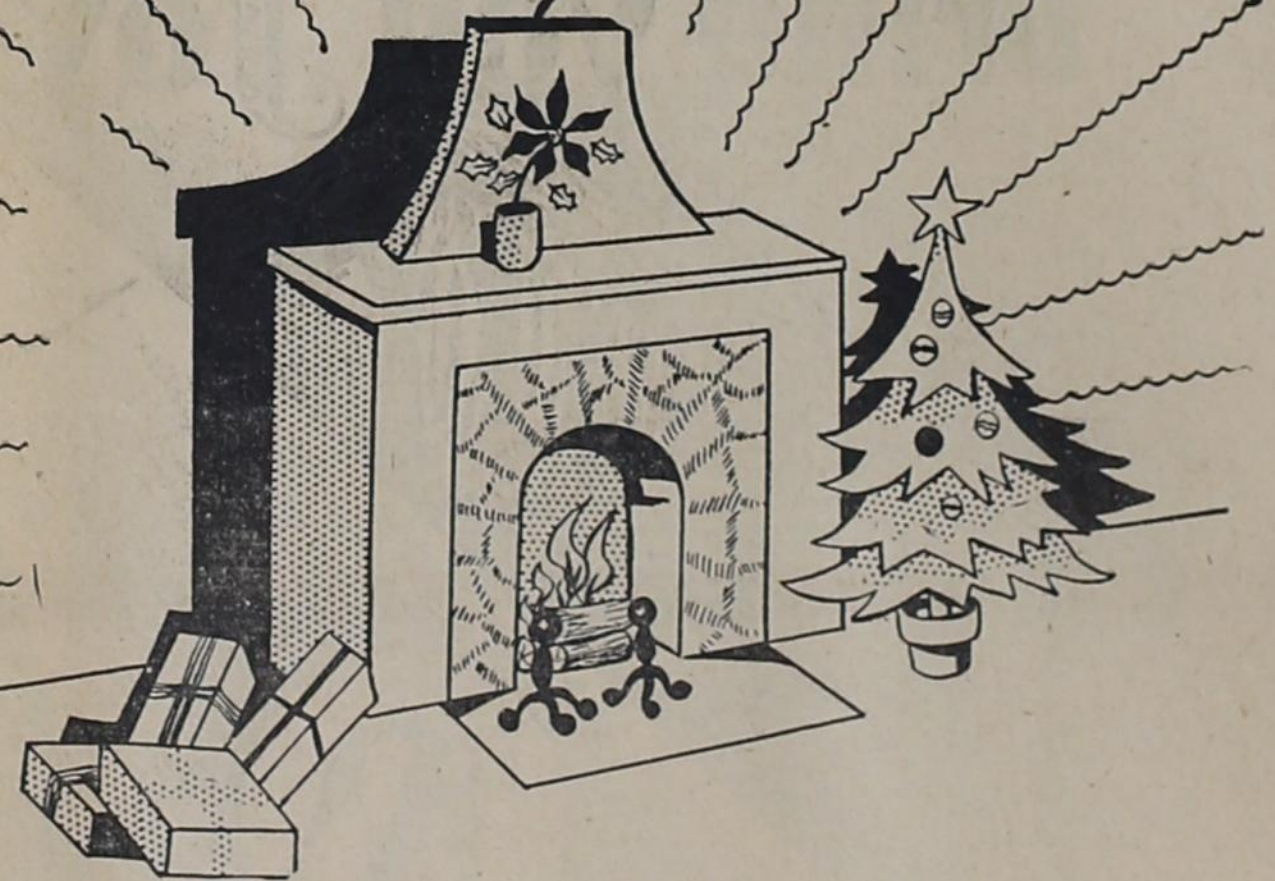
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Christmas 'Open House' Was Early Saxon Custom

AT CHRISTMASTIDE, the great hall of the Saxon lord was thrown open to peasant and noble alike—all mingling democratically and exchanging gifts and hearty cheer during a great feast and festivities composed of dance and song. With a tremendous burst of shouting, the Yule Log was dragged into the hall and placed upon the open fire pit. These democratic Christmas festivities lasted until the last dying embers of the log.

In our south, prior to the Civil War, the slaves, following this Saxon custom, would soak a log in the cypress swamps to extend the length of their Christmas freedom.

PRAYER . . . "O come let us adore him", these children pray on Christmas eve. Their prayer is the true and greatest gift of all.

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Your local lumber dealer may have patterns for these plywood and hardboard "snowmen" which you can make yourself. If not, use this picture for a pattern and go to work.

Yule Tree Business Figured in Millions

CHRISTMAS TREES are a multi-million dollar business. Throughout the nation, some 15 million trees are supplied to the holiday demand. Prices range from \$1 to \$5, and that adds up to real money.

A Christmas tree, in the lake states, is usually a balsam or a spruce. The same is true in New England and the Appalachian section. Elsewhere in the country, virtually all kinds of evergreens are used.

The lodgepole pine and Douglas fir are frequently used in Colorado. On the Pacific coast, it is principally Douglas fir.

In Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D. C., a scrub pine takes a trimming.

In other localities, white pine, southern pine, hemlock, red and white cedar and redwood are used.

The business of harvesting this annual crop begins in the fall, when cutters go into the woods after trees. It continues as truckers bring huge loads to metropolitan markets.

Many land owners manage their swamps to make them yield a crop of trees year after year. Thinning operations are another source of Yule trees.

Farmers have discovered that they can get a cash crop from eroded acres by harvesting Christmas trees 10 or 15 years after they are planted.

'Hansel and Gretel' Join the Procession

The original score of "Hansel and Gretel" was composed by Englebert Humperdinck as a Christmas piece.

The musical fairy tale created a sensation.

Since Humperdinck was one of Wagner's most intimate assistants, his harmonies have been dubbed "nursery rhymes - Wagnerian style" and since fairy tales and nursery rhymes are appropriate at Christmas, "Hansel and Gretel" has joined the procession of traditional Christmas music.



By Maud McCurdy Welch

MEREDITH HARRIS, known as Merry, sat at her desk in the big insurance office and fought back her tears.

A voice startled her. "Why are you here working? Are . . . you crying?"

It was Hugh Mallory, the agency head. Merry said, "Just finishing up. Everybody's in such a hurry." "It's Christmas Eve. Let everything go." Hugh started to his office. Merry's eyes followed his tall figure. She liked him very much. He turned back. "You didn't tell me why you were crying."

"It's nothing. My sister and her family have gone to California. I guess I . . . I'm lonely."

"That may be my good luck," he said surprisingly.

He was alone, too, he explained. His sister-in-law who had looked after his little daughter since the death of his wife four years ago, had left unexpectedly. His Aunt



"No . . . No!" Dee cried in anguish. But Hilda tore the cat from her.

Amanda was still with them, but she was getting old. There was no one to do the things to make a little girl happy. Would Meredith help him?

It took them three hours to finish shopping. At seven o'clock, Hugh's luxurious car turned on the drive of an imposing house.

A little girl sat in a big chair looking lonely. She held out her arms and cried a little. "We're not going to have a Christmas tree or anything."

Hugh Mallory swung his little daughter up in his arms. "Oh, yes, we are." He put her down. "This is Miss Meredith Harris. She's going to see to everything."

And it was the most wonderful Christmas Dee had ever had and the most beautiful tree. But Merry's gift was best of all. A beautiful Siamese kitten.

Christmas Eve Memory Check

Did You Remember . . .
to take home a few extra toys? If you are expecting two or three neighborhood small fry to drop in, you can be sure six will show up. And three toys and six children do not enhance "Peace on Earth."

Did You Remember . . .
to check the Christmas tree lights? Not day before yesterday. Not last week. We mean right now. A few stores are still open and you can supply new ones.

Did You Remember . . .
that you told all those people to drop in for refreshment tonight? Better check on the cake, cookies, soft drinks, and other goodies.

Did You Remember . . .
those last minute Christmas cards? If not, you can send telegrams to friends too far away for cards to reach them by December 25. You can even have a messenger call at your house while the guests you invited in for snacks are there, and probably everybody will remember someone far away who should have a Christmas greeting.

. . . to hang some kind of Christmas decoration outside the house, so passing strangers may enjoy some of the Christmas glow that is in your home and reflect it around your town? Remember, everyone has a part in this Christmas cheer, not just your small circle, and the more cheer you scatter, the more you will gather.



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To our many friends

A Joyous Christmas 1952

The spirit of the season strengthens our bonds of mutual friendship

Magnolia Service Station

AFTER THE presents had been distributed, Merry and Dee sat in a big chair, Dee stroking the kitten's head. "How did you know I wanted a kitten more'n anything?" "Because I was a little girl once myself."

Hugh went uptown on an errand in the later afternoon. Soon after a handsome woman in rich furs and jewels came in.

"Aunt Hilda, you . . . came back?" "Yes, Dee, I know my duty, even if your father and I . . ." Hilda broke off staring at Merry. "Who's this?"

"It's Miss Merry Christmas . . . that's what I call her. She fixed my beautiful tree, did everything." Hilda looked at Merry coldly. "You can go now. And take that cat with you. They're full of germs."

"No . . . No!" Dee cried in anguish.

But Hilda tore the cat from her, thrust it in Merry's arms. The next thing Merry had been ushered out the front door.

She went to her small apartment, sat down in a chintz chair, holding the kitten. "Well, after all, it was fun even if it is over," she confided tearfully to the cat.

But it wasn't over. Two hours later Hugh Mallory knocked on her door. "I hunted through a hundred office files for your address and I found you at last."

Merry was flushed. "Your sister-in-law came back?"

He nodded. "She's gone for good now. We'd had a disagreement. You see, I found she was teaching my little girl to be a snob." He broke off, smiled again. "Dee wants you to come back and so . . . do I. For good. Do you understand, darling?"

She was afraid to believe he'd really said that. But he took her hands, drew her closer. "Look, Merry, I've been searching for the right girl for a long time. I knew I'd found her when I saw you sitting in that big chair with Dee and the cat. Oh, my dear, say you love me, say you'll marry me. Dee and I need you so."

Meredith lifted her face and he read his answer in the sweet sincerity of her eyes.

Season's Greetings

May the joy of Christmas abide in you all.

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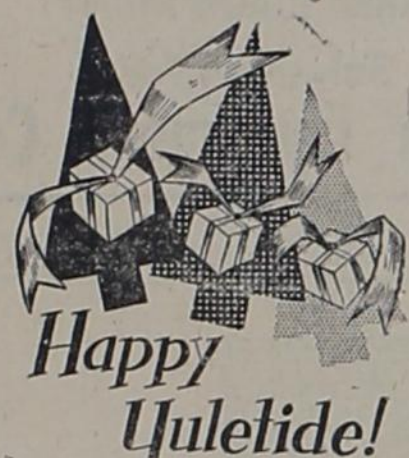
The Spirit Of Christmas

Friday, December 19, the first, second, seventh, and eighth grades presented their annual Christmas program. It opened with several choral numbers by the upper grades. "Silent Night," a special arrangement of "O Come All Ye Faithful," and several more were sung by the group. This was followed by a play, "The Magic That Brings Santa Claus,"

presented by the first and second grades. After several rhythm band numbers, the upper grades again took the spotlight with their play, "The Spirit of Christmas." The entire performance was highly delightful, and left everyone with the true spirit of Christmas.

4-H Talent Show Winners

Those from Nazareth who won prizes in the 4-H talent show



A bountiful, merry Christmas to one and all.



STEAK HOUSE

were as follows: Senior Division—Evelyn and Dolores Stork, singing "You Must Have Been a Beautiful Baby," first, Odetta Ball, playing "The Rosary," fourth, Martella and Della Pohlmeier, singing "You Belong To Me," fifth.

Junior Division—Pupils of the 7th and 8th grades, reciting "Twas The Night Before Christmas," first and Grand Reserve prizes; pupils from the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades singing the 4-H Pastoral, fourth; Eileen Schulte, Eileen Venhaus, Regina Gerber, and Carolyn Huseman, singing "Christmas Tree," sixth place.

Junior boys—Howard Schulte, reciting "The Sorrows of Bobbie," first; and Wayne Schulte, reciting "Patrick Goes to School," second.

Swiftnews

The Swifts and Swifties were making daily trips to Happy December 12 to 14, to participate in an invitational tournament. The Swifties opened the tournament by tangling with Saint Mary's B team, and came out on top with a score of 48-18. The boys played on the same day and were overpowered by a strong Canyon team, with a 49-27 defeat.

The following day the girls journeyed to Happy, to return home defeated by the Happy Cowgirls, 44-27. On the last day of the tourney the boys played Price College and were beaten by them, with the score at the finish standing at 46-29. In the Swifties' final game they were trampled by the Canyon Eagles. The score at the buzzer stood at 45-17. Outstanding performances throughout the contest were those of Phyllis Acker and Cyril Brockman, who chalked up the highest total scores.

When the trophies were awarded at the finish, both Nazareth teams were singularly honored by being awarded sportsmanship trophies. Estelle Hoelting was chosen to the all-tournament team, and received the traditional gold basketball.

The Swifties were hostesses December 17 to the St. Mary's teams, and downed both the A and B teams by wide margins of 42-28 and 47-22. Dolores Huseman, Nazareth sophomore, assisted even her own team-mates with her long-shot accuracy. Phyllis Acker retained her record as a skilled player by being again the high-scorer for her team.

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O. A. T. Certificates

Twenty-two Order of Artistic Typists certificates have been received by members of the junior and senior classes. Those members receiving Junior O.A.T. Certificates were Ruth Wilhelm, Rita Wilhelm, Grace Acker, Joan Book, Martella Pohlmeier, Iona Heiman, Esther Ball, Viola Huseman, Rubye Mae Annen, Mildred Conrad, Eugene Schacher, Cyril Brockman, Elmer Huseman, Don Acker, Michael Schacher, Floyd Schulte, and Clyde Hoelting. Those receiving Senior O.A.T. Certificates were Evelyn Stork, Grace Schacher, Estelle Hoelting, Virginia Burt, and Irene Schacher. Floyd Schulte received a special award, a gold pin, for having the neatest paper.

Annual Pictures

Pictures of the entire student body for use in the annual, were received on December 15. These pictures were taken by Britain Studio of Canyon. A few group pictures and class pictures were also received. The members of the Torch staff are working hard to collect the material for the annual.

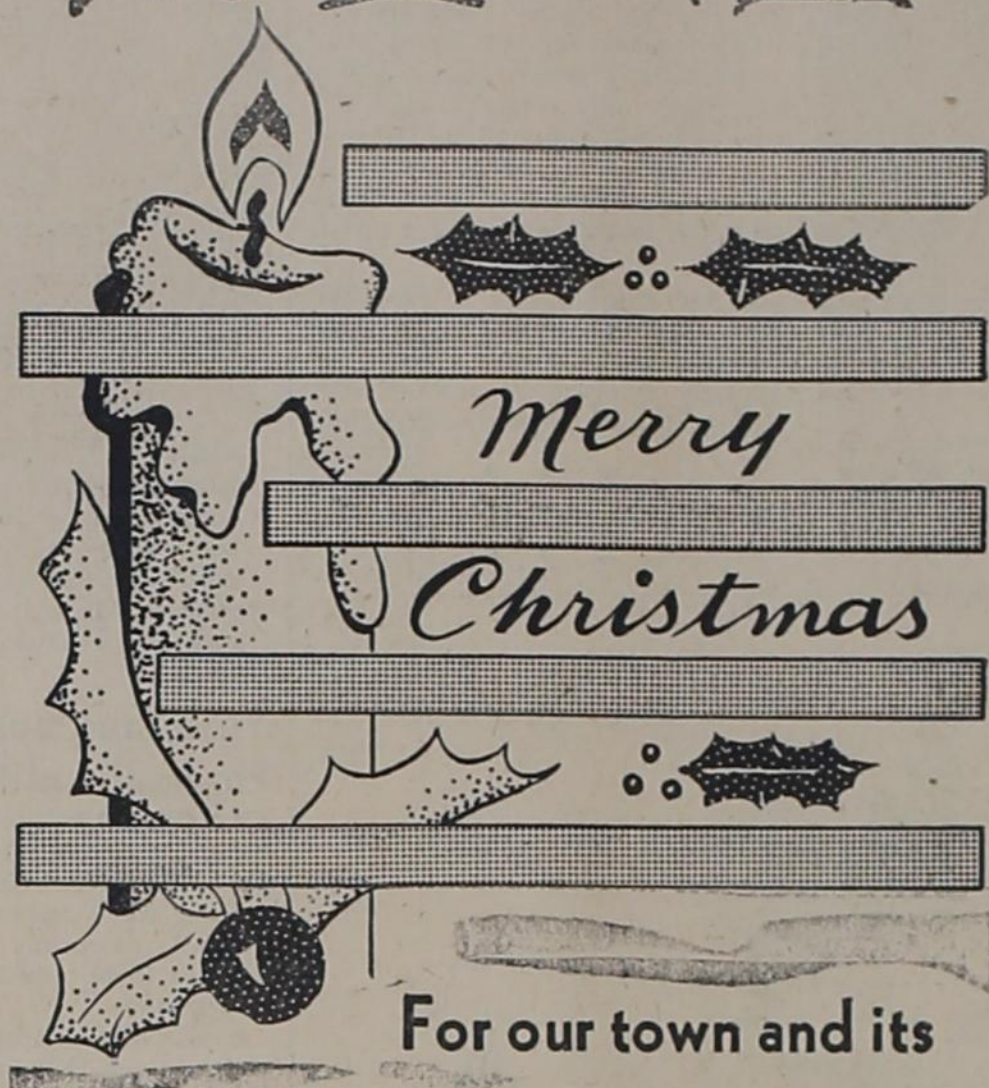
Bascom and Don Nelson, students at the University of Texas are in Dimmitt for a holiday visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Nelson and family.

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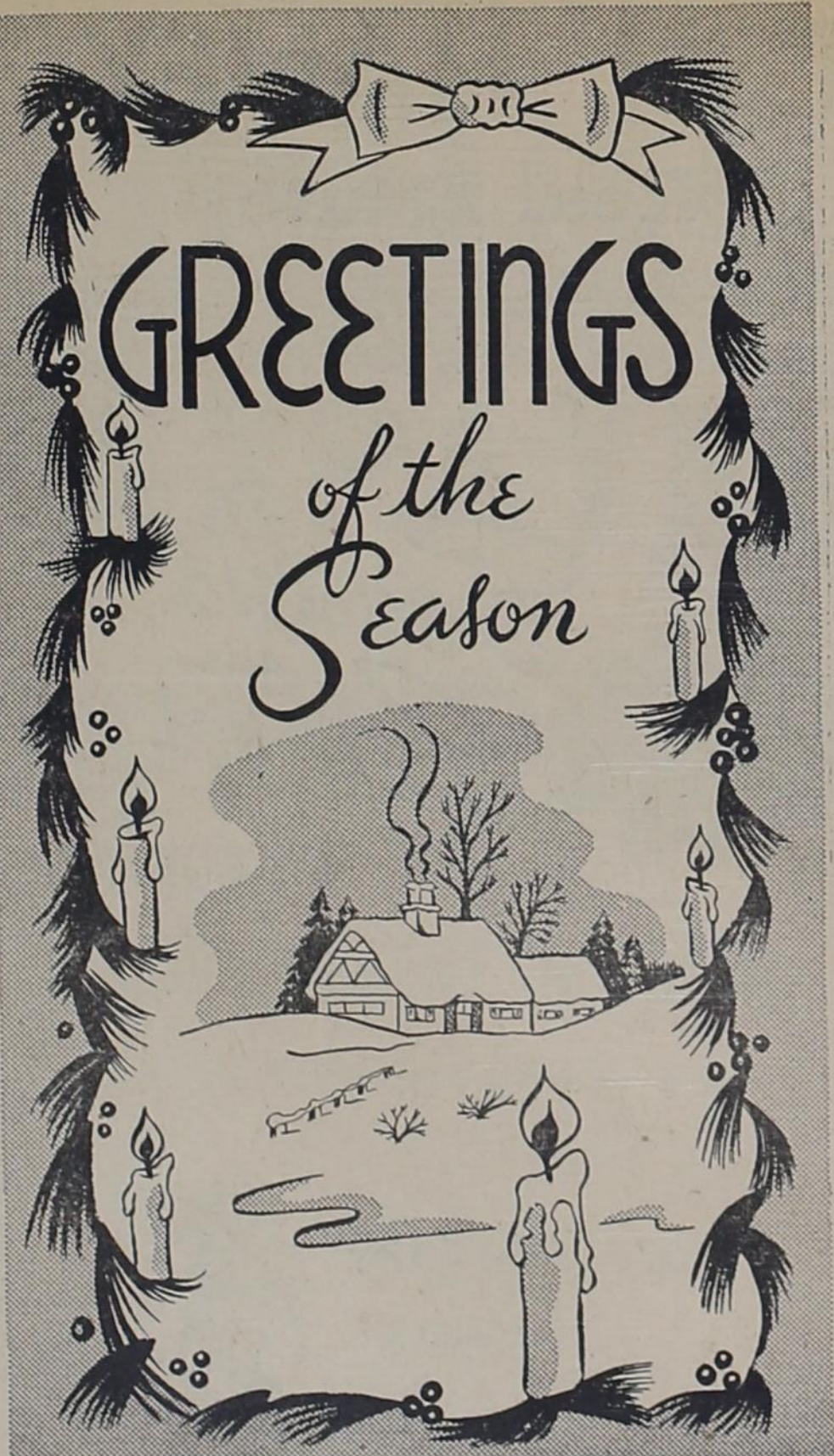
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Letters to Santa Claus

Dimmitt, Texas
Dec. 22, 1952

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a very good little girl. I have a little brother, a big brother and a big sister. Lee wants a little red wagon.

Carl wants a bicycle, and Omata wants a frontier jacket. I would like for you to bring me a doll and an electric iron.
I will leave you some cake.
I love you Santa.

Your little friend,
Molly Bradley.

P. S.—Santa, my little cousins, Ruth Ann and Butch from Houston will be here too, so don't forget them.

Brownstown, Wash.
Dec. 11, 1952

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl 4 years old and you have always found me in Dimmitt, Texas. But now I am in the State of Washington and want you to tell your Northwest helpers, to please bring me a big baby doll, and my little sister a doll also.
I am a good girl, my grand-

mother Duran says so. My grandpa says when I stay all night with him he never hears a peep out of me.

Saundra Kay Duran
Brownstown, Wash.

Dec. 6, 1952

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a bicycle and a record player. If you can't bring both, just bring me a bicycle because I want a bicycle more than anything. I am eight years old.
Your friend,
Ruth Nelson

Nazareth, Texas
December 22, 1952

Dear Santa:
I want to express my appreciation for the gifts we received last year. We really enjoyed the gift of school spirit and the wonderful gift of loyalty. Our school spirit from last year is just about worn thin because of mid-term tests, but our loyalty is still waxing strong.

This year, could you bring us all, everyone in Castro County, a merry Christmas and a happy New Year? Above all, bring the war in Korea to a close so that the soldiers might find too, the true happiness and peace of Christmas.

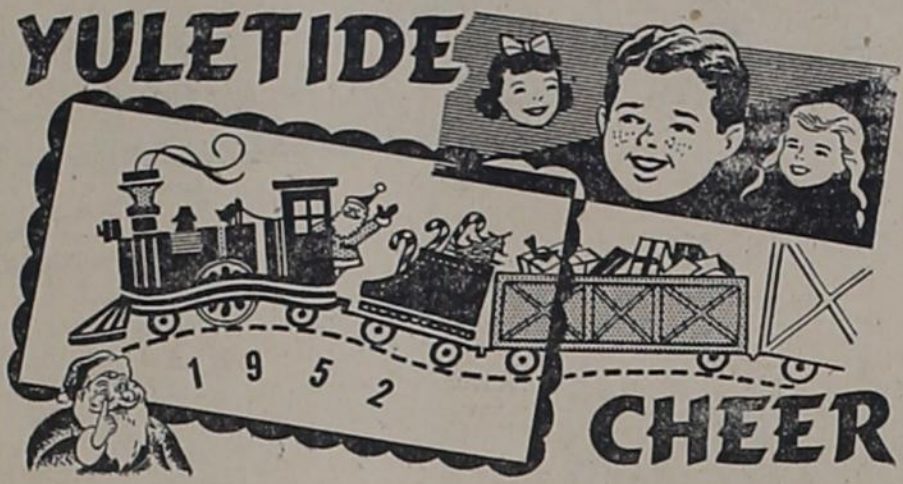
Yours very truly,
Mike Schacher

First Christmas Card Was Created in 1842

Over 250 years ago English school children wrote Christmas expressions of good will called "Christmas pieces." From this school chore came the gracious custom of sending Christmas cards.

The first known Christmas card was created in 1842 in London by a young etcher named William Egley.

In the United States, Louis Prang published the first Christmas cards. During the 1870's and 80's Prang produced thousands of beautiful cards and has become known as the grandfather of the business.



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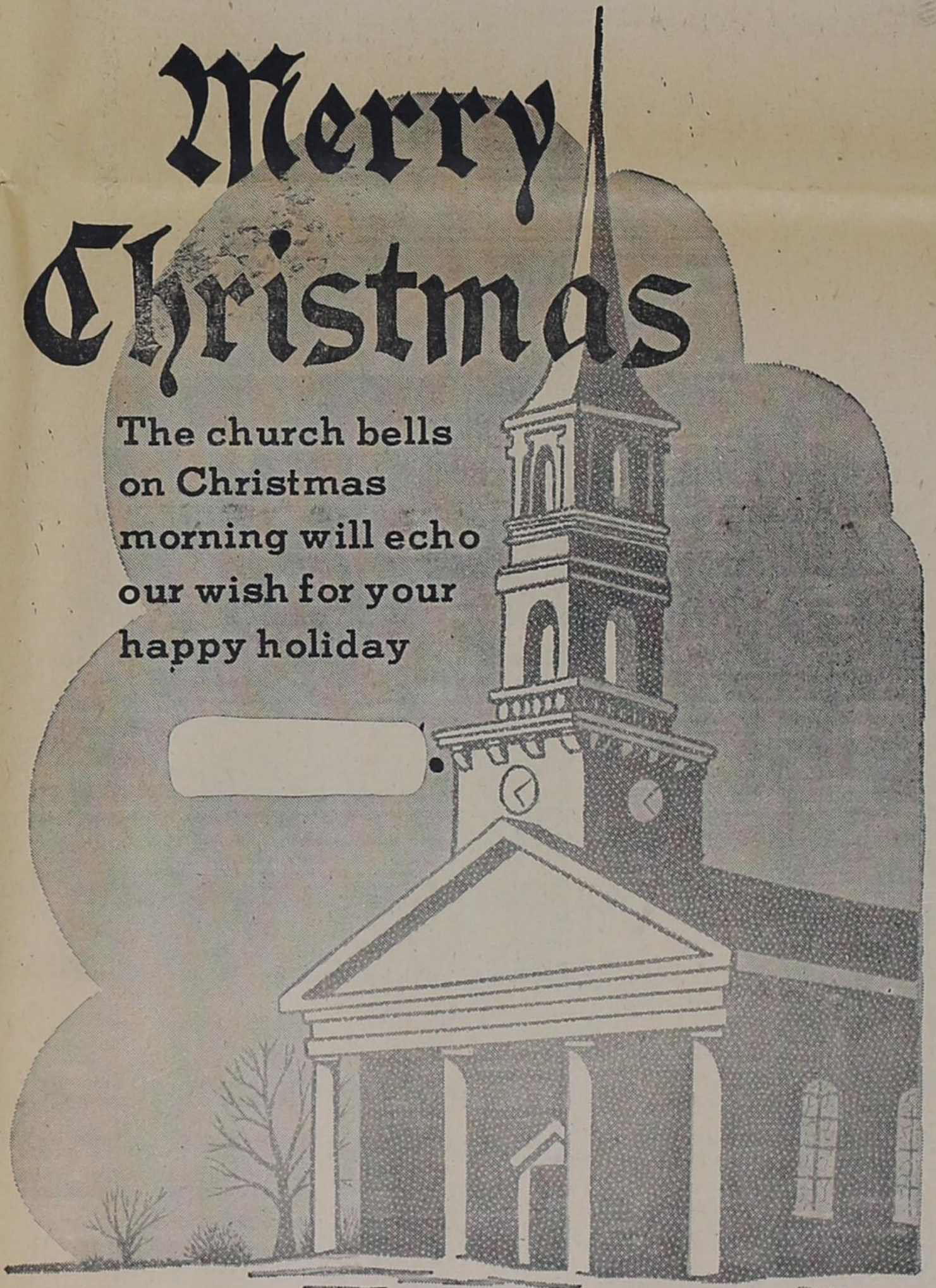
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Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa:
I would like a nice doll for Xmas. If I can't get the doll I would like just any toy.
Ester

I would like a nice watch for Christmas. If I can't get the watch I would like to have a doll that grows hair. She is 20 inches tall.

Dear Santa Claus,
I thought I would write and tell you what I want for Christmas. Well, here it is: a trap drum set, Disney rubber mold set, Indian beadcraft kit, roller skates, and six cups and saucers. That is what I want. I also want a bicycle but I don't know if Daddy will let me have it or not. Thank you.
Love,
Betty Lou Hargrove
Box 328
Dimmitt, Texas.

Dear Santa:
We are a little boy 4 years old and a little girl 6. I want a cowboy suit and Ricki Lynn wants a doll and buggy. Mike, my big brother wants a football suit and my big sister K. Sharon wants some new clothes. Send us some candy and fruits and nuts. We tried to be good.
Love,
Beelee Kent Goodwin
Ricki Lynn Goodwin

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 4 years old. Would you please bring me a record player? My big brothers Jerry Don and Robert want a football suit. We would like some candy and nuts and fruit if you have some.
Love,
Billy Ham

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a punching bag and a space gun and Lois Mae a doll, ironing board and iron. Bring us some candy fruit and nuts. Don't forget all the other little children Santa Claus.
Love you,
Larry and Lois Mae Hastings.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a bride doll and a desk. My little brother wants a big tractor to ride on. I love you. We have been good. My brother's name is Dewayne.
Love,
Connie Lee Goodwin

Dimmitt, Texas
Dec. 18, 1952

Dear Santa:
I will tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a big doll and a doll stroller, and some candy and oranges and apples and nuts. Please remember my big sisters and all the little boys and girls. Please remember the little Mexican children.
Yours truly,
Laurel Gene Ivey
Dimmitt, Texas

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a little show and a tent and a suit and boots and a gun. I am 7 years old.
My brother wants a cowboy suit too and boots and gun. He is 5 years old.

Love,
Landol and Jerry

Dimmitt, Texas
December 21, 1952

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy. I am 4 years old, 36 inches tall and weigh 34 pounds and I have been a good boy for five days. So would you please bring me a cowboy suit and gun and truck. Thank you Santa.
Charlie Fred Kuntz

I am a little girl and have been very good for six days. Please bring me a cow girl suit, medium size, and a hat size 21½ inches and a blond wig for my Tony doll. And bring daddy a pair of socks and mamma some lip stick. Thank you Santa.
Love,
Lenda Lee Kuntz

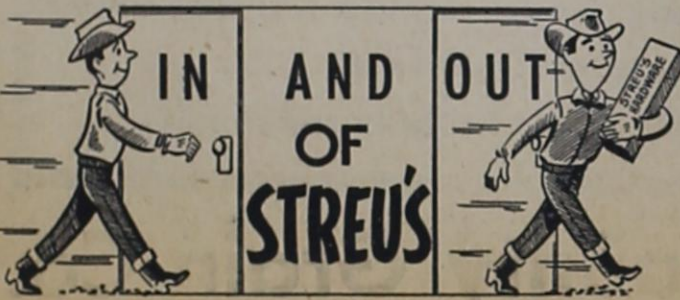
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Season's Greetings



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Merry Christmas



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Sunday School Class Has Party Friday

The Mary Martha Sunday School class held its annual Christmas party on Friday evening in the home of Mrs. George Bradford. Decorations throughout the rooms were in the yuletide motif.

The teacher, Mrs. Kirkpatrick, directed the program.

The devotion, "The Fullness of Time," was given by Mrs. J. R. Hendersort.

Mrs. George Bradford told the story "Why the Chimes Ring." Mrs. Ernest Jones and Mrs. Sid Sheffy sang a duet.

Mrs. Elvis Burch told the story of "The Uninvited Guest. Then the group sang Christmas carols, with Mrs. Ernest Jones accompanying at the organ.

Each guest brought a "Love Offering" and dropped it in the large Christmas stocking hanging

from the beautiful tree. This love offering was later presented to a citizen of our town.

The hostess, assisted by the "Ruth Group" served a lovely refreshment plate to 19 members and three guests, Mrs. Doyle, Mrs. Elvis Burch and Mrs. Sid Sheffy.

David Behrends is home from Texas Tech for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Behrends.

**Far-Off Lands
Come to Life
In Yule Toys**



GEOGRAPHY comes down the chimney on Christmas Eve.

In the flood of toys soon to spill out into the nation's living rooms will be the touch of many different lands. Beside a teddy bear, replica of Australia's marsupial furred koalas, perhaps will stand a carved wooden farm scene from German Bavaria, a South American gaucho doll, or a miniature pagoda made in Japan.

Similarly, the United States, now the world's leading toy maker, sends abroad its wild west costumes, its shiny playtime trucks and cars and earth-moving equipment, its small-scale railroads and sky scrapers to delight children all over the globe.

Toy industries in Germany and Japan are on the upswing again. Germany was among the first nations in the world to make tin horses on wheels, engines that ran, animals that walked, birds that sang. Now U.S. buyers go back to cities such as Nurnberg for the output of ingenious middle-aged inventors.

New toys that startle the world often come from Europe. One such is a German duck which, when set on an incline, proudly walks down the slope. Another is a recent gadget from Denmark called a "tippe top," a wobbly sphere about the size of a small apple that suddenly flips upside down and continues spinning on its stem.

Winston Churchill was intrigued by the top when he first saw it. In Stockholm, the King of Sweden, a cabinet minister and an atom physicist, a Nobel Prize winner, got down on their hands and knees at a banquet to study the mysterious flip-flop action.

As a mirror of mankind's culture, toys reflect the progress of civilization. Yet an amazing similarity can sometimes be seen between the toys of long-forgotten eras and the playthings of today.

Jesse Edgar Stanford, student at S.M.U. in Dallas is here for a holiday visit in the home of his parents, Rev. and Mrs. E. Lee Stanford and family.

Carol Gregory, student at medical school in Dallas is here for a holiday visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gregory and family.

**A VERY
Merry Christmas**



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