

There Just Isn't
Any More Shopping
Days 'Til Christmas

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Will Have 365 Shopping
Days Left Next Year

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about dimmitt and castro county

by b. m. n.

A story in last week's issue of the News, and a short squib in this column, concerning some much needed civic and school improvement projects have been referred to favorably by a number of our readers, in fact the interest seems to be sufficient to justify the City Commission and the School Board to make immediate plans for the necessary collections. A new high school for the Dimmitt School District and additional sewer and water facilities, more paved streets and a municipal building and city park for the City of Dimmitt will be provided during the coming year.

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There's no new way of saying "Merry Christmas." The words are the same, and the meaning is the same, as they have been for the past nineteen hundred and fifty-four years. But at this time of year, every year, we are reminded anew of the wonderful and great blessings that has lifted man above the status of the animal kingdom and made him ruler of the universe, not through physical power or strength but through humbleness and goodness and his willingness to be his brother's keeper, the words "Merry Christmas" have a special meaning that is just as new now as it was over nineteen hundred years ago. We can't improve on the wording or add to the meaning but we can join with others in again repeating the age-old wish of "Merry Christmas," to you and yours.

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The community Christmas party Tuesday was one of the finest ever held in Dimmitt. Old Santa came to town and patiently greeted and took orders from the small fry while at the same time Christmas treats, supplied by the Chamber of Commerce, was being distributed to the older children. It is nice to live in, and be a part of, a community that provides occasions of this kind for the kids of the community, it is the right attitude and creates a very wholesome community atmosphere.

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Cotton ginnings in Castro county have reached 59,450 bales. A prediction of a 60,000 bale crop appeared in this column just before the ginning season got underway.

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By the end of 1955 there should be some ten or fifteen new business firms in Dimmitt.

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Throughout this issue of the News are Christmas greetings from the various business men and firms of the city to the people of the area they serve. We suggest that you take time to read these greeting messages and we believe that you will feel that you have been included in the wish of each merchant of Dimmitt when they say Merry Christmas. That is their aim that you consider their messages of good will as a personal greeting.

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Senator Joe McCarthy has apparently withdrawn from the public scene for the past few weeks. Of course it would be asking too much to expect this arrangement to be permanent. The thing that I can't understand is who is saving us from the communists while the old boy is off licking the deen gashes in his wounded pride and dignity.

—adacc—

While thinking about one man crusades, don't you remember just a few years ago when Pappy O'Daniel was saving us from the "professional politicians." But apparently after Pappy became independent financially he lost interest in saving the rest of us from the politicians. Senator Joe generated a little more rational interest in his one-man mission of subduing the communists, and protecting the nation as a whole from the communist threat. It is rather hard to believe that things go on about as usual when these self-appointed crusaders retire to private life.

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Whatever we do this year will have to be done pretty quick. In just a few more days 1954 will be history and will be remembered, locally, as one of the finest crop years in the history of the county, and for the amazingly accurate crop predictions in this column.

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It is time that we make some resolutions to be broken during the New Year.

Carol Gregory, accompanied by a friend, is home from Medical College at Dallas, for a holiday visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gregory.

Martha McChesney Berry was a Georgia philanthropist who founded a group of schools for the children of mountaineers of her native state.



Private James W. Bussey of Dimmitt, Texas completed the Ourside Automotive school's course in Welding in the November 23 class at Atlanta General Depot.

Rites Held for Ernest Worrell

Funeral services for Ernest W. Worrell, 59, who farmed in Castro and neighboring counties for the past 35 years, were held Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. at Sunnyside Baptist Church. The Rev. G. L. Brittain, former Sunnyside pastor who is now pastor of the Baptist Church at Grants, New Mexico, officiated and was assisted by Rev. W. L. Bollinger, pastor of Primitive Baptist Church at Springlake. Burial was in the Olton Cemetery under direction of Lemons Funeral Home.

Mr. Worrell died in Fayetteville, Arkansas, Saturday night of a heart attack. He had taken his father-in-law there to visit a sister when he was stricken. The body of the deceased was sent back to Plainview by ambulance.

Born May 25, 1895 in Amarillo, Mr. Worrell was farming three miles south and one mile east of Sunnyside in Lamb county at the time of his death. He had farmed in Castro and Swisher counties in previous years. Mr. Worrell was a World War I veteran and a member of the Hart American Legion.

Mr. Worrell is survived by his wife, Lucy.

Cotton Ginnings Now Total 59,450

Scattered reports from Castro county gins, indicating that the cotton harvest is now over except for a few remnant bales, shows this week that 59,450 bales have been ginned by the county's 11 cotton gins.

The total figure has now exceeded last year's total of 56,000 bales. It might be noted that this year's harvest was produced from only 50,000 irrigated acres of land.

Some county gins have already closed down now for the season. A few are still operating on a limited scale, though and with the bales that are now on cotton yards the final county ginning total may be increased by some 2,000 bales.

Limit to Farmer Fixed at \$1,500

The local Agricultural Conservation Stabilization office began accepting applications for 1955 ACP practices Monday and will continue the first quarterly sign-up period until January 1.

ASC Secretary Doyle Thomas points out that \$1,000 will be the limit that may be allocated to a farm with not more than \$1500 going to any one farmer. For example, he states, "If one farmer owns two farms he may secure as much as \$1,000 for practices on one farm and \$500 for the other, but no farmer may receive more than \$1500 altogether."

The \$105,000 available for the 11 ACP practices that have been approved will be budgeted by quarters. Signups for the second quarter will start April 20 and conclude May 1 while signups for the third or last quarter will begin August 20 and end September 1.

A list of 11 practices and the rates for each follow:

C-1 Establishing permanent

Local Hardwood Teams Score 2nd Conference Wins

The Dimmitt boys and girls cage teams rolled over the Amherst cage teams at Amherst Friday night to notch their second conference wins of the season. The Bobbies now have a record of eight wins and no losses while the Bobcats sport a record of six victories against a single defeat.

The Bobcats swept past the Bulldogs 65-40 while the Bobbies toyed with the Amherst girls to the tune of 61-38.

Richard Wood took top scoring honors in the boys game by ringing the basket for 14 points. Ted Robb trailed close behind with 13 and was followed by Don Moberly with 12; Jerry Brown with nine; Jimmy Cole with five; and Edgar Dennis, Ronald Rickert and Keith Lowe with four apiece. David Sager led the hosts with 11 points.

The Bobcats took a commanding 19-9 lead in the first quarter and increased it steadily throughout the contest. The fact that three players scored above ten points and a fourth made nine would indicate greater accuracy and a marked improvement in teamwork. The score at halftime was 29-10 as the hosts were able to pick up only one point in the second quarter. The third quarter score read 51-28.

Darlene Cafes dropped in her highest total of the season by scoring 24 points against the Amherst girls. Second in line for the Bobbies was Margaret Odum with 11 points. Others scoring for Dimmitt were Mary Alley with ten and Fay Howard and Shirley DeLozier with eight each. Davis tallied 19 points, the highest number of points for the hosts. Edwards also scored 14 points for Amherst.

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1st Baby Contest Deadline is Set

The first baby to be born in Castro county in 1955 will be the recipient of many beautiful and useful gifts to be provided by local merchants and business men.

The celebrated event, first observed on New Years Day of 1953, will again be sponsored by Dimmitt merchants and businessmen. Agnes Clara Hanson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hanson won the distinction last year and the many gifts that accompany the honor.

To win the 1955 First Baby Contest, the baby must be born in this area; be a resident of Castro county; exact time of birth must be specified in a written statement by the attending physician; and all applications must be received at the News office not later than January 8. In the event of a tie awards will be distributed at the discretion of an appointed committee.

The News will carry a picture of the newcomer and his or her mother.

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Castro county cotton growers, dissatisfied with a 26 percent cut in their 1955 cotton allotment, consolidated their efforts with some 45 representatives of neighboring counties at a meeting in Tullia Monday night and went on record as favoring reimposition of the 1954 65-40 cotton law as well as having cotton "trend" figures apply to 1955 acreage.

The move toward this goal actually started last week when Swisher growers met in Tullia and Castro growers met in the local courthouse. The drive gained impetus and added support Monday night, however, as five other counties joined the Castro-Swisher group. Counties represented Mon-

day night at Tullia besides Castro and Swisher include Floyd, Hale, Farmer, Lamb, Motley and Deaf Smith. Members of the Castro delegation were P. P. Robb, Hugo Byers, Gene Ivey, Willis Hawkins, Paul Brooks and Allan Webb.

The above delegations were to meet in Tullia again Wednesday night to formulate definite plans, appoint spokesmen for each county and establish a goal agreeable to all concerned. They plan to seek the cooperation and support of Congressman Walter Rogers of Pampa and George Mahon of Lubbock as well.

Allan Webb, chairman of the Castro delegation, emphasized that the various counties that were hit hard by 1955 allotment cuts are not protesting the 1955 acreages but are seeking to find if there is any means by which additional acreages might be obtained for those counties that received severe cutbacks. Webb points out that Castro received a 26 percent reduction over 1954 while Palmer and Deaf Smith took cuts up to 32 percent. In sharp contrast to this is the fact that Lubbock county with a older cotton history was given a cut of only three tenths of one percent, he adds.

The group feels that chances are good for obtaining a national acreage increase through Congress by working together and recruiting the aid of other counties and states that received heavy acreage cuts.

The primary reason for the meeting Monday night in Tullia according to Webb, was to find out what the different counties want to do and discuss plans relative to getting the job done.

At a meeting here Thursday night (Dec. 16) some 125 cotton growers crowded the District Courtroom of the courthouse to discuss the measure and map plans. Doyle Thomas, local ASC secretary, showed the group several charts that gave in detail how Castro cotton acreage is figured and how this year compares with 1955. Members of the Swisher delegation were present for this meeting.

The 55,042 acres allotted Castro for 1955 are based on a five year history. Figures used in setting up Castro's allotment follow: 1948—10,000 acres; 1950—4,704 acres; 1951—70,000 acres; 1952—99,000 acres; and 1953—114,239 acres. This average plus the 4,747 acres given the county for hardship cases and the 659 acres designated as state reserve for small farms resulted in the 1955 allotment.

Castro's allotment would be considerably higher if based on a three year history as was the case in 1954. Castro growers believe that relief can be obtained by asking for re-enactment of temporary legislation based on the formula of 65 percent of the three-year average or 40 percent of the best year of the 1952-54 period, but in either case not to exceed 47 percent of a farmer's crop land less the wheat allotment. It is also believed that Castro might get additional acreage by showing the trend towards cotton in this area.

Roy Pyeatt of Hart presided at the Thursday night meeting here. Committeemen elected to work with Swisher and other delegations are Allan Webb, chairman, and members P. P. Robb, Willis Hawkins, Hugo Byers and Clint McFarland. Jay Boston and Paul Brooks were named alternates.

The Castro committee plans to work up a case showing that 1948 and 1950 acreages in Castro did not fairly represent the trend in planted cotton acreage and at the same time show that the amount of allotments being granted are not comparable to those in other counties.

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60th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY—Local residents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bell mark their sixtieth wedding anniversary on Christmas Day. They were married at the bride's home in Montague County, Texas, on December 25, 1894. Mr. and Mrs. Bell made their home there until January of 1916 when they came to Dimmitt to live. The pioneer residents, shown above in a picture that was taken on their 50th wedding anniversary, have lived here for the past 38 years.

Santa Makes Surprise Entrance; Hundreds Gather for Gay Occasion

Old Santa rode into Dimmitt Monday afternoon and hundreds of little faces beamed with happiness.

The jolly old gentleman's entrance was a surprise to everyone—at least the way in which he came. At 3 p. m. sharp a midge-size train on wheels came rolling into town from the north city limits with Santa at the throttle ringing a bell. The little train, bearing imitation Borden products, circled the square and came to a stop in front of the courthouse.

Old Santa got off and walked on a cattle ramp to distribute packages of candy, nuts and fruits.

Kiddies, ranging in age from six months to 16 years formed lines and filed through to greet the north pole visitor. Santa had his hands full for a time but his helpers, composed of Castro County Chamber of Commerce Manager Glen Youts, Chamber President R. E. Hendrix and others, assisted in the task at hand. By 4 p. m. only a small crowd of children and parents were waiting to see the cheery, long-whiskered gent.

After lending an attentive ear to requests ranging from pop guns to bicycles, Santa made his exit. Many even stayed long enough to see him ride away.

Chamber officials and local businessmen, who annually sponsor Santa's visit, were very pleased with the way every thing went off and commended older youngsters for their fine conduct. To everyone who helped make Santa's visit a success, Youts offered thanks and appreciation.

Some 2,000 telephone packages were distributed and not a single tot or youngster left empty-handed—at least not to the knowledge of Santa's helpers. Fair and warm weather greatly facilitated matters and resulted in an unusually large crowd.

Firms Will Close On Christmas Day
A check by the News with local business firms and offices shows that most of the business district will be closed Saturday on Christmas day and re-open the following Monday.

There are a few exceptions to the above plan, however, as all county offices in the courthouse will be closed the afternoon before Christmas as well as on Christmas day. The ASC offices in the basement of the courthouse will also be closed on the afternoon before New Years Day.

Theban k, post office and most local firms will observe Christmas day only as a holiday. The Chamber of Commerce office will be closed Saturday, too.

School students were dismissed from classes Friday afternoon and will return Monday morning, January 3.

Cinemascope Film To Be Shown Here

A new cinemascope screen has been installed at the local movie house and the first wide screen picture will be shown Sunday, according to H. H. Carille, owner.

The long, wide screen was installed Monday by National Theater Supply of Oklahoma City at a cost of \$4,000. The new screen will give depth and beauty to all cinemascope productions, according to Carille. All cinemascope pictures will appear in technicolor and will be shown here as they become available.

The first cinemascope picture to be shown Sunday will be entitled "Garden of Evil" and will star Gary Cooper, Susan Hayward and Richard Widmark. "The Caine Mutiny" and "Dragon" are other cinemascope pictures to be shown at a later date.

Carille said the cinemascope screen was installed to provide the latest and best pictures available to the public. A cinemascope screen was installed at the drive-in theatre when that project was completed in the fall.

Carolyn Campbell is home from A. C. C., Abilene, to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Campbell.

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Dimmitt Cemeteries Joined in Perpetual Care Organization
During a special session here Tuesday night a large number of people who own lots in the Dimmitt Cemetery and whose relatives are interred there, together with persons who own lots in the Bartlett Addition and the trustees of the unsold lots in the Bartlett Addition, met in a legal meeting in the District Courtroom of the courthouse for the purpose of putting all of said properties under perpetual care.

Swain Burkett was elected Temporary Chairman and Ester Noble was elected Temporary Secretary of the group, and the meeting proceeded to business. A lengthy discussion was had with most of those present taking part.

It was voted unanimously by the persons interested in the old Dimmitt Cemetery to join the other two groups in placing all of same into a Perpetual Care Cemetery. Directors for such an organization were chosen, with three directors being chosen from persons interested in the old cemetery, the persons interested in the H. T. Bartlett Addition who own property chose one director and the trustees of the H. T. Bartlett Addition furnished three directors, making seven for the corporation.

This Board of Directors was instructed to proceed at once to secure a Charter. The directors selected Wes Anthony, Bob McLean and Noel Gollehon for the original cemetery. Allan Webb for the persons who own lots in the

H. T. Bartlett Addition, and Jim Elder, G. L. Willis and Swain Burkett were elected directors for the trusetts's portion of the H.T. Bartlett Addition.

Some discussion was had as to a name for the new cemetery organization. Appearing on back page is a set out of a small blank for anyone interested to suggest a name. Same may be sent to Mrs. Nettie Graham, Dimmitt, or Mrs. W. T. Gollehon; also of Dimmitt.

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FOR SALE

Farm Bureau Insurance, Home Insurance. See E. L. Ivey 28-tfc

FOR SALE—Two 50x100 ft. American Legion lots, on paved, excellent location. Proceeds from sale of lots will go into youth center fund. If interested see Slim Fulfer 17-tfc

FOR SALE—2 bedroom house on pavement. Fenced yard. Convenient location. Call 316 46-tfc

FOR SALE—6 1/2 room home, 1 year old in new addition, with attached garage, 1680 ft. floor space. Heated—Floor furnace and wall panel. Fully insulated. Lots of closets. Carpet on living room and hall. Slab doors—oak floors with sub floor. Plenty outlet plugs and yard lights. Metal stripped windows. 2 porches—30 gal. water heater, large kitchen cabinet with double sink. Attached garage with storage. For appointment see H. J. Thomas 28-tfc Phone 9

CALL DENNIS FLORAL for your party arrangements. Husbands remember your wives on birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions with flowers from 234-tfc (2) Dennis Floral Shop LET US repair and service your air conditioners. 28-tfc Bud's Fixit Shop

FOR SALE—70x150 corner lot in Northwest Dimmitt. 4-5tp Bill Burnam Box 343, Bovina, Tex.

FOR SALE—Ford tractor, new motor overhaul, with new 2-row cultivator and blade. W. F. King or See Slim Fulfer 7-tfc

FOR SALE—I have road opened and lots levelled ready for residence construction in Howe Addition in West Dimmitt. Have some lots on pavement which have full approval for CI-FHA loans. 52-tfc O. K. Howe

FOR SALE—Six 4-bale Ranger cotton trailers. New last year, \$250 each. Jack Tucker Castro Co-op Gin 49-8tp

FARM FOR SALE—336 acres 310 acres in cultivation, modern house, 4 rooms and bath, \$100.00 per acre. Possession through January. Located 3 miles N. E. Junction school. Contact L. C. Heath Brownfield, Texas 5-8tp Phone 4610

FOR SALE—Lots 4, 5, and 6, Blk. 13 Miller Addition Priced for quick sale. M. A. Kelly Perryton, Texas 5-tfc

FOR SALE Assortment of shade trees, fruit trees, hedges, flowering shrubs, roses, evergreens, and Holland bulbs. Come to see me. 5-tfc Mrs. J. F. Ward North Main Hereford. Pho. 250

FOR FACTS about the Catholic Church, write P. O. Box 6343, Indianapolis, Indiana. Information sent under plain cover. No personal follow-up. 44-52tp

FOR SALE—Good Hegari bundles, good grain. Doyle Lay Phone 376W 7-tfc

DRAPERY HARDWARE—I have in stock at my home a complete stock of drapery hardware, for hanging all types of draperies. 7-3tp Mrs. Willie Waggoner Interior Decorator

POULTRYMEN see Castro County Grain about caging your laying flocks. We have cages, brooders, feeders, water and sanitation supplies and a complete line of Puren Feeds for your livestock and poultry. 24-tfc

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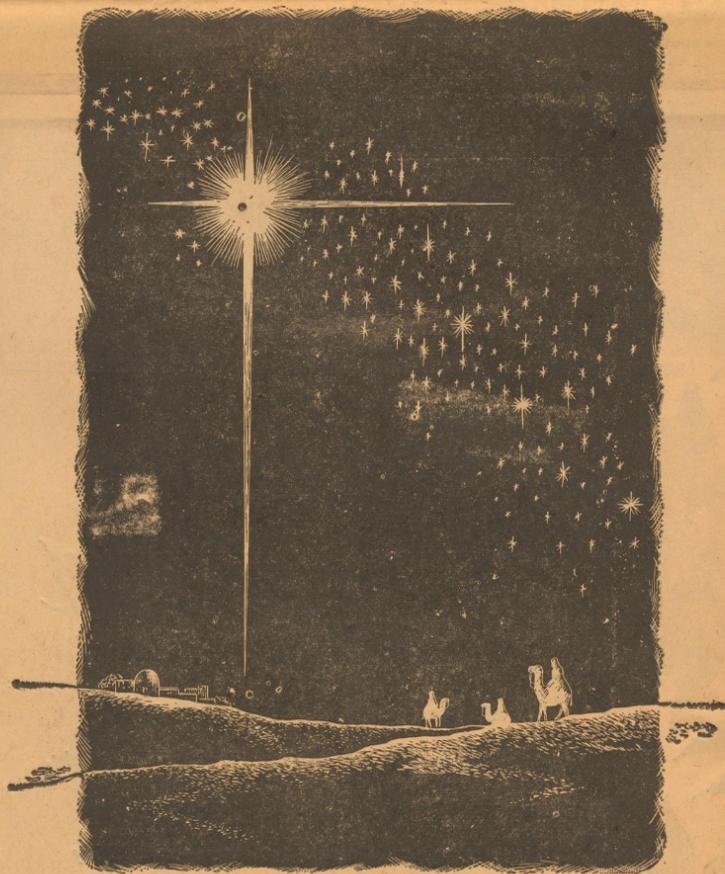
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Christmas



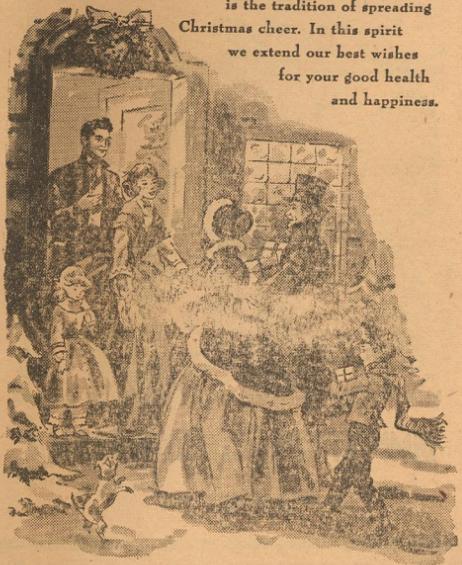
O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thine only Son Jesus Christ; Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our Judge, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.



Merry Christmas!
TO OUR WONDERFUL FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS ... AND THANKS FOR YOUR PATRONAGE DURING THE PAST YEAR
PIGGLY WIGGLY

Joyous Christmas Wishes

Age-old yet ever-new
is the tradition of spreading
Christmas cheer. In this spirit
we extend our best wishes
for your good health
and happiness.



PAUL C. POE
PLUMBER

Tree Decoration Has Ancient Source In Arabian Legend

When you fasten the ornaments to your Christmas tree this year you will be commemorating a centuries-old Arabian legend that relates how plants blossomed and flowered and trees miraculously bore ripened fruit on the eve of the first Christmas.

In fact, the Christmas tree itself stems from the story of a Scandinavian "sacred" tree and Martin Luther, a German, is said to have brought the first one indoors and decorated it for the Yule season in the early 16th century.

These are only two of more than a score of legends from which today's Christmas symbols and customs stem. According to Jeannette Lee, who has probed their origin for nearly a dozen years, the American Christmas symbols—from candles and bells to kissing under the mistletoe—have no common nationality. They have come from all parts of the world.

Mrs. Lee, who is supervisor of creative art for a greeting card company, constantly utilizes the traditions and emotions of the festival as ornaments for Christmas cards and is just as constantly searching for new ones. This year, for example, the bright-colored tree ornaments are in high vogue as decorative devices on Christmas cards.

Christmas Helps World's Economy

Many people, with the total exception of children, have come to believe that Christmas has become too commercial. In a spiritual sense this is true to some extent.

Economically, however, no other holiday or festive season contributes so much to the welfare of the world. Christmas has barely passed and the new year before thousands are at work on toys and myriads of other Christmas specialties for the next holiday. Each year, as the lights of Christmas trees twinkle on a wintry night, how many of us think of the millions who have gained employment through the Christmas shopping industry?

And yet, "too commercial" may be an overstatement. Is it too wrong, once a year, to make the dominate theme one of giving, rather than of receiving? Christmas and the spirit of Christmas, has endured wars and great chaos through centuries as a time of joyousness and happiness, and giving has always been an important part of the festivities.

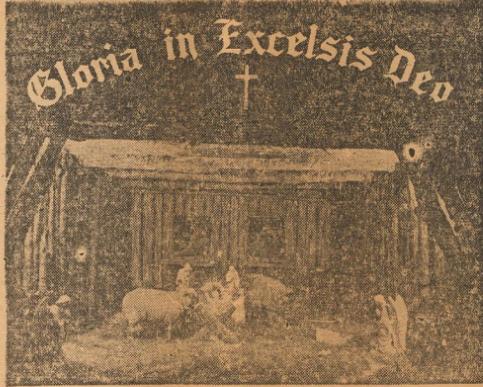
The picture of the family united, with presents opened, and children, wrapped in the joyousness of childhood's greatest emotion is still, and will remain the Christmas story.

Dec. 18, 1954

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 4 years old. Please bring me a Bride doll that walks and has a lot of clothes and some coat hangers. I also want a refrigerator.

Please don't forget any little boy or girl. We are all good most of the time.

I love you,
Sharon Flynt.



THE STABLE AT BETHLEHEM . . . The Babe in the manger, surrounded by the gentle animals, is a vision we can see more clearly with our hearts than with our eyes. And seeing it, we may truly say, "Glory to God in the highest."

Square-Flagg Club Has Final Meeting

The Paul Chance home was the gala scene for the annual Big Square Home Demonstration Club Christmas supper, tree and party.

The group exchanged gifts which were beautifully arranged under a Christmas tree after partaking of a delightful holiday supper. The remainder of the evening was spent playing progressive 42.

Present for the traditional occasion were Messrs. F. Helf, Wes Anthony, Lon Boothe, Joe Hastings, Irvin Ott, Floyd Copeland, Bob Knight, Raymond White, Jones, Edwin O'Hair and Mesdames Paul Chance, Forrest Collins, C. W. Mick and Albert Schellar.

Others attending were Irvalcen Patsy and Julia Chance, Stevenc Chance, Mary Helen Behrends, Brenda and Danny O'Hair, John Self, Jerry and Jerrel Ott, Karen Knight, Fern Jones and Leon and Johnny Collins.

BIG SQUARE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Davis of Pecos spent the week-end with the Sam Hendersons and J. D. Davises.

Wayne Davis went to Wichita Falls Sunday and visited his sister, Lavita, and returned Monday with a new 1955 Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Ott and children were shopping in Amarillo Saturday. Lon Boothe and Joe Hastings were called to the Joe Richard Hastings Monday as he was involved in a car wreck near San Antonio.

Karren Dutton entertained her Sunday School class with a party Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Howard were shopping in Clovis Friday. Mrs. Andy Behrends, Sr., attended May's school party Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Alford Dutton and Karren went to Jones county to spend the Christmas holidays with friends and relatives.

The Irvin Otts visited the Price Hamiltons Monday night.

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Dec. 18th, 1954
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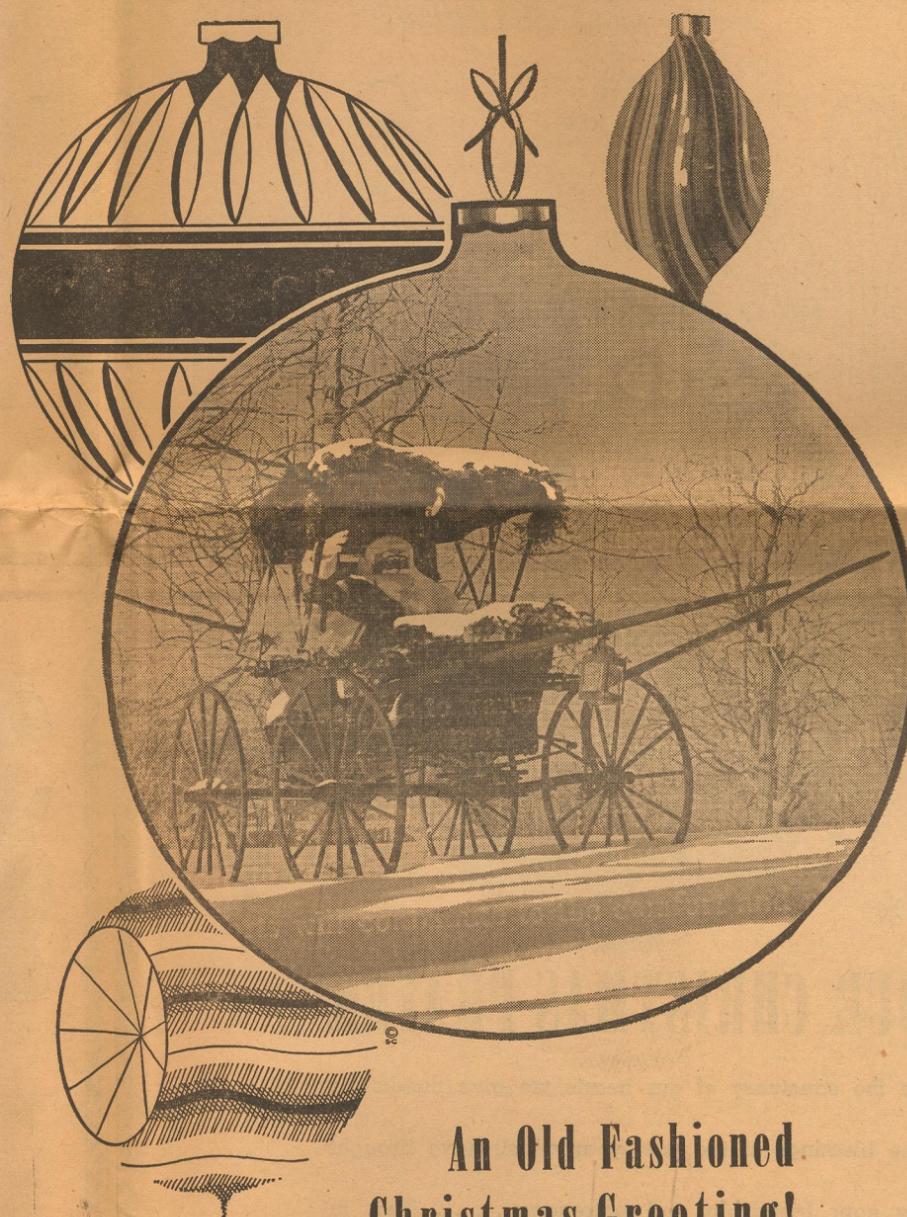
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Midst all the bustle of this festive season, please, don't overlook all our good wishes . . . we are proud to have served you this past year: Merry Christmas to All!

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Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Moody



An Old Fashioned Christmas Greeting!

May your Yuletide be enriched with all the blessings of a traditional Christmas -- Peace, as quiet as new-fallen snow . . . the heartwarming Joy of a family together . . . Good Will for all! This is our old-fashioned wish for our friends and customers -- MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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Blessings at Christmas

The spirit of that first Christmas is the most precious gift of all. May it abide with you and yours now and always.

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(Suggested name)

(My Name is)

(Clip out and mail to Mrs. Nettie Graham, Dimmitt, Texas, or Mrs. W. T. Gollehon, Dimmitt, Texas)

Hay Burns on Huggins Farm

Some 50 bales of a 150-bale alfalfa haystack on the Burt Huggins farm north of Dimmitt were destroyed by fire Saturday noon causing a loss of approximately \$150, according to members of the Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Department who arrived on the scene in time to save most of the hay.

The fire endangered several out buildings before it was suppressed and might have threatened the Huggins home had winds been stronger. The blaze broke out about noon and was first detected by Mr. Huggins who notified the fire department. The hay was stacked in a pile about 100 feet northwest of the Huggins home.

Firemen used irrigation well water near the scene of the fire and were able to extinguish the

ENTERTAINS WITH PARTY
Mr. and Mrs. Rex Sheffy entertained with a party in their home Wednesday evening honoring her sister, who is here from South Dakota. Games were enjoyed by approximately twenty young people.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Sheffy and children are visiting their aunt, Mrs. Henry McCurry, in Marlow, Okla. Miss McMurphy plans to return home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Rothwell and family have moved to Plainview from Evert, Mo., where they had been living for the past several years.

blaze shortly after arriving. Origin of the fire was not determined.

The local fire crew again asked the News to remind farmers that as soon as they notify the fire department of a fire, make a special effort to get irrigation water as near to the scene as possible. This will help to speed operations up and in the long run save the farmer considerable material loss.

DHIA News Lists Castro Dairymen

M. L. Simpson of the Jumbo Community and Frank Huseman on Nazareth ranked third and fourth respectively with their dairy cows under the heading of high herds in milk and butterfat in the November Dairy Herd Improvement Association report. Simpson's holstein herd produced an average of 1050 pounds of milk during the month just past for a butterfat percentage of 3.8.

Huseman's jersey herd produced an average of 710 pounds for a 6.1 percentage.

Leo Witkowski of the Arney Community and M. L. Simpson, Jr., of Jumbo, were also recognized in the November DHIA report.

Proceeds from the turkey shoot will be used to finance worthy Legion projects.

Mr. Ernest Jones suffered a heart attack Wednesday and is in the local hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Copeland and family are in Waters, Okla., for the holidays.

Mrs. J. W. Sollis and boys visited friends in Lubbock Tuesday.

Yvonne Bearden is home from A. C. C., Abilene, to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bearden.

David Honea is home from W. T. S. C. for a holiday visit with his parents.

Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Van Zandt visited their son, John, and family at Odessa last week-end.

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To One and All!



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OUR CHRISTMAS PRAYER

In the sanctuary of our hearts we give thanks for the blessings of the past year which have brought us your friendship and patronage And, in the warm spirit of this Holy Day, we pray that health, happiness and friendship be the gifts you most enjoy at Christmas, and after!

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In the Reverent Mood of This Holy Christmas Time

The Spirit of Christmas belongs to everyone - its sacred trust of friendship and good-will know no boundaries of race or creed. It is with this in mind, we say to all -- May you and yours find this Christmas bright with cheer and the blessings of warmth and benevolence! . . . To you -- our loyal customers and friends - We wish a Happy Holiday!

WILSON SUPER MARKET

Raymond, Margaret and Patricia

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James Slough

Dear Santa Claus:
Will you please bring me a record player, some records and a train. Please bring my little brother, Wendell an airplane.
Love
Johnny Sollis

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Hopalong Cassidy suit and a hat too and some Hopalong Cassidy guns. I want a big Bride doll and a bicycle.
Love,
Mary Grace Settle

CHRISTMAS Wishes



May the joyous tidings of the first Christmas re-echo in your heart today and lift your spirit with that glorious promise of peace and good will for all.

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NOTICE

Due to the fact we are having quite a bit of trouble with our street lights, some one or group of boys have been shooting them out, we are going to enforce the ordinance that was passed and approved on the 2nd day of May 1951. It shall be unlawful for anyone to shoot air rifles in or around or near a public place. Any person violating this ordinance shall be fined not to exceed over \$100.00.

W. C. COOK, City Marshal

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!



Smaller Towns Began Lighting Outdoor Trees

Although the White House and Rockefeller Center outdoor tree decorations have become famous in recent years, the practice of lighting outdoor trees began in smaller towns and cities long before these two displays became an annual affair.

Four widely separated communities light up as early as 1913. Two of them, McDonald and Germantown, were in Pennsylvania.



Salem, Ore., decorated a large Sitka spruce. Riverside, Calif., illuminated a large evergreen, an Aracuria.

The first National Christmas tree was in 1924 and was sponsored by the American Forestry association. For the past two years the lighting of the White House has been televised.



Santa's little helper came down to us from Scandinavia.

Many years before Leif Eriksen touched American shores, the children of the North believed that a little elf with long white whiskers—Jul Tomten—saw that the earth was abundant with good food and that the animals and birds were taken care of.

After the pagan Vikings were Christianized, little Jul became the giver of presents—just as Santa today. It became a custom for children to leave a bowl of porridge on the kitchen table for the little elf, who would leave presents in exchange.

Travelers picked up the legend of Jul Tomten and carried it around the world. To us, he is the busy, jolly, good little elf who works happily in Santa's workshop.

'Silent Night' Is Most Beloved Carol

Of all the songs that return to bring warmth to the Yuletide season, no carol is so universally known as "Silent Night." Certainly no other is as loved and sung as this simple German song.

For years its origin was unknown, except that it supposedly dated back for many centuries. Recent investigations, however, disclosed that it was produced in 1818. The poem was originally written by Joseph Mohr, an assistant priest in Oberndorf in South Germany. The melody was composed by a schoolmaster, Franz Gruber.

Both the poet and the composer were part of the choir that sang the now famous carol that Christmas Eve in the Oberndorf church. The beloved song was sung first to the accompaniment of a guitar, for the church organ was out of order that Eve in 1818.

It has since been sung to the tune of almost every musical instrument in the world, in the languages of many men.

Plum Pudding Came Far Since Ancient Origin

Plum pudding—the ancient English delicacy traditionally served with Christmas feasts—has come a long way since it entered the culinary lists hundreds of years ago as Yule-dough.

Yule-dough was composed of chopped meat paste, spices, to symbolize the gifts of the Magi, and flour, regarded as embodying the spirit immanent in the wheat.

Maryland is called the "Free State of Maryland" because it was the first and for many years the only state definitely to proclaim religious toleration.

Santa Claus, Indiana, Received Famous Name Christmas Eve, 1882

Although many towns have names directly or indirectly associated with Christmas, there is but one town named Santa Claus, in Indiana.

Except for a lucky break, the town would have had another name and hence would not have enjoyed the annual fame that it gathers around the Yuletide season.

The original intention to name the town Santa Fe fell through when the officials at Washington suggested that the town be named something else, since there was already a Santa Fe in New Mexico.

On Christmas Eve, in 1882, the citizens held a mass meeting to select another name, but every one proposed was discarded for one reason or another. The meeting was about to break up when Santa Claus, making his yearly visits in the neighborhood, strode in to get warm. He was in costume and his arrival put one name in every mind.

And so the town was named Santa Claus.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Owing to circumstances beyond our control, we could not send out cards as we usually do. So we are taking this means of wishing all our friends and neighbors a very merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year. This means you.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Tate

Cleo News

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Lamb and children visited Friday night in the Melvin Summers home.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cluck and son, Junior, were shopping in Lubbock Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Wooten and Rex, Darlene Cates, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hill, Levonia Carruth, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Cooper visited in the Richard Wooten home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Reinhardt have moved to Dimmitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Summers and children and Mr. and Mrs. Trellis Summers and son, Lee were shopping in Plainview one day last week.

Mrs. Lovonia Carruth visited Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wooten recently.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Houtcher and Mrs. Joe Barber and Mr. Clarence Stallings attended the funeral of an uncle, Mr. John Stallings, in Colorado last week. Mr. Stallings was 94 years old. They also spent the night with old friends, the Wolfs., who used to live in Dimmitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harris and children from Houston are here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dixor and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Prestor went to Galveston last week after their daughter, Patricia. She will spend the holidays at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Summers and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Summers and boys visited relatives in Portales

New Mexico, Sunday.

Cecil Rae and Louise Jones visited the Roy Clucks Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dixon and Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Bradley visited Grandma Dixon in Dimmitt Saturday night.

Frances and Harold Waggoner are home from school during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Waggoner and Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Lilley were in Mexico last week. Mr. and Mrs. Sweatt stayed with the

children while they were away.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Bradley and children attended a party in the Dorit Smiley home Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Scott and son, Bennie, and Mother Nisbett left this week for a visit with relatives in California.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

May Christmas bring good cheer to you... that fills your heart the Season through

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Merry Christmas Neighbor!

May you and your family enjoy a happy, joyful Christmas. It may not be possible for us to extend greetings in person. Most of us will be at work on Christmas Day because throughout the Southwest people need gas to warm their homes and to cook their turkeys. Natural gas pipeline operation is a never-ending job. Day and night, winter and summer, good weather and bad, we are always at work to fill the needs of the Southwest for fuel. We hope that our efforts will contribute to the comfort and pleasure of this holiday.

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Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a watch,

Santa Claus

cowboy hat, and cowboy guns.
Please give daddy a good watch.

I am 8 years old, and have
been pretty good and will try to
be real good until Christmas. I
love you.
David Hyatt.

Dear Santa:
I am 6½ years old and would
like for you to bring me a record
player, doll, trumpet and anything
else you will bring me. Don't
forget my little sister, Santa—we
have both been good.
Love, Debbie Banks.

Dear Santa Claus
I want a Big Doll for Christmas
and a big truck for Christmas
and a big gun, paint set and a
big Aunt Jemima set.
Love
Doris Baylets
Dimmitt, Texas



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GIFTS—HOW MUCH DO THEY COST?

Since everyone thinks quite a
lot about gifts during the holi-
day season, the subject of gift taxes
may be a timely one. Although
it may surprise some people, the
federal government levies a tax
which applies to gifts made by
one person to another.

However the government has no
desire to tax ordinary birthday and
Christmas gifts. The law therefore
excludes from taxable gifts the
first \$3,000 given to each individ-
ual in each calendar year.

The law also excludes from tax-
able gifts, gifts to the church,
community chest, and similar
charitable organizations, and al-
lows each giver an exemption of
\$30,000—before the tax applies.

The tax applies whether the
gift is of money or of property.
If it is of property, the tax is
computed on the fair market value
of the property at the date of
the gift.

The purpose of many gifts is
to remove the property tax from
the taxable estate of the giver
at the time of his death. This
may or may not be accomplished,
transfers made within three years
before date of death shall be

deemed to have been made in
contemplation of death and shall
be taxable in the estate of the
one who dies.

It may be advisable to "look
a gift horse in the mouth" for
the gift may cost the one who
receives the gift in income taxes
as well as the giver in gift tax-
es.

For income tax purposes the
cost basis of property received
by gift is the cost to the giver
regardless of the fact that the
giver may have paid a gift tax
on the gift. The other rule is
that in case of property received
by inheritance, the cost basis is
the fair market value at the date
of the decedant's death.

An example will show the ap-
plication of the rules. Suppose a
farmer acquired his land in the
early days at a cost of \$10,000.
This property is now worth \$50,-
000. The farmer wishes to retire
and escape estate taxes, so he
gives the farm to his daughter.

Although he may pay federal
gift taxes totaling several thou-
sand dollars, when the daughter
decides to sell the farm for its
\$50,000 value, she still has to
pay income tax on \$40,000 profit
(difference between the sales
price and her father's cost of
\$10,000.)

On the other hand, if the farm-
er had not given the farm to the
daughter, but had left it to her
under his will, he would have
saved the gift tax. The daughter
would have taken the property
at a cost basis of \$50,000, so upon
the sale she would not have had
to pay any income tax.

Of course, there would have
been some estate taxes and admin-
istration expenses in the father's
estate, but that would have been
much less than the taxes which
resulted from the gift. However,
depending upon individual and
particular circumstances, there
may be occasions when a gift
is advisable. Your lawyer can
advise you on this matter.

(This column, based on federal
and Texas law, is written to in-
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should ever apply or interpret the
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the facts may change the applica-
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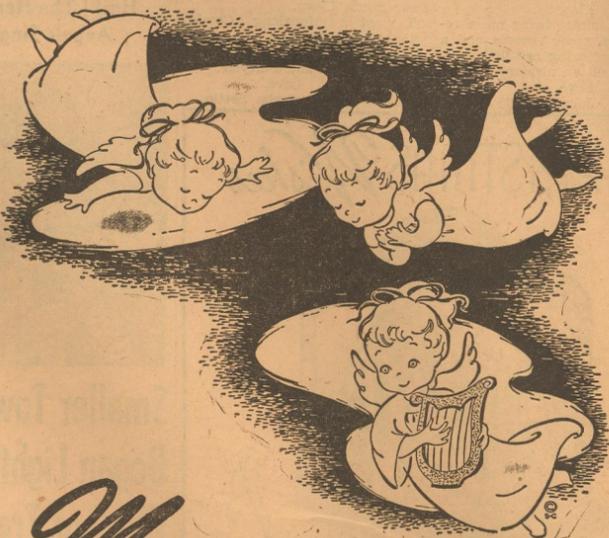
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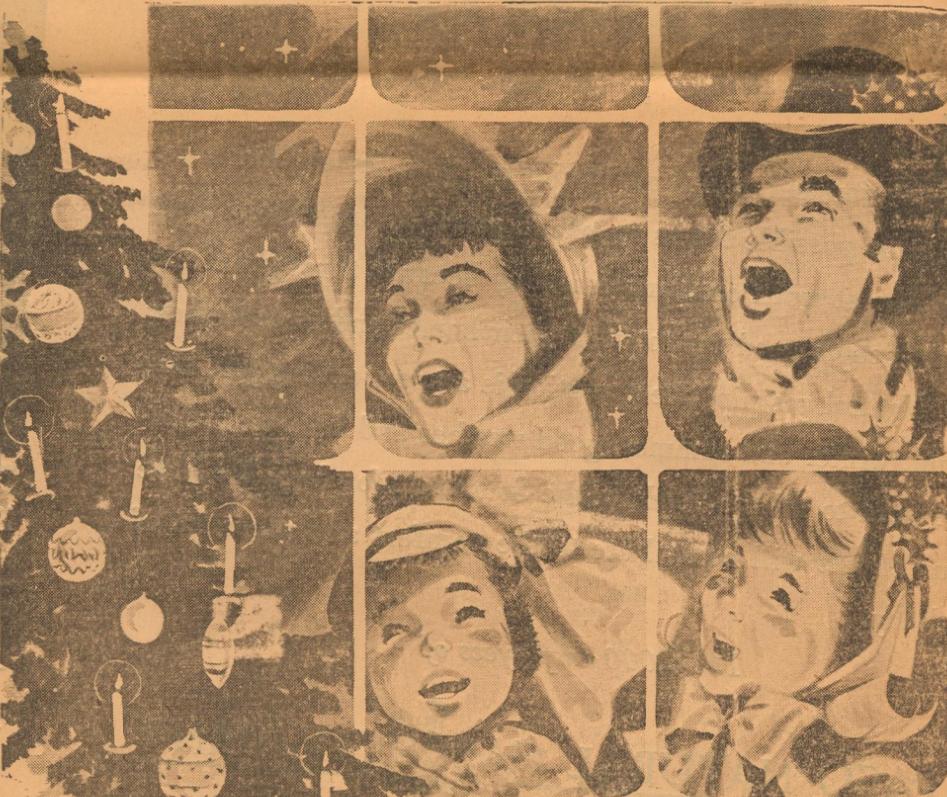
And, may the wondrous peace and
blessed spirit of this Holy Day find that all your

fondest dreams have come true in the
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Season's Greetings

As we approach the season that symbolizes
peace and good will, we recall with gratitude
the friendships we have made in the years that have passed.
May this greeting serve to carry the wish that your Christmas
be joyous and the New Year hold all that you desire.

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CLARENCE



O come, all ye faithful...

Joyful and triumphant, once more the message of Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men rings out through all the world. As it came once upon a midnight clear, may the spirit of Christmas come to your home and your heart, this Day, and bring you serenity and happiness through all the days of the year ahead.

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Castro County News



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 B. M. Nelson, Editor and Publisher

Big Square HDC Has Xmas Party

Members of the Square-Flag 4-H Club, meeting recently at the home of Kay Carpenter for the last time in 1954, made Christmas decorations for the home and Christmas tree.
 Club members used quilting cotton to make snow men, snow ladies, Santa Claus, cutout reindeer

and sleigh and Christmas bells. Refreshments featuring the green and white 4-H colors were served to Irvaleen Ott, Patsy and Julia Chance, Karen Dutton, Elizabeth and Barbara Coke, Aundrea Boothe, Mary Helen Behrends, Dutton, Coke and Carpenter.
 Florida, the last of the territory owned in North America by the Spaniards, was ceded to the United States in 1819.



CANDLES FOR Christmas

Candles have lighted Christmas eve around the world for generations.
 It has long been a custom in Ireland to place a lighted candle in the window to guide the Christ-child on his way, and the use of candles appears in other lands in many ways.
 In Czechoslovakia, for example, tiny candles are set upright in nutshells and floated in pans of water. Armenians use myriads of candles in preparing their Christmas decorations.
 At unique church services in Labrador, each child receives a little lighted candle standing in a turnip, and keeps it until after the services, at which time the turnip is eaten.
 In Norway, families arrive at church on Christmas eve, each carrying a flaming torch. These are stuck in the snow while the good-folk attend the services.

BETHEL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Glenr Williams and children of Hereford were Sunday visitors of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Williams.
 Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lewis were in Amarillo Thursday for him to have a physical checkup.
 Sue Bagwell called on Nelda Bagwell Thursday afternoon. Nelda has been on the sick list for a few days.
 Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Underwood and girls were in Hereford Thursday morning.
 J. C. and Vernie Williams made a business trip to Plainview last Monday.
 Mrs. George Bagwell was in Hereford Thursday on business.
 Fate Shannon and Doyle Underwood were in Clovis Thursday afternoon.
 Mrs. Bobbie Warren and Mrs. Fate Shannon were Thursday afternoon visitors of Mrs. Doyle Underwood.
 Mrs. Harry and Leona Rothwell were in Hereford Friday morning.
 Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bagwell, Jr., are spending a few days with his parents at Amistead, N. M. the Jim Bagwells.
 Mrs. Fate Shannon and Kathy Sue were in Hereford Thursday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wise were in Amarillo Saturday on business.
 Mrs. George Bagwell and Sue were in Lubbock Saturday to meet Carolyn, who arrived by plane from Texas University to spend the holidays at home.
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harvich and boys of Lubbock spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Doyle Underwood and family.
 Weekend visitors of the Harry Rothwells and the Bobby Warrens were Mr. C. A. Cryer of Borger, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Cryer and boys of Lubbock and Miss Oney Lee Lamb of Dimmitt.
 Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Settle and daughter, Mary arrived during the week end from Nashville, Tenn., to spend the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lut and other relatives.
 Marlene Warren and Oney Lee Lamb were business visitors in Amarillo Monday.
 Dowe Foster was a Sunday night supper guest of Bobby Warren.
 Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rothwell and grandson Gary Keith, and Bobby Warren were in Plainview Monday. The men attended the Milking Shorthorn Sale of the Patton Bros. Mrs. Rothwell and Gary Keith visited Mrs. J. R. Rothwell and girls.
 Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Underwood and girls were business visitors in Amarillo Monday.

Mrs. Ivor Bagwell and Milton were business visitors in Littlefield and Plainview Monday.
 Zella Vee Smith is spending a part of the week in Amarillo with her sister, Elyzada.
 Those enjoying Tuesday evening in the Doyle Underwood home for their Christmas get together were Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Morgan, and children, Mr. and Mrs. Kay Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McSpaden and children and Mr. and Mrs. Owen McSpaden and children.
 Mr. and Mrs. Milton Bagwell from Canyon are spending the holidays with their parents, the Ivor Bagwells and D. Neumayers.
 Nelda and Sue Bagwell were among the group of girls who enjoyed the party at Nancy Neumayers Friday night.
 Mr. and Mrs. Milton Bagwell and Nelda Bagwell enjoyed Tuesday evening with the Morgan Dennis family.
 Mr. and Mrs. Ivor Bagwell attended the regular get together

of the Dimmitt Dinner Club in the Talmadge Buckmaster home Tuesday evening.
 the Talmadge Buckmaster home Charles Sherwood Stratton.

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Dimmitt, Texas

SATURDAY
 DECEMBER 25

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SUNDAY and MONDAY
 DECEMBER 26 and 27

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 JANUARY 1, 1955

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Redeemer's Birthplace In Ancient Bethlehem Still Scene of Worship

The scene of the Redeemer's birth at Bethlehem is the site of a full day's worship and prayer each Christmas Eve. The faithful come from all parts of the world to join their voices in adoration and to see the solemn reenactment of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth.
 Discontinued for six years during World War II, the pontifical mass and ceremony was renewed in 1945. As the stars on the hillside and the pale moon wrapped the town of Bethlehem in an aura of holiness, the voices of the humble echoed in prayer from the little Church of St. Catherine, built on the hallowed rock of the most sacred spot of the Christian world.
 The mass was celebrated at 10 p.m., the voices of the choir-boys ringing out over the surrounding hills. At the stroke of 12 the great bells of the tower of the nativity rang out, loud and clear.
 The vicar, holding an image of the Christ Child, joined a procession of priests, acolytes and choir-boys. By flickering candlelight the procession filed over the stone steps leading to the grotto of the nativity. The vicar placed the tiny representation of Christ on the sacred spot where, many years before, the Redeemer came.
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SEASON'S GREETINGS

December 23, 1954

Dear Friend and Customer:

If the fires of real Friendship grow dim, flicker and die out, it's simply because, in this hurly-burly life we live, we sometimes fail to pause a bit and say those simple words of thanks and good wishes which fan the flames.

So, it's wonderful that, in the scheme of things, we find a season like this Christmas Time, when everyone's thoughts are bent to peace on earth, good will to men. It's a happy time, a time for hearty hand shakes across the miles . . . a time to wish you and yours the merriest of Christmases and a truly prosperous and happy year ahead.

Very sincerely yours,

Cobb's Department Store
Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Wall

Leon Blundell
Mrs. Doris Word

Mrs. Opal Thompson
Mrs. Eargle Twiner



Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a Toni Doll Pillsbury set, and a set of dishes.
Neomma Ruth Brooks

Dear Santa:
My name is Donnie Craig Aven and I have been a good boy all year. I would like for you to bring me train and a tractor.
Donnie Craig.

Dear Santa:
My name is Lenda Kay Aven. I have been a good girl all year and would like for you to remember me at Christmas. I would like to have a cabinet and a refrigerator and some pots and pans and a blackboard and don't forget my little brothers.
Linda Kay

December 11, 1954
Dimmitt, Texas

Dear Santa Claus
Please bring me a Tiny Tears Doll, a doll for little sister, a car and guns for my brothers. Also some candy, nuts and fruit. Remember all the other children, too.

Love
Sherlot Petty
Box 283
Dimmitt, Texas

Dear Santa:
I'm a little boy six years old and I've been good all year. I'm in Mrs. Howe's first grade. Please bring me a scooter, some track and a transformer for my electric train and some fruit and nuts.
Don't forget all the other little children.

I love you
Mike White
Dimmitt, Texas

Dear Santa:
I'm 8 years old and in the third grade. I've been real good and would like for you to bring me a doll buggy, doll clothes, shoes and socks, doll blankets and a suitcase for my doll's clothes. Don't forget my teacher, Mrs. teacher, Mrs. Reisdorph and all the children everywhere.

I love you
Carole White,
Dimmitt, Texas

Dear Santa:
I am a girl 6 years old and in the first grade. Please bring me a Tiny Tears Doll that has hair and a suitcase. Don't forget my baby sister.

Love
Sheila Kay Williams

President Buchanan differed who occupied the White House, in Virginia Clenn was the wife of from all other chief executives, that he was a bachelor. Edgar Allen Poe.

Greetings

Now, at the happiest time of the year, we take the opportunity to express our deepest appreciation of your loyalty and friendship and extend our warmest wishes for your health and happiness.



DIMMITT PARTS & SUPPLY



Greetings

Whatever else might be lost among the years, let us keep Christmas. Let us hold close this day, remembering family and friends. May yours be a very joyous Holiday, surrounded by all whose love and friendship you cherish.

Harold Gladman Buddy Calhoun

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Greetings

Once again it's the time of the year for Joy and Merriment, and we wish to take a moment to extend to all our friends our very best wishes for a Holiday Season full of good cheer and happy times.

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Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa: I'm 7 years old and in Mrs. Smith's second grade. I would like a doll buggy, 3 doll blankets,

some doll clothes, electric stove, doll sox and shoes. My doll you gave me last year is still good, so the doll you might have had for me, please give it to some little girl that don't have one.

I love you
Elayne White
Dimmitt, Texas

Dear Santa:

I am writing for my little sister and my brother, named Kathy Lou and Perry David. I am 9 years old. My little sister is 7 years old and my little brother is 2 years old. Please bring my little brother a John Deere Tractor with all the attachments. Please bring my little sister a Saucy Walker Doll, a stroller and a bake set. Please bring me a Terri Lee Doll with all the clothes and a stroller.

Love
Kathy Lou
and Perry David

Dear Santa:

I been a good boy and I want a watch, machine gun, football helmet, horse, basketball, guns, Cowboy hat and a record player, a John Deere and a wagon hooked on to it and a little car. Mask, guns and train.

Micky Waggoner

Dec. 20, 1954

Dear Santa Claus,

I think I have been a pretty good little girl this year, but of course my mommy and daddy may not agree with me.

I would like for you to bring me a little rubber doll, tricycle, drum, top and music box. I hope you will be good to all the little boys and girls.

Your Little Pal,
Brenda Joyce Lee.

Dimmitt, Texas
12-6-'54

Dear Santa:

We have been a nice little boy and girl this year and would like for you to bring me a dancing doll, a cookie baking set, a blackboard, a set of dishes and for my little Brother Mike, a set of Hop-along Cassidy guns, A cowboy suit, a pair of roller skates, and a set of tools so he can work on the tractor. We hope you will bring all the other little boys and girls the things they want and be nice to all our family.

Your Friends
Mike and Sandy Bruegel

Dear Santa Claus

I have been as good as "Dermis the Menace" this year so please bring me a horn, a drum, a fiddle and lots of candy. Bring Jane Cecilia and all the other kkkids something nice too.

Love
Mark Cleavenger

Dear Santa

I hope to see you before Christmas Eve but if I don't, please bring me a Saucy Walker doll, some clothes for her and some skates. I am eight years old and I have been good.

Love
Jara Cleavinger
P. S. Remember Judy and Mark too.

Dear Santa Claus:

I would like to have a watch, a cow girl suit, a cow girl hat, a cowboy hat the same size as mine, I am 6 years old and in the fourth grade. I think I have been pretty good.

Yours truly
Esther Hyatt

Box 158
Dimmitt, Texas
Dec. 3, 1954

Dearest Santa,

I think I have been very good this year, Santa but not as good as I could have been, I know.

Christmas has come so soon this year there is only one thing right now that I can think of that I want. Here it is, Send me some one tall, dark, and handsome. In this case I'll make one exception, he can be blond if you can't find a dark one. Make him as sweet as sugar and as handsome as a picture and of course I wouldn't mind if he had a Cadillac or two, you know how that is, I guess.

Only one more thing and that is please help me to keep my grades up in school. I am getting worried that I might be falling down.

Oh yes, Santa, I am a junior in high school and almost 17 years old. Maybe if you can't send what I want most maybe you can think of something that a girl almost 17 would want. I'm not very particular.

Very sincerely yours,
Barbara S.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy five years old. I live in East Texas, in Hopkins County. Please come to see me early, as I plan to be in Plainview

visiting my grandmother during Christmas. I have been a real good little boy this past year, but I want a tent. Bring us lots of fruit, candy, nuts, and fireworks. I love you.
Scotty Johnson.



Merry Christmas

May the joyous spirit of Christmas come to dwell in your home during this glorious season and remain to brighten your life throughout the New Year...

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Season's Greetings

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Christmas Greetings

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Castro Co-op Gin

O come, all ye faithful...

Joyful and triumphant, the message of Christmas echoes once more throughout the world, lifting every heart with its glorious promise. May the infinite blessings of the Day surround you and your family and abide with you throughout the years to come.

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BIG SQUARE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Miller and children from Roswell, New Mexico, spent Wednesday night with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Ott.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Howard and children, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Ott and family spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Davis. The Howards are leaving this week-end for Newport, R. I. to spend the holidays with her brother and family, 2/5 Gunners Mate and Mrs. Glen Davis.

Mrs. Dud Winters visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill McLeod.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Agnew from Anson, Texas, visited their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Alford Dutton, over the week-end. Sunday guests in the Dutton home

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were his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Burton of Kress. Patsy Schellar, daughter of Mr. Albert Schellar, became the bride of Sgt. Walter Cool of Walker Air Force Base at Roswell, New Mexico, Dec. 8.

Lon Boothe and Andy Behrends were in Morton Thursday on business and visited in the Andy Behrends home. Lon drove home a new Ford pickup.

Visitors in the Dent Bradley home over the weekend were his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bradley of Melrose, New Mexico, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bradley and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Howard returned to San Diego on Saturday. They had been home on a 30-day leave.

It was in a battle at Bennington, Vt., on August 16, 1777, that Captain Stark said: "Boys, we must beat them today or tonight. Molly Stark is a widow?"

Edward Everett of Maine had the principal address at the dedication of the cemetery at Gettysburg, Pa., speaking for two hours. President Lincoln, who was also present for the ceremonies, spoke for two minutes.

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You are commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Castro County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Flagg Farmers' Gin Company, a corporation, and if such corporation be dissolved, to the last Board of Directors of Flagg Farmers' Gin Company, a corporation; to H. L. Morrison, J. F. Ray, Rufus Bedford, M. F. Banks, J. T. Casler and J. W. Tarpley and if they or any of them be deceased to the heirs and legal representatives of such defendants as may be deceased, and if they be married to the spouses of the said H. L. Morrison, J. F. Ray, Rufus Bedford, M. F. Banks, J. T. Casler and J. W. Tarpley; to Mary F. Banks and her husband B. F. Banks, and if they or either of them be deceased to the heirs and legal representatives of Mary F. Banks and B. F. Banks; and to Blair & Hughes Company, a corporation, and if such corporation be dissolved, to the last Board of Directors of Blair & Hughes Company, a corporation;

Defendants,
Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable District Court of Castro County at the Courthouse thereof, in Dimmitt, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before ten o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date

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of the issuance of this citation, same being the 17th day of January, A. D. 1955, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court on the 3rd day of December, 1954, in this cause, numbered 2197 on the docket of said court and styled Carl E. Kemp, plaintiff, vs. Flagg Farmers' Gin Company, et al, defendants in which Carl E. Kemp is plaintiff and the parties to whom this writ is directed are defendants.

This suit is as follows, to-wit: Tresspass to Try Title for title and possession of Lots 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 Block 70 of the Original Town of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas, by virtue of the ten year Statute of Limitations; as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's original petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within sixty days after the date of its issuance, it shall be deemed reserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the Law directs.
Issued and given under my hand and the seal of office, at Dimmitt, Texas, this 3rd day of December, 1954.
(SEAL)
Attest: Vera Hastings
Clerk of the District Court of Castro County, Texas.

Christmas Greetings

It is indeed a pleasure to thank all of you -- who are our loyal customers -- for your continued patronage. It has been a real pleasure to serve you! And it is a pleasure now to extend to you -- our warmest wishes for all that's bright and gay IN THIS WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS SEASON ...

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Companies of militia organized at the time of the Revolution were called the Minute Men.

ARTHRITIS?

I have been wonderfully blessed in being restored to active life after being crippled in nearly every joint in my body and with muscular soreness from head to foot. I had Rheumatoid Arthritis and other forms of Rheumatism, hands deformed and my ankles were set.

Limited space prohibits telling you more here but if you will write me, I will reply at once and tell you how I received this wonderful relief.

Mrs. Lela S. Wier
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Jackson 7, Mississippi

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News of Our Neighbors

TULIA—(from the Tulia Herald) do not like to gripe, but I have a few coming about the filth in Tulia. We housewives try to keep neat places, and the city comes along our streets and empties it's sweeper. The fine dirt covers us up. There are vacant lots covered in weeds endangering people's property. Another thing is the courthouse square. There are broken down benches that should be burned and those that aren't are festooned so they can't be used. Have you noticed Dimmitt's courthouse square? Makes me

ashamed of Tulia. I still say take up those bird catchers and make parking space there, or just take up the trees and have grass and shrubs. I think we should have a cleanup campaign and soon.

WELLINGTON—(from the Wellington Leader) Collingsworth has received an allocation of \$75,000 to assist farmers in carrying out practices under the 1955 Agricultural Conservation Program. The county group that formulated the program selected 26 practices on which assistance will be offered. The county program will be budgeted by periods throughout the year.

FARWELL—(from the State Line Tribune) "As a county unit of the Texas Farm Bureau, we have gone on record as stating that we believe Farmer cotton growers have been fairly dealt with." So said Parmer Farm Bureau President Aubra Ellison this week after a meeting of the group in which they decided against pressing for further increases in the 1955 cotton allotment.

County income climbed to an estimated \$25,000,000 in 1954, according to report by Parmer County Agent Joe Jones. This represents a 20 percent increase over the \$20,000,000 income in 1953, in spite of reduced acreage on two

Holly Superstition: It Will Determine Ruler in Household

HUSBANDS and wives! Attention! There is an old superstition about holly that will interest you. It was a belief of the ancients that the first to bring Christmas holly into the house, either husband or wife, would be the one to rule the household during the ensuing year.

But don't put too much stock in the belief. Like other Christmas legends, the truth might be lost in history.

The Druids were great admirers of the holy plant. They believed that its evergreen leaves attested to the fact that it was never deserted by the sun, and was therefore sacred.

Legends have related how the crown of thorns was platted from holly. The leaves of the plant were white until the Crucifixion, after which they turned a deep, blood red.

A holly wreath placed on the door is believed enough to frighten away even the boldest of witches.

basic crops grown under the government control system.

Cedars of Lebanon Are Well Protected By Religion, Law

On a shelf-like plateau, 600 feet above the Mediterranean, the world's oldest Christmas trees stand where they have stood for centuries. The cedars of Lebanon, 400 of them, are protected by religion and law from harm at the hands of either the Moslems or the Maronite Christians.

The magnificent trees "that sing of the nativity" were venerated as monarchs among trees long before Judah had her first king. Some of them have a girth of 40 feet and a branch circumference of 200.

In the days of the conquerors thousands of conscripted Hebrew workers were sent into the Lebanon to take to Jerusalem "cedar trees without number", the result of one of the first building contracts, between Hiram of Phoenicia and King Solomon.

Today, however, the trees are protected by law and the department of agriculture of the government sponsors the planting of seedlings so that the giant cedars will go on forever.

Alexander Hamilton, the first Secretary of the United States Treasury, was the father of our financial system.

(Tribune) "As a county unit the

Lincoln was nominated for the presidency in Chicago on May 18, 1860.

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Christmas Greetings

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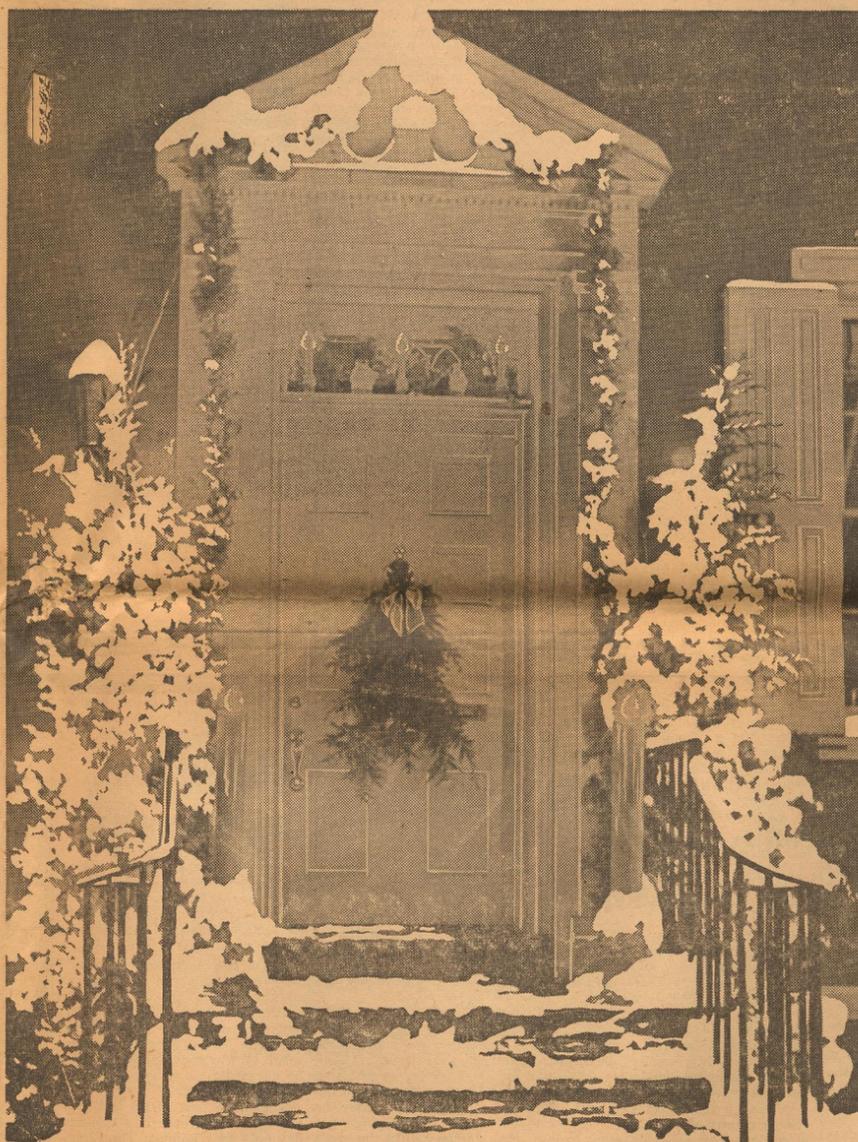
The Spirit of Christmas



In all the hustle-bustle of our happy Holiday preparations, let us never forget the true spirit of Christmas, so beautifully expressed in those carols of beloved memory. Let us dedicate ourselves to the ideal of which the Angel sang: "Peace on Earth, Good Will toward Men."

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Merry Christmas to All

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Season's Greetings

This is the time of year for counting blessings. Among ours, none is more dearly treasured than the friendship of those whom we are privileged to serve. Not to be measured in dollars and cents, this is by far our most precious possession. To continue to deserve it is our constant aim.



To all who have helped make this year a memorable one for us...our sincere thanks and best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season...for a New Year richly rewarding in the best things of life.



Joe Cowen Agency

Hospital News

Patients in Hospital:

Mrs. Scott Crum, Mrs. John Aildredge, Mr. W. J. Jordan,

Elaine Parker, Moise Chacon, Alberto Lapia and Mr. Ernest Jones.

Patients Dismissed Since Last Report:

Mr. R. C. Adams, Mrs. F. J. Brockman, Mrs. Anthony Acker and baby girl, Mrs. Deroey Cates,

Mrs. Margaret Traylor, Mrs. W. J. Lawrence, Mrs. W. M. Kirkpatrick, Sharon Ayers, Victarie Parvan, Julio Duran, Mr. Dan Bruton, Mrs. Rita Gern and baby boy.

On Visit Here With Roommate Jess Burch

Swedish Student Appears Impressed With Texas, But Won't Commit Self

Per (Pierre) Hjarberg, Swedish student at Baylor University, made his first trip to West Texas over the weekend to visit Dimmitt and spend the Christmas holidays with his roommate, Jess Burch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elvis Burch.

One of the first questions Per was asked upon arriving here was, "How do you like Texas?" Per, knowing how Texans are about Texas, however, was a little cautious about his reply. He appears impressed, according to his roommate, but refuses to commit himself.

Per and Jess became close friends in September when they entered their sophomore year at Baylor University. The two later became roommates and Per was invited to spend the holidays here.

Per insists on working at the Burch farm while here, a News reporter quizzed Jess about the talented foreign student.

It seems that Per came to the United States in the summer of 1953 because it had always been his desire. His father died in 1951 and Per, the youngest of three children, thought for a while that he wouldn't be able to make the trip. Some relatives came to his rescue, though, and Per did realize his life-long desire.

After arriving in New York the Swedish youth entered Northeastern University at Boston. He attended school there for a year and was able to make some extra money by working at a summer camp at Cape Cod. He learned about Baylor through some friends while working at camp and decided to transfer to the Texas school.

Per is now majoring in history at Baylor and plans to be a news reporter. He had a long, hard

road to travel, according to Jess, but has made the most of his opportunities and is maintaining good grades in college. Per's success, according to Jess, has been derived through determination and hard work. The youth helps pay his college expense by working in the campus cafeteria. He has also been given some help from admirers and those who wish to see him do well.

The Swedish youth was born in a small city north of Stockholm. He has been known to remark, "I'm the baby that should have gotten all the petting but didn't."

Jess thinks very highly of his friend and believes him to be a very bright student with a striking personality. Per is liked by everybody on the Baylor campus and is greatly admired for his modesty.

Per writes for the campus paper, "The Lariat," and also sends articles to his hometown when he has the opportunity.

Per and Jess plan to return to Baylor and resume their studies as soon as the holidays are over. He will go back to Sweden next summer but plans to return and complete his education at Baylor.

Rent It—Buy It—Sell It Through a NEWS Want Ad

NOTICE

At long last Dimmitt and surrounding area is fortunate in having a local dentist and you are to be congratulated.

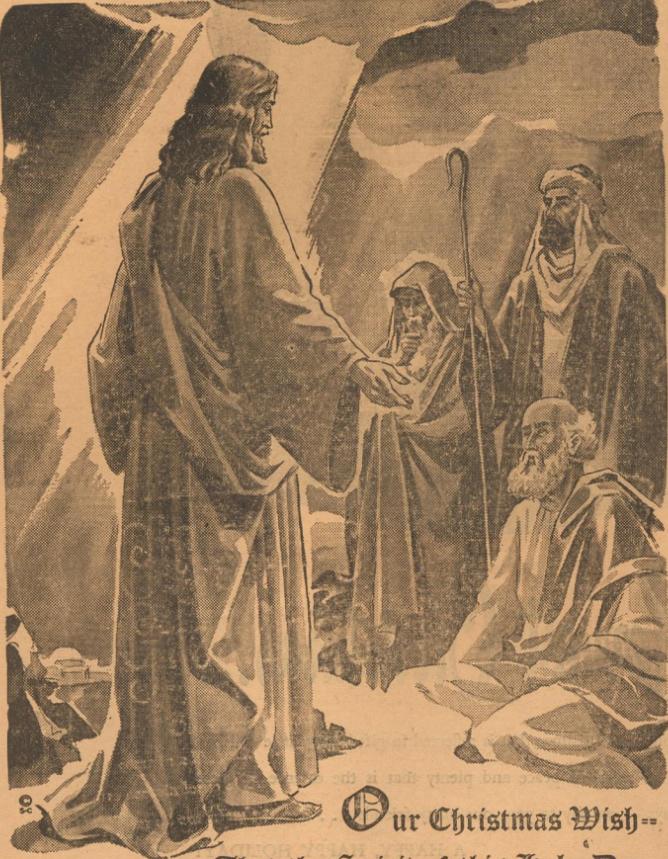
It has been my good fortune to have the pleasure of serving many of you fine people for a number of years and I want you to know that I appreciate it. However, in the future, if you prefer to avail yourselves of the services of Dr. Vandiver I will understand and glad to cooperate in every way.

Those of you that have appointments with us, will you be so kind as to let us know if you wish to make the change, so we can let some one else have the time.

May I say thank you every one a million times for every favor and may I wish every one of you

A HAPPY NEW YEAR AND A PROSPEROUS 1955

Dr. R. F. McCasland
Tulia, Texas



Our Christmas Wish--

That the Spirit of this Holy Day, as conceived by our Lord, live on forever in eternal good will, tolerance and the brotherhood of man...

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To those friends whose patronage we have so well enjoyed—and to those whom we hope to serve in the future we send greetings and good wishes ★★ for

a dog-gone Good and Merry Christmas!

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There's a magic to Christmas that casts a star-studded spell into the hearts of young and old alike! Its enchantment is expressed in every hearty handshake... in every smiling face... and in every Christmas wish -- like ours -- that says be gay... be glad... have fun! Yes, that's our friendly greeting to you, each and every one!

FIRST STATE BANK



Magazine Writer Sees Good Crop Picture in Castro

A glimpse at agriculture in Castro county is given in the article "A Look Back—A Glimpse Ahead" in the January issue of the Progressive Farmer magazine. The report indicates that cotton is headed for a tie with the 1953 figure, and grain sorghums and

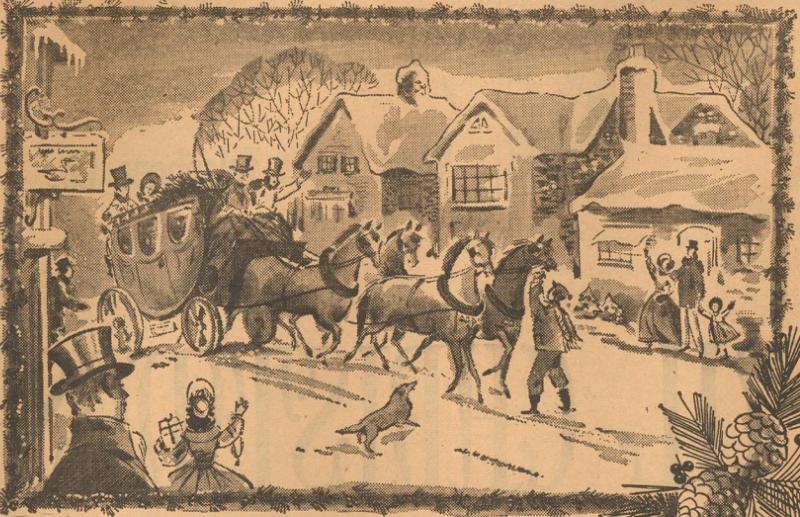
wheat production has increased. A verbatim account of the Castro county article written by Louise C. Allen for Progressive Farmer follows:
"Although only 58 percent as much cotton was planted in Castro county in 1954 as in 1953, yields were 71 percent of the 1953 total. About 60,000 more irrigated acres went into grain sorghums in 1954, with average yields stepped up from 50 bushels to 53. Wheat yields remained at 20 bushels, but on 36,000 fewer acres. Smaller acreages were

planted to vegetables and potato crops in 1954. Potato yields were lower, but prices better than in 1953.
"Guar is being grown on several hundred acres as a dryland legume for 1955," County Agent Charles Hudson reports. "More livestock will be used to consume feedstuffs grown on layout acres. Cotton and wheat acreages will be reduced again."
The author also gave reports on Bailey, Crosby, Cochran, Dawson, Floyd, Garza, Hockley, Lubbock, Lynn and Parmer counties. In

almost every instance cotton production was up or either the same as last year. The wheat and grain sorghum picture was also bright in those counties growing the crops.
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McGee are visiting his father at San Francisco, Calif., during the Christmas holidays.
The Volstead Act became law on October 28, 1919, over the president's veto.

Dear Santa Claus
My name is Mary Lynn and I am four years old. I want a cow-girl suit and a Cuddle Baby doll in a snow suit. I have a twin brother whose name is Johnny and he wants a holster set with guns, a Lone Ranger hat and Lincoln Logs. My big sister Nancy Carol wants some cowboy boots, some jewelry, a Beat the Clock game, Chinese Checkers, and a Walkie-Talkie set. I want some jewelry too. We have all been good all year long.
Love
Mary Lynn Hays

President Buchanan differed from all other chief executives, who occupied the White House, in that he was a bachelor. Virginia Clemm was the wife of Edgar Allen Poe.



SEASON'S GREETINGS

At this cheery time of year...we wish everybody a good, old-fashioned Merry Christmas, replete with all the joy and contentment of a Happy Holiday

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HOWARD SCOGGIN

Dimmitt, Texas

Nations' Customs Widely Varied On Christmas Day

In nearly all of the civilized world December 25 is a red letter day. Peoples of all nationalities and religions celebrate the birth of Christ. The customs of the many nations are as varied as the peoples and their faiths are different.

In the Scandinavian countries, a Christmas tree made of a sheaf of wheat bound to a pole, is raised for



the winter birds. In Norway, rice pudding is always an important item on the menu for the Christmas dinner. One almond is baked in the pudding and the person who finds the almond in his portion is always the first to get married.

Chinese children make odd stockings by sewing three pieces of muslin together, and hang them up on Christmas Eve to hold the gifts brought by Lan Khoong-Khoong, which means "Nice Old Father" to them, Santa Claus to us.

The "old-fashioned" American Christmas, while reflecting the traditions of many countries, most closely resembles the traditional English Christmas, complete with plum pudding, mistletoe, carolers.



Our thanks and good wishes ring out to our friends...

The Cheery Christmas Bells ring out our sincere thanks for your wonderful friendship and patronage, and say, "MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!"

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FLOYDS CAFE

Bob Anthony is home from Tech for a Christmas visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wes Anthony.

David Burkett is home from W. T. S. C. for a Christmas visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Swain Burkett and family.

DeWayne Brown is home from Tech for a Christmas visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Brown.

Franklin Brown is home from W. T. S. C., Canyon, for a holiday visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Brown.

Bill Hunter is home from WTSC, Canyon, to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hunter.

Jerry Vandiver is here from W. T. S. C., Canyon, to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Vandiver.

Don Johnston is here from Bartlesville, Okla., for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Johnston, and family.

Leon Taylor is here from Tech for a visit with ohme folks during the holidays.

Carolyn Bagwell is home from Tech, Lubbock, to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bagwell and family.

David Behrends is home from Tech, Lubbock, to spend Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Behrends, and family.

Chad Moore is home from Tech, Lubbock, for a visit with his father and family, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Gibson are here from Killeen where he is stationed at Fort Hood, for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Gipson, and family.

Mrs. George Bradford accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Martha Griffith of Lubbock, went to Fort Worth last week to attend the golden wedding anniversary of their brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Taylor are spending Christmas with relatives in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Nelson arrived here Tuesday for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Nelson, during the holidays.

John Gilbreath is home from Austin to spend Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gilbreath and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harrison and baby are here from Dallas for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Harrison, and brother, Thomas Harrison, and family.

Warren Oetken and family of Burlington, Iowa, are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Henderson. Mrs. Oetken is the daughter of Mrs. Henderson and the granddaughter of Mr. John A. Simmons.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lison and son of Boulder, Colo., and Mrs. W. E. Dixon of Amavillo, and M. L. A. Morris of Booker are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sheffy.

Army Day is observed on April 6th, the date the United States entered World War I, in 1917.

Alaska has a longer coast line than the United States.

Mr. and Mrs. Loy Dean Stone returned home last week-end from a visit with relatives in Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. DeAngelo of Whitesboro, N. Y., are here for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hendrix.

Illiteracy runs 25 per cent of the population of the South American republics.

A Latin American mestizo is a half-breed a cross between Indian and white.

In Latin America a mulatto is negro and a half-breed, a cross between negro and white.

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A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

IN THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDLINESS
AND GOOD CHEER, WE THANK YOU FOR
YOUR MANY FAVORS AND SINCERELY
WISH YOU AN OLD-FASHIONED YULETIDE

MANNINGS

The glad tidings of His Birth were destined to go
round the world...to live forever in the hearts of mankind. As we celebrate
His Natal Day, may we all find renewed faith, hope and courage
in the inspiration of His Message. May we all hold steadfast to
His promise of a world in which Peace and Good Will shall reign forevermore.

DIMMITT WHEAT GROWERS, Inc.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Lee Jackson and children from near San Francisco, Calif., are here for a Christmas holiday visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kirby and Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Jackson.

Mitzi Wilson is home from W. T. S. C., Canyon, to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Wilson.

Jimmy Cluck is home from W. T. S. C., Canyon, for a holiday visit with home folks.

Eileen Ballard is home from Tech for a holiday visit with home folks.

Alaska is known as "Seward's Folly."

Fort Worth Paper Gives Optimistic Report on Castro

Dimmitt and Castro county gained state-wide praise and recognition in the Sunday edition of the Fort Worth Star Telegram.

The rapid-growing agricultural empire of this area together with the fast-expanding commercial and residential programs now underway were given a big boost as the Telegram carried the Castro county story both in pictorial and written reviews.

Among the many things said about the county was the fact that Castro had harvested a record-smashing 600,000,000-pound crop of grain sorghums filling 11 county elevators to capacity and that residents are now enjoying their best financial gains in history. The article also points out that nearly 60,000 bales of cotton will be harvested in the county and that 200,000,000 pounds of grain will stay in the county to feed Castro's 19,000 cattle and 7,000 sheep.

The write-up reveals that Dimmitt, the county seat, has 2260 residents, up from 1,430 in 1950 and that the increase is attributed to the fact that large farms are being cut up and rented to tenants. It further states that Dimmitt has 58 retail stores, a county-owned hospital and record school enrollment of 1,048. Building permits through October totaled \$838,750, the article discloses, and four new residential additions have been developed leaving the town without a vacant house.

The Fort Worth paper also shows that Hart has 12 retail stores, three gins, four churches and four elevators, and Nazareth, a German settlement, has four stores, a gin, the Holy Family

Truck Fire Here Causes \$700 Loss

Dimmitt residents in the downtown area Tuesday just before noon were given a brief scare when a late model Chevrolet pickup carrying several pieces of furniture burst into flames just before it reached the traffic signal at the corner of West Bedford Avenue and Broadway Street.

The driver of the pickup, identified as J. F. Williams of Plainview, told firemen he was traveling north on Broadway Street when the tail of his vehicle broke off underneath the bed and heat from the exhaust burned a hole in the bed causing the furniture to burst into flames. Firemen arrived on the scene within three minutes after being notified and quickly extinguished the fire. The furniture, valued at approximately \$700, was considered a total loss. Other than the hole that was burned in the floor of the truck bed, the pickup was undamaged. Williams was moving some house furniture to a farm north of Dimmitt where he plans to make his home.

Catholic Church with 160 families in the parish, and 180 pupils in the public school.



HOLIDAY GREETINGS

A word of thanks and Season's Greetings to the many friends we have been privileged to serve. We wish you and your family health and happiness for many years to come.

TITTLE'S GARAGE
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SEASON'S GREETINGS

FOR CHRISTMAS

GREETINGS

AND THE NEW YEAR

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A HEART-FELT SENTIMENT

This time of year, as we count our blessings, we always recall our many faithful friends. To those of you whom we were honored to serve, and helped us achieve such a successful year — we say, with pride and gratitude

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JOE BENSON
The Texas Corp.



Christmas is Here

What a bright and shining day is Christmas! Children, agog with wonder, see their dreams come gloriously true. Grown-ups recapture the magic of life's happiest hours as Time wings swiftly back o'er the years. To all, we wish a Christmas rich in fulfillment of their dearest hearts' desires.

HARMAN'S

Attention Called to Mosquito Threat

Yellow fever mosquitoes are known to be breeding in Texas, a senior engineer with the State Department of Health says, and "they could make trouble for us."

"We haven't had a record case of yellow fever in this state since 1905," says Frank Von Zuben, a specialist in insect control. "But with the volume of international travel we have today, together with the presence of yellow fever mosquitoes, the situation is potentially dangerous."

Von Zuben, just back from an international conference on yellow fever in Havana, Cuba, sees it like this:

Yellow fever has been kept under rein since the Spanish-American War. But the disease, spread exclusively by *Aedes aegypti*, has been perpetuated in jungle monkeys. Thus, United States citizens who travel in jungle countries, or natives of those countries visiting here, are sometimes exposed to bites or mosquitoes which have previously fed on infected monkeys.

When those international travelers pass through Texas port cities or air terminals, they may bring the infection with them. Local yellow fever mosquitoes might easily take the infection from them to spread among others.

Rent It—Buy It—Sell It Through A NEWS Want Ad



TIME FOR PRESENTS . . . Billy and David are all worked up over the thought of Christmas, and they're tagging their stockings to make sure Santa doesn't get their presents mixed up. They also have found that it's a good idea to thank him in advance.



OF ALL THE holiday delicacies, none carries more of the old-time traditions and associations of good eating and festivity than mince pie.

Many writers give credit for its origination to Germany, while others claim that its beginning is lost in the annals of history.

English literature dating to the 15th century is full of references to this Christmas favorite, an essential part of Yuletide celebrations in England.

Old superstitions held that any person refusing to eat mince pie would be unlucky for the coming year. Should he accept the invitation, and partake of mince pie, he would have the same number of happy months during the year as the number of houses at which he ate mince pie.

The oriental character of the spices and flavoring was said to represent the rich gifts of the wise men to the Christ Child.

HELPING SANTA When Buying Toys for Children

If you wish your child to get the most available from this year's toys, be sure to look for the five major qualities recommended by specialists.

Toys to be thoroughly satisfying for the small fry should have five major qualities, say specialists at the college of home economics, Cornell.

First, toys should be durable to withstand the rough and tumble of any one child and his playmates. Sturdy toys can be repaired and re-painted and passed on for the enjoyment of other youngsters, in or out of the family.

Toys should be simple and easy to handle and operate. Simple playthings are more likely to hold interest through long child-hours and less likely to be shelved permanently.

Toys should be safe to use—without sharp corners or rough places or poor paint that might be harmful to a youngster. And toys should be washable.

Finally, toys should have what the specialists call a "do-with" quality. Good old stand-bys such as wagons, blocks, clay, sand, finger paints, and the like may fit into the child's interest of the moment.



FAIRY TALES and Christmas stories are a Yuletide tradition. It is thus fitting that the story which promises to be America's most popular and long-lived fairy tale is related to the Christmas season.

Once upon a time there was a reindeer with a built-in flashlight bulb for a nose. You know, Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer. From a small beginning in 1938, the little animal with the built-in beacon has become as familiar as Humpty Dumpty and Cinderella to youngsters everywhere.

First invented as a sales giveaway promotion for Montgomery Ward by Robert L. May, Rudolph was featured in many free booklets before he became associated with Christmas. Songwriter Johnny Marks liked the title "Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer", so he wrote a song about it. He was so sure he had a success that he started his own Publishing company, using "Rudolph" as his first release. Gene Autry made the initial recording, and that one record sold 2,000,000 copies.

Last year, there were 16 different recordings of the song for sale, ranging from boogie-woogie by Sugar Chile Robinson to Bing Crosby, and cowboy singers.



AN AGE-OLD STORY RETOLD . . . "She brought forth her first-born Son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger."

Abraham Lincoln died in a small brick house opposite Ford's Theatre on Tenth Street in Washington, D. C.

Dr. Mary Walker was a famous Union spy who wore male attire. She was a pioneer woman suffragist and a doctor in the Civil War.

Mable Walker Willebrandt served the government as assistant attorney general in charge of all cases in the United States arising out of the Federal tax laws and prohibition. She also supervised the Bureau of Federal Prisons.

Elizabeth Seaman made a trip around the world in 72 days, 6 hours and 11 minutes, to better the record of the character created by Jules Verne.



A Christmas Greeting to Our Wonderful Community

...We'd like to shake the hand of every one of you. We'd like to wish you all a personal Merry Christmas. But, please take the thought for the act and accept our sincere good wishes for Health, Happiness and Prosperity now and always!

McGOWAN AUTO REPAIR

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McGowan
Charlie Warnock

Merriest Christmas

There's no time like now to say thanks and Merry Christmas!

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MERRY Christmas

The Yuletide Season brings with it so many happy things... glad hearted greetings, good fellowship, family reunions and a deep feeling of contentment. May all of these joys be yours this Christmas.



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*** May time turn backward in its flight... and make you a child again just for a night... as Santa bows in with a sack full of gifts and a wealth of good wishes from all of us to all of you.

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Beat the Spring Rush and Get Soil Tests Now, Extension Specialist Says

The harvest season in Texas is nearly complete and that means a slackening of farm activities. But it is not too early, says M. K. Thorn, extension agricultural chemist, to begin planning for next year's operations.

A first, according to Thornton, is to take and submit soil samples for analysis. Knowing what the soil needs in the way of plant food and organic matter is an important part of any soil building program, says the specialist, and a sure answer to "sick" soil is a complete analysis.

He cites the outstanding corn yields made this year by farmers who followed soil treatment recommendations as examples of the value of soil testing. The top yield in the State was made by Doyce Turner of Lamb county who posted an all-time record high of 204.3 bushels of corn an acre. It

"Greetings by Mail" Originated in 1846, Now a Modern Custom

Look at the paintings on the Christmas cards you send and receive—you'll find famous names and some of the best contemporary art. Here is how it all began.

On a December day in 1846, a middleclass Englishman, Henry Cole, sat at the library desk of his London home addressing to his friends what were probably the first Christmas cards ever printed. The cards depicted a Victorian family assembled at the festive board and the traditional Christmas customs of giving to the poor. They also bore the now-classic greeting: "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you."

Cole, in a historic move, two months before had commissioned John Calcott Horsley, a Royal



Academy artist, to paint the illustration for the card and had struck off a thousand lithographed copies. He dispatched them that December. This was such a markedly successful stroke of good will that plain Henry Cole subsequently became Sir Henry Cole.

Horsley's art was a far cry from today's Christmas card paintings, but he started a cycle which a hundred years later was to bring fine art into high favor on Christmas cards.

An American shopping for cards may select, for instance, a painting called "Snow Under the Arch" by another Royal Academy member—Winston Churchill, Britain's wartime prime minister and famed amateur artist. Or he might choose Peter Hurd's "One Night in Winter" or "Grandma" Moses' "The White Church" or "The Nativity" by Alexander Ross.

Mistletoe Outlived Sinister Meaning

Mistletoe, once used as a weapon of death, is now almost a universal symbol of love and peace.

According to Norse mythology, there was a god named Balder, who personified the sun, Loki, another god, plotted to destroy Balder.

Balder's mother, when she first learned of Loki's intentions to kill her son, obtained a promise from all living things that they would not harm Balder. All agreed, but the mistletoe, so it was with a mistletoe arrow that Loki induced Balder's blind brother, Hoder, to kill the sun god.

Higher powers intervened, however, and Balder was restored to life. The mistletoe was placed under Frigga's care, and the mother of Balda saw that it was never again used to do harm.

The custom of giving a kiss of love or peace beneath the mistletoe is an assurance that it will never again be used as an instrument of evil.

Origin of Gift-Giving Told in Many Versions

There are many interesting versions as to how the custom of gift giving at Christmas time started.

Some believe that it all came from ancient England, where it was once custom to hang kissing rings in the great halls. These rings were decorated with mistletoe and were the key for a pleasant holiday pastime. It is said that the young knights and ladies would come to the kissing rings with Christmas roses for their secret sweetheart.

This started it all. Now gift giving is traditional.



DEVOTION . . . Christmas is not so much a time of receiving as it is a time for giving. These children, in their prayers, are giving by far the best gift of them all—themselves.

was grown on land which had been tested. Organic matter was supplied by the application of three tons of cotton bur compost an acre. An application of 200 pounds of 16-20-0 fertilizer was recommended at planting time and a side dressing of nitrate later but the corn grew so fast by side

dressing time it was too tall to make the application.

If soil samples are submitted now ahead of the spring rush, Thornton says the recommended fertilizers can be purchased and stored. They'll be on hand when needed and there'll be no question about getting the kinds and amounts needed, he adds.

Doing the job now is insurance against not doing it when the rush of farm work begins with spring operations and too, results will be available for planning next year's cropping program.

Local county agricultural agents can supply information and the blanks which should be sent to the soil testing laboratory with each sample.

December 23, 1954

Dear Santa Claus:

My sister would like to have some little dolls with a little doll house and furniture to go with it. And she would like to have a big table. And mother and father would like to have a big box of candy and nuts and fruit, and so would granddad and Nelda and me. I also would like to have a Electric train and a walkie talkie set.

Love,
Mr. and Mrs. Shepperd
and Ronnie, Nelda
and Granddady.

Merry Christmas

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Dimmitt Consumers, Inc.

A Christmas Greeting

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CLYDE KILPATRICK
Public Accountant

Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Erwin, Mgrs.

Dimmitt, Texas

May the truth and light of this holiday bring happiness to all and may you have a Wonderful Christmas . . .

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Season's GREETINGS

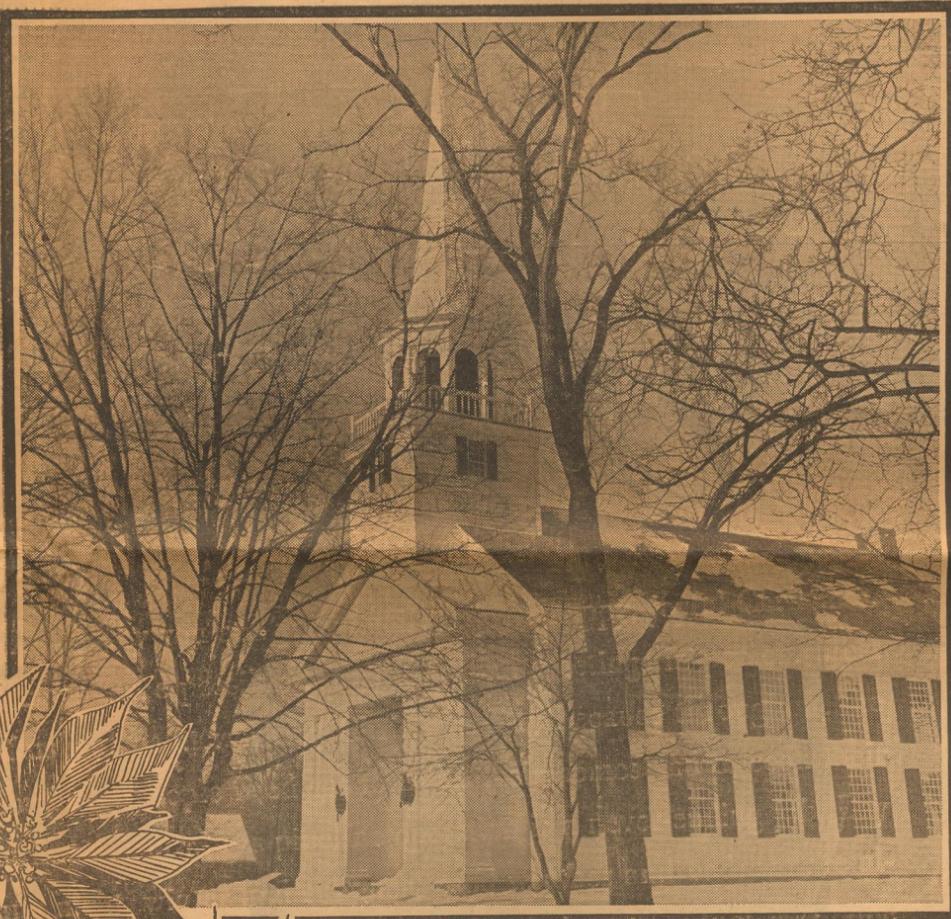
May every glittering ball on your Christmas tree reflect the happiness that we wish you throughout the Holiday Season.

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Merry CHRISTMAS

We say Thanks to our Many Loyal Customers And Add our Best Wishes that Your Holiday Be Warm and Glowing

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Greetings

Whether you observe Christmas Day in quiet prayer or make it ring with gaiety, we wish each and every one of our many friends and customers — a Holiday filled with rich blessings and joy!

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