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The money we would ordinarily spend for Christmas Cards has instead been donated to "Operation Christmas Greeting." So this is our holiday greeting from all of us to all of you:



Christmas JOY...

As we raise our voices in songs of Christmas cheer, let us remember its eternal message of hope.

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Mr. & Mrs. Jim F. Dowty & daughter
The C. F. Webb family



about dimmitt and castro county by bascom nelson

If Christmas seems to come around in a hurry, you're not a kid anymore.

Although Christmas, in the precise sense, is a commemoration of the birth of Christ. Through the evolutions of historical practice we also associate this season with the giving of gifts of one kind or another. We wonder how many more Christmases must drift on by before mankind gives itself the least expensive but most evasive gift of all: Peace on Earth? No other way would better pay homage to the great day of the birth of Christ than our total prayers for Peace on Earth and good will toward all men.

As an after thought in this face-saving day and age, we suppose the modern version would be "an honorable peace on Earth."

The talk about commercialism in Christmas seems to be dying down after its peak several years ago. Perhaps people are learning that a store operator who puts in a great stock of Christmas merchandise and advertises it to the hilt is performing a vital public service. Even with this help, Christmas shopping is not easy.

We usually wait until the last minute. Then there's not so much to have to choose from.

We wonder how many of the frigid new Christmas songs that show up from year to year will eventually join the free world's repertoire of Yuletide carols. Someone who is musically inclined, should write a Christmas carol for this area. Instead of the usual business about sleigh bells, snow, White Christmas etc., it would deal more exclusively with tumbleweeds, frost, no snow, the prairie and the like. It has always seemed ludicrous somehow to prepare physically and emotionally for the northern precepts of winter and Christmas time when we're more likely here to have a sandstorm than snow on the ground. On second thought, things would probably be better left like they are. Even if sleighbells and white Christmases are rare here, it still sounds better to take a sleigh in the snow than a pickup ride in a cold, clear night. The latter seems rather pointless. Maybe it's fitting that we go on patterning our Christmas after those of the north.

It has always been almost unbelievable how Christmasy things could be on December 24th and how completely the idea is dispelled on the 26th. For some reason nothing looks so out of place as a Christmas tree after Christmas, despite the fact that for a while it was a focal point of our attentions.

Our congratulations to the Chamber of Commerce, city employees and the Southwestern Public Service Company for the installation of Christmas decorations around town again this year. This is a welcome public service that adds greatly to the spirit of the season. Also we would like to toss a few roses to the people who decorated their homes. This was done without hope of any reward or recognition since no contest was carried out this year.

While many people think that out side home decorations are not worth the trouble, we would like to point out that nothing is quite so beautiful or contributes so much to the spirit of the season as a series of volunteer outside home decorations. We have had occasion during the past several years to be in Beeville, Texas during Christmas and they do all out. There is one street composed of less than totally floosy homes which are decorated with as much care as a Gimmel's window. It's almost unbelievable and apparently the people think it worth the effort because they keep doing it year after year.

This issue of the News is filled with greetings from various businesses in Dimmitt. The firms involved were eager to place their greetings and many contacted us without waiting for our call on them. So consider these ads as personal greetings for the Christmas season to you. That's the way they are meant.

We would suggest that your youngsters take a good look at the News this week. They can get a pretty good grounding in the fundamental Christmas stories and legends by reading them. The features inside this issue were prepared by professionals who know their business and who have spent a lot of time researching and compiling the stories and histories.

BOBCATS TAKE CAGE TOURNEY AT FLOYDADA

Dimmitt's Bobcats rolled to an impressive championship of the Floydada Invitational Basketball Tournament Saturday night, topping off their string of victories by defeating their host, 47-42.

It was the Dimmitt team's most impressive showing so far this season as they rolled over their opposition with nary a hitch. They defeated Hale Center 63-44, with Kelton Cates high point man with 14 followed by Michael Calvert with 12. In the second game Hal Ratcliff paced the Bobcats with 23 points to a 63-48 win over Childress. In the Floydada game, Ratcliff with 18 was again high point.

The Bobcats, looking like they might be pulling out of their early-season slump, Tuesday night defeated Sudan in a regular season game, 53-31. Calvert was high with 15 and Cates second with 13.

The Bobbies won the consolation prize at the Tulia girls tournament during the weekend. They started out by losing to tournament champion Tulia, 39-58 with Messenger high with 19 and McDermitt second with 11. In the next game against White Deer, Dimmitt won 55-46 with McDermitt high with 38 and Messenger with 12. In the consolation finals the Bobbies defeated Sudan, 48-61 behind the 42-point accuracy of Miss McDermitt. La-Dawn Kemp and Doris McDermitt were named to the all-tournament team.

Tuesday night the Bobbies defeated Sudan 58-43 with Miss McDermitt again high with 29.

Nippers New Owners Of Cafe In Amarillo

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Nipper, former owners of the Steak House Cafe here, have recently bought Glenn Inn Cafe at 405 Polk Street in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Nipper will take over the operation of the cafe the first of the year.

Funeral Services Held Tuesday for Castro County Pioneer Sheriff

Funeral services were held here Tuesday for Mr. John H. Flanagin, who was one of Castro County's earliest sheriffs.

The services were in Dennis Memorial Chapel and were officiated by Rev. Lewis Orseman Sr., pastor of the Tulia Presbyterian Church, assisted by Rev. M. A. Smith, pastor of the First Baptist Church here, Masonic grave, side services were conducted at Castro Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Flanagin was 82 years of age. A versatile man, he came to Dimmitt in 1898 at the age of 18 and attended school here, studying under Mrs. Dora McDonald and her son, Bryan McDonald, now of Canyon. At the age of 21, Mr. Flanagin was elected the county's first surveyor and he served for six years in this office. Many of the original surveys in the county were by Mr. Flanagin.



Mr. Flanagin when he was the early-day sheriff of Castro County.

Mother Dies

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Hudson and family attended funeral services for his mother, Mrs. Maudie L. Hudson, who passed away at her home at Chickasha, Oklahoma, December 13. Interment was in Sickles Cemetery near Chickasha. Mrs. Hudson was 83 years of age. Her husband preceded her in death in 1958. She is survived by five sons, George L. of Dimmitt, Tracy of Chickasha, B. E. of Hereford, Roy of Amarillo and Rev. E. H. Hudson of Borger.



SACKING UP GOODIES—The Dimmitt High School Student Senate played Santa's helpers Thursday night and sacked up a vast amount of candies which were given away through Santa by Dimmitt merchants Saturday afternoon on the Court House Square. Santa, who sounded surprisingly like Dick Reinhardt, passed out candy for about forty-five minutes, beginning at 6 o'clock. The sacking scene here is in the Fire Department's city hall garage, and it was under the supervision of the Castro County Chamber of Commerce. —staff photo

Ackers' Granddaughter Dies of Heart Attack

Andrew Acker, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Acker and daughter Diana and Mr. and Mrs. James Acker of Nazareth; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Giddens of Canyon; and Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Walterschied of Hereford attended the funeral of Virginia Sue Dick, fourteen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dick of Gurnell, Illinois and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Acker.

Virginia Sue died suddenly of a heart attack while attending school. Mrs. Acker was unable to attend the funeral having undergone surgery very recently. She stayed with her daughter, Mrs. Franklin Heinrich of Slaton.

Operation Christmas Greeting Gathers \$687.55 for Hospital

At press time Thursday Operation Christmas Greeting donations had reached a total of \$687.55, according to Mrs. B. H. Lee, committee woman from the Tierra Blanca Medical Society which sponsors the operation each year.

This amount will be more than enough to buy the dermatome, an instrument for doing skin grafts, and the centrifuge used in tabulating red blood cell counts, for the Castro County Hospital. The dermatome costs approximately \$315.00 and the centrifuge costs about \$195.00.

Each year the Tierra Blanca Society sets up a donation center at the First State Bank and persons who wish to greet their friends in

Castro County through the Castro County News deposit to the Operation Christmas Greeting what they would normally spend on Christmas cards. The money collected is used to buy equipment for the county hospital.

Milo Fund Goal Given Big Push By Hart Farmers

A big donation of \$1,272.46 by Hart farmers to the Castro County Grain Sorghum Producers Association has pushed the association considerably nearer its goal of \$8,000 this year.

The money after it is collected is used to expand markets and to product research by the national association. According to J. L. Brown, secretary of the association the amount turned in by Hart is about half what the entire county collected last year. A good turnout was seen at the Hart Grain Sorghum meeting although it was the coldest night of the winter. About \$2,000 has been collected toward the county goal with many elevators yet unreported.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SLATED AT BETHEL

An "Old Fashioned Christmas Program" will be presented Friday night at 8 o'clock by the children of Bethel in the Bethel community building. A donation will also be taken for the Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP). Everyone is invited.

Hospital News

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL:

Abe Winkle
Mrs. Maureen Rogers
Mr. Ivey King
Mrs. W. S. Hembree
Daniel Frierson
Rosa Linda Leal
Rev. R. C. Guest

PATIENTS DISMISSED:

Mrs. Mozelle Lilley
Mrs. Joe Spencer
Juanita Oliverez
Dwayne Kleman
Mrs. Beatrice Ewing and baby
Mrs. Mary Alice DiCuffa
Edna Rae Hoeltling
Dorothy Randolph
Anacleto Enriquez
Mrs. Georgia Walthall
Mrs. Ella Mae Carlwell and baby
Mrs. Ermina Martinez and baby
Mrs. Leona Stiles
Mrs. Marilyn Alley

"Old Man" Jordan Wants Talking Doll Without Dog

Dimmitt's perennial humorist, W. J. (Old Man) Jordan, 82, this week decided to get into the spirit of things and pen a letter to Santa Claus. His particular original style is not at all diminished as he spreads light on what he wants for Christmas:

Dear Santa:
I hope you will forgive me for being late with my request. I thought at first that a John B. Stetson black hat would be all that I would ask for this time, but I got to thinking and found my best suit has begun to show its age. You may as well include a blue serge suit with a black pair of shoes. Old shoes would look tacky with that new suit. And listen Santa, if you have a real good looking widow that you think would make a good housewife, please leave her at my house. But I want her to be real sweet and wear her skirts at least 6 to 8 inches below her knees. There are plenty of widows here in Dimmitt good enough for me. If you fail Santa, to find one here in Dimmitt, I have one spotted in Clovis, but she has a bad biting dog that has got me bluffed. He has tried to get me by the pants more than once. I like dogs but not the kind that tries to chew the seat out of my britches.

I would like to thank you for the past Christmas favors. Last year I asked for a sow pig and I got a sow, a boar, a cow and calf and a banty rooster.
Thanks, Santa, for everything.
W. J. (Old Man) Jordan.



THIS IS A not-too-common sight in Castro County. It is the Ashum and Hilliard wildcat drilling rig scheduled to probe to 9,000 feet at its location two miles west of Arney. Dubbed the Leo V. Witkowski No. 1, the well is the first attempt in the particular area. —Stone photo

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TO RENT: 2 bedroom house

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PIONEER NATURAL
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Merry Christmas
Illustration of a family with gifts and a Christmas tree.

To all of our many
friends, we extend
heartfelt good wishes for
a wonderful holiday season.

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MR. AND MRS. FLOYD DICKEY
We Will Be Closed Dec. 24, 25, 26

FOR SALE
4 bedroom house, full basement, double
garage, central heating, air conditioning,
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FOR SALE
320 acres, all cultivation, 2 bedroom house,
2 room house for help, on pavement, best
of water, \$50,000.00 loan, at \$275.00

We need farm listings on all types and
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INSPECTION STATION
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MR. AND MRS. W. C. COO

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FOR YOU!

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Harry Rothwell of
Missouri were here
for a visit with his
Leona Rothwell and
for Rothwell and fam-
ily.
Mr. and Mrs. Pete Durce of
Lubbock visited her brother, Claude
Johnson and her sister, Mrs.
George Behrens and family Tues.

Many Parties Celebrate the Christmas Season
As the Christmas season approaches, Dimmitt people turn host and
hostess and there is always a flurry
of parties and coffeees where friends
exchange greetings and good cheer
and join in the seasonal conviviality.
Following is a series of descriptions of
parties.
Mrs. W. E. Kirkpatrick was hostess
at a Christmas Party Friday evening
for her granddaughter,
Merrit.
Supper was served from a table
decorated with a snowman centerpiece,
snowman favors and candy.
The cookies were cut in traditional
holiday shapes.
Children's movies were shown
and little handmade dolls were given
to each little girl.
Guests spending the night were Patti Jackson,
Martha Jane Bates, Elaine Cook
and Merrit Kirkpatrick.
Mrs. Kirkpatrick was also hostess
the week before at a party for
her other granddaughter, Kerri
Kirkpatrick. Food and decorating
motif were similar and honoree had
as her guests over-night Karen
L. Dekkers, Willie and Suzanne
Merritt.
Mr. and Mrs. John Merritt were
hosts at a Christmas party at the
Herford Country Club on Friday
evening.
Supper and bridge were enjoyed
by Messrs. Kirkpatrick, Hays, A. J.
Kemp, Goldman Dyer, Harold Stephens,
John Nichols, Steve Taylor, Charles Vandiver,
and Charles Willis and Suzanne
Merritt.
Mrs. Jack R. Miller was hostess
at a bridge and gift exchange party
this week. Holiday decorations
graced the Miller home. Guests
were served fruit cake and coffee.
Attending the party were Mesdames
Kenneth Jackson, Frank Wise,
Herbert Mayfield, John Gilbreath,
Bill Jones, Jim Clevinger,
John Shropshire, Jo Evans, Bill
Graham, Jr. and Glenn Merritt.
Mrs. Horace Carlisle entertained
Thursday December 14 at a Christmas
mas bridge party. Colorful Christmas
decorations were used throughout
the receiving rooms. Gifts for each
guest were placed on the tree.
Mrs. Carlisle's guests included
Mesdames J. C. Gilbreath, Pearl
Sheffy, Edgar Ranney, Tom Bice,
Ray Riley, Bob Huckabay, Raymond
Wilson, and Robert Singer.
Mrs. Norman Clevinger was
hostess at a party Thursday for her
bridge club. Gifts were exchanged
and a colorful plate was served to
Mesdames Jack Summers, E. B.
Wright, George Bradford, P. L.
Cunningham, Sid Sheffy, Clarence
Boarden, Margaret Boren and Roy
Cluck.
Mrs. Alvin Tittle was hostess
Saturday night with a turkey dinner
and "42" party honoring her husband
and Mr. Elbert Delozier on their
birthdays.
Guests were Messrs and Mesdames
John W. Smith of Memphis, Sam
Maynard, Emory Smith Wade
the young guests who were Clay
Brent and Scott Armstrong; Gary
Suzan, and Linda Wise; Cynthia
and Diane Dyer and Robert Jones.
Both Sheffy was hostess at Sunday
dinner in the home of her parents
Mr. and Mrs. Ted Sheffy.
Twenty seven guests were present.
This same group had a party Friday
evening in the school gymnasium.
They all went out to Shari
Willis's home to play records, eat
and sing carols.
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sheffy, Mr.
and Mrs. Sid Sheffy, Mrs. Pearl
Sheffy, Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Bell
and Mrs. Kenneth Jackson attended
Mrs. L. P. Sheffy's art exhibit
and the West Texas College band
concert at the Fine Arts Building
in Canyon Sunday afternoon.
Mrs. Jim Clevinger was hostess
at a "small fry" party for her
young sons Tommy and Jimmy.
Punch and cookies were served

CHRISTMAS PRAYER
... which art in Heaven, in Jesus' Name,
love us from the ever increasing and
marching his lay. Guide us wisely to
conquer those who destroy our love
and life in Jesus Christ and who
destroy our country and our way of
life. Give us the strength to resist
turn back those who would destroy
our Christian way of life. Give us the
will to resist those who would destroy
our world and be forgotten. Lead us
not into temptation, but give us the
wisdom to return those who would
tempt us from Thy fold. We pray
you who are in this Christmas Day,
and on all the days of the year, to
love and honor each other the
same. Give us the strength to live
with the ungodly them; the way to
Christ. Give us the strength to
resist the sins of our enemy as you
forgive us of the same. Give us the
fear of Christ, O' God, for in the
Lord there is strong confidence and
his will have a place of refuge. Guide
us and love ways our keeper be.
Through Jesus Christ we will hear,
Amen.

RED HILL
Painting Contractor
Dimmitt, Texas
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Merry Christmas
Illustration of a living room decorated for Christmas with a tree, stockings, and gifts.

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Silent Night

A. All - last night, he - re - ceiv - ed, All - in - the - morn - ing, all - in - the - morn - ing.
 B. All - last night, he - re - ceiv - ed, All - in - the - morn - ing, all - in - the - morn - ing.
 C. All - last night, he - re - ceiv - ed, All - in - the - morn - ing, all - in - the - morn - ing.

Christmas Rose Very Popular As Yule Flower

Growing in popularity, the Christmas rose has become a serious competitor of holly, mistletoe, poinsettias and other plants that decorate our homes at Christmas time.

The diminutive plant puts forth seven or eight white rose-like blooms tinged with pink. It has lustrous dark green foliage and a mature plant is no more than a foot high.

A cold-weather plant, the Christmas rose flowers naturally in December or January. It withstands snow and low temperatures. It does not propagate well in the United States. Most of them are imported to florists from Belgium and the Netherlands. They develop best in soil peculiar to the western parts of those countries.

Grows In Low Countries

Gardeners in the Low Countries grow the plant from slips taken from the parent plant after it has finished blooming in January. The shoots are grown under glass.

In incubation a Christmas rose's leaves are prone regularly to give it added strength for blooming. After three years of care the plant is mature and ready to put forth its famous winter blossoms.

Ancient Romans were familiar with the Christmas rose and used it for medicinal use. They believed that eating the roots would "clear the brain, cure stupefity and relieve insanity."

A Christmas Legend

Like many flowers, the Christmas rose has its own special legend. According to the story, a poor weaver with rich gifts to present to the newborn Christ Child, sought because she had no present to offer. An angel suddenly appeared.

Learning the cause of the girl's distress, the angel wove a wand of sparkling white flowers, and the young girl gathered blossoms. When she presented her gift, the infant smiled. As his fingers touched the delicate white flowers, they became tinged with pink.

The plant's legendary association with Christ carries to regions where it blossoms in early spring. There it is often called the Lenten rose.

Live Christmas Trees Are Widely Used Throughout Country

Live Christmas trees are widely used throughout the country, but many of them die because they are not properly planted, or cared for while in the home.

A live tree will be delivered with the roots wrapped in burlap. Place the tree in a tub and pour water over the ball. After it has been well soaked, wrap the ball in a plastic sheet and tie it loosely around the tree.

Occasionally open the plastic and add more water and be sure to keep it away from the heat of a radiator.

Plant the tree outdoors the week end after Christmas. Dig a hole the same depth as the burlap ball and a foot wider.

Place the tree erect, leaving the burlap around the ball. Fill the hole with loam and give the tree a deep watering.

Finally, spread a mulch over the root area. If the tree has been planted at a windy corner of the house, erect a protecting screen to mute harsh winter winds.

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At this time of the year, particularly, it is gratifying to be providing a service which contributes so much to warmth and contentment in the home during the Holiday Season.

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Mistletoe Once Symbol Of Evil

Today mistletoe is recognized throughout the world as a symbol of lasting peace and from this has come the custom of giving a kiss of love or peace beneath it.

Once, however, it was considered a weapon of death. Later it was used to kill Balder, the sun god, after Balder's mother had obtained a promise from all living things, other than mistletoe, that they would not harm him.

Balder was restored to life and it was ruled by the gods that the mistletoe would never again be used to do harm.

Ancient Europeans considered the mistletoe a magical medicine. They carried it about with them for health and luck, and believed it was a cure for ulcers and epilepsy as well as a cancer promoting fertility.

Joseph Proved His Great Love For All Time

In the long history of humanity there have been many love stories. The literature of the world is full of them. But none approach that of Joseph and Mary!

When Joseph and Mary were espoused—as we would say engaged—Joseph was considered an old man and Mary a young girl.

He was even thought of as being older than he actually was, because Joseph was a sedate, careful man who enjoyed the conversation and companionship of a group of selected friends rather than boisterous pleasure. And he was a religious man, too.

He was very much in love with Mary and she longed for his wedding day. And then Mary told him what had come to pass.

Here is where the great love of Joseph for Mary was proven to all mankind for all time.

What was he to think? Such things just didn't happen. He wanted desperately to believe, but at first he could not. He only knew that he would never make a public example of her. And even that would mean much criticism of him.

Yet he was determined that he would protect Mary and the unborn child. He must have suffered great mental anguish as he thought about what he must do and how he would accomplish it. And he prayed!

Then one night, after he had exhausted himself with tortured thinking, he fell asleep and the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

And when Joseph awoke, he did as the angel had hidden him and took Mary as his wife.

There has never been such a great display of trust, faith and love.

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We wish You All a Very Happy Holiday Season

TITTLE'S GARAGE
TITTLE A. I. McGOWAN

Children Need Help To Calm Down For Christmas Season

Many parents dread the coming of the Christmas season because their already active children seem to become more exuberant.

This is natural since Santa Claus and hidden packages, as well as the mad rush of shopping and holiday preparations, stimulates a child's emotions. Sometimes they are so keyed up they are almost hysterical.

Child development specialists believe that by creating a quiet atmosphere in your home and explaining the joys of the holiday, you will help prepare your child for a more peaceful Christmas.

More time should be spent in getting children ready for a recent Christmas rather than a commercial one. Christmas will be a joy for the entire family when you and the children pause to understand and share together the true meaning of the Christmas holiday.

Be careful what you tell a child about Santa Claus. Extraneous details will make later.

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RETURN FROM FORT HOOD
Charles E. Minchew has returned from Fort Hood where he received two weeks of military training.

Christ is Life
Communism is Death
Love Christ
Defeat Communism
30p-34

NEW ARRIVAL
Born December 11 to Mr. and Mrs. Arvil English, a little daughter, Calena Lynn. She weighs 12 pounds 12 ounces.

The first Christmas gifts were those which the Wise Men carried to Bethlehem to lay before the Christ Child in the manger. Their gifts, given in adoration, were precious items of the day—gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The latter two were gum resins used in medicines and perfumes. But, then as now, it is the spirit of giving rather than the gift itself that makes it most appreciated.

Henry Cole, an Englishman, mailed the first Christmas cards in 1848. The cards bore the now famous greeting: "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You." The cards depicted a Victorian family assembled at the Christmas feast.

Christmas Outlawed
Christmas was outlawed by the Puritan government of England in 1643. With the restoration of the Stuarts, Christmas customs and traditions were revived, but Christmas never regained its former prestige in Great Britain.



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Hill Writes Khrushchev

Red Hill, local painting contractor, mailed a Christmas letter to Nikita S. Khrushchev, in Russia. In it he appealed to Khrushchev to use this Christmas season to end the suffering in the world brought about by Communism. In the letter, he went on to ask the Soviet Prime Minister if Christ was not somewhere present in his heart.

The letter, mailed at a cost of 50 cents on December 1st to a Kremlin, went on to say "As a Christian, Mr. Khrushchev, I ask this of you on this Christmas Day. And as a Christian, Mr. Khrushchev, I will defend my country and my flag, to the death, at any time the need be, against all evils within and without. Your rattle of the saber does not frighten me or the American people, but it has alerted me and the American people to the potential danger that exists with you and your Communist Party."

Hill said he does not expect a reply.

NEWS FROM FRIO

Two women, from on Wednesday, Dec. 13th, south Smith County hospital, underwent surgery a week Dec. 6th, there.

Sallie Goodin, 55, mother of Floyd McGee, of Hereford lived in this community one year. She and her husband late Goodin came here near home at Maud, Okla. near their children. They lived in farm, Mr. Goodin passed away in August, 1950, while in a small home, on the J. L. farm. Mr. Goodin was a member of the church, and his funeral and burial was held here. Mrs. Goodin continued to live at their home, and has fairly good health until among those who came during her illness were a Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bull-evell and a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Lee Brooks and their children of Kansas.

One of the family who went to Maud for the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Goodin, Calvin Goodin, Mr. Floyd McGee their daughter, Darnice Walker, Mrs. Bob both of Hereford and Mrs. Mary of Lubbock and their son, Floyd McGee Jr. and Mrs. E. Andrews died Wednesday.

Dental Society Names Local Women Officers

Mrs. Richard Wood and Mrs. Jimmy Brockwell were installed as officers in the newly organized Caprock Dental Assistants Society at an installation ceremony on Sunday, December 17 at the Chamber of Commerce Building in Plainview.

Pays Beason, president of the South Plains Dental Assistants Association of Lubbock installed the new officers. Mrs. Wood is president and Mrs. Brockwell is an executive board member. Other officers installed were Donna McBride of Plainview as secretary treasurer, Liz Patterson of Plainview as vice-president.

The Caprock Dental Assistants Society is the twenty-fifth of its kind in the state of Texas.

Easter Club Has Party In S. H. Garrison Home

The Easter Club met for a business meeting and Christmas party on December 14 in the home of Mrs. S. H. Garrison. Gifts were exchanged and Secret Pals revealed.

Those present were Mesdames Anna Burnett, Ethel Farmer, Mary Flood, Jeanne Frye, Mildred Garrison, Nadine Hall, Rosalie Markley, Anna Margaret Moss, Naomi Scarborough, Ruby Stone, S. T. Walton, Linda Wetz and one visitor, Mrs. Leona Puetzold. Secret Pals were drawn for next year. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Mrs. V. H. Giles' Father Is Buried at Anson

Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Giles and Mrs. Bud Giles attended funeral services for her father Mr. W. E. Shields, at Anson Tuesday December 12 following a protracted illness.

Mr. Shields is survived by three daughters and one son.

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From the night of Dec. 23 to Thursday, Jan. 4th for a short vacation.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

WAYNE'S DRIVE INN



Merry Christmas

We want Santa to relax a minute and take the quick convenient telephone way to send you our very best wishes for the happiest of holidays.

We're sure you'll telephone Christmas greetings too—so place your calls early, won't you? Merry Christmas!

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J. L. BRETT

Goy a Christmas

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Mrs. Toy Sheppard and Miss Richardson were guests of the Sheppards, in Hereford Wednesday and Thursday nights and the Le-nicks were there Saturday night.

May the Yuletide be full of joy and dreams - come - true for you and yours.

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Season's Greetings

To everybody, everywhere, we extend our sincere wishes for an old-fashioned Yuletide...warm with friendship...richly endowed with happy memories...bright with promise for the future...abounding with good health and good fellowship...a season filled with deep and lasting joy.

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Advertisement for The G. B. Duncans featuring a reindeer illustration and the text 'ALL THE BEST for Christmas'.

Advertisement for Thomas Jewelry featuring a Christmas Greetings card illustration and the text 'Happy Holidays! Thank you for your loyalty and good will throughout the year.'

Advertisement for M & K Cleaners featuring an illustration of two women and the text 'GOOD WISHES FOR A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS'.

Editorial

Christmas

Christmas is many things: snow and sleds; sunshine and palm trees; a holiday from work; the light in children's eyes; the laughter of friends; the joy of a feast; a time of sadness for some who remember seasons past.

Christmas is even more: a time for prayer and worship; a time of meditation about the story of the birth of a child in a distant land we are unlikely ever to see.

Christmas is a combination of all these things, but we feel that everyone, regardless of religious beliefs, should celebrate the occasion in some way or another manifesting love for our fellowmen.

St. Francis expressed this Christmas spirit in his prayer: "I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, it is in dying that we are born to eternal life."

With these thoughts in mind, let us take the time to give thanks unto Him for His many blessings; let us reaffirm our faith; let us ask for His guidance.

As individuals, and as a nation, let us on Christmas day pray for the less fortunate people of the world that they may find hope; let us pray for peace and that the nations of the earth may dwell in harmony.

Pray that we may find this Christmas new vision, courage and inspiration to face each tomorrow.

Henry Van Dyke wrote inspiringly on keeping Christmas "It is a good thing to observe Christmas Day. The mere marking of times and seasons, when men agree to stop work and make merry together is a wise and wholesome custom. It helps one to feel the supremacy of the common life over the individual life."

"Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and desires of little children; to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old; to stop asking how much your friends love you and ask yourself whether you love them enough; to bear in mind the things that other people have to bear on their hearts; to make a grave for your ugly thoughts and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate open—are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas."

"Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world—stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death—and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem some 1900 years ago is the image and brightness of the Eternal Love? Then you can keep Christmas. And if you keep it for a day, why not always?"

We leave you with these thoughts and our very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Advertisement for Shaw Plumbing Service featuring an illustration of the Holy Family and the text 'Peace and Joy to you and your loved ones during this glorious season.'

Advertisement for Dimmitt Steak House featuring an illustration of a reindeer and the text 'Greetings AND BEST WISHES FOR THE Christmas SEASON'.

Discarded Trees Can Be Put To Many Good Uses After Christmas

Many people find their own problems of disposing of their Christmas trees after it is taken down. There are a number of uses that can be done with it.

It can be put in the yard, if you have a cold sunny area, and from it you can get a good amount of wood for the birds.

For you can cut off the top branches and put them in water. They can be used as a centerpiece for a table.

Whatever you do, don't burn it in the fireplace, no matter how small it may be. A dry tree will burn with almost the speed and fury of film or cellophane, and is dangerous.

Those who live in the country throw them in ditches in the fields. They make excellent shelter for wildlife.

Plan Your Outdoor Decorations To Protect Evergreens

In decorating the shrubs around your home, which is becoming a more popular Christmas custom every year, plan your decorations carefully so you will not injure valuable evergreens.

Tree experts report that many home owners are giving their evergreens a hot foot with overly-powerful Christmas lights.

These experts advise against using light bulbs stronger than 15-watts. They are bright, but do not generate enough heat to burn foliage, even on direct contact.

Even when using small bulbs, however it is wise to inspect the lights every day or so. If the foliage is turning brown in the vicinity of the lights, then the lights should be moved.

It takes many years to grow beautiful shrubbery and even an outstanding light display at Christmas time is not worth marring valuable evergreens that can be a source of beauty all year long.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!



A Christmas Prayer

May the spirit of Christmas remain in all hearts so that hope and peace and love shall over our land and all other lands

DIMMITT SHEET MERRY CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

ALBERT LYLE



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.

Advertisement for King's Furniture & Appliances featuring the text 'KING'S FURNITURE & APPLIANCES' and 'BILL KING, Prop.'

Yule Tree Fills Your Holiday Plan

The Christmas tree to suit the day plan. A few days, the Norway spruce is the traditional shape and color and is perhaps your favorite. Its one failing is that it needles fairly soon.

For general attractiveness and quality, select the tree that has pyramidal shape branches that come out from the base and abundant and attractive foliage. This applies to all Yuletide trees for ornamentation—spruce, fir or pine.



Advertisement for Astro County Farm Bureau featuring the text 'ASTRO COUNTY FARM BUREAU' and 'MERRY CHRISTMAS'.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A Happy New Year

Advertisement for Plainview Production Credit Association featuring the text 'SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM THE STAFF OF THE Plainview Production Credit Association' and 'DIMITT OFFICE'.

FAMILY THINGS

By Edith L. Gibson

"AWFULLY sorry, Mary Lee, but I couldn't possibly, I'm invited to my cousin's for Christmas—one of those family things I could manage to take you along."

"Oh, no," Mary Lee Holland replied emphatically. "Thanks anyway." Marge was the sixth she had asked to have Christmas dinner with her. All had other plans. She didn't know anybody else to ask.

In the six months she'd been in the city Mary Lee hadn't made many friends—hadn't tried to, she had her job and her apartment. That was enough. She liked being alone. Yet she hadn't wanted to eat Christmas dinner alone.

Leaving the bus, she was racing toward the office building where she worked, head down to keep the rain from beating into her face, when she whirled into the back of a young man going the same direction. He turned and said, "Hi! Visibility getting near zero, eh?"

Mary Lee recognized Marvin Kingsley who worked at the same place she did. He'd smiled at her. They'd talked a few times. But she hadn't bothered to cultivate genuine friendships. "Sorry I bumped you," she apologized.

"No harm done. Here, let's duck in out of this rain."

They ducked into a convenient cafe.

Presently he asked, "What are you doing Christmas day?"

"I'm eating. Outside rain fell pretty heavily. Marvin said, 'Stay about lunching here today with me.'"

"That would be nice."

"I'll get at twelve, then. Look, don't worry. Let's make a run for it."

In ancient Rome, the priests called the people together on the first day of the month, known as the Calends, and announced the sacred days and festivals to be observed during the month.

Mrs. Dilmond Neumayer Entertains at Coffee

Mrs. Dilmond Neumayer was hostess Thursday morning at a Christmas coffee for a number of friends.

The table was covered in a pink linen cloth, a silver service with delicate pink china and a Christmas motif centerpiece completed the table arrangements.

Mrs. Ives Bagwell poured the coffee. Guests were served dainty sandwiches, stuffed prunes and fruitcake. Mrs. Elmo Bell Mrs. Lee Stanford, Mrs. Earl Harrison and Mrs. Leonard Wilhelm assisted

Cowman-Henderson Vows Exchanged

December 14

Pat Cowman and Bruce Henderson were united in marriage on Monday afternoon for their Christmas program. A Christmas story was given by Mrs. Hugh Blaylock.

Beautiful Christmas Decorations were used throughout the house. After a wedding trip to Las Vegas, Nevada they will reside at 6913 Adirondack in Amarillo.

with the hostess duties. Mrs. Keith Howard played Christmas music for the festive occasion. More than thirty guests called.

Yule Program Held By Ruth Circle

The Ruth Circle of the W.S.C.S. met in the home of Mrs. Iris Touchstone Monday afternoon for their Christmas program. A Christmas story was given by Mrs. Hugh Blaylock.

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ALBUQUERQUE GUESTS

Mrs. Jack Wood and Mrs. Truman Wood and children of Albuquerque, N. M. are visiting in the home of their husbands parents Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Wood. They will be joined by their husbands later this week to spend the Christmas holidays here.

To Receive Check-up Mrs. Ann Singer is in Amarillo for a physical check up. She plans to stay in the Herring Hotel while undergoing medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Blackwell and children of Roseville, California are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Blackwell.

Advertisement for Season's Greetings and Best Wishes to our Customers of 1967. We have enjoyed serving you in the past, and hope we can be of service to you, in the coming year.

Advertisement for Henderson's TV & Appliances featuring the text 'Joy to the World' and 'HENDERSON'S TV & APPLIANCES'.

Large advertisement for Piggly Wiggly featuring various food items and prices. Items include SUGAR CURED PICNIC HAMS, SWIFT'S HOSTESS HAMS, MARYLAND CLUB COFFEE, OCEAN SPRAY CRANBERRY SAUCE, SNOWDRIFT, BISCUITS, EGG NOG, BREAD, B & S ROLLS, PILLSBURY FLOUR, BANANAS, ORANGES, CELERY, ORANGE JUICE, FRUIT PIES, FISH STICKS, LEMONADE, and PIGGLY WIGGLY S & H GREEN STAMPS.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,
We missed you when you come to Dimmitt because I was sick. Please bring me a Thumalena Doll and a sewing machine. Bring my little sister a Doll and small doll house. Bring Kelly and electric car set.
Thank you
Lynette and Luanne Autry

Don't forget all the other boys and girls.
I love you, Brad Sanders

Dear Santa Clause,
I'm a little girl 3 years old. I have been a pretty good little girl I would like for you to bring me for Christmas, a chaty Kathy doll, a little cabinet for my dishes a cash register. As my birthday is Dec. 26th. I would like to have a little sewing machine too. Bring my mother and daddy something too.
Thank you, Sheri Lynn Mc Jimsey

Dear Santa, I am sorry that I had to disturb you but I want a delux beauty Parlor Set and a-hug-a-bye doll.
Love, Alissa

Dearest Santa Claus,
I am five years old and have been a good boy. Please bring me a Matty Mattel doll and a Flintstones picture show. I have three big brothers. Joe Bob would like a ring. Bill wants a bicycle and Brent wants a football suit.

Dear Santa Claus,
I will be 8 years old. I have tried to be good. Please bring me a 3 foot tall doll with clothes. Some high heel shoes for me, and a Doctor kits to play with my brothers. Bring the other girls and boys

what they want.
I love you santa.
Rita Del Womack

Dear Santa Claus,
I am trying to be good. Please bring me a tricycle and a wagon.
Merry Christmas: I love you.
Jes Womack

Dear Santa Claus,
I have tried very hard to be good I am six years old. Please bring me a bicycle with training wheels. If you have plenty, I would like a gun.

Bring the other children what they want.
I love you Santa.
Lester Womack

Dear Santa,
I have been a good little girl most of the time. I am six years old and I go to Kindergarten now. If you have an extra doll that you think I would like please bring it to me. I would like to have some clothes for it. Also some dishes.
Love, Karen Portwood

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| Lilley - Howard | 27½ | 28½ |
| Sheffy - Campbell | 26 | 30 |
| Petty - Thornton | 24½ | 31½ |
| Snider - Snider | 22 | 34 |

High Team Three Game, Petty Thornton 1818; High Ind. Three Game, Melba 488 - Frank - 570; High Team one Game, Sanders - Aldridge 624; High IND. One Game, Mozelle 181 and Frank 208.

Cotton Bowl Queens League

Team Standings

| | won | lost |
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| Jackson Ditching | 45 | 15 |
| Sollas Beauty Shop | 38½ | 21½ |
| Cotton Bowl | 35 | 25 |
| Community Grain | 35 | 25 |
| Trimbles | 33½ | 26½ |
| Piggly Wiggly | 24 | 36 |
| Cashway | 18 | 42 |
| Taylor Harrison | 11 | 49 |

High Ind. One Game, Wanda Sanders 214; High Team One Game, Jackson Ditching 822; High Ind. Three Game Series, Wanda Sanders 501; High Team Three Game Series, Jackson Ditching 23-33.

Sochinsky-Moulton Vows Exchanged In Clovis December 20

Miss Caroline Sochinsky, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sochinsky of Santa, Idaho became the bride of Ramon O'Neil Moulton son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moulton of Dimmitt in a double ring ceremony on Wednesday evening December 20 at 5 p. m. in Clovis, New Mexico.

The bridegroom is in the Navy, stationed at San Diego, California and the bride is a civil service employee in the same city.

After a sort wedding trip the couple will continue the time left of their leave, visiting in the home of the bridegrooms' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Moulton. They will return to San Diego by December 27.

Cobb's Personnel Feted By Mrs. Bud Leinen

Mrs. Bud Leinen was hostess evening this week to the employees and their husbands from Cobb's Department Store.

Christmas decorations were arranged throughout the Leinen home. Dinner was served to Messrs. Eldon Minchew, J. A. Jackson, Rex Sheffy, Buck Work, Mrs. Kate Beecher, Mrs. Juanita Fulfer, the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Leinen and their children Kathy, Dale and Shirley.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hottell and Julia Irene visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hottell and Davis in Oklahoma and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Anderson at Chattanooga, Tennessee during the holidays.

Mrs. W. E. Thompson and Mrs. R. E. Sinclair have returned home from Washington, D.C. Where they visited Mrs. Ivan Sinclair. Mrs. Sinclair is the daughter of Mrs. Thompson and daughter-in-law of Mrs. Sinclair.

depicting the stars and the singing angels.

Greeting the guests were Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Brock and Patricia. About 75 guests called.

Southwestern Public Co to Sponsor Nuclear Science Symposium

Southwestern Public Service Co. along with 10 other investor-owned electric companies in Texas, will once again sponsor a nuclear science symposium for high school students and instructors in 1962, it has been announced by A.R. Watson, president of the electric light and power company.

The 1962 symposium will be held at the University of Texas from June 10th through 13th. The Austin campus was also the scene of last year's meeting, attended by more than 400 students and instructors, including more than 30 from Southwestern Public Service Company's Service Area.

"The 1962 symposium is part of the continuing program of the Texas Atomic Energy Research Foundation, of which we are members, to advance knowledge of nuclear science through research and education. It also provides and opportunity for our high school students and instructors to meet with outstanding scientists from across the country," Watson said.

Students and instructors selected to attend the June Symposium will be announced during the second semester of the 1961-62 school year, Watson announced.

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