

The Greatest Gift

Christmas means more than mailing presents and opening packages. Today, as never before in history, it means giving something of our-

self to others. For that is the spirit of the Prince of Peace, whose birth we celebrate.

This year more families in this community have given the supreme gift—the offering of sons for their country. Stars on some service flags have turned to gold. Each week this newspaper has proudly recorded the deeds of those who serve, fight and die, if need be, that we may be free.

The families of these heroes know the true meaning of Christmas. For they, also, have given a Son.

Many of us cannot match such records of high sacrifice. But we can give and we can serve in other ways. We can make good will and kindness, charity and understanding of our-



empty words but heart-warming realities in our dealings with others. We can help the boys returning to this community from the war build a brave new future. We can cheer the lonely homes of servicemen still far away. We can speed the day of peace on earth, justice and brotherhood.

In thus giving of ourselves we will all be far richer. And we will add inner meaning and strength to the age-old but ever-new greeting which this newspaper extends to you and yours—

A Merry Christmas

HERSCHEL KENMORE ARRIVES IN STATES

Mrs. F. H. Kenmore received a telephone call from her son, Motor Machinist Mate 1-c Herschel Kenmore, Monday night. He had just landed in New York from Europe where he had been for the past 21 months. He expects to be home for Christmas.

CPL. LEONARD HYATT GETS ARMY DISCHARGE

Cpl. Leonard Hyatt of Dimmitt was honorably discharged from the AAF it was announced today by the Public Relations Office of Shepard Field Separation Center. He was a member of the Army Airways Communications System the unit which operates and maintains radio communications and navigational aids for the world wide airways.

MISS JEANETTE GRAHAM IS SOCIAL CLUB SETTY.

Waco, Texas - Dec. 13 Miss Jeanette Graham, Baylor senior home economics major from Dimmitt, has been named secretary of the Athenian club social organization on the Baylor campus for girls.

Miss Graham is minoring in English and is a feber of Tri-D, a home economics club.

METHODIST CHURCH

We wish for everyone a happy Christmas. We wish for you good health, peace and joy. Let us exalt the Christ in our lives. Our Christmas tree and program will be on Saturday night. The community pageant will be at the school house next Sunday night.

You are invited to worship with us, Sunday.
S.S. 9:45 A.M.
Preaching 11 A.M.
MYF 6:15 P.M.

Ural S. Sherrill

S-SGT JAMES DAVID ERWIN DIES IN GERMANY

Word was received here last week by Mrs. Mary Wood, that her grandson, Staff Sgt. James David Erwin was killed in Germany on Oct. 26th while on guard duty, by a German Sniper. James had been overseas 18 months with the 79th Inf. Div. and had been in the army for 3 years. He was 22 years old, and had spent most of his life in Dimmitt. He is the son of Mrs. T.J. Skinner of San Diego. He is also survived by two brothers and one sister, several aunts and uncles.

FIRST STATE BANK TO CLOSE MONDAY NOON

According to an announcement by officials of the First State Bank of Dimmitt that institution will be closed from Monday noon, December 24, through Tuesday, December 25, through Tuesday, December 26, through Tuesday, December 27, through Tuesday, December 28, through Tuesday, December 29, through Tuesday, December 30, through Tuesday, December 31.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT TO BE PRESENTED HERE SUNDAY NIGHT, DEC. 23

Cast of characters and preliminary arrangements for the presenting of a Christmas pageant entitled "Coming of The King" have been completed by members of the Methodist and Baptist churches of Dimmitt. The pageant will be presented at the Dimmitt high school auditorium Sunday night, December 23, at 7:30 p. m. Forty people will participate in the Christmas service with choir, reader, scenes and pantomimes. Everyone has a cordial invitation to attend this service.

W. S. C. S. ENJOYS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM MON.

The Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service met in their annual Christmas program in the home of Mrs. E. Wilson Monday, December 22. Co-hostess was Mrs. J. W. Webb. The devotional was given by Rev. Sherrill. Gifts were distributed from a lovely tree. Delicious refreshments were served to Rev. Sherrill and Mesdames D. Neumayer, Mary Wood, U. S. Sherrill, Joe Benson, H. Hershey, E. D. Ashcraft, Joe Gollehon, Homer Newton, B. M. Nelson and the hostesses, Mesdames Webb and Wilson. This was the last meeting of this year. The next meeting will be a business and social meeting in the home of Mrs. P. P. Robb January 7.

A. C. A. COMMITTEE NAMED FOR COUNTY

Members of the Castro County committee to administer the 1946 agricultural conservation program were elected by delegates at a meeting Dec. 12.

They are Frank J. Axe, Hereford, chairman; Roy G. Smith, Dimmitt, vice chairman; Temple Rogers, Hart, member; C. Wes Anthony, Big Square, alternate member and W. B. Boston, Summerfield, alternate member.

They will take office on Jan. 1.

HIGH POINT ARMY VETERAN ENROUTE HOME

Pfc. Haskell L. Jackson of Hart, Texas is on his way home. Jackson is one of the 756 high point Army veterans whom the Magic Carpet is bringing back to the states aboard the U. S. S. Shiply Bay.

The U. S. S. Shiply Bay one of more than 250 carriers, battleships, cruisers and attack transports in the Navy's famed Magic Carpet fleet left Pearl Harbor, Wednesday December 5, and is scheduled to arrive in San Pedro about Tuesday, December 11.

Passengers will go directly to the Separation centers nearest their homes to complete the formalities of obtaining their discharges before returning to civilian life.

Marthella Cunyus attended the wedding of her sister, Mrs. James Hauck, in Ardmore, Okla., December 15.

Santa Claus Will Be In Dimmitt Monday, Dec. 24

A telegram received here this week from the North Pole informed city officials of Dimmitt that Santa Claus would be in Dimmitt Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock as he makes his annual tour of the Panhandle. Special preparations are being made by Santa to have gift packages for all of the little folks who are in Dimmitt on that day. Parents are urged to make arrangements to bring their children to town Christmas Eve and let them enjoy the festivities created by Santa's presence.

LIBRARY OFFICERS ELECTED

The local Library Board met at its usual time Tuesday, Dec. 18. Rev. U. S. Sherrill was elected president for the ensuing year. Mrs. Jack Miller, vice-president and Mrs. Ola Murphy sec-treas. Mrs. Easter will again serve a librarian.

Some very interesting and encouraging reports were given, showing that the library had a good year in growth and in service.

Reporter.

Increasing every day since the open booster, and this wave of popular emotions for memberships. At a re-

WADE — WILLIAMS

Miss Lucy Wade and Mr. Vernon Williams exchanged wedding vows Sunday morning at the Bethel community church. Rev. Leldon Rawls, pastor of the Baptist Church read the double-ring ceremony.

The traditional wedding music was played by Miss Ruby Warren. The bride was given in marriage by her brother-in-law, Mr. G. Kellar.

Mr. and Mrs. Kay Roberts were brides maid and best man.

The bride was attired in a blue crepe suit with black accessories. She wore a shoulder corsage of orchid, and carried a little white Bible.

Mrs. Williams has been employed the last three years by the Creney Drug of Clovis. Mr. Williams, who recently received his Army discharge, served overseas for 28 months in the European Theatre.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams will make their home on a ranch near Hereford. Mrs. Williams' sister, Mrs. G. Kellar lives at Big Square.

Vernon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Williams of Dimmitt.

CARD OF THANKS

May we express our deep appreciation for the many words and deeds of kindness during the illness and death of our beloved mother. For the many who prepared and served our meals, the visitors and helpers in the home, the singers, flower girls, ushers, those who prepared the grave, the beautiful flowers, those who had charge of parking and to Mr. Elmer Youts, and Bro. Lee, may we say Thank you and may God's richest blessings be upon you.

Rev. and Mrs. E.C. Dowell
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Greathouse
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dowell,
Mr. and Mrs. W.S. Covington
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dowell,
Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Todd
Rev. and Mrs. W.E. Dowell
Miss Ruth Dowell
Mr. and Mrs. Lester Dowell
and families

LARGE CROWD ENJOYS 4-H CLUB PARTY

260 attended the Castro County boys and girls 4H club Christmas party Thursday night Dec. 13 at the Dimmitt high school.

Program consisted of skating, bingo 42 and group singing led by Sister De hantal accompanied on the piano by Sister Gregory of Nazareth.

Judge E.L. Ivey gave an address of welcome.

Doyle Davis president of the Hart club and recent winner of a trip to Chicago told of his trip. It was enjoyed by all present.

A picture, "An Ounce of Prevention," was shown and refreshment of popcorn and apples was served during the show.

After the show Christmas presents were exchanged and the party closed with the pledge to the flag. The party was in charge of Miss Leila Petty and R. L. King as well as several club sponsors.

Gene Dyer is home from Tech. for the Christmas holidays.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Elizabeth Artie Anderus Dowell was born February 7, 1876. She departed this life at 4:00 on the morning of December 13, 1945.

She was married September 14, 1893 to Rev. A. M. Dowell. To this happy union ten children were born. Rev. Ernest Dowell of Hobbs, N. M., Mrs. Bertha Greathouse of Dimmitt; Lester Dowell of Dimmitt; Louis Dowell of Clovis, N. M.; Mrs. Eunice Covington of Clovis, N. M.; Miss Ruth Dowell of Eureka, Kansas; Mrs. Gladys Todd of Abilene; Joe Dowell of Borger; Rev. W. E. Dowell of Springfield, Missouri; and Albin Dowell.

She had twenty-eight grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. Her husband, Rev. A. M. Dowell, a son, Albin Dowell, two grandchildren and one great grandchild preceded her in death.

"Mother Dowell," as she was affectionately called, was converted early in life and joined the Baptist church. Her children and host of friends give testimony to the power of her righteous life. She has answered the call from God our Father "To Come Up Higher", and her spirit quietly passed away to join that great host of "Just Spirits Made Perfect". We shall miss her presence, but we will not forget her sweet, gentle character. May God's richest blessings be upon her loved ones.

KESTER C. DURAN IS ENROUTE HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Duran recently learned that their son, Kester C. Duran, would arrive home in time to spend the Christmas holidays. He landed in Seattle, Wash., Thursday, Nov. 27 and was transferred to El Paso. Duran has been serving in the Pacific area for the past 18 months and until recently had been stationed in Japan. The following article was taken from his Division's, the 81st "Wildcat Division," paper.

Well, the big news from state-side seems to be Reconversion which means changing over from war production to peace production.

"That's fine" if they go far enough. What we GI's are interested in is the reconversion of all these Jills from War Workers to Home Makers.

In other words, from factories to fireplaces, cranes to cradles, and shipyards to back yards. We've got to change Rosie from rivets to ribbons. We rock-happy GI's are interested in curves but not the production chart kind. We want 'em in silks and satins. The overall problem is to get the females from processes to dresses.

The girls have done a bang-up job on the production lines — now lets reconvert 'em to the clothes line. They've got to learn the difference between a cotter pin and a safety pin. You can't change diapers with a stilton wrench. Swing Shift Maizie has to quit piecin' shells and start shellin' peas.

BUSINESS FIRMS TO CLOSE TWO DAYS FOR CHRISTMAS

The following business firms in Dimmitt will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday in observance of the Christmas holidays:

Thompson Grocery, Miller Hardware, M System Grocery, Higginbotham-Bartlett Co., Snipes Shop, Mannings, Cooper Electric Co., Woodlee Variety Store, Griffith Grocery and Produce, Willson & Son Lumber Co., Sheffy & Stacup, Dimmitt Laundry, Trimble Barber Shop, Earl's Blacksmith Shop, R. V. McMahon Shop, Cooper Implement, Dimmitt National Farm Loan Association, Harrison Insurance Agency, Tate Produce, Dimmitt Implement Co., Wilson Grocery.

Follow These Simple Precautions To Avoid Accidents at Christmas

THE traditionally joyous Christmas holidays are marred for many families by tragic accidents resulting directly from holiday festivities.

By following these simple, logical precautions, you can make sure that none of these mishaps occur in your home.

Many of the Christmas accidents center around the Christmas tree. Most of the strings of lights decorating this season's trees have been in use for three or four years because of wartime conservation measures. Broken insulation and loose wires at the socket are dangerous. If you have done some amateur wiring, such as joining two strings of lights together, be sure that the joinings are wrapped sufficiently in electric wiring tape to prevent accidents.



Although Christmas candles are appearing more and more rarely on trees, they are still taking a yearly toll of lives and accidents. Open flame lighting is dangerous at its best and must be accompanied by numerous and constant precautions if disaster is to be avoided. It is better to have no lights at all, than to risk costly fires from candles.

Toys, intended to enchant the youngsters at Christmas, can be another potential source of accidents. It is therefore wise to look over your children's toys and see that they are safe to play with. The best-meaning uncle or aunt could have picked out a toy with a rough edge, a sharp corner or a splintery handle.

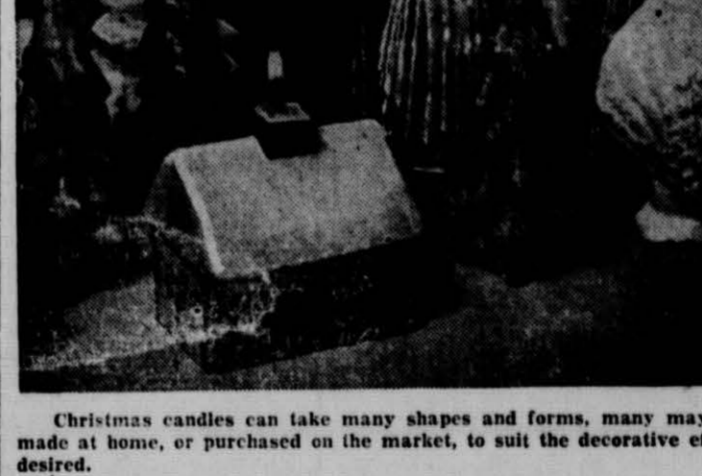
It is also wise to look over your youngster's toys and pick out the ones that are not suitable for his age. A two-year-old with a tool chest, for instance, can do damage to both himself and his baby brother, if given a free hand with a hammer and saw.

While the litter from Christmas packages is still about, be particularly careful of your smoking. Some hot ashes dropped on thin tissue paper or a carelessly tossed match could result in serious damage. Unless your Christmas tree decorations are guaranteed fireproof, they, too, can be a source of danger.

Candles—Symbolic of Season



Christmas candles can take many shapes and forms, many may be made at home, or purchased on the market, to suit the decorative effect desired.



Christmas Aledley

Christmas was once abolished by an act of parliament in England. That was in 1644 when the Puritans under Oliver Cromwell governed the realm. The Puritans' disbelief in holiday enjoyments was so intense that parliament ordered Christmas to be observed as a strict fast day. No roast beef, no plum pudding, no wassail were permitted.

Although turkey is the essential feature of Christmas dinner today, the bird was unknown in England in the 16th century. Introduced from America, it came into its present popularity in the early 1700s.

In several states of the Union there is a definite law forbidding anyone from interfering with a child's belief in Santa Claus.

Some European peoples have a superstition — dating from ancient times—that animals take on the power of speech at Christmas time.

Lewis Carroll wrote his famous book, "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland," as a Christmas gift for a little girl who was the daughter of one of his friends.

My Daily Prayer

Author Unknown

"This coming year I'd like to be a friend to everyone;
I'd like to feel each day well spent at setting of the sun;
I'd like to know that I have done at least one kindly deed,
Before I lay me down to sleep that I have given heed—
To some one's cry for sympathy, or friendship or that I have made the day seem brighter to some chance passer-by.
And that the world is better still in just some little way,
Because I've tried to live the very best I could each day.

"I'd like to be a ray of light when skies are overcast,
I'd like to help some one who failed to blot out all the past,
To start again despite the storms, and find the skies are blue,
To know that in this good old world there's lots that's fine and true,
I'd like to be the kind of person everyone will love,
And make the world seem just a little more like heaven above;
I'd like in all my dealings to be true and just and fair,
That God will help me do these things shall be my daily prayer."

HOSPITAL MEMBERSHIP SALES ON INCREASE

Sale of memberships in the Plains Memorial Hospital, Inc. are increasing every day since the opening of the hospital last week. Every person who purchases a membership in the association becomes a booster, and this wave of popular sentiment is responsible for the sale of many of the 250 memberships in the county. Those who have purchased memberships in the hospital association are "pointing" of this type to their friends, out the advantages of a health center with the result of ever increasing interest being manifested throughout the county. For the convenience of the people in the various communities in the county, interested members of the association are visiting in each locality to take applications for memberships. At a recent meeting of enthusiastic supporters of the hospital movement a goal of 500 members by January 1 was set, and indications are that the goal will be reached or exceeded by that date.

Dr. R. E. Cogswell, chief of staff, announced today that the services of two graduate nurses, Mrs. Pauline Day and Mrs. Clara Seale, had been secured and that with Mrs. Cogswell as technician the hospital is properly staffed to care for any immediate needs. Other nurses will be employed when needed.

AMERICAN LEGION HAVE CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Christmas party was held at the Legion hut Monday night Dec. 17 with about sixty persons present. Veterans of World War II with their ladies formed a large part of the crowd and are a welcome and valued addition to the older group. A lively gift auction was conducted by vice-commander Robert Ramey after introductions had been by Commander Eubanks. Games were played; and refreshments of coffee and doughnuts served by a special committee. The party was honored by the presence of Major Allen Webb, who is still in uniform. The next meeting will be Monday night January 28.

Reprobatus Becomes St. Christopher—Answers Christ's Call

Reprobatus was a young giant whose heathen philosophies prompted him to desert one master after another whenever he found a master stronger than the one he then served.

Noticing that the mighty Pharaoh feared Satan, Reprobatus deserted Pharaoh to serve Satan; perceiving that the Devil himself was startled by the cross, he left the services of Satan and went in search of Christ.

When he refused to pray, he was commanded to do penance and given the task of carrying travelers across a deep river.

On Christmas Eve a voice called for Reprobatus and, answering the summons, he found a very small child waiting to be carried across the river. When he had placed the little one upon his shoulder, the burden of his weight nearly bowed Reprobatus to the ground.

"You are, indeed, as heavy as the world," declared Reprobatus.

"I created the world," replied the child. "I redeemed the world and I bear the sins of the world."

Reprobatus was no longer a heathen giant; he was Christofera, the bearer of Christ; as St. Christopher, he is the Goliath of the Saints, patron saint of all travelers; his emblem is a palm stem which Christ bade him thrust into the soil—wherefore the date palm is said to blossom and bear fruit at Christmas time.

Making Colored Flames For Christmas Fireplace

Would you like beautifully colored flames in the Christmas fireplace?

Here are a number of chemicals which may be added to shellac as a carrier. Small pieces of wood may be painted with the mixtures, or the chemicals and shellac mixed with sawdust.

- Violet flame potassium chlorate
- Yellow flame potassium nitrate
- Orange flame calcium chloride
- Red flame strontium nitrate
- Apple-green barium nitrate
- Emerald flame copper nitrate
- Green flame borax
- Purple flame lithium chloride



Unselfish interest in others is the keynote of happiness at Christmastime. May each gift you receive breathe love and devotion and bind the ties of home and friendship more securely.

As for ourselves, we desire to express our appreciation for your loyalty to us in 1945, and wish you a Merry Christmas.

Dimmitt Laundry

Observe Holiday In Many Ways

The name January is derived from the two-faced god, Janus. He was originally the god of light and day, however, he gradually became the god of the beginning of things. The beginning of the year was sacred to Janus and a festival in his honor called Agonia was celebrated. At the beginning of any important undertaking his aid and advice was sought.

He was worshipped as the guardian of trade and shipping and he was the inventor of agriculture.

In addition to secular celebrations, many religious denominations hold special services on New Year's Eve from 9 or 10 to 12 o'clock.

The Methodist Episcopal church was the earliest to adopt this custom.



Last day of 1945. Tom and they are called "watch-night services."

In 1944, St. George's Methodist Episcopal church in Philadelphia held its 17th watch night service. The church was founded in 1789 and in 1770 held what has been called the first such services in America. Many other churches are holding such services today.

January 1 is a legal holiday in all of the states and the District of Columbia. It was not until after 1818, however, that the date became a legal holiday in Massachusetts.

With the exception of war time, the date is a legal reason for liberty for the sailor and soldier. Yes, army and navy regulations specifically state this fact.

To quote from the navy regulations: "The first of January—and such other days as may be designated by the President, including the day of national Thanksgiving, shall be designated as holidays on board ships of the navy and at all naval stations."

New Year's Mimmers Parade Big Event

The Mimmers' Parade on New Year's Eve is to Philadelphia what the Tournament of Roses is to Pasadena—only the Mimmers have a priority on tradition.

The earliest settlers in the vicinity of present-day Philadelphia were English and Swedes. The English cherished the traditional Mummer play "St. George and the Dragon," while the Swedes were fond of masquerading informally on New Year's Eve. The two customs had merged long before the Revolution and it was customary—even among the Quakers—to extend hospitality to the masqueraders or give them a dose for refreshments.

After the Revolution, George Washington replaced St. George as the central figure of the festivities which continued along the path of spontaneity until 1868 when the parade was sponsored by the Silver Crown New Year's association.

The Municipal administration officially recognized the parade in 1901, and representative citizenship began turning out to watch and participate in the festivities.

The number of organizations sponsoring the parade, the divisions and elaborateness thereof increased through the years. On New Year's Eve in 1930, 12,000 participated in the line of march down Bond street and 300,000 spectators watched the parade which lasted from early evening through the wee hours of the New Year.

COMES OUT FIGHTING



New Year's Compliments. Death families save their broken crockery — to toss against their friends' doors on New Year's Eve. The crockery tossed, the tossers run, but not too far; they expect to be invited in for doughnuts. The most popular household in the community is so designated on New Year's morning by the debris around the doorstep.



THE QUEST OF HAPPINESS

has ever been the ultimate goal of human beings. Some find happiness in one way; some in another, and many never find it at all. Whatever road you may have been taking in your pursuit of happiness, may your fondest hopes be realized during this Christmas season of 1945.

One other thought: we want every one of you to know that we deeply appreciate everything you have done for us during the past year.

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Christmas is All of These

Christmas is the good will shared at the family hearth; the carol sung together; the candle in the window, the glowing faces gathered around the festive board. And it is much more — ever so much more!

We cannot begin to put into words all that Christmas is, nor begin to express how ardently we wish for you the complete enjoyment of Christmas. So, all we can say to you, kind friends, is Merry Christmas To You.

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That best part of a good man's life— His little, nameless unremembered acts Of kindness and of love. —WILLIAM WORDSWORTH

Christmas is the season of the open heart and the open door. Let none stand out in the cold or be unremembered.

In this community of good fellows, where each helps share the other's happiness and all do their part towards making the Christmas season enjoyable for each and everyone, it is a privilege to be in a position to serve you. We take great pleasure in wishing you a Merry Christmas.

Snipes Shop

Jimmy

Cleo



Wilson Grocery

Superstitions Told About New Year's In Many Lands

Good Luck Offered in Many Ways to 'Believers.'

New Year's Day affords everyone the opportunity to bring himself good luck throughout the year. At least that is supposed to be true according to several old superstitions concerning the beginning of a new year.

The "First Foot"—the first person to enter the house on New Year's morning—plays a significant role in the family's future fortunes. He must be a dark man to bring good luck, but if he also brings a gift and "carries in" more than he "takes out," then the house is assured peace and plenty for a whole year.

Unmarried persons are advised to look out of the window on New Year's morning. If you see a man, it is a sign that you will be wed before the year is out. Should you see a horse, you can have a wish, and it will be realized within the year. To see a dog is lucky, but a cat foretells worry.

A little care will make it possible to bring oneself good luck for the entire year. Wear something new, if possible, on New Year's Day, but the garment must be put on when you first dress in the morning. Receipt of a gift is certain to carry luck. Wish everyone you meet "A Happy New Year," but remember when the greeting is given to cross your fingers for luck. Be sure to say "rabbits" as the first word when you wake before anyone has had a chance to speak to you.

Love's progress will be aided on New Year's Day if you are careful to light the first stocking before the right. The potency of this charm is supposed to be increased if you do all things as far as possible left-handedly during the day. To open a bank account on New Year's Day was considered lucky in Old England, the custom growing probably from the belief of many centuries that whatever you do on the first day of the year will be an indication of what will happen during the months that will follow.

In some parts of England and Scotland it is supposed to be unlucky to leave a house until some outsider has first entered it.

Syria Camel of Jesus Blessed by Child Christ

In Syria, water and wheat await the Gentle Camel of Jesus who travels over the desert on Epiphany Eve bringing presents to good children. Legend says the youngest of the camels which bore the Wise Men to Bethlehem was exhausted by the preceding journey and, as it lay down to rest before the stable, the Christ Child blessed it with immortality.

HERE'S HOW TO SELECT A TREE

"How can we select a Christmas tree that holds its needles?" is a question fathers and mothers ask year after year.

The answer depends on the type of tree you buy and the care you give it once you get it up. All trees tend to drop their leaves after they are cut and stored in a dry room. But some kinds naturally hold their needles longer than others. These are the most commonly used on Christmas are the spruce, fir, hemlock, pine and red cedar.

Spruce are the first to shed their needles. A spruce can be identified by grasping a branch tightly. Its sharp needles will prick your hand.

The ideal Christmas tree is the fir. It resembles the spruce except that its needles are not sharp. The needles stay on the tree for a long time, and become a golden brown before they finally drop off. Needles of the Douglas fir are flat and soft to the touch. This popular tree can be easily identified by examining the cones which have small openings on each side.

Fir trees have been very popular as Christmas trees, in spite of the fact that they do not shed their needles easily. This is most likely due to their unsymmetrical appearance which does not closely resemble the traditional Christmas tree.

No matter what kind of Christmas tree you select, it will hold its needles longer if it is standing in water. Place a little water in the base of your tree stand and you will be both-ered less with falling needles than you were last year.



TOWERING ABOVE A CARE-BOUND WORLD IS THE CAREFREE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS. INDEPENDENT OF TIME, INDEPENDENT OF PLACE, INDEPENDENT OF CIRCUMSTANCE, IT EMBRACES ALL NONE CAN ESCAPE ITS MAGIC SPELL.

FOR YOUR MANY EVIDENCES OF GOOD WILL IN 1945 WE SINCERELY THANK YOU.

Earl's Blacksmith Shop



AS the light of Christmas again brightens our faces and lightens our hearts, we turn our thoughts from ourselves to help others. For this is the spirit that first saw the light of day in a stable at Bethlehem, two thousand years ago, and which has endured ever since.

May God bless and protect you and your dear ones and bring happiness to your home this Christmas season.

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Mr. and Mrs. Marion Benton and family spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Posie Cunningham.



**T. L. Welch
Wood Shop**

Imbued with this buoyant spirit of hope we express our wish for a genuine Merry Christmas to all our friends and patrons.



This is the season of good will, and looking down the long list of names of those who have shown their good will towards us in 1945, we come to yours. We want to thank you for this good will on your part, and to send just the friendliest of wishes for your happiness and cheer at Christmastime.

Golden Harvest Cafe

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New Year's Blessings
Ancient Swiss Legend
According to Swiss legend, the Holy Family is abroad during the hour of midnight mass on Christmas Eve.
Therefore, a bowl of fresh milk is placed upon the dining table and each member of the household carefully lays his spoon upon the table cloth.
The person who, returning from church, finds his spoon has been moved may anticipate special blessings during the coming year; for surely Mary and Joseph have rested within the abode during their flight into Egypt and the Virgin used that spoon to feed the infant Jesus.

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**FROM EACH OF US
TO ALL OF YOU**



Again we want to express our gratitude on another business anniversary. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to have served you, and we look forward to your continued friendship. May this peacetime Christmas be all you anticipate.

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Measured by the span of years, it has been a long, long time since that first Christmas night, but it might have been but yesterday when we measure the spirit of kindness which Christmas releases.
Christmas means happiness, and Christmas happiness is to be shared. We want to share our 1945 Christmas happiness with you.

Magnolia Service Station
Magnolia Wholesale and Retail

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The Bobcat Tales

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HOW CAN WE HELP?
One of the greatest men of law today says, "I think there will be a big crime wave in a short time." This man's name is J. Edgar Hoover.
This crime wave will be juvenile delinquency. There are two sides to this. Some people say the children are to blame, some say the parents. They are both to be blamed. If some parents could only understand their children better. Some parents don't like to see their children have any fun, while on the other hand, some young people are allowed too much liberty.
Just because a person goes to a show, or even a dance does not mean that he is delinquent. There are many organizations which should be supported to keep down this crime wave. The Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A. and many church organizations can be of great help if we give them a chance.
If the children would pay more attention to the parents, instead of just thinking of having a good time for themselves, they would be better off. Some young people think they are as wise as their parents.
If only the parents and the children should be better friends and have a better understanding of each other, there would be less juvenile delinquency.

PEEPIN THRU THE KEYHOLE

Well, your snoopin reporter will make an attempt to give you some of the latest gossip.
Bo and Marylou and James and Arnie Mas seemed to be enjoying the sights in Hereford Sunday night. Bo was heart broken because he couldn't go with Marylou Saturday night.
Billie Jean also had an interest in Hereford Sunday night when she was with Jack Welty.
This Gus is hard to figure out, anyway Billie Jo is awfully mad at him.
The Cantata seemed to bring several couples out into the spotlight Sunday night: Joe and Phyllis, Neil and Joyce, Royce and Margie, Anne and Earl, Johnny and Virgie Eva, Hoyt and Wanda, and Bill and Charlie were together.
Lloyd and Clydene were reported seen at the show Friday night.
Ruby was very interested in Charles actions at the tournament; at least she had the basket ball boys promise to report any faulty action.

CLASSIFIED ADS
Lost: One Geometry book - do not return - Bascom Nelson.
Found: Remains of one Geometry book in Nelson's trash barrel.
Lost: One set of tonials - Mary Lou Rymph.
Wanted: A good father-in-law - Charles Henry.
Found: Remains of one Geometry book in Nelson's trash barrel.
Wanted: The holidays to extend to January 2 - Student body.
Wanted: Many thrilling holidays - Bo Jackson and Johnny Gibson.
Wanted: Good pictures - Press Club.
Wanted: Dolls for Christmas - senior girls.
Wanted: Dolls too - senior boys.
Wanted: A doll to call my own - Lloyd Lant.
Wanted: Someone to keep my shirt tail tucked in - Johnny Joe.
Notice - P. P. - all will start a love-learn subject after Christmas and please submit all stories to him.

DECEMBER'S CHILDREN

Besides the Christmas festivities, the following people also celebrate their birthdays in December. We wish all of them many happy returns.
Jimmie Cox
C. W. James
Jo Armstrong
Lanelle Mobley
Bascom Nelson
Jack Brannon
Phyllis Simon
Loy D. Stone
Ray Conard
Don Loy Noble
Marlin Ward
Jerry Simon
Bob Simpson
Billy Haggaard
Thelma Hershey
Charles Gamble
Doris Thomas
Wayne Gibson
C. H. Lane
Ethal Behrens
Bobby Warren
Wayne Davis
Leland Lee
Cecil Taylor
Tom Barron
Betty Ann Sherill
Wade Thompson
Bill Welch
Betty Jo Wright

BUS SHED
Perhaps some have been wondering what the building is that is located just southwest of the building is to be called a bus shed.
There will be equipment for greasing, washing and servicing the buses. A gas pump and tank has been purchased for use in greasing.
"Buying the gas and oil wholesale will make the operating expenses of the buses much cheaper."
Mr. Blaine said.
Service men will be Ernest Conard who has been servicing the buses, lately.
CHAPEL PROGRAM
Emilene Bogue, a dramatic artist, presented three monologues in chapel, Tuesday. The grade school students attended the program.

JILTY JUNIORS

Doris Jean Belknap is one of those Juniors that started her first year of school at Dimmitt. She has blonde hair, hazel eyes, weighs 124 lbs. and is 5 ft. 6 in. tall.
Favorites:
Food - Fried chicken
Subject - Biology.
Afor - Van Johnson
Jimmie Sparkman has gone to Dimmitt School since the fourth grade. He has blonde hair, blue eyes weighs 170 lbs. and is 5 ft 11 in. tall. He has played football two years.
Favorites:
Food - Chicken
Subject - Typing
Pin-up girl - Gloria De Haven
One of the newer students in high school is Glenna Morgan. She moved here from Floyd, N.M. at the beginning of the term.
She is 5 ft 7 in tall and is 16 yrs. old. She has hazel eyes and brown hair.
Her favorites are:
Food - Pineapple malt.
Subject - Geometry
Pin-up boy - Charles Wilder
She was one of the leading cheerleaders in the junior play cast.
If you are walking down the hall some day and hear a deep bass voice high above you, it will probably be Loy D. Stone. He is well liked by all who know him. He is 6 ft. 3 in. tall and is 16 years old.
His favorites are:
Food - any food
Subject - Geometry
Pin-up girl - Margaret O'Brian
This is his fourth year at D.H.S.

4H PARTY
The Castro county boys and girls 4-H club had their Christmas party Thursday, December 12 in the high school gym and auditorium. They skated and played games in the gym and then went to the auditorium for a picture show and to get their Christmas presents.
Doyle Davis, of Hart, told a hilarious story to the boys and girls. He said that he had a picture "an ounce of prevention" presented by the State Board of Health was shown. The presents were then handed out by the presidents of each 4-H group.
Tuesday night Dec. 11, witnessed a reproduction of the 32-13 victory the Bobcats chalked up last time they met Hereford.
Harrison and Jowell, both forwards, tied for the high scoring honors with 13 points each.
Every man on the team turned in a game worthy of Bobcat tradition. We wish them luck in their next game with Hereford.

ALL DISTRICT TEAM

SELECTED
An all conference team has been selected through a poll sponsored by the Bobcat Tales for District 1A with the champion Hereford Whitefaces placing four boys on the first team to completely dominate the other six schools. Tulla placed two, Dimmitt 2, and Canyon 1 to complete the eleven.
Jackson, Dimmitt's fine end and Worrell, one of the greatest backs ever to represent Hereford were the favorites. Ramsey, Tulla back, and Ham Dumas guard, were also popular vote getters.
The complete eleven follows: end Jackson, Dimmitt and Lueb Hereford; Centers: Ardis, Tulla; backs Worrell, Hereford; Ramsey, Tulla; Wright, Canyon; and Carter, Dumas; Tackles James, Dimmitt.
A second eleven were Center: Dyer, Hereford, Guars; Orr, Hereford and Finch, Tulla; Tackles: Simpson, Tulla; and Hager, Hereford; Ends: Miller, Tulla; and Bertha, Canyon; Backs: Harrison Dimmitt; Davis Hereford; and Burrow Tulla; Abbot, Canyon; Myas, Dumas were tied for fourth place position in the backfield.

BOBCATS SWAMP WHITEFACE
Again the Bobcats trounced their hapless Hereford opponent. The local boys ran up an impressive 47-21 over their helpless contender in a fast game that was all Dimmitt from the start.
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WHO'S WHO IN BASKETBALL

Charles Henry Howell, a senior is playing his last year in basketball. This is his second year to play and he plays the position of center. Johnnie Rice, a sophomore, is playing her second year of basketball. Johnnie is one of the Bobbies good forwards.
E. Hance and family, Mrs. Ott Hance, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Howell and Paulky, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Crum and Leon, Mrs. John Crum

BOBCATS RUNNER-UP IN CANYON TOURNAMENT

In a hotly contested final game, the Bobcats were defeated for first place in Canyon tournament, which was held on Dec. 14-15, by a good Stratford team. The score was 32-25. The Bobcats led 24-20 in the last quarter but fell behind when Stratford put in 4 field goals. Carl Jowell was high point man for Dimmitt with 9 points, while Bo Jackson and Bob Mooney were the defensive stars. Our defense was weakened in the final quarter when Bo fouled out.
In the opening game, the Bobcats edged out a hard fighting Price College team by the narrow margin of 3 points, with the score 41-38. A creditable performance was turned in by the entire team. Joe Harrison was high point man with 15 points.
The second game matched Dimmitt with the Canyon Eagles, with the final score 54-29 in favor of the B-beats. Carl Jowell and Thomas 17 each. Bob Mooney starred on defense. Harrison tied for high points, with 15.
Joe Harrison was placed on the All-Tournament Team.
Dimmitt people who watched the games say that the boys made a good showing in the game against some very fine teams, and they expect a great deal of them in the coming season.

FOR SALE - Scholarships in Draughon's Business College.

The Castro County News

Animals Warmd Holy Infant in Bethlehem

Many legends attribute the power of speech to birds and animals during the midnight hour of Christmas Eve in recognition of the beasts who, sharing the stable of Bethlehem, warmed the Holy Infant with their breath.
To honor these traditions, Father's children masquerade in animal costumes on Christmas Eve.

DONT LOSE TIME

with enefficient equipment
Bring us your farm machinery for any needed repairs.
GENERAL BLACKSMITHING
Your Patronage Appreciated
EARLS BLACKSMITH SHOP



A Salute

to our friends and a big, hearty Christmas wish to you all, this merry, merry Christmas season.
Looking back over the year calls to mind our greatest source of pleasure has been our contact with folks like you.

Blackie's Garage

CHRISTMAS IS THE TIME
for friendliness, for the open house and the open heart
It is the time, too, for us to greet our friends, to thank them for their consideration of us, and to wish them all a very Happy Christmas.
W. E. Kirkpatrick

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Thomas Patton, if living, and if he be deceased, the unknown heirs, legal representatives, and assigns of Thomas Patton, GREETING:
You are commanded, to appear and answer the Plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday, the 21st day of January, A. D. 1945, at or before 10 o'clock A. M. before the Honorable District Court of Castro County, at the Court House in Dimmitt, Texas. Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 5th day of December, 1945.
The file number of said suit being No. 1876.
The names of the parties in said suit are: R. L. Buckmaster as Plaintiff, and those persons first named in this writ and to whom it is directed as Defendants.
The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to-wit: for title and possession of the lots one (1), two (2), three (3), and four (4) in Block Ninetyseven (97) of the original town of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas, based upon the five year Statute of Limitations, and adverse possession and the twenty five year statute of Limitation and adverse possession.
Issued this 9th day of December, 1945.
Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Dimmitt, Texas, this 8th day of December, A. D. 1945.
Ole Murphy
Clerk District Court, Castro County, Texas.

Golden Harvest Cafe

LILLIANE THOMPSON MARY BOPE LOUISE WINKLE DORIS JEAN EBERHART

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YULETIDE HAPPINESS

At this time when Christmas trees are beginning to glow in the windows everywhere, and the holly wreaths are going up, we want to send you our best wishes for a very Happy Christmas. You have made 1945 a very pleasant year for us, for which we are duly grateful.

**Hays Implement Co.
& Employee**



Today's grownups are only yesterday's children who once stood before a fireplace on the Christmas Eves of the past...

MANNINGS



THERE are a thousand and one ways of extending the season's greetings to you...

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU

Texaco Service Station Kirby & Son

How Our Allies Observed Yule Around Globe

Here at home, the vacant place at the festive or Christmas dinner table need not mean that the absent one is without friendly participation...

Twins will spend Christmas with Allies. whom Christianity was brought in the 16th century. The celebration starts with morning masses several days before December 25...

Yanks in China will find more red firecrackers than are usually found on the Fourth of July in America. They are usually hung in festoons over store counters...

In India, particularly in the large cities, American boys will find Christmas customs like their own, observed by European residents.

In Australia and New Zealand, a white Christmas is common, but the customs are as unique as in snowy American and English areas.

Allied troops still in the Middle East may find themselves near Bethlehem. Last Christmas many American boys from the Mediterranean made pilgrimages to the holy places...

In Europe many of our soldiers will worship in some of the oldest cathedrals on the continent. At St. Peter's in Rome, at Notre Dame in Paris and at other historic shrines of Christianity solemn and impressive services will usher in the day.



In Belgium, the Santa Claus part of Christmas will have passed by December 25. For their St. Nicholas Day is 19 days before that date. The old saint rides a white horse to Belgium instead of driving a reindeer...



To one and all 1945 Christmas Cheer

Again may you know the fragrance Of holly, pine and holly. Again may friendly voices call A greeting warm and jolly...

Griffith Grocery And Produce



As Christmas we feel more kindly the charm of each other's society, and we draw more closely together by disposition on each other for enjoyment.

May this spirit of Christmas, which Washington Irving so ably wrote about, pervade your home this Christmas season of 1945.

Best wishes from us for a Merry Christmas

Cooper Electric Co.



To One And All

CHILDREN looking out of the window at a desolate landscape try to catch a glimpse of a mythical sleigh drawn by mythical reindeer. But there is naught that is mythical about the spirit of Christmas...

Castro Motor Co.



A BLANKET of snow on the roof, a peace and stillness and warmth and firelight, the lovely litter of Christmas on the living room floor...

THE COWSERTS

Bean Winner Rules On Twelfth Night

Epiphany, or the Feast of the Kings, is the great homecoming day in France; servant girls would rather lose their positions than miss the family reunion and expect to receive an extra month's pay to wit.

Rules for Sending Cards to Personnel Of Armed Forces

With so many of our friends still in service, the code of military etiquette is quite important in signing and addressing Christmas cards again this year.

Address mail properly to reach all servicemen everywhere. certain that the card chosen reflects the degree of intimacy that exists.

Because Christmas cards are the personal expression of your regard for the person to whom they are sent, you should double check to be certain that all cards are correctly signed and addressed.

WISTLETOE ANCIENT MYTHOLOGY SYMBOL OF DIVINE FAVOR

The custom of kissing under the mistletoe descends from Scandinavian mythology. Frigg, goddess of love and beauty - counterpart of Venus - is so gripped when her son Balder was struck down by an arrow fashioned out of mistletoe...



★ Stealing over the countryside is the blessed peacefulness of Christmastime. The very air seems charged with it.

We earnestly hope that this Christmas season of 1945 will bestow unusual blessings upon you and yours...

Wilson & Son Lumber Co.

Bill

George



TO OLD FRIENDS AND NEW

We are quite old-fashioned over here - old-fashioned enough to know that to merit the confidence of the entire community every transaction we make must rest upon the solid foundation of full value given.

May good old-fashioned Christmas cheer brighten for you the hours of this glorious Yuletide season.

Buckmaster-Burnam Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvis Burch and Marthella Cunyus attended F. S. A. Conference in Lubbock December 18!

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Dyer returned home Saturday from a visit with their son, Wayne Dyer and family at Hawthorne, Calif.

WANT ADS

See B. D. Woodlee for Real Estate Loans. Loans of Six Thousand and under rate 4 1/2%. All over \$6,000.00 only 4%, no stock to be taken.

WANTED—Clean rags, any quantity. **Castro Motor Co.**

FOR SALE—490 acre farm, 400 acres in cultivation, 90 acres in grass. Windmill and good well. **tf. Ester Noble**

For Sale—Firestone Tractor Tires and Tubes for all model tractors. **Bearden Tractor Co. tf**

PIANOS—Another carload of re-conditioned uprights arrived October 1st, at each of our stores. Select yours now before our stocks depleted. (YES we have pre-war Spinnettes and Midget uprights on our floor now.)

Mary L. Spence Music Stores
1026 West 6th Street, Amarillo, Texas.

or
710 Broadway Street, Plainview, Texas.

NOTICE!
Removal of your dead or disabled stock (with hide on) in sanitary trucks. Free of charge. We remove hogs, horses, cattle, calves and sheep. We appreciate your calls and specialize in service. We pay phone calls. Be sure to call 47 Castro Co. Grain Co. or notify G.B. (Dick) Hagar, Hereford Rendering Service.

LOST—Red sorrel saddle horse, strayed from my place about 3 weeks ago. Finder please notify Castro County News or
C.H. Hale
3tp 6 miles south and 2 miles east of Dimmitt.

FOR SALE—Full grain, dry land hegar bundles.
W.S. Clark
3tp 12 miles south of Muleshoe and 2 miles west of Needmore.

FOR SALE—18,000 Hegari bundles.
J.W. Phillips
2tp On G.W. Redwine place, 11 miles south of Dimmitt.

FOR SALE—150 fryers.
Giles Tate
2tp

FOR SALE—Good model A Ford Truck, cheap.
Joe Bruce
tf

FOR SALE—Fresh milk cow, jersey. White face calf.
Joe Gollehon
2tp

NOTICE
The undersigned hereby gives Notice, that on the 19th day of Nov. A.D. 1945, she was duly appointed Independent Executrix of the estate of George Schacher, Sr., by the County Court of Castro county Texas; all persons having claims against said estate may present the same to the undersigned whose address is Nazareth Texas.

Mary Schacher
SWORN to and subscribed before me this the 19th day of Nov. A.D. 1945.

Ola Murphy
County Clerk castro county Texas

FOR SALE—one registered 2 year old Hereford bull, 200 used fence post, 20,000 african millet bundle butts, 12 by 16 granery, shingle roof.
J.W. Schwaller
3tp Nazareth, Texas

FOR SALE—1937 1/2 ton International Pickup, 1939 Ford coupe. **Buckmaster—Burnam**
tf

FOR SALE—1939 Oldsmobile six coach with heater, 1941 Pontiac eight sedan, silver streak, radio and heater. Under O.P.A. ceiling price. Inquire at:
Hays Implement Co.

FOR SALE—One 1937 International Pickup, one 1937 Chev. Coupe, one 1941 Chevy pickup.
Buckmaster Burnam
2t

LOST—Yellow gold Masonic ring leave at News office.
Elvis Burch
2tp

FOR SALE—Boys bicycle.
Mrs. Jack Miller

FOR SALE—Good Jersey milk cow with white faced baby calf.
A. W. Arnold
1tp

FOR SALE—323 acres, 280 acres in cultivation, 225 in wheat, wheat goes. All mineral rights also intact. Good seven room house and other improvements.

NOTICE—We have the Kirby Post Hole Digger for IHC, John Deere and MM tractors in stock.
Hays Implement Co.

FOR SALE—Perfection table-top range oil stove, three top burners and 2 oven burners, with two oil jugs, latest model. Also Florence oil heater, bargain at \$20.00.

Wm. Anthony
2 mi. N. Big Square school

FOR SALE—One new 1936 Chevrolet radiator.
O. C. Armistead
Olton, Texas

FOR SALE—Good 2 year old Jersey milk cow with heifer calf.
Floyd Copeland
1tp

FOR SALE—Prewar leather baby buggy with mattress and chromium handle. Price \$15.00.
Mrs. O.G. Hyatt
1tp Anyone interested call at the News office.

NOTICE: The trustees of the Dimmitt Independent School District are asking for bids on the Flagg school building to be sold under sealed bids January 7, 1946. All bidders are required to attach cashiers check for 10% of their bid. The successful bidder will be given from 90 to 120 days to wreck the building and clear the grounds. The school board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

T.E. Harrison - Secretary
Board of Trustees
Dimmitt Independent School District.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY
The Midway Home Demonstration Club held its Christmas party Saturday, December 15, at the home of Mrs. Barber Eubanks. The house was decorated with evergreens tied with red ribbons. Mrs. Carrell, club president, presented each guest with a mistletoe and holly corsage. Former members were honored guests. Presents were exchanged from the gaily lighted Christmas tree. Refreshment plates carrying out the Christmas colors were served to Mesdames E. L. Kight and daughter of Plainview, Tommie Foster of Tulla, Velma Gunnels of Dimmitt, Howard Scoggins, Bill Crum, George Webb, Sawnie Carrrell, Alta Gladman, Miss Hazel Merritt, Miss Leila Petty, Mrs. W. C. Crick, co-hostess.



★ Of far greater value than the most precious jewel or the most costly gift is happiness and peace of spirit. Could we wish more for you this Christmas season than its attainment?
For your fine co-operation and loyalty to us in 1945 you have our lasting gratitude.

Tates Produce & Feed Store

Did you say they're here?



★ Handsome new models... exclusive MAYTAG features
★ Important "Post-War" improvements... new efficiency, quality, ruggedness.
See a demonstration now at

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Loans made to refinance, to make investments, improvements or put down irrigation wells.
Low Interest Rates and up to 20 years time.
PROMPT SERVICE
GREAT NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
JACK R. COWSERT LOAN CORRESPONDENT
DIMMITT, TEXAS



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Your good will has been a priceless asset to us during 1944 and other years. We thank you for the confidence you have placed in us and wish you the manifold blessings of a happy Yuletide.

J. C. RAWLINGS
LAND and INSURANCE



'HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING'

Once more we assemble in happy reunion to celebrate the age-old tradition of Christmas. Short though the days, long though the nights, the glowing background of Christmas makes all hearts light.

Recalling now the happy relationships of 1945 we wish you the choicest blessings this holy season can bestow.

TRIMBLES
Beauty & Barber Shop

WE SPECIALIZE IN..
ROOF PAINTING WITH SPRAY GUN
ALL TYPES OF PAINTING
LET US PAINT YOUR SIGNS
WELCH AND SON PAINT SHOP



Christmas trees are again gleaming in the windows!

Just about time for us to be thinking of how much we are indebted to you.

And just about time for us to call upon two little words that carry more cheer and good will than all the big words that have ever been coined—

Merry Christmas

Cliff's Garage
In Magnolia Station **Cliff Payton**

Rio Theatre
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DIMMITT, TEXAS
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22
Three Stooges and Mary Beth Hughes in
"Rockin' In The Rockies"
SUNDAY and MONDAY, DECEMBER 23-24
"God Is My Co-Pilot"
Starring Dennis Morgan, Alan Hale and Andrea King
TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25-26
A Technicolor Musical Extravaganza
"Belle of The Yukon"
with Randolph Scott, Bypsy Rose Lee, Dinah Shore, Bob Burns
THURSDAY and FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27-28
"Murder, My Sweet"
with Dick Powell, Claire Trevor, Anne Shirley
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29
Bob Steele and Sterling Holloway in
"WILDFIRE"



And now comes another Christmas to be added to your store of memories. We hope this Christmas of 1945 will be a very enjoyable one—a truly happy one—fulfilling all the fine traditions of Christmas.

Accept our hearty thanks for the pleasant business associations of the past year. Once again we say

Merry Christmas!

First State Bank