

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

(Editor's Note: With this special Christmas edition, the Times is printing a "sermonette," a message suitable for the season. Rev. Lively Brown, pastor of the First Methodist Church, consented to write the one below. Local pastors will alternate in bringing the Christmas message each year, appearing here.)

Why Do We Say Merry Christmas?

By Rev. Lively Brown
Everyone says Merry Christmas. In the shop, in the store and on the street we hear this expression. There is a twinkling in the air and a joyful expression on the face.

But what does it mean? Merry Christmas? Of course to different people it means different things.

To some, Christmas signifies the time of year of crowds, the pushing and shoving that goes with the purchase of presents. To others it signifies a round of gay activities and parties, with each night filled during the Advent season. Many breathe a sigh of relief when Christmas is past. And I suspect to others it means a time in which they begin to wonder how long it will take to pay the bills which they have made to purchase presents. Christmas? Merry Christmas? What does it mean?

One strange explanation given by the Communist party in Soviet Russia is that Christmas was originated by the Capitalists to drain the poor people of what money they had during

this season of the year. And yet I am convinced there are Christians in Russia as well as in America, and that Christmas to them stands for something beautiful. What does it stand for?

First of all, Christmas stands for a world of love instead of hate. Have you ever had anyone do you wrong? Has anyone ever misinterpreted the facts to you? Then you have found that one of the most difficult things you have ever done is to try to regain that trust and confidence which once you had. When you realize that you realize it is going to take courage to go the way of love, when the world is still, after 2000 years, hating its lovers and crowning them with thorns.

It is going to take courage to be kind when the world is always quick to take advantage of kindness. It is going to take courage to be a sort of a savior when savages never do fit anywhere except on a cross. It is going to take courage to suffer. What will be harder still, is the courage necessary to wait for the right to win. But, you see, that is the kind of gallantry God wants. Merry Christmas? What does it stand for?

It stands for a world of giving instead of receiving. Today I am conscious of the fact that all of us are interested in what our packages contain under the Christmas tree. And yet, I wonder, is what we are concerned with the material gifts or the fact we desire to know that

someone loves us? I grow more convinced every day that the cry of the human heart is to know that someone cares. If so, how could you make Christmas more meaningful for someone else by the gift which you give, instead of that which you will be receiving? Have you let someone know that you care? Have you stopped asking how much your friends like you and asked yourself if you love them enough, in spite of their faults and inconsiderations? Merry Christmas? What do we mean by Merry Christmas?

It means a world of laughter, instead of a world of sorrow. Of course there are times in which we are all filled with sorrow, when tragedies of life are within our midst and only

God can comfort us. But I speak of the times within our lives when they are normal. God wants us to look cheerful, never rolling our eyes about and looking dreadful in an effort to be impressive. Never talking of religion as Adam Phillips has said "In your poorly voice as if in one way or another it has made you sick." There is such a thing as not having enough religion to enjoy it. And there is such a state of gaiety that a serious thought never enters our mind. True gallantry and true gaiety belong together. Christmas? Merry Christmas? What does it mean?

It means all of these because it means in the welcome of a child called Jesus into the world. The name does not have

much to do with it for there were many boys born in that day called Jesus. Men, in later years, called him Jesus—the Christ. Christ was added. For it meant the appointed one, the King of Israel, the Messiah. This one was different by the way he was born into the world. For he came in a most unusual way.

Luke says he was born of a woman called Mary who had not known man. Some have said this is impossible. Others have said, "Show us the proof." All that we can reply is that Christianity is not a book of facts but a faith, and man does not live by facts but he lives by faith.

Jesus the Christ was also different in the way he lived. He was one that instead of being

centered to himself was centered in others.

How unlike him we are today, both as pastors and people. There are those who go around centered in themselves, taking hurt at every slight, at every angry word, cherishing their dislikes, their animosities and their wrongs. In contrast, lives that are conscious of being set here to lift life and to reclaim it know very well that every hurt is an opportunity, every slight a wide open door. These will come through the hurt and the slight with a love that will heal. For that was the way Jesus lived. Those were the things in which he believed.

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By Ronald Waters



COMMERCIAL — this should be the most successful Christmas shopping season in at least seven years. Merchants report that business is brisk and heavy.

Spiritually—it should be an uplifting holiday, with most of Ranger's churches holding or planning to hold Christmas programs.

Politically—it has already proven over-whelmingly successful with the launching of Mistletoe, the "talking satellite" which opens up the door to endless possibilities.

Cheerfully—it should be one of the merriest times of the year for most, since it is a time of reunion and visiting. Many will see friends and relatives over the holidays.

Actually—the Spirit of Christmas depends upon you. If you don't have it by now, better hurry up and get busy!



HERE IS a letter to Santa Claus that expresses so much of what so many feel that we wanted everyone to read it.

Dear Santa,

It has been a long time since I have written to you.

We have not moved from the old house on Lone Star hill which is now 50 years old and now has become a house of loneliness that stands at the end of Disillusion road.

Please Santa bring me a few of those precious toys that I once had—the shining bubbles of joy; the twinkling bells of cheer that rang in my voice; the candles of faith that show in my eyes; the frankincense and myrrh of steadfast hope that strengthened my soul and the lone star of universal love that gleamed in my heart.

In the years past, I realize I did not appreciate those priceless treasures or care for them as I should have—but now Santa I repent my carelessness and humbly ask you to remember me with another supply this Christmas.

I will hang up my empty heart right by the chimney, Santa, and please, this is what I want:

Give me a large basket of forgetfulness with which to cover up all the bitterness and useless brooding. Then a large box of forgiveness for those who robbed me of laughter and filled my eyes with tears and heartaches.

Please leave me enough of the cement of hope to mend the shattered fragments of joy and please tuck in a little song of cheer. And Santa, leave quite a lot of plain, old-fashioned faith, understanding and unselfishness and tolerance that I can share with my two grown children—Jim and Jack—and my (Continued on Page 6)



SANTA CLAUS really gets around these days and he's in for his busiest time, yet, Christmas Eve and Christmas morning. Here he is at the Service Pipe Line Co. banquet, held recently, distributing gifts to the children and adults. Employees from Mineral Wells, Graford, Ferrin and Ranger attended. (Photo by Capps Studio.)

Homecoming to Start Here Next Saturday

Ex-students of Ranger High School from over the area and state will convene at the Community Club House for the annual homecoming events which get underway Saturday.

All exes are invited to attend

Eastland Man Dies After Highway Accident

Elmer Ables of Eastland died Wednesday morning, following a three-vehicle accident nine miles west of Colorado City on U.S. 80 Tuesday at 3:05 p.m.

Funeral services were pending at present.

Two others were injured, none believed seriously, in the accident which occurred as Henry Springer Jr., 22, of Webb Air Force Base (Big Spring), attempted to pass the late model pickup driven by Ables.

Springer, driving a 1955 Ford, was towing a 1953 Ford. The Toward vehicle began swaying as Springer passed the pickup. Highway Patrolman Buddy Hertenberger said.

Springer lost control of his own car and both automobiles overturned into the borrow ditch, the officer said.

Hertenberger had not determined whether the automobiles had made contact with the pickup, but the pickup skidded to the left out of control and turned over.

Ables was hospitalized at Root Memorial Hospital in Colorado City Tuesday with a skull fracture, and broken left forearm.

C. H. Althoff, 31, of Roscoe, was (Continued on Page 2)

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the two-day get-together, and special invitations are being mailed out to those not in the Ranger area. Several ex-students from out of state may be on hand.

The first meeting is scheduled Saturday at 7 p.m., with a large crowd expected to be present to renew old acquaintances.

Homecoming, held each year between Christmas and New Year's Day, drew a record number of people last year.

Officers of the Ex-Students Association will be elected Sunday afternoon at 3 in the club house.

Ex-students have been asked to contact others in their area, inviting them to attend the activities. (Note: This will be the last notification, here, due to the fact that the Times will not be published this Saturday.)

Present officers of the association are Jess Haney of Sweetwater, president; R. V. Robinson, first vice president; George Berry of Houston, second vice president; and Doris Robinson, secretary.

Gaston Dixon is publicity chairman.

Winners of Home Decorating Are Announced Here

Winners of the annual home decorating contest, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, were announced following the judging of Ranger's home Monday night.

First place winner was the home of Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Brazila, located at 501 Pine. Their home was judged to have the best outside Christmas decorations.

Second place winner was the home of Dr. and Mrs. M. E. Jolly, 628 Pine. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Milliken, 710 Cypress, placed third in the contest.

Receiving honorable mention were homes belonging to the following Ranger residents: Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Kincaid, Mr. and Mrs. Mildred Herweck, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bradshaw and Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Dennis.

Operation Death Watch Underway Throughout State

Operation Death Watch began Wednesday at 12:01 a.m. and the Department of Public Safety predicts that 180 persons will die violently in Texas, 95 of them in traffic mishaps.

With this warning, Eastland County officials again urged area citizens to slow down and live during the nine-day holiday period ending at midnight Jan. 1.

Rigid enforcement of traffic laws in the county, with highway patrol forces strengthened by the (Continued On Page Two)

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Biggest Holiday of Year Observed Here

Eastland County citizens join Christians all over the world today in the observance of Christmas and, as usual, this is the most popular holiday of the year.

Ranger's population will probably double during the Christmas season, for hundreds of ex-students are returning to this city today to spend the Yuletide season with their parents and friends. Others, of course, will be leaving town for the holidays, but the increase will probably far exceed those who are going other.

Almost all Ranger businesses will close for the holidays, and Ranger for the holidays. Most

all public offices will be closed. The Times today publishes a 14 page special Christmas edition.

Most churches hold their Christmas services Sunday, but some churches plan special services tonight. Church groups and a number of local agencies were busy today distributing toys, food and clothing to the needy families in this area, and a welfare official said that, as far as is known, all needy families will enjoy a big Christmas dinner.

College students from over the State and region are home in Ranger for the holidays. Most

students at Ranger College have returned home, and local college students are spending the holidays with their families, either here or away from home.

Classes at all other schools in Ranger dismissed Tuesday afternoon for the holidays.

Groups like the Child Welfare Club in Ranger were doing what they could for the needy. Members of the club were busy preparing Christmas baskets for needy families in the area. Many Ranger residents played a part in the project by donating goods.

For some, however, there will be no holiday. Law enforcement officers, firemen, skeleton crews for utility firms, telephone operators and few others will have to work as usual on Christmas.

Highway patrolmen, the Sheriff's office and City Police joined together this week to urge local citizens to make this a deathless Christmas on the highways. They urged a slow-down and live policy, and warned extra traffic control will be enforced during the long holiday weekend.



R. V. GALLOWAY
C of C Manager

CHRISTMAS greetings are extended by the Ranger Chamber of Commerce on behalf of the local merchants to all of you.

Christmas Baskets Distributed Here

Members of the Child Welfare Club of Ranger prepared about 64 Christmas baskets for distribution to needy families in the area Tuesday night.

Club members received and packed the baskets, spending most of the day before they were distributed by City employees Tuesday night.

Baskets—containing food stuff, candy and toys—were donated by local merchants, students, a n d faculty members, and the Child Welfare Club. Schools contributing White Christmas baskets were Ranger College, Hodges-Oak Park Elementary, Ranger High School and Junior High.

Toys were also contributed by the 1947 Club and the Future Homemakers of America.

Baskets from junior high and high school students were collected for distribution at the annual Christmas program held in the high school auditorium Tuesday afternoon.

Music for the occasion was provided by the high school band, directed by Dan Whitaker. A humorous monologue, "The Kris Before Nightmares" was given by Mollie Mitchell. A duet, composed of Sue Watson and Gay Ann Parker, sang "White Christmas". Sue also sang "Silent Night" as a solo.

Many of the toys going into the baskets were received at the Chamber of Commerce office for some time before distribution.

Local merchants, donating toys to the project, included Lile's Rexall Drug, Art's Hardware and Furniture, Rex Franks, Inc., Duke & Ayres, White Auto Store, Robinson Food Market, Montgomery Ward & Co., and Swaney's Pharmacy. Morris News-ham contributed meat for the baskets.

President of the Child Welfare Club is Mrs. James Radloff. Mrs. Marshall Hill is first vice president.

See The RCA WHIRLPOOL APPLIANCES at RANGER FROZEN FOOD CENTER

LETTERS TO SANTA

Letters, presented below, were written to Santa by third grade students at Hodges-Oak Park.

Dear Santa,

I want a pair of football shoes. Glyn Allen Wilson Rt. 2, Ranger

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like a sewing machine, an electric blanket, a make-up kit please and a pair of shoe skates. From Brenda Faye Tackett

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a football suit and the helmet with two guards and number 75 on it for Christmas. And my sister wants a cooking set for Christmas and my brother (brother) wants a rattle for Christmas.

Bennie Dean Elder

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a B-B gun, and my sister wants a gun and a grifer, and my brother wants a pair of shoes. Remember all the other boys and girls I am in the third grade.

Eddie Ray Herrington

Dear Santa,

Is the North Pole cold? It is cold here.

Santa, all I want is a bracelet and necklace and a doll. Please don't forget everybody else. Please don't forget my step brother and sister.

I am 8 years old. I am in the third grade. My brother is 5, my sister is 3, 2. They want a buggy for the baby and a tractor for the boy. And ten plates for the girl.

From Vickie Ann Lebell

Dear Santa,

What I want for Christmas is a necklace and bracelet and a little sewing machine. I'm in the third grade and I am 8 years old.

Don't forget to bring some toys for my brother and sisters and everybody else.

Your friend, Sylvia Canacho

Dear Santa,

I would want a radio for me. And please don't forget the other boys and girls.

May you have a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Your friend, Virginia Chapin

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a football suit, a B-B gun, a Marine gun, a Marine belt and a hunting knife.

Stephen Lilley

Dear Santa,

I want a watch and chalkboard. Remember all the other children at Christmas.

Love,

Lois Dunsen

Dear Santa Claus,

I want some roller skates and a Mr. and Miss Potato Head and please don't forget Mr. and Mrs. Cowan and Mr. and Mrs. Richardson and now I must say good by.

Love, Sandra Parsons

Dear Santa,

I want a stallion rifle. I wish you a Merry Christmas.

Melvin Lee Patterson

Dear Santa,

Would you please bring me a watch and a portable radio?

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Dear Santa,

I want a bow and arrow. I also want a size twenty six bike with a front headlight and a horn.

I have a sister that is four years old. I think my sister would like a balaram doll with a suit case. I also want a bulldog tank.

Ricky Lee Bryan and Karen Sue Bryan

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a doll for Christmas, some clothes for my doll.

I want some shoes for my doll. I want a suit for my doll.

to Santa Claus from Alle Ray Gomez

Dear Santa Claus,

I hope you get my letter. I want a football for Christmas. And a bike (bike) and that is all.

John Wayne Caraway.

County Purchases Sheriff New Car

King Motor Co. was low bidder on a new car for the Eastland County Sheriff's Department. Bids were opened Monday at the regular semi-monthly meeting of the County Commissioners.

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 addition of personnel from the license and weight and motor vehicle inspection services will be emphasized throughout the state.
 Last year's Christmas-New Year toll for the 12-day holiday period was 203, just two less than the number predicted by the DFS.
 Fourteen persons have already

First Baptist Church

Ralph E. Perkins, Pastor

"A Spiritual Inventory" will be the pastor's theme Sunday morning at the First Baptist Church. This is a good time to look back upon 1958 and resolve to do something worthwhile for the Lord in 1959," says Rev. Ralph Perkins, pastor.

Sunday night will be given over to the "Youth of the Church." Dan Mitchell will direct the music, and Rev. Charles Massinger will bring the message. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

Eastland Man—

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 treated for cuts and abrasions and released. He was a passenger in the pickup.

Gladys M. Fryer, 38, of Big Spring, suffered the amputation of four fingers. She was a passenger in the Springer automobile. Springer, his wife and baby boy and girl, were shaken up but believed unhurt.

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died on Eastland County highways during 1958. The death toll in Eastland County is the highest ever, and officials are working extra hard to see that the number does not increase.

City, county and state law enforcement officers this week issued a plea to Eastland Countians to observe traffic laws, especially the

speed laws, and leave intoxicating beverages alone when driving.

If the DFS is right, at least one person will probably die in Eastland County during the period.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Weldon and children of Olney are spending Christmas Day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Penn.



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Over \$38,000 in Premiums To Be Awarded In Fort Worth Stock Show

FORT WORTH — More than \$38,000 in premiums will be awarded outstanding horses during the 1959 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, Jan. 30 through Feb. 8.

Douglas Mitchell, superintendent of the Fort Worth horse show, expects about 1,000 Western and show horses to take part. Show horses, which include gaited, walking and road horses, as well as hunters and jumpers, will be judged the first half of the 10-day exposition. Western type horses and Shetland Ponies will be featured the second half.

Only one horse show event is scheduled prior to the stock show opening Jan. 30. The first go-round of the open cutting horse contest will start at 8:00 a.m., Jan. 28. Mitchell pointed out that the large number of horses always entered in this event makes it necessary to start early.

The high scoring horses in the first go-round work in the rodeo for their second go-round. The

low scoring horses have their second go-round on Jan. 29 and the championship finals of the open cutting horse competition is held at the last rodeo performance Feb. 8.

Show horse owners can begin moving in as early as Jan. 27. This early arrival gives owners plenty of time to set up their extensive show horse equipment, Mitchell said.

Shetland pony halter classes are scheduled Feb. 3-4 and performance classes Feb. 6-7-8.

Palomino horses can be moved in on Jan. 31, with stock horse performance classes scheduled Feb. 1 and halter classes on Feb. 2.

Pleasure type and open performance classes will be interspersed during the rodeo and horse show, Feb. 4-5.

Western type horses, except Palominos, will start arriving Feb. 4. Quarter horse cutting classes are scheduled Feb. 5 and Quarter horse roping and reining events will be Feb. 6. Quarter horse stallions and geldings will be judged at halter Feb. 7, with mares scheduled on Feb. 8. All these are morning classes.

One of the outstanding features of the 1959 show will be the third annual Fort Worth Stock Show Quarter Horse Sale. The auction of outstanding horses from prominent breeders will begin at 3 p.m. on the last day of the stock show, Feb. 8.

The popular invitational ranch girl's barrel race will be part of the Fort Worth horse show and will be included in the rodeo events.

The Fort Worth horse show long has been recognized as an outstanding event nationally because of the diversification, quality and number of entries Mitchell noted. The show also annually has the largest number of Quarter horse and cutting horse entries of any show in the world.

Information and entry blanks may be obtained by writing the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, P. O. Box 150, Fort Worth. Deadline for entering horses is Jan. 1.

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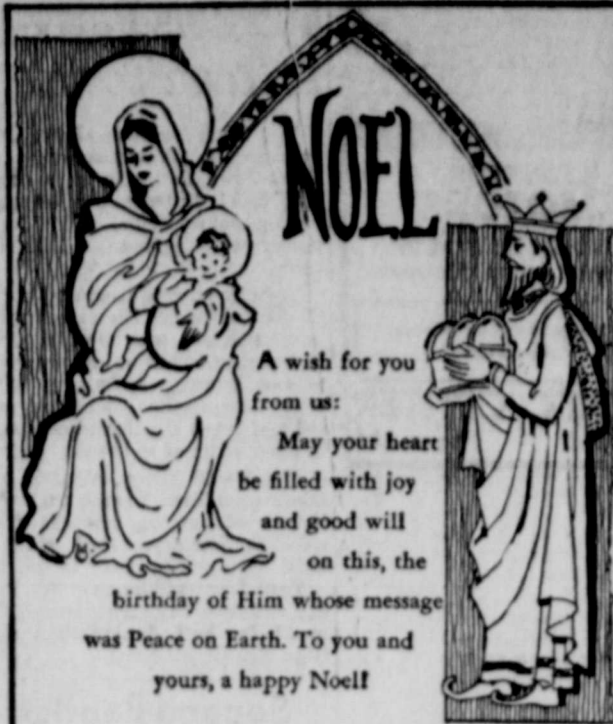
Ven O. White of Midland returned home Saturday from a visit with his mother, Mrs. Ella White.

WEEKEND VISITORS

John Lynn Johnson and Mack McMurry of Austin visited in the J. D. Johnson home over the weekend.

VISITS PARENTS

Charlie Brown of Midland visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Brown, last week.



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Hospital News

New patients in Ranger General Hospital are: Mrs. Don Johnson and baby boy, Cisco; and Mrs. H. P. Haun and baby boy, Eastland.

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Mother's Club Sponsors Party At Teen Town

The Teen Town Mother's Club sponsored a Christmas party at Teen Town Saturday night from 7:30 to 11. Refreshments of sandwiches, potato chips, cookies, and punch were served to 111 students.

Teen Town was decorated in the Christmas theme. The refreshment table was laid with a white cloth and centered with an arrangement of red berries, greenery, pine cones and candles. Mistletoe and red and green streamers were used in other parts of the room.

Mrs. David Allsup, reporter, reminds each Teen Towners that new tickets will go on sale the first week in January. Each student must have one in order to get in. Teen Town will be open this Friday and Saturday nights from 7:30 to 11 for both Junior High and High School Students.

Second Baptist Church

Ed L. Scarbrough, Pastor

Sunday school will begin at 9:45 Sunday morning at the Second Baptist Church. The morning worship service will begin at 11.

Congregational singing will be directed by Travis Watson, who will also present the special music. Training Union begins at 6:15 p.m., followed by the Student Night program at 7:30. Those taking parts on the program will be college students who are, or have been, members of the church.

The program will begin with a congregational hymn, followed by a prayer led by Ruth Miller. After another congregational hymn, Viola Seay will read a poem, "I Am the Church."

The recognition of students and colleges by Mrs. Ed Scarbrough will be followed by a hymn. Travis Watson will present the special music.

Student presentations on the theme, "These I Found in College," will be given by the following: "Christian Fellowship," Corene Sutton; "Personal Devotion," James Falk; and "Christian Service," Sherry Baker. The program will be closed with the benediction.

Class Meets In Johnson Home for Christmas Dinner

The 10th Grade Girls' Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Johnson Friday night at 6:30 for a semi-formal Christmas dinner.

The turkey dinner with all the trimmings was served from a table laid with a white cutwork cloth and centered with a large candle, cedar, and red Christmas balls. The centerpiece was flanked with red candles in silver candelabra. An arrangement of lighted candles and cedar was on the buffet, and other Christmas arrangements were used throughout the house.

The following members and guests attended: Sandy Vinson, Jerry Anderson, Doris Sharp, Walter Hodgins, Sue Cantwell, Richard Robie, Sarah Johnson, Teddie Neeley, Frankie Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Robert Cantwell and Mrs. J. D. Barker assisted Mrs. Johnson.



Charles Massegee To Speak Sunday At First Baptist

"Ties That Bind" will be the theme at the student night program at the First Baptist Church Sunday night.

Jackie Neeley will give the scripture reading, taken from Matthew 28:19-20. Congregational songs will be "I Love to Tell the Story," "We've A Story to Tell," "Send The Light," and "Blest Be the Tie."

Rev. Ralph Perkins, pastor, will give the introduction of Student Night and the recognition of students.

Glenda Webb will give a reading, "I Am the Church." "The Ties that Bind Us to Christ, His Church, and the World" will be given as follows: Ann Robinson, "The Tie of a Profession of Faith"; and Mollie Mitchell, "The Tie of Walking Daily with Christ."

Miss Sue Watson will present the special music, "The Ninety and Nine."

Rev. Charles Massegee will bring the message on the subject, "The Tie of World Wide Missions."

A special student night fellowship will follow the program. Refreshments will be served.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Falk of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. James Falk and son of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Lassiter and boys of Carbon, and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Falk and family of Eastland are spending Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Falk.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Adcock, Ricky and Brad of Fort Worth are spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Entler.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Conner and children of Ballenger, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Merrill and children of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. A. Kirk and girls of Fort Worth, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson and Mark of Dallas are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Flake Turner.

Teachers Meet In Owen Home for Christmas Party

Mrs. W. D. R. Owen of Eastland was hostess December 13 to the Beta Upsilon Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society. Co-hostesses were Miss Anna McEver, Mmes. George Robinson, Leslie Hagaman, C. E. Murr, Ernie Haby, and Vernon Deffebach.

Mrs. Hagaman gave the Christmas story. A book of Braille was presented to Mrs. Charlotte Griffith, an honorary member of the chapter. Mrs. Griffith led the group in the singing of Christmas carols, after which gifts were exchanged.

The house was appropriately decorated for the Christmas party. At an attractively decorated table, which was laid with a Christmas cloth of green and gold and appointed with silver, Mrs. Robinson presided at the coffee service, and Mrs. Hagaman served the salad.

Members from Cisco, Eastland, and Ranger were present.

HERE FROM FORT WORTH

Mrs. J. W. Weaver of Fort Worth visited her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Mills, over the weekend.

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Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Arterburn during the Christmas holidays are her mother, Mrs. Roy Russell of Athens; Mrs. Mary Russell of Tulsa; and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Russell of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Black Sr. of Cleburne are visitors in the home of their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Black, Jr. and children.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hart and Bobby Earl of Karnes City and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Woods and

baby of Amarillo are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Leek.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Burnett, Joni, Randy and David of Fort Worth are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Burnett.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Smith and family of Corpus Christi and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Thomas Jr. and family of San Angelo are spending the Christmas holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Bruce.

Mr. and Mrs. Judson Hardy and family are spending Christmas Day in Abilene with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Lea.

Bob Downton of the University of Texas is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Downton.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Smith, Mark and Scott of El Paso are spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Stewart.

Mrs. W. S. Adamson is spending the holidays with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Campbell, Carol and Cathy in Hugo, Oklahoma.

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Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Jones are Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Jones of Hobbs, N.M.; Mrs. Norman Dennis and Jo Ann of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jones, Mike and Kenny of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mills of Stephenville; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jones, Karen and Kie of Waco; and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Coker of Tyler.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson and Mark of Dallas are spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Larson, Dan Cruse, and Mrs. Larson's mother, Mrs. C. C. Jones of Mineral Wells, are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Travis G. Cox in Temple.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Lawson are spending Christmas in Baird visiting their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Lawson, and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Lewis and Kay of Fort Worth are spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lewis.

Stanley McAnelly, Jr., of TCU is spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley McAnelly, Sr.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Blacklock during the Christmas holidays are their children, Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Blacklock, Dan and Jan of Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Blair, Linda and Gary of Abilene and Don Blacklock of Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Massey and children of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Bryan and children of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bryan of Gorman, Howard and

Johnny Bryan of Gorman, and Mrs. Emmie Seale of Eastland are spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bryan.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Ramsey of Austin and Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Capps and Lucy of Coleman are spending the holidays in the home of Mrs. Mary Capps. Bernice Ashcraft of Fort Myer, Virginia, arrived in Ranger Friday morning to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Ashcraft.

Archie Bill Robinson of Baylor University is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Robinson.

Ann Robinson of Hardin-Simmons University will spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Robinson.

Also visiting in their home will be Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Sutton of Freeport.

HOLIDAY GUESTS

Holiday guests of Dr. and Mrs. W. P. Watkins are her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson of Sherman, and her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. Forrest Bryant, Steve, Tim, and Mark, of Sherman.

VISITS HERE

Mrs. G. A. Langford and boys, Eddie and G. A., of Cisco and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Langford, Kerry, Sue, Bobby and David of Fort Worth spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Willie Langford and Emma Lee.

HERE FROM NEW YORK

Miss Ineta Perlestein of New York City is here for the Christmas holidays. She is visiting her mother, Mrs. Saul Perlestein, who is confined in Ranger General Hospital with a broken leg, and her sister, Mrs. Calvin Lipkin, and family.

RETURNS FROM VISIT

Mrs. E. K. Britton has returned from an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. Vernon Sargee and son of Fort Worth.

While there, she also visited her granddaughter, Mrs. Clifford Stevens and Sandralyn.

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How to gain freedom from fear by following the words and work of Christ Jesus will be a theme presented at Christmas Science services Sunday.

Readings from the Bible and Version of the Bible and

Scriptural selections will include the Psalmist's words (56: 3,4): "What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee. In God I will trust his word, in God I have

put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me."

From Science and Health will be read the following: "Christian scientific practice begins with Christ's keynote of harmony, 'Be not afraid.'" (410:25-30).

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Covington and family and Mr. and Mrs. Glyn Covington and family are spending Christmas Day with their mother, Mrs. Ethel Lee Covington in Breckenridge.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Elder Jr. and Mike of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Elder, Stevie, and Kathy of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Elder and boys of Hardin, Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Elder and family of Ranger, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mara and Yawana of Eldorado are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Elder, during the holidays.

Mrs. E. L. McMillan is spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Pat Hinkson of Strawn.

Mrs. Mae Carr is spending Christmas Day with her niece in Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Pearsall are spending Christmas with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Gordon, Glenn and Kathy Jean of Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Reynolds of Boulder, Colorado, are spending Christmas day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Pruet.

Roaming—

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For the mother-in-law—a muffler, scarf that is.

For the new bride—a box of baby mics.

For the choir director—sheet music of "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star."

For the advanced pianist—sheet music of "Abide With Me" or "Chop Sticks."

For the journalist—"20,000 Words Spelled, Divided, and Accented" or "How to Spell Correctly."

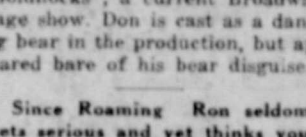
For your matchless friend—a box of matches.

For the baseball fan—"Damn Yankees."

For the vegetarian—a dressed turkey.

For the minister—the book, "How to Hold an Audience Without a Rope."

For the children—if you don't know by now—you never will.



DONALD BARTON, formerly of Ranger, appeared on the Arthur Murray TV Party Monday night as the dancing partner of the star of "Goldilocks", a current Broadway stage show. Don is cast as a dancing bear in the production, but appeared bare of his bear disguise.

Since Roaming Ron seldom gets serious and yet thinks you should read a serious Christmas message—he refers you to the "sermonette" on this page, written by Rev. Lively Brown.



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Christmas—

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Have you discovered in your life what a group of our soldiers did during the Second World War? They had been captured and placed on a train to carry them deep behind enemy lines. The cars were cold; there was a lack of food and it was Christmas Eve. What was there to sing about? And yet one began to sing "Silent Night." Others picked up the melody as the train stopped for water in a small village. During a lull in the singing, suddenly they heard voices singing outside the cars—the same song in the German language. Here were people, who had been driven

apart by bitterness and hatred, who could meet at the foot of a manger.

And so I suggest—if we can look beyond our human frailties, our sins, and our mistakes to a land beyond the blue where God will claim us as his children, whether black or white, then Merry Christmas can be meaningful for us.

Joy to the World

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Services Held For Mrs. Murray

Mrs. Walter Murray, a former Mineral Wells resident, died at her home in Dallas at 5 a.m. Monday following an illness of over a year.

Funeral services were conducted at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church. Burial was in Hillcrest Mausoleum with Sparkman-Brand Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Murray, whose late husband was publisher of the Mineral Wells Daily Index and who preceded her in death Sept. 2, was born in Hughes Springs, April 26, 1909. She made her home in Mineral Wells for a number of years before moving to Dallas, and was active in the First Presbyterian Church. In Dallas she was a member of the Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church, and prior to her illness had been a teacher in the Sunday School there.

Surviving are her mother, Mrs. J. I. Callaway of Dallas; two sisters, Mrs. Dwight Kierbow and Mrs. Bonnar Clark, both of Dallas; three brothers, Louis F. Callaway and E. W. Callaway, both of Dallas, and Raymond H. "Hack" Callaway of Alexander, Louisiana.

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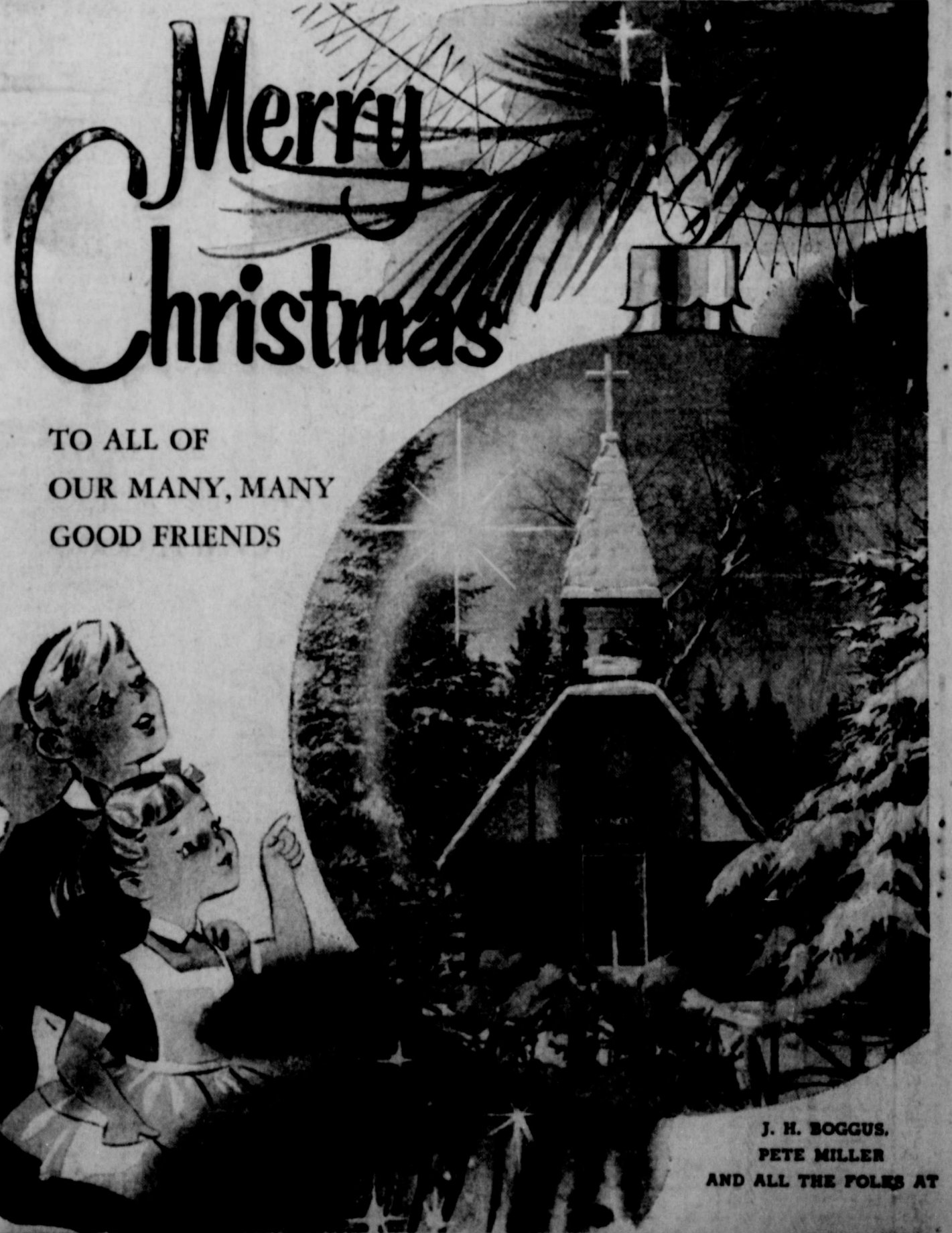
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