

CHRISTMAS EDITION

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## A Christmas Story The Legend of The First Creche

A Christmas Story by  
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More than seven hundred years ago in the little village of Greccio in Italy there lived a man who was at war with God. This was strange, because it was an age of burning faith. All over Europe great Gothic cathedrals were rising and men were banding together to go on crusades. But to the wood-carver of Greccio, cathedrals were a mockery and crusaders were deluded men.

His name was Luigi, and he had his reasons. He was a strong man in his early thirties, black-eyed, hot-tempered, with wonderful sensitive hands. From childhood, he had had the gift of shaping wood

to marvelous imitations of life. And for a long time, he accepted his talent with gratitude, as a sign of God's favor.

Indeed, for the first 30 years of his life, Luigi had been a devout man. The last relief of the Last Supper above the church door in Greccio was his work; so was the beautiful and intricate altar screen. But the day came when Luigi spat upon the ground in front of the church and brandished his fist against Heaven. It was he, that he learned his daughter—his only child—was blind.

She had seemed perfect when he was born: blonde and blue-eyed like her mother, who was from Lombardy. But as the days went by, it became apparent that something was wrong. And when it was certain that the child would never see, the wood-carver

of Greccio seemed to go mad. He went no more to the little church on the hill. He refused to allow prayers in his house. He had been called a blasphemer for the Archdeacon himself; he threw it into the fire. If a child had been called Maria, after the Queen of Heaven. He changed his name to Rosa.

His wife pleaded in vain; nothing could move him. "Go to church if you live," he told her. "Pray your useless prayers. I will have nothing to do with a God who condemns innocent children to darkness. It is better to believe in no God than in such a God as that."

In his dealings with people, he became sombre and forbidding. His voice was harsh and there was fury in his face. His work was still in demand, for his talent seemed greater than ever. But he would do no more work. He would have no further interest, he would say gravely, "in the glory of God."

Only with his little blind girl did he show patience and tenderness. He brought her kittens and puppies, for she loved an animal. He brought her a pony and taught her to ride. The villagers grew accustomed to seeing them together—the dark-haired man and the golden-haired girl. And the child laughed often, for she was not unhappy, but the man never smiled. To an artist, blindness is like a sentence of death.

Then in mid-December, in the year 1297, a muletrain came through Greccio carrying rich merchandise from the far corners of the earth. Among the treasures on display was a magnificent piece of ivory, thick as a man's thigh. As soon as he saw it, Luigi had thought that he would carve it into a doll—a bambino—for his little girl. For although he no longer cared about Christmas, still it was time for the giving of presents, and there was nothing that he could not have given his afflicted child.

So with secrecy and haste he bought the ivory and took it home to his workshop. It was unfamiliar material, but the genius in Luigi's

hand was more than equal to it. In three days it was finished, the perfect image of a newborn baby that could be imagined. Life-sized, smiling, with tiny arms outstretched, the ivory baby lay almost to breathe. Looking upon his work, Luigi knew that it was good. He knew, too, that Rosa would love it, for the child had a vague memory of her father, and the fingers had become her eyes.

Luigi wrapped the ivory image in a cloth and put it on a shelf. He told no one about it except his wife, and he did not let any one see it. He wanted her to make some secret for the day.

But soon if he had let the secret of the bambino be known, it would have caused no great stir, for the streets of the village were crowded elsewhere. The day in the market-place, on the street corners, and in the inns, was a noisy one. Luigi had come to Greccio from a neighboring town to preach in the little church.

No two descriptions of this young man were quite the same. Some people remembered only his gentle voice, others his eyes, others his smile. Luigi himself, no one could say exactly what it was about his preaching, either, but people who heard him came away with an extraordinary sense of peace, of stillness, as if all the anger and bitterness and pain of living had been lifted from their hearts.

Luigi's wife heard the young man preach, and she begged her husband to come to the church with her. But he pleaded, only once. "I can't do no harm, could I? And it might be just what you need—a sort of faith he had once had in God."

But Luigi shook his head. "When this God of yours shows me that He can cure blindness, then I will believe in Him. But not before."

Luigi's wife bowed her head. "May I take Rosa with me to hear him, then?"

"No," said Luigi harshly. "No. And speak no more of this!" He knew his wife would not dare to disobey him, nor did she. But he wanted desperately to bring her child into some sort of contact, however slight, with the love and warmth that seemed to flow from the young man. And so Christmas Eve, suddenly, she thought of a way.

Luigi might never have known—he paid little attention to his wife's comings and goings. But by chance he went into his workshop and glanced at the shelf and saw that the ivory bambino was gone. His shout of fury brought the servants running. From a terrified maid, Luigi learned that his wife had taken the ivory image to the church to have it blessed.

When an artist has created something, it is no longer merely an object, it is an extension of himself. Out into the street stalked Luigi, black anger in his heart. Up the hill he went through the pale December sunlight toward the little church, his rage steadily increasing.

But before he could reach the door, a cavalcade crept up the hill behind him. With a clatter of hooves and a spatter of mud they passed him, three young nobles, richly dressed, on foam-freaked horses, then half a dozen mounted servants, and finally two carts loaded with farm animals: sheep, goats, oxen, a donkey.

The riders pulled up at the church door with a chorus of



hours. A young man in a purple cloak took a long drink from a silver flask, tossed it to one of his companions, and sprang down from his horse.

"Francisco!" he shouted. "Francisco Bernardino! We got your messengers and we are here. Where are you?"

The others dismounted and stood swaying and laughing. It seemed to Luigi that the young aristocrats were rather drunk. He came up behind one of the servants and put a heavy hand on his shoulder. "Whence come you, fellow?" he asked roughly.

The man winced under the wood-carver's grip. "From Assisi, signor."

"And who is this Francisco Bernardino that you seek here in Greccio?"

The servant pointed. "That is he—the friar!"

The church door had opened, and a slender, brown-clad figure had come out. His cowl was thrown back; the late sunlight fell upon his fine-boned face.

"Welcome my friends," he said, smiling, "and God's peace be upon you all."

The young man in the purple cloak sweet his arm in a theatrical gesture.

"We've brought the animals, just as you said. But really, Francisco, how much longer are you going to play this farce? Assisi

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## Funny; Yes, But it Could Have Happened to You

By Paul Jones  
Director of Special Projects  
National Safety Council

So the big news of the year was the presidential election?

Of course the space race? Or Cuba? Or the U. N. fracas?

Well, not necessarily. At least to Walter Klausner, Nor to Robert Coon. Nor to Marie Siewertsen. Nor to Marie Harrick or Richard Taylor.

For please be informed, friends, this—

Mr. Klausner was run down by a bear on a motorcycle.

Mr. Coon found a 60-foot boxcar in his basement.

Mr. Siewertsen was run over by a house.

Marie Harrick's car was smacked by a moving tree.

And Mr. Taylor reached up and caught a baby flying through the air.

See how why the election, and these other top stories had to share the headlines?

And the oddities listed above were only a few of the weird and wacky wonders uncovered by the National Safety Council in its annual roundup of accidental absurdities.

The dizzy details:

The Case of the Bumpington Bear occurred in Miami Beach, Fla., where a big furry showoff was grandly riding a motorcycle around a ring in the Ringling Bros., Barnum & Bailey circus. Giddy with pride, he lost control, veered into

trainer Walter Klausner, sent him to the hospital with leg injuries. The bounding bear barely managed to retain his driver's license.

It may be possible that someone reading this has never gone to his place of business in the morning and found a nice big 60-foot boxcar reposing in the basement.

For him, Robert Coon, of Mason, Mich., has this tip: "You'll be surprised!" The boxcar that greeted Mr. Coon was one of 22 derailed in the heart of Mason. The other 21 were less presumptuous.

Practically the last thing in the world Richard Siewertsen, of De-

troit, had planned to do one day last June was to be run over by a house. But he was riding atop the house as it was being moved down the street. Dick hopped off, tried to jump back on, missed—and the house ran over his foot. He is now a great believer in home safety.

When Marie Harrick reported dutifully to Toledo, Ohio, police that a tree had swerved around a corner and rammed her car, the officers were understandably skeptical until she explained that the tree was on a city truck. Then they got down to the roots of the case.

As Richard Taylor strolled back to his office from lunch in Seattle on May 1st April, he heard a baby cry and looked up to see 16-month-old Richard Hudson come sailing out of a third-story window. Taylor did what came naturally. He dashed over and caught the child just before the plunging boy hit the pavement. Young Ricky was unharmed. Taylor was shook up.

Every eager button twirler tries to develop a specialty in his routine. It will make him stand out. Teenager Keith Hughes did just that during a parade in Santa Barbara, Calif., when his glinting baton, flipped exultantly high in the air, encountered a wind gust, took off and conked the Hon. Edmund G. Brown, governor of the sovereign state of California, smack on the head. Keith felt worse than the governor did.

As an employee of an automobile concern, Jerry McMahon of San Francisco, naturally likes to hear his motor purr when he steps on the starter. When it not only purred, but howled, he turned it off, jumped from the car and raised the hood. An indignant and battered cat confronted him. She had crawled up under the hood to keep warm. She did.

After many years and a half a million miles of accident-free driving, salesman Reed E. Verry, of Florissant, Mo., finally rammed his company car into the rear of another vehicle. It was his own car.

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To our many friends our wishes for a Christmas that will be rich in joy and good health.

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May you enjoy a truly Merry Christmas.

**White Auto Store**  
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Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday Season

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As the sights and sounds of Christmas gladden your heart and home, we wish that you may enjoy many Holiday pleasures... many memorable delights.

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**HOLIDAY GREETINGS**

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John L. Smith, Manager

### Santa Letters

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me some dates for Christmas, I will have some milk and some cake on the table for you.

Love,  
Cheryl Nelms

Dear Santa, I want a football suit and a BB gun.

Love,  
Charles Wayne Johnson

Dear Santa Claus, I would like a dress, a ring, and some roller skates. I would like a kitten, a pretty coat, and a little high chair. I have been a good girl.

Love,  
Leticia Wheat

Dear Santa Claus, I would like to have some toys this year. I would like a doll and a jump rope.

Love,  
Lucinda Marine Dunson

Dear Santa Claus, I want a BB gun for Christmas, and a bow and arrow for Christmas.

Love,  
Gary Dale May

Dear Santa, I am in the second grade. I would like a doll and a doll house. I want a puppy and for my baby brother a horse.

Love,  
Byrl Warren

Dear Santa, I am six years old and I've tried to be a good girl this year. I would like a toddler doll with wardrobe also a Play Do set. I enjoyed your letter. We plan to visit Grandmother in Hatfield, Ark. for Christmas.

I love you,  
Denise Conn

Dear Santa, I am four years old and I would like to have a baby doll and tinker toys for Christmas. I will be in Arkansas visiting Grandmother so don't get lost, please.

Love you,  
love you,

mas and a shirt.  
Love,  
Jimmy Blackwell

Dear Santa Claus, I want a sewing machine. I want teddy bear, a talking doll and some pretty clothes.

Love,  
Vickie Ann Sharp

Dear Santa Claus, I want a Bride Doll and a teddy bear. And I want a talking doll.

Love,  
Beth Pearson

Dear Santa Claus, I want a cap gun. I want a BB gun, a hat and baseball and a football.

Love,  
Ronald Dean Gilbert

Dear Santa Claus, I want a walking doll, a pupit and some brushes. That is what I want.

Love,  
Dana Sue Weldon

Dear Santa, I want a Jungle set. Will you bring it to me? Will you bring me a BB gun? Will you bring me it too? I want a bicycle. I want a football.

Dear Santa I like you  
Gary Dale May

Dear Santa, I am six years old and I've tried to be a good girl this year. I would like a toddler doll with wardrobe also a Play Do set. I enjoyed your letter. We plan to visit Grandmother in Hatfield, Ark. for Christmas.

I love you,  
Denise Conn

Dear Santa, I am four years old and I would like to have a baby doll and tinker toys for Christmas. I will be in Arkansas visiting Grandmother so don't get lost, please.

Love you,  
love you,

Dear Santa, I want a cowgirl suit, a teddy bear, a puppy, a kitten, tiger and a lion.

Love,  
Ruth Herrington

Dear Santa Claus, I want a BB gun, a bow and arrow, a ball, a truck, a train, bicycle and an airplane.

Love you,  
Recky Alan Thompson

Dear Santa, I want a doll and a baton and doll house.

Love,  
Debbie Dumith

Dear Santa, I want a cowboy gun, hat, boots, train, a cub scout suit, a jeep, and a cub scout knife.

Love,  
Phillip Sanders

Dear Santa Claus, I want a shirt, a toy truck, a knife, a toy car, and a "Pin the Cats Tail" game.

Love,  
James Boone

Dear Santa Claus, I would like a big present, a big book and a puppy dog.

Love,  
Carolyn Rae Gann

*Season's Greetings*

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*Greetings*

"And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger." Let us hear, in reverent wonder, the sacred words of the Christmas story... let us lift our voices gladly in the hymns of Christmas... as hearts unite in prayer for "Peace on Earth, Good Will to All Men."

**FUNDERBURG FORD SALES**

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Funderburg and Employees

# Christmas 1960



Joyously, as on the first Noel,  
we greet Christmas, and we wish for all  
our friends and neighbors the many  
blessings of this wonderful season.

**SWANEY'S PHARMACY**  
Ranger, Texas

## Personals

Spending the holidays in Ranger with Mr. and Mrs. Onis Littlefield are Jim Littlefield of San Angelo and Kathy Adams of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Doc Young and daughter Mary Lou of Odessa are spending the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Mary Young.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Rogers and Denis Keith of Lubbock are spending the Christmas holidays with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dennis and Mr. and Mrs.

C. F. Jones, and their uncle and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Dennis, Pam and Joe Wayne.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Brasher Jr., and family and Mr. and Mrs. Felton Brasher are spending the holidays in Harton with Mrs. Brasher Jr.'s mother, Mrs. Alex Hudgins.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Jones are visiting their children, Dr. and Mrs. Richard Shipman in Sweetwater over the Christmas holidays.

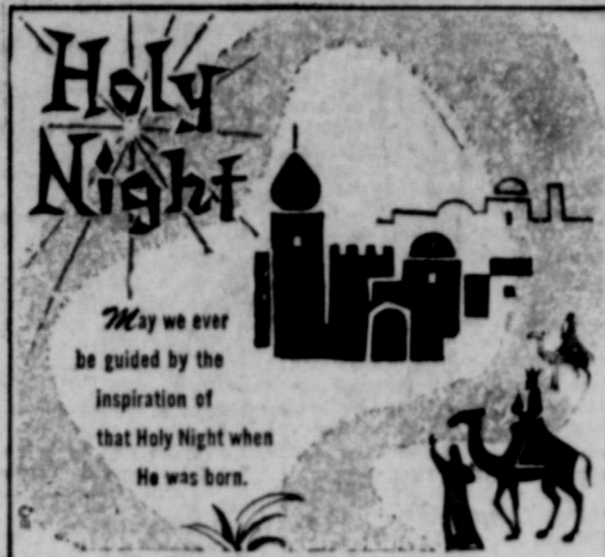
Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Evans and children of Dallas are spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Shirley.

Mr. and Mrs. Key Allsup and children of Saudi, Arabia are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. David Allsup.

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

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Stiles have as their Christmas guests their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Stiles and Daron of Baton Rouge, La., and their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Amosaker, Cason and R. Cay of Dallas.

Holiday visitors in the home of



### Holy Night

May we ever  
be guided by the  
inspiration of  
that Holy Night when  
He was born.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Hinds are Paul Hinds from Hardin Simmons University in Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Horton and Junior of Fort Rucker, Alabama, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Shaw and children of Sugarland, and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hinds and children of Joshua.

Gene Townsen, accompanied by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Townsend of Eastland are spending the holidays in Houston with the sister and daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Farris and children.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Mitchell have as their guests during the holidays the sons and families, Mr. and Mrs. Billy S. Mitchell of Woodville, and Mr. and Mrs. James Mitchell, Billy and Kelly of Wichita Falls. Also visiting in their home will be Mr. Mitchell's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Mitchell, Bill, Tom and Kay of San Jacinto, California and her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cramer of Dallas.

## CHRISTMAS GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson and children of Dallas are spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Johnson.

## HERE FOR CHRISTMAS

Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Powell and family of Richardson are spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Johnson.

## Santa Letters

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a bride doll for Christmas.

Christmas is the happiest time of my life Santa Claus. I am going to leave a surprise for you Christmas night.

Rosemary Anderson

Dear Santa Claus,  
When will you come to town again? When will you be at my house? I want a big doll.

Merry Christmas with lots of love,

Lynna Shook

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a bicycle and a bee bee gun.

I love you too Santa Claus.  
My name is Paul Auburne

To Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a good boy. I want a Lionel Train set for Christmas. I love you Santa Claus my name is Loren Snyres.

Dear Santa,  
I love you, I want a football and a football helmet and a bee bee gun shooting shell pistol and rifle and a bat and ball. My name is Pat Campbell  
Merry Christmas

— READ THE CLASSIFIEDS —

# Christmas

May the living  
memory of His Natal Day  
ever be a comfort and joy to you.

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# SEASON'S GREETINGS

To you, friends and customers, we're sending glad greetings, with every wish that you and yours may enjoy a most wonderful holiday time, blessed by good health, surrounded by good fellowship—and always of good cheer. For us, one of the brightest joys of the season is the opportunity it gives us to express, once again, our heartfelt gratitude for your continuing patronage and good will. Most heartily, we thank you!

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# Greetings

As the Yuletide  
draws near, we greet  
all our friends and  
thank them heartily  
for their gracious patronage.  
A Merry Christmas to all.

**Ranger Peanut Company**

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Wylie



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**Hi THERE**


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**Greetings...** and best wishes for the holiday season

**Mr. and Mrs. John Ussery**



**IT'S THE LAW in Texas**

**Is That Christmas Gift Taxable?**

Although it may come as a surprise to some people, the federal government levies a tax which applies to gifts made by one person to another. However, the government has no desire to tax wedding, birthday and Christmas gifts. The law therefore excludes from taxable gifts the first \$5,000 given to each individual in each calendar year.

The law also excludes from taxable gifts to the church, community chest, and similar charitable organizations, and allows each giver an exemption of \$50,000 before the tax applies.

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

The purpose of many gifts is to remove the property from the taxable estate of the giver at the time of his death. This may or may not be accomplished. The federal law provides that transfers made within three years before date of death shall be deemed to have been made in contemplation of death and shall be taxable in the estate of the one who dies.

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

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

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

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

On the other hand, if the farmer had not given the farm to the daughter, but had left it to her under his will, he would have saved the gift tax. The daughter would have taken the property at



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Heigh ho! Happy Holidays

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**Silent Night**

May the spirit of Christmas bless you and yours.

**RANGER FLORAL**  
Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Mathena



**GREETINGS**

May all the joys of the Christmas Season be yours

**WESTERN AUTO Associate Store**  
Betty and Ken Lewis

a cost basis of \$50,000, so upon the sale she would not have had to pay any income tax.

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

(This news feature, prepared by the State Bar of Texas, is written to inform — not to advise. No person should ever apply or interpret any law without the aid of an attorney who is fully advised concerning the facts involved, because a slight variance in facts may change the application of the law.)

**HERE FROM COLLEGE**

Homer Montgomery, a freshman at the University of Corpus Christi is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Montgomery. Homer lettered on the football team this year.

**SPENDING CHRISTMAS IN FERRYTON**

Mrs. H. H. Vaughn, accompanied by her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Wylie of Fort Worth, are spending the Christmas holidays in Ferryton.

Spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Robinson, is Archie Bill Robinson, a student at Baylor School of Medicine in Houston.

### Santa Letters

Dear Santa Claus,  
For Christmas I want a doll and a bag of candy. And some little shoes for my doll and a basketball.

Merry Christmas, Love,  
Daisy Dunson.

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a bee bee gun and a bicycle.

Love to Santa Claus from Bob Revel!

I love you Santa Claus.

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a doll. And a gun and a cowgirl suit. With a cowgirl hat.

Merry Christmas, Love,  
Neva Nichols.

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a toolset and a shaver for Christmas.

From Bob to Santa Claus  
I love you Santa Claus.

**HOLIDAY GUESTS**

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Clemmer over the holidays are their son, J. L., a student at the University of Texas and their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Renfro, Wayne and Wanda of Big Spring.

**READ THE CLASSIFIEDS**



Let the spirit of hope, and peace and love prevail in our hearts and homes to give this Holy Day its fullest meaning.

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Ralph and Nell Lockwood



**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

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**GREETINGS AND ALL OUR BEST WISHES**

**C. E. Blackwell Gulf Station**  
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Ranger, Texas



**Merry Christmas**

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Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Vinson



**Merry Christmas**

We greet you with a friendly note of thanks for your good will and kind patronage.

**YOUNG'S BEAUTY SHOPPE**  
Mary — Annie Lee



**Greetings**

May the wonder and warm glow of Christmas give you great peace and joy with family and friends.

**Ranger Furniture Exchange**  
"BRASHIER'S"

### Legend Of The First Creche-

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"I have but one lady now," the little friar said. "Her name is Poverty. That's why I had to ask you to bring the animals. I knew you wouldn't fail me."

Luigi tightened his hold on the servant's shoulder, "Who is this man?"

The servant shrugged despairingly. "In Assisi, until not long ago, he was my master's friend and drinking companion. Now, they say, he preaches the word of God. It is very strange."

Other servants were unloading the carts, where the frightened animals reared and plunged.

"A moment, please," the friar said. He walked over to the nearest cart and laid his hand on the donkey's back. "Be calm, there, Brother Ass. There is no reason to be frightened. And you, Sister Sheep, do not baa so pitifully. No one is going to hurt you."

He stepped back and nodded to the servants. "Lift them down gently. They will follow me, I think." And even as he spoke, the animals grew calm and still.

A hush seemed to fall upon the people, too, the riders from Assisi and the villagers who had gathered. In this sudden quiet, the friar said to the young man in the purple cloak, "Come into the church, Lorenzo. I want to show you my presepe—my manger scene."

The young man said in a low voice, "I am not a true believer, Francisco. You know that well."

"All the more reason for coming," the little friar said. He turned and went back into the church, and all the animals followed him, and the people, too. Even Luigi followed, because he could not help it.

Inside the church, candles burned dimly and the odor of sandalwood hung in the air. Near the altar was a rude shelter, made of green boughs, and in the shelter was a manger. From where he stood, Luigi could not see into the manger, but he knew what it contained, for a woman was kneeling near it, her face beautiful in the candlelight. The woman was his wife, and when she saw him watching her, her face grew more beautiful still.

Without being led, without being driven, the animals grouped themselves around the manger and grew very still. Then the little friar stood up on the steps of the altar.

"I was going to read you the Christmas story from the gospel," he said. "But my presepe—my nativity scene—makes me so happy, and my heart is so full, that I am going to sing it to you."

Standing there before the altar, he began to sing, and no one who heard it ever forgot the sweetness of his song. He told the ageless story of the angels and the shepherds, of the coming of the Wise Men who brought gifts to the Babe in the Manger. He sang it from beginning to end, and no one moved, no one stirred.

Even the animals seemed to be listening, as if they too could understand the words. And Luigi was prepared to believe that they could, because an even greater miracle was taking place within himself. A strange peace had come upon him, and the bitterness and the anger were gone from his heart.

Nor was his the only heart that was being changed, for when at last the music melted into silence, the young man in the purple cloak moved forward. From around his neck he took a chain of gold, and he knelt down and put it beside the manger. And after him his companions came and put down gifts, one a ring, the other a jeweled dagger.

Luigi felt a touch on his arm. Looking around, he saw the little friar smiling at him.

"You wondered if God could cure blindness," the friar said. "Well, we are watching Him do it, are we not?"

Luigi did not answer, for there was a tightness in his throat. He could see the villagers crowding forward to look into the manger, and the awe and wonder in their

faces as they gazed upon his hands. Afterward there were those who swore that the ivory bambino stirred and smiled and lifted his arms to them. But this, no doubt, was the flickering candlelight.

Then the friar said, "Please thank your daughter for the loan of her Christmas present. And now you may take it back."

Luigi shook his head. "It is where it belongs. Let it stay."

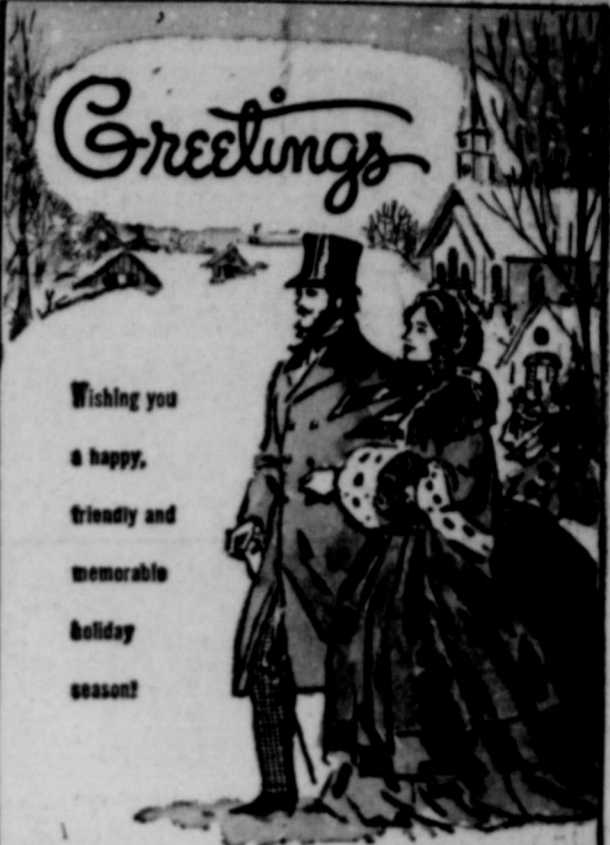
The friar said, "Tomorrow is Christmas. Your little girl would be disappointed."

"No," said Luigi, "I will make her another bambino. I will work all night. I will carve her a whole presepe, just like yours, with the manger and the animals and the Wise Men, so that she . . . I mean Maria, will have Christmas at her finger tips whenever she wants it."

So Luigi went home, leaving the ivory bambino behind. Hand in hand with his wife, he walked back down the hill. And he worked all night with gratitude in his heart because he knew that in his house blindness had indeed been cured—not his daughter's, but his own. And the presepe he carved was a wondrous thing, the most beautiful work that Luigi had ever done, and Maria kept it always.

That, so the story goes, was how the Nativity scene first came to be re-enacted at Christmas time, and that was how the first Christmas carol came to be sung. The melody that St. Francis sang that day in the small Italian town of Greccio has been lost for centuries now. But the legend says that it was not so very different from the song the angels sang above the dark Galilean hills.

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**Silent Night**

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**Ranger Hill Cafe, Courts, Texaco Service Station**  
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**CHRISTMAS Greetings**

To one and all we wish a Christmas bright with promise and full of all the joys of living!

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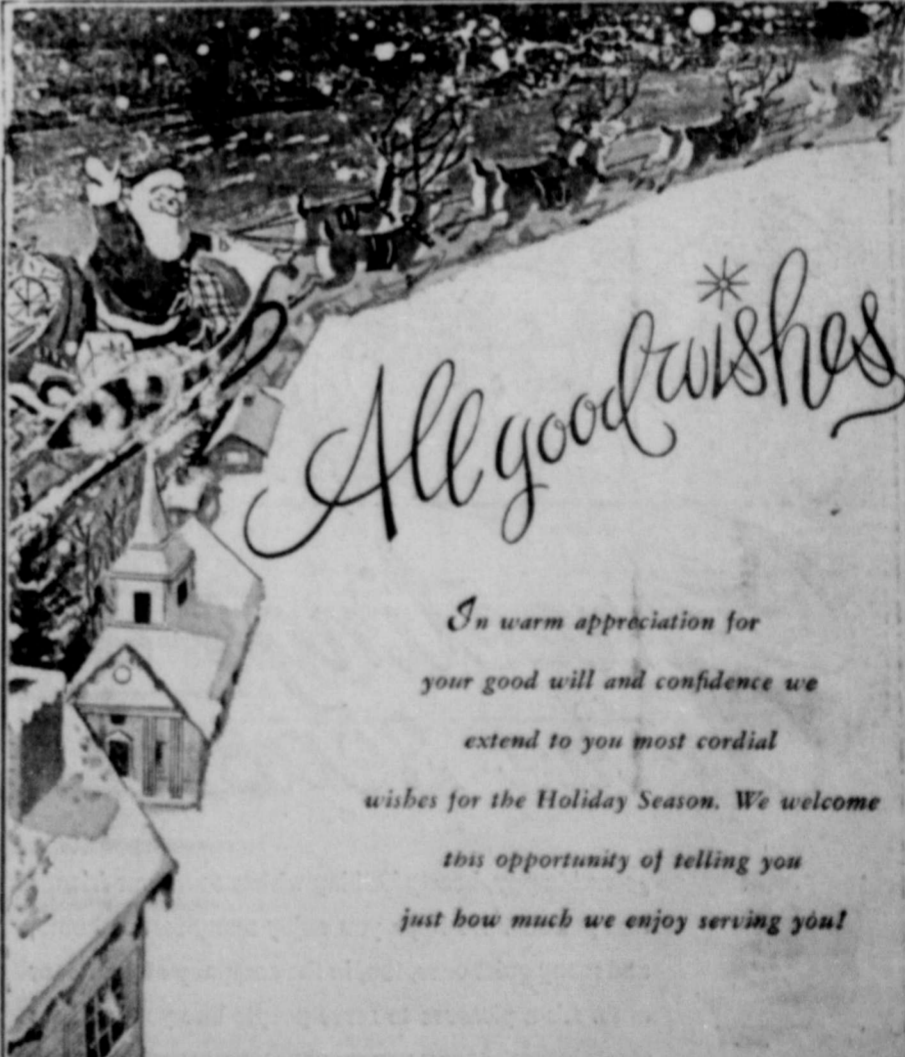


**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

Greetings to all! It certainly is a great pleasure to serve fine folks like you!

**Thank You**

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Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Powell



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# But It Could Have Happened To You-

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 driven by his wife, who had stopped suddenly at an intersection. Husband and wife were very, very embarrassed.

Early people are always warning drivers not to stop for a sign. But they couldn't blame motorist Dan K. of Englewood, Colo., when he did. Driving through Rawlins, Wyo., Mr. Ehrbridge suddenly thrust out his arm to indicate stop. A big dog bounded alongside, eyed Mr. Ehrbridge's darting fingers and gave him a good nip—right on the hand.

In September last year Tony Adams, of Englewood, Colo., broke his jaw playing high school football. In December he broke it again playing basketball. In May he broke it again playing baseball. Advice for chess?

Patrolman Francis P. Shoen, of the Lockport, N. Y., police

force, slipped on a pencil at the head of the stairs, cascaded all the way down, and was taken to the Lockport Memorial Hospital with back injuries. The pencil that threw him was a souvenir—from the Lockport Memorial Hospital.

In the Harbor Inn restaurant in New York City a patron put a nickel in the juke box to hear "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight." There was. The juke box caught fire.

A Deer and a deer tangled on the highway near Columbus, Ind. One of the parties involved—Donald Deer, of Indianapolis—reported the accident to police and readily exhibited his damaged car. Police didn't get the name of the other deer—a big buck which dashed in front of Donald Deer's car—because he fled from the scene of the accident. Oh, dear. Anthony Scarrott, of Bath, Eng-

land, is really a bouncing baby boy. The 22-month-old youngster tumbled out of his carriage. He bounced up, ambled into a coal chute, fell 11 feet into a cellar. He bounced up again, tottered toward the door, walked through, and plunged into the River Avon. The water wasn't hard enough for him to bounce, so he submitted to rescue by a neighbor. He suffered only minor bruises—and of course bounced right back to health.

Farmer Hubert Sowers, of South Charleston, W. Va., went hunting, tripped and broke his ankle. Meanwhile, back at the farm, Mrs. Sowers whacked a fuzzy cow on the flank to make it stand still, broke her hand. They broadcast their misfortune, cast to cast.

In Fort Worth, Texas, A. C. Reid, Jr., treated for a bump on the head explained he had been visiting for an elevator in an office building and had opened the safety door to see if it was coming. It was.

In Red Bluff, Calif., Janet Thomas was shot by her horse, aided by a porcupine.

Jane was riding the horse when the porcupine fell out of a tree. The horse reared. As Janet fell, she dropped her rifle. The horse stepped on it, and Janet was shot in the leg. She now uses the family car.

When 2-year old Ricky Bivins, of Evansville, Ind., decided to visit his grandmother down a city street, he scripped the car keys from the kitchen table, seated himself on the floor of the family car, turned on the ignition and pushed on the accelerator. The car had been left in high gear. It bolted straight ahead. For 100 yards it stayed on the right side of the street. Then it veered across the road, sheared off a 20-foot telephone pole, roared straight ahead for two blocks on the busy street, rammed into a one-story frame house, bounced back, rammed again. Ricky was unharmed, but shaken. So were his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Everett Bivins item: A few days later Ricky cut himself while trying to shave with a razor with no blade in it. Any suggestions?

Mrs. James C. Tate, of Dallas, Texas, got a connect car the hard way. She ran her auto into a truck and another truck hit her from the rear.

The next time you ladies have trouble parking, take solace from the experience of Mrs. Rubie Johnson of San Francisco. Attempting to park her car in a garage attached to her home, Mrs. J. hit the gas pedal instead of the brake. She crashed through the garage, rammed into the base-

ment, tore out the rear wall, careened across the back yard, knocked down a fence, ruined the car—and gave the neighbors something to talk about for months.

When police of Fort Credit, Ont., investigated the highway accident of Harold Herbert, they found him as white as a ghost. His car had gone out of control and hit a culvert, tossing him out. The car trunk burst open. A can of white paint came flying out, and the lid came off. Mr. Herbert got a broken ankle and a real good paint job.

And in Albany, N. Y., John Frain decided to spend a quiet evening at home and avoid the heavy Labor Day holiday traffic. As he sat reading in his second-floor apartment, the floor collapsed. He fell to the first floor, broke a leg. Sometimes you just can't win!

Sure, there was a national election in 1960, and a lot of other big news.

But honestly, now, don't you think the items you have just read were a little newsy, too?

Boone Carroll Yarbrough of the University of Texas is spending the Christmas holidays in Ranger with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boone Yarbrough.

Jack Rawls is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack A. Rawls. Jack is a student at the University of Texas.

**Mystery In Orange**  
 Guests will think you are very clever when you serve delicious orange sticks. To prepare them, first preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Remove crusts from 8 slices of day old bread. Mix 3 tablespoons grated orange rind with 3 tablespoons orange juice and 3/4 cup of sugar. Spread the mixture over the bread and cut each slice in 3 strips. Place on a buttered cookie sheet and bake in a gas oven, maintaining the 350-degree heat for 10 to 15 minutes.

**Barbecue for Mondays**  
 A delicious Sunday roast will be just fine as a starter for a Monday Barbecue: Cut cooked beef into one-half inch cubes. Brown 2 tablespoons green pepper and a medium onion, chopped fine, in 2 tablespoons butter or margarine over a medium gas flame. Add 3 cups of beef, one-fourth cup of water, 1 cup catsup, 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce, 3/4 teaspoon celery seed and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Turn the flame high and bring the mixture to a fast boil, then turn the flame back to simmer and cook 10 minutes. Toast split hamburger buns and serve a generous mixture of the barbecued beef on each bun.



**BLESSINGS OF CHRISTMAS**  
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**Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Lanier**



**Christmas Wishes**

With sincere appreciation for your loyalty and patronage during this past year... we extend to you our heartfelt wishes for a very Merry Christmas!

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**Greetings of the season**

And happy, hearty holiday wishes to all our friends and patrons. We hope you enjoy many festive hours, and many quiet ones, too, in the company of your dear ones. It's a pleasure to serve people like you, and we most sincerely thank you for your loyalty and good will.

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**PEACE ON EARTH...**

And the angels sang, "On earth peace, good will toward men." May the Christmas message bring you joy.

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**SEASON'S GREETINGS**

It's good to greet our friends and neighbors at this happy holiday season. And it's good to know that we have so many loyal friends and patrons. We value your good will, and cherish the privilege of serving you. Sincere thanks.

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# Our Christmas Traditions And How They Started

Christmas is a season of many beautiful customs. We all observe them—but few of us know where they came from.

Gordon E. Freund, buyer of Christmas decorations and gift items for J. C. Penney Company's 1700 stores, became interested in Christmas customs because so many toys and decorations obviously have some kind of romantic, little-known tradition behind them.

"I began to wonder how things like Christmas trees, decorations, and gift giving began," he says. He has collected a large amount of information and lore about our best-loved Christmas customs.

Mr. Freund points out that it is only within the last 200 years that Christmas has come to be known as it is today: a time for candle lights, holly and mistletoe, tree gifts, families reunited, friends visiting and children joy-

ously shouting with anticipation. Each of these ingredients goes into the modern idea of Christmas, though, has a history of its own—in some cases a history carrying us back even before the time of Christ.

To begin with, there is the word Christmas itself. It comes from the medieval Christmas Messe meaning "the Mass of Christ" which observes the birth of Jesus. For our ancestors in previous centuries it was a time of solemn rejoicing and deep religious observance.

Christmas and Santa Claus have become inseparable in our modern celebrations of the holiday. Students of the ancient world agreed that there really was a Santa Claus. He was St. Nicolas, Bishop of the little known town of Myra in Asia Minor about 300 A. D. The good saint was born in the nearby city of Patara. As a child he was of

surpassing gentleness and showed a strong religious bent. He studied scripture and at an early age took Holy Orders. His family was wealthy, but when he became a bishop while still a very young man he dissolved his patrimony and went among the poor in disguise distributing the money he had secured from the sale of his worldly goods. His generosity and his love of children made him the subject of many beautiful legends that traveled for from his home and circulated through Western Europe during the Middle Ages.

The Dutch seemed especially fond of St. Nicholas—their "San Nicolaas" early became associated with love of children, giving gifts and the Christmas season. San Nicolaas came to America with the Dutch settlers of New York. At that time Puritan New Englanders had forbidden James dem-

onstrations at Christmas and insisted on deed solemnity and special religious dedication. In time the Puritans—and the rest of America—came to agree with the Dutch.

The custom of the Christmas tree is of even greater antiquity. In ancient Greece, and perhaps even earlier, the evergreen tree was regarded with special reverence as a symbol of love life or "immortality" because it is "ever green". Ancient Jewish practices also held the evergreen in high esteem. The Talmud (Shabbat 113a) says, "The story of Lebanon shall come into them: the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together to beautify the place of my sanctuary."

In Northern Europe during pagan times the tribes of Germany had a similar reverence for the evergreen. When they were converted to Christianity, they adopted their feelings for the evergreen to the new religion. The Christmas tree, as we know it today almost certainly began in Germany.

Martin Luther was one of the first persons in recorded history to decorate a tree. Walking under the stars one cold night shortly before Christmas, he strongly felt the tie between beautiful light and the love of God. Returning home, he placed candles on a little evergreen tree which he had brought into the house to help his children feel the wonder of God as he had felt it.

The custom grew and spread throughout Northern Europe to America.

The word "carol" means "to dance in a ring". St. Francis of Assisi was the first to make carols popular. In the 13th Century when St. Francis lived, few people except the clergy and scholars could read. St. Francis wanted to bring the Christmas message directly to the villagers of Assisi. He therefore composed a number of songs using real people and real animals. The villagers came to see St. Francis lead them in joyous song—in "carolling."

Like evergreen trees, holly and mistletoe have long histories of relationship to Christmas. One legend says that Christ's crown of thorns was plaited from holly. Before the Crucifixion its berries were white; but the holly berries in the Lord's crown turned crimson and the plant has had crimson berries ever since. Mistletoe's relationship to Christmas is non-religious, coming from certain old Scandinavian myths that passed over into Christian lore when the pagan tribes were converted. It was a symbol of love—and so it still is.

The origin of Christmas is very obscure. One legend says that the original St. Nicholas gave gifts of

gold to a poor man and his daughters in a stocking. This gave rise to another legend, which says that one Christmas Eve Santa Claus, in the performance of his gift-giving duties, accidentally dropped some gold coins down a chimney which fell into a stocking left by the fireside to dry. Thus the custom began. Actually, the Christmas stocking tradition probably began in Germany along with the Christmas tree, but no one knows for certain.

The Christmas card was sent for the first time in Germany in 1854 by W. C. Dobson, one of Queen Victoria's favorite painters. He sent lithographed copies of his card to all his friends and the idea created a stir of pleasure and excitement. Louis Prang of Boston made the first ones in this country in 1875. It has only been during the last 50 years, however, that this custom has become popular.

In 1904 money was raised for a children's hospital in Denmark by the sale of Christmas seals. One letter with a seal was sent to this country and came to the attention of a Red Cross official. The idea was almost immediately adopted by the Red Cross as a means of raising money for its campaign against tuberculosis.

"There are many other Christmas customs and legends," says Mr. Freund. "For example, every country has its own ideas about St. Nicholas. Many countries reserve a day other than Christmas for gift-giving. And almost every nation has its own specialties for Christmas feasts. But in all lands the combined feeling of reverence and joy is the same. Our modern Christmas has taken any old and many new ideas and traditions and has woven them together to make a holiday of universal meaning for all families everywhere."



## Blessings

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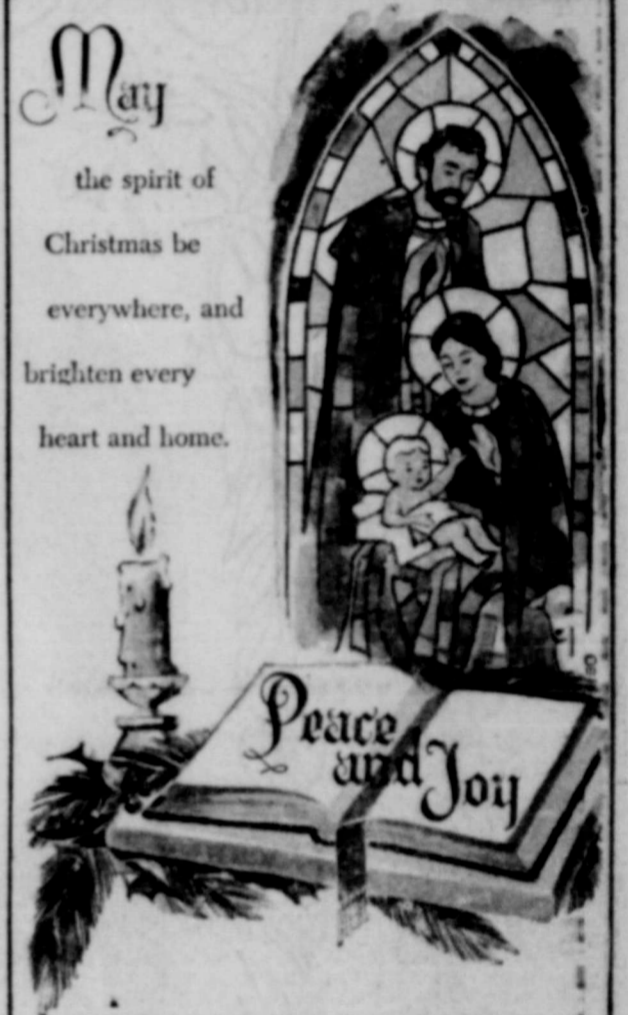
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# The CHRISTMAS STORY...

*On that night many years ago, as white stars glittered and angels' voices rang out triumphantly to proclaim his coming, there was born unto mankind, a Saviour. Humble shepherds, gathered in the fields tending their flocks, heard the message and came in haste to visit the babe lying in a manger, and they were filled with joy.*

*Far to the East, the Wise Men saw the great Star of Bethlehem and they followed it to where the Young Child was, bringing rare and precious gifts in their adoration.*

*Across the ages, the ever-wonderful story of the birth of Christ inspires mankind with a feeling of new hope. Today, in the spirit of the Holy Season, it is for us to rededicate ourselves to His teachings and humbly pray that the ideal of brotherhood will light the way to a lasting peace in this troubled world.*

*Let us rejoice in the true meaning of Christmas with sincere reverence and harken to the words of the angel, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."*



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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**Assembly of God Church**  
Thelma Hostetter is pastor.  
The Assembly of God Church, 296 Young Street, meets at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday for Sunday School. The morning worship hour begins at 11.

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Christ's Ambassadors meet from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. on Sunday evenings. The evangelistic service follows at 7:45.  
Mid-week services are held each Wednesday evening at 7:45.

**Weekly Schedule For St. Rita's Catholic Church**

The following is the weekly schedule for St. Rita's Catholic Church.  
Mass every Sunday at 8 a.m. and Benediction at 5:30 p.m.  
Religious classes for grade school students at Parish Hall every Monday at 6 p.m.  
Wednesday at 7 p.m. the Newman club meets at the Parish Hall, followed by choir practice at 7:45 in the church.  
Thursday evening mass is at 7 o'clock.  
Confessions will be heard every Saturday evening from 6 till 7 o'clock and before all Masses.  
Discussion meetings are held at the rectory every first and third Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.  
Rev. Joseph L. Van Winkel, pastor of St. Rita's is always available to give information about the Catholic Church.  
Everyone is welcome to attend religious services at St. Rita's.

**Harmony Baptist Church**  
Bill Penland, pastor

Harmony Baptist, the church with a friendly welcome and old time Gospel preaching from the Bible, welcomes you to its services.  
Harmony Baptist Church will begin Sunday School at 10 a.m. with worship services at 11 o'clock with the pastor bringing the message.  
Training Union begins at 7 p.m. with evening preaching at eight.  
Joe Matthews is music director.  
Wednesday evening midweek service is held at 7 p.m. with Bible study and praying.  
Thursday is visitation night beginning at 7 p.m.

**Mesquite & Rusk Church of Christ**  
Lloyd Bryant, minister

Services for Sunday at the Mesquite and Rusk Church of Christ begin with Bible Classes at 9:45 a.m. The morning worship follows at 10:45.  
Evening services begin with song practice at 6 p.m. followed with the evening worship at 7:30.  
Tuesday afternoon the Ladies' Bible Class meets at 2 p.m.  
Mid-week Bible classes are at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday night.  
A cordial welcome is extended to everyone.  
An invitation to listen to religious questions and answers program on KERC at 8:30 a.m. each Sunday morning is extended to everyone.

**Eastside Church of Christ**  
Hollis Windham, preacher

Services for the Eastside Church of Christ for the coming week are as follows:  
Sunday morning Bible Study at 9:45 a.m. followed by the regular assembly at 10:45.  
Sunday night services begin at 7:30.  
Wednesday night Bible Study is at 7:30 and Ladies Bible Class at Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m.

**HOME FROM COLLEGE**

Tommy Aishman, a student at Hardin-Simmon University is spending the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Weaver Aishman.

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Sunday school begins at 10 a.m., followed by the morning worship service at 11. The evening worship service begins at 7 p.m.  
The Y. P. E. service begins at 7:30 Wednesday evening. Prayer meeting is held at 7:00 p.m. Friday.  
The public is cordially invited to attend these services.  
Recreation equipment has been purchased for the young people.

**Nazarene Church**  
Bobby Ferguson, Pastor

morning worship service begins at 10:45.  
N. Y. P. S. begins at 7 p.m. each Sunday evening, followed by the evening worship service at 7:45.  
Prayer meetings are held each Wednesday night at 7:45.  
Rev. Bobby Ferguson, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene, West Main and Oak Streets, gives the following schedule of services.  
Sunday School meets each week at 9:45 a.m. Mrs. Burt McGraw is Sunday School superintendent. The

**Fundamental Baptist Church**  
Jack Walker, pastor

Rev. Jack Walker, pastor of the Fundamental Baptist Church, 830 Simons Road, makes the following announcements:  
Sunday School begins at 10 a.m., followed by the morning worship service begins at 10:30 p.m.  
The Wednesday evening prayer service begins at 7:30 p.m.

**First Pentecostal Church**  
J. E. Lamb, pastor

The following is the schedule for the First Pentecostal Church, announced by J. E. Lamb, pastor.  
Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. and is followed by the morning worship at 11 a.m.  
Mid-week services begin on Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m.  
The Ladies Auxiliary meets on Tuesday afternoons at 2 p.m.  
The Young people meet at 7:45 p.m. on Friday nights.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Crawford are spending the holidays in Hobbs, New Mexico with Mr. and Mrs. Nick Crawford.

**HOLIDAY GUESTS**  
Mrs. J. R. McLaughlin is spending Christmas in Midland with Mr. and Mrs. Keith McLaughlin and Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Neaber. She will return on Monday when her guests will be Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Owen of Brownfield and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McLaughlin of Great Bend Kansas.

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Bring me a play dog and a buggy, and I want a doll that talks for Christmas, thank you.  
Love,  
Merlene Fonville

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please be kind to all the children and bring me a bow and arrow.  
I love you,  
Roland Sunday

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like to have a majorette suit and a sparkling paint set.  
Love,  
Jean Dixon

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a doll and a haton.  
Love,  
Janice Elaine Crawford

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Bride doll.  
Love,  
Karen Sue Bryan

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a doll.  
Love,  
Peggy

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Walking doll.  
Love,  
Vicki Kay Hughes

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a train and a B B gun.  
Love,  
Gary Wayne Willingham

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Majorette suit.  
Love,  
Pam Black

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a rifle and an Indian suit. I also want a pogo stick. I've been pretty good.  
Love,  
Trey Black  
P. S. I am five and one half years old.

**VISITS RELATIVES**  
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Clem are spending the Christmas holidays in Houston, Fort Arthur and Texas with relatives.

**VISITS PARENTS**  
Mr. and Mrs. Pat Collins, Bill and Brad are spending Christmas Day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Collins of Carbon and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Norris of Flatwood.

**IN DALLAS**  
Mr. and Mrs. Hale Dunson, David, Daisy and Daniel are spending Christmas Day in Dallas with her mother, Mrs. W. E. Pinkston.

**HERE FOR CHRISTMAS**  
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Warren of Artesia are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. F. R. King and Johnny Bob.

**IN JACKSBORO FOR CHRISTMAS**  
Mrs. L. D. Tankersley is spending the Christmas holidays in Jacksboro with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Paschall.

### Gorman Gatherings

By Mrs. R. E. Boucher

Paul Ormsby of Gorman was a weekend visitor in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ormsby and Mrs. J. F. Dean. Mrs. Dean returned home with Paul to spend the holidays with his family and Mr. and Mrs. Neil Rose in Morton. She will also visit her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Dean, in Odessa. She plans about a month's visit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Ellison left Tuesday for San Antonio where they will spend Christmas with the daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Hite, Susan and Sally.

Billy Dee Hamrick of San Antonio visited with his mother, Mrs. J. L. M. Roberts the past weekend. He also visited with his aunt, Mrs. Eva Stout, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh DeVare and Angie of Nederland were weekend guests in the home of her sister, Rev. and Mrs. A. D. Kyle, and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rodgers of Ft. Worth were weekend visitors in the home of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. D. V. Rodgers, and also visited with his grandmother Mrs. G. T. Blackwell.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Gray had their daughters and husband home for the holiday. Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Maddocks of Denton Mr. and Mrs. James Mathews of James Gray of Corpus Christi Mr. and Mrs. Preston Lightfoot of Pecos and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dixon of Abilene.

Miss Jerry Walker of Phoenix, Ariz. was home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Walker during the holidays. Miss Walker is an employee of the American Airlines in Phoenix.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Richardson had as their guest their daughter and families, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wood of Waco, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones of Ft. Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hefley of New Orleans, La.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stone, Jr. and sons, Lee and Eandy, of Fort Worth were guests in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Pullig and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stone Sr. They also visited in the home of his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Smith.

R. C. Howell, Dean Kirk and sons, David and Tommy, were in Columbus visiting Mr. Howell's daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles eKamey. They also did some deer hunting while there.

Postmaster Graydon Baze, L. E. Capers, Albert White and Joe Ed Baze returned last weekend from a deer hunt near Junction. Graydon was the only lucky one. He brought in his first game.

Visitors at the morning services at the First Baptist Church Sunday were R. L. Mason of DeLeon, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh DeVare and Angie of Nederland and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rodgers of Fort Worth.

Funeral services were held in the Gorman First Baptist Church Friday at 2:30 p.m. for R. A. O'gan.

Rev. A. D. Kyle officiated the services for Mr. Gowen, a native of Smith County, Miss. He had lived near Gorman most of his

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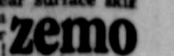
H. O. Fien and son, David, of Fort Worth were here Saturday visiting his mother, Mrs. Ollie Fien, who returned home with them to spend Christmas.

### VISITS IN DESDEMONA

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maupin are spending Christmas day in Desdemona with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Northcutt, and her mother, Mrs. Emma Arthur.

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### Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Rushing of Athens are spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Lem Rushing. Also visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Rushing are their

son and family of Ranger, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Rushing and Tammy.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Allen, Stanley and Diana of Clyde are spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lummus.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Cislwell, Victor and Sherry will spend the Christmas holidays with their dau-

ghter and family, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Hays and Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Criswell in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ables of Tyler are spending the holidays with their daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Funderburg and family and Miss Bennie Ables.

Holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Bourdeau are Mr. and Mrs. John Bourdeau and family of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gabrysch of Austin.

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

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. May Jr. and Linda and Johnny of Odessa are spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. C. E. May Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Bryant, and Mrs. A. Abbott of Cross Plains are spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. P. M. Kuykendall and Mrs. J. E. Morris.

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MRS. CHARLES M. COLLINS  
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## Marjorie Anne Foster Weds Charles Collins

Trinity Episcopal Church in Galveston was the scene of the Friday wedding when Miss Marjorie Anne Foster of that city became the bride of Charles Malcolm Collins of Eastland and Galveston.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walter Foster, Jr., of Galveston and Mr. and Mrs. John Frank Collins of Eastland.

White poinsettia, greenery and candelabra holding lighted bridal tapers adorned the altar before which the bride and bridegroom recited the nuptial vows with the Rev. Edmund H. Gibson officiating.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. For her wedding she chose a gown of French hand-clipped Chantilly lace over taffeta. The basque bodice featured yoke of silk pleated illusion and portrait neckline. The long sleeves tapered to petal points over her hands and the figurine bodice caught a magnificent skirt in frothy folds. The skirt of her gown cascaded into a scalloped hemline and ended in

a billowing chapel train. Her finger-tip veil of silk illusion was held by a double jeweled crown of bridal pearls and iridescent sequins. Her only jewelry was a single strand of cultured pearls. Her flowers were Lilies of the Valley in a stylized design centered with sweetheart Garnet rosebuds.

Miss Sandra Lee Vail of Houston was the bride's honor attendant. Bridesmaids included Mrs. John Frank Collins Jr., of Galveston, sister-in-law of the bridegroom, and Miss Mary Lovetta Holloway of Dallas. The honor attendant and bridesmaids were gowned alike in emerald green peau de soie, styled with sweetheart necklines and minuet sleeves. The patio length skirts featured hipline peplums. Braided matching half-hats were worn. Emerald green satin opera pumps and short white gloves completed their costumes. They carried single white poinsettia with green stems.

Dr. John Frank Collins Jr., of Galveston served his brother as best man. Groomsmen included Pearson Grimes of Eastland and Robert Snyder Alexander of Galveston. Seating the guests were Samuel Frank Bean and Robert Bruce Gillett of Galveston, Marvin Holman Brown III, and Joe Ellis Goddard of Austin, Jimmy Lynn Harris of Dallas, Hubert Richard Jones Jr., of Eastland, Sammy Garland Miller of Houston, Joseph Edward Stoeltje of Beaumont, and Herman Neil Van Geem of Wichita Falls.

For her daughter's wedding Mrs. Foster chose a white length import-style gown of candlelight French hand-clipped Chantilly lace. The basque bodice featured a sweetheart neckline and minuet sleeves. The bouffant skirt featured inserts of permanent pleated silk chiffon. Her costume was accented by bronze accessories, and her shoulder corsage was of brown-tone cypripedium orchids. Mrs. Collins was attired in a rose lace sheath, accented by gold accessories and a shoulder corsage of brown-tone cypripedium orchids.

Trinity Church's Eaton Hall was the scene of the reception which followed. White poinsettia and greenery were used for decor. The bride's table was centered with a silver bowl of white poinsettia and greenery interspersed with wedding bells and silver candelabra. A three-tiered traditional wedding cake at one end of the table offset the silver punch bowl at the other.

Members of the house party included Mrs. Fred Anderson, Mrs. Robert Frantz, Mrs. Robert Gillett, Miss Martha Louise Parrish and Miss Sandra Zimmerman, all of Galveston.

For their wedding trip to Orange, Mrs. Collins chose a Paris import costume suit of magnolia sheer wool with matching accessories. She wore a corsage of white sweetheart rosebuds.

After the holidays, the couple will be at home at 711 Avenue E, Galveston.

Mrs. Collins was graduate from the University of Texas and her sorority is Zeta Tau Alpha. At present, she is teaching in the Galveston public schools.

Mr. Collins also was graduate from the University of Texas and now is a Junior at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. His fraternity affiliation are Delta Kappa Epsilon social fraternity and Alpha Kappa Kappa medical fraternity.

Out of town guests included Mrs. Charles W. Foster, grandmother of the bride, and Miss Tippy Foster, aunt, both of Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Smith of Langview, aunt and uncle of the bride; Mrs. Thomas F. Smith, Mrs. A. Roy Holliday, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Edward T.

## Mrs. Allen Rushing is Hostess To Sorority Christmas Party

The home of Mrs. Allen Rushing, chapter president, was the scene of the annual Christmas party of the Rho Pi Chapter of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority on Dec. 16.

A short business meeting was held and was presided over by Mrs. Rushing. After closing the meeting the members exchanged gifts and revealed Pi pals around the festive Christmas tree.

Refreshments of novel-shaped sandwiches, fruit cakes, olive potato chips and punch with small

angel bells as favors were served from a beautifully appointed table which was covered with a pink net cloth and decorated with felt Christmas tree. The centerpiece was a small pink Christmas tree containing small ornaments.

Christmas carols were played throughout the evening.

Guests present were Mrs. Fred Bennett and Mrs. W. H. Clem. Members present were: Mmes. Calvin Warren, Jack Sledge, Raymon Bryan, Melvin Crouch, Houston Moore, Pat Collins, Ireland Wallace Roy Patterson, Byron Galley, Jasper Williamson, Sammie Elder, Jack Harris, Irs Hummel, Linda Forney, Jesse White, Rushing and Helen Dawley.

HOME FROM TCU  
Etsa McAnelly of Texas Christian University in Fort Worth is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley McAnelly.

Mrs. E. L. McMillen is spending Christmas with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Hinkson and family of Strawn.

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### Personals

Christmas guests in the home of Mrs. C. E. Hatchcock are Mr. and Mrs. Tom Guest of Dallas Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Keith and Mr. and Mrs. Buster Hatchcock of Fort Worth.

Betty L. White of Salt Lake City, Utah, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Ella White and her grandmother, Mrs. L. A. White.

Pam Griffith of Fort Worth is spending the holidays with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Croon.

Mrs. J. B. Price is in Menden, La. for the holidays visiting with her children.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Mitchell of Annasheim, Calif., is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Lee Mitchell.

Also visiting Mrs. Mitchell are Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kriggs.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Watson entertained with a Christmas party for the employees of the Ranger Dr. Pepper Plant, Thursday, Dec. 15. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Owen and Bobby, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Livingston, Mr. and Mrs. Paul O'Connell and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Watson and Junior.

#### VISITS PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Young are spending the holidays in Fort Stockton with her parents, and in Cleburne with his parents.

Looney, of Houston, Cousins of the bride; and Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Moore of Conroe. Other out of town guests included aunts and uncles of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. Ian Icard and Miss Johnnie Mae Long of Wichita Falls; Mr. and Mrs. Ken Long and Mr. and Mrs. James Long of McKinney; and Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Long of Denton.

Dr. and Mrs. D. Bailey Calvin entertained the wedding party at their home with a cocktail hour immediately preceding the rehearsal dinner being hosted by parents of the groom Thursday at the Pelican Club.

Prenuptial hospitalities have been extended to the bride-elect by Mrs. John F. Collins Jr., Mrs. Lucie E. Croix and Mrs. Roberts G. Drago.

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9:45 Sunday School  
10:50 "The Day Christ Was Born" Pastor  
6:30 Training Union  
7:30 Student Night at Christmas

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## RANGER CLINIC

### First Methodist Church

Rev. Lively Brown, Pastor

There will be a combined Sunday School and worship service at 9:45 a.m. Christmas Day at the Methodist Church.

The pastor will be preaching on the Christmas story in the service that will be concluded by 10:45 a.m. "This service will bring to mind the fact that Christmas is the day that God sent His Son into the world on this day. This is the only Christmas we have to celebrate," said a spokesman of the church.

### First Christian Church

The First Christian Church announces its morning service at the regular time for Christmas, 10 a.m., with Sunday School beginning at 10 a.m., followed by the morning worship at 11 a.m.

The minister's text will be Matthew 1:23, "And they shall call His name Immanuel." The title will be "The Wonder of the Incarnation."

There will be no Sunday evening service.

### First Baptist Church

Ralph E. Perkins, Pastor

Rev. Ralph E. Perkins, pastor of the First Baptist Church said, "Sunday is the Lord's Day. This is a day that the New Testament sets aside as a special day for congregational worship." In Old Testament times the day was one of rest and worship. This particular Lord's day is designated as the "birthday of our Saviour." Hence this is a day of double importance.

The annual Christmas Eve program will be presented Saturday night from 7 to 7:30 p.m., and will be under the direction of the Sunday School Department. Mrs.

Richard Henderson will be in charge of the service.

Sunday services begin with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., followed by morning worship at 11 a.m. The pastor's morning message is "The Day Jesus was Born." Training Union begins at 6:30 p.m., and the evening service is at 7:30 p.m.

A special program is being arranged for Sunday evening. It is to be Student Night at Christmas. All college and high school students are invited. Teddie Neeley will direct the music. Organist will be Miss Ann Robinson. Tommy Aishman and Mike Herrington have been responsible for contacting the students and arranging the program.

Others appearing on the program are Brenda Brooks, Glenda Rains, Jerry Cantrell, and Nedra Hodges.

Teddie has arranged for an instrumental ensemble to provide a medley of Christmas carols.

### Second Baptist Church

There will be a slight change in the regular schedule for Sunday School and the morning worship service at Second Baptist Church today. The Sunday School classes will begin immediately at 9:45 without having an opening general assembly. Class members will go straight to the class rooms. The class period will end at 10:30. At 10:40 the morning worship service will begin. The pastor will bring the last message in the series, "What is Christmas?" It will be entitled, "A Saviour Born In A Stable." Preceding the message, Owen Leech, Director of Music, will bring a message in song. The morning service will dismiss at 11:30.

At 2 p.m. the church will be the place for the wedding ceremony of Miss Viola Seay.

The evening services begin at 6:15 p.m. with Training Union, followed at 7:30 p.m. by the worship. The pastor's message for this time will be along the theme of, "What I Got for Christmas." Christmas Day gives a wonderful opportunity to worship Christ this year because it comes on Sunday. All the friends of Second Baptist Church are cordially invited to attend our worship services.

Because Monday is a holiday the regular Monday services will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 27. W.M.U.

will have a Missions Study from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Intermediate and Junior G. A. will meet at 4.

Wednesday night activities start at 7 p.m. with Teachers and Officers' meeting. The mid-week Bible study will begin at 7:30 p.m. The studies will be over the fourth chapter of the Epistle of James.

Anyone not having a regular place of worship in Ranger is cordially invited to each of these services at Second Baptist Church.

All the members of the church want to take this opportunity to wish all the readers of this paper a most joyous and happy Christmas in the name of Christ our Saviour.

### HERE FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Arterburn are their sons and families: Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Arterburn of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Arterburn of Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Arterburn of Bryan.

### VISITS SON

Mr. and Mrs. L. Z. Melton and family are spending the holidays with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Melton and family in Fort Worth.

### HERE FOR CHRISTMAS

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cox and Kenneth O'Dell Stephenson of San Diego, California are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Squyres.

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## I Give You Texas

By BOYCE HOUSE

It was only a short time after my arrival in Hollywood that John Lee Mahin, the principal writer of the script of "Boom Town" said that I need not hesitate to offer a suggestion simply because it would be difficult to create. "That is the problem of the special effects department," he said.

If you wanted to have a liner sink in a storm at sea, or wanted a volcanic eruption, or show an oil well come in spouting and then catch fire and become a giant torch—(this last situation was used in "Boom Town")—a writer was not to hesitate. Making the event into reality was the responsibility of "Special effects."

I rather doubt that that department had very much affection for the writers.

The people of San Francisco never call their city "Frisco" and the citizens of San Antonio never speak of their city as "San Antonio"—in spite of the popular song, "Rose of San Antonio." But the people who live in the territory shorten the name to "Santone"—at least that was true when I lived in Uvalde—in 1908.

And "coyote," they pronounce "ki-ost." As for the unworldly hot swift bird that some folks refer to as a "chapparal" or "chapparal cack," I never heard one in Uvalde days—called anything but a roadrunner. And "cactus" was always "cactus," no matter how many "Cacti" hadn't been heard of, then.

I used to wonder—not very often and not very intently—what ever happened to the breed of cattle from which Bull Durham got its name. Then I became publicity director of the Fort Worth Stock Show—I resigned in 1957 after eight seasons—and learned that Durhams are now called Shorthorns.

I became quite an expert on cattle. I could recognize the Herefords because they were "white faces"; the Brahams I could identify because of their hump; and the Angus because they were black. I could tell the Shorthorns because if they didn't have white faces, a hump or weren't black, they had to be Shorthorns because there were only four breeds in competition.

Then the management ran in Santa Gertrudis and Anguses that were red and things got too complicated for me.

**VISITS PARENTS**

Mr. and Mrs. Howard McPherson of Fort Worth are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nichols.

### IN BROWNWOOD

Nath Pickle and family are spending Christmas day with his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. ... in Brownwood.

### HOME FROM COLLEGE

Jimmy Sealey, a student of Texas Christian University, is spending the Christmas holidays in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Swinney.

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**HOLIDAY GREETINGS**

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### HERE FROM FORT WORTH

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Savage of Fort Worth are spending their Christmas holidays with his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Landtroop.

### HERE FOR HOLIDAYS

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Howard, Gerry Rea and David of Houston will spend the week following Christmas in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Lively Brown and family.

**Greetings**

The spirit of the holiday season brings to us a fuller appreciation of the true value of old acquaintances and loyal friendships. So it is only natural at Christmastime for us to feel grateful for the fine relationships that we have enjoyed over the past years with so many of our faithful patrons and friends. At the same time that we express our gratitude, we would like to extend our sincerest wishes for a joyful, healthful and bountiful Yuletide to all.

**THE RANGER TIMES**

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dennis	George Hazard	Russ Buggus
Dwaine Dennis	Jack Hazard	Dian Swinney
Geng Townsend	Lucinda Fox	Ronnie Hinds
Tammie June Sharpe	<b>CARRIERS</b>	Terry Melton
Hale Danson	Mrs. W. T. Hagar	Bonnie Harris
Johnny Robertson	Jimmy Gryder	David Dutton
Pat Collins		

NEWS FROM CARBON

Our high school boys and girls played in the Gorman tournament last weekend. The Carbon boys played Scranton in the first game of the tournament with Seranton winning 40 to 29. Morrow and May were high point men with 18 and 10 points respectively. This game eliminated our boys from the tourney. Our girls defeated Comanche in a close game of 45 to 42. This was

were high scorers. Our girls defeated Scranton 28 to 24. Ruby Hull had 16 points and Kay McDaniel, 11.

Our boys played Olden in their second game and were defeated by the close score of 43 to 41. Morrow and May were high point men with 18 and 10 points respectively. This game eliminated our boys from the tourney. Our girls defeated Comanche in a close game of 45 to 42. This was

one of the best games of the season for our girls. High scorers were Hull 16, McDaniel, 15 and Mary Been, 14.

In the final games of the tournament our girls played Gorman in a very close game. The half was 20 to 19 in Gorman's favor and Gorman went on to win the tournament by the score of 43 to 28. McDaniel with 15 points and Hull were high scorers for Carbon. Ruby Hull and Laverne Lee were named on the All tournament team from Carbon.

Word comes from Mrs. George Jones who is recovering from a heart attack at the home of a daughter in San Antonio, that she is slowly gaining her strength and hopes to be back at home before too long.

Bryan L. Butler of Bryan, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Butler and the Gene Butlers Sunday.

Boyce McGaha of Morenci, Ariz. visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. McGaha, last week. Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Medford left this week to spend the Christmas holidays with their daughter,

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ramsey and sons, in Morenci, Ariz. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bethany of Moran visited relatives and friends here Sunday.

Mrs. Berdie Greathouse of Douglas, Ariz. and her son, W. D. Greathouse, and wife of Houston visited the Henry Lovells and Mike Morgans, also Berry and J. M. Greenwood last week. Other visitors in the Moran home were John Morgan of Eastland and Mrs. Pearl Brown of Cisco.

Sunday guests of the D. D. Sandlin family were Mr. and Mrs. Bud Clark and H. J. Lane of Eastland. The Bud Clacks also visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wade White.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lovell accompanied by Berdie Greathouse to Lorraine last weekend where she remained for a visit.

Mrs. Ford Clark and son, Richard, of Courtland, Ohio came in Monday to see 1 Christmas with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Butler, and family. Mr. Clark will join them later in the week.

Don Fitzhugh and family at Stephenville spent the weekend

with the George Fitzhughs. Blanch Yarborough, who teaches in the Big Spring schools is here to spend Christmas with her father, E. R. Yarborough.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Richardson of San Angelo, visited her sister, Mrs. C. C. Gilbert, last weekend. Other visitors in the home this week were their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Calvin Gilbert and children of Denton and Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Brummell of Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Powell and daughter of Midland visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hays, over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Davis and son of Maryneal visited the Rev. Jim Turner family Sunday.

Harvey Lynn Weaver and family of San Angelo spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Weaver.

Expansion of Sheep Breeding Research Aided

College Station, Dec.—Expansion of sheep breeding research to speed development of animal with improved ability to produce wool and meat that will satisfy consumer needs was advanced by members of the USDA's Sheep and Wool Research and Marketing Advisory Committee at their annual meeting, held Nov. 2-4 in Washington, D. C.

Breeds and strains of sheep which are resistant to hot, humid weather, parasitism and special diseases are needed to enable the sheep industry to expand into areas of abundant, year-round pastures, the committee noted.

In the area of marketing research, the most important need is for studies to determine consumer preferences for lamb quality, especially as they apply to maturity, degree of finish and meat color, the committee said. Expanded research on chemical treatment of wool was recommended as the most important need in the field of utilization study. The committee also urged publication of complete annual statistics on wool stocks in the United States.

The committee, of which T. A. Kincaid, Jr. of Ozona, Texas is a member, also recommended studies on ways to increase meat production, economic studies of price, supply and consumption, and studies to increase the use of wool in blended fabrics.

Detailed recommendations for sheep and wool research will be formally submitted to the USDA within the next few weeks. Copies of this report will be available from the committee's executive secretary, Max Hinds, Office of the Administrator, Agricultural Research Service, USDA, Washington 25, D. C.

HERE FOR HOLIDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Crutinger of Fort Worth are spending Christmas Day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Boggus. They will all have Christmas Dinner with Mr. Boggus, mother, Mrs. J. R. Boggus of Eastland.

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The cost of paint is usually a small portion of the total painting cost. For appearance and durability, it is a good investment to buy a high quality paint product. Saving money through the use of cheap paint is false economy.

The quality of paint needed can be determined by totaling the square foot area of each surface to be painted. The area can be calculated by multiplying the height or width of each surface by its length, in feet. Total area divided by the square foot coverage recommended by the paint manufacturer, gives the number of gallons of paint required for each coat. Generally, primer coats cover about 450 square feet and finish paint coats cover about 650 square feet of brushed surface.

Brushes, as with paint, should not be an economy purchase. A good paint job cannot be applied with a poor quality brush. For the requirements of home painting, three brush sizes should be available: 3 1/2", 2 1/2" and 1 1/2". Other equipment may be needed and should be available before undertaking a painting project. This includes wood stirring paddles, primer paint thinner, drop cloth, putty knife, wire brush

sandpaper, dusting brush and putty.

Properties of Wood Working with wood is fun. Wood has many properties with which most of us are familiar. It has color, lustre, grain, texture, hardness and weight. The variation in these properties makes each piece of wood distinctive. The properties vary between any two trees of the same species and even within any one tree. The greatest variation, of course, is evident between trees of different species. Consequently, it is important to use the proper wood for a specific purpose.

One example of variation may be seen by examining the weights of wood from various common tree species. The weight of wood is a good indication of its strength. The following values represent pounds-per cubic foot of the dry wood.

Kinds of Wood Weight

Table with 2 columns: Wood Type, Weight. Includes Oaks and hickories, Sweetgum and maple, Loblolly and shortleaf pine, Douglas fir, Redwood.

HERE FOR HOLIDAYS Christmas guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Shell are Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Gregg of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Sawyer of Pasadena and Miss Jimmy Kay Reid of Houston.



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Comic strip featuring PEGGY. Panels include: 1. GEE! LOOK AT ALL THE KIDS! WE MUST HAVE INVITED EVERYONE! 2. BUT WHY? 'CAUSE I INVITED LINDA... AND I JUST REMEMBERED THAT SHE NEVER WORKS OUT AT A BIG PARTY! 3. WELL, JUST LOOK AT THAT! IT'S GETTING SO EVERY TIME I TURN MY BACK SANCY IS WITH SOMEONE ELSE! I'M GOING TO WRITE HIM A NASTY LETTER AND TELL HIM OFF! 4. THIS SHOULD DO IT! IT SURE WILL. 5. HERE YOU ARE, LISSY, VEGETABLE SOUP? THAT'S RIGHT! IT HAS THE WHOLE ALPHABET IN IT! 6. WOULD YOU LIKE SOME MORE? NO THANKS PEGGY I COULDN'T HOLD ANOTHER SYLLABLE! 7. I CAN'T DECIDE WHETHER TO INVEST IN THAT STOCK OR NOT! A CAPITALIST HAS TO GAMBLE NOW AND THEN—I'LL FLIP A COIN! 8. YOU LOST! THERE ARE TOO MANY HAZARDS INVOLVED IN HIGH FINANCE—I'LL STICK TO LABORING! 9. I NOTICE MR. TILLER'S TAKING ANOTHER NAP! DON'T HIS NAPS BOTHER YOU, MRS. TILLER? NOT A BIT LORN! 10. GRACIOUS! NOW HE'S SLEEP WALKING! YES HE ALWAYS DOES THAT! 11. HUSBANDS ARE MORE USEFUL ASLEEP THAN AWAKE! 12. WHAT'S WRONG, TILLER? ARE YOU FEELING BAD? I SURE AM, NUN! 13. I'M WORRIED ABOUT MY MIND! THERE WAS SOMETHING I WAS SUPPOSED TO REMEMBER AND I FORGOT WHAT IT WAS! OH, PAW! 14. YOU FORGOT TO LEAVE THE MONEY ON THE TABLE FOR ME TO GO SHOPPING! NOW I FEEL WORSE THAN WHEN I FORGOT!

IN LUBBOCK FOR HOLIDAYS

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Henry are spending the holidays in Lubbock with their daughters and families, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stephens, Donna and Walter Earl and Miss Nina Henry. They will be met there by another daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Demetrius Terry, Teresa Ann and Nina Elizabeth of Lovington, New Mexico.

VISITS PARENTS

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Mathena will be their children Mr. and Mrs. Ross Elrod and Jimmy of Edinburg and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Blackwell and Deborah. Mr. and Mrs. Elrod will also visit his mother, Mrs. J. U. Elrod and Mr. and Mrs. Blackwell will visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Blackwell.

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa Claus, Please be kind to all the children and bring me a doll, baton, rocking chair and walking doll. I love you, Diane Walton

Dear Santa Claus, Please be kind to all the children and bring me a boat. I love you, Gregory

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a Miss Doll, kid Dell and some clothes. I love you, Mrs. Santa Claus have a

Dear Santa Claus, Love, Nina Lynn Wright

I would like a play ball action rifle, a bicycle, with a lawn football jersey with number 12, football pants, Billy Cannon shoulder pads, and a helmet with a single nose guard. The color of suit I want is Northwester blue. Also I would like a book of how to play Better Football. So Dennis's brother will not make fun of me.

Love, Gregory Slaughter

Dear Santa Claus, Please be kind to all the children. Bring me a boat, and bow and arrow.

I love you, Jackie Gibbs

Dear Santa Claus, I would like to have a new ball, new car, and a new hat. That's all.

Thank you, love, George Don Bennett

P. S. I hope you have a happy Christmas too.

Dear Santa Claus, I want a football for Christmas. And a wood burning set. Please give me a football suit, a bird folding set, and a camping set, a telescope, a painting set, and would like some football shoes and a sail boat.

Love, George Beighley

P. S. There will be some cake on the stove.

Dear Santa Claus, Please be kind to all the children and bring me a doll, baton, rocking chair, walking doll and a bicycle tire.

I love you dear Santa Claus, Brenda Howton.

Dear Santa Claus, Please be kind to all the children. Please bring me a B B gun and boat.

I love you, Ronnie Alsworth

Dear Santa, I would like a doll a watch and a housecoat and house shoes. Please bring me some real china dishes also.

Love, Vickie P. S. Some milk and cake will be on the Christmas tree.

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a big doll with some two dolls and clothes. Please send a little baby doll. Please bring me a camping set. I want some pencils and paper and something for my Mother and Daddy, too. I would also like some puppets, and some dishes and a surprise. Thank you and I love you.

Love, Rhonda Dawn Field

Dear Santa, Christmas is the time we are good things. If you think I've been a good boy please bring me a hunter set, a bicycle, an electric train a cape conaveral set. Please bring my brother Terry a fire truck.

Love, Mrs. Santa Claus, Love, Rex Hatfield

Dear Santa, I want a B B gun, a football, a hat and a bat and ball, and a bicycle and a basketball and Bible.

With love, Jackie Bass

Dear Santa Claus, Please be kind to every child and bring me a walking doll. I love you, Mona Walton

Dear Santa Claus, I would like to have a B B gun and a football, a car, and an airplane too. Will you bring it to me Santa.

Love, Jesse Ray Nichols

Dear Santa Claus, I want a football for Christmas, and a wood burning set. I'd like to have a camping set, and I want a football suit and a telescope. And please bring me a play set. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Love, Richard Williams

Dear Santa, I would like a Christmas tree, I would like a ball for my Mother. I would like a picture of my Mother for my Father. I love you Santa, Jerry Rogers

P. S. There will be pie on the 'V'. Love, Dennis Kennedy

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