

RANGER, TEXAS, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1947

Famous Christmas Picture



"ADORATION OF THE SHEPHERDS," GIORGIONE—"Magnificent in conception, superbly designed with strongly contrasting straight and curved forms emphasizing the devotional attitudes of the figures and the emotional content of the picture. Instinct with deep sentiment, the picture moves us as do some of the great old Christmas hymns and carols . . . Humbly and reverently, the shepherds kneel with Mary and Joseph. They form one of the tenderest groups in all paintings."

Famous Christmas Picture



"ADORATION OF THE SHEPHERDS," VAN DER GOES—"This is van der Goes' masterpiece and I believe it the greatest Christmas picture ever painted because of its sincerity and deep feeling, its combination of realism and imagination, because it expresses with equal emphasis the humanity and divinity of the event and because of the perfection of the artist's technical means of expression." The picture, familiarly known as the "Portinari Altarpiece," hangs in the Uffizi Gallery, Florence.

Avoid Accidents And Prevent Loss Of Life

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 24—"The only way to avoid the useless waste of life due to traffic accidents is to prevent the accident," reads a warning issued by Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

"It is not a question of who is right and who is wrong after the accident has occurred," he said, "and automobile accidents never happen merely because of 'bad luck'—there is a definite cause for every one of them, although it is not possible to determine the precise origin of every mishap."

Leaders of the safety movement agree that the most fundamental approach to the solution lies in the education and training of the individual. Safety education includes the training of individuals to avoid accidents to themselves and to prevent accidents to others. It involves the acquisition of a certain fund of information, the ability to apply this information to concrete situations, and the building up of habits which will make the application of knowledge to situations automatic.

The dangerous curves and intersections on the highways of Texas are distinctly marked, and automobile drivers can assist greatly in the reduction of deaths from automobile accidents by carefully observing these warning signs.

"Some motorists rely too much on traffic rules and regulations, thinking that if they obey the rules of the road at the time when

an accident occurs, no blame can be attached to them. This is not true. The only man who considers himself blameless in case of accidents, when he was obeying the rules of the road, is the one who did everything possible to avoid that accident.

"The consequences of automobile accidents are so disastrous that only when we have done everything in our power to avoid such accidents can we consider ourselves, or expect others to consider us, blameless in the case of accident."

"When each individual does all that he is able to do toward avoiding an accident of any kind, then and then only will our traffic accidents be avoided."

Alley Cat Strolls In To Win Show Prizes

ST. LOUIS (UP)—An alley cat wandered out of the cold into the Hamilton hotel. He stayed long enough to win two first prizes at the Central States Solid Color Club cat show.

The cat, a male Maltese, strayed into the hotel two days before the show opened. He was adopted by Mrs. Marcella Duffy, hotel hostess, and named "Mr. Silver."

He cupped first prize in the best color for kittens class and another first in the non-champion class.

Girls Can Drive, Too
HARRISBURG, Pa., (UP)—In Pennsylvania, women aren't doing so bad behind the wheel.

State Highway Safety Bureau statistics show that, in a year's time only one per cent of women licensees were involved in accidents while four per cent of the men drivers had mishaps.

★ ★ ★ ★ THE CHRISTMAS STORY ★ ★ ★ ★

And the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women.

And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God.

And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

... And it came to pass in those days, that there

went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David

a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

(This story of the birth of Christ is from St. Luke, the excerpts being taken from Chapters I and II.)

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Society-Clubs

Dorothy Ann Imholz Has Role In Play

COLUMBIA, Mo., Dec. 19—Miss Dorothy Ann Imholz of Ranger, Texas, a junior student at Stephens College here, was a member of the production crew for "Years Ago," Ruth Gordon's autobiographical play which was presented by the Stephens drama department recently.

The play is about a girl in 1912 who decides to go on the stage and causes a crisis in her family circle. Included in the cast are William Craig, former Broadway and radio actor who is now on the Stephens faculty.

Following the opening night performance to groups were received from Frederic March and Florence Eldridge, stars of "Years Ago" on Broadway; authoress Ruth Gordon and her director-husband Garson Kanin; and many others.

Miss Imholz is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Imholz, 1400 Foch Street, Ranger, Texas.

P. T. A. Presents Xmas Program At Young School

A Christmas program for students of Young School sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Association was held Friday in the school auditorium.

Carols were sung and readings and playlets were presented by the children. Two handpainted plates were presented to Mrs. M. E. Huff as a farewell gift and in appreciation for her services as president of the P.T.A. by that group. Mrs. Johnny King made the presentation.

At the close of the program the children returned to their rooms for the Christmas trees given by the teachers and room mothers.

Miss Kirk Mr. Richardson Married In Ceremony Sunday

In a ceremony performed in the First Baptist Church Sunday afternoon, December 21, at 2:30 o'clock, Miss Hattie Lucille Kirk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. F. Kirk of Ranger, became the bride of Mr. J. L. Richardson, Jr., son of Mrs. R. A. Smith of Cleburne and J. L. Richardson of Ranger.

The double ring ceremony was read by Rev. David C. Ham before an altar banked with pink gladioluses, fern and silver foliage and wedding bells, and flanked by seven branch candelabra holding tall white tapers. Miss Mary Sue Danley lighted the candles.

Pre-nuptial music was furnished by Miss Betty Reuwer at the organ. Miss Jacqueline Edwards, soloist, sang "Always", accompanied by Miss Reuwer, who also played the traditional wedding march.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, chose for her wedding a grey crepe street length dress

fashioned with draped bodice and skirt and long fitted sleeves. Her accessories were grey and pink. She carried a white Bible topped with four vanda orchids. Miss Lillian Je Kirk was her sister's maid-of-honor. She wore an aqua crepe dress with black accessories, and a shoulder corsage of pink carnations. Miss Patsy Wheat, bridesmaid, wore a pink crepe dress with black accessories.

Billy Anderson acted as best man. Glen Lyon was groomsmen and Leldon Martin and Jim Wallace were ushers.

Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held in the basement of the church. The table was covered with a lace cloth and appointed with crystal and silver. At one end was the three tiered wedding cake topped with a miniature bride and groom, and at the other end was the crystal punch bowl where Mrs. Clayton Lusby of Abilene, aunt of the bride, presided. Another aunt, Mrs. T. S. Jones of Abilene, served the cake.

When the couple left for a short wedding trip the bride wore an aqua suit with pink and grey accessories and an orchid corsage. Mrs. Richardson is a graduate of Ranger High School where she was a member of the Sub-Deb Club. Mr. Richardson also graduated from Ranger High School and served in the Navy for three years. They will make their home in Ranger.

Out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Lusby, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Jones, and Miss Joan Williams, all of Abilene. A rehearsal dinner was held Saturday night at 7:00 at the home of the bride's parents preceding the wedding rehearsal at the church.

The dinner was served buffet style from a table laid with a white lace cloth over pink and centered with a miniature bride and groom candle surrounded by silver leaves and candles.

Place cards at the small tables were silver wedding bells tied with pink ribbon. Favors were small bride's cakes.

Those attending were members of the wedding party, Rev. and Mrs. Ham and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Kirk.

Methodist Children To Have Xmas Tree

An old fashioned Christmas tree for all of the children of the Methodist church will be staged at the church Tuesday night at 7:00 o'clock.

A short program by the Vesper Choir will precede the distribution of sacks filled with candy and nuts.

READ CLASSIFIEDS DAILY

Heartsease

by Elsie Glenn

Graciousness

If there is anything in this tired, old world that lends more comfort than graciousness . . . then I do not understand the meaning of the word.

It means: "Beneficent, benevolent, charming, agreeable, friendly".

It also means: "Pleasing, acceptable, attractive, full of grace or charm, granting of bestowing grace, merciful, benignant, kindly, courteous, affable".

And it's truest and strongest meaning is: "Merciful."

For, if we are merciful, all the other meanings fall into line.

Think about it. How gracious are you? Your friends?

Which of them means most to you? Why?

It is the person who causes pleasing reactions in you . . . who is kind . . . considerate . . . who means the most to you . . . and to me

A gracious woman is tender, thoughtful, full of charm . . . and her charm is from within. She may be hideously ugly . . . or she may be radiantly beautiful.

Graciousness does not necessarily mean personality. It is the faculty of "bestowing grace" on others that gives such a woman charm . . . it is her desire to make those about her happier . . . less acerbic.

A gracious man is a man who is gentle . . . affable . . . courteous . . . sincere.

Fine clothes are not the mark of a lady or a gentleman.

The heart is the only measuring stick to gentility.

State History Association Opens Contest

AUSTIN, Dec. 22.—The Texas Historical Association has announced a first prize of \$100 for the winner of the 1947-1948 Junior Historian Writing Contest. Seventeen papers will receive awards totaling \$420.

Contest entries may deal with any topic in Texas history, but contestants are urged to work on some subject related to their community or local history. Some suggestions for topics are: cattle, trails, saddles, Indian depredations, transportation, natural history, exploration, oil, economic, political or biographical subjects.

"Any boy or girl in Texas under twenty-one years of age may become eligible for competition," stated H. Bailey Carroll, editor of the Junior Historian, the magazine of the association which is written almost exclusively by young Texans.

April 1, 1948, is announced as the closing date of the contest. All interested are invited to write for further information to the Junior Historian, Box 2151, University Station, Austin 12, Texas.

Two years after planting, the banana plant often attains a height of 30 feet.

Homes For Luck SAVANNAH, Ga. (UP)—Charlie Waiser, 192, ex-1887 and Yankee soldier during the Civil War, hopes his 103rd birthday Christmas will be luckier than Thanksgiving. The house given to him by the city when his shack was condemned as a fire hazard was destroyed by fire Thanksgiving.

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Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. Ducker of Kansas City, Mo. arrived today to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. Ducker's brother, John W. Ducker and family.

Capt. and Mrs. Frank Hatten and daughter of San Antonio were the week-end guests of Mrs. Hatten's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Swaney. Captain Hatten has returned to his home but will be in Ranger for Christmas.

Conrad Gilman of Dublin is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Nicol Crawford, and Mr. Crawford.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Brown have as their guests for the holidays Mrs. Lillian Nichols of Long Beach, California and Lt. and Mrs. H. C. Nichols of Weatherford and their son, Charles Brown a senior student at Texas A & M College.

Lloyd Huffman, a student of Texas Technological College in Lubbock, is home to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Huffman.

Miss Mary Allen Lanier, who teaches school in Monahans, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Lanier, for the holidays.

Miss Valerie Leonard of Fort Worth is visiting friends in Ranger and Olden. She is a student at T. C. U.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this method of expressing our thanks and appreciation to our friends for their kindness and cooperation in the death of our son, A. M. Brown, and for the beautiful floral offerings. May God's blessings rest upon each and everyone of you.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Brown, Rt. 2.
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hull, Clyde, Texas.
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lemaster, Powell, Wyoming.
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond O. Brown, Ranger, Rt. 3.
Miss Beatrice Brown, Dallas, Texas.

NOTICE!
In order to give our employes two extra holidays we will be
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Christmas Day—Friday and Saturday
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★ Navajo Blankets
★ Bits and Spurs
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★ Hand Tooled Bags and Billfolds
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PRICE FIVE CENTS No. 178

Big '48 French Military Budget Approved

FORCED LOAN PLAN ADOPTED TO FORCE RICH TO BUY BONDS

PARIS — The French National Assembly today approved a 1948 military budget of \$2,045,600,000 and a "forced loan" anti-inflation program to compel rich Frenchmen to invest from 25 to 50 per cent of their profits in Government bonds.

Travis Bond, 43, Dies On His Job With Cocoa-Cola

EASTLAND, Texas, Dec. 24—Travis Bond, Sr., 43, died this morning at 8 o'clock of a heart attack, while driving a truck on his way to Stamford, for the Coca-Cola Bottling Company.

Wallace To Air Election Stand Monday Night

NEW YORK—Henry A. Wallace will announce his position in the 1948 presidential campaign in a radio broadcast from Chicago Monday night, it was disclosed.

DC-4 LIMPING INTO PORT ON THREE ENGINES

NEW YORK—A four-engine DC-4 transatlantic plane, carrying 40 passengers, was flying over the Atlantic toward Gander, Nfld., on three engines today, but was not believed in serious trouble.

Anderson Lists Commodity Traders



Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson, center, makes known a list of 711 large-scale commodity traders who were in the market on October 31, 1946 and October 31, 1947, in a meeting in Washington. (NEA Telephoto).

Well... I Dunno, But...

Well folks, it's a good thing that we work on a newspaper or you wouldn't know of those Christmas wishes that we hold in our heart for you.

New Section Of Palestine Hit By Bomb, Attack

JERUSALEM — A new section of the Salameh quarter between Jaffa and Tel Aviv lay in smoldering ruins today as the result of an Irgun Zvai Leumi bomb and gun attack.

Correspondents Released After UN Makes Protest

NEW YORK—Two foreign correspondents accredited to the United Nations and representing Communist newspapers in Greece and India were free today by order of the U. S. Immigration Commissioner after UN Secretary General Trygve protested their arrest for possible deportation.

Signature On Anti-Inflation Bill Delayed

WASHINGTON — President Truman will not sign the Republican anti-inflation bill until after Christmas, the White House said today.

Speaking of Christmas cards, heard a man say this morning that he had sent out fifty cards, had received thirty-five, and practically none of the thirty-five were from people to whom he had sent cards.

The world coconut stems from the Portuguese "cocoas," meaning monkey.

The arrests of both men were protested by Lie in a letter to the United States delegation at the UN. He said that under an agreement in force since Nov. 26 deportation proceedings of accredited correspondents to the UN cannot be instituted without the approval of the Secretary of State after consultation with the secretary general.

Meeting Of RJC Ex-Students To Be Friday Nite

All ex-students of Ranger Junior College are asked to meet Friday night, December 26, at the high school auditorium at which time organization of the ex-students' association will be completed.

We hope that you like our Christmas edition this year. We are very proud of it and appreciate the fine cooperation we've had in getting it out.



Major General Bennett E. Meyers signs his \$2,000 bail bond shortly after his arraignment on prejury charges in New York City. His attorney, Charles Birdsaw, right, looks on. (NEA Telephoto).

Meyers Signs Bail

A constitution for the organization has been drawn up by a committee and will be submitted to the meeting for adoption. The organization of the association was begun during the homecoming here on October 23.

NO THURSDAY PAPER

In order that the staff of this newspaper may have a holiday Christmas day there will not be an edition of the paper Thursday.

Aged Minister Given Pardon

MADISON, Wis.—Dr. John Lewis, aged and ill Presbyterian minister imprisoned for burning his church, was granted a Christmas pardon by acting Gov. Oscar Rennebohm today.

Miss Morehart's Father Passes At Cisco Hospital

Funeral services for B. E. Morehart of Cisco, who died at Cisco hospital late Monday afternoon, were held Wednesday afternoon at the Cisco Methodist church with the Rev. Allen A. Peacock, of Cisco and Rev. E. R. Gordon, pastor of the First Methodist church of Eastland, officiating.

King and Queen Crowned At M-V High School

Coronation ceremonies crowning the king and queen of the Morton Valley High School were held at the high school auditorium Friday night, December 19.

We know it! Here it comes. We're beginning right now to make that New Year resolution to be ready when Christmas arrives.

Anyway, again, here's wishing you the merriest of Christmases.

It's A Dog's Life



White House photographers give "Feller", President Truman's new cocker spaniel, his first taste of what a dog's life is around the White House.

Two Christmas Masses Scheduled

Rev. August J. Morkel, pastor of St. Rita's Catholic church, announced today that solemn high mass will be said at 12 o'clock to-night at the church.

Another mass will be said Christmas morning at 11 o'clock with the pastor in charge of the service.

The Weather

Partly Cloudy.
Temperature at 1:30 p.m. today
Maximum 41
Minimum 37
Hour's Reading 40
Temperature for the last 24 hours ending at 8:00 a.m. today.
Maximum 65
Minimum 35

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Concrete Blocks Devised With Color Sealed In

FRANKLIN, Ind. (UP) — Dan Patterson claims to have developed the first practical method for the mass production of concrete building blocks in color.

Patterson provides building blocks in any color or color combination in 30 different designs. The colors and designs are incorporated in the concrete itself, and not painted on.

Patterson developed the process after two years of experimentation. The inventor said the blocks sell for approximately twice the price of standard concrete blocks.

SEE THE CLASSIFIED ADS

30 Year Old Truck Still Going Strong

MARYSVILLE, Kan. (UP) — Perhaps it should be in a museum judging by its age.

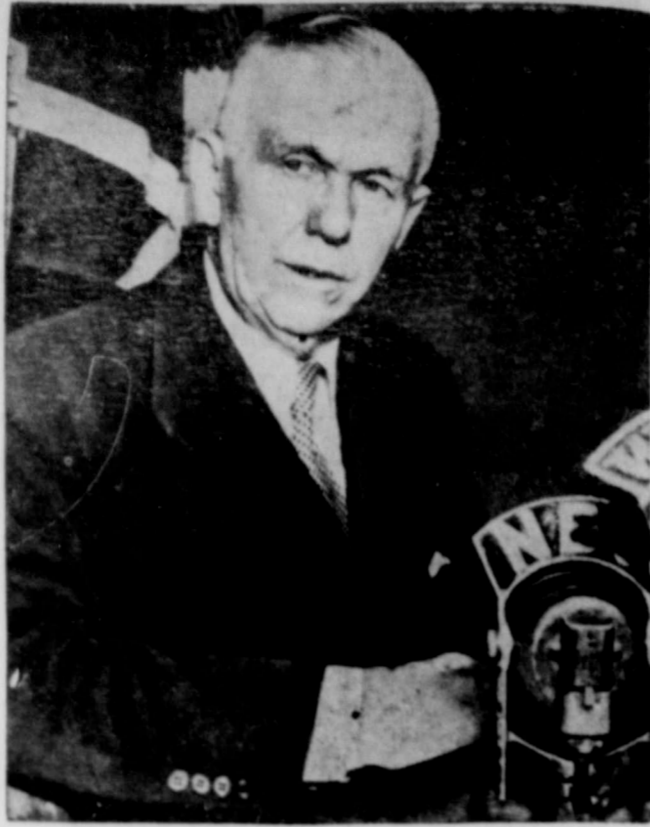
But Howard Vail, Marshall County farmer, continues to use his 30-year-old truck for farm hauling and says it performs as well as it did when he bought it back in 1917 for \$1,585.

In addition to its farm service, the truck often has been used to haul water for fire-fighting at Herkimer, Kan. which has no fire department.

Its original tires still are on the front wheels.

William Wilkie Collins an English author born in 1824, is known as the "Father of the detective story."

Secretary Marshall Reports



Secretary of State George C. Marshall is pictured in his State Department office reporting to the American people on the failure of the London Big Four Conference. Blaming the Soviet Union for deadlock on the German and Austrian treaties, he declared that final settlement of World War II must await the outcome of the Cold War in Europe between communism and democracy. (NEA Telephone photo).

PROSPECTORS SEEK FABULOUS HOARD OF ARIZONA GOLD

By James Brock
United Press Staff Correspondent
GOLDFIELD, Ariz. (UP) — Boom days may come again to this former thriving mining town on the northwestern flank of Arizona's rugged Superstition Mountains, 40 miles east of Phoenix.

Edward Strong Lewis, formerly with the state mineral resources department, is promoting the search again for the gold that he believes lies within the Mammoth and Black Queen claims, whose histories date back to the days of Frank Wells and the saga of the Dutchman mine.

Lewis said he would begin work on the Black Queen this winter. The mine, lying a mile north of the main 1,677 foot Mammoth "J" shaft, is more accessible and in better condition to begin immediate operations, he believes.

Mining activities were started here in 1891, when Charles Hall and Dennis Sullivan bought the Black Queen claim. Three years later the mine was producing 100 tons a day and Goldfield was a city of almost 5,000 inhabitants.

The era of prosperity was short-lived, however. In 1864, Goldfield

was swept by a flood which buried the workings in mud and water. Continuous cave-ins made further operations impractical. Hall then, reportedly worth \$1,000,000 went to Denver for a vacation. Before he could complete plans for reopening the mine, he died, and the thriving city became just another Western ghost town.

In 1914, George U. Young, mayor of Phoenix, interested several townsmen in investing money in the project. They sank \$265,000 into digging the Mammoth claim shaft. Operating costs stopped the project and Goldfield again was abandoned.

The property changed hands several times during the next few years and in 1939 a group of Phoenix businessmen bought the 800 acre Goldfield site at a sheriff's sale. Lewis, who had supervised operations for Young in 1915, returned to supervising preparations to mine again.

The long diagonal shaft of the Mammoth claim with its two miles of workings is now filled several million gallons of water, the result of seepage during the past

decade. It will be pumped out gradually for milling use.

Silent Trial Held

BOSTON (NU) — Sign language was used for trial of cross divorce actions here. The principals were Mr. and Mrs. George Porter, Jr., of Revere, both deaf mutes, who charged one another with cruelty.

Boys Will Be Boys

LAFAYETTE, Ind. (UP) — College students no longer are satisfied with picking up roads; "no parking" signs to decorate their rooms. Five Purdue University students from their sidewalk moor taking four-coin-operated parking city students were arrested for looting. They told police they wanted the meters for souvenirs.

Received a lot of lovely Christmas cards that you hate to throw away? Then why not have your youngsters and their friends paste them in scrapbooks for children in hospital wards? They'll get an extra kick out of doing it if you serve these festive but simple refreshments:

SANDWICHES—Juvenile Style

Children love to be helpful, so when I give them a party I put plenty of spreads and breads on the table and let them make their own sandwiches on the spot. (Speaking of spots, I use a paper tablecloth... Just in case!)

Favorite fillings are ANN PAGE GRAPE JAM and ANN PAGE PEANUT BUTTER... from the A&P. And of course A&P's MARCEL SANDWICH BREAD is a "must" with amateur sandwich-makers! It's thin-sliced, oven-fresh and enriched for extra nourishment.

"BOTTOMS UP" BEVERAGE

Milk goes like lightning when it goes to a party with COCONOG. Dissolved in hot or cold milk, this good mixer makes a delicious, nutritious chocolate-milk drink that's sure to make the grade with the grade school set (not to mention the kindergarten crowd). Get a jar at your A&P!

ANGEL FOOD in Party Mood

Young guests may not behave like little angels, but they'll fly to the table for JANE PARKER ANGEL FOOD BARS! To give small fry a big treat, split this heavenly A&P cake lengthwise and put ice cream between the slices. What kind? Read on!

SPARKLE PLENTY

For rich, fruit-flavored ice cream, add 1 cup milk slowly to a package of A&P's ANN PAGE SPARKLE VANILLA ICE CREAM MIX. Stir till smooth. Add 1/2 cup prepared vanilla ice cream. Blend well; pour into refrigerator tray and chill. Whip 1 cup chilled evaporated milk to custard-like consistency, adding 1 1/2 tbsps. lemon juice gradually. Add ice cream mixture; mix well and return to tray. When partly frozen, remove from refrigerator and mix again, scraping mixture from sides of tray. Return to refrigerator and freeze till firm. Serves 5 or 6.

Rent Payment Held Same As Lease

ATLANTA, Ga. (UP) — The Georgia Supreme Court, in a far-reaching decision, has ruled that where no time limit is specified, monthly rent payments by a tenant constitute a lease until the end of the year.

The ruling conflicts with the prevailing practice of 60 days' notice to end a rental in which there is no contract or lease. The court held that payment and acceptance of the first month's rent in a new calendar year constitutes an implied contract for the remainder of the second year.

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SO DO WE! IT HAS A MEANING ALL ITS OWN AND WHEN WE EXPRESS THESE SENTIMENTS TO YOU, PLEASE REMEMBER WE ARE TRULY MINDFUL OF THE FINE FRIENDSHIPS WE HAVE ENJOYED IN THE PAST. MAY THIS CHRISTMAS BE YOUR HAPPIEST.
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MAY the Christmas spirit be with us not for a few calendar days but throughout the years to come. Let us offer a fervent prayer that the Christmas bells will ring out forever with the cheerfulness of an everlasting peace on earth.
As we approach the eve of Christmas we are very grateful to our friends for their loyalty and extend cordial greetings and sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas.
LET US KEEP CHRISTMAS A SHINING LIGHT
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Frosting a cake when half finished ———
BUT SOME FOLKS ———
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Electric Age Overtakes Chicago Lamplighters

CHICAGO (UP)— In the infancy of the atomic age, 17 Chicago workmen soon will have their jobs snatched away from them by another era—the electric age.

The workmen are lamplighters who operate the city's 4,400 gas-burner and 260 gasoline fixtures. The city has let contracts to replace her antiquated lights. Now it is just a question of a few months before the lamplighters will be looking for new jobs.

After 22 Years



Warden Joseph Ragen, left, congratulates Tony Marino, inmate of the Stateville Prison in Joliet, Illinois, after the U. S. Supreme Court released its decision granting Marino a new hearing in a 1925 holdup-murder. Marino, an Italian immigrant, has served 22 years of a life sentence. (NEA Telephoto).

Chevrolet Names New Assistant Sales Manager

DETROIT, Dec. 17.— Appointment of a new assistant sales manager for Chevrolet was announced here today by T. H. Keating, general sales manager. Named to fill the Chevrolet sales chief was Ivan X. Sarvis, formerly regional manager of the division's Southwest Region, with headquarters at Dallas, and a veteran of more than 20 years in Chevrolet.

A native of Iowa, Sarvis joined the organization in 1926 as a representative in Los Angeles. He subsequently was appointed district zone manager, serving at El Paso and San Antonio. As a zone manager in following years, he returned to El Paso, and then held similar posts at Minneapolis, Fargo, Omaha and Houston. In 1938, he was elevated to assistant regional manager for the

Stalin's Book On Party Best Seller In Russia

MOSCOW (UP)— Soviet book publishing houses in the 50 years since the revolution have turned out 11,000,000 books of 873,000 titles, the All-Union Book Chamber announced.

Biggest single item was Josef Stalin's "Short Course in the History of the Communist Party," which had a total press run of 33,148,000 copies in 62 languages.

All the works of Lenin and Stalin combined totaled 682,000,000 copies. The works of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin were published 12,571 times in 101 languages.

Midwest Region, at Kansas City, and in 1945 was named regional manager at Dallas, the post he leaves for the Central Office appointment.

It Won't Happen to me Again— . . . is the unhappy confession of those customers who come to us from time to time with title problems. They had previously bought a team or some in town without an abstract. They are now selling and wise buyers usually demand an abstract. The seller not only has to pay the bill but he has no idea what kind of a title he has. More trouble! To avoid certain disappointment and extra expense buy it next time with an abstract.

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Christmas Greetings

AND KINDEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

TEXAS DRUG STORE
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The Day

We sincerely trust that Christmas, this year, will be THE BIG DAY for you, the day that will find you enjoying full happiness and contentment. And may its rich blessings continue throughout the days of the coming year.

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BULLETIN

Season's Greetings

TO OUR FRIENDS

We hope you will keep this little notice handy over the holidays to remind you of our appreciation for your friendships and thoughtfulness in days past. May Christmas be merry for you and those about you.

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Strictly Sentimental

Maybe we are old fashioned but we do get just a little sentimental at Christmas time.

We like to look back over the past twelve months, remembering all the fine things that have been our good fortune. It's pleasant to review the associations we have had with our friends—to find comfort in the knowledge that in lasting friendships come the joys of good living.

It's good to say "Merry Christmas"—it's satisfying to hear our friends say "Merry Christmas."

So, old fashioned or not, we just wanted to extend

THE SEASON'S GREETINGS
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AFTER CHRISTMAS CLEARANCE

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HANDSOME 1.50 NECKWEAR NOW ON SALE!
Men! Spruce up your winter suits with these perfect-knotting, fine-quality neckties at reduced price! Choice of latest patterns and colors. 1¹⁷

BIG SAVINGS ON CHILDREN'S UNDERWEAR!
Big clearance of 100 pair of both two-piece and one-piece undercloths. In sizes 4-12. Buy several. 27⁰⁰

4.98 SKIRTS . . . REDUCED FOR CLEARANCE
Choose from sweeping swing skirts, gored skirts, even some belted! In pure wool fabrics in variety of colors. Buy now at big savings! 34-39. 3⁰⁰

FORMERLY 12.98 DRESS-UP RAYON CREPES
Big clearance of festive rayon crepe dresses! Fashion-right styling some sequin trims, black and colors! Misses', juniors' and women's sizes. 8⁰⁰

BIG SAVINGS ON SLIGHTLY SOILED CURTAINS!
Practically reduced to make room for new stock! All perfect quality! from 1⁴⁷
Plain and dotted sheers in ruffled and tailored styles! Buy now—save!

CHILDREN'S CORDUROY OVERALLS REDUCED!
In blues, tans and maroons. Ideal for school or play! In sizes 4 to 10. Regularly \$1.98. 1⁷⁷

SALE! MEN'S 4.98 CORDUROY SLACKS FOR
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HURRY! SWEEPING REDUCTIONS!

MEN'S WESTERN STYLE BELTS REDUCED!
Pipkin or cowhide. Double stitched. Build for years of wear. Large silver buckle. Reg. \$4.00. 1²⁴

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Warm and roomy and made of water repellent material. All sizes. Reg. \$6.65. 4⁴⁹

SALE! MAPLE 2-PC. LIVING ROOM SUITE
Reversible cushions. Damask striped cover. Maple arms. Sturdily built and attractive. Reg. \$154.95. 129⁹⁵

2 PC. LIVING ROOM SUITE—REG. 169.95
Here's a bargain you won't want to miss! Sofa and Matching Lounge Chair tailored in long-wearing Mohair. Only 2 sets left . . . Clearance Price! 159⁹⁵

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WE pay cash for late model cars. Cecil Stewart.

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down at the typewriter and the telephone rang. My friend asked: "Elsie, could you come over and eat hot rolls?"

And, of course, Elsie could, although she had just eaten supper. Just the two of us, in the small, neat, cozy house. When I walked quickly in the back door, after giving a merry signal whistle, the honey, wonderful smell of hot lightbread made me giddy with anticipation.

We had beautiful, red strawberry preserves, pineapple preserves, more hot rolls than anyone ought to eat, and I had one up on her . . . she got mad because the seed in the strawberry preserves got waylaid in "her lower . . ." she teased me about washing clothes on Sunday and I laughed at her about having false teeth. Last summer, we had

General Chennault And Bride



Major General Claire L. Chennault and his bride, the former Anna Chan, 24, at their wedding reception, following their marriage at Chennault's home, Hollyheath, in Shanghai's Hungajo suburb. (NEA Radio-Telephoto).

looked at her strawberry patch together and this winter we companionably sat, together eating them in the warmth of her kitchen.

I fumbled around for a cigarette and couldn't find any . . . then we wandered into the living room. Comfortably we lolled in front of the fire and with only the light from the fire in the room, we watched the reflection dance and flicker on the walls.

Then another Elsie came in . . . a somewhat older woman . . . full of charm . . . quietness . . . understanding . . . humor . . . and it was the sort of evening where one could rest . . . with one's head against the chair . . . relaxed . . . where one could just say nothing, if one wished . . . and look up to

see the smiling dark eyes of the one Elsie and the other Elsie's friend smiling, too.

A friendship evening . . . with firelight dancing on the walls.

You've had evenings like that, too . . . and you'll have more of them.

Store them safely away in your heart . . .

Against the day you have need of them.

Texas Rules For Birds Against Oil
 AUSTIN, Tex. (UP) — Bird sanctuaries along the Texas coast of the Gulf of Mexico will be protected from oil drilling operations,

the Texas School Land Board in charge of coastal leases has decided.

The decision was made when the National Audubon Society protested against a lease near an island bird sanctuary near Rockport, Texas.

The board made the lease conditional on an agreement not to drill on the island or within 300 feet of it.

Visit to Well fatal
 SOUTH BERWICK, Me. (UP) — Seized with a heart attack as he was about to draw up a bucket of water, 75-year-old J. Albert Emery plunged into the well and was drowned.

Five Presidents have been elected from the state of Ohio and two elected from other states were born in Ohio.

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To all Stockholders of The First Federal Saving & Loan Association of Ranger.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual meeting of the stockholders of the First Federal Saving and Loan Association of Ranger will be held at the Paramount Hotel at 7:30 p.m. on January 7th, 1948 for the purpose of electing directors and transacting any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

A. J. RATLIFF, President
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TO OUR GOOD FRIENDS

Season's Greetings

Mr. and Mrs. James Higdon



The long awaited occasion is here and with it the opportunity of renewing friendships . . . of saying to our acquaintances that all our good wishes go to each of them and our heartfelt thanks for the patronage that we have had during the time we have served the people of this community.

So, for Christmas we say,

- ★ PEACE FOR YOUR PATHWAY
- ★ WISDOM FOR YOUR WORK
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Christmas Greetings

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 Atlanta, Ga. (UP) — Roy
 is executive secretary of
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 Atlanta, which builds 90 per cent
 of the city's homes. He has just
 been evicted from his house.

READ CLASSIFIEDS DAILY

SCIENTISTS TO SEEK ANCIENT CULTURE IN NEAR EAST

CHICAGO (UP)—Two university of Chicago professors have embarked on the first archaeological expedition into Western Asia since the war.

They are Robert J. Braidwood, assistant professor of old world prehistory and anthropology, and Donald E. McCowan, research associate in the university's orientalist institute.

Their routes lies from New York to Greece and thence to excavation sites in Iraq and Iran.

Braidwood, who will be making his seventh Asiatic excavation, will travel to the site of an ancient mound at Qara Yitagh in Iraq, where he will make camp.

McCowan will work at Iran at the head of the Persian Gulf south of Ahwaz. He will travel over a section of Iran looking for mounds which might prove interesting.

Braidwood said he expects to find remnants of cultures ranging from 4,000 B. C. to as 6,000 B. C. in the mound at Qara Yitagh. He said he would employ about 50 native workmen, including pick and shovel men, dirt carriers and women to wash pottery fragments.

Digging will begin about Jan. 1 and will continue through next April, when the temperature usually rises to 110 degrees and makes further digging unfeasible.

The two scientists then plan to return to the United States to write preliminary reports of their findings.

Because the cost of living has risen in Iraq, the scientists plan to ship all their supplies, from surveying equipment to lumber and nails, as well as personal needs. They will take trucks, station wagons, refrigerators, portable radios and other equipment.

The mound at Qara Yitagh is about 15 feet high and covers an area slightly smaller than a foot ball field. Broken bits of pottery at the mound's surface give a clue to the dates of remnants of villages once built on the site.

It is believed that mounds in Iraq have been built up through the centuries from successive deterioration and rebuilding of villages on the same site. The normal masonry material of the early

civilization was unfired mud brick. As the buildings deteriorated and the walls collapsed, new mud brick buildings were built on the site with no attempt to remove the debris.

Braidwood hopes to uncover the lowest layer, representing the earliest village culture of the area. He said that broken pottery and architectural forms of the partially remaining walls should provide a key to the period.

Keep Newspapers Handy In Kitchen

Keep a pile of newspapers in the kitchen, cut in half. Sheets will save much work in cleaning the stove, catching peelings, wiping burn off the bottom of the kettle or spilled food from the stove or sink.

Lots Of Excitement But Little Action

PHILADELPHIA (UP) — Everybody got into the act.

Police and firemen searched a central city building for "suspicious characters." A dislodged bit of plaster set off a burglar alarm. Operatives of a private agency answered the call. The firemen and police jumped the operatives. The private detectives arrested the police and firemen.

When it was explained, the groups joined forces for a search of the building. They found no suspicious characters.

—READ THE CLASSIFIEDS—

Back to Cracker Barrel
 NEW YORK (UP) — The nation's needs for adult education would be met if every town and hamlet established the old-fashioned cracker-barrel forums which once were held in country stores.

Dr. Edwin S. Burdell, director of Cooper Union, believes. He recommended discussion groups in schools, churches and community centers.

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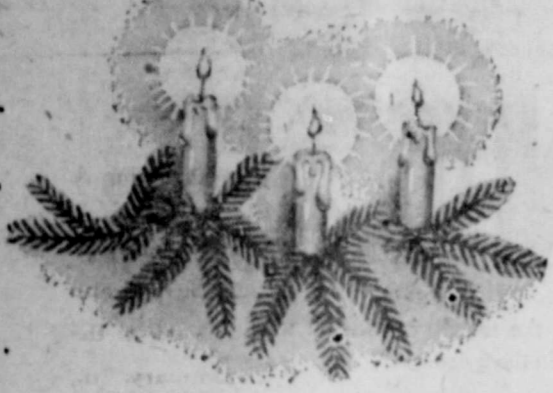
Is There a Baby in the House?

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Public Accountant

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The past year has been a good year. Many new friends have been made and the relationships of old friends are reassured. These associations we treasure and trust it will be our privilege to enjoy them for many more years to come.

Christmas Greetings!

Ranger Junior College
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BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

A. J. RATLIFF
 Feed and Seed
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CHRISTMAS Greetings

We thank you most enthusiastically for the excellent cooperation we have enjoyed during the year just drawing to a close. We have tried to serve you courteously and efficiently and pledge continuation of our efforts as long as we have the privilege of serving you.

Allow us to extend the Season's Good Cheer to everybody!

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HAPPY NOEL

NOEL

May you and your loved ones enjoy to the fullest all of the good that is in store for you during the Christmas Season and the days to come.

STRONG'S FLOWER SHOP
Main Street

NEWS FROM **STAFF** ROUTE NO. 2
Mrs. M. O. Hazard, Cor.

STAFF, Dec. 22 — Walter Duncan was a business visitor in Eastland last Monday.

Frank Williamson transacted business last Monday in Ranger.

Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Hazard were visiting their daughter, Mrs. Sam Fonville and Mr. Fonville, in Ranger last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Hallenbeck visited in Eastland Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Hazard visited their son, Maurice and family, last Tuesday in Eastland.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Nelson were shopping in Eastland Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Parker were guests of their daughter, Mrs. Maurice Hazard and Mr. Hazard, Thursday afternoon in Eastland.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lawrence of Olden were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Crosby Friday afternoon.

Allen Cosby and Lonnie were Eastland visitors Saturday.

Earl Little was a visitor in Stephenville Saturday.

Mrs. Bessie Bennett and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Little.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. White of Eastland visited relatives in this community Saturday.

Miss Betty Jean Bennett, who has been attending John Tartan College at Stephenville, came in Saturday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bennett.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mitchell of Strawn were dinner guests Saturday of Mrs. Mitchell's uncle, Tom Pope and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Winston Boles of Eastland were Saturday night guests of Mrs. Boles' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Little.

Faster Than Sound



Captain Charles Yaeger, Army test pilot, has made the first supersonic flight in history, according to Aviation Week magazine. Capt. Yaeger is reported to have made his faster than sound flight in the Bell XS-1. (NEA Telephoto).

Demand!



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Greetings

May the Good Cheer and Peace of Christmas be with you on this day and always.

DABBS
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207 So. Commerce

The Rev. Paul Stephens of Abilene filled the pulpit at the Baptist church here Sunday. He and wife were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pope while here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Foreman of Ranger were dinner guests Sunday of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Crosby.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Holliday of Gorman attended Sunday school and preaching at the Baptist church here Sunday morning.

Bill Holliday and family of Kokomo attended services at the Baptist church here Sunday.

That Was No Robbery Just Door Trouble

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (UP) — An armored truck drew up in front of the Lincoln Bank. The pistol-laden guards took their places in preparation for the load-

ing of currency. The driver couldn't get the door of the truck open. The money was taken back into the bank. The guards and the driver tried pinch bars and tire irons. Then someone leaned from a second-story window and shouted: "Hey, you guys, cut it out now or I'll call the cops!"


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A New Page

Greetings

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Dec. 23 — Rev. Joe of Waco is here to spend Christmas holidays with his Mr. and Mrs. Paul Poe.

Pierce Shackelford of Putnam visited here last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hard-

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Brown of Breckenridge were guests of Mrs. Brown's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Beene, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hagerman of Moore are spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Moore.

Mrs. Carrie Tucker returned to Cisco Thursday, after a visit with her mother at Carbon.

Dean Large left Sunday for Kerrville where he will spend

Christmas in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dude Large.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Lawson and baby plan to spend Christmas in Dallas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Sharp.

Mack Beene left Saturday for Booneville, Ark., where he will spend Christmas in the home of his mother, Mrs. J. M. Beene.

Dr. and Mrs. N. T. Mulloy transacted business in Rising Star, Friday.

J. Bob and Elane Hart of San Angelo are spending a few days here with relatives.

Mrs. W. H. LaRoque is visiting at Harlingen in the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Elam, Jr.

Miss Louise Morris of Lubbock is here to spend the holidays in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Morris.

Bob Cook of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, will visit here during Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Haynie.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. McBeth and Mr. and Mrs. Gus Hart spent Sunday afternoon in Rising Star with Miss Eva Richardson.

Miss Marian Chamberliss of Abilene is here to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Chamberliss.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Harrelson of Arizona are spending the week-end in the home of his mother, Mrs. A. E. Harrelson and other relatives here.

Mrs. Ed Townsend of Nimrod transacted business Friday in Cisco.

Miss Cathryn Shepard came in Sunday from Dallas where she spent the week-end with friends.

Mrs. Melba Beard of Fort Worth is visiting in the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Beard and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hagerman of the Pleasant Hill community were shopping in Cisco Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cozart of Nimrod transacted business here Saturday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Tarver, Monday, December 15, a daughter who has been named Deanna. Mrs. Tarver is the daughter of Mrs. H. V. Doyle.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Pence of Childress spent the week-end here.

Harold Rupe is here from Japan to spend Christmas in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Rupe.

In terms of heat radiation, a fluorescent lamp operates four times cooler than an incandescent bulb producing the same amount of light, Westinghouse lamp engineers calculate.

Garden Lore

By Ethel Brookes Gilmore

The City of Mexico is beautifully laid out with trees, gardens, marble fountains, and here and there, a statue for the weary.

In this setting is the pearl of great price, the National Cathedral, that stands on the original site of the great pyramidal temple of the Aztecs. The Cathedral was dedicated during 1575. The following Christmas, legend tells that many came from afar to worship the Virgin Mary and the Christ Child. Among them was little Carmelita who like Madelon of the Holy Land had no gift to offer. So she walked by the altar, and received blessing, then went out into the friendly night that hid her tears.

Carmelita knelt down to pray, and as she did, her hand clutched a weed that was growing beside her. An angel spoke to her saying: "Go give what thou hast in thy hand." Very softly she walked down the long aisle to the altar, then laid the deep green weed on the end, by the statue of the Virgin Mary.

A red light seemed to radiate around the weed, hiding it from view for a moment. Then a miracle came to pass, no longer was there a weed, but the beautiful, Flor de Noche Buena, or Flower of Christmas Eve. The worshippers whispered together saying: "God is good to us, for a new flower is born, this Holy Night." We, of the U. S., call the flower Christmas flower.

Dr. Poinsett died in 1851, but his name lives on forever in the gorgeous flower that was named for him. (Copyright)

Dr. Joel Poinsett was born in South Carolina during 1779. He was appointed as ambassador to Mexico in 1828. Upon his return to South Carolina he brought back cuttings of the Flor de Noche Buena. From S. Carolina the plant was sent to other states and became our



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Personals

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C. K. McLaughlin of Austin, and Mr. and Mrs. Park Weaver and sons, Ralph and Park, Jr., of Ft. Worth.

Mrs. Louise V. Featly and Mr. and Mrs. Gates Baker all of New Orleans arrived Wednesday for a brief Christmas visit with relatives.

Miss Doris May of Dallas arrived today to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. May.

Miss Lenelle Rose has returned to Amarillo after a four days visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Rose. She will resume her studies as student nurse at Northwest Texas Hospital.

Frankie Ford, who has just received his discharge from the Navy has been visiting friends in stanger before going on to his home in Tyler.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bob Pounds of Monahans are here to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Pounds, and Mrs. J. C. Craver, and families. Other guests of the Pounds will be Mr. and Mrs. Adron Pounds and daughters, Barbara, Rose and Anita Faye, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Pounds, Jr. and son, Bill, of Monahans, and Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Surles and daughter, Carol Ann, of Dalas.

Garvin Chastain and daughter Marise returned Tuesday from San Antonio. Guests in the Chastain home over the holidays are Mr. and Mrs. Garvin Chastain, Jr. and son, Colby of Ft. Worth.

Dr. C. L. Jackson who has been in the Akins General Hospital since he returned home. Miss Jane Harmon, a student at Texas Christian University, is here to spend the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. J. Way Harmon.

Hospital News

Fulton Brasher has been dismissed from the West Texas Hospital where he was a medical patient.

Mrs. E. J. Carey has returned to her home at Cuddo after being a medical patient in the West Texas Hospital.

C. S. Mallock is a medical patient in the West Texas Hospital.

R. D. Decker has been dismissed from the West Texas Hospital.

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Mrs. Saunders Gregg has been a medical patient in the West Texas Hospital and has been dismissed.

Haywood Gordon is a medical patient in the West Texas Hospital.

Fearing Scots' invasion of San Antonio to do battle with the Brackenridge Soaring Eagles, in beautiful Alamo Stadium.

Two ace players... will alternate in reporting the play by play and halftime activities. Starting at 2:15 p. m., the broadcast of this 27th try for top honors among the 104 Class AA High School football teams, will be heard over the following and other stations:

KRBC Abilene, 1450 kc.; KNOW Austin, 1490 kc.; KTBC AUSTIN, 590 kc.; KSTB, Breckenridge, 1430 kc.; KBWD Brownwood, 1380 kc.

Lost and Found Creek in Blair County, Pa., disappears at several intervals and finally flows into the ground.

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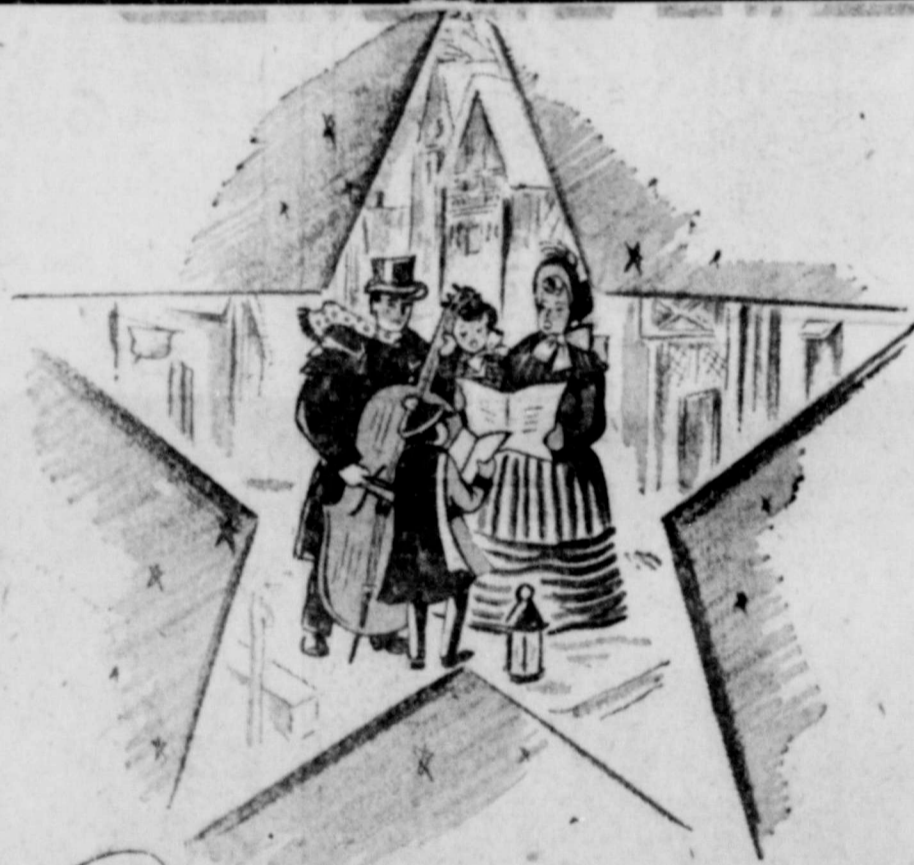
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Well I Dunno...

(Continued from page 1)

One of the boys just walked in and ordered us to quit writing. When we admonished him, he replied, "Listen Ducker, this is one day when no news is good news."

My, those boys are really ready to get going about Christmas.

Defies No. 13

Only, superintendent of the isn't superstitious. He has a o. i. as a car license for 32 years and his car has involved in only one slight dent.

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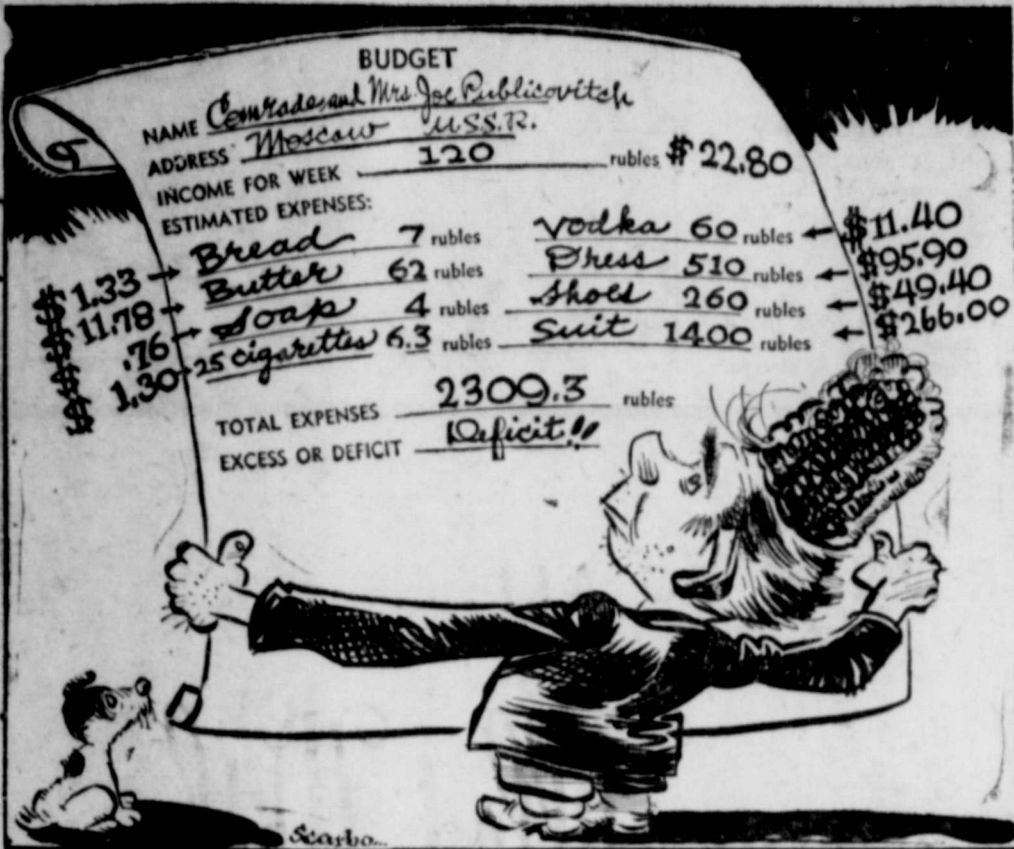
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RANGER, TEXAS, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1947

Ruble, Ruble He Is Thinking



Russians are rejoicing over their newly-devaluated ruble, say dispatches from Moscow. But the average Muscovite will still have a hard time making both ends meet. The chart-ton above, based on latest prices from Russia, simulates a budget for the average-income Moscow family. He needs to work a bit more than two weeks to earn the price of a pair of shoes. Dollars-and-cents equivalents are also shown, at the current rate of exchange.

State History Association Opens Contest

AUSTIN, Dec. 23.—The Texas Historical Association has announced a first prize of \$100 for the winner of the 1947-1948 Junior Historian Writing Contest. Seventeen papers will receive awards totaling \$420.

Contest entries may deal with any topic in Texas history, but contestants are urged to work on some subject related to their community or local history. Some suggestions for topics are: cattle, trails, saddles, Indian depredations, transportation, natural history, exploration, oil, economic, political or biographical subjects.

"Any boy or girl in Texas under twenty-one years of age may become eligible for competition," stated H. Bailey Carroll, editor of the Junior Historian, the magazine of the association which is written almost exclusively by young Texans.

April 1, 1948, is announced as the closing date of the contest. All interested are invited to write for further information to the Junior Historian, Box 2131, University Station, Austin 12, Texas.

Not Native Sons

CONCORD, N. H. (UP)—Neither New Hampshire's governor nor its two U. S. senators are natives of this state. Gov. Charles M. Dale came here from Brown's Valley, Minn., while Sen. Styles Bridges was born in West Pembroke, Me., and Sen. Charles W. Tobey is a native of Boston.

acres of land is one reason why such a volume of fruit can be produced.

J. F. Rosborough, extension horticulturist for Texas A. & M. College, says that in the 1946 season, 29,372 cars of citrus fruit were produced and 37 plants for the canning of grapefruit and orange juice and the dehydration of grapefruit peel were in operation. The peel is converted into livestock feed.

Sweet Juicy Oranges, Grapefruit And Tangerines Mean Christmas

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 24.—Sweet juicy oranges and tangerines, as well as golden grapefruit, mean Christmas in any language, and the Rio Grande Valley is playing Santa Claus again this year.

Back in 1900, the Rio Grande Valley was a vast, brush-covered country with a dense growth of mahoe, ebony, huisache and prickly pear, sparsely populated

with ranchmen. Today, more than eight million citrus trees are on the same area and produce thousands of carloads of fruit.

In 1904, the first railroad went into the valley and paved the way for later development of the citrus industry. It was 1915, however, before the first substantial commercial planting of 300 acres of grapefruit and orange trees

was brought from Florida by John H. Shary and set out near the town of Mission. The success of this planting encouraged others until in less than five years there were almost a million trees scattered from one end of the valley to the other. The first carload of citrus fruit was shipped north in 1921.

The clearing of brush was a tremendous undertaking and is still being carried on as the citrus orchards move northward. The skillful engineering that spreads the waters of the Rio Grande river through 3,000 miles of irrigation ditches to cover 350,000



Deep Down In Our Heart

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Greetings

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Assistance Needed By Veterans To Be Provided 'Tis Said

Badly needed assistance to veterans and training schools in keeping their accounts straight with the Veterans Administration, will be provided under an audit and survey plan announced through the Dallas Regional VA Office today.

"Preventing overpayments in subsistence to veterans and in tuition to training institutions now, will keep veterans and schools from getting into a situation where they have to repay money to which they were not entitled," William T. Murphy, director of Vocational Education and Rehabilitation, said. "Often such repayments are rather painful financially to veterans and institutions alike."

Under the Audit and Survey Plan, teams of two men each will go out from Regional Offices to assist schools in keeping proper records to prevent overpayments, VA said. A team of two men will

be assigned in Regional Offices to service and work with each team in the field. This plan was originally initiated by the Houston Regional Office under Manager Leon P. Howe's. To date, nine schools with a total enrollment of 1,655 veteran students been surveyed in the Houston Region and reports show subsistence overpayments to 1,121 veterans in a total amount of approximately \$266,000, and tuition overpayments to schools amounting to around \$72,000.

"If the same situation were found to exist proportionately in the 5776 institutions training 44,937 veterans in the Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi area, overpayments would run into huge figures," Murphy said. "Provisions must be made to clear up such overpayments and to prevent them from being made in the future." "We think these audits and survey teams are the answer."

Overpayments were attributed to a lack of knowledge on the part of many training schools of how to set up and maintain proper records required under their contract with VA. Another fault at

\$10 Collar For \$12 Dog Typifies How Paris Living Costs Stack Up

By James McGlinchy
United Press Staff Correspondent
PARIS (UP)—Prices? Don't tell me about prices. The other day we bought a collar and lead for our pup. Nothing fancy. Just an ordinary leash. Several chewings proved it was far from real leather. The price—\$10. The dog had only cost \$12.

Cost of living? In Paris it's all cost and little living. Apart from the price of food, which is too fantastic to be believed, the ordinary commodities of day to day life are just about out of reach.

The little box of five razor blades, for instance, costs about 25 cents. Toothpaste is as dear. Neither the blades nor the toothpaste are of good quality. A small fingernail brush in a back street drug store sells for \$1—the kind they have in the five-and-ten back home.

about 75 North Dakota rural schools which operate on a winter vacation schedule because of the bad road conditions during the winter season.

Under a regular schedule, students would be faced with the problem of getting to school in the snow drifts or to keep out the freezing drafts during sub-zero weather.

U. S. Christmas Tree 110 Years Old This Year
READING, Pa. (UP)—The Christmas tree will be 110 years old in the United States this year.

Dr. Alfred L. Shoemaker, curator of the Historical Society of Berks county, is helping to organize the Reading-Berks County Bicentennial Celebration in 1948. He says 1838 is the earliest date found when the decorated ever-

green was used in Christmas festivities in this country.

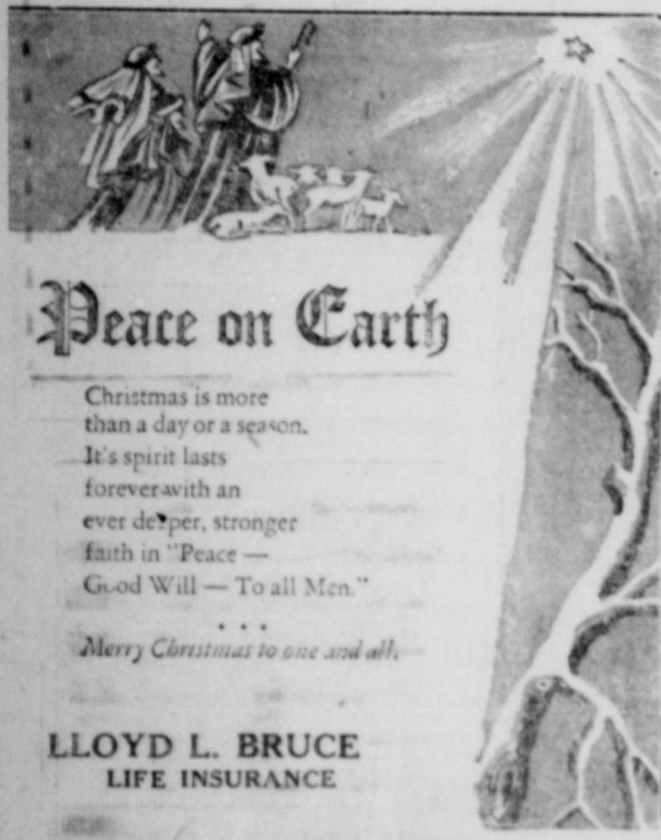
The idea was brought to America by Germans who settled in Pennsylvania and have since come to be called "Pennsylvania Dutch." Dr. Shoemaker has assembled many examples of early Christmas tree ornaments. All were made by hand, usually of cardboard covered with gilt paper. Also hung on the tree were the famous "Pennsylvania Dutch" Christmas cookies, which were the first to mark Christmas with any gaiety. They observed the feast when it was largely ignored by the New Englanders.

Their Record Parallel
KENDALLVILLE, Ind. (UP)—Eighteen months ago Robert Reade and Donald Shippy, both of this city, entered the army together. They were sent to the same basic training camp and then were assigned to the same engineering battalion in Japan. They both became sergeants. They were discharged together in California.

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Merry Christmas to one and all.

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In men's clothing prices range from \$2 for a pocket handkerchief to \$14 for a felt hat of a quality that would make Mr. Stetson sick. Wool socks are \$3.50; silk ties nearly \$6. The pigskin gloves are nice — \$8 a pair. Shirts average from \$5 to \$12 for poor quality.

A woman needs a wheelbarrow full of 5,000-franc notes to go on a shopping spree for herself here, 5,000 francs being a measly 40 bucks. A shop on the Rue de Rivoli displays an ordinary corduroy jacket for a gal to toss over her shoulder on a mild fall day. It's only \$91.

The same number in leather sells for \$280. If the lady figured he would have enough money left that it would be worthwhile having a handbag to carry it, he could get a nifty leather number in a wide variety of styles and prices, starting from \$66.

A good-looking but not sensational present was said to be lack of an adequate system at many institutions for promptly notifying VA when individual veterans discontinue their training.

Murphy said that each Regional Manager will be responsible for setting up the plan in his region and for arranging with both schools and veterans for restitution of overpayments. Arrangements for subsistence repayment will be worked out on an individual basis with each veteran and will usually be accomplished by deductions from future payments in a way that will cause veterans the least possible inconvenience, he emphasized.

OUR WISH TO ALL....

Christmas Filled With Joy and Happiness...

For both young and old there are untold joys at Christmas time.

There's laughter and gaiety and warmth in the hearts of men—

there's a happiness that knows no bounds—there's a spirit of giving that is beautiful to behold . . . there's a bright sparkle in the eyes of the kiddies, an excitement in their little beings that only visions of Santa can bring. That all may experience these magic joys is our sincere wish this Christmas . . .

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MERRY CHRISTMAS to All!

In the same old friendly way,
On the same old friendly day—
We extend our very best wishes
For a very joyous Yuletide,
And a very Happy New Year.

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CHEVROLET

France Honors St. Lo Hero



Sculptor William C. Wescott poses in New York City with his bust of Maj. Thomas D. Howie, hero of the St. Lo break-through in July, 1944. The bust will be given to the French city for its main square, which will be renamed "Place Major Thomas D. Howie." The officer was an All-Southern Conference football star at The Citadel.

Doom Brass Pole

NEW ORLEANS (UP) — First the smoke-eating fire horses vanished, then firemen's red suspenders. The latest sentimental casualty around two local firehouses is the traditional brass pole.

The buildings, both outmoded, will be replaced by one-story, up-to-date structure which even will contain blowers to dry the wet garb of fire fighters.

The absence of a second floor will eliminate the need for poles to slide down. The firemen merely will dash from their sleeping quarters on the ground floor to the trucks.

History Kept Straight

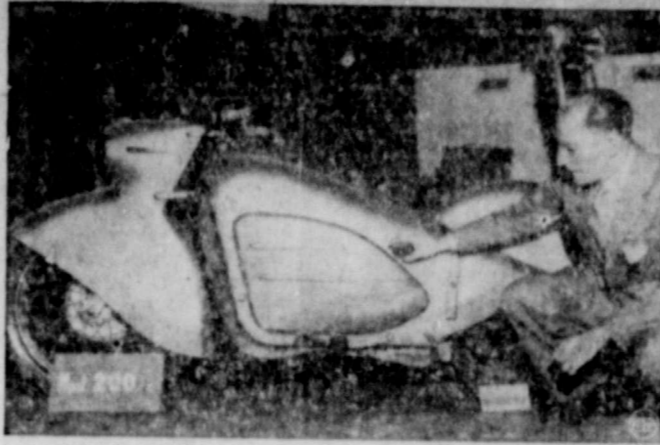
AUTUMN, Tex. (UP) — To avoid not propose to let errors about historical events go uncorrected.

When Fayette county found an inscription on the county court house lawn, it was corrected in the monument itself.

The marble shaft now has these inscriptions:

"Captain N. H. Dawson and his

'New Look' in Motorcycles



This aluminum-plated, streamlined motorcycle is on display at the Milan Exposition in the Italian city. The seat can be raised or lowered by means of the handle being turned by a mechanic. (Photo by NEA-Acme staff correspondent Julius Huml.)

command who fell at the battle of Salado, Tex., Sept. 19, 1834." (Correction) "Capt. Nicholas Mosby Dawson and 50 other volunteers were killed near Salado Creek in Boxer county."

Missing Steer Mystery No Mystery At All

OREM, Utah (UP) — E. T. Patten is still embarrassed today about his young steer he thought was stolen.

With beefsteak at its present price, Patten called out local law enforcement officers to search for the steer when he couldn't find it.

Sheriff's officers spent the afternoon investigating. While the

Sets Out For Fish Gets Duck Instead

YORK, Neb. (UP) — Mrs. Dorothy Lage, who likes to fish, demonstrated that the hand is quicker than the eye—especially the eye of a wild duck.

Sitting on the bank of the Blue River, with her fish line in the water, Mrs. Lage saw a wild duck swimming slowly down stream. As the duck neared the point where her line was in the water, Mrs. Lage gave the pole a quick flip and wrapped the line neatly around its neck.

She served wild duck for dinner.

Mouthful



Alex Linton has been swallowing swords for 31 years. Now 43, he says, "It certainly beats working hard." He's shown downing four 17-inch blades during his act in New York. During wartime rationing, he swallowed all his points.

Asks Amnesty



Garbed in a Revolutionary War uniform, Nathan Horowitz, of New York City, who represents the Committee for Amnesty to War Objectors, pickets the White House with a sign asking President Truman to shelve all conscientious objectors.

Merry Christmas

We're sextons this Yuletide . . . We're climbing to the belfry and ringing those joyous, silver-toned bells till everyone of our friends hears the peals of Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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To Greet You

We wish you all the joys of the Christmas season and a very happy New Year too!

WE'LL BE OPEN CHRISTMAS DAY
Serving Turkey And All The Trimmings
JIGG'S CAFE
Pearl Shelton, Owner

Merry Christmas to All!

It's Christmas Eve. Everything lies in wait for the Big Day . . . the stockings ready for the filling . . . a tree adorned with multicolored balls prepared for the laughter and joyous voices of all who search 'neath it on the morrow for splendid gifts . . . warm, roomy chairs awaiting visitors to share Yuletide with the family. . . . On this night before Christmas, we wish one and all, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Vaughn

Neither Fire Nor Flood Stops Millers

ARKANSAW, Wis. (UP)—Flood and fire have been no match for four grimly determined generations of the Miles family of millers during the past 99 years. Since Henry Miles built his first grist mill here in 1857, three fires and two floods have halted service to surrounding farmers only briefly. Uncle Henry's son, was burned out in 1871 and flooded out when the Arkansas River ran wild in 1878. Fire and flood repeated in 1897 and 1907, with Uncle's son taking over the mill. The last fire—in 1937—razed buildings again. James' son in law, Cecil Harmon, hasn't lost the mill yet, he's prepared for anything.

Illinois Tech Plans Its Own City

CHICAGO (UP)—Henry T. Head, president of the Illinois Institute of Technology, announced the beginning of a \$15,000,000 construction program designed to make Illinois Tech a city within a city. The program will take about

'Come Along, Yah Big Ape!'



Nurses at a Chicago maternity center were terrified when they saw a 12-foot gorilla hanging from a lamppost outside their window. It turned out to be a 250-pound papier-mache model, tied to the lamppost by two revelers who didn't want to take him into a nearby tavern. Above, Policemen Bernard Brown and William Thieme take the monster for a ride in the paddy-wagon.

Fire losses during 1947 are expected to reach the all-time high of \$700,000,000, a figure that equals the estimated cost of running the New York State government in 1947-48. Florida's largest reptile is the alligator, often measuring 15 to 20 feet in length and weighing 1,000 pounds.

Season's Greetings

The warm glow of Yuletide candles expresses our feelings for all on this glorious holiday.



BRAZDA AMEEN CLINIC

MERRY CHRISTMAS

To our many friends, we extend our wishes for a Yuletide filled with all the good things in life—good health, happiness, peace and prosperity.

WEST TEXAS CLINIC AND HOSPITAL



five years to complete. It is designed to furnish educational and residential facilities for 10,000 persons.

The project will cover 109 acres in the center of the south side of Chicago.

Fifty-five buildings are in the blueprint stage and among them will be three 10-story apartment buildings, three 3-story walk-up apartment buildings, 10 four-story

Seek To Unionize Black Marketeers

ROME, (UP)—Street corner vendors of black market cigarettes hope to find strength in union. They are organizing a union to get official recognition as "merchants" from the Chamber of Labor, which would leave them free to carry on their sales of retail to-

bacco. Business was prosperous for these peddlers as long as allied troops were in Italy. Cigarettes could be bought from non-smoking soldiers or stolen from allied left Italy under terms of the peace treaty. American and English cigarettes are scarce, prices are soaring and the black market peddlers want to protect their business.

Since tobacco is an Italian state monopoly, police raids on street corner vendors are frequent. Cigarettes are confiscated and vendors fined.

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WITH EVERY GOOD WISH FOR A

Happy Holiday Season

All that makes for a merry, merry Christmas... the voices of carol singers filling the air, the bells pecking melodiously, the holly wreaths hanging in the windows... all those things plus joy and happiness in your heart we sincerely hope is yours on this glorious holiday.

Paramount Hotel & Coffee Shop



Greetings OF THE Season

We wish you everything good at Christmas time and through the year to follow. Make every minute ring with fun and contentment—enjoy every day in holiday spirit!

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OUR 53rd CHRISTMAS

is Cancer Fight

ALLAS, Tex. (UP)—Blind scientist, who spent four years working on the atom-bomb until a premature explosion...

ion blacked out his career, is applying his knowledge of atomic energy and radiation measuring instruments to medicine as a technician in the Maxfield X-Ray and radium clinic here.

Huffines, a graduate and former instructor of the electrical engineering school at Southern Methodist University here, was one of the first employees of the Manhattan project at Los Alamos, N. M. where he headed the electronics department as chief of instrumentation.

In his present work, he hopes to apply some of the by-products of atomic energy to cure cancer.

Due to year-end accidents, nearly 400,000 more persons will suffer lesser injuries which will dampen their Christmas - New Year's celebration.

"This is the dark side of the Christmas picture," said Ned H. Deaborn, president of the Council, "but we must face it to prevent the holly, mistletoe and the Christmas tree itself from becoming a hollow mockery."

"The Council's estimate of holiday casualties can be proved wrong, of course, if most people play it safe at Christmastime and try—with extra caution, care and courtesy—to make this an accident-free holiday season. Nobody should need any stronger warning to enlist personally in the Christmas safety campaign now underway."

The Council and 130 other national organizations are conducting a nationwide campaign to check the threatened holiday increase in accidents. "Don't Let Death Take Your Holiday" is the keynote for this effort.

cooperation of all America in keeping the Christmas-New Year's holiday celebration a safe one.

The Council said Christmas is the year's most hazardous holiday because of:

- 1. Heavy holiday travel, which is more dangerous during the winter because of earlier darkness and had weather.
2. Slippery streets and the failure of motorists to adjust speed to more hazardous conditions.
3. Heavy pedestrian activity due to the Christmas rush and last-minute shopping. Most pedestrian accidents occur during the early evening darkness.
4. Overindulgence, with the festive spirit taking the place of common sense.

Army's Largest Glider Makes Its Debut



The first all-metal assault glider, the XCG-18A "Avitrac," begins taxi and ground tests at Fort Dix, N. J., prior to its initial test hop over Trenton, N. J. America's largest glider, the craft was designed for use as a troop carrier for the airborne army of the future.

WE WANT TO SAY THANK YOU MANY TIMES We are grateful for each opportunity to serve you and feel privileged indeed every time you call on us. May you have the joy of a happy Christmas and may you be blessed with all good things.

MRS. COKE MARTIN Antiques

Warns Tragedy May Replace Yule Happiness

CHICAGO, Dec. 24 — Holiday happiness may be replaced by sorrow in at least 22,000 American homes this Christmas season because of needless accidents, which will cause death or some permanent impairment in those families during the first two weeks of the year.

Past experience shows this will happen, the National Safety Council said today, unless the public shows more care in avoiding hazards that make Christmastime the most dangerous of all holidays. Traffic deaths alone run three to one over the seasonal average during the Christmas period.

But that isn't all the Council said. In addition to those who will be killed or permanently impaired

Great Britain Is Swapping Bikes For Bread

LONDON (UP)—In a drive

to swap bicycles for bread, British manufacturers have made 2,000,000 machines during the past year and their exports are moving right along.

The industry has more than doubled its pre-war export figures and sent about 1,400,000 bicycles abroad to British India, the Union of South Africa, Argentina and other major markets during the past 12 months. Trade sources

figure that the world demand can not be fully met for many years. Every bicycle sent abroad brings back the equivalent in wheat of one year's bread ration for a family of four.

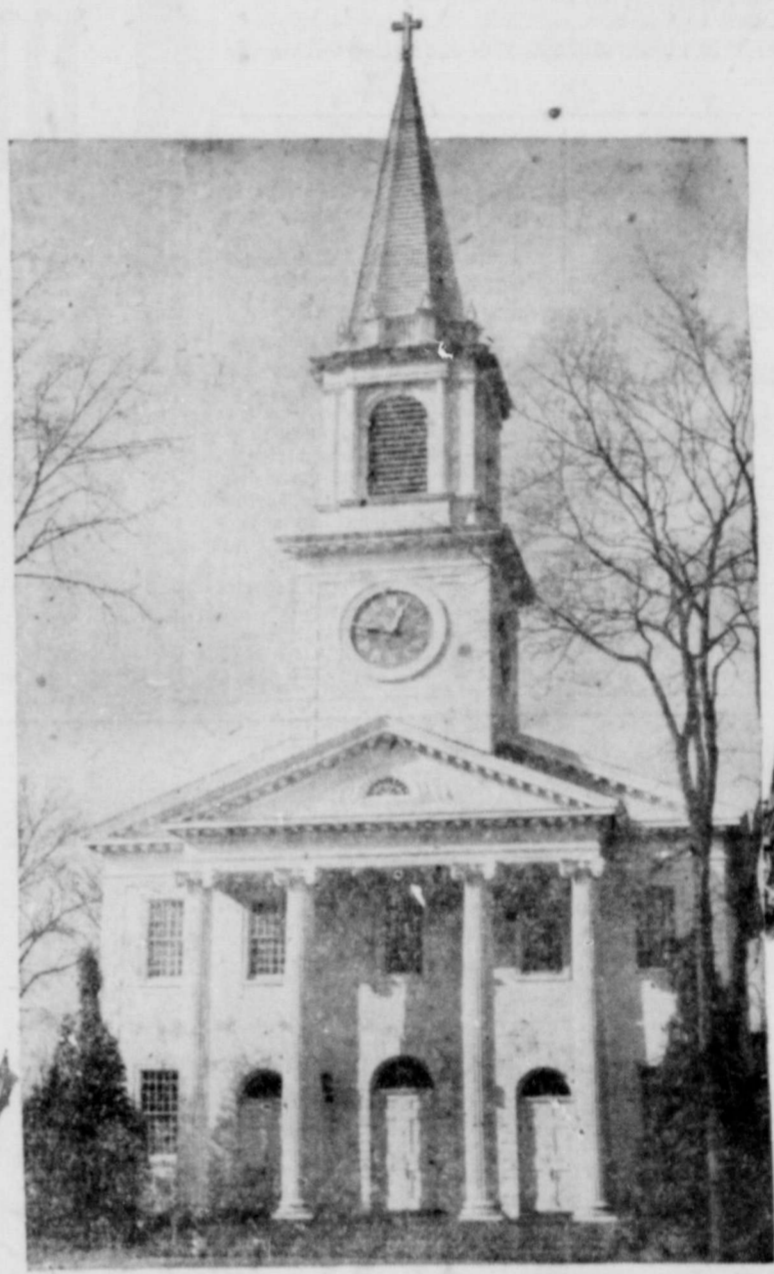
Christmas Greetings Santa Claus illustration What better time than Christmas time... to wish you all the good things in life! Blacklock Grocery & Market Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Blacklock Gene Carter

Mix Memorial



A little "cow-puncher" points out the marker on a monument recently dedicated on the Florence-Tucson, Ariz., highway to the late Tom Mix, famed cowboy movie idol, on the exact spot where the actor was killed in an auto accident seven years ago.

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A Christmas Message

It is not riches or elaborate gifts that make a Christmas merry... but the simple, familiar wishes of neighbors and friends, plus an unassailable faith in our Lord and Protector. With this thought, we raise our voices in the age-old greeting, "A Merry Christmas to each and everyone."

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Best Wishes for the Season May your Christmas Day be gay, and many the gifts that come your way. And as the New Year follows through, we wish you joy and warm friendships too. J. C. PENNEY CO. Joe Graham, Mgr.

AIRPLANE RIDY NO CURE FOR HICCOUGHS

By William A. Shires
United Press Staff Correspondent
ATLANTA, Ga. (UP) — If you don't like airplane thrills but you think they might help get rid of the hiccough, don't feel obliged to go up in an airplane.

It might not work. Not if you have hiccoughs that really are hiccoughs. Not even if the plane does nose-dives straight at the ground from 10,000 feet or more. Not even if you're almost scared to death before you get back to terra firma.

Take it from Juanita McMichen of Atlanta, a 15-year-old lass with dark hair who hiccoughed for eight long weeks while doctors tried out every remedy they knew except two.

Finally they gave her the choice between those two—an airplane thrill ride or an operation to relieve pressure on the phrenic nerve.

It was a hard choice especially after having taken nourishment through nose tubes, having been on diets ranging from sparsity to over-abundance, having had transfusions, minor scares and shocks.

After all that Juanita was desperate. She was in the hospital, pale and worn from the ordeal.

She chose the airplane ride. She and her father, M. S. McMichen of Jacksonville, Fla., boarded a plane piloted by Marine dive-bomber ace Joe Hornsby.

For an hour the plane zoomed and climbed. Hornsby rocked it up and down. He dived the red and yellow craft at tremendous speed.

Juanita said she was scared "almost to death."

It was her first plane ride.

It didn't do the hiccoughs any good.

Juanita climbed out of the cockpit at the end of the hour still hiccoughing every 10 seconds.

Hornsby said he was awfully sorry his "treatment" hadn't done any good. Southern Airways regretted it, too, and they refused payment. They called it a "mercy

Famous Christmas Picture



"HOLY FAMILY WITH ST. MARGARET AND ST. JOHN," LIPPL—"I see this, my favorite Christmas painting, every day and after a million views of it, one's eyes are called back to see new wonders in its brilliant color, in its design, in the beautiful relation of figures within the circular form."

flight."

The story had a happy ending. The operation was successful and the hiccoughs ceased.

But for plane rides—no more for Juanita like that.

Common Property Law Confuses Pennsylvania

PITTSBURGH (UP) — A 12-paragraph law called the community property act has solved unemployment in Pennsylvania's legal ranks.

Legal tangles accompanying enactment of the controversial legislation last July quickly filled county court dockets and turped

ing his earnings."

The law gives a wife half interest in all her husband's property acquired after their marriage. In the case of couples married before the law became effective, the wife's share begins on the date the law was passed.

The law works both ways, of course, and a man can claim half his wife's income, except for "gifts, inheritance monies, or funds given in compensation for personal injuries."

The Pennsylvania law was in ef-

fect less than a month when questions began to arise. Most of them are still unanswered.

Does a wife get half her husband's property in divorce or support cases? Does a wife separated from her husband get half his earnings? Can a man buy a car in his wife's name to prevent its being claimed for his debts? Can a wife claim half her husband's insurance? Can a wife claim half her husband's estate in the event he wills more than half to other persons?

The first question has brought conflicting rulings from two Pennsylvania county courts. A Greene County judge ruled that a Cru-

cible, Pa., miner must pay his estranged wife half his \$250 a month pay check.

In a similar case, a Fayette

County judge dismissed a wife's claim to half her husband's come in a support case.

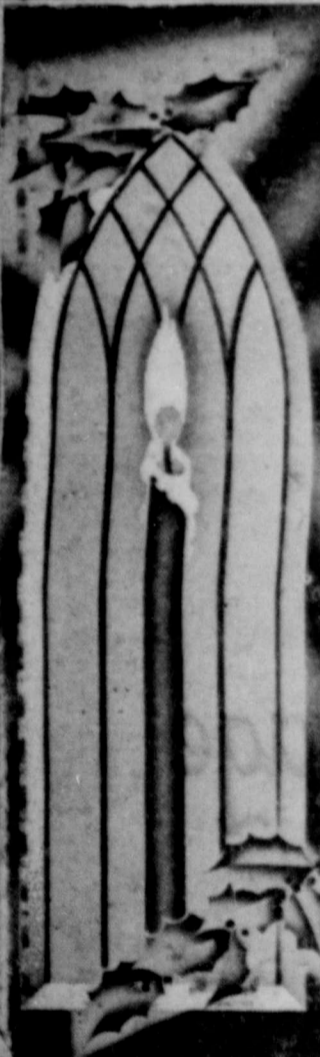
May Christmas bring you many blessings and much happiness

D. C. COX
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Merry Christmas

We cheerily add our greetings to the many in store for you.

H G ADAMS GRO. & MKT
Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Adams and Employes



Merry Christmas
And Happy New Year

"May the Yuletide season and the days to follow glow with an abundance of good things" . . . is our wish to one and all.

J. B. Williams
Sheriff

Season's Greetings

Your Friends and Neighbors in the Texas Electric Service Company Wish You a Merry Christmas...

TEXAS ELECTRIC SERVICE COMPANY
A. N. LARSON, Manager

Proclamation
BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

Whom These Presents Come: my solemn duty to acquaint citizens of this state with the prediction of traffic deaths during the coming Christmas holiday season.

The Texas Department of Public Safety predicts that 100 persons will die, 2,570 persons will be injured, from accidents on our streets and highways during the eleven day period, December 20-31. It is expected that the final 1947 traffic death toll will reach 2,100—the worst toll in Texas history.

These predicted deaths and injuries are not inevitable. They can and must be prevented. Such sickening slaughter and suffering would be a stark negation of the Christmas message of "on earth peace, good will toward men."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LEAFORD H. JESTER, Governor of the State of Texas, do hereby urge each citizen to impose upon himself such discipline and a sense of responsibility for the welfare of others that his act behind-the-wheel may not lead to the death or injury of his fellow man. I also call upon the Texas Safety Association to coordinate public support effort with the official safety work of the Texas Department of Public Safety, the State Highway Department, the State Department of Education, and other official agencies with traffic responsibilities. A concerted and intensified campaign, God willing, may bring about an accident-free Christmas season for all the people of our State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the seal of State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this the 12th day of December, A.D., 1947.

Leaford H. Jester
Governor of Texas
By the Governor:
Kirk R. Wallony
Asst. Secretary of State

Dogs, too, must have their vitamins. To carry the Department of Agriculture's certification seal, a canned dog food must contain enough vitamin B-1 for proper nerve function.

Best Wishes

OIL CITY PHARMACY
E. E. and Nicol Crawford

Not for just an hour —
Not for just a day —
But always . . .
Our best wishes
For a Merry Christmas
And a New Year
That will bring you
City Happiness.



A Merry Christmas Must Be A Safe Christmas

Countless tragedies can be prevented this holiday season if a few simple rules for fire safety are followed by the National Board of Fire Underwriters, are followed by the American people.

Keep your tree outdoors until you are ready to install it. Don't set it up until a few days before Christmas. Place it in a cool part of the house, and if there is a heat inlet nearby, shut it off.

Under no circumstances use written or paper decorations on the tree or elsewhere in the house. And above all, never use candles. Use only electric lights, whose cords are not frayed, and which bear the hand of approval of the Underwriters' Laboratories. Do not leave tree lights burning unless there is an adult in the house. Take the tree down as soon as needles start falling. Do not place room decorations around chairs or sofas where people may smoke. It is preferable to have them near ceiling level. These rules are equally vital for

churches, clubs, and other places of holiday assembly. In addition, care must be taken that trees or other decorations do not interfere with either regular or emergency exits.

Remember that a Merry Christmas must also be a Safe Christmas. Remember, these simple rules will accomplish it.

Visit Golden Glove Tournament

Golden Gloves tournament will be held in Stephenville at the City Center hall about Jan. 15 under the sponsorship of the William J. Lyons Legion Post 487 of John Tarleton College, according to Harold Clark, post commander.

Winners in the tournament will advance to the regional at Brownwood late in January. Additional information and entrance blanks for the district fights may be secured from Raymond Doggett, Tarleton Station.

The boxing season started here last week when the post presented a well attended 11 bout card featuring a no-decision fight between

BACTERIA MAY BE LINKED TO DEVELOP U.S. OIL

By Don Jennings
Special Staff Correspondent

HARRISBURG, Pa. (UP)—The oil industry is headed for a breakthrough in current experiments with the "driving" powers of bacteria are successful.

Scientists at the oil research center of Pennsylvania are working to determine whether it would be practical to inject bacteria into the earth and thus force underground oil deposits into the pores of pumps.

Tests at the wells may open the door to a vast reserve of high grade Pennsylvania oil presently considered as non-recoverable.

The experiments are being made in the production research laboratories of the Pennsylvania Grade Crude Oil Association at Bradford, Pa., hub of the state's

Fats Bentley, former Washington state champion and Fred Croom.

principal oil field.

So far the application of sulfate-reducing bacteria in hand-made oil content sand has yielded only small quantities of oil, but that in itself is considered by the industry as "encouraging."

S. H. Cathcart, state geologist, said field tests would be made as soon as laboratory experiments proved conclusively that bacteria has enough power to "drive" oil from subterranean sand.

"There is still a tremendous amount of oil left in Pennsylvania sands," Cathcart said, "but it will require more extensive use of 'secondary' methods of some new process such as this (bacteria) to recover these supplies."

Present secondary methods, which involve "repressuring" of oil sands through the use of water and natural gas, would bring to the surface only 10 per cent of Pennsylvania's estimated reserves by the state.

of 2,500,000,000 barrels, according to Cathcart.

Chemicals cannot be used, Cathcart said, because their reaction with water and rock would result in a neutralization.

Portugal reported Rich In Uranium

LISBON (UP)—A Portuguese mining engineer, Quirino Machado, told news press here that Portugal is among the most fortunate of nations—he said it possessed vast unworked quantities of uranium and radium.

He said indications of uranium were found in many parts of the country. Some of the known ore-bearing veins, he reported, are several miles long. He pointed out that a total of 110 claims for uranium mining have been allowed by the state.

HE'S HEAD MAN today and you know who he is. Modeling with clay and cotton, NEA artist Vic Donahue has caught the characteristics that made his subject loved by youngsters the world over as "Jolly Old St. Nick."

Time Overtakes Atchison, Topeka And Santa Fe

ATCHISON, Kan. (UP)—The 67-year-old Atchison union depot, weathered by time, two fires and a flood, is a "discredit to the city," the city commission said

planning board asserted in a joint resolution.

The two bodies want the old depot torn down and replaced by a modern structure. It is owned by four railroads serving Atchison, Burlington, Missouri Pacific, Rock Island and the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe, which drew part of its name from this city.

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Greetings

To all our friends we wish the merriest of Merry Christmases and the happiest of Happy New Years.

MRS. HARRELL'S CAFE
Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Harrell

Season's Greetings

Best wishes for a joyous Christmas, a bright and prosperous New Year.

MADLEN PHILLIPS
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Season's Greetings

To our friends . . . one and all . . . go our sincerest and best wishes for the best Yuletide ever.

May health . . . happiness . . . good cheer . . . and the best of everything be yours. And with the coming of 1948 . . . may the new year bring you success and as many joys as there are Christmas lights on your tree. While the carolers sing of "Peace on Earth—Good Will Toward Man" let the spirit of Christmas glow with an abundance of good things and happy memories.

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OIL SPRAYING IS BOON TO VEGETABLE GROWERS

By Cla de Ham'ev
 Staff Correspondent
 WESLACO, Tex. (UP)—
 Farmers who want good carrots
 might try putting oil on them.

W. H. Friend, head of a governmental
 experiment station, who calls the
 method "the most revolution-
 ary" in carrot raising in recent
 years.

It has been shown where
 the soil is oiled, the carrots
 are larger and more collected
 for damage to the soil.

It is by this means a bacteria in
 the soil which converts nitrogen into
 ammonia and petroleum
 products of any kind improve the soil
 and its productivity.

The cruder the oil the better,"
 Oiling the soil is the most econ-
 omical way to keep down tiny
 grasses and pigweed in the car-
 rot patch, Friend added. Besides
 that, the carrots grow faster if
 there's a film of oil on the sur-
 face of the soil.

Spraying with oil shows but-
 terfly damage, he said. The num-
 ber of carrots that had to be mold-
 ed to carrots after four days have
 appeared. If it is necessary to ap-
 ply after that stage, cleaning up
 is better. Not more than 100
 gallons of distillate should be used
 per acre, he said.

"One spraying is often enough,"
 he explained, "although some-
 times two are required."

Hand-weeding of an acre of

He Asks You to Please Give



THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR INFANTILE PARALYSIS

Here is the official poster for the 1948 March of Dimes campaign, of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, which will seek \$30 million from Jan. 15 to 30 in its fight against the disease. Poster boy is 3-year-old Terry Tullis, of Laurel, Miss., youngest polio victim ever selected to pose for the poster.

'Fuzzy' Wants a Home



"Fuzzy" is an orphan. Like all orphans, he'd like a home. He can amuse people, too, as he demonstrates on the kiddie car. The pup, of unknown ancestry, is waiting his adoption at the Chicago animal shelter.

a glass front a rack under i
 to hold a comb and brush.

A combined bedroom - study
 contains an oak mission clock with-
 out a glass, a Seth Thomas banjo
 clock, a shelf clock with pillars, a
 blue and white china plate con-
 verted into a clock, a light leak-
 wood miniature grandfather's
 clock, a rosewood mantel clock,
 and a clock of painted iron, made
 between 1780-85.

Then there is the dining room
 collection: a white marble
 clock which came from an
 near Boston; a French
 mantel clock with inlay; an
 Willard mantel clock; an
 Willard grandmother's clock
 heavy wood one with brass
 and a cuckoo clock, decor-
 with wood carvings represent
 hunting life and a powder h
 outlining the circle face.
 One of the clocks in the kitchen
 is believed to be at least 115 year
 old.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

*and the best of
 good wishes for the
 New Year*

GAFNER BARBER SHOP

Mr. O. R. Gafner
 101 N. Austin

SEASON'S GREETINGS

May all the joys of
 Christmas be yours
 throughout the year.

The Globe
 Mr. and Mrs. Saule Perlstein

carrots often runs in \$40 to \$50
 an acre but this is now made can
 be killed by the oil treatment at
 a cost of \$8.50 to \$12 an acre,
 Friend said.

The information was stumbled
 onto the information some
 years ago in the pre-emergence
 spraying of onions, carrots and
 corn. Careful checking verified
 that oil not only was not harmful
 but actually helped production,
 Friend reported.

Like Old Clocks? You Should See This Collection

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP)—You
 hardly can turn around in the
 home of Police Chief David Main
 of nearby Bethelham without
 bumping into an old clock. They
 tick, too.

But the noise isn't anything like
 what it used to be. Mrs. Main per-
 suaded the chief not to try keep-
 ing them all running at the same
 time. She found it hard to hear
 over the telephone.

Main himself admits it's good
 to give antique clocks some rest.
 "If you'd been ticking for 150
 years, you'd like a little time
 off, too," he said. "Clocks get
 tired like anything else."

The 70-year-old police chief has
 been collecting clocks for 35
 years.

His special pride is an Eli Terry
 clock. Experts say there are only
 four others like it in the United
 States.

Also in the living room is a
 Thomas Hadley pine grandfather's
 clock, more than 200 years old
 and still containing the original
 works; a Jerome two-poster
 grandmother's steeple clock, about
 125 years old; a Japanese clock,
 several other mantel clocks, and
 a huge solid mahogany German
 clock. But being only 75 or 80

years old, that one doesn't qualify
 as an antique.

Main says the German clock is
 primarily interesting for its un-
 usual strike and chimes. A 66-
 pound weight runs the 7 feet, 9
 inches high clock, and a 52-pound
 weight runs the chimes.

Among the hall clocks is an old-
 fashioned solid cherry model with

To wish you
 good cheer at
CHRISTMAS
 and happiness
 throughout the
 coming year...

Killingsworth's

Merry Christmas

Our greetings go out to you for the merriest Christmas
 ever. May yours be a holiday overflowing with happiness
 and good cheer. With our Yuletide greetings and
 best wishes for a happy New Year go our heart-felt tha
 for your kind patronage of the past — for your
 continued patronage in the future.

DR. PEPPER BOTTLING CO.
 M. L. KING

RANGER, TEXAS, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1947

Famous Christmas Picture



"ADORATION OF THE SHEPHERDS," GIORGIONE—"Magnificent in conception, superbly designed with strongly contrasting straight and curved forms emphasizing the devotional attitudes of the figures and the emotional content of the picture. Instinct with deep sentiment, the picture moves us as do some of the great old Christmas hymns and carols . . . Humbly and reverently, the shepherds kneel with Mary and Joseph. They form one of the tenderest groups in all paintings."

Famous Christmas Picture



"ADORATION OF THE SHEPHERDS," VAN DER GOES—"This is van der Goes' masterpiece and I believe it the greatest Christmas picture ever painted because of its sincerity and deep feeling, its combination of realism and imagination, because it expresses with equal emphasis the humanity and divinity of the event and because of the perfection of the artist's technical means of expression." The picture, familiarly known as the "Portinari Altarpiece," hangs in the Uffizi Gallery, Florence.

Avoid Accidents And Prevent Loss Of Life

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 24—"The only way to avoid the useless waste of life due to traffic accidents is to prevent the accident," reads a warning issued by Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

"It is not a question of who is right and who is wrong after the accident has occurred," he said. "And automobile accidents never happen merely because of 'bad luck'—there is a definite cause for every one of them, although it is not possible to determine the precise origin of every mishap."

"Leaders of the safety movement agree that the most fundamental approach to the solution lies in the education and training of the individual. Safety education includes the training of individuals to avoid accidents to themselves and to prevent accidents to others. It involves the acquisition of a certain fund of information, the ability to apply this information to concrete situations, and the building up of habits which will make the application of knowledge to situations automatic."

"The dangerous curves and intersections on the highways of Texas are distinctly marked, and automobile drivers can assist greatly in the reduction of deaths from automobile accidents by carefully observing these warning signs."

"Some motorists rely too much on traffic rules and regulations, thinking that if they obey the rules of the road at the time when

an accident occurs, no blame can be attached to them. This is not true. The only man who considers himself blameless in case of accidents, when he is obeying the rules of the road, is the one who did everything possible to avoid that accident.

"The consequences of automobile accidents are so disastrous that only when we have done everything in our power to avoid such accidents can we consider ourselves, or expect others to consider us, blameless in the case of accident."

"When each individual does all that he is able to do toward avoiding an accident of any kind, then and then only will our traffic accidents be avoided."

Alley Cat Strolls In To Win Show Prizes

ST. LOUIS (UP)—An alley cat wandered out of the cold into the Hamilton hotel. He stayed long enough to win two first prizes at the Central States Solid Color Club cat show.

The cat, a male Maltese, strayed into the hotel two days before the show opened. He was adopted by Mrs. Marcella Duffy, hotel hostess, and named "Mr. Silver." He topped first prize in the best color for kittens class and another first in the non-champion class.

Girls Can Drive, Too
HARRISBURG, Pa., (UP)—In Pennsylvania, women aren't doing so bad behind the wheel.

State Highway Safety Bureau statistics show that, in a year's time only one per cent of women licensees were involved in accidents while four per cent of the men drivers had mishaps.

★ ★ ★ THE CHRISTMAS STORY ★ ★ ★

And the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women.

And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary; for thou hast found favor with God.

And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David; and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee; therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

. . . And it came to pass in those days, that there

went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David

a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

(This story of the birth of Christ is from St. Luke, the excerpts being taken from Chapters I and II.)

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"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

Christmas Greetings

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The Season's Greetings

May this Christmas bring you gladness and a full measure of contentment. And may the New Year open up new vistas of happiness!!

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Two Souls With But A Single Thought



★ EDITORIAL . . . By James Thrasher

THE CHRISTMAS TRUCE

Those who can remember the first World War will recall that the Allied and German troops on the Western Front declared an unofficial and spontaneous truce at Christmas.

Christmas brings such a truce each year, though in less dramatic fashion, to most people of the Christian world. On that day we lay aside bitterness and animosity.

A lot of us go to church on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. There we are reminded again that what we call the Christmas spirit is really the Christmas spirit.

Christian teachers ask this generation, as they have asked other generations for centuries, to live by this philosophy—to keep the Christmas spirit the year round.

Maybe it is not possible to keep the Christmas spirit every day. Yet to keep even a little of this truce of mental hostilities would help.

Sub Stays Submerged Several Weeks



Establishing a record for remaining underwater, the 1250-ton British submarine Alliance stayed submerged for "several weeks" during a recent cruise in African waters.

Former Letter-Carrier, Postmaster Is Learning Headaches of Top Job

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Jesse M. Donaldson is getting plenty of bouquets as the first career postman ever to become postmaster general.

Reports are coming in that it sometimes takes three weeks for a letter to cross the country. Even on short hauls some customers are complaining that there are unusual delays for the Christmas season.

Washington and New York correspondents for example are wondering why it takes four days for a first-class letter to get delivered when it involves only a four-hour train ride between the two cities.

So your assignment is to find out whether (1) the Christmas rush, (2) the post office department

is really in a jam or (3) a problem.

You decide to ask Jesse M. Donaldson, the first man who has ever been elected and got into the President's cabinet.

Donaldson says reports of unusual delays probably are accurate. "The trouble," he says, "is in distribution. We lost at least 20,000 post office personnel during the war we had replaced many of these people."

Furthermore, he says, "the Christmas mail this year is the heaviest in history."

"We also have 15 times as much poundage on the Christmas mail in Europe as we had during the war," he says. "That sort of mail is food, medicines, and letters."

"Added to that, we have a lot of new help working. In some places, Chicago for example, they are even trying to get high school kids to help out. The situation in

many places is tougher than it was during the war. "Over the long haul, we'll do all right. The post office department is going to click. It's got to."

Donaldson, a gray-haired six-footer, still could carry your mail bag and smile under the burden. In 1903, when he was 18 years old, he clerked for his father, who was postmaster at Shelbyville, Ill.

Five years later he was one of the three postmen who brought Shelbyville home delivery service. He carried a leather bag. Now

the burden is strictly administrative. But little post office people around the country write in and say that they like the idea of one of their boys running the show.

Donaldson is pleased by the hundreds of congratulatory letters that have come in. His associates say that Donaldson particularly is pleased by the letters from people who say they are glad the job has gone to a career man instead of a politician. The Senate has confirmed Donaldson's appointment.

Donaldson is proud that he came up from the ranks. He is more than pleased that he is the first postmaster general who knows the business. His advocates are hunting, fishing and

baseball. He doesn't stamps. "They are nice to look at, says, "but whether they worth anything or not, I won't know."

Georgia has had five state capitals — Savannah, Augusta, Louisville, Milledgeville and Atlanta. Atlanta became the capital by a majority of 50,000 votes in December, 1877.

CUTTING IT CLOSE

If you want to catch a live alligator, hold his mouth shut and tie him up. According to the World Book Encyclopedia, the animal's jaws are powerful, but once they are shut, a man can hold them easily with his bare hands.

Monkey Shines



When goalie Red McAtee suffered a broken nose in an ice hockey game with the Omaha club, general manager Jack Butterfield of the Fort Worth Rangers came up with Mickey, pride of the Shrine circus, who is ready to make monkeys out of the opposition at the net.

Merry Christmas BEST WISHES for a HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

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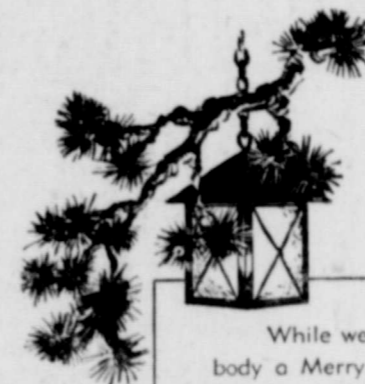
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THAT THE DAY OF DAYS IS HERE WE WISH TO EXTEND

Season's Greetings



George A. Fox, Jr County Treasurer



Thank You! AT CHRISTMAS

While we're going about the business of wishing everybody a Merry Christmas, we don't want to forget that we owe our friends our sincerest appreciation for making possible one of the best years we have ever enjoyed in this community. Thank you, each and every one.

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Christmas Made Up Of Customs Of Many Lands

"Christmas in the United States is composed of threads from many countries and reflects their customs in church and home," according to the Encyclopedia Britannica.

The traditional English Christmas calls for family reunions, gifts, carols, parties and a pantomime for the children in a season of general good will. Britannica

points out that although many of the old and picturesque English customs have faded, they still contribute to the modern holiday through Christmas pageants, the designs of Christmas cards, and the narratives in ballads and carols describing the festivities of the old days.

In Scandinavian countries, the Yuletide relatives, preparations and cooking are begun weeks in advance in order to stock the home for three weeks of hospitality and leisure during the holiday season. The celebration itself begins on Christmas Eve with an elaborate supper, followed by a tree with family worship and singing before the presents are



Shown in London, where the austerity program obviously includes a shortage of material, is Paul de Lange's backless and practically bosomless evening dress. Of vivid purple, petunia and lime wool crepe, it's to be worn with long matching gloves, a few feathers in the hair and a self-conscious look.

the crèche in churches and homes, and the midnight mass followed by Christmas supper, with family dinners and reunions on Christmas Day," says the Britannica. "In Normandy where old customs are best, the children go out on Epiphany Eve to meet the Three Kings on the highway."

The manger is also prepared in Mexico homes, ready for the "Posadas." This means "posting place" and commemorates the journey Mary and Joseph took from Nazareth to Bethlehem," the Britannica explains.

"The 'Posada' begins on December 24 and ends on the 25th before Christmas Eve, meeting in an outdoor house. Carrying lanterns and following an image of the Virgin and Joseph, they search for shelter for the night. The search is made for a manger in the barn where they are admitted, and there sing their songs."

Christmas in Brazil, south of the equator is a summer festival with fireworks, picnics, fiestas and boating excursions. Britannica remarks, however, that in spite of the summer weather Pap Noel comes dressed as Santa Claus with his reindeer and sleigh.

Woven Christmas Cards Made By Tech Students

Lubbock, Texas — Unusual in the Christmas card field are the fabric greetings woven by textile engineering students at Texas Technological College.

The students, under the direction of Prof. J. H. ... of red, green, gold and blue the ... and the ... the script words, "Merry Xmas." The fabric squares measure about eight inches on a side.

All students use the same central design, but each through the coordinated Jacquard loom to weave his own name at the bottom of his personal greeting cards.

Insulin Drive Asked CHICAGO, (UP).—The American Meat Institute has asked its members to save pancreas glands from cattle and hogs to increase supplies of insulin. Insulin, used in treating diabetes, is extracted from the animal glands.

Call for Scores Squirrel that one golfer scored here after a squirrel. The ball struck a terrific ninth hole drive. It was required in the head and killed it.

distributed. Early church is attended by everyone on Christmas morning, because the shepherds, the first to worship the baby Jesus, came early and then returned to their work.

Traditionally Germany kept Christmas with much heartiness, including a home festival and attendance at church, says the Britannica.

"The observance centers around the Christmas tree with the presents not on it, but piled under it and on nearby tables, their distribution preceded by the singing of carols including "O Christmas" and "Stille Nacht."

Children in the Netherlands leave their wooden shoes, filled with hay for St. Nicholas' white horse on which he jumps from roof to roof, leaving toys and sweets. Britannica points out that in the Netherlands and Belgium December 6 is the children's holiday. December 25 is reserved for the religious holiday.

"The religious features are prominent in France, especially

NO CHECKER GAMES FOR FIREMEN UNDER 40-HOUR WEEK

COLUMBUS, O. (UP)—Traditions around the Columbus fire engine stations went out the window when the 40 hour work week was put into effect throughout the city.

The city's voters approved the new work week program in an election.

"Under the new schedule," Fire Chief Clarence W. Ogborn said, "there won't be any time for the traditional card games, checker

games and horseshoe pitching long associated with America's fire-fighters."

The new eight hour day will keep the firemen busy all the time, the chief said.

He ruled that men working the night shift would be required to make regular inspections of all fire hydrants in their districts, keep the equipment in fighting trim and do other such jobs as needed.

The day shift will be put to work inspecting buildings for fire hazards and in fire prevention work.

The chief also explained an often-asked question since the 40 hour week was approved. The question:

"What happens when a fireman is fighting a fire and his eight hour day expires; over time?"

Chief Ogborn would continue fighting fires to the end of their eight hour day and would not quit until properly relieved.

"Any overtime piled up will be taken care of by straight time off," the chief said.

"If a fireman reports for work finds his company out fighting a fire and the engine house vacant," the chief added, "it'll be his responsibility to go to the scene and report for duty."

The old routine of jumping into their clothes and sliding down that familiar brass rail and dashing off to a night blaze also will be out, the chief said.

"You'll see the light burning all night on a fire in the company house," Chief Ogborn said. "Sleeping at the station no longer will be the scheme of things."

That will speed up the arrival of firemen on the scene of the blaze, the chief said.

'Come Along, Yah Big Ape!'



Nurses at a Chicago maternity center were terrified when they saw a 12-foot gorilla hanging from a lamppost outside their window. It turned out to be a 250-pound papier-mache model, tied to the lamppost by two revelers who didn't want to take him into a nearby tavern. Above, Policemen Bernard Brown and William Thieme take the monster for a ride in the paddy-wagon.

Will Get Wetter Predicts Wet Oregon

PORTLAND, ORE. (UP)—The wettest state in the union is going to get wetter, according to A. A. Knowlton, Reed College physics professor. He predicts more than the usual amount of rain for Oregon during the next 50 years.

Knowlton bases his extended weather forecast on precipitation reports which indicate periodic wet cycles which at their height have a rainfall average of 45 inches and at their lowest average less than 30 inches.

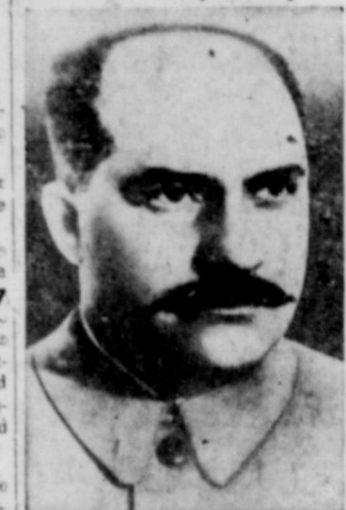
Five Of One Family On Campus At Once

MADISON, Wis. (UP)—The Thoma family of Madison is well represented in the University of Wisconsin this year.

Elizabeth Thoma, 18, has joined forces with her four veteran brothers in invading the campus. She is enrolled in the college of letters and science while three of her brothers are in the electrical engineering school. The fourth brother, Richard, is a graduate student in biological chemistry.

United States consumers paid over \$6,000,000,000 for fruits and vegetables in 1946. Of that amount about two-thirds went for fresh produce.

Red Steps Up



Lazar M. Kaganovitch has been appointed deputy chairman of Russia's Council of Ministers—corresponding to our cabinet. Known as the "Iron Commissar" during the war, Kaganovitch was one of the Soviet's wartime heroes, and is a powerful figure in USSR hierarchy.

Medicos Plan Heart Study To Prolong Life

By GARDINER JONES

United Press Staff Correspondent MINNEAPOLIS (UP).—A 10-year study of the effects of exercise, diet, worry and tension in developing heart disease and hardening of the arteries will begin at the University of Minnesota in January.

The study is tied to medicine's fight against the degenerative diseases of heart and arteries which science must lick before man's life span can be lengthened. It is termed by one researcher "one of the nation's most important in the field."

The men conducting the examination consider their decade-long study "absolutely fundamental" to progress in the prevention of heart disease. However, they avoid forecasting the day when man will live to be a hundred.

A group of 300 human "guinea pigs" between 45 and 54 will be studied by seven medical school scientists, under the direction of

Dr. Ancel Keys, noted for his wartime studies of semi-starvation in humans.

The researchers hope to learn if conditions leading to degeneration of the heart and blood vessels can be detected at an early stage. They will try to find out what habits of diet and physical activity prevent or delay such degeneration, and what effects worry or strain have in producing heart diseases.

Keys explained that high blood pressure and hardening of the arteries account for between two-thirds and three-fourths of all heart and circulatory disease deaths. Heart disease, he said, "is the greatest single threat to life and productivity" of men past 40.

Sponsored and partly financed by the U. S. Public Health Service with five \$20,000 yearly grants, the study will be based on detailed annual examinations

of the hearts and artery conditions of the subjects during the first five years.

During the second five-year period, the data collected will be compiled and studied.

The 300 subjects, all volunteers from the Twin Cities, will be classified in several groups. They will include the overweight, "completely sedentary" (such as office workers), sedentary workers with athletic hobbies, and those revealed to tests to be especially susceptible to heart and artery diseases.

Forming a special group will be 30 business men—athletes—members of the St. Paul and Minneapolis athletic clubs. Examination of the latter group is expected to reveal whether systematic exercise after the age of 40 benefits or harms the heart and blood vessels.

Also under examination will be 180 university students.

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Merry Christmas to you, our friends.

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Gifts Make Every Day Christmas At The White House

It's Christmas all year around at the White House, in Washington, for each day brings gifts to the President of the United States.

Holidays mean special gifts but the peak is reached during the Christmas season, with a host of admiring citizens playing Santa Claus to the presidential family.

Some donors hope to gain publicity, but most of them are prompted by genuine esteem and admiration for the President and his family. President Truman receives more hand-made gifts than any other kind. Wood carvings, crocheted, knitted, and embroidered articles; sketches and portraits of the President; hand-made lamps, walking sticks, and novelties are common.

Recently a cabinet maker presented Mr. Truman a handsome table. Its intricately designed top depicted each of the 48 states—

the products of months of spare-time labor. Such gifts are accompanied by letters of sincere admiration.

The most common personal gift to Mr. Truman is the necktie—in all fabrics and hues. Music, innumerable recordings, a piano, shirts, socks, and various articles of clothing; hundreds of books, pens, pencils, a prize calf; all kinds of edibles, good luck pieces and numerous Democratic donkeys are among the gifts he has received.

Each president receives enough gifts to set up a museum of his own. And though each leaves many gifts for his successor, selecting and packing those he wishes to keep when he leaves office are major problems on moving day.

All kinds of edibles come to the White House—fruits, vegetables, nuts, hams, turkeys, mutton, beef, fish. They are carefully inspected and stored away for the White House table. Those not used are passed on to hospitals. Gifts have been showered on

every president. Some of Washington's admirers presented him hunting dogs, and the king of Spain gave him a champion jackass which he kept at Mt. Vernon.

Theodore Roosevelt received baboon's astriches, zebras, lions, and bears—all of which were presented to a Washington zoo. Calvin Coolidge was given a kangaroo, baby hippopotamus, bear, antelope, and lion cubs—which also were turned over to the zoo.

The earliest gift of food appearing at the White House was a giant 1,600 pound cheese presented Thomas Jefferson by the farmers of Cheshire, Mass. Years later Andrew Jackson's admirers gave him a 1,400 pound cheese.

An ox cart traveled all the way from Maine with a load of potatoes for Herbert Hoover. Many of today's delicacies arrive by plane, as did a 60-pound cherry pie sent President and Mrs. Truman.

Franklin D. Roosevelt received more personal gifts and mail than any other president. Candy, clothing, books, food and novelties from all over the world were sent him at the Christmas season.

A report that he had a cold started an avalanche of heavy socks, sweaters, chest protectors—even home-made cold remedies.

Each gift accepted by a president or members of his family is acknowledged. The presidents have followed the policy of returning all valuable gifts to the donors. The president may not accept personal gifts from kings, princes, or states but may do so from the nation.

Small tokens of sincere esteem from young and old—citizens in all walks of life—bring a bit of Christmas to the White House every day.

Henry's New Hammerer



Keith Nuttall, left, is the newest protégé of Henry Armstrong. A standout as an amateur, the Brigham City, Utah, featherweight is unbeaten in nine professional matches. The former triple champion predicts that he will win a world title inside of three years.

Macy's Xmas Balloons Run Porters Ragged

NEW YORK (UP)—Macy's department store sold an average of 7,000 helium-filled balloons per day during the Christmas season—and had to assign a staff of porters to the nightly task of picking a goodly number of them off the ceilings.

The buoyant balloons had a way of getting loose from the fingers of the small fry.

Retrieving the balloons was a clinch on the upper floors, where the porters usually could snare the string with a long window pole. The main floor's high ceiling, however, presented another problem. The porters rigged up another balloon with a weight, sent it aloft, deftly twirled the string and snared the fugitive balloons.

Air Express shipments in the United States during the first nine months of 1947 totaled 2,349,982, an increase of 23.8 per cent over the same period of last year, while gross receipts rose 33.2 per cent, Railway Express reports.

CHRISTMAS
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Ithaca's Squirrel Story Popular With The Dutch

ITHACA, N. Y., (UP)—When the Ithaca Journal published a story about a gray squirrel which took over the rooms vacated by a family of bees, it had no idea the account would become popular with Dutch school children.

A copy of the paper found its way abroad and a young school teacher, delighted with the factual-though-fanciful story, translated it into Dutch for her pupils.

Children of Holland are now hearing and reading of Ithaca's gray squirrel which found an apartment in the bee-deserted locust tree across the street from Red Cross headquarters.

FEARLESS BACKSLIDES
SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., (UP)—Fearless the dog was in the 'loghaze' today, because he desisted to the enemy.

Sam Stewart, manager of the Arrowhead Hot Springs resort, bought Fearless to scare away he wild deer from the nearby hill, which were nibbling at the hotel's vegetable garden and drinking from the swimming pool.

Fearless lived up to his name the first two days, performing as ordered. Then, said Stewart, the dog decided to play 'tag'—joining the deer in drinking from the pool and digging up the carrots.

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All the Joys of a
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Over the Rump



This modern version of the headless horseman titled "Who's Spunkin' Who?" was an honor award in the non-professional class of the 1947 Graflex Photo Contest. The picture was made by Dayton Hawk Hyde of Berkeley, Calif.

Johnny Got His Gun But It Seems Country Doesn't Want Him Now

By Menno Duerksen
United Press Staff Correspondent
ISTANBUL (UP) — Johnny Libed, a 22-year-old ex-G.I. of Istanbul, claims he is the most mixed up veteran of the American

Army.

He was born in Turkey but he is not a Turk. He was drafted into the American Army but he is not an American. He has been told he is eligible for benefits of the GI bill of rights but he has been denied a visa to enter the United States. He joined the American Army in Egypt, not in the United States.

Johnny's mother is a Greek citizen who lives in Turkey. His father is a Philippine citizen who lives in Puerto Rico. Johnny is therefore a Philippine citizen although he has never seen the Philippines. He does not even speak a Philippine language. He speaks English, Greek, Turkish, and French.

Johnny's father, Eduardo Libed, is a retired veteran of more than 25 years in the U. S. Navy. He came to Turkey with the U. S. fleet in World War I. Here he met and married Fofa Canis, then a Greek refugee to Turkey and to this marriage Johnny was born. Later, his parents were divorced.

Early in 1945, when the war still was going on, Johnny suddenly received his "greetings from the President," through the American

embassy, ordering him to Egypt for induction. As a Philippine citizen he was a U. S. subject and therefore came under draft regulations. He was issued an American passport for his trip to Cairo.

After basic training in Egypt, Johnny was sent back to Turkey to act as interpreter and clerk for an American Army mission there. Later, he was sent to Germany. In 1946, along with all other draftees who did not enter the regular army, Johnny was discharged. He was sent to the United States for his separation.

In the United States, Johnny suddenly discovered that he was no longer a U. S. subject because the Philippines had been granted their independence. He applied for American citizenship and thought, because of his army service, that he would be accepted. A letter from the U. S. Department of Justice told him no, because he was "drafted from a neutral country."

Johnny couldn't understand it, and still can't. Because he was a stranger in the United States and didn't know what else to do, he asked the Army to send him back to his mother after his discharge. That the Army did.

Now Johnny doesn't know what to do. He is fed up with Turkey, which has been his home for most of his life. He doesn't want to go to the Philippines, which is the only country that will accept him, because I don't know anyone there and couldn't even talk to anyone. I would be a complete stranger.

Now he wishes he could go back to the United States. He is even willing to enlist in the regular army just to get back. But nobody pays any attention to him. His letter to the adjutant general has gone unanswered. His appeals to the American Embassy and to consular officials in Istanbul and Ankara have been without results.

He has been told his only chance is to go on the regular Turkish immigration quota, which is filled for 30 years.

Borden Renews Tech Scholarships

LUBBOCK, Texas. — Borden Company Foundation scholarships at Texas Technological College, that annually provide \$300 each for an outstanding agriculture student and home economics student, have been renewed for a five-year period, the college committee on scholarships and awards announces.

The scholarships were established at Texas Tech in 1945, to be continued over a five-year period. The recent contract, signed

by Pres. W. M. Whyman, extends the scholarships through 1954.

Eligibility requirements for the agriculture scholarship includes completion of two or more dairy subjects, while a home economics student must have completed two or more courses in foods and nutrition. The awards are presented each fall to the senior in these divisions with the highest scholastic average of eligible students.

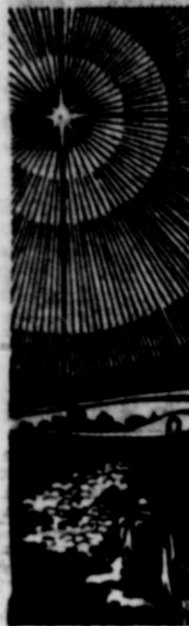
Texas' altitudes vary from four feet above sea level on the Gulf Coast to 8,500 at Guadalupe Peak in Culberson County. There are 50 peaks in Texas over 5,000 feet high.

Goose Aren't Safe
CHICAGO, (UP). — A. R.

Saunders, postman, discovered a Joseph, Mo., when a patron's pet new occupational habard in St. goose nipped him, the National Safety Council reports.

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We are always glad of the opportunity to say "Hello" to our friends but somehow no occasion affords a better opportunity than Christmas to add a word of good wishes.

The associations we've enjoyed in the past are many and we are grateful for them. We appreciate what they stand for and with the passing of each year, we become more and more impressed with the true value of genuine friendships. The faithfulness of those whom we strive to serve has been invaluable in the progress of this organization.

In recognition of your consideration and patronage in the past, we desire to express our sincere good wishes to each of you for a happy Christmas and a New Year filled to overflowing with joy and prosperity.

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Ten Shillings For Christmas Most Wonderful Gift Of All

By Gerry Hill
Press Staff Correspondent
DON UP—Toyland was
an elf to warborn Sally
in all her eight years, she
never seen a shop full of

she knew Oxford Street and
rent Street—her mummy took
her sometimes when she shopped.
But she had never seen the shops
of those famous streets as they
were this year.

For the first time in seven years
toyland had really sprung up in
the London shops. There were
teddy bears, and dolls, shining,
playtime automobiles and glisten-
ing, make-believe trains.

It was like in the pictures from
America, and children by the
thousands wandered wide-eyed
through the throngs, window
shopping for what to ask for at
Christmas and seeking the most
for their Christmas-gift money.

Sally's chubby face glowed and
she clutched her few shillings
moistly. She stared with delight
and burst out to her mother:

"Can I have some of these?"
Mother was dubious. The prices
were more than a little high. They
were three times the pre-war

prices and beyond the reach of a
family budget built for the prob-
lems of food and housing and in-
come tax at nine shillings out of
every 20 earned.

That didn't mean much to an
eight year old who never had a
doll to dress or a teddy bear to
suckle.

"What shall I buy with my 10
shillings, Mummy?"

What could she buy? Dolls cost
from 25 shillings (\$5) for a naked
doll to £9 (\$36) for one with
a smart wardrobe—New Look and
all. Mummy explained gently that
10 shillings wouldn't buy even
half a doll.

There was Santa Claus in a
corner. Sally would visit him.
He would take five shillings, sixpence
(\$1.10), but, of course, she would
have three photographs taken,
holding hands with the old gentle-
man.

For 11 pence (18c) Sally
bought six sticks of gaily-colored
modeline clay and her eye fell up-
on a glass tank with goldfish.

"How can I have that?"
How mother looked at the price
tag on the aquarium—two feet by
three with six tiny fish swimming
in it. It sold 20 pence (\$80).

The salespeople were under-
standing. The child walked past
half after half of things she had
dreamed about. They let her touch
them, but she couldn't take them
away.

Plastic tea sets, jet propelled
toy boats, unbreakable tin sol-
diers and animals with articulat-
ed arms and legs jostled together.
There were tons of toys which
were the outcome of war produc-
tion and scientific research.

Sally watched a little American
boy take up a toy xylophone, priced
at eight shillings, 10 pence \$1-
75). His mother snatched it away.
"They're 60 cents back home,"
she snapped.

Sally looked at the jet-propelled
boats, racing about in their little
pool. They cost 25 shillings \$5-

60), but they didn't interest her
much, anyway.

She looked and looked, and the
youngster's face lost its radiance
in disappointment at the looming
failure of her Christmas shopping
expedition.

Then she spied just what she
wanted for her baby sister. Its
price was 12 shillings, sixpence
(\$2.50) and, if mummy would
lend her the extra, it would be
worth it to go without a toy for
self to put in her sister's stock-

ing.

Mother agreed. The purchase
was made. Sally walked happily
from the store, bearing her bright-
ly painted wooden rattle, across
which were stamped the words:
"Made in America."

Suggestions For Family Plan Of Holiday Fun

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 24
—Christmas is a family affair,
and a special season of the year
for the family to do things to-
gether. Mrs. Eloise T. Johnson,
extension specialist in family life
education at Texas A. & M. Col-
lege, says there are countless
ways in which the family can
prepare for Christmas Day so the
children can learn the joys of
giving and sharing.

She suggests the family plan
together for balanced Christmas
giving. "The Family Christmas
Purse" offers every member a
share of the family money for
Christmas spending - for - giving.
Even the tiniest member of the
family can make some of his gifts
and buy the others with the pen-
nies he's saved and added to the
"Christmas Purse."

For the real spirit of the holi-
day season, she says to make or
select gifts for people from whom
no return is expected. Giving and
forgetting is better than giving
for getting.

Another way to keep Christ-
mas together, is to prepare or
give life food and gift baskets for

others in the community who
have less. Gather Christmas
ornaments to dress the tree or
make a table cloth, or de-
corate a tree outdoors for the
birds and animals.

Christmas Eve is the time for
family singing of carols, and the
reading or telling of the story of
the first Christmas. If the chil-
dren hang up their stockings for
Santa Claus, let them leave a gift
for him, if just an apple or some
other food.

Savings Association Insurance Assets

CHICAGO (UP) — Officials
of the United States Savings and
Loan League announced that 148
savings associations in the United
States now list assets of \$10,000,
000 or more.

That is an increase of 21 asso-
ciations in the top bracket class
since 1945.

The largest association which is
a member of the league is the
Perpetual Building Association of
Washington, D.C., with assets of
\$60,000,000.

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What, Change The Name Of Bowery? Never!

NEW YORK (UP) — The
Bowery Improvement Council of
the East Side Chamber of
Commerce has started a survey
of merchants in that historic
section, looking toward changing
name of The Bowery.

Sammy Fuchs, a member of the
committee and owner of a saloon,
Bowery Pobbies, one of the bet-
ter known spots in the area, was
among the dissenters.

"You can put a new suit on a
bum, but he's still a bum," he
said. "In the same way, you can
not going to improve the Bowery
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It is with all sincerity that we send
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the hope that the Christmas Season
will be full of happiness, rich in the
joys of the friendship; of those about
you. Greetings to you, one and all.
Richards Food Mart
Ross—R. M. Richards

All's Not Peaches In Georgia
 ATLANTA, Ga., (UP)—U. S. Department of Agriculture figures show that Georgia farmers have the fourth lowest per capita income of any farm group in the nation. Farmers' income per year in Georgia averages \$306—slightly more than one third the national farm income per capita.

Christmas Card Custom Is Only 100 Years Old

Colorful Christmas cards today seen as much a part of Christmas tradition as does Santa Claus. Yet the custom of sending cheery Yuletide cards is only a little over 100 years old—and it met stubborn popular resistance during its early days.

Early Christmas card designers, back in the 1830's met widespread public ridicule. Like Fulton and his steamboat, they were scorned that the custom of sending Christmas cards "could never win popular support."

Today post offices are buried under the land tide of Christmas cards every holiday season. About 1,000,000,000 Christmas cards will be exchanged in the United States alone this year, according to an estimate by the National Association of Greeting Card Publishers.

The first known Christmas card was designed in 1842 in London, England, by William M. A. Frang, a fifteen-year-old engraver and lithographer. He printed only one hundred copies, and sent them to his friends.

His quaintly illustrated card, printed in black ink on white paper, showed a formal banquet, a party dance, skaters, and a variety of English pantomime performances. Underneath the illustration he wrote, "A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year To You," still the most popular Yuletide greeting among an those ever composed.

The card won no fame for William Frang, and nothing is known of what happened to him when he grew up.

Four years later, in 1846, Sir Henry Cole asked an artist, J. C. Horsley, to design a Christmas greeting card for him. The drawing consisted of a decorative trellis covered with a grapevine enclosing two small illustrations of acts of charity plus a large panel picturing a merry family party, the vignettes all noiding vinegarnishes tied to the brim. One thousand copies were lithographed and sent to his merry friends.

The card raised a storm of public criticism from crusaders for the temperance cause, who claimed that Sir Henry's design "promoted wine bibbing." Taught discretion, Sir Henry never issued another card.

In 1862, a London publisher, Charles Goodall & Sons, courageously began issuing cards, and they won rapid acceptance. During the intervening twenty years, Prince Albert had presented Queen Victoria with the first Christmas tree in England, Charles Dickens' jolly writings had popularized Yuletide festivities, and the stern English attitude toward Christmas had mellowed.

Meanwhile, the first Christmas card in the United States had been published by H. H. Pease, of Albany, N. Y. It was a commercial picture of a family group, toys, a Christmas dinner, a wassail bowl, and advertising Pease's

The Party's All Wet



Life guards Carl Heller and Hazel Day hold their New Year's party where the only party crashers would be porpoises, octopi or flounder. They're having a gay time on the floor of Florida's Silver Springs, with no one able to put a damper on the festivities.

Make Sure Your Christmas Tree Is Burn Proof

CHICAGO, Dec. 24. — To keep Christmas trees from becoming a symbol of tragedy in the home instead of Yuletide joy, the National Safety Council today issued the following safety precautions:

1. As soon as possible after buying a tree, cut off the base of the trunk diagonally and cover it with water.
2. It is not practicable for the average user to flameproof Christmas trees with chemical solutions. Consult local fire authorities before using any commercial or homemade solutions. Be wary of trees which are sold as "fire-proof."

3. Keep the tree indoors as short a time as possible, with the base always under water. The water will have to be replenished frequently if the absorption is active.
4. Place the tree away from radiators, powerful electric lights, radiators or other sources of heat, and avoid the use of candles. Keep tinsel and other metallic decorations away from light sockets.
5. Remove accumulations of Christmas wrappings, and use only artificial "snow" and decorations of the flame-proof or non-combustible type.
6. Check wiring for defects and loose sockets. Turn off the lights when no one is to be in the room for any length of time. If too many tree light circuits in one outlet over load the house wiring and blow a fuse, try other outlets. Never substitute a penny or an oversized fuse.
7. In all places of public assembly, place trees away from exits and station competent watchers with fire extinguishers or water pails nearby. In homes, a pail of water should be kept handy.
8. Dispose of old trees in fire-safe areas outdoors, because the trees burn with almost explosive violence.

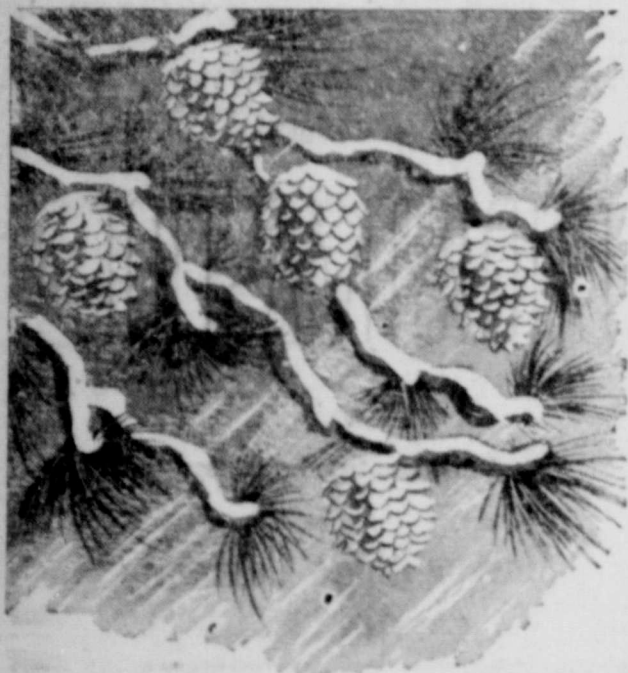
Gray goods, in textile manufacture before it has been dyeing, refers to cotton fabric dyed.

May the Glorious Christmas Season

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MERRY CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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THE next thing we know they'll expect the gals to wear the old-fashioned, high laced shoes. And their shins will find them out.

The vending machines will be glad to know that the government plans to retire the steel-zinc wartime pennies.

In football, the bigger you are the harder they fall.

Didn't somebody overlook a bet? There's been no increase in the price of animal crackers.

Mother is REALLY going to have a time with Junior if he finds out that the American people are supposed to eat less.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

With more gratitude than we know how to express, we say to you, our friends

We appreciate your friendly associations and wish you all of the true happiness that the Christmas season can bring



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