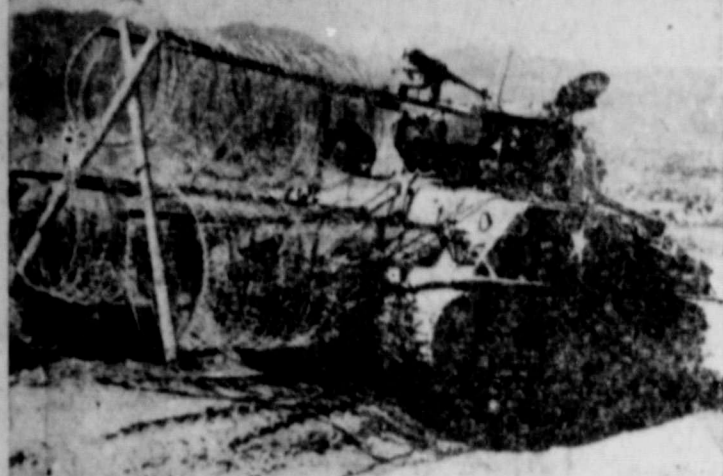


RANGER, TEXAS

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PERILOUS JOB MADE SAFER—The job of laying barbed wire under combat conditions in Korea is just as dangerous and necessary as it was in World War I. To meet the problem the 120th Engineer Combat Battalion has improvised an M-4 tank with a triple belt concertina of barbed wire for rapid and protected laying. This technique gives our Korean G.I.'s the advantage of greater speed and safety while doing this hazardous job.

Christmas Card World Revolves Around Santa

Santa Claus may shed his tasseled cap this year, and wear a king-size crown instead. He's won new laurels—after a lifetime that spans more than sixteen centuries! This latest honor is a tribute from the Christmas card people. They report that jolly St. Nick, after countless seasons in a relatively lesser role, appears on more of the 1952 designs than any other single figure.

Santa's dramatic comeback, however, is but one side of the story. From coast to coast, Christmas card designs that recall our rich

Yuletide traditions are in greater demand than ever. All the familiar signs of a hearty, century-ago Christmas are again on parade. And as this colorful panorama of yesteryear unfolds, Christmas card by Christmas card, flaming poinsettias burst into bloom. Passengers journey "home for Christmas" by stagecoach. The Yule log blazes in a painted fireplace. Church bells chime a silent but joyous "Noel."

Imaginative color schemes, vivid and gay, have been used to recreate the festive atmosphere of many generations ago. And in many instances, Christmas card designers have achieved realistic effects by using unusual materials.

Crinkled cellophane has been inserted to simulate frosted window panes on one cut-out card shaped like a 19th century street lantern. The engraved gold foil border around a wintry farmhouse scene has been embossed to resemble an antique picture frame.

There are several designs on which Santa's beard is made of fluffy white feathers, and his work-suit of a red, suede-like material. Santa himself is pictured harnessing his reindeer, soaring over picturesque villages, and sliding down snow-covered chimneys.

Not since 1822, when Clement C. Moore wrote "A Visit from St. Nicholas," has he been characterized in so intimate and revealing a fashion. What's more, one of the many Santa Claus cards actually is a cleverly illustrated replica of that beloved poem beginning, "Twas the night before Christmas."

Earlier generations, incidentally, did not think of Santa as a "jolly old elf." They described him as tall, thin and riding a white horse, like the real St. Nicholas, a kindly bishop who lived in Asia Minor during the 4th century A.D. Both his name and appearance were gradually Americanized by early Dutch colonialists at New Amsterdam.

Many another Christmas card illustration also originated in ancient times. There are scores of colorful designs this year which picture gaily ornamented Christmas trees—a custom begun by Martin Luther, leader of the Protestant Reformation, over 400 odd years ago.

Against a misty background of twilight and falling snow, one card reveals three warmly-clad youngsters singing Christmas carols on a street corner—just as the wandering minstrels of Merrie England did back in the Middle Ages.

Church bells and flickering candles always rank among the most popular Christmas card sym-

bols. Yet, the curious myths once told about them are all but forgotten.

According to medieval legends, Satan died when Christ was born, and all the bells on earth rang out in reverent thanksgiving. While in Ireland, candles were placed in windows to guide the Christ Child as he roamed the world on Christmas Eve.

There's nothing legendary, however, about the new religious designs. Collectively and separately, they bring to life the miracle of that first Christmas in Bethlehem almost 2000 years ago.

Among the most dramatic scenes are the angels who appeared before virgin shepherds to announce the Holy Birth, and a view of the Three Wise Men offering gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the Infant Jesus—the first of all Christmas gifts!

Equally impressive are the inspiring designs reproduced on folders of crackling parchment. Their Christmas greetings are carefully hand-lettered in illuminated colors, and they resemble the old manuscripts found in medieval monasteries. Biblical quotations appear on many of these unusual creations.

Madonnas by Raphael, Murillo, and other famous artists of the Renaissance are also popular as Christmas card designs. Modern religious scenes are depicted, too—children praying before wayside shrines, stippled choirs singing reverent hymns, and churchgoers walking along snowy streets.

All in all, there's more than 25,000 different Christmas card designs this year. Many of them are in the family and special title categories. They are addressed, for example, in such winsome and specific terms as "To the Best and

Dearest Mother" or "To my Husband with Love at Christmas." There are similar titles for practically every degree of relationship, from grandparents down to the children's teacher, your family doctor, and even one which says "Merry Christmas to Our Baby-Sitter!"

Seasons Greetings

Christmas is wonderful... and its arrival always brings to us the realization that we have such wonderful friends. May your Holiday Season be filled with outstanding happiness.

O. L. CANTRELL & SONS SERVICE STATION
Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Cantrell

Sincerest wishes...

It is our privilege each year to express our warmest Christmas Greetings to those we are proud to call our friends and patrons. May we say once more that we have appreciated your confidence in the past and that we will never cease trying to make each new year rich in neighborliness and good will for you. To everyone we wish a Merry Christmas and a Bountiful New Year.

RANGER DRY CLEANERS
Mae and Jess Weaver

Pickens Weaver Carl Eakin
Francis Blackwell Carrie Davis
Bethel Morgan

SEASON'S GREETINGS

We hope that you will enjoy this Christmas surrounded by all the things dearest to your heart. And may the New Year bring to you all the success and happiness that make for a rich and meaningful life.

Brazda Clinic

Ranger, Texas

Season's Greetings

In extending our sincerest greetings to our friends at this time we find an ever deeper meaning in the spirit of Christmas. For it is the furthering of friendship and brotherhood with others that brings to us the true joy of living...
A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

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Mrs. Jo Eyley
Mrs. Lazelle Johnson
Mrs. Glenn Gregory

CHRISTMAS CARD CUSTOM STARTED BY ART CONTEST BACK IN PRE-1900 ERA

Christmas cards made their American debut back in 1875 and were promptly proclaimed as "just one her passing fad."

No one even dreamed they would soon become a traditional part of our colorful Yuletide customs. In fact, another five years passed before this early wave of polite public differences subsided.

Even then, except for an annual series of nation-wide art contests, Christmas cards might easily have passed out of existence! Their failure to attract immediate popular support was due

mainly to the designs. Most of them pictured gay summer flowers, children at play, even birds and animals. Only a few bore any resemblance to Christmas or the winter season.

Obviously, a face-lifting job was required. So in June, 1880, a competition for the best Christmas card design was held at the American Art Gallery in New York City.

Credit for sponsoring this unusual contest belongs to Louis Prang, publisher of the first truly American Christmas cards. Prang frankly planned both to improve their artistic character and to a-

rouse national interest in the pleasant Christmas card custom.

Prizes of \$1000, \$500, \$300, and \$200 were offered. A panel of three well-known artists was selected to judge the winners. Nearly 700 illustrations were entered, though only four could win the cash awards. However, there were so many outstanding creations that another 25 were quickly purchased for reproduction on Christmas cards.

Rebecca Emmet won first prize. Her painting portrayed a group of choir boys singing, with an angel talking to a shepherd in the background. Today, it has become a valuable collector's item.

Results of the first Christmas card contest were beyond all expectations. Large crowds visited the galleries daily. Exhibitions of the prize-winners were held in large cities throughout the nation. Inevitably, it was decided to make this contest an annual affair.

The following year 2500 designs were entered. Again both the four prize-winners and many others were purchased for Christmas cards, and again these originals were widely exhibited. England expressed her admiration by

holding a similar contest, and it so going reminded the world that the first Christmas card was published in London in 1842.

Elihu Vedder won the first prize awarded in 1881. Vedder was probably the best known of the many artists who competed. Several of his paintings are exhibited in the Library of Congress today.

Partly to gauge public opinion and partly to satisfy those who disagreed with the judges, a double set of awards was offered in 1882. Visitors to the New York exhibit were invited to vote for the Christmas card design they liked best. Human nature being what it is, a chance to guess the judges created more excitement than ever.

Surprisingly enough, however, Dora Wheeler's "Apparition" won both the judges and the "popular" awards that year. This unanimous selection indicated a general agreement on the best qualities of a popular Christmas card had finally been reached.

Although the dual contests continued, their purpose had been fulfilled. People were talking about

Odd Custom For Bosnians

Zenians of Bosnia burn their Yule logs a day later than the rest of Europe. Just before sunrise the father drags the log into the home. As he enters the door he is doused with wine. The log itself is sprinkled with kernels of corn to assure the family a bountiful crop in summer.

Christmas cards, delighted to send or receive them. The new Yuletide custom was here to stay, to bring new pleasures and fond memories with each passing year.

Old Santa Was Born In U. S. A.

Europe brought Christmas to America, but America gave Santa Claus to Europe.

When the early Dutch settlers came to America, they had never heard of Santa Claus. Old St. Nicholas, who brought them presents each December 6, changed rapidly in the New World.

His name became abbreviated and altered to Santa Claus, and his external appearance underwent great changes. From a lean ascetic he was transformed into a jolly, fat old fellow. His pale face became the color of rosy apples. He laid aside his canonical robes,

miter and pastoral staff to become clothed in a cap and brilliant red suit, trimmed with ermine. The new Santa Claus traded his famous gray horse for a reindeer and sleigh. He also stopped giving presents on December 6, and started distributing gifts on the night of December 24.

The changes in his outward appearance were reflected in his chance of character. When he came to America he left behind his rod and bag of ashes with which he beat naughty children, and adopted an entirely lovable personality.



"Do I think you'll get the house painted before fall? That depends on what kind of fall you have in store."

Happy Holiday

May all the joys of the Holiday be heaped on you and those you love. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Jack Williams Paint & Wallpaper
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williams

MERRY CHRISTMAS

We sincerely hope that this Christmas you will receive a full share of lasting good health and happiness.

Western Auto
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fraley

Season's Greetings

May all the good cheer and pleasure that we wish to be yours this Christmas lead to a very happy New Year.

L. R. PEARSON

At Christmas

May the warmth of the Yuletide spirit surround you and your loved ones throughout a bright and healthy New Year.

D. C. Cox Oil Field Construction
Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Cox and Family

Season's Greetings

May the spirit of brotherhood that is the meaning of our Christmas spread its teachings of Peace and Good Will around the world.

Ranger Steam Laundry
Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Rushing
Allen and Jerry

SEASON'S GREETINGS

We send these sincere greetings with a wish that your Holiday Joys go far beyond your fondest dreams.

H. P. EARNEST
CONSIGNEE THE TEXAS CO.
Bob Earnest Charlie Hamilton

CHRISTMAS Wishes

Good health, good fortune and good cheer... these are our Christmas wishes for you. And may you enjoy each of them in increasing measure every day of the New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Galloway

Merry Christmas!

We sincerely hope that you and your loved ones will share in every Christmas pleasure.

And may the New Year be one of good health and contentment for all our many friends.

PORKEY PIG
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Boyan and Rickey

Greetings

TO ONE AND ALL WE WISH A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS AND A BOUNTIFUL NEW YEAR

Ranger Clinic

Filipinos Will Observe Yule In U. S. Style

MANILA—Filipinos, young and old alike, observe Christmas as one of the happiest holidays.

When the long summer begins to end with the approach of December, Filipinos are often heard to say they already can "smell Christmas." They mean that the Christmas spirit already is in the atmosphere. It is.

This is especially the case when the "simbang gabi" (church-going

at night) begins. There are nine of these night (actually early morning) masses, the last and most resplendent being the midnight mass of Dec. 24-25.

This mass is the climax of the religious side of Christmas observance. Church bells ring throughout the land, proclaiming the birth of Christ, and the faithful forego sleep and flock to churches.

Christmas Trees

A Christian people since the 16th century, and predominantly Catholic, the Filipinos stick to time-honored traditions in Christmas observance. Besides the "simbang gabi" there is the "holen", which may be found displayed in

many homes. This is a tableau depicting the birth of the Saviour in Bethlehem.

Many households also have Christmas trees, which became fashionable, after the coming of the Americans at the turn of the century. Christmas trees are especially popular in Manila and Baguio, the summer capital where most of the trees (pine branches) come from. Christmas trees are decorated in the American style.

During the "simbang gabi" season, bands go around the town playing loud tunes to wake the people for mass. After mass, church-goers repair to adjoining public squares where vendors have rice cakes cooking over charcoal fires. The cakes are chased down with tea or a brew made of water, sugar and ginger.

Children Get Money

Christmas is not only an occasion for gift-giving but family reunions. In the case of children, and many adults as well, Christmas means nice clothes, lots of good food, and all kinds of presents.

Even the humblest of families manage to have more than the usual amount of food at Christmas time. Ham, cheese, grapes and other delicacies not usually on the table of the modest family are a must on Christmas.

Children especially enjoy Christmas because it is the one day they have lots of pocket money.

They call on their padrinos (god-fathers at baptism or at confirmation) and close relatives, who give them gifts, including cash.

Christmas cards first attracted wide popular attention in 1862, when displayed at the Second Great International Exposition in London. Another notable innovation at this same exposition was the legendary feminine "bustle."

MERRY Christmas

and all good wishes for your health, happiness and success in the New Year.

Betty's Flower Shop

To wish you Christmas Joy

The lantern of welcome is always shining for our friends... especially at this warm, friendly time of the year. Extended with it are our best wishes for a joyous Christmas and a happy New Year.

Ussery Ref. & Electric Service

Greetings

We're sending you loads of wishes of joy, good health and good cheer for the Holiday Season... and though they're delivered on Christmas, they're good for all the days of the New Year.

WEST TEXAS CLINIC and HOSPITAL

Dr. and Mrs. P. M. Kuykendall

May your happiness this Christmas be in tune with the joyful spirit of the season. And may you retain this good cheer throughout the New Year.

Killingworth's
RANGER, TEXAS

SEASON'S GREETINGS

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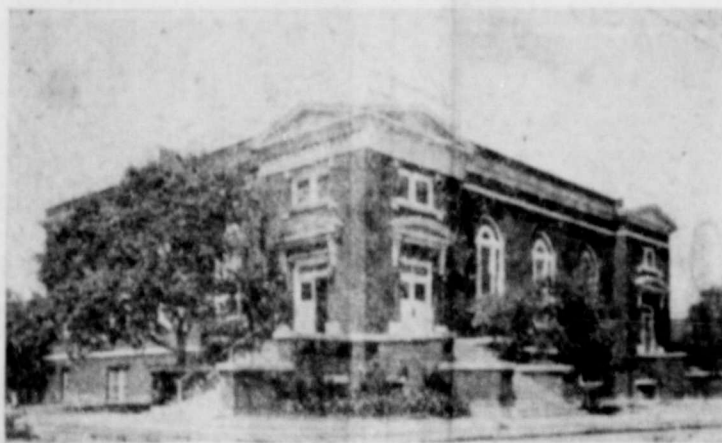
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DR. MARSHALL E. JOLLY
Brotherhood President

Supporting All of Christ's Program All the Year

MANY SUPERSTITIONS ABOUT CHRISTMAS AROUND WORLD



BIRTHDAY PORTRAIT—Dressed in the uniform of a general, King Gustav Adolf VI, of Sweden, posed for his birthday portrait, in the royal castle at Stockholm. The Swedish monarch will be 70 years old Nov. 11.

French peasants believe that babies born on Christmas have the gift of prophecy.

If a baby is born at sermon time on Christmas Eve in Middle Europe, it portends that someone in the house will die within the year.

Daughters born in the Vosges, France, on December 25 will be wise, witty and virtuous.

A baby born on Christmas in Silesia will become either a lawyer or a thief.

Girls in the ancient Duchy of Swavia seldom missed the opportunity offered by Christmas to look into the future at their future husbands. On Christmas Eve they would go to the woodpile to draw sticks. If a girl pulled a thick stick, her husband would be stout; if a crooked stick, he would be deformed. They would determine the business of their future husbands by dropping melted lead into a

Significant meanings surround Christmas, according to superstitions believed in various parts of the world.

In Holstein, mistletoe is not only supposed to be a cure for all green wounds, but will insure success in the chase and give strength to the wrestler.

Early Norsemen believed for centuries that the mistletoe would give protection against both bodily ailments and evil spirits.

A person who is born on Christmas will have power to see and command spirits, according to a Scottish belief.

pan of cold water. The molten metal would form various shapes in cooling, and thus resemble the insignia of his occupation; hammer shape, a carpenter; shoe shape, a cobbler. Every piece of lead resembled some occupation to the old wives.

A maiden in Switzerland who accepts a bunch of Edelweiss at Christmas also accepts the man who proffers it.

All animals in the German Alps can speak on Christmas Eve.

It is believed in the Netherlands that nothing sown on Christmas Eve will perish. Even seed sown in the snow will live.

A Bohemian wife will die with

in a year if she burns a Christmas cake.

To insure an abundant harvest in Denmark, some of the bread baked on Christmas is kept until sowing time, when it is mixed with the seed.

It is said that bread baked on Christmas in England never becomes moldy.

Ashes must not be thrown out on Christmas day in some sections of Europe, for fear they might be thrown in the Savior's face.

Some families in Scandinavia place all their shoes together on Christmas. This will cause them to live in harmony throughout the year.



GREETINGS

Gholson Hotel and Coffee Shop

JOY

While we give and receive gifts, let us always remember God's greatest gift to mankind. A Joyous Holiday to all.

PARNELL Radio Service
Shelby - Corky - Duanne - Shelane

To all our friends... here's to a Merry Christmas and a very gay New Year.

MATHENA'S FLOWER SHOP

YULETIDE GREETINGS

from your

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

and wishing you the best of everything for the New Year...

CHAS. J. OWEN, Pres. R. V. GALLOWAY, Mgr.

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Friendship... a precious possession the year 'round is especially appreciated at Christmastime. To our many loyal friends we wish a Very Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with happiness.

TEXAS SERVICE STATION
DEAN CRAWLEY

Season's Greetings

May this Holiday Season bless your heart with love, your mind with peace, and your life with happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Lanier

A Joyous Christmas

At this time of the year, all hearts are in tune with the spirit of the Season. We wish a Joyous Holiday to all.

DR. MARSHALL E. JOLLY

A PRAYER for Christmas

As the curtain begins to draw across the old year, we pray that the spirit of Christmas be kept in the hearts of men not only this one day... but every day. For with Christmas in our hearts nothing in life could ever quench the joy or dim the light of our peace.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
GARLAND T. LAVENDER, Pastor

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Christmas has a merry way with all... it gives joy and laughter to the children, warm and cheerful feelings to the grown-ups, and best of all the grand memory of its joy continues throughout the year.

To all our friends we wish a Holiday Season filled with happiness, good health, and contentment.

Ranger Furniture Exchange
Colonel Brashier Felton Brashier Pete Brashier



Season's Greetings

The warmth of the Christmas spirit is reflected in the cherished friendships we have made over the years. Again to our many friends we extend our sincerest wishes of good health and happiness for the Yuletide and the New Year.

Art's Tool & Supply Co.
Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Arterburn

Yule Tree Is Traced Back To Forest Legend

Legends dealing with the origin of the use of the Christmas tree go as far back as the Tenth century when George Jacob, the Arabian geographer, declared that all of the trees in the forest blossomed and bore fruit the night of our Lord's Nativity.

It is believed that Jacob's story might have led to the later custom of hanging apples and fruit on the evergreen tree, and, as the habit in certain parts of Europe, of using a blossoming cherry sapling in the home as a Christmas tree.

On August 1847 introduced the Christmas tree to America 107 years ago in Wooster, Ohio, and, in so doing, preserved the tradition that had been handed down in Germany. In 1851, Rev. Henry C. Schwan, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Cleveland, Ohio, put up the first Christmas tree in a church in this country, for which he and his parishioners were severely denounced by other congregations.

One of the most beautiful legends concerning the Christmas tree is the ancient tale dealing with the forester and his household, who had just gathered around the fireside on Christmas Eve when they heard a timid knock on the door.

The forester opened the door to behold a little child shivering on the steps. Touched by the child's cold and apparent exhaustion, the forester took him in, and he was welcomed by the whole family and warmed and fed. Later,

the forester's son, Hans, gave up his bed to the little child.

In the morning, the family was awakened by the singing of a choir of angels, and looking at their little guest saw him standing transfixed in their midst. They recognized him as the Christ child. As the Lord Jesus bade the family farewell, He broke off a branch from a fir tree, set it in the earth, and said, "Behold, I have gladly received your kind gifts, and this is my gift to you. Henceforth, this tree shall always bear its fruit at Christmas time and you shall always meet abundance."

The first community Christmas tree was set up in Paris, France, in 1840, but was not popularly accepted throughout the world until the advent of electricity, when the lighting could be stabilized and proper effect given to its display.

Albert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, who came to England in 1840 to wed the young Victoria, is credited with bringing the Christmas tree to the British Isles.

HEARTH ACHES



"They said this week's program would be a real shocker!"

Quarrelsome Natives

A policeman is stationed in the shrine of the Prince of Peace because sets in Bethlehem quarrel among themselves about Christmas, even on a Christmas day.

Yule Decorations Have Meanings

Not many, probably, know of the deeper meaning associated with the three plants we ordinarily use for Christmas decorations, an authority writes. The holly has prickles and red berries. By the prickles we confess the bitter life of Jesus on earth. His watchings, His fastings, His weariness, His crown of thorns. By the berries we confess that He shed His blood for sinners.

The yew has little outside bark, but only a small rind, to teach us not to make a great outside show of religion; it is a lasting timber, suggesting the soundness of a Christian; it has many branches, meaning plentifulness in good works; and it is always green and prospering, even as the Christian should always grow and thrive in grace.

The laurel has the significance of victory. Jesus came into the world to loose the hands of sin and to ascend up into Heaven, leading captivity captive.



Sincere Wishes

Midst the many greetings that will come to you this Christmas, we want you to include our wishes for a joyous Holiday and a Rich and Happy New Year.

HOUGHTON'S GARAGE
Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Houghton



Merry Christmas

If we haven't had a chance to wish you a Merry Christmas personally, during the past few days, may we now say to each and every one of our friends and patrons.

"A Happy Christmas and Joyous New Year"

MERONEY'S GULF SERVICE



Joy... Peace... at Christmas

Once more we pause to welcome to our hearts the spirit of this blessed season. May it renew the great warmth of reverent love in the hearts of all men, and may this Christmas Day herald the fulfillment of all our prayers for joy and peace to all our brothers throughout the world.

PAGE PLUMBING Company
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Page
Jerry - Emma - Janice



Season's Greetings

For us, each new Christmas seems to hold an added significance... a deeper meaning. It's because we realize that whatever we accomplish from year to year is made possible through the cooperation and good will of our citizens. We are grateful for this manifestation of loyalty and confidence and it is with full sincerity that we extend our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

City of Ranger

PERCIVAL CRAWLEY, Mayor

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R. Lester Crossley, City Manager

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J. T. Grice	Sam McMillan
D. B. Shook	Isaac Jenkins

Cave Of Nativity Religious Grotto

The "stable" in which Christ was born does not conform to the modern conception of the world. In Biblical times, places of shelter were hewn in rocky ledges. Judean travelers, frequently housed in such caves, welcomed joint tenancy with beasts because of the extra warmth provided by animals' bodies.

The birthplace of Jesus was such a cave. Now a grotto beneath Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity, the entire surface has been elaborately ornamented. Pilgrims to the shrine often wish, nonetheless reverently, that its original simplicity might have been preserved in which eternal stars "Looed down where He lay The little Lord Jesus Asleep in the hay."

ANSON AGAIN BRINGS BACK TO LIFE OLD WEST BALLAD

As close as boots and ruffles can come to it, Anson is bringing an old Western ballad back to life during this Christmas week in the staging of another Cowboy's Christmas Ball.

The dances this year opened Monday, Dec. 22, and wind up today—the day before Christmas. Participants are limited to those in oldtime costumes.

The ballad is written by Anson's own, written by Larry Chittenden, who worked on a ranch near the Jones County seat, which he purchased later. It tells the story of the goings on at a Christmas dance held in Anson's old Morning Star Hotel the night before Christmas in 1885, after "the cowboys had left the ranches" and "the ladies had gathered in for miles."

Windy Bill was calling, the dust "ris fast and furious" and "we shook our hoofs like lightning until the early dawn."

Chittenden, who ranched with his uncle, S. B. Chittenden, in the Skinout Mountains west of Anson, was a transplanted Eastlander, as such a curiosity, when he came to the ranch country as a taxidermy salesman from New York. He was born in New Jersey March 25, 1868, and died in New York in September 1934.

The people in his ballad were real people. Windy Bill, the caller, was W. M. Wilkinson, later of Stanton. Cross P. Charley's Bride was Mrs. Charlie P. Pool, who later lived in Kentucky. Many others have been identified and some have returned for the Christmas dances revived in 1932 by the Cowboy's Christmas Ball Association, Inc., which built Pioneer Hall in Anson as a place to stage them.

Official Yule Tree Famous

The famous General Grant tree in the General Grant National Park, California, was at high noon on Christmas Day, 1926, declared the nation's official Christmas tree.

The tree, estimated to be 276 feet high, by the United States department of interior, is one of the most celebrated trees in America. It is one of the so called Big-trees, Sequoia gigantes.

Devotional and patriotic services are held beneath the tree each year and are broadcast over national hookups.

Pious Custom In Ireland

In the west of Ireland, Christmas takes a pious note. A candle is left burning in the window as a guide to the Holy Family, should it be needing shelter. And food is left on the table between meals in case any souls from purgatory should revisit their old homes.



HIGH-WATER PANTS—Boatmen and fishermen no longer have to roll up their pants. Three-quarter length slacks in charcoal denim were among new designs at a fashion show in Miami Beach. They are worn with striped cotton Riviera shirt, have a sailing jacket to match. (NEA)

"One year earlier—7 B.C.—Jupiter, Saturn and Venus were similarly grouped. "What makes the astronomer pause at accepting this theory is the passage in Matthew which read, 'The star went before them.' That—many scientists assume—must have been a psychological rather than an actual visual impression."

Christmas at home...

It is our sincere hope that this Christmas will find you surrounded by family, friends and all those you love... enjoying the full warmth of the spirit of this happy Holiday.

ADAMS GROCERY and MARKET
Mr. and Mrs. H. G. ADAMS
H. G. Adams, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lyons Charlie Beck

What Was Old Legend Of Star In The East?

"The New Testament does not guide us in attempting to identify the Christmas star," Dr. Dinmore Alter, director of the Griffith observatory, Los Angeles, Calif., states.

"We know what the heavens appeared like 2,000 years ago and there is only one reasonable theory for the announcement of the Wise Men, who said, in Matthew 2:2:

"Where is He, that is born King of the Jews, for we have seen His star in the east and are come to worship Him?"

"In 6 B. C., there was a grouping of three planets—Jupiter, Saturn and Mars—which might have provided the ancients with their long-awaited sign of the Nativity.

Merry Christmas

The value of our friendships is appreciated more and more as we go further and further on our business journey. To our old friends and new acquaintances we extend our sincerest wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Star Dry Goods
Mr. and Mrs. Max Star

CHRISTMAS TIME

May you enjoy all the happiness that comes to the young in heart at Christmas Time!

BELLS YOUNG MODERN
Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Bell Mrs. C. D. Ervin

Christmas Greetings

May the old time Christmas spirit of joy and peace be with you every day of a bountiful New Year.

BUCK WALLACE
Welding & Fabricating
Mr. and Mrs. Buck Wallace and Patsy

Season's Greetings

For your friendship and good will we extend a hearty "Thank You." May you have a delightful Christmas and a successful New Year.

O. K. GRO. & MARKET
Mr. and Mrs. George Fingler

Holiday Wishes

Once more it's a joyous occasion for us to send to our friends the Greetings of the Season and to wish them a Cheerful Christmas... a New Year of success and good health.

BURTON - LINGO
Company
J. D. Nichols, Mgr.

A JOYOUS SEASON

With its message of hope and peace, the Christmas star shines again. May the joy in its radiant light be reflected in your heart throughout the New Year.

J. C. PENNEY COMPANY
JOHN L. SMITH, Manager

Greetings

Once again we greet the gay Yuletide season — when young and old gather 'round in good fellowship... with a heartfelt wish that you and yours may enjoy the Merriest Christmas — and a Happy, Happy New Year!

Ranger General Hospital

Christmas Was Once Banned

Puritanism brought over with it in the Mayflower the anti-Christmas feelings.

In 1659 the general court of Massachusetts, following the example of the English parliament, enacted a law providing: "anybody who is found observing, by abstinence from labor, feasting, or any other way, any such day as Christmas shall pay for such offense five shillings." The law remained in effect until 1681. The wessel, however, was bitter to old Puritanisms, which kept up an even protest down to the early part of the present century.

SIGNS OF ZODIAK GIVE TIPS ON WHO WANTS WHAT GIFT

A New York City astrologer has devised a novel system of selecting Christmas gifts. It works as well as any, it seems.

"It's as simple as A.B.C.," said Miss Helen Paul, the astrologer. "If one studies the signs under which friends and relatives are born, no one need fear that their gifts will be exchanged after Christmas."

Here's her rating of Christmas satisfaction according to the zodiac:

Aries—born from January 21 to February 19—like the practical type. Capricorn is their sign—and they have a yen for leather goods.

Taurus—born from January 22 to February 20—like the unusual, the Aquarius females hankering for bracelets, the males want spats.

Those born under the sign of the fish—Pisces, February 21 to March 20—would be greatly pleased with wet goods—wines and liquor.

The Aires crowd—March 21 to April 21 go in for smoking. Ash

trays, cigarettes, pipes, tobacco—for the men. For the women, a box of "personalized" matches or a bright red sweater and cap.

The Taurus people—April 22 to May 21—would like nothing better than food—Taurus people never grow weary of eating.

Gemini-ers—May 22 to June 22—have literary preoccupations. Girls would be thrilled by writing material, the men by a printing press or a pen and pencil set.

Those born under the sign of Cancer—June 23 to July 22—are homey and would like domestic gifts such as lounging robes, cocktail sets or household equipment.

The Leo people—July 23 to August 22—are show-offs. The men go for startling ties no matter what they say. The women hope for something really fancy in jewelry or lacy underwear.

Virgo-ites—August 23 to September 22—are essentially practical. The men really want handkerchiefs, and the women want a utility kit on cabinet.

The Libra men want their handkerchiefs initialed. They're born from September 23 to October 22—and at heart they are exquisites.

Scorpio men and women—October 23 to November 22—go in for the exotic. The men would be delighted with some chisel and a chunk of granite. The women want to get a kick out of perfume,

or some spices.

The Sagittarius type—November 23 to December 21—long for a pauper bowling alley.



Holiday WISHES

To all our friends we wish good cheer, not only for Christmas, but for all of the coming New Year.

C. E. MADDOCKS & CO.
 Marjorie Maddocks
 Mrs. James Higdon Mrs. Hattie Bragg Richard T. West

Happy Christmas

To our many friends we wish all the pleasures that a joyous Holiday Season can bring.



THE 500 CLEANERS
 Mr. and Mrs. Lennie Corby Richard and Freddie

Silent Night... Holy Night



Angelic voices ring out in carols of praise and thanksgiving in this Joyous Season, and with them soar all our renewed hopes and prayers for peace and brotherhood among all men. At this time we would like to extend to all our friends our sincerest wishes for a Christmas unmatched in true happiness and well-being.

Social Science Laboratories
 A. W. WARFORD



"Hark! the herald angels sing..."

THIS CHRISTMAS, as we rejoice in the commemoration of the birth of our Lord, let us remember the good his teachings have brought to all mankind.

MAY OUR HEARTS be open this Christmastide to His message that by the power of God's love alone can we be inspired to great deeds and wise action.

Anderson Chevrolet Company

T. J. (Andy) ANDERSON WILLIAM J. (Bill) ANDERSON
 AND EMPLOYEES

Greetings

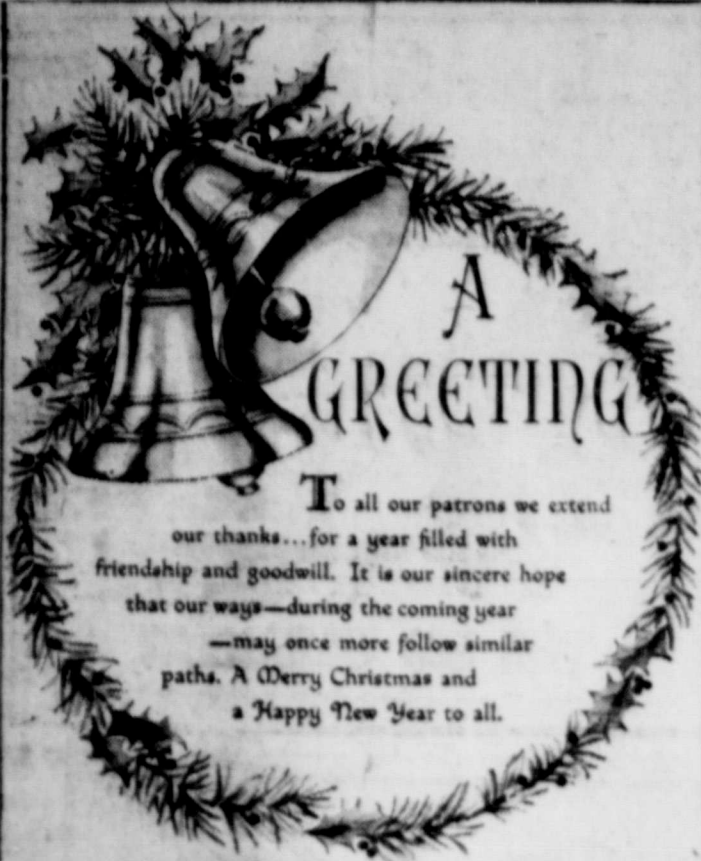
This Christmas, our hearts once more are filled with a feeling of rejoicing as we recall the rich friendships and grand associations that have been our proud possessions these many years. To all our old friends and new acquaintances we extend our warmest and heartfelt greetings for Christmas and the New Year.



PIPKIN'S PIGGLY WIGGLY

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Pipkin
 Mr. and Mrs. James Pipkin
 Mr. and Mrs. V. S. Howard

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Pipkin
 Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Pipkin
 Mr. and Mrs. Homer Wiesen



To all our patrons we extend our thanks... for a year filled with friendship and goodwill. It is our sincere hope that our ways—during the coming year—may once more follow similar paths. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

TEXAS DRUG STORE

GEO. D. NICHOLSON

Great Christmas Carols Work Of Inspired Clergy

Since that first Christmas when the angels sang "Glory to God in the Highest", music has been a vital part of the holiday season, schools, churches and homes ring with joyous hymns and songs. The first singing of carols in the streets, we are told, was in the year 1224.

When we think of Christmas we think of the pictures you see on Christmas cards of houses almost buried in snow, candles burning in windows, and carolers grouped around a doorway, singing with all their hearts to the distant peal of church bells. Christmas must have been picturesque in those days, no automobiles whizzing by, just the merry jingle of sleigh bells.

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" was written in 1739 by Charles Wesley, younger brother of John Wesley, who founded the Methodist denomination, but was not published until 1856. Inspiration for the poem came to Wesley as he walked to church one Christmas morning.

Bishop Phillip Brooks, rector of the Holy Trinity Church in Philadelphia, was asked by his Sunday school children to write a Christmas song, so in 1868 he produced "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem." After writing the hymn, he went to the church organist and asked him to furnish a tune. The organist, Lewis H. Redner, says the air came to him in a Christmas dream, and it was finished for the next day's services.

Origin of 'Silent Night'

But most beloved of all Christmas music is "Silent Night, Holy Night," written, we are told, by Father Josef Mohr, who found himself without means of music for the Christmas services because he had seen the bellows of the church organ. Father Josef was greatly troubled over the calamity, and as he returned from administering rites to a dying woman he stood on a hilltop, at midnight, and it came to him that it must have been just such a silent night that the Christ child was born, so he went home and composed the words of our famous Christmas hymn.

Then, of course, it needed music, so he went to his old schoolmaster, Franz Gruber. And so Franz played his guitar and Father Josef sang a Christmas hymn that will never die.

Few think of this lovely hymn without remembering how we watched our radio dial at Christmas time for its rendition by one of the most beloved of singers,

Madame Schumann-Heink. Oh, those were days of simplicity, when rectors casting about for suitable Christmas programs turned poets, and organists turned composers to furnish the music, music that goes on forever. They would, indeed, be gratified if they could hear our present

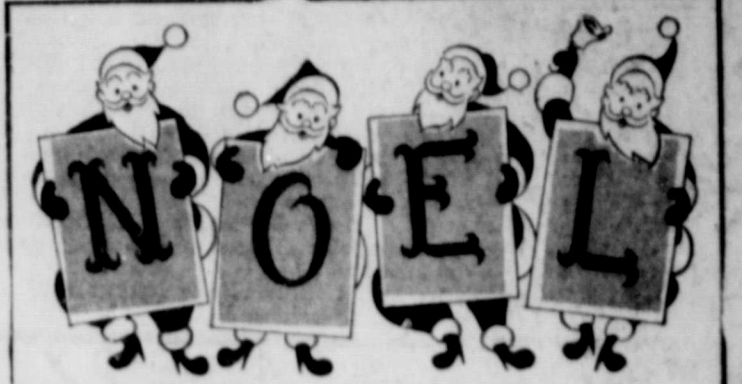
Christmas day programs, pouring out of a little cabinet in the corner, their labors of love have come a long way from that steel guitar and a gentle voice replacing a nibbled bellows, they'd be surprised to learn their flock now does its Christmas shopping to their inspirational tunes.

Shortly after World War I, designers adapted the now familiar four-page "French fold" for Christmas cards. It was immediately popular, as it provided space to pen a personal Yuletide message.

Greetings at Christmas

Santa's smiling countenance lights up the world on this gay and festive Holiday. We join Santa in wishing one and all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Ranger Transfer & Storage
Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Wood



We've lined up to extend to you our sincerest Season's Greetings. May the bountiful joy that we wish you for Christmas be followed by an equal measure of happiness in the New Year.

Crawford's Rexall Drug

Ranger, Texas

Christmas Blessings

Wherever the spirit of Christmas remains, there we find that peace and brotherly love can never be forced from the hearts of men.

A joyous Christmas and a bountiful New Year to all!

JOSEPH'S DRY GOODS
Mr. and Mrs. D. Joseph and Employees

Season's Greetings

May the glad cheer of Christmas with its spirit of wonderful warmth remain as a precious token for all our friends, throughout the New Year.

Moffett Electric
Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Moffett



MERRY Christmas

Because Christmas time is reserved for very special greetings—we want to take this opportunity to thank our many patrons for their continued friendship and goodwill... and add, too, in a great big measure—our sincere wishes that the spirit of the season may remain a lasting joy for you and yours throughout the coming New Year.

RANGER LUMBER AND SUPPLY CO.
Calvin Brown Earl Brown

Season's Greetings

It is the "wealth" of good will, and the "strength" of good fellowship that make for a Merrier Christmas and a Happier New Year.

MR. AND MRS. JOE DENNIS

GREETINGS
These greetings say
we send your way
Are for a bright n merry Holiday—

*The Best of Texas
is My Best*
**BETWEEN
US...**
Greater See

MAY YOU AND YOURS ENJOY THE VERY MERRIEST CHRISTMAS EVER!
That's the message greeting you see everywhere today on behalf of the entire staff of your friendly hometown daily—the ten men and women who are members of the working family of your Ranger Daily Times.

To each . . . and to all of you . . . the Merriest Christmas ever . . . from each . . . and all of us—
Joe Dennis and O. H. Dick, publishers.

Mr. Joe Dennis, proofreader.
Mrs. J. G. Wright, society editor and bookkeeper.
Dwayne Dennis, shop foreman and linotype operator.
Paul Bullock, linotype operator.
Rex Earnest, makeup man.
Haskell C. Berry, makeup man.
Wayne P. White, pressman and stereotyper.
Johnny Roberson, assistant pressman and mailing clerk.
Jackie Ray Neeley, John Perkins, Jerry Mack Hall, Jimmy Harz, Dan Dixon, Gerald Shockey, Robert Veale, Frankie Landtroop and Robin Barnes, carriers.

And, of course, Heavy—t h e M e a t s m e a t s h o r t a g e .

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.

For near at hand and from distant lands there came visitors to Bethlehem. There were kings and some were shepherds. They followed the same star. Somewhere in the streets of the little town these columns met, and there was talk between the wise men and shepherds as to the nature of their mission. They exchanged such information as they had about the birth of the King of Kings and where He was to be found.

One of the royal party leaned down from his camel to listen to a shepherd who said, "We were in the field watching our flocks and suddenly an angel appeared. We were very much frightened. And the angel said, 'Fear not, for behold, I bring you 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 then suddenly the sky was filled with a great light and voices sang, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.'"

"And the light began to fade and we began to talk to each other and we decided to leave just one man with the flock and we went to Bethlehem to see this thing which had come to know this thing the Lord has made known to us. And we were in great haste."

"And the King who sat high above the shepherd got down from the back of his camel to hear the story more clearly, and the shepherds clustered around him to learn what signs he and his party had from countries to Bethlehem."

"And the eldest of the wise men explained, 'For us it was a star, a new star in the heavens, and it seemed to us that the star beckoned, and we gathered together treasures of gold and frankincense and myrrh.' And he pointed to the great retinue behind him and the camels heavily laden with bales and bundles of precious stuffs."

"And the shepherds seemed astonished and said, 'We have brought nothing. We came straight from the field where the angel spoke to us. And we were in great haste.'"

"And all the shepherds were amazed in the presence of the three kings and their servants and their camels bearing the burdens of rich gifts. They could see and detect the place of their destination at the star's end. The star shone directly on the stable. And because it was only a small place and the party of the King was so large the shepherds made as if to step aside so that these great men from a distant land might go first with their precious gifts for the King of Kings. But the eldest of the wise men warned to the shepherds to join his servants and not to hinder themselves."

"Whether it be from far or
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A Merry Christmas to all!

RANGER DAILY TIMES

34TH YEAR RANGER, TEXAS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1952 PRICE FIVE CENTS No. 146

Funeral Rites For Mrs. Bracken Are Held Today

Funeral services were held this morning at 9 o'clock at the St. Allice Catholic Church, West Fort Worth, for Mrs. Katherine Bracken, mother of a former Ranger resident, who died early Tuesday in a Fort Worth hospital.

Mrs. Bracken suffered a stroke Friday morning about 1 o'clock and never regained consciousness.

Her three children, two sons and a daughter, were at her bedside at the time of her death.

Mrs. Bracken was interred in a Fort Worth cemetery following the morning funeral rites.

Word of the Fort Worth woman's death was received in Ranger Tuesday morning by Mrs. John M. Gholson.

Mrs. Bracken was the mother of John Bracken, also of Fort Worth, a son-in-law of Judge and Mrs. George L. Davenport of Eastland.



There is wonder and mystery in the great blue sky at night. When an unclouded moon spreads her radiant light, like a golden crown, over the open sky myriad stars stud the heavens like jewels. Some are tiny stars that peek out of the azure bowl, quivering with uncertainty, while others are big and bright like shimmering bubbles blown high. This numberless family of sparkling messengers speak no words to us, but their twinkling eyes send forth many meanings. The lone traveler, lost in the wilderness, raises his eyes in appeal for direction; on far of seas the sailor steers his boat by the heavenly compass; and on earth man frequently looks up, to where the planets move, as if feels the peace and comfort of God.

Many years ago in the eastern countries of Persia, Chaldea, Ethiopia and India, men of great wisdom studied the stars. They were called Magi and were skilled in divinations. Books of prophecy, written in vining and interpreting hidden on linen scrolls, had been handed down to them from their fathers and grandfathers, who were prophets of old. They believed that a star would foretell the birth of a Saviour King and Ruler, for had not Balaam, son of Beer and a prophet of Chaldea, written "There shall come a star out of Jacob and a sceptre shall arise out of Israel!"

The Magi were very rich by birth, rank and fortune. They were leagued heart and hand in searching the stars for the truths of the world and would often go to the rooftops at night to meditate under the quiet reign of moonlight. The houses where these men lived were white and had flat roofs. They were surrounded by gorgeous gardens abounding in rare fruits and flowers. Perfume of ripened grapes and fragrant spices scented the night air and almond trees rustled against white walls, purple in shadow. Cypress groves, dark and tall, gleamed in silvery lustre of clear skies.

One night three men were up on a rooftop. Casper was the oldest, Melchior was middle-aged and Balthazar was a younger man. They were robes of purest white, covering tunics of many colored silks and after offering their usual evening prayers to God had settled down on low couches to meditate, pensive and disposed for contemplation. The night was drowsily quiet, broken only by an occasional stir of a wild peacock on a neighboring roof, or the dull sound of stealthy camel hoofs in the distance. The few words spoken by the men were of simple brevity, but their eyes moved from time to time across the vast sapphire sky. Then they dozed. Down dropped the curtain of silent night upon a sleeping world.

NEW BORN KING

Suddenly something made them spring to their feet. A herald breeze on their cheeks had awakened them and they raised their eyes to the heavens in wonder and surprise. A star! A tiny new star of intense illumination was slowly rising on the horizon's verge, in the night-blue western sky! It's great light was like a voice from the Almighty. Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar, overwhelmed with awe, lifted their arms in holy reverence to God's messenger, the celestial jewel in the sky. Deep silence and veneration gripped them.

In another moment their hearts burst forth with cries of joyous excitement. "A King is born! He is Balaam's vision fulfilled! Let us hasten and follow the star!"

Casper, master of the house, roused the sleeping servants. The favorite camels were quickly loaded with provisions for the journey. Warm cloaks, of purest white wool, were brought forth for the Wise Men who came from the upper chambers carrying strange boxes of great worth. In their girdles they had placed pearls and rubies of priceless value and they carried treasures of precious gold in jeweled caskets. All was now in readiness. The camels, unconscious of weight or effort, moved quickly through the dark hedges, the soft tinkle of their ornaments and a faint twittering of half awakened birds mingled for a moment in the cool wind; then all was quiet.

So, from the east unto the west, the Wise Men journeyed: three pilgrims following the little star that gleamed like a cut gem, brilliant and burning. It seemed to always go before them, leading the way. Suddenly it stopped and gloriously beamed down upon the little village of Bethlehem.

There the Wise Men of the East found the Christ Child, the promised Prince, with Mary His Mother. They paid homage to her new born child, spreading their treasures of rare gifts at His feet: gold, frankincense and myrrh. The thoughts of their hearts were expressed in the symbolic gifts. Gold—the fittest gift for a King, costly a fit brilliant incense—for a God, the saviour of which rolls up to heaven. Myrrh—for a man, the symbol of purity. Myrrh bowed their heads in the presence of the young child Jesus and with fervent prayers upon their lips, worshipped the New Born King.

Thus, came the first Christmas.

ECWSD Taxes Due and Payable Before Jan. 31

Only a little more than a month remains for payment of taxes due the Eastland County Water Supply District, K. B. Tanner of Eastland, the ECWSD's tax collector, reminded Ranger and Eastland citizens today.

The 1952 taxes, he said, now are due and payable and become delinquent after Jan. 31, 1953—only 38 days from now.

Taxpayers of the two cities have been paying the assessments levied at a low rate of only 25 cents per \$100 valuation—at a brick pace, Tanner said.

Eastland citizens may pay their ECWSD taxes at Room 210, Petroleum Building, and Rangerites' payments are being accepted at the office of the Ranger Chamber of Commerce.

Actual construction work on the new \$1,500,000 dam and water supply to serve the two cities is scheduled to get underway on Jan. 15, according to contractors.

A slight delay in securing allocations of steel and final details in securing all the acreage needed for the project forced the mid-January date for start of the big program. The night was drowsily quiet, broken only by an occasional stir of a wild peacock on a neighboring roof, or the dull sound of stealthy camel hoofs in the distance. The few words spoken by the men were of simple brevity, but their eyes moved from time to time across the vast sapphire sky. Then they dozed. Down dropped the curtain of silent night upon a sleeping world.

BUSINESSES TO CLOSE DURING CHRISTMAS DAY

Eastland Countians will take a respite from mid-week activities Thursday to enjoy the biggest traditional holiday of the year—Christmas Day.

Practically every business institution in the area will be closed during the day with exception of a few restaurants and possibly some service stations along the county's main traffic arteries.

Banks, postoffices and all government offices will be closed in observance of the Yuletide holiday.

Business as usual is expected again on Friday, Dec. 26, although some manufacturing plants who operate on a five-day week are giving employees Friday off, too, thus affording workers a welcome four-day weekend stretch.

Cold, Cloudy Yule Forecast

Eastland County isn't scheduled to have a White Christmas, 1952—no snow.

Some areas of Texas will be blanketed with snow tonight and tomorrow—especially the upper Panhandle and South Plains regions. But for Eastland County and vicinity, U. S. Weather Bureau experts predicted a dry Yuletide.

The weatherman forecast cold, partly cloudy weather for the so-called Yuletide. Christmas morning will be heralded with temperatures hovering around the freezing mark, and the mercury is due to rise into the 50s Thursday afternoon.

Dance, Reunion Set At Gordon

The annual ex-students dance and reunion of Gordon High School will be held at the gymnasium in Gordon Friday night, Dec. 26, it was announced today.

The dance is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. and will continue until 1 a.m. with music furnished by Johnny Jordan and his band of Mineral Wells.

The general public is cordially invited to attend the holiday affair.

Safe And Sane Yuletide Asked By Police Chief

"Let's all enjoy a safe and sane as well as a Merry Christmas this year."

That's the word today from Chief W. G. Pounds, head of the Ranger Police Department.

The RPD head urged Ranger residents to drive carefully.

"There'll be quite a few youngsters outside riding around on new wheel toys," the Chief said, "and motorists are urged to be cautious and on the lookout for tots out at play."

The police leader also urged persons drinking intoxicants to stay far behind steering wheels and off the streets and highways.

"We hope," he said, "that those who do indulge in holiday liquid cheer will be sensible and moderate and behave themselves."

Chief Pounds and his staff anticipate a comparatively quiet holiday.

Joining in the safety pleas of local and area officials, was the National Safety Council which declared today that "an estimated 500 persons may die in traffic accidents during the four-day Christmas holiday."

The Council recommended a Christmas "savings plan" for all motorists and pedestrians.

"The Christmas savings plan will pay a real yuletide bonus—life itself—with the investment of only a little care, courtesy and common sense during the hazardous days just ahead." Ned H. Dearborn, council president, said. He recommended:

1. Don't drive if the weather is bad.
2. If you must drive, start early, take it easy, and allow extra time for bad weather.
3. Don't drink if you drive.
4. Other drivers and pedestrians may have been drinking, so watch out for them.

GI Insurance To Cut Rates For Disability

Several Eastland County veterans will share in a special refund on National Service Life Insurance policies as a result of a new order issued by the Veterans Administration in Washington this week.

An official said 45,000 to 50,000 veterans who had or have the riders will get refund checks which will total about one and one-half to two million dollars.

Under the riders, monthly income of \$5 per \$1,000 of insurance is provided veterans who become totally disabled for six months or more and their insurance also is continued in effect without further payment of premiums as long as the disability continues.

For some age levels the new rate is about a third of what it formerly was— at age 30 it is \$1.07 a year per \$1,000 insurance, compared with an old rate of \$2.96 a year, and at age 55 it is \$1.42 compared with \$3.55. At age 55 there is no change, \$9.12 a year per \$1,000 under the old and new schedules.

New Wildcat Is Announced

Sell Petroleum and Ace Oil Co. of Tyler announced today plans for a 2,500 foot test which has been staked 2 1/2 miles southeast of Pioneer in Eastland County.

It has been designated as the No. 1 Lige Tate. Location is 300 feet from north and east lines of Stanley Lackerman survey.

No Paper On Christmas Day

There'll be no edition of your hometown daily published tomorrow—Christmas Day.

In order that staff members and carrier boys may enjoy a full holiday the usual Thursday paper will be omitted.

Regular schedule will be resumed the day following—on Friday, Dec. 26—the day after Christmas.

Outlook For Agriculture Bright For '53

LARGER DRAFT CALL ORDERED FOR JANUARY

Eastland County's Selective Service Board is being called upon to furnish a larger group of men during January, the initial month of the new year, than during any month during 1952.

State draft boards are being called upon to furnish 2,814 men for the armed forces during January, 1953, Lieut. Col. Morris Schwartz, deputy state selective service director, said at Austin.

Authority for the action was recently received in state draft headquarters from national selective service heads in Washington. The January quota for the entire nation is 48,000.

Colonel Schwartz pointed out that the January call is bigger than any monthly quota received during 1952. Large quotas of recent months, he said, are necessary to replace the "thousands of men getting out of the service."

The armed forces at this time are maintaining their strength, not building up to a higher strength, Colonel Schwartz said. He pointed to figures showing number of Texans separated and number taken into the armed forces during September, latest month for which statistics are available.

"In September, we received notification of the separation of 4,612 Texans from the armed services," Col. Schwartz said. "Our records show that 4,618 Texans were taken into the armed forces by enlistment and induction."

Colonel Schwartz said he expected more or less the same situation to prevail until next year, provided the world situation and U. S. policy remain the same.

State draft headquarters also announced physical examination of around 7,500 men in December and probably another 7,500 in January.

Weather During Yule Week Eyed By Forecasters

How'd you like to be a weather prophet?

Well, weather prognosticators have found means of forecasting the coming year's weather by peering an eye at the sky during Christmas week.

Take them for what they may be worth (you may not believe them!) but here are a few of the varied and conflicting—beliefs about Christmas weather:

If the sunshines through a h e apple tree on Christmas day, there'll be a good crop the following year.

If ice will bear a man before Christmas it won't bear a mouse afterward.

Thunder and lightning Christmas week means much snow in winter.

Wet causes more damage than frost before than after Christmas.

If it snows Christmas night, the hop crop will be good next year.

At Christmas meadows green, at Easter covered with frost.

"Windy Christmas day, trees will bring much fruit."

Christmas wet gives empty granary and barrel.

A green Christmas makes a fat graveyard.

A warm Christmas, a cold Easter.

A green Christmas, a white Easter.

Crop, Livestock Conditions Good Following Rains

Thanks to recent beneficial rains, the livestock and agricultural picture in Eastland County is much brighter today.

According to reports from over the county area, range lands, though yet sub-normal, are in much improved condition as a result of recent precipitation which snapped the long and costly drought.

Farmers optimistically report, too, that much small grain has been planted on acreage in this section and it's up to a good standing growing off well despite the cold weather.

It promises to provide considerable winter pasture and produce a good small grain crop next spring.

Cattle in Eastland County are reported in fair condition with a plentiful supply of water brightening what was a very dismal outlook earlier in the fall.

Some winter feeding, however, will be necessary by most farmers and stockmen.

The severeness of the recently-drouth drought recently was pointed out in a report of the Texas section center of the U. S. Weather Bureau at Houston.

According to the summary, drouth conditions in Texas this year were comparable in many respects to the severe drouth of 1917, the weathermen declared.

Total rainfall for the state during the first 11 months of 1952 amounted to 20.74 inches, compared to a normal 25.66. The year-end total for 1917 was 16.21 inches, compared to a normal 27.7.

October 1952 was the driest month in the state's history since Weather Bureau records began in 1888. Average state rainfall that month was only 0.03 inch or only 1 percent of normal. October 1917 rainfall was 11.11 cent of normal.

E. A. Farrell, section center director, said the record breaking dryness of October was followed by a more normal rainfall pattern which greatly aided in replenishing soil moisture and in alleviating the drouth. Rains during December have helped.

The Weather Bureau records also showed:

Late Freeze

A late spring freeze that killed tender vegetation nearly to the Gulf Coast and injured early planted corn.

Cold dry winds in April and May, following the only worthwhile rainfall of the year, caused the rains of little benefit to vegetation.

High temperatures and excessive sunshine during July and August.

Early killing frosts in the autumn.

Early cold waves in December killed all tender winter truck and badly injured more hardy vegetables.

"The most persistent dry weather of 1952 was in the western two-thirds of the state but all areas were seriously affected during the growing season," Farrell said. "Most sections this year had favorable moisture conditions during the early months and again in November and December, while in 1917 dry weather continued until the end of the year."

Above Normal

Farrell said 1952 precipitation during January-May, the wettest season, was 104.5 per cent of normal, compared to 62.5 per cent in 1917. For the drier season of June-October, 1952 rainfall was 47.5 per cent of normal, compared to 50.6 for 1917.

Dry weather of 1951 continued during the first three months of 1952 but most of the state received

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Season's Greetings

The Christmas greetings we send to you, hold every good wish for a Joyous Holiday Season.

A. H. Powell Grocery & Market
Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Powell

State's Problem Of Loan Sharks Arouses Public

Eliminating the loan shark evil in Texas through proper legislation should be a matter of concern to everyone, declares President Tom Reavley of the Texas Junior Bar Association, which has made the solution of this problem its No. 1 project for 1953.

Reavley said that recently a friend remarked: "Granted that the loan shark situation in Texas is very bad, why should I concern myself about people who are so foolish as to let themselves get involved?"

Commenting that this attitude is typical of the position of many others, Reavley stated, "Under such reasoning as this, we would have no laws to protect persons, who, lacking financial experience, could be swindled of their life savings by unscrupulous promoters; nor would we have laws to prevent the peddling of marijuana and other habit-forming drugs. But we are 'our brother's keeper' to that extent. And so, similarly, it is our duty to urge laws to protect our citizens against loan sharks, who prey upon human need and desperation.

"It should be possible for a man, who must borrow \$25 or \$50 or \$100 and lacks the collateral a bank requires, to be able to go to a lending company which would not charge him 150 or 200 per cent interest. If a man needs money badly enough, he will sign anything; he is in no position to bargain and so the law should protect him.



SNUG AS A BUG—The heavy stole being modeled, above, is one of the hits of the Parisian winter fashion season. This version, designed by Schiaparelli, is fashioned in wide mohair. Parisians are also said to have gone "buggy" about unusual costume jewelry, such as the giant Cicada which adorns the stole.

Home Of Future Will Be Dustless

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"When you have seen (as I have while an assistant district attorney in a large city), the tragic toll of the sharks' borrowers trying, out of modest wages, to pay such heavy interest that they are unable to sleep, unable to do their work, their families lacking adequate food and clothing, you would agree it is time that every good citizen become interested in having Texas deal with this problem as 30 other states have successfully done."

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A. Lynn Robbins, Pastor

Christmas Greetings

May the wondrous joy of Christmas remain with you all twelve months of the year.

Crawley & Tibbels HARDWARE

Plant Roses Now For Beauty During New Year

New rose plants will soon be delivered to gardeners in the South, Southwest and West and this is the time to prepare beds for their arrival. Advance preparation turns planting into an easy job and will make a big difference in the results later on.

With the strides that have been made in the development of superior varieties in recent years, most gardeners prefer to buy the latest in roses such as the famous All-America award winners. These strong, hardy varieties are pre-destined by experts and recommended by the country's leading growers. The two current award winners are Chrysler Imperial, a deep crimson red hybrid tea and Ma Perkins, a floribunda of sparkling coral shell pink. Three other favorites are Fred Howard, a rich yellow hybrid tea; Helen Traubel, also a hybrid tea, apricot pink; and Vogue, the famous cherry coral floribunda.

Roses will do their best in a location that receives at least 4 to 6 hours of sunlight every day. The soil should be well drained and not too close to shrubs or trees whose spreading roots will monopolize soil nutrients.

Outstanding varieties such as the A.A.R.S. winners will overcome many a handicap, but to insure the best results spend a little time in preparing the beds. Dig the bed to a depth of twelve to eighteen inches, and mix the soil with about 25 per cent peat moss and about ten per cent compost or well-rotted manure. If these organic materials are not readily available, there are a number of all-purpose chemical fertilizers which can be mixed with the soil. A little



that the bud union will be at the surface of the ground. Spread the roots so they point downward at about a forty-five degree angle and work the loose soil in around them. The simplest way to set the plant firmly is to build a cone of soil in the hole and spread the roots over the mound.

Fill the hole two thirds of the way to the top with soil, and then pore in about half a pail of water to eliminate air pockets. Then fill the rest of the hole with soil and mound soil to a height of about eight inches around the canes. This mound will protect the plant until growth begins.

One of the big advantages of planting now is that it helps to distribute the work load, and means one less job for the gardener when other garden chores begin to mount. The work of planting roses is relatively easy and this preparation in advance will pay off in next year's growing season.

FRIGID FRIEZE—Frozen rime, deposited by super-cooled fog, recently embroidered buildings, trees and statues in Stockholm, Sweden. This sculpture, "Idyll," by Christian Erickson, is an idyllic example of the beauty produced by the rare meteorological phenomenon.

manual labor at the start saves time and work later on.

Plants should be put in the ground as soon as possible after their arrival. It is a good idea to soak the roots in a pail of muddy water for a couple of hours before planting.

Dig the holes large enough to accommodate the roots without crowding, and deep enough so

The idea that the rays of the moon, especially when full, will make a person insane is an old superstition. The fact the word "lunatic" is derived from it, "luna" being Latin for moon. However, there is no scientific foundation for such a belief.

Electrification Gains In Texas

The report shows that 287,199 of Texas' 331,567 farms, or 86.6 percent, are on power lines. That's .1 percent higher than the national average, according to a research report.

At-Home Fashions Leisure Wear Is Talk of the Town



There's much conversation these days about the new at-home fashions. Here, we see a two-piece black leotard (left) in a completely elasticized cotton knit. It has slip-over turtle neck top and long, skinny sleeves. Ankle-length pants simply pull on. Frosty pink felt is clipped into circular apron that flairs from the waist and ends above the knee. Flannel jumper pajamas (right) are for lounging or sleeping. Fire-engine red shirt with checked collar, has bib front, long sleeves, is worn with red flannel trousers with adjustable waistband. Both are Harry Berger designs.—By Gail Dugas, NEA Woman's Editor



al percentage of 86.6. Indiana with 99.4 percent of its farms on power lines, leads the nation's farm states, according to the report.

Rapid electrification of farms has taken place since 1920 when only about 20 percent were on power lines. More than 90 percent of farms in the Midwest now are on lines, which is about 3.5 percent higher than the national figure.

Use of electricity on farms still is in its infancy, say research experts. They explain that electricity use is expected to almost double in the next decade because of the rapid purchase of home freezers, air conditioners, water systems, pumps for irrigation, dairy equipment and many other electrical devices.

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GREETINGS

Happily, do we follow a wonderful old custom of wishing all our friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Season's Greetings

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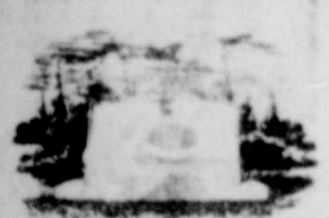
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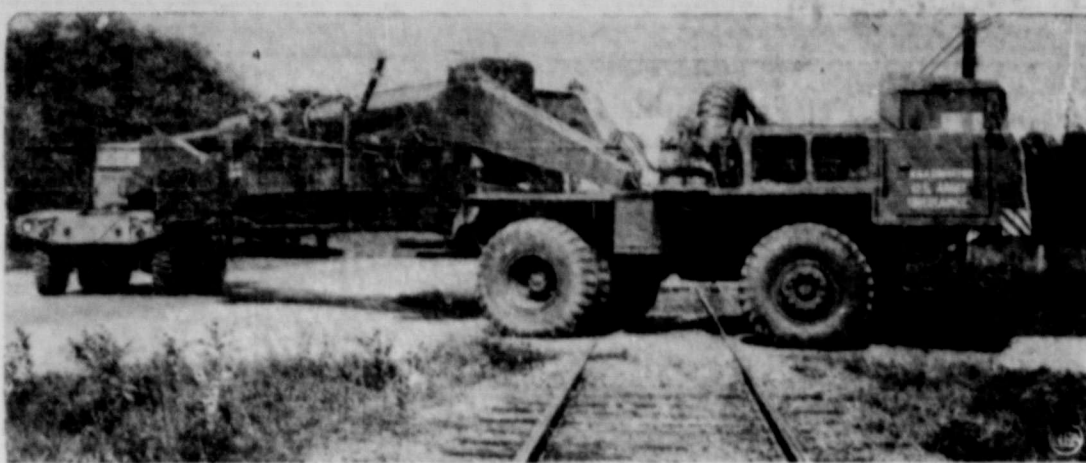
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COURTHOUSE NEWS AND RECORDS

Real Estate Transfers, Marriages
Suits Filed, Court Judgments
Orders, Etc.

Instruments Filed
The following instruments were filed for record in the County Clerk's office last week:
American Profit Sharing Co. to L. L. Evans, Jr., M.D.
C. W. Broyles to C. L. Gilmore, release of oil and gas lease.
Dorothy Burns to Don H. Peaker, oil and gas lease.
Joe D. Bradley to J. E. Connally, oil and gas lease.
C. C. Baxter to Troy V. Baxter, warranty deed.
J. F. Barker to R. A. Looney, warranty deed.
Mrs. Cora Boyd to Orval Nash, warranty deed.
L. H. Brown to J. M. Smith, warranty deed.
J. T. Browning to Mrs. Maud B. Fortson, warranty deed.
H. C. Bowers to W. C. Hammet, warranty deed.
E. K. Drilling Co. to A. C. Holder, release of oil and gas lease.
Clark & Cowden Oil Co. to Rudolph Schaefer, release of oil and gas lease.
J. E. Connally to Empire Machinery Co., assignment of oil and gas lease.
City of Ranger to Mrs. Virgie Higdon, warranty deed.
Primitive Baptist Church to C. F. (Charlie) Denton, warranty deed.
O. S. Carroll to First National

Bank, Cisco, deed of trust.
C. C. Cornelius to E. H. Foster, lease contract.
C. R. Duncan to The Public, proof of heirship.
Mary Maxwell Evans to Mrs. Brock S. Maxwell, power of attorney.
J. M. Flournoy to The Public affidavit.
First State Bank, Rising Star to Roy Lee Little, release of vendor's lien.
Gilchrist Drilling Co. to Victor Cornelius, assignment of oil and gas lease.
Thomas E. Garrett to Hugh L. Millington, oil and gas lease.
Jack R. Gryler to F. W. Roberts, warranty deed.
J. J. Gregg to L. L. Evans, Jr., M.D.
H. Giesecke to H. V. Scholl, oil and gas lease.
Walter W. Hill to Higginbotham Bros. & Co., MLC.
Venecil Hopper to G. O. Strong, warranty deed.
George D. Harris to Ace Oil Co., assignment.
George Haynes to The Public, proof of heirship.
Charles R. Hill to E. H. Foster, bill of sale.
Higginbotham Bros. & Co. to 'ack R. Gryler, release of vendor's lien.
W. G. Kirk to J. R. Russell, partial release of judgment.
H. P. Kitchens to J. W. Comery, warranty deed.
A. W. Lester to Carl Page, warranty deed.
S. W. Loper to C. B. Harris, warranty deed.
Malco Refineries, Inc. to Fred Goodstein, assignment of oil and gas lease.
W. E. Morris to Edward Lee Bailey, warranty deed.
S. H. Maynard to J. C. Bledson, release of vendor's lien.
R. M. Meador to Charles G. 'bber, royalty deed.
Bill McGee to L. A. McIntire, royalty deed.
C. W. Norris to Primitive Baptist Church, release of vendor's lien.
Levie Old to L. L. Evans, Jr., warranty deed.
M. H. Pierce to R. G. Carter, M.D.
D. J. Perkins to Higginbotham Bros. & Co., extension of lien.
H. A. Reynolds to J. W. Jackson, oil and gas lease.
W. H. Sisk to W. E. Chaney, royalty contract.
T. C. Terrell to Mrs. Ida Huber,

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the nervousness and tension, weakness, irritability — and pain — so often associated with "those days!"

Remember Lydia Pinkham's, too — if you're suffering the "hot flashes" and other functionally-caused distress of "change of life."

Get Lydia Pinkham's Compound or new, improved Tablets with added iron (trial size only 59c). Start taking Lydia Pinkham's today!

Odd Custom For Bosnians

Zenicans of Bosnia burn their Yule logs a day later than the rest of Europe. Just before sunrise the father drags the log into the home. As he enters the door he is doused with wine. The log itself is sprinkled with kernels of corn to assure the family a bountiful crop in summer.

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Yuletide Was Ritual Before Christ's Birth

Strange as it seems, the Christmas season was celebrated long before Christ was born. Of course, it wasn't called Christmas then, but many religious and pagan ceremonies were held during the Christmas period.

This period is celebrated by the Jews as the Festival of Lights or Dedication. According to Jewish history, a large force of Maccabees defeated an army of Syrians in 165 B. C. The victors began the work of purifying the desolate Jerusalem, completing their task on December 25. The Jews have



U. S. DEAL FOR BASES—Above Newsmag snow-laden map of three bases which were agreed upon by the U. S. and Spain. The bases which should help insure the security of the West against Soviet aggression will cost the U. S. about \$100 million.

old Roman celebration of Saturnalia. The higher class of free Romans exchanged presents with their friends. Inside houses, candles were lit and the rooms and halls adorned with laurel and green trees.

These festivals in honor of the god Saturnus were started before the earliest recorded history of that great empire. The pagans celebrated from December 17 to 24 in honor of their sun god. Among the slaves and lower classes, the celebration was transformed into unrestrained orgies.

Even the ancient Egyptians celebrated the Midwinter festival. Near the end of December they rejoiced over the birth of Horus, son of the god Isis.

The last religious celebration to be held on Christmas day appeared in the middle of the Fourth century, A.D. At this time various dates assigned to the birth of Christ were examined; and the Catholic church in Rome proclaimed December 25 to be Christmas.



Happy Holidays

As voices are lifted in praise of Christmas, we wish our many friends all the joys of a Happy Holiday Season!

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Merry Christmas

May we extend to you our very best wishes for a Holiday Season rich in happiness and joy.

L. E. Gray
Barber Shop



Greetings

We're used to being Santa Claus, for we play the role for many of our friends and neighbors throughout the year. But in this holiday season we truly wish we could be three Santas at once...to wish everybody a Christmas blessed threefold in Happiness, Health and Prosperity!

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The proximity of Christmas to the winter solstice caused many pagan ceremonies to be held during that period. In Scandinavian countries, great fires were kindled in the middle of December to defy the Frost King.

Centuries before this, the ancient Druids of England observed this season in their roofless temples. Torches blazed as strange ceremonies were performed, dealing with the cutting of the mistletoe.

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BARBER SHOP



Season's Greetings

May the world rejoice again, in Peace on Earth Good-Will to Men.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Blacklock



GREETINGS

Above all...may your Christmas joy go beyond all bounds...and may you reach new heights of happiness during all the days of the coming New Year.

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GOOD WISHES
for everyone

To each one of you, we wish the greater happiness that comes with sharing Christmas with friends and neighbors...and with sharing the Holiday with Him, in His house.

And to this wish we add the hope that the New Year brings to you a full measure of good health and prosperity.

FAIRCLOTH LIVESTOCK COMMISSION COMPANY
Eastland, Texas

Greetings

May all the excitement and pleasure of Christmas morning remain with you long after this glorious Holiday Season has passed.

To all our friends we wish a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



MORRIS FUNERAL HOME
Mrs. J. P. Morris

Climate Changes In City Studied

AUSTIN — A roving scientist whose car serves as a meteorological laboratory is surveying the difference in climate between a city's downtown section and its residential areas.

The mobile "weather bureau" is driven by Kenneth H. Jehn, assistant professor of meteorology at the University of Texas, and has a thermometer extending on a rod from the car with delicate instruments inside the vehicle.

"Everyone knows," Jehn says, "there can be a big difference." The meteorologist, using Austin as a test city this year, says the survey may develop information useful to architects and engineers in designing homes and other structures to make maximum use of a particular climate's advantages.

Wants Texas Man Preferably Plump

TEMPLE, Tex. — Mayor Roy Strasburger has put his foot down and wants it known he is not a marriage counselor or lonely hearts adviser.

The occasion of his outburst was receipt of a letter from a Fort Worth woman, addressed only to "Mayor of Temple, Temple, Texas." It asked Strasburger to help her find a husband "not over 60, who owns a home, does not drink and has neat habits."

The woman, who described herself as a widow, middle-aged and of "easy disposition," added: "I would rather a man be on the plump side, for I find most thin men high strung."



CURTAIN-RAISER — Trailing its long antenna, a captive balloon bobs over the Voice of America's floating broadcasting station, "Courier," anchored at the island of Rhodes in the Mediterranean. The high-flying antenna makes possible the beaming of broadcasts to countries behind the Iron Curtain.

Potatoes turn brown after being peeled because of compounds in the vegetable called tyrosin and tyrosinase. A complex chemical reaction occurs when the inner layer of the potato is exposed to oxygen in the air, and leads to the formation of a pigment called melanin, which gives the brown color.

ONE IN EVERY 63 TEXANS IS GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE

One in every 63 Texans is employed by the federal government, figures released by the Civil Service Commission in Washington, show—and observers agree the change in administration won't change the situation much.

The Lone Star State, with more than 122,000 federal job holders within its borders, ranks behind only New York, Pennsylvania, California and metropolitan Washington, D. C., in federal employment. This figure does not include uniformed members of the armed forces.

All but 170,000 of the 2,600,000 total federal employees are protected from political firings by Civil Service. But it has been pointed out that not more than 20,000 or so of these "unprotect-

ed" jobs can be called patronage "plums."

Most non-Civil Service jobs either call for highly specialized, hard-to-replace skills, or pay too little to interest the patronage seeker. In addition, such agencies as the Tennessee Valley Authority and the Central Intelligence Agency have merit systems of their own.

The Civil Service Commission has no figures on how many federal employees in Texas are outside the protection of Civil Service, and therefore keeping nervous eyes on Washington.

The federal payroll is of great economic importance in many Texas communities. Considering that the average federal worker

earns \$3,415 per year, Uncle Sam apparently sends checks totaling some \$417,587,855 to employees in Texas every year.

Some 34,000 federal employees are employed in the San Antonio area, site of vital defense installations. Dallas includes some 8,580 federal workers among its population, and 8,060 government job holders are employed at Fort Worth. Houston trails with 6,630 federal employees.

Republicans could cut the gi-

gant \$8,880,000 annual federal payroll by simply reducing the number of federal jobs. But the GOP camp has indicated there will be no wholesale firings, although budget cuts may be made.

Observers point out that the biggest groups of federal employees are those working for the military services and the Veterans Administration. No huge reduction in federal employment can be achieved until the national emergency is over.

Greetings

It is so heartwarming to remember at Christmastime, friends whose faith and loyalty have always meant so much to us! Along with our greetings we send you every good wish for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Greer's Boot and Western Store
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Greer and Jerry Bob

Season's Greetings

It's our sincerest wish that your Holiday Season may in every way be glad... abundant with good fellowship, good health and success in the coming New Year.

Paramount Hotel & Coffee Shop
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McNeal

Holy Night

This Christmas... as we rejoice in the celebration of the birth of the Infant Savior... let us remember His outstanding teaching... God is love, love thy neighbor as thyself.

We wish a Merry Christmas to all

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Foster
Jimmie and Hubert, Jr.

The Season's Best Wishes

As the lights of the Holiday Season beam bright and glorious, we wish all of our friends and patrons a full measure of joy and happiness for Christmas and the New Year.

The Globe Clothiers
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GREETINGS

To all our friends and neighbors we give voice to greetings in the true Christmas tradition. With them go our very best wishes for a happy holiday... full of joy and peace, good health and contentment.

CAMPBELL HUMBLE SERVICE STATION
Morris Campbell

Come all ye faithful...

Christmas... what a hold it has on the hearts and imaginations of man! Its spirit puts a beauty and joy into our lives so we may carry good cheer and good will wherever we go. In this spirit of deep-down gladness we wish our friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Merry Christmas
AND TO WISH YOU
Happiness
IN THE YEAR TO
COME.



Roy McCleskey Service Station
Mr. and Mrs. Roy McCleskey—Glenn, Jerry, Bob

HOUSE DECORATIONS CAN BE HOMEMADE, AID FAMILY FUN

Today's families often miss half the fun of Christmas preparations by not making their own home decorations, says Rowan Elliff, home economist at Oklahoma A&M college.

Getting ready for Christmas should include the entire family. Generally the family derives mere enjoyment from arrangements that don't take too much housekeeping during the holiday season. For instance, it might be better to use white tissue paper rather than snow or icicles whenever possible.

In any case, let your house decorations express what Christmas means to you. In some homes, Christmas decorations will convey a religious theme, others will choose a secular theme, and may combine both. Personal emphasis will depend upon the family.

Old candles can be melted down, colored to suit their new use and remodeled. Ball decorations can be made of gilded orange or boys d'arc apples. Clove apples or oranges will add fragrance to the house and also can be used in centerpieces.

Greenery can be used effectively in different arrangements. Try a simple sprig of pine with cones, blue spruce and cones plus red ribbon, a wreath of evergreen and holly for the door, bells on a ribbon hung from a wreath, candles on a bed for greenery, or a wreath of holly and greenery. Ferns can be used for wreaths and acorn caps tied to go with them, or a plate

of Christmas cookies can be used to center a table decoration. Silhouettes cut from dark paper can be used on window panes, such as Santa Claus and reindeer, carols, sleighs or church scenes.

Simple yet beautiful decorations can be made with candles and a Bible opened to the Christmas story, a sheet of Christmas carol music or the score from Handel's Messiah. Current magazines cut furnish pictures of the Madonnas and child or other Christmas scenes that can be centered with candles.

The Christmas tree itself should be kept simple and uncluttered, Miss Elliff says. Children can cut out paper angels to decorate the tree, and stars, bells and snowflakes, can be cut from colored or metallic paper. Bells can be made from gilded paper cups.

"Now more than any other time in history," Miss Elliff says, "we need to show in our living and think in our hearts: Peace on earth, good will toward men."

Short 'Xmas' From Greek

Xmas, thus spelled as an abbreviation for Christmas, has its origin in the fact that the Greek letter chi was written as X. This letter was also the initial of the name Christos. Many people identify the X as representing the Cross.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Once more it is a pleasure to extend to our many friends and patrons our very best wishes for a Christmas bright with happiness and good cheer.

Swaney's Pharmacy

The Season's Greetings

May your Yuletide happiness be as bright as the glittering decorations and ornaments on your Christmas Tree!

Jack Garner
BOOT & SHOE SHOP

EAT CHRISTMAS

We realize more than ever, at Christmas time, how much it means to us to have the good will of our friends and patrons. And so once again we extend our sincerest wishes for a Joyous Holiday Season to all.

Regal Restaurant
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Jones

Season's Greetings

To all our friends and patrons, we extend our warmest greetings for a joyous Holiday Season.

Law's Premier Service Station
Mr. and Mrs. Maxie Law

Christmas

May all the exciting joys of Christmas remain with you and your loved ones every day of the New Year.

RANGER MACHINE CO.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

May Santa bring you all the things you want this Christmas. And here's the hope that in the coming New Year you'll find heaps of good luck, good cheer, and good health.

Homer Robinson Furniture Co.
Homer Robinson Jack Robinson

Greetings

May your Christmas glow with bright contentment and may the New Year reflect every joy this wish can bring.

RANGER INSURANCE AGENCY
C. B. PRUET

A Christmas MESSAGE

May your Yuletide pleasure be a blend of the hearty, warm spirit of yesteryear and the joyous, thrilling, enjoyment of today.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All

BROADWAY MOTEL
Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Hopper

THE Season's Greetings

The very best of Holiday Wishes to all our friends, extended in warm appreciation of your good will and patronage.

Anderson GRO. AND MKT.
Mrs. Dec Anderson

Best Christmas Wishes

From the bottom of our hearts we warmly extend our best wishes for a Joyous Christmas and a New Year of unbounded happiness.

RANGER JUNIOR COLLEGE
Don't A. Rego, its Administration and Faculty

GREETINGS

We cannot help but think of our many friends who have made the past year so worthwhile. To all of them, we wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

LEVEILLE MOTOR COMPANY
Morris Leveille Chas. Campbell

Season's Greetings

May all the pleasures of a cheerful Christmas remain with you and help to keep you happy throughout the New Year.

F. & R. OIL COMPANY
C. O. Phillips, Mgr.

A JOYFUL SEASON

The remembrance of friends is one of the outstanding joys of Christmas. No wonder then, that we get such pleasure in the approach of the Holiday season, with its all-pervading spirit of friendship and good will. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

SOUTHERN ICE COMPANY
JOE FABRY, Mgr.

Greetings

To our many friends and patrons who have made this Christmas so grand for us, we wish the Merriest Christmas of all, and a Rich and Happy New Year.

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Best Wishes



The best part of Christmas, we believe, is the good wishes extended... and the good wishes received. And so, in all sincerity, we send to all our friends our best wishes for a cheerful Christmas and a joyous New Year.

RATLIFF FEED AND SEED

Phone 109 Ranger, Texas

Between Us...

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near," he said. "We are on the same mission. We should enter into the house together."

But the shepherds were still reluctant, and one of them answered, "First must come your servants with your precious gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. We have told you we bring nothing. We came straight from the fields, and even if we had not come in great haste there is nothing we possess fit to bring as a gift to the king of kings. We still linger and tarry here until you have given over your treasure."

The city was dark and still, but in this street there was a babble of voices and the sound of camel drivers calling to the great beasts to kneel so that they might dismount and unfasten the thongs which held in place the treasure chests and the sacks of incense. And the cavalcade drew up before the door with clatter, noise and tumult. The shepherds were silent, for they had seen many wonders in a single evening, and not the least of these were the kings of the East and their camel train.

And in the street, the servants opened cedar chests and revealed great bars of gold heavier than the stones which lay in the meadow where the flocks had been left to graze. And the eyes of the shepherds opened wide again as when they saw the light of angels and heard the voices from the heavens.

Through the narrow door and up to the manger itself strode the kings and great bearded men bearing treasure. The timid shepherds followed and ranged themselves in the back of the room against the walls of the stable, for they were frightened to be in the presence of princes and of the King of kings.

"The eldest of the wise men said, 'Where is He that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and are come to worship Him. And we bring with us rich treasures of gold and frankincense and myrrh.'

And Mary, the mother, looked up at the great throng and paid no heed to the gifts of gold and incense but placed her finger upon her lips and said to the shepherds and to the kings, "The baby sleepeth."



SLIM PICKINGS—"Snowball," the Chicago zoo's enterprising polar bear, whistles away a dull afternoon reaching for stray peanuts outside his cage. The bear facts of the case are that Snowball is bored, now that the tourist season is over with, and there are few of those funny people to watch, anymore.



Christmas is nearly here and believe me, the big hemp town of Ranger is really humming. As the Ranger Times office and saw about fifteen paper boys playing a game of football. Next Carl Eakin carrying a hefty load of clothes to the Ranger Dry Cleaners delivery truck. Somebody must have taken a bath before Saturday and wanted some clean clothes. M. L. King sitting in his Chevrolet in front of the Ranger Jewelry Store.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,
I am nearly five years old and I have been a good boy. Would you please bring me a bicycle with two balance wheels, house shoes, and a car that shoots caps.
Please don't forget my little brother, Jerry. He wants a car, a report, moving van and scooter.
Love,
Terry Arterburn.

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl three years old and I would like for you to bring me a bicycle and a big doll with hair I can comb, some house shoes and a teddy bear.
Jennie Kay Phipps.

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas, Santa, from little five year old boy. I would like some cowboy boots and shirts, a tractor and a truck. Remember my caddy who is in the hospital.
Your friend,
David R. Mahaffey

Dear Santa Claus,
Christmas greetings from a 3-year-old boy. I would like a red garden tractor, truck and cowboy boots and shirt. Don't forget my little boy or girl. Thank you.
Randy Mahaffey.

Dear Santa Claus,
I suppose you have gotten the letters from my brothers by now. I will be two years old next month. I would like for you to bring me a baby doll, doll swing, dishes and a doll stroller.
Cheryl Lynn Mahaffey

Harlan Phillips standing on the street, whirling a little piece of cardboard. A new game or something maybe. Charles Ashcraft driving down the street with his head in the clouds. Maybe the air's better up there. Billy Lovero of Strawn sitting in his parked car on Main Street. Dr. E. R. Green driving his car toward his Pine Street home.

Mrs. M. D. Cox driving her car down the street. Mrs. Nick Crawford getting into a car with Mrs. S. B. Zuccaro in front of the O. K. Grocery and Market. A. G. Kossig by the roadside burning some trash, assisted by Teddy Tollett. The time was 2:15 p.m. Tuesday. Saw Mrs. Howard Elwood standing in front of the Post Office having a lengthy conversation with Bill Paschal. Mrs. Elwood was very attractively dressed in a gray skirt with matching red coat and hat.

Buddy Rogers in front of the Tip Top Feed and Hatchery getting a load of feed. Saw three good-looking sailors in town today waiting for the bus. It's a change of scenery anyway. Bill Beck walking briskly up the street to attend to some business. Mrs. W. W. Jones on the street with a friend. Noticed that they stopped to do some window shopping. Saw Paul Cox in Strawn in town driving a Ford Victoria. Wonder what happened to the Oldsmobile convertible.

Mrs. Phil Harrison walking in front of the bank accompanied by two darling red haired twin boys. Didn't recognize either the twins or the parents. Saw the very chivalrous Carroll Basso making a special trip across the street to carry some packages for a lady customer. C. F. Jones and Bill Calvert of Strawn standing on the street corner waiting for someone.

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OUTLOOK—

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October in practically all areas. Percentages of normal precipitation received in various divisions of the state during this 1952 June - October dry period were: northwest 45, north central 24, northeast 27, extreme west 22, west central 69, extreme south 43, south central 74, upper coast 57 and for the state 48.

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Holy Trinity Announcement

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Holy Trinity, Eastland, 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day—Choral Eucharist.
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THE MAJESTIC THE LYRIC

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H. T. (Tommy) Wales, Mgr.
And All of our Friendly Employees

CHRISTMAS IS HERE

THE LACK OF PEACE AND GOOD WILL ON EARTH IS THE FAULT OF MEN

True peace comes as a result of our trust and faith in the "Prince of Peace" who's birth is the reason for our celebration.

May our actions be prompted by these sentiments in bringing happiness and cheer to our friends and loved ones.

TIP TOP

FEED & HATCHERY

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Ranger, Texas

hiring to happen... Noticed the Rev. Lynn Robbins in town accompanied by his two charming young daughters. Steve must have been at home though Mrs. Addie Williams walking slowly with an occupied look on her face. D. C. Arterburn in town wearing a bright red shirt. Mrs. J. A. Lenz in town with her young son. Saw the gallant Virge Johnson driving his Chevrolet down the street but he wasn't alone. He was engaged in an earnest conversation with a very pretty young woman we did not know. Cicero Harris standing on the street, telling a friend the truth about the matter. Noticed the Rangercites have gone all out this year to decorate their homes in the Yuletide spirit. Among the prettiest are the residences of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Elder, Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Branda, Dr. and Mrs. Marshall E. Jolly, and Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Phillips. The Phillips home is particularly beautiful.

The medical business still must be good because we saw sixteen cars parked at the Ranger General Hospital at 2:40 p.m. Tuesday. Saw Bob Hansford standing beside his garden plot supervising a good job of plowing. Did not know the man plowing but did see that the big, black horse looked strong and capable. The furrows were nice and deep too. Vance Blausser driving up Pine in one of Mrs. Baird's trucks.

Betty Sanders, looking her usual cheerful self, in town in a 1951 Ford Victoria. Bill Bullock driving up main in his Ford. Noticed that he ran his hand through his hair as if he didn't have time enough to do everything. Agnes Hamilton walking down the street at 2:45 p.m. Tuesday. Probably a sick moment at Montgomery Ward. Saw John Boyd Rush in the car with several boys. They stopped by so fast we couldn't tell who the others were. Mr. and Mrs. John Remyer pat-

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