



The Ranger Times



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35TH YEAR

RANGER, TEXAS, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1954

PRICE FIVE CENTS

The Pathfinder

by Lee Harr



During certain parts of the year, especially during the Christmas season, certain writers throughout the country express some phases of the occasion in a way that others would not think of.

Such was the case of Mr. Clyde Head who writes a column for the Cleburne Times Review. Here's what Mr. Head has to say.

We heard some shocking news the other day. The news was that Christmas Eve is the most dangerous day of the year.

Of course it isn't hard to figure out why it is the most dangerous day of the year. It is a little hard to figure why Christians act like they do on this day of all days, next to Christmas Day.

They try to drive too far and too fast. They get sleepy and the road starts doing tricks, yet they keep right on driving.

With offices, factories and places of business closing on Christmas Eve, just about every group holds its own little egg nog party. Many of these employes partake of the rich mixture, then rush right out and get into their autos for that long awaited trip back home for Christmas.

Some of these partakers of the cup that bears, do not stop with just the egg nog party. They stop by the liquor store, buy a great big pretty bottle, for grandma, who likes a little toddy now and then, especially in cold weather.

Only trouble with a deal of this kind is that grandma seldom gets to enjoy the toddy. The purchaser, with all of his good intentions, decides he needs the toddy more than grandma. He never even thinks of the fact that he must drive his auto two or three hundred miles. Grandma doesn't drive at all. She just sits there and rocks in her old rocking chair.

Besides, who is grandma going to hurt, while she sits there and rocks? At the most, a mashed finger or toe owned by one of the grand kids, is the only accident, even if grandma gets a little tipsy and forgets to watch.

Why doesn't somebody dream up a Walkathon for Christmas Eve Day. Well, not necessarily an endurance walking contest, but walk where ever you go on Christmas Eve. If you have a trip to make, do it the day before Christmas Eve, if possible, then put the old bus in the garage, throw away the keys and walk.

Any doctor will tell you walking is good for the health; it also helps you reduce your midriff. It has a sobering effect.

Seriously, a lot of people can arrange their holidays so the old bus can have a rest, helping clear congested and dangerous highways of Christmas traffic.

Remember, Jesus walked most everywhere. He didn't ride in a cart, even, much less a fine auto. Neither did He have concrete sidewalks or paved streets on which to travel. He walked along the country roads, many of them rocky. He climbed steep hills, forded rivers.

It would be a great tribute to Christ on the eve of his birthday and on His birthday, if people would refrain from driving autos and walk where ever they needed to go.

Who do we think we are? Do we think that we are better than Jesus Christ, whose birthday we make such elaborate plans to celebrate?

So often we lose track of the real meaning of Christmas and allow it to take on a paganistic pattern.

It is pretty hard to rationalize our actions at Christmas time. Here we are all set to celebrate the birthday of Christ, who loved the simple things, who never had any money, who never got drunk, who never killed anybody, who preached and practiced peace and brotherly love among men.

Yet we go out and kill, destroy, get drunk, get sore at our neighbor, for some real or imagined wrong.

It wouldn't hurt us to walk and each step we take on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, ponder what Christ had to say, while he was on this earth.

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Christmas Meditation



What's the Christmas Spirit, Daddy? The child peered gravely over the magazine where she had found these words, confidently awaiting an answer. "Well, girl, it's... it's a lot of things, big and small. And hard as you'll find it to believe, Santa Claus is part of the small. You see, the Christmas Spirit isn't likely to visit you when you're knee-deep in your own pleasure; you've got to be heart-deep in kindness! "Remember how bleak and barren Main Street looked early this month? And you know how it looks now, with the wintry hushes all shot out by those evergreen arches, and strings of lights. Well, that's sorta like the way the Christmas Spirit changes people... and towns... and the world. It takes all the grey coldness out of streets, and human hearts—and brings in something fine and fragrant like evergreen; something bright and sparkling like those streamer-lights of red and green and frosty blue. It stirs up the best part of human nature, that's usually buried too far down. It turns on a long, warm, friendly smile inside of us. "Remember the midnight service at church last year? There, more than anywhere else, you'll feel the touch of the Christmas Spirit. So many things play a part in it—the crisp silence of the night... the lights of the church, throwing long, golden patterns across the snow... frosty breath in the starlight, and faces ray-frost in the cold... a certain closeness and warmth that you'll never find anywhere—except at a Christmas midnight service. "And then, girl, when you stand with the others and throw all your being into one of those great Christmas Carols, and the organ has a silver sound you never heard before, with your heart riding at its melody—then the Christmas Spirit is all around you, like a gentle snowfall. And your thoughts are soaring far, far above all the glitter and surface-shine of Christmas, up and out through the midnight stretches searching the skies for the Star of Bethlehem. "It's—much more than I can say, and what I've said is probably hard for you to understand, but—" She smiled across at him, her eyes shining in the lamp-glow. "I do understand, sorta better, anyway... and it is even more wonderful than Santa Claus, isn't it Daddy? "And the winter wind whispered outside the window, envious of the bright glow within—for the radiance of the Christmas Spirit was with them, there in the room... —Reprinted by Permission of Employers Mutual of Wausau as a Yuletide Tribute

Two Hospitalized In Strawn Knife Fight

One Jailed; Ranger Marine Is Victim

Two Latin-American men were hospitalized in Ranger and another lodged in the city jail after a knife-fight in Strawn Sunday night. Most seriously injured of the two was Matias Hernandez, of Strawn who was admitted to Ranger General hospital with a serious stab wound in the abdomen.

College Students Start Home Trek For Christmas

After enjoying a full week of Christmas activities on the campus of Southwestern university, Howard Eugene Sutton and Sara Beth King of Ranger, will enjoy a holiday season away from class-work beginning December 18 and ending January 3, 1955.

Band Donations Slow On C-C Christmas Tree

Donations to the Ranger High School band in the form of dollars on the Chamber of Commerce Christmas tree have been arriving at a slow pace, it was announced today.

Approximately \$20 have been received to date and unless the donations increase Chamber officials feel that the donations will not be sufficient to render the band any great amount of aid in purchasing jackets for their members.

As each dollar is donated, the donor's name along with his bill is hung on the modernistic tree. Chamber officials have urged that those desiring to donate to do so before Christmas day.

Last year approximately \$87 was gathered for band jackets with a similar musical Christmas tree.

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C-C Lists Contest Winners

The homes of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Coody, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dennis, and Mr. and Mrs. Regina Reed Cooper placed first, second and third in that order in the Chamber of Commerce Christmas home decoration contest. Judging was completed Monday night.

In the commercial section, Betty's Flower Shop took first prize, Killingsworth's finished second and C. E. Maddocks copped the third prize.

Betty In the commercial group, Betty's Flower Shop was a heavenly scene in blue and silver. The entire display surface was covered with blue foil and blue angel hair. In the foreground was a blue and silver angel and a blue Christmas tree sprinkled with white snow.

Killingsworth's At Killingsworth's the judges saw a display of dolls and other toys under a gorgeous pink Christmas tree, against a silver background. Sterling silver was shown on pink shelves. The other window features a white tree and silver sleighs filled with various gift items.

Maddocks C. E. Maddock's window, by far the simplest of the entire group, and one of the most impressive, conveyed the true meaning of Christmas. On a table covered with a red cloth was a large Bible opened to the book of Luke. Behind this is a picture of Jesus attached to a bamboo screen.

Honorable mention in the residential grouping went to Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Bourdeau, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Hopper, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Killingsworth, and Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Brazda.

The Globe Clothiers, T H

pink, chartreuse, blue and white, representing the four members of the Coody family, dance merrily across the lawn. The mother and father reindeer were carrying packages and the children are carrying Christmas trees. Noel was written on the door in matching design and the modernistic tree in the picture window was a piece of driftwood painted white and decorated with glitter and Christmas balls. Magnolia leaves are placed around the base of the tree and the packages are wrapped in black and chartreuse. The scene was spotlighted with green.

The second prize winner was the Christmas scene in blue and red at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dennis. A blue lighted tree in the picture window was framed by silver cedar over foil and blue lights. The tree glowed before a softly lighted red background. Blue lights outlined the eaves and

decorated two trees. A lighted Santa waves from the corner of the porch and the door is decorated with blue lighted bells and bows, a blue star and silver cedar.

The Cooper home on Blundell won third prize with a Santa standing in front of a ladder surrounded by gifts. The door is covered with red, with Noel in gold. The picture window is outlined with cedar.

County To Take Control Of New Leon Lake Road

Hopes For F-M Road Improved

Eastland County Commissioners Monday unanimously voted to take over the new Leon Lake road as a county road.

Representatives of both the Eastland and Ranger Chamber of Commerce and members of the Eastland County Water Supply District appeared before the Commissioners Court asking commissioners to assume control of the road. Commissioners, after an hour long debate, agreed to do so.

A spokesman said that since the county had agreed to take over the road, chances for making the road a Farm-Market road have been greatly improved. If the road is placed under the F-M program, it will be paved, giving a paved road all the way around the lake.

The group requested that the commissioners make a formal application to the State Highway Commission asking that the road be developed into a Farm-Market Road.



PRAIRIE EXPRESS—Tommy Lightner, 4, youngest member of the Midwest Old Settlers and Threshers Association meeting at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, rides a 68-year-old Case steam engine, one of 26 ancient workhorses which once powered threshing equipment on farms. The old-time puffers were brought from various parts of the midwest for entry in a horsepower contest.

Cattle Generally Steady At Auction Sale

Cattle were generally steady at Monday's auction sale at the Ranger Livestock Commission Exchange, Loy Williams, sales manager, announced today.

More than 200 cattle and 40 hogs were sold during the day's activities. Cattle prices included: Fat calves, \$15-\$20; common to medium calves, \$10-\$15; fat cows, \$8-\$12; canners and cutters, \$5-\$8; bulls, \$8-\$12.70; stocker calves, \$15-\$18.50; cows and calves, \$90-\$150 a pair; top hogs \$18.60 and sows, \$14-\$16.

Flag Ceremony Completed At Thurber Lake

Flag raising ceremonies over Lake Thurber were completed Saturday by members of Ranger's Boy Scout Troop 15.

Scouts David Russell, Curtis Stephens, and Tommy Ford hoisted the flag on the 50 foot flag pole as Jackie Neeley, scout bugler played "To the Colors." E. Seibel presented the flag to the scouts before the beginning of the ceremonies and Scout Neeley sounded "Assembly Call." After the flag had been raised, the scouts gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

William E. Lester Returns From Overseas Cruise

William E. Lester, chief seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lester of 109 N. Hodges St., Ranger, and husband of Mrs. Barbara J. Lester of 3742 Louisiana St., San Diego, Calif., is serving aboard the destroyer USS Brinkley Bass which recently returned here from a Far Eastern cruise.

Final Rites For Mrs. Gann Held Sunday

Funeral services for Mrs. A. T. Gann were held at 2 p.m. in the Gorman Methodist Church Sunday with Rev. William C. Emberton, pastor of the Hamlin Church of the Nazarene, Rev. Jackson Oglesby, pastor of the Eastland Methodist Church, and Rev. Barber, officiating.

Mrs. Gann, a member of the Methodist Church, had been a longtime resident of Eastland. She passed away at her home, 110 N. Daugherty, Friday night following a lengthy illness resulting from a fall.

She is survived by three sons, Walter and Robert, both of Eastland, and Oscar of Cleco; three daughters, Miss Hattie Gann and Mrs. Clara Ward, both of Eastland, and Mrs. Della Reynolds of Grand Prairie; two brothers, G. A. Wren of Oklahoma City and F. E. Wren of Monday; 17 grand children and 18 great-grandchildren.

Burial was in Oakland Cemetery under the direction of Hammon Funeral Home.

Weatherford Drops Bulldogs From Play At Mineral Wells

Weatherford knocked the Ranger Bulldogs out of the Mineral Wells invitational basketball tournament Saturday night by a score of 54-37.

Weatherford's win coupled with the Bulldogs' loss to Jacksboro on Friday night eliminated the local team from other contention. Ranger began strong, streaking out to a 10-2 lead only to have their offense crumble in the latter half of the second frame where Weatherford pushed in 22 points as compared to the Bulldogs' nine.

Offense was the weak spot again in the last half, as Weatherford reacted through the third quarter then added four points to their lead in the final period. High scorer of the contest was Weatherford's Pearson, who tallied 10 field goals and two free shots for 22 points. Paul Hinde was high for the Bulldogs with six field goals and one gratis shot for 13 points and Scott Forney trailed with seven markers.

Stephenville downed Mineral Wells to establish themselves as the tournament champion. Ranger had beaten Cleco in their first round of play on Thursday, the first day of the tournament.

Box Scores Ranger (37) FG FT F P

Dance Tonight At Elks Hall A dance will be held in the Elks Hall tonight immediately following the Ranger Bulldog basketball game, it was announced today.

Students of both the high school and college have been invited and there will be no charge for admission.

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Floyd Announces Opening of New Service Station

Clifford Floyd has announced the formal opening of his new Sinclair Service Station, located at U.S. Highway 80 east and Tiffin Road.

Floyd said that his new auto service center will feature Sinclair gasoline and petroleum products and offer patrons fast, friendly service.

In addition to the sale of Sinclair high quality motor fuels, oils and lubricants, Floyd also is dealer for Goodyear tires and tubes, one of the nation's top brands in rubber. He's also handling a line of accessories for the convenience of local motorists.

Floyd said that expert washing and lubrication will be featured, and Ranger automobile owners can rely on him and his friendly attendants to render top service.

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The Floyd Sinclair Service Station also offers patrons a speedy tire repair service.

The building housing the new Sinclair station was built by Dr. Price Ashton and Pat Thomas.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus, I am a little eight year old girl. Would you bring me a big bicycle and a golden trumpet? Please remember all the other little boys and girls. Love, Cookie Falls.

Dear Santa, I would like a doll, a nurse kit like Dr. Harris' and an ironing board and iron. My daddy said that he would tell you the rest. Sherry Vinson. Rt. 1 Ranger P.S. Please hurry Santa.

Dear Santa, I am an eight year old boy. I want a toy bowling pin set. Please don't forget all the other boys and girls. I colored this picture for you. (The picture consists of a red bird perched atop a group of flowers.) I live at 429 Lackland. Love, Billy Mathews.

Cars Damaged In Collision Sunday Night

Automobiles belonging to Joe Harness, 427 Hodges, Ranger, and Pete Waldrup, Abilene, received extensive damages Sunday night in a collision at the intersection of Highway 80 and Hunt Street in Ranger.

According to investigating police officers, Harness was entering Highway 80 while Waldrup was bound for Abilene on the highway when the accident occurred.

No injuries were reported from the accident but an estimated \$750 damage was inflicted on the two automobiles.

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Olden Cantata, Christmas Tree Planned Tonight

OLDEN (TNS)—"The Christ Jesus," a Christmas Cantata will be presented at the Olden High School gymnasium tonight at 7 p.m.
The Cantata will be a feature of the pageant which will usher in Olden's traditional Community Christmas tree.
The Cantata will be under the direction of Mrs. Max McCotter and Mrs. Travis Hilliard.

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Desdemona Girls Win Tournament

DESDEMONA (TNS)—Lingleville's boys and Desdemona's girls walked off with top honors in the annual Desdemona Invitation Cage Tournament.
The Lingleville boys defeated Desdemona's boys in the finals and the Desdemona girls beat Gorman. Cisco won the girls consolation trophy and Carbon won the boys consolation bracket.
Tonight's game will get underway at 7 p.m.

Party At Olden

OLDEN (TNS)—The Olden homemaker girls gave the agriculture boys a Christmas party Monday, Dec. 20. The girls made all the refreshments. Mrs. Vought, the homemaker teacher, and Gilbert Copeland, the agriculture teacher, were at the party.

Mother of Mrs. Engle Dies In Mingus

MINGUS (Spl.)—Mrs. Fannie Wood, 74, mother of Mrs. Imogene Engle of Eastland, and a resident of Palo Pinto County for 70 years, died Monday in a Strawn hospital.

She came to Palo Pinto County in 1884 from Grayson County. She had lived near Gordon most of her life. She was a Baptist.

Surviving are her husband, D. Wood of Mingus; three daughters, Mrs. Corene Fitzhugh of Hobbs, N.M., Mrs. Lily Baker of Mingus and Mrs. Imogene Engle of Eastland; a sister, Mrs. Mattie Beckham of Pecos; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Mingus Baptist Church. Burial will be in New Gordon Cemetery at Gordon.

Wiley Carrell Serving With I Corps In Korea

I CORPS, KOREA — Army Sergeant First Class Wiley R. Carrell, whose wife, Eleonora, lives at 411 N. Greenleaf St., Brownwood, is serving in Korea with I Corps.
An intensive post-peace training program is supervised by I Corps for the UN units under its control.

Sergeant Carrell, son of William H. Carrell, route 4, Cisco, Tex., is a platoon sergeant with the 185th Engineer Combat Battalion's Company C. He entered the Army in February 1953.

Ralph C. Greer Rites Are Held This Afternoon

Services for Ralph C. Greer, 86, were held this afternoon at the Hammer Funeral Chapel in Eastland for Ralph C. Greer who died at Wichita Falls Monday morning. Services were at 2:30 p.m.

Mr. Greer had made his home in Eastland for the past 30 years. He came here from South Dakota. He was born Dec. 15, 1868 in Illinois.

R. L. Wall, Quana Church of Christ minister, officiated.

Survivors include a son, Leslie H. of New York; a brother, Ross E. Greer, Sioux Falls, S. D., and

his granddaughter. Pallbearers will be Damon Benson, Raymond Smith, Bill Kendrick, Dave Fambrough, Omar Burkett and Johnson Smith.

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Royal Neighbors Have Christmas Program Monday

Members of the Royal Neighbors and their families and guests met at the hall at 6:30 Monday evening for a turkey supper, which was served buffet style. The invocation was given by Walter Arterburn.

The Christmas program began with the entire group singing "Silent Night" with Mrs. May Hunt at the piano. "Why We Celebrate Christmas" was given by Walter Arterburn.

A trio composed of Jimmie Mae Miller, Gail Rapp and Glenda Huffman sang "White Christmas," accompanied by Norma Mace. "Joy To The World" was sung by Gail Rapp, and Sue and Glenda Huffman.

"What Makes Christmas" was

given by Mrs. C. O. Phillips, followed by a piano solo by Jerry Anderson. A reading, "Christmas Everywhere" was given by Johnny Ferrell. Mrs. Ray Todd and Mrs. Lillie Anderson gave a hilarious sketch entitled "Tillie and Millie in New York."

Terry and Jerry Arterburn gave a reading, followed by the group singing "O, Little Town Of Bethlehem." Austin Guess closed the program with prayer.

Gifts were distributed from a gaily lighted tree. The hall was appropriately decorated with holly, Christmas bells and mistletoe. There were about 65 present for the occasion.

Mrs. Ella A. Atkinson of Diamond, Oklahoma, visited recently in the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. M. Bagwell and family.

ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE EACH SUNDAY

Wednesday Nite Services Set At First Baptist

Wednesday evening at 6:30 the Sunday school department of the First Baptist Church will meet for final planning on the last Sunday school lesson of 1954 and the plans that will be presented on this Lord's day. After departmental meetings and the teaching of the lessons, by the departments.

The pastor will be present with the final message on the "Lord Jesus In My Life." This old-fashioned prayer meeting, presenting the hour of inspiration, will gladden the hearts of all who attend. The Mid-week services are well attended and prove to be the power house of the entire worship of the week. Everyone is invited to these services.

T. P. Employees Have Christmas Entertainment

Employees of the Texas Pacific Coal and Oil Co. were entertained Friday evening with a Christmas party at the Country Club. There were 102 employees, retired employees and their families attending.

Barbecued chicken, spaghetti and all the trimmings were served. After the meal, games of dominoes and forty-two were played and dancing to the music of the Hatfield River Ranch Band was enjoyed.

The Club was decorated with cedar, oak boughs and other Christmas decorations.

Dorcas Class Has Christmas Social

Members of the Dorcas, Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church held their Christmas social in the home of Mrs. George Robinson Friday evening, Dec. 17.

A turkey dinner with all the trimmings was served. Mrs. Robinson gave the invocation.

Gifts were distributed to everyone present and a box of fruits and gifts was packed to be delivered to a less fortunate family.

Those present were Meses. P. C. Long, Matt Robinson, Lee Mitchell, Lena Roberts, R. E. Buegato, Mabel Williams, Lillie Applegate, Cora Arrendale, J. F. Ryan, Mary Crabb, W. W. Mitchell, Luther Kirkpatrick, Henry Hamilton, Lula Powell; Meses Ethel Adams and Nettie Sudderth; visitors, Meses. Mittie Perkins and Lloyd Bruce and Miss Annie Locke; and the hostesses, Meses. Robinson, Hugh Dawley and O. R. Gafner.

Dennises Attend Birthday Reunion In Fort Worth

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dennis attended a birthday celebration for his father, Mr. Frank Dennis of Goldthwaite, Sunday. The reunion, honoring Mr. Dennis' 85th birthday was held at the home of his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Barton Head in Fort Worth.

A sumptuous meal was enjoyed by the group and Mr. Dennis received numerous gifts, cards and letters. Movies were taken of the gathering.

Attending were: Mr. and Mrs. John Neal and daughter of Dallas; Paul Neal of Fayetteville, Ark.; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Field of Canadian, Tex.; Mr. and Mrs. Dennis of Ranger; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Moreland and family of Goldthwaite; Mrs. Maurice Raines, Mr. and Mrs. Eldean Head and family, Mr. and Mrs. Odean Head, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Jobe and family, all of Fort Worth; the honoree, Frank Dennis of Goldthwaite; and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Barton Head.

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The Intermediate Sunday School department of the First Baptist Church will meet at the church at 6:30 Thursday evening for a caroling party.

Each member is asked to bring a toy for a needy child.

Following the caroling, the party will return to the home of Mrs. Edna Chambers for entertainment and refreshments.

Mrs. Lee Russell and Mrs. Chambers are the superintendents of the department. They are assisted by Meses. J. D. Johnson, Cecil Meadows, A. Kirk, Grady Tice, E. Murr, Wayne E. Simpson and Messrs. H. A. Shockey, Tommy Guess, Lonnie Stephens and Dick Waters.

All intermediates and their friends are invited to attend.

Journalism Conference Set At Southwestern

An invitation has been extended to all senior high school students in this area who are interested in journalism to attend the Central Texas Students Activities Conference at Southwestern university January 15.

Outstanding personalities in the fields of journalism and speech will participate in the meeting. The program covers a wide range of activities; plays, debates, extemporaneous speaking, practical hints in the writing field, interviews, photography, reporting, etc.

The directors of the conference are Bruce Foch, University of Texas Interscholastic League; Traxel Stevens, University of Texas Division of Extension; Angus Springer, head of the department of speech and drama, Southwestern University; and Mary Elizabeth Fox, director of publicity, Southwestern University.

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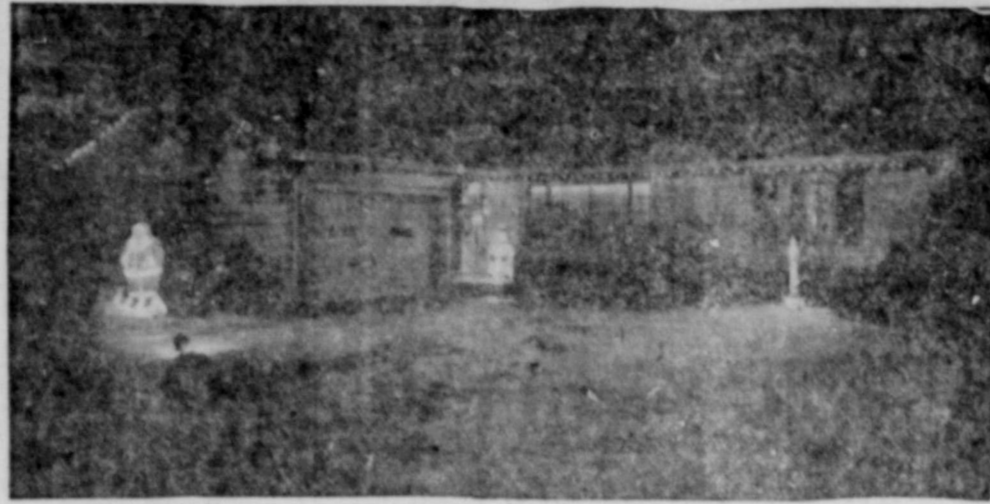
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Last of A Series

READY MADE DECORATIONS GIVE WIDE CHOICE OF THEMES

(Editor's Note: This is the last of a series of ideas that we wish to pass along for those contemplating residential decorations for the Yule season and as entries for the Chamber of Commerce's home decoration contest.)

Decorating your home for the holidays is one way of sharing your Yuletide spirit with friends and neighbors. Whether you choose a religious theme or feature the familiar old St. Nick, you'll find a wide selection of ready-made light decorations to add points of interest to your display.

Giant candies, life size three dimensional Santas and snowmen of sturdy, weatherproof plastic are only a few of the many lighted items from which to choose this year. Lighted plaques depicting the nativity scene can become the focal point of a giant "stained glass" window.

Choose Your Theme
 The home pictured above shows how effectively you can follow your own individual theme once it's decided upon by the whole family. Let your outdoor Christmas lights create a frame for your setting. If you study the pictures closely you'll notice that the lights are mounted under the eaves about six inches apart. Use two strands

or, tape up the excess cord on your regular lights which usually have sockets mounted about 18 inches apart. Many homeowners find that it's faster and easier to put lights up with small brass cup-hooks which can be left in place year after year. Hang evergreen festooning and lights at the same time to save wasted trips up and down the ladder.

Stained Glass Window
 If you're looking for a new idea for your picture window, try

transforming it into a "stained glass" window. As shown in the photograph above, bits of colored paper and freezer tape were used for the "leaded glass" effect around the lighted nativity scene. The plaque itself which is 31 inches high by 26 inches wide has its own stained glass background. It is hung inside the window with fine wire. Two 25-watt bulbs give the scene its glowing effect and, if you use paper that lets some light through, your whole picture window will appear lighter. A red wooden candle, 49 inches high, with a lighted plastic halo greets guests as they approach the lighted doorway. Time-saving lights, mounted on flexible aluminum strips are easily mounted around the front entrance.

BETTI'S BUDGET of HELPFUL HINTS

Most men enjoy donning an apron and helping out in the kitchen now and then. Children love to "play house" by baking and cooking right along with mother. Why not take advantage of these willing helpers? Cookie-making can become a holiday family project. Make the dough ahead of time. Then, let the man in the family do the rolling and cutting. Children can be busy chopping nuts and decorating the cookies while you supervise the baking. The whole family will enjoy this opportunity to contribute to gala preparations.

Your little girl will think it's fun to keep clean if you demonstrate an easy trick. Teach her to lather her face so well that when she brushes across her lips and exhales, she'll be able to blow beautiful soap bubbles.

Do you look pretty in pastels? There is nothing more gala nor smarter this year for mid-winter parties than delicate pastel costumes. And now that washable wools are available, this fashion is as practical as it is pretty. Best of all, when Spring bows in, you are one step ahead with a dress ready for the weather.

If perchance your lipstick leaves a battle scar here's the best way to remove it: Rub the spot with lard or vaseline and wash with a hot solution of suds detergent.

A new idea is to make like you're playing detective in your own house when you handle silverware. Wear a clean pair of cotton

picture, small lighted tree top angels and stars are hung from other windows in the house. If there are small children in the family, give them the thrill of their own life size lighted Santa. The picture on the upper left shows this full color giant, 60 inches high, pausing in his rounds. Heavy ground stakes hold him upright and his heavy vinylite plastic coating keeps him completely weatherproof. A polly weatherproof snowman greets holiday guests. The even taller, 53-inch candle with its own "Season's Greetings" as well as the Santa and Snowman all have their own built-in household-type bulbs which can be easily reached when replacement is necessary.

gloves and use them to give each piece of silver a final buffing or polishing as you set the table. This will keep it gleaming and free of fingermarks all the time. Wash the gloves as promptly as possible after use because the smudge marks you wipe off the silver have a habit of staining the cotton. This routine is a good gimmick to interest the children in helping you at mealtime.

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Annual 1920 Club Christmas Party Is Held In Ashton Home

Members of the 1920 Club held their annual Christmas party at 3:30 Thursday afternoon, Dec. 16, in the home of Mrs. Price Ashton, with Mrs. R. L. Hamrick as co-hostess.

Beautiful red and green decorations were used artistically throughout the house. Silver appointments were used on the dining table which was centered with red candles and poinsettias. Mrs. F. E. Langston poured coffee and was assisted in serving by Mrs. H. L. Coady.

Individual cherry and mince pies were served from a silver-lined

cornucopia. "Duchesses", made from an original French recipe, were also served.

In keeping with the general theme, "Trends in the Home", Mrs. Hamrick presented, in a charming manner, a discussion of "Regional Cookery". During her discussion of foods, shortening bread was passed by Miss Sudie Gray as she sang "Mama's Little Baby Loves Shortening Bread". She was assisted in serving by Miss Joyce Steel. Nachos, a Latin - American delicacy, were also passed to the guests.

Christmas songs were sung by Misses Rhelda Reed, Jo Ann Cridler and Sudie Gray, students of the Fine Arts Dept. of Ranger Junior College.

The following were present:

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Christmas Story To Be Presented Friday Evening

The true story of Christmas will be presented Friday night, at 8 p.m. in the First Baptist Church. This program will last only 30 minutes and is for all ages and for all faiths and denominations.

This is the annual Christmas program presented by the Sunday School Department, with Wilson Guest as Superintendent, and Dick Waters directing, for all the city in order that the truth of Christ's Birthday may not be wholly holy to the hearts of children and adults alike. "God's Gift To The World" is the title of the presentation. This will require some 8 characters.

The program will include Christmas carols, a story by Mrs. G. B. Rush, a duet by Dick Waters and Dan Mitchell, and the presentation of "God's Gift to the World."

The Junior Choir will sing the special music of the evening. Those in the presentation are: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Layton, Max Dillard, Ann Robinson, Rod Carter, John Boyd Rush, Charles Masseege, and Jimmy Cole. Bring the family and the neighbors for this fine performance of the birthday of the Lord Jesus. Everyone is welcome.

NOTICE

Since we are not printing a Sunday edition of the Times this week, all church news to be printed in the Thursday, Dec. 23 edition must be turned in not later than noon Wednesday, and sooner if possible.

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Desdemona Study Club Christmas Party Is Held

The spacious country home of Mrs. Aaron Henslee, near Lingville, was the setting for the annual Christmas party of the Desdemona Study Club, on Friday night, Dec. 17, 1954, with seven members attending.

Mrs. W. H. Davis, president, greeted the group with thoughts of the yuletide season, and introduced Mrs. Bill Tucker, who voiced the Christmas invocation. A short business session followed the roll call, "Christmas customs in other lands," by each member.

Mrs. A. H. Graham, program leader, read an inspirational editorial, "There is Room" — appealing to the Christian heart of all of the world.

Carols were sung, accompanied by Mrs. Henslee at the piano, with each one leading her favorite carol. Games, testing the word power of each, were scored on points, with Mrs. Tucker winner of the hostess prize. Mrs. Tucker also read the Latin-American, "Twas the Night before Christmas."

Gifts were exchanged from a beautiful Christmas tree, in the living room, which was decorated with garlands of greenery and cherry red berries.

A unique arrangement of small crystal Christmas trees, tipped with multicolored balls, and a jolly Santa graced the piano.

At the close of the program, the hostess served a refreshment plate consisting of individual salad mold, Cheez-its, ice box fruit cake, and hot spiced punch. Plate favors were tiny peppermint sticks and a Christmas corsage, to decorate the lady's coat during the holiday season.

Those attending were Mmes. W. H. Davis, Howard Wade, C. W. Maltby, A. H. Graham, Clabe Eldridge, Bill Tucker, and the hostess, Mrs. Henslee.

Next meeting scheduled is Friday night Jan. 14, 1955 in the home of Mrs. Eldridge.

Junior Band Has Christmas Party

Members of the Junior Band held their Christmas party Friday, Dec. 17 at the Band hall during their band period and the noon hour.

The invocation was led by Sam Houston, band director. Christmas carols were sung and games played.

Sandwiches, cold drinks and cookies were served, after which gifts were exchanged.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Houston, Paula Angus, Marinell Shockey, Marilyn Warden, Mary Kay Rush, Margaret Obel, Linda Anable, Sharon Sledge, Joyce Johnson, Mary Judy Getts, Martha Whitehead, Patsy Graham, Sue Rodgers, Doris White, Ann Robinson, Karen Killingsworth, Charles Ray Shugart, Robert Don Hodges, Bill Griffith, Barbara Craig, Lonnie Pennington, Earl Reeves, Jr., Ray Dillard, Charles Horton, Jimmy Needham, Ronnie Wynn, Robert Earl Wesley and David Green.

Adams Family Has Christmas Dinner

The family of Mrs. T. J. Adams met at her home at 418 N. Austin in Ranger Sunday for their annual reunion and Christmas dinner.

Those present were: Miss Ethel Adams, Mrs. Luna Lane, Mrs. Lillie Applegate, Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Pirkle and Johnnie, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Dempsey and Clifton, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Dempsey, Stevie and Jeri, Mr. and Mrs. Don Bradford and Jane Ann, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Hatton, Jenna Vee, Rozell and Linda, Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Hatton, Vickie and Rickie, and

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