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The Song of Christmas

THE long journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem . . . a new Star in the sky . . . heavenly music above the hills of Judea . . . the flutter of angel wings . . . the swift journeying of the Shepherds . . . Mary and Joseph and the new-born Child . . . the coming of the Wise Men, with their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh . . .

From these inspiring things the Song of Christmas was fashioned more than twenty centuries ago. The years have added new notes of happiness. Carols and song upon the air . . . candles gleaming into the night . . . secret whisperings and laughter in the home . . . greetings going from friend to friend . . . deeds of love and mercy done in the name of a Child.

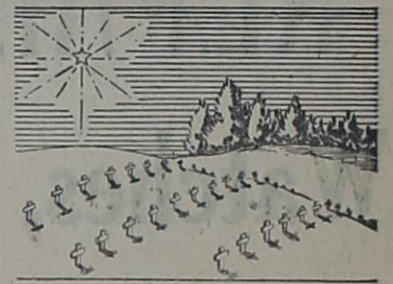
No great symphony or composition can match the Song of Christmas. It rises above the clatter and roar of the city; it throbs through the scattered town and hamlet; it sings through the sunlit islands of the South; it permeates the frozen wastes of the Northland. In ever-widening volume its strains echo around the world.

Before its magic the hosts of darkness take flight. It touches the slumbering chords of memory; it heals old hurts and scars; it binds loved ones in a closer and deeper tie. There are no friendless or forsaken within its sound; under its influence the strong reach out to help the weak. Peace and Love and Joy, these are its loudest notes, and they are for all men. For the Song of Christmas is the greatest of all songs because it is understood by every heart.



Leading Carols

By LYN CONNELLY
A SONG which made its appearance in 1942 entitled "White Christmas," is in its fourth year and well on its way to permanent recognition as a Christmas favorite.



The amazing popularity of "White Christmas" as a yuletide song reached its peak last year when a poll conducted to establish the favorite carol of servicemen revealed that 22 per cent of the votes went to this early war song written especially for the occasion by Irving Berlin, graduate of Tin Pan Alley.

The birth of the song was entirely by accident despite rumors to the contrary which attribute its conception to the war. Actually, it was composed in 1940. A Hollywood studio had an idea for a motion picture to be called "Holiday Inn," co-starring Fred Astaire and Bing Crosby. The theme of the picture was based on the holidays of the year and a song was needed to represent each holiday. Irving Berlin was contracted for the compositions. The picture, released in 1942, was synonymous with our second wartime Christmas, and in that year the song sold one million copies in four months. Although nothing is done on the part of the publishers to exploit the song, it automatically rings the register each year as the holiday season approaches. Berlin calls it his favorite song, with the exception of his "God Bless America" written during World War I. "It's difficult to predict a song's future," says Berlin, "but judging from its past, I would say 'White Christmas' has a very good chance of becoming a permanent song along with other Christmas carols."

A Volunteer Santa Speaks His Heart

"I know what it is to be a disappointed kid on Christmas morning—
"I always wanted a boat, but my folks were poor and I never got one—that's why I became Santa Claus I guess.



Volunteers of America worker plays hostess to some of the organization's Santas.

"Working for the Volunteers of America, I've played Santa for thousands of youngsters during the last 16 years. I read a lot of minds, too, during the depression when people plodded past my cardboard chimney; folks are happy now and the carols, that gave them a far-away look while war almost blacked out the Christmas Spirit, make them smile and drop coins in the chimney.

"It's fun to have a part in the happy Christmases of so many youngsters. Most of those that I see come downtown with their mothers, and I try to get a nod of approval before I make any definite promises—kinda make sure the kids won't be disappointed.

"Just the same, I can't help thinking about the kids I never see who want dolls 'nd dishes, drums and sleds, picture books, skates, trains . . . and boats; what a lot of helpers Santa needs to see that all these things get to the right places at the right time!

"Wish we could be sure there will be no broken hearts this Christmas."

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1. Dr. Clement C. Moore.
2. Dicken's "A Christmas Carol."
3. In Indian ocean, southwest of Java.
4. Irving Berlin.
5. Sweden.
6. Wassail bowl.
7. A cold Easter.
8. The Aztec Indian god, half bird, half snake, who took the place of Santa Claus in Mexico in 1930.
9. Christmas cactus.
10. "Silent Night."
11. Mass of Christ.
12. The remains were stolen in 1087 by merchants and re-interred at Bari.

Christmas Was At One Time Illegal

The Puritans disliked the celebration of Christmas, preferring their own celebration of Thanksgiving.

In 1659 the high court of Massachusetts held that "anybody who is found observing, by abstinence from labor, feasting or any other way such day as Christmas Day shall for each and every offense be fined five shillings."

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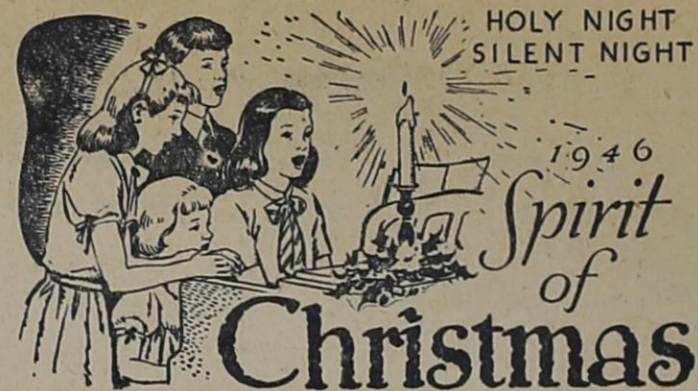
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CHRISTMAS IS HERE!

It's in the music of the cherished carols hovering like a benediction over the bustling crowds.

Time for us to send you our best wishes for the happiest Christmas you have ever known.

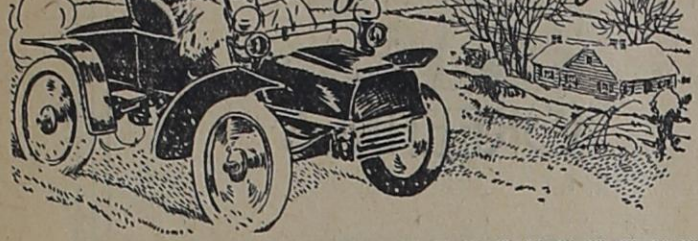
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Christmas is the one great event that transcends the bounds of any one country and embraces the whole world. In much the same way there is no limit or bounds to our good wishes for you for a Merry Christmas.

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● It isn't always stylish to be old fashioned, but there are times when it's very genuine—and Christmas is one of them. Yes, folks, we wish you an old fashioned Christmas this year . . . the best one of them all!

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Change Made in Celebrating Day

New Year's became a holiday long after the American custom of New Year's calls, which justify its observance, had gone the way of the hoop skirt and the polka. There is nothing American about the carnival-like merrymaking which nowadays welcomes the New Year. Or can it be that even this is a metamorphosis of the watchnight meeting of 40 years or more ago? To deacons and elders, to all anxious heads of families, it used to seem fitting to spend the last three hours of the year in singing lugubrious hymns and giving thanks that they had been singled out for preserva-



Ring in the New Year.

tion when so many had been removed by an equally discerning providence.

But to the young the watchnight meeting was always a dreary service, only to be endured in view of the joys of the morrow. And when the life and color were taken out of the observance of New Year's itself, there seemed little sense in ushering in a day of gloom with a still gloomier New Year's Eve. So they left the watchmeeting to those who found no more pleasure in their days, and for themselves introduced the practice now generally prevalent of indulging in a last fling in preparation for the morrow's disagreeable business of turning over a new leaf.

They have revived the old pagan ceremony, except that no miniature skeletons are passed around at the feast to remind them that they are mortal. Nothing in this modern New Year's Eve abandon, however, commends it as a substitute for the old gracious custom of paying and receiving calls, a custom for which desuetude was hastened by the prodigious growth of the large cities in the 25 years following the Civil war.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

and thanks



CHRISTMAS IS A TIME WHEN OLD LOYALTIES ARE NOT ONLY STRENGTHENED BUT REMEMBERED. WE WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONFIDENCE IN US, AND HOW EARNESTLY WE WISH FOR YOU A VERY JOYOUS CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.

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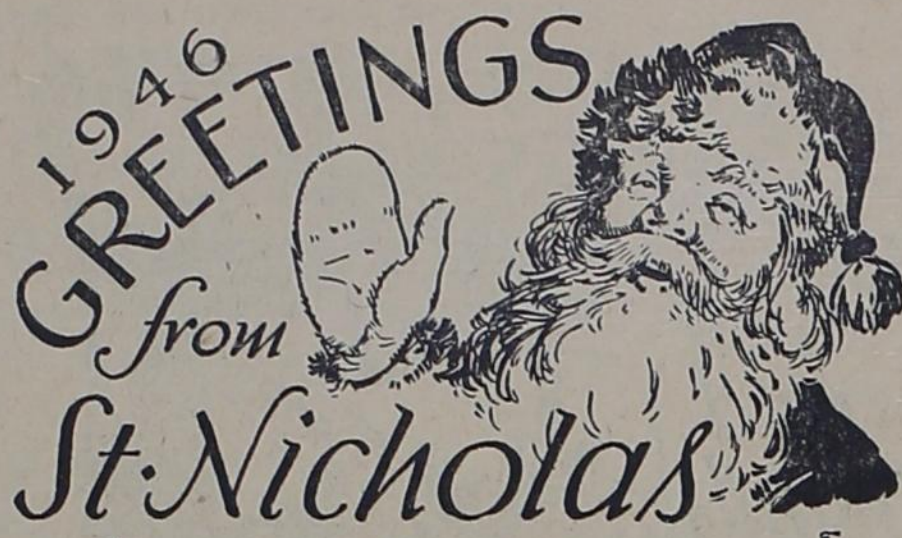


A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT

● THESE ARE DAYS WHEN WE ARE ALL IN A BIG HURRY TO GET HOME, FOR THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME WHEN THE CHRISTMAS WREATH IS GLOWING IN THE WINDOW. WE ARE DUE RIGHT NOW TO SAY OUR LITTLE PIECE—AN OLD REFRAIN, IT IS TRUE, BUT AS WARM AND HEARTFELT AS THE FIRST TIME WE EVER SAID IT—

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Trimble Barber & Beauty Shop



Have you ever thought of Christmas as a birthday party—a birthday party that goes all over the world at once? That is why Christmas is so joyous! Everybody is a participant in this big, grand, world-wide party, with Santa Claus the host!

And here we are, on the Eve of Christmas, sending you our very best wishes for a joyous time at this great Birthday Party.

Buckmaster Machinery Co.

FLAGG NEWS

Lavelle Teague attended the wedding of Vera McGowan in Clarendon on Sunday.

Mecca Grant of Littlefield visited Deen Gay Teague Saturday. Mrs. Alma Ott and Mrs. Lura Scarborough visited Mrs. Buddy Howard of Muleshoe Saturday.

The Staytons were shopping in Hereford Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Thompson were Plainview business visitors on Saturday. They also visited with Mis Leila Petty.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Frazier visited the Fred Walls in North Edge Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindy Scarbrough were Plainview business visitors Thursday.

Alvin Frazier underwent a tonsilectomy in Amherst on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Sheffy visited his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sheffy on Sunday.

Several friends surprised the Bill Boothers with a house warming Friday evening. Many nice and useful gifts were presented to the honorees. Refreshments were served to approximately 35 friends by Mrs. Irvin Ott, Mrs. Lindy Scarbrough, Mrs. Ernest Jones and Mrs. Lloyd Rentfro.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bradford and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Settles visited Medea and Red Watts in Canyon Sunday.

Rev. J. D. Harlon of Plainview was a diner guest in the Clyde Damron home Sunday.

SUNNYSIDE H. D. CLUB NEWS

Mrs. Jack Payne was hostess to the Sunyside Home Demonstration club Tuesday afternoon for their Christmas party. Mrs. Buford Haydon, president-elect, had charge of the program. Carols were sung by the group. A Christmas story, "Her Gift" by Margaret Allen, was read by Mrs. R. A. Axtell. A game, appropriate to the Christmas season, was led by Mrs. H. F. Bridges.

Refreshments were served by the hostess to the following members and a guest: Mrs. Rey Riley, Mrs. J. C. Gilbreath, Mrs. Irving King, Mrs. Sid Taylor, Mrs. Hubert Lilley, Mrs. Cecil Bridges, Mrs. Alton Louder, Mrs. Philip Jones, Mrs. Buford Haydon, Mrs. R. A. Axtell, Mrs. E. R. Sadler, Mrs. Ezelle Sadler, Mrs. H. F. Bridges, and Mrs. Charlie Jones.



WE adults can learn much from our children—learn how to celebrate Christmas well. Let us turn back the clock this Christmas season of 1946 and get out of Christmas all the joys that children know when they hang their stockings up.

All together now for a big, glorious Christmas, topped off with our best wishes to all of you.

Dimmitt Food Bank



**A Very Merry Christmas
To Each and Every One**

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SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

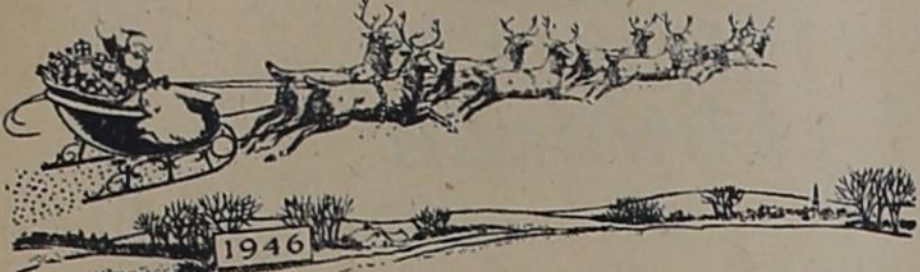
FAITH . . . faith in our homes and community . . . faith in the future . . . faith in men of good will, eternally — this is the essence of the Christmas season.

CHRISTMAS should be a time of joy, and we hope that this Christmas of 1946 will be rich in good cheer and true happiness for all who read this message.

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Dimmitt Laundry



Kind remembrances at Christmastime.

May the Christmas of 1946 be among the most joyous you have ever known.

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Letters to Santa...

Box 661
Dimmitt, Texas
December 15, 1946

Dear Santa:
I would like to have a bike and a Bee Bee gun and a clock.
Love
David L. Adams

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a football, candy and nuts
Don

BETHEL NEWS

The Sunday School will observe Christmas with a program and tree at the church on Christmas Eve to which all in the neighborhood are invited to attend.

The Ladies class of the Sunday School entertained their friends of the community and former members with a Christmas party at the church on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 17. An appropriate Christmas program was featured by the reading of the well loved poem, "Twas the Night Before Christmas" by little Keitha Kay Davis daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Davis Jr. of Dimmitt. Keitha, who is only three years old recited the entire poem without a word of prompting. At the close of the program, Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus appeared to help in distributing the many gifts.

Refreshments were served to the following guests and members of the class: Miss Winnie Ross and Mesdames J. G. Davis, Sr., G. A. Schwen, Fred Wall, Jack Flint Arnold, Franklin Smith, Glenn James, J. T. Smith Leland Smith, Ivor Bagwell, O. M. James, J. L. Givan, Leldon Rawls, Charles Howell George Bagwell, J. A. Bagwell, James Bradford, M. B. Settle, Fred Bruegel, Vern Lust, Harry Rothwell, Kay Roberts Ralph Simmons, J. O. Strother, W. C. Copeland, J. C. Williams, Earl Lust. Children present were Keitha Davis, George Elton Wall Patsy Strother and Mrs. Arnold's little son.

Visitors in the Leldon Rawls home Sunday were Mr. Rawls' father, W. L. Rawls, and brother, Harold of Bledsoe.

Mr. Perry Barnes and his son-in-law, Jim Seton of Lazbuddy were callers in the Earl Lust home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Williams attended a reunion of the Williams family at the home of his sister Mrs. Earl Raper, in Plainview Sunday. All of the family of four brothers and five sisters were present.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rothwell Sunday were Mr. Rothwells' sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Nowell and children of near Muleshoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Johnson of near Amherst have moved to Bethel. Mr. Johnson will be associated with Mr. Harry Rothwell in farming and in management of his herd of Milking Shorthorns.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyce Warren and son of Monte Vista, Colorado, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Warren.

Mrs. G. A. Shwen and daughter, Mrs. Fred Wall and little George Elton Wall were welcome visitors at Sunday School. They were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Lust.

Visitors at the Harry Rothwell farm last week were the following officials of the Shorthorn Breeders Association: Bill Hardy of Chicago, Secretary; Allen Britian, Auctioneer; Bill Dixon, Field Representative.

NOTICE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF CASTRO. TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to notify all persons who may be concerned pertaining to any credit, bills, claims or any other business transacted connected with the Dimmitt Implement Company, Dimmitt, Texas; that the said Dimmitt Implement Company, which has heretofore been owned by H. R. Ferguson, of Littlefield, Texas, and Jess W. Wright, of Dimmitt, Texas, as a partnership; that H. R. Ferguson on the 22 day of November, A. D. 1946, sold all of his interest in the said Dimmitt Implement Company to Jess W. Wright, the other partner.

And this is to give notice that H. R. Ferguson will not be responsible and assumes no responsibility for any past or future transactions of the Dimmitt Implement Company of Dimmitt, Texas; and all responsibility connected with the Dimmitt Implement Company, of Dimmitt, Texas, has been assumed by Jess W. Wright of Dimmitt, Texas.

Witness my hand this the 5th day of December A. D., 1946.
H. R. Ferguson

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Wright flew to House, N. M., Sunday for a visit with his brother, Mr. Sim Wright and family. Mr. Wright recently suffered a stroke of paralysis.



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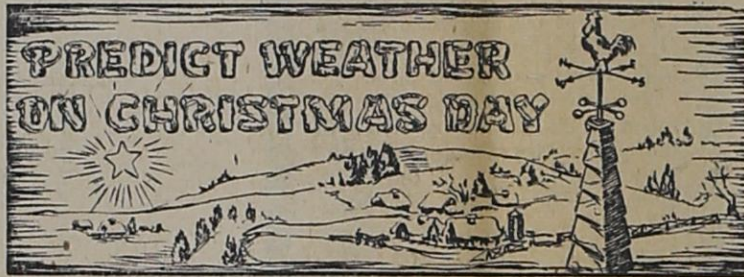
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- It is said that the coming year's weather may be forecasted by cocking an eye at the sky during Christmas week. Here are a few of the beliefs; conflicting in many details.
- If the sun shines through the apple tree on Christmas Day, there will be a good crop the following year.
- If ice will bear a man before Christmas, it will not bear a mouse afterwards.
- Thunder and lightning Christmas week means much snow the balance of the winter.
- Rain causes more damage than frost before than after Christmas.
- At Christmas if meadows are green, at Easter they will be covered with frost.
- If windy Christmas Day, trees will bear much fruit.
- A wet Christmas means an empty granary and barrel.
- A green Christmas makes a fat graveyard.
- A warm Christmas means a cold Easter.
- A green Christmas is followed by a white Easter.

Miracle Plays Still Held

Among more tradition - observing communities of the world, old-time miracle plays are still performed, often in the form of elaborate dances, in solemn, but lavish, settings against the colorful background of tropical foliage.

Dr. R.F. McCasland

DENTIST

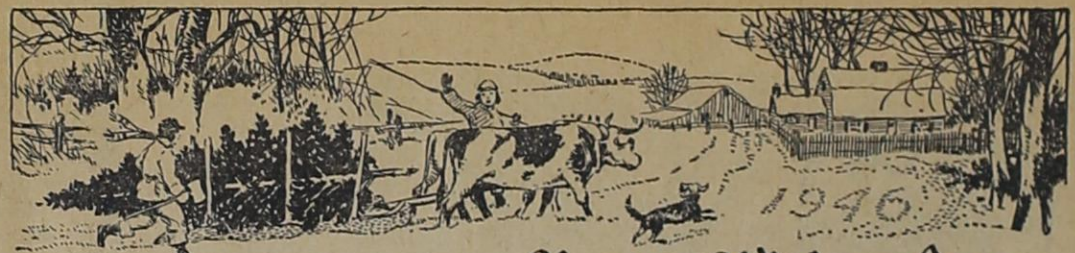
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*Peace on Earth
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BRINGING HOME THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Sincere Wishes for a Merry Christmas

LET'S ALL BE HAPPY!

Christmas is likely to become too prosaic to many of us grownups, but to boyhood's eager eyes it is a time of preparation and expectancy... an enchanted season when the woodland is hushed and even ordinary tasks take on the glamor and joy of dragging home the Christmas tree. May your Christmas of 1946 be in this spirit.

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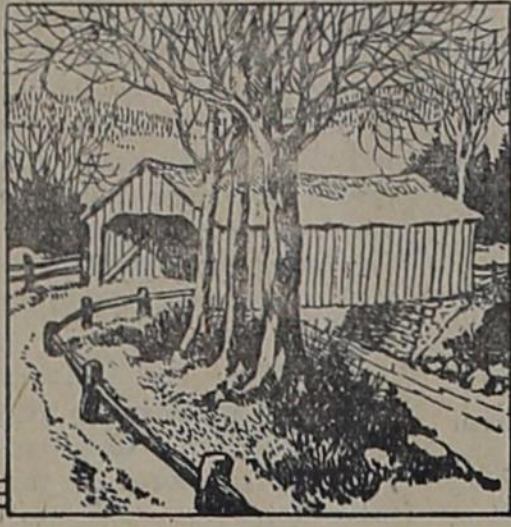
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**MERRY
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of Christmases past and gone gladden your Christmas celebration this year. We wish for you all the good things for which Christmas has always stood.

**Harrison Insurance
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*Mistletoe Distinct
As Yule Decoration*

Mistletoe, that distinctive Christmas green so common in many parts of America, is usually thought of as merely good holiday decoration or as a creator of open season on ladies fair for otherwise bashful swains.

Mistletoe did not always hold this position in our lives. The Druids called it "all-heal," and thought it held many miraculous virtues. The Scandinavians dedicated it to their goddess of love, Friga. Probably this goddess of love is responsible for the custom of kissing under the mistletoe.



The power to heal, to protect against sickness, to perform magic deeds—all these and more are the qualities ascribed to this plant in legends, traditions and even in ancient histories and literature.

Mistletoe is a parasite, which in feasts branches of various trees or both hardwood and conifers, but mainly on hardwoods. One species is found exclusively, however, on conifers.

Among the Celts and others mistletoe which grew from the oak was considered to have peculiar magical virtues not possessed by that from any other trees. Some even considered it so rare as to be only cut with a gold knife.

Another old tradition is that the mistletoe supplied the wood for the holy cross, as previous to that time it was a forest tree but after the crucifixion was condemned to exist only as a dwarf parasite.

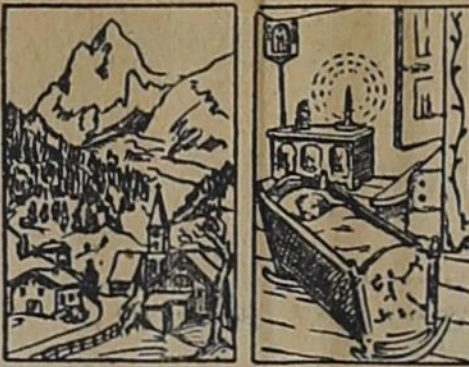
Mistletoe was taken over into the Christian tradition in due course and dedicated to the Christ Child. An old rhyme reads:

The mistletoe bough
At our Christmas board
Shall hang to the honor
Of Christ our Lord.

*Christmas Trees,
Cribs and Ceppi*

Christmas trees and cribs, within respective spheres of influence, provide focal points for observances of the season.

Various legends claim to tell the story of the first Christmas tree; actually, evergreen decorations were so closely associated with pagan celebrations that they were banned by many ecclesiastics of the early church.



According to literature, the first Christmas tree was set up at Strasbourg, Germany, in 1604; even then, the cry rose against heathen customs and, as late as 1851, the Rev. Henry Schwan was severely criticized for setting up a Christmas tree in his church in Cleveland, Ohio.

St. Francis of Assisi received special permission from the pope to present a tableau of the nativity scene. This first crib, set up at Greccio, Italy, in 1223, was an immediate sensation; the renaissance endowed the cribs with ornate pagantry and, moderately, the crib is to southern Europe and Catholic countries what the tree is to America and northern lands.

Eighteenth century Italians were fond of a fantastic decoration called the Ceppo. Pyramidal in construction, the Ceppi were made on a framework of lathes with transverse shelves rising to three or four stories, depending on the over-all size of the Ceppo.

The whole thing was covered with colored paper, tufts, tassels, fringes, tiny pine cones, and little flags; a manger scene was represented on the lowest shelf, while the upper ones were covered with small gifts, etc.; wax tapers were placed along the sides and a large gilt cone ornamented the top. Although the original designer probably never saw a Christmas tree, the Ceppo—aided by a little imagination—bridges the gap between Christmas cribs and trees.

*Edible Manger In
Ukraine Rituals*

In the Ukraine an elaborate Christmas Eve supper breaks a 30 day fast during which no meat has been eaten. Twelve courses are served, one for each of the twelve Apostles: buckwheat and mushroom soup, pancakes in flux, prunes, fish, bread, and nuts are included in the menu.

An additional course of honey and porridge is also served: called Kupa, the dish represents the holy crib; the porridge represents the straw—as in the manger—and the Holy Infant is symbolized by honey and fruit; the honey is also considered symbolic of the spirit and blood of the Saviour.

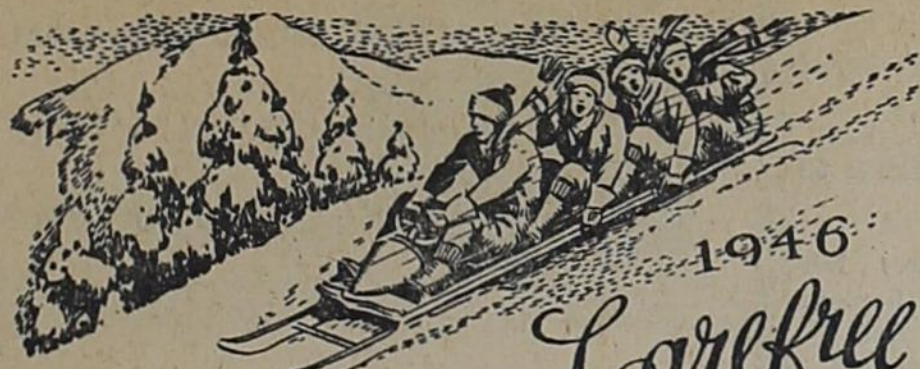


MAKE GOOD
CHEER FOR

Christmas

One need not be told it is Christmastime. The glowing faces of friend and stranger alike bespeak it. It gives us the same thrill as of old to wish all our friends, and those who are still to become our friends, a very Merry Christmas.

Wilson Grocery



1946
Carefree
HOLIDAY SEASON

● Right now it's time to lay aside business cares and all that is complicated and get down to simple things. A little boy on the floor under the Christmas tree watching his electric train whizz past, the happy faces of little girls singing Christmas carols, boys coasting down the hill. Let's catch that spirit! Merry Christmas to you, and you, and you!



*Joy to the
World*

Christmas

● Christmas is not all tinsel and tissue or colored lights and merriment. It has a deeper significance, rooted in the long gone past, which sets it high above all other holidays of the year.

● It is our hope that this blessed season will bring to your home not only the festive joys of Yuletide but that deep inner peace which is essentially a part of Christmas.

Dimmitt Construction Company

R. V. McMahan J. C. Fulfer R. V. McMahan, Jr.

Kirkpatrick Oil Co.

Phone 66

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hays and children move to Dimmitt from Friona Friday. They are occupying one of the residences recently built by Mr. N. L. Wesson in West Dimmitt. Mr. Hays is employed at the Hays Implement Company.

News Want Ads Get Results



Merry Christmas Folks

The snowman will fade as the weather warms, and too soon we forget the joys of Christmas and its mellowing effect upon our lives. It is our hope that this Christmas of 1944 will bring you many a blessing in the weeks and months ahead.

Buddy Birdwell

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A Western Feature

"Springtime In Montana"

—MIDNITE RAMBLE—

"The Gay Cavalier"

with Gilbert Roland and Martin Garralaga

SUNDAY and MONDAY, DECEMBER 22-23

"Easy to Wed"

IN TECHNICOLOR

with Ven Johnson and Esther Williams

TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24-25

"In the Dark Corner"

with Lucille Ball, Clifton Webb, William Bendix, Mark Stevens

THURSDAY and FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26-27

"Two Guys From Milwaukee"

with Dennis Morgan, Jack Carson, Joan Leslie and Janis Page

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

"Marshall of Laredo"

with Wild Bill Elliott and Bobby Blake

—MIDNIGHT RAMBLE—

"Rendezvous 24"

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Plains Memorial Hospital

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For Sale—Firestone Tractor tires and Tubes for all model tractors.
Bearden Tractor Co.

WANTED—Clean Rags.
Castro Motor Co.

NOTICE—For free removal of all dead animals, cows, horses, hogs, sheep, etc., call collect or notify Kirkpatrick's Phillip 66 Service Station, Phone 66. Our aim is to give you prompt and courteous service.

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HELP WANTED—Dinner cook, waitress. Good pay to good help.
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FOR SALE—A B C Electric Washing machine, with good tub and stand, at
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FOR SALE—1941 model Ford, pick-up, also 1942 Tudor Ford, both in good condition.
Jack Wright

FOR SALE—Table-top Perfection Oil range, can be seen at
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FOR Refrigeration Repair Service call Steak House Cafe, Dimmitt.
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STRAYED—A black steer, with horns, weight about 550 pounds and branded 66 on left hip, strayed in August.
Will Graef

FOR SALE—Trailer house, fair condition. Bargain at \$350.00 See
Dewey Powell

FOR SALE—Boys bicycle, large size, a good one.
Midge Gafford

WANTED—20 ga. double barrel shotgun. See
Castro County News

FOR SALE—Choice residential lots in Dimmitt, 75x160 feet.
Claud Forson
Phone 56

FOR SALE—211 acres NE of Dimmitt, 1/4 rent goes. 5 room house west part of town. See
Jack Cowsert

LOST—Right Fender skirt for '40 model Mercury, black with Buick emblem.
James Autry

FOR SALE—Good pre-war R. C. A. Radio Victrola, at
Miller Hardware

FOR SALE—24 white face cows coming 3 years old, also hegari bundles, 1936 model Chevrolet truck, large 2 wheel trailer. Located 2 miles east of Dodd.
N. M. Ellis

Man Wanted: Good nearby Rawleigh business now open. If willing to conduct Home Service business while earning good living write immediately. Rawleigh's, Dept. TXL-208-45, Memphis, Tenn.

NAZARETH

A very inspiring and entertaining program was held for the Children of Mary Sunday evening, Dec. 8.

The activities opened with an enrollment ceremony in church. The new members enrolled were Jo Anne Heiman, Patsy Bauman, Jeannette Braddock, Calista Heck, Luke Acker, Jerome Birkenfeld, Edmund Gerber, Arnold Huseman, Gilbert Schulte, Cecil Hoelting, and Walter Kleman. After this service the more than a hundred members present gathered before the Communion rail for a group picture to be sent into "The Queens Work."

Following the ceremonies in church the whole group went to the parish hall for a Christmas party that was sponsored by the sophomore class. The crowd was divided into the "Greens" and the "Reds" for group games. Points were given in each game and the "Greens" won. Refreshments were served by Santa Claus and his helpers. The rest of the evening was spent in dancing.

The officers of the various classes in Nazareth High sponsored a social in the school gym during the afternoon of December 12. The seniors had bingo; the juniors, a cake walk; the sophomores, baseball walk; the freshmen, a guessing game. Refreshments of cake

and coffee were served. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leinen announced the birth of a son on December 2. The baby was christened Robert Dale, and his sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. John Stork and Mr. Frank Leinen, Sr.

A house-warming was held for Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Jones December 9. Many friends and relatives attended.

A party was held in honor of Miss Bernice Acker during the evening of December 9 in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Acker. Among the many friends and relatives visiting in the home for the occasion was another daughter, Mrs. Joe Gidden, and her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hoffman and daughter visited with Mrs. Joseph Gugemos December 8.

Mr. Joseph Schacker, who has been visiting with relatives in Nazareth during the last few weeks, left for his home in Wyoming December 8.

Mr. Harold Pohlmeier, who has been attending a telegraph school, has returned to his home in order to spend the Christmas holidays there.

Miss Roberta Hyland, who has been visiting with her sister, Mrs. Mark Homan in Ohio, has returned to Nazareth.

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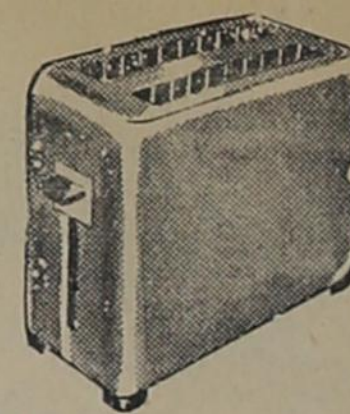
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Holiday Greetings

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Season's Greetings

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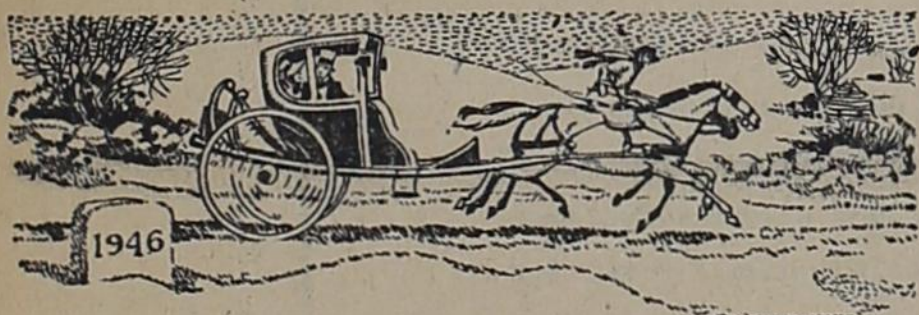
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Three Ford Sedans
'42 Models

One Lincoln Zephyr Sedan
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Merry Christmas TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

Styles change, methods change, but Christmas—never! Beneath it all is the same old love of man for his folks and his neighbors, the same old dream of the day when peace and good will encompass all the earth.

So now in that changeless season of Christmas we greet our friends and neighbors, as so often before, with that timeworn message of cheer and good fellowship, **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

Thompson Grocery

Jess and Lillamae Wright

Mary Raper

Mrs. Dewey Powell



"Gives You Texas"

I'm getting tired of looking at half-page ads in the Sunday papers advertising new automobiles. I'd just like to see some new automobiles. And, by the way, since the so-called manufacturers don't seem to be manufacturing any automobiles, where do they get the money to pay for those ads?

A young man was sitting in the T. & P. station in Fort Worth holding a baby in his arms. The baby began to cry, attracting everyone's attention. A man walked over with a smile of pity on his face and asked, "A woman gave you that baby to hold while she went to see about her baggage, didn't she?"

"Yes."
The man began to laugh and then remarked, "I tumbled to the fact as soon as I saw you. You expect her, I suppose?"

"Of course."
Again the other laughed, "This is rich! Looking for her, any minute?"

"That's right."
Once more the man laughed and said, "I had a woman play that same trick on me once. Young man, you've been played for a hick. I would advise you to turn that baby over to a policeman and get out of here before some newspaper reporter gets hold of you."

The man holding the baby insisted, "She'll be back."

"What makes you think so?"

"Because she's my wife and this is our baby."

The crowd roared and the man slunk away.
And wouldn't you like to live long enough to read a newspaper interview with just one railroad man who, on retiring from work, doesn't say, "I'm going to catch up on my fishing"?"

HOSPITAL NEWS

Medical Patients:
Sue Donald Hawkins, Eldon Gibson, Bob Anthony, Rex Wooten, Mr. C. W. George, Mrs. Ruby Cook, Mrs. W. H. Harper, Mrs. William Johnson, Mrs. Lawrence Buckmaster, Wayne Hembree, Mrs. Neal Cooper, Mrs. Mrs. Florence Gregg, Mrs. W. Anderson, Jerry Shive, Mrs. E. S. Umberson, Cheere Manning.

CASTRO COUNTY WATER USE AND CONSERVATION ASS'N ORGANIZED

Approximately 120 farmers and business men attended a county-wide Irrigation meeting Tuesday, December 17, at Dimmitt and organized the "Castro County Water Use and Conservation Association."

Talks on purposes of such an organization were made by A. B. Tarwater, Chairman of the Hale County Water Conservation Association, Winfield Holbrook, member of the board of directors of the Texas Water Conservation Association, I. B. (Doc) Holt, Lamb county Judge and State Legislator elect and Mr. McConhee, water well driller.

Motion was made to organize a nominating committee appointed by P. L. Cunningham, acting Chairman, consisted of Ray Bennett, Willis Hawkins, P. H. Dyer, E. L. Adams and Ray Axtell.

Officers elected as a result of the report of this committee were: P. L. Cunningham, President; Morgan Dennis, Vice-President; J. C. Gilbreath, Sec.-Treas.

Directors were: Orbin Nowell, T. R. Davis, J. G. Davis, Sr., E. L. Adams and Charlie Hays.

Resolutions were adopted and approved. As a result of the work of the resolutions committee composed of Swain Burkett, T. R. Davis, Ross Summers, Andy Behrends, Mr. Ferguson. Committee to work up By-Laws will consist of Swain Burkett, Jack Cowser and E. B. Wright.

Ray Bearden was appointed Chairman of the Resolutions on Education.

A membership fee of \$5.00 was agreed upon and this may be paid to J. C. Gilbreath or any of the officers or to R. L. King, County Agent. Any farmer or business man is eligible and urged to join the organization.

METHODIST CHURCH

"And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the fields keeping watch over their flocks by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great Joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.... And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.... And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them." Luke 2:7-14,16,20.

With all the blessings incident to Christ's coming to earth so freely given to us, surely no one would absent himself from the house of God on this Christmas Sunday. Out of sheer gratitude to our Lord Jesus Christ next Sunday should be a day peculiarly hallowed.

Come and worship with us. You will always find a welcome.

Sunday School—9:45 A. M.
Preaching 11:00 A. M. and 7:00 P. M.

MYF—6:15 P. M.
Sing Song at the home of Mrs. Alta Gladman.

Real St. Nicholas Of 4th Century

St. Nicholas is popularly associated with Christmas and gift-giving presumably because once during his mortal existence he reportedly endowed three dowryless maidens with three purses of gold.

Historically—as the Archbishop of Myra, Nicholas was a member of the council of Nicea. In 325 A. D., Constantine the Great called together the theologians of the Christian world in the first complete general council of the entire Christian church.

The council, assembled near Constantinople, and presided over by the still unbaptized Constantine, proclaimed the first exact definition of Christian teaching—as embodied in the Nicene Creed—and marks the beginning of Christianity as it is understood today.

HOSPITAL BUILDING MOVING COMPLETED

Moving of the remaining hospital building, acquired by the Plains Memorial Hospital from the Hereford Prisoner of War Camp, was completed Wednesday. The building is 25x84 feet and, with the building facilities already acquired by the local hospital, will afford ample space for all needs of the hospital in the immediate future. Floor plans for the new home of the Plains Memorial Hospital had been completed by the architect firm, Ritenberry & Ritenberry, of Amarillo. Offices and examining rooms for three doctors will be provided, dentist offices and laboratory are also included in the plans. The clinic, located in the east wing of the building will house a spacious operating room, X-ray room, laboratory, delivery room, etc. Floor plans provide twenty-one patient rooms with possibility of adding others if necessary. The lobby, business office, receptionists booth and nurse's station will be centrally located, in the building. Work is in progress on the building, under the supervision of Mr. R. V. McMahon. Immediately following the Christmas holidays work on remodeling of the interior of the buildings will get under way and will be rushed to completion as soon as possible.

RECITAL

A Recital of piano and voice by students of the Wood Music Studio was presented at the High School auditorium Thursday evening, December 12, by Mrs. Ted Wood.

Those taking part on the program were: Carolyn Bagwell, Charles Simon, Carolyn Rothwell, Katy Coke, Mary Nelson, Nelda Bagwell, Tommie Lou Allen, Sandra Wright, Richard Wood, Zella Vee Smith, Peggy Jo Messenger, O. C. Renfro, Bennie Bob Gollehon, Sue Bagwell.

Following the Recital a reception was held in the Home Economics room where delicious refreshments were served.

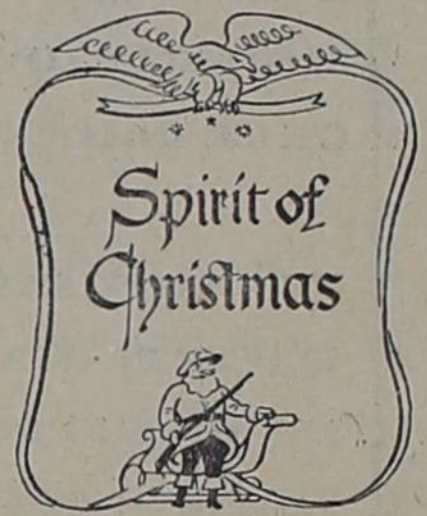
NEWS FORCE TO TAKE HOLIDAY

The News staff is taking a holiday vacation next week through the only means possible—by discontinuing publication for a week. Correspondents are urged to get their news in as early as possible the following week for our New Year's edition. The Nelson family which includes the publisher, linotype operator, floor man and two printer's devils, will leave Sunday for a weeks visit with relatives in Falls, Bell and Runnels counties.

STEAK HOUSE CAFE TO SERVE XMAS

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Rothwell, managers of the Steak House Cafe, announced this week that they would serve their Christmas dinner on Sunday, December 22, in order that the cafe might be closed Christmas Day so that employees might spend the day with their families. The menu: turkey with all the trimmings.

FOR SALE — Scholarship to Draughon's Business College.
The Castro County News



Spirit of Christmas

when beaming faces tell that Christmas is very, very near, we are reminded again of the supreme value of friendship. He who has no friends, though he may have amassed a fortune, cannot be happy.

We have many friends in this area—friends from many years back as well as friends who have become friends during this past year. These friendships are a great source of pride and happiness to us.

To all these friends we wish a very Merry Christmas Season.

DUNCAN Your Painter

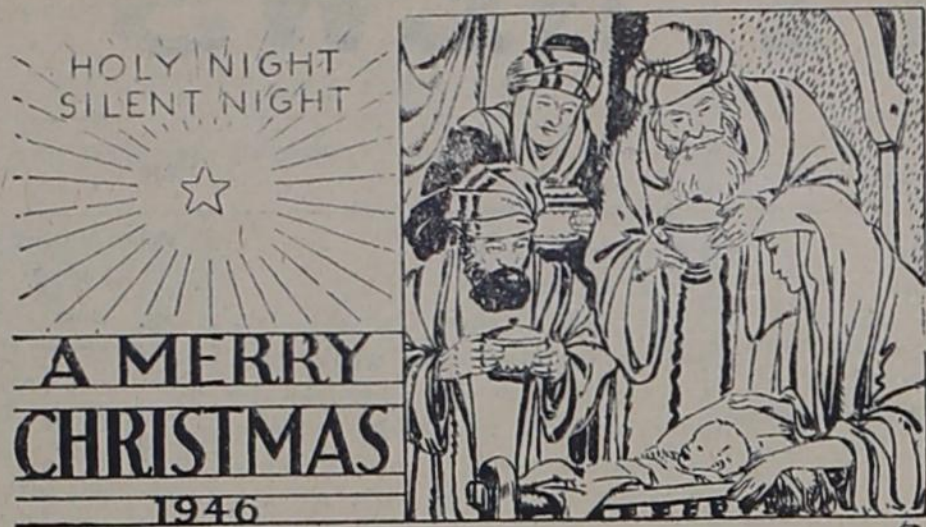


Merry Christmas

The story behind Christmas is one that has given the Yule holiday force and direction for over a thousand years. Hearts are made over on this day.

It gives us great pleasure during this holy season to extend our best Christmas wishes to all our friends.

Dimmitt Motor Co.



THE GIFTS OF THE MAGI
FORESHADOWED THE CHRISTMAS
GIVING OF TODAY.
A BEAUTIFUL SENTIMENT THAT DOES
MORE TO PROMOTE THE SPIRIT OF
BROTHERLY LOVE THAN ALL
OTHER INFLUENCES COMBINED.

THE HAPPY SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS
IS DEEP IN OUR HEARTS.
LET IT ECHO IN THE
STRENGTH OF OUR VOICES AS WE
GREET OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS
ON CHRISTMAS MORNING.

National Farm Life Insurance Co.
Leldon Hudson, district manager

nal return by that date takes the
piece of the declaration.

There have been a few changes
in the tax law, Mr. King says, that
you'll want to investigate. If you
are a father who has actually em-
ployed your minor dependents on
the farm or ranch, and paid them
reasonable wages, you can get tax
deductions on those wages that
have been paid out. This is deduc-
ted as a business expense.

Another thing to check—partic-
ularly for you West Texas cattle
breeders—is this: under certain
conditions, only half of the receipts
from the sale of cattle for breeding
stock is taxable.

Finally, here's good news on in-
come taxes, too. They're going to
be less this year. The average farm
income tax will be approximately
17 percent less than it was last
year. Remember the dates—Janu-
ary 15 for a declaration—March 15
for a final return. Or do it early
and get that final return in by Janu-
ary 15.

Make Your Own Yuletide Wreaths

It's Fun for All and Offers
Chances for Clever
Designs.

COLORFUL homemade decora-
tions that lend gaiety to the
Christmas tree and help out any
lack of store trimmings can be made
from such commonplace things as
egg shells, peanuts, pine cones,
squashes and colored paper.

Eggshell trinkets offer a variety
of decorative possibilities. The shells
can be salvaged from family bak-
ing days by running a darning
needle through the shell at both
ends and blowing out the con-
tents. If necessary the holes can
be enlarged so that a bright-
colored string with a knot in
the end can be run through the
egg, so that it may be strung
gaily on the tree.

Before stringing on the tree, shells
may be colored all the hues of the
rainbow, as at Easter time. Or de-
signs in pencil on the shell may be
made in the form of scrolls, leaves
or figures. The designs may be filled
in with colors, outlined with black
crayons. Christmas seals pasted on
white eggshells will be bright and
shiny. Colored confetti dots can
likewise be used on the eggs.

Peanut dolls to hang on the tree
can be made by stringing suitable
sizes together and tying the cord
tightly to keep them in shape. They
can be painted gold or silver or
any other color that will liven the
tree and give the little folks a part
in the decorative scheme.

A half-dozen star Santas swinging
from the tree will add interest. Make
some five-pointed stars from heavy
paper. Paste a Santa head onto the
top point and design white mittens
on the next two, draw a belt and
it's done. Run a string through San-
ta's hat and tie to a branch.

Small green squashes painted with
shellac or varnish so they will re-
tain their freshness can be either
tied to the tree or arranged around
the base.

Pine cones tied with ribbons and
perhaps a bell and painted white or
silver for make-believe frost are per-
fect for suspending from the tree.

Salmon-Tomato Pie Has Taste Appeal

There's true flavor teamwork
when salmon and tomatoes are
combined in a pie shell, writes Mar-
jorie Griffin, Rural Home editor of
nationally-circulated Capper's
Farmer.

"If you are short on time, dis-
pense with the crust," she advises
homemakers in the magazine read
by 1,300,000 farm families. "Just
have a fish and vegetable casserole.
Grated cheese is a delightful top-
ping."



TOMATO-SALMON PIE

- 3 tbs. chopped onion
- 1/4 c. chopped green pepper
- 1/2 c. margarine
- 2 1/2 c. canned tomatoes
- 3 tbs. flour
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 2 tsp. sugar
- 1 1/2 c. can salmon
- grated cheese
- 1 unbaked pie crust

Saute onion and green pepper in
margarine. Add the tomatoes, flour,
seasonings and sugar. Cook about 15
minutes. Fit pie crust into baking
dish; spread salmon over top of it.
Cover with the tomato sauce. Bake
at 400° F. for 20 to 25 minutes.



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THAT EMANATED FROM BETHE-
LEHEM 2,000 YEARS AGO NOT
ONLY TRANSFORMS THE
WORLD AT CHRISTMAS BUT IS
THE FOUNDATION OF EVERY
HONEST TRANSACTION. WE
DEPEND UPON YOUR GOOD
WILL; YOU DEPEND UPON
OURS.

GREETINGS

Castro County Grain Co.

INCOME TAXES—1946

The year's farm operation is
coming to a close, and that means
you've got to turn attention again
to income taxes.

County Agent R. L. King re-
minds us that any farmer who has

made a gross income of \$500 or
more this year must file an income
tax return.

And here's a choice for you, as
far as the time of paying taxes is
concerned. You can either file a
declaration of estimated 1946 net

income by January 15 and follow
up with a final return March 15—
or you can get the job done early
by making your final return by
January 15. If you do pay up
before January 15, you will not
have to make a declaration. The fi-

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DUNLAP'S

Lubbock, Texas



For us oldsters, it is memory that
makes up Christmas—memories of
the old days when grandma man-
aged the Christmas feast, and
friends dropped in for a chat.

We are happy to say that among
our most treasured memories are
the many Christmas celebrations
we have seen come and go, and the
friends we have kept with us dur-
ing all the years. A Merry Christ-
mas to all of you!

MANNINGS

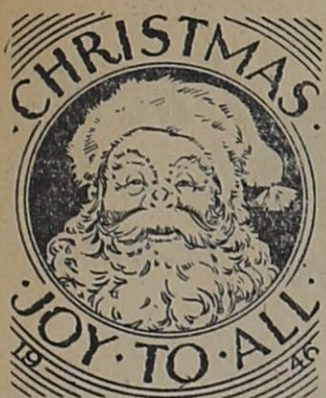
TO OUR MANY FRIENDS



Glad thoughts

And special wishes
Are happily combined
To make this
Christmas Greeting
The warmest kind.

Sheffy & Stalcup



TO
WISH FOR YOU
LOADS OF
GOOD CHEER
AND
HAPPINESS
AT
CHRISTMASTIME

Jack's Bakery

Office or Lodge
Decorated With
Little Effort

Have you been chosen to arrange your office or lodge Christmas party this year? Don't look at it as a chore, or something that can be done in the last few days before the actual holiday. Make preparations for it ahead of time—and you will see how much more enjoyment everyone will get out of it.

Christmas is the season for parties when people spend much of their time indoors either entertaining or being entertained. It is during this season that everyone is looking for new ideas for decorating homes, offices, recreation centers or gathering places.

Christmas greens are the favorite decoration and most univer-



sally used in all countries. In America, the pines, holly and mistletoe are displayed in wreaths or hung about the room to give a holiday atmosphere.

Other natural materials may be added, such as pine cones, shells, seed pods, ground pine or fruits.

If color is to be added, paint the gourds or pine cones with poster paints and fasten them on the pine boughs with wire or string. Pine cones painted in white and edged with red or blue are especially striking when hung against a dark green background.

Three dimensional posters make effective decorations, and are easily made from cloth, stiff paper or other material. This type of decoration is particularly effective made up in the traditional Christmas scenes such as the bringing in the Yule log, Nativity scenes, or caroling.

Christmas cards are a good source to go to for suggestions if you need a design for a poster or bulletin board as a central piece in your scheme of decoration.

Potted Yule Trees Can Be
Used for Several Years

The record of using the same Christmas tree for the last five holiday seasons is held by Mrs. H. R. Yount of Brunswick county in North Carolina.

Mrs. Yount planted a small cedar by her farm house and the first Christmas it was about 15 inches high. She placed it in a pot and used it as a table tree with appropriate decorations.

After the first Christmas, she replanted the small tree by the house, then dug it up again and placed it in a bucket on a table for its second holidays.

Again it was replanted and the third year it took its place on the floor with the children adding the necessary decorations. It was very carefully treated and again reset by the house. For the last two years it has been used as an outside Christmas tree to carry all the lights and decorations.

Mrs. Yount and the other members of the family have made special preparations for decorating the traditional Christmas tree again this year.



To test your Christmas spirit and knowledge, the following questions are given. You should answer half of them in order to pass.

1. Who wrote "The Night Before Christmas"?
2. What story contains the following: a miserly old man?
3. Where is Christmas Island?
4. Who wrote "White Christmas"?
5. In what country was mistletoe first worn around the neck to prevent sickness?
6. What does the Saxon word "aese" or "be in health" mean in connection with a Christmas custom?
7. An old Christmas superstition starts "A warm Christmas means . . ." How does it end?
8. Who is Quetzalcoatl?
9. What plant, a thorny one, traditionally blooms only at Christmas-time?
10. Until her death what song did Mme. Schumann-Heink always sing on Christmas Eve?
11. What is the literal meaning of "Christmas"?
12. Where are the remains of Good St. Nicholas of Myra buried?



JOYOUS
YULETIDE

Here's wishing that the light of the season's cheer will glow through all you do, adding greatly to your Christmas happiness.

McGowans Auto Repair
Mr. & Mrs. A. I. McGowan
Tommy McGowan E. V. Hargrove



GREETINGS!

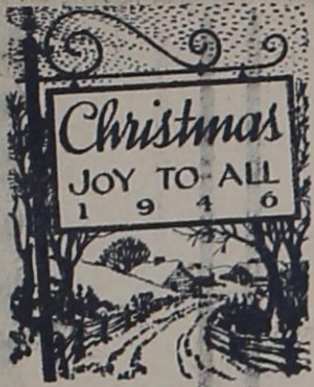
Music and song and happiness everywhere! Lighted windows, green trees brilliant with glowing bulbs, all contributing to the grand sum total of Christmas.

It's fine to celebrate Christmas again this season of 1946, fine to have finished another year in this community of happy homes and friendly people.

To Each and All We Wish

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

Snipes Shop
Jimmy & Cleo



It is good to know that Christmas is here again . . . good to celebrate it, as in the past, with so many fine people with whom we are happy to be associated in this community, and to whom we now send

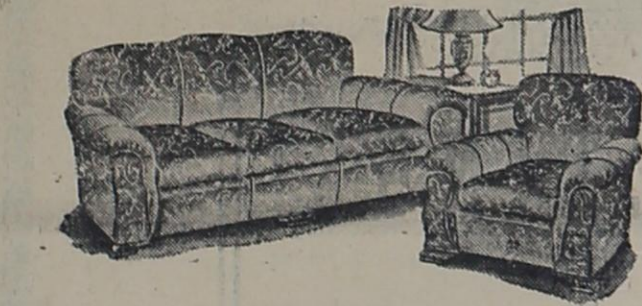
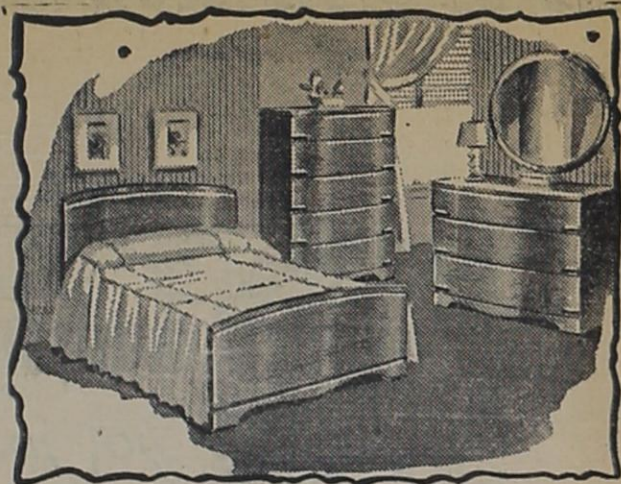
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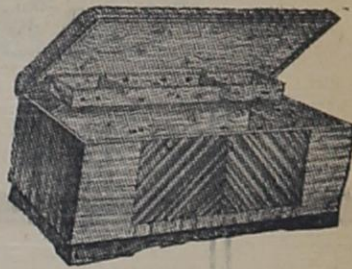
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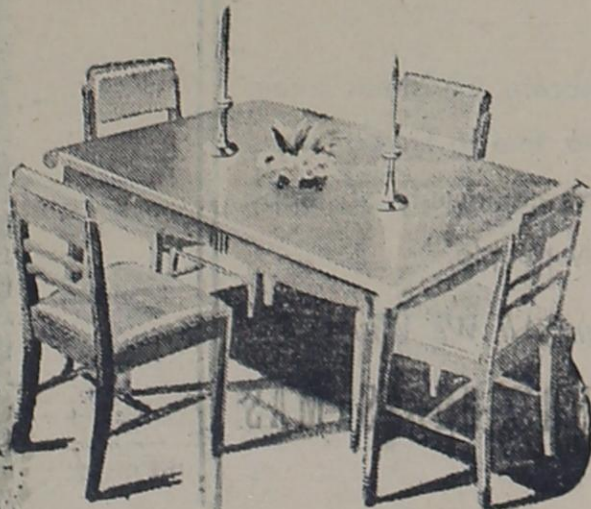
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Star of Bethlehem Phenomenon of Age

The Star of Bethlehem has been the subject of extensive research and discussion. Modern astronomers have considered several natural phenomenon theories without attaching too much weight to any such hypothesis.



Skeptics regard the whole thing as mere invention, colored with Oriental imagery, designed to honor Christ, and faith accepts the star as the supernatural phenomenon which proclaimed the birth of Jesus.

The first chapter of the gospel according to St. Matthew begins:

"The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham . . ."

And confirming Bethlehem as the city of David, the angel of the Lord declared:

"For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a SAVIOUR which is CHRIST the Lord." St. Luke 2:11.

Considering tradition, which accepts that King David's shield formed a six-pointed star, the Star of Bethlehem appropriately . . . stood over where the young Child was," St. Matthew 2:9.

Used As Good Luck Charm
Rings of mistletoe were worn around the neck in Sweden to prevent sickness.

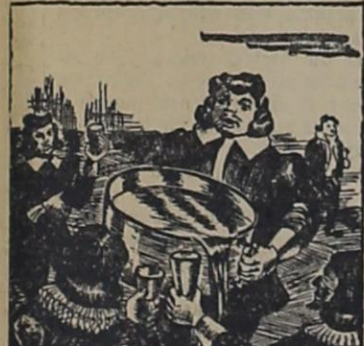
Wassail Bowl For Auld Lang Syne

The Wassail bowl goes around in Scotland—and elsewhere—at New Year's time.

The origin of the custom is really lost in antiquity: Saxon ancestors probably quaffed their ale from the polished skulls of defeated enemies, and the Rowena legend must be classified as "presumably fiction."

Rowena is reported to have offered her father's guest—Prince Vortigren—a bowl of wine with the salutation "Lord King, wass-hael," literally, "To Your Health." Draining the bowl with one draught, Vortigren fell in love with Rowena and they lived happily ever after.

Anyway, in time the bowl itself became an ornament of graceful design—decorated with branches of greenery which formed a canopy over the bowl. The mixture within was warm and included ale, sugar, spices, sweetened wine was added by hosts who could afford it, apples floated on top of the decoction, sometimes called "lamb's wool" or the "old man's beard." The poorer classes carried a bowl decorated with ribbons around the neighborhood, begging that it be filled, so they, too, might enjoy the Wassail.



The custom of making short calls on New Year's Day was in full swing throughout America about 1900. Newspapers carried columns of "at home" notices specifying the hours during which visitors would be received. A succession of "open houses" and punch bowls sometimes minimized the courtesy accorded to hostesses—receptions were often "crashed" by bibulous strangers; hence, the publicly announced "open house" custom has fallen into decline and, New Year's calls now being exchanged only by intimates, the Wassail bowl goes 'round in private.

Boar's Head Rich In Lore and Food

The wild boar has been revered from earliest times as having taught mankind the art of plowing by routing into the ground with his tusks.

Pre-Christian Druids, celebrating the winter solstice, offered a boar's head to the goddess Freya and, because of its food value, boar has always been an important part of festive menus.

Once upon a Christmas Day—so the story goes—a student of Oxford was studying Aristotle while walking in Shotover forest. Suddenly a wild boar rushed at the lad who, in desperation, crammed his book into the gaping jaws of the beast.

The student was poor and could not afford to lose his Aristotle, so he cut off the boar's head and recovered the text book; neither was a good boar's head to be wasted, so it was taken to Queen's college, roasted and eaten. Whenceforth, elaborate ceremonies attend the bringing in of the boar's head on Christmas Day.



SINCERE GOOD WISHES for a delightful holiday season from the store that friendship built.

Griffith Grocery And Produce



How well we remember those old Fashioned Christmas dinners—

father at one end of the table; mother at the other end, and the children in between, wondering if father would ever get done carving the turkey. And what mince pies!

Wouldn't you like a Christmas like that this year of 1946? We hope that your Christmas is as much like that as the changing times will permit, and that all the joys of the old days will abound.

Earl's Blacksmith Shop

Earl Hembree O. B. Winkle Clifford Smith

A Great Big Merry



The Year's Biggest Day

is just around the corner, and we are all as happy as children. For this is really going to be a merry Christmas.

That it may be especially joyous for you is the sincere wish of

Rio Theatre

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Carlile



'T WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE
Christmas

May
CHRISTMAS
Bring You
JOY
AND GLADNESS

Cooper Electric & Furniture Co.



Cheerio FRIENDS

★ Years may come and years may go but Santa Claus is with us forever. He's coming again this year, with a full pack. So sweep out your chimney and get ready for the jolly visitor, who has had special orders from us to bless your home with a very Merry Christmas.

Miller Hardware

Tuberculosis Seal Idea Originated In Copenhagen

Sale in America Resulted In Big Life Saving.

It was a busy afternoon just before Christmas in 1903 and piles upon piles of holiday letters and packages were pouring through the post office in Copenhagen. A postal clerk, Einar Holboell, expertly handled the letters and packages, and as he did so, he pondered an idea which was to have great effect upon the destiny of millions of people in the world.

This idea of Holboell's was to mark the beginning of one of the strangest wars ever fought—a war in which human lives were to be saved, not sacrificed; in which homes have been saved, not bombed; one in which there can be no armistice, no peace treaty. For the world-wide war against tuberculosis is a total war and final victory will come only with the complete eradication of the ancient enemy which for centuries has been the cause of more deaths than any conflict or pestilence in history.

By 1907 the Danish Christmas Seals were appearing on letters to people in America.

Jacob Riis, whom Theodore Roosevelt once called "America's most useful citizen," published an article "The Christmas Stamp,"

which set people in this country to thinking about what they could do with the idea. They thought the story good, but they pondered that the problem was too great for a penny stamp.

Late in the autumn of 1907, Emily Bissell, a young public health worker in Wilmington, Del., became concerned about the fate of a little sanatorium on the Brandywine river. She asked for assistance, but those that could give always replied in the negative with the postscript that she should not waste the money.

In her blackest moment, Emily Bissell recalled the article written



by Jacob Riis, and sat down to design the first Christmas Seal for America. With new design in hand, Miss Bissell set out to get help in putting her plan across. She encountered trouble from those that could afford to help. Finally she took her design to a small printer who agreed to wait for his pay. She talked with the postal clerks and they said that they would assist if the people would be advised that the penny stamp would not carry anything—that it was purely ornamental.

The printer turned out 50,000 of the stamps—the people of Delaware had begun to hear about tuberculosis—and a Christmas Seal table was set up in the Wilmington post office, and the first Christmas Seal sale in America was under way.

Ham and Bacon Stacks Offer Luscious Treat

"For a special luncheon there isn't any better dish than Ham and Bacon Stacks," writes Marjorie Griffin, Rural Home editor of nationally-circulated Capper's Farmer.

"This luscious treat offers ham and pineapple slices rolled inside bacon, and in the middle of it all is a mashed sweet potato patty," she tells homemakers in the magazine read by 1,300,000 farm families."



HAM AND BACON STACKS
8 strips bacon 1/2 lb. ground ham
4 slices pineapple 1 c. mashed sweet potato

Cross two strips of bacon. Lay on one slice of pineapple. Shape the mashed sweet potato into 4 patties and the ground ham into 4 patties. Top each pineapple slice with a sweet potato patty and a ham patty. Fold over ends of bacon on top of each stack and fasten ends together with a toothpick. Place in baking dish. Bake in 350° F. oven for one hour. Serve while hot.

Merry Christmas

The Yuletide Season brings joyous Greetings to all our customers and an appreciation for the considerations we have enjoyed during the past year. Our Good Wishes to you and yours.



Hays Implement Co.

CHRISTMAS CHEER



YEAR AFTER YEAR

Santa Claus would never get down the chimney with our load of good wishes for a Merry Christmas to the people of this community, because he just couldn't squeeze through.

You've been mighty good to us and we appreciate it beyond words. We want you to enjoy Christmas this season of 1946 as never before.

Reuben's Welding & Machine Shop

We Specialize In Wench Truck work of all kinds



Christmas is always a welcome event with us, for two reasons:

First, because we enjoy the spirit of friendliness that is all-prevailing; second, because it affords an appropriate opportunity of expressing our sincere appreciation for your valued patronage.

It has, indeed, been a pleasure to serve you, and in sending you our best wishes for a Merry Christmas we do so with the hope that the Christmas season of 1946 will transcend all of its predecessors in real happiness for you.



Switzerland Kept Xmas for Refugees

Switzerland "kept" Christmas last year for the 20,000 refugee children who were being cared for within her borders as Europe celebrated its sixth wartime Christmas.

From France and Belgium, from Holland, Italy, Hungary, Poland, Czechoslovakia, and far distant Greece they had come—many of them orphans, many children without a country—traversing Europe by circuitous routes. Guided by peasants, Red Cross workers, Wehrmacht guards, and older children they arrived on foot, herded in cattle cars, traveling in groups.



Toys for refugee tots.

A fraction of the millions of innocent victims of World War II, these refugee children were supposed to remain only two or three months so as to give other youngsters a chance to recuperate in neutral Switzerland. But in many cases, repatriation was delayed—parents were scattered or dead, battles still raged in areas whence the children had come, so they were allowed to remain and Switzerland, crowding them to her bosom, welcomed many, many others.

STRAYED — Three head of whiteface yearlings, branded Flying H on left hip, and V crop in left ear. Notify

T. A. Singer

A Subscription to the Castro County News makes a nice Christmas present.



Ho! Ho!
for Christmas!

Merrily, merrily,
jolly good friends,
and a grand and
glorious holiday
to you all!

Floyds Cafe



Merry
CHRISTMAS
GREETINGS 1946

Christmas lights shed a glow unknown at any other time of the year. The same lights, after Christmas, have lost their charm, so, you see it is really the Christmas spirit that lights our homes! We wish you every happiness this Christmas season of 1946.

Willson & Son Lumber Co.

News Want Ads Get Results

LITTLE OL' SANTA

The little ol' santa propped under our tree . . . is little the worse for wear . . . he's lost a leg and an arm, you see . . . but no one seems to care. Not that we're unsympathetic, rather, we are just a bit nostalgic.

Time was when our santa, bright and new, benignly welcomed Tommy and Sue . . . as they tiptoed downstairs to see . . . their presents spread beneath the tree . . . very early Christmas morning.

The Tommy and Sue have outgrown their toys . . . and entwined their hearts with grown-up joys . . . that little ol' santa, propped under the tree, symbolizes Christmas—as Christmas ought to be . . . with toys for children, good will among men . . . on earth, Peace dawning.

Dorothea Waitzmann.



WHITE HOUSE CHRISTMAS . . . The White House Christmas tree in the East Room. Presents are for the children of White House employees.



May
countless blessings
bring true joy
to
you and yours
a
Christmastime.

B. J. BRANNAN



CHRISTMAS WISHES
by the
THOUSAND
we send to all our friends
this Yule Season of 1946.
May yours be indeed a
MERRY CHRISTMAS

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A GOOD WAY to keep Christmas well is to bring joy to everyone we can. This, we believe, is the spirit of this community . . . one of the important reasons why living here affords such genuine pleasure.

To you who have stood by us so faithfully during the year 1946 we wish a whole world of happiness pressed into this Christmas season. Merry Christmas to you and to every member of your family.

Castro County Abstract Co.