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by b. m. n.

As this column says Merry Christmas to its readers it is with the fervent hope that we can repeat the statement next Christmas and add "There is permanent peace on earth and good will toward all men".

—adace—

O. B. Winkle and your columnist are partners in the croquet tournament now in progress at the Dimmitt Recreation Club. Ten teams are entered in the tournament with the preliminary games still in progress. It is a slow process, this business of selecting the community's champion croquet players, and the tournament will not be completed until sometime next year. Pictures of some of the more exciting incidents of the tournament will be published in subsequent issues of the News in order that the laymen may have an idea of what really transpires on a croquet court during really important games. I spent the depression playing croquet in the town that was my home at that time, and from experience, gathered through endless months, learned that to win consistently in croquet the game must be played coolly, unhurriedly, calmly and with poise and grace. For these reasons, at this early stage of the tournament, I predict that Winkle and I will be crowned champions of the area's croquet players. Other teams will be so far behind that there will be no second place awards.

—adace—

"It can't happen here" is a phrase that often expresses a sentiment toward some unusual happening or circumstance. Until last Saturday night this writer would have made the statement regarding vandalism and wanton destruction of property in Dimmitt. Every other citizen of our town would have possibly been of the same opinion. During the early hours Saturday night, however, incidents occurred shattering that belief. Acts of vandalism resulted in broken windows in at least two Dimmitt homes. A number of windows were broken in the Ulys Davis home including a large picture window in the front room, while the large picture window in the W. E. Kirkpatrick home was damaged, presumably by air rifles. Cars left at the school while their owners were at the Happy tournament were also tampered with and many of the tires were deflated. It is to be hoped that these incidents are the results of pranksters rather than by persons with criminal motives, either is bad enough. But pranksters may see the folly of their deeds and refrain from other demonstrations of hoodlumism, while criminal motives seldom change.

—adace—

We were right again. We said that the Bobbies would win the Happy tournament and they did. We were fifty percent right about the Bobcats, we said they would win first place and they won second. That gives us a hundred and fifty percent batting average on our tournament prediction, which is fifty percent above perfect. Besides that Canyon is a Class A team, a fact that we overlooked when making our prediction. We sometimes let a class A team beat us during the early stages of the season, but never after the season gets well under way.

—adace—

We need rain, snow or anything that makes moisture. We are now in the process of losing another wheat crop unless it rains soon. Please rain. We have promised the farmers some moisture.

—adace—

Santa Claus was a popular man in Dimmitt last Saturday. He made more promises than this writer ever did. Only difference he will keep his.

Dimmitt stores are still crammed with Christmas merchandise not only suitable for last minute shoppers but good enough for early shoppers, too. Big town stores have had their stocks picked over and everything has been handled until it appears to be second-hand merchandise. Not so in Dimmitt. Our merchants have planned for your needs up to and through Christmas Eve. Nice, clean merchandise of all kinds can be found in Dimmitt in abundance. Do the balance of your

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John McFarland Resigns At C. of C. Secretary Here

John McFarland formally presented his resignation to the Board of Directors of the Castro County Chamber of Commerce at the regular meeting of the Board in the chamber office Monday night. McFarland is resigning from his position here to accept a position as sales manager and public relations director of a fertilizer company at Muleshoe, Texas. Giving as his reason for quitting chamber of commerce work the opportunity offered for advancement in his new position McFarland declared that he had enjoyed his work here and expressed regret that he was leaving Dimmitt and also declared that he and his family hoped sometime in the future to again make Dimmitt their home. As an expression of their appreciation for the fine work done by McFarland while serving as Secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce the board of directors voted to give him a new hat.

The directors, in their regular meeting Monday night, voted to employ Rev. D. W. Brashear, pastor of the Dimmitt Methodist Church, on a part time temporary basis, or until arrangements for a permanent secretary can be made. Rev. Brashear had previously indicated that he would be glad to work with the chamber in capacity necessary to keep it active.

Ulys Davis Garage Damaged By Fire

Approximately \$200.00 in damages resulted from fire, of unknown origin, which was discovered in the garage at the Ulys Davis home in Northwest Dimmitt Saturday night at about 7:30 o'clock. The family was away from home at the time and the alarm was turned in by neighbors. Damage was held to a minimum by the prompt response of the Fire Department, and the complete loss of the garage, and possibly the home, was averted.

Dinner Party Enjoyed Womack Home Sat.

Mrs. Ethel Womack entertained with a Christmas Dinner Party in her home Saturday evening honoring her son, John L.

The holiday motif was used throughout the entertaining rooms, and the serving table was centered with an arrangement of Christmas ornaments in pink, silver, and fushia around white tapers.

Guests attending the delicious turkey dinner were Messrs and Mesdames Ted Sheffy, John Nichols, Billy Graham, E. B. Noble, John D. Merritt, G. L. Willis, A. J. Kemp, Harold Stephens, John L., and the hostess, Mrs. Womack.

County 4-H Clubs Enjoy Christmas Party Thursday

The annual Castro County 4-H Club Christmas party was attended by a total of 450 4-H Club boys and girls, parents and visitors. The annual party was held at the Dimmitt High School Thursday night, December 15. Registration started at 6:30 p. m. and a total of 297 4-H Club boys and girls registered.

The program started with games played in the gym led by recreational leaders: John Bridges, Bob Hill, Peggy Davis, Royce Lynn Pycatt, Delores Benson, Jeanette Widner, Joe Ben Mitchell, Charlotte Hestard, Floyd Schulte, Gladys Annen, Patricia Burnam, Neil Honea, Floyd Acker, Richard Woods and Teddie Joe Robb, representing the 4-H Clubs in the County, under the supervision of Mrs. Robin Vann, County Home Demonstration Agent.

Two movies were shown in the auditorium entitled, "More Time for Living" and "Woody Wood Pecker". Group singing of Christmas carols were led by Mr. Froehner and accompanied by Mr. De Wolfe.

Highlight of the evening was a talent program put on by the members themselves. Master of Ceremonies for the program was Mr. James Bates. Winners in the various divisions were:

- Junior Girls**
- 1st. Arlene Leinen, Reading—"I Wish"
- 2nd. Linda Hance, sing—"It Came Upon A Midnight Clear"
- 3rd. Charlotte Hestard, Virginia Brown, Jerry Mac Dowell, Mary Louise Taylor, Tommie Sheffy, Tommy Lilley—"O Little Town of Bethlehem", Marilyn Campbell, Kathleen Swoda, Mary Bell McAfee
- 4th. Patsy Ball, play piano—"Valse Petite"
- Junior Boys:**
- 1st. Neil Honea, sing—"The Son of the Wooden Soldier"
- 2nd. Van Conrad, Play steel guitar—"Steel Guitar Rag"
- 3rd. Jan Thompson and William Stone, play steel guitar—"In the Mood"
- 4th. Howard Schulte, Reading—"Just Before Christmas"
- Senior Girls:**
- 1st. Rosemary Conrad, play piano—"Consolation"
- 2nd. Emely, Martella, Della Mae Pohlmeier, play and sing—"Harbor Lights"
- 3rd. Delores and Evelyn Stork sing—"Chattanooga Shoe Shine Boy"
- 4th. Odette Ball, play piano—"Song of Heaven"
- Senior Boys:**
- 1st. Ivan Earl Sinclair, play piano—"Under the Double Eagle"

- 2nd. Ted and Mildred Conrad, play piano—"Military March in 'D'"
- 3rd. Gale Sadler, "Boogie Woogie"—Steel guitar
- 4th. Lindor Wolfe, play violin—"Faith of Our Fathers"
- Neil Honea and Rose Mary Conrad were selected by the judges as the two outstanding performers on the program. Judges of the program were: Mrs. Elizabeth Huckabay, Miss Jerry Suits and Miss Agee.
- John Bridges, Hart 4-H Club boy, gave a report of his trip to the National 4-H Club Congress at Chicago.
- Awards of medals for outstanding 4-H Club members were presented to the following:
- Meat Animal—Joe Percy Hart
Soil Conservation—Bob Hill
Achievement—Bob Anthony
Santa Fe—John Bridges
Field Crops—John Bridges
Farm and Home Safety—Jack Acker, Don Robb, Neil Honea, Donald Renfro, Jack Acker
- Poultry—Ted Conrad, David Adams, Mickey Brock, Jack Jones, R. C. Chism, Gene Lewis, Rex Easterwood, Joe Nelson, Eddie May, Joe Drepur.
- Certificates for attending Feeders Short Course—Mr. Wes Anthony, Adult Leader, O. C. Renfro, Bob Anthony, Donald Renfro,

- Gale Sadler, Wayne Collins, Ted Conrad.
- Grand Champion Livestock shown in 1950:**
- Grand Champion pig, Fort Worth Fat Stock Show—John Bridges
- Grand Champion pig, Amarillo Fat Stock Show—Floyd Acker
- Grand Champion litter, Amarillo Fat Stock Show—Tom Acker
- Grand Champion pig, Hereford Fat Stock Show—Jack Acker
- Grand Champion pig, Tri-State Fair, Amarillo—Alfonse Huseman
- Grand Champion gilt, District Sears Swine Show, Amarillo—Donald Renfro
- Grand Champion lamb, Hereford—Joe Percy Hart.
- Gifts were exchanged by boys and girls present and sacks of candy and apples were distributed to each member.
- County Agents, Raymond King and Robin Vann, were in charge of arrangements assisted by Sammie Lamb, Nell Blagg, Horace Blagg, Harold Stephens, Joy Smith, Earl Brock and John McFarland, all the officers of the 4-H Clubs in the County and the following adult leaders: Mrs. T. R. Davis, Mrs. Charles Heck, Frank Huseman, Jacob Acker, Wes Anthony, Lee Renfro, Austin

- Mobley, Leonard Conrad and Noel Gollehor.
- The following merchants of Castro County donated the prizes for the talent show:
- DIMITT: Castro County Chamber of Commerce, Carille Theatre, Cash & Carry Grocery, Cash Way Food Store, Swain Burkett, Castro County News, City Drug, Dimmitt Motor Co., Harman Department Store, Manning's Dry Goods, Jack's Bakery, Piggly Wiggly Grocery, Snipes Shop, White's Auto Store, Wilson Super Market, Wright Furniture, Dimmitt Implement, Dimmitt Elevator, C. & S. Equipment, Latimer Motor, Higginbotham-Bartlett, Castro County Grain, Cooper Implement, Dimmitt Consumers, Bearden Tractor, Willson Lumber, Dimmitt Wheat Growers, West Texas Telephone, Hays Implement, Harrison Insurance, Joe Cowen, Stalcup Hardware, Froehner's Variety, Umberson Electric.
- NAZARETH: Klemans Service Station, Gerber's Cash Grocery, Warren Mercantile, Brockman Hardware.
- HART: Farmers Grain Co., Hart Oil Co., A. J. Harris & Sons, Newsom Grocery, Hart 66 Station, Cox Butane, Hart Cafe, Brooks Grocery & Locker, Hill & Bradley.

Safe Driving Urged During Holidays

With the world in its present state of turmoil and conflict, many people in Texas are hoping to make this Christmas one which will be treasured and well remembered by their loved ones. Most of us realize that conditions could be very different in the years to come, and therefore are trying to make this Christmas an extremely joyous one.

Your Texas Safety Association wishes to remind you of these facts:

Thousands of Texas citizens will take to the highways during the Christmas holidays, and will journey to meet with other members of their families for this yearly celebration. Many of these happy people do not know that, according to the prediction of the Texas Department of Public Safety, 105 of the people traveling on the streets and highways of the State during the Christmas holiday season between December 23rd and January 1st, will not reach their destination. These 105 persons will meet their death in motor vehicle accidents in all parts of the State of Texas. During the last minute rush on Christmas Eve, 19 of those 105 persons will be killed. With Christmas Day only a few hours away, those 19 smiling, happy, thankful people will lose their lives because of a second's carelessness or the part of themselves or some other highway traveler.

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OUR WISH THIS YEAR - AS ALWAYS



Walter Hodges Assumes Duties Of Hospital Manager

Walter Hodges assumed his duties as manager of the Plains Memorial Hospital last Friday. Hodges succeeds Ester Noble as business manager of the local hospital. Noble resigned the position a month ago to become a member of the personnel of the First State Bank, where he had formerly been employed for many years.

Hodges is a charter member of the local cooperative hospital, and is a member of the original board of directors an office he held until his resignation to accept the job of business manager. He has operated his farming interests south of Dimmitt and at Nacona for the past several years. A graduate of Wayland College, Plainview, Hodges taught school previously to engaging in the farming industry.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stafford and family left today, Thursday, for a visit with relatives at San Francisco, California.

Plains Memorial Hospital News

Patients in hospital:

Mr. R. E. Holland
Mr. Henry Lange
Mrs. C. E. Burch
Mrs. B. D. Fortner and baby boy
Mrs. Thomas Harrison
Mr. Homer Garrison
Don Warrick

Patients dismissed since last report:

Mrs. C. E. Burch
Elmer Hershey
Bob Hill
Mr. G. H. Book
Ed Wilson, Jr.
Mr. Dick Reinhardt
Mrs. Leonard Irwin and baby boy
Mrs. Paul Venhaus
Ira Clingensmith
Mrs. J. D. Williamson
Mrs. L. G. Manning

Floyd Reynolds made a business trip to Clovis Thursday.

Mrs. Maude Moran of Mineral Wells is here for a Christmas visit in the home of her son, Russell Moran, and family.

Dr. E. J. Ridenour Is Employed At Local Hospital

Dr. Edward J. Ridenour has accepted a position on the medical staff of the Plains Memorial Hospital. He comes to Dimmitt from Hale Center, where he had employment for the past month, and assumed his duties in the local hospital last Friday. Before coming to West Texas Dr. Ridenour had served three years in the Army Medical Corps, and following this discharge from the Army was employed one year with the Army Air Corps at San Antonio.

A native of Waterloo, Iowa, Dr. Ridenour received his medical education at the University of Louisiana, Switzerland, and served in internship in Chicago.

Mrs. Ridenour, and their five year old son, is in San Antonio but will join Dr. Ridenour in Dimmitt just as soon as housing facilities are available.

Hoyt Kemmore was here from Canyon for a last week-end visit with relatives.

Father of Mrs. Carl Kemp Dies at Kress

Funeral services for Mr. W. H. Whitlow, 78, will be conducted this afternoon, Thursday, at the Kress Methodist church at 3:00 o'clock with Rev. Russell McArrally, pastor of the Anton Methodist church; Rev. J. R. Woods, of the Kress Methodist church; and Rev. Russell Poage of the Kress Baptist church officiating. Mr. Whitlow, father of Mrs. Carl Kemp of Dimmitt and Mr. Pete Whitlow, formerly of Dimmitt and now of Happy, died at the family home in Kress early Wednesday morning following a lingering illness. He had been a resident of Swisher county for the past 41 years.

Born July 18, 1873, in Louisiana, Whitlow moved to Texas in his youth. On Nov. 8, 1897, he was married to Miss Sarah Doolley at Clarksville. The couple later moved to what was then the Indian Territory in Oklahoma and in 1909 moved to Kress.

Whitlow was active in the Methodist Church, serving as steward and holding other offices in the church. He was manager of the Swisher County Hospital at Tulsa several years and served at one time as school tax collector at Kress.

Survivors are the widow, four daughters, Mrs. J. O. Mayrs, Eriona, Mrs. Lois Stringer, Corpus Christi, Mrs. James Drake, Kress, and Mrs. Louise Kemp, Dimmitt, three sons, Homer Whitlow, Kress, D. O. Whitlow, Happy, and J. B. Whitlow, Winters. Fifteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren survive.

Winners Named In Decorations Contest Here

All entries in the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Decoration Contest were judged Wednesday night by out of town judges. As previously announced, there were two separate divisions in the contest, those being residential and business.

The entries were judged according to originality, effort, and appeal. Winners in the residential division were as follows: The Herman Acker home portraying the birth of Christ was chosen as first place winner. The W. E. Kirkpatrick home with exterior lighting outlining the front of the home and also having a lighted Santa Claus and reindeer, was chosen for the second place winner. The Homer Newton home, prepared by their son, J. C., showed Saint Nick entering the chimney. There were also other extensive exterior lights. This entry was chosen in third place. Honorable mention was given the following homes: Robert Leinen, Ray Bearden, and Joe Bailes. Other entries were Ernest Jones, Mrs. Ola Murphy, J. G. Davis, Jr., and Jack Gladman.

Winning entries in the business division were Velma's Floral Shop, first, Wilson Super Market, second, and Dimmitt Courts, third. Velma's Floral Shop had a churchyard scene and other extensive decorations. Wilson Super Market portrayed a snow scene along their entire store front. The Dimmitt Courts decorations, prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gladman and Mrs. Jack Cowser, had extensive lighting and decoration showing "Greetings from Snowman and Companion". Honorable mention was given the First State Bank and Wright's Furniture. Other entries were Cash Way Food, Manning's and the Joe Cowen Agency.

Prizes of \$15, \$10, and \$5 for the first, second, and third place winners will be mailed to those winners by the Chamber of Commerce.

Other organizations sponsoring the contest were the Dimmitt Garden Club, Dimmitt Lions Club and the Business and Professional Women's Club.

Linen Infant Buried At Nazareth Thur.

Carol Leinen, six-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leinen, passed away at 10:25 Thursday evening. The body was in charge of the Dennis Funeral Home of Dimmitt. The burial service and interment were held in the Holy Family Cemetery, Nazareth. Services were read by Rev. Peter Morsch. Pallbearers were Ethel and Evelyn Drerup, Faye Annen and Mary Ann Huseman. Flower girls were Gladys and Ruby Mae Annen, Grace Drerup, and Virginia Huseman. Those surviving her in her immediate family are her parents, two sisters, Betty Mae and Arlene, and two brothers, Jim and Jerry.

Garden Club Holds Christmas Meeting

The Christmas meeting of the Dimmitt Garden Club was held in the home of Mrs. Ernest Jones December 12 at 9:30 a. m. Christmas corsages and arrangements featured the program. Coffee was served from a beautifully appointed table which carried, out the Christmas theme.

Approximately twenty members and guests attended.

Civil Service Positions Are Announced

The United States Civil Service Commission announces examination for the position of Storekeeper, salary beginning at \$2450 per annum. Employment will be at Reese Air Force Base, Lubbock, Texas. Detailed information and the necessary forms may be obtained from the Post Office; The Director, 14th U. S. Civil Service Region, 210 South Harwood Street, Dallas 1, Texas; or the Executive Secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Reese Air Force Base, Lubbock, Texas.

FLAGG NEWS

The Flagg Club Christmas party, held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Easterwood Friday, was enjoyed by a large crowd. Out of community guests were Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Sanderson and son of Earth, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jones of Dimmitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ginn visited her sister and family in Memphis

last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bradford were in Lubbock last week ned with son Bob who had a medical checkup. He seems to be fine now.

Mr. and Mrs. James Buckley and children visited friends in Artesia, N. M. last week.

Ed Wilson, Jr. is in the Dimmitt hospital. Hope he will be out for Christmas.

Mrs. Bob Mapes and Mrs. Kenneth Jackson were in Clovis on

business Thursday. Young Bob visited grandmother Teague.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Thompson attended a silver wedding anniversary party for Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Griffith in Littlefield Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Smith enjoyed a bird hunt in the sand hills with their friends, the Jack Shusters of Muleshoe Sunday.

Santa Claus Hit As 'Sugar Daddy' Instead of Saint

Assailing the Santa Claus myth as 'foolish fiction' and rival of the Holy Child, the Rev. John S. Martin, editor of the Catholic Review, declared in a 1949 editorial that Santa the saint has been lost in Santa the sugar daddy—and that the whole idea is bad psychology and bad pedagogy.

"Our children learn about the reindeer, but have never heard of



the ox and the ass," Father Martin continued and recommended that we:

"Leave the man in the red suit to those who have nothing better for whom life must end in disillusion and despair."

Father Martin's sentiments are reminiscent of Martin Luther's vigorous campaign against neglect of the central idea of Christmas, which is the birth of Jesus. So, German children have been taught that the Christkind brings the presents—Christkind being depicted as the messenger of the Infant Jesus sent earthward at Christmas time to bring happiness to good children.

The modern conception of Santa Claus is, of course, 99 per cent fictional and strictly American. But the spirit of generosity and thoughtfulness as typified by Santa Claus is neither sugar daddy-ish nor essentially American. Unfortunately not all children who await Santa have learned from their mothers' lips the story of the Holy Child.

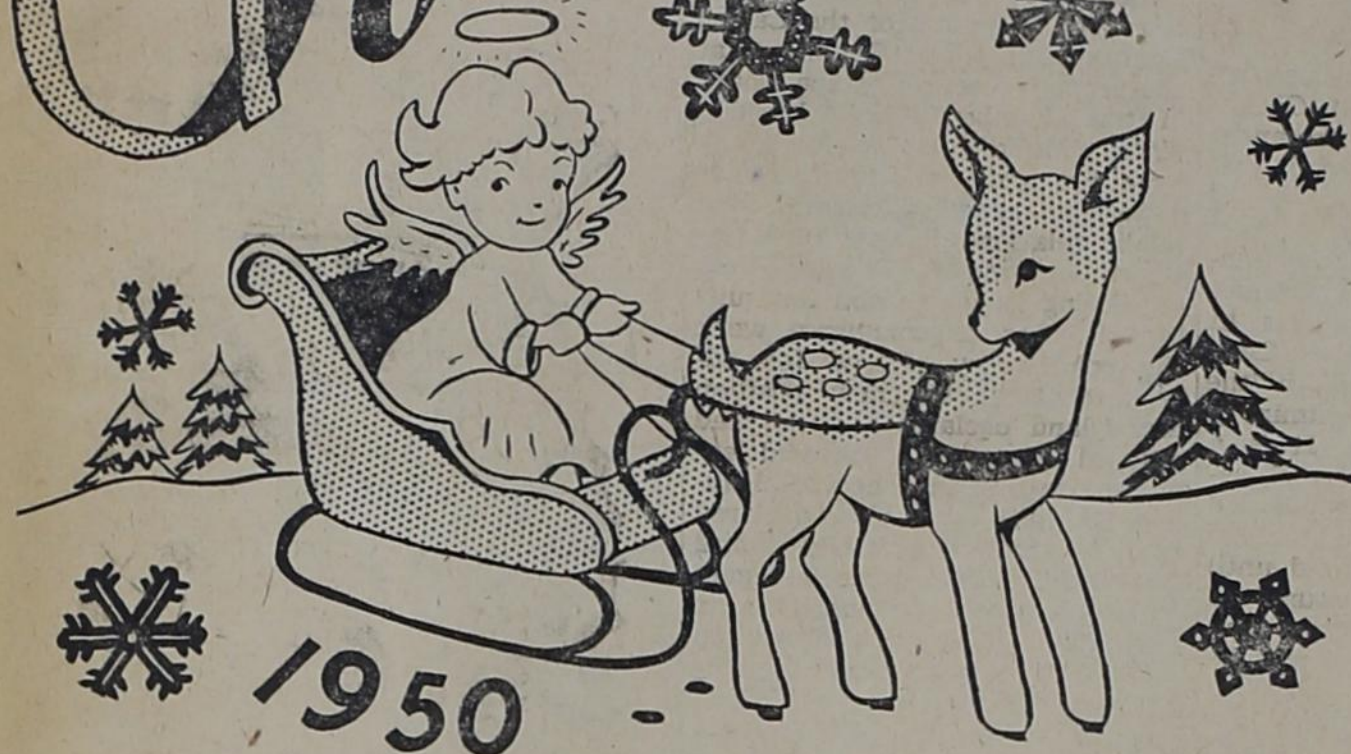


May your happiness match the brightness of Yuletide.



Trimble Barber & Beauty Shop

Merry Christmas



For you may the day be as bright and hopeful as its name.

A. J. Harris & Sons

Lumbermen

Texas

Hart

Season's Greetings



1950

Direct from our heart -a wish for a very Merry Christmas.

HAYS IMPLEMENT COMPANY

Wanda Gollehon

Bill Burnam

A. J. Mooney

Hulin Kirby

Boyce Carter

Frank Britt

Murray Hall

George DeLozier

Jim Hays

Charlie Hays

Merry Christmas



**Willson & Son
Lumber Company**

**'Grandpa Frost' Helps
Russians Celebrate
Midwinter Festival**

Although Christmas is no longer a holiday in Soviet Russia, a non-religious midwinter festival is celebrated and children receive gifts from "Grandpa Frost."

In Czarist Russia, it was customary for well-to-do families with large homes to entertain lavishly on Christmas day. The invitations were extremely formal and begged the invited to consider that...

...for thousands of years it has been so; with us it has not commenced, with us it will not cease. Do not, therefore, disturb the festival; do not bring the good people to despair. Without you there will be no maiden festival at Anna Karpowna's."

In planning these houseparties, hostesses gave particular attention to the selection of partners for the young ladies. The selection was sometimes very satisfactory and sometimes left something to be desired.

Arrival of the "fair maidens," each with her mother and retinue, bringing cake and sweetmeats and gifts for everyone, proceeded according to prescribed ritual: the guests sooner freezing in their sleds before the gate than to alight before receiving the greeting of the host and hostess.

Having been ceremoniously welcomed, the guests offered prayers before the icon (sacred picture) and then proceeded to the feasting and festivities arranged for them.

**Hawaiian Christmas
Is Elaborate Affair**

Although many Hawaiians have seen ice only as frozen in mechanical refrigerators, the trees used by the Islanders for Christmas decorations are painted white to simulate snow.

Christmas dinner is an elaborate affair, enjoyed in the privacy of the home behind locked doors and drawn blinds. Any open-house hospitality is an economic impossibility; if the shades were not drawn and the doors not locked, home would be invaded by hordes of strangers—all expecting food and drink.

Gift-giving is the order of the day as everyone exchanges inexpensive presents. Even the servants in hotels expect and receive gifts from over-night guests.

Joe Cowen Agency
Farm Loans



**Merry
Christmas**

The Yule is a season for songs and rejoicing. Our earnest hope is that all you friendly people may share in this spirit to the utmost.

And for what it's worth, we offer our



heartiest wishes
for a very Merry
Christmas

Stalcup Hardware & Motor Company



To you, a full
measure
of peace
and
plenty.



Dimmitt Drug Store

Mr. and Mrs. Don Gladman

HAPPY HOLIDAY

★ **The true
and abiding
joy of the season
go with each one
of you this Christmas.**

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Cooper Implement Co.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. (Buster) Cooper
A. I. McGowen
Clarence Wood

Eddie Kimbell
Carl Cooper
H. B. Honea

Letters To Santa

12-15-50

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy 6 years old. I do not go to school. I was six too late to start to school this year. Please bring me a two gun holster if you come to our house. Also a Roy Rogers Suit and a basketball. If you have room bring me a new wagon. You will find my stocking hanging on the fire place and fill it just one-half full so other children can have something.

Love,
Harold Golden

Dear Santa:
We are going to put a box of candy in Mrs. Forson's room. We would like it if you would take it to some poor people in Dimmitt. Do you know anyone to take it to?

My little sister wants a doll that talks and says her prayers and sings Mary Had A Little Lamb. My big sister wants a baby coo doll for Christmas. And I want a football suit for Christmas.

Wilbert English

Nativity Theme Dominates Cards

Modern Christmas cards feature literally hundreds of interpretations of the popular Nativity theme. Many of these are reproductions from the old masters, while many others have been created especially for the Christmas card industry.

The Nativity theme, which naturally lends itself to an almost endless variety of interpretations and a wealth of detail, long has been a favorite subject of Christian artists. Many of the details, based upon certain Bible texts, have fostered various legends—such as those concerning the Magi—which grew until the Wise Men were identified and given kingdoms.

The Annunciation is among the earliest subjects represented in Christian art, antedating the Madonna and Child theme by several centuries, and it is interesting to note that the fathers of the Church determined how the Madonna should be portrayed: her dress and mantle are usually blue and red.

Letters to 'Santa Claus' Come From World Over

Postoffice officials in Santa Claus, Ind., are accustomed to overloaded sacks of mail during the pre-Christmas rush. Senders want their cards and gifts stamped with the famous Santa Claus postmark, plus thousands of wistful letters addressed in childish scrawl to "Santa Claus, Santa Claus, Ind."

And then there is the annual crop of "Santa Claus" letters written by youngsters in far-away places who haven't heard about Santa's permanent address in Indiana, U.S.A. At least a dozen versions of the time honored note-in-the-bottle story find their way into metropolitan newspapers every year.

The notes, sealed in small bottles and securely tied to Christmas trees, are discovered by Christmas tree dealers, housewives; and even enlisted men at naval centers and military barracks; they come from places like Renous, a village in New Brunswick, Canada, boasting a total population of 85 inhabitants.

The notes range from the wistful to the desperate, requesting such things as a mamma doll, a sled, a sweater, or a pair of overshoes.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I want a billfold, sweater, some fruit, nuts and candy. Be good to everybody. Thanks for everything.

A lots of love

Clifford

Dear Santa,
I am writing this letter to tell you what we want for Christmas. My brother wants a ball bat and glove, and I want some guns.

Marion

Dear Santa:
I love you very much. I should like a pretty doll. I think it's name is horseman. I want a black board. My brother wants something.

Love, Mary Helen Behrends



Loads of CHRISTMAS JOY

May there be no sidetracking of the **HAPPINESS EXPRESS!**



DENNIS FUNERAL HOME

Santa Claus Makes a Stop Out West



At the Gulf of Guinea where the primes meridian crosses the equator at sea level, the earth's surface has neither longitude, latitude nor altitude.

NEWS Want Ads get good results

YULETIDE

Cheer

A bright note of happiness is our Christmas wish for you.

1950

M. & K. CLEANERS
Mr. and Mrs. George Cameron



Best wishes for your happiness this Yuletide.

REUBEN'S WELDING & MACHINE SHOP

TIDINGS



19 **OF JOY** 50

Harman's Department Store

S. L. Harman

Gene Harman



ACCORDING to the familiar old carol, St. Joseph was an old man. He probably was considerably older than Mary, but people may have thought of him as being older than he actually was because he enjoyed earnest conversation and the companionship of selected friends rather than boisterous pleasures.

When Joseph thought of Mary, he forgot the difference in their ages: she was the girl he had waited for, his beloved. They were espoused—or, as we would say, engaged—which was almost as official as being married. His heart soared on wings of the approaching wedding day, and then

What Mary insisted had come to pass, simply could not be! Joseph wanted desperately to believe Mary, but such things just didn't happen, and if they did, they happened to somebody else.

Much as he loved Mary, Joseph was a righteous and God-fearing man and while he couldn't even think of making her a public example, he had just about made up his mind to put her away privily. That is, he thought he had made up his mind. In his heart, he knew he couldn't; what would become of her . . . of her child . . .

Then one night, after he had exhausted himself with tortured thinking, he fell asleep and the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream: saying,

"Joseph, thou son of David, fear not . . ."

And when Joseph awoke, he did as the angel had bidden him, and took Mary as his lawful and cherished wife.

"Fear not," the angel spoke unto Joseph.

"Fear not," the angel had declared unto Mary.

"Fear not," the angel said unto the shepherds of Bethlehem.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Kunkel and Betty and Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Horne were Lubbock visitors Sunday.



Let a holiday spirit prevail, and giver and receiver alike cherish the happiest Christmas ever. May the faith of the children be strong in your hearts.

SNIPE'S SHOP



Kearns Elevator Company
Arle Thompson, Manager



Kirkpatrick Sales Co.



May this season of loving and giving find us in accord.

HARRISON INSURANCE AGENCY

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FOR RENT—Furnished apartments. Inquire at ttc-16 Cooper Implement Co.

Kirkpatrick Sales Company is Dimmitt's only complete fuel dealer.

SEWING MACHINES
Sales, repairs, conversions—complete rebuilding service. Guaranteed work.
4p.51 J. D. Owen
Manning Dry Goods, Dimmitt.

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Mail your "new" and "renewal" magazine and newspaper subscriptions to a shut-in; Marshall Deaton, Box 5, Black, Texas.

Kirkpatrick Sales Company invites comparison of **SERVICE, PRODUCT QUALITY and PRICE.**

FOR SALE—Two steel granaries, 1,000 bushel capacity each, heavy gauge.
49-tfc Howard Scoggin

FOR SALE—A new four-room house with bath. Close to hospital. Call 2F51 or Carl Severe 52-tfc

FOR SALE—55 Massey-Harris wheatland type tractor, on butane, 1949 model with less than 400 operating hours. Priced to sell. Write or see—
43-tfc A. T. Hawkins

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Mr. and Mrs. Ulys Davis

Dear Santa:
I am writing this letter to tell you what I want for Christmas. I would like to have a B-B gun and some B-Bs and a bicycle.
Love, Sid Killough

Burley Casler returned to his home at Weatherford today, Thursday, after visiting friends here for the past several days.

News Want Ads Get Result.

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I have a small house to rent at \$35.00 per month.
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LOST—Chrome dinette chair, red bottom and white back. Lost east of town. Leave at News office.
6-1tp.

FOR SALE—Five room house with 3 lots, 2 blocks east of high school. \$2,200. Write
6-3tp Mrs. M. McKinney
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FOR SALE—37 Ford, good motor and tires. L. H. Stevens at 51-tfc West Texas Gas Co.

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Yuletide Greetings



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Nazareth News

GIRLS SUCCESSFUL IN HAPPY TOURNAMENT

After losing in the first round of the Happy tournament, Dec. 14-16, to the Happy squad, the Nazareth girls went on to defeat St. Mary's with the score of 52 to 33 and Kress 35 to 5. This entitled them to the consolation trophy. They were also given the good sportsmanship trophy in the girls' division of the tournament. Two of the girls also made the all-tournament team and were awarded small basketballs. They were Julene Heiman, forward, and Aurelia Acker, guard.

NAZARETH 4-H MEMBERS WIN PRIZES

Many 4-H members from Nazareth were seen in Dimmitt, December 14, attending the Christmas party there. In the amateur program a number of Nazareth club members won both money and other prizes. Rose Mary Conrad came out at the top with the winning of the grand prize in the girls' division and first prize in the senior division; Emely Ann, Martella, and Della Pohlmeier took second place; and Evelyn and Dolores Stork took third. In the junior division Arlene Leiner came out with the first prize and Mildred and Teddy Conrad with the second.

The Seniors Girls' 4-H Club held a Christmas party in the study hall on December 14. Mrs. Charles Heck led the program with interesting games and refreshments. Gifts were exchanged among those present.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRESENTED

All the pupils of grades 1-4 were presented in a Christmas program in a matinee performance December 18 and an evening show December 19. The main features of the program were three playlets: "Christmas Eve in Mother Goose Land", "Twinkle, Twinkle, Christmas Star", and "A Christmas Fairy Story".

RED CROSS DRIVE ON

The annual Red Cross Drive has opened in Nazareth. Each class in school is collecting funds from the members of school and the people of the parish. The income so far has been reported as very good.

The juniors of NHS have ordered their class rings for the coming school year. They all reported having chosen something very beautiful. At the same time, December 12, the seniors ordered their graduation invitations.

Jane Albracht, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Albracht of Lind-

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say, Nebraska, left for her home Wednesday, December 20, for the Christmas vacation. She intends to stay about ten days.

Rct. Walter Kleman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kleman, was home on a six-day leave last week. He is at present finishing his basic training in Camp Polk, Louisiana, Walter returned to camp December 17.

Mrs. Florence Albracht, Ed Ramaekers, Martella Pohlmeier, and Iona Heiman left for Fort Smith, Arkansas, on December 19. After visiting relatives and friends there, they will bring Imogene Heiman, Gail Albracht, and a school chum of theirs home for the holidays.

Miss Mary Ball was honored at a birthday party and supper during the evening of December 17.

Those attending were Lola Jean Stork, Francis Gerber, Hilda and Arnold Huseman, Edgar Birkenfeld, and Carl Dean Kleman.

On December 17, a surprise birthday party was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Schacher, honoring their daughter, Grace. A large group of friends gathered to help her celebrate the occasion.

Miss Angela Wetli left for Mexico, where she will spend the Christmas holidays with her family.

Mrs. Bill Ponders and her mother-in-law of Gladewater, Texas, are spending the Christmas vacation in Nazareth.

Glen Haag and Gene Flaghem of Olpe, Kansas, recently spent several days in Nazareth.



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Let carols
proclaim our
Christmas wish.

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SUFFER Little Children

By Vera Tarpley

STANDING ON her tiptoes, Mandy could see the whole bright array of them—shiny red, blue and silver ornaments spread out on the table, waiting for Santa's nimble fingers to arrange them on the tree. "Pretteece," she murmured longingly. If only Santa would let her help him. Just handing them to him one by one would be wonderful. She turned to Gerald, who was busily fumbling with train tracks and getting nowhere. "Gerry, you touch?" she asked, looking back at the ornaments.

Gerald looked up despairingly from his train tracks. "Sure, I touched them lots of times," he said carelessly. "Only you can't," he added. "You're too little."



If she could just touch them—just touch one,—then nothing else would matter.

Voices floated into them from the kitchen. Raised voices—angry voices. "The kid's old enough to know there isn't a Santa Claus, anyway!" That was John Martin who said that. John Martin, the most wonderful Daddy in the world.

They must still have been talking about what happened before supper. Mommy had fixed hamburgers—they always had hamburgers on Christmas Eve, and this was the first year Mandy could have a hamburger like everybody else.

There was really nothing to get mad about. Mandy and Gerald had been standing in the kitchen smelling the wonderful smells, while Mommy was fixing supper. The basement door was standing open to let out some of the smoke from frying, and up the stairs he came, one step at a time, and peeked his little head around the door.

Mandy saw him first and screamed in happy delirium. Gerald ran over and picked him up—he wriggled and squirmed and licked Gerald all over the face. Gerald knew it was a fox terrier pup—he knew all the names of the different dogs, but he had always wanted a fox terrier.

Daddy came into the kitchen at that point. He acted even more queerly—he was mad! And he started saying terrible things to Mommy—terrible things that made Mandy cry and Gerald want to run far away so he wouldn't hear.

"I told you to keep the basement door closed!" Daddy roared. "It's just plain stupid carelessness on your part!" And he snatched the puppy from Gerald's arms and carried him down the basement stairs.

MANDY WAS STILL looking over the edge of the table at the beautiful ornaments. If she could just touch them—just touch one—then nothing else would matter.

She hadn't meant to jerk the newspapers under them so hard—she just wanted to pull the ornaments a little closer to the edge of the table. But there it was—broken ornaments all over the floor—still shiny red, blue and silver—but broken. "Pretteece," she said.

"That does it!" shouted Mommy, bursting into tears. She swept up the pieces and dumped them into the wastebasket. "You put the kids to bed, John. I'm going over to Mother's for awhile—maybe there'll be some Christmas spirit left over there."

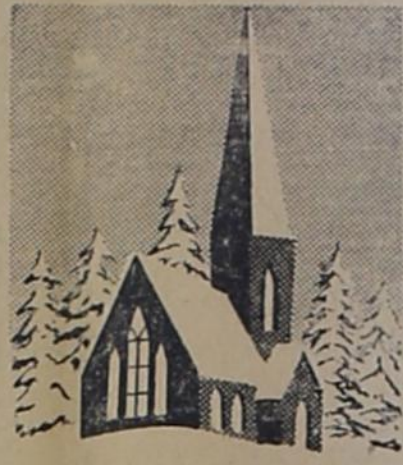
But John lay down on the sofa in the living room and fell asleep. He didn't wake up until Martha shook him frantically, screaming, "The children! The children are gone!"

There was no anger—no accusations now. Just terror. John was the first to recover enough to start thinking. He ran down to the basement and found the puppy gone. He went outside, and Martha was left sobbing alone.

She was picking up the telephone when she saw it. A light in the garage. John was standing at the garage door looking in—just standing there.

A small pine branch was propped up in one corner—John had snipped it off himself that afternoon because it made the tree look lopsided. From each twig of the pine branch hung a bright shiny piece of ornament, laboriously tied on with a string.

At the base of the Christmas tree slept a huddled mass of legs and arms and a tail. The tail twitched a little and brushed Mandy's forehead. "Pretteece," she murmured softly.



CHRISTMAS JOY

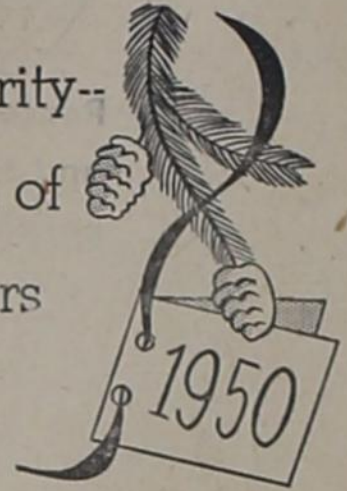
May heaven
and nature sing
for you this
season.



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the fullness of
joy be yours
this Yule.

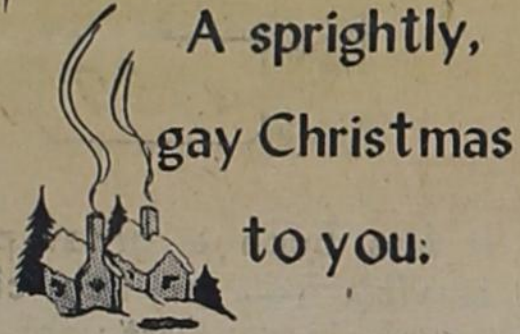


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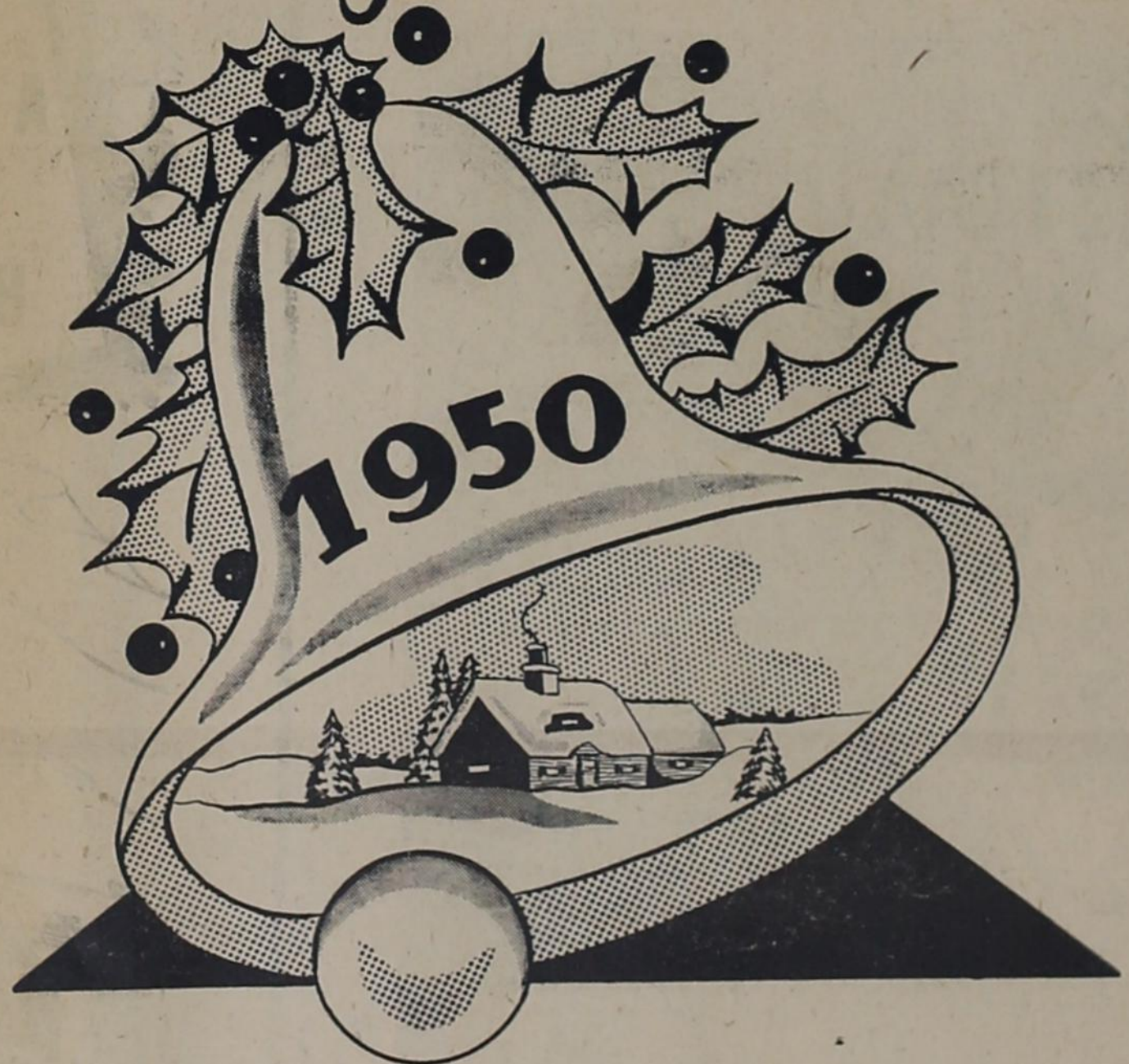
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that a Merry
Christmas can mean
is our sincere wish
for you this glad
holiday
season!

CASTRO CLEANERS

Merry Christmas



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Christmas sound in all your hearts.

Castro County Chamber of Commerce

HART NEWS

Rev. and Mrs. Browder and son drove to Big Spring on Sunday where Rev. Browder conducted the funeral service of a friend. Jerry Jackson is able to be at home again after undergoing an appendectomy in the Plainview Hospital. Mrs. Walter Kleerner and children of Corpus Christi arrived on

Sunday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Riley and other relatives. Mrs. Pepper Martin of Plainview was in Hart on Tuesday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Height and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor and boys were in Amarillo shopping on Saturday. Mrs. Raymond Haydon and Mrs. Howard Bridges and Mrs. George Abbott attended a pre-

nuptial shower on Saturday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Byers in Canyon honoring Miss Bobbie Lee Graham whose marriage to Mr. Henson has been announced for Dec. 27. Miss Graham is the granddaughter of Mr. George Abbott. Mrs. Robert Kendrick is receiving treatment in the Plainview clinic. She is reported to be some better. Miss Noreen McAfee who has

been with the Glen Maples family some weeks is now employed in Tulsa. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Height attended the funeral services for their good friend, Mr. Robert Miller, in Lubbock, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Booty Beavers and children and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Montgomery have moved with their families to Oklahoma City where they have found employment. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ross have moved to Muleshoe, Texas where they will be engaged in farming. Stanley, Lynn and Kent Jorres of Plainview spent the week end in the home of their aunt, Mrs. Ed Harris and Mr. Harris. Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Futrell and Lois Carroll left Sunday morning for a short visit with relatives at College Station and Austin. Mrs. T. U. Smith is able to be at home after receiving medical attention at Olton Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Don Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Willis A. Hawkins, Jr. and Mrs. Percy Hart and Joe, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wood, Mrs. W. A. Hawkins, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Futrell, Rev. and Mrs. R. O. Browder and son and Ed Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hamm, Cecil and Lillian, L. J. Rice and wife were at the Hamm-Coleman wedding in Dimmitt on Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. Clay Anderson Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bridges and Mesdames Davis and Dinwidie were the adults from Hart attending the 4-H Club party in Dimmitt on Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Smitherman have moved to their new home in east Hart. We understand that Mr. and Mrs. Chas Taylor will move into the house vacated by the Smithermans and recently purchased by Jim Height. Mr. and Mrs. Warren have moved with their family from the Tom Ray house to a section house near the railroad. Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Ray and sons of Norman, Okla. spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ray and other relatives. M. M. Smitherman is in Dallas at the bedside of his mother. Eldon Shive and Mr. and Mrs. Taylor of South Dakota are here visiting their relatives, the Leroy Shives and the G. R. Bennetts. Leland Hacker and Theron Hawkins of Baylor University are home for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wood entertained a number of the young married set with a canasta and Christmas party in their home on Monday night. W.M.U. held its annual Christ-

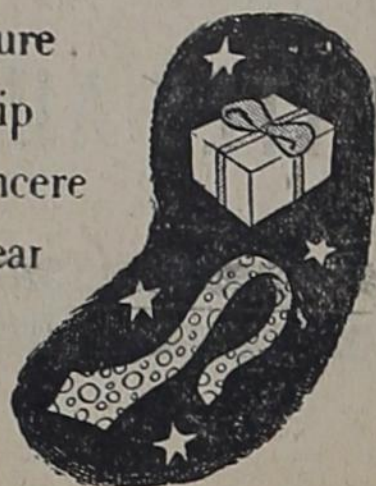
mas party in the home of Mrs. Percy Hart on Monday afternoon. Hart Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Cox on Sunday evening for their annual supper and Christmas tree. Special guests were the husbands and single children of the members. Everyone present received a gift. Members exchanged gifts with their secret Pals and with each other. Mrs. Bill Reed, retiring president

and Mrs. John McLain retiring secretary-treasurer each received gifts from the Club. A large number of persons from Hart attended the Happy tournament. Our boys won consolation. We thought they did very well indeed to be beaten by Canyon A team only 10 points. Newman and Hawkins again made the All Tournament team. NEWS Warrt Ads get good results

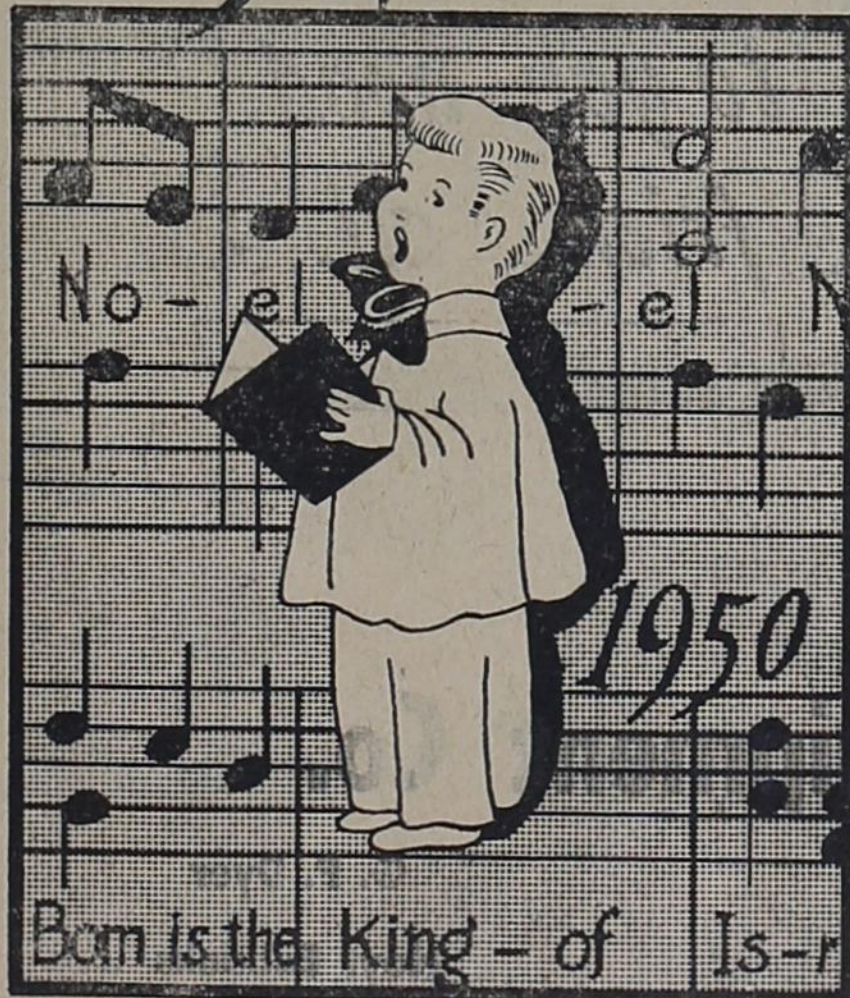
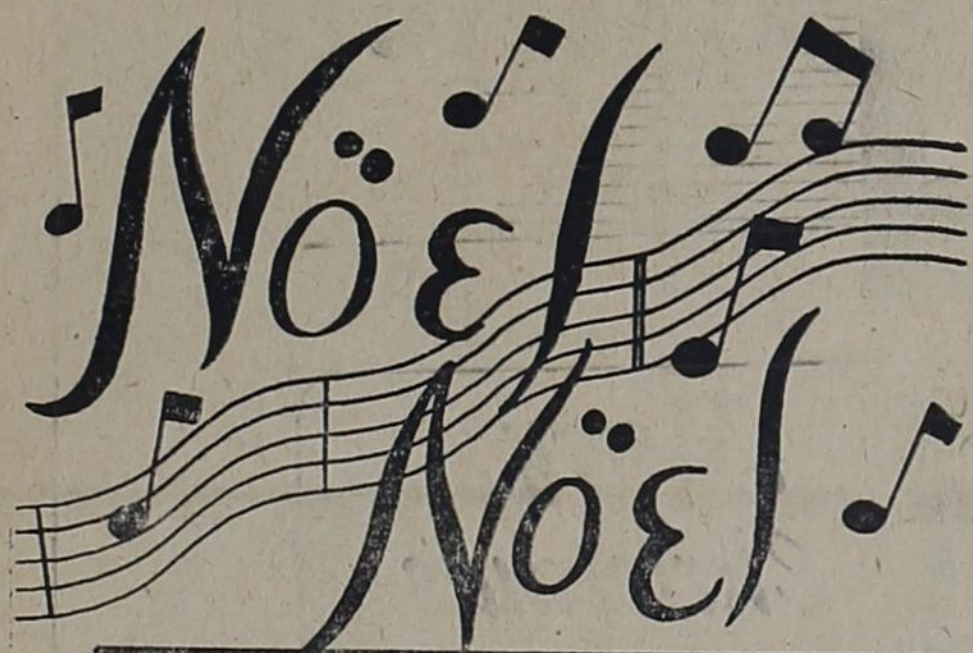
Dear Santa:
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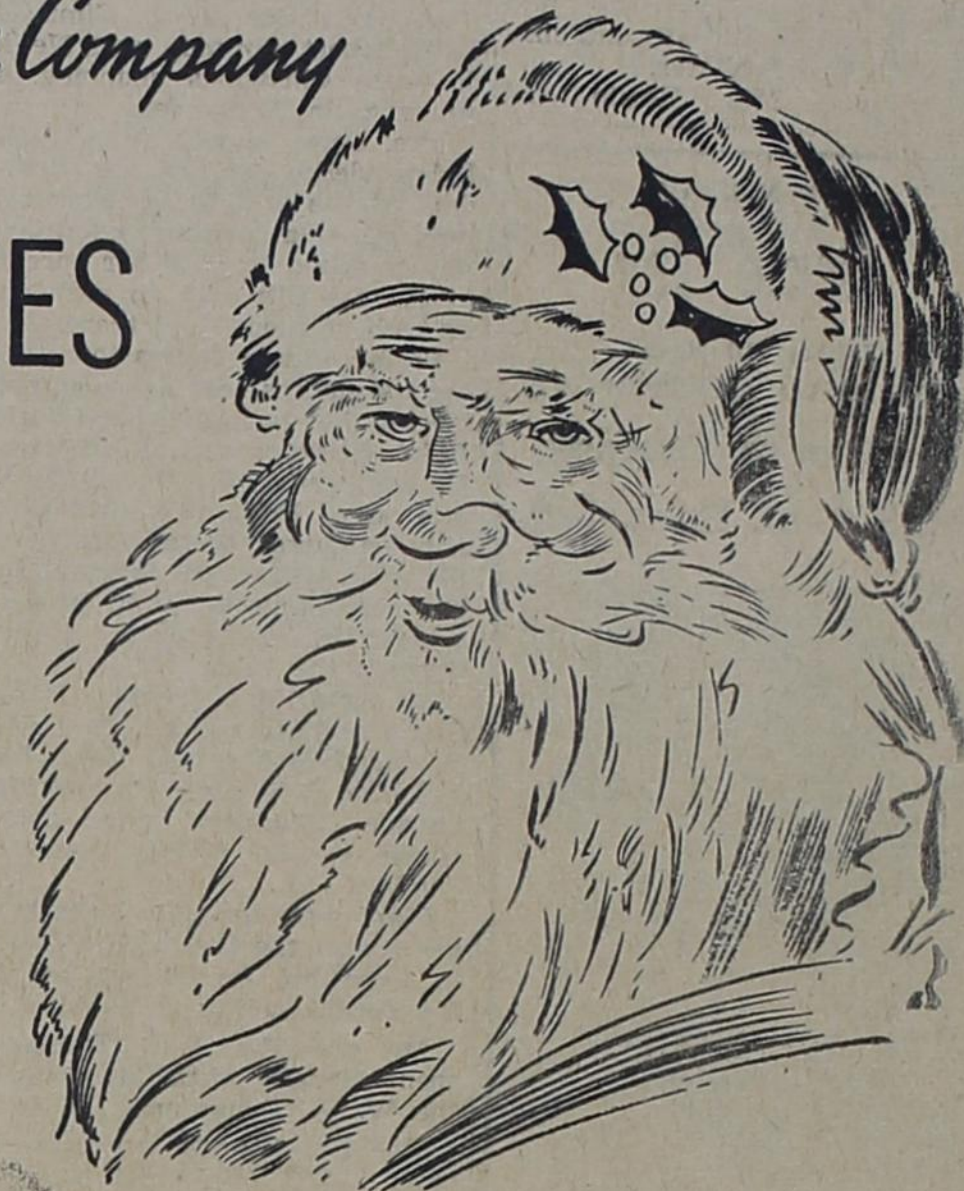


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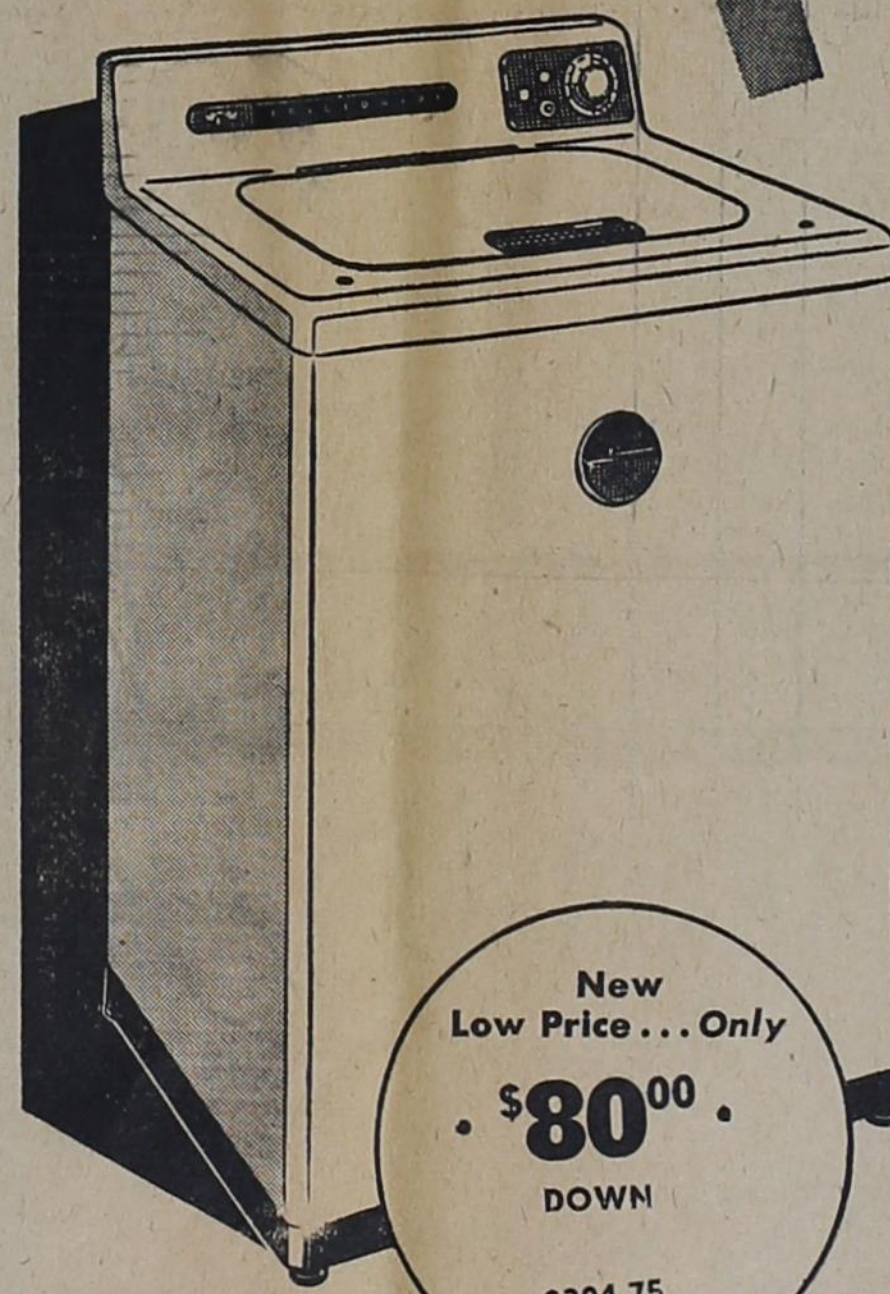
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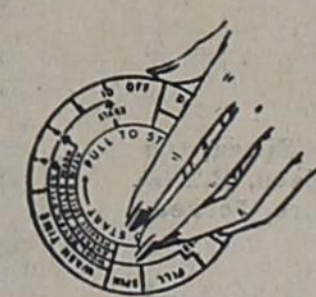
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FRIO NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Irwin are announcing the arrival of a son, born on Thursday, Dec. 14, at the Dimmitt hospital. He has been named Danny Harold. Mrs. Irwin and baby came home on Saturday.

The Robert Simpsons and Mrs. John Simpson took Mr. John Simpson to Groom on Friday to see a doctor. Robert and Mrs. Simpson went back on Saturday for him.

Visitors at church on Sunday night were Rev. J. B. Harlin and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hays and children of Shallow Water.

Rev. and Mrs. Harlin and

daughters were here for funeral services Saturday at Hereford for Mrs. Harlin's brother, Travis Matthews. Rev. Harlin is attending school at Hardin-Simmons, at Abilene. Sincerest sympathy to the family is extended in behalf of the entire community.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hays and children, Brenda and Jed, visited the H. F. Bensons Sunday afternoon and spent Sunday night and Monday with the Owen Andrews. They are looking for a place in this vicinity. They worked for the Bensons about three years ago and have been farming near Shallow Water for the last two years.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Simpson, Mrs. Robert Simpson and Nellie Jo were Christmas shopping in Amarillo on Wednesday.

Mrs. Oscar Hunt was called to Independence, Kansas, on Thursday to see a brother who had undergone a serious operation. She expected to meet her parents at Kansas City and go with one or both of them from there.

So far, mumps seems to be giving its victims only average trouble for the most part, but Charles Ralph Springer was an exception. He has been in the Hereford hospital since Friday and will probably be there several days more. He was better on Sunday, but had not been able yet to eat anything. He was being fed glucose through the veins.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dobbs, Clark and Larry, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Mobley and Kent, Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Shannon and Miss Lavada Shannon were dinner guests in the Mobley home on Sunday.

Plans were for little Kent Mobley, son of the Raymond Mobleys, to have his tonsils out at the Hereford hospital on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Thompson spent Sunday with his parents, the W. H. Thompsons.

The Bill Starrys are now located at 309 S.E. Peniel St., Bethany, Oklahoma.

At conference on Wednesday night the Frio Baptist Church voted to buy 100 new Broadman Hymnals before the first of January. The Brotherhood will make racks for the new song books.

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Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa:
I am writing this letter to tell you what we want for Christmas.
My little sister wants a boy doll and a baton.
My little brother wants a cowboy hat and chaps.
My older brother wants an electric train.
I want a big doll.

King Richard's Christmas Feasts

Once upon a medieval Yuletide, King Richard III of England celebrated at Litchfield—and during the festivities 2,000 oxen and 200 tons of wine were consumed.

Of course, the feudal set-up provided the great lords with the wherewithal for magnificence—the lords received gifts from their tenants and kings received gifts from their nobles; and the graduated scale for giving and receiving was as well ascertained as the quiddam honorarium of any barrister or physician.

Queen Elizabeth received a large part of her wardrobe as gifts from her courtiers, and if the quality or quantity was not satisfactory, the donors were unceremoniously informed of the situation.

When Henry III entertained a thousand knights, peers, and assorted nobles who came to attend the Yuletide marriage of the Princess Margaret, his majesty received a royal Christmas gift of 2,700 pounds, plus 600 fat oxen from the Archbishop of York.

With similar assistance, whether exhorted or given in the spirit of generosity appropriate to the season, his majesty could well afford to give Christmas feasts for the poor like the one given in Westminster Hall in 1248, which lasted a week.

Striving to outdo his predecessors and give his successors something to shoot at, Henry VIII kept one Yuletide at which the cost of gold cloth that was used amount to 600 pounds alone. He had tents erected and artificial gardens plotted within the spacious hall of his palace. Knights came out of the tents to joust in tournaments and fantastically dressed dancers, covered from head to foot with gay ribbon streamers, emerged from the gardens to entertain the guests.

Preparation for the feasting on such occasions is perfectly appalling to epicures of the 20th century—and can only be vaguely comprehended by considering that Richard II normally employed 2,000 cooks to prepare food for the 10,000 persons who dined—irrespective of special feasting—at his expense every day.

Much Love
Ruthelle May

Dear Santa: I am writing this letter to tell you what we want for Christmas.

My mother wants some of her sterling and a coffee pot and a camera. My father wants a bath robe and some house shoes and a suitcase. I want a doll and doll suitcase. I want my doll to have pretty brown hair.

Your friend
Peggy Ann Gilbreath

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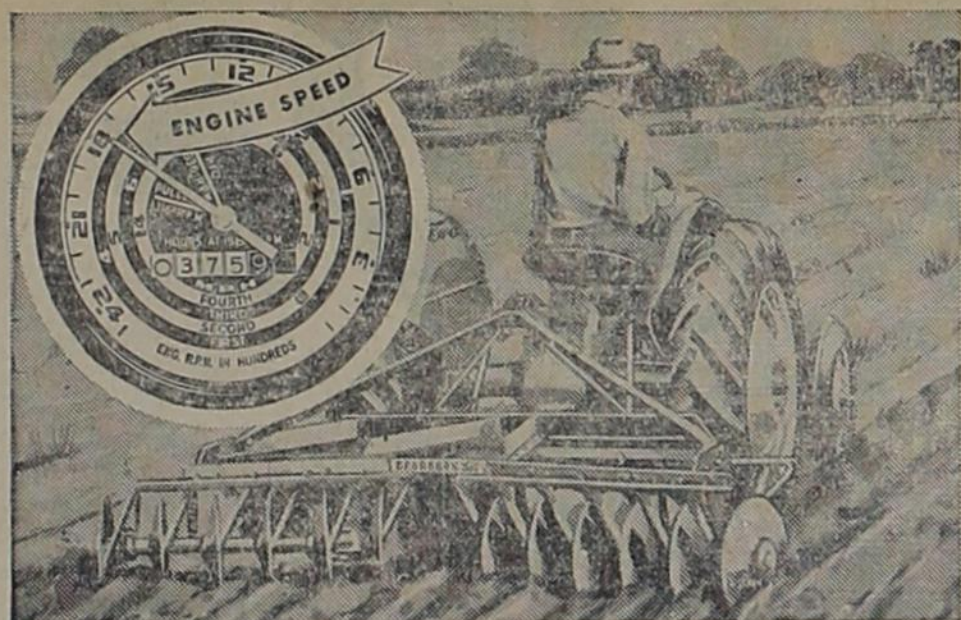
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CLEO NEWS

The Baptist young people's Sing Song did some very good singing and was well attended in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lilburn Arnold Sunday night.

A number from this community attended the ball game at Tulia Friday afternoon.

Earl and Elouise Greathouse were home for a short visit over the week end. Fayrene Greathouse, Pat Youts and Gene Easley took them back Saturday night, remaining for a show.

Mesdames Lester Dowell, Ramon Preston and Lilburn Arnold were in Amarillo Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mears have been visiting several days in Welch, Texas.

Guests in the Raymon Preston home over the week end were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Meeks from Welch Texas and Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Roper and Roger of Winters Texas.

Sunday afternoon guests of

Mr. and Mrs. Polk and family were Mr. and Mrs. Dick Greathouse.

Mr. Joe Thompson went with Mr. Swain Burkett to Brady and Houston over the week end.

Those attending the quail fry in the Lilburn Arnold home Tuesday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Bradley, Omata, Carl, Mollie and Lee, Lester Dowell and Bryce, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Greathouse, Fayrene and Dona Lee Robertson.

Mrs. A. A. Dodd is visiting her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Dodd in Oklahoma.

Mrs. Elvis Burch entertained her club with a Christmasdinner one evening last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Preston Pat and Mr. and Mrs. Lilburn Arnold, Carol and Lynda are to leave Wednesday for Hot Springs, N. M.

Its real cloudy today, wouldn't it be nice to have a white Christmas.

Bryce Dowell spent Sunday with O. C. Renfro.



SANTA CHECKS ONE OF HIS STEEDS . . . Rodney, who might be a stand-in for Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer, gets an early briefing from old Saint Nick as the bearded old gent prepares for his annual visit. Rodney normally inhabits a Chicago zoo.

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Mom & Pop Jowell

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Dowell, Bryce and Jerri Mac went to Plainview Tuesday evening to see the play, "One Foot in Heaven" presented by the Dramatic Club of Wayland college. Royce Dowell ably portrayed the "Mean Little Ole Kid."

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wooten have about finished their new home and can now relax and enjoy it.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dixon were Sunday dinner guests of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Bradley.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Greathouse and Mrs. Elvis Burch were Sunday guests in the Lester Dowell home.

Genelle Preston is staying with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mears, while her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Preston and Pat are at Hot Springs, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvis Burch and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Dowell and Jerri Mac visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Youts Sunday night following church services.

Fayrene Greathouse spent Sunday night with Peggy Messenger. Monday the Messengers and Fayrene were shopping in Plainview.

We do hope everyone has a very happy Christmas, in spite of the threat of war.

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Christmas shopping here or I will stop predicting future events in this column.

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Letters To Santa

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Dear Santa,
I am writing you this letter to tell you what I want for Christ-

mas. I want a B-B gun, a bat, football, and a football suit.

Your friend,
Carl Lee Kemp

Dear Santa,
I want an electric train. And my little brother wants a gun and holster. And some boots. And my big brother wants a camera.

Love, Joe Burkett

Dear Santa:
I would like to tell you what my family would like for Christmas. My brother wants a gun, a tractor, and some cars. My mother wants some Ever-Wear cooking utensils. My father wants a thick saddle blanket. I want a cash register and a Roy Rogers camera.

Yours Truly,
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Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a swing, a big doll and a blackboard. Thank you.

Your friend,
Ruby Mae Clingsmith

Dear Santa,
Will you bring me a horse and saddle and bridle and a pair of suede boots and a big life size doll. And a pair of guns.

Much Love,
Wynema Fulfer

NOTICE
The Commissioners Court of Castro County will accept bids, to be opened on January 8, 1951, at 10:00 a. m., for the following machinery: One motor grader of not less than 34 horse power, gasoline motor, with rear tandem drive and ten foot blade and scarifier and hydraulic control shovel on the rear.

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The county retains the right to reject any or all bids.

Signed by
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Castro County Judge 6-3c

MRS. NORMAN ELLIS' HOME SCENE OF XMAS PARTY

On December 13, Southedge H. D. Club had their annual Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Norman Ellis. The 1950 officers were in charge of arrangements for the party.

Upon arriving the guests were served from a lace covered table by Mrs. Paul Chance and Mrs. Cecil Barrett.

Mrs. Beryl Hamilton told a Christmas story which was very much enjoyed by all. Mrs. Johnnie K. Martin and Mrs. Edward Jones sang two songs. Following the program, Santa made his appearance. Pollyanna friends were revealed and new Pollyanna friends names were drawn for the new year. Visitors were Mrs. Tarpley of Earth, Mrs. Troy Kirby, Mrs. Jentry Armstrong and Rowena, Mrs. Johnnie K. Morton and Mrs. Irvin Ott. Club members were Mesdames G. Kellar, J. Wise, Noble Armstrong, Grady Pillow, Truman Lowe, Marvin Sanders, Orbie Armstrong, J. D. Phelps, Billy Estes, Paul Chance, Edward Jones, Cecil Barrett, Travis Scott, Beryl Hamilton, Harley Hamilton.

Reporter

CLEO CLUB

The Cleo Sewing club met Thursday 14, in the home of Mrs. Roy Smith. The rooms were beautiful with a number of Christmas arrangements. There was a large Christmas tree under which was a number of beautiful gifts brought by the ladies for exchange.

Some of the ladies brought handwork, others just visited.

In absence of our president, Mrs. Dodd, who is still ill, Mrs. Wooten had charge of our business meeting.

We will meet next time with Mrs. Bill Summers on Thursday January 4.

Refreshments of nuts and candy and cakes were enjoyed by the following: Mesdames Ross Summers, L. Carruth, Will Copeland, G. B. Duncan, Euliss Waggoner and Evelyn, Richard Wooten, Frank Mears, Bill Summers and Debra, Dick Greathouse, H. H. Houtchens, W. T. Autry, and the hostess, Mrs. Roy Smith.

Safe Driving . . .

(Continued from page 1)
In addition to this toll, hundreds of others will be injured in automobile accidents—many of them seriously—and many of them per-

manently. Because of a split second of carelessness, the joys of Christmas will be lost for these unfortunate persons.

In an effort to prevent these accidents, and to insure the safe-

ty of yourself and your loved ones the Texas Safety Association asks that you follow these few simple rules: drive slowly at all times; use extra care when driving during bad weather; make sure that your automobile is in the proper mechanical condition; when driving at night, do not fail to dim your lights when approaching the on-coming traffic; obey all road

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EDITORIALS

Stop and Think!

We could say a lot of things this week about the fine start in which the Bobbies and Bobcats started their basketball season; about Dimmitt placing four boys on the Regional football all-stars, etc, but our Editorials have been pertaining to sports all year.

This week we are going to try to put some light on the part of Christmas that some of us let slip through our minds too easily.

There is a lot of joy in Christmas, as there should be. But some of us are inclined to let the joy of Christmas be too shallow and too physical.

Children think of Santa Claus and presents at Christmas time, but as youths we should put such thoughts from our minds and realize what Christmas really stands for. It is the celebration in our hearts of the birth of our Savior, the man who lived and died for our iniquity.

While feeling the joy of parties, gifts, and traditions this year, let's also feel the responsibility that are ours—the responsibilities to carry on the work that He started when He was born on Christmas day 1,950 years ago.

The Bobcat Tales wishes everyone a most happy Christmas season, and it is our wish for you that in your happiness and joy of the Christmas season, you will not forget to pray for those who are at this moment fighting to protect the American scene. Some of those men will never get to spend another Christmas at home such as we are enjoying this year.

Three Bobcats Make All-Regional Team

Christmas Cheer

Well, it's here again! As usual you suddenly realize it's almost Christmas and you don't have your Christmas cards mailed, much less your shopping done. You hurriedly make a list and no matter how hard you try you can't seem to find just what you want. Oh yes, don't forget your tree. Of course you can't find all of the decorations and the lights burn out, but when you get through and turn on all the lights, you have to admit that it is even prettier than the one you had last year. How you worked and saved all year so you could buy an extra special gift for the folks or maybe your best girl, but you finally have enough and you are really proud of yourself. Then at last it's Christmas Day and all you can see are the pretty decorations, the piles of gifts, the full stomachs, and the smiling upturned faces. Gosh, isn't it wonderful? "Merry Christmas everyone!"

Question of the Week

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO OVER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS?

Mr. White—Eat 2 Christmas dinners, visit, work a little.
 Mrs. Newman—Go to Morton and have company.
 Maurine—Eat, go places, do things.
 David—Go see Santa.
 Phyllis—Go see Santa with David.
 Mary N.—Stand on my head (I guess)
 Lometa—Going to Oklahoma (I don't want to)
 Shirley M., Braunitta—Go to Oklahoma.
 Johnny—Whole bunch of nothing.
 Jack—Think of something to write a 15-page Biology theme on.
 Rae—Sleep, go places.
 Mr. Blaine—Go wolf hunting.
 Jimmy C.—Get on Santa Claus' sled and go to the North Pole.
 Jackie — Sleep, eat, write themes.
 Connie—Stay home, have a lot of company.
 Mr. Bates—Go to Dallas to visit my aunt, and skunk hunting.
 Bobbie—Go to Yuma, Arizona.
 Charlene—Go to Waco.
 Pat Y.—Eat!!
 Marlin—Work?
 Mr. Lester—Do everything but not much of nothing.
 Mitzi—Have fun.
 Marvin—Sleep, I hope.
 Bill & Clara—Go to Clara's grandmothers.
 Merel—Not much telling.
 Forrest—Nothing for Christmas but start a very different New Year.
 Beth—Catch up on some lost sleep.

We had Chapel Monday morning at 11:15. The Highway Department showed a show on "Safety". Everyone was impres-

Bobbies Win Happy Tournament By Defeating Happy 39-17

The Dimmitt Bobbies met St. Mary's in the first round of the Happy tournament Thursday night at 6 o'clock. They defeated St. Mary's 55-17. Lometa Odum, although playing only 3-8 of a game was high scorer with 28 points.

The Bobcats met Quitaque in their first game Thursday night at 7 o'clock and defeated them 28-22. Jimmy Cluck was high scorer with 16 points.

In the second round the Bobbies defeated Happy B 44-32 with reserves playing most of the time. Peggy Messenger was high scorer with 12 points. The Bobcats defeated Canyon B 34-16. Billy Gregory was high scorer with 10 points. This put both Bobbies and Bobcats in the finals with the girls playing Happy A and the Bobcats playing Canyon A.

The Dimmitt Bobbies outplayed Happy all through the game winning with a score of 39-17. Lometa Odum was high scorer with 16 points.

The Bobcats lost their first game Saturday night to Canyon 42-28, putting them Second Place in the tournament.

Those on the All-Tournament teams were: Lometa Odum, Maurine Smithson, who also received trophies for Best Offense and Best Defense players throughout the tournament, respectively. Johnny Godfrey, Mitzi Wilson, Jimmy Cluck and Billy Gregory were placed on the all-tournament teams.

Band Members Attend Clinic Friday

If you missed some people in the halls Friday, it was various members of the D. H. S. Band. A clinic was held in Lubbock Friday and Saturday which they attended.

The band members feel they gained much from the instruction they received from other directors. D. H. S. is proud of the work the band is doing.

D. H. S. Directory

January 2—School starts.
 Springlake basketball game here.
 January 3—Chapel 11:00, Magician Loring Campbell.
 January 4—Grade school basketball, Amherst, here, 7:00 p.m.
 January 5—Cotton Center basketball, there.

Dimmitt Wins Three From Friona

The Dimmitt Bobcats, Bobbies, and boys "B" team captured 3 games from Friona in the season opener here Tuesday, Dec. 12.

After one main workout the Dimmitt Bobcats romped to victory over the Chiefs of Friona by the score of 61-16. Jimmy Cluck was the leading scorer of the contest by racking up 19 points in the game.

The Chief's ball handling was good but the good defense of the Bobcats and the Chief's inability to hit, kept their score down. Robison was high point man for the Chiefs with 4 points.

The Bobbies won an easy decision over the Friona Squaws 42-19 with Dimmitt reserves playing most of the game. Godfrey with 14 points for the Bobbies and Haws with 6 points for Friona were leading scorers. Outstanding performances were given by the Dimmitt guards in holding Friona to 19 points.

The Dimmitt boys "B" team won a 37-18 victory over the Friona "B" team. Dyer was high point man with 6 points for Dimmitt. Blackburn led the attack for Friona with 4 points.

Jack Dyer Makes Honorable Mention

Magician To Be Here January 3

Did you ever have any fun? Whether you did or not, don't fail to see Loring Campbell who will present an assembly program at 11 a. m., Jan. 3. You will be amazed, puzzled, spellbound and entertained.

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Campbell does more tricks in 45 minutes than most magicians do in twice the time. That is why the program is called "RAPID FIRE MAGIC".

Striking Seniors

This week's addition to the list of striking personalities in the graduating class of '51 is Carl Bruegel. Carl is 17 years old and is 5' 11" tall, has brown hair and green eyes. His favorite foods are chicken and ice cream, and American History is his favorite subject.

Carl is a member of F. F. A., Press Club, and the Bobcat Tales staff. He plans to attend college

Three Dimmitt boys were placed on the all-regional football team selected by the Amarillo-Globe News and one was given honorable mention. There were no more than three selected from each town and Dimmitt felt fortunate in the selections from the Bobcats.

The three selected were, Jim Jowell, tackle who suffered a broken leg in the game against Sudan; Gene Easley, agent's high scorer for the season with 162 points, and David Behrens, guard selected to the player of the week in class "B" early in the season. Jack Dyer, quarterback who led the team through the season and almost single handed beat the Sudan Hornets was given honorable mention in the polls.

Society Sue

CHRISTMAS PARTIES
 The Methodist Young Folks enjoyed a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harrison Monday evening, December 11. Each one brought a toy musical instrument to give to the church nursery.

The senior class had their Christmas party at the Wright home Monday night, December 18.

Miss Meritt entertained the juniors at her home Friday, December 22, where they exchanged Christmas gifts.

The freshmen and sophomores exchanged gifts in their home rooms Wednesday, December 20, shortly before school was turned out for the Christmas holidays.

at Texas Tech upon graduation. After college, he has chosen ranching as a vocation.

Christmas holidays will start the twenty-first of December and last through Monday, January the first.

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By Nancy Plyler

THE SMALL BOY pressed his face closer to the window. Outside the snow lay a white blanket over the community, and darkness had drawn its curtain upon the day's activities. Johnny had been standing there since dinner.

His mother and father sat nearby. "He hardly touched his dinner!" his mother explained.

"It's too bad! He was very fond of that dog," his father said seriously.

"I'm so sorry this happened. It's just two weeks until Christmas and there's so much to do. Scouring the neighborhood for the dog at this time will interfere with our other plans," the mother said.

While they were talking, the doorbell rang. The wife went to answer it and found two teen-age boys on the porch.

"Yes?" the wife questioned.

The boys seemed to be out of breath from running. "Mrs. Rice, we saw two men take your dog into



"Did Santa Claus send him back to me, Mommy?" was all he asked.

their car. They drove away with him," one of the boys explained. "What? When?" the wife was beside herself.

"About two hours ago. We were taking the groceries to Mrs. Jane; we couldn't turn back to tell you. Besides the car was gone before we knew what had happened. I think we'd know them if we saw them again," the boys finished.

"Don, will you come here?" Mrs. Rice called to her husband. "Now, will you please tell my husband what you have just told me?" she turned to the boys.

They reiterated the same facts to Mr. Porter.

His first statement was, "Don't say anything about this to Johnny."

He questioned the boys further, thought for a time, then asked the boys if they would agree to go around the neighborhood with him to see if he could trace the men.

Agreeing to this, the two boys left with Mr. Porter.

MRS. PORTER was sitting in the living-room when Mr. Porter returned. Her eyes questioned what her lips could not say.

"No luck!" he sunk into a chair. "I didn't really think there would be any use to go out and look for them. There just wasn't anything else to do. Poor kid! With Christmas coming on and everything," Mr. Porter was very solemn.

On Christmas morning Mrs. Porter was up very early. The Christmas tree was trimmed to perfection. The wreaths were hung. The living-room was very picturesque. Johnny's stocking was hung over the mantle; it was brimming to the top. All kinds of toys that would delight the heart of a five-year-old boy were under the tree. His mother took one last look before she called to her husband to awaken Johnny.

A sleepy, tousled-haired boy crept down the steps to behold the wonders of another Christmas day. After viewing the scene, he gave one leap to the hobby-horse that waited for him. By now he was no longer sleepy, but had mustered energy to open all his gifts without any help from his parents.

And for a time Johnny seemed so engrossed in the many toys that he never mentioned about his dog. But their hopes were short-lived! For while they were planning for the day, they noticed that Johnny was watching at the window. Mr. and Mrs. Porter looked at each other and knew that they had lost in their endeavor to make Christmas Day a happy time for their boy.

When Mrs. Porter was nearly on the verge of tears, Johnny gave one scream from the window. They ran to it and looking out, saw a small white dog scurrying up the path. Mr. Porter never opened a door more gleefully and the dog dashed into the room, into the arms of his master. Johnny was laughing and crying at the same time. "Did Santa Claus send him back to me, Mommy?" was all he asked.

"Yes, dear," she whispered. "The dog either broke away; or, the spirit of Christmas must have worked in those men's hearts," Mrs. Porter smiled to her husband.

England's Puritans Banned Christmas As Frivolous Time

Christmas was outlawed in England by the Puritan government of England in 1643 and, although the restoration of the Stuarts brought a revival of Christmas customs and traditions, Christmas never regained its former prestige in England.

It is observed religiously in the churches and as a day for family reunions and social gatherings, in contrast to the lavish feasting and boisterous merry-making of olden times.

Merry-making and gift-giving come in for their share, however, on December 26 which is Boxing



Day. The origin of Boxing Day antedates Christmas and can be traced to the custom of gift-giving during the Roman festival of Saturnalia.

In Christian liturgy December 26 is observed as the feast of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, and during the centuries when journeymen and apprentices were in the habit of levying upon their masters' customers, 'Christmas Boxes' were collected on St. Stephen's day.

Thus, the children receive their presents, in boxes, as do old servants, the postman, and everyone else. And reminiscent of the Roman Saturnalia, householders dance with the servants and, toward evening, there is revelling in the streets as groups of merry-makers gather on street corners or ride about London-town dancing on the 'flats' of trucks.

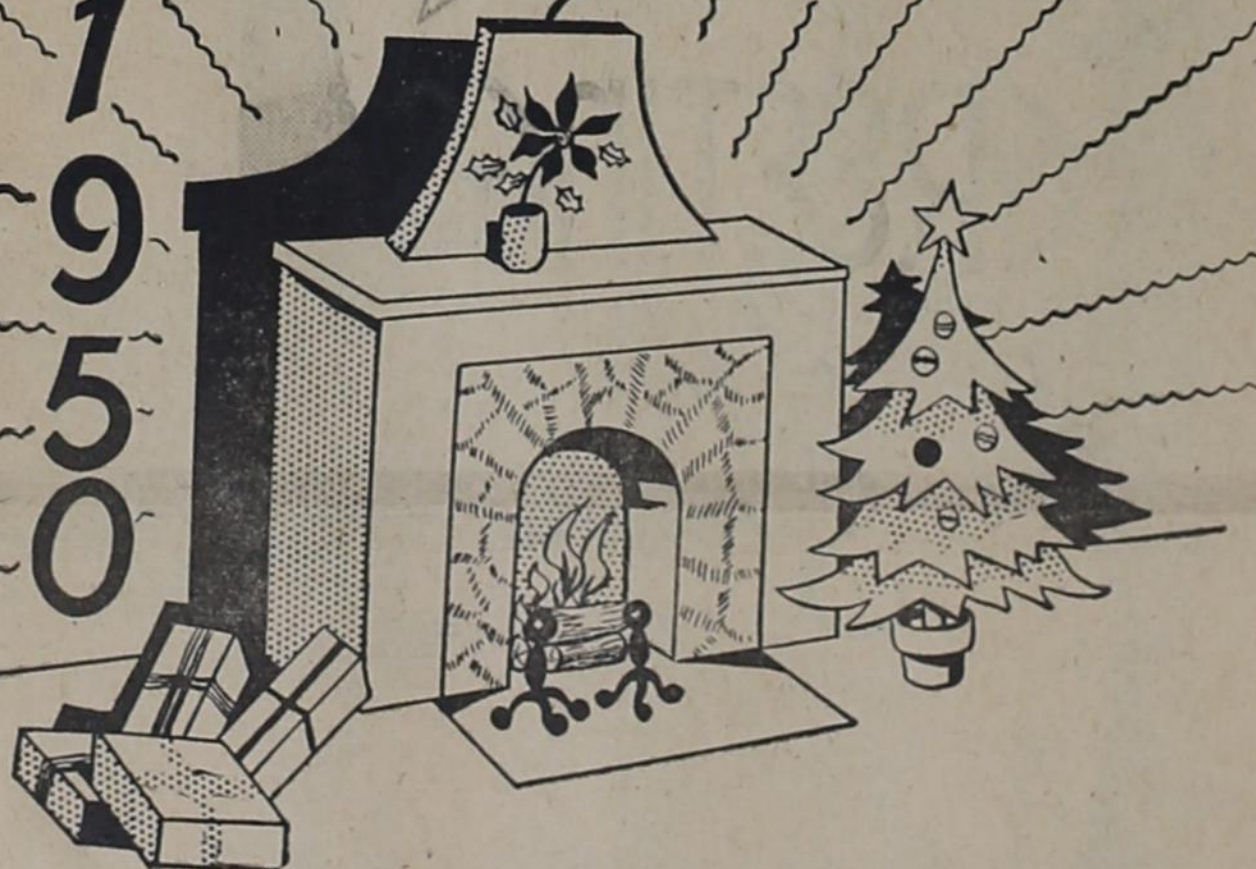


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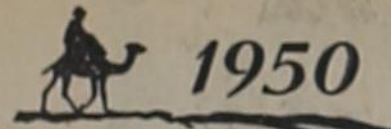
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MERRIMENT.

Leota's Beauty Salon

CHRISTMAS
CAMELIA



By John Scott Douglas

STENOGRAPHERS hovered around as Marta Manning unwrapped the package that had just reached the law offices. There were startled gasps of admiration when the paper fell away, revealing a potted camellia. Large and pure white, except for crimson-touched petals, its heart was filled with delicate golden stamens.

"Oh, how beautiful!" Tessie gasped. "Who sent it, Martha?"

"My boy friend," Marta said, her tone warm with happiness. "I didn't know camellias bloomed in time for Christmas," said Bess. "The Dal Kaugura does," said Marta. "But it's all crimson. This must be a new hybrid that Colby Blake stocked for the Christmas trade."

Could Colby have developed it himself? she wondered. She remembered the day, when he had been showing her around his nursery, that she started to enter a small, new lath house at the back. "Don't



On the point of refusal, she remembered the broken date. "I'd be glad to, Mr. Ladd."

go in there, Marta!" And then he'd been embarrassed as only a big, redheaded outdoor man can be embarrassed by his own rudeness. "Forgive me for speaking so sharply, darling. You'll understand, some day."

In the two years since then, he'd never explained his strange words. It was but one of the things that had marred a more perfect understanding. The many broken dates were another. Engagements he could not keep because a truckload of plants must suddenly be delivered, or a customer must be seen about the laying out of a new garden.

"For you, Marta," said the switchboard girl. The girls dispersed as she picked up the phone. She heard Colby's voice.

"I feel terribly to beg off on another date, darling. But Roberts sprained his back lifting a tubbed tree, and had to go home. About twenty customers are coming in to pick up Christmas plants this evening, and someone must be here. Let me explain about that camellia—"

SICK WITH disappointment, she said, "Never mind," and hung up. Tears pricked her eyes. Wasn't she ever as important as a customer?

"Garral Ladd wants you to take a letter," said the switchboard girl. Any of the other girls would have gone into a tizzy if he'd suggested a date. Only Marta had had the chance to refuse him, not once but many times. For to her, he wasn't quite real.

Now, with a confident smile, he dictated: "To do the town on Christmas Eve with a lovely young blonde like you would make this my most wonderful Christmas. Will you say, 'Yes?' Devotedly, Garral Ladd."

"To whom shall I address it?" asked Marta.

"To Miss Marta Manning."

Her cheeks grew warm. On the point of refusal, she remembered the broken date. "I'd be glad to, Mr. Ladd."

That evening, on her way home to dress, she stopped at a nursery to buy a small tree for her apartment. The tree, she recalled with a pang of disappointment, that Colby had promised to bring when he called. A woman loaded with bundles was leaving the nursery with a plant identical to the one Marta had received that morning.

"Isn't it lovely?" the woman asked, noticing Marta's glance. "It's the new hybrid developed by the Blake nursery." And she told Marta its name.

Marta stood stunned when the woman left. Then, abruptly, she turned back to her car, thinking, "I can call Garral Ladd later."

She found Colby wrapping red paper around a pot holding one of the new Christmas camellias.

"Can you forgive me, Colby?" she asked humbly. "I'll help wait on customers so we can be together Christmas Eve. You've made me so proud and happy."

"It was the only name for a flower so beautiful, darling."

She felt a touch of awe as she stared at the camellia he was wrapping. How like Colby to express his love by naming it the Marta Manning!

Lucia Day Starts
Christmas Season
In Swedish Custom

Celebration of Lucia Day on December 13 inaugurates the Christmas season in Sweden. It takes its name from St. Lucia, or Lucy, martyred for her faith and virginity in Syracuse in 304, A. D., and venerated by the church each December 13.

The prettiest blonde in every home, office, factory, village and town is elected a "Lucia" and visits the sick, leads carnivals and processions and attends banquets and balls accompanied by her "handmaidens."

The ancient custom coincides with the winter solstice, when the sun swings toward the earth once more and the days begin to lengthen.

In addition to beauty, other qualifications for "Lucias" or "light queens" are fair hair, a nice disposition and high character.

Dressed in long white robes, wearing crowns of lighted candles (the traditional costume for "Lucias") the girls present gifts and the traditional Lucy day coffee and rolls to hospital patients, etc. The queen and her maidens, enthroned in a star spangled horse-drawn chariot, lead festive processions around the village squares and through city streets.

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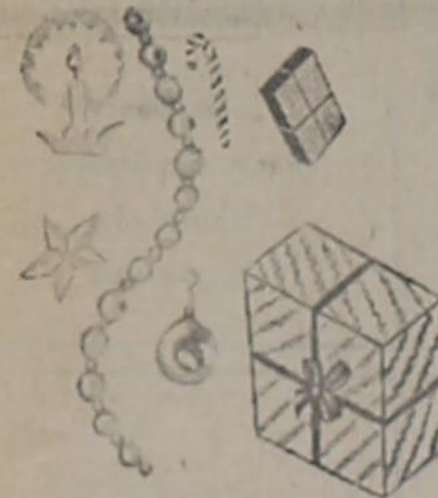
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 THE STATE OF TEXAS
 TO: E. S. Jones, and if ever married, Mrs. E. S. Jones; E. F. Halsell, and if ever married, Mrs. E. F. Halsell; G. M. Etter, and if ever married, Mrs. G. M. Etter; R. R. Dulin, and if ever married, Mrs. R. R. Dulin; A. R. Andrews, and if ever married, Mrs. A. R. Andrews; J. B. Stinson, and if ever married, Mrs. J. B. Stinson; R. L. Belsher, and if ever married, Mrs. R. L. Belsher; W. H. Bean, and if ever married, Mrs. W. H. Bean; W. C. Dimmitt, and if ever married, Mrs. W. C. Dimmitt; H. G. Bedford, and if ever married, Mrs. H. G. Bedford; J. W. Hinton, and if ever married, Mrs. J. W. Hinton; and if any or all of the above named parties are deceased, the heirs, the unknown heirs, and legal representatives of each of the above named parties whose names are unknown; R. R. Dulin, Trustee, and G. M. Etter, Trustee, of the Bedford Town & Land Company; The Bedford Town & Land Company, a joint stock company; the stock holders of the said Bedford Town & Land Company, whose names are unknown; the successors and assigns of the Bedford Town & Land Company, if any, whose names are unknown; J. H. Griffin, and if ever married, Mrs. J. H. Griffin; W. F. Cooper, and if ever married, Mrs. W. F. Cooper; John R. Griffin, and if ever married, Mrs. John R. Griffin; Rufus Bedford, and if ever married, Mrs. Rufus Bedford; and if any of the above last afore named or their wives, if they were ever married, are deceased, the heirs and the unknown heirs of each of them, whose names are unknown and whose residences of all of the above named Defendants are unknown, and all persons claiming under a Deed heretofore given to R. R. Dulin and G. M. Etter, Trustees of the Bedford Town & Land Company, grantee in a certain Deed dated March 27, 1890, of record in Volume 2, page 294, of the Deed Records of Castro County, Texas, all of whom are Defendants, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable District Court of Castro County at the Court House thereof, in Dimmitt, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 22nd day of January A. D. 1951, then and there to answer Plaintiff's Petition filed in said Court, on the 7th day of December A. D. 1950, in the cause, numbered 2041 on the docket of said Court, and styled BLANTON BUTANE, INC., a Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. All Persons to Whom this Citation is Addressed, as Defendants.

A brief Statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff sues for the title to and possession of the following described real estate situated in Castro County, Texas, to-wit: Being a tract of land off of the East side of Section No. 25,

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THENCE West with said North right-of-way line 140 feet to a point;

THENCE North parallel with the West line of Section No. 6, Block M, 180 feet to a point; THENCE South parallel with the West line of said Section No. 6, Block M, 180 feet to place of beginning.

Plaintiff alleges that it is entitled to the title to and the possession of said property, claiming the same under the five, ten, and the Twenty-five year Statutes of Limitation, and Plaintiff further prays that the cloud cast on the title to the property by Defendants be removed and said title vested in the Plaintiff, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court at the office in Dimmitt, Texas, this 7th day of December A. D. 1950.

Attest:
 Ola Murphy, Clerk
 District Court, Castro County, Texas.

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LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: BERNARD LEE WHINERY, Defendant, Greeting:
You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable District Court of Castro County at the Court House thereof, in Dimmitt, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 22nd day of January A. D. 1951, then and there to answer Plaintiff's Petition filed in said Court, on the 8th day of December A. D. 1950, in this cause, numbered 2042 on the docket of said court and styled JOY WHINERY Plaintiff, vs. BERNARD LEE WHINERY Defendant.
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

Plaintiff suing for divorce alleging cruel treatment, further alleging that there are no children born of this said marriage, and no children adopted by them, or either of them, and that there is no Community Property, real or personal, owned by plaintiff and defendant, alleging that plaintiff's maiden name and her name before her marriage to defendant, was Joy Carpenter.
Praying for divorce and dissolution of the marriage relations now existing between plaintiff and defendant, and for restoration of her maiden name, Joy Carpenter, and for general relief, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.
The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make

due return as the law directs.
Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of Said Court at office in Dimmitt, Texas this the 8th day of December A. D. 1950.
Attest:
Ola Murphy, Clerk
District Court, Castro County, Texas

BETHEL NEWS

Mrs. E. R. Rothwell and granddaughter, Julie, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rothwell Wednesday, they also visited Mrs. Bobby Warren in the afternoon.
Mr. and Mrs. George Bagwell were in Hereford Friday on business.

Donald Wright spent the week end with Weldon and Maxie Warren and helped them with feed stacking.

Dale Cryer spent the week end with his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rothwell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Seale and son, David, of Dimmitt were Thursday evening supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Warren.

Mrs. J. G. Davis, Sr. spent Monday night in the Vern Lust home, she with Mr. and Mrs. Vern Lust, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lust and Mr. and Mrs. John Galloway of Castle Rock, Washington, spent Tuesday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Beebe in Amarillo.

Mrs. Jim Givan, Mrs. John Davidson and Janice were in Amarillo Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bagwell, Carolyn and Sue, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lust and Dale Cryer were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rothwell. Mr. E. O. Dixon of Hereford was an afternoon caller.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Howell and children and grandmother and Gaston Howell of Muleshoe, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Howell and children of Friona were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Moss Howell and family.

Carolyn Bagwell was among the band pupils who spent the week end in Lubbock. Mrs. Ivor Bagwell was one of the sponsors for the group.

Mr. and Mrs. Kay Roberts has as Sunday guests Rev. and Mrs. D. W. Brashear and Mary Alice and Mr. and Mrs. Vern Lust.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rothwell made a business trip to Lubbock Monday, also visited Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Cryer and son, Randy.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Benson and her parents and sister, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Jones and Dorie Jane are visiting in California. They plan to return after January 1.

Scale, give time to the left. Grid of numbers for a game or puzzle.

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DECEMBER 26 - 27
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Santa's Requests

Santa Claus still gets letters from youngsters with the same cherished requests—bicycles and dolls. But last year a child wanted a live cow. He told a department store Santa so.

Another kid wanted a new daddy because hers was "wearing out on top."

**Legends Associate Mule,
Gentle Camel of Jesus
With Gift-Giving Custom**

Syrian legends have associated the Magic Mule and the Gentle Camel of Jesus with gift-giving, for reasons that are at once different, and yet similar in their association with the Christ Child.

It seems a certain traveler tied his mule to a tree when he went into an inn for refreshment on Epiphany Eve. Just at midnight, when the boughs of the tree bowed down in homage to the Holy Infant, the mule was caught up on the rebound and found cradled high up in the branches by its returning master.

The youngest camel of the three ridden by the Wise Men was exhausted by the pressing journey and was blessed with immortality by the baby Jesus as it lay moaning near the Nativity scene.

Soap Flake Snow

Trimming the Christmas tree with fluffy snow is easy if you use soap flakes. It won't melt either.

Here's how it's done: Use three or four cups of soap flakes to one cup of warm water. Beat with electric beater or hand beater until smooth and fluffy. Then spread immediately over branches of tree, scattering it on with hands.

For sparkle, spread on some artificial glistening snow.

Currier and Ives Cards

Commercial production of Christmas cards in the United States began about 1835 with the founding and developing of the partnership of Currier and Ives in New York.

For more than a century American painters have aided the industry by painting Christmas themes on order or by selling reproduction rights to the art which is now conservatively estimated as worth \$10,000,000 annually.

The favorite Nativity theme is represented by hundreds of interpretations. Winter scenes are next in popularity, some of them dating back to the Puritans of New England, the German forests whence St. Nicholas emerged, and even to the Druids of pre-Christian England.

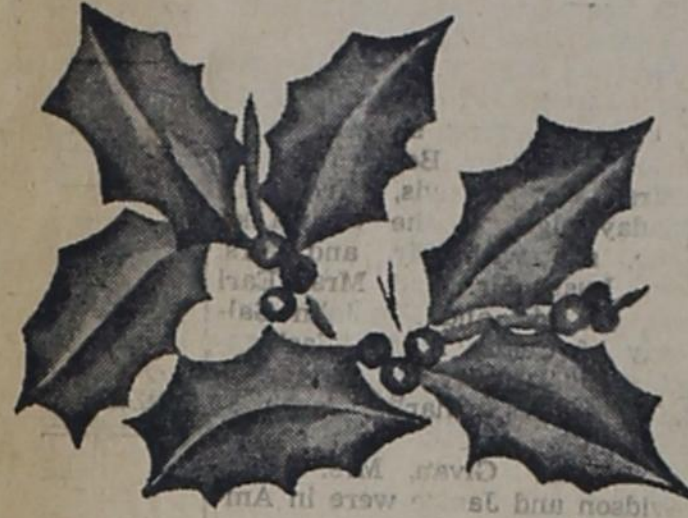
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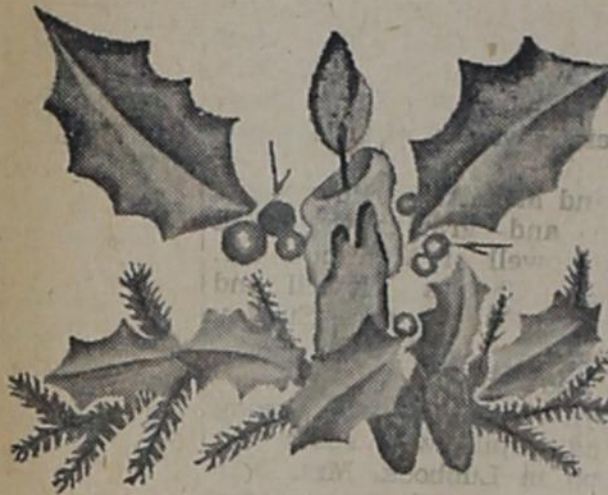
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Kenneth Fulfer

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CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this means of expressing our heartfelt thanks to our friends and neighbors for the many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy towards us during the sickness and loss of our dear daughter, Carol.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leiren and family

Mrs. Claude Jordan of Oklahoma City, Okla., was here last week end for a visit in the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Griffith.

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GNOMES AT WORK . . . Three little gnomes diligently prepare for Christmas under the watchful eye of Santa Claus in his workshop at Santa Claus, Indiana. They are building, waxing and polishing toys to go into Santa's pack on Christmas eve.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH CALVIN NEWTON, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that original letters of administration upon the estate of Joseph Calvin Newton, deceased, were granted

to me, the undersigned, on the 5th day of December, 1950, by the county court of Castro County. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to me within the time prescribed by law. My residence and post office address

are Dimmitt, Texas, County of Castro, State of Texas.
(Signed): Thelbert Ray Newton
Administrator, Estate of Joseph Calvin Newton, Deceased. 4tc
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SEASON'S
Merry Christmas 1950
GREETINGS



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A live tree with roots packed in a bucket of earth is the safest. Be sure and keep the dirt moistened. A small tree is safer than a large one and festive trimmings can make up what it lacks in size.
Keep the tree outdoors until you are ready to set it up inside. When you bring it in, keep it in the coolest part of the house with the radiator nearest it turned off.
Use nonflammable aluminum foil—not cotton or paper—to conceal container in which tree is "planted." Use nonflammable trimmings on the tree.
Don't use lighted candles. (This may seem an unnecessary precaution in this day of electric lights, but lighted candles contribute to tragic fires every year.)
Check the wiring for the tree to see that it's not frayed and is in perfect condition. The switch for turning off and on electric lights should be at some distance from the tree. Don't plug or unplug lights beneath the tree.
Don't leave tree lights on when it isn't necessary and especially when the family is away from home. From time to time, check over the tree and see if needles near the lights are turning brown. If they have, move the lights.
Watch the calendar. New Year's is the day for the tree to go down. If you should extend the time, don't leave the lights on the tree for more than a half hour at a time.

Merry Christmas

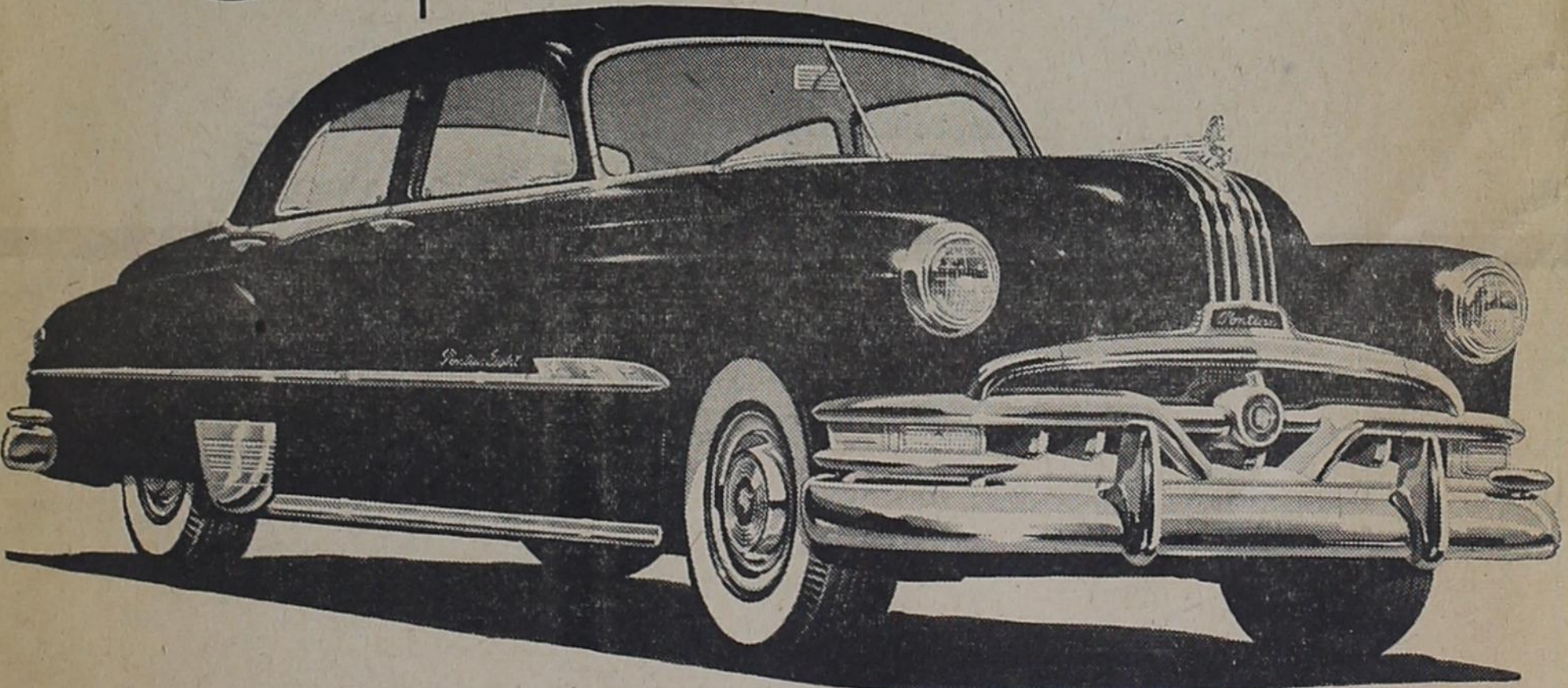
Love and kindness guide you this reverent season.

And may none but true friends cross your path.
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We send our simple but enduring respects this season.



And hope this Christmas is one you can cherish forever.

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Letters To Santa

Dear Santa:
 Santa I want you to bring me a Cinderella wrist watch like I saw in a store. It was in a little glass slipper.
 I would also like to have a blackboard. With an eraser and colored chalk. So I can work my numbers.
 Bring all the other boys and

girls some toys.
 Love Dera Kay Cartwright
 Dear Santa:
 I am writing this letter to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a cap gun, and a new wagon and a pencil with my name on it.
 Love
 Donnie Maxwell

Dear Santa:
 My little sister wants a housecoat. I want a housecoat that has flowers on the collar. I want a bracelet and also a ring with a ruby set.
 Your friend
 Lanelle Blanton



IN 1937, a Waukegan, Ill. minister and the residents of one city block decided to do something about the disposal of the family Christmas tree. Nothing is more forlorn than worn out Christmas trees. They deserve better fates than being dumped in alleys and vacant lots; and they constitute fire hazards on back porches and in basement areas.

So, Waukegan held its first annual Twelfth Night observances,



committing the trees to a community bonfire amid the chorusing of carols.

And the custom has waxed. Residents of several communities, choruses, soloists, etc., participating as the spirits of the Christmas trees are dispatched to some fir Valhalla to return to bless a future Yuletide.



"ALL HE WANTS" . . . Young Edward Hospisa of New York makes known to Santa his Christmas wish. He said, to coin a phrase, "All I want for Christmas is my two front incisors." Whether he'll get them is another story.

Dear Santa:
 I would like for you to bring me a football my football has been let down.
 Jerry

Christmas Candles Have Been Used By Many Peoples

It would be astonishing, indeed, if no candles appeared in homes throughout the nation on Christmas Eve. The legend which surrounds the custom is believed to have started in Ireland.

There on Christmas Eve a large candle was burned which could be snuffed out only by one named Mary. As the Irish put it: "Who knows, on some Christmas Eve, Jesus and Mary and Joseph may come again, not to Palestine, but to the Holy Isle on the farthest edge of Europe?"

Their first use for Christmas is not recorded in the annals of any nation, but that the "Christ Child Candle", burned in the window of Christmas Eve is, according to an old legend, placed there to light His way if He makes an earthly visitation and in atonement for the night of His birth when there was no room for Him.

Also among the legends is one about bayberry candles burned on Christmas.

During the early history of our country, animal fats were relatively scarce. The branches of the bayberry shrub were covered with wax-giving berries and children were given the task of gathering the berries when candles had to be made so that the animal fats could be conserved.

According to tradition, one who burned a bayberry candle on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day would have long life and a happy one.

An old verse reads:
 "To learn you luck for the year they say,
 Burn a bayberry dip on Christmas day.
 If the flame burns bright and the light shines clear,
 Good luck will be yours throughout the year."

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