

The Floyd County Plainsman



AMERICA—blessed land of ours—gives special tribute this Christmas of 1941, to the one true Prince of Peace and cherishes His words "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."

Though men may stray for a time from His guidance, the belief of little children in Santa Claus rekindles the deep longing for generous relations among civilized human beings. There is magic in the Yuletide.

Warm lights glow softly as the older folks bustle about to make sure of Christmas cheer for the children. The tree has been gathered and trimmed, and candles shed their radiance in tiny halos.

Soon little faces, aquiver with happy anticipation, find sand in sleepy eyes, soft fingers relax and sleigh bells can be heard over the clap of Dunder's and Blitzen's hoofs.

Downstairs as the lights wink out, through the window in the east a bright star of everlasting brilliance again lights the heart of mankind and softly the voices of angels sing "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."

What finer gift to humankind? It is the gift we, on this newspaper, wish to you all, our readers, to all the people of our community, of our country, of our entire world.



Christmas GREETINGS

We're full of cheerful things to say to all our friends and depositors this Christmas—but seriously and realistically we want to tell you that after all the Christmas gifts are given, and you are the happy recipient of cash, you can put it to no better use than—to purchase United States Defense Savings Stamps and Bonds—for your future and your country's

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

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List Suggests Gift Variety For Christmas

Christmas-giving becomes more fun and less of a chore each new Yuletide season. Time was when "what to give a woman" came under what man termed "a nerve-wracking" problem! That's all changed now.

To prove it, here's a list of Christmas gift suggestions for the fairer sex, compiled especially for husbands, brothers, fathers, sons, sweethearts.

If the lady-to-be-gifted is socially minded, she undoubtedly will appreciate a gift that will enhance her party clothes—an evening bag perhaps . . . a sparkling piece of costume jewelry . . . a pair of gloves . . . sheer hose, or perfume.

But perhaps she is a homemaker, busy from morn til night with the problems of a house and family. A stunning quilted robe for her few hours of relaxation . . . a pair of house slippers that are casual and colorful . . . a crystal salad set for luncheon entertaining . . . all these will be appreciated!

For the high school or college miss . . . a sweater in one of the new youthful pastel colors . . . a pair of mittens . . . a peasant kerchief to wear for sport or dress . . . a tiny compact for important dates . . . or one of the latest indoor games to bring her friends around.

For the invalid whose daily life is centered about her bed . . . a gay bed jacket . . . or a new china breakfast set with a tray, which, after meals, can serve as a comfortable prop for books and writing paper.

For the career lady in your family, you might buy hose that can't run . . . pigskin gloves for sports . . . a rhinestone star to wear in her hair . . . a manicure kit . . . or a pair of frilly slippers.

For the gray-haired lady in your house, a smart envelope handbag would "hit the spot."

Yule Dinner Merits Novel Table Setting

Christmas dinner, of course, is a very special one. To add to the merriment for both homefolks and guests, here are ideas for the table setting.

Make place cards of big red apples, the name written on with icing from a tiny pastry tube.

For tree motifs for table or wall decoration, use cellophane straws.



paper dollies, pipe-cleaners, screen wire, old boxes and plywood . . . a most amazing array of trees will result. Keep them simple and surprising. Try graduated funnels stacked up, with a star-shaped cookie cutter on top.

For the table centerpiece, have an acrobatic act of gingerbread men or cookie clowns balanced at precarious angles, held together with cake icing. Or for more seriousness, the whole manger scene may be made from cookie figures.

Another centerpiece can be formed by using a tall candle or wooden standard and placing pine cones around it.

Candles in a log holder are very effective. Drill holes in a small curved pine log, then place the candles in these. Seal the ends with paraffin to prevent the pitch from dripping. Arrange sprigs of pine, hemlock, holly or cones around the candle holder.

Decorate Yule Tree To Fit Your Taste

Before trimming your Christmas tree this December, study the following ideas and decide which yours will be. The six Christmas trees described below, are trimmed in amazingly new and different ways.

The "Coronado" is typically southwestern. A tree trimmed in cowboys and cactus . . . Indian relics and dazzling yellow lights.

"Colonial" is early American in every detail, trimmed with miniature wooden churns, log cabins, candle sticks, Indians, turkeys and colonial dolls. Green colored lights and silver tinsel complete the color interest.

The "Student" does everything but say "Rah, rah." Various colored lights shine on gaudy trimmings and erasures, crayons, pencils and slates for classroom touch.

The "Maritime" is nautically trimmed with clipperships, anchors, sloops and buoys. Blue lights gleam through clouds of angel hair.

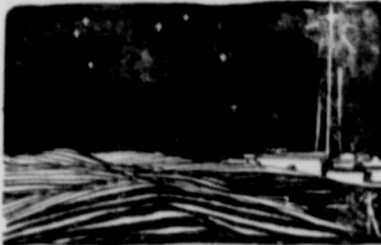
"Victorian" is brilliant with white lights and tinsel branches and is decorated all over with unique ornaments of every shape, size and color.

The "Canine" is an amusing idea to please the canine member of the family. Decorated with bones, dog toys, fire plugs, dog biscuits, and vari-colored lights . . . a real "fun" tree.

Christmas Carols

Each holiday season the familiar words of the tuneful Christmas Carol ring out all over the country. The origin of these songs is both interesting and colorful. While some of them were composed here in America, others were written and set to music in other parts of the world. Below, with illustrations, and a brief history of origin are presented some of the better known of these songs.

O LITTLE TOWN—



*O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie;
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by . . .*

• These words were written in 1868 by Phillips Brooks, young rector of Philadelphia, after a visit to Palestine. His church organist, Lewis Redner, wrote the melody. It came to him "in a dream" on Christmas Eve.

I HEARD THE BELLS—



*I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men.*

• When Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote the words to this song, the United States was experiencing its second year of the Civil war. The words, "peace on earth," gave expression to the hope of millions.

IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT—



*It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old—
From Angels bending near the earth,
To touch their harps of gold.*

• Here is another beloved carol which was composed in America. The words were written in December, 1849, by Rev. Edmund Sears. It was sung to an old hymn-tune until its present melody was composed by Richard Willis in 1851.

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL—



*O come, all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye,
O come ye to Bethlehem.*

• Origin of this hymn is controversial. When introduced in England about 1800 it was known as the "Portuguese Hymn." Its lines do not rhyme because they were translated from the Latin.

THE FIRST NOEL—



*The first Noel the angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields
As they lay,
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.*

• This is a true folk-song, claimed by both France and England. According to tradition, the verses are sung by the shepherds and the refrain by the angels.

Santa's Costume

Here is an inexpensive way to make Santa's costume. Make the knee-length coat of an old night shirt cut down and dyed red, but if this is too much work, use a red mackinaw. Border it with priceless ermine consisting of white cotton flannel spotted at the proper intervals with ink or black shoe polish. Santa should wear red golf stockings and heavy boots, plus a stocking cap and bright mittens. Put a scarf about his neck. When he is done there is no need of a mask; his own mother would not know him under those beetling eyebrows.



With the approach of a New Year we join in wishing for you and yours the best of everything during Christmas and 1942.

We appreciate the patronage given us and the courtesy shown in the past year. May we continue to serve you.

FELTON & COLLINS GROCERY AND MARKET

MERRY CHRISTMAS

How quickly the year has passed since last Christmas—yet how much has happened in world affairs, and even closer to home! We always wish you the best of everything—to which at this time we add a wish that the true Christmas spirit might reach the depths of all men's hearts and bring peace, love and good fellowship to everyone.

G. C. TUBBS INSURANCE AGENCY

Miss Bernice Patton, Manager

Christmas GREETINGS

Little cottages with coal stoves and roasting spits at the hearth have given way to handsome homes, electrically equipped, functionally furnished. Housewives once drudging from dawn to night, have leisure, have careers, aid in defense. These are modern times in which we play an active part. But now—when the holly hangs bright green and red—we revert to an old fashioned sentiment and say, "A very merry Christmas—one and all!"

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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SPEARS AND DANIELS

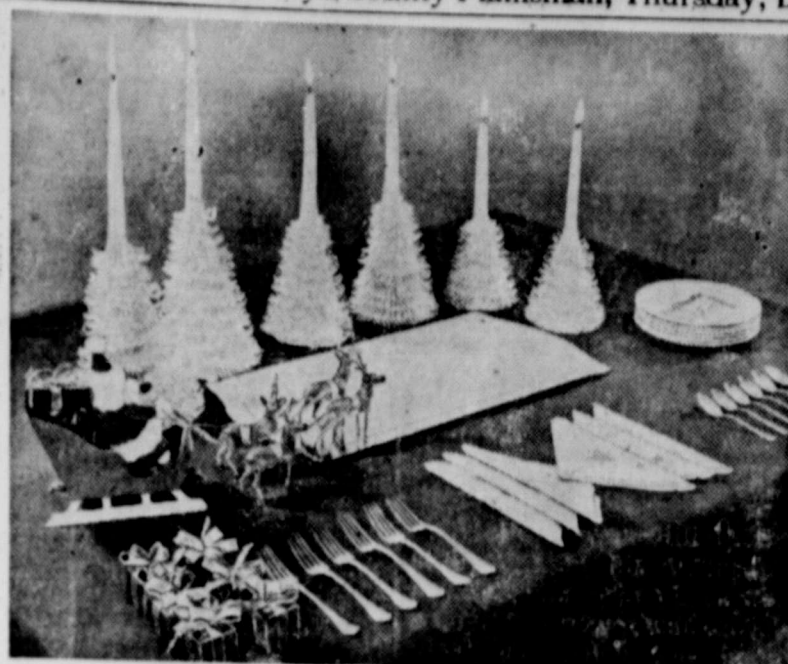
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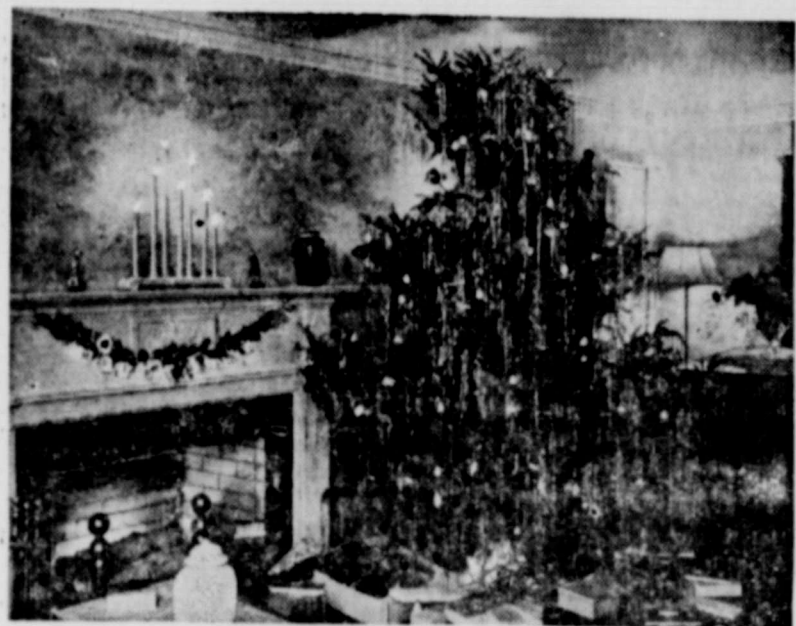
Merry Christmas to You!

May all your wishes be fulfilled!

SCOTT GIN
Grady Harris, Manager



Attractive table decorations will help make your Christmas dinner more enjoyable than ever. Putting a few pieces of candy wrapped like a Christmas present beside each place will add interest to the table. A tiny Santa Claus with his reindeer and sleigh makes an excellent centerpiece, and it can be purchased for very little. Even your candlesticks can be made to look different by fringing a long piece of paper and then winding it spirally around the base.



Illuminating a room with candles will do much toward making it look more "homey." If you don't want to light a fire in your fireplace, its appearance will be enhanced by a light bulb covered with red paper and placed behind the logs. Don't be afraid to spread your Christmas presents on the floor under the tree—it's perfectly proper and far more informal than placing them on a table or chairs.

CLOSING THURSDAY and FRIDAY, due to Christmas Holidays.



YULETIDE GREETINGS

As Christmas draws near, it is only natural that our thoughts turn to those of you who have made our business possible. We wish you all a MERRY CHRISTMAS and prosperous New Year.

BILL DYER AUTO STORE
WEST OF COURTHOUSE

CHRISTMAS CHEER



YEAR AFTER YEAR

Merry Christmas to Everyone

We offer our best wishes for your complete happiness. We hope that this Christmas season will be your most enjoyable. We hope that the coming year will bring you good health, happiness and prosperity. May this success be associated with the service our company can give you. A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ARTHUR B. DUNCAN ABSTRACT COMPANY
MRS. MAUD E. HOLLUMS, MANAGER.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



Along with your happy event of observing Christmas Holidays, may we suggest that you add more to the pleasure of your home and friends with the addition of the service we offer through our organization.

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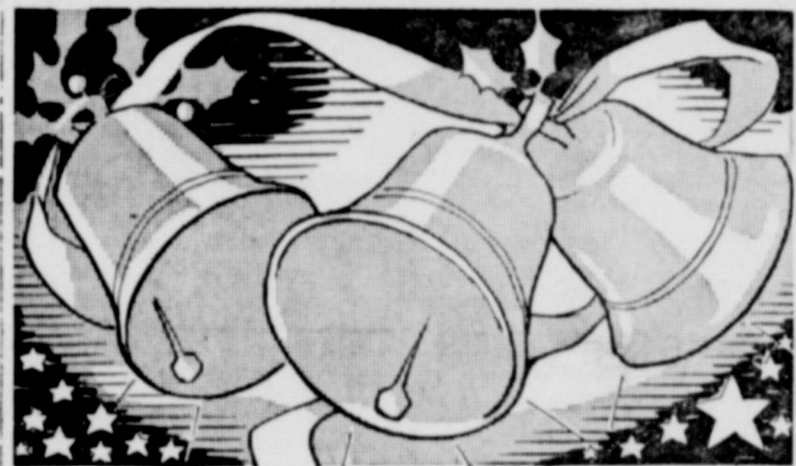
MAY THIS CHRISTMAS BE A HAPPY ONE FOR YOU



May this season with its Mirth and Cheer be a Happy one for you. May the New Year lavish its richest blessings on you.

We give you our best wishes because we feel that your loyal support and good will deserve the best we have.

BISHOP MOTOR COMPANY
Telephone Number 228



Christmas Bells

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

—H. W. Longfellow



BAD SYMPTOM

"Bob didn't call last night."
"He didn't! What's the matter?"
"I don't know whether he's sick or just dodging a Christmas present."

Christmas Facts

The English poet, Alfred Lord Tennyson, once turned down an offer of \$5,000 for composing Christmas card verses.

Because England's Kings James I and VI had a great aversion to fatty pork, turkeys became popular as Christmas fare.

Christmas is celebrated by the Hindus, and also by the Buddhists in Tibet, where it is called the "Feast of Winter."

There are more than 200 varieties of holly, grown in all parts of the world.

Beautify Home for Christmas

You will enjoy your Christmas a lot more this year if you will try to make your home as attractive as possible. Start on the outside and then look at each room in the house. When you're all through you'll feel that the result was well worth the effort.



There are few houses as large as this one, but it shows what can be done with a home of any size to improve its appearance during the Christmas season. A string of Christmas tree lights around each window will make an unusually cheerful appearance at night. If this is impracticable or too costly, a similar effect can be achieved by placing a lighted wreath in each window.



America's Second Line of Defense

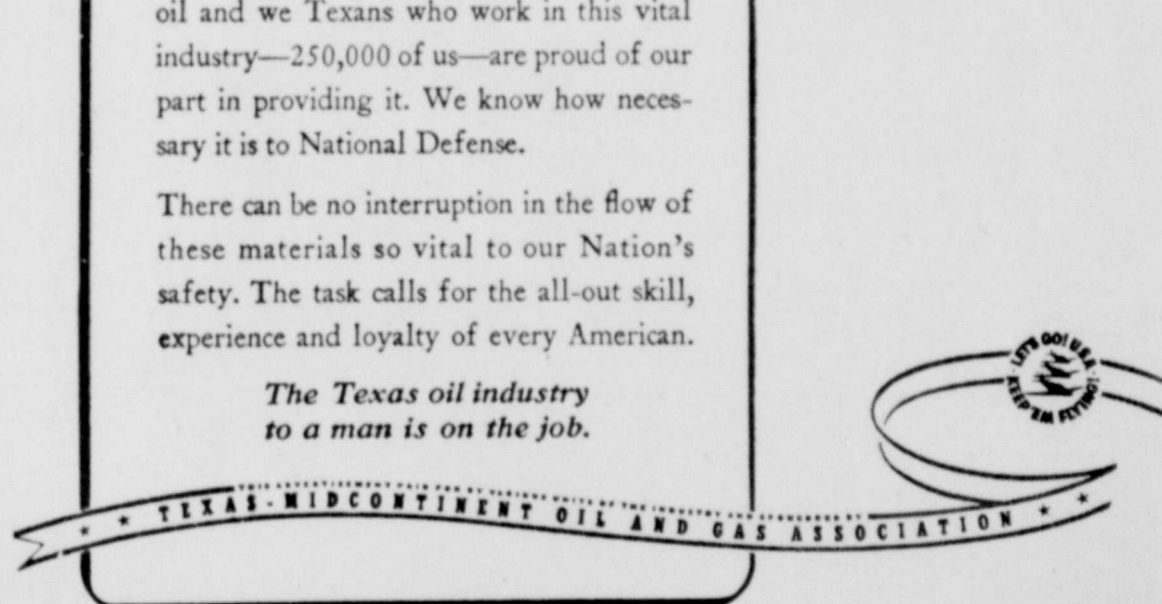
Today America's destiny rests in the hands of two defense lines—our armed forces and those of us working in essential industries.

One of our Nation's most important essentials is oil—not only for our defense requirements, but for all related civilian activities.

Texas supplies over one-third of America's oil and we Texans who work in this vital industry—250,000 of us—are proud of our part in providing it. We know how necessary it is to National Defense.

There can be no interruption in the flow of these materials so vital to our Nation's safety. The task calls for the all-out skill, experience and loyalty of every American.

The Texas oil industry to a man is on the job.



TEXAS MIDCONTINENT OIL AND GAS ASSOCIATION

Merry Christmas



And all best wishes for a truly happy New Year. We have enjoyed the associations it has been our pleasure to have during 1941. We feel that friendship is the greatest asset we can have in our business and we strive at all time to cultivate friends. We would consider it a favor if you might suggest any way we could improve our service. From the entire organization and all the employees—MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

CONTINENTAL OIL COMPANY
R. C. Henry, Commission Representative

Christmas GREETINGS

Sincerely

This is more than an ordinary greeting this year. It is evidence of our gratitude to the folks who have lived before us, who have made this Christmas of priceless happiness possible.

In this spirit we send our sincere good wishes for you and all those dear to you. May this Holiday time be one of joy and happiness to you and yours.



HAPPY New Year

HARMON FUNERAL HOME
F. C. Harmon Ralph Hammonds

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Jackson Observe 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Jackson observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday with an open house from 2 to 5 p. m. Many friends called during the afternoon at the open house entertainment. Miss Myrtis Meadow presided at the guests register. Mrs. A. B. Clark and Mrs. Elton Goen served punch and cookies.

All of the children were present for the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Clark and family, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Goen, all of Floydada; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McPhaul and Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Pittman, Lubbock; and Mrs. Edgar Tarpley and family, of Clovis, New Mexico; one son, Lewis Jackson and family, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.



Old Fashioned Greetings to You, One and All

May your Christmas be merry, your tree laden with good things, and your happiness in the heart of your family unending! Simple pleasures of the old fashioned, home-spun variety are still most enjoyable at Christmas time, even in this streamlined age. So in the modern manner, with old fashioned sincerity we say, "Merry, merry Christmas."

A. J. CLINE
MAGNOLIA SERVICE
STATION No. 1

Funeral Services Held for Mrs. Docia Lenora Rhoades

Last rites were held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the First Methodist Church for Mrs. Docia Lenora Rhoades, age 88 years, who passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. L. Griggs, at 202 North 12th street, Friday, December 19, 1941. Rev. R. T. Breedlove, pastor of the First Methodist Church, conducted the services, assisted by Ben D. Johnston, of Lubbock. Interment was made in Floydada Cemetery with Harmon Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Rhoades was born February 16, 1853, and was married to J. M. Rhoades in 1877 at Wolf City, Texas. Deceased is survived by two daughters, Mrs. J. L. Griggs, Floydada, and Mrs. R. W. Gregston, of Duncan, Oklahoma; three sons, W. J. Rhoades, Floydada; M. C. and O. C. Rhoades, of Wolf City, Texas; one brother, Walter Craig, Hoburg, Missouri.

'American Eagle' Play Presented at Sandhill

"American Eagle" will be served with all the trimmings in Sandhill Auditorium Thursday night, Christmas night. If you like a real modern mystery we challenge you to use your wits and pick out the two German spies out of the sixteen characters who might be guilty of the two murders and sabotage during the two hours of action. Colored lights from high powered spot lights that are second to none will feature Miss Dorothy Ann Dooley giving the Patriotic reading that won high praise all over this section in the "My Home Town for Defense" contest.

Mrs. Truitt McClung will sing: "Any Bonds Today." Miss Charlene Fulkerson will sing: "The Shepherd Serenade". Christmas songs by the cast and special music over a public address system will round out one of the best and most modern evenings of entertainment we have given since 1924.

We ask that you not miss "American Eagle" for who knows what may happen before Christmas 1942?
ED HOLMES.

VISITING IN KENTUCKY

R. C. Covington left Saturday for Kentucky where he will visit for a month with his sisters. At Auburn he will visit Mrs. Gene White, and at Russellville he will visit Mrs. Snowd Hill.

ON TRIP TO FLORIDA

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Jenkins and daughter, Miss Ruth, left Sunday morning for a ten days trip to Pan City, Florida, where they will spend the holidays visiting their son and brother, Major Dan Jenkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tye, of Amarillo, visited over the week end with Mrs. Tye's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Harmon, Jr., of Dallas, are spending the holidays with Mr. Harmon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Harmon.

Miss LaNell Harmon, of Canyon, is home for the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Harmon.

Edward and James Wester, of Denton, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wester.

BANQUET PLANS FOR FOOTBALL BOYS UNDER WAY

Plans are underway for the annual football banquet which will be held January 10 in honor of the 1941 Whirlwinds.

The football boys decided that the high school faculty, the Floydada district trustees, the band, the yell leaders, the members of the team, and their dates would be the guests to attend the banquet in the ward school gym.

Miss Reba Copeland, pep sponsor, asked that all dates and names of persons who will attend the banquet, be turned in to her or the date committee, which will be appointed later.

Football jackets and sweaters will be presented to the boys at the banquet if they arrive in time.

9x12 Axminster rugs as low as \$25.00. F. C. Harmon. 2-1tc

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Novel Decorations Enliven Appearance Of Christmas Tree

Before pulling out the old box of ornaments used for trimming the Christmas tree for the past several years, it is a good idea to plan some other decoration which will make the tree different than it ever was before. An occasional change from the old familiar design will do much to brighten up the room.

One novel arrangement is to imitate the snow-draped trees of the forest as closely as possible. Trim the tree all in white with popcorn necklaces, tissue paper snow balls, white glass ornaments and frosted white lights. The effectiveness of this color will be increased if green wreaths with red berries are used about the room.

A graceful pine tree trimmed lavishly all in gold ornaments has a fine formal grandeur about it and is particularly distinguished in certain rooms. In contrast to this a tree trimmed entirely with red and white lights and red and white striped candy canes is very young and informal in heart.

Little pleated paper fans made of Christmas wrapping paper help to "fill" a big tree inexpensively if glass balls and other ornaments are lacking. It is also interesting to add local interest by hanging articles found in the vicinity, such as unusual sea shells, or huge pine cones, or curious burrs and pods which are gilded to improve their appearance.

Miniature trees are attractive, too, especially when they're spangled with beads and shiny jewelry from the five and ten.

Sweetheart to All



Her name is on everybody's lips, from London to Seattle, but this girl from Evansville, Ind., isn't a bit boastful. She is Mary Christmas, and she's everybody's sweetheart now.

Gaily Wrapped Gifts Promote Christmas Spirit

Festive wrappings make the difference between a gift for Christmas and something that might turn up at any time of the year. They express the glamour of the season, the spirit of Christmas giving and the extra measure of good cheer.

Those who wait till the last minute to buy their presents find it best to depend upon bright and gay wrapping papers and glittering ribbon. If the patterns of these papers are selected thoughtfully, something individual can be found for each gift.

Others who obtain their presents a little in advance of Christmas will have time to wrap each gift as a personal greeting in itself. There are a number of ways to give each gift wrapping a different personality.

DEMURE—A square box wrapped in pink foil paper with a round lace paper doilie pasted on the top, and in the center of the doilie a bouquet of flower stickers.

YOUNG—For a big box wrap in heavy white paper, then cut out green paper in Christmas tree shape and trim it lavishly with Christmas seals.

SPANGLED—Wrap a square box in blue foil paper and spangle it all over with silver stars.

FROSTY—Shiny green wrapping paper spattered with white paper snowflakes will have a wintry glitter.

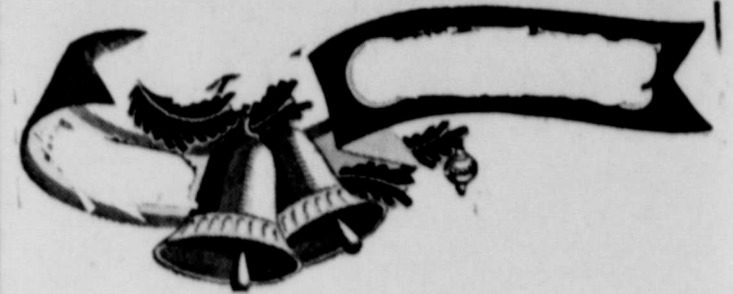
JOLLY—For the young fry, a gift of handkerchiefs is made doubly interesting if they're rolled up and tied around the middle with white yarn arms, a little broom and a black cardboard hat—to look like a snow-man.

RIPE—Wrap in white paper, tied with green ribbon and, instead of a bow, a bunch of bright cherries from the five-and-ten.

FRIVOLOUS—Wrap the package in green foil paper, tie with white satin ribbon and a "bouquet" of small white plumes.

MUSICAL—Wrap with brilliant blue foil paper, tie with silver ribbon with a cascade of little jingle bells instead of a bow.

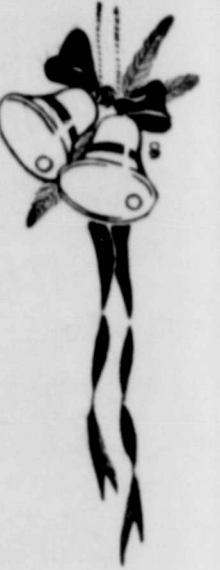
A GARDENER'S GIFT—Wrap in flowered paper, tie with green ribbon and add a decorative seal.



A Joyous Yuletide

As we express the Season's Greetings at this happy Christmastime, we pledge to strive to maintain this same spirit of thoughtful service all the days of the coming year.

Our sincere thanks for your patronage and our assurance that it is our purpose to merit its continuance.



Consumers Fuel Ass'n

OUR WISH FOR YOU...



A genuine "Merry Christmas to All" . . . our friends and customers. Pleasant times like Christmas always remind us of the pleasure we have had in the privilege of doing business with you. May good luck attend your every wish this Christmas! And may holiday good cheer brighten the hours of this glorious season!

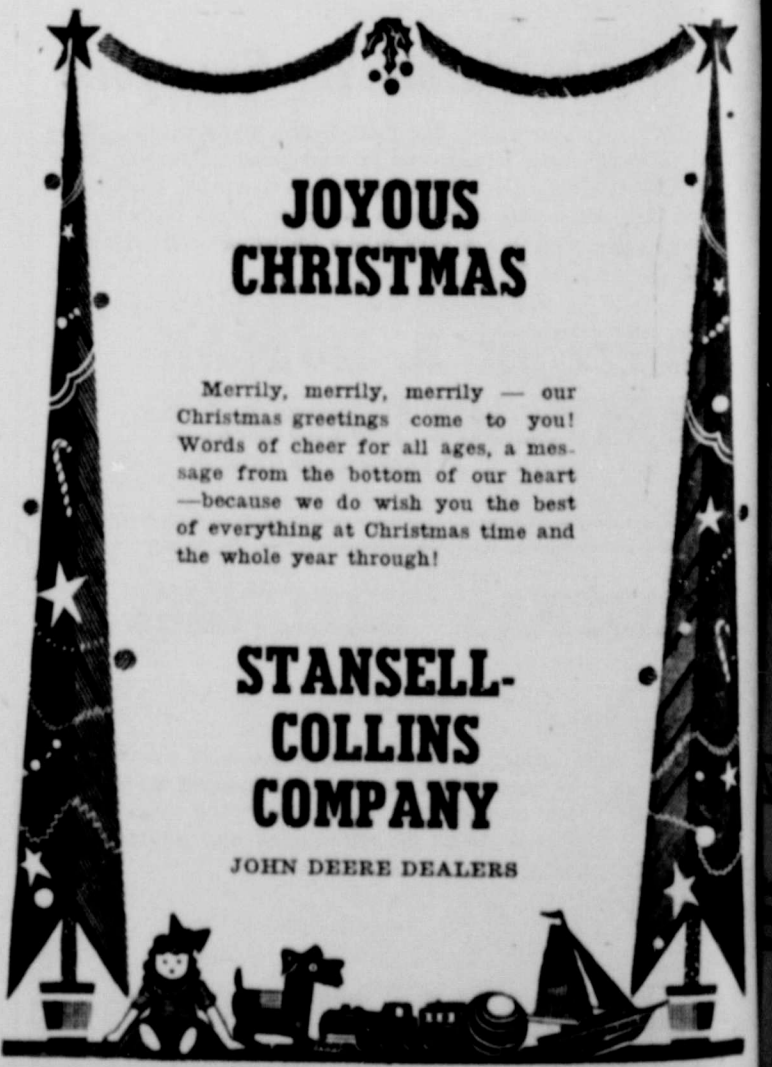
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JOYOUS CHRISTMAS

Merrily, merrily, merrily — our Christmas greetings come to you! Words of cheer for all ages, a message from the bottom of our heart — because we do wish you the best of everything at Christmas time and the whole year through!

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Phone 289

The Panhandle Refining Company and all the employees join in wishing for you the most enjoyable Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous 1942. We have enjoyed serving you during the past year and hope that we may continue to deserve your patronage. Our resolution is to serve you better with Panhandle Products and U. S. Tires during the coming year.



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Floyd County Plainsman will be gladly corrected upon its being
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As a small token of our high esteem for the people whom we
we, we send these words of Greetings. We place an immeasur-
value on your friendship and trust that we may merit its
continuance.

We renew our pledge of the service which we constantly strive
to render; and take this occasion to send you our very best wishes:
a happy Christmas and a New Year filled with all the good
things of life.

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**Peace on Earth
Good Will to
Men**

These simple words—this simple
wish—has very deep significance
this year. We know it is the hope
highest in all hearts this Christmas
time, so in greeting all our friends
we re-express this message with the
sincerity of a prayer: Peace on
Earth, Good Will to Men.

**FINKNER'S
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**A Merry Christmas
to All**

The entire personnel of this firm, which has faithfully en-
dored to serve you during the year, join in wishing everyone a
HAPPY and MERRY CHRISTMAS. May 1942 be a year of in-
creasing prosperity for all.

STAR CASH GROCERY

**A Burglar
for
Christmas**
by Roland Flagel

IT WAS midnight on Christ-
mas Eve. Seven-year-old
Jack, having baffled the sand-
man since eight o'clock,
tossed back the covers and
crept downstairs.

Now, at long last, he would
learn the truth about Santa
Claus. Man or myth? Chim-
ney sweeper or a lovable old
red-nosed gentleman?

When the clock struck one Jack
was still sitting patiently in the chair
by the fireplace, watching the em-
bers glow and wane. Tinsel on the
nearby Christmas tree glistened. It
was all very exciting, but where was
Kris Kringle?

The noise Jack heard a moment
later might have been Santa but it
didn't come from the chimney.

Quickly the boy jumped back in
the shadows while he heard the din-
ing room window raise slowly. A
gush of cold air, heavy footsteps,
and then Jack heard the window
close.

Frightened, he crept forward un-
til he could see where blue moon-
light filtered into the dining room.
There Jack saw—not Santa Claus
but a masked burglar, systematic-
ly looting the silverware!

Seconds later his softly slipped
feet carried the lad upstairs into
his parents' bedroom. The boy shook
his father.

"Dad!" he whispered loudly, eyes
blazing. "Dad! Wake up!"

"Grrrmmph," came the sleepy
answer.

"A burglar, Dad! Wake up! Call
the police!"

Not waiting, Jack reached for the
bedside telephone himself. His moth-
er still slumbered.

"Operator?" he asked. "Send the
police over to our house right away!
There's a burglar downstairs!"

By that time it was out of Jack's
hands. His parents were wide
awake now, clinging to their hero



Jack reached for the telephone
himself.

son and listening. During the next
two minutes they heard a stark
drama—downstairs the dining room
window opened and closed. In the
distance, growing ever nearer, was
the hum of a motor which they
knew would be the police car.

They heard it stop outside. Then
came a shout, "Stop thief!" A brief
scuffle, and they knew the burglar
was captured.

Next morning Jack was awakened
by his father.

"Son," he began, eyes twinkling,
"I forgot to ask last night how you
happened to hear that burglar."

Jack blushed.
"I was downstairs, Dad, waiting
for Santa Claus. Wanted to see if
he really does come on Christmas
eve."

His father laughed heartily.
"But Jack!" he protested. "Don't
you know that Santa Claus never
comes when little boys and girls are
watching? I'll bet he's been here by
this time, though. Let's go see!"

Downstairs Jack's surprise was di-
vided between two equally fascinat-
ing subjects. Around the Christmas
tree were more presents than he'd
ever seen before, including a brand
new bicycle!

But off to one side was a jolly
looking, blue-uniformed policeman.

"Sonny," the copper began. "That
burglar you captured last night was
'Lightning Pete,' a most notorious
souse breaker."

Jack's jaw dropped.

"Best of all," the policeman con-
tinued, "there's a \$500 reward for
his capture, and it all belongs to
you. Here's the check."

Jack could barely say "Thank
you," so amazed was he.

"I guess," he finally mumbled,
"that Santa Claus is wearing a blue
uniform this year."

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ridge

**Ham & Eggs
for
Christmas**
by RAY PARKS

FRESH snow crunched un-
der Dick Wright's shoes
as he stomped into the wait-
ing room.

Old Peter was still there,
still minding his telegraph
key as he had when Dick was
a boy. But now it was Christ-
mas; now Dick was home
from the city, a successful young
architect.

As he walked up to old Peter's
grilled ticket window, Dick recalled
the last time he stood in this station.
Two and a half years ago, it was
the day after Jean had left for New
York in search of a career.

"Just can't stand Marysville," she
had told him. "You'll understand,
Dick, won't you?"

He had forgotten as best he could.
Nothing in Marysville for him then,
either. There had been a quick de-
cision, a closing of half-open doors,
a tearful good-bye to his parents and
then—off to the city. It was odd
how a blow like that could give a
fellow determination. Today, just
30 months later, he was coming back
home with a career already carved
out.

Old Pete looked up from his sheaf
of train orders.

"Well, Richard!" he cried. "Glad
to see you, boy, and a Merry Christ-
mas! Your folks know you're com-
in'?"

"Merry Christmas to you, Pete!"
Dick answered. It was nice, at
that, to see a familiar face. "Mind
if I use your 'phone? I caught an
early train and Dad wasn't expect-
ing me until tonight."

A few minutes later the old fam-
ily car was carrying him home. His
Dad looked older, and a mite wor-



"Heard from Jean, son?" he asked.

ried. Something was on his mind.
"Heard from Jean, son?" he final-
ly asked.

"No, Pop," he answered truthfully.
The house loomed up ahead now.

"Why do you ask?"
"Oh, just wonderin', son, that's
all. Forget it. There's Mother wavin'
in' at us up yonder!"

But Dick couldn't forget it. Marys-
ville and Jean were like ham and
eggs. He thought about her when he
stopped at the drugstore that night—
they used to drink sodas there.

Maybe Dick was looking for more
of those memories next morning
when he started out alone on skis
for Murray's hill. They used to
play there in the winter, he and
Jean.

"Forget it, you imbecile!" he
snapped at himself. "That's a closed
chapter in your life!"

It was a couple of hours later that
he saw her. Skiing down Murray's
hill for the last time he rounded
Horseshoe bend to find Jean direct-
ly in his path! There was a shriek,
a thud, and then four feet sticking
out of a snowdrift.

"Jean!" he cried, unstrapping his
skis and running to help her. "Are
you hurt?"

It was rather unromantic, per-
haps, pulling her out feet first. But
she laughed at him and fell down
again, pulling him after her.

"You're going to get your face
washed for that, Mr. Wright," she
cried.

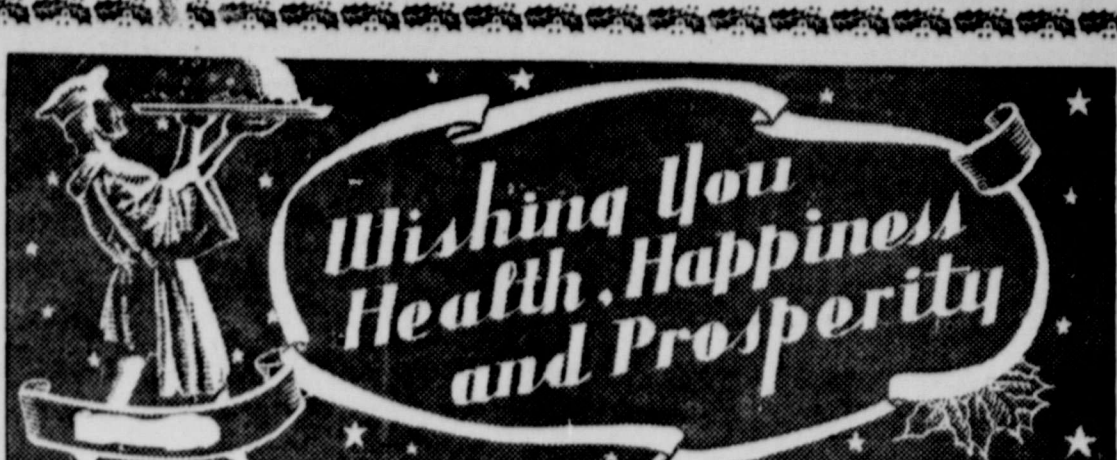
He came up sputtering to find her
suddenly serious.

"Dick dear," she said, "I was
wrong. Mother wrote that you'd be
home for Christmas and—well, I
had to come too. It's you and
Marysville that I want, not New
York. This morning when I saw
you going past our house, I some-
how knew that I should go with you.
Not just today, Dick, but always!"

It was like ham and eggs, Dick
thought, only the next day was
Christmas—and Christmas meant
turkey!

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Beginning of the New Year
Various dates were used in differ-
ent countries, for the beginning of a
year, but America followed the Eng-
lish custom of using the date of
most early Christian countries—
about the beginning of the ecclesi-
astical year. The Gregorian calen-
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