



TODAY'S WEATHER

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Peace, Unity Themes For Yule Of '63

Thousands of pilgrims flocked to the grotto of Christ's birth in Bethlehem today as Christians prepared to celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace.

Christians will observe the Nativity with midnight religious services, family reunions and feasting. Pope Paul VI in his first Christmas message pleaded for peace and unity on earth.

Bethlehem Crowded For Celebration

BETHLEHEM (AP)—Crowded just as it was the day Christ was born, Bethlehem prepared to celebrate Christmas with a majestic procession to the oldest church in Christendom and a modest ceremony beneath the stars.

Thousands of pilgrims from around the world flocked to the Holy Land. Two hundred Jordanian police were assigned to special duty with army desert troops in Manger Square outside Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity.

In Washington, President Johnson prepared to fly to Texas to spend the Christmas holiday with his family at his ranch.

Loudspeakers Monday night wafted carol music across the stone-paved square lit by garish neon lights, an electric sign reading "Welcome to Bethlehem" and the bright bulbs of the municipal Christmas tree.

CHEER FUND AT \$1,170.05

The CHRISTMAS CHEER FUND was being closed out Tuesday, and the total stood at \$1,170.05. While this is a lower sum than in previous years, it should defray expenses of toy repair and Christmas basket delivery.

- AMONGST: Dan S. Pack 137, Cub Scouts \$ 5.00; Edgar Phillips \$ 1.41; A. Methodist Church Member \$ 1.00; Mrs. John Hodges \$ 5.00; Mrs. Anne Starn \$ 1.00; Mrs. Vera Shortes \$ 5.00; Charles Eberly \$ 10.00; Mark Reeves, Pack 137 \$ 1.14; Perry Jackson, Pack 137 \$ 1.37; P. J. Robinson \$ 138.27; TOTAL TODAY \$1170.05

Quints Home At Christmas

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP)—Five pink babies, cozy in their own beds at home, will be the best Christmas present for Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Fischer.

NO PAPER WEDNESDAY

In order that employes may enjoy Christmas Day with their families, The Herald will not have an edition Wednesday. This is the one full holiday of the year that the newspaper observes.

Next regular delivery of your Herald will be Thursday afternoon.

Your newspaper and all those associated with its production and distribution wish you a Merry Christmas.

Safeway Store Robbed; Officers Seek Two Men

Police were combing the city today for two men who forced a Safeway store manager to open his safe late Monday, then took in excess of \$5,000 and fled into the night.

Record Greetings

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—The U.N. Children's Fund sold a record number of 13 million greeting cards in the United States for the 1963 season. The cards and 175,000 calendars brought a gross income of \$2.2 million, an increase of 22.2 per cent over last year.

House Approves Aid Compromise At Dawn



Gov. John Connally of Texas, right, and Secretary of State Crawford Martin, certify results of Dec. 17 special congressional election at a midnight meeting in the governor's mansion in Austin. The officials met to conduct the vote canvass so that J. J. (Jake) Pickle, who won the 10th congressional seat, could vote on the foreign aid bill today. Results were wired to Speaker of the House and Pickle was sworn in this morning. (AP WIREPHOTO)

Johnson Given Wheat Go-Ahead

WASHINGTON (AP)—In an unprecedented Christmas Eve daybreak session, the House passed and sent to the Senate today a compromise \$3-billion foreign-aid appropriation bill giving the President authority to guarantee credit for private wheat sales to Russia.

The roll call vote that ended a long weekend of bickering over the bill was 189 to 139. It was a victory for President Johnson and a defeat for House Republicans who once had beaten the proposal.

FOR RECESS The action cleared the way for a general exodus of members for a recess until the next session on Jan. 7.

WHEAT SALE The authority given the President to negotiate sales of wheat or other products to Communist nations would, in effect, take the risk out of private loans it would allow the President, if he determines it to be in the national interest, to use Export-Import Bank finances to guarantee the loans.

JOHNSON PLEA In pleading for this authority, Johnson had said he wanted it before Congress adjourned.

U.S. Flocks To Highways The tradition of "Let's go home for Christmas" drew millions of Americans to the streets and highways today.

Survivors Charge Liner's Crew Panicked In Boats

FUNCHAL, Madeira (AP)—Some survivors of the Lakonia cruise ship disaster charged on arrival in port here today that the Greek liner crew panicked, discipline cracked and that passengers had to take charge of the lifeboats.

There was praise, however, for the Argentine rescue ship Salta, which docked here with 475 survivors—307 passengers and 168 crew members.

Without disclosing exactly how it arrived at the figure, the spokesman said the line's total of known survivors rose to 921.

THE STRICKEN Lakonia, which caught fire shortly before midnight Sunday, was still burning 150 miles north of Madeira.

DALLAS TO BEGIN City Bus Runs DALLAS (AP)—The City of Dallas will start operating its own transit system on New Year's Day with equipment purchased from the Dallas Transit Co. for \$5.5 million.

OIL PRODUCTION TULSA, Okla. (AP)—United States crude oil and lease condensate production dropped 24,765 barrels daily last week.

Don't Be A 52-Timer

A 52-timer is a Herald reader who has trouble every week digging up change for his newsboy. On the other hand, a ONE-TIMER is a Herald reader who sends in his check to have the paper delivered to his door for all of 1964, and never worries about it again.

NEVER BEFORE As far as modern records go, the House never before has held a business session on the day before Christmas. Nor has it ever started a session as early as 7 a.m.

PICKLE TAKES HOUSE SEAT WASHINGTON (AP)—Texas' newest congressman, J. J. (Jake) Pickle, was solemnly sworn in as a member of the House today.

GETTYSBURG ADDRESS One of the most treasured of the American Historical Documents offered in the current Herald series goes on sale this week.

U.S. FLOCKS TO HIGHWAYS Many braved intense cold, poor visibility, early morning and late afternoon darkness, slick pavements and other driving hazards for gay reunions at family hearths.

NO DRILLS Arthur George of Norwich, England, said no lifeboat drill had been held during the liner's three days at sea and the flames in his boat didn't work.

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'Operation Deathwatch' Seeks To Reduce Texas Traffic Toll

MIDLAND — Major Leo E. Gossett, commander of the 49th county Midland Region of the Texas Department of Public Safety, called upon all individual motorists for assistance to help reduce the 96 traffic deaths that have been estimated to die during the Department's Operation Deathwatch for the coming Christmas-New Year holiday season.

Accident experience in our Region and statewide statistics indicate a majority of the fatal accidents in 1963 have involved only one car. Speed too fast for conditions, driving while drinking, and driving while fatigued are the principle causes of these one-car accidents. Each individual driver must accept the responsibility for the safe operation of his own vehicle in addition to watching out for the "other fellow."

Operation Deathwatch will begin at 12:01 a.m., December 24th and end at 11:59 p.m. January 1, 1964. During this period 180 violent deaths have been estimated to occur, 96 in traffic, 40 suicides and homicides, and

44 other accidental deaths not connected with traffic.

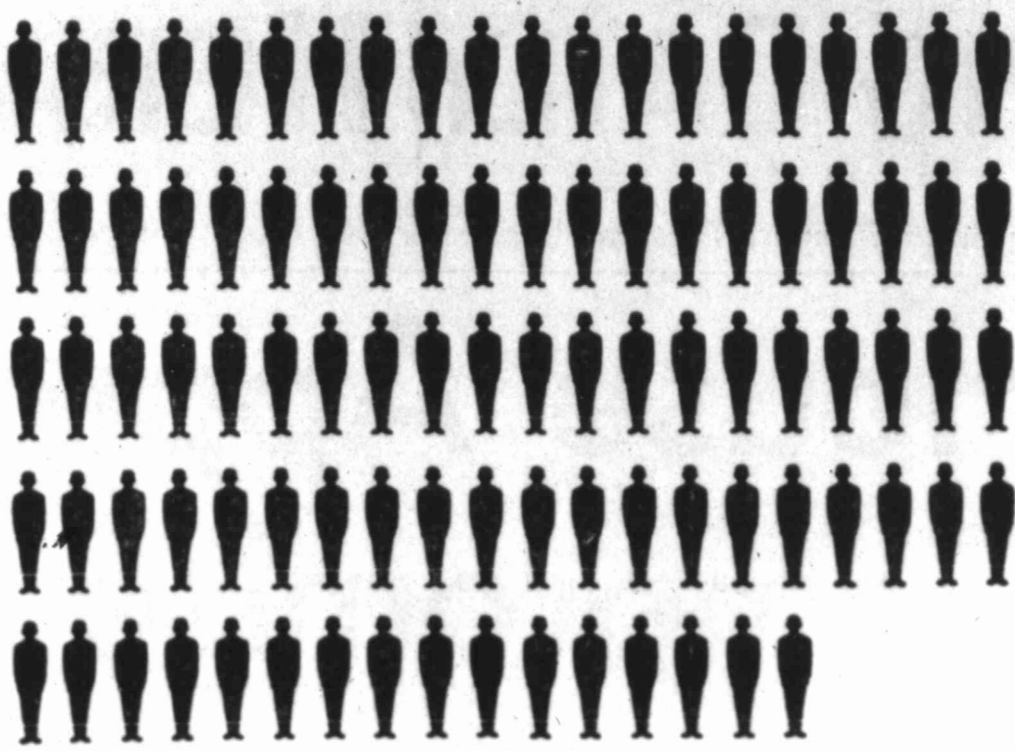
"Operation Deathwatch is a rather unpleasant task for us, especially for this season of the year, but the very nature of our job makes this task ours and we will be doing all we possibly can to keep these deaths to a minimum," Gossett stated.

"The Highway Patrol Service will be joined by uniformed enforcement personnel from the License and Weight and Motor Vehicle Inspection Services in order to increase our traffic law enforcement efforts during this nine day period," Gossett explained. "This action will add 24 enforcement units to our traffic supervision efforts. Safety education personnel will be working throughout this period with all news media, attempting to keep the motoring public informed of conditions and to secure their voluntary compliance with all traffic laws," he added.

"Therefore we are asking that each motorist aid us in every way possible so this season can be enjoyed by all as it is intended," Maj. Gossett said.

OPERATION "DEATHWATCH"

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"DEATHBOARDS," such as the one shown above, will be used to tabulate the terrible toll of traffic fatalities during the Christmas-New Year holiday period. The Texas Department of Public Safety estimates that 96 persons will be killed in traffic accidents in the state during the period beginning at 12:01 a.m., December 24, and ending at 11:59 p.m., January 1, 1964. The DPS has issued a special appeal to Texans to do their part in proving that the estimate is too high, simply by driving with extra care and observing traffic laws.



DEAR ABBY

Learning The Hard Way

DEAR ABBY: My best friend and I work together. There was a good-looking policeman who used to talk to us on our break, and my girl friend fell in love with this man. He is married and has several children. He and his family are moving out of the city, and now my girl friend is planning to quit her job and try to find one where he is going. She says she realizes that he is not free to marry her, but she can't live without being near him. I am trying to talk her out of it but am not having very much luck. I hate to see her hurt. If I send you her address, will you write to her and tell her she is heading for trouble?

A FRIEND
DEAR FRIEND: If she won't listen to you, she won't listen to me. Some people have to learn the hard way. And the tragedy of this kind of learning is that so many innocent people must pay the tuition.

DEAR ABBY: I married a man who had a 14-year-old daughter. (His wife died two years before). We've been married a year and this girl addresses me as "my STEPMOTHER," with the most emphatic and insulting accent on the "step" that you could ever imagine. When she speaks of me to others, she refers to me as "my father's wife." Please tell me how I am supposed to feel. I have bent over backwards trying to be a good mother. HURT
DEAR HURT: Small wonder you are "hurt." The girl's hostilities are running out of her mouth. She probably would resent any woman who married her father, so don't take it personally. Continue to be the best mother possible, and ask your husband's advice on this thorny problem.

DEAR ABBY: I am sitting home again tonight while my husband is at his garage, five miles away, overhauling his hot rod. He works every night until two and three in the morning. He won't let me go to the garage with him because he says "the boys" come over and he doesn't want me there. I work downtown six days a week. Most of the time he doesn't come home for dinner and I never get to see him. We get along fine when we're together and we love each other very much. He would just rather work on his hot rod than be with me. He's not a teen-ager. He is 26 and I am 23. What should I do?
LONESOME
DEAR LONESOME: You had better start overhauling your marriage before it conks out. Tell "Hot Rod 26" that unless he budgets his attention better between you and his other love,

It's the checkered flag for your marriage-go-round.

DEAR ABBY: I have four children but the little one takes up more of my time than any of the others. You see, she was born with an incomplete stomach (it wasn't fully developed) and she has had six operations already and she isn't even three years old. Well, I have to get up in the night with her many times, and I don't get much sleep. I try to catch a little nap in the afternoons because she sleeps for about an hour then. This friend of mine comes to visit me every afternoon without fail. She is a widow, is lonely and has nowhere else to go. She keeps me from my nap, but I can't tell her not to come or she will be hurt. What can I do?
NO SLEEP
DEAR NO: You are mistaken. A real friend would appreciate your telling her.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I dine out often. She likes a second cup of coffee. When I ask the waitress for more coffee, she brings the pot over and starts to pour the coffee into the first cup. So then I say, "Please bring the lady a CLEAN cup," and she gives me a dirty look and says, "The lady HAS a clean cup. Nobody else used it." I am always polite. I tip well and never demand any special service. So what do I say to a waitress who gives me a sarcastic answer like this?
A MAN IN MANHATTAN
DEAR MAN: When requesting a second cup, say, "Please bring the lady a FRESH cup of coffee." And if the waitress is also fresh, you should see the manager.

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The Pre-Eminent Christ

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Christ is also preeminent in nature (his other book), "for by Him were all things created" (Col. 1:16).

Christ is preeminent in scholarship, in authorship, in art and in music. While he was without formal education, the scholars of the world stand in awe of his wisdom and knowledge. His teaching has never been fully mastered. He wrote nothing while on earth, yet His sayings have been written in more than 1,000 languages; and more words have been written



St. Luke's Gospel Has Doctor's Touch Of Detail

A doctor's devotion to his patient was responsible for one of the most painstakingly detailed historical works extant, the Gospel according to St. Luke.

Luke was a physician of Antioch when Paul came to him as a patient. Luke, the son of former slaves, had learned a profession which gave him instant Roman citizenship and prestige.

According to Greek scholars, Luke first tried to dissuade Paul from undertaking his torturous journeys. As a physician he believed that Paul's health was not good enough. When Paul insisted upon going, Luke closed his flourishing office and accompanied the missionary to watch over his health.

Luke must have found Paul fascinating. He decided to write about his patient. But with scholarly dedication, he knew he could not begin with Paul. Paul traveled to tell of Jesus Christ. It was Luke's first task, then, to write of Jesus.

At every opportunity Luke investigated Paul's story. He visited the holy places and spoke



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Cemetery Lot Cost Skyrockets Here

Costs for cemetery openings and lots at the city cemetery have skyrocketed within the past 2 1/2 years. Increases ranged to 30 per cent for infant grave openings and to 500 per cent for adult lots.

The most recent raise occurred last Thursday when City Commissioners approved a boost to \$150 for inside lots and \$175 for outside lots. Grave openings were hiked to \$75 for adults and \$30 for infants.

The previous raise occurred in April, 1961, according to Parks Director Johnnie Johansen. It was included in the city budget recommendations of March, 1961, and went into effect the following April.

Changes approved then were: inside lots, from \$25 to \$60; outside lots, from \$35 to \$70; grave openings on weekdays, from \$15 to \$30; openings on Sundays, from \$17.50 to \$35; vault openings on weekdays, from \$20 to \$40; vault openings on Sundays, from \$22.50 to \$45.

In other words, lot prices have increased from \$25 to \$150 for inside lots and from \$35 to \$175 for outside lots in

less than three years. Grave openings increased from \$15 to \$75 for adults during the same period, and openings for infants were hiked from \$15 to \$30.

The recent action of the commission provides for a permanent care cemetery and sets the stage for an agreement between the city and the Masonic and IOOF Lodges for care of the burial grounds.

Commissioners also approved a charge of seven cents per square inch for marker settings, thus ensuring that markers will be sufficiently level to allow mowing machines to pass over them.

F. J. Flynn Dies

Word has been received here of the death of Frank J. Flynn on Dec. 13 at Kansas City, Mo. Mr. Flynn was bookkeeper for the P&G Grocery here many years ago. Mrs. Flynn is the former Abby Pattie, whom he married here.



Orphan Girls Hear Christmas Story

Eleanor Schaefer, 12 (right), oldest of the seven orphaned Schaefer sisters of Levittown, Pa., reads the Christmas story yesterday as the girls looked forward to another Christmas together. The girls were orphaned two years ago when their mother died in childbirth and their father, George Schaefer, was killed two months later in an auto crash. Six of the girls (from left) Pamela, 4; Janice, 6; Marie, 7; Barbara, 9; Linda, 10, and Eleanor, 12, live with their grandmother, Mrs. Kate Schaefer. The youngest, Georgette, 2 (right foreground) spends a lot of time with an aunt in nearby Philadelphia. (AP WIREPHOTO)

GOREN ON BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN
(To 1963. By The Chicago Tribune)
East-West vulnerable. West deals

NORTH
▲ K J 8 7
♥ 2
♦ K J 10 6
▲ A K 9 3

WEST **EAST**
▲ Q 4 3 ♥ A
♥ Q 9 5 4 2 ♥ 10 8 7 6
♦ 8 5 4 ♦ A Q 7
♣ J 6 ♣ Q 8 7 5 4

SOUTH
▲ 10 9 6 5 2
♥ A K J
♦ 9 3 2
♣ 10 2

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass 1 ♣ Pass 1 ♠
Pass 2 ♠ Pass 4 ♠
Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Jack of ♠

A brilliant defensive maneuver by East in today's hand resulted in the defeat of a contract that appeared to be iron-clad. The game contract in spades was reached in more or less routine fashion. North opened quite conventionally, with the suit below the singleton. South responded naturally enough with one spade and North offered a double raise. The North hand is valued at 18 points in support of a spade contract, and justifies this aggressive maneuver. South, of course, carried on to game.

Declarer took West's opening lead of the jack of clubs with dummy's king. The closed hand was entered with the ace of hearts to permit declarer to lead the ten of spades. When West played low, the dummy followed with the seven and East was in with the ace.

East was looking at two diamond tricks in his own hand

provided that he could obtain a lead thru North's holding. This plus the ace of trumps brought his total to three. From the appearance of the dummy it looked as if the only hope for a fourth trick was in finding his partner with a singleton club. East was all set to try for a ruff by returning a small club when he observed another prospect.

Declarer had not led trumps from the dummy, but had carefully entered his hand with a spade play. This strongly suggested that West rather than South held the queen of spades. With dummy's heart removed, declarer had no quick reentry to his hand, and East saw a way to establish a trump trick for his partner even if West had started with two clubs.

Instead of returning a small club, East exited with the queen forcing North to win the trick with the ace. If declarer tried to get back to his hand by ruffing a club, West would overruff with the queen of spades. Similarly, if he played a diamond, East would be in, to make the club play for his partner. Sensing what was taking place, South cashed dummy's king of trumps in an effort to drop the queen. West got out, however, and when he got in with the high spade he shifted to a diamond which gave the defenders two more tricks.

Observers that, if East returns any club but the ten of clubs he is in. South's ten of clubs will hold the trick and permit him to draw the remaining trump by taking another finesse thru West. By playing the queen of clubs, East put the lethal touch to declarer's aspirations.

New Economic Role Seen For Railroads In 1964

By DOWNING B. JENKS
The railroads are a growth industry, with their new economic role marked by aggressive competition and a high degree of customer-oriented service. This is attributable to new and better equipment, service improvements and more effective selling and pricing techniques.

The Missouri Pacific and its majority-owned subsidiaries will spend more than \$5,000,000 in 1964 for new equipment, better roadway and other improved facilities. This will bring investment in capital improvements to more than \$150,000,000 in the three-year period, 1962-1964.

NEW STOCK
In this period, the Missouri Pacific has added more than 5,000 new freight cars and 206 new locomotives to its equipment fleet, accompanied by extensive improvements to track, yards, shops, and other operating facilities.

The new cars being purchased are largely specialized to meet

the requirements of shippers for equipment capable of handling commodities faster, safer and more economically. They are bringing new concepts in freight handling and distribution.

At the same time, 97 per cent of the railroad's freight cars were in good repair and available for service during 1963, one of the best records for car maintenance among the nation's railroads. Major shop and freight yard construction programs are under way at many points on the MoPac.

NEW SHOP
Building of a new centralized air brake shop, a new centralized wheel shop and a diesel engine overhaul assembly line were all started in 1963 at North Little Rock, Ark., and will be completed this year.

Modernization of the railroad's major freight car repair shop, at DeSoto, Mo., was also begun last year and will be completed during 1964, and a new, modern facility is being provided for the service and per-

formance of running repairs at the main passenger car terminal in Sedalia, Mo.

A new repair shop and expanded yard facilities are being built at South San Antonio, Texas, a new yard is being built at Corpus Christi and a new freight house and car cleaning facilities are under way at Kansas City.

The nation's first automated railroad freight handling facility was completed at MoPac's Miller Street Freight House, St. Louis, in 1963, and is now in full operation. One new passenger station was built at Holsington, Kansas, and another is being built and relocated in Shreveport.

While full operating results are not yet available for 1963, it is indicated that carloadings, gross revenues and net income all will exceed those of 1962, and the outlook is for a further modest increase this year, barring unforeseen circumstances.

BETTER SERVICE

Service improvements were progressed on several fronts during the past year. Trains are maintaining faster and more dependable schedules. Highly flexible service is being provided through the use of all five piggyback plans, a wide variety of new types of cars, a container service and the railroad's trucking subsidiaries.

Pricing of service remains under constant study through market analysis, with encouraging results coming from in-

Contributions Pour In For Slain Game Warden

ORANGE (AP)—Contributions totaling \$3,575 have been received for the family of game warden J. D. Murphree of Orange, slain Dec. 1 as he tried to arrest a game violator.

Funds for the Murphree family were started in Orange, Beaumont and Vidor. The drive became statewide when the Sportsmen's Clubs of Texas, Inc., of Austin, sent out an appeal for donations from its members.

Murphree, 33, father of three, was reported shot as he attempted to make an arrest in a Jasper County back-water duck roost.

A youth, reportedly duck hunting after legal hours, was charged in the shooting.

Mrs. Murphree will receive equivalent of one year's pay

from the state. The Murphrees had no insurance.

Donations may be sent to "The J. D. Murphree Fund," Orange National Bank, Box 969, Orange, Tex.

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A Devotional For The Day

Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. (Luke 2:10)
PRAYER: O God, we pray that we may find Christ. May He be the bright center in our lives which have in them dark experiences from time to time. Forgive our sins and bless us with Thy forgiveness and love. In Jesus' name. Amen.
(From The 'Upper Room')

... On Earth, Peace, Good Will

In accordance with a Christmas Eve custom of many years' standing, The Herald carries the glorious story of peace on earth and good will toward men as contained in the first 14 verses of the Gospel, according to Saint Luke:

And it came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went from Galilee, out of the city of David which is Bethlehem.

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her first born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone around about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them: Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all the people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



IF HE'D ONLY GET THE SPIRIT

Sam Dawson

Firmer Interest Seen After January Lull

NEW YORK (AP) — Interest rate juggling between sections of the nation and between competing savings institutions is bolstering the general firming of interest after the traditional January lull.

Yields on savings are being raised now to 4.25 per cent or higher by some New York savings banks and some savings and loan associations in Florida. But ... California, where the rates are still highest, some say they'll cut back Jan. 1 from 5 per cent to 4.85 per cent. Most commercial banks are held by federal regulations to 4 per cent.

Hal Boyle

Jolly Gent Is On His Way

(EDITOR'S NOTE: "Will Santa Claus really come to our house?" That is the most anxious question in America today. It is answered in the following column, written for parents to read aloud to their children. Since its first appearance in 1948, it has become a scrapbook favorite in many homes.)

NORTH POLE (AP) — He's off!

Santa Claus is on his way at last.

The jolly old saint and his famous reindeer are zooming through the arctic skies right now, heading for the American border. He'll reach it tonight.

The Northern Lights switched on to a clear, steady green — the "go ahead" signal. And the Royal Canadian Mounted Police sent Santa this message:

"We are clearing all air lanes in your path, old boy. There is no speed limit for you tonight. The sky is yours. Go as fast as you like. Good Luck."

AND SANTA needed that wide clear road in the sky, for his big sleigh was piled so high with gifts it overflowed. It looked like a flying haystack as it raced through the cold crisp air.

"Oh, dear, oh, dear," worried Santa, just before the takeoff.

"I do hope none of the presents fall and bean some poor innocent rabbit down below. I believe this must be the heaviest load I've had in 20 years."

"What's he fretting about?" whispered Dunder to Vixen. "He's only riding in the sleigh, we have to pull it."

VIXEN laughed so hard the bells on her harness tinkled in merry music. And all the other reindeer laughed too.

Just then Mrs. Santa Claus came running out waving a long piece of paper.

"You almost forgot your list of good children," she said.

"Never mind," replied Santa. "I don't need it. This year I'm going to give a present to every little boy and girl, good or bad. The bad ones will feel sorry then, because they know they don't deserve a nice present. It'll make them try harder to be good next year."

IN NEW YORK much of the competition for savings is between different types of institutions. In Florida, and to some extent in New York, the competition is with California where the higher yields have been attracting funds from across the nation — funds which Florida would like to use in its own building program.

Predictions of generally rising interest rates when the new year is well under way are coming from at least two sources. Chairman William McChesney Martin of the Federal Reserve Board has told Congress that if the federal tax cut is passed and stimulates the economy as hoped for, increased business borrowing will push interest rates up.

THE U. S. Savings & Loan League sees a tightening next year in the supply of funds available for mortgage loans. Since it also predicts continued demand for mortgage money, the league looks for the trend toward higher mortgage rates in some parts of the nation, which started late this year, to continue for several more months.

January could see a lull in any movement toward tighter money and higher costs. Business borrows in November and December to finance increased production and to carry larger inventories. In January these loans are normally repaid. The return flow of money into the market makes credit easier and reduces pressure on interest rates.

BUT IF business activity, and construction demand, continues high in coming months, the demand for more funds could tighten the market.

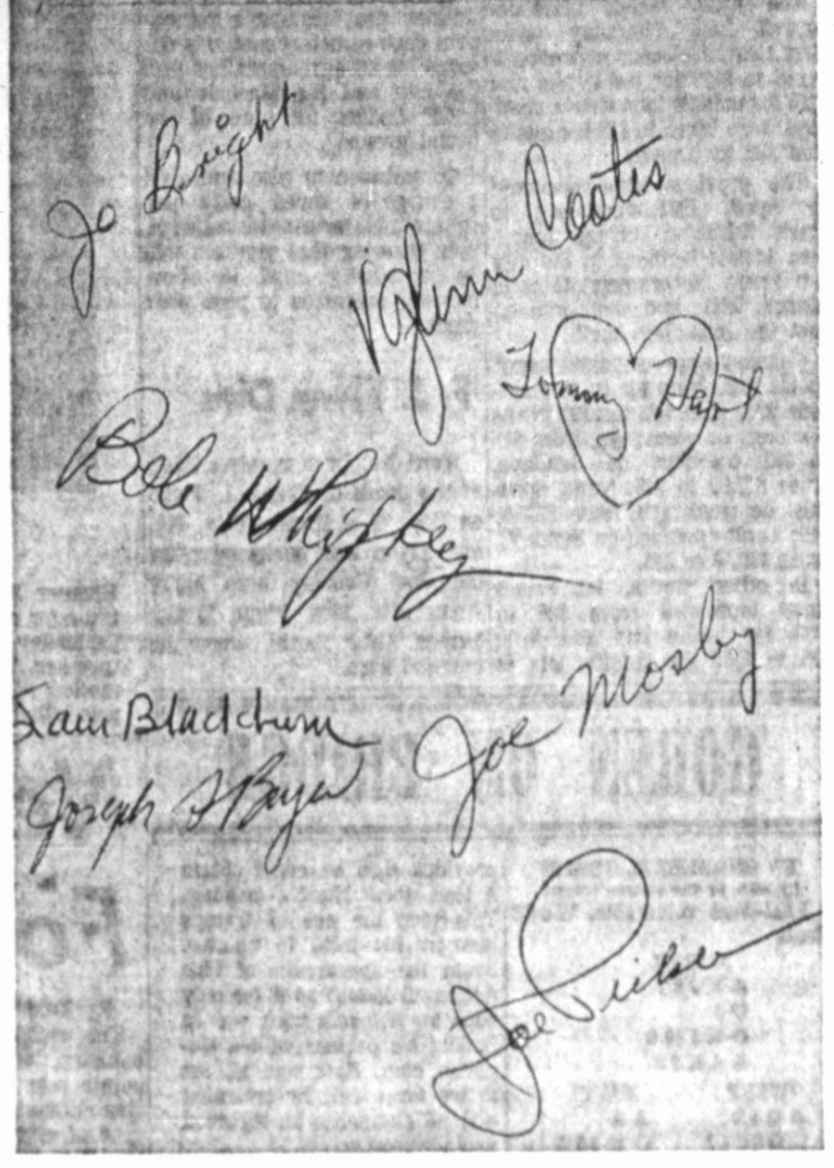
By the same token, if the economy turns down unexpectedly, the Federal Reserve's job would be to ease credit as a possible stimulant, rather than to keep it moderately tight to fend off a runaway boom.

The board is also interested in keeping short-term rates fairly high to discourage an outflow to foreign money markets that would increase any threat to U. S. gold reserves.

Region against region, institution against institution — it could be an interesting year.

Around The Rim

Christmas Greetings



Holmes Alexander

Bright Figures In A Dim Year

WASHINGTON — One event that was tragic, and much else that was ominous, happened in our public lives this fading year, but it could have been a lot worse—except for the presence of men who need now to be thanked.

EVERETT DIRKSEN, the Senate's Minority Leader, had a lot to do with preventing the 88th Congress from breaking out into guerrilla warfare, which often threatened but never quite happened. Adjectives used to describe Dirksen—rhetorical, unctuous, crafty, savvy—do little but list his minor qualities.

The man is magnanimous. His big-mindedness has been his chief characteristic. He had the opportunity in 1963 to make the Democratic leadership, with its two-thirds majority and its dismal record of accomplishment, look like a rabble, but he never did.

FROM MIDSUMMER up to the last week of Mr. Kennedy's life, the 16 Democratic Committee Chairmen cast the astonishing total of 640 votes against Administration - sponsored measures. Most of these committee heads, of course, were Southerners, but the two open assaults on Dirksen's opposite number, Majority Leader Mansfield, were made by Northern Democrats, Clarke of Pennsylvania and Dodd of Connecticut.

As much as Dirksen may inwardly have enjoyed the Democratic fratricide, he was there with ointment for the wounds. He was tending the Senate institution as well as his injured foes.

J. WILLIAM Fulbright, chairman of Foreign Relations, had what was probably his busiest season, and one of his best. At midyear, he presided at the Test Ban Treaty hearings with combined representation of the Foreign Relations, the Armed Services, and the Atomic Energy Committees. At year's end, he was fighting a rear guard action which saw the Foreign Aid program, his special care, take the noble beating of its long existence. Though he won his case for the Test Ban Treaty and lost most of it on Foreign Aid, Fulbright looked good all the way.

Many men—legislators and Laborites, white and Negro—kept their heads in the summer heat to prevent the national railroad strike and the March on Washington from turning into outright calamities.

William S. White

Goldwater Gets Going Again

This column appears in place of that of Marquis Childs, who is on vacation.

WASHINGTON — Powerful and in many cases frankly emotional pressure is being put on Sen. Barry Goldwater by his backers to announce without delay his candidacy for the Republican Presidential nomination.

Whatever his own present intentions — and he has never said more than that he would decide "early next year" whether or not to "go"—the revolutionary change in the whole political situation since the death of John F. Kennedy has hit Goldwater supporters with a special, chilling impact.

THEY ARE AFRAID that in the new situation, where Lyndon B. Johnson rather than John F. Kennedy will be the Democratic nominee, Senator Goldwater might more readily exercise the option still open to him not to try for the nomination.

Their investment of hope and emotional capital in him, as the man they see as the one last best hope for deep conservative Republicanism, has always been extraordinary.

NOW, THAT same investment of hope and emotional capital has only been increased by the assumption, almost universal outside the unwavering ranks of the Goldwater partisans themselves, that the Senator's Presidential prospects have been gravely and perhaps irreparably damaged by the circumstance that Mr. Johnson and not Mr. Kennedy will be the Democratic candidate in 1964.

It was said in Napoleon's time that the Old Guard died but never surrendered. The same is unquestionably true now of the Republican Old Guard. It means to stand to the end with Goldwater—but only with Goldwater, if the private expressions of Goldwater enthusiasts can be taken at full value, as apparently they can. Some are saying that if the Republican nomination goes elsewhere, they will sit out both the campaign and election day.

THIS MIGHT seem an illogical position in light of seemingly massive evidence that a Goldwater confronting Johnson would be weak in precisely those areas where prospectively he had been strongest—the South and West. The most recent Gallup Poll, for example, was, objectively, a shocker from the point of view of the Goldwaterites. It indicated a staggering 78 per cent to 19 per cent margin in the South for Johnson over Goldwater, whereas when Mr. Kennedy was still alive, the thing was reversed. Then the poll gave Goldwater 54 per cent to 38 per cent for Kennedy.

STILL, NONE of this has in the smallest way shaken the determination of the Goldwater backers. On the contrary, it has made them more resolved than ever that he must make the effort, come what might.

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Inez Robb

Well, We Made It—As Always

Out of the department store trenches and home by Christmas!

Even a week ago, even four days ago, that timetable seemed impossible, a consummation devoutly to be wished but a mere dream never to be realized. As I raced up one aisle and down the next bargain counter looking for something suitable for Uncle Horace: as I tore once more into the breach, dear friends, at the next counter, I knew myself licked and the goal beyond human realization.

THREE ARE those who have all their Christmas shopping finished each year by Labor Day, with packages neatly wrapped and ready for delivery. There are such people, because I keep hearing about them. But they are like the Little People: No one ever sees them plain.

Certainly, I don't meet them charging in tidal waves through our mercantile emporiums during the last five days before Christmas. Oh, we laggard shoppers are in the majority, all right.

WHAT IS REALLY needed to soothe the Christmas shopper is two extra or bonus days of Christmas buying. For some delicious reason, as Christmas zooms in at supersonic speed and I limp along at human pace, I feel that everything would be all right, that I would get all the errands done, the cards addressed and the presents bought if only there were just another 48-hour period available.

It is the telescoping of time during the Christmas season that does me in. Next year I must start 48 hours earlier. There is no use in ordering myself to do my Christmas shopping in August; I've issued such orders before. Who, in cold blood and torrid weather, can do his Christmas shopping in the dog days? Obviously, not the likes of me.

OH, NO, not me! I like to do it the hard way, "mid sleet and ice and strange device that says: 'Excelsior, free in basement aisle 21.' Mail early? When you can send packages by air mail at the last minute for only slightly more than the cost of the presents?

To be coldly efficient about Christmas—why, it takes the heart out of everything! I can think of other excuses for doing it my way, the popular way, too inefficiency, for example. Poor planning. Lassitude. Rocks in the head.

BUT 'TIS the night before Christmas and the annual miracle has come to pass. Somehow or other the packages are wrapped, the holly is hung, I'm in my right mind, I'm not unstrung, I've not taken leave of all my senses, I'm actually out of department store trenches.

Despite the last-minute scramble, the hearth is swept and the house is polished, the floors are waxed, the silver bright and the brass resplendent. The head of the clan has had his

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Billy Graham

Why is it that Christians seem to suffer just like anyone else? I always thought that believers in God were granted some kind of immunity from the winds of adversity. Can you clarify this for me?

E. H.

Faith in Christ is not a "rabbit's foot" or a charm which stays off trouble and adversity. Paul, one of Christ's most outstanding representatives, had an "infirmity" of which Paul said: "For this thing I besought the Lord thrice that it might depart from me. And He said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee, for thy strength is made perfect in weakness."

Personally, I have found times of physical weakness periods of great spiritual strength.

Henry Drummond, who had such a profound spiritual influence on his native Scotland, and on the world, for that matter, was critically viewed by his contemporaries. Some said he was a fake; some said his fame was the result, not of inner power, but of a handsome face, a strong personality, and the ability to speak and write well. But, then came tragedy to Henry Drummond and he was stricken with a disease of the bones and atrophy of the muscles. For two years he lingered between life and death. But during this period Henry Drummond displayed the same buoyancy of spirit. Through the windows of suffering his critics and his friends saw the true Henry Drummond. His strength was made perfect in weakness.

Blind Band

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Although they cannot see, members of the Michigan School for the Blind Band march in perfect formation and their playing has won top honors at state and district festivals many times.

The youngsters learn musical scores by Braille, memorize them and practice until they have mastered the tunes. In marching, the students keep shoulder-to-shoulder contact to form straight ranks. Leonard J. Chard, director of the band, understands their problems. He has been blind himself since infancy.

It Fell All Right

BOYNTON BEACH, Fla. (AP)—A youth in the city recreation program fired an arrow into the air. It resulted in a claim for damages against the city and transfer of the program to a new park.

The arrow, it seems, came to earth perforating an awning at the home of Arthur Hartwig.

Hot Lines

SOUTH MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Dade County Commissioner Arthur Patten didn't realize how warmly he was debating proposed amendments at a Chamber of Commerce meeting until the microphone began smoking.

The debate was interrupted while the trouble was repaired.

To Your Good Health

Birth Control Pills Reasonably Safe

By JOSEPH G. MOLNER, M.D.

Dear Dr. Molner: My family doctor prescribed birth control pills for me. Recently I read that taking the pills for two years which I have done, could possibly cause deformed babies. I am worried. MRS. B. G.

The phrase "could possibly cause" is rather vague and can mean anything or nothing. What are the facts?

The U. S. Public Health Service and many other investigative groups have tested these pills and found them to be safe. I know of no report that they have caused any deformed babies.

The pills are relatively new. They have been under extensive testing in Puerto Rico for five years, and that is long enough to give us a fair idea of the drugs involved.

Yet obviously five years cannot reveal what effect the pills may have if used for 10 or 20 years. We can reasonably expect them to continue to act in the same fashion. Nevertheless, there could be some unexpected reaction, but there is no visible reason to think that this will occur.

To provide a generous margin of safety, the manufacturer first specified limit of two years. Just recently, however, this limit has been increased to four years. Some gynecologists believe that four years is a more realistic length of time, still without sacrificing safety.

I can't say that indefinite use of these pills is warranted. It will take time to find that out. I do not feel that you have any reason for alarm, but I suggest that you discuss the subject with your doctor.

The concept of these pills, from the outset, has not been to prevent pregnancy altogether, but rather to provide a means of planned parenthood. From all we have been able to learn to date, this is an effective and safe method. We should continue to be watchful, and we will, but I have scant patience with people who confuse matters by imagining things that might happen without any evidence to suggest that anything harmful will occur.

Dr. Molner welcomes all reader mail, but regrets that due to the tremendous volume received daily, he is unable to answer individual letters.

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MEXICAN CHRISTMAS TRADITION

Southwest Celebrates With Pinatas

EL PASO, Tex. (AP) — The stick struck home with a loud whack. The colorful bird spilled candy, nuts and coins on the patio.

A crowd of anxious youngsters raced to grab the prizes and the child with the stick and blindfold quickly discarded these and joined the scramble.

The bird was a pinata (pronounced pin yah ta) and the scene could have occurred in anyone's backyard or patio during a birthday celebration, Christmas, All Saints' Day or numerous other youthful social functions in the Southwest or any Mexican community.

A pinata is a clay pot built into the shape of a boat, a donkey, a doll, blimp or anything. It can be highly decorative, with tissue fringes and streamers of a wide variety of colors for special occasions.

In one corner of the vast Juarez, Mexico, marketplace is a busy little pinata shop where several of the colorful figures are made daily.

Jose Refugio Esquivel, 18 explains their construction:

The clay pot usually is round, with wires running from the trunk. In the case of a Santa, two wires extend to either side and two run downward.

Glue or a mixture of flour and water is smeared on

scraps of newspaper and wrapped around the wires to form the arms and legs. The extending wire, which is wrapped around the neck of the pot, serves a double purpose. The head is fashioned around the wire with balled-up newspaper and the extension of the wire is used to hang the pinata on a line to guide it as it dangles invitingly for youngsters to hit.

At one time, a pineapple was used instead of a pot, thus the word "pina" which in Spanish means pineapple.

At a Southwest pinata party, a rope from the top of the pinata is placed over a high wire, rope or rafter and held at the other end by an adult. The adult can raise or lower the pinata, easily confusing the blindfolded child who has been whirled around and given a stick with which to swing at the pinata.

Usually the child gets three turns at swinging, then another youngster takes his place. If the pinata is not broken when all the youngsters have tried, the first child begins all over again until someone smashes it.

The pinata usually is filled with fruit, nuts, candy, gum and pennies.

After it has been broken and the contents have been gathered by eager hands, sometimes small paper sacks of goodies are distributed among the children who did not get a fair share during the scramble.



Finished Product

Bright pinatas hang in the Juarez, Mexico, marketplace outside a shop operated by Jose Mendoza Garcia. With the Santa pinatas is an elaborate one depicting Pancho Villa and his horse.



Near Completion

These are the rough models of pinata "men" which are dried for two or three days before crepe paper and streamers are added. The faces are painted on after the last covering of crepe paper is in place.

New Jersey Town Begins Christmas Spirit In July

DOVER, N. J. (AP) — When members of the First Memorial Presbyterian Church here start making Christmas plans, thermometers are registering in the high '80s, and the shoppers are wearing summer cottons.

Christmas in July has long been an annual event at the church, a time when stacks of presents are donated for December use in Presbyterian missions in deprived areas.

The summer Christmas is nearly identical with the winter one. A huge, lighted Christmas tree, covered with balls and lights, stands in the sanctuary. A mound of presents surrounds it. Carols ring out from the choir loft. From the pulpit, the minister, the Rev. Hugh McHenry Miller, preaches on

"There Must Be Another Christmas."

Each year the church's governing body chooses a different group of recipients for the July Christmas giving. Last year, presents were sent to the Cuban Refugee Center of the First Spanish Presbyterian Church in Miami. Others have gone to Indian children in relocation centers in Utah, to Alaska, Puerto Rico, Berlin, Korea and China.

The July Christmas extends beyond the church doors too. Mrs. Dorothea Lanning, choir director, annually gives a Christmas party for school and college students in the garden of her home, and the music of "O Come, All Ye Faithful" floats through the summer air.

Nine Crewmen Rescued From Wrecked Fish Boat

PORT MANSFIELD, Tex. (AP)—Nine men were rescued from a 95-foot snapper boat

which beached on Padre Island north of here Tuesday.

Boby Kadlecck, 18, crew member from Corpus Christi, said the ship was in a fishing area off Port Mansfield Sunday when high winds came up.

Jail Opened For Traveler

City police believe it is better to give than to receive. They "received" a prisoner Friday and "gave" him his freedom Monday morning.

Coast Guard planes tried to parachute troops to the Sea Rider at 3 a.m., but the boat crewmen said strong winds blew the pumps away.

"The pumps went out on us out there and we kept taking on water. We started busting at the seams and headed for shore," Kadlecck said.

The ship was beached about eight miles north of the Port Mansfield jetties and the crew waded to the beach where a helicopter picked them up. The Coast Guard said rough seas prevented earlier rescue.

The Coast Guard identified others aboard as Pringle, Carl Konoski, Don Whitehorn, Raymond Scott, Paul Bailey, Sam Witten, Eddie Bishop, and Jerry Erne.

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Cuban Travel Ban Repeated

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department again issued a general warning Monday that travel by U.S. citizens to Cuba is forbidden unless the department gives special permission.

Press officer Robert J. McCloskey repeated the same warning he issued last week, telling newsmen "we have received information that several groups of American citizens may be planning to travel to Cuba during the Christmas holidays without passports."

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No British Yule For Star Julie

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Contrary to her hopes, it won't be a merry olde English Christmas for Julie Andrews.

She'll be spending the holiday under the sheltering palms of the Beverly Wilshire Hotel. Her husband, stage designer Tony Walton, is flying in from London to celebrate with Julie and their year-old Emma.

While Christmas away from home is a wrench, Julie cannot feel too much regret, for 1963 has brought a new and exciting turn to her career. The year marked her emergence as a movie star.

It is remarkable that Hollywood would realize Julie's worth a full seven years after her smashing success in "My Fair Lady." But now the studios are making up for that lapse.

ENCHANTED
First came Walt Disney's "Mary Poppins," in which she flew through the air as the enchanted nanny of the children's stories.

Now she is appearing opposite James Garner in the "Americanization of Emily," a wartime story with comedy overtones and no songs.

DID THE TRICK
"These last two films came as a result of Mr. Disney's kindness," said Julie. "The studios wanted to see some film of me, and he very nicely sent them portions of 'Mary Poppins.' That apparently did the trick."

Does all this film activity

mean she'll give up the stage? "I hope not," she said. "I would like to do another play, although I don't really want to get into another long run. A year is just about right."

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11:30 - 11:45 A.M.	HAPPY HOLIDAYS MUSIC	ODELL'S PIT BARBECUE
12:45 - 1:00 P.M.	OLD PLANTATION CHRISTMAS	QUIGLEY FLORAL SHOP
1:00 - 1:15 P.M.	CHRISTMAS IN NEW ENGLAND	W. R. GRACE COMPANY
1:35 - 2:00 P.M.	CHRISTMAS CAROLING IN AMERICA	SECURITY STATE BANK
2:00 - 2:30 P.M.	A CHRISTMAS CAROL (ABC)	BIG SPRING DAILY HERALD
2:30 - 2:45 P.M.	CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS, U.S.A.	THE W. R. GRACE CO.
3:00 - 3:55 P.M.	CHRISTMAS "SING ALONG WITH MITCH"	STATE NATIONAL BANK
3:30 - 3:55 P.M.	CHRISTMAS IN WEST TEXAS	McCANN BUTANE SERVICE
7:30 - 7:55 P.M.	CHRISTMAS CAROUSEL	TEXAS ELECTRIC SERVICE COMPANY
8:00 - 8:55 P.M.	CHRISTMAS CAROUSEL	IDEAL LAUNDRY AND QUICK-CLEAN LAUNDRY
9:00 - 9:55 P.M.	CHRISTMAS MUSIC	MALONE & HOGAN CLINIC & HOSPITAL
10:10 - 11:00 P.M.	CHRISTMAS CAROUSEL	FIRST NATIONAL BANK

Tech Graduate Works In New Musical 'Art Form'

LUBBOCK — A Texas Tech graduate student in music, who became interested in high fidelity sounds, is currently engaged in a controversial "art form" known generally as electronic music.

Lowell Cross of Lubbock, music librarian at Tech, has composed two musical creations involving electronic tape and electronic sounds created in a laboratory. To many laymen they sound like "background music to Twilight Zone," Cross explains, but to the devotees of electronic music there is a systematic order, which they consider an important trend in contemporary music.

THREE SCHOOLS

Actually there are three "schools" of music in this area. One utilizing electronic equipment to produce the sounds, is called "electronic music." The second, "musique concrete," is limited to electronically modifying natural sounds. The third is termed "tape music," which combines the two methods.

Rather than the conventional

musical instruments, the tools of the trade in tape music are various kinds of electronic equipment, audio generators, electronic switches, tape recorders, plus unusual uses of standard instruments and natural sounds.

In one of his compositions, for instance, Cross incorporated the sound of his fingernail picking a piano string. In another place he used the sound of cymbals, modified electronically, and in another, electronic equipment was made to sound like standard organ, slightly out of tune. Cross uses a conventional piano in his work that is tuned in a completely different way from the standard piano.

TAPE MUSIC

Cross' compositions, using electronics and natural sounds, are tape music. He calls them "8 Century," opus 2, 1962, and "Decaphonics," opus 3, 1963. The first one commemorates the 80th birthday year of Igor Stravinsky; the second refers to the "duo-decaponics" system of 12 chromatic tones in an octave

Cross describes "decaphonics" as an extension of duo-decaponics, where the piano is tuned with 10 tones to the octave instead of 12. Both are considered a radical departure from the norm in conventional music, which is repetitive, rather than "serialized," and has key centers.

Cross, who is sincere and dedicated to a belief in the future of electronic music, says that there are many advantages to this type of composition.

"In the first place, you don't have to worry about the competence of a performer when you compose the music," he explained. "The composer writes it and performs it on tape."

"Also, one is not limited to the conventional instruments, but may range far afield for new sounds. Electronic music opens all the doors."

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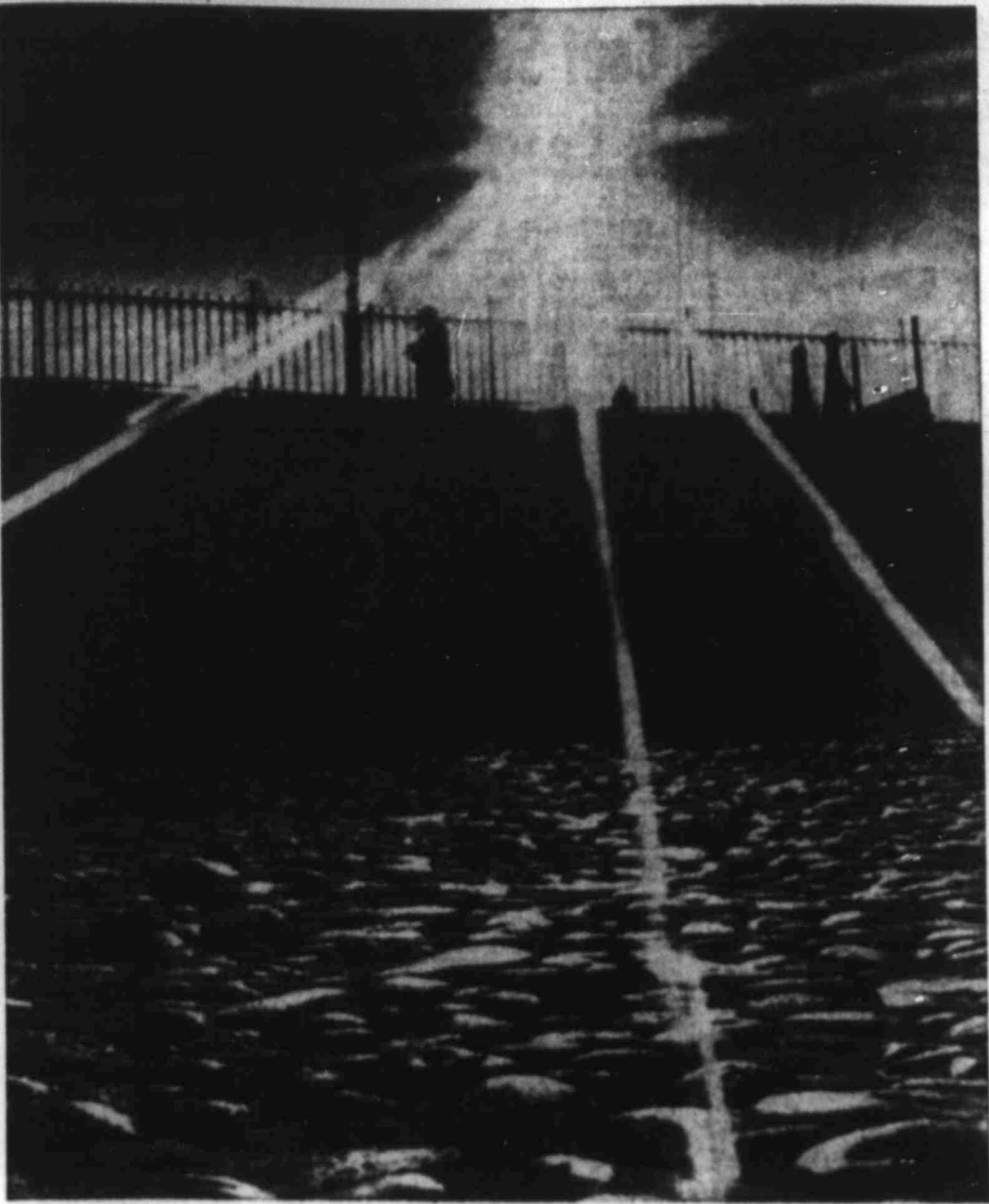
He adds that the disadvantage in that notation is a great problem for the composer of electronic music, since the con-

ventional notes aren't used. Cross is generally unconcerned about critics of this new form, or the lack of appreciation or understanding by the public.

"Music is an abstract and personalized art anyway," he said. "It's especially hard to understand an evolution in music."

He disagrees with those proponents of electronic music who say that the entire development of music since Bach has been a mistake.

"No music is intended to take the place of other music," he argues.



Savannah 'Sunburst'

The old cobblestones on Factors Walk seem to catch a burst of sunlight in this striking view near the waterfront in Savannah, Ga. The photographer achieved the "Star of Bethlehem" sunburst effect by shooting through two pieces of window screen, turned so that their strands intersected at a 45-degree angle. (AP WIREPHOTO)

Boom In Construction To Continue For '64

NEW YORK (AP)—Demand for a growing population and a prospering economy are counted upon to keep the seemingly endless construction boom going strong in 1964.

An increasing number of doubters have been wondering out loud lately if a housing and office surplus wasn't in the making. Vacancies in new apartment and office buildings have been increasing in several cities as available floor space zoomed.

But those in the construction business are confident the nation's needs as a whole are still not met in these, and especially in some other, lines.

BANNER YEAR

And the Commerce Department also forecasts that the industry will have a banner year

in 1964, helped along by a big gain in public projects.

Contractors insist that a growing population and the spread from cities to suburbs have built up a backlog of demand in many areas for houses, streets, schools, hospitals, churches, water and sewer systems, and shopping centers. Some of this will be satisfied by private investment, much of it by spending of local, state and federal governments.

The Commerce Department puts 1962 spending for construction at \$58.8 billion. It rose by 6.6 per cent this year to \$62.6 billion. The department estimates 1964 will see a 5 per cent rise to \$65.6 billion.

8 PER CENT

But government's share of this spending will be a record \$20.2 billion, a gain of 8 per cent over 1963. Most of the increase

will be at the state and local levels, with school construction up 9 per cent to \$3.3 billion, and outlays for public hospitals and other institutions up 17 per cent.

Still more optimistic is the Associated General Contractors of America. It puts total spending at \$65.8 billion and cites the volume of contract awards in recent months. To the \$65.8 billion the association also adds an estimate of \$22 billion spending for maintenance and repairs.

Construction contracts jumped to a record \$4.3 billion in October, F. W. Dodge Corp., construction news specialist, reported. All major segments of the industry were included in the strong advance, putting the first 10 months of the year 10 per cent above the like period of 1962.

SLOWER RATE

The housing boom that marked 1963 and brought some worries of possible over-building will continue, but at a slower rate of gain, the Commerce Department believes. It thinks spending for nonfarm houses and apartments will be up 3 per cent next year to \$26.5 billion, with 1,580,000 private units being started. The increase this year over last was 8 per cent, for a total of 1,545,000 units. To this can be added about 25,000 farm houses and 35,000 public housing units.

The Commerce Department qualifies its estimates with some assumptions. It says the record totals will be reached if there is a federal tax cut applying to 1964 incomes, if mortgage funds continue abundant, and if the "national economic activity in the United States will move ahead strongly."

The contractors may assume all this, too, but they put even more faith in the backlog of unsatisfied demands.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reader Asks Texas For Same Understanding

To The Editor:

An editorial taken from the Washington Post appeared in the editor's column of the Herald on December 10, under the heading "Appreciated Words." I am in complete agreement with the sentiments of the Post and your comments on it but because you thought it worthy of space in your paper I think it also merits a reply.

I would like to ask Texas to affect the same attitude of understanding and kindness toward the other 49 states that you feel the "other 49" should affect toward Texas in this time of dismay since the assassination of the president in this state.

Each and every state has a roster of citizens who have distinguished themselves in their country's service and who have contributed to the development and glorious history of this republic. Only one can claim the vastness of Texas and few are blessed with the natural resources. But let Texans remember that much of their wealth is a gift of nature and is theirs not by virtue of Texas but is theirs by virtue of the evolution of this nation.

The same is true of the history of each of the states. Each is a volume in the history of this union. I would urge all Texans to remember this and discredit no fellow American or the section or district or state in which he lives because it may seem to Texans less illustrious than their beloved state.

This union is, indeed inseparable in times both good and bad; but as I read the Texas newspapers, the thought occurs to me, again and again, that the editors would prefer to have their readers believe that the world ends at the Texas borders; so little importance do they give to the national and international news.

It is this spirit of sectionalism that has compounded our difficulties in dealing with our European allies. It is this spirit that

we are urging those nations to throw aside. It is hypocritical, to say the least, to ask our allies to cast off their ancient and deep feelings of nationalism when we are nurturing those same tendencies in our own union.

As Texans hope for kindness, comfort and understanding in this difficult time let Texans remember to convey this same kindness and understanding and feeling of unity to their sister states though their history and accomplishments may seem less splendid than those of Texas.

MRS. MARIE HURT
Big Spring, Texas



Check Your OWN Vertebrae

By HALVARD T. HANSEN, D.C.

Chiropractic holds that many conditions are caused by vertebrae that slip out of place enough to cause irritation of, or pressure on, nerves. We recognize that other disease agents (germs, poor nutrition, disturbed emotions, to name a few) can cause conditions, and science has proved spinal disturbances cause a chronic nervous drain, thus weakening the organs supplied by the nerves involved.

This nerve interference may be noticed as an habitual poor health, recurring backache (anywhere in the spine), or poor resistance. Psychosomatic diseases are aggravated by nerve irritation of a spinal origin. Headaches and backaches are early symptoms of spinal subluxations. We have ways of checking but you, too, can check at home:

1. Tender spots, or pain, in the neck or spine.
2. A creaking sound when the head is turned slowly from side to side.
3. Pain or stiffness on turning the head.
4. Head not turning as far to one side as to the other side.
5. Head tilted to one side (check by looking in the mirror).
6. One leg shorter than the other. (To check, lie on back with legs extended — have someone check by touching ankle bones. If leg is ¼-inch shorter, the test is positive.)
7. Pain or stiffness on leaning forward at waist.
8. Check tilting body from right to left, keeping hips level. On one side you may not be as free or you can't lean as far as the other.

Any of these signs become important if coupled with obvious conditions or disease or injury. While the danger signals don't invariably indicate spinal trouble, they often do and, if present, they should be checked.

If you have some condition which has not responded to present treatment or keeps returning, you might consider Chiropractic. Hansen Chiropractic Clinic across from Fig. Wiggly is open until 6 p.m. each evening. AM 3-3324.

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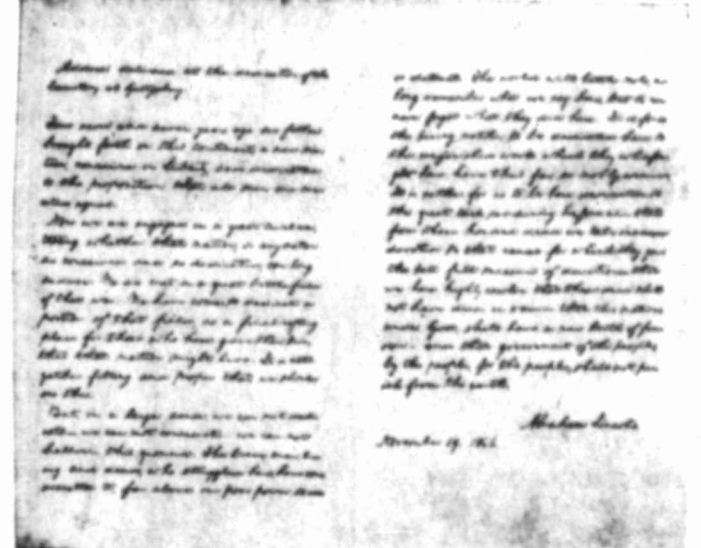
NEW YORK (AP) — Rhode Island, holding down auto deaths, Hawaii, Connecticut and Massachusetts boast the best records among the states involved, an Associated Press survey disclosed, one stood out in each of the states: an un-

ceasing effort of officialdom to improve traffic safety records. National Safety Council figures show that Rhode Island, the smallest state, had the nation's lowest auto fatality rate last year — 9.9 per 100,000 population.

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Then came Hawaii, 12.3 deaths; Connecticut, 12.4; and Massachusetts, 13.6. The rate for the country was 22 per 100,000. "We're not accepting any laurels," said Rhode Island Gov. John H. Chafee. "We've still got a long way to go."

Charles W. Shields Jr., executive secretary of the governor's council on highway safety, said Rhode Island has certain factors working in its favor. Half of the state is heavily urbanized, with little high-speed traffic. Expressways in urban areas are new, with all the safety advantages of modern engineering.

The rural roads have few long, monotonous straight stretches where drivers are likely to lose perspective of fall asleep. LESS TRAFFIC The state has less through traffic than many others. The Rhode Island Police executive officer, James A. Jacol, credits the inauguration of regular speed checks — and the ensuring publicity — with helping combat some of the state's highway problems. Much of the credit for Hawaii's low traffic toll is given to news media. "The whole objective is to make the public safety conscious," says Lt. Eugene Fletcher, head of the traffic accident investigation bureau of the Honolulu police. An incentive program to encourage safe driving is used by

16 Astronauts Stay At Home

HOUSTON (AP) — America's busy space heroes will be just ordinary family men on Christmas. The 16 astronauts, including the seven original and the nine new ones, will be given leave from their duties at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Manned Spacecraft Center. Most of the astronauts — including six of the original seven — live in the Manned Spacecraft Center area 25 miles east of downtown Houston. They have no definite plans for the Yuletide season other than being with their families. Since they live in the same general area, there probably will be some family get-togethers, if only briefly, and the usual exchanging of gifts among astronaut families, especially the children.

Keep Track Of Checks, Receipts, Other Records

The time of year for rifling through stacks of old checks, receipts, statements, etc., to fill out income tax forms is at hand. The State Bar of Texas, however, has a reminder that keeping basic records is important and something involving more than a once a year consideration. Here's what the State Bar suggests that the average person do about personal records: You need to keep track of birth certificates, insurance policies, social security, income tax matters, automobile titles, etc. You can make life easier for yourself, and your family when you are gone, if you follow a few simple rules in setting up your do-it-yourself record system. 1. Get a heavily bound notebook folder or file folder as a central collecting point for all the records of your affairs. 2. Put your especially important papers in your safe deposit box, but make a list of those papers and a brief summary of their contents to put in your home file. 3. Get for your files copies of birth certificates for all mem-

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IF SANTA COULD SPEAK TO ALL GOOD CHILDREN TONIGHT, THIS IS WHAT HE'D LIKE TO SAY.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon. (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: HEFTY BASIN ABRUPT BARIUM
 Answer: What a confirmed bachelor who's forever changing girl friends evidently never does — HE NEVER "MRS." ANY

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WHAT MIGHT BE APPRECIATED TODAY, EVEN MORE THAN YOUR GIFTS.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon. (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GUMBO BOUGH CARPET ENGINE
 Answer: If Santa could speak to all good children tonight, this is what he'd like to say — IT'S IN THE BAG!

Famous Three Wisemen Really Were Astrologers

Their fabled names are familiar to millions. Their long and arduous pilgrimage to bring their gifts to the infant Jesus has been re-told in song for many Christmases. The robed figures of Balthasar, Melchior and Gaspar are included in thousands of Christmas pageants across the country. But were these three Magi really kings, as song and story proclaim? Researchers at the Encyclopedia Americana have found the title to be erroneous, and stems from a second century legend, rather than from fact. The three travelers who followed the star were not temporal kings, but actually astrologers, just as is stated in the New Testament account of the guiding star that led the "wise men from the east." The term "Magi" is accurate too, for it originally stood for the priestly caste of the ancient Persian Zoroastrian religion. As the religion moved westward, it came in contact with Babylonian beliefs and practices, and thus derived a strong interest in astrology, demonology and magic.

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Capt Scott Is Reassigned

Capt. Russell J. Scott, 31, one of 16 fliers to graduate as specially trained space pilots, project managers or consultants Saturday will be assigned to Holloman AFB at Alamogordo, N.M. He and 13 other Air Force pilots, one Marine and one Navy flier, received their diplomas Saturday from Gen. Bernard A. Schriever, commander of the Air Force Systems Command, Andrews AFB, Md., of which Edwards is a part.

Two members of the class, Capt. Theodore C. Freeman, 33, Lewes, Del., and Capt. David R. Scott, 31, San Antonio, had been named previously as astronauts for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration at Houston.

At Alamogordo, Capt. Russell Scott will be engaged in aircraft test work at the Air Force Missile Development Center. He is a veteran of 10 years in the Air Force. Three of those years were as a fighter pilot at Wetherfield, England. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Scott, Bowie, attended Arlington State College and was graduated from Texas A&M College. He earned his jet pilot wings at Webb AFB in 1954-55 and in 1955 was married to Janice Nalley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Nalley. The Scotts have two daughters, Renae and Sandy. Immediately before being chosen for the fourth class of the aerospace research pilots course, he spent two years as flight test engineering and simulator development officer at Lincoln, AFB, Neb.

Visit Scheduled WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson said Monday night the Joint Chiefs of Staff are coming to his Texas ranch Dec. 30 to discuss a \$9-billion increase in the military services are seeking in the new budget.

Square Capped

A square-shaped fur cap of the type fashionable in Russia appeared on many Santas up until 1862, when the popular Victorian artist, F. O. C. Larley, depicted Santa as wearing the now more familiar pointed cap.

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Welcome Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Howard J. Withycombe and sons, Keith and Jim, received guests Monday evening during a reception held at the Webb Officers' Club. Keith is on leave from the Air Force Academy at Denver, Colo., and Jim will be returning to Texas Christian University after the holidays. At right, the Withycombes greet Mr. and Mrs. Horace Garrett and Mrs. Obie Bristow.



Withycombes Hosts At Formal Reception

Brig Gen and Mrs. Howard J. Withycombe were joined by their sons, Jim and Keith, in welcoming guests at a holiday reception held Monday evening in the Officer's Club, Webb Air Force Base. The general's aide was Capt. Thomas H. Normile. Mrs. Withycombe was attired in a sleeveless, V-necked gown of green silk with which she wore a jeweled clip at the waist-

line. Her mother, Mrs. Phyllis Lewis, who is visiting here during the holidays, chose a formal gown of burgandy velvet designed with softly draped shoulder line. Mrs. Normile's gown featured a belled skirt of white satin and bodice of black lace. Among the guests were Mrs. R. L. Beale in a dinner dress of gold lame and Mrs. Benjamin Meacham whose Grecian-styled gown was of light blue crepe with silver bodice Mrs. C. N. Rainwater was attractive in an easy sheath of red crepe, its back floating panel caught at the top with a flat bow. The gold embroidered silk gown worn by Mrs. B. R. Butler was of oriental design. Her husband had it made for her in Viet Nam. Nearby, Mrs. Lee Rogers, in a black chiffon dress styled with full cape panel, chatted with Mrs. Thomas Seeb, whose full skirted short formal was banded at the hemline with ostrich feathers. Mrs. B. F. Yeargin's red-gold hair was set off by a beaded black sheath with which she wore black drop ear clips. A white sequined sheath with rounded neckline was chosen by Mrs. A. K. Halverson. A comparative newcomer at the base, Mrs. C. T. Pajot, was attired in a brocade sheath of gold, grey and silver. Mrs. Dean Forrest wore a full-length gown styled with velvet bodice topping a brocade satin skirt of black and gold. Mrs. R. L. Rader looked festive in a red velvet dress worn with white pearls. Across the room was Mrs. Charles Penn, wearing a black peau de soie gown embroidered with pearls and sequins and styled with shoulder panel of turquoise. A black peau de soie cocktail dress with organza overskirt was worn with a gold pearl pendant by Mrs. John E. Bold. Mrs. James Tidwell's bright orange overblouse of velvet topped a full skirt of flowered peau de soie. Several hundred guests were received between the hours of 6 to 8 p.m. Festive decorations were placed throughout the entertaining area and holiday arrangements were featured on the buffet and punch tables.

HINTS FROM HELOISE

She Strings Matching Buttons On Wires

Dear Heloise: Here's another thing that can be done with those little plastic-covered wires that come on bags of vegetables, etc. I peel back the plastic and when I have a set of buttons I want to save, I string them on this wire! It keeps them all together so one does not have to search for the entire set. You also know instantly how many matching buttons you have. When I want to use only one button from this set, I just untwist the wire, take off my one button, twist the wire back again and the other buttons remain. This method beats stringing buttons on a piece of thread which must be untied or cut, and then any buttons you want to save must be re-strung. It beats stringing them on a safety pin too, because often some buttons are too large. Pat Pottel

Dear Heloise: If a mere man can intrude on your column, tell your readers that the "sticky stuff" used to apply labels to metal objects can be removed with lacquer thinner or even a bit of nail polish remover. (Spot test first.) On plastic objects, rub with a pencil eraser until the "sticky stuff" balls up and can be brushed off. On painted objects that might be affected by thinner or polish remover, try a bit of cleaning fluid. Ordinary lighter fluid is useful on some types of glue. I have yet to find an adhesive label which could not be removed by one of the above processes. Lt. Col. Wallace E. Smith

Dear Heloise: I would like to tell our friends who wear kid gloves and like them clean, that I use an art gum eraser! I just put the gloves on my hands, pick up the art gum eraser and rub. The gloves are cleaned in a jiffy. Nightly

We tried it on a beautiful pair of white kids just now and it's fantastic! Be sure your eraser is clean, gals. Heloise

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Mrs. Rice Holds Holiday Party

Mrs. Ira Rice was hostess at a Christmas party in her home at 1406 E. 14th. Progressive 42 was the game of the evening and refreshments were served. Out of town guests attending were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rice, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Robertson of Midland; Mrs. Dot Martin, Mr. Dee Harches, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Petty, and Mrs. H. L. Butts, all of Odessa.

Visiting Parents

Leon Calley, who is attending the University of Houston as a law student, is home for the holidays, visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Calley in Forsan.

Travel To Houston

Mr. and Mrs. Buel Fox are planning to spend the Christmas holidays with their son and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fox, Vicki and Amy in Houston. They will return Sunday.

Dinner Honors Visiting Couple

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Berry, 106 Canyon Drive, hosted a party Saturday evening honoring Mr. and Mrs. Russel E. Wyatt, Long Beach, Calif. The Wyatts are spending Christmas with their daughter, Capt. Margaret Wyatt of Webb Air Force Base. Wyatt is a retired real estate broker. Other guests were Capt. Wyatt and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bronson.

Returns Home

Mrs. Loretta Matthews, 2304 Allendale, has returned from Midland where she underwent surgery.

Graumanns Are Hosts At Party

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Graumann, 1903 Nolan, were hosts at a Christmas party held Friday evening honoring members of St. Paul Lutheran Church. Graumann is superintendent of the Sunday school department and guests were teachers, the office staff and organist, and their husbands and wives. Twenty-four guests were served from a table spread with red linen and an overlay of silver net. The centerpiece was a small contemporary tree, frosted white and decorated with silver baubles. Bell candlesticks holding white tapers flanked the arrangement. During the social hour, Mrs. Frank Long, organist, accompanied the group in singing carols. Assisting with games were Lt. and Mrs. Roger Wright.

Students Return

WESTBROOK (SC)—Donna Bryant from Hardin-Simmons will be with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bryant. Doris Sweatt and Dale Byrd of Texas Tech will be home. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. George Sweatt and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Byrd. June Ritchey, a student at Arlington State College, will spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ritchey. Beth Jackson, daughter of the Rev. C. T. Jackson, will be home from West Texas State in Canyon.

WESTBROOK (SC)—Mr. and Mrs. George Dawson visited in San Angelo with his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dawson.

WESTBROOK (SC)—Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Rees visited the H. D. Hopper family in Sterling City Tuesday. Carolyn Hopper returned with them for a visit.

WESTBROOK (SC)—Holiday guests in the A. G. Anderson home will be Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pelton, Bonnie, Glenn, J. L., and Mrs. Pelton's father of Junction. Also Mr. and Mrs. Perry Lee Pelton and children, Buster and Sheila, of Dallas, Mitten Pelton of Perryton, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Anderson and children, Maria, Allen, Perry Lee, Lynda, Perry Ray, and Andie of Odessa.

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WESTBROOK (SC)—Mr. and Mrs. Dink Rees and Glenda will be home with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Choppie Rees during the holidays.

Open House Is Held

An annual holiday open house was held Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Knox, 1313 Lexington. Attending were members of the Reba Thomas Circle, First Baptist Church, their husbands and guests. Assisting the host couple were Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Goodlett, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Staggs and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Shive. An old-fashioned Christmas theme was used in decorations throughout the home and on the refreshment table. A white crocheted dolly covered the lazy susan which held an antique oil lamp. Edging the centerpiece were pine cones, holly and figurines. Approximately 50 guests called during the hours from 5 to 7 p.m. Refreshments were served by circle members. Following the evening church service, Miss Sue Knox was hostess to about 30 members of the Senior High department of the church. The group played games and sang carols.

Miss Hart To Marry

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Holiday Visitors Here For Special Events

Here during the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pace and daughters of Taylor, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Read. Pace, formerly assistant manager of the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce, and now manager of the Taylor chamber, came back for the Ambassadors Club Christmas party. Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Mitchell will have their three children and their wives and families here for Christmas. Coming are Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Moore and two children from Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gene Mitchell and two daughters from El Paso, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Edwards and son from Arlington. Mr. and Mrs. John Wayne and family will be here Christmas with his mother, Mrs. G. L. Brown. Mr. and Mrs. George L. Brown will be here from Odessa to join the family circle for Christmas, too. Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Henderson and children Darrell, Kenda, and Janiece of Houston are visiting in the homes of relatives Mr. and Mrs. D. M. McEvers, Nancy and Don, 508 Johnson, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Henderson, 200 Mobil.

Mr. Ira Rice's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Lowry, arrived Monday from Bridgeman, Mich., to spend the holidays with her parents Mr. M. S. Warren. The Warren family will spend Christmas Day in the home of Mrs. Jerry Metcalf of Big Spring. Other guests will be Dr. and Mrs. Charles Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hughes, Jimmy Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Warren of Odessa, and Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Warren of Coahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Biggs arrived by plane from Mombasa, Kenya, East Africa, to spend the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. Noel Harvell Jr. and family. It has been three years since Biggs has spent Christmas at home. Mrs. Biggs, who has been away for the past 20 months, spent last Christmas with her husband in the Philippines. Biggs is employed by Procon Inc., on refinery installations and will depart the 27th for Umtali, Southern Rhodesia. Mrs. Biggs will visit for several months before joining her husband.

Bartlett Family Will Visit Here

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Knox, 1313 Lexington, will be Mrs. Ross Bartlett and children, James and Tommy, of Garland. Mrs. Bartlett is a former local resident.

Pre-Nuptial Shower Honors Miss Hoover

Miss Carolyn Hoover, bride-elect of John E. Freeman Jr. was honored at a pre-nuptial shower held Saturday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Dean Forrest, 1813 Benton.



GAYLE HART

Miss Hart To Marry

COLORADO CITY — Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hart announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Gayle, to Don Karr, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Karr of Arlington. The couple will be married in the First Methodist Church Feb. 8. The bride was graduated from Colorado City High School in 1962. She is presently attending West Texas State University at Canyon, where she is a freshman. Karr is a 1962 graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School in San Antonio. He is a sophomore at WTSU.

Christmas Party Held At Settles

The Tee Pee Recreation Club held its annual Christmas party for the Texas and Pacific employees and families Saturday evening at the Settles Hotel Ballroom. A. M. Rippes, retired engineer, was dressed as Santa Claus and presented gifts to about fifty youngsters at the children's party preceding the dance. The adults danced to the music of the Starliners from 9 p.m. to 1 p.m. In a short business session before the dance, the resignation of Mr. George Dabney as president of the club was regrettably accepted. Mr. R. O. Carothers was elected president.



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Mistletoe, of all-heal as it was called in ancient times, was sacred to the Druids. It was often used as an ingredient of medicines. It was also considered a plant of peace under which enemies were reconciled.

"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night," a lyric version of Luke's Christmas story, was written in 1700 by Nahum Tate, poet laureate of England. The melody is a well-known hymn tune by Johann Cruger.



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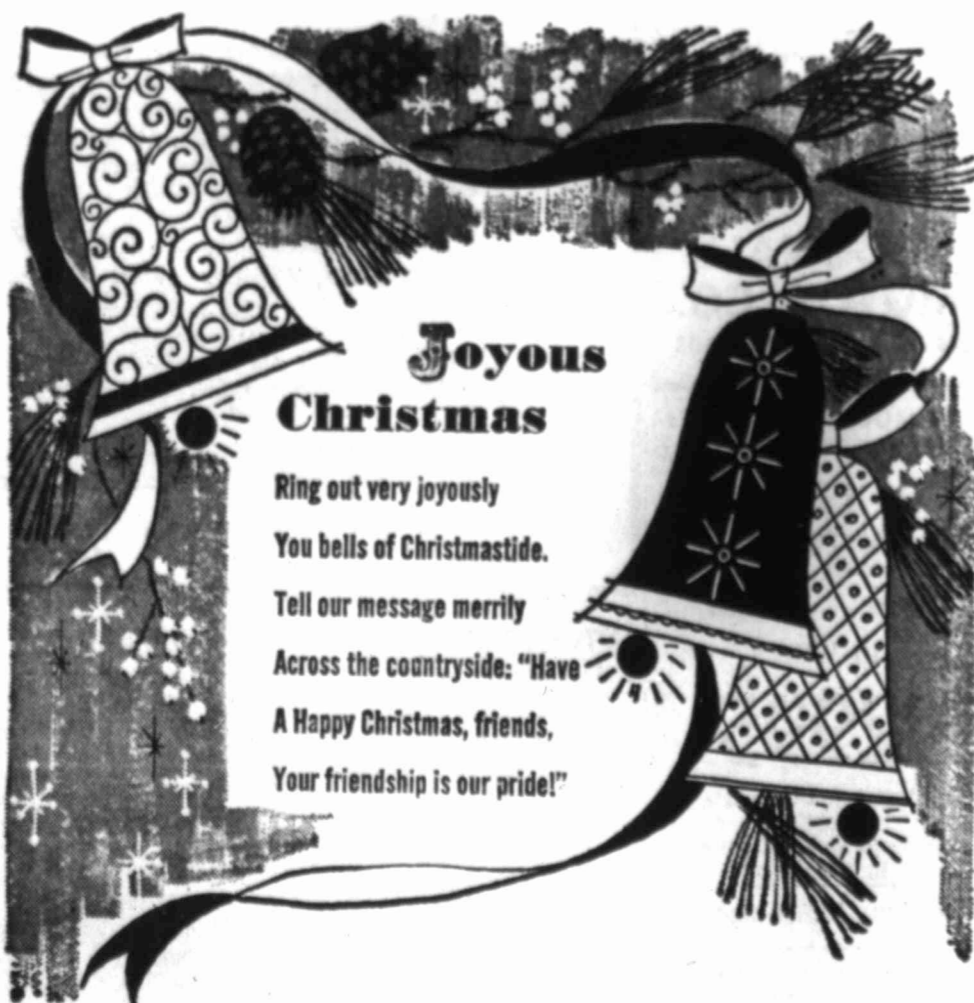


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Political Heat Begins Rising

WASHINGTON (AP)—The political tempo is quickening with the end of national mourning for the late President John F. Kennedy as evidenced by these developments:

Scranton —Gov. William W. Scranton of Pennsylvania said he is giving additional thought to becoming a Republican presidential candidate because of the urging of former President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Stevenson - Adlai Stevenson, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, said he would run for vice president if President Johnson asked him and "it was both

compatible with my health and other considerations."

Lodge—Friends of Henry Cabot Lodge, U.S. ambassador to South Viet Nam, are forming a national committee to boost him for the Republican presidential nomination.

Shriver—Peace Corps Director, Sargent Shriver, said he has no plans to enter politics, but

indicated he could be persuaded if President Johnson is the persuader.

Goldwater — In Washington's Republican circles, the feeling grew that Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona would signal his supporters to resume their efforts to boost him for the Republican presidential nomination.



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Pope Urges True Peace

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Paul VI, in his first Christmas message to the world, said to-

English Try To Reform

LONDON (AP) — With less than three out of 27 million baptized Britons showing up in church even once a year, the Church of England is trying desperately to develop a new look.

Aside from the gimmicks of individual parsons, whose efforts have ranged from jazzed-up services for teen-agers to so-called kitchen sink communion brought right to the home, the church at high level is bent on reforming its image.

A new form of government to give laymen more say in how the church is run has been given the green light. This plan would combine the centuries-old convocations of Canterbury and York with a new house of laymen. The new body would be known as the General Synod of the Church of England.

It would replace the present church assembly, but bishops and clergy would still sit separately and have a final veto on synod decisions.

Other reforms involve the handling of church finances.

Since 1947 the ecclesiastical treasury has been nominally managed by the church commissioners—22 of them including the archbishop of Canterbury, the prime minister, most diocesan bishops and laymen appointed by the church assembly.

The commissioners meet once a year to rubber-stamp decisions of three church estates commissioners who handle daily business. These three hold the purse strings and act as joint managing directors.

They control investments running to nearly \$50 million a year and the distribution of investment income for helping pay and house the clergy.

Because it is the state established church, Parliament has the final say on any major reforms.

night his Holy Land pilgrimage would be a journey of offering, search, hope and prayer for peace and Christian unity.

The 66-year-old Roman Catholic ruler also called on nations to seek a true peace through the "abolition, or at least...mitigation" of the arms race, nationalistic pride, and lack of confidence in such organizations as the United Nations. He also advocated negotiation between nations.

PILGRIMAGE

But the main emphasis in his speech, less than two weeks before his historic pilgrimage to the Holy Land, was that unprecedented trip.

Obviously referring to some criticism among Arab circles that his trip would be political and constitute Vatican recognition of Israel, he said:

"Once again we declare clearly that the nature and purposes of our pilgrimage are solely religious."

He added that his journey would be one of "search for all those who are, for us, sons and brothers in Christ."

OUTSIDE FOLD

"And our heart will reach out also to those outside the fold of Christ, and our good intentions will embrace all the peoples of the earth, those far and near, with sentiments of respect and of love, wishing them happiness and peace."

"It will thus be a journey of prayer, made with humility and with love in our heart will be present the whole world; no one will be forgotten."

ARAB AND JEW

Pope Paul indicated his willingness to meet Arab and Jew, Catholic Christian and non-Catholic Christian. He is expected to be greeted by the king of Jordan and the president of Israel, and he may have an historic meeting with Orthodox Patriarch Athenagoras of Constantinople (Istanbul).

"We shall greet respectfully all, whatever be their origin, whom we shall meet on our way, especially those in authority, the people, the pilgrims, and the tourists," he said, "but without stopping in our hurried pilgrim's journey, and without allowing ourselves to be distracted from the sole religious purpose of the trip."

Stock Market Terms Can Be Confusing To Viewer

NEW YORK (AP) — Rising prices and heavy trading in recent days and weeks have increased public interest in the stock market. More persons are getting into it, either by actually buying shares, or vicariously by talking about the goings on.

Yet a lot of the terms used are vague to many a market watcher. Here are simplified explanations of a few of the common ones you run into most.

Blue chip—Common stock in nationally known company with good long-term dividend record and strong investment qualities.
Penny stock—Share selling for less than \$1.

LOW-PRICED

Cats & dogs — Low-priced, highly speculative issues.

Convertible—Preferred share bond or debenture that can be turned in for common stock of the company.

Dollar averaging — Investing fixed sums at regular intervals in a given stock regardless of price changes.

Growth stock — Share in a

company thought likely to make above average gains in earnings and net worth over a long period.

Margin account—The account of a trader who operates partly on money borrowed from his broker, currently set legally as no more than 30 per cent of price of the stock.

Margin call — Demand on trader to put up more cash or securities with the broker when skidding prices mean that customer's equity in stock falls below legal minimum or below standard set by the stock exchange or by the brokerage firm.

100 SHARES

Round lot—Unit of trading on the exchanges, which is usually 100 shares, except for a few high priced or inactive issues.

Odd lot — Amount of stock bought or sold in less than the established round lot unit of 100 shares for most issues. Odd lot trading is popularly supposed to be the badge of the small investor.

Short sale — Borrowing stock to sell at the market price in expectation of buying back at lower price later for a profit. If price goes up, stock still must be bought some time for re-

placement, at a loss to the trader.

Over the counter — Market maintained by security dealers for stocks usually unlisted on the exchanges.

Right—Privilege given stockholders to buy new shares in the company, often at lower than prevailing price; right can be exercised or sold.

Thin market—Few bids to buy or offers to sell or both, often because most of the shares are closely held with only a few available to the public.

Yield—Current dividend rate expressed as a percentage of the current market price, the most common definition; or, if you already own the stock, returns of the last 12 months as percentage of price you originally paid.

Ex-dividend — Buyer doesn't receive recently declared dividend, but seller does. This is because every dividend is payable on a fixed date to shareholders recorded on company books as owners as of a fixed date. Normally four business days are allowed for delivery of stock after sale.

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Lest nothing ye dismay
Rejoice with friends and family
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White House Christmas Tree

This Christmas tree stands in the Blue Room of the White House today. Portraits on the wall are of James Monroe, left, and John Adams. (AP WIREPHOTO)

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Story Of First Christmas Told In Three Translations

The story of the first Christmas, that dark, still night that the Christ Child was born, is told by two of the apostles: Matthew, the tax collector, and Luke, the physician.

They told it only once, simply and beautifully, but in the ancient language of their time and place. We in America read it as it has been translated into a language that did not even exist when Christ was born.

There are several translations of the story that we may choose. But three in particular are the most read: the King James version, the Revised

Standard translation, and the New English version. The oldest, and probably the favorite of the English-speaking world, is the Nativity story told in the King James Bible.

The crown of England passed to James I when Elizabeth died on March 24, 1603. One of his first acts was to call the Hampton Court Conference, which passed a resolution recommending a new translation of the Bible.

With the enthusiastic backing of King James, the new translation was completed in 1611. Many other translations followed, but the King James ver-

sion maintained its popularity. One of the others was the American Standard Version of 1901. Then in 1937, the International Council of Religious Education set up a committee of 32 scholars to revise the ASV to "embody the best results of modern scholarship as to the meaning

of the Scriptures." The fruit of this labor, the Revised Standard Version, was completed in 1952. Meanwhile, in the British Isles a completely new translation of the English Bible had been authorized by several churches working cooperatively. A panel of scholars began

work. They haven't finished yet. But the first part of their work, "The New English Bible, New Testament," was completed last year. Here, for comparison, are these three translations of that part of the Nativity story told in Luke 2: 6-14:

King James Version

"... And so it was, that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

"And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

"And, lo, an angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour: which is Christ the Lord.

"And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly hosts praising God, and saying:

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

New English Version

"... She was pregnant, and while they were there the time came for her child to be born, and she gave birth to a son, her firstborn. She wrapped him round, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them to lodge in the house.

"Now in this same district there were shepherds out in the fields, keeping watch through the night over their flock, when suddenly there stood before them an angel of the Lord, and the splendour of the Lord shone round them. They were terror-struck, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid; I have good news for you: there is great joy coming to the whole people.

Today in the city of David, a deliverer has been born to you — the Messiah, the Lord. And this is your sign: you will find a baby lying all wrapped up, in a manger.' All at once there was with the angel a great company of the heavenly host, singing the praises of God:

"Glory to God in Highest heaven,

And on earth his peace for men on whom his favour rests."

Revised Standard Version

"... And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

"And in that region were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, 'Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!"

Bethlehem Lifted From Obscurity By Jesus' Birth

Christmas had its beginning in an ancient little town high on a mountain plateau, where few birds sing.

Bethlehem, which is only 14 miles from the Dead Sea, is almost as high above those waters as Denver is above sea level. The area is so intensely cold at the end of December that shepherds who still roam the countryside take their flocks into sheepfolds or caves at night.

When Jesus was born, Bethlehem was still devoted to a large extent to a combination of buildings and caves. Prof. J. Alexander Findlay of Manchester, England, in his contribution to the monumental Abingdon Bible Commentary, described the type of stable in which Jesus and Mary took refuge where there was no room for them in the inn.

"By the 'stable,'" this scholar explained, "is meant the entrance to one of the village houses, in which the animals are tethered in rough weather. On each side of the steps leading up to the livingroom, which is on a higher level and further inside, a pit dug in the floor contains the animals' food."

"Those are the mangers; we must think of Mary as giving birth to Jesus in a narrow space near the cottage door, while up the steps the people to whom the house belonged were living as usual."

Bethlehem today is a prosperous town in the center of a fertile district. It is known for its wine which is considered among the best in Palestine. Most of the people are Christians. The Church of the Nativity contains the Grotto of the Nativity to mark the site of Jesus' manger. But when Jesus was born, Bethlehem was best known as the City of David. It had been the early home of David and his nephews Joab, Abishai and Asahel. The town had figured in history from the time it was garrisoned by the Philistines in

the time of Saul. It is just five miles south of Jerusalem in the district which was the scene of the story of Ruth.

The birth of Jesus lifted Bethlehem from temporary obscurity. It became a place so sacred that invaders respected it for centuries. Justinian built a wall around the town in 521 A. D. The Persians spared the city in 614 and the Arabs accorded it similar respect in 636. However,

when the crusaders made their advance on Jerusalem in 1099, they occupied Bethlehem at the invitation of the inhabitants.

Since that time Bethlehem has seen various conquerors. But it still retains distinctive characteristics among the cities of Holy Land. Its women wear a special garb and the manufacture and sale of religious mementoes comprise one of the town's leading occupations.



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By JOHN A. GOLDSMITH
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Over the centuries he has been close to "exclusive" with the beginning of what has been called "The Greatest Story Ever Told."

A couple of short verses in St. Matthew's Gospel are the only other telling of the Christmas story.

Luke's full and poetic account begins with the "decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed." At Christmas time it is usually ended at the 19th Verse of the Second Chapter:

"But Mary kept all these

things and pondered them in her heart."
Luke is generally believed to have been a gentile convert to Christianity who lived in the 1st Century A. D. He was, according to most accounts, not a professional writer but a physician whose principal patient was St. Paul.

The report of Christ's ministry written by Luke is thought to have been started about 60 A. D. when Luke was in Palestine. It probably was completed in Rome a few years later and may have been written in connection with St. Paul's difficulties with the Roman authorities.

At any rate it was written to a Roman, called "Theophilus," to whom Luke later addressed a report on the works — the Acts — of Christ's apostles. As reference works, Luke is believed to have used a collection of Christ's sayings and a version of the Gospel written earlier by St. Mark.

Luke's version of the Christmas story is evidently based on original research — on stories and songs collected by Luke, himself, in Palestine. Only about 30 years had elapsed since the Crucifixion, and his account of the Nativity could have been drawn from living witnesses.

It is even possible that Luke may have met Mary and talked to her about events in Bethlehem. Tradition has it that she lived out her old age in Ephesus where Luke could well have met her when he was fashioning his Gospel.

DISTORTIONS ARISE
Some distortions have crept into the Christmas story after hundreds of years, thousands of illustrations and millions of Christmas pageants. Popular usage sets the Nativity scene in a stable, for example, but it may well have taken place in a cave.

Caves were often the shelter houses for domestic animals in Palestine at that time. The manger, in that case, would have been a straw-filled hole in the earthen floor rather than a movable box or trough.

Luke's Gospel makes no mention of kings or Wise Men at the Nativity scene. The presence of the Wise Men shortly after Christ's birth is drawn from St. Matthew's fragmentary account. Also from Matthew's short account is the popular conception of the Star of Bethlehem functioning as a guide beacon for those seeking the Christ child.



A Christmas Message

Reverently, we remember a night of awe and wonder, when angels sang, shepherds watched and a shining Star guided Wise Men to the manger where a Child was born. We celebrate this holy holiday with thoughts for all our good friends everywhere, and with the hope that for you, the meaning of Christmas may be ever deeper, its joys ever greater.

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It Was Caesar's World Back Then

By HAROLD BLAKE WALKER

The world of the first century was Caesar's world, at least on the surface. Caesar Augustus, pretending to Julius Caesar, had no doubt concerning his right to power. He ruled with an iron hand, and with some skill as an administrator. He was nobody's fool, in a worldly sort of way, and he kept a tight rein on the administrators of the empire who ruled in his name.

Keeping the Roman empire solvent and collecting taxes from resentful and scheming subjects was no easy task. It was not difficult for people to get lost, at least from the tax collectors. Caesar Augustus resolved to end escape from taxes by having the population enrolled on the tax list. As Luke wrote, "In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled."

MOMENTOUS

The order of Caesar came down to Palestine and set in motion a chain of events momentous for the world. Resentful men and women from every corner of the land joined the trek from where they lived to Jerusalem to be enrolled as good, tax-paying citizens. Among those who journeyed were Joseph and Mary. The fact that Mary was expecting a child made no difference to

Caesar or to anybody in authority. A decree was a decree and that was that.

Values were thoroughly scrambled in Caesar's world, as they are in ours today. Some people were important and others were not. Caesar was significant, shepherds and town-folk and ordinary people were quite unimportant, and nobody in authority cared what they thought or how they felt. The gods had ordained the power of Augustus, and made him a god in his own right.

MOOT QUESTION

Just why Caesar was more significant than anybody else is a moot question. Essentially, I suppose, he had the strongest legions in the struggle for power within the empire. So far as the world is concerned, importance always seems to be measured in terms of power or wealth. If a man is able to command or rule other men, he is a somebody. If, on the other hand, he is merely one in the huge army of the commanded, he is a nobody.

Caesar Augustus had no notion of the sovereignty of God, with a capital "G." Caesar was god himself. He thought no self-respecting god would interfere with his designs. That, of course, is where he was mistaken. Not much remains now of the Rome of Augustus. There

are the ruins of former roads and buildings, but

Round the decay
Of that colossal wreck,
boundless and bare,
The lone and level sands
stretch far away.

God always has the final word, Augustus to the contrary.

REPLACEMENT?

A year or more ago Hedd Hopper read a report that the motto "In God we trust" was to be removed from the one dollar bill. She protested vigorously at a society luncheon. Social leader Annie Slater, who had listened to the account of the proposed deletion of deity, asked brightly, "What have they got in mind as a replacement?" Nobody had a good answer to that, although we never are lacking for candidates for the position of God.

By that I mean to say everybody wants to lord it over somebody else. We are not disposed to think of greatness in terms of service, except insofar as we can get service from somebody else. The significant people, as we see it, are not those who serve, but rather those who are able to command service. On the whole, we think more like Caesar than like God.

SOUNDS GOOD

It sounds good on Sunday when God says, "He who would be greatest among you, let him become your servant," but on Monday we want service, especially if we can afford to pay for it.

Caesar was important in his day because he could order people to be enrolled, or to die in the circus, or to go here or there, or to pay taxes if he gave the word. And, of course, people who can and do command other people are significant in the eyes of the world. God, however, has other ideas about them. He crowns the contributors to the welfare of mankind.

Many Foods Are Traditional Fare

Many foods for Christmas feasting have been traditional since early days of Yule merrymaking, although roast peacock, the feature of the feast in medieval England, is rarely, if ever, seen today!

Mince pie, with its spices and fruits, is said to symbolize the riches of the East, from which the wise men came. Legend says plum pudding began when an English king and his men were lost in a forest on Christmas Eve. The cook used foods he had on hand, including part of a stag, plums, eggs, flour, to make a single dish all could share.

IN 1741

Handel's 'Messiah' Written In 24 Days

George Friedrich Handel was born in Halle, Saxony, Feb. 23, 1685. He composed "The Messiah" in 1741 in 24 days. His fertility was extraordinary, even for an epoch in which composers were expected to toss off music for any occasion at a moment's notice.

The work had its first performance in Dublin in 1742. It was written and performed for charity, the \$400 received being divided among the prisoners, the Charitable Infirmary, and Mercer's Hospital. The following year it was given in London, but it met with such a

storm of protest from the clergy that Handel was forced to advertise its name as "A Sacred Oratorio."

It was not until 1750 that "The Messiah" was accepted by Londoners. Since that date it has been sung more often than any other choral work.

"The Messiah" represents Handel's genius and among all of his oratorios, it retains its original freshness, vigor and beauty based upon the most harmonious, symmetrical and enduring forms of art.

The custom, which still prevails, of standing during the Hallelujah Chorus dates back to the first performance in London, when its effect was so overwhelming that at the phrase, "For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth," the whole audience, with the King, who was present, started to their feet as if by one simultaneous impulse, and remained standing until the end.

America's First Card Was An Ad

The first American Christmas card was printed and mailed by a dry goods merchant in Albany, N. Y., in 1843.

The businessman, R. J. Pease used the card as an advertisement for his goods.

American Christmas cards were not launched on a commercial scale, however, until 22 years later. The father of an industry that now sells 300 million cards a year was Louis Prang, a Boston lithographer.

The very first Christmas card had been issued in England in 1843, but the custom developed slowly. Prang stimulated the card idea on both sides of the Atlantic.

He displayed color prints, or "chroms" as he called them, at the International Exposition in Vienna in 1873. He also of the feed small cards bearing floral

designs, each with an open white band to be filled in with the exhibitor's name.

Toward the close of that year, Prang said later, his English agent suggested a white band be filled with a Christmas greeting and the cards offered in quantities as Christmas cards. This was done and they became a rage in England as "the American Christmas card."

Prang offered them for sale in the United States for the first time in 1873. An excellent craftsman, he printed pictures in multi-colors, as many as 32 different shades. Within five years, Prang was producing five million cards a year.

He used a few of the motifs that are standard today. Prang's favorites were illustrations of spring flowers, harvest scenes, children playing, and the Killarney rose.

St. Nicholas Is Europe's Santa Claus

The "Santa Claus" of so many children in Europe is Saint Nicholas.

Saint Nicholas, reputed to be the hardest working Saint of all—was born in Petras, city in Asia Minor. His history tells of many great miracles, great deeds to help the poor and the needy.

He is patron saint to bankers, pawn-brokers, unmarried girls, children, mariners, scholars, and even thieves. He is said to have lived in the Third Century after the birth of Christ.

Over 600 years later, Saint Nicholas was adopted as the patron saint of old Russia and later by the Laplanders and Samoyeds. (From whom he probably acquired his sleigh and reindeer.)

Saint Nicholas is also revered in Germany, France, Switzerland, Holland and Luxembourg—and it is in these countries that he appears traditionally riding his white horse, carrying gifts for good children and whipping rods for the bad ones. His gifts are bestowed on December 6th.

When the Dutch settled in the American colonies, they brought with them the tradition of Saint Nicholas or "Sante-klaus," as he was affectionately called.

From the tall, lean and spiritual looking character in long robes, he was gradually transformed into the image we know now.

Legend May Have Started By Irish

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 the Holy Isle on the farthest edge of Europe?"



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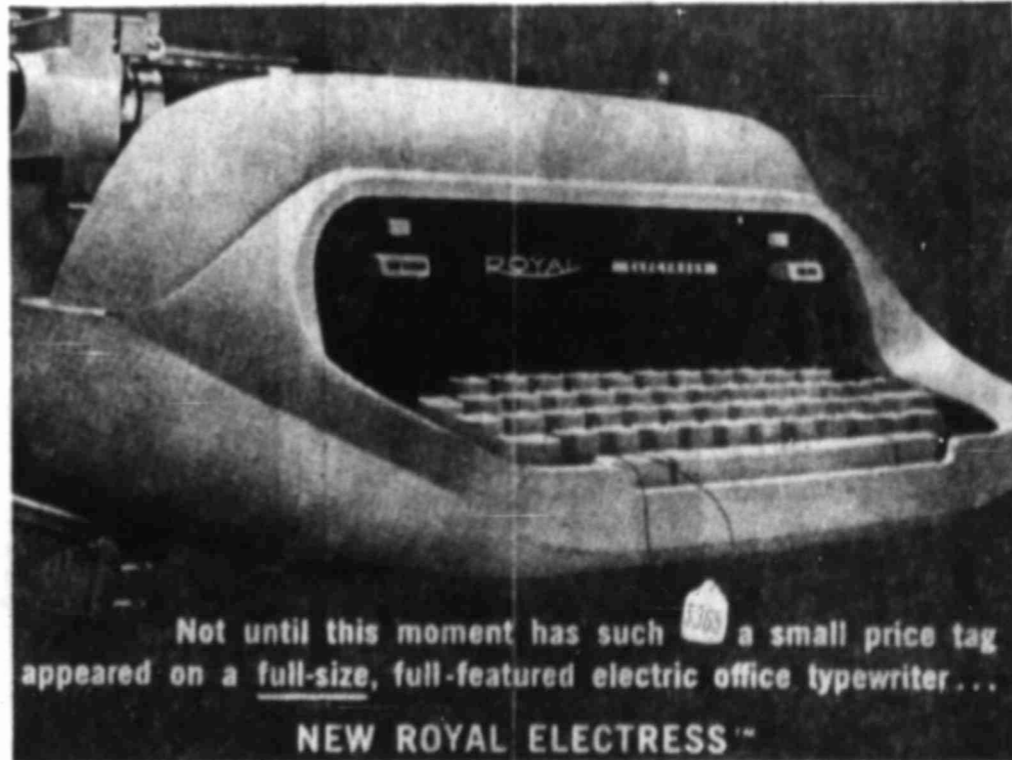


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Origins Of Many Carols Are Traced

From the first angelic chorus, "Glory to God in the Highest," the sound of voices raised in song and rejoicing for the birth of Christ swells across the ages. Today, carols from many lands and many epochs fill the air at holiday time.

Sources of some carols are lost in the past, but many can be traced to interesting origins.

"SILENT NIGHT"
A broken organ inspired "Silent Night." So that the people of the parish might have a song at Christmas, Father Joseph Mohr, an Austrian priest, wrote the carol, and his organist composed the music. It was sung on Christmas Eve, 1818, to guitar accompaniment.

"DECK THE HALLS"
Expressing the merriment of Christmas, "Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly" is an English carol set to an old Welsh air. It refers to such ancient traditions as the "blazing Yule" log.

"FIRST NOWELL"
First published in English, "The First Nowell" is believed to be primarily a French carol. The French word "Noel" comes from the Latin word meaning birth; "Nowell" is the anglicized version. Both mean Christmas or a "shout of joy" for the birth of Christ. Tune is a medieval shepherd song.

"ADESTE FIDELIS"
"O Come, All Ye Faithful" or "Adeste Fidelis" may have been written by the 13th Century writer and teacher, Saint Bonaventure, but its exact origin is a mystery. There's no secret about its popularity today. It has been translated into 126 languages, and there are more than 40 English versions.

"O TANNENBAUM"
Most familiar of many Christmas carols originating in Germany, "O Tannenbaum," or "O Christmas Tree," celebrates the evergreen as an emblem of immortality. It has added familiarity in the U.S., since the tune is used for several college songs and for the state song, "Maryland, My Maryland."

"MERRY, GENTLEMEN"
An old English carol that sometimes suffers from a comma out of place in "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen." The meaning is not "God rest you, merry gentlemen" but "God keep you merry, gentlemen."

"HERALD ANGELS SING"
Charles Wesley, who during his lifetime (1707-1788) wrote hundreds of hymns, was inspired to write "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" as he walked to church on Christmas Day and heard the London church bells chime.

JESUS' BIRTH Exact Date Hard To Find

Three men sail their camels over a sea of sand. A dazzling star hangs above a town huddled in sleep. On the hillsides, sheep stir and the fires of shepherds twinkle. A single light burns in the town.

No second guesses are needed to identify this word-picture as the first Christmas. Yet, when was it, exactly? Saint Matthew tells us Jesus was born when Herod was King of Judea. Scholars have established that Herod reigned from 37 B.C. until his death in 4 B.C. Matthew also relates the story of Herod's plan to kill the infant King and remove any threat to the pagan throne.

STORY REPEATED
Each year the story is repeated in Sunday schools throughout the Christian world: How Herod sent the Three Wise Men in search of the Child... how the Wise Men were warned in a dream that Herod was up to no good... how Mary and Joseph received a similar warning and fled to Egypt with their Child... how Herod tried desperately to eliminate Jesus by ordering the slaughter of all male children in and around Bethlehem.

In the words of Saint Matthew, Herod called for the death of all boys "from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the Wise Men."

According to this passage, the Wise Men told Herod they had first seen the Star of Bethlehem two years before the tyrant had ordered the "slaughter of the innocents." Since Herod died in 4 B.C., Jesus must have been born at least two years earlier. Some say Jesus was born B.C.—before the Christian Era—because of calendar changes in the Sixth Century.

LEARN MORE
Many scholars believe they can get a better idea of the time of Nativity by learning more about the Star of Bethlehem and the Wise Men.

Fundamental mathematical laws govern the motion of the planets. Astronomers are able to predict the appearances of comets, stars and eclipses by applying complicated mathematical time formulas. Scientists note that one of the most interesting speculations of the origin of the Star of Bethlehem was made in 1937 by the Rev. W. Burke-Gaffney, S. J.

Writing in the Journal of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, Father Burke-Gaffney suggests the Star might have

been a nova. Novae are stars which flare up suddenly and then fade after a few months. Astronomers believed this is caused by tremendous explosions, similar to the ones which occur on our own sun, itself a small star.

BUDDING SCIENCES
Astronomy was a budding "science" long before Christ. Its center was in Babylonia, which is thought to have been the home of the Wise Men. They were known as "magi," the old Babylonian word for the scholarly, star-gazing priests of the Zoroastrian religion. Since comets, eclipses and the positions of the planets signified great changes in the affairs of men, there is little doubt a blazing star would have gone unheeded.

The great German astronomer Johann Kepler, who died in 1630, suggested that Christ had been born in 7 B.C., during a conjunction of the planets Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. This phenomenon would have certainly interested the Magi. By calculating the unchanging journeys of these three planets, however, it has been learned that Mars, Jupiter and Saturn could not have been bright enough to be visible in 7 B.C. Seven B.C., however, is still regarded by many as to have been the year of the Birth. Why?

DURING CENSUS
According to the Bible, Christ was born during one of the great census takings of the Roman Empire. In addition, Rome's history records that an empire-wide taxation was begun in 8 B.C. It is not unlikely the census and taxing were held at the same time since one could have served as a check on the other.

Since Judea was on the frontier of the Roman Empire, it must have taken the tax and census takers about two years to work their way there. From Saint Matthew's account Jesus was at least two years old at the time of Herod's death in 4 B.C. Allowing a year and a half or two years for the Roman officials to reach Bethlehem, and subtracting at least two years from 4 B.C., the Nativity is narrowed to 7 or 6 B.C. At this point even the experts differ.

IN SPRING
As for the time of the year of the Birth, many believe there's no need to look further than the Bible itself. Saint Luke says in his description of the Holy Night: "And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night."

Since earliest days, it is only in the spring—when lambs are born—that the shepherds of Judea watch their flocks at night. December is the rainy season in the Holy Land, and shepherds are not likely to be out.

If Jesus was born in the spring, why do the major religions celebrate His birth in winter? Centuries before Christ, the last week of December had been a time of pagan festivals. It is the time of the winter solstice—when the sun stands farthest south in the sky. According to the old Julian Calendar, the solstice occurred on December 25. The Gregorian calendar marks it as Dec. 22.

The boisterous Kalends celebrations of the Romans were held at this time. Since the early Christians were outlaws in Rome and forbidden to worship, they used the Kalends as a disguise for their own solemn rites.

Twelfth Night Marked By Many Customs

Twelfth Night, or Epiphany, is marked with many customs, ceremonies and legends throughout the world. French and Swiss children, for example, look forward to the pastry they receive on that day, in which a bean, coin or china figure is hidden. Whoever gets the prize, is crowned king of the family.

Epiphany means "appearance" and commemorates the visit of the Three Wise Men to the infant Jesus. Their arrival was proof to believers that Christ the Saviour was born. During the Middle Ages, Epiphany or Twelfth Night, was commemorated with plays presented in churches. Solemn observances largely disappeared in Elizabethan England, and this became a time of revelry.

Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" reflects this mood. Historians say it was probably presented in a command performance at Whitehall Palace on January 6, 1601.

It is interesting to note that January 6th was first observed as Christ's birthday.

Say It In Many Tongues

CHICAGO — If you're expecting foreign visitors over Christmas, the Museum of Science and Industry has come up with the following translations for "Merry Christmas":

- Joyeux Noel—French.
- Stran Bozic—Croatian.
- Glad Yul—Swedish.
- Wesoelych Swait—Polish.
- Feliz Navidad—Spanish.
- Chystos Rozdzjetsia, Slawtye Jeho—Ukrainian.
- Gledelig Jul—Norwegian.
- Vesele Vanoce—Czechoslovakian.
- Kala Christougene—Greek.
- Linksmu Kaledu—Lithuanian.
- Boldgo Karacsony—Hungarian.
- Frohliche Weinachten—German.
- Zalig Kerstfeest—Dutch.
- Buon Natale—Italian.
- Schonhorav Dzenout—Armenian.
- Nodiag Nait Cugat—Irish.

Holly Legends

Holly, a most popular Christmas symbol everywhere, is surrounded by hundreds of legends. The "burning bush" from which God spoke to Moses was said to be holly. In Germany, it is believed that Christ's crown of thorns was made of holly and that this is recalled in the Christmas wreath.



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NO CREATURE STIRRING...

'Twas The Night Before Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas
... when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse—
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar plums danced in their heads.
And mama in her kerchief and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter nap.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new fallen snow,
Gave a luster of mid-day to objects below.
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer.

With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came
And he whistled and shouted and called them by name —

"Now, Dasher; Now, Dancer! Now, Prancer, Now, Vixen!
On, Comet! On Cupid! On, Dunder and Blitzen!"
To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall,
"Now, dash away, dash away, dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle mount to the sky;
So, up to the house-top the coursers flew,
With a sleigh full of toys and St. Nicholas, too.

And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each tiny hoof.
As I drew in my head and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot.
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.

His eyes, how they twinkled! His dimples, how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry;
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow
And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow!

The stump of a pipe he held high in his teeth,
And the smoke, it encircled his head like a wreath.
He had a broad face, and round little belly
That shook when he laughed like a bowl full of jelly.

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself.
A wink of the eye, a twist of the head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings, then, turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew, like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,
"Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!"

—Clement C. Moore

Moore Left A Popular Legacy For Youngsters

Although he has been dead for almost 100 years, the memory of Clement Clarke Moore lives on. It will be remembered as long as there are children to enjoy Christmas.

Moore, in case you've forgotten, was the author of the poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas," more popularly known as, "'Twas the Night Before Christmas."

He wrote it in 1822 for his own children, Charity, Clement and Emily. It didn't receive popular acclaim until about 20 years later when it appeared in a Troy, N.Y., newspaper. Since then it has become as much a part of Christmas as the decorated tree.

Moore was born in 1779 and died in 1863. He was buried in the graveyard which then existed at St. Luke's Chapel, Trinity Parish, in downtown New York. In 1889 his body was removed uptown to Trinity Church Cemetery.

On Christmas Eve, children, their parents and other adults gather in the Chapel of the Intercession, Trinity Parish, for the afternoon service of the Feast

Keeps Them Cool

Poinsettia plants will have a healthier root action if they are kept in a clay flower pot which permits excess water and harmful salts to escape and keeps roots and soil balls cool.

Historic Date For Centuries

December 25th marked an important date in the life of the pagans centuries ago, just as today this day is important to all in the Christian world.

The Sun Festival, one of the most important rites in the pagan world, was marked on this day and was followed by twelve days of a "high old time" devoted to the expulsion of evil. Lighted torches, assorted bells and noisemakers, a hue and cry set up by the populace, were supposed to drive away all demons, witches and evil spirits.

To minimize the importance of pagan festivals that lingered in the first centuries following the Birth of Christ, the early Christian leaders turned this into a Holy Day.

In the Roman Julian calendar, December 25th was figured as the day when the sun was "born." On this day the light-

ened, the sun rays became warmer, stronger—and the chill of winter would soon leave.

The last day of this period—the twelfth day, January 6th—marked the conclusion of these noisy rites. The festival, in the honor of the sun's birthday, was a symbolic promise that crops and cattle would thrive. In order to convert many non-believers from their worship of the sun to reverence for Him, who was also the Son, was the reason that the early Christian leaders chose the day of December 25th for His birthday.

Therefore, although religious historians have yet to determine Christ's actual birth date, the Christian world has celebrated our Saviour's birth on December 25th since 375 A. D.

Burning Candles Important Part Of Observance

For many, many centuries—brightly burning candles have been an important part of the Christmas observance. And, in days of yore — the bayberry candle held a mystic significance—it was believed that if the candles burned bright and clear throughout the Christmas season, then the coming year was sure to be lucky and happy.

Branches from bayberry trees dipped in wax were used instead of candles in Colonial days, when animal fat for making the candles was in short supply. Even when tallow candles were more plentiful, the bayberry candle remained as a traditional part of the Christmas observance in early days.

Dickens' Carol Expresses Spirit

Few stories so completely express the true spirit of Christmas as does the classic tale of "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens.

The story tells of the spiritual rebirth of a miserly, mean old man and the eventual happiness he helped bring to others.

The familiar telling of the story of Scrooge, the three ghosts, Tiny Tim and the others—has become a veritable classic.

Its reception was spontaneous and great; soon its fame spread around the world and it was printed in many languages.

None of the other Christmas essays that Dickens wrote

caught the public's fancy as did this one of Old Scrooge and Tiny Tim.

Not only is this story read at Christmas time within family groups, in school rooms and at religious gatherings, but Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" has been recorded by famous actors; the "Carol" has also become an annual presentation on radio and television.

"A Christmas Carol in Prose, Being a Ghost Story of Christmas" was first published at Christmas 1843, and since that time its popularity has never waned.

Generation after generation has laughed and cried over the

story of the miserly Scrooge, who through the revelations of three spirits — Christmas Past, Present and Yet to Come — became a man who "knew how to keep Christmas well, if any man alive possessed the knowledge."

Charles Dickens, creator of the "Carol", loved it as well as, or perhaps even better than its many readers did. He told of crying and laughing again and again as, captivated by his story, he wrote the 30,000-word book in six weeks.

When Dickens gave readings from his works in England and America, the story of Scrooge

was always the prime favorite with his audiences.

Perhaps the best known part of the story is Christmas dinner at the Cratchits, where Scrooge and the Ghost of Christmas Present observed the family of his clerk, Bob Cratchit, making merry over a simple Christmas dinner, highlighted by a goose.

"There never was such a goose" — and a pudding "Oh, what a wonderful pudding!"

And a favorite character is Tiny Tim, the Cratchits' crippled son, to whom the reformed Scrooge became "a second father."

One of the most famous speeches in the English lan-

guage is, doubtless, Tiny Tim's, at the conclusion of the Christmas feast, "God bless us, every one!"

Make Your Own Candle Holders

To make holders for tiny candles, use empty thread spools dipped in either silver or gold paint and sprinkled with sequins before they dry.

Coat candles all but the wicks with soapuds. Let them dry in candleholders before lighting. Candles so treated will last longer and burn without smoking or dripping.



Merry Christmas

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

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Whether it's a formal party, a family reunion or just an informal get-together, paper party service will be allowing hostesses to spend more time with their guests, by keeping them out of the kitchen. No dish washing after the party, is also a well-

come relief for the tired hostess. Here are some suggestions for easy entertaining with party products during the holidays: For the children at family gatherings, paper service at

Music Survived In Monasteries

In the Dark Ages of history, long before most modern musical instruments were invented, music like most other arts managed to survive the barbarian invasions of Europe behind the protection of convent and monastery walls.

Plain chant or Gregorian chant, and later the Ambrosian chant, laid the basis for most modern musical compositions, and church music in almost every form dominated the works of most major composers from Palestrina down through Bach, Mozart and into the modern era of opera and oratorio.

Music and song still ring from convent and monastery gardens and recreation rooms, just as they always have down through the centuries, but only lately have they attracted the attention of the record buying public.

From Romans

Some scholars believe caroling is a carry-over from the Roman songs of the Saturnalia. The first songs of the Nativity date from the Fourth Century and German lieder from the 11th. Some 200 years later, carols found their way into France and Britain. One quaint belief of Northern England was that on Christmas Eve the bees gathered and hummed carols.

Evergreen Is Still Favorite For Christmas

Nowadays Christmas trees are made out of almost everything, from aluminum to plastic — but the world's favorite Christmas tree is still the evergreen.

Many legends explain how the evergreen became associated with Christianity and Christmas. One is the story of St. Wilfred, according to The Book of Knowledge.

Speaking to a group of converts, the saint sought to illustrate how they had broken away from the heathen worship of the Druids.

He chopped down a giant tree — an oak, since this kind of tree was one of the chief objects of Druid worship. As it fell with a crash, it split into four pieces. From the center a young fir tree sprouted.

St. Wilfred told the converts that the fir should from then on serve as their "holy tree."

"It is the wood of peace, for all houses are built of the fir. Let this be called the tree of the Christ Child; gather about it, not in the wildwood, but in your homes."

Mice Led To Writing Carol

OBERNDORF, Austria (UPI) — As two muffled figures trudged through this Alpine village two nights before Christmas in the year 1818 one murmured to the other: "silent night, holy night."

This is how, with the aid of a family of church mice, the world's most familiar Christmas carol came into being 144 years ago.

Father Josef Mohr, 26, and his companion, schoolmaster Franz Xavier Gruber were in despair because of what they had discovered in Father Mohr's parish church.

Mice had chewed through the bellows of the church organ, throwing to the winds the planned parish annual Christmas musicale. Each push down on the organ pipes emitted only a wheeze.

It was bitter cold. A blizzard had raged all day but had subsided by this time. Father Mohr looked around and continued, "all is calm, all is bright."

According to Oberndorf legend, Gruber grabbed the priest's

arm and said, "That would make a fine Christmas carol." They worked until dawn, putting together the famous melody and verses on brown wrapping paper, helped in their efforts by strong coffee and a zither.

On Christmas Eve, as the parishioners gathered in the tiny church of St. Nikolaus, Father Mohr had to tell them about the "I have a musical surprise."

By candlelight the priest and the organist led the congregation in the first singing of "Silent Night" with Gruber playing the accompaniment on the twelve-stringed zither.

The carol became the favorite of the village and was carried to other parts of Austria by bargemen along the Salzach River.

"Silent Night" was a sensation at its first performance in Leipzig, Germany, in 1831. From there it spread throughout the world.

Father Mohr died penniless in 1848. Schoolmaster Gruber followed him in obscurity and death some 15 years later.

May you enjoy Christmas as much as we have enjoyed the opportunity to serve you. Our hearty thanks!

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SECOND COMING

What Response Would He Get?

If there should be, on Christmas night, a second coming, would there not be soon a second crucifixion?

And this time, not by the Romans or the Jews, but by those who proudly call themselves Christians?

I wonder. I wonder how we today would regard and treat this man with His strange and frightening and "impractical" doctrines of human behavior and relationships. Would we be-

lieve and follow, any more than the masses of people in His day believed and followed?

Would not the militarists among us assail Him as a cowardly pacifist because He urges us not to resist evil?

Would not the nationalists among us attack Him as a dangerous internationalist because He tells us we are all of one flesh?

Would not the wealthy among us castigate Him as a trouble-making radical because He bars the rich from entering the kingdom of heaven?

Would not the liberals among us dismiss Him as a dreamy vagabond because He advises us to take no thought for the morrow, to lay up no treasures upon earth?

Would not the ecclesiastics among us denounce Him as a ranting heretic because He cuts through the cords of ritual and commands us only to love God and our neighbors?

Would not the sentimentalists among us deride Him as a cynic because He warns us that the way to salvation is narrow and difficult?

Would not the Puritans among us despise and reject Him because He eats and drinks with publicans and sinners, preferring the company of winebibbers and harlots to that of "respectable" church members?

Would not the sensual among us scorn Him because He fasts for 40 days in the desert, neglecting the needs of the body?

Would not the proud and important among us laugh at Him when He instructs the 12 disciples that he who would be "first" should be the one to take the role of the least and serve all?

Would not the worldly-wise and educated among us be aghast to hear that we cannot be saved except we become as children, and that a little child shall lead us?

Would not each of us in his own way find some part of this man's saying and doing to be so threatening to our ways of life, so much at odds with our rooted beliefs, that we could not tolerate Him for long?

I wonder.

Songs' Origin Lost In Time

We probably never will know the story behind the carol which — according to statistically-minded authorities — is sung more than any other single carol throughout the world: "O Come, All Ye Faithful." It is lost in the mists of time.

Certainly it is one of the earliest forms of carols, taken from a Latin canticle, either by medieval British or French monks. The tune to which it is sung today was first published in 1751 in a collection known as "Cantus Diversi."

From its original Latin, the carol has been translated into 120 languages, among them all the European, Scandinavian, and Slav tongues, Chinese, Japanese, Swahili, Malagasy, Urdu, Korean, Melanesian and Polynesian.

Found In Mexico

The poinsettia was discovered in 1828 by Dr. Joel Poinsett in Mexico. It is known as flora de la Noche Buena, flower of the Holy Night.

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DEAR EDITOR:

Is There A Santa Claus?

A little girl's curiosity had led to a bit of Christmas philosophy that has since become a Christmas classic.

One day — in December — in 1897, Virginia O'Hanlon wrote a letter to the New York Sun.

The reply with its message of keen, spiritual insight was written by Francis E. Church, a writer for the old Sun.

"I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. My papa says, 'If you see it in the SUN, it's so.' Please tell me the truth — is there a Santa Claus?"

"Yes, indeed!
"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the scepticism of a sceptical age — they do not believe except what they see — they think nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.

"All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"Not to believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies!

"You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus — the most real things in the world are those neither children nor men can see.

"Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there — nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.

"You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, or even the united strength of all the strongest men, that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside the curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond.

"Is it all real? — oh, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

"No Santa Claus! Thank God! — he lives, and he lives forever — a thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

—FRANCIS E. CHURCH

Integral Part Of Christmas Story

The colors red and green are an integral part of the Christmas story.

The red is explained by the "Legend of the Christmas Rose." According to this ancient story, a little shepherdess, watching from afar as the Three Wise Men presented their gifts to the Christ Child, wept because she had no gift to offer.

Flowers sprang up where her tears fell, says the legend. She gathered them and hastened to present them to the Infant Jesus. While she was kneeling at the crib, his hand touched the petals and they turned a beautiful red.

A similar legend from Mexico tells how the flaming red poinsettia came to be connected with Christmas.

A poor Mexican boy went to church on Christmas Eve in great sadness because he did not have a gift to lay before the crib of the Holy Child. He knelt humbly on the cold ground outside the church and prayed. When he rose, a green plant with dazzling red blooms sprang up at his feet.

The poinsettia was named for America's first ambassador to Mexico—Joel R. Poinsett who

brought the flame-hued plant from Mexico in 1829.

EVERGREENS IMPORTANT
Over the centuries, evergreens have played an important part in the Christmas celebration and the color green is symbolic of them and everlasting life.

The early French and English settlers hung pieces of evergreens over their doors to indicate that Christ was present.

Holly is believed to have sprung up where the Infant Jesus took his first baby steps.

Numerous tales are told of how the Christmas tree came to be associated with Christmas. Historians believe, however, that it was Martin Luther in Germany who trimmed the first tree with candles to show his family the splendor of the night on which Christ was born. Later, apples, candy, and colored papers were added to the decorations.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS
Today the colors red and green dominate Christmas decorations.

Red and green are the popular choices for ribbon at Christmastime, yet rank last—16th and 17th—in sales during the rest of the year.

SYMBOL OF CARE

Shepherding Closely Allied With Christmas

Sheep and shepherding are closely linked with the Christmas story, and they also serve as a symbol of the kindness and loving care that was part of Christ's message to mankind.

When darkness falls on Christmas Eve, today's shepherd is watching his flocks by night and, probably, looking at the stars in the heavens, just as the shepherds of old did.

There are some differences—for instance, the shepherd on the Western ranges of the U. S. has changed the shepherd's robe for levis, and the flocks he watches are much larger, numbering sheep by the thousands. But the meaning of shepherd — "to herd, guard, lead," says a dictionary defini-

tion—hasn't changed.

Sheep still must be watched by night, because, for some reason known only to the sheep, night is the time they are most likely to decide to roam to faraway places. In sudden storms, the shepherd, his horse and dog must guide the flock to shelter.

The ailing sheep or the new-born lamb are sure of the herder's gentle care, and when part of the flock has strayed, he searches with a diligence that recalls the parable of Jesus:

"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he finds it?" (Luke 15:4).

Many Towns Carry Theme

Traces of Christmas can even be found in Uncle Sam's Official Postal Guide.

"Santa Claus," Ind., "Bethlehem," Conn., and "Christmas, Fla., are a few of the more familiar post offices which each year handle floods of mail from senders wishing to obtain appropriate Yuletide postmarks on their greetings. More than 3 1/2 billion Christmas cards will be sent this season.

Indiana's "Santa Claus" is the only town so designated in the United States. The privilege is reserved to its post office by Congressional Act. There is, however, "Santa" in Idaho, but only one "Christmas"—the one in Florida, plus a "Christmas Cove," in Maine.

On the other hand, seven "Bethlehems" answer the seasonal roll call. They can be found in Connecticut, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, New Hampshire and Pennsylvania.

Gift-Giving Dates Back To Roman Emperor Times

Exchanging gifts on Christmas Day is basically an American tradition.

Many Europeans exchange gifts on New Year's Day instead. Christmas is strictly a religious day in most parts of Europe and is not celebrated with gaiety, visiting and gift-giving.

STARTED BY ROMANS

The gift-giving custom dates back to the time of the Roman Emperors from about 27 B.C. to 363 A.D. It was customary to send a gift to the Emperor at the start of the New Year to wish him good fortune.

At first, the gift was likely to be a branch of bay or palm which the whole populace felt obliged to send. But, in time, the gifts became more elaborate and costly—to win the Emperor's favor.

Later, the Romans began giving

each other presents and sending special greetings to friends and relatives. From the Romans, the custom spread to Europe.

The ancient Chinese also celebrated the New Year by exchanging gifts, and they are responsible for introducing two Christmas decorating techniques—gift wrapping and paper honeycomb.

CHINESE SYMBOLISM

The Chinese liked to incorporate a special symbolism into their wrapped packages. Most gifts were wrapped in red and decorated with gold-leaf seals. The seal might represent the Fu Dong meaning "protection," the fir tree, signifying "long life," or the bamboo tree which meant "virtue, long life and many sons" for the recipient.

Today, Christmas is the biggest gift-giving occasion of the

year in the United States, accounting for 41 per cent of the gifts an average family buys each year.

This year the average American family will buy 30 gifts averaging \$4.90 each, or a total of \$147.

A staggering 1.5 billion gifts, in all, will be exchanged on Christmas morning says the company.

STRANGE START

The idea of gift wrapping came to the United States less than 60 years ago. It started quite by accident. A shipment of envelope lining papers arrived too late for a New York stationer's Christmas line, so rather than hold them in store, he decided to sell them for gift wrappings.



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Christmas Marked By First Colony

Christmas came early to America.

At Christmastide in 1607, fewer than 40 of the original 100 people who had settled Jamestown Colony in Virginia were still alive, and these had little food. But they gathered about the Church of England altar to listen to the ancient Christmas message.

A year later, conditions had improved. In his journal, Capt. John Smith relates that he and his fellow settlers visited one of Chief Powhatan's sons at Christmas and were "never more merrie, nor fedde on more plentie of good oysters, fish, flash, wild foule and good

bread; nor never had better fires in England than in the warm smoke houses."

CHRISTMAS BANNED

By the end of the 17th Century, the Christmas celebration was still limited to Virginia. In New England, Puritan and Pilgrim settlers frowned on merry-making and the celebration of Christmas was not only frowned upon, but for a time was banned.

In Williamsburg, capital of Colonial Virginia, Christmas was a season rather than one-day celebration. It began Dec. 15 and continued without letup to Jan. 6, Christmas Day was not Dec. 25, but Jan. 5 and the date wasn't changed until about 1750.

Christmas in the colony was not a time of gift-giving, although there were a few toys for the children. But it was festive.

On Christmas 1709, William Byrd II fed his guests broiled turkey for breakfast at his plantation home, Westover. Then they went to church. In the evening, wrote Byrd, "we were merry with nonsense and so were my servants." The guests played billiards, drank wine, played cards, slid and skated on the ice and ate a great variety of food.

YULE LOG WAS LIT
Other planters rode to Williamsburg for the Christmas season. There were grand balls at the Raleigh Tavern, and the first theater in America drew women in silks and voluminous skirts and men in wigs and satin.

No one had a Christmas tree; that custom would come later from Germany. But they did have the Yule log. As the log was set afire, the host proclaimed that the flames were "forcing the devil out of the house" for the coming year.

Sprigs of holly, symbolizing the woes of the past year, were cast into the fireplace to banish them. Then the host lighted his Christmas candles from the Yule fire and poured a little wine upon the log to protect the house from ghosts and trailing apparitions. The log was kept burning through the Christmas season and at the season's end, part of it was saved for lighting the following year's Yule log.

Churches were transformed with greenery into virtual woodlands. One churchgoer wrote that "the pulpit itself has rose-

clad; nor never had better fires in England than in the warm smoke houses."

At Mount Vernon in the years just before the Revolutionary War, guests arrived from other places in Virginia and nearby Maryland for visits of weeks. With their host, George Washington, they enjoyed one of Virginia's favorite holiday occupations, the hunt.

It began at daybreak and Washington and his guests were up long before to breakfast by candlelight. When the chase ended, they returned to the house to sit around the table and discuss the deeds of the leading dog and the best horse.

Guests enjoyed Martha Washington's Great Cake for which her recipe began, "Take 40 eggs..." And undoubtedly Washington's eggnog warmed them, for his recipe included not only rye and rum, but also a liberal dollop of sherry.

CHRISTMAS HOMECOMING
It was near dusk on Christmas Eve 1783 that Washington, general of the victorious Revolutionary forces, came home to Mount Vernon from the war. Bonfires were lighted on the slope of the hill and the servants celebrated by firing guns again and again—an old colonial Christmas custom.

After a quick inspection, Washington retired early. But he was up at 4 a.m. for a more detailed inspection of his plantation. When he returned home he was greeted by the joyful cries of his grandchildren. Before long, despite harsh weather, neighbors began arriving in long lines to pay their respects.

Dinner at 3 p.m. included Virginia hams, pork, beef, fish, duck, a turkey and oysters. And when they had eaten, the general—who always spoke with an economy of words—rose and offered his traditional Christmas toast: "All our friends."

Bells Became Yule Legend

Many years ago, in the little town of Locen, Holland, there hung in the church tower two fine bells. Their clear tones gave comfort to all who heard them.

However, these bells had never been baptized, and one night, so the story goes, they disappeared from the church tower. The sorrowing townspeople searched everywhere, but the bells could not be found.

On the Eve of Christmas, the people longed for the joyous sound of the bells—proclaiming the Christmas spirit. Then, precisely at midnight, bell-like tones were heard through the snowy night. They seemed to be coming from a nearby pond.

Though the bells themselves were never found, each Christmas Eve, just at midnight, their chimes rang out over the town and the legend of the bells spread far and abroad.

Other towns and other countries continued the custom of bell-ringing, and today it has become a beautiful part of the traditional celebration of Christmas.

Many Legends About Magi

Many legends have developed around the visit of the three wise men to adore the Infant Jesus. Even their number is legendary.

St. Matthew, the only book in the New Testament that refers to the visit, reports that wise men came from the east, without stating how many there were.

It was not until later, in a legend which can be traced back to the second century, that they were called "kings," according to The Encyclopedia Americana.

In even later times, they were distinguished as Melchior, Gaspar, or Caspar, and Balthasar. The magi originally stood for the priestly caste of the ancient Persian Zoroastrian religion. As the religion moved westward, it came in contact with Babylonian beliefs and practices and derived a strong interest in astrology, demonology and magic.

By the time it reached the Graeco-Roman world, it was practically identical, in the popular view, with astrology and magic. This explains the use of the term "wise men" by St. Matthew, since they were astrologers.

Roman Feasts

Starting December 17 and continuing for seven days, the ancient Romans feasted and made merry celebrating their Saturnalia in halls and banquet rooms decorated with laurel and greens.

Santa Claus Shows Tag 'Made In U.S.'

Santa Claus, as we know him today, wears a very definite "Made in America" tag. Although his very spirit and being is borrowed from the European legends relating to Saint Nicholas and still others borrowed from the Germanic Kristkindl.

Saint Nick was represented as a tall, thin man riding a tall, thin horse.

English children in the American colonies borrowed this Christmas Saint from the early Dutch settlers. Their difficulty in saying the good Saint's name led to many interesting variations, and finally to "Santa Claus."

When Washington Irving, chronicler of American colonial days and doings wrote his "Knickerbocker's History of New York," he depicted a jolly Saint Nick with a broad brimmed hat, big breeches, long-stemmed pipe, and riding a wagon; resembling the staid Dutch settlers of that era.

When Clement Moore, a professor of divinity at a New York theological seminary wrote his famous poem "A Visit From St. Nicholas" in 1822, he gave the Saint a brand "New Look." In addition to Saint Nick's sleigh and reindeer, Moore also gave him a round little belly, twinkling eyes and cheeks like roses.

Thomas Nast, the famous Hearst cartoonist, brought Moore's elf to life by depicting him as the rotund little man with the merry twinkle.

Pagan and Christian customs are combined in our giving of gifts. Santa Claus is a variation of the name Saint Nicholas. His festival day is Dec. 6.

Living in the Fourth Century according to legend, he secretly went about giving gifts to the needy. In one favorite tale he left bags of gold for three girls who had no dowries; needless to add all three soon were married.

Other names for the gift-giver are Papa Noel, La Befana, Jule-nissen—plus many more.

Kris Kringle, for instance, comes from the German words "Christ Kind" or infant Christ, but is depicted now as a girl wearing a crown and carrying a Christmas tree. She shares honors with Knecht Rupert, who gives presents to the good children and Pelsnichol (Nicholas with fur), who leaves only switches in the shoes of naughty boys and girls.

It probably is from the European custom of setting out the shoe or sabot for gifts that we derive our own ceremony of hanging up a stocking on Christmas Eve.

Customs Predated

Long before the Nativity, many of the cherished Christmas customs and traditions were symbols of rejoicing and celebration. From earliest history, rejoicing has marked the mid-winter solstice—the time when the days grow shorter and colder, and the sun shines less frequently.

8-C Big Spring (Texas) Herald, Tues., Dec. 24, 1963

Use Cards As Decorations

Been wondering what to do with those Christmas cards you've been receiving so that their colorful designs will continue to delight you all during the holidays?

They can be used in a number of exciting ways to supplement your Christmas decorations at home, particularly the big, bold modern designs covered with heavy leafing and sparkle.

Using cards as decorations has become popular in recent years.

DIMENSIONAL ELEMENT
A dimensional element to many cards—elegant, die-cut lanterns, ornaments, bells, candy jars, snowmen and many more—which in addition to carrying friendly holiday greetings, are designed to become an integral part of a home's holiday decorations.

Besides decorating your mantels and tree, these other little "extras" create a real holiday-at-home atmosphere in any home or apartment.

All you need is a pair of scissors, some cellophane tape, a ball of colored yarn or ribbon, the Christmas mail—and a little ingenuity.

If you have a large wall mirror, perhaps in your hall, give it a flowing border of Christmas cards held in place with cellophane tape.

Pin cards with distinctive de-

signs to your living room drapes.

If you want the air to be literally filled with Christmas cards, just run crepe paper streamers across the room and attach them with short strands of colored yarn.

Place a brightly-hued card in the center of the holiday wreath on your door, preferably one with "Christmas Greetings" in large letters.

Don't forget the kitchen. This room is given less attention than any other when it comes to decorating at Christmas time.

As a final touch, place several of your best Christmas cards with religious scenes of the Christ Child, the Three Wise Men or the Madonna, in an appropriate picture frame. It's a grand way to keep the spirit of Christmas in your home all year long.



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Solemn Hymns

The first Christmas carols were solemn hymns devoted exclusively to the supernatural aspects of Christmas, rather than the human sides. St. Francis of Assisi was the first to introduce the joyous spirit into a carol.

Wreaths Used

The Christmas wreath was first used in the 6th Century when the Roman Catholic Church set apart the four Sundays preceding Christmas as the Advent Season and hung green wreaths on doors of houses and churches throughout Epiphany.



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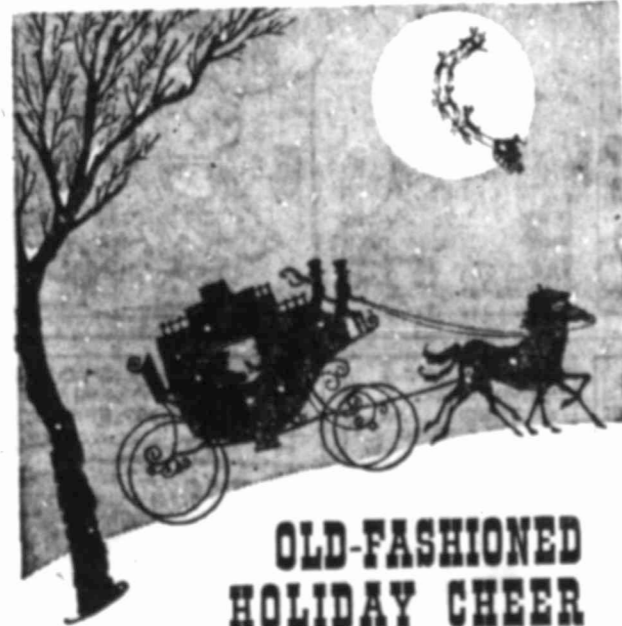
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WHO WAS FIRST?

Legends Give Answers

Who was the first child to hang his stockings on the mantel in anticipation of a visit from St. Nick? Who sent the first Christmas card? Sang the first carol? Tossed tinsel on the first tree? Shared the first kiss under mistletoe? Enjoyed the first sip of wassail?

The answers lie in the centuries-old legends of Christmas. First to gather about the wassail bowl—today, the traditional Christ punch bowl—were the ancient Saxons. The word "wassail" is a Saxon toast meaning "be whole" or "have health." Through the years, the word came to mean any liquor used to toast health—especially the spiced drinks served at Christmas celebrations in the Middle Ages.

The basis of the mistletoe legend is an old Scandinavian myth which tells of the god Balder's narrow escape from death. Loki, a malicious giant and menace to peace in the kingdom of Odin, ruler of the Norse gods, sought a way to destroy the beloved Balder. Aware of the danger to her son, Frigga, Balder's mother, secured a charm which made him immune to injury from fire, water, air, or anything on earth. The only thing she overlooked was an unimportant, harmless plant—mistletoe. Learning this, Loki made an arrow of mistletoe and mortally wounded Balder. In desperation, Frigga begged the gods to intercede and save her son—which they did. The grateful mother decreed that, from that moment on, the plant would be a symbol of love. The mistletoe kiss is thought to be a survival of an ancient Norse marriage rite associated with the legend.

TIP TO IMPRESS

Many Stories About Mistletoe

NEW YORK (AP) — A tip to the Casanova who wants to impress an intellectual girl this Christmas:

When you catch her under the mistletoe:
1. Kiss her.
2. Tell her about mistletoe's roots in folklore.
Does she know that despite mistletoe's popular reputation as the yuletide promoter of romance, it also is known as a criminal killer of forests, and superstition credits the plant with still another evil role? The superstition says that if the yuletide mistletoe bough is not removed from the house by Candlemas Eve—Feb. 1—each leaf left will produce a goblin to plague the careless occupants during the year.
The use of mistletoe as a symbol of love, peacemaking and goodwill survives from the pre-Christian days of the ancient Scandinavian light god, Balder, whose palace stood in the Milky Way.

The beloved Balder, according to myth, was slain by a mistletoe arrow but was restored to life through the intercession of the other gods.
Custody of the mistletoe plant then was entrusted to the goddess of love who ordained that henceforth anyone passing beneath its bough should receive a kiss in token of love, not vengeance. As long as the mistletoe was held high it never could be used as a power for evil.
Throughout the Middle Ages men believed that mistletoe pos-

essed all kinds of magical powers to protect them from witches, unhealed wounds and ailments.
In some German villages the yuletide green still is called gut hyl, or "all heal." In Brittany its berries still are crushed to produce oil for treating fever.
In America, the bulk of the holiday decoration comes from the Carolinas, Tennessee and the Southwest.
The white-berryed plant also serves as a winter food supply for mockingbirds, robins, and waxwings. These birds are responsible for spreading the seeds of the tree-damaging parasite.
P.S. If all this doesn't impress the girl, try kissing her again.

Not as old, but even more complex, is the legend of the Christmas stocking. There are many different versions in the Esquire Socks Library of Footlore. And the only fact we can clearly establish is that the first Christmas stocking was fashioned of woolen shreds—long before the days of Dacron blends.
One of the versions tells of the Bishop of Myra, a kindly clergyman who lived in 4th Century Asia Minor and later became St. Nicholas.
One Christmas, the Bishop learned of an impoverished merchant in his city who had two lovely daughters—both unmarried because their father couldn't afford dowries.
The compassionate Bishop, determined to help, dropped two bags of gold coins down the merchant's chimney on Christmas Eve. Coincidentally, the family stockings were hanging on the mantel to dry and the gold landed in the hosiery. St. Nick, the legend goes on, has been dropping gifts in stockings ever since.
The story, though plausible,

has one loophole. Further research in the Esquire Socks Library uncovered the fact that those were not made with feet until the 11th Century, some 700 years after the Bishop's bounty. Did St. Nick go around dropping gifts into bottomless stockings for 700 years?
A much more likely legend is the one crediting St. Francis of Assisi with the introduction of community carol singing. The word "carol" means "to dance in a ring." It is said that St. Francis staged a manager scene one Christmas with real people and animals. The onlookers were so delighted with what they saw that they burst into happy song. Those first carolers became as important to St. Francis' Christmas celebrations as modern carolers are to ours.

The origin of the Christmas tree can be traced back to the deeds of another good Saint—Winifred. It is said he heaved down a giant oak to prevent a human sacrifice a group of heathens were holding in its shadow.
A tall, young fir suddenly appeared in the oak's place and St. Winifred proclaimed it a miracle and said that from that day forward, families would gather about a fir tree—not for wicked deeds—but to glorify God.

And if St. Winifred gave us the Christmas tree, Martin Luther gave us the custom of decorating it. While strolling through the countryside one Christmas Eve, Luther was awed by the sight of the snow-tipped evergreens sparkling in the moonlight. At home, he tried to recreate the scene for his family by placing candles on their Christmas tree—and we've been decorating our evergreen boughs at Christmastime ever since.
Our Christmas card custom is of relatively recent origin. The first was sent in 1843 by Henry Cole, English educator and art patron. It bore the now-classic greeting, "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You!"

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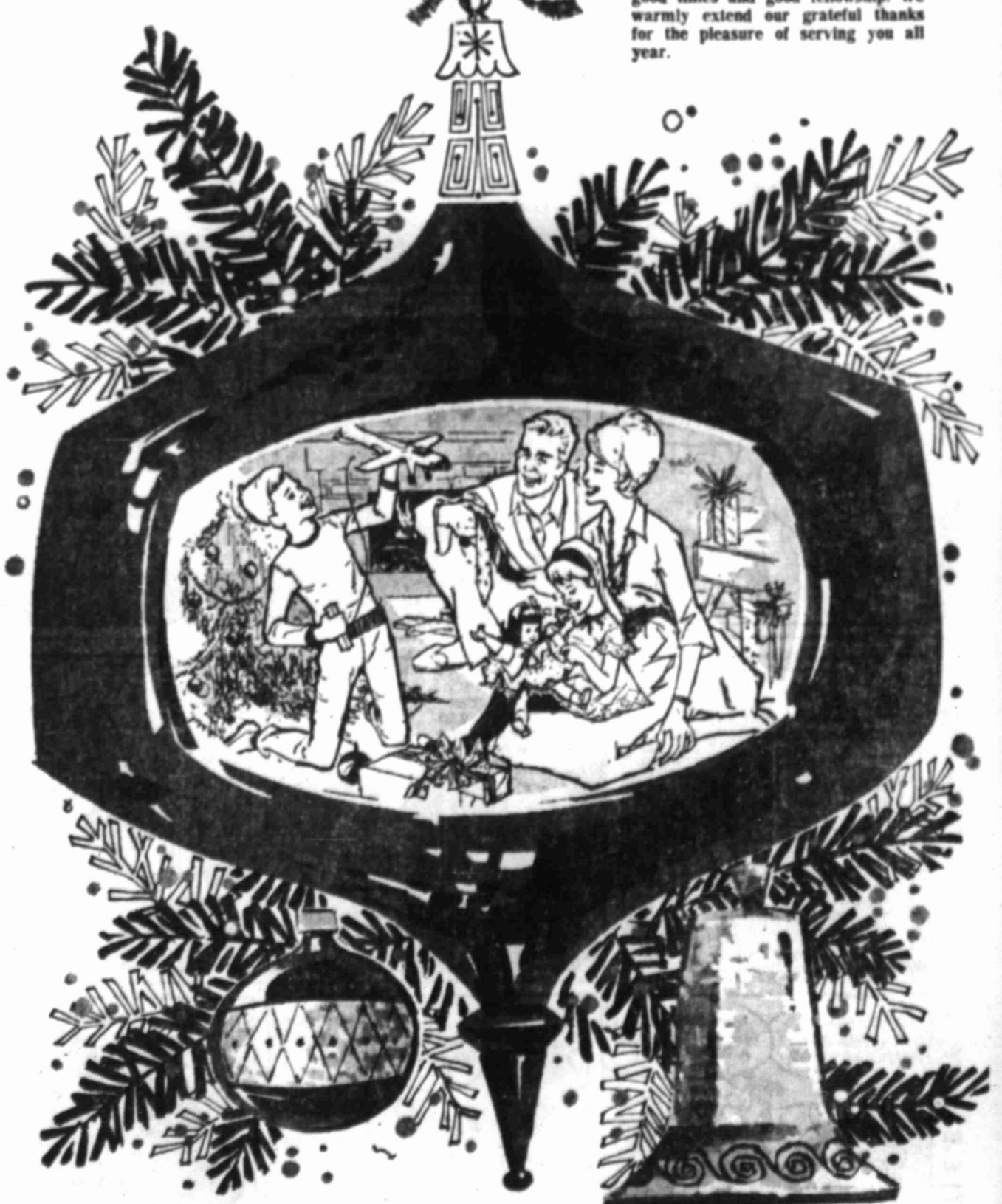
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POZ IS STRUCK BY THEIR PROUD, CONTEMPTUOUS STARES, AND ONE OF THEM SNEERS OPENLY.

GASOLINE ALLEY

I told you we should have stopped at that last farm house, Skeezik!

She won't budge, Pop! We're stuck!

How far are we from grand-dad's farm?

I don't know, but this is as far as we go tonight!

There's an old barn or something up there, Pop!

How about it, Nina? We've got blankets! Think we can make out till daylight?

I hadn't exactly planned on spending Christmas Eve in a stable but I must admit—it's appropriate!

PEANUTS

NEXT ON OUR PROGRAM WILL BE LINUS VAN PELT WHO WILL SING 'JINGLE BELLS'!

BEFORE I BEGIN I'D LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT HOW PROGRAMS LIKE THIS CAN RUIN A CHILD'S HOLIDAY SEASON BY CAUSING WORRIES AND TENSIONS THAT...

SING, YOU BLOCKHEAD!

JINGLE BELLS JINGLE BELLS JINGLE ALL THE WAY..

NANCY

DON'T BE ALARMED, FOLKS.

US KIDS ARE ALL WALKING ON CLOUDS TODAY.

DICK TRACY

MERRY CHRISTMAS, EVERYBODY!

L'I L DROPOUT'S GOING TO SPEND CHRISTMAS EVE WITH US.

IKONAY!

LI'L ABNER

MEANWHILE—BACK AT THE WORLD'S FAIR—A PLANE ROLLS IN FROM VENICE.

HE'S ARRIVED!!

BUT IS HE ALIVE?

OF COURSE I'M ALIVE!! IF I WAS DEAD, WOULD I LOOK LIKE THIS?

DO YOU THINK YOU HAVE ONE MORE LEFT IN YOU, MAESTRO?

JUST—KOFF—GASP!—RATTLE!!—ONE!!— BUT, WE'D BETTER HURRY!!

MARY WORTH

WE DON'T BLAME YOU FOR ONE MINUTE, MR. PUTNAM! SHE NEVER GAVE YOU CREDIT FOR KNOWING ANYTHING ABOUT THE BUSINESS!

YES! AND THE WAY SHE WAS ALWAYS TELLING US OFF!—FRANKLY, IF YOU HADN'T STOOD UP FOR US WHEN SHE ACTED LIKE A WITCH, WE'D ALL HAVE QUIT WEEKS AGO!

THAT WILL DO!—THE FIRST ONE OF YOU THAT I HEAR RUNNING DOWN MRS. PUTNAM WILL BE FIRED!—NOW GET BUSY!— AT—SOMETHING!

BLONDIE

MR. DITHERS—I SEE I MADE A SLIGHT ERROR ON THE GILBOODY ESTIMATE.

OH, A FEW PENNIES ONE WAY OR THE OTHER WON'T MATTER—HOW BIG IS YOUR ERROR?

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THE TROUBLE WITH MR. DITHERS IS, HE'S MONEY-MAD.

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JEANIE, IT'S ME AND CROYDEN! WE WANT TO TALK TO YOU!

I WAS TELLING CROYDEN I'M BRINGING ANOTHER BAND IN NEXT WEEK... BUT I WANT YOU TO STAY ON!

I'M PART OF THE BAND NOW! IF AL AND THE BOYS LEAVE, I LEAVE!

I DON'T WANT YOU TO MAKE YOUR DECISION NOW, KID! THINK IT OVER FOR A DAY OR TWO!

ORPHAN ANNIE

WOW! YOU TWO MUST HAVE BOUGHT OUT EVERY STORE IN TOWN!

OH-H! WHERE DID WE HIDE THIS STUFF?

HERE IN THIS CLOSET!

NO-NO! YOU GUYS GOTTA PROMISE YOU WON'T PEEK TILL TOMORROW!

WHEN Y'GIGGER BAYTLE SHOW UP, AN' HOW'LL HE GET IN WITH NO FIREPLACE, OR CHIMNEY TO SLIDE DOWN?

OH, SANTA SELDOM COMES TILL CHILDREN ARE SOUND ASLEEP, BUT HE'LL FIND A WAY TO GET IN, NEVER WORRY!

GRANDMA

BOOM!

YOU CAN'T TELL ANY MORE WHETHER GRANDMA HAS A HOUSE FULL OF KIDS...

...OR IS JUST PLAYIN' HER STEREO PHONOGRAPH RECORD...

CRASH!

POW!

...OF EXPLOSION AND TRAIN WRECK SOUND EFFECTS!

SNUFFY SMITH

I'M HONGRY, AUNT LOWEEZY—WHEN ARE YE GOIN' TO DISH UP TH' VITTLES?

JUST AS SOON AS WE GIT DONE TALKIN', HONEY POT.

TERRY

COLONEL AND MRS. CONSTABLE HOP A CHRISTMAS PARTY IN THEIR QUARTERS AT THE AEROPOLICE RESEARCH BASE.

I'M A HAPPY WOMAN, MAJOR LEE—THANKS TO THE FACT THAT YOU AND FRED HUNTER DON'T TALK TOO MUCH...

NEVER KNEW HOW PRECIOUS MY MARRIAGE WAS TO ME, UNTIL IT'S ALMOST RUINED IT... EVER THINK OF IT FOR YOURSELF, MAJOR?

NO, BUT I HAVE FRIENDS WHO RECOMMEND IT HIGHLY.

MERRY CHRISTMAS, SPRAY, HONEY! HO! HO! HO!

HOTSHOT CHARLIE, YOU FINK! YOU HAD JUST BETTER BE KISSING!

KERRY DRAKE

HI, DOLL! PETE SAYS YOU WANTA SPEAK WITH ME!

I DIDN'T COME HERE TO WATCH YOU WIN BETS WITH THAT CAST IRON SKULL, GOAT!

LIKE, MAYBE I'VE LINED UP A MARK FOR YOU... CALLS HIMSELF JOHN COLE... PACKS A WAD OF 6-NOTES... AND A GUN IN THE ARM—PIT!

YOU COULD SET UP A MEET, SARANADE?

I MIGHT... FOR 20 PERCENT OF THE DEAL, GOAT... OFF THE TOP!

SMITTY

THIS SIGN DOES REMIND PEOPLE TO GET THEIR SHOPPING DONE!

HA HA! ONE LOOK AT MY SIGN AND EVERYBODY RUNS! WHAT A LAUGH!

ONE?

BEEBLE BAILEY

DID YOU SEND OUR MESSAGE TO HEADQUARTERS?

YES, SIR, WE SHOULD BE GETTING A REPLY SOON.

HERE COMES THE CARRIER PIGEON NOW.

I'LL GET THE MESSAGE.

HEY! IT'S FROM US!

MOON MULLINS

HE MIGHT NOT HAVE GOT MY LETTER IN TIME... I DIDN'T KNOW TH' NORTH POLE ZIP CODE...

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TUESDAY, THAT'S WHO!

WELL, COME ON! CAROL PRATICE IS A-WASTIN'!

OH, YOU IS RIGHT!

Deck us all with Boston Charlie Walla Walla, Wash., and Kalamazoo. Now's freezin' on the trolley. Smaller dollar cauliflower. Alee-gar-poo!

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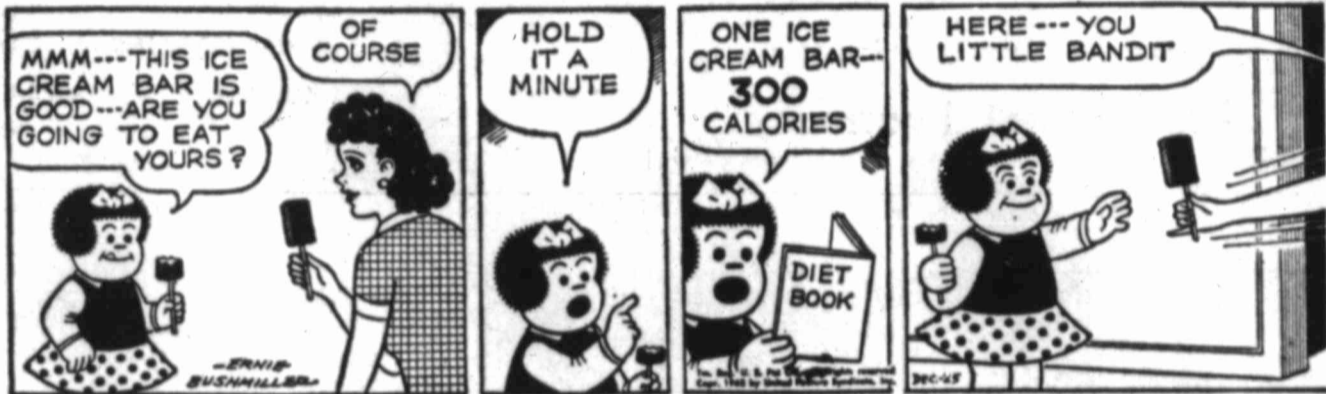
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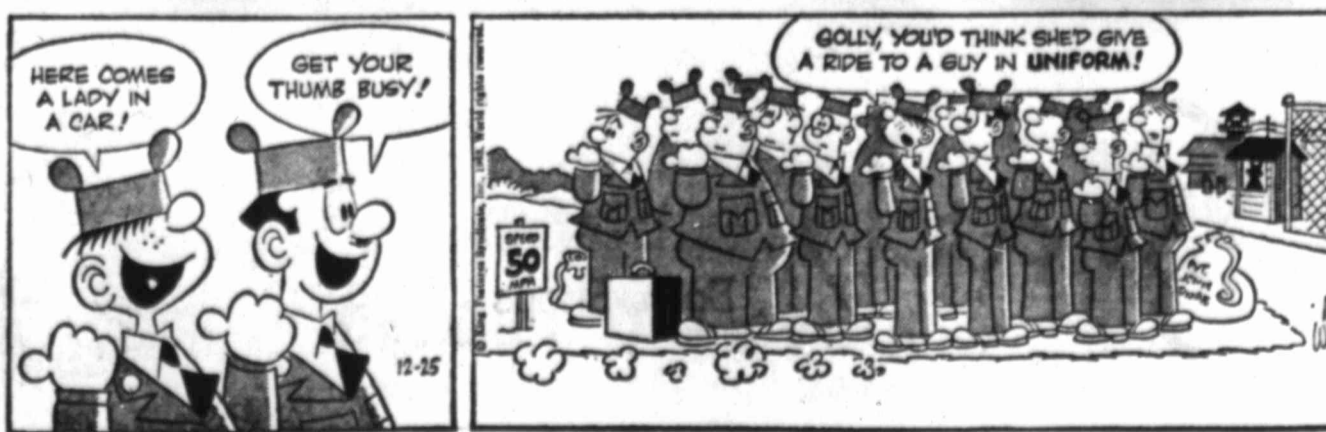
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Yule Customs Reach Far Back Into History

Decorating an evergreen tree, Carolling through the streets on Christmas Eve, Hanging stockings on the fireplace mantel. How did these and other old Christmas customs get started?

The Christmas tree dates back to the ninth century and Saint Winifred who was traveling around Northern Germany preaching Christianity. He came upon a group of people gathered around a huge oak tree to offer human sacrifice to their pagan gods.

According to legend, Saint Winifred hewed down the oak, and a tall fir appeared in its place. The miracle was hailed far and wide and from that day on, it became the custom for the German families to gather about a tall evergreen on Christmas Eve.

Martin Luther decorated the first tree in the 16th century. He placed candles on a small evergreen to symbolize the stars.

ITALY STARTED CAROLLING
Carolling started in 13th century Italy. St. Francis of Assisi encouraged villages to display the nativity scene and act out the Christmas story in passion plays. Later carols were composed to go along with the plays and the custom of carolling through the streets got started.

One of the most beautiful customs involving carolling is still observed in Austria every Christmas Eve. Beginning with the family living the farthest from the village church, torch-bearing carollers form a procession through the village. At each house, the procession is joined by all the inhabitants. Eventually the entire village is part of the procession as it ar-

Not Recorded

The first use of candles for Christmas is not recorded anywhere. But according to an old legend, the "Christ Child Candle" was burned in windows to light His way if He made an earthly visitation. It was also lighted in atonement for the night of His birth when there was no room for Him.

More For Wives

More "To My Wife" Christmas cards at 50 cents are sold each year than "To My Husband" cards at the same price.

Little Known About Three Wise Men

In the wonderful story of Christmas appear the Magi—the Three Wise Men, yet the Scriptures tell us very little about them.

CHILDREN'S PATRON SAINT
Saint Nicholas has been leaving gifts for good little boys and girls on Christmas Eve ever since the 4th century. The original St. Nicholas was a Turkish Bishop, noted for his works of charity, who became the patron saint of children.

Martin Luther later substituted the Christ Child or Christkindlein for St. Nicholas as the bearer of gifts in Germany. Later a German colony led by William Penn settled in Pennsylvania, and again Santa changed his name. The settlers had brought Christkindlein with them, but somehow it got transformed into Kris Kringle.

The Dutch may have nicknamed St. Nicholas "Santa Claus" for short, but his image as a fat little man with rosy cheeks and white beard comes from the famous American poem "The Night Before Christmas."

During the 19th century, Santa recrossed the Atlantic from the United States and became known as "Father Christmas" in England and "Pere Noel" in France.

DUTCH HUNG STOCKINGS
The Dutch are believed to have been the first to hang stockings on the fireplace mantel. One story says it started when St. Nicholas came upon a poor man who couldn't afford a dowry for his daughters. Noticing a stocking hung up near the fire to dry, Saint Nicholas slipped some gold pieces into it.

In some countries, Italy for example, the children put out their shoes instead of stockings. **CHRISTMAS CARD CUSTOM**
One of the more modern Christmas customs is sending Christmas greetings each year. In a little over a century—they first got started in England in 1843—this relatively new custom has become well established.

In that year, Sir Henry Cole commissioned an artist named John Horsley to design a Christmas "greeting" for him because he was "too busy to write to his friends at Christmas."

Since then, the sending of Christmas cards has become almost universal, although in some countries, greetings are sent for the New Year, instead of Christmas.

This year, more than 3½ billion Christmas cards will be mailed in the United States, alone. This is an average of approximately 18 cards per person.

Was The Star A Miracle Or Some Celestial Object?

Since St. Matthew first described the star of Bethlehem, its mystery has fascinated mankind. Was it a miracle? Or was it a brighter-than-usual star or other celestial object?

Astronomers, while seeking to identify the star, emphasize that it may have been indeed a miracle that can't be explained in terms of natural phenomena. However, research has provided material for conjecture that the star may have been a natural occurrence.

ONE DISCOVERY
A Danish astronomer, Tycho Brahe, discovered a new and brilliant star in the constellation Cassiopeia in 1572, according to the Encyclopedia Americana.

Since that discovery, The Americana says, it has been suggested that this might be an especially brilliant star visible only at long intervals.

A reported appearance of a bright star in that part of the heavens about the middle of the 13th century, coupled with a vague account of a similar appearance a little more than 300 years earlier, led to the thought that these might be former appearances of the star of 1572.

If, as this might indicate, the star appeared at intervals of 310

to 315 years, three intervals of 300-odd years from the time it was first reported would carry it back to about the time of the birth of Christ.

ANOTHER THEORY
Johannes Kepler, a German astronomer, made discoveries that led to still another theory about the star of Bethlehem. In 1604, he observed a configuration, or close grouping, of the planets Jupiter, Saturn and Mars.

He determined that such a configuration occurred each 805 years and calculations estab-

lished that the same grouping might have appeared in 6 B.C. which, some research indicates, may have been the correct year of Christ's birth.

Since legends identify the wise men as astrologers, this theory accounts for the fact that, as reported in the New Testament, only the wise men saw the star.

While the three planets grouped together would shed unusual brightness, the average observer might not notice them, while the wise men, as astrologers, would.



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Cartoonist Created Santa

Santa Claus — the "Grand Old Man" of Christmas hits his stride at a near century this year—and the old gentleman never looked better.

For it was back in 1863 that Cartoonist Thomas Nast first created—on his drawing board the image of Santa Claus as we know him—full grown to his white whiskers.

During the early '60s, Nast was commissioned to illustrate Clement Clark Moore's poem "A Visit From St. Nicholas" ("The Night Before Christmas"). The drawings he submitted showed Santa Claus pretty much as he looks today.

Nast had previously achieved fame through his famous political cartoons that helped to smash Boss Tweed's infamous "Tweed Ring" in New York City.

So through the years — and in spite of 98 hard-working Christmas seasons—Santa Claus keeps "young" for the youngsters and the young in heart.



Greetings

As Christmas bells ring out the age-old message of peace on earth, good will to men...we chime in with our very best wishes for a holiday season rich in all the things your family holds dear. May the joy and happiness of Christmas echo in your hearts now and throughout all the days to come.

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Merry Christmas
Up hill, down dale we go to spread glad tidings of joy and festivity! It would take ten coaches to hold all the good wishes we have to give our good friends and patrons for a most happy and hearty holiday season and many, many more still to come!

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BIG SPRING IN 1963

Year Of Promise, Upheaval

A year of great promise, great accomplishment and great upheaval—this was 1963. Everything else paled beside the reaction to word that President John F. Kennedy had been assassinated in Dallas. Along with other communities in the nation, Big Spring mourned the tragic passing of the youngest man ever to hold this highest office. Stunned, it slowly remembered that the new president, Lyndon Baines Johnson, was a former Texas congressman and senator and had visited here many times.

BUILDING

The year promised much in commercial building, and this proved out fairly well with such things as opening of the First Federal Savings and Loans Association and the First National Bank building to set a new flavor and pace for downtown; the construction of a rehabilitation building at the State Hospital and starting of a \$336,000 medical unit there; a \$340,000 unit for Holiday Inn, \$200,000 for Ponderosa Inn; the opening of the quarter of a million dollar Ponderosa Apartments; opening of two professional buildings on Johnson Street; the new Professional Pharmacy on Main; the Burger Chef; a new home for Truman Jones Motor Company; and the opening of the three-quarter million dollar Bennett House Nursing home; starting of the Malone & Hogan Clinic building with a similar cost estimate.

Agriculturally, the year promised much, and this was generally borne out although there were uncertain times. Starting with excellent seasoning, the county saw most of this drawn out in spring winds, then came an unseasonably wet May and June, followed by a terrifically dry July and August. The latter month, however, did turn up late spotted showers that saved the day and produced a \$5,000 bale plus cotton crop despite unprecedented insect infestation.

COSTLY

A second major upheaval came with the sale by W. R. Grace & Co. of the assets of Cosden Petroleum Corp. to American Petrofina, a subsidiary of the international Petrofina S.A. This resulted in disposition of scores of families as sales and marketing positions were consolidated. Meanwhile there were announcements of impending plans to enlarge both the Cosden Oil & Chemical Company (Petrofina subsidiary) refinery and the W. R. Grace & Co. ammonia facility.

Highway work figured largely in the year's activities. The Interstate 20 north loop was launched and pushed past the halfway mark; rebuilding of the Gail Road was started; so was the three-quarter million dollar Gregg Street overpass on US 87; Gregg Street was resurfaced through the city; Third and Fourth Streets were widened, given curb and gutter and paved from Union to Baylor; the highway commission authorized planning on redesign and construction for FM 700 west from US 87 to US 80.

SPORTS

Sports fans had their share of fun, none more than football enthusiasts as the Steers won second in the district and plastered champion San Angelo 29-6. Howard County Junior College repeated as district and national JUCO track champs, and doubtless would have been a national basketball contender except for an ineligibility ruling. Jimmy Patterson captured the Country Club Invitational golf title, and the Kiwanis Club Teenagers won the state baseball title.

The Colorado River Municipal Water District made history by pushing through a \$2,750,000 project for the Sun Oil water-flood in northern Coke County, at the same time opening the way for a second major lake.

WATER

The county picked up another distinction in water, too, for the Texas Water Commission announced that the Natural Dam Salt Lake west of town was the nation's saltiest and about the second saltiest in the world.

Industrially, GAMCO (and Mathmaster Labs) set the pace with a new factory on the Snyder highway. Another industry, relying on agricultural backing, was Howard County Feed Lots which went into service in October.

The First Presbyterian Church completed its quarter of a million dollar sanctuary and new educational wing, and Stadium Baptist constructed its new home. College Baptist and First Baptist neared the time of starting new construction. One new school was added, the abbreviated Kentwood elementary school.

The Big Spring schools, with litigation over the annexation of



ANOTHER NEW SCHOOL
... opened up in Kentwood area

Gay Hill and Center Point (which late in the year asked the U. S. Supreme Court to rehear the case) seemingly settled, talked about expansion plans. So did Howard County Junior College. Both the secondary schools and HCJC set new enrollment records.

NEW SERVICE

The Herald added a new service with Associated Press photofax, which provided pictures almost instantly from all parts of the world. The Herald also introduced new body type faces. Webb AFB had a busy year, and there was a change of command with Col. Wilson R. Banks going to New Delhi, India to be succeeded by Howard J. Wilbycombe, who promptly was made a brigadier general. He was the first of general rank to be permanent commander of the base. The 331st FIS had an important change — the swapping of its F102s for the supersonic F104 fighter-interceptors. Fred M. Dean, second commander of the base, was first made commander of the 12th AF, then was elevated to lieutenant-general and assigned to be in charge of the arms control and disarmament commission.

COURTHOUSE

There were a couple of hassles at the courthouse, first over whether deputies in the sheriff's department could eat luncheon at the jail even though on duty, and secondly whether the check collection service could be maintained.

The city proceeded with its master plan projects and launched a continuous paving project that had produced upwards of 100 blocks of new paving by year's end. The sewage plant was completed, although a legal battle loomed when an old settling basin "floated" out of the ground while being renovated.

Neighboring Stanton had its troubles, too, for all councilmen resigned (at one time or another) over an urban renewal debate. A referendum on the subject was contested, but by the end of the year Mayor S. W. Wheeler had been returned as a write-in candidate to the council. Traffic fatalities were not unusually large at seven but five of the seven occurred within or at the edge of Big Spring, making this probably the worst year on record for the municipality.

CULTURE

Culturally, the Dallas Symphony highlighted the year, but local groups made great contributions. The Little Theatre had outstanding productions, the high school choir and speech departments put on "Oklahoma!," the HCJC choir staged two music festivals, the high school band won first division honors. The Chamber of Commerce pressed numerous projects, among them the "Try Big Spring First" campaign. It also spearheaded the Industrial

Foundation's drive for promotional funds, getting pledges for about \$35,000. The Jaycees and medical society combined on a massive assault against polio and multiplied thousands took the series of three Sabin vaccine doses. Possibly as a consequence, the county got through the year without a polio case.

AWARDS

The Robb was named as the outstanding young man of the year; Garrett Patton, veteran scoutmaster, received the Silver Beaver award; Louie Carothers was named Lions 2-A-1 district governor; Curt Mullins took over as general secretary at the YMCA; Sea Scout Ship 111 members won national publicity with their 200-mile hike to the Davis Mountains Scout Ranch.

The weather was erratic, sometimes more so than usual. January produced a minimum of eight degrees, but after mid-February a warmer weather came and stayed so that then the first killing frost occurred Nov. 29, a new growing season record had been established. May and June brought severe hail. Runoff into stock ponds and lakes, however, was not consistent. Winter came with snow and ice on Dec. 13.

Local personalities figured in the news elsewhere. Julius Glickman was elected president of the University of Texas student body, the second Big Spring man to achieve this honor. The first, J. J. (Jake) Pickle, was winning another honor with election to congress in the 10th district. Capt. Russell Scott, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Nalley, was selected for astronaut training. Skipper Driver was named president of the National Junior Rodeo Association.

CHRONICLE

A day-by-day chronicle of major local stories follows:

January

Winter comes, but CRMWD gets hot with \$2,750,000 project.

1. Suzanne Kay Barragan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barragan, first baby born in Big Spring in new year; all county officials sworn in at courthouse.

2. Carlos Ramirez, 78-year-old Coahoma resident, paid back property taxes with 485 dimes he had saved up; Dante Carcano, Italian counsel in Mexico, and his family visited in Big Spring.

3. Bank deposits showed 4.17 decrease during last quarter here, with \$37,360,300 on record in county's four banks; Big Spring school trustees authorized start of construction on new Kentwood elementary school.

4. Damage totaling \$305,000

Corp., given five per cent pay raise.

9. George Klingman, 64, struck by gasoline transport truck; Howard County's first traffic fatality of year; First Federal Savings and Loan building opened; costs for widening and repaving East Third and East Fourth streets approved by Texas Highway Department.

10. Security State and State National banks boosted interest rates on savings accounts to 3½ per cent; R. M. Johnson, R. W. Andrews and Chester Cathey named new directors at Security State Bank; new cold wave hit city; James Monroe Steward charged with murder of Travis Hicks.

11. Dr. C. W. Jarvis, noted humorist from San Marcos, delivered principal address at annual Chamber of Commerce banquet, J. Y. (Ike) Robb given Jaycee's Distinguished Service award, Oscar Glickman named top salesman of chamber's membership drive.

12. George A. McAlister announced plans to expand industrial plant; directors of Colorado River Municipal Water District executed contract to furnish Sun Oil Company with water for an oilfield waterflood project in northern Coke County, opening way for planning of second lake; Roosevelt Carter charged with shooting death of two Negro youths, Jerry Lee

13. T&P Railway given plaque from Railway Progress Institute for outstanding program of sales promotion and advertising techniques; L. L. Patton named honor pilot at Webb AFB; Walter Eubanks named "Outstanding Kiwanian of Year."

14. W. E. Carrrike, 82, death victim; proposal to reduce salaries of most county officials introduced by commissioner Joe Hayden voted down; city school census begun.

15. Yogi Cunningham and Bill Turner of Coahoma named to All-District 6-A football team in poll by coaches; Chamber of Commerce budget, calling for expenditures of \$39,552, given approval by directors.

16. Contract of tax appraiser Novis Womack renewed by school trustees; HCJC rated fifth in National Junior College basketball poll.

17. Dr. R. Gage Lloyd of Big Spring named moderator of meeting of Southwest Presbytery; Dr. Charles Root assumed duties as Chamber of Commerce president in Colorado City; Bob Benson given Jaycee's Achievement award there.

18. County trapper Earl Brownrigg, in report made to county commissioners, said he killed 123 coyotes and 85 bob-

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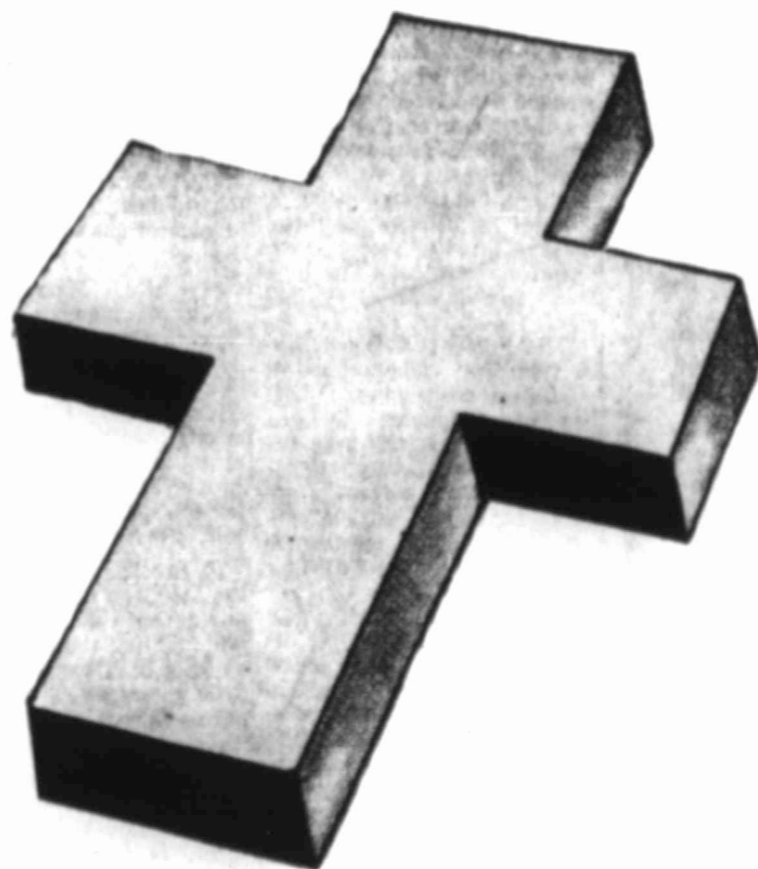


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Retail Sales Reported High

(Continued from Page 1-D) cats in 1962; Daniels Brothers, Lubbock, low bidder on 31 blocks of new paving slated for Big Spring, with bid of \$110,464.03.

19. Mercury skidded to eight degrees above zero in Big Spring for new seasonal low. 20. Total of 22,465 bales of cotton ginned in Howard County, with estimates for total crop falling to less than 25,000; retail sales in Howard County during 1963 reported at more than \$63,000,000 postal receipts at \$412,415, building permits \$5,665,495.

21. Total of \$2,532.27 collected during Mothers' March of Dimes house-to-house campaign here.

22. Eileen Bernice McAvoy, former doctor, returned here from Houston to face three indictments for violation of state narcotic laws; Harlin Dauphin resigned position as head coach at Stanton High School.

23. E. V. Spence, Big Spring, named to state panel to study water pollution; Mary Thornton captured grand championship of Abilene Livestock Show.

24. T. C. Richardson, superintendent of water production for the CRMWD, given state's highest award in field of public utility management; Big Spring State Hospital announced plan to lease surplus land.

25. HCJC Jayhawks elevated to fourth place in National basketball poll; Garrett Patton recipient of scouting's Silver Beaver award; Col. Chuck Yeager, first man to fly faster than speed of sound, spoke to Webb AFB class; Harold S. Keltner, founder of YMCA's Indian Guides, visited.

26. Keith McMillin and Sam Blackhorn of Daily Herald staff among award winners in annual Texas Associated Press Managing Editors Association's contests; Mrs. J. B. Pickle, wife of former mayor, died.

27. New cold wave, driving temperature below 20 degrees, struck Big Spring and area.

28. Roy Pickett installed as deputy of Martin County Chamber of Commerce during annual banquet, Mrs. Glen L. Brown named outstanding civic leader there.

29. Walter K. Kerr, renowned

youth worker, chief speaker at annual YMCA banquet, which attracted turnout of 400, Youth awards won by Freddie White, Sherry Stevens and Lillian Merritt.

30. CRMWD sold \$2,750,000 of revenue bonds at 2.4939 per cent; Beaver Dam Ambassador, owned by Horace Garrett of Big Spring, declared grand champion of Southwestern Livestock Show's Aberdeen-Angus division in Amarillo; Ollie Belle Harding, member of pioneer family, died.

31. Seventeen indictments, including three for murder with malice, voted by Howard County grand jury; Webb's 331st Fighter Interceptor Squadron announced plans to trade in F-102 training craft for F-104's.

February

Way cleared for IS loop . . . also for Cosden sale.

1. Total poll tax receipts issued is 6,993 — least total in decade; G. A. Clary, 1111 W. 5th, buys first 1963 car plate; St. Mary's Episcopal Church Day School expansion plan is announced; initial performance of "Blythe Spirit" staged by Big Spring Civic Theatre; postal receipts for January hit new high — \$52,848.49.

2. Dwight Perkins, 16, painfully injured in hunting accident east of town; Bennett Brooke announces as candidate for Big Spring School Board; Mrs. R. M. Wheeler, 67, dies; residence at U.S. Experiment Station, built 50 years ago, is moved to make room for IS 20 bypass; groundhog saw his shadow today; San Angelo Rams defeat HCJC Hawks 66-60; Delores Lankford's heavyweight Herford is reserve champion of El Paso Fat Stock Show.

3. Harold Talbot files for reelection to Big Spring School Board; R. H. Halbrook, former resident of Big Spring, dies; Sheriff Miller Harris "not impressed" by ruling of attorney general that his deputies cannot legally eat their noon meal in the county jail; Marion Wilson Wheeler, 71, retired farm-

er, dies; Morris Eldon Redding, 48, shot through the head Jan. 31, dies in Midland hospital.

4. Fulton Construction Co., Lubbock, bid of \$2,037,835 is apparent low for CRMWD pipeline project; W. R. Grace and American Petrofina in negotiations to buy Cosden Petroleum Corp.; Sheriff Miller Harris agrees that his deputies will eat noon day meals at home; Jay Banks, police chief, urges more emphasis be placed on control of juvenile delinquency; Mrs. J. M. Rogers, 89, former resident, dies in Midland; Big Spring purchases new radio transmitter.

5. Special venire ordered to report in 118th District Court to serve in the trial of several capital cases; Fulton Construction Company's bid for CRMWD pipeline is accepted.

6. Mrs. Grover Cunningham, Sr., 65, dies; forty-seven residents file suit to halt W. D. Caldwell, Inc., from blasting operations in their neighborhood; Lucy Thornton shows grand champion ewe and lamb in Southdown division at El Paso show.

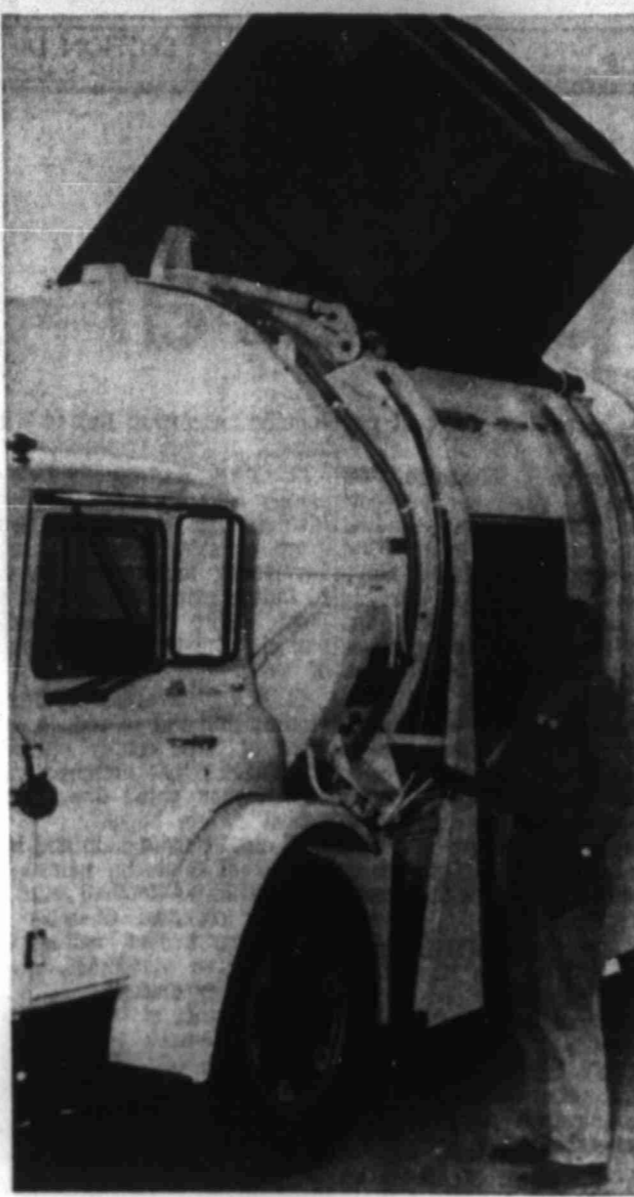
7. WAFB Class 63-D graduates 30 members; child welfare organization needed here; Chamber of Commerce declares; Sheriff Miller Harris asks that Wade Choate, county auditor, take over chore of buying groceries for county jail kitchen.

8. End of YMCA membership drive announced; ten WAFB airmen given stripes as staff sergeants; courtesy month campaign is launched.

9. American Petrofina and W. R. Grace announce the sale of Cosden Petroleum Corp. to the former company; Hearing opens in Texas Civil Court of Appeals on the Gay Hill-Center Point school annexation case; HCJC Hawks trounce Odessa 69-47; Feb. 27 announced as date John Edwin Myers murder case appeal will be heard by Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

10. County swept by treacherous blizzard which covers countryside in ice and snow and topples temperature to 18 degrees; Funeral rites announced for E. C. Eccleston, 77, pioneer grocer; A. P. Kasch and Sons bid of \$88,961 apparent low for Kentwood school.

11. Security State Bank selected as county depository; blizzard piles up additional snow; temperature is 12 degrees;



BETTER SERVICE . . . by sanitation department

County Commissioners name 1963 election precinct judges; Big Spring plans to file suit against Texas State Board of Hospitals in water rate dispute; license of Eileen B. McAvoy, former Big Spring doctor, is revoked by Texas Medical Board; Big Spring school board approves extended contracts for school administrators.

12. Panhandle Construction Co., Lubbock, bid of \$122,190 is low for city water mains project; Paul Kasch and John Stanley announce they will seek re-election to the Big Spring City Council; Allendale paving project given official green light; Post Office Department asks to buy narrow strip of land owned by city school district.

13. City sanitation department tries out new type cannister for handling trash and garbage; Mrs. Iva L. Johnson, 63, pioneer florist, dies; P. P. Armstrong, 70, pioneer gas company worker, dies.

14. Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Chalk, 87, member of pioneer Howard County ranching family, dies; Valentine Day dull for Cupid — only two marriage licenses asked; City and merchants jointly set up planter plan to improve downtown streets' appearance; Mrs. A. T. Roberts, 83, resident here since 1909, dies.

15. Big Spring Coin Club sets Oct. 12-13 as dates for its second annual coin show. Showers fall, boosting rainfall for month to .86 inch; Kiwanis Club serves 1,500 guests at its annual pancake supper.

16. Southern Ice Co. warehouse roof damaged by fire which gives firemen stubborn fight; Donald Weidon, 12, Vealmoor, is first school spelling champion to be selected; Dawson County fair dates to be March 7-9; Mrs. Roy Simmons, 69, dies unexpectedly on trip to Odessa; TEC announces plans to set up training class for auto mechanics at Howard County Junior College.

17. County Junior Stock Show dates are set for March 7-9; Rites held for Mrs. Louis Wineger, 94; Willis G. Page, 73, funeral rites are held; HCJC defeats NMMI 75-57; total cotton production for 1963 pegged at 25,408 bales in county gin check;

showers bring month's rain total to 1.01 inch.

18. John Ben Shepperd, Odessa, is special speaker at YMCA dinner; showers continue to fall; County crews plant trees at County Airport entrance to beautify grounds; pickets who have been walking in front of Montgomery-Ward Co., abandon march; Jose Torres, charged with murder, goes on trial in 118th District Court.

19. Judge Ralph Caton relaxes rule and permits attorneys and others to smoke in court during preliminary trial activities; services for Mrs. Pearl Baker, 65, resident here since 1901, are conducted; 20 nominated as most courteous salespersons in the city.

20. Final poll tax check shows county has 7,522 qualified voters; district savings bond meeting held in Big Spring; Joe Torres murder trial testimony begins in 118th District Court.

21. Attorney general rules that a county school board which has ordered an annexation of a school district to another district cannot later rescind its original action; Defense begins presentation of its case in Jose Torres trial; more applications for auto mechanics training class at HCJC are needed.

22. More school spelling champions are announced; muster date celebrated by Big Spring battery of the Texas National Guard; E. Dale Scarth, Midland, is named engineer of year at meeting held in Big Spring; jury finds Torres guilty and sets his punishment at 15 years in the penitentiary.

23. Mrs. Lillian Lucille Hoisager, 56, dies in Galveston hospital; HCJC operating well within budget in January, check of books shows; Wayne Basden files as a candidate for Big Spring school board; check shows that city crime rate exceeds that of state.

24. Sunday heart fund canvasses nets \$1,881; David Fowell, 22, dies after year's illness; burglars hit three city establishments.

25. County Commissioners buy



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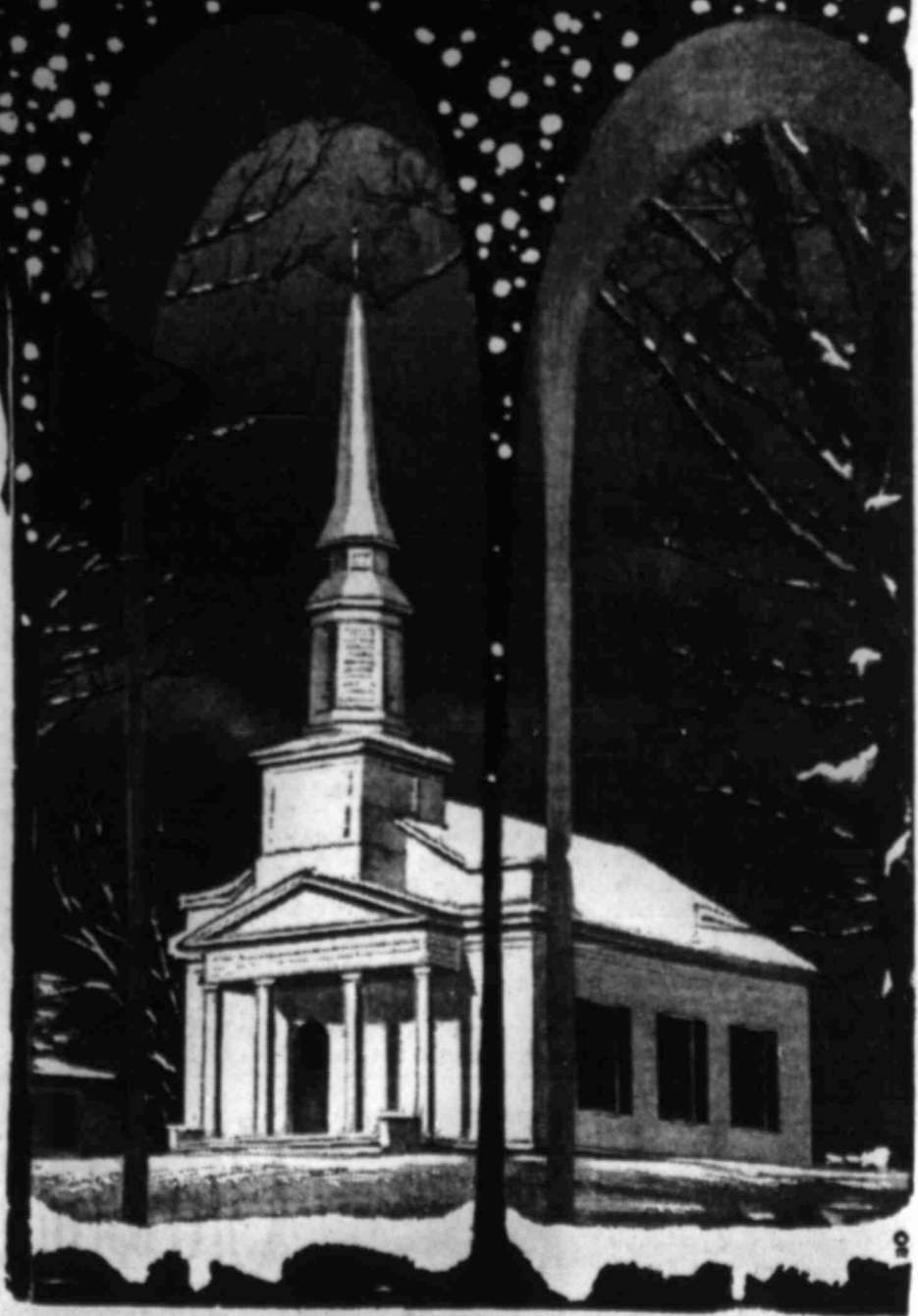
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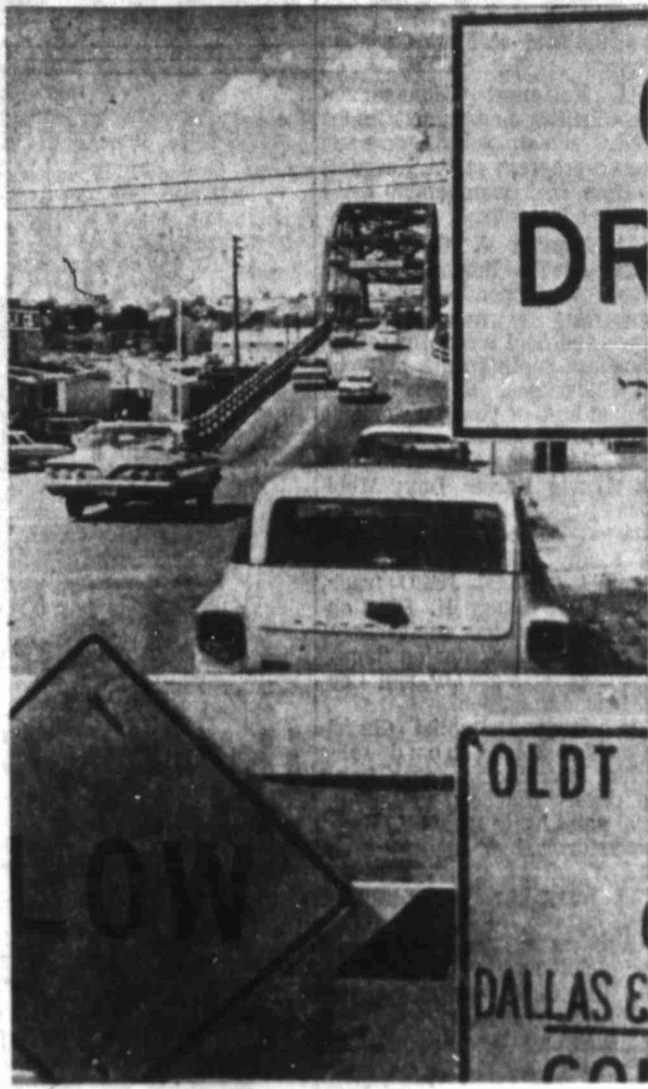
Petrofina Buys Cosden

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 3,600 gallon water tank and new pickup truck; farmers to learn of brucellosis re-check plans at meeting; school trustees set \$2 per square foot as price for 10 x 151 strip of land wanted by the U.S. Post Office Department; J. D. Gilmore files for re-election as a member of the Howard County School Board.

26. First herds selected for brucellosis check are announced; Mrs. Irene Mann, Mrs. Betty Arnold and Mrs. Bertha Bedford are rated as the city's most courteous salespersons; Baylor Street paving program is given green light by county; hundreds of Big Spring residents, many children, are ill with a strange upper respiratory ailment resembling flu; city bonds are sold to Dallas bank at a most attractive rate of interest; Mark Barr, Vincent, wins reserve championship with his Hereford at Houston Stock Show.

27. City and merchants begin planting trees in concrete planters in downtown areas; new lights proposed for city park softball park; three annexations are approved by city; criminal appeals court hears appeal of John Edwin Myers, convicted murderer.

28. Cosden sale to American Petrofina is confirmed; Malone-Hogan Foundation Hospital opens bids for new annex; flu-like illness which has been sweeping town is diminishing; Col. Wilson Banks is assigned duty in Viet Nam.



BRIDGE WORK BEGINS over T&P Railway Co. tracks

March

Stock show, school case, symphony and snakes.

1. Big Spring loses five credit points on fire insurance premiums for the fiscal year 1963-64; Thomas Spoon given 20 year prison sentence for holdup-robbery of Prager's; Buddy Glaspie, Stanton basketballer, named to the District 7-AA all-star team.

2. C. Roscoe Cone filed candidacy for city commissioner; Texas attorney general's office announced plans to check need of anti-trust investigation of Cosden; officials named for Howard County Spelling Bee—Mrs. Elizabeth Martin, pronouncer, and Miss Elizabeth Daniel, Verdel Turner, and Dr. Melvin Crawford, judges; Big Spring postmaster E. C. Boalter announced February post office receipts an all-time high at \$40,966.81; Howard County Junior College Jayhawks take second in Fort Worth's Southwest Recreation Track and Field Meet; Jack Roden and Eric Nichols pitched a no-hitter for the Big Spring Steers against Snyder.

3. Grover C. Dunham, former Big Spring mayor, found dead in Panama.

4. First automobile mechanics course held at Howard County Junior College; Ray Dunlap gets contract for new \$30,000 Leonard's Pharmacy; Paul Bishop resigns seat on school board; Howard County Junior College basketballers beat San Angelo College, the nation's number one ranked juco team, 77-74.

5. R. A. Fullen retired from Shell Pipeline Corporation; Permian Basin section of the American Chemical Society received local member relations award; Planning and Zoning Commission approved rezoning of all property north of Interstate 26; Forsan girls won a bi-district basketball game over Bronte, 59-47; Cosden announced that third quarter earnings were down.

6. Post Office Department approved \$400,000 expansion and renovation of present mail building.

7. J. C. Jackson elected president of the West Texas Teachers Association; Buford Dunagan received assignment in Japan Baptist New Life Movement.

8. High school students get instruction on running city offices from Big Spring and county officials; Eleventh District Court of Civil Appeals upholds annexation of Center Point and Gay Hill school districts by the Howard County Board of Trustees; M. B. Maxwell named superintendent of Sands Consolidated School system.

9. Howard County Junior College Jayhawks win divisional track crown at Laredo's Border Olympics; Forsan girls' basketball team loses to Fort Davis in the finals of the Regional Class B tournament in Odessa.

10. Eddy Nelson, Big Spring basketball star, makes all-district team.

11. Halfway House reorganized because of financial reasons; Dr. Lee O. Rogers elected president of the United Fund of Big Spring and Howard County; Cosden awarded \$2,264,237 government contract; basketball banquet for Big Spring High School and Howard County Junior College teams; T. K. Price named president of Big Spring bowling association.

12. Champion lambs of the 23rd annual Howard County FFA and 4-H Fat Stock Show are shown; John Richard Coffee named corporation court judge.

13. Mack Barr wins grand

champion steer award in the Howard County FFA and 4-H Club Fat Stock Show; Col. Wilson H. Banks, Webb Air Force Base commander, assigned to India; Bill Milam named Stanton football coach.

14. Livestock auction held by Howard County FFA and 4-H Club; two benefactors donate \$200 to help erase a \$400 deficit at the Halfway House.

15. Eleven-man jury returns verdict in 118th District Court since one member was sick and could not appear; new advisory board members installed in the local Salvation Army.

16. Burma Gentry wins Howard County Spelling Bee; Howard County Junior College debaters win the first annual HCJC debate tournament; Howard County Junior College Jayhawks come in second in North Texas track relays in Denton.

17. Courtesy Month contest closes.

18. Career Day conference at Howard County Junior College.

19. Donald Johanos and the Dallas Symphony Orchestra perform in the concert series; Big Spring Steers beat Brownfield 10-0 in baseball.

20. Mrs. E. J. Mann selected most courteous sales person in Big Spring; Mrs. J. B. Langston wins \$250 for the best letter entered in the courtesy contest; Julius Glickman, Big Spring, elected president of the University of Texas student body.

21. Donkey basketball game played in the high school gymnasium; Philip Hanigan, registrar at the Big Spring Veterans Administration Hospital, assigned to the VA center in Los Angeles.

22. Gay Hill and Center Point Common School Districts ask for rehearing on their case in the 11th District Court of Civil Appeals.

23. Jaycee Rattlesnake Derby held at Howard County Fair Buildings; Big Spring Steers win third in Uvalde Invitational Baseball Tournament; E. C. Smith wins Smith-YMCA Independent basketball tournament.

24. Victory Over Polio campaign closes.

25. Two trustees captured af-

er escape from Big Spring jail; Steerettes of Big Spring High School clinch District 2-AAAA girls volleyball title by beating San Angelo, 41-19.

26. Beverly Ann Dobbins crowned queen of the Down Town Lions Club; Nancy Harralson for evening club; Big Spring Steers lose opening game in 2-AAAA baseball action, 12-3, to Midland Lee.

27. John Edwin Myers, convicted murderer sentenced to the electric chair, given new trial; Paulo Campos escapes from the custody of Howard County police after being indicted as a habitual burglar.

28. Mangled body of Lloyd H. Hollis found on Texas & Pacific Railway right of way; HCJC wins state debate crown.

29. Big Spring Civic Theatre presents "King Lady"; annual Band Concert presented by three Big Spring school bands; rehearsing of the appeal brought by the Gay Hill and Center Point schools denied.

30. Ground breaking ceremonies at the Bennett House.

31. Type III Sabin polio vaccine administered to Big Spring; George Ives admits shooting Mrs. Loma Doyle O'Neal at her home; Capt. Russell J. Scott, former Webb Air Force pilot, selected for astronaut training.

April

Rains finally come; also Cosden Petroleum goes.

1. License plates sold for the last day without a penalty.

2. Evening Lions Club holds annual broom sale; John Stanley and Paul Kasch re-elected as City Commissioners; Mrs. Lena Porter becomes first woman ever elected to the Colorado City council; Ralph White wins mayor's race in Coahoma.

3. Warrant issued for the arrest of Joe Lopez in the beating and death of Gloria Gomez.

4. A 1/2 inch of welcome rain falls in some parts of Howard County; Straw Hat Day in Big Spring; Bruce Dunn resigns as director of public works.

5. Harry Hurt Jr. designated to receive a National Science Foundation faculty fellowship research at the University of California at Los Angeles; Roy B. Reeder, leaving for trip to Japan, named "Honorary Mayor and Roving Ambassador-at-large for the City of Big Spring; Harold Talbot and Bennett Brooke elected to seats on local school board; J. D. Gilmore and H. H. Rutherford elected to the Howard County board of trustees; Burma Gentry comes in ninth in regional Spelling Bee in



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School Annexation Settled

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last official day to buy safety inspection stickers for their cars.

16. United States Post Office Department approves the building of a new post office in Coahoma; 11-year old Coahoma girl accidentally called for jury duty; Eddy Nelson, all-district basketball player for Big Spring, signs a letter of intent with Howard County Junior College.

17. Eight-inch water main breaks in downtown Big Spring flooding one store and spilling an estimated 400,000 gallons of water into the street; Pablo Campos recaptured by San Antonio police after escaping from Big Spring police March 27; Doyle Edmiston named new Stanton basketball coach.

18. Dick Turner, San Angelo, wins Big Spring Country Club

Pro-Am; Howard County Commissioners Court orders that the courthouse be cleaned up and kept clean.

19. Boy Scouts of Lone Star District begin big camporee.

20. Petrofina Company officials spend day in Big Spring becoming familiarized; skill tests at the College Park Shopping Center open Bicycle Safety Week; Masons gather in Big Spring lodge for observance of the host lodge's Master Mason Day; Runnels takes third in the ninth grade division of the annual Big Spring Junior High Relay as Joe Jaure, Runnels, sets two records.

21. Pablo Campos hangs himself in his Howard County jail cell; Big Spring Tigers open season with a 21-0 victory over the Colorado City CYO.

22. Oil Portrait of Lt. James L. Webb unveiled at Webb Air

Force Base; volunteers at the VA Hospital are recognized at the VA's annual Volunteer Appreciation Night.

23. Jaycees hold annual recognition dinner—Wayne Tollett receives outstanding policeman of the year award; Dr. Gene Hightower is named Jaycee of the year; and Mel Ivey is the teacher of the year.

24. More than 100 students honored at the Howard County Junior College Honors and Awards Day Convocation.

25. Sale of Cosden Petroleum Corporation to American Petrofina Inc. is held up because of an absent tax ruling; two adults and five members are honored at the Future Farmers of America banquet at the Goliad cafeteria; Howard County Junior College girls win the Western Conference tennis championship for the third straight year.

26. Hailstones the size of golf balls batter the northwest corner of Howard County; American Business Club launches campaign to sell advertising for programs at the National Junior College Track and Field meet.

27. Cosden Petroleum Corporation extinguished; Harlen Sandridge, junior high school teacher, wins Cosden purchase prize of \$100 in the Texas Fine Art Association Region 18 show; Howard County Junior College Jayhawks repeat as champions of the Western Conference in track and field; Howard County Junior College takes first in the doubles in the North Texas State University girls' tennis tournament as the Butler twins win.

28. Personality Babies of the Year picked; Big Spring Tigers win doubleheader from Lamesa Eagles; heavy rains and hail move across Moss Creek Lake and the southern half of Howard County.

29. American Petrofina officially acquires the assets of Cosden Petroleum Corporation, subject to a reserved production payment; National Little League season opens.

30. Gay Hill and Center Point Common schools file a motion for a re-hearing in the Texas Court of Civil Appeals at Eastland; city commission authorities purchase of a new garbage container; Howard County Rehabilitation Center gets a gift of \$8,000.



STRONG WINDS BLEW ... this sign over at Stanton

Davis Hines, 56, fatally injured in oilfield accident.

4. HCJC cops 10 of 16 events at Western Conference track meet; Kathy Shaw, 14, wins first at 4-H food show in Lubbock; funeral for Marcus J. Copeland, 90, longtime county resident; Kay and Karen Butler win tennis doubles title at Odessa; Rev. Donald N. Hungerford elected to Diocese post.

5. Man on horseback en route from Oklahoma to California passes through Big Spring; churches declare May family emphasis month; Martha Johnson named valedictorian and Joanna Epley named salutatorian of June graduating class; Nazarenes report 20 per cent membership increase; Louis D. Carothers named governor of Lions International District 2A-1; huge settling basin at sewage treatment plant rises from ground; damage estimated at \$300,000; 70 m.p.h. winds, hail and 1 1/2 inches of rain bring end to drought with damage to area cotton crops.

6. Steer grid candidates report for first workout; HCJC presents "Festival of Light Music"; George Bragg, 59, Midland, dies and seven members of his family injured in auto accident on SH 350; 2nd Lt. Richard P. Meader dies in T-37 jet crash at Webb AFB; Harvey Adams becomes new member of school board.

7. Investors Clinic begins at HCJC; three charged in burglary of jewelry store; YMCA sponsors management course; two subdivision plats approved by planning and zoning commission.

8. Funeral for Roy R. Cahill, 48, Mobil Oil Co. pumper; Optimists elect new officers; Mrs. Martha V. Mata, 48, claimed by death; Order of Eagles chapter organized here.

9. High school presents stage drama; 331st Fighter-Interceptor Squadron gets F-104's; Miss Anna Smith, HCJC coach, honored by Kiwanis Club.

10. Thirty-two Webb AFB pilots receive wings; school choir presents concert; Tumbleweed Festival launched at Colorado City; E. V. Spence named life member of American Society of Civil Engineers; national vice president speaks to local chapter of American Institute of Bankers.

11. Cosden announces transfer of key personnel to Dallas; death claims Charles M. Dublin, retired oil worker; San Angelo clinches district baseball

lowship held at First Christian Church.

16. Personnel Management Association dinner at Cosden Club; Bauer School presents music program at VA Hospital; Buffalo Trail membership drive has good results.

17. Tommy J. Gentry and Sara Beth Homan receive American Legion awards; preliminaries in national JUCO track and field meet; Brig. Gen. Pinkham Smith speaks at Webb AFB luncheon; R. H. Weaver named boss of year by women's group.

18. Thousands visit Webb AFB on Armed Forces Day; Webb airman found innocent of rape charge; 33 inches of rain falls in county; HCJC wins third straight national JUCO track, field title; Henry H. Hills observe 50th wedding anniversary; M. L. Gibson of Stanton named president of state JP and Constables Association.

19. Stadium Baptist Church launches \$60,000 bond sales drive; screwworm cases found on county ranches; second annual paint horse show held here; sand storms, light rains hit county.

20. Jerry Lee Parker murder trial begins; Bo Bowen, county health nurse, resigns; funeral for John Andrew Whisenhunt, 67; Dr. C. W. Deats, pioneer resident and dentist, dies; Master Planning Committee studies development.

21. Ladies Golf Association holds invitation meet; funeral for Mrs. Nellie Frances Sadler, 72, longtime area resident; Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Peck join Peace Corps; county farmers turn down government wheat program.

22. County gets 1.50 inches of average rainfall; funeral for Robert Gage Lloyd II, 28; gasoline price war begins; state hospital receives \$200,000 appropriation increase.

23. Gilbert Ritchey, speech therapist, resigns school position; state asks continuance in Jerry Lee Parker murder trial; commencement at HCJC for 39 graduates; trace of rain recorded in county.

24. Funeral for J. S. Bissard, 70, longtime county farmer; Col. Howard J. Withycombe is new Webb AFB commander; Joe Wesley Barbee, 54, veteran county highway engineer, dies during visit to California; Congress approves \$125,000 appropriation for Webb AFB.

25. Exes topple Steers 24-8; funeral for W. V. Seals, 45, retired auto mechanic; Mrs. Sue Baker, 30, found dead in home; 50 inch rain as hail damages crops; Gary Jeter, 13, receives multiple fractures in car accident.

26. Four thousand see air show at Howard County Air- (Continued on Page 5-D)



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port; baccalaureate held for 247 seniors; funeral for Mrs. Lena H. Stutville, 65, longtime resident; state approves \$40,000 lighting program for IS 20; Maj. Charles A. Smith, base information officer, transferred to San Antonio.

27. Methodist ministers attend Northwest Texas Conference; county commissioners interview David L. Hogan for county highway engineer's job; Donald McClary, 25, killed in ice cream truck accident; suicide ruled in death of Mrs. Sue Baker; funeral for Ernest Dorsett, 76, retired hotel clerk.

28. Funeral for William Leslie Mayfield, 53, shipping superintendent for Cabot Carbon Co.; Maj. Gen. Henry K. Mooney visits Webb AFB; Linda Gilstrap honored for perfect attendance at school; senior graduation held in Civic Auditorium; Ward Hall and H. W. Wright reappointed to two-year terms on CRMWD.

29. Thirtieth annual Howard County Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo; building permit issued for \$340,000 Holiday Inn; Charles E. McDonnell named chief registrar at VA Hospital; 10 inches of rain falls; Roosevelt Carter handed 25-year prison term for murder with malice.

30. Three new projects for oil fields in Howard County announced; SW Bell Telephone Co. announces cut in night rates; R. Adm. John Quinn is Memorial Day speaker at VA Hospital; Dr. Paul C. Young joins faculty of TCU; sugar prices soar.

31. Dr. H. Clyde Smith named pastor of First Methodist Church and Rev. DeWitt Seago named superintendent of Brownfield District; Walter Edward Eubanks named chief of police at Sweetwater; four HCJC students have perfect grade point average for spring semester; Jeff Brown signs baseball post; Cosden wins merit award.

in American Softball League play.

11. Stanley Bogard promoted to police captain; funeral for infant Claude Melvin Majors Jr.; 486 enrolled in summer recreation program; county rains vary from 20 inches to 1 inch; Robert H. Husson promoted to police sergeant; commission authorizes engineering for 34-35 blocks of paving; commission accepts highway safety lighting project on IS 20; city annexes three tracts of land.

12. Requiem Mass sung for Pope John XXIII; funeral for J. R. Marshall, 67, retired tractor salesman; 15 applicants take police exams; state hospital budget cut \$112,000; Sea Scouts complete 200 mile hike; Ezra McGee, 15, drowns in "Big Spring"; Dr. W. A. Hunt installed as Lions Club president; Troy Wetsel fires no-hitter in Fast Softball League.

13. Jack Roden Jr. selected for A&M Club scholarship; post office announces zip code plan; West Texas area DeMolay Conclave held at HCJC; earth turning ceremony for new medical and surgical wing at state hospital; scattered light rains fall in county.

14. Old Settlers Association meets; 331st FIS receives unit citation; Elks hold annual Flag Day ceremony; Patrick D. Kirby, 72, returns to city after absence of 50 years; W. D. Berry elected vice president of Region 5, Civil Defense; eight young Presbyterians depart on Mexico visit.

15. Virginia Morris crowned Miss Big Spring; funeral for Mrs. Maggie Laura McGary, 56; Sea Scouts named honorary members of C of C; funeral for Mrs. W. A. Langley, 76; low ball tourney begins at Muncy course; death claims Mrs. W. A. Underwood, noted Methodist worker, on 50th wedding anniversary.

16. Dr. H. C. Ernsting attends AMA meeting; funeral for Mrs. Lillie Mae Nichols, 56, longtime city resident; police chief Jay Banks attends seminar in San Antonio; 29 inches of rain falls in city; horse owned by J. O. McCrary wins first at Ruidoso; bright object seen in southeast sky.

17. Funeral for Mrs. Walter A. Underwood, 73; funeral for

Roy H. Black, retired AF officer; family services orientation held at Webb AFB; Kenneth Pace resigns chamber post; Kenneth Williams fund reaches \$500; IUOE Local 826 asks boycott of Coa-Cola Company; funeral for infant Laverne Stairgon; Jimmy Patterson wins public links qualifying round.

18. Grain storage elevator damaged \$30,000 in 100 m.p.h. winds at Stanton; wind, rain, hail rake county as moisture recorded at two inches; school trustees ask preliminary plans for addition to high school building and change from three-year to four-year school; W. D. Broughton is Optimist Club president.

19. One hundred and fifty jobbers attend American Petrofina sales meeting; funeral for Mrs. J. D. Jackson, 38, and for F. L. Turpin, 89, former railroad employee; Francis Flint resigns YMCA post; bids let for fire escapes at state hospital; 1.34 inches of rain falls as high winds and lightning hit county.

20. Kenneth W. Perry boosted to products manager of Cosden; lake levels show rise after Wednesday rains; some units of 331st FIS rotate to Reese AFB for temporary duty.

21. H. C. King injured in burglary of local grocery; local Mormons attend Texas Youth Conference; Lakeview YMCA raises \$1,100 in membership drive; First Methodist Church announces plans to organize handbell choir; Terry Newton, 12, wounded in shotgun blast.

22. Cubs take train trip to Sweetwater; Big Spring Commandery host to District 9 Conclave; qualifying rounds begin for July 4th golf tournament; Morrisette W. Horne, 19, wins four-year scholarship to A&M.

23. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Squyres observe 50th wedding anniversary; Rev. Don Oglesby assumes pulpit at Midway Baptist Church; A. P. Kasch & Sons awarded \$1,619,900 construction contract by A&M, industrial fund committee named; Youth Horsemen hold show at rodeo grounds; Lige Fox attends humanitarian meeting in Honolulu; Art Plyant, former jet pilot, tells of plans to enter ministry; funeral for John Ward Sherrill, 86.

24. Junior class at high school

begins fund raising campaign; downtown tea room opens; four recruits begin work at police department.

25. Rotary Club installs officers; funeral for Mrs. Lizzie Belle Russell, 90, long-time city resident; U.F. begins budget hearings; Baylor Exes organize club with John R. Coffee as president; funeral for Sam Kitts, 86; 25 airmen of Webb AFB class 63-H receive wings; J. B. Hall \$50,160 damage suit begins; Grady L. Randle completes 40 years service with agriculture department; liability for damaged sewage tanks disputed.

26. Tax equalization hearing held; city installs parking fine

O-Meter system; survey indicates public satisfied with Big Spring schools; Robert Goodlett elected to state Methodist youth post; jury rules in favor of J. B. Hall; Manuel Pineda sues city for sewage damage; grand jury returns 15 indictments; Mrs. Martha Nixon files \$342,500 damage suit against Cabot Corporation.

27. Construction forces Webb AFB pilots to fly over city; gas war ends; officers elected for IUOE, Local 826; new right-of-way trial for Charles W. Creighton ordered by Texas Supreme Court.

28. Masonic Lodge No. 1340 in



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stalls new officers; city pharmacy begins open house; man arrested for shooting at T&P train; reception for Col. Howard J. Withycombe and farewell party for Col. and Mrs. Wilson Banks held at Officers Club.

29. Funeral for Mrs. W. L. Gamble, Sr., 63; Hi-Y and Tri-Y Councils sponsor dance at YMCA; work begins on \$200,000 Ponderosa Inn; final day of Krazy Daze shopping.

30. Perry Wenzell tells of plans to move green stamp center; ROTC unit completes second week of training at Webb AFB; new \$770,000 sewage disposal plant operating; Albert W. Smith elected vice president of state Shrine Patrol; funeral for infant Jayne LaDawn Holt.

July

Annexation upheld, bank and nursing house open, clinic starts.

1. Nine-year-old Louisa Silva of Colorado City drowns in Lake Colorado City; Martin Fryar wins calf roping at Colorado City; wreck near Ozona claims life of Milton Davis of Big Spring; clothing offered deaf Negro girl, Cassie Lee Han-

dolph, who was leaving for school.

2. Can of nitroglycerine found at Weldon Rainey home in Coahoma; city commission votes to improve Webb entrance; Harold Fischer quits local bowling alley for coaching job at Orange High.

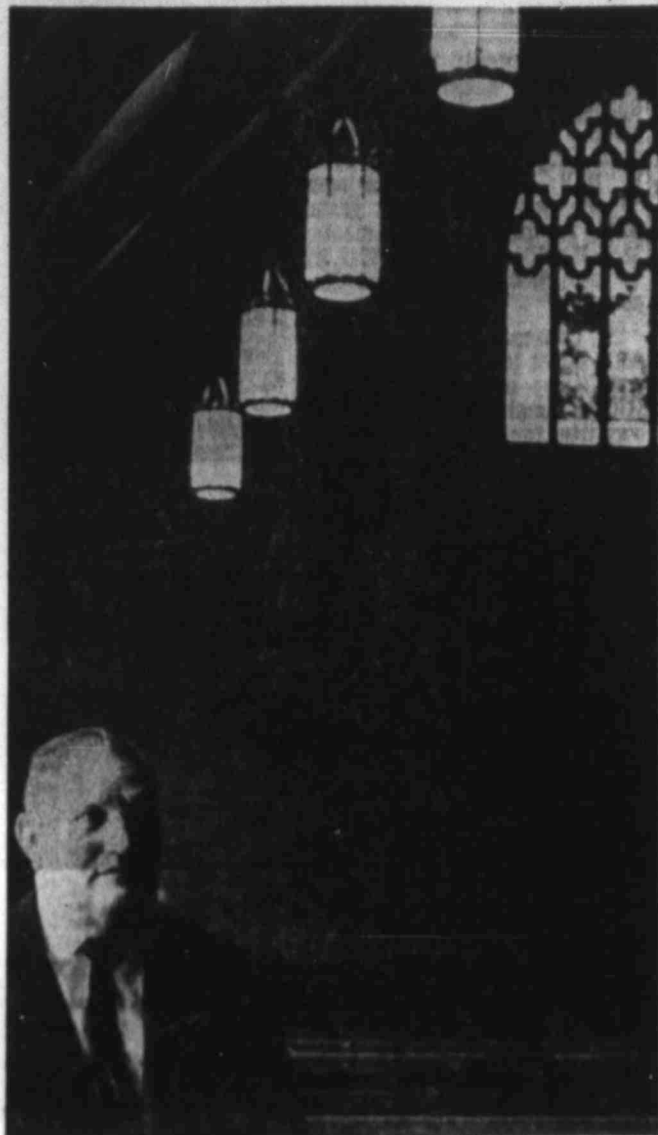
3. Bank deposits show increase in Howard County over 1962; zone change at Birdwell and 2nd Street denied; Brownfield defeats Big Spring Legion baseballers; Travis Wyatt promoted to Missouri Pacific general agent at Brownsville.

4. Five Stanton councilmen resign over urban renewal issue; new welfare warehouse lock has to be broken to inaugurate the building; Grover Buchanan resigns as Colorado City clerk and director of finance.

5. Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bob Watson hurt in wreck; Eddie Don Harris wins Big Spring Country Club golf tourney; Rev. Jack Strickland leaves for tour of Holy Land.

6. July showers needed for top crop year; death claims huge Matthews; hot check collections booming for sheriff's office; 11-year-old Janice Majors rescued from drowning in motel pool; lower water bills since city's income.

7. Webb commander Col. Wilson H. Banks leaves for new post in New Delhi, India. Tom



NEW SANCTUARY OPENS
... First Presbyterian Church

King named head coach at Goliad Junior High; Stanton searches for new city dump site.

8. 30th annual Old Settlers Reunion opens with parade and barbecue; three youths hurt, one by gunshot, in fight near Ackerly; Wesley Methodist, Trinity Baptist churches burglarized.

9. Rodeo officials protest sale of county land near fairgrounds; Dr. A. H. Smith, veteran LaSt. Mary's Episcopal Church burglarized.

10. Webb pilots Robert L. Jones, David T. Burton killed in jet crash near Andrews; Gay Hill - Center Point annexation upheld by state Supreme Court; two new garbage trucks bought by city; Charlie C. Pate given Knight of the Road Award.

11. Public meeting called over Stanton hospital's financial crisis; three 15-year-olds confess wave of crimes; more jailed for Ackerly gang fight; Colorado City golf tourney opens.

12. Too many charity patients blamed for Stanton hospital woes; contract awarded for new post office at Coahoma; Sheriff Miller Harris and deputy nab fugitives while on trip near Plainview; Kentwood Methodist Church observes third birthday.

13. Gay Hill - Center Point to ask Supreme Court rehearing; First National Bank moves into new building; VA Hospital dis- plays ferris wheel bed; Stanton hospital will remain open; fire damages Sea Scout Hut.

14. Deaths increase, births decline in Howard County for first time in years; control program slated for Stanton's urban renewal; insect control program held at Sands High School.

15. Ribbon-cutting held for First National Bank building; Tommy Knight of San Angelo wins Colorado City golf meet; A. J. Rice dies.

16. United Fund's budget set at \$104,874; Jimmy Patterson

wins right to compete with Gary Player and Sam Snead; city commission nulls pool hall controls.

17. Big Spring School District seeks to dissolve injunction in Gay Hill-Center Point case; 4-H Club Rodeo ticket sale begins; elm beetles hit local trees.

18. Big Spring Parks, Recreation board holds first meeting; Dr. A. H. Smith, veteran LaSt. Mary's physician, to retire.

19. Local residents ready to watch sun eclipse; new garbage pickup containers arrive; Bobo Hardy addresses Kiwanis Club.

20. Many books, few patrons boasted by county law library; third annual Whing - Ding un-reeled by Explorer Scouts; Webb flights adopt refugee Vietnamese child.

21. Call for bean-pickers issued for Old Settlers Reunion; Col. Howard J. Withycombe new Webb commander, arrives.

22. Funeral scheduled for Jesse T. Thornton Jr.; more contributions roll in for Old Settlers Reunion; city commission studies proposal on street, flood control engineering.

23. Former county commissioner Arch Thompson dies; local youth questioned in death of Salaman Miller after fight; vandals hit greenhouse at Howard County Junior College; Big Spring captures two games in district Little League play; plans made for feting first cotton bale.

24. Fire sweeps Dupre Salvage Yards; itinerant Lewis Davis given 25 years for murder; city commissioners map cleanup program; John Stiff named Am-arillo city manager.

25. Materials distributed as "Try Big Spring First" campaign opens; first sorghum load brought to market from Floyd Hull farm; 15-ton caterpillar tractor falls on auto, Mrs. Eva

Gean Lieber and daughter slightly hurt.

26. Hundreds jam City Park for Old Settlers Reunion; Dr. Charles Warren named to Howard County Junior College board of trustees; Battery A personnel leave for summer camp at North Fort Hood; three Forsan players named for eight-man football all-star game at Cisco.

27. Joe Leach resigns YMCA job for Houston post; work begins on Howard County Feed Lots; Rev. Gayland Pool leaves St. Mary's Episcopal Church for Dallas position; Roy D. Worley named principal at Alpine; three-wheeled weed killer un-velled by city.

28. Reunion breaks records with 2,400 attending; Coahoma's Vernon Long receives Lone Star Farmer Award; Bennett House, big nursing home, holds open house.

29. Marion M. Edwards, member of pioneer ranching family, dies; bids opened for major kitchen overhaul at Big Spring State Hospital.

30. Work begins on new building for Malone and Hogan Clinic; collection boxes not helping increase parking ticket revenue; new track collection cans distributed.

31. Foundation poured for expansion at state hospital; mosquitoes infecting Howard County horses with sleeping sickness; attendance records set by North Side Church of Christ; new Burger Chef opens in Big Spring.

state finals in Junior Teen-Age baseball.

9. Rains fall but big crowd attends Howard County Junior Rodeo opening; Webb search crew finds missing Pecos woman, but she dies of exposure; confessed slayer John Edwin Myers moved to Lynn County jail at Tahoka; Kiwanis Junior Teen-Age team wins state baseball title.

10. Handley Driver takes top honors in junior rodeo; leaders chosen for annual United Fund campaign; Bible Fund drive opens; dates set for Dawson County Fair at Lamesa.

11. Howard County common school districts dwindle to one (Vealmoor); Sept. 13 set for Big Spring school budget hearing; 800 students expected for fall term at Howard County Junior College; new Kentwood school ready for first classes; Wendell Huddleston named Park Hill school principal; Dr. Charles L. Ainsworth named coordinator of elementary education here.

12. Surprise celebration honors 90-year-old Tom Angel at Stanton; 1963 tax levy ordinance presented by city commission.

13. In Big Spring meeting, West Texas Chamber of Commerce tourist committee advocates national park for McKitt-trick Canyon area; Loren K. Miller saluted for long tenure at state hospital; Howard County tax rate set two cents lower for 1964.

14. Rains up to three inches soak county; man killed by

train still unidentified; Big Spring school trustees approve budget; city looking for new garbage dump ground.

15. Downtown Lions Club turns over miniature golf course to state hospital patients; fire destroys post office, Langford Grocery at Vincent. M. B. Maxwell Jr., takes over as Sands school superintendent.

16. Mitchell County Junior Rodeo opens with 137 entries; budget approved by junior college trustees; new language laboratory readied at HCJC; Midland foursome takes West

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August

Common school districts fade, rain revives crops.

1. Injunction against Big Spring school district in Gay Hill-Center Point case is dismissed; new mark reached for city's water consumption for month of July; Maj. Gen. Henry Vicollo speaks at son's graduation at Webb; West Texas Chamber of Commerce tourist committee to visit Big Spring.

2. Vote on Stanton urban renewal program set for September; no damage this year from elm beetles, says Johnny Johansen, city park superintendent; Mrs. Edith Wood new service club director at Webb; Truman Jones Motor Co. moves to new quarters on Gregg Street.

3. North Side pool lifeguard Rey Navarrete rescues 12-year-old Odessa lad from drowning; speed limits will go up to 70 Aug. 24 on most roads in Howard County; Skipper Driver named president of American Junior Rodeo Association.

4. Moisture prevalent in early Howard grain harvest; Miss Frankie Beddell nominated for Jean Arnot Reed Award of American Institute of Banking; Bill Milam ready to take the field as new Stanton football coach.

5. Frank H. Kelley of Colorado City dies; Curt Mullins takes YMCA general secretary post; Maj. and Mrs. Robert J. Short to leave Big Spring for new Salvation Army assignment; officers seek identity of man killed by train here.

6. Petition asks election to consolidate Vealmoor school with Borden County district; Big Spring police pistol team wins first match; Robert Douglass Terrell named manager of KWAB-TV.

7. Aug. 31 set as date for Vealmoor-Borden school consolidation election; Texas highways follow growth, says highway commissioner Hal Woodward to local businessmen; Mrs. Howard E. Dillon new house mother for Halfway House.

8. E. E. Crittenden of Luther reports first Howard bale of cotton; Sterling County completely pays off courthouse; school to train cooks scheduled at junior college, Big Spring advances to



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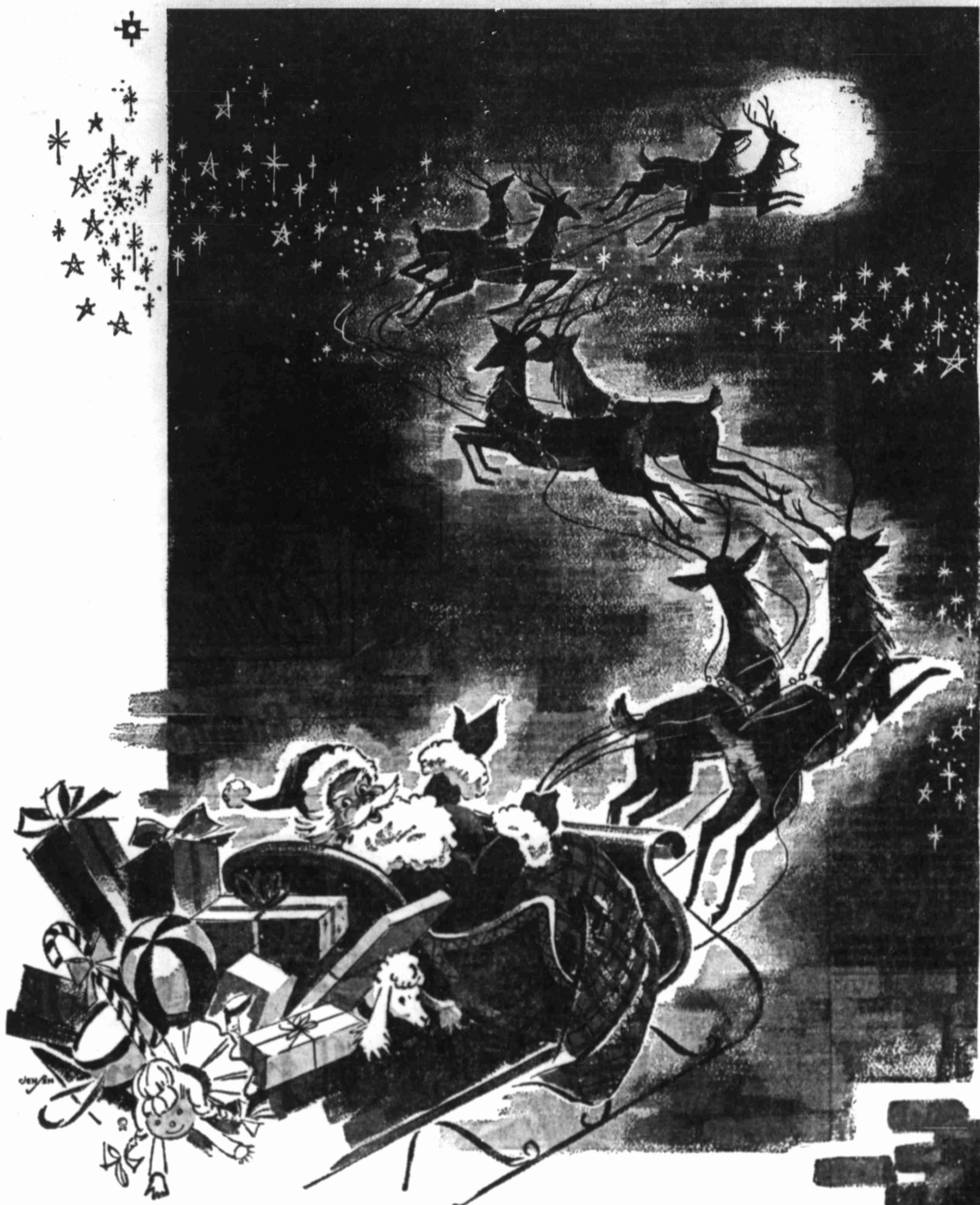


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Texas pro-am meet at Big Spring Country Club.

17. Artists sketch man in attempt to identify train victim; Roger C. Parker wins scholarship from American Business Club; Bill Hammack named assistant registrar at VA Hospital.

18. Delay seen in opening of new Kentwood school; postal officials pleased with local response to ZIP Code.

19. Another delay crops up in trial of John Edwin Myers; Big Spring Jaycoes successful bid for mid-winter convention here.

20. Two fleeing men, one wounded, are captured after robbery-beating of service station attendant here; it's Midland vs. Big Spring in Fina-Cosden Cup golf match.

21. Funeral scheduled for Carlson Hamilton; Charlie Creighton named president of Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo; Cliff Patton elevated to Steer coaching staff; Melvin Lindsey, Gene Offield given junior high posts.

22. Rattlesnake nips patrolman Ed Kennemer; Parks and Recreation Board maps improvement program; Garden City school budget okayed.

23. Webb student pilot killed in crash near Lamesa; open house held for half million dollars worth of public improvements in Lamesa.

24. Worldwide wirephoto service of Associated Press inaugurated at Herald; Martha Robinson named Howard County Farm Bureau queen; Tyler park director Bob Shelton addresses meeting of area public officials.

25. Art exhibit scheduled here by Avery Faulkner; Don Robbins morose as workouts near Big Spring; footballers; Big Spring selected as site for American Legion district convention; busy Smith Cochran has to keep eye on three post offices as Coahoma postmaster.

26. Two-car crash near Lake J. B. Thomas injures 10 persons; last-minute transfer requests flood county school board.

27. Taxes subject for special meeting of Big Spring school board; large crowd attends recognition ceremony for VA Hospital junior volunteer workers.

28. Big Spring school bond assumption, tax rate election set for Sept. 21; Jimmy Felts, former Gay Hill School Board member, named to Big Spring school board to fill out unexpired term of Johnny Johnson; trustees approve Spanish classes for third graders in Big Spring.

29. Parents of Webb student pilot killed in crash launch memorial fund; Capt. and Mrs. William Thomas takes over Sal-



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vation Army post here; Forsan school enrollment nears 400; new plant opened by H. W. Smith Transport Co.

30. Eight girls vie for district Farm Bureau queen crown; prisoner indicted for rape slashes wrists in county jail; Rev. Jack Stricklan reports on visit to Russia; Vealmoor patrons vote to consolidate with Borden, removing last common school district in Howard County.

September

Records fall in school, college enrollments, department store openings.

1. Half inch of rain falls; city calls bids on two new fire stations and two new trucks; August construction goes over '82 for month.

2. Concert Association decides on five offerings; August rainfall only 1.04 inches.

3. Unattended milk truck strikes three cars, and three parking meter standards bent; Patterson wins invitational golf tourney.

4. Robert Lee Cook, 74, dies today; Big Spring man enters \$300,000 suit against Malone and Hogan Foundation Hospital; phys-ed director, Gilbert Smith, named for YMCA.

5. School enrollment of 7,495 sets record; Construction starts on new Gregg overpass.

6. Mrs. Richard Thompson gets \$372 worth of merchandise in Furr's shopping spree; city fire truck bids total \$51,295; new parking plan proposed for high school; Vealmoor-Borden consolidation confirmed.

8. City's first two new booster fire trucks arrive; services for Miss Mattie Leatherwood set for Monday.

9. Commissioners set county tax rate at \$1.05 to get \$1,053,481.97 income for new year; 64 blocks of city paving completed on continuing assessment program; HCJC expects banner year.

10. Two men at Haskell admit Big Spring burglaries; absentee voting starts for tax rate-

bond assumption school election; Chamber decides to keep Permian Building offices.

11. Myers whisked to Illinois jail—secret well kept; old fire truck purchased by Legion; city calls for bids on new Birdwell bridge.

12. Stanton's ballot boxes impounded; College enrolls 582 students.

13. Fifty Mexican families due tonight in good neighborhood; tobacco bud worms found in county; Isaac Smith, Negro shot in face, dies in John Sealy Hospital; Steers topple Lamesa 14-7 in season's opener; Ray Reyna Gutierrez stabbed, dies.

15. Big Spring school enrollment jumps to 7,566; Dr. A. M. Bowden rites today in Brownwood; area gins cranking up for harvest; Ponderosa apartments open house today.

16. Ramos questioned in fatal stabbing of Renunilo Gutierrez; volunteer orientation set at VA Hospital.

17. HCJC registration goes to 840; Dr. Agustin Torres returns to Veterans' Hospital; six absentee ballots counted in tax assumption and rate election for school district.

18. Ernest Welch purchases River Funeral Home; Court-house trash can yields traces of post office theft.

19. Jack Blanton Daniels found dead at home; parks and recreation board recommends first park improvements.

20. Mrs. Anderson Bailey dies in local hospital.

22. Light vote approves school tax rate-bond assumption for consolidated districts; Oct. 1 set for elimination of toll charges to Coahoma phones; city's water usage, income, above 1962 totals.

23. Cafe and restaurant cooking students enroll at HCJC; John W. Marchbank funeral held; Jack K. Dumphy announced as president of West Texas Savings and Loan Managers Association.

24. Shrine circus arrives in officials plan for meeting with highway commission on FM-700; pickets still walk at VA Hospital in dispute; school enrollment reaches 7,627.

25. Douglas H. Brandon announced in Merit Scholarship semi-finals; paving bids auth-

orized by city for Eleventh Place extension in Edwards Heights area; Marcy school addition okayed by school board; Mrs. Mamie Acuff Morgan rites held; C. R. McClenny continues as city secretary after retirement age.

26. City-county officials present plea to State highway commission for redesign plans on FM 700; Shrine circus draws 11,000 for benefit performances; Mrs. Riley Lovelace dies.

27. J. J. (Jake) Pickle, former Big Spring, seeks 10th District congressional seat; Joe Leatherwood resigns post at First Methodist; damage suit for \$300,000 in Howard Shivers vs. Dr. R. B. G. Cowper results in mistrial.

29. Coahoma post office opening announced for Nov. 1; CRMWD budget shows sharp increase.

30. Albert Sisson death late Sunday; Gibson Discount opens new center on South Gregg today; Lions' Club Fun-O-Rama opens.

October

GAMCO, Trans-Texas, Howard County feed lots start operations.

1. County Employees Division reports 100 per cent in UF drive; Pullman service through Big Spring cut by T&P; Stanton to hold special election for mayor, councilman, with date to be set; West Texans report daylight meteor seen yesterday.

2. One hundred thousand dollars to be added to 2,800 payroll checks at Webb AFB; Leon Burk Construction Co. low bidder for city's two new fire stations; County 4-H-FFA pig show held today.

3. County bank deposits show slight drop; Midland - Odessa Chorale included in concert series; only nine poll tax receipts sold through this morning.

4. Jones Construction Co., Shasta Ford Sales, Burroughs, submit low bids on bridge, cars, billing machine, for city; Stanton special election challenge gets into 118th District Court;

Steers ready for Wichita Falls Coyotes tonight and beat 'em 12-8.

6. Howard County gets new field location and completion; city calls for bids on two widths on Eleventh Place extension.

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new professional building has open house today.

7. Big gifts division reports \$17,710 to start its UF drive; revised school budget up for board meeting—\$3,363,465.75.

8. Big Spring VA Hospital closed for helping disabled; Sin-

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clair's No. 118 Granville Dodge estate approved as water injection well.

9. School administration get proposition for Permian Bldg. office; old Center Point School becomes community center; nineteen poll tax receipts bought by Howard County voters; city commission requests insurance firm to take over sewer plant job; city approves water tap for Elbow school; school board okays half cost of Memorial field house improvements—\$35,000; city commission approves \$35,000 for park improvements.

10. Big Spring engineer and fireman on locomotive hit a car in Midland when three youths die; Trans-Texas Airways schedules starting of new flights, including Big Spring; Mrs. L. E. Brown named new housemother for Halfway House; 1,316 tickets for Big Spring-Odessa game sold in 24 hours.



AND SANTA CAME
... 7,500 turned out to see him

11. United Fund reaches \$43,122.33; insect control campaign kicked off by Chamber of Commerce agriculture committee; positive identification of injured hitchhiker sought by hospital authorities; Little Theatre opens season tonight with "Dial M for Murder"; Steers ready for fourth win over Odessa tonight, but lose 12-4.

12. Webb Airman R. E. Benson dies following San Angelo car crash; ranchers alerted against outbreak of screw-worms; \$2 million old coins on display in Coin Club show; three murder cases set for trial in 118th District Court; national president Dr. Thomas J. Natoli, of ABC, coming to Big Spring.

13. Herald blooms out in new type; Chamber agriculture committee gets petitions on insecticides from 126 West Texas Chamber offices, and from local cotton farmers; new, increased air service for Big Spring set for Oct. 27 by TTA.

14. UF funds go over half-way point with out-of-town gifts; Howard County Republicans go for Goldwater; thefts down, delinquency up in Big Spring, police report; city's cotton gins put up lint screens; Ralph White elected Howard Farm Bureau president.

15. Pet squirrel turns out rabid — five persons bitten; Rev. Marvin James named assistant pastor at First Methodist Church; Harry Walker Guy, 63, retired railroad worker, shoots self to death; Mrs. Charlie Robinson dies today after six-week illness; Jose Nunez Lopez, 28, ex-convict, gets five-year sentence in death of Gloria Lopez.

16. Fifteen Big Spring men take water training course; City Parks and Recreation Board recommends \$22,000 improvements on municipal golf course.

17. Steers girl for comeback against Midland Lee and won; old Joe Carter home, Gregg and Ninth, razed.

18. Math-Master Labs and GAMCO have open house for new factory.

19. Howard County gets first completion in Texaco, Inc. No. 1-C Howard Fee well (oil progress edition); delegates to State Farm Bureau meeting announced.

20. Three Webb airmen caught, with help of rattlesnakes, in gas theft arrests; Fourth and State sends eight to hospital.

21. No absentee votes cast through this morning in the Nov. 9 amendment election; Elmo Wasson elected president of First Federal Savings and Loan Association.

22. Webb AFB goes over UF goal of \$10,000; antique car one of three damaged when candy truck's brakes fail at Gregg and Fourth; city commission approves park board's recommendations for golf course improvements.

23. Postmaster E. C. Boatler gets rubber stamp in requests for "first flight" airmail over new Trans-Texas Airways routes; hot mix plant on East Eleventh Place moves after residents and city complain;

work on rebuilding eight-mile segment of Gail highway from SH 350 west gets under way.

24. Possible litigation looms over who is responsible for damage to city's old sewage plant after it rose from ground when water drained by contractor; Dr. Preston Harrison named to state group on long-term mental health plans; A. P. Kasch & Sons submit low bid on Houston's new \$2,287,160 Jetero Airport; better service asked of Trans-Texas Airways Chamber of Commerce Aviation Committee; Abilene Cooper's Panthers surprisingly tough against Steers, but lost 6-0; new Howard County feed lot on SH 350 (Snyder highway) announces weekend open house.

25. Trans-Texas Airways opens flights today at Howard County Airport, with big load of mail ready; Rev. Henry Saley new Kentwood Methodist pastor; Herbert Lee Tillis, Negro, 30, fatally shot over two-bit bet, and Emzie Woodard, Negro, charged with murder; over 75 delegates attend American Legion convention at Settles Hotel.

26. Gay Hill-Center Point school annexation suit tries for hearing before U.S. Supreme Court; Breman, Ga., man leads officers on wild chase and is captured in Lamesa; Mayor George Zachariah elected first vice president of Texas Society for Crippled Children and Adults.

27. UF drive seems headed for trouble as end draws near with only \$83,094 in; sale of Big Spring's two hotels — Crawford and Settles—hinted; school enrollment reaches 7,632 for record; grand jury starts work on more than 20 felony cases.

28. Big Spring senior citizens go for over 65 insurance policy; four charged for violation of city's litter ordinance in enforcement crackdown; no deadly whitefish found here resulting from eating of fish from Great Lakes area; 44 service awards given to volunteers at Big Spring State Hospital; CRMWD announces check to begin on two dam sites for new lake.

29. Crawford and Settles hotels sold to Florida interests; grand jury indicts Emzie Woodard on murder charge, and Abel Ramos in knifing to death of Ray Gene Gutierrez; Deborah Ann Scott, 3, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Scott, dies after automobile accident at home; \$1,027 from employees division boosts UF to \$84,526.99; district court upheld, on DWI convictions, by Court of Criminal Appeals, after James Morris Barber and William Royce Newson appealed; city announces changes in garbage routes effective Monday; Mrs. Jeff Hudleston and Mrs. Newton Frisbie, neighbors in 1926, reunited here this week.

croft, long-time resident of Colorado City, dies.

4. Santa's visit confirmed for Dec. 6; Dr. R. G. Lee, Memphis, Tenn. minister, speaks at Baptist Temple; Capt. James Martin resigns presidency of Little Theatre group.

5. H. G. Caldwell Electric wins Chamber of Commerce bid to install Christmas decorations; city commission denies request for re-zoning of part of Kentwood Addition for neighborhood service; Billy Barnhill, Stanton, and Otis Riffey burned when asphalt pot explodes at Cabot Carbon.

6. Band Boosters begin fruitcake sale; Howard County Feed Lot off to good start with 1,100 animals on feed; two Merkei youths arrested for shooting at Texas and Pacific Railway trains.

7. Paul D. Meek, Cosden vice president, named to directorate of Texas Chemical Council; United Fund drive at 87 per cent of goal with \$90,984.15 collected.

8. Steers win cliffhanger from Permian 22-20; Forsan High School holds Fall Festival.

9. Poppy Sales net \$274 for American Legion Auxiliary; Jake Pickle, former Big Spring, gains entry into runoff election for 10th District congressional seat; auto show attracts hundreds; West Texas Obstetrics and Gynecology Society meets here.

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November

Well blows out, Steers blow Bobcats, President assassinated.

1. Howard J. Withycombe, Webb AFB commander, gets one star as brigadier general; Leslie W. Barr dies following automobile accident on Highway 350 just north of city; A. C. Benson, 38-year veteran, named superintendent at Col-Tex Refinery.

2. Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y journey to Abilene for Central-West District meeting; 4-H Club Achievement Day sees Bob Adkins and Kathy Shaw win Gold Star awards; 120 Scouts attend Lone Star District Camporee.

3. Las Artistas begins observance of National Art Week by displaying work of local talent in stores; Mrs. E. A. Bar-



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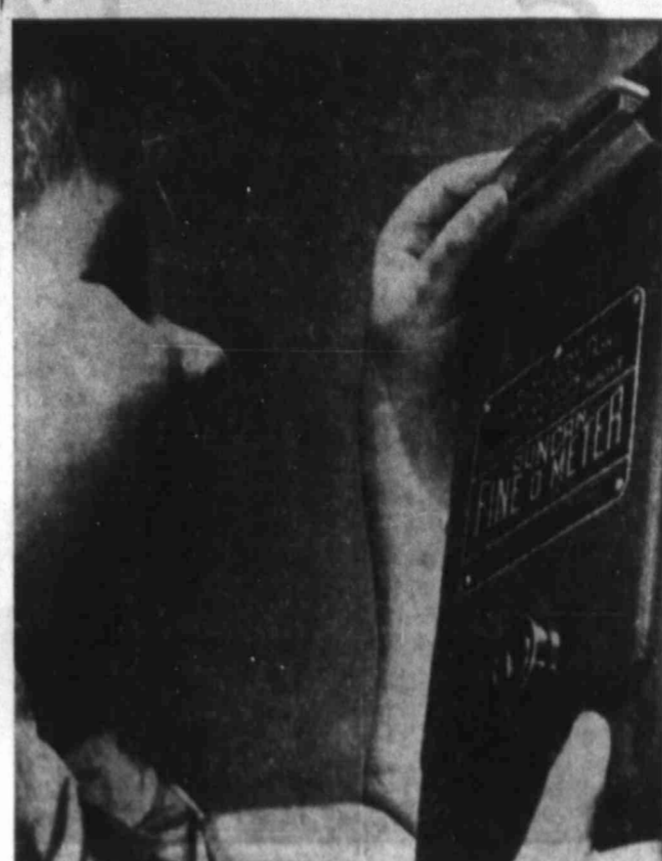
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Wash. to Bennett House on second attempt; Billy James' Hargis speaks to capacity crowd at Settles; no deer season in county this year.

14. Animal Warden Bob Baker kills fox in southwestern part of town near Morris Patterson farm; 20 Key Club members start pulling high school victory bell to Abilene; Air Vice Marshal Richard Cecil Ayling, R.A.F., tours Webb AFB.

15. Steers loose to Abilene 35-14, their second loss; county state, Howard County Junior College and Forsan school sue Forsan Townsite Co. for \$8,000 delinquent taxes on 717 lots in Forsan.

16. Marshall L. Brown, Cosden's senior chemical engineer, dies in Temple following surgery; sandhill cranes make appearance again in great numbers; the first policeman's ball held at Cosden Country Club.

17. H. M. Rainbolt, founder of Wagon Wheel Drive Ins., dies of heart attack while on deer hunt near San Saba; Mrs. Charles Merritt, city leader, dies following heart attack.

18. Large turnout for Permian Basin Medical Society meeting at State Hospital; most moisture since June 20 hits town—about one inch, 2.5 inches at Vincent; Shaheen No. 1-65 Sellers picks up new Wolfcamp pay in Sterling County Triple M field.

19. Walter L. Burns gets \$95,586.71 in 118th District Court verdict against T&P Railway Co.—largest in long time; Howard County Court awards Charles Creighton \$45,000 in land condemnation suit.

20. Parks Board okays a Little League diamond near Boydston

School; Tommy J. Compton, supervisor of Big Spring area office of State Public Welfare Department, transfers to Austin.

21. House at 1205 S. Main, landmark owned by Mrs. Aleen A. Murphy, burns; Tucker No. 1 Marchbanks rumored to have struck Wolfcamp in southeast Howard County; two cows killed in crash on Snyder Highway near Howard County Feed Lot; Sears moves to new location.

22. President John F. Kennedy assassinated in Dallas; Steers soundly trounce San Angelo 20-6; Future Teachers of America end successful clothing drive for patients of State Hospital.

23. YMCA receives Eligibility Certificate from National Council of YMCA's; F. E. (Ped) Davidson, veteran rancher from Forsan, dies.

24. Police seeking man who passed \$1,000 in worthless checks in the city; Dr. Douglas B. Black named city councilman at Lamesa; American Legion sponsors community memorial for President Kennedy.

25. Memorial services at local churches mourn death of President Kennedy; fund begun here for J. D. Tippitt, Dallas policeman who was killed in attempting to apprehend suspected assassin of the President.

26. School trustees study \$5 1/2 million building program; McGrath and Smith No. 1 J. E. Brown, wildcat 13 miles north of the city, blows out, explodes and burns; Red Adair called in to fight fire; 1st Lt. Harry M. McDowell, Webb pilot, dies in crash of F-104; American Cancer Society branch starts in Big Spring.

27. Light shower sprinkles the area—10 to 15 inches; four



WELCOMING VISITOR
Brig. Gen. Howard J. Withycombe, Webb's first commander with rank of general, in familiar activity.

members of Charlie Nipp family, 1202 Main, narrowly escape death from carbon monoxide fumes.

28. Tippitt Fund reaches \$185,500 attend Union Thanksgiving Services.

29. First hard freeze of season finally arrives as temperatures plunge to 25 degrees; firemen plead for more toys to repair for Christmas giving.

30. Muncie B. Moore killed in automobile accident at Third Galveston; Mrs. Inez Lewis ends 26 years as secretary at the First Baptist Church; Kiwanis hold chili supper at HCJC SUB.

ated here; Mrs. Keys Murphy loses but regains \$2,000.

3. S. W. Wheeler elected Stanton's mayor, A. A. Johnson elected to council in special election with 173 ballots cast; 24 troops honored at district scout banquet; HCJC wallops Ranger 98-68; Big Spring beats Snyder 68-56.

4. Halfway House board votes to move location to 200 Scurry for more room; Salvation Army puts out kettles for annual solicitation.

5. An estimated 7,500 youngsters turn out to see Santa Claus arrive in town; James M. Steward found guilty, assessed three years in prison for murder of Travis Hicks; Martin County felony list is reduced from 28 to nine cases; Commissioners Court gets attorney general opinion that the sheriff's hot check department is not authorized under law.

6. Seven employees join Cosden's 25-year club; ABClub inducts 14 new members; Natural Dam Salt Lake here revealed as one of the saltiest in the world; 14 vocational nurses graduate in exercises at HCJC; Little Theatre produces "My Three Angels" which draws about 200 in a two-night stand.

7. Civil Defense Council meets here, luring 30 participants; Jimmie Greene, 79, dies; 200 attend FFA district leadership contests here.

8. Tim Smith, Albert Fierro, Dick Irons named to all district football teams; Don Robbins selected "coach of the year" in District 2-4A.

9. Commissioners take county attorney plan under consideration after merchants urge that hot check department not be dropped; hairdressers chapter elect Mrs. Gordon Wheeler president; Coahoma finally opens new post office; Webb AFB graduates 40 students in Class 64D.

10. City plans to increase rates at city cemetery; a new fire code for the city adopted; Cancer Society chapter makes plans to organize; county farmers favor quota system 76 per cent in referendum; Big Spring beats Snyder, 70-51, in basketball; HCJC wallops Cisco 66-46 in opening home game.

11. Jack Davis residence destroyed by fire, family narrowly escapes flames; Crestview Baptist Church begins addition to plant.

12. Quarterback Club honors football team with banquet; 17 Big Springers attend Youth and Government program at Austin; HCJC trustees announce plans for \$368,000 expansion program.

13. Ice and snow sweep city, causing 23 minor automobile accidents; high school produces "Oklahoma," performing for capacity crowds; jury gives Burton Lingo Lumber Co. \$47,000 in damage suit against Planters Gin Co. at Coahoma; HCJC wins 71-68 over Odessa.

14. Charlie Creighton shows champion bull at annual Hereford show Odom Ranch has champion heifer, sale brings \$29,505 for \$421.05 average; Big Spring wins over Snyder, 62-61; HCJC whams Chanute, 101-72.

15. Capt. Kenneth A. Cunningham 30, killed when F104 crashes four miles northwest of Webb AFB; moving of Halfway House postponed due to holiday rush.

16. Good turnout for HCJC "Festival of Christmas Music"; State Hospital patients produce annual holiday pageant.

17. Fred Hyer gets "Last Man" cup to hold for a year; D. P. Contreras, 23, killed in Lamesa car accident; John Edwin Myers requests change of venue from Belleville, Ill., where he is slated to go to trial for two murders.

18. E. M. Reese is 92; Webb AFB water tank floods City Park; Temperature dips to 23.

December

Traffic deaths mount, Howard County has 'saltiest' lake.

1. Adolph Sanchez 50, Sapas Perez 38, killed in one-car accident near Webb AFB entrance on Wasson Road; over 250 attend first Porcelain Art Show here; cotton harvest steps up due to winter's first freeze.

2. Residents contribute \$296.10 for the J. D. Tippitt family; organization makes plans to get mentally retarded school lo-



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The tired tree is the main item to be dismantled. By using an assembly line technique, you will be surprised at the speed with which the tree and its ornaments can be whisked away.

Let the tallest member of the family hand down the ornaments one at a time to one of the older youngsters who wipes each one off with a sudsy sponge before handing it on to the next helper. He dries the ornament wraps it in tissue, and packs it away in a partitioned box. This box goes at the bottom of the big carton used for storing the tree decorations. The tinsel goes next, then the star or angel for the top of the tree, and the lights last.

If they have left any sticky pitch spots. A sudsy cloth will remove them easily before they collect grime. Wax drippings from candles can be scraped off carefully from wooden surfaces with a wooden mixing spoon or other blunt object with a dry cloth.

If you find blobs of candle wax on your best tablecloth, scrape away as much as possible, then place the spots between white blotters and press with a warm iron, changing the blotters as they become soiled. If there is still a faint stain, sponge with carbon tetrachloride or another grease solvent and launder the cloth in hot suds.

To remove cranberry spots or coffee stains from a white cloth, stretch the spots over a bowl, then pour boiling water on them

from a height of two or three feet. To avoid scalding your fingers, use a rubber band or string to secure the cloth around the bowl before you start pouring.

Stains caused by dinner wines and cream sauces can be sponged out with warm soap or detergent suds, then rinsed thoroughly. And the sooner you get after the spots, the easier they are to remove.

Meat juice stains should be sponged with cold or lukewarm water immediately after the table is cleared before they have time to "set." Lipstick marks can be removed from napkins by rubbing them first with glycerine, then washing in warm suds.

Next year, all you'll have to do is open the carton and trim the new tree by starting with the items on the top of the box working down. What's more, everything will be shining clean and ready to use.

Put a sheet on the floor and lay the old tree in it for carrying through the house without leaving a trail of dry needles. And if you find your carpet littered with tiny bits of fluff from the cotton batting at the tree base, vacuum up as much as you can, then take up the last bits with one of the litt' rough rubber sponges used on suede shoes.

Carry another carton or basket to the living room to gather other bits of greenery from the mantel, doorway, and mirror without scattering needles or dried holly berries on the floor.

Remove the ribbon from artificial wreaths and dip quickly in warm soap or detergent suds, rinse, then dry thoroughly before storing for next Christmas. The ribbon can be pressed face down under a piece of waxed paper to regain its original crispness.

After the decorations have been stored away, check to see



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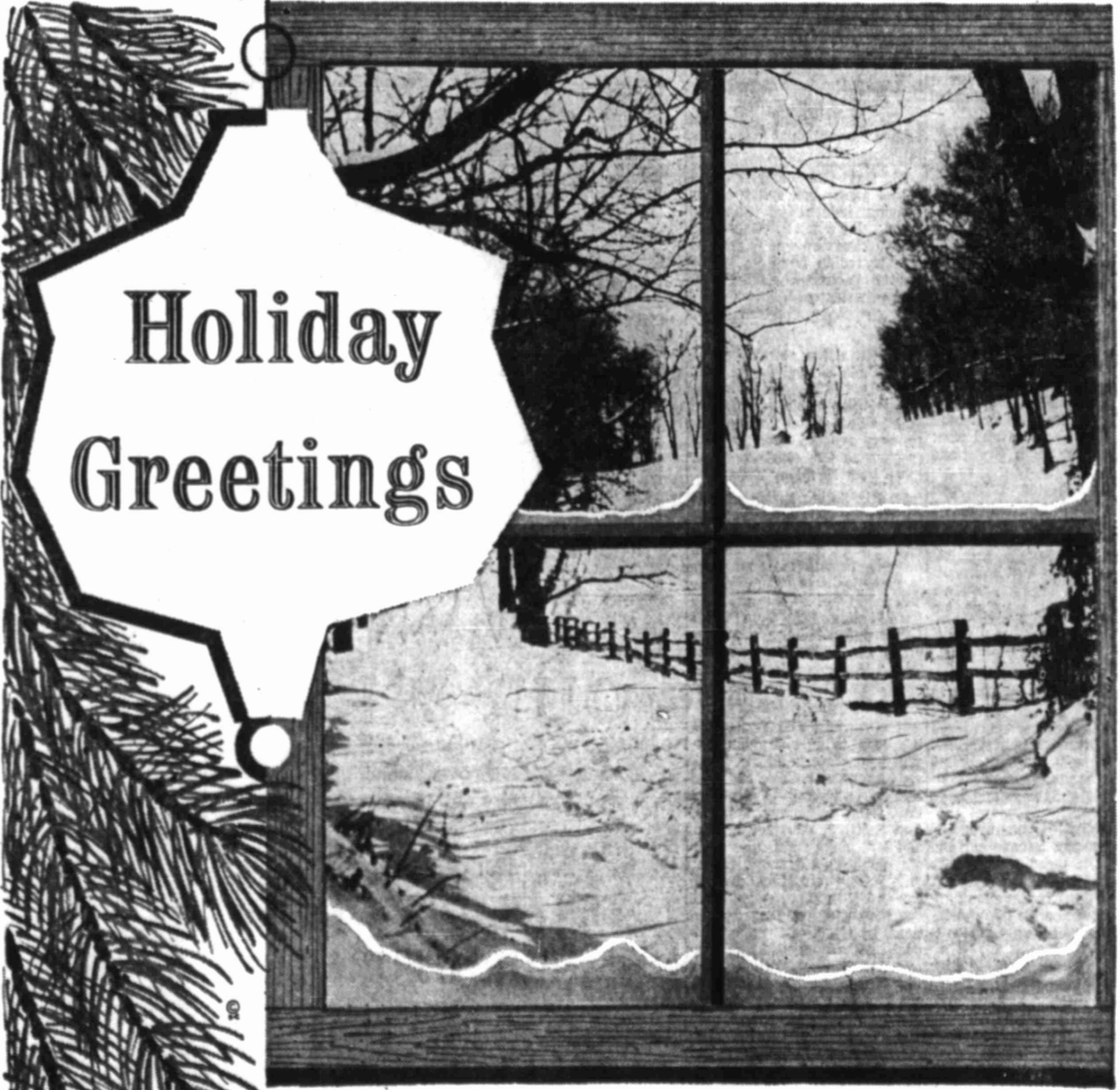


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Puritans Opposed Yule Observance

Celebration of Christmas—the most widely observed religious holiday of the modern world—was at one time illegal in early American history.

Colonial New England did not celebrate Christmas, according to researchers, because the stern Puritan colonists believed that such activities were wholly pagan and forbade them by law. Christmas came to the American colonies while it was the subject of strenuous controversy in England. English Puritans condemned it as "popish" and the secular celebration as "wanton Bacchanalian feasts."

Opposition of the English Puritans to festivals culminated in an act of Parliament in 1647 which abolished the observance of Christmas, Easter and Whitsuntide. This was echoed in the American colonies in 1659 when Puritans enacted a law in the general court of Massachusetts to punish those who "kept Christmas."

The law read, "Whosoever shall be found observing any such day as Christmas or the like, either by forbearing of labor, feasting, or in any other way . . . shall be subject to a fine of five shillings."

The law was repealed in 1681 but many of the Puritans were not reconciled to this action. Secular reveling at Christmas had often interfered with religious devotions and offended the Puritans' moral sense. This intensified their sectarian hostility to the religious observance of Christmas—an attitude they maintained for the better part of two centuries in parts of New England.

The fun-loving Dutch colonists of New Amsterdam, however, celebrated Christmas as their chief holiday. They brought the old customs from their homeland, especially the Christmas stocking and observance of the feast day of St. Nicholas.

In the Southern colonies, the planters celebrated the yuletide with feasting, singing and dancing. On many plantations slaves were given a holiday as long as the great yule log burned.

The latter half of the 18th century saw a swing of attention to the realm of economics and politics and religious con-

First In Ireland

The first religious Christmas cards were published in Belfast, Ireland in 1873, the same year that Louis Prang, a prominent Boston lithographer, became the first American to produce Christmas cards on a commercial scale. Thirty-five per cent of this year's Christmas cards contain religious designs.

troversies became of less importance.

The fact that English and Hessian troops celebrated Christmas during the Revolutionary War may have added a patriotic note to the denominational controversy.

General Washington crossed the Delaware River on the night of Dec. 25, 1776, to surprise and defeat the Hessian troops stationed at Trenton, N. J. In the opinion of one writer, Washington's bold venture succeeded because the Hessians were enjoying their customary Christmas revels and failed to maintain the usual watch and patrols.

However, denominational opposition to the ecclesiastical observance of Christmas continued into the second half of the 19th century. An account in the New York Daily Times for Dec. 26, 1885, read:

"The churches of the Presbyterians, Baptists and Methodists

UNIVERSAL SPIRIT

Christmas Observed Many Different Ways

Although universal in its spirit and purpose, Christmas is observed in many different ways throughout the world. Individual countries have acquired literally thousands of customs throughout the ages. Some have been discarded along the way, while others are still observed.

INDIA
In India, one week before the holiday, all villages that observe Christmas, fast by not eating animal food. On the last day they eat no food at all until they take communion on Christmas Eve.

SPAIN-HOLLAND
Even Santa Claus takes on different forms and comes at different times in certain countries:

In Spain, he bears his traditional gifts on January 6, the feast of the Epiphany which celebrates the arrival of the Three Wise Men. Spanish children fill their shoes with straw for the camels of the Wise Men, and place them on the window sills. Similarly, in Holland, children place their wooden shoes filled with hay in a corner or a ledge, but it's for Santa's white horse.

ITALY
In Italy, Santa comes as an old woman on a broomstick. She is named La Befana, and leaves gifts in the children's shoes.

GREECE
In Greece, special loaves of bread are baked for the Christmas celebration. Each loaf is marked with a cross on top; a silver coin concealed in each

were not open on Dec. 25 except where some Mission Schools had a celebration. They do not accept the day as a Holy One, but the Episcopal, Catholic and German Churches were all open. Inside they were decked with evergreens.

In the twentieth century, all denominations have embraced Christmas widely both as a religion and as a social celebration. Today, men, women and children in every Christian land crowd into churches to give their thanks. More than one-fourth of the world's population—about 800 million people—profess some form of Christian faith.

The splendor and beauty of Christmas observances is very different from the humble stable in Bethlehem where Christ was born; but the message it brought to the world is the same—"Glory be to God in the highest; and on earth peace, good will toward men."

According to custom, the person finding the coin is destined for a prosperous year.

MEXICO

In Mexico, for example, breaking the "Pinata," an earthenware jug filled with fruits, nuts and candies is still an important Christmas custom. Blind-folded children armed with sticks try to break it open. When they succeed, all join in the scramble for the "goodies" that pour out.

CANADA

In the Northland of Canada, the Eskimos have a unique Christmas custom. Entire Eskimo communities set off to visit neighboring towns. The following year the visit is repaid and the visiting town becomes the host.

FINLAND
In Finland, all members of Finnish families must take a steam bath before the festivities of Christmas Eve can begin.

YUGOSLAVIA

In Yugoslavia, the Christmas celebration is centered around the Yule log. A young tree is felled and brought into the house before sunrise on Christmas morning. While burning, it is struck with an iron rod causing sparks to fly up the chimney. Tradition says that blessings as numerous as the sparks will fall on the family during the coming year.

GERMANY

In Germany, Santa wears a big chain which he rattles at the door. Candy and cookies go to the good youngsters, the bad ones get empty potato sacks.

St. Francis Set Up First Stable Scene

Christmas today would seem incomplete without representations of the stable at Bethlehem, with the Babe in His crib, and figures of Mary, Joseph and the shepherds. Yet the first crib or "creche" did not come into existence until 1223.

It was in that year that St. Francis of Assisi found himself faced with a problem as their holy season approached. In the little town of Greccio, he had been laboring to revive a dead faith in the hearts of its people, so far, he had had no success, and now he cast about for a way to make these people understand the beauty and meaning of Christmas.

He decided to set up the Bethlehem stable scene itself, right in the village. After receiving usual permission for this undertaking, he and his followers set to work.

They borrowed animals, hay and wood from helpful parishioners, and invited all the peasants of Greccio to attend church that Christmas Eve.

As the villagers arrived, they were rewarded with a wonderful sight. There, before their eyes, was the story of Christmas.

To the illiterate peasants of Greccio, that simple scene conveyed the message of Christmas far more clearly than all the sermons in the world. This "praesepe," as it is called in Italy, became an annual custom and then quickly spread throughout the rest of the Christian world.

Grotto Marks Birthplace

Gathered in the Church of the Nativity, thousands of Christians from around the world will worship in Bethlehem this Christmas. A highlight of their pilgrimage is, for most, a visit to the Grotto of the Nativity—traditionally, at least, the manger where Christ was born.

Opposition to Christianity in the first years of the new religion actually led to the preservation of the manger—an improvised stable in a cave hewn out of rock, near the center of the hill town of Bethlehem.

The Roman emperor Hadrian, who ruled from 117 to 138 A.D., sought to halt the fast spread of Christianity, and he had the cave converted to a grotto for the worship of the pagan god Apollo. The very fact that the cave was marked, though for pagan purposes, helped to preserve knowledge of the site of the Nativity.

Later a silver star was set in the stone floor of the cave, and since 1873 each regime to rule Bethlehem—now a part of Jordan—has posted night and day guard over the star.

Yule Log Has Long History

One of the more familiar and somewhat nostalgic scenes shown on traditional Christmas cards is a snow scene of a group of men with horses bringing home a freshly-cut log for the Christmas fireplace.

The Yule Log, lighting up the house with its bright and cheerful glow, long has been a part of Christmas festivities.

Although modern living has made this practice difficult, especially in our urban areas, the custom is still followed in

Holiday Comes Twice A Year

Christmas comes twice a year to lucky children in Germany, Switzerland, Belgium and Holland. On St. Nicholas' Day, Dec. 6, good children received candy, nuts, oranges and some toys. The bad ones, supposedly, are put into St. Nick's sack and spirited away.

If the family can afford it, toys and candy are distributed again on Dec. 25, perhaps tucked in a shoe placed under a window or near the fireplace. However, this custom is fairly recent; it dates back to World War II and was introduced by American GI's.

some U.S. rural areas and abroad.

The origin of the Yule log goes back many centuries, far back into pagan times. In those early days lighting the Yule log was part of the Winter Fire Festival. Because the weather was cold and snowy during the Winter Solstice, the ceremonies to celebrate the season were held indoors.

With great ceremony and reverence, the Yule Log—most often from an oak tree—would be lighted with a fragment of the Yule Log of the past year. This was carefully preserved for the express purpose of lighting the Yule Log and continuing its mystic power.

Once the Yule Log was lighted, it was believed that its brilliant flames and warm glow would protect the house and family against all evils; for protection from fire, storm and from famine. They prayed then for thriving fields, for healthy cattle, for fertility and prosperity.

Lives In Noel

Hal Chadwick, freelance Christmas verse writer doesn't have to go far to find the right atmosphere in which to work. He lives in "Noel," Missouri.

Date Not Known

No one really knows at what time of the year Christ was born, but Christians have celebrated Dec. 25 as His birthday since the 300's, according to World Book Encyclopedia.



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from
the sacred
manger
ever bring
hope and joy to you.



"Ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

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Holiday Greetings Have Long History

There's quite a story behind those Christmas greetings you received this holiday season. The earliest known holiday greeting was actually a crude woodcut printed in 1450 in the Rhine Valley, Germany. The card shows the Christ-child standing in the bow of an ancient galley manned by angels, with the Holy Mother seated at the mast. The inscription reads: "Here I come from Alexandria and bring many good years to give generously. I will give them for almost no money and have only God's love for my reward."

FIRST ENGLISH CARD
Sir Henry Cole, an Englishman, is credited with publishing the first "mass produced" Christmas greeting in 1843. He had an artist, John Horsley, design a Christmas greeting for him because he was "too busy

In Envelopes

The first "enveloped" greeting card was a Christmas card. Greeting cards were not placed in envelopes until 1906.

to write to his friends at Christmas." The card carried the message: "A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year To You." Cole had 1,000 copies of the card printed which showed a friendly family party in progress, the oldest with raised wine glasses in a toast to the person receiving the card.

Although Cole was hailed for his idea of inventing the Christmas card, his greeting met with severe criticism because it showed children at the same table with wine drinkers.

UNFOLDED PASTEBOARDS
The first cards were unfolded pasteboards printed in color. Late in the 1850's and 60's, cards were die-stamped with designs combining ornaments and lettering. Larger cards became more popular in the 1880's.

By then, the idea had been introduced into the United States. Louis Prang, a prominent Boston lithographer, looking for ways to increase his business, began making Christmas cards in 1875.

Prang was an expert in the art of what he called "chromolithography" and his work and reputation was well established

throughout Europe. By using slabs of a particular limestone found only in Bavaria, he printed pictures in multi-colors, as many as 32 different shades at times. He reproduced them so perfectly that you could scarcely tell them from the original paintings.

SPONSORED ART CONTESTS
Prang sponsored an art competition to obtain his card designs. Within five years he was turning out five million cards a year, and it wasn't long before Prang cards trimmed with silk fringe and lace, also became known worldwide.

Although Prang gave up printing Christmas cards in the 1890's, he is credited with establishing in America the joy of sending and receiving Christmas cards, and is known as the "father" of the American Christmas card.

FIRST AMERICAN CARD
The first American Christmas card, however, had been printed in 1853, when R. J. Pease, an Albany, N. Y. dry goods merchant, designed, printed and mailed a Christmas card which also served as an advertisement for his products.



Peace On Earth

May all men be blessed by the just and lasting peace that was the joyous promise of that first Christmas. It is our most sincere wish that the Day will be a happy and holy one filling every heart and home with love and contentment.

Elmo Wasson

men's wear of character

UNUSUAL THEME

Grown-Up Child Writes To Santa

GREENVILLE, Tex. (AP) — A letter to Santa Claus from a "grown-up child" came to the desk of W. C. Poole Jr., of the Greenville Morning Herald. Poole published it, explaining he had no idea who the author is, "but it is so well written, and expresses such an unusual theme, that we think everyone who reads it will be as deeply impressed as we were."

The letter:
"Dear Santa:
"It has been a long long time since I have written to you.

"I have now moved from the old home on Happy Street to a house of loneliness and doubt, which stands at the end of Disillusion Avenue.

"All of the gloriously bright little baubles that I had in years gone by are now either broken or tarnished and tear-stained.

"Please bring me a few of those precious toys that I once had — the shining bubbles of joy; the tinkling bells of cheer that rang in my voice; the candles of faith that shone in my eyes; the frankincense and myrrh of steadfast hope that strengthened my soul, and the lodestar of universal love that gleamed in my heart.

"In the years past, I realize I did not appreciate those priceless treasures or care for them as I should have — but now I repent my care-

lessness and humbly ask you to remember me with another supply this Christmas.

"I will hang my empty heart right by the chimney, Santa and, please, this is what I want:

"Give me a large basket of forgetfulness, with which to cover up all bitterness and useless brooding; a larger box of forgiveness for those who robbed me of laughter and filled my eyes with tears; leave me enough of the cement of hope to mend the shattered fragments of joy; tuck in a little song of cheer, and, please, Santa, leave quite a lot of plain old-fashioned faith, understanding, unselfishness, and tolerance that I can share freely with my neighbors.

"Sincerely and thankfully,
"A grown-up child."

From Scandinavia

The word "Yule" comes from the Scandinavian feast of Jul. Great fires were built to honor the god Thor and to defy the Frost King. The medieval English considered it bad luck if a squint-eyed person entered the great hall while the traditional log was burning — and even worse if a barefooted or flatfooted woman appeared.

MIDDLE AGES

Carols Started Out As Lively Folk Dances

Today's Christmas carol is a domesticated descendant of a lively folk dance.

The carol started out in the Middle Ages as a circular country dance, called a "carole" in French, according to World Book Encyclopedia. Some of the early Christians looked askance at dancing, however, and the carol soon lost its steps.

The lyrics of the songs that had accompanied the dance began to change, too, and eventually the "macaronic" style appeared. This consisted of tacking a Latin phrase on to the popular lines, so that the people sang:

Make us joy now in this feast
In qua Christus natus est.

They didn't necessarily understand the Latin, although it carried on the sense of the song, but the stately Latin words gave them a religious image.

In 1223 St. Francis of Assisi

started the custom of placing a creche, or miniature Nativity scene, in the church at Christmas time. People began to act out the events of the Nativity — one of the steps in the development of mystery plays — and then to compose carols to sing with the plays. These led to the French noels, strictly Christmas songs, which, in turn inspired the English carol.

Carols, both secular and religious, flourished in England until the Puritans substituted their more spiritual hymns. These carried along their less earthly messages for more than a century, until a demand for better Christmas music brought back the carol.

Civil War Song Lingers Still As Top Favorite

An enchanting, joyful little Christmas song written for some Ohio children in a time of sadness and tragedy of the Civil War, is still a top favorite of the Yule season.

The song, "Up on the Housetops," was written by Benjamin Hanby, a minister, in the winter of 1864. First entitled "Santa Claus" when it emerged from the Chicago publishing house of George F. Root in 1866, the tune had humble beginnings.

Hanby presented it to a singing class that winter. And for all the years since its lilt has preserved some of the traditional joy of the Christmas season.

The song was sort of a labor of love for Hanby. As a minister in the United Brethren Church, he believed music was a vital part of religion. He had argued the point so strongly he lost one pastorate at Lewisburg, Ohio. Elders had balked

at his mild progressiveness. Strict followers of the church creed opposed installation of an organ in the church. It was sinful, they ruled.

Strong was Hanby's belief that music and religion belonged together, he rented a storeroom in New Paris, Ohio, moved in an organ, blackboard and some crude benches. Children came once a week for a songfest, after which Bible readings and prayer sessions were held.

Like most ministers, Hanby had little money. Hence, when he needed a "fresh" song for his weekly class, he would write one. That's how "Up on the Housetops" had its origin.

Root's Chicago music house burned to the ground and with it all records of Hanby's song. People continued to sing "Up on the Housetops" but the song usually carried the credit "author unknown." After Hanby's

death in March, 1867, his family gained proper credit for their husband and father.

"Oh, oh, oh, who wouldn't go!"

"Oh, oh, oh, who wouldn't go!"

"Up on the housetops, click click

"Down through the chimney with good Saint Nick."

Hanby taught this portion of the song first, and then the children learned four verses. New Paris fairly rocked in song as the children went home. The song "Santa Claus" was firmly established locally. Root's publication brought national acceptance.

Hanby wrote 68 songs during his lifetime of 38 years, including "Darling Nellie Gray" and the hymn, "Who Is He in Yonder Stall?"

Hanby's home at Westerville, Ohio, has been restored.

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... Peace on Earth ... good will toward men ...

MAY IT ALWAYS BE SO... AND MAY WE WISH YOU AND YOURS A

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To all "Good Cheer"
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