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## We all join in Wishing you a MERRY CHRISTMAS

### Deputy Grand Matron Makes Official Visit Here

Mrs. Eilene Jacobs, Deputy Grand Matron of District 5, Section 2, Order of the Eastern Star, made her official visit to Rankin Chapter No. 176 on Monday night December 15. Worthy Matron Estelle Harral and Worthy Patron Dr. J. C. Bredehoff presided.

The chapter rooms were beautiful in their setting of Christmas decorations, and potted poinsettias and a tall crystal vase, holding bright red carnations, centered the table in the reception room.

During the business session, Rankin Chapter voted to donate one hundred dollars to Cancer Research under a Welfare Program being sponsored by the Grand Chapter of Texas, of which Mrs. Cheba Dewees is Worthy Grand Matron. In addition to this, individual members of the Rankin Chapter volunteered the sponsoring of eight European and Chinese homeless children for a year by personal contribution, with two members donating \$100 each to Cancer Research, making a total of approximately \$600.00 contributed by the local chapter for Welfare Work at this meeting.

Following the initiation of three new members into the Chapter, Miss Myrna Holman and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boyd, the group was addressed by the Deputy.

The Christmas story was read from the Bible by Mrs. Evelyn Jo Moore and Mrs. Lelia Workman sang "My Task", accompanied by Mrs. Dorothy Hurst at the piano.

A gift was presented to the visiting Deputy and refreshments of punch and cake were served to the thirty-two attending the meeting.

Visitors from other Chapters were Meses. Forehand, Mills, Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Boyd of Big Lake and Mrs. Ralph Daugherty of the McCamey Chapter.

### Reagan Owls Take Rankin Tourney, Rankin Girls Win

The Reagan County Owls walked away with the first place trophy of the Annual Rankin Invitational Basketball Tournament held in the Rankin gym last Friday and Saturday, December 12 and 13. The Fort Stockton Panthers went to the finals, only to lose to the Owls by the score of 34 to 25.

The Rankin girls basketball team had no serious competition in taking the girls division of the tourney by defeating Sterling City in the finals by the top heavy score of 32 to 14.

Sterling City (boys) won the consolation championship by rapping Eden 26 to 16.

Boys teams were entered from Big Lake, Mertzon, Crane, Eden, Ft. Stockton, Sterling City and Rankin. Competing girls teams were composed of Sterling City, Mertzon and Rankin.

Individual awards were won as follows:

Boys: Best all-round man, Jordan of Reagan County. All-Tournament team: Kubena of Mertzon, King of Sterling City, Patillo of Ft. Stockton, J. Rankin of Eden and Bell of Rankin. Girls: Best all-round player, Martha Etta Schlagal of Rankin. All-Tournament team: Van Court of Mertzon, Strahan of Mertzon, M. Huff of Sterling City, South Elliott of Rankin and Viola Welling of Rankin.

### WSCS Honored At Shaw Home With Xmas Party, Luncheon

The Rankin WSCS was honored with a lovely Christmas party and luncheon Monday at the ranch home of Mrs. Clint Shaw.

As each guest entered, a red satin badge was pinned on bearing the inscription "WSCS, Dec. 15, '47. Merry Christmas."

Five small tables, each with Santa Claus place cards, were laid for the guests in the living room while the delicious food, a turkey dinner complete with all the trimmings, was served buffet style from the dining table. The dining table was covered with a lace cloth and was centered with Santa Claus and his reindeer flanked by two tall red candles.

The WSCS leaflet program for December was presented, accompanied by the singing of most of the Christmas carols by the group. Mrs. Mrs. Jack Walcher read "The Night Before Christmas" and Mrs. White read "A Christmas Story". Mrs. Shaw was Santa Claus at the Christmas tree which held gifts revealing each member "Sunshine Sister". The day closed with prayer by Mrs. Hardt.

Those enjoying the lovely courtesy were: Mrs. D. G. Hardt, Mrs. Ross Wheeler, Mrs. D. O. McEwen, Mrs. R. O. White, Mrs. Walton Harral, Mrs. Jack Walcher, Mrs. H. W. Barham, Mrs. W. T. Elrod, Mrs. E. D. Yates, Mrs. Eunice Walker, Mrs. Hamp Carter, Mrs. Ben Chambers, Mrs. P. J. Young, and Mr. and Mrs. Shaw. Also present were Christina Gale, the six weeks old daughter of Mrs. Yancy, the former Ellen Carroll; Judith Ann Webb, three month's old granddaughter of Mrs. Carter; Marjorie Sue Walcher, one year old, and Wayne Barham, two years, illustrating in a very real way the theme of this year's WSCS program, "Of Such Is The Kingdom of Heaven."

### IN AND OUT AND AROUND THE TOWN

The W.S.C.S. has plenty of boxes of Christmas cards and wrappings. Also everyday notes and cards. See Mrs. R. O. White or Mrs. D. O. McEwen.

Walton Harral "flew" to his ranch in Van Horn Monday.

Mrs. Dave Gentry has been ill but is improving now.

Mrs. R. L. Bell has been in the Cooper Hospital in McCamey for several days.

Miss Norma Jean Wheeler visited in Alpine Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. C. F. Norris and her mother, Mrs. Montgomery, Mrs. L. P. Hinde and Miss Crescenze Hinde of McCamey were visitors in the H. Wheeler home Thursday.

Mrs. Louis Bennett and Mrs. Elton Hall were shopping in Midland Thursday of this week.

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### THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Clement Clarke Moore



'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 Mamma in her kerchief, and I in my cap,  
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's 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 wandering 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 and Vixen!  
On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donner 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-tops the coursers they flew,  
With the sleigh full of toys—and St. Nicholas, too.  
And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof  
The prancing and pawing of each little 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 tight in his teeth,  
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath;  
He had a broad face and a little round 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 his eye, and a twist of his 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,  
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a goodnight!"

### Delta Kappa Gamma Present Guest Speaker At Program Friday

At the Delta Kappa Gamma meeting Friday night, Girl Scout Little House took on international air when Mrs. Bendette Williamson, chairman of the Iraan program committee, discussed "Christmas in Many Lands" and then introduced the honor guest of the evening, Mrs. Archie Dixon. Mrs. Dixon affectionately called "Inga" by her friends in Iraan, spoke on Christmas in her native land, Sweden, where she has spent all her Christmases.

Mrs. Dixon came to the United States in June, 1947, to marry her husband, whom she met in Korsnan, Sweden, where he was interned during World War II. Now she is looking forward with that world-wide enthusiasm for the Christmas 1947, in the land of her husband.

Of Christmas in Sweden, Mrs. Dixon said, in real English, that the day began at 4 o'clock in the morning when the people left their homes for church. Here they gathered before a huge bonfire until time for services to begin within the Cathedral. With spiritual sustenance provided, the people left for their homes where they feasted on ham and many goodies and made merry in general. The customs in Korsnan, she said, were not greatly different from those in Iraan or McCamey. To complete the program, Mr. Dixon rendered beautiful arrangements of Christmas carols on the violin, accompanied by Miss Frankie Dossett of Iraan.

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Moore and son of McCamey were Rankin visitors Monday in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Robbins.

The Iraan members of Delta Kappa Gamma served refreshments of coffee and fruit cake, topped with whipped cream.

Following this program, the initiation ceremony was conducted by the president, Miss N. Ethie Eagleton. Miss Myrna Holman of Rankin presented the following initiates: Mrs. Bess Church McDonald, Iraan; Mrs. Ruby Braly and Miss Julia Tullis, McCamey.

The members of the chapter exchanged gifts. Members attending the meeting from Crane were: Mesdames Iva Martin, Winnie Browning, Pearl K. Pittman; Misses Madge Conger, Jeanie Stewart, Clo Dossey and Mary Rowland. From Iraan were: Mesdames Bendette Williamson, Imogene Newport, Vaughan Hale, and Misses Frankie Dosset and Evelyne McCarver.

McCamey members present were: Mesdames Bess Moorman, Ruby Braly and Misses Julia Tullis and N. Ethie Eagleton. Guests from Iraan were Mrs. Judy Dossett, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Dixon, Mr. A. G. McDonald and Mr. L. V. Newport.

Mmes. Sam Holmes, Elizabeth Rains, Zack Monroe and H. Wheeler and Misses Kathleen and Norma Jean Wheeler were visitors in the home of Mrs. Hinde and Miss Crescenze Hinde Monday evening in McCamey. The group also enjoyed a theatre party with Miss Hinde.

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### Norma Jean Wheeler Feted At Bridal Party

Miss Norma Jean Wheeler, who will become the bride of Lewis F. Norris of Kermit on December 21st, was honored with a bridal shower in the reception rooms of the Masonic building Thursday, December 11, from 4 to 6 p.m. The hostesses were Mrs. Zack Monroe, Mrs. Elizabeth L. Rains, Mrs. Ralph Daugherty, Mrs. Sam Holmes, Mrs. W. A. Hudson and Mrs. Omar Warren.

In the party rooms were two long tables, each covered with white linen cloths. On the gift table the many gifts were arranged in an artistic manner around a little white satin-covered church with falling snow and other winter decorations.

The serving table was laid with a white linen cloth and centered with a low arrangement of white and orchid chrysanthemums, flanked by white candles in crystal holders. Appropriate music was played throughout the party.

Miss Kathleen Wheeler, sister of the bride-elect, was at the silver tea service. Miss Crescenze Hinde of McCamey, aunt of the groom-elect, was at the silver coffee service. Individual cakes decorated with bridal colors were served. Miss June Barbee registered the following guests during the evening: Mmes. L. P. Hinde of McCamey, H. Wheeler, R. F. Chambers, Bertha Lyle, C. G. Taylor, T. E. Shelburn, Clay Taylor, H. D. Shaw, Omar Warren, Jimmie James, Tom Mitchell, Jack Walcher, W. J. Pollard, W. A. Hudson, Elizabeth L. Rains,

Ralph Daugherty, John Christy, C. A. Montgomery, F. L. Smith, Dave Gentry, Walton Harral, Jimmy Lou Taylor, Willie Ruth Horne, Bonnie Miller, Ross Wheeler, Dunn Lowery, Henry Neal, R. O. White, C. F. Norris of Kermit, Sam Holmes, Zack Monroe, Harry Howard, M. J. Edwards, Hamp Carter, Clois Baxter, and Misses Crescenze Hinde and June Barbee and little Elsie Sheron Wheeler. More than sixty-five gifts were sent to the honoree.

### W. W. Allman Heads Boy Scout Work

W. W. Allman of Crane was elected chairman of the Permian Basin District Scouters at a dinner meeting in the First Methodist Church here Monday.

Other officials include vice chairman, Lelwyn Smith, Iraan; finance chairman, Jack Ott, McCamey; camping and activities, Amos Floyd, Big Lake; advancement, Don Chaney, Crane; organization and extension, the Rev. J. C. Mann, McCamey; health and safety, Dr. Ernest B. Jones, Big Lake; district commissioner, the Rev. Jack Kendricks, Iraan.

Representatives to the executive board nominated were: Mat Dillingham, McCamey; H. L. Adams, Texon; H. B. Reese, Big Lake, and Jack Ott, McCamey. Jack Hodges, Scout executive of the Concho Valley Council, San Angelo, gave the main address on "Scouting for Peace on Earth and Goodwill Among Men."

### Schools Will Close For Holidays Dec. 19 With Xmas Programs

Classes of the Rankin school will be dismissed Friday, December 19, to resume Monday, January 5th.

The solemn and joyous aspects of Christmas will prevail as the school children entertain with programs. A Community tree is being worked out by the teachers and those appointed as helpers from each church in town.

This tree will be Thursday evening and all children, their parents and friends are urged to attend.

### MYF Sunday School Classes Given Party

Mrs. R. H. Johnson, Miss Mary Northcutt and Mrs. R. O. White entertained the boys and girls Sunday school classes and the M. Y. F. with a candy-making party in the kitchen of the Methodist Church Monday evening. While the adults with various groups assisting, cooked the candy and popped the corn, the young people enjoyed a number of games such as Wink-Em, Poison Towel, Electricity, a Scavenger Hunt and many others. Unknown to Miss Northcutt, who is leaving to accept a position in Rust, the group packed a box of home made candy to be given her at the Community Christmas Tree Thursday. Twenty-two lively boys and girls were present and admitted getting their fill of candy for once.



**CLASSIFIED ADS**

**SPECIAL OFFER**—Monday, December 22 through 27th, bring a neighbor to pay and you wash free. Two for the price of one. At the E-Z Laundry. Located next to Nite Lite Cafe. 50 cents an hour. Open Monday until 9 o'clock.

**WANTED**—Office space desirable for an Optometrist, two or three days weekly. Write Dr. A. N. Lee, Crane, Texas.

**WESTERN MATTRESS REPRESENTATIVE**, J. C. Brown, here twice monthly. Also new and old innersprings. Leave name at Maxcey Hotel.

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**FOR SALE**—Singer sewing machine. Pedal type. A-1 condition. See Claude DeFord.

**FULL BLOOD Spaniel pups**. Ready to go. Mee Mrs. Gladden at Bone's Hardware or call 225 before 9 a.m. or after 8 p.m.

**FOR SALE**—Shetland Pony (gentle for children), Buckskin Stallion with flaxon mane and tail (2½ years old) broken to ride. See Bobby Johnson at Grand Theatre, McCamey.

**FOR SALE**—Girls bicycle, with new tires and tubes. Nice present for Christmas. Also strong two wheel trailer. See L. R. James. 1tp

**FOR SALE**—Electric washing machine in excellent condition. Telephone 178-J. 1tp

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**Bilderback Bros. Mattress & Upholstery Shop**. We are now open for business. Mattress re-rotation, upholstering furniture. Pick up and delivery. Leave name at Maxcey Hotel. J. R. & Ted Bilderback, 1717 S. Oakes, San Angelo.

**FOR SALE**—Furnished trailer house with electric frigidaire. \$1,050. R. T. Hubbard, Telephone 76W. Crane, Texas. 1t

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Vermillion of Lefors, Texas, arrived Sunday to spend the holidays with relatives. They will visit Mrs. Vermillion's children, Mrs. Clara Huffman and family in McCamey, and in Rankin they will visit Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Langford and children, Mr. and Mrs. L. Z. Titsworth, and Mr. and Mrs. Elton Hall and son, Jimmie Charles.

**CRANE NEWS NOTES**

Recent guests in the J. H. Huggins home were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Huggins, Sr., of Iraan; and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Webster and Pamela Huggins of Amarillo. Mr. Huggins of Crane has been ill and hospitalized in McCamey, but is sufficiently recovered to return to work for the Gulf.

Week-end guests in the J. H. Zafonotis home were Misses Margaret Lee and Fern Norris of Odessa.

Mrs. Rube Smith went to Lubbock Thursday, Dec. 11, where she expected to undergo an operation for coalitis at the Lubbock General Hospital.

Mrs. Jobie Denton and Linda were Odessa visitors Sunday with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Branam and grandson were visitors in San Angelo Monday.

Harold Thannisch, formerly of Crane, is in Venezuela on military mission with the army. His family is with him there.

Mrs. R. Willingham and baby were dismissed from the local hospital Sunday. Mrs. J. C. Guyton was dismissed Monday morning.



WITH PEACE AND PROSPERITY, WE SHOULD ALL BE HAPPIER THAN EVER THIS YEAR. DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON, LET'S TRY TO FORGET OUR CARES. FOR OUR PART, WE WANT TO ADD OUR FELICITATIONS TO THE MANY OTHERS YOU ARE RECEIVING, BY WISHING YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS—THE **Happiest Christmas Ever!**



• We wish we could send a gift to each of you in appreciation of your confidence and friendliness during the past year. Instead, however, we must content ourselves with extending the simple wish that you may enjoy the best life has to offer now and in the months to come.

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If we could—we would say "Merry Christmas" to each of you personally. Since we can't, the next best thing is to put our greetings in print.

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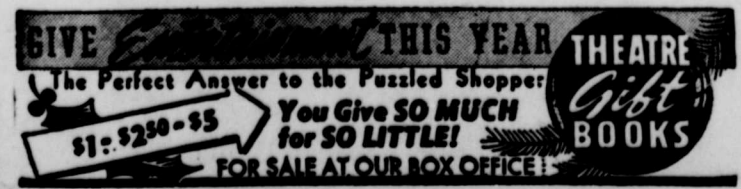
... the family gathered around the heavily-laden table... turkey and dressing, mince and pumpkin pies... the Christmas tree with its tinsel... the toys beneath... May you enjoy these deep sweet pleasures this Christmas of 1947.

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CHRISTMAS  
GREETINGS



**Glory to God, and On Earth, Peace and Good Will Toward Men**

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world be taxed . . . And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Naz-

areth, into Judea, unto the city of David which is called Bethlehem, (because he was of the house and lineage of David), 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 flocks by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a 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 the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known to us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in the manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. This fact, M. A. McDonald, a musician himself, will attest.

Antonius Stradivari was born in Cremona, Italy, in 1644 or 1645 and died in 1737. Until 1679 when he started making violins of his own account, he was a pupil of another famous violin-maker Nicolo Amanti. Three factors for greatness of Stradivari's violins are (1) high technical skill, (2) ideal climate for woodworking, (3) patronage of the great. Another amazing quality, one might add, is the lightness of the instrument—only sixteen ounces complete.

George Ashburn became aware of the identity of his family heirloom when he called M. A. McDonald in to string and tune the instrument. Another believe-it-or-not factor about it all was that neither George nor M. A. knew that the other possessed such a relic. Now these two proud owners are awaiting information as to the possible value of a couple of two-hundred-year-old fiddles good as new—or better.



TO ALL MY FRIENDS

**A Merry Christmas**

To you, my friends and neighbors, I extend this holiday greeting—"May your heart be filled with joy . . . may your homes be warm with light, food and friendship."

On Christmas Day, I'll be on the job, with hundreds of my fellow workers, to make sure that cheery lights burn brightly for you . . . to bring you Yuletide music . . . and by supplying dependable electric service, make every task in your home easier and quicker.

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AND THE SAME OLD WISH TO YOU

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**H. E. "GENE" ECKOLS**  
Sheriff, Tax Assessor and Collector  
Upton County

**MERRY CHRISTMAS FOLKS**

*A star in the sky*

a light in the window, and hope in the heart! It's Christmas again, good folks of this community . . . the season when even strangers nod at you and smile. So we are sending you these wishes for Christmas cheer and happiness in your home.

**RALPH H. DAUGHERTY**  
County and District Clerk  
Upton County



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**Christmas—Birthday of Our King**

In the little town of Bethlehem Jesus was born of Mary nearly two thousand years ago. This was the first Christmas.

Christmas is the most meaningful and most important holiday of the year in all countries of the world. This day was not only the Birthday of Our King, but it was also the beginning of a new era of Christianity.

Strangely it may seem, the birthday of Christ is not known exactly. In fact it was 354 years before December 25 was celebrated as Christmas day.

Although the true meaning of Christmas is its religious observance, there are customs handed down from pagan times which are associated with its observance.

St. Nicholas was adopted first by Holland as the patron saint of Christmas. There WAS a real Santa Claus. Nicholas was the bishop of Myra. He was known for his kind heart. The first gift he made was to three maidens who were without suitors. He filled three bags with gold and threw them into the maidens' homes. As a result the girls had a dowry and were soon married. After that all gifts were attributed to which were received unexpectedly.

The giving of gifts at Christmas time is reminiscent of the Wise Men who brought gifts to the Holy Child.

One of the most beautiful customs of Christmas is the enactment of the Nativity. From the most ceremonious rituals on midnight of Christmas in the world's largest and most beautiful cathedral, St. Peter's in Rome, down to the tiniest miniature Bethlehem under a Christmas tree, all are representative of that holy night when Christ was born.

Let's all remember the true meaning of Christmas and make it a time of giving as well as receiving. We'll make this the happiest Christmas anniversary ever.—Eleanor Rush in the Crane High School Crane.

**Love and Peace Are Eternal**

Twenty centuries have passed since the inn at Bethlehem was overcrowded because of Caesar Augustus and his census.

Doubtless there were many big wigs who were staying in that certain inn in Bethlehem on that certain night, but they have long since been committed to oblivion and, except for the census and its resultant conditions at Bethlehem, it wouldn't matter too much if Augustus completely vanished from the history books.

It is generally immaterial that as king of Judea, Herod fortified his kingdom and rebuilt cities and temples long since crumbled into dust. Few people know, and fewer care, that his wife and two sons were murdered at his command. This Jewish king is remembered chiefly because of his hypocritical treatment of the Wise Men and because he authorized the slaughter of the male babies—and even this deed of cruelty might have been forgotten if the slaughter had not been associated with the Babe of Bethlehem.

On the other hand, the lowly shepherds who received the glad tidings have inspired courage and faith and love such as no earthly decree or proclamation has ever called forth.

Some men question what has been accomplished during the twenty centuries since Bethlehem. True, many of the records have been written with the indelible inks of hatred, prejudice and greed, but those records were written by men who either did not know Christ or openly rejected his command.

This Babe who grew into the Christ bequeathed to us a new Philosophy of love and peace—and love and peace are eternal quests of all mankind.—Mrs. James Jolly in the Iran High School Broadcaster.



Year after year we have been wishing our friends a Merry Christmas, each year hoping to make our message a little warmer, a little more personal.

It is with some such thought as this that we now add this "Merry Christmas" to the many that have gone before, with the hope that it will find you abundantly blessed with everything that the magic wand of Christmas can bestow.

**ELIZABETH L. RAINS**  
County Treasurer  
Upton County

**THE RANKIN NEWS**

**Weekly Swing Of Southwest Markets**

Generally firm to strong southwest farm markets saw easier hogs and vegetables the only major exception last week, according to the Production and Marketing Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Unfavorable weather slowed harvest and marketing of fruits and vegetables in most sections the past week and caused some spoilage at the New Orleans market, where oranges and satsumas met slow demand. Denver quoted lower prices on cabbage, grapefruit, shallots and tomatoes. Cabbage leveled off at around \$50 per ton to growers in the Lower Rio Grande Valley as carrot shipments increased. Texas carrots and oranges sold lower at Kansas City along with beans, cabbage, celery and onions.

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A New Hampshire country doctor who has studied abroad opened a series of lectures on the Dartmouth campus 150 years ago. Thus, Dr. Nathan Smith actually founded the Dartmouth Medical School, now the third oldest in the United States.

In colonial North Carolina ammunition was so scarce that every vessel not owned in the state had to pay a tonnage duty on gunpowder, gunshot and flints.

Eggs of birds that breed on rock ledges without building nests are very pointed. That's so the eggs will roll around in a small circle instead of going over the edge.

More than \$3,000,000 will be spent by the Southwestern Electric Service Co. for construction in the next five years in 10 Texas counties.

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Relieve the aches and "sleep robbing" misery of Cold and Flu with 666 (Tablets of Swift) Tablets. Use only as directed.

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**Nutrition is Your Business and Ours**

In this wintry month, as America prepares for that feast which celebrates the birth of the Prince of Peace, men and women of good will take spiritual stock, give thanks for many blessings.

Well-nourished bodies and minds are the wealth of America. One of the great blessings that this country enjoys is the food it produces in such abundance. Farmers and ranchers who produce this food, and we at Swift & Company who process and distribute it, have an occasion for satisfaction in our teamwork. Together we can say—and proudly—"Nutrition is our business."

Good nutrition begins with soil itself. Out of the soil come the crops—the fruits and grains and vegetables we eat. Out of the soil also come the grasses and legumes and grains on which livestock feed—the very foundation of the meat and dairy products that are the protein backbone of our nation's food.

Today the American people are better nourished than ever before in history. This is cause for pride and rejoicing. For a better fed, healthier people leads to a stronger nation with greater capacity for clearer thinking, for work and production.

Good nutrition adds life to your years and years to your life. Good eating, which today we call the science of nutrition, is not an accident. It must be planned—beginning with the preparation of the soil and continuing through the raising of the crops and livestock, to the selection and preparation of meals for the table. This is an activity in which we all play an important part. Swift men of research and technology, like you farmers and ranchers all over America, are seeking ways in which the food of our people may be improved and our joint operations made to thrive ever more abundantly.

*Martha Logan's Recipe for MINCEMEAT*

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|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 pound cooked beef        | 1 1/2 pounds brown sugar  |
| shank, chuck, or neck meat | 1 quart cider             |
| 1 cup meat stock           | 2 teaspoons salt          |
| 1/2 pound suet             | 2 teaspoons nutmeg        |
| 4 pounds apples            | 2 teaspoons cloves        |
| 1/2 pound currants         | 3 teaspoons cinnamon      |
| 1 pound seeded raisins     | 5 tablespoons lemon juice |
- Pare, core, and chop apples. Chop together currants and raisins. Add apples, sugar, cider, and meat stock. Cook about 5 minutes. Grind meat and suet. Add with seasonings to apple mixture. Simmer 1 hour, stirring frequently to prevent burning. Add lemon juice. This mincemeat may be made ahead of time and canned for use throughout the holiday season. (Yield: 4 quarts)

**Track Down the Facts**

The beaver is an industrious and intelligent animal. He fells trees, builds dams, and wastes little effort or material. A "by-product" of his building operations—the bark of limbs and logs—provides his supply of winter food.



We in the livestock and meat industry have been "busy as beavers" developing methods of saving the different by-products of livestock. These products benefit the human race in many ways. Many ailments are relieved by extracts from livestock glands. Numerous ordinary articles, such as glue, buttons, combs, knife handles, soap, etc., originate from livestock.

Under normal conditions the returns from livestock by-products are almost large enough to offset the operating and marketing expenses of the meat packers. The value of by-products has reduced the average cost of meat to consumers and has increased the prices the producer receives for livestock.



**Business is Built on Faith**

The American business system is based on keeping faith with the people whom business serves. For example, if Swift & Company is to continue to be successful, five distinct groups of people must have faith in our ability to serve them: producers, stockholders, employees, retailers and consumers.

Farmers and ranchers look to us to provide a daily cash market, and to compete in buying their livestock and other products. We, in turn, depend on you for raw materials. Our operations and yours are interdependent and based on mutual trust in each other's fair dealing.

The 64,000 stockholders invest their savings in Swift & Company with faith that good management will earn them a fair return on their investment. To keep that faith, the company must earn a reasonable profit.

Another definite responsibility of management is to provide regular employment, good working conditions, plants and tools for the 74,000 employees of Swift. Here again, mutual faith and understanding is essential.

In serving retailers in every city and town in the nation, Swift is very conscious of its responsibilities to this fourth important group. Through exacting quality-control we are able to supply the retailers with the grade and type of products their trade demands. To serve them faithfully, we have to study and understand their problems, and give them an understanding of ours.

The fifth and largest group served by Swift is the consumers of the nation. Their faith in the Swift name and Swift's branded products is the very basis of our business—and a great asset to both you and us.

As we review the operation of Swift & Company at year's end, we again resolve to do everything in our power to justify the faith placed in our business by so many people.

*John Holmes*  
President, Swift & Company



**COMPETITION SETS THE PACE**

There's lots of competition in the livestock and meat industry—both in the buying of livestock, and in the selling of the meat and by-products. U. S. Government reports show the best evidence of this competition when they list a total of more than 4,000 meat packers and more than 22,500 other commercial slaughterers operating in the United States. Of course, Swift & Company does not bid against every one of these 26,500 slaughterers at every point at which it buys livestock. However, there isn't a purchase of livestock or a sale of meat made that doesn't have to meet a considerable number of actual or potential bids of competitors.

To all our friends on America's farms and ranches, we at Swift & Company wish  
*a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*

**SWIFT & COMPANY** NUTRITION IS OUR BUSINESS—AND YOURS  
UNION STOCK YARDS  
CHICAGO 9, ILLINOIS  
Right eating adds life to your years—and years to your life



### One of Your Most Valued Assets Is Your Eye Sight

AUSTIN.—One of your most valued assets is good eyes. Many people thoughtlessly abuse the eyes and think little about it until trouble comes, declares Dr. Geo. W. Cow, State Health Officer.

What can you do to protect your eyes? First, it is important to take care of your general health. If bodies are tired, naturally the eyes are tired too. If there is infection in the body from teeth, kidneys, or other sources, the eyes will probably be affected.

Eye strain begins when you need to use too much effort to focus clearly. If you have normal eyes, you don't need to use the focusing muscles to see clearly in the distance; and when you look at something close, like reading matter, you need to focus only a little. If you are far-sighted, your eyes have to focus, even when you look far away; and when you read, you have to focus

a lot more than a person with normal eyes.

Children have strong focusing muscles, and their eyes do not tire easily or usually need glasses unless they have a large amount of far-sightedness. Then they need glasses to do the focusing and give their eyes a rest. Older people have weaker focusing muscles and usually need glasses for reading when they are about 45 years old. For other specific eye difficulties, glasses may be needed.

Avoid unnecessary strain by reading in good position and with sufficient light. If your eyes bother you, have them examined by a physician trained especially in diseases of the eye.

One-quarter of New Hampshire's 224 towns are not represented in the legislature. A community must have a population of 700 or more to qualify for a seat.

The Boston terrier, one of the few native American-bred dogs, was developed by crossing the English bulldog and the white English terrier.

### Pat Invites Santa To Methodist Home



With eyes sparkling in anticipation, four-year old Pat McKeever of the Methodist Home, Waco, Texas, writes his Christmas needs, which include a cowboy suit and hat; and, incidentally, maintenance for another year. The Methodists of this area are Santa Claus to Pat and about 400 other children whose empty stockings are up for the annual Christmas offering that will take care of their food, shelter, clothing, health and training needs for another year, even at today's increased cost of living. Yes, the Methodist Home is "The Old Woman in the Shoe, who had so many children she didn't know what to do," but thousands of Santa Clauses will answer Pat and his hundreds of little pals before they enjoy Christmas with their own children.



Once again the joyous spell of Christmas is cast over us, as we hurry about with gifts for those we love. That warm glow we get from giving at this holy season cannot be duplicated at any other time of the year. It is our sincere wish that a full measure of happiness may be yours, this Christmas of 1947.

#### Mitchell Drug

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Mitchell and Family

Rankin, Texas

### TO YOU OUR FRIENDS

May A Happy Christmas Be Yours

With

Pleasure and Joy Throughout

the Coming Year

Gertrude and Don

Rankin, Texas

Here's Wishing You

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND

A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

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Of the 6,000 children under the age of five who die in home accidents each year, more than 2,000, or 23 per cent, die from burns and scalds.

There'll be no groping for the switch on this new-type table lamp. Its supporting stand, treated with a phosphorescent pigment, glows in the dark.

The smallest radio tube ever made is but slightly larger than a grain of rice. It was developed for U. S. military assignments.

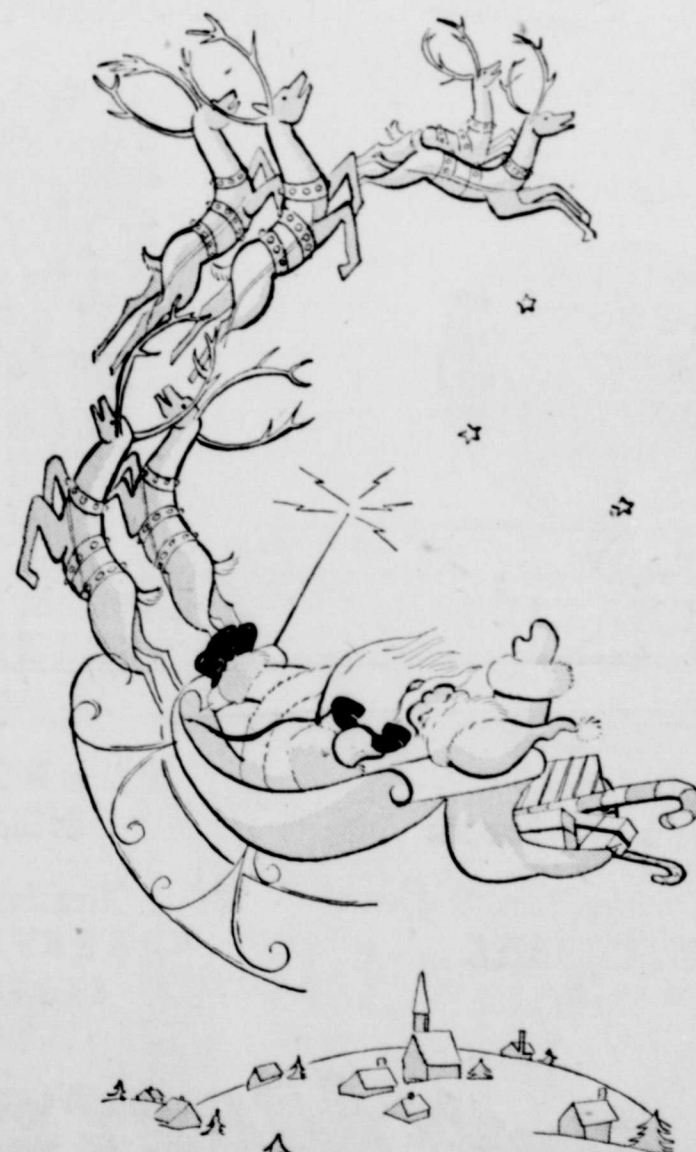
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May this Christmas bring happiness as true, as that we have known in our relations with you!

#### The Highway Cafe

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Thousands of people like to make long distance calls at Christmas time and we like to do everything we can to help.

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# CHRISTMAS SPECIALS



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DECEMBER 19, 20, 22, 23, 24

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Santa Claus Will Visit Our Store Christmas Eve From 3:00 P. M. Till 6:00 P. M.

### Fruits and Vegetables

Large Tender  
RADISHES  
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Fresh Texas  
TOMATOES  
19c lb.

Fresh Crisp  
LETTUCE  
Large heads 9c each

Fresh  
CRANBERRIES  
39c lb.



Large Crisp Stalks  
CELERY  
19c each

ORANGES  
8c lb.

Nice Juicy  
GRAPEFRUIT  
4 for 23c



Sacramento  
APRICOTS  
No. 2 1/2 can 21c each



LIGHT CRUST  
FLOUR  
5 lbs. 49c  
10 lbs. 98c

SPINACH  
No. 2 2 for 19c  
No. 2 1/2 19c

120 Count  
NAPKINS  
22c each



HUNT'S PEARS  
No. 2 1/2 39c can

FOLGERS COFFEE  
1 lb. Can 55c

PARKAY OLEO  
1 lb. 41c

HEINZ CATSUP  
14 oz. bottle 29c

RINSO

Large size box 39c

LUX FLAKES

Large box 39c

WOODBURY SOAP  
3 Bars 29c

BOON  
Household Cleanser  
Qt. 2 for 29c



White Swan  
GRAPEFRUIT JUICE  
46 oz. can 18c

CRUSTENE SHORTENING  
3 lb. Can \$1.19



ENGLISH  
WALNUTS  
42c lb.

Hunt's  
DICED CARROTS  
No. 2 can 9c each

CRANBERRY SAUCE  
23c can

Blue Moon  
CHEESE  
15c pkg

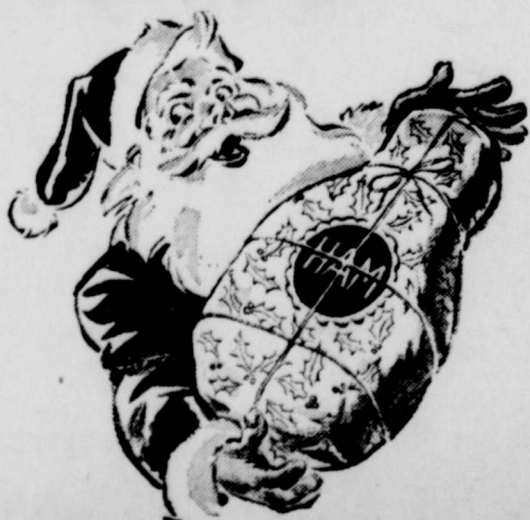
### Quality MEATS

FRANKS  
35c lb.

Grade AA Beef  
ROAST  
41c lb.

Nice Tender  
LOIN STEAKS  
69c lb.

Half or Whole  
HAMS  
61c lb.



### FROZEN FOODS

Grated  
COCOANUT  
8 oz. pk. 28c

CUT CORN  
12 oz. pkg. 25c

Fresh Frozen  
ASPARAGUS  
12 oz. pkg. 35c



RAAN NEWS NOTES

Sheriff Jack Young has a new deputy on the force this week. He is J. B. Rogers, Jr., deputized on indefinite tenure.

The Cantrell Laundry was considerably damaged by fire Monday night around midnight. Origin was attributed to some sheets falling on a lighted stove.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Neal Cook Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 12:35. She weighed nine pounds, seven ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Lowery have a new daughter born Tuesday night, December 16, at 11:20 in the Woods Hospital, Odessa. She weighed 8 1/2 pounds and was named Brenda Joyce. The young lady arrived on the

birthday of her sister, eight year old Carol Ann.

Mrs. David was admitted to the Robinson Hospital Tuesday with the flu.

H. K. Hare, Odessan, was dismissed from the local hospital Thursday following Wednesday's confinement due to an attack of appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Walker of Alamogordo, N. M., are visiting in the home of their son, A. J. Blanton for several days. They will continue their trip to San Sabe to visit with a daughter and other relatives later.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Nunn and family of Fabens were week-end visitors here with his mother, Mrs. Dora E. Nunn.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshal Middleton of Iraan will spend Christmas with Mrs. Middleton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hanning.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Martin and children, Rodney, C. B., and Lula Faye, will leave Thursday for Dallas to attend the Odessa football game in the Cotton Bowl next Saturday. Mr. A. W. Gillow will accompany them on the trip. Mrs. Martin will visit with the Mary Martin Cosmetics markets while there.

Donald Clayton Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Phillips, has returned home from the Navy on leave after completing 12 weeks of training at the Naval training center, San Diego, California. After completion of leave he will return to San Diego for further assignment. Donald attended McCamey High School.

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CASH LIQUOR STORE Joe and Leta O'Callaghan

Effective January 1 THE E-Z LAUNDRY Is The McCamey Agency For TROY LAUNDRY of Odessa For Finished Work 3 Day Service

God's Word

THE CREED (Acts 2:36)

When one speaks of religion, he almost invariably will ask: "To what church do you belong; what is your creed?" Since people are Name and Creed conscious, it means only one thing—that they have never investigated God's Holy Book on these things. God tells us that the one name is that of Christ (Acts 4:12) and if the church has a creed it is "Jesus Christ and him crucified" (Acts 2:36).

The Bible is our one and only rule and standard of faith and practice. In it we find our every hope and God's every Command. As a religious body the church has no man-made creed or manual of faith. There is no place in true New-Testament worship for any practice or doctrine that we cannot find included in God's Holy Word. Isaiah 40:8 tells us that the word of God shall stand forever; while on the other hand Peter tells us that the earth and the works thereof shall be burned up. 2 Peter 3:10.

It is easy to tell in which class the creeds of man fall—they shall perish with all the doings of man. So also will all the products of creeds—especially denominations and false religion—perish at the last great Day. God will allow only his word and the product of it—the church—to stand the test of Judgment.

Friends, if you believe in a man-made creed, you are in danger of hell because you are building on the foundation of sand. In Revelation 22:14, John says, "Blessed are they that DO his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into that city."

The Bible and it alone is our creed and plea. We invite you to investigate this plea.

We invite you to attend services of the Church of Christ every Lord's Day. Services in McCamey at 11:00 a. m. and 7:00 p. m.

ROBERT C. EWELL, Minister



A star in the sky

a light in the window, and hope in the heart! It's Christmas again, good folks of this community... the season when even strangers nod at you and smile. So we are sending you these wishes for Christmas cheer and happiness in your home.

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Despite his ingenuity, man still persists in "watching the old year out and greeting the new year" in almost the identical manner of his forefathers.

In that same identical manner, we extend our traditional New Year's greeting to you:

MAY HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY BE YOURS TODAY AND THROUGHOUT THE NEW YEAR

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**G. H. "Bud" FISHER**  
County Judge  
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Mrs. Walker Horn of Cran visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Powell Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Rankin and son, Billy Jack, of Kent are here with relatives.

Mrs. Tyson Midkiff has returned from Fort Worth where she was called to be with a brother-in-law who has suffered a stroke. She reports that he is improving.

Calvin Langford of Wink spent the first of the week here with relatives.

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