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Our Favorite Christmas Stories

PLEA MAY BE ANSWERED

A letter to Santa Claus from a "grown-up child" came to the Editor of W. C. Pool, Jr., of the Greenville Morning Herald. Publisher Poole published it in his daily front page column, explaining "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. Author is unknown."

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 new one of loneliness and doubt, which stands at the end of Disillusion Avenue.

"All of the gloriously bright little baubles that I had in years

ago are now either broken or tarnished and tear-stained.

"Please bring me a few of those precious toys that I once had—those shining bubbles of joy; the tinkling bells of cheer that rang in my voice; the candles of faith that shone in my eyes; the frankness and myrrh of steadfast hope that strengthened my soul and made me a star 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 carelessness and humbly ask you to remember me with another letter 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 all bitterness and useless brooding; a large box of forgiveness, with which to rob me of laughter and filled my eyes with tears; give 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 me 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."

Away in a Manger

The Stable of Bethlehem did not in any way resemble the airy porticos—complete with plaster of paris animals and adoring shepherds—so dear to the heart of modern Christendom.

With comfort increasing throughout the western world, the poverty of the Nativity scene simultaneously startles and fascinates us—as perhaps Matthew, the publican, was impressed by the story of the Wise Men; and St. Luke, who had been a ship's doctor and probably knew very little about shepherds, was charmed by the shepherds abiding in the field.

There was no room in the inn that night, so Jesus was born in a stable; a place of shelter hewn into a rocky ledge of the Judean countryside. It was cold and dark and damp, and Judean travelers—frequently "put up" in such caves—welcomed rather than disdained joint tenancy with beasts because the breath of the cattle and the heat of their bodies provided a little warmth, while the guests inside the inn had no heat at all.

The cave, which was the birthplace of the Saviour, is now a grotto beneath Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity; and though fascinated by the simplicity of the original Nativity scene, Christianity has been unwilling to maintain its poverty and has covered the entire surface with costly ornamentation.



HERALD ANGELS . . . Rehearsing for the annual Christmas candlelight service, the children choristers of the Crawford Methodist Memorial church in the Bronx, New York, make an impressive picture when viewed through a Christmas wreath in the foreground.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Dallas of Houston spent the week-end here visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Ward.

Rev. and Mrs. Don Cochran and children will leave Sunday evening to spend Christmas with Mrs. Cochran's mother in Dallas.

Mrs. C. J. Holcomb and Winston spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Holcomb and son in Kermit.

toys and smoking a short pipe. The artist then gave Santa a spy-glass so that during the year he might pick out the good children from the bad, and also a big book in which to write their names and keep their records.

This conception of Santa Claus first appeared in 1863. Since that time, the pictured Santa has been the same, although the spy glass and pipe seem to have been dropped by the way.

YES, VIRGINIA, THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS

Back in 1897, little Virginia O'Hanlon wrote the following letter to the editor of the New York Sun: "I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in The Sun, it's so. Please tell me the truth—is there a Santa Claus?' The editor wrote a newspaper and literary classic in reply to this childish plea. It is reprinted here:

"Yes, indeed!

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age—they do not believe except what they see—they think that 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 lights with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"Not 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 see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no 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 supernatural beauty and glory beyond.

"Is it real?—ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else so 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."

Mary Ann Workman Complimented With Party Tuesday Night

Complimenting her sister-in-law, Mary Ann Workman, whose marriage to Mr. Joe T. McCombie will take place here Friday morning, Mrs. David Workman entertained with a party in her home Tuesday night.

Three tables of 42 were in play. Prizes were awarded and Miss Workman was presented a gift by the hostess.

Refreshments were served to the honoree and Mrs. Marcus Price, Mrs. Lola Rodgers, Mrs. L. B. Parham, Mrs. Eddie Yocham, Mrs. Tommy Workman, Mrs. William Dav, Miss Sara Lee Stephenson, Mrs. Ted Hogan, Mrs. Stanley Kozimor, Mrs. Tom Workman and Mrs. Dunn Lowery.

TO NEW YORK

Mrs. Mike Harmatiuk and baby daughter, Pamela, left by plane from Midland Tuesday noon to join Mr. Harmatiuk in New York City. Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Bean, Kelly, and Mary Alice Bean, accompanied Mrs. Harmatiuk and the baby to Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Miller and baby daughter, Melanie, will leave Monday for their home near Isabel, South Dakota.

Miss Cleona Quiett of the school faculty will spend the Christmas vacation with relatives and friends in California.

Henderson Miller will spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. T. R. Miller, at Carodan, Texas.

Christmas Pageant Given By Methodist Group Sunday Night

A Christmas Pageant under the direction of Reverend Don Cochran, Mrs. R. H. Johnson, Miss Louise Nelson and Mrs. Dan Runyan was presented at the local Methodist Church on Sunday night.

A lovely setting was provided for the pageant with spotlights on the Nativity scene. A concealed choir sang the Christmas carols and the story of the Christ Child was read from the Scriptures. Special music included a flute and organ duet by Miss Nelson and Miss Cleona Quiett and Reverend Cochran sang O Holy Night.

Santa Claus distributed gifts and candy from the yule tree to the delight of all.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Jordan and daughter, Linda Dawn, of Hamilton, Texas, will arrive Saturday to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. R. Q. White.

Miss Janet Holcomb of Houston and her niece, Janet Clark of Pasadena, Texas, will arrive Friday to visit relatives during the holidays.

Mrs. Clint Shaw, Mrs. C. J. Holcomb, Mrs. R. O. White, Rev. Don Cochran, and Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Yates were Midland shoppers Monday.

Herman Hamilton left Monday to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Anderson and Mary will spend Christmas with relatives in Wichita Falls.



HOPE THAT SUSTAINS THE WORLD . . . If there is anything more touching and inspiring than the sight of a little boy or girl waiting patiently for the arrival of his beloved Santa Claus, the world has yet to produce it. With boundless hope, after hanging up his stocking, he finally goes to bed, knowing as surely as he knows his own mother and father, that the Giftbringer will have been there when he awakens.

Oil Flows On A. D. Neal Test Early This Week

Samedan Oil Co. No. 1 A. D. Neal, SE Upton County wildcat, flowed half oil and half water at a rate totaling an estimated 5 to 10 bbls. hourly from Pennsylvania lime as the week opened.

The flow developed on an 80-minute drillstem test from 9,400-33 feet and lasted 40 minutes. Gas appeared at the surface in three minutes, mud in 34 minutes and oil in 40 minutes. Recovery upon breaking down the drillpipe was 4,860 feet of oil and 4,570 feet of salt water. The gravity of the oil was about 47 degrees. Gas volume varied between an estimated 250,000 and 500,000 cubic feet daily. Open flowing bottom hole pressure was 1,660 pounds, shut in pressure after 10 minutes, 3,820 pounds.

A one-hour drillstem test from 9,340-90 feet brought 180 feet of oil and gas-cut mud. Open flowing bottom hole pressure was 23 pounds, shut in bottom hole after 10 minutes 45 pounds. No. 1 Neal was to drill ahead, projected to the Ellenburger. It is 330 ft. out of the SE corner of the NW quarter of section 26-B-HE&WT, two miles NE of Rankin and 10 miles south and slightly west of the Benedum multiple-pay field.

Humble No. 1 Mrs. Z. Oswalt, in section 12-B-GC&SF, four miles NW of the Benedum field, recovered 87 feet of mud on a 46 minute drillstem test from 12,288-383 feet in the Ellenburger. It drilled ahead at 12,490 feet. Only slight shows of gas had been countered in the Ellenburger, the top of which had not been released.

Baptist Group Hold Christmas Playlet

A Christmas playlet, written and directed by Mrs. F. G. Fitzgerald was given at the Baptist Church Sunday night. The play centered around characters portrayed by Virginia Still and Jimmy Workman and a large choir of mixed voices sang the Christmas carols, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Tom Workman.

A large Christmas tree bearing gifts and treats for all was enjoyed following the program, with Santa Claus in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Van Zandt of Long Beach, California are spending the week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Ward. Mrs. Van Zandt is Mrs. Ward's daughter.

Rev. D. K. Anderson To Hold Special Service Here December 26

Reverend D. K. Anderson, former pastor of the Methodist Church here and now of the same church in Del Rio, will be in Rankin for a special service on Monday night, December 26 at 7:30. At that time he will baptize Linda Dawn Jordan, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Jordan and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. White. Reverend Anderson baptized the baby's mother, the former Anna Maude White when pastoring the Rankin Church and also performed her marriage ceremony. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Rankin O. E. S. Hold Christmas Party

Worthy Matron Miss Maggie Taylor and Worthy Patron J. C. Bredehoff presided at the Monday night meeting of the Rankin O. E. S.

A Christmas program with Mrs. Flora Shaw in charge was presented following the regular meeting of the chapter. The program included group singing of Christmas carols, scripture reading by Dr. Bredehoff and The Holy City sung by Mrs. Tom Workman accompanied by her daughter Mary Ann at the piano.

Gifts were exchanged from a lighted Christmas tree and refreshments were served by Mr. and Mrs. Workman and Mary Ann.

The lodge hall and reception room were beautifully decorated in keeping with the Christmas season and others attending the meeting were Mrs. Walton Haral, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Forest L. Smith, Mrs. A. B. Smith, Mrs. H. J. Romine, Mrs. C. P. Roady, Mrs. James A. Guest, Mrs. R. D. McSpadden, Mrs. J. W. Robbins, Mrs. Omar Warren, Mrs. Maude Frazier and Mrs. Japson Pettit.

TO BE BAPTIZED

Little Melanie Miller, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Miller, will be baptized at the Sunday morning service in the Methodist Church December 25. The baby's mother in the former Guila Bettis and maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Will Nix.

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Camels and jigs are said to be
unable to swim.

There is one party that all men
take their hats off to and that's
the barber.

Woodrow Wilson issued the first
Mother's Day proclamation.

There are about 5,000 different
languages in the world.

The term "hand" in measuring
the height of a horse, is four
inches.

Horse races in which horses are
entered before they are born are
called futurities.

Baseball's American League
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SEASON'S GREETINGS

Best Wishes for Christmas and Every Day

DR. AND MRS. T. B. McCLISH
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that accompanies
every Christmas season
is with us again
in 1949. Our wish is
that you can
participate to the fullest
in a universal
MERRY CHRISTMAS

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The very fact that Christmas
is with us again ought to
bring joy enough, but we
want to gild the lily by wishing
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1950

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turies May this season bring you
nothing but happiness



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RANKIN, TEXAS

Legend Of The Yule Log

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HOGAN MOTOR COMPANY

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hogan
RANKIN, TEXAS



A holiday season brightened with the rare joys of the good old days of long ago—that's our Christmas wish for you.



C. W. BROWN PIPE AND SUPPLY

McCAMEY, TEXAS

In Virginia, the old Dominion, storied land of early American history, there is an old tradition of the origin of the Yule log that is retold every Christmas.

As the family sits around the Yule log and sops their Christmas eggnog on Christmas eve, the ancient legend is recounted again.

One very cold Christmas eve, when the frosty wind howled across a world of snow, an old man was sitting in his little cabin wishing that he had a fire to warm him.

Suddenly he heard the cry of a little child away out in the cold. The old man hobbled to the door and gazed out across the snow. The wind and the snow came rustling in and the old man shivered until his "onliest two tee" chattered with cold.

The plaintive cry of the child came again above the whistle of the wind. It went straight to the old man's heart and he wished with all his power of longing that he might have the strength to go out and find the unfortunate babe.

The cry came a third time—and then a wondrous thing happened. A miraculous power filled the old man's veins. His muscles became strong and tense, his crutch fell back into the cabin and he stepped from his threshold out into the snow.

Hurrying over the snow with a speed he had not known since boyhood, by and by he came to a little child lying in a snow bank.

He bent down and touched the child and a great new strength flowed over him, a strength which seemed to give him wings as he sped back to his cabin.

Arriving there, he placed the child upon the bed, tenderly drew the ragged coverlet about it and

then looked to see if there were a bit of furniture he could use to make a fire with which to warm the little one.

At that precise moment a great log rolled across the threshold and into the fireplace. The little child looked at the log with eyes like stars—stars which sent gleams of light that kindled the log with the most brilliant fire the old man ever had seen.

The dingy little room immediately was filled with radiance and warmth, and as the light enveloped the child he laughed and laughed with a melody like a song from the heart. The old man turned his eyes to where the fire burned and watched the flames leap in beautiful rainbow tints over the log, and as his old eyes watched, the colors seemed to form the shape of the Cross in the fire.

The flames of the cross leaped higher and higher, blue, red, yellow and white, and as the old man watched this display, suddenly and magically there appeared a table in the center of the room, covered with a Christmas feast such as never before had been spread before his eyes. And never again was the old man cold or hungry, and never after that was there a Christmas in old Virginia without the Yule log and the Christmas Child to give light and warmth.

And that is the story of the Yule log as it is told in Virginia every Christmas eve.

Literal translation of the word "mortgage" is death pledge.

St. Augustine, Florida is the oldest city in the United States.

Perry, Maine is half way between the north pole and the equator.



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CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Christmas carols express better than anything else, probably, the true spirit of Christmas.

The word "carol" itself signifies joy and was originally used to accompany a dance. William Wallace Fyfe concludes that the term carol "signifies a song of joy or exultation". Another definition states: "A carol is a hymn of praise especially such as is sung at Christmas in the open air."

In England which gave America most of its carols, they were sometimes gay and sometimes convivial until the time of the Puritans, who tried to suppress the Christmas spirit.

After the Restoration, the religious nature of the day was for a time almost forgotten in the reaction from Puritanism, and the carol was temporarily lost in the songs. There are many quaint cus-

toms associated with the early carolers that might be used today to break the monotony of going from house to house singing Christmas hymns.

It was about the 16th century that caroling became a Christmas custom, and is supposed to have been brought to England from Italy by the traveling clergy. The first real Christmas carol is attributed to St. Francis of Assisi who made a model of the Bethlehem manger to help him tell his people the Christmas story.

The idea of caroling fitted admirably into the English conception of Christmas as a combination of religious celebration and a great home day with neighborly feeling, so it grew and flourished in that country.

Little bands and groups of singers which sprang up in the towns and villages came to be known

as "Waits". A natural explanation of the name seems to be that it refers to watching and waiting, for Christmas Eve is called the Vigil of Christmas.

As early as December 21, which is the day dedicated to St. Thomas, mummers and carolers would begin going from door to door, announcing the great feast at hand. It was natural for the householders to offer hospitality to these Christmas troubadours, and gradually in many places the custom of giving alms and presents of various kinds was established.

This benign custom threatened at one time in England to become a profession and to lose its original simple charm.

For a period beginning just when no one knows and ending in 1820, there were in London and Westminster companies of "Waits" whose leaders held office by public appointment and who obtained an exclusive right to solicit contributions from the public.

The carolers were often accompanied by entertainers who gave a spirit of revelry to the occasions. The mummers often interrupted the singing to give their interpretations of "St. George and the Dragon." Tumblers, dressed in bright red, would perform their arts of skill to entertain the onlookers.



Legend not only has identified the Wise Men as Gaspar, Melchior and Balthasar, it has crowned them and given them the kingdoms of Tarsus, Arabia and Ethiopia. It has symbolized their gifts as symbolic of what Jesus was to become—gold for a king, frankincense for a high priest and myrrh for a great physician.

The Gospel text's specific wise men from the east logically identifies them with Zoroastrianism—an ancient monotheistic religion of Persia. Zoroastrian priests were called Magi; they were powerful in public and private life since they, and they alone, possessed the priestly mysteries involved in the worship of Mazda—who represented the Zoroastrian power for good.

The Magi may or may not have been fabulously wealthy: St. Matthew does not elaborate their treasures nor the amount of gold, frankincense and myrrh which they presented to the Christ Child. The gifts may have been mere tokens of their treasures, or the sum and substance thereof.

And if they were soothsayers, mystics and possibly clairvoyants they were also truly wise—in as much as they did not return to Herod, but departed into their own country by a different route.

The center of the standard baseball is a piece of cork the size of a marble which has been aged for 15 years.

Two U. S. Presidents received the Nobel peace prize—Theodore Roosevelt in 1906 and Woodrow Wilson in 1919.

DRUIDS FIRST TO USE "MAGIC" OF MISTLETOE

The greens which are used for Christmas decorations found their way into early festivities because of certain virtues attributed to them by the ancients, and many of them which adorned pagan seasonal rites were later taken over to grace the ceremonies and celebrations of Christmas Day.

In both England and America, the holly and the mistletoe are associated with Christmas as invariably as are the plum pudding and Christmas tree.

It was the Druids who first used the mistletoe. "Heal-all" was their name for it. The plant was supposed to have curative values, and gradually they assigned to it all manner of magic powers.

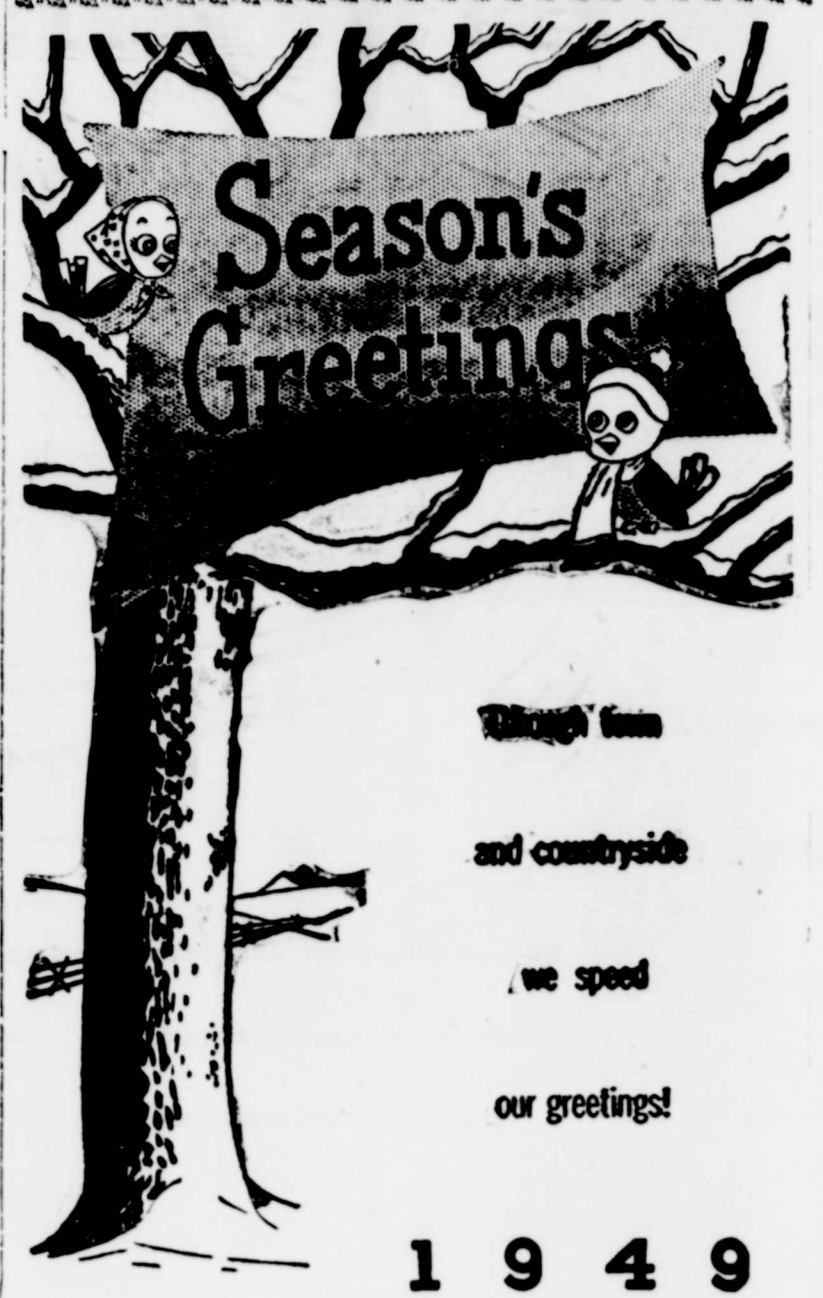
Their priests, each year around

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the time when we now celebrate Christmas, would have high platforms built around the sacred oak trees which, in a manner of speaking were "hosts" to the mistletoe. Robed in ceremonial vestments of white, they ascended these platforms, and with golden sickles especially made for the solemn occasion they cut away the mistletoe.

The Saxons also prized it and it was they who gave to it the name of mistletoe.

Eventually the green came to be regarded as a symbol of peace. Opposing warriors who met near it would call a truce, and it was customary to hang it over the entrance doors so that they who entered might be assured of friendship.



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McCAMEY, TEXAS

Star of Bethlehem Continues To Puzzle Modern Scholars

Once again Christendom sees the Star of Bethlehem and, like the Wise Men or old, rejoices with exceeding great joy.

Astronomers have discounted possibilities that the star may have been a natural phenomenon since phenomena occur too far from the earth to serve as any sort of natural guide. Modern opinion is, however, inclined to hold that there was a Star—although the story probably has been touched by Oriental imagery.

St. Matthew suggests that even the Wise Men may have lost sight of the star while they were in Jerusalem; hence, they rejoiced when it appeared to their vision as they approached the Manger of Bethlehem.

Come to think of it, astronomers have sought an astronomically authentic star—and found it not; historians have sought an historically human Jesus of Nazareth—and are still arguing whether or not they have found Him; even zealous theologians, striving to harmonize messianic and eschatological theories with the illusive historical and human Jesus, have sometimes lost sight of the Babe in the Manger Who from His lowly stable draws unto Himself all who are weary and heavy-laden.

Pressing close to that sacred Manger, Christendom glimpses the Star of Bethlehem once more and rejoices in the light of righteousness and peace which has conquered every tyranny—that evil men could think of, the light that shineth in the darkness and shall not fail.

In Belgium, pigeon racing compares with our baseball as a national sport.

Linen line is the best for deep sea fishing since it will not deteriorate in salt water.

George Washington was born in Virginia, at that time a British Colony.

Teeth are the only part of the body which do not repair itself.



Christmas re-awakens our appreciation of pleasant associations with those we serve. While enjoying this Holiday Season we remember your loyal co-operation and good will that has made the past year a memorable one with us.

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—TEXAS

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Merry
Christmas



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RANKIN, TEXAS

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Upton County, Texas.
By Sara L. Stephenson
Deputy.

Sophomore News

We were sorry to lose Joan Eaton from our class. She had lived here only a few days but was well liked by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunn Lowery went to Lubbock Wednesday to accompany their daughter, John Ann home from Texas Tech for the holidays.

Inhabitants of the Isle of Man are called Manxmen.



RANKIN FOOD STORE

RANKIN, TEXAS

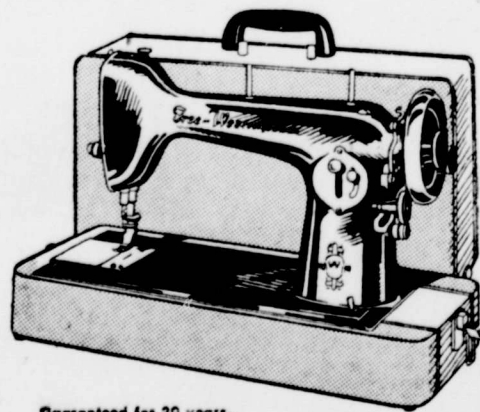


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RANKIN HIGH SCHOOL, RANKIN, TEXAS

"WHAT IF"

Don went around like a chicken with his head cut off, when Joveta was gone?

The music class got out of the first period class?

The students of RHS were glad the Xmas holidays were over?

Chock has been true to Jean going on four weeks?

Imogene dates the butcher's now days?

Bill Hurn seems to like Ruthie E?

Bill Brown and Gloria Little seem to be inseparable?

Marjorie could drive a car?

Some of the typing students could draw pictures?

The juniors (in high school) could give a good DANCE?

Everyone worked hard on the paper staff?

Elbert would mind his OWN business?

Mrs. Hodge got sick?

All the boys were working? Wonder why?

Joy and Boogie would start going steady?

Wilma went with Dillard?

Everything everyone did was a mess?

People liked to borrow ink?

Chock could get knocked out at the junior dance Saturday night?

Someone spit on Toad in McCamey? (was it spit, Toad, or mustard?)

Julius Caesar wasn't interesting?

The football boys gave Coach a belt?

We don't have a pep squad next year since the girls are not appreciated?

The girls could have a good team?

Wallace M. and Eugene could draw?

Harry could get the Buick?

Lawanda had help (more than she liked) in writing Roy?

Rio de Janeiro means January River.

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W. H. Scarborough Opens Texaco Service Station Wednesday

William H. Scarborough announced the opening of his Texaco Service Station on Highway No. 67, just east of the intersection in Rankin Wednesday. The new business will carry all Texaco oils and gasoline, in addition to a large stock of anti-freeze and other items needed by car-owners. He expects to have a complete line of Firestone tires in the immediate future.

A cordial invitation was extended to the citizens of Rankin to visit him in his new business.

T. A. B. Party

The T. A. B. party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Still, Monday, Dec. 19, at 7 p. m. Several Christmas stories were told and read and a poem was given. Betty Sue Bodine gave a reading. After this, Christmas carols were heard over the record player. Then refreshments were served. They were fruit cake, whipped cream, spiced tea and chocolate Santa Claus. After the refreshments were served, everyone went Christmas caroling. Don Cochran led these. Everyone had a wonderful time.

Christmas Holidays

The Christmas holidays will begin Wednesday at noon for the school children. Many of the grades will have their Christmas parties that morning. At ten o'clock the Choral Club will put on a Christmas program.

The band members of the sophomore class will play a few Christmas carols. At 11 o'clock the high school will have their Christmas tree together. After this they will get out for the holidays. The paper staff wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The Sauciest Sophomore

The Sauciest Sophomore this week is Lawanda McDaniel. She was born Jan. 4, 1934, in Big Lake, Texas. She is 5' 2" tall, has brown hair and eyes. She moved here from Hanesville, La., at the beginning of the school term last year.

Lawanda's likes are girls' basketball, football and boys' basketball. Her foods are fried chicken, sour pickles, creamed potatoes, creamed peas, and chocolate cake. Her favorite color is red, favorite song is "Forever and Ever," subjects are algebra and English, favorite boyfriends are Roy, James Franklin.

Her dislikes are conceited people, Elbert, John L., eggs, oysters, beets, and that's all.

We are happy to have her as a sophomore.

Ex-Rankin Resident

Mrs. Northcross, Dies

Mrs. Bertha Northcross died on Tuesday of a heart attack at her Houston home, relatives have reported.

Mrs. Northcross was a native of Waxahachie and a former resident of Rankin. In addition to a sister in Dallas, she is survived by a daughter, Miss Mary Frances Northcross of Houston, and another sister, Mrs. Earl Harris of Houston.

Last Paper This Year

This is the last paper that the paper staff will publish this year. When we come back in January, we will begin a new year and try to have a better paper.

"Students Hit Parade"

And It Still Goes—Elbert to Lawanda.

South America, Take It Away

Kiss Me Once—Lawanda to???

Bye, Bye, Football—Pep squad girls to the team next year.

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LADIES APPAREL



We couldn't say for sure that you're on Santa Claus' gift list. All we can be certain about is that your name is on our list of those we wish all the season's joys.

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