



Christmas Edition

TWENTY PAGES THIS WEEK

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Greetings



Merry Christmas

Why Get Excited?



Do your
Christmas Shopping
EASILY AND CONTENTEDLY!...

PIGGLY WIGGLY



SPECIALS GOOD FROM DEC. 17TH. TO DEC. 25TH.

SNOWDRIFT NEW and IMPROVED 3 LB. TIN **1.07**

COCOANUT Long Fancy Shred, Durkee's 4 OZ. BOX **16c**

PINEAPPLE Dole, Sliced No. 2 1/2 Can **39c**

COFFEE

Admiration — Pound **49c**

C. H. B. **CATSUP** large bottle **18c**

Zest Pink **SALMON** tall can **59c**



Hens Fresh Dressed pound . . . **59c**

Swift or Armours Link **SAUSAGE** pound **59c**

Kraft Velveeta **CHEESE** 2 pound box **89c**

Hams Half or Whole Pound **69c**

for **GOODNESS SAKE**
Enjoy our
CHRISTMAS VALUES!

9 Ounce Package **MINCE MEAT** **18c**

White or Yellow **POP CORN** can **19c**

Large Box **BISQUICK** **49c**

For Your Xmas Cookie Baking—PKG. **HERSHEYS DAINTRIES** . . . **23c**

Save All Cutter Top Box—**WAX-PAPER** 125 ft. **19c**

Hampton Village or Heirloom, asst. **CHOCOLATES** 1 lb. box . . **89c**

Beechnut **CIGARS** box of 50 . . . **\$1.39**

Famous Holly-wood 2 1/2 LB. **TIN VACUUM PACK FRUIT CAKE** **\$2.39**

PECANS

New Crop Shelled 1 LB. PKG. **79c**

DATES

Pitted 6 Ounces **19c**

CANDY

Hershey's Plain or Almond Bars BOX OF 24 **98c**

SUGAR

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Cello Bag—Eatmor, Fresh **CRANBERRIES** Pound **25c**

CELERY Fancy Pascal STALK **15c**

8 Pound Bag **35c**
Texas Seedless

5 Pound Bag **25c**
Texas

Fresh Frozen, Sliced and Sweetened **STRAWBERRIES** Pound **49c**

PUMPKIN PIE SPICE

Can **15c**

GRAPEFRUIT JUICE

White Swan, No. 2 Can 2 Cans for **15c**

BREAST-O' TUNA

Can **49c**

CRACKERS

Sunshine 1 Pound Box **25c**

VEL LARGE BOX **29c**

Shampoo Modart Fluff JAR **39c**

FRUIT COCKTAIL Hunt's—NO. 2 1/2 CAN **39c**

APPLES ORANGES
By the Box
Get Our PRICES Before You Buy



TOMATO JUICE —Hunt's— Tall Can . . . **10c**

CANDY Chocolate Covered **CHERRIES** 1 lb. box . . . **69c**

CAKE FLOUR —Swans Down— Large Box . . . **43c**



SPECIAL PRICES
EFFECTIVE from DEC. 17 To 25.
Don't Forget **FIREWORKS!**



Christmas joy
to All



HIGGINBOTHAM-BARTLETT

No One Likes A Grouch, But A Sure Winner Is Friendliness

Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Hill have returned to Canyon from a three months vacation trip which took them into many states. They visited in many communities. During their trip Dr. and Mrs. Hill never missed church services on Sunday, and Dr. Hill never missed a week in making up his Rotary attendance.

They came back home with a firm determination to make Canyon a more friendly place in which to live.

Dr. Hill has always been a friendly person. He has radiated friendliness and tried to impress upon all visitors that Canyon and West Texas State are friendly places. He tried to impress this upon faculty members and upon students.

We believe that Dr. Hill has hit upon the real key to success. Who likes a grouch? Who wants to be associated with a grouch? Just doesn't shrink from a grouch? Who wants to make friends with a grouch?

Several years ago The News carried an editorial upon the responsibility of Canyon citizens to make visitors happy while they are in our midst. We called attention to a police officer who all for petty violations of driving in Canyon, but turned his back upon local violators.

We called attention to the grouches in public institutions, in business establishments, and among the officials of the community.

The same holds true today. No one likes a grouch.

Everyone likes the person who radiates friendliness.

It pays to be friendly with all men, regardless of how hard it is sometimes to put on a broad smile.

If Dr. Hill can teach, by example, some folks in Canyon to smile instead of wear a frown all of the time, he will perform a notable service to his community. —Canyon News.

BILL MARKHAM TO SPEND CHRISTMAS IN THE VALLEY

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Markham left Wednesday to spend the Christmas holidays in the Valley at Pharr, Texas. They will visit with Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Markham who are on an extended visit there and other relatives.

SUNDAY VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Weimhold, Levelland and her sister, Mrs. Crain, Cleveland, Ohio, visited Sunday afternoon in the Carl England home.

Don't Wait; Build That Home Now Says Engineer

Don't wait. Do it now. That's the information W. S. Allen, extension agricultural building engineer of Texas A. & M. College, has for the folks who are waiting for construction costs to drop back to normal.

There just isn't much chance that will happen, says Allen. Fact is, construction costs have continued to rise slightly in recent months but appear to be leveling off right now. House building fell off during the late summer, but has picked up a little the last month. Farm building, on a national scale, continues at a faster pace than was predicted earlier in the year.

Prewar building costs are just history now. It's not likely that folks will see them again in any period ahead for which they can plan. In short, for those holding off to build, Allen can give little or no encouragement to wait.

There's a reasonably good supply of lumber, both in quantity and quality. Hardware, plumbing and nail supplies vary with different localities. But when a little planning ahead is done, these materials can usually be had. Cement supplies are short right now, but more is expected later on.

There's a need to think in terms of structures for production during 1949. Forecasters believe there will be a shortage of grain storage, and in order to make the most of continued high prices, there's going to be a big need for broiler houses, laying houses, milk sheds, and dairy barns.

The farm home is just as big a part—if not the most important—of the farm production plant as the farm buildings, reminds Allen. So now is as good a time as any to build up the farm production plant.

Prices aren't going down—just yet, anyway.

Straws In The Wind

The Federal Housing Administration, an early New Deal agency, has more than justified its existence. It makes no loans, but insures them. Starting with a fund of \$10 million, it has now built up a reserve of \$120 million collected from the one-half of 1 per cent insurance fee it charges. Nearly 700,000 loans have been paid off ahead of schedule. There have been only 4,068 foreclosures on a total of 1,700,000 loans it has guaranteed.

Next year's federal budget will include not more than \$15 billion for US military expenditures, "unless grave new threats develop overseas," according to budget planning experts on the White House staff.

India's ancient caste system is on the way out. Last week the Assembly passed a law abolishing the restrictions against the millions of "untouchables." The law was passed amid shouts of "Victory to Ghandi."

British and American engineers agreed to adopt a uniform standard machine screw thread last week. During the war the difference between screw threads in the two countries cost American industry millions of dollars.

According to a nationwide tabulation by the Associated Press, a total of 110 hunters has been killed this season by gunfire while hunting deer.

The auto industry will come within 100,000 units of equaling the greatest production of cars ever accomplished in one year by the end of 1948.

An official of the Justice Department reported last week that ten times as many tax evasions are being discovered this year as was common a few years ago.

The Bell Telephone Co. is asking for rate increases in 29 states including Texas. Out of the 270 towns in this state served by the company, 25 of them have already agreed to increase charges.

MR. and MRS. ALVIN WOLFENBERGER made a business trip to Lubbock Saturday.

Vic Vet says

JUST MARRIED? .. INCREASE YOUR TRAINING OR EDUCATIONAL SUBSISTENCE BY NOTIFYING YOUR NEAREST VA OFFICE IMMEDIATELY



Season's Greetings

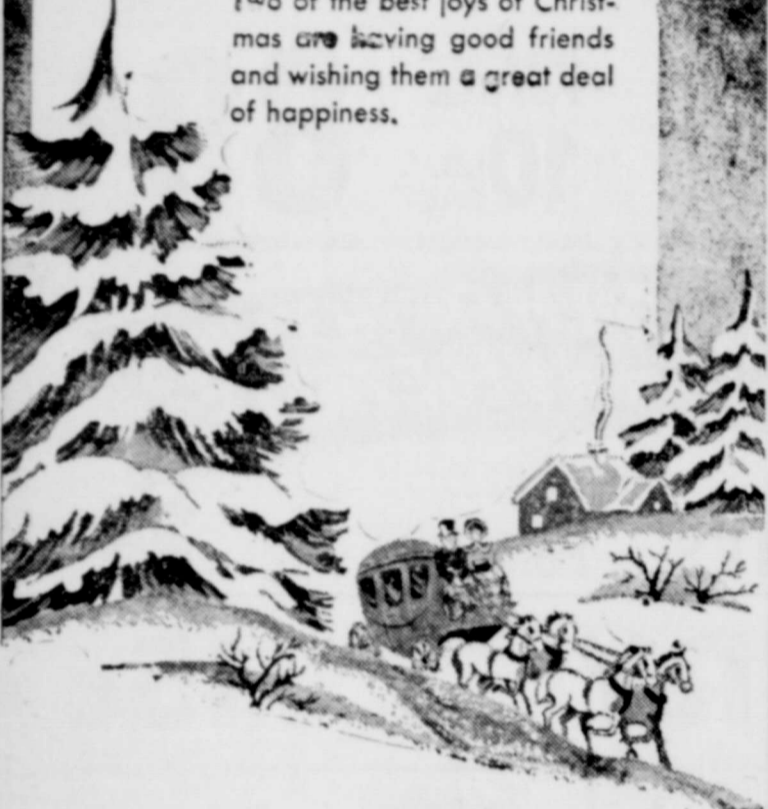
It is the "wealth" of good will, and the "strength" of good fellowship that make for a

Merrier Christmas and a Happier New Year.

Morton Drug Store

SINCERE Christmas Greetings

Two of the best joys of Christmas are having good friends and wishing them a great deal of happiness.



Culpepper and Son Flash-O-Gas



The joy in wishing you a Merry Christmas can only be equaled in the pleasure of voicing our hope for your happiness and good health during the coming new year.

Many thanks for your valued patronage in the past year. May we have the pleasure of serving you again in 1949.

BYRON'S AUTO SUPPLY



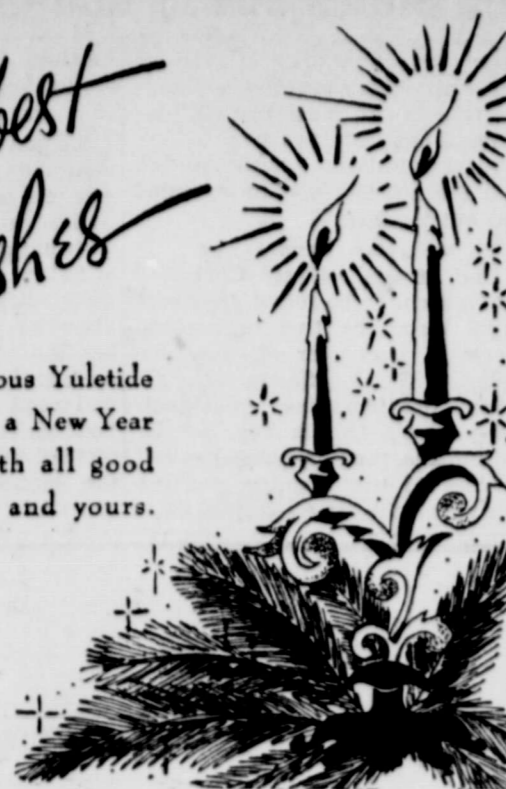
There was a divine magic in that Christmas night and the dawn of that Christmas Day so long ago; for though the centuries have left their burden of human despair, the Star still shines, undiminished, over Bethlehem and the world... the dawn still comes to rout the darkness... the Heavenly choir still sings eternal music to heal the listening heart...

JOY TO THE WORLD!

Rays' Hardware & Furniture

Plumbing and Electrical Supplies—Maytag and Servel Appliances
L. W. Ray Houseware—Hardware C. D. Ray

With best wishes



... for a joyous Yuletide celebration and a New Year overflowing with all good things for you and yours.

MORTON FLORAL
Mr. and Mrs. Lem Chesher and Family

-- annegrams -- — by ann england —

To our many little friends who have written and who have asked us in person about Santa Claus we can think of no better answer than the letter written by Francis Pharellus Church in reply to a letter which read:

Dear Editor—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?

Virginia O'Hanlon, 115 West Ninety-fifth Street, Virginia O'Hanlon's father was a police surgeon and too busy to answer his daughter's question about the existence of St. Nick. So he dismissed her lightly with "Why don't you write The Sun? They ought to know."

Virginia amazed her parent by doing just that and the reply, in the form of an editorial, has been printed and reprinted in the journals of nearly every nation in the world. It appears in a dozen anthologies along with Eugene Field's "Little Boy Blue," and Lincoln's letter to Mrs. Bixby. The New Standard Dictionary quotes excerpts from it under "Santa Claus." It has been read over the air and was once set to music by Rosario Bourdon, scored for soprano, quartet and orchestra.

Church died in 1906, but the editor said, "Is There a Santa Claus?" has lived on. Here it is: Virginia: Your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except 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 truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exists, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest duty and joy. Alas! How dreary the world would be 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 believe in Santa Claus? You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus, that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may 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 men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty

and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, 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, may ten times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Most of the gifts we receive for Christmas are from people well known to us—friends, family and loved ones—and their presents are material things we can see, touch, and use. We value the thoughtfulness of the giver and express our appreciation.

But many other people contribute to our happiness—people we may never see, benevolent strangers, whose gifts being intangible, go too often unnoticed and unappreciated. These are the people who go to work on Christmas day, whose man-hours hold together the complicated machinery of our civilization and keep available to us the services and conveniences of our lives.

To all the people who keep the restaurants, the service stations, and the electric power generating so that we may eat, travel, and the lights on the Christmas tree will keep burning and there will be water from the faucet—to the people who keep the switchboards open so that we may talk with our loved ones over the miles, to the members of the fire department, who stand by to keep the tinsel from going up in smoke, and the police departments, who secure our safety—to doctors, druggists and nurses, who find no holiday from the demands of life and death, to the thousands of unknown friends in countless categories, we express our grateful thanks and deep appreciation for their willingness to make our holiday good at the expense of their own.

We wish you the special satisfaction of a job well done, and we want you to know that you make us very happy.

To the loyal members of our staff, Bill Garrett and Bill Harris and to our spouse, who puts up with us twenty four hours a day, 365 days a year we say Thanks—to them and to you and you and you.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Hospital News

Medical patients admitted since Dec. 1:

- Alton Ainsworth, Mrs. L. J. Copenhover, Mrs. F. B. Ruthardt, Jimmie Lemons, Mrs. J. A. White, Mrs. J. B. Dewbre, Mrs. Orville Cunningham, Margaret Timms, Mrs. H. H. Rosson, Mrs. Hugh Witt, John J. Bryant, Leroy Tackett, Carroll Rogers, Emma Jean Boaz, Lawaan Hammett, Mrs. Johnny Pope, R. A. Vaught, Deibert Buchanan, Mrs. H. B. Abbe, Mrs. D. C. Askew, Barbara Mitchell, Mrs. Frank Silhan, Ted Kendrick, Elaine Pugh, Mrs. L. J. Copenhover, Mrs. Orlan Cook, Gay Sullivan, Leona Layton, Barbara England, Mrs. C. H. Silvers, Margaret Timms.

Surgical and accident patients: Mrs. J. J. Paulk, surgery; Donald Shellwrne, accident; Sam Neville, accident; Bonnie Hanna, surgery; Tony Snapp, surgery; Frank McCamish, surgery, Elaine Pugh, surgery; L. L. Rountree, accident; L. D. Wolf, surgery; Bonnie Lesly, surgery; Carolyn Cox, surgery; M. T. Gant, surgery.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cook, baby girl, Dec. 1.
- Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Eppler, baby boy, Dec. 3.
- Mr. and Mrs. Walt Shields, baby girl, Dec. 14.
- Mr. and Mrs. Ben Martinez, baby boy, Dec. 9.
- Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Evans, baby boy, Dec. 10.
- Mr. and Mrs. Ray McCoy, baby boy, Dec. 15.
- Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Tucker, baby girl, Dec. 16.
- Stella Mae Hood, baby boy, Dec. 17.
- Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Garcia, baby boy, Dec. 18.

Ginning Report

There were 12,032 bales of Cotton ginned in Cochran County from the crop of 1948 prior to Dec. 1, 1948 as compared with 18,290 bales ginned to Dec. 1, 1947.

TO CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Alford and four daughters, Jean, Anna Lois, Jimmie and Mrs. L. F. Jones, Jr., and Mr. Jones left Tuesday morning for a holiday trip to California. They will visit relatives in Los Angeles, San Diego and Fresno.

Enochs H. D. Club Christmas Party Held Tuesday

Mrs. Reed was hostess to the Enoch's H. D. Club for a Christmas party at her home, Tuesday afternoon, December 14. Christmas decorations were used throughout the Reed home and a tree featuring bubble lights graced the living room.

Recorded Christmas music was played at intervals during the afternoon and group singing of Carols enjoyed. Mrs. Reed read a Christmas story of the Christ Child.

Santa Claus was introduced and presented gifts to the children. Members exchanged gifts. Refreshments were served to twenty six. The next meeting will be an all day affair with Mrs. T. A. Thomas as hostess, on Thursday, January 13. Each one is asked to bring a covered dish.

Social Security Official To Visit Morton Dec. 30

Elliott W. Adams, Social Security Administration Representative, will be in Morton at the U. S. Post Office at 11:00 a. m. on Thursday, December 30, for the purpose of answering any questions you may have on social security; discussing possible benefits and taking claims from persons who seem to be entitled to benefits; and taking applications for social security account number cards.

Social Security cards are not to be used for identification. They are issued to workers in business and industry to maintain social security wage accounts. Federal social security payments which a worker earns for himself and his family are based on these wage accounts.

Christmas Card To Texas' Citizens

The editor of this paper has just received a beautiful Christmas card signed by Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, carrying the following message to be published for the citizens of Texas:

"The Texas State Department of Health is happy to report that with your help the incidence of communicable disease in Texas has reached an all time low; also people are living longer, on the average, than at any time in the past.

"Christmas is a proper time to give thanks for the degree of health we now enjoy. I want to thank you for your assistance in making this record possible, and ask you to continue your efforts to further public health in Texas.

"May you and all those you hold dear have a very Merry Christmas and a New Year of Good Health. Sincerely yours, Geo. W. Cox, M. D., State Health Officer."

On the front of the card is a handsome picture of the new State Health Department Building which was first occupied by the Department in 1943, and on which has just been completed a fourth floor addition. Prior to occupying this building, the entire Health Department was housed on part of one floor of the old Land Office Building.

Dr. Cox was re-appointed to his 7th consecutive two year term as State Health Officer, by the State Board of Health in December.



Greetings


MINYARD-ORMAND



Greetings

Best wishes for a very merry and joyous Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

R. T. TARVER
"66" SERVICE STATION



Greetings
TO ALL
OUR FRIENDS

L. B. and Minnie Childs

GREETINGS

May all the joys and pleasures of the Yuletide be yours this Christmas.

And may the New Year be one of abundant good health and good fortune.



GLENN W. THOMPSON
Cochran County Judge



HOLIDAY GREETINGS

To everyone whom we are privileged to call "friend and neighbor" go our heartfelt expressions of the Season's joyous sentiments.

GREENE SUPPLY CO.

Your Friendly
Massey-Harris Dealer

We are now ready to . . .

Service Your Oldsmobile

or do any other

Auto Repair Work
— All Work Guaranteed —

Watch Our Place for Used Cars

1949 Oldsmobile soon on display.

Hawkins Oldsmobile Co.
OLDSMOBILE SALES and SERVICE
Telephone 121 Morton, Texas

Another Victory Won in Behalf of Disabled Vets

Another victory for the department of Texas in behalf of veterans has been won.

The Veterans Administration has announced requirements for non-service connected pensions for World War I and World War II veterans have been liberalized.

According to Extension 5 to the 1945 Rating Schedule of the Veterans Administration, veterans with 60 per cent disability, and not employable, at the age of 55 can now qualify for a \$60 a month pension. If the veteran is 65 years of age and has a disability of 10 per cent, and unemployable, he may qualify for the same amount.

This follows resolutions passed at the last two department conventions, demanding that the Veterans Administration liberalize the pension laws. At the recent Corpus Christi convention, Resolution 26 was passed which in effect was the same which was ultimately adopted by the Veterans Administration in its Extension 5 Clause.

Department Adjutant G. Ward Moody urges all veterans whose claims have been turned down heretofore and who are eligible under the new Extension 5 ruling to contact in person or by writing, one of the five department service officers located at Dallas, San Antonio, Waco, Lubbock and Houston.

Highlights From Cochran County Sheriff's Office

Five charges were filed over the week-end for "fighting" according to a report from Cochran County Sheriff's office. Three persons were involved in liquor violations and a large number of tickets given for speeding, driving without a license and reckless driving.

Charges were filed Saturday on a man who had stolen three watches from R. E. Dunham Jewelry store on Wednesday. Two of the watches were disposed of at Tatum, New Mexico and one sold here, purchaser of the watch locally notified the sheriff's department which led to an investigation and apprehension of the man. He was released from jail Saturday on bond and will report to the Grand Jury in April.

MAT DAVIS, attorney, Gilmer, Texas was here Tuesday.



LETTERS TO Santa Claus

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I would like to have a watch and a monopoly set also some candy, nuts and fruit. I am nine years old and am in the third grade. I have tried to be a good girl this year. I love you very much.
Love,
Beverly Freeman.

DEAR SANTA,
I am a little boy six years old. I will be seven the 27th of Dec. I am in the first grade at school. I have been a good boy so please bring me a football, a farm wagon, a pair of gloves, a gun and holster.
Please bring all the other children something nice.
I love you Santa.
Jackie Neal Brown.
P. S. Please bring my dog "Nothings" a bone for Christmas.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I would like to have a Donald Duck watch, a Baton, a Billfold and a magic skin doll. I am eight years old and am in the second grade and I also want some candy, nuts and fruit. I have tried to be a good girl this year.
I love you very much.
Love,
Nancy Leota Freeman.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I want a doll with magic skin that cries and a doll bed and a story book. Sissy wants a magic skin doll that cries and dishes and a stove. Nipper wants a train and a gun. Danny wants a bicycle, teddy bear. We have tried to be good girls, and Nipper and Danny pretty good boys. We all love you.
Love,
Glyna C. Masten.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
We are three little children that live in this part of the sandy country. We do hope you get to come and don't get stuck in the sand.
Bobbie Joe wants a cattle truck and a train, and not a doll. He is four.
Nancy Ann is 1 and she wants a doll just like mine except for hair. She would just pull it off.
I want a doll with hair and some dishes for us, all and a sweeper broom. I started to school this year. I'm six.
Please bring Pop and Mom some candy and pie cause he don't like cake.
We will be looking for you, and don't forget Grandmother and Pappaw.
I'll be listening,
Barbara Sanders.



BEST WISHES
GLENN ELECTRIC

May your every wish be fulfilled this glorious Yuletide—and in the year to come.

Santa Gives Small Fry A Thrill As He Arrived In Morton Saturday

Children of all ages were given a thrill by Santa Claus as he arrived in Morton last Saturday afternoon. Despite a strong wind preceded by sand, the old gentleman made the promised trip by airplane. He arrived over town just a few minutes past two thirty, the time originally scheduled for his arrival. After circling the square several times the plane landed at the Cochran county airport and Santa, aboard the shiny red fire truck, was escorted to town.

Hordes of children with their parents, who had been anxiously awaiting his appearance, followed the truck as it made its way around the city square.

Santa's pack was soon depleted and fresh supplies were quickly sent for. Chamber of Commerce and Lions Club officials, sponsors of the Santa program, estimated 1500 sacks of goodies were distributed by Santa Claus to the

children. Christmas music was broadcast from the court house during Santa's flight over town and as he started in on the truck the children's favorite tune, "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," was played.

Merchants enjoyed a brisk business following Santa's departure and clerks as well as parents and children went home late that evening tired but happy.

Christmas Made Merry In Many United States Towns and Cities

By BILL MACDONALD (from Sun-Up Magazine)

Throughout the length and breadth of the South, in every state, in almost every section of every state, I keep running across the traditional Christmas celebrations. Some have grown to be well-known. Others are only beginning to earn the reputation that nothing but continuance through the years can bring.

The most interesting thing about them all, to me, is that nowhere have I found a Christmas celebration that was anything but unselfishly "community" in spirit. "Outsiders" are welcomed. Indeed,

they are cordially invited. But if the community itself gains something of the love and peace and joy of Christmas, then all is well—no matter the extent of outside attendance.

The magic of such celebrations is that I have never attended one of these celebrations without being drawn deeply into the community's emotions. And I have never yet attended one without having my faith in mankind restored. I am willing to wager that you, too, will gain a new lease on the Christmas Spirit if you seek out some community celebration to attend this year. Or perhaps

your own community is awaiting someone—like yourself—to organize friends and neighbors and develop a celebration of your own. As inspiration, I want to tell you about a few that to my mind are outstanding:

Moravian Candle Tea
One of the oldest Christmas celebrations to be found anywhere takes place the first or second week of December at the twin town of Winston-Salem, N. C., where the Moravians hold their 300-year-old Candle Tea. Former Bohemians, they brought a love of candles to this country and use the wax lights at all church cele-

brations (even their Love Feasts feature candles and sugar cakes in a minor communion service). Women of the church make thousands of candles for Christmas use, set up their old-fashioned traditional equipment together with improved models in the town of Salem and you can see them at their work. There are other displays as well and so renowned has the affair become that hotels are generally well-filled and you will need to make reservations if you wish to stay in the uptown section. Accommodations outside the central area generally are plentiful.



Merry Christmas

Long-lasting friendships and the ever present desire to serve bring about an understanding of a better way of life and a deeper appreciation of the time-hallowed wish — A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

First State Bank
MORTON, TEXAS
Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

Dr. and Mrs. Dove To Be Honored At Farewell Party Tues., Public Invited

The Board of Directors of West Plains Hospital and Clinic are giving a farewell coffee for Dr. and Mrs. W. S. Dove at Veterans Hall on Tuesday evening, December 28.

Calling hours are seven-thirty until ten o'clock and the general public is invited.

Dr. and Mrs. Dove, who have been here since the hospital opened, are leaving January 1 for Barranquilla, Colombia. Dr. Dove has been Chief of Staff since the hospital and clinic opened.

Dr. Dove practiced medicine and surgery in South America for 18 years, prior to his entry into the army during World War II. He returned to the United States after the war because of the advanced age and illness of his

parents, both of whom died last winter.

Dr. Dove will resume the private practice of medicine in Barranquilla. He is the only American doctor registered in Colombia.

Mrs. Dove, a registered nurse, served in the army during World War II, and was stationed overseas for three years. She has been superintendent of nurses since the hospital opened.

Extension Tries To Cochran Oil Field Underway

Stanolind Oil and Gas company is drilling ahead with its extension tries to the Landon Strawn field of extreme south-central Cochran county.

The No. 1 Adams, 1,063 feet from west and 457 feet from north lines of the south half of section 13, block L, ps1 survey, was below 9,453 feet, penetrating lime.

Stanolind No. 2 Edwards, 660 feet from north and 528 feet from west lines of section 13, block L, ps1 survey, had reached 7,090 feet and boring on in lime and shale.

These two drillsites are about 25 miles southwest of the town of Lehman. The Strawn formation is expected to come in above 10,700 feet.

In east Motley county, Humble Oil and Refining company was making hole with its No. 1-H Matador, rank wildcat 16 miles east of the town of Matador.

On last report, it was under 7,136 feet, drilling in lime and shale.

Location is 660 feet from south and east lines of section 128, block M, Matador Cattle company survey.

Work Underway On Street In Front Of Hospital

Work of improvement was begun this week on the street running east and west in front of West Plains Hospital and between the Plains and Levelland Highway.

Work of scarifying was started Monday, low places filled in and some regrading done.

County Judge Glenn W. Thompson said that the street would be watered and rolled and cut to grade within the next few days; after this, caliche will be put on and then in the spring a top coating of asphalt applied.

VISITING FATHER HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Walker and two sons, Bill and Don of Wichita Falls arrived Friday for a few days visit with her father, W. W. Williamson, Mrs. Williamson, other relatives and friends.

A. A. Committeemen Elected In Recent County Election Announced

The following committeemen were elected to administer the 1949 Agricultural Conservation Program and related programs for the 1949 calendar year:

County Committee: G. C. Keith, chairman; Syd Coffmen, vice-chairman; Elmer Gardner, member; B. H. Tucker, 1st. alternate and W. E. Grantham, 2nd. alternate.

Morton: Vernon Blackley, chairman; L. L. Taylor, vice-chairman; Floss Baldwin, member; Lester Baccus, 1st. alternate; and L. W. Bills, 2nd. alternate.

Lehman: Ford Hawkins, chairman; Kenneth Coffman, vice-chairman; Ralph Gardner, member; N. H. Steed, 1st. alternate; and Joy M. Lane, 2nd. alternate.

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Bledsoe: Clayton Stokes, chair-

man; W. B. Dunn, vice. chairman; A. L. Hicks, member; Woodrow Cunningham, 1st. alternate and Buford Webb, 2nd. alternate.

These committeemen will assume the duties of their office on January 1, and a meeting of 1948 AAA Committeemen; 1949 AAA Committeemen, and representatives of all agricultural agencies will be held on January 5, to discuss the 1949 AAA Program and make plans for administering the program in Cochran County.

WRIGHTS TO CALIFORNIA FOR TWO WEEKS VACATION

Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Wright and children will leave Sunday for a two week's holiday trip to California.

The all expense trip is a gift from the congregation of First Baptist Church, of which Rev. Wright is pastor.

The General Public Is Cordially Invited To Attend A Farewell Coffee In Honor of

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Tuesday Evening, December 28

from Seven Thirty O'clock until Ten

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West Plains Hospital and Clinic

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD CANCELS MON. NIGHT MEET

Regular meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild scheduled for Monday night, December 27 has been cancelled.

Next meeting will be on the regular date, Monday night, January 10 with Mrs. Curtis Chapman as hostess.

RETURN FROM DALLAS

Mr. and Mrs. Homer E. Thompson and son, Bill Ed, returned from Dallas last week. Bill Ed is doing well following the removal of his left kidney in a Dallas hospital.

TO VISIT NEAR HOUSTON

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Porter and son, Jimmie, will spend the Christmas holidays visiting in and near Houston with Mr. Porter's parents, other relatives and friends.

ROY HICKMAN returned Friday night from Rising Star where he has been for several weeks due to the illness and death of his brother.

Riding Circle Around Whitefaces

by Art. N. Wall

One of the best basketball games of this season and one that is still talked of was played at the Whiteface gym last Friday the 10th. The Whiteface first team played a team composed mostly from the school faculty. The faculty team consisted of Mr. Weldon Snodgrass, high school principal, Mr. Orin Dennis, grade school principal, Mr. Nathan Tubbs, assistant coach and commercial teacher, Mr. Roger Harvey, manual training, Mr. Brooks, history teacher, Mr. Jack White, janitor and bus driver, and Mr. Sam Rankin, engineer at Stanolind gasoline plant. Coach Saulser played with the faculty team thus showing the confidence he had in his boys of the first string team to put out a good game. The coach, true to a statement made by Mr. Rankin that the throws would be made backwards to the basket, ran up two points by doing this very thing. It was a fast game all the way with the score ending thirty-four to thirty-two in favor of the first string team. We want to see this faculty team play again.

PTA was well attended Thursday the 16th. It was an enjoyable program, furnishing lots of laughs, with Santa Claus present, lots of candy issued out, and games played. We should try to keep this attendance up now.

This community will be in sympathy with Mrs. Joe Taylor who on December the 10th fractured her right hip. This accident was caused by slipping on a loose rug in her farm home south and east of Whiteface. Mrs. Taylor will be in a cast from four to six weeks. She will remain in the Levelland hospital for a while and later recuperate at her home, returning there sometime through the week of December the 13th.

The Lions club of Whiteface plans a meeting for January 1st. This will be ladies night. There is some discussion of making this meeting "watch night" meeting, watching the old year out and the new year in.

Medford Weaver is moving from his farm south east of Whiteface to Idalou where he

will farm four hundred acres, three hundred of this irrigated.

The evening of December 5th, Sunday, was enjoyed by the young folks of the Methodist church of Whiteface. Some good home-made chili was served by Mrs. Sam Rankin. The evening would have been perfect if Sam Rankin and Art Wall had not started singing. The results of this singing was that the people of Whiteface thought coyotes were in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Neal and son Bobby plan to spend Christmas in East Texas leaving sometime through the week of the 20th. Ben's mother lives near Kilgore.

A Stanolind Oil and Gas Company home is in sorrow this Christmas and all Stanolind employees are shocked at the death of Archie B. Karr who was killed Dec. 16th at the facility plant, an electric power plant, operated by the company at Cedar Lake, thirty miles from Brownfield. Archie was working on the switchboard of the plant, but what he was doing or what happened to cause his electrocution is still being investigated by the company. Archie would have been twenty-eight years old the 18th of February. He leaves a two and a half year old daughter and his wife. We employees extend all sympathy to this family.

Riding straws—This column will be published a few days before Christmas, and I can't help but think of something I saw in driving to Brownfield the other morning. He was a small boy about nine years old walking against a strong north wind and clutched under his right arm was a little Christmas package that he was hanging on to for dear life. Was this package, gaily wrapped, for his mother, father or teacher or a dear friend? It was surely someone he loved maybe bought by his own savings. Ever who the gift was for, he was laying it before his altar, an altar of love. It was his silver piece that causes church bells to ring. It could have been this gift of his was the biggest part of his Christmas. I like to think of this, this Christmas.

Merrie Christmas



If we could greet every one of you personally . . . friends and neighbors of our town . . . we'd take you by the hand and tell you how much your friendship means to us . . . how much we like you and appreciate your kindness and goodwill. From our hearts we wish you every good and perfect gift . . . happiness, joy, peace . . .

Merrie Christmas! . . . Happy New Year!

Morton Tribune

Carl England

Ann England

Bill Garrett

Bill Harris



SEASON'S GREETINGS

Here's a most sincere wish that you and your loved ones enjoy every possible happiness this Yuletide.

RAMSEY Shoe Shop

Holiday Closing Dates Announced By Business Firms

Strickland's Cleaners and Bowman's Tailor Shop will be closed Christmas day, December 25 through Monday, December 27. Both cleaning establishments will reopen Tuesday morning, December 28th.

Other business firms in town will probably only be closed Saturday, December 25th.

The Morton Tribune will be closed all day Friday and Saturday, December 24 and 25.

SPENDING HOLIDAYS HERE IN WILLARD COX HOME

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Senterfitt of San Saba, Texas are spending the holidays here with their daughter, Mrs. Willard Cox, Mr. Cox and the Cox children, Carolyn, Merlyn and Willard, Jr.

Church of Christ Bulletin News

Mrs. H. B. Abbe has been in the West Plains Hospital.

Mrs. R. C. Strickland entertained her Sunday School class with a party on Tuesday night, Dec. 14th.

Twelve young people and the minister, Mr. Randall, of Muleshoe were guests of the Young Peoples Class at the Barnyard party held on Tuesday night, December 14.

Registering Sunday December 12 at the Church of Christ were the following out of town visitors: Mrs. E. E. Daniel, Lehman; Mrs. S. V. Stallings, Stephenville; Clyde Ballenger, Muleshoe; Shirley Cooper, Portales; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Graham, Portales; Mr. and Mrs. Claude Starr and family, Portales, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bates, Bovina, Texas.

A. D. Forehand conducted services at the local church, Sunday, December 19.

Byron Willis will conduct the service on December 26.

TO NEWPORT, ARKANSAS

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cross left Wednesday for Newport, Arkansas, to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Jacobs. They will return to Morton Tuesday.

VISITED IN CHILDRESS

Mr. and Mrs. Hume Russell and son, Jack, spent last week-end visiting in Childress and Esteline, Texas.

MR. and MRS. C. B. MARKHAM are vacationing at Pharr, Texas. MRS. L. W. RAY spent the week-end in San Antonio, Texas and other South Texas points.



THREE-MINUTE SERMON

By T. L. (Jack) Bullard, Pastor Missionary Baptist Church

GOOD TIDING OF GREAT JOY

More than 1900 years ago one of the greatest messages that ever came to the hearts of any people, came to the lonely Shepherds on the hillside. As they kept watch over their flock by night, there appeared to them an Angel. They were afraid but soon their fear was gone. The Angel spoke and said, "Fear not, for I bring unto you good tidings of great joy; for unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour which is Christ the Lord." Soon they decided that they would go and see what this was of which the Angel had spoken.

We see the Shepherds as they began their journey to the little town of Bethlehem. There was a star in the heavens that they followed which brought them to where the Baby Jesus was. No doubt they talked of what they had heard and seen as they walked on their way and perhaps had discussed what they might find when they came to the end of their journey. They were as men are today, unable to realize just what it all meant until they had come face to face with Christ. Men have their ideas about this, that and the other but when they come face to face with the Lord things are different. No doubt these men could see something in this baby that was different to what they had found in any other baby that they had ever seen. There they worshiped the Lord in reality for the first time.

As these men came to the stable where the baby lay in the manger, their hearts were filled to overflowing and they fell down and worshiped the child. Perhaps they said many nice things about the child but Mary kept all these things in her heart. These men had a special message to give to the world as they

TO CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Ramby and daughter, Barbara, and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Riley expect to leave here Sunday for an automobile trip to California. They will visit Mrs. Ramby's mother in San Diego and Mrs. Riley's son. They also plan to attend the football game New Year's day at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California.

went away. Some today wonder what became of the sheep they were watching. Why should they think of the sheep, when they had found something far better than all the sheep in the world. They had something to rejoice over. They had found the Christ, the Saviour of the world. My friend, Christ will be a Saviour to you if you will let him.

May the blessings of the Lord be upon each of you as you go. May there be great joy in your heart as the Yule-Tide rolls on. A very Merry Christmas to each of you. Meet with us every Lord's day and worship with us, where men are men and friends are friends and all love the Lord.

World's Largest Christmas Tree

In the same state, at Wilmington, there stands in Greenfield Park a huge live oak that is known as "The Largest Christmas Tree in the World." Cascaded with lights, it is the hub of Christmas community singing and other Yule events, including a pre-Christmas school for Santa Claus. Accommodations are generally sufficient. All events are free.

The Old Pecan

In much the same vein, developers of a residential section at Dallas—out in Highland Park where Preston straightens its elbow for a straight job north—for many years festooned a huge pecan tree with lights. Now it has become a community project. Each year during the Christmas season, the tree twinkles with hundreds of fair-blue bulbs. Motorists throng for a view of it. If you remember Maeterlinck's "Garden of the Blue Birds," you'll savor something of the beauty of the big old tree that conducts a Christmas celebration all by itself. It's a simple thing the any community can do—the creating of an annual Christmas "Altar to the Stars."

Feast of Bonfires

Christmas Eve at Santa Fe, N. M., gives each tiny hut a chance to shine as brightly as the more pretentious homes. Along the dim and narrow streets, far out into the suburbs and tiny ranches, are lighted hundreds of little bonfires for El Santo Nino (The Christ Child). Also, there are numerous candle-lit Nativity Scenes and the sights and sounds that always spice a Santa Fe fiesta. Interesting at close hand, go out to the mountains at dark and see Santa Fe. From your throne in the blackness, it's breath-taking. And you'll never get the fragrance of the pinon and cedar smoke out of your nostrils.

SINGAPORE, (AP) — Singapore's juvenile delinquents may be sentenced to a term in the children's theatre. It's a new idea for handling wayward children, recently suggested here.

The proposed theatre would be staffed with voluntary workers and would work with the local government's social welfare organization.

Under-age committers of minor offences would be handed over to the social welfare group to help work or act in the children's playhouse. Then, after their "time" has been served, they could return to the theatre voluntarily and help run it.

IT'S CHRISTMAS

We are grateful for the custom of extending Christmas greetings. It gives us an opportunity to tell you how much we appreciate your friendly patronage.

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Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Vernon

O. D. Vernon Attends Permain Basin Water, Sewer Meet at Denver City

Members and guests of the Permain Basin Water and Sewer Association held their regular meeting in Denver City at the Shell Recreation Hall Tuesday evening, Dec. 14 at 7 o'clock. The majority of towns in the association were represented at the meeting. The association were guests of the Denver City members.

This organization has members in more than twenty cities and towns in this area. The present officers who have just been installed for the coming year are as follows: President, E. L. Killingsworth, City Engineer, Big Springs, Vice-President, Alf Wright, Water Superintendent, Odessa; Secretary, N. B. McCaulough, Water Superintendent, Lubbock.

The meeting got underway after a fine meal served by the Denver City O. E. S. Mayor H. C. Cotton, of Denver City, a member of the association, gave a brief welcome address and turned the meeting over to the president. The meeting was more or less open discussion by members formulating plans for the coming year's activities.

One aim of the association for the year is to educate the public to problems involved in operation of water supply systems. It was decided to make these facts known through local newspapers by stating facts concerning local water systems, their operation and problems confronting them. Also to bring the fact before civic and service clubs of each community.

Another project to be furthered is to obtain an increase in salary

for water supply maintenance men. At the present rate of pay skilled men are hard to secure and in general the organization felt that all personnel was under paid considering the training required to fill these jobs.

Following is a list of the cities that have members in the association: Andrews, Big Spring, Brownfield, Colorado City, Crane, Denver City, Kermit, Lamesa, Levelland, Littlefield, Loraine, Lubbock, McCamey, Midland, Monahans, Morton, Odessa, O'Donnell, Post, Seagraves, Slaton and Wink.

O. D. Vernon of the Morton Water Department attended the banquet and meeting.

It is difficult for other people to see a man who is wrapped up in himself.



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WESTERN ABSTRACT

M. C. Ledbetter
J. B. Knox

Gin Operators Sued By Attorney General

Austin, (AP)—Charges of unlawful price fixing were filed in the 53rd District court here today against operators of five Levelland cotton gins.

The suit filed by Attorney General Price Daniel alleged that R. D. McDonald, Levelland Farmers Cooperative gin, Lawrence France and others, W. H. and Howard Brown, and J. L. Smallwood entered into a price-fixing agreement in violation of the state's anti-trust laws.

Essarys, Cravys Held Open House Thursday Night

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Cravy and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Essary held Open House in the home of the former on Thursday night, December 16. About 100 guests called between seven and ten o'clock. Musical selections were played by Mrs. Peque Houston and E. A. Timian and carols were sung. Coffee and fruit cake was served by Mrs. Scott Hawkins, Mrs. Mike Fowler, Mrs. Houston and Miss Marie Baldwin. The lace covered refreshment table was centered with a "Pop-corn" tree decorated with gum drops, set in angel hair and flanked by red candles in crystal holders. There was a large illuminated Christmas tree in the living room.

Farm Machinery Makes Big Progress in Past Few Years

Early Texas farmers produced cotton with the hand hoe and the sweep stock. Riding mule-drawn planters, and one-row cultivation was unknown until the cultivator was developed in the 1880's and 1890's. 100 acres was a large crop for a farmer to grow back in those early days.

Today 1000 acres or more of cotton is not uncommon for a Texas farmer because of the progress that has been made in mechanization since the introduction of the two-row tractor of 25 years ago together with the many cotton mechanical inventions of the past decade.

Although strippers and pickers were experimented with nearly 100 years ago, still little progress was made in their use until attention was given to the effect of varietal characteristics of their performance.

Bulletin 704, by H. P. Smith, research agricultural engineer of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, and D. L. Jones, superintendent of the Lubbock Experiment Station, present highlights of cotton production and show how mechanization has been developed to meet these problems and will furnish valuable information to cotton farmers.

To mention a few of these modern machines: In the disposal of crop residue, is the rolling type two-row stalk cutter; the special "squadron" a four-row cutter unit; the power cutter-shredder machine, as well as other types. In the preparation of the seed bed is the three-bottom moldboard plow (turning), the three-disc, the lister, chisel-type implement and a wide variety of harrows.

Then come the different varieties of planting machines with their different attachments making them suitable for the different modes of planting. To these have been added machines with which to fertilize the crop, capable of mixing the fertilizer with the soil in the seed-bed instead of on top of the ground, and the latest and most simple way of fertilizing through irrigation with liquid fertilizers.

The old hoe is hard to find on farms except in the garden, machinery that chops cotton as well as weeding it are being used as well as machines that cultivate by flame ridding the field of weeds and grass. Spray machines chase and kill injurious insects that once sit down on the farmer's crop and staid put until it was destroyed.

Not all these machines are perfect, but what a life they have been to the cotton farmers of Texas. They will become more perfect as time goes on, cotton will be improved until these harvesting machines will get the job done in right shape.

All in all, it is a bright sunrise to the Texas cotton farmer as he surveys his present machinery and looks forward to tomorrow when things will be even better.

A story was carried in The Herald recently about an attachment that separates green bolls from the lint, another of the latest achievements of harvesting the large cotton crop of Texas.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh



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It's the uniform of an army—the great army of American farmers who, by their productivity, are

helping to keep this nation strong—bolstering the forces of democracy that guard our freedom.

And in their way of life, too, they are champions of freedom. Temperate folk who enjoy a moderate glass of beer—but never quarrel with those who prefer cider. Tolerant people who fight to the bitter end against oppression and intolerance. From where I sit, a credit to America!

Joe Marsh

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Numerous Violations Noted Recently Of State Driving Laws In Local Area

Numerous violations of state driving laws have been noted recently and efforts are being made by the Highway Patrol Division of the State Department of Public Safety to prevent further repetitions, according to Patrolman Roland.

Mr. Roland also pointed out that every trailer, truck, pick-up or panel truck must have two red reflectors on the rear, in addition to the tail light. Farm trailers are not exempt; they must have reflectors and a burning tail light. The reflectors must be red and of sufficient brilliance to be seen from a distance of 500 feet.

Every driver who is involved in an accident where the damage amounts to more than \$25 or where some one is injured must make a written report to the Department of Public Safety on the prescribed forms. These forms are available in the office of the Highway Patrol or from the Sheriff.

VISITING PARENTS HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Warton and son, Benny of Onida, South Dakota, are spending the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Warton, Maple.

Health For All

(The following information comes from a reliable source and is furnished for your information)

Whooping Cough

For some reason, probably because it is so common among children, whooping cough is seldom taken as seriously as it should be. Most mothers are terrified at the mention of some childhood diseases, yet refer lightly to "only a case of whooping cough."

Easily spread from person to person, whooping cough causes more deaths in children under five years than measles, diphtheria and scarlet fever combined. Besides being dangerous in itself, whooping cough may bring serious complications. A child with a severe attack of whooping cough becomes vulnerable to bronchopneumonia, pleurisy or even pulmonary tuberculosis.

Years ago, parents felt that whooping cough was unavoidable and resigned themselves to their children having it at some time. We know today that whooping cough is preventable. Of course, a good way to avoid it is by keeping away from anyone who has it. But it is not always possible to avoid exposure to whooping cough terms. Whooping cough, in fact, is most catching in the early stages before the characteristic whoop has made its appearance and it is considered "just a cold." Often without realizing it, people are exposed to these germs in street cars, theatres, schools, churches and daily contacts.

There is now a vaccine which offers immunity to whooping cough. Most doctors advise the injection of this vaccine between the third and ninth months of a child's life. Mothers should take every advantage of this immunization. Records show that if given at least three months before exposure, the vaccine will prevent the disease in 85 per cent of the children vaccinated. The remainder of children injected are apt to have a less severe attack than they would otherwise.

Epidemics of whooping cough strike most often in winter and early spring. Children from one to ten years are most frequently infected with it, and it is particularly severe in babies of six months to one year of age. An effective serum is available for treatment of babies, and others in whom there is reason to believe the disease may be particularly severe.

The grave danger of whooping cough is the fact that its first signs resemble those of a cold and so may be neglected. Early symptoms include a running nose, dry cough and slight fever, and it is in this stage that whooping cough is most easily spread. If a child's "cold" hangs on, the doctor should be consulted without delay. To wait for the characteristic "whoop" of the disease is to delay treatment until it is in a serious stage.

The critical stage of whooping cough lasts about six weeks, but the cough may persist and the patient remain weak for months. The child who contracts it must be watched carefully during the period of convalescence, since at that time his resistance is low and he is an easy prey to other diseases in this weakened condition.

Only about one seventh of an iceberg floats above water.

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LOOKING AHEAD

By George S. Benson, President, Harding College, Searcy, Ark.

A FRESH START FOR LABOR

Our unions have been accused of "Communism" many times in recent years. Sometimes the charge has not stood up under close examination. At other times, labor organizations have faced the music and set about the job of cleaning out dangerous, un-American elements. A recent decision of the CIO rank and file to clean house is an example of the latter. Philip Murray and others helping in this unsavory task surely merit our full support.

American labor itself knows that the charge of "Communism" is sometimes voiced carelessly. Labor, too, is acquainted with the propaganda technique that tacks unpleasant names upon worthy groups. That's done too often. Such a method itself reminds us of the ways of Communists in dealing with persons and groups they consider enemies. But when a labor official openly preaches what Communists stand for, what else can be the accusation?

Clever but Risky

Most of us little know what masters the Communists are at clever organization. They do make good union workers. If they can find a union whose leadership is untrained, or members uninterested, they know how to take over. The Communists want to use labor unions as outlets for their propaganda. They want new recruits. Naturally, they want to have access to union funds. From union treasuries can come paychecks for faithful, advance-agents of Communism!

Moreover, a union base for operations is just what the agents of Communism want most. This gives them a chance to see what they can do to insure failure for the enterprise system. With the reins of union leadership in their hands, it is no trouble at all to make excessive demands upon employers, to stir up unjustified strikes and slowdowns. Industrial espionage for Russia is easy then, and in case of war, sabotage can be undertaken.

Subversive Boast

These are some of the reasons why we must get behind Phil Murray and the CIO in their effort to oust fifth columnists from their unions. More than that, we must become acquainted with the ways of the Communist. You know, American Communists have boasted that a dozen non-Communists stand ready to do the work and the bidding of each party member. This means that well-intentioned persons may find themselves doing things just the way the Communists want them done.

We must be alert for the Communist attitude, as well as for the Communist himself. In every community, good citizens, we must watch for the fellows that want to sow discord and plant the seeds of strife. If there's honest disagreement, or differences of opinion, we are free to discuss these over the conference table. When we're unwilling to do that,

we may be boosting the stock of the Communists in our own America.

Which Team?

Here's what I mean by the Communist attitude. A certain California union organizer said he operated in this manner: No negotiations during a dispute until the management is made to look bad to the public, in every way. This labor official frankly stated he would not begin negotiations until the point is reached where management appeared in the eyes of the public to be selfish, greedy, crooked.

Then, said the organizer, when labor was shown to be helpless and in need of protection, he was ready for conferences. Like this labor man, there are those who sometimes fail to see which team they're on. The pity is that so many lend themselves to the purposes of those who would destroy America and all that labor stands for. One of the prime objects of the Communist is to create bitterness, anywhere and everywhere. Whenever he can, he'll turn employee against employer!

Have you heard Dr. Benson and the radio drama, "Land of the Free"? Check your local station for time.

Husbands Party Held Wednesday By 1936 Study Club

The 1936 Study Club entertained with the annual Christmas party and dinner for husbands in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Strickland, Wednesday night, December 15th.

Hostesses were Mesdames Strickland, Jess Burns, Joe Gipson, J. A. Gowdy, L. F. Hargrove, Pat Hatcher, R. C. Ross, Albert Morrow and F. F. Roberts. Candy walking canes marked places for the men and silvered bells, with small vials of perfume forming the clapper, marked places for the ladies. Each table was laid with a linen cloth and centered with a large red lighted candle surrounded by holly. Candles, holly and pine cones formed the buffet decoration.

A large and unusually pretty Christmas tree highlighted the living room decorations. Gifts were exchanged by the following members and guests: Mr. and Mrs. Jess Burns, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Cravy, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gipson, Mr. Fred Stockdale and Mrs. J. A. Gowdy, Mrs. Roy Hill and Mrs. Elizabeth Greer, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Hargrove, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Hatcher, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Knox, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Ledbetter, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Strickland, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Morrow, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. James St. Clair, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hawthorne, Mr. and Mrs. Hume Russell, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Barker.

Homemaker Class Christmas Party Held Tues. Night

Homemakers Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. W. L. Taylor for the annual Christmas social, Tuesday night, December 14th.

Each guest made a gift and these were exchanged by drawing numbers.

The Taylor home was decorated in a holiday motif. Guests present were Mrs. Alton Burleson, Mrs. W. A. Wood, Mrs. T. D. Marshall, Mrs. L. M. Baldwin, Mrs. E. R. Fincher, Mrs. J. O. Gathright, Mrs. Bessie Curtis, Mrs. Bert Jennings, Mrs. Grimley, Mrs. Ponds, Mrs. John Sullivan, Mrs. McKinzie, Mrs. W. K. Horn, Mrs. W. J. Weakes, Mrs. E. E. Scott, Mrs. Emma Byrd, Mrs. T. H. Wood and Mrs. Taylor.

During the period June, 1944 to May, 1945, 30 million pounds of ice cream mix were used by the Navy.

FRED STOCKDALE
Lawyer
Morton, Texas

VAN GREENE SPENT WEEK-END IN ANSON, TEXAS

Van Greene spent the week-end in Anson, Texas, where his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. McCright, were celebrating their sixtieth wedding anniversary.

Mr. Greene made the trip to and from Lubbock by plane. He was joined in Anson by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Greene of Lamesa and other members of his family.

DINNER GUESTS

Dinner guests Friday evening, December 17, in the Carl England home were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Louder and Miss Ruth Caldwell, Seagraves, Dr. and Mrs. W. S. Dove and Dr. Dan A. Harrison.

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PIGGLY
WIGGLY

SEASON'S GREETINGS



Like the Christmas carolers of old, we lift our voices to sing the age-long, sweet and heartfelt wish . . . MERRY CHRISTMAS!

COCHRAN COUNTY MOTOR COMPANY

W. W. Smith C. M. (Charley) Cravy

Morton Girls Team Lose by 1 Point to Levelland; Boys Defeated 33 to 10

One-half of the first round of the annual Levelland high school cage tourney was completed Thursday night when both the Levelland "A" and "B" boys teams and the Whiteface and Levelland girls teams were winners. Levelland "A" Lobos outscored

the Morton Indians, 33 to 10, with Pete Morris leading the way with ten points.

The Lobos were unable to hit the basket at times, while the visiting Indians finally hit a field basket early in the third quarter, after a 10 to 1 lead at halftime.

Larry Roberts and Bobby Garrison got six points each and Hull of Morton five.

In a girls game, Whiteface beat out the Muleshoe sextet, 54 to 12, with Bonnie Lewis hitting 20 points and Betty Reynolds 17 for the Cochran countians.

The Levelland B-stringers run roughshod over the Brownfield B Cubs, 41 to 7.

In another feminine game, Levelland edged out the Morton Indian Maids, 32 to 31. Phyllis Tipton hit 14 points for Levelland and Fincher got 8 for Morton.

The box scores:

	fg	ft	tp
Morton (boys)	1	1	3
McDaniel f	1	1	3
Hill f	2	1	5
Winder c	0	0	0
Cox c	1	0	2
Moore g	0	0	0
Coleman g	0	0	0
Yeary g	0	0	0
Totals	4	2	10
Levelland	fg	ft	tp
Pugh f	2	0	4
Lumohries f	0	1	1
Garrison f	3	0	6
Rainey f	1	0	2
Guinn c	2	0	4
Watson c	0	0	0
Roberts g	3	0	6
Morris g	4	2	10
Totals	15	3	33
Levelland (girls)	fg	ft	tp
S. Shrum f	3	1	7
Tipton f	5	4	14
Sewell f	0	0	0
Carr f	4	3	11
Gillespie g	0	0	0
Neal g	0	0	0
Sikes g	0	0	0
C. Shrum g	0	0	0
Blackard g	0	0	0
Totals	12	8	32
Morton	fg	ft	tp
Fincher f	3	2	8
Jeter f	0	0	0
Russell f	0	0	0
Monroe f	1	1	3
Wages f	3	2	8
Weed f	5	2	12
Willis g	0	0	0
Williams g	0	0	0
Winder g	0	0	0
Zuber g	0	0	0
Alford g	0	0	0
Yarborough g	0	0	0
Totals	12	7	31



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Some words grow brighter with usage, and "Merry Christmas" shines brightest of all. Happy words snow generously—friendly words, harvested in good will.

JOE PIERCE
Cochran County and District Clerk

Nursery Group Visited Friday By Santa Claus

Children in the "Little Folk" nursery school, conducted by Mrs. Joe Gipson, and friends were visited by Santa Claus in the school room at a Christmas party Friday morning, December 17. He presented each child with a bag of "goodies".

Preceding the exchange of gifts, each child appeared on the program, carols were sung and Christmas readings given.

Traditional Christmas decorations were used throughout the school room.

Attending the party: Kindergarten Students "Missy Barker, Mary Ormand, Janice Timian, Jimmy St. Clair, Larry Combs, Larry Seha n, Mike Fowler, Lowell Hatcher, James Robert Lively, Pattie Hall, Deane Robertson, Raymond Davis, Gary Don Essary, Bill Edd Rice and Carmen Money.

Guests present: Tommy Combs, Judy Lawson, Sandra St. Clair, Jamie Davis, Cathy Huggins, Grover Tice, Roy Tucker, Ronnie Sehan, Mary Lois St. Clair, Barbara Alsop, Kay Baker, Donna Baker, Peggy Farmer, Shawnee Waddell, Rodney Holloman, George Graham, III, Bert Reeves, Jr., Terry Watson, Anna Jo Watson, Rob Barnard, Tommy K. Weaver, Dan Cravy, Ray Cravy, Vivian Ledbetter, Betty Ledbetter, Sonny Ledbetter, Jan Hawthorne, Willard Cox, Jr.

Mothers attending: Mrs. Cliff Davis, Mrs. Pat Hatcher, Mrs. Frank Barker, Mrs. Emil Timian, Mrs. Andrew Essary, Mrs. Mike Fowler, Mrs. Parnell Sehan, Mrs. Charlie Cravy, Mrs. Ellsworth Barnard, Mrs. Jack Rice, Mrs. George Graham, Jr., Mrs. Robert Lively, Mrs. H. B. Spotts, Mrs. Bert Reeves, Mrs. Tubby Holloman, Mrs. B. H. Tucker, Mrs. Woody Combs, Mrs. Bob Waddell, Mrs. James St. Clair, Mrs. M. C. Ledbetter, Mrs. L. E. Huggins, Mrs. Lloyd Alsop, Mrs. Jiggs Baker, Mrs. Regan Ormand, Mrs. Charlie Money, Mrs. Michael and Miss Yvonne Gipson.

What the Average Housewife Looks For In Potatoes?

Ask the average housewife what she looks for in potatoes, and here's what she'll likely tell you: a medium size potato that is clean, has a smooth skin, no spots, few eyes—and eyes that are not so deep. She also likes potatoes to be light colored and undamaged.

This is what the USDA found in a recent survey of housewives, says Myrtle Murray, extension home marketing specialist of Texas A. and M. College. Miss Murray says the housewives' ideal potato is one that will cook up soft, mealy, and even throughout without falling apart.

Housewives buy the medium sized potato because it's the best size for judging portions, it's easy to peel and handle, and can be used for many purposes. The small ones take too much time and too much work to prepare. The large ones do have one advantage, and that's baking. But housewives will tell you that the large ones often have black spots in the center. Those are the reasons Mrs. Average Housewife picks out the medium sized potato.

Oldsmobile Offers Smooth, Quiet and Flashing Power In 1949 Series "98"

"Never before has the Oldsmobile owner been offered so much smooth, quiet, flashing power under the hood as he is getting in the 1949 Series "98" Futuramic Oldsmobile placed on display today throughout the nation," J. F. Wolfram, chief engineer at Oldsmobile Division of General Motors Corporation, announces.

"Chief characteristic of the new Oldsmobile "Rocket" engine is its seemingly effortless performance, coupled with economy in operation. It develops 20 horsepower more than Oldsmobile's 1948 in-line eight-cylinder engine, and at the same time delivers more mileage per gallon," he pointed out.

"The new 1949 Oldsmobile "Rocket" engine is basically designed for a compression ratio of 12 to 1," Mr. Wolfram explained. "At present, it has a ratio of 7.25 to 1 because high-octane fuels of the proper rating are not yet available at the nation's gas

pumps," he stated. "Ultimate fuel saving in the Oldsmobile eight-cylinder high-compression engine, when it reaches the 12 to 1 ratio, will be approximately 33-1.3 percent. Our engineers are prepared to make the minor changes required for a 12 to 1 compression ratio just as soon as the higher octane gasoline is on the market in sufficient quantity to meet the anticipated demand."

The six-cylinder in-line engine in the Series "76" Futuramic Oldsmobile model for 1949 also has a higher horsepower rating than the 1948 "Six," Mr. Wolfram further explained.

By means of a longer piston stroke, a slightly larger piston bore, and a heavier crankshaft, the Oldsmobile "Big Six" has been boosted in rating to 105 h. p. "This increase in power," Mr. Wolfram says, "gives the new 1949 "Futuramic" Series "76" fleetness in performance in keeping with its fleetness in styling."

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

The glow of wonder in a small child's eyes, the gleam of church spires lifted to the skies, makes this day shine with meaning —set apart— and lights a lamp of faith in every heart.

GREETINGS

To one and all we send a joyous Christmas greeting...and hearty best wishes that your New Year may bring you every good and perfect gift!

ODELL SMITH
County Treasurer

SANDERS IMPLEMENT CO.

MOVED TO WEATHERFORD

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Alexander, formerly of Enochs, moved last week to Weatherford. They are living at 203 North Main Street. The Alexanders are parents of Mrs. J. D. Hawthorne.

DR. LOUIS N. PODESTA JOINS HALE COUNTY COOP HOSPITAL

Dr. Louis N. Podesta has joined the Hale County Co-Operative Hospital at Hale Center, Texas, succeeding Dr. Eugene Ermini, who resigned to accept a position with a hospital on the west coast. Dr. Podesta was formerly associated with West Plains Hospital and Clinic and moved from Morton to Denver City, Texas.

VISITING HERE

Clarence Tipton of Artesia, New Mexico arrived Monday for a visit with old friends. He is a house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Crockett.

Mr. Tipton lived in Cochran county until 1931, when he moved to Ruidoso.

WANT ADS

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Modern 4-room house, two lots, near school—See Walter Holt. 45p

FOR SALE—2 weaning pigs, one Shetland mare, good child's pony—See Fred Collins at Soil Conservation Office. 43p

FOR SALE—Cafe Equipment—See Elma Seaney at Doss Food Store. rtnc

FOR SALE—Ford Tractor and Equipment—H. B. Dawdy, Morton, Texas. 45p

FOR SALE—3 room House, barn, windmill and pipe, to be moved and lease 97 acres land. Will consider lease and leaving buildings on place—See H. E. Powell, inquire at Standard Abstract. 43p

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Weaning Pigs—H. T. Carpenter, 2 miles South, 1 west, Lehman. 43p

FOR SALE—Clean '47 Chevrolet, Kaiser, '39 Ford Sedan with new motor, '40 model International Pick-up—COCHRAN COUNTY MOTOR CO. 43c

FOR SALE—New 3 room semi-modern house to be moved—See or write L. A. Stephenson, or C. D. Smith, Dora, N. M. 44p

FOR SALE—Regular Farmall and equipment—7 miles north and 1 east; Raymond Hall. 43p

FOR SALE—Exceptionally nice 320 acre dry land farm within 12 miles of Portales, New Mexico. Six room modern home with all city conveniences. Extra good land, 250 acres in cultivation. This farm will pay for itself in one year. Price \$55.00 per acre with one-half mineral rights. No better land anywhere! An ideal country home! For further particulars, contact J. M. Foster or W. D. Pate at the Foster Agency, 113 S. E. Main Street, Portales, New Mexico. 43c

FOR SALE—Single phase, 5 HP Electric Motor—Hawkins Oldsmobile Co. rtnc

Furniture Makes an Ideal Christmas Gift—Todd Furniture Store.

FOR SALE—For the finest Christmas Trees in Spruce or Douglas Fir—See George Graham at residence, 1 1/2 blocks south of funeral home; prices 50c and up. 43c

FOR SALE—F-20 Farmall Tractor with 4-row equipment, including knife heads. One 4 bale Cotton Trailer; 4-row Steel Stalk Cutter; One 1940 International Pick-up; priced to sell—Charles Abbe, 1 mile south and 2 west of Maple. 44p

FOR SALE—Modern, new 3 room house with bath—See Gayle Bishop or phone 101. rtnc

FOR SALE—Modern 4 room House and lot in Morton—See Zed Robinson, Enochs, Tex. 44p

FOR SALE—42 model, 23 ft. National Trailer, clean, see at Corde's Trailer Camp. 43p

FOR SALE—14x16 Granary, Two Brooder Houses, 14x28 House, 40,000 ft. building materials; priced right—W. G. Heflin, one mile north, 1/2 west Morton. 44p

FOR SALE—Bargains in Used Furniture—Todd Furniture Store.

FOR SALE—Comfort Tractor Covers, heavy duty treated canvas, available for any make tractor—McALISTER-HUGGINS. rtnc

FOR SALE—One-shot Permanent Anti-Freeze, 93 percent Pure Glycol—Greene Supply Co. rtnc

FOR SALE—Half Section, well improved, all in cultivation, irrigation district, 4 miles north, 2 east Morton—Louie Taylor, Route Two. rtnc

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Small furnished house, butane, chicken house and cow barn, 4 miles south of Morton—See E. N. Darland. 43p

MISCELLANEOUS

NOTICE TO ALL FARMERS: We now have tractor covers in stock for most makes and models. Fix your tractor so it will keep you warm during winter driving. We also have tractor parts and some good used 4-row tractors and equipment—Your friendly CONSUMER'S SUPPLY COMPANY in Morton. rtnc

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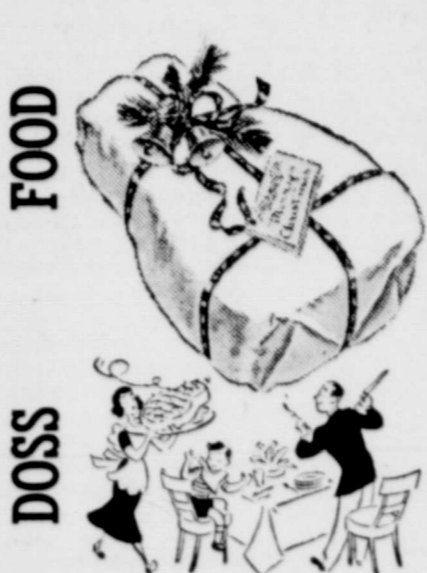
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Christmas Time In Washington

by Tex Easley

AP Special Washington Service Washington, (AP)—At least seven of Texas' 21 members of the house plan to spend Christmas here—all for the same important reason.

They all have children in local schools.

Rather than have sons and daughters transplanted in the midst of their school year (each regular session of Congress starts in early January), the seven have had their families here through the fall while most of their colleagues were back home.

The seven are Reps. Paul Kilday, San Antonio; Ed Gossett, Wichita Falls; Frank Wilson, Dallas; Albert Thomas, Houston; Tom Pickett, Palestine; Olin Teague, College Station; and John Lyle, Corpus Christi.

Senator and Mrs. Tom Connally also will spend Christmas in Washington.

Around The Capitol:

The Christmas cards sent out by the Ed Gossetts are really noteworthy. They show the congressman and his attractive wife and their five children. Identified on the card, which bears greetings "from the Ed Gossett family," are: Judy, Mary Ellen (Mrs. Gossett), Stephen, Sarah Jane, Glenn, Melissa, Ed.

So handsome a family group are the Gossetts—Glenn, the oldest child, is but 7—that the Connecticut Avenue studio which made the picture is displaying a big enlargement in its show window.

DOROTHY BARKER and HELEN BUTTS were Lubbock visitors Thursday.



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Garrison Honored As No. 1 Peace Officer Of World

by BO BYERS

Austin, (AP)—Col. Homer Garrison, jr.—No. 1 peace officer of the world.

That's what they called him at a recent dinner honoring the director of the Texas Department of Public Safety after he had been elected president of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Tribute came from many men. Bob Dysart, Fort Worth chief of police and president of the Texas Police Association, said it first:

"Col. Garrison is not only the number one peace officer of Texas, but he is now the number one peace officer internationally. Texas peace officers respect him no end. I have never heard a single man speak a derogatory word of Homer Garrison."

Albert Sidney of Dallas, a member of the Public Safety Commission and one of the commissioners who originally named Garrison public safety director, expressed appreciation of the fine work done by Garrison and his department.

He remembered that the final ballot on which the commission chose Garrison director in 1938 "was based on what a fine woman his wife was. We knew he couldn't go wrong."

Johnson recalled "the natural suspicions that surrounded the creation of a new state department—fear that it would take away power from local officers."

"Cynics said, 'Well, it's started off all right, but just wait. It will be in politics. The meat system won't work.'"

Then Johnson thundered: "It's not in politics. There's no favoritism, and it's up to us and the people of Texas to see it never gets in politics."

Gov. Beauford H. Jester paid final homage.

He looked at the crowd of 225 persons who filled the hotel ballroom and observed that a cross section of every business and industry, all levels of state government, and every branch of law enforcement in Texas was present to honor Garrison.

"Texas honors its number one peace officer," said Jester. "... We are grateful to you. You have given us a fine department of public safety, a department known throughout the nation."

Garrison, a 47-year-old husky who started his law enforcement career as deputy sheriff of Angelina county at 19, acknowledged the praise.

"I have always prided myself on the ability to rise to any occasion, but I can't tonight."

"This tribute and recognition—I don't feel it should come to me tonight, but to the men of my organization. I want them all to stand up so you can see them."

There was hearty applause for the men in the blue uniforms of the Highway Patrol, brown of the Driver's License Division, and plain clothes of other office workers.

Then Garrison gave credit to his "bosses" for helping him to reach the top. First of his bosses, he said, was "My Dad, Homer Garrison, sr., who has set the pattern for me to follow. He moved a lot of obstacles out of the path and made it easy for me to follow in his footsteps."

Garrison also praised Dan Moody, who was governor when he joined the license and weight division in 1929; Johnson; Jester; George Pendergast, his "boss" as chairman of the Commission of Public Safety; Supreme Court Chief Justice J. E. Hickman; and Attorney General Price Daniel.

Garrison was a deputy sheriff until 1929, became a member of the Highway Patrol when it was consolidated with the license and weight division in 1930, and was assistant director of the Department of Public Safety from 1935 to 1938.

1948 Hybrid Corn Acreage One-Half Of State's Total According To USDA

According to the USDA crop estimates, Texas acreage in corn hybrids in 1948 was right at one-half of the total corn acreage of the state, says E. A. Miller, extension agronomist of Texas A. and M. College. And this was 33 percent above last year's hybrid corn acreage. That was almost double the 1946 hybrid acreage.

The first year corn hybrids were available in Texas was back in 1941, when only 33 thousand acres were planted. Reason for this was that the farmers couldn't get more. This amounted to only one percent of the state acreage total, says Miller. Since that time there has been a steady increase in hybrid planting. In 1944, the corn hybrid acreage amounted to only 122 thousand acres—three per cent of the total corn acreage. And the hybrid corn acreage has been steadily gaining up to this year. In 1948 it was nearly a million and a half acres, which amounted to 50 percent.

Looking at the hybrid corn situation on a little larger scale, 75 per cent of the United States corn total is planted in hybrids, mostly in the corn belt section. In the South, Texas and Oklahoma lead in hybrid corn production. Farmers all over the corn

section are becoming convinced that it pays to plant hybrid corn, says Miller. Last year, for example, county agents reported 2,191 completed hybrid corn demonstrations by adults and 2,016 by 4-H club boys.

The average increased yield of adapted corn hybrids over the best pollinated varieties is different in one part of the state from yields in another part. But in most cases it runs around 20 to 30 per cent, and sometimes even higher.

The Tyler and Denton Experiment Substations and the Brazos River Field Station near College Station are examples of a higher per cent increased yield, says Miller.

It's not hard to see that corn hybrids in Texas have climbed the ladder of popularity in the past seven years.

ATTENDED FUNERAL

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Baldwin were in Honey Grove recently where they attended the funeral of a relative of Mr. Baldwins.

LUBBOCK VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Willis were Lubbock business visitors Thursday.



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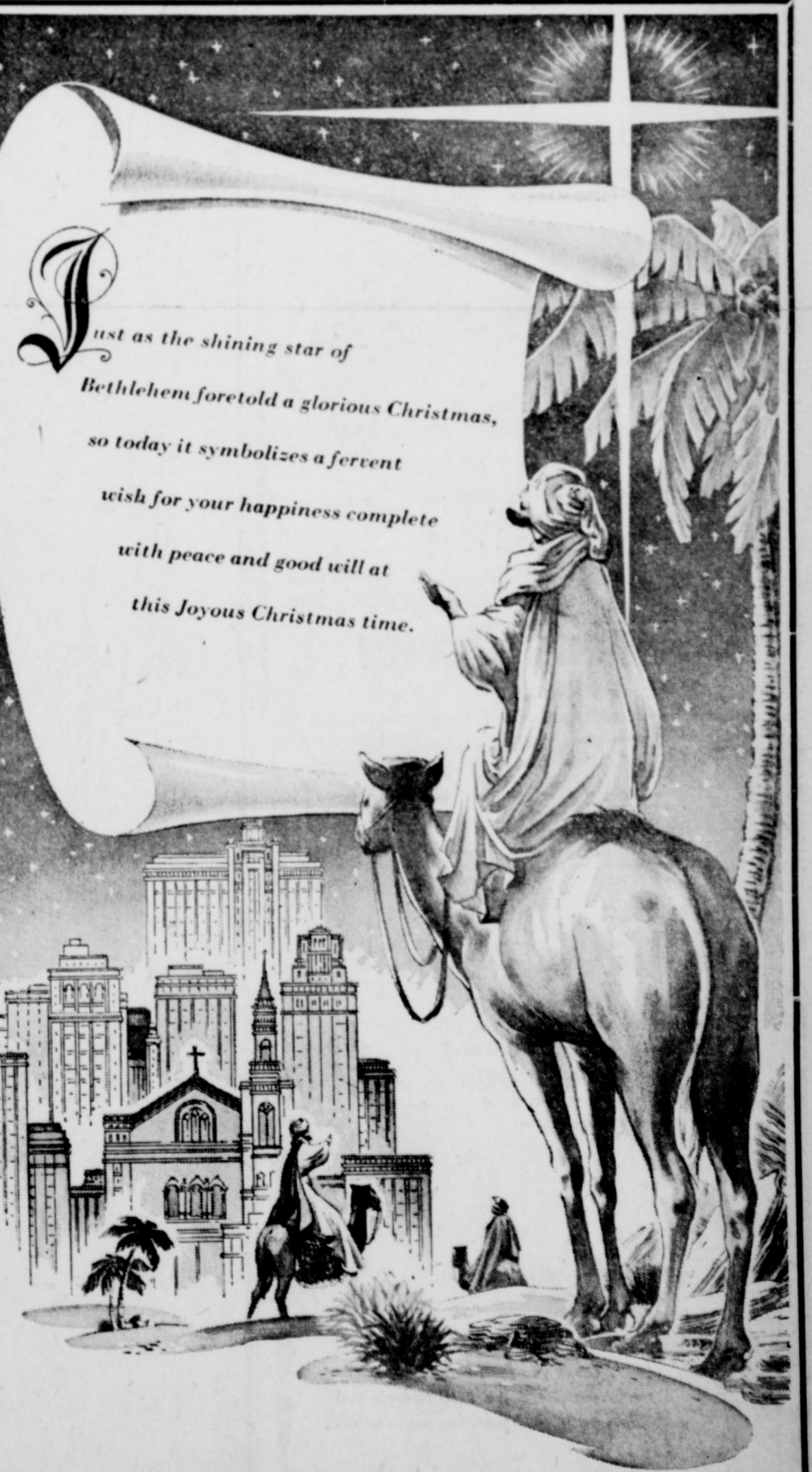
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GOD'S CHRISTMAS GIFT

By Father John McGinn

The peace and joy of Christmas for all real Christians is rich and full of overflowing. But one cannot escape a pang of regret at the millions of men throughout the world, and the throngs in our own land, who neither understand nor believe that the Son of God became Man.

In its deepest significance, Christmas is a mystery of faith which no mind can completely fathom. But the human mind and heart, illumined and warmed by grace, will find in contemplation of the Christ Child food for a lifetime of reflection, and strength for all the troubles and sorrows of life.

Before the coming of Christ, sinful man was adrift from God. A darkness enveloped his mind which prevented him from knowing the way to his heavenly home; a fatal weakness made it impossible to travel the road to God's kingdom; and a roadblock—created by sin—made entrance into heaven an utter impossibility.

But God is a God of love. He had it in His heart, not only to forgive man's indignities and transgressions, but to do so in such a way as to soften the most obdurate of men. Of course, in His thought and will there were all manner of possibilities for man's enlightenment, sustenance and redemption. And among those possibilities was a Bethlehem, which was to lead to the Hidden Life, the Public Ministry, the Cross, the Resurrection—and to man's temporal and eternal salvation.

Could God have chosen a better way to teach us than by sending His only begotten Son, Jesus, to instruct us in our own native tongue? Could He have made virtue more attractive than by showing us, in the daily actions of Christ, how God would have us live? And though He might have redeemed us at less cost to Mary's Son, He wished to show us how much God can love—that was His Christmas Gift to you, to me, and to all mankind.

\$345 Offered In Prizes In Texas History Writing Contest For Young People

AUSTIN—A first prize of \$100 will be awarded the winner of the 1948-1949 Junior Historian Contest sponsored by the Texas State Historical Association. Twelve papers will receive awards totaling \$345.

Contest entries may deal with any topic in Texas history, but contestants are urged to work on some subject related to their community or local history. Suggested for topics are: cattle, trails, saddles, Indian depredations, transportation, natural history, exploration, oil, economic,

political, or biographical subjects.

"Any boy or girl in Texas under twenty-one years of age may become eligible for competition," stated H. Bailey Carroll, editor of "The Junior Historian," the magazine of the Association which is written almost exclusively by young Texans.

April 1, 1949, is announced as the closing date of the contest. All interested are invited to write for further information to The Junior Historian, Box 2131 University Station, Austin 12, Texas.

Mrs. C. A. Baird Hosts Happy Hour Sewing Club

Mrs. C. A. Baird was hostess to the Happy Hour Sewing Club for mid-day Christmas dinner at her home south of Morton Thursday, December 16.

Tables for four were laid with colorful cloths and napkins carrying out a holiday theme. Small frosted Christmas trees marked places.

A poem, "No Room at the Inn", was read by the president, Mrs. L. E. Huggins. After which "Secret Pals" were revealed by the exchange of gifts from a beautifully decorated tree. Mrs. L. W. Ray and Mrs. L. A. Cochran distributed the gifts. Small potted air-plants were presented each member by Mrs. Lem Chesher and Mrs. Huggins gave each one a booklet of Bible verses.

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Mrs. Carl Alexander, who with her family is leaving soon to make their home in Weatherford, was presented with a gift from the club.

Members present besides the above were Mrs. Virgil Riley, Mrs. C. W. Webb, Mrs. W. W. William-

son, Mrs. L. M. Baldwin, Mrs. H. S. Hawkins, Mrs. C. H. Silvers, Mrs. T. L. McAllister, Mrs. Gage Knox, Mrs. John Sullivan, Mrs. Frankie Lane and Mrs. Paul Robertson.

Guests: Mrs. F. F. Roberts, Mrs. J. B. Knox and Mrs. Carl England.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Barbara Jo Ramby returned to her home last Friday from Phillips-Dupree Hospital, Levelland, where she had been a patient for a few days. Barbara is much improved.



SEASON'S GREETINGS

The shining star of Bethlehem is symbolic of the joy in our hearts which we want to share with all our friends when we say "Merry Christmas".

J-C GROCERY East Side Square



Merry Christmas

May the joy and peace of Christmas be with you through the New Year.

CONSUMER'S SUPPLY Dick Wall

Holiday Greetings

We wish you each—we wish you all—the blessings and happiness of this Yuletide season. Our best wishes for your happiness now and all through the New Year.

It is again our pleasure to thank you most sincerely for your past patronage. We tried to serve you well—we hope to serve you even better in '49.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE H. D. Crockett



The Season's Best Wishes

The Yuletide season with its multitude of joys and manifestations of good cheer, is with us again. Once more it offers us the opportunity to set aside the routine of every-day business and in real sincerity wish all our friends the blessings of A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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We Wish You Every Christmas Joy
. . . and May '49 Be A Glad
New Year For You!

BUTLER'S BODY SHOP

Merry
Christmas

This is the season of good will to be shared by new friends and old. It is in this spirit that we extend our sincerest wishes for a very merry Christmas to all.

Wallace Theatre

New Discovery Develops In Terry County; Cochran Offsets Drilling

A Pennsylvania discovery has apparently developed in Northeast Terry county at Seaboard Oil company of Delaware No. 1 E. M. Hinson, Ellenburger wildcat failure 10 miles northeast of the town of Brownfield.

Total depth is 11,845 feet. Plugged-back depth is 9,458 feet in the Pennsylvania lime.

After a 3,000-gallon acid treatment, the project swabbed 24 hours, producing 260 barrels of fluid in that time. Shakeout was from five to 20 per cent basic sediment and water. No formation water was reported.

After each pull of the swab, a little fluid was heading out.

Total recovery since the treatment is 370 barrels of fluid in tanks and an estimated 50 barrels of acid water in pits.

Swabbing was continuing. Observers think it will make a small well.

Location is 660 feet from north and west lines of section 91, block 4-X, psl survey.

In Central Hockley county, six miles north of Levelland, Amerada Petroleum Corporation was drilling ahead toward the Clear Fork-Permian with its No. 1 Griffiths-Lawhon.

Last report had it below 7,524 Stanolind Oil & Gas company was making hole with its two offsets to the Landon-Strawn production in extreme South-Central Cochran county.

The No. 1 Adams, 1,063 feet from west and 457 feet from north lines of the south half of the south half of section 13, block L, psl survey, was under 9,453 feet in lime.

Stanolind No. 2 Edwards, 660 feet from north and 528 feet from west lines of section 13, block L, psl survey, was past 7,090 feet in lime and shale.

Christmas Time To Teach Child To Be Unselfish

(AP Newsfeatures)

Christmas is a good time for parents to teach junior unselfish ways, according to Miss Norma Alessandrini of the Children's Recreation Center, Pediatrics Division, Bellevue Hospital.

She adds, however, that parents should not expect too much from three-to-four-year-old tots. These children need the feeling that there are some things that are theirs alone.

But, at the age of six, says Miss Alessandrini, children are first becoming aware that they belong to a group and to a community. It is then parents can begin to teach them by example and through participation in group activities, that they must share with others in order to enjoy the benefits belonging to all.

And what better time is there, she asks, than at Yuletide, when whole families and communities get together to enjoy the giving and receiving of gifts. "How often have we seen children making a grab for the toys of other children as well as repelling all attempts of other children to play with their toys. This is the time when junior can be taught that if he will let other children play with his toys, he in turn will be permitted to share their toys."

This is a comparatively simple thing to do, she says, because junior's interest span in any one object, is short. It won't be long before his attention will be diverted to some other object.

"Should junior insist upon playing with Johnny's toy, the alert parent can engage his interest in a substitute toy almost immediately, by displaying an active interest in it. Then, as junior's and Johnny's interests wane, their toys can be exchanged," she says.

Children love to bask in the favor of their parents, says Miss Alessandrini. Should junior be aware that you favor his sharing his toys or sweets with his friends or others, he is more likely to continue doing so.

Again, children are great observers, she says. They'll watch you making up Christmas packages to be sent to less fortunate children here and overseas and soon bring some of their own toys to you to be added to the packages, or make up their own.

"I know of clubs of youngsters saving their pennies to buy things for children at the Recreation Center," says Miss Alessandrini. "They had learned to do so by observing the kinds of things their school and religious organizations were doing."

Christmas is a great time for parties, she says. Here junior can learn that there are certain activities only to be enjoyed as a group. He will have to share with others and in so doing learn that only by sharing can he have the greatest enjoyment.

Once upon a time a little school girl in the great city of New York heard a rumor at school that there was no Santa Claus. That girl is now a retired gray-haired school-teacher and the letter she wrote to the busy editor of the New York Sun in 1897 and the editorial he wrote in answer became more precious as the years pass—not only to her but to countless others.

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Mulshoe, Texas



In the true spirit of Christmas all of us wish all of you a wonderful Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year

Worley and McCulloch

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

At this happy time of the year it is our great pleasure to extend to one and all sincere wishes for a joyous Yuletide.

WESTERN AUTO ASSOCIATE STORE



Greetings for Christmas

The most cherished of gifts bestowed upon us by the outgoing year is the confidence of those we have been privileged to serve. Ever appreciative of this pleasant relationship, we want to express to our many good friends our sincerest wishes for a joyous Christmas season and a very happy New Year.

St. Clair's Department Store

— AND —

Ben Franklin Variety Store

**A QUICK GLANCE AT . . .
NATIONAL and WORLD AFFAIRS . . .**

By TEXAS WEEKLY NEWS SERVICE

**Chinese Civilization?
Can Communism Engulf**

The enigma of China is the greatest puzzle before the world today. A nation of 450 million souls, with the world's oldest civilization, is fighting a losing war, which has been going on for nearly 10 years.

If history were to repeat itself and China should be defeated by the Communist armies from the Siberian border states, the conquerors might finally be absorbed by the vanquished. That is what has happened before. When the Manchu warlords took China 300 years ago, they were finally lost in the vast human population of the world's largest nation.

Madam Chiang Kai-Shek arrived in Washington last week on a mission aimed at obtaining the

same kind of aid as that which the US is extending to Greece and Turkey. China, too, she points out, is fighting to stem the tide of Communism.

If the US will step up its assistance to her country, Madam Chiang says Americans can step in to supervise the actual fighting as well as keep a close check on how the money is used.

What will it cost? Estimates vary from a minimum of \$3 million to \$5 billion over the next three years.

**Division Of Berlin
Is Now Complete**

A Russian approved puppet regime was hastily railroaded into office last week, in advance of the regular municipal election in which the Soviets had refused to participate.

Voting in the western zone of the city was heavy in spite of every propaganda effort the Russians could muster to scare the voters away from the polls.

This completes the division of the city into two parts, and reduces the chances for a peaceful solution of the Berlin blockade. Now Berlin has two separate municipal governments as well as two currencies, and a geographical barrier cutting the city in two.

Names Make News

ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT prepared last week to break the Christmas tree trust in New York City. He announced he would bring 65,000 trees from his farm and sell them personally on the streets at \$1.50 each. Last year 10-foot trees were sold for as high as \$25 each.

Secretary of Commerce SAWYER commented last week on the fact that quoted values of stocks on the New York Exchange has dropped \$8 billion since the election. He said, "I see no reason why any legitimate business should be afraid of the new administration."

Senator TOM CONNALLY last week advised Texas Democrats to "let the bolters come on back and line up with the party."

Miss ANNA JARVIS, who first suggested the observance of Mother's Day, died last week.

General DOUGLAS MacARTHUR congratulated the members of the Japanese Diet after they passed a law forbidding strikes by government employes. He quoted the late President Roosevelt as opposing the right to strike by US government employes.

General CLAIRE CHENNAULT who organized the famous "Flying Tigers" to help the Chinese fight the Japs, proposed that the corps be revived. He predicted it would materially aid China in the war now being waged against the Communists.

American delegate BEN V. COHEN told the United Nations last week that the whole world might stumble into a new war, partly because of the abuse of the veto by members of the Security Council.

Mrs. VIVIAN HOLWEGER got her divorce in Minneapolis last week. She told the judge her husband had married her to win two quarts of whiskey on a bet.

MEMBERSHIP GOAL SET

The McMurry college chapter of the Future Teachers of America has set as its goal, a membership of 50 this year.

Swiss, French Find Border

GENEVA, Switzerland, (AP)—The lost border between France and Switzerland has been found and marked and everybody is happy again. Some farmers who thought they were Swiss are paying French taxes now and some who thought they were French now find their farms are in Switzerland. The correction was made after more than 100 years of uncertainty along the Jura mountain frontier of western Switzerland. It involved a stretch of about fifteen miles.

The frontier was fixed in 1824, but the Duke of Neuenberg on the Swiss side and his Imperial French colleagues neglected to mark it for posterity. Peasants in the region have been asking themselves for years whether they really were in Switzerland or France.

Now the people who worry about such things finally have cut a path twelve feet wide through the woods and weeds to mark the spot.

There's One Crop Texas Farmers Can Always Harvest; U. S. Savings Bonds

There's one crop that Texas farmers can always harvest, come rain, shine, flood, drought, insects or plant diseases. And that is United States Savings Bonds, says C. H. Bates, extension farm management specialist of Texas A. and M. College.

The 1947 income from farm marketings in Texas totaled almost two billion dollars, says Bates, and that's a lot of "lettuce". This figure was 74 percent above the 1945 income of 1,115 million dollars Texas received for crops and livestock.

Bates also has some figures on the influence of inflation, and what it means to Texas farmers and ranchmen to buy "E" bonds. Some of the nations economists expect our present 57-cent dollar to be up around the 62. to 65-cent value in buying power with-

in less than five years. Assuming this trend is correct, Texas farmers and ranchmen will likely find a good harvest in Savings Bonds. It's good business to salt away part of those earnings in government securities for at least two reasons: 1) By purchasing these bonds, the farmer is siphoning off money which would otherwise be bidding up prices, and 2) it builds up liquid reserves for more advantageous uses in the future.

These bonds offer a farmer a chance to hedge against possible reductions in farm income and land values, and, at the same time offers a rainy day reserve that is safe and interest bearing. So, it's really a good way to safeguard your economic future, Bates.

Tribune Want-Ads Get Results!

CHRISTMAS WISHES

There's no time like Christmas time to wish all of our friends—
Good Cheer, Good Health and Peace.

Gulf Service Station
J. T. Porter

MERRY CHRISTMAS

From the bottom of our hearts we wish for all our good friends a Yuletide brimming over with merriment and all good things.

R. E. Dunham Jewelry

Merry Christmas

The foundation of all business is friendship—
and with each Christmas we derive unmatched joy in wishing our friends all the pleasures of a Merry Yuletide and a New Year filled with happiness, good health and peace.

COBB'S DEPARTMENT STORE

Greetings and Best Wishes

Our cheeriest Yuletide sentiments harmonize with the merry notes of Christmas bells as they ring out—Joy to the world and Happiness to all,

MORTON COOP GIN

**Marshall Plan Results
Becoming Apparent**

The Marshall Plan for European recovery is working pretty much as expected according to a report by the staff of the joint congressional committee which is keeping watch over the results.

Industrial and agricultural production in the 16 western European nations being assisted showed substantial gains over last year, with prospects increasing for continuing gains.

Prince Von Bismark was chiefly responsible for the unification of Germany.

Beauty Only Hide-Deep

NEW YORK, (AP)—Donor is probably the homeliest of racing thoroughbreds, but the son of Challedon has banked \$261,910 for his owners on the track. However, he was so bony and unattractive as a two-year-old, none of the grooms wanted to rub him down. And he could have been claimed in his first race, which he won, for \$3,500.

Sodium chloride is the chemical name for salt.

Samuel Colt invented the revolver.

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What It Means:

Stopping The Chinese Communists Be Costly

by HAMILTON FARON and ROBERT E. GEIGER

WASHINGTON, (AP) — One elemental question keeps popping up in Washington discussions of the Chinese crisis. It is:

What will it cost the United States to stop the spread of Communism in China?

And this raises a second elemental question:

What will it cost us if we do not stop the Communists?

One reason that no definite answers can be given is this:

If the Chinese are in the mood to embrace Communism, who can say what it would cost us—in dollars and possibly lives—to swing over to our viewpoint? One great difficulty is that for years the Chinese have been a divided nation. There has been much civil strife, violent internal politics and corruption.

Many important people—among them President Truman and Ben Bloom (D-N.Y.), who is expected to head the 81st Congress House Foreign Affairs Committee—are saying China must show an increased inclination to help herself. In the full sense this would mean she would have to place her house in order economically by adopting better business methods in government, balance her budget and stop civil war.

The Nationalist government can't do all of this, of course, with a Communist war raging. American officials probably would be satisfied if she displayed more solidarity and a greater will to fight the Communists. Senator Wiley (R-Wis.) and others who have kept close on the China situation say it would take much more aid than we have been giving to stop Communism. But Senator Wiley adds that many people do not realize full-scale American aid to the Nationalist government might mean "eventual U.S. military participation in the China conflict."

Congress voted \$250,000,000 for China's economic recovery last spring and \$125,000,000 for whatever use the Nationalist government desired. This \$125,000,000 was allocated by the Chinese government to the military. China's former finance minister, Wang Yun-wu has estimated it would take at least \$500,000,000 a year for four or five years to bring victory to Chiang Kai-Shek's troops. Roger Latham, Economic Cooperation Administrator for China, is more cautious but says much more money than has been voted is needed for China. So, in view of these estimates, to prevent Com-

munist from sweeping China might cost upwards of \$2,500,000,000 plus possible American participation in the war.

What do we lose if we let China go? In dollars, American investments in China are relatively small. Officials estimate they may total around \$200,000,000.

But Senator Bridges (R-N.H.) who proposed a special session of Congress to deal with the China situation, says it takes no great student of China and world politics to realize what the loss of China means politically to the United States and other democracies.

"Communist forces now spread over all of North China are no simple group of indignant patriots," he says. "They are part and parcel of the Moscow-controlled legions of world revolution."

If we lose China we have lost our main bulwark against Communism in the Orient. Then what of Japan?

Some government officials believe if China goes Communist nothing can stop Japan from doing the same unless we keep a military force there indefinitely. But Japan is dependent, economically on China and other parts of the Asiatic mainland. Even a military force in Japan can't keep a Communist China from waging an economic war against the Japanese.

Sheep may die from a disease akin to pneumonia if exposed to cloudy or rainy weather for several days after being shorn.

More than 1,500,000 cancer dressings were made by volunteers of the American Cancer Society during 1947.

Cancer is not confined to the aged. Only half of those who died of this disease last year were over 65 years of age.



Best Wishes

... May the Yuletide season be the harbinger of a year of peace and prosperity for all our friends.

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LETTERS TO Santa Claus

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
This is my first Christmas. I am eight months old. I am Linda's little sister.
Please bring me a rubber doll and a rubber ball and just anything to play with.
Love,
Charlotte Juanice Skaggs.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I am a little girl five years old. Please bring me a magic skin doll with layette, a table and chairs and dishes, telephone and a big wagon. Please bring Juance something nice too and remember all boys and girls.
I love you,
Linda Dian Skaggs.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
We are little twin boys, six years old. Please bring Berle a bicycle and BB Gun. And Merle a tricycle, and a pair of skates, lots of fruit, nuts and candy. Please don't forget all our little friends in Whiteface.
With lots of love,
Berle and Merle McKay.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I have tried to be a good girl. Please bring me a doll with real hair, sewing machine and doll house and cradle. Remember my little brother. He has been good too. I am four-years old.
Nita Carol Daricek,
Maple, Texas.

DEAR SANTA,
Will you please bring me a tin farm, two trucks, gun, Be-Be gun, little football, boots, play puppy, candy and some nuts. And Santa don't forget the other good little boys and girls.
Jr. Warren.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I am a good little boy, three years old. I would like a fire truck that I can ride with a bell that rings. I would like a double holster and guns and a real horse. Please bring my sister what she wants.
Bucky Daricek,
Maple, Texas.

DEAR SANTA,
We are two little boys, age five and three. We have been good and would each like a bicycle, tractor and trailer, gun and scabbard, and some candies and fruits.
Thank you—Your friends,
Quention and Jearold Kelly

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I am a little girl 4 years old and I would like for you to bring me a doll, black board and a few more toys. My little sister, Beverly is 1 year old and she wants a rubber doll, a duck to pull and a rocking chair. Don't forget all the other little girls and boys. I love you Santa.
Love,
Judy Ann Garner.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
Santa, I've been an awful good boy. And I am looking forward to a B-B gun, a football and a football suit, on Christmas Eve. Also fruit and nuts. Don't forget other little boys and girls.
John Edward Lawrence.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
Santa, please bring me a red wagon, wheel-bar and a spade. Candy and fruit. The lights on our Christmas tree will be burning for you on Christmas as so you can see.
Donald Wayne Lawrence.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
This is my first Christmas and my eyes really light up when I see our pretty tree.
I have been a good boy due to the fact that I'm only 6 months old, so please bring me a Teddy Bear and a rattler.
Thanks,
G. A. Heflin, Jr.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I am a little girl, four years old. I can hardly wait for you to come see me, and all the other little boys and girls.
If I have been good enough please bring me a doll with a bottle and a tricycle.
Miki Ann Heflin.
P. S. Please don't forget Gene Autry.

Abraham Lincoln was the Great Emancipator.
A Cubic foot of gold weighs 1200 pounds.

Greetings for Christmas

Merriment, laughter, the shrill sound of children's voices, Christmas carols—we could name a hundred joys of the Yuletide Season—May they All be yours!



McALISTER-HUGGINS



Wondrous night in Bethlehem,
Wondrous star to lead the way
For kings who knelt at His lowly cot
To await the wondrous Day!

Beside His Mother, the Holy Child
Slept serene in the manger there
While angel voices sang their praise
In heavenly music everywhere!

Oh, let us return to Bethlehem
In spirit . . . let us renew
Our faith that Love can conquer all,
And our dream of Peace come true!

First Baptist Church W. C. WRIGHT, Pastor
Phone 163 and 50

Season's Greetings

To one and all we extend . . . sincerest wishes for a very glad Yuletide, and a happy, happy New Year!



Smith Furniture and Appliance



Merry CHRISTMAS

May there be a "Song in your Heart" all through a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

MORTON POWER and LIGHT

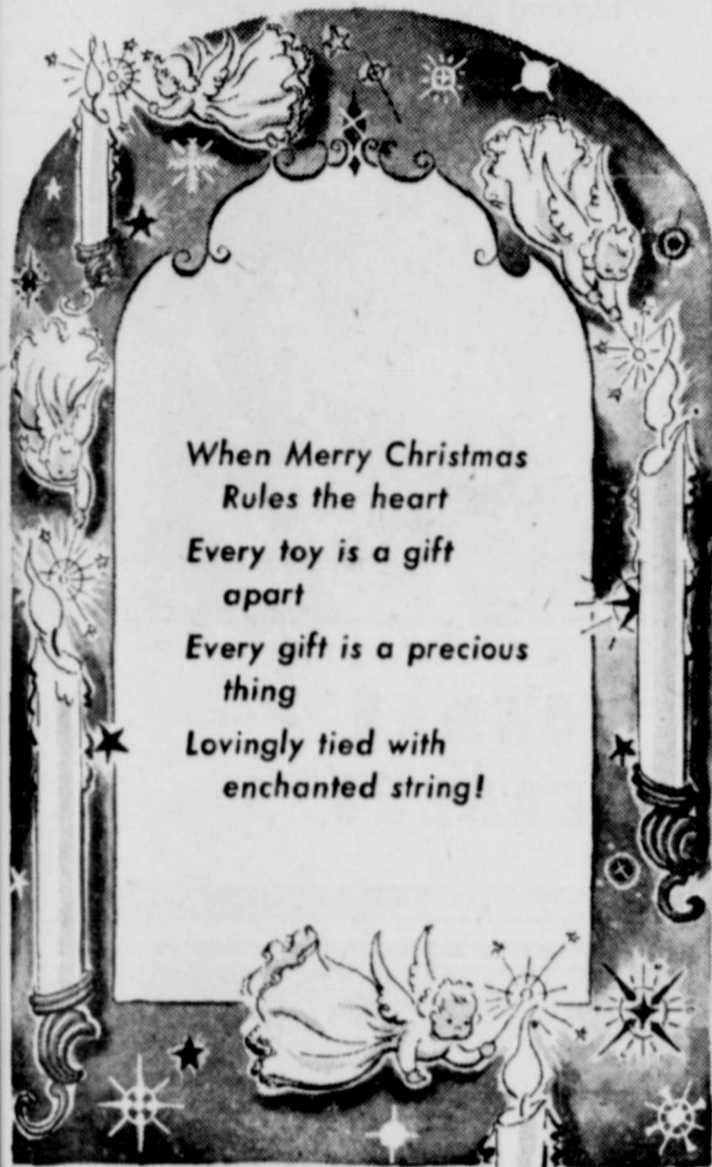
A 'Grown-Up Child' Writes Santa Claus

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.

Publisher Poole published it in his daily front-page column, 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 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—



When Merry Christmas
 Rules the heart
 Every toy is a gift
 apart
 Every gift is a precious
 thing
 Lovingly tied with
 enchanted string!

THE STEAK HOUSE

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A Star of Hope

"For we have seen His Star in the East . . ."
 In only a few brief sentences, the writers of the New Testament tell us of the greatest event ever to take place in the history of this world. They tell us of the miraculous birth of a Son to the Virgin Mary and of the events of the Nativity—familiar to most of us since the days of our childhood.

The star we read about was undoubtedly a Star of Hope and still is today. At this time it's ageless message is again brought home to each of us.

And now, again, the Christmas tide, as it has for two thousand years, rolls over a world full of troubled people seeking ways to settle seemingly irreconcilable differences. Now, again, all of mankind, who celebrates in one way or another the ideal of human brotherhood, looks to its goods and possessions acquired throughout the year, to see which of them can be shared with others.

We hear songs of joy and happiness, we hear compositions of the master musicians, the messages of our men of God as they tell us of Christ's birth and the message of hope he brought to a waiting world.

We hear men who seldom sing, join in singing that old favorite "Silent Night! Holy Night!" We hear the tender voices of children as they too sing the Christmas story.

We hear the Anglicized version of "Adeste fidelis, Laeti triumphantes; Venite, adoremus—Dominum," the Latin Chant written in 1751 and join in to sing "O come, all ye faithful. Joyful and triumphant; O come, let us adore Him—Christ, the Lord!"

Yes, Christmas is a time of rejoicing for mankind as he thinks back to that Star of Hope—realizing that "Merry Christmas" can be more than just a hollow greeting!

World's Largest Stadium To Be Built In Moscow, Russia

AP Newsfeatures

MOSCOW—Moscow may soon be able to seat the biggest football crowds in the world. The Moscow Dynamo Stadium—biggest in the USSR—is going to be greatly enlarged.

Dynamo, which is located not far from the heart of the city on the Leningrad highway, now seats 80,000 and has standing room for about 20,000 more in huge open spaces behind its uppermost rows.

Well known referee N. Latychev, who appeared in London three years ago when Dynamo

played Arsenal, says plans are underway to enlarge Dynamo to accommodate the many thousands who have to be turned away from the big games.

"The popularity of soccer is on the upgrade. Moscow Dynamo Stadium with its seating capacity of 80,000, needs stretching—to at least twice its size.

"The blueprints are being prepared. This ought to be good news for Moscow fans."

If Dynamo doubles its size, as the official infers, it would then be seating the biggest football crowds in world history.

The largest crowd to see a soccer game in Britain was 149,547 at Hampden Park, April 17, 1937. This surpasses anything in the U. S.

The biggest field on which football is played in America—Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum—holds 105,000.

the shinning bubbles of joy; the tinkling bells of cheer that rang in my voice; the candles of faith that shone in my eyes; the francincense and myrth of steadfast hope that strengthened my soul and the lode 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 supply this Christmas.

"I will hang my empty heart by the chimney Santa and, please, this is what I want:

"Give me a large basket of forgiveness, 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 for 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."

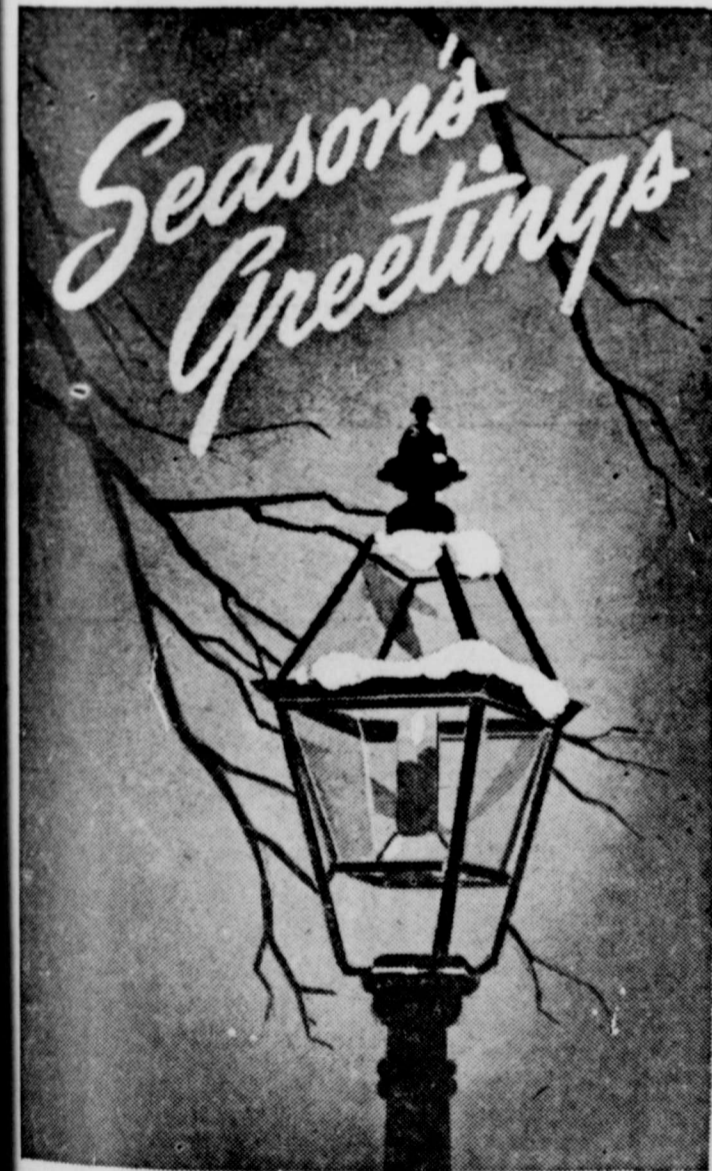
Disregarding air resistance, a body will fall 16 feet in the first second after it is dropped.

Tribune Want-Ads Get Results!

Season's Greetings

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CLUB CAFE



The light that shone on Bethlehem still shines in our hearts today, bringing us joy—and faith in His great promise — "peace on earth, good will to men—"

CITY of MORTON

The Season's Greetings and all best wishes

To our many good friends and patrons, we extend our warmest greetings. May this Christmas be the best you have ever had—a forerunner of many happy days to come, of wonderful friendships and achievements well done . . .

HOPP and BELL OIL COMPANY
 CHARLES BELL—Manager

Merry Christmas

May your Yuletide be gay,
 Your family near,
 May your table be laden with food.
 May all our good wishes extended today
 For happiness, health and good cheer
 Bring you and your friends and those you hold dear — a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

WILLARD COX

Another Use Found For Army Tents

Charlie Mowery has found another use for army tents. He uses one as a shed for a calf creep feeder.

Mowery lives in Waldeck community, up the river from East Columbia in Brazoria county. He says that the army tent is cheap, convenient and easy to move from one pasture to another.

County Agent W. S. Millington explains Mowery's system this way: He is going to put his salt trough for the mother cows on one side of the creep feeder pen. The tent will keep the water out of the salt trough and still allow the cows to get their salt by sticking their heads through a crack in the creep fence.

This system also teaches the calves where the creep feeder is, because they follow the cows to the salt trough. This way the calves learn to eat more often and sooner.

Mowery has home grown corn, crushed cob—shuck and all—

FRANCES RUZICKA-RAY LEWIS ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Ruzicka have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Frances, to Mr. Ray Lewis.

The wedding will take place December 27.

12 Winners

MIAMI, (AP)—Trainers of 12 Kentucky Derby winners will stable their horses this winter at Hialeah. They are B. A. Jones (Lawrin, Whirlaway, Pensive and Citation), Jim Fitzsimmons (Gallant Fox, Omaha and Johnston), Max Hirsch (Bold Venture and Assault), Ivan Parke (Hoop, Jr.), John Gaver (Shut Out) and Hollie Hughes (George Smith).


with cottonseed meal added as his ration in the creep feeder.

So, if you're interested in creep feeding your calves, says Millington, you might get some good ideas from a visit to Charlie's demonstration

Selective Service

CLASSIFICATION PROCEDURE

1. Q—How will classification of registrants take place?
A—Registrants will be given detailed questionnaires by their local boards which will provide basis for classification.
2. Q—How long will a registrant have to fill out this questionnaire?
A—It must be returned completed to the local board within five days.
3. Q—If they need it, who can help the registrants in completing the questionnaire?
A—In each local board area an advisory board for registrants, composed of one or more registrants serving without pay, will assist registrants in answering the questionnaire.
4. Q—What will the questionnaire include?
A—It will consist chiefly of questions which will divulge information on which the registrant's desirability for military training will be determined. It will call for detailed information on a registrant's family, economic, physical, and occupational conditions.
5. Q—Will this information be kept confidential?
A—All information of a personal nature given in the questionnaire will be kept confidential.
6. Q—What is the importance of the questionnaire?
A—On the basis of the answers given to these questions, the local boards will determine whether the registrant should be classified as available for immediate induction into training or should be temporarily or permanently deferred from the training program.
7. Q—Must claims for a deferred status be made at the time the questionnaire is filed?
A—Yes. Unless the registrant demonstrates in his questionnaire by specific request a desire for a deferred status, he will be classed as immediately available for the training program.
8. Q—How many is it anticipated will be disqualified under the standards expected to be fixed for service?
A—The National Director of Selective Service expresses the possibility that 40 per cent will be disqualified.



With best wishes for Christmas

In appreciation for your valued friendship we wish to express our sincerest wishes for A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

THE FAIR



Greetings

Once again it is Christmas... May it bring you peace, good health and happiness throughout the year.

MR. and MRS. J. W. McDERMETT and DONNIE



Season's Greetings

To all our many friends!
May you enjoy a truly Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year.
Filled with joy and plenty!

BOWMAN CLEANERS



At Christmas

May this message of thankful appreciation for your goodwill come to you at a time when you too are enjoying the pleasant memories of friendships that have lasted through long loyal years.

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