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## Shoppers' Movie Tomorrow At Local Theatre

Tomorrow, Friday Dec. 24th, is not only the day before Christmas and the last shopping day before Christmas, it's Shopper's Movie Day.

The doors will be open at the local theatre, all day, from 10 a. m. until 11 p. m. for free attendance Christmas, it's Shopper's Movie Day.

## 800 Youngsters Attend Movie, Visit With Santa

Approximately 800 County youngsters attended the special Christmas season showing of a movie at the Rose Theatre last Thursday morning and left as many articles of food, clothing and toys distributed among the needy families of the area for Christmas.

The show, under the sponsorship of the 1954 Study Club, also featured an appearance of Santa Claus and the youngsters were given packages of Christmas candy.

## Most Merchants Will Be Open Next Monday

Almost all Morton's merchants will be closed Saturday and Sunday to observe the holidays but will open again Monday.

That was the consensus of opinion among those polled Monday by the Chamber of Commerce.

The stores will vary in the time they will remain open on Christmas eve. Some will stay open as late as 10:30 Friday night if there seems to be a need.

## DWI Charge Gets Not Guilty Plea

Another man has pleaded not guilty to a DWI charge in local courts.

David Golightly, Levelland, N. Tex., was apprehended last week by local Sheriff Department deputies in a busy weekend. He entered a "not guilty" plea to Judge Fred Stockdale and his bond was set at \$500.

## Farm Sale Set Next Wednesday

A sale of farm equipment will be held on the W. R. Hatcher farm, 4 and one half mile east of Morton, next Wednesday, December 29, according to Harold (Lex) Key, owner of the equipment.

Key, who recently purchased some land in the state of Washington, will be leaving soon for that state. An itemized list of the items he will sell is available at the Tribune office for those who want to check.

## '55 POLIO FUND CAMPAIGN, JANUARY 3-31 WORKERS MEET FOR PRE-DRIVE SESSION

The 1955 March of Dimes campaign for Cochran County, January 3-31, may not be the most successful ever conducted in the county in dollars and cents, but it certainly won't be because of lack of initiative.

In one of the most inspiring pre-fund raising programs held here in quite some time, County Chairman Jack Wallace and Cochran's Fund drive chairman Ed Howell met last week with some 18 of their co-workers and heard the facts.

## TASHUTA CAMP FIRE HAVE CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Tashuta Camp Fire girls had their Christmas party Dec. 14 at the home of Suzanne Nichols. They went caroling and exchanged gifts.

Refreshments of hot chocolate and cake were served to Barbara Shakespeare, Cathy Huggins, Jane Sanders, Marceta Edwards, Paula Burnett, Suzanne Nichols, Genna Ford, Judy, and Huckabee, Mary Luckey, Maxine Heflin, Penny Farmer, Carolyn Ingie and to their leader Mrs. Freeland.

## Injured Girl Much Improved Is Now Conscious

Fifteen year old Doris Linton, of Morton, injured last week in an auto accident, was reported early this week "much improved" by one of the local doctors.

Doris regained consciousness some 80 hours after she had received severe head injuries when a car overturned near the cemetery, a week ago Sunday.

## Attend Funeral Of Close Friend

Mrs. Inez Stewart, Mrs. Sallie Walden, and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Walden attended the funeral in Shallowater, Tuesday afternoon, of a close friend, and uncle's brother, Al Varnell.

At for some time, Varnell died Monday in Lubbock. Funeral was held at 2 p. m. at the Methodist church in Shallowater.

## Attempt To Murder Count Charged In Recent Stabbing

A stabbing which grew out of a fight between two men, his resulted in an assault with attempt to murder charge against one Latin American and five fighting fines against other members involved in the fracas, last Wednesday night.

The altercation occurred at about midnight at a cafe in the flats, G. I. Garcia was the knife-wielder, reportedly slashing or stabbing Joe Duarte three times as Duarte fought with another Latin American. Duarte was taken to the hospital where many stitches were required to close a deep stab wound in the back.

## Two Men Get Heavy Fines For Reckless Driving

Two men, one from Morton and one from Lubbock paid \$61 reckless driving fines during the recent two hours snow-sleet in Morton.

The men were both booked in Justice of the Peace Court by local Sheriff Department officers. They were Reba Pledger of Morton and Roy Lee Lambert of Lubbock. Both pled guilty.

## GREYS VISIT IN BENJAMIN

Mr. and Mrs. Connie Gray and children are spending Christmas with Mrs. Gray's father and mother in Benjamin.

## Morton Overcomes Bula Teams In Basketball Games

Morton's 8th Grade girls won a thriller on a late rally, and the 8th grade boys took an early commanding lead to win going away, Thursday night against Bula.

The local girls trailed almost all the way against Coach Curley Risinger's talented girls from Bula but behind six points, they put on a late burst while Bula was making mistakes in a possession game. Morton finally came out on top, 38-37.

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# City Offers Counter Proposal On Phone Rates

## Funeral Held For Niece of Wallers At Memphis, Texas

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Waller of Morton and daughter, Laura Sue, attended the funeral of a niece and cousin, Margaret June Waller, in Memphis, Texas last week.

The 14-year-old daughter of Mr. Waller's brother, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Waller, had been ill for some time but was believed on the road to recovery when she died suddenly, Monday. Funeral services were held in the Assembly of God Church in Memphis and burial was at Memphis.

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## LIONS DON'T MEET TILL JANUARY 5TH

The Morton Lions club ended their 1954 activities with the turkey shoot held last Friday and Saturday and did not meet this Wednesday for their regular meeting.

Their next meeting will be held the first Wednesday after New Year's Day.

## HAROLD DRENNAN NEW CHORISTER

Harold Drennan has been elected chorister at the First Baptist Church of Morton. It was announced last week.

Drennan, according to Rev. Ollie S. Robinson, pastor of the church, will handle the musical activities of the church.

## If You Phone, You'll Be Driven Home, If Not . . .

The law enforcement officers of Cochran County and Morton made a good bargain with County drivers, this week, but their generosity will extend only insofar as their terms are accepted.

Sheriff Hazel Hancock, speaking for all the officers, said this week they will find a ride home for anyone who has gone to a party and has had too much to drink. That is, if the person or a friend will notify them. This applies to all Cochran County residents.

## WILL VISIT FOLKS IN SOCORRO

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. (Turkey) Holloman and family will spend the Christmas holiday visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Bill Weatherly of Socorro, N. M.

## CHRISTMAS WITH DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wesson and family from Midland will arrive in Morton today to spend the Christmas holidays in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Roy Tarver, Jr.

## Two Booked On Liquor Violations

Two Negro men, one from Sudan and one from Muleshoe have been charged with liquor law violations in the transportation of alcoholic beverages in the county last week, on separate violations.

Both men switched their pleas to guilty, Tuesday and were assessed fines of \$100 each and costs.

Van S. Price is the Sudan man who was arrested on the Bledsoe road transporting three fourths of a case of whisky, a case of wine and two cases of quarts of beer. He pled "not guilty" and posted a \$500 bond. He was arrested a week ago, Sunday.

The Muleshoe man is Pearl Griffin, whose home is in Ennis, Texas, but who has been harvesting cotton at Muleshoe this fall. Griffin was apprehended Saturday night by two Sheriff Department deputies, just east of Bledsoe. He had a case of whisky (24 pints) and a case of wine. A companion was charged with being "drunk and fined."

## CHRISTMAS CAROLING IN MORTON LAST NIGHT

Groups from various churches in Morton met last night (Wed.) at the County Activities building and divided the town into sections for Christmas caroling.

The various choral groups sang from 9 until 10 p. m. Campfire girls throughout the city joined in various church groups and were to be credited with merits for their part.

## TO PREMONT

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Jones and son, W. A. will leave Friday for Premont, Texas where they will spend the holidays with a daughter L. Foust, second and Fred Dan and family, Mr and Mrs. Shepherd, forth, third.

## The Morton City Commission counter-proposed an approximate 10 percent rate increase for the telephones and then adjourned Monday night to await the decision of the General Telephone Company of the Southwest.

But before the Commissioners and representatives of the Phone Company left for the night, a telephone call placed to the top officials of the company indicated that they felt the raise wouldn't be enough.

They said, by phone, they would study the raise offered and if they could not accept it, would probably make a counter offer which in turn would again have to be studied by the Commissioners.

General consensus of opinion among the Councilmen and the mayor was that the rate increase asked was far too much in a city hit hard by drought the past three years.

Here's how the figures read:

The present rate on business phones, one party, is \$6.50. The increased asked would bring the rate to \$7.50.

The present rate on two party business connections is \$5.00. The phone company asked \$7.50. The Commission offered \$5.50.

The present rate on one party residence phones is \$3.75. The Phone company asks \$4.50. The commissioners offered \$4.00.

The present rate on two party phones is \$3.00. The phone company asks \$3.50. The Commissioners offered no raise in this instance.

Paul Farrar, again the Spokesman for the General Telephone Company of the Southwest, reiterated that from the local standpoint he could see why they would want to wait until they had a good crop year. But he pointed out again, when the people of Cochran County have a good year and make 15 or 20 percent on their investments, the phone company would still be struggling along at the same too small percent.

Farrar indicated that whatever the company's counter proposal might be would probably be outlined and available for the Commission to study before the next regular meeting, January 3rd.

In other business attended to, the Commission received one other bid for the nightwatchman's job but took no immediate action. They approved minutes of the last meeting. They approved the paying of a Christmas bonus to all employees. They considered the present ordinance concerning guns being equipped with bayonets and other fire safety precautions but took no action.

They instructed the City Secretary to obtain the figures on how they could trade in the present police radio on a new one and also on how much it would cost to maintain the same radio but convert it to use on the new police car.

They also approved a bill from the Morton Volunteer Fire Department on services rendered.

## Busy Fingers Club Christmas Party Held December 16

The Busy Fingers Sewing Club met in the home of Mrs. J. S. Boydston, for their annual Christmas Party, December 16, at 2:30.

Beautiful and colorful wrapped packages were placed around the green bedecked Christmas tree, to be exchanged, after the "Christ Child" story given by Mrs. Sammy Williams from the 2nd chapter of Luke's gospel was read.

Singing of "Silent Night Holy Night", by the group, closing prayer, Mrs. C. B. Markham.

Coffee and Cheffon pumpkin pie topped with whipped cream and pecan nut meats were served to the following: Mesdames Bulah Newton, Markham, Henry Bedwell, Williams, Roy Allsup, B. C. Butler, L. W. Barrett, Bud Young, W. M. Harriman, Mark Kennedy, Joyce Roddy, Jack Baker, W. Angley, Willie Taylor, R. J. Merrett and hostess, Mrs. Boydston.

The party adjourned to meet next time January 6th, at 2:30 in the home of Mrs. B. C. Butler.

The club voted to give \$5.00 to the Christmas Sun, on the Court House Square or on a figurine.

## Emma Hightower Dies; Was Long Time Resident

Funeral services were held in the new Trinity Baptist Church, Tuesday afternoon for Emma Hightower, 50-year-old long time resident of Morton who died Sunday after a prolonged illness.

The well known Negro woman had been staying with a brother during her most recent illness. She is survived by her husband, one son, three-year-old, four sisters and four brothers.

Burial was in the Morton Cemetery.

## Negro Teacher Offers Thanks

Mrs. Lulu Mae Blanford, Morton's long time Negro school teacher, this week took the Tribune as a means to thank whoever sent an anonymous \$10 donation to the school last week "to help out wherever needed."

## Rebekahs Collect \$80 For Welfare

The Morton Rebekahs, who for the second straight year put out and gathered collection boxes in local business establishments to raise additional money to help pay for the Christmas welfare program, announced Monday they had collected \$80.65.

They thanked the merchants for their help and thanked everyone for their generous response to the call for help.

The money was spent to buy additional food for the baskets distributed this week to the County's needy families.

## Clayton Sharp Joins McMaster Tractor Co.

Clayton Sharp, a former resident and farmer of Cochran County, this week joined the mechanical staff at McMaster Tractor company here.

Sharp, who moved here recently from Lovington, N. M., has had twelve years experience working on cars, tractors, and diesel tractors.

At one time he operated the C.D. Garage here, later he was associated with the L. N. Johnson Implement Co. of Levelland before moving to New Mexico.

## Trades Day Gets Postponement For Holiday Duration

The weekly trades promotion held on the courthouse steps each Saturday afternoon at 4 p. m. will be postponed Saturday, due to the fact that the weekly day falls on a holiday.

The next trades day will not be held until further notice.

## EVALUATION PROGRAM FOR MORTON SCHOOL

Teachers of Morton schools met recently to plan a county-wide evaluation program. Dr. John Carroll of Texas Tech spoke to the group which met at Whiteface.



## WINNERS NAMED IN LIGHTING CONTEST

Three members of the Whiteface Garden Club selected the winners, Tuesday night, in the annual Christmas lighting contest here sponsored by the Cochran County Garden club.

L. A. Cochran's home placed first in the judging for the most beautifully decorated window; Neal Rose was second and Mrs. Evelyn Rose home was third.

For the most beautiful doorway, Dr. Dan Brown's placed first; W. Cobb's Department Store had the most beautifully decorated business.

The winners will receive plaques for their efforts, the runnersup, honorable mention. Judges were Mesdames Frank DeSmit, W. B. Childs sported the most beautiful outdoor tree.

The only double winners were Childs and Charles Jones. Jones captured first place in the overall decorations and business establishment placed third. Childs business was second.

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The awards are to be presented, January 11, at the first January meeting of the Cochran Garden Club. The meeting, at that time, will be an open meeting, held in the County Office and Activities building. A guest speaker will be on hand.



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**Banks Ross Announces New Models OF Farmall Tractors, on Display Now**

Local farmers can now see the new line of Farmall tractors, recently announced by International Harvester Co., at Banks-Ross, Morton.

The five new tractors, constituting 16 new models, are the one-plow Farmall Cub, one-and-two-plow Farmall 100, two-plow Farmall 200, three-plow Farmall 300, and four-plow Farmall 400. They replace the former Farmall Cub, Super A, Super C, Super H and Super M-TA tractors.

"These new tractors," Raymond Ross says, "are designed especially to save time, increase farming efficiency, and meet today's modern power farming needs."

"For example, the time-saving Fast-Hitch—which many people saw in operation on the square dancing tractors—is now available for all tractors in the Farmall line. With Fast-Hitch, you just back up to the implement, let it lock in position automatically, and you are ready to go. We have a full

line of Fast-Hitch implements for each tractor, too."

The Farmall 100, 200, 300 and 400 have more power than their predecessors, have more convenient controls, easier steering features, and stronger brakes.

Both the Farmall 300 and 400 models have new, more versatile hydraulic systems, completely independent power take-off and Torque Amplifier tractor drive, which enables the operator to boost pull-power and change speeds on the go.

**God's Christmas Gift**

By Father John McGinn

The peace and joy of Christmas for all real Christians is rich and full to 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.

**NEW GRANDSON FOR HAWKINS**

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Warden of Ft. Worth have announced the arrival of a son, Tom Edgar. Mrs. Warden is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Hawkins of Morton.

**Expansion Plans Announced By Plastic Pipe Co.**

Expansion plans were announced recently by Southwestern Plastic Pipe Company of Mineral Wells with construction starting soon. New equipment has been purchased and floor space will be doubled according to J. F. Bailey, General Manager of Texas Vitri-fied Pipe Southwestern. Recent heavy increases in sales volume has made the expansion necessary.

The company manufactures four different types of plastic pipe of exceedingly high quality, particularly adapted for use in the oil fields and in gas and water lines. Each new application and every sizeable installation receives careful engineering and servicing from the company's field representatives.

**SON BORN TO DARWOOD MARSHALLS**

The Darwood Marshalls are parents of a son born at the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock, December 7th. The son weighed 7 lbs. 1 ounce.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leo Rouland of Whiteface and Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall of Route One, Morton. Both the parents of the infant son are graduates of Whiteface school. Darwood attended school at Morton most of his student years.

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# THIS WEEK ON THE TELEVISION SCENE

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Sunday	12:25 Sign On	1:00 This Is The Life	1:30 Face The Nation	2:00 Now And Then	2:30 Adventure	3:00 The American Week	3:30 The Search	4:00 Sunday Matinee	4:30 Plains Talk	5:00 Sunday Funnies	5:30 You Are There	6:00 General Sports Time	6:15 Huntin' and Fishin' Club	6:30 Private Secretary	7:00 Toast Of The Town	8:00 Fred Waring				

8:30 Your Favorite Playhouse	9:00 Father Knows Best	9:30 Amos 'N Andy	10:00 News	10:15 Drew Pearson	10:30 Strange Journey	11:45 Sign Off
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Sunday	1:00 News & Weather	1:15 Norman Vincent	1:30 Ask Your Doctor	2:00 Ministerial Alliance	3:00 Family Bible	3:30 Favorite Story	4:30 Badge 714	5:00 Royal Playhouse	5:30 Hopalong Cassidy	6:00 People are Funny	6:30 George Gobel	7:00 Comedy Hour	8:00 TV Playhouse	9:00 Loretta Young	9:30 The Hunter	10:00 Break the Bank	10:30 News	10:40 Weather	10:45 Sports	11:00 TV Theater

7:00 Arthur Godfrey	8:00 Strike It Rich	8:30 I've Got A Secret	9:00 Circle 13
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9:30 Bishop Sheen	10:00 News, Sports, Weather	10:15 Pirate Submarine	12:00 Sign Off
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## KCBD - TV Channel 11

Thursday	8:55 Preview	9:00 Ding Dong School	9:30 A Time To Live	9:45 Coffee Break	10:00 Home	11:00 Film	11:15 Betty White	11:30 Feather Your Nest	12:00 Norma Raine	12:15 News & Weather	12:30 Serenaders	1:00 Channel 11 Matinee	1:30 Cook Book	2:15 Hawkins Falls	3:00 Melody Go Round	3:30 World of Mr. Sweeney	3:45 Modern Romances	4:00 News	4:30 Howdy Doody	5:00 Western Adventure	6:00 Hospitality	6:15 News	6:20 Weather	6:25 Sports	6:30 Interlude	6:45 Bernie Howell	7:00 Grouch Marx	7:30 Justice	8:00 Dragnet	8:30 Mayor of the Town	9:00 Lux Video Theater	10:00 News	10:10 Weather	10:15 Sports	10:30 Boston Blackie	
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## New Meaning For Christmas Now . . .

AUSTIN, December 18—Christmas, somehow, has taken on a new meaning this year. A gallant girl in a hospital bed 250 miles away is giving it a special glow.

Out in McKnight Sanatorium, near San Angelo, a very short time ago Lora Simpkins' life hung on the outcome of a hazardous lung operation. The odds were fairly heavy that she wouldn't see this Christmas dawn.

But she will . . . and that is what makes Christmas, 1965, different.

Lora is just one of thousands of Texans who have TB, but to this erstwhile occupant of a newsdesk her audacious defiance of the deadly bacillus has made her a sort of symbol for all of them.

With Lora it isn't borrowed courage either. Tuberculosis has taken seven years out of her life. It hit when she was 21 and she has cheerfully refused to observe a birthday since then.

There have been times in those years that she appeared well on the road to recovery and a normal life only to find the tough little bug gaining the upper hand again.

She's had the owrks in medical treatment. Bed rest, surgery, mir-

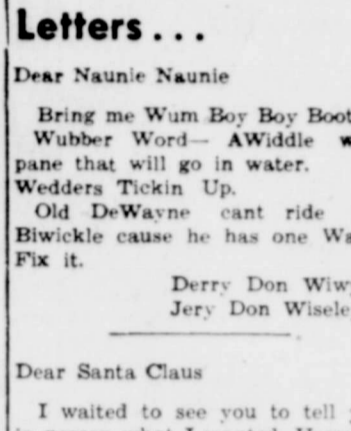


Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brownlow announced the engagement of their daughter, Bonnie, to Noel Crow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crow. The wedding dates has been set for February 26.

Both families are from the Morton area. Noel is a graduate of Morton and served two and one half years in the Air Corps. Bonnie graduated from Bledsoe High.

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Dear Naunie Naunie  
Bring me Wum Boy Boy Boots—Wubber Word—AWiddle waip pane that will go in water. Wedders Tickin' Up. Old DeWayne cant ride his Blwickle cause he has one Wat—Fix it.  
Derry Don Wiwy  
Jery Don Wisely

Dear Santa Claus  
I wanted to see you to tell you in person what I wanted. However you came and left before I knew you were ever going to be here. I could not get to town in time to see you.

I want you to bring me a pair of boots. A boat. A rubber sword. Cravolas and book and a bill fold. Please make an effort to stay longer next year.  
Danny Wisely

Dear Santa,  
I am a little boy 5 years old. Please Santa bring me a pair of boots and guns. You can bring my 3 sisters and brother some thing nice. Also my Mother and Daddy, don't forget them and all the other boys and girls.  
I love you Santa  
Travis Lowell Mapes

Then came bad news. Lora wasn't doing so well. She was back on strict bed rest. Eventually the only alternative appeared . . . more surgery.

She'd been there before. She knew the odds. But she sent a cheerful reassurance along to the Texas TB Association where her bubbling good humor has sparked a wealth of anecdotes.

On her way to the operating room, they say, she wazered her doctor a steak dinner that she would be well enough for medical discharge in six months. It was by no means that simple.

For two days and a night the issue was in doubt.

Then came the heart-warming news. "Lora made it. She is going to live."

That was mid November but somehow the words had the song of Christmas bells.

Last week Lora was sitting up in bed, and although breathing with difficulty, was helping direct plans for a pageant of The Nativity she wrote last year.

And somewhere in the hospital Christmas program, with the inimitable Lora touch, there will appear her flippancy parody of a familiar Yuletide classic. It begins, "Twas the night before Christmas in Dorm Number 10 . . ."

Christmas? It's wonderful!

## Yuletide Greetings



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**CHRISTMAS** brings thoughts of our friends and customers. It strengthens the bonds of associations that result from the patronage of those whom we serve. That's why we want to express our sincere good wishes to each of you at this glad time of the year.

*Season's Greetings*

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**BOATY'S GARAGE** on the Alley South of Football Field. Don't claim to be the best, but I'm pretty good. All work guaranteed. Try me 13-tfc  
 Trouble lies ahead for the person who decides he is a little too good for his job. 42-1 tp

**Wanted**  
 I NEED WORK—Will do any kind of house work or baby sitting—Elizora Worne, Negro, contact at my home across from Slaughter House 42-2 tnc  
**For Sale**  
**FARM EQUIPMENT SALE**—Wednesday, Dec. 29, 1:30 p.m., on W. R. Hatcher farm, 4 1/2 miles east of Morton, on pavement. Harold "Lex" Key, owner, Kenneth and Corkey Bozeman, auctioneers; Tom and Grace Morgan, clerks. 42-1 tp

**For Sale**  
**FARMERS ATTENTION**—We are the dealer for PORTABLE ALUMINUM SPRINKLER IRRIGATION SYSTEM. If you are planning on installing a sprinkler system, we will be glad to figure your needs. McMASTER TRACTOR CO., Box 7, Morton, Texas, Phone 2341. 30-1tc  
**FOR SALE**—1939 Model G. John Deere Tractor, 4 row planter & Cultivator, good condition, 2 mi. north 1/4 west of Enochs—T. J. Sull van. 42-2 tp  
**FOR SALE**—Five-room house. To Be Moved. Tarver's Service Station. 15-tfc  
**FOR SALE**—3 bedroom house, with large den, extra large living room, dining room, kitchen and bath. Street under process of being paved. Square footage, 1,500, priced at \$10,000. Completely remodeled, and decorated. See Bud Nairn, 703 E. Buchanan. 52-tfc  
**CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE**—5 to 12 feet. Farmer's Produce. South of the signal Light.  
**FOR SALE**—Girls' bicycle 26 inch wheels. Good condition. Priced to sell. M & M Barber Shop 39-tfc  
**FOR SALE CHEAP**—4 room house and barn to be moved. See Roy Gunnels, Morton, Texas. 40-2 tp  
**FOR SALE**—Two registered Hampshire boar without papers. \$50 each. See J. W. McDermott. 40-4 tc  
**FOR SALE**—4-room house and bath. 75-ft. front, 2 blocks south high school building. Patton addition. G. E. Skaggs. 40-3 tp

**For Sale**  
**PARAKEETS**—Baby birds for Christmas \$2.00—Cages, Texaco Station, Mr. Snow, Enochs, Texas. 41-2 tp  
**FARM FOR SALE**—320 acres, improved, 1/2 in cultivation, 6 miles northeast of Plains, \$50 per acre. R. W. Adcock, Plains, Texas. 41-2 tp  
**For Sale or Trade**  
**FOR SALE or TRADE**—4 room house with bath. Will trade for farm equipment. Good location. Phone 2861, Merle Ensor. 37-tfc  
**For Rent Unfurnished**  
**FOR RENT**—Unfurnished house 3 rooms and Bath. See Fred Morrison or Call 2861 or 5553. 32-tfc  
**FOR RENT**—unfurnished three room apartment. Albert Morrow, Phone 4646. 40-tfc  
**For Rent Furnished**  
**SEE Mrs. A. Baker at Baker Apts.** for nice furnished Apts. Priced \$10 per week up. 35-tfc  
**FOR RENT**—4 room furnished house. See Mrs. A. Baker at Baker Apts. 37-tfc  
**FOR RENT**—Sleeping rooms and apartments. Inquire at the La Mesa Cafe. 12-tfc  
**FOR RENT**—Furnished apartments, Wilson's Southside Courts. Phone 2676. 20-52tp  
**FOR RENT**—Modern 4-room furnished house. All newly decorated, inquire Coach Walters. 40-3 tp

**CARD OF THANKS**  
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 May God's richest blessings be upon each one of you who helped in any way to ease our burden in the time of our sorrow. Especially do we want to thank Mr. Barrett, Bro. Robinson, Bro. Byron Willis, each of the singers, the pianist, those who sent flowers, brought and served food. Collin, Donna and Kay Mr. and Mrs. A. Baker and Don Mr. and Mrs. Butch Baker & Girls. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Baker and Children.  
**Hollis R. Smith To Return Here From Overseas**  
 SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Hollis R. Smith, machinist's mate third class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Smith of Route 2, and husband of the former Miss Glenda G. Lewallen, all of Morton, Texas, is scheduled to return here Dec. 16th aboard the destroyer tender USS Piedmont completing a tour of Far Eastern duty. While overseas on her fourth cruise since the beginning of Korean hostilities, the Piedmont served more than 200 ships of the UN forces. Included were ships from the Canadian, Columbian, Korean and Thailand Navies, as well as United States. During her nine month tour in the Far East, the Piedmont was flagship of Commander Blockading and Escort Force operating from Kyushu, the southernmost island of the Japanese home island. The ship visited Beppu, Kobe and Yokosuka in Japan, and Pusan and Chinae in Korea.  
**GIPSON'S GUESTS**  
 Mr. and Mrs. Ken Neavitt of Dallas will be in Morton to spend Christmas with Mrs. Neavitt's parents Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gipson.

**Cpl. Bobby Short Now Serving With 2nd Inf. Div.**  
 ARMY HOME TOWN NEWS, Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 13 2nd Division Fort Lewis, Wash. — Army Cpl Bobby R. Short, 22, whose wife, Loudie, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bishop M. Short, live in Enochs, Texas, is now serving with the 2nd Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Wash. Valuable combat experience obtained in Korea by the "Indian-head" division is utilized in the vigorous training of the unit, which recently returned to the United States. Corporal Short, a small arms repairman in the 9th Regiment's Company F, entered the Army in April 1953 and completed basic training at Camp Roberts, Calif.

**HERE FOR HOLIDAY**  
 Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Strickland and children of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Burton Wilson and family from Hamilton are spending the Holidays with Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Strickland and Mr. and Mrs. Al Mullinax. Mr. Wilson is Mrs. Strickland's brother.

*Extending*  
**CHEERY GREETINGS**  
*of the Season*



and Sincere Wishes for your Happiness and Prosperity.  
 Morton Civic and Study Clubs

"Unto you is born this day... a Saviour,"  
 LUKE 2:11

**Christmas Greetings**

HOFFMAN WELDING  
 MORTON, TEXAS

**T**his warm and friendly greeting  
 Now that Christmas time is here,  
 Is but an echo of a wish  
 Which we hope will last  
 Through all the days to come.



**Christmas Greetings**  
 FRED STOCKDALE  
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 WESTERN ABSTRACT  
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**Christmas BLESSINGS**  
 May this Christmas bring you rich blessings from above, and all the peace and goodness you so richly deserve.

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**Greetings**

The good will and patronage of our many friends are worthy indeed of our sincerest best wishes for a Merry Christmas.

To All Veterans and their Families

**A Merry Christmas**

**Albert Morrow**  
 County Service Office

**HOLIDAY VISITOR**  
 Earnest Ware, Texas University senior, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. (Shorty) Ware of Morton, is spending part of a two week vacation with his parents here during the holidays. He will leave Christmas for Milwaukee, Wisconsin where he will attend a fraternity convention.

### Three Way News . . .

Wilkie Burleson died unexpectedly at his home Friday morning Dec. 17.  
 Last rites for Mr. Burleson were read at the First Methodist church of Littlefield with Rev. Rufus Kitchens officiating assisted by Rev. Motes and Vanderpool.

Internment was in Littlefield Cemetery.  
 Survivors include his wife Nadean, his mother Mrs. Vivian Ann, one brother Sari Burleson and his maternal grandmother Mrs. Nanny Thomas, all of Goodland.

Bearers were A. F. Hutchinson, L. J. Sanders Sr., Carl Pollard, Cecil Cole, C. L. Taylor.  
 Honorary bearers were Alex Reid, George Mayo, etc Tariton, Millard Townsend, Jack Lowe, John Shackelford, Strat Walker, Leon Reeves, Glenn Williams and Frank Griffith.  
 Burleson was a farmer.

Horace Hutton received word Friday that his father, Jessie Hutton of Shallowater, had died. Funeral services were Sunday afternoon.  
 Mr. Hutton had been in ill health for several months.

Kay Lemons daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thurl Lemons underwent minor surgery at West Plains Clinic of Muleshoe recently. She is doing fine.

Guests in the Frank Griffith home over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Pruitt of Rosewell, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Perin and children of Morton, and H. W. Terrell of Amherst.

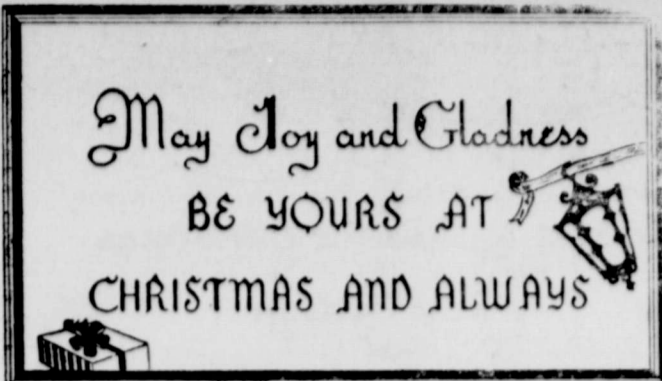
Three Way high school boys and girls played in the Pet-it basketball tournament last week. The boys won consolation and the girls won 2nd place. They were defeated by the Bula girls 48 to 47.

The Den 2 Cub scouts enjoyed a Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Cass Stegall Wednesday afternoon Dec. 15 after school.

Gifts were exchanged and games were played.  
 Refreshments of ice cream and Christmas cookies were served to Mrs. Haskel Kirby and Paul, Mrs. W. T. Parker and Tommie, Mrs. C. L. Taylor and Dorman, Mrs. Millard Townsend and Jeff, Mrs. Oran Reeves and Oran Granville, Mrs. Clyde Lines and Clyde Jr., Mrs. Clint Everett and Kenneth, Mrs. Tommy Galt and Rickey.

The grade school basketball teams went to Dora Thursday evening to play. The girls won their game, but the boys lost.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Dupler and children, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ann and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Mann plan a trip to Calif. to visit relatives Christmas.



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Our offices will be closed from noon Friday, December 24, until Monday Morning.

### Merry Christmas To ALL!

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to those we know and serve in this community.

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#### BILL CRONES TO STANTON

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Crones and son, Greg, plan to spend Christmas visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Myrick, in Stanton.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wittner and Terry of Lubbock visited the D. P. Brinkers and Andrew Wittners over the weekend.  
 They plan to spend Christmas here.

#### TO VISIT IN CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. Vrgle Riley plan to spend the Christmas holidays in California, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Ray and daughter, Debra Ann; they plan to return to Morton the first week in January. The Rays live in Los Angeles.

#### VISITING IN HAWKINS HOME OVER HOLIDAYS

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Wright and family of Lamesa, Rev. and Mrs. Burgin Watkins and family of Lockney, and Mr. and Mrs. Ford Hawkins and family of Plains will be visitors in the H. S. Hawkins home over the Christmas holidays. Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Watkins are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins.

#### HERE FOR CHRISTMAS

Donald York, 16-year-old Mortontite, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. York, Sr. of Morton, is visiting here for the holidays. Don has been at Boy's Ranch, Old Tascosa, Texas for the past two years.  
 While visiting Donald will visit his father who is still at Sanatorium, Texas recovering from a bout with tuberculosis.

#### TO VISIT MOTHER

Mrs. Scott Hawkins and family plan to spend part of their holidays in Lubbock visiting her mother, Mrs. Tom Toombs.

#### VISITS ALLSUPS

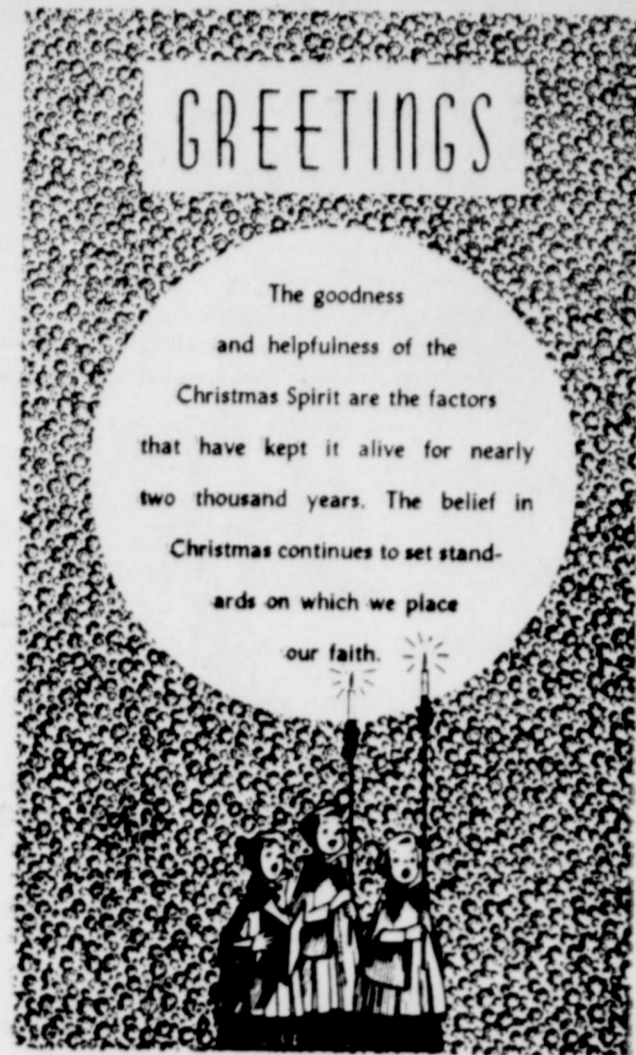
Mrs. Tressie Probst of San Angelo visited the middle of this week in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Don Allsup and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Allsup.

#### TO VISIT ZIELINSKINS

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Davis of Carter, Okla., will visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Zielinski of Morton over the holidays.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Davis are Mrs. Zielinski's parents.

#### TO VISIT IN TATUM

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Markham of Morton plan to visit their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Markham, in Tatum, N. M., during Christmas.



The goodness and helpfulness of the Christmas Spirit are the factors that have kept it alive for nearly two thousand years. The belief in Christmas continues to set standards on which we place our faith.

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SUGAR BROWN or POWDERED	2 PKGS.	25¢	SHORTENING SHURFINE	3-LB. CAN	79¢
TIDE GIANT SIZE		69¢	APPLE JELLY ZESTEE	20 oz. TUMBLER	29¢
JELLO ASST. FLAVORS	2 PKGS.	15¢	FLOUR SHURFINE	10-LB. SACK	79¢
TAMALES WOLF BRAND	NO. 1 1/2 CAN	19¢	PEANUT BUTTER ROSE KIST	12 oz. JAR	29¢
EAGLE BRAND MILK	15 oz. CAN	29¢	PEACHES FROZEN	10 oz. Pkg.	17¢
KLEENEX	300 CL. BOX	17¢	SAUSAGE COUNTRY STYLE	1 LB.	39¢
PAPER NAPKINS SOFLIN	80 CL. BOX	10¢	BACON CORN KING	1 LB.	55¢
BLACKBERRIES WOLCO	303 CAN	19¢	FRYERS FRESH DRESSED	1 LB.	49¢
MARSHMALLOWS ANGELUS	6 oz. Pkg.	10¢			

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**B & J Drilling Co.**  
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**D. R. Stringer**

*May Christmas and the coming year hold much happiness in store for you*

**Butler Body Shop**  
Mr. & Mrs. Skinner Butler

**Melba Jo Warren Carl Winkle Ray Are Wed Here**

Wedding vows were exchanged in Morton recently by Miss Melba Jo Warren, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Warren of Pettit and Carl Winkle Ray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Ray of Morton.

Betha Warren, sister of the bride served as Maid of Honor. Brides maid were Marla Sue H. Hoffman and Joyce Warren. Flower girls were Vicki Ray of Sundan and Barbara Ann Parkman of Pettit. Candle lighters were Anna Lois Snicker of Pettit and Billy Ray, brother of the bridegroom.

Best man was Arthur Scott. Ushers were W. W. Thornton of Seagraves and Howard Harvey of Littlefield. Train bearers were Pat Warren and Don Ray, the couple's sister and brother. Glenda Warren and Harvey Ray served as ring bearers.

The something old and borrowed was a 74-year old gold necklace belonging to the bridegroom's great-grandmother. The garter was the traditional something blue.

A reception was held in the home of Mrs. Alvin Ray following the ceremony. Songs were sung by a sextet of girls. Wanda Behrends, Erma Long, Betty Akin, Fred Chesshir, Wanda Chesshir and Nancy Deaver.

**Shower Held for Mrs. Summers**

A bridal shower was held Friday, December 17th, at the home of Mrs. Jack Baker, honoring Mrs. Orville Summers, the former Bertha Beam.

Co-hostesses for the shower were the Mesdames M. A. Tanner, H. T. Clarke, Leon Patterson, Don Smart, Roy Allison, Henry Bedwell, Billie Ford, W. A. Lewis, S. A. Ramsey and R. H. Baker.

Out of town guests included Mrs. Louis Farr and Mrs. Markham of Amherst. A host of friends who could not attend sent gifts.

The table was laid in red lace over white and red and white decorations featured the table. The entire house was decorated in Christmas motif. Nadean Baker registered the guests and three of the hostesses did serving of coffee and cake.

**VISIT SISTER**

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Duke and daughter Ethel of Tulsa visited with Mr. and Mrs. John Holloman, Sunday. Mr. Duke is Mrs. Holloman's brother.

**HOLIDAY GUESTS**

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lemons of Hereford and three children and Martha Jane Waller will be guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Waller during the Christmas holiday. Mrs. Lemons is a daughter of the Wallers.



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*Merry Christmas*

**Virginia's Beauty Shop**

**Independents Win Game With Causey**

Rose Appliance, in its fourth year of independent basketball, took their opening game of the year recently from Causey, 43-38 in a game featured by the even offensive of the local team.

Playing with about as large a roster as they've had in the several years of competition, the local shooters sorely missed the consistent point scoring of former Coach Sammy Malone and the aggressive rebounding of big Myrt Merrill, who is now in the service. But they came up with several newcomers, in addition to the veterans who have played with them several years and defeated a team that always had been one of the top area quintets.

The game was played in the local gym, and the Appliance boys were to return the game last week.

**DAUGHTERS HERE FOR CHRISTMAS**

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Barnhill will have as their guests for the Christmas holidays, Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge Groves and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny A. Lavton and four boys. The women are twin daughters of Mrs. Barnhill.

**HOME FOR HOLIDAY**

Airman and Mrs. Bob Word arrived in Morton this week to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Weed.

Airman Word is stationed at Chanute Field, Illinois.

**SPECIAL SHOW**

A special Friday afternoon showing of "The Robe" to the Morton High School was conducted by local theatre manager T. J. Simpson at the Rose Theatre.

The students were given a cut-rate at the special showing.

**CHRISTMAS AWAY**

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Weekes are spending Christmas with Mrs. Weekes' parents Mr. and Mrs. Nelson of Cranbury and sister Mrs. C. Brewer of Fort Worth.

**BROOKSHIRES TO EAST TEXAS FOR HOLIDAYS**

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Brookshire and family plan to visit over the holidays with relatives in and around Lufkin and Paris. Mrs. Brookshire and children will leave Thursday for Paris where they will visit her mother, Monday. Minister Brookshire will join them in Lufkin where they will visit relatives.

**COUSIN MARRIED**

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hawthorne attended the wedding in Lovington, New Mexico, Saturday, of Mrs. Hawthorne's cousin, Jauldine Alexander.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Alexander who, as former residents of this city, are well known in Morton.

**MERRILLS ANNOUNCE BIRT HOFA SON**

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Merrill have become the parents of an 8 lb 13 oz baby boy named Nickie Dawn.

The son, first child of the Merrills, was born at the local hospital, J. L. stationed at Ft. Holobird, Md, came home Sunday night.

*Wishing You a Happy*



In fond remembrance

we bring these greetings

to you with the prayer that

the richest heavenly blessings

may rest with you on

Christmas Day.



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MORTON, TEXAS

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Merry Christmas



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Helen Kelly Weds Weldon Houghton

Miss Helen Kelly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kelly and Weldon Houghton, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Houghton exchanged vows in Portales, New Mexico, December 18.

The bride wore a two piece light blue fraile dress with black accessories and a pink carnation corsage.

Mrs. Vernon Shaw was bridesmaid and Mr. Shaw served as best man.

The young couple will make their home in Morton where the bridegroom is employed by the Ed Howell Motor Company.

TO GRANGER

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Hanna will leave Friday to spend the Christmas holidays in Granger.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Hanna and son Ricky and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Poppelz and children will leave Friday to spend the Christmas holidays in Granger visiting in the home of Mrs. Hanna's and Mrs. Poppelz's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kehl.

Legal Notice

LEGAL NOTICE 51 NOTICE TO BIDDERS THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF COCHRAN

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Cochran County, Texas, will receive bids for certain equipment described herein up to 10:00 o'clock A.M. on Thursday, December 30, 1954, at which time said bids will be opened and read in open court at the regular meeting place in the courthouse at Morton, Texas; said equipment being described as follows:

1. Wheel type bucket loader, machine to have a bucket capacity of 3/4 yard struck measure. To be gasoline powered with not less than 50 H. P. at not more than 1800 R. P.M. machine to be so constructed as to have driving wheels next to bucket Machine to have 5 speeds forward and 5 speeds in reverse. Machine to have torque converter drive, and hydraulic booster steering. Tires are to have a minimum size of 1300 x 24 and drivers and 7:00 x 20 on steering wheels. Machine to be standard equipped with electric starting, oil both air cleaner and oil filter.

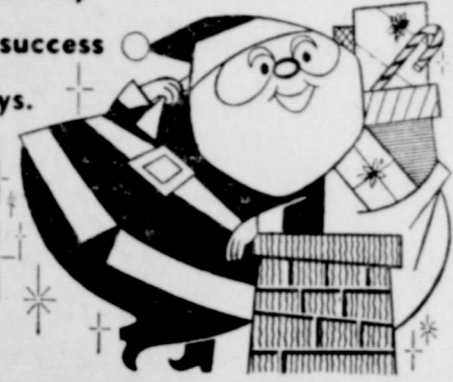
The successful bidder to take in trade one used Ford tractor equipped with front end bucket loader and rear mount blade; and all bids shall be not purchase price including trade in.

The court reserves the right to reject any and all bids. In open court this the 13th day of December, 1954.

Fred Stockdale, County Judge Cochran County, Texas

We are most happy to send you Greetings of Christmas with all our sincere wishes for your happiness and success in future days.

Merry Christmas



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Jack Loran In Allis-Chalmers Factory Tour

Jack Loran, of Loran-Stripling, Allis-Chalmers dealers of Morton, returned Saturday night from a one week tour of Allis-Chalmers factories in the midwest.

Loran went with his brother, Gene of Levelland. They visited plants in Springfield, Illinois, Chicago, Milwaukee and LaCrosse Wisconsin and Laporte, Indiana.

VISITORS FOR CHRISTMAS

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Doss from Sudan will spend Christmas in the home of his brother, L. T. Doss and family in Morton.

Urges Safety In Christmas Driving

"Even a thousand Christmas presents would be no substitute to your family for YOUR presence For this reason, I urge everyone planning to take a motor trip this holiday season to drive with extra care."

Mr. R. B. Roaper of Houston, President of the Texas Safety Association, and Chief Safety Engineer for Humble Oil & Refining Company, made that comment today on the holiday Traffic Hazards program being conducted by The Texas Safety Association, the Texas Department of Public Safety, and the National Safety Council.

"And to add to the problem we find more than half the day in either dusk or darkness in December. Putting all of these factors together, it doesn't make for easy driving."

Mr. Roaper said the best all-around safety advice he could give motorists was "slow down—adjust your speed to conditions." But he added these suggestions for motorists planning holiday trips:

1. Plan your trip so that as much of the driving as possible will be accomplished during the light hours of the day.

2. Postpone your trip entirely when the weather is particularly rainy, snowy, or when sleet and hail are in the weather forecast. Be sure to consult a weather forecast for the area to which you'll be driving.

3. Be certain your car is in top mechanical condition before attempting to take any sort of a trip.

4. Use tire chains at all times when the road is covered with snow or ice.

5. Most important of all: Adjust your speed to conditions.

"Thousands of American homes will be saddened by traffic deaths at this time of year," Mr. Roaper continued. "Many of these traffic deaths need not occur—will not occur—if every citizen in Texas gives some thought and effort to safe driving."

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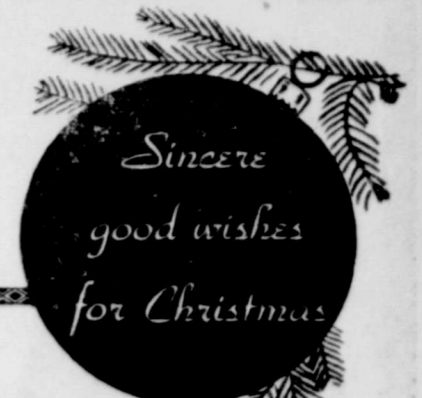
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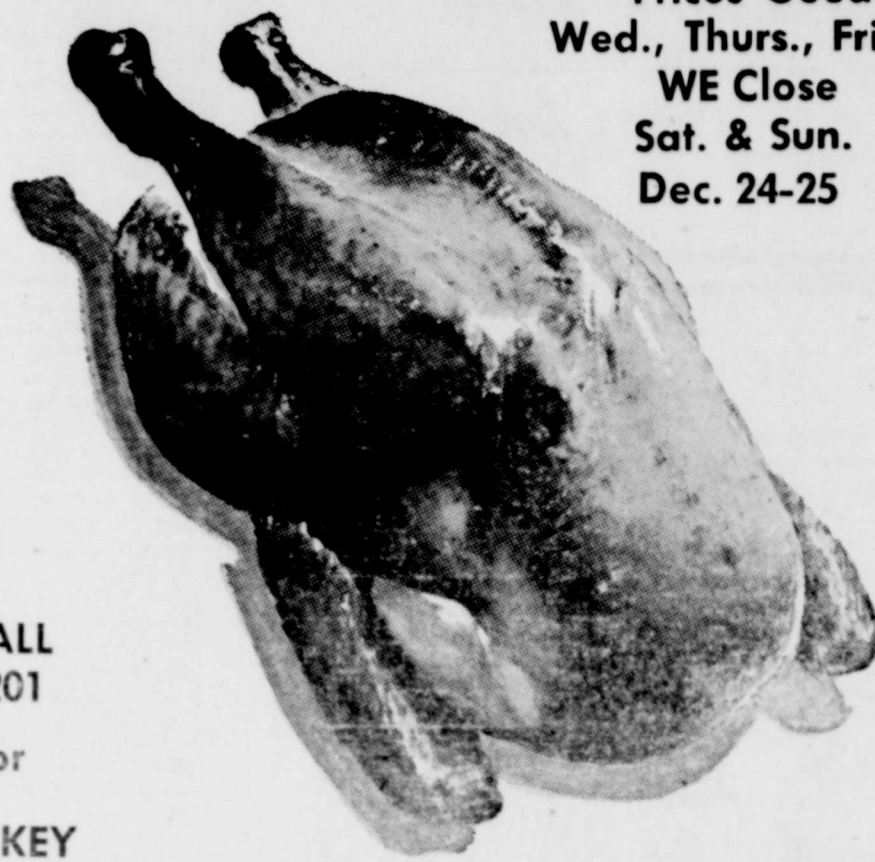
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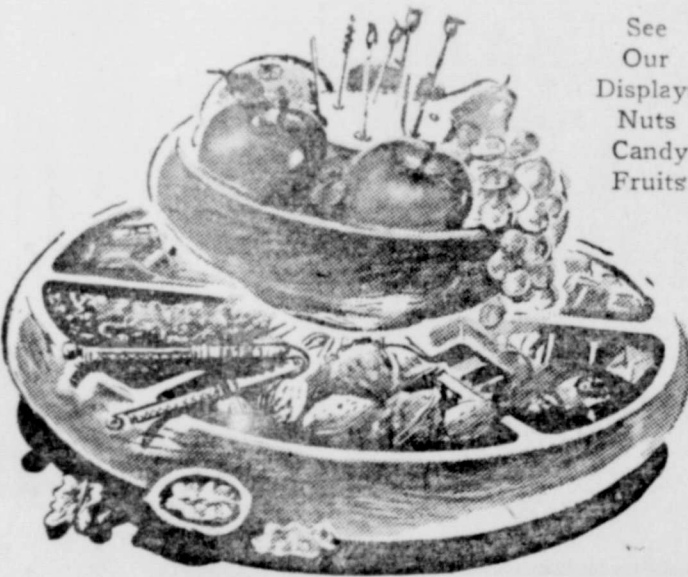
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**Local Collegian Is V-President Of ENMU Band**

PORTALES, Dec. (Sp) — Officers were elected recently by the Eastern New Mexico University concert band to serve during the spring semester. Those elected were Rook Reed, Denver City, Texas, junior, president; Fred Stockdale, Morton, Texas, junior, vice-president; Harold Van Winkle, Alamogordo sophomore, secretary; and Bob McQuay, Artesia sophomore, treasurer. All four officers are members of Kappa Kappa Psi, national honorary band fraternity.

**Maids Win Two Indians Lose**

The Indians lost twice but the Maidens came through with wins one in an overtime game, in the last two outings for the Morton cage teams. Farwell handed Morton's boys a 62-41 licking on the Steers court. Ed Gattis 11 point effort paced the Indians. The Indians then dropped a 61-55 decision to Muleshoe in a close game in which Lyndon Gathright dropped in 18 points and Donnye Baker added 14. Morton led at the end of the first and third quarters but a red-hot final period effort in which Muleshoe poured through 25 points stopped Coach Walters' charges. On the team are Bobby Neagle,

**Local Collegian Is V-President Of ENMU Band**

Ed Gattis, Donnye Baker, Paul Cox, Tubby Thompson, Clayton Flannigan, Raymond Hoffman, Dick Kennedy, Lyndon Gathright, James Holloman, Dean Williams and Ed. d. Thompson. Meanwhile the Maidens edged by Muleshoe's girls in a real overtime thriller, 42-41. Morton led 8-7 at the quarter pole and 13-10 at half time. It was knotted 22-22 at the third stop and 37-37 at the end of regulation play. Last week the Maidens journeyed to Plains where they handed the Yoakum County team a 23 point defeat, to raise their season record to three wins against one loss.

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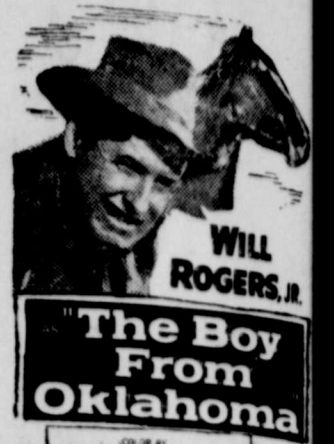
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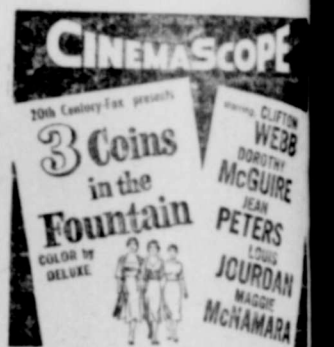
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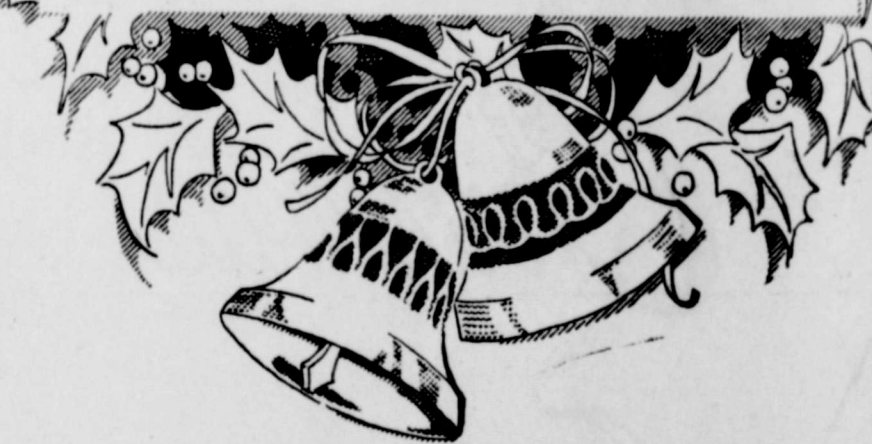
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Thursday & Friday  
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# GREETINGS



Here's our own special greeting to you as you observe this greatest of all Holidays. May it be one of true happiness for you and those about you. You have been very liberal with your friendships and patronage and we are truly grateful. Merry Christmas!

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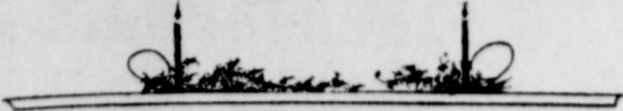
**M**AY the spiritual beauty of Christmas

Bring most wonderful blessings to you,

And may the peace and joy of

God's guiding hand

Make the future happy and prosperous.



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**"Greatest Gift," Husband, Family Don't Have TB**

SANATORIUM, Texas Dec. 13— "... So you see, I already have the greatest Christmas gift of ..."

summer they had been feverish, ill. Fears and uneasiness haunting a tuberculous patient can be a major handicap to medical treatment.

Finally she confided her concern to Mrs. Elnor Norwood, the hospital's medical social worker whom the patients have dubbed "the worry lady."

Mrs. Norwood wrote the Fannin County TB Association, asking Miss Billy Barnette, the executive secretary, to have the children x-rayed.

Very soon there came the welcome letter from Mr. Carroll, "Hon, the doctor says there is nothing to worry about. Both mine and the children's x-rays are clear."

The wonderful news! The reassurance that her loved family was free of TB put Mrs. Carroll back on the road to recovery.

She had weighed 92 pounds when she came to McKnight. As she told this story of what Christmas Seals had done, she calmly said, "Now I weigh 107."

Her father, J. M. Stalley of Wolfe City in adjoining Hunt county, was visiting her. His eyes sparkled over his daughter's improvement and the good report he could take home, "Mary is getting well."

There is a prospect of surgery ahead for Mrs. Carroll. But that will only speed her on her way back to health and home.

She isn't unduly disturbed about the surgery or "Christmas in the san." Because another Christmas she expects to be decorating the tree at home in Ladonia, a typical Texas community where she was born and has spent her life.

And as she puts it, "... you see, I already have the greatest Christmas gift of all, I know my children and my husband don't have tuberculosis."

**HONOR SPONSOR**  
The eighth grade class of Bledsoe, at a class meeting last week, set their club dues for the year at 25 cents each. They also voted to purchase a Christmas present for their class sponsor.

**100**  
In  
**January**

**SEEN ON TV SHOW**  
D'Rene Danforth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Danforth, formerly of Morton and now of Texico, N. M., was recently seen on Channel 13 TV in Lubbock as she performed with an acrobatic group under the direction of her instructor, Jimmy Allman.

D'Rene is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hap Rogers of Morton.

In various central European countries the Christmas Crb, staged in a box, is carried through the streets by groups of singing children during Christmas time.

**"LIFE IS NOT MERELY BEING ALIVE, BUT BEING WELL"**

\*(Author's name below)

To really enjoy life you should have good health. And almost everyone in this wonderful age can be healthy. But most of us take health for granted, instead of trying to do the things that will improve our health.

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### Santa Letters...

Morton, Texas, December 18, 1964.  
 Dear Santa, I want these things: a truck, a rifle, a wrist watch, an electric train, a monopoly set, Jack knife, two guns and holster. I am not very good. My brother is 11. He would like an electric football set. I am in the third grade.

Your friend,  
 Terry Flanniken

Dear Santa, Please bring me a gun and holster and a football. Please don't forget other boys and girls.

Your friend,  
 Carmen Rodriguez

Dear Santa Claus, I have tried to be good all year. Please bring me a doll and dishes.

Your friend,  
 Deana Rae Jackson

Dear Santa Claus, I am a second grade girl seven years old. I have tried to be good. Please bring me a doll buggy and some fruit and nuts and candy.

Your friend,  
 Brenda Nell Stovall

Dear Santa Claus, I have tried to be good all year. Please bring me an accordion, a walking doll and a deluxe wardrobe.

Your friend,  
 Carolyn Anderson

Dear Santa, I would like to have a bicycle. I want a record. I want a walking doll. I want a cowgirl suit. I want a record player and boots.

Your friend,  
 Linda Freeman

Dear Santa Claus, I want a house coat and house slippers. I would like to have a cooking set, and set of dishes.

Your friend,  
 Wanda Faye Smith

Dear Santa, I would like to have a cowboy suit and a sailor suit. I have tried to be good all year.

Your friend,  
 Dalton Jennings

Dear Santa, Please bring me a soldier set and two guns and holster and a machine gun, and an airplane.

Your friend,  
 Christopher Carrillo

Dear Santa, I would like to have a record player. I have tried to be good and also I want an iron and ironing board. Merry Christmas.

Your friend,  
 Nora Faye Davis

Dear Santa, I would like to have a nurse set and cowgirl suit and a twirlers suit a walking doll and a doll buggy and an ironing board.

Your friend,  
 Lynnette Hall

Dear Santa, I would like to have a walking doll and a cooking set and a doll buggy.

Your friend,  
 Mylinda Jean Westerman

Dear Santa Claus, I am a little boy 6 years old. Please bring me a boxing set. A pair of guns, candy, fruit and nuts.

Love,  
 Lee Carroll Simmons

Dear Santa, I am a little girl 3 years old. Please bring me a set of dishes, a doll, an iron and ironing board. Remember the other little boys and girls.

Love,  
 Beverly Kay Simmons

Dear Santa Claus, I am a little boy 7 years old. Please bring me a pair of guns, a football suit and a football, bring me fruits and candies. Don't forget the other children.

Terry Pace

Dear Santa Claus, I want a basketball for Christmas. I also want some candy, apples and oranges.

With love,  
 Wanda Mae Fulton

Dear Santa Claus, I have tried to be good all year. Please bring me an electric train, football suit, a siren car, and airplane.

I love Santa,  
 Benny Turney

Dear Santa, Please bring me a walking doll, dishes, and I need a new dress. Would you fill my stocking with nuts and candies.

Your friend,  
 Jan'e Valenzuela

Dear Santa Claus, I want a doll buggy, I want a bicycle. I want a record. I want a walking doll. I want a cowgirl suit. I want a record player and boots.

Your friend,  
 Linda Freeman

Dear Santa Claus, I want a house coat and house slippers. I would like to have a cooking set, and set of dishes.

I have tried to be good all year. I want a piano.

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Your friend,  
 Dalton Jennings

Dear Santa, Please bring me a soldier set and two guns and holster and a machine gun, and an airplane.

Your friend,  
 Larry Miller

Dear Santa, I would like to have a cowboy suit and an electric train and I want some nuts. Merry Christmas to you.

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Terry Pace

Dear Santa, I want a "Sweet Sadie" doll for Christmas. I would like to have a dish-washing set and a game too. We will leave you some milk and cookies.

Love,  
 Nancy Webb

Dear Santa Claus, I have been a good girl, I am 10. Please bring me a doll I can sew for and anything else you can spare for me. My sister Peggy is 6 and wants a big doll and a few toys. Ruby is 4 and wants a small doll and dishes. Please bring my big brother 2 balloons 3 suckers and 5 pieces bubble gum. Don't forget fruit, nuts and candy.

Thanks,  
 Betty and Peggy  
 Ruby M. Tehell

P.S. We live in town this year.

Dear Santa Claus, I am a little boy, six years old. I would like to have a car, a B-B gun. Please don't forget other little children.

Dear Santa,  
 Mike O'Brien

I have tried to be good. I am ten years old. Would you bring me a jewelry box and candy. I will leave you some cocoa. Don't forget my sister, Reva Carol Walden.

Pasty Walden

May the  
 HAPPY  
 HOLIDAY  
 SEASON

bestow unusual  
 blessings upon  
 you and yours.

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 and Baker  
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Merry  
 Christmas



Let us be truly grateful

That we live in a country

Where we worship as we desire.

May we be ever thankful

That Christmas in America is observed

With genuine love

And understanding for our fellowman.

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 of the Season

are many — and  
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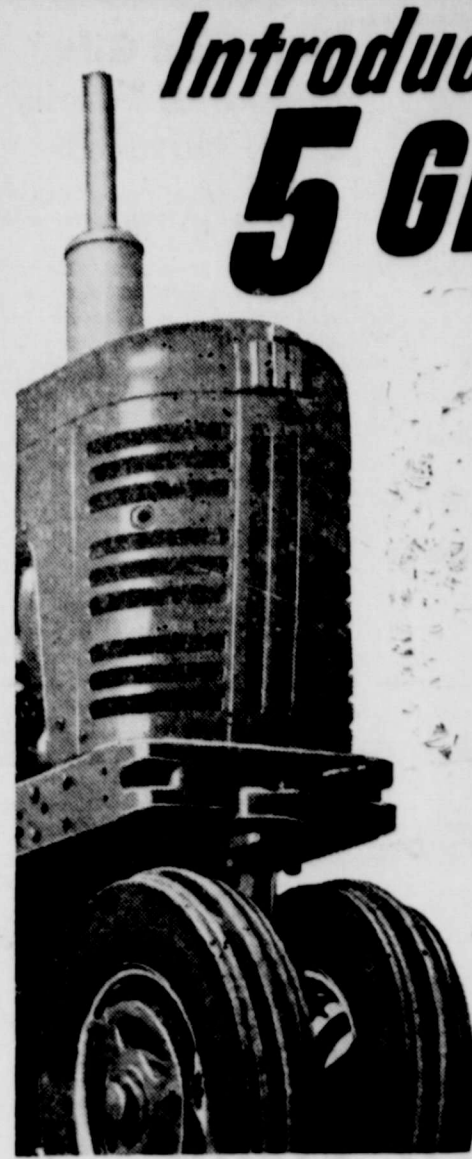
Greeting You

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 MORTON, TEXAS



Best wishes  
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### Santa Letters...

Dear Santa,  
 We are two boys named Billie Roe and Mike, and we've tried to be good boys. Please bring us a steam shovel and some western hats, and a holster and gun set. We have a new baby brother, and he is just 4 months old. Bring him a Teddy Bear and remember all the other children.  
 We love you,  
 Billie Rae and Mike Proctor  
 Box 66  
 Enochs, Texas

Dec. 8, 1954

Dear Santa,  
 I'm a little girl 4 years old and I have a little brother 2 years old. I help my mother all the time. I make my own bed every morning. I would like a table and chairs and a ring for Christmas. My little brother, Jerry, would like a rocking horse.  
 Don't forget my little cousins,



We happily add our

# Best Wishes

Mr. & Mrs.  
**R. P. McCall**  
 and Family  
 ENOCHS, TEXAS

my aunts and uncles, my mama and Daddy and my Grandpas and Grandmas, also all of my friends.  
 Love  
 Belva Jean Hall

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Vicki Kay. I want a Bonnie Braid doll for Christmas. I have tried to be a good girl. I want a bottle for my doll too. Try to bring a mop-duster, and broom. I help my mother clean house a lot. Don't forget all the other boys and girls. My little brother, Randy, needs a boy doll. I love you Santa.  
 Love  
 Vicki Ray Whitson

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Jeanice. I have been a good girl. I go to school, haven't missed a day this year. I like school too.  
 Please bring me a walking doll. Don't forget my little brother, Randy. Bring all the other boys and girls something. We will be at 204 Cedar St. in Plainview Christmas eve night, so come to see us there. I love you, Santa.  
 Jeanice Arline Whitson  
 Morton, Texas

December 7, 1954

Dear Santa,  
 Please send me 2 guns and a black mask, a police car and tractor and one cap car, and remember all the other little boys and girls.  
 Your little friend  
 Lynndel Fred

Morton, Texas  
December 1954

Dear Santa,  
 We love you a lot. We want you to hurry and come to see us. Charles wants a tractor and some candy.  
 I need a house for my furniture a doll with hair and a bicycle and some candy too.  
 We will be at home,  
 Love  
 Donna  
 Morton, Texas

Morton, Texas  
Nov. 29, 1954

Mr. Santa Claus  
 North Pole  
 Dear Santa,  
 I am a boy six years old and I have a little brother, three years old.

The following is a list of what I would like for Christmas: A Indian suit, Hunting Knife, boots, and a Farm set.

My little brother wants a table with chairs, piano, train and please bring candy, fruit and nuts for both of us.

Love  
 Michael and J. Wayne McDermott

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Janella Kaye Nebhut. My little sister is named Deletta Ann. We have been good most of the time. We would like to have a doll each, an iron and ironing board, a little fiddle and a buggy. Don't forget the other little boys and girls and especially the less fortunate ones. Thank you in advance.

Love  
 Jonella and Deletta Nebhut

Mrs. Doty's third grade pupils have been studying 'Letter Writing' in language.  
 Our letters to Santa are a part of the unit.

Morton School  
December 7, 1954

Dear Santa,  
 I have tried to be good. I am asking for just a few things. I want a be-be gun. My father wants a hat. My mother and sister both want dresses.

Love  
 David Ross

Morton School  
Morton, Texas  
December 7, 1954

Dear Santa,  
 I want a rifle for Christmas. I would like a type writer and a bike.

Love  
 David Earl Baker

Morton School  
Morton, Texas  
December 7, 1954

Dear Santa,  
 I have tried to be good. I have worked hard.  
 I just want one thing. That is a record player. My sister wants a doll.

Love  
 Penny Lewis

Morton School  
Morton, Texas  
December 7, 1954

Dear Santa,  
 I have tried to be good this year. I would like to have an automobile, a boxing bag, and a pair of boxing-gloves.

Your friend  
 Larry Baker

Morton School  
Morton, Texas  
December 7, 1954

Dear Santa,  
 I want an electric train, a baseball and bat. I want a bicycle too.

Love  
 Bill Lavinder

Morton, Texas  
December 7, 1954

Dear Santa,  
 Santa I think I was good all year. I want most of all a football suit and some parts to my train.

Rhodney Williams



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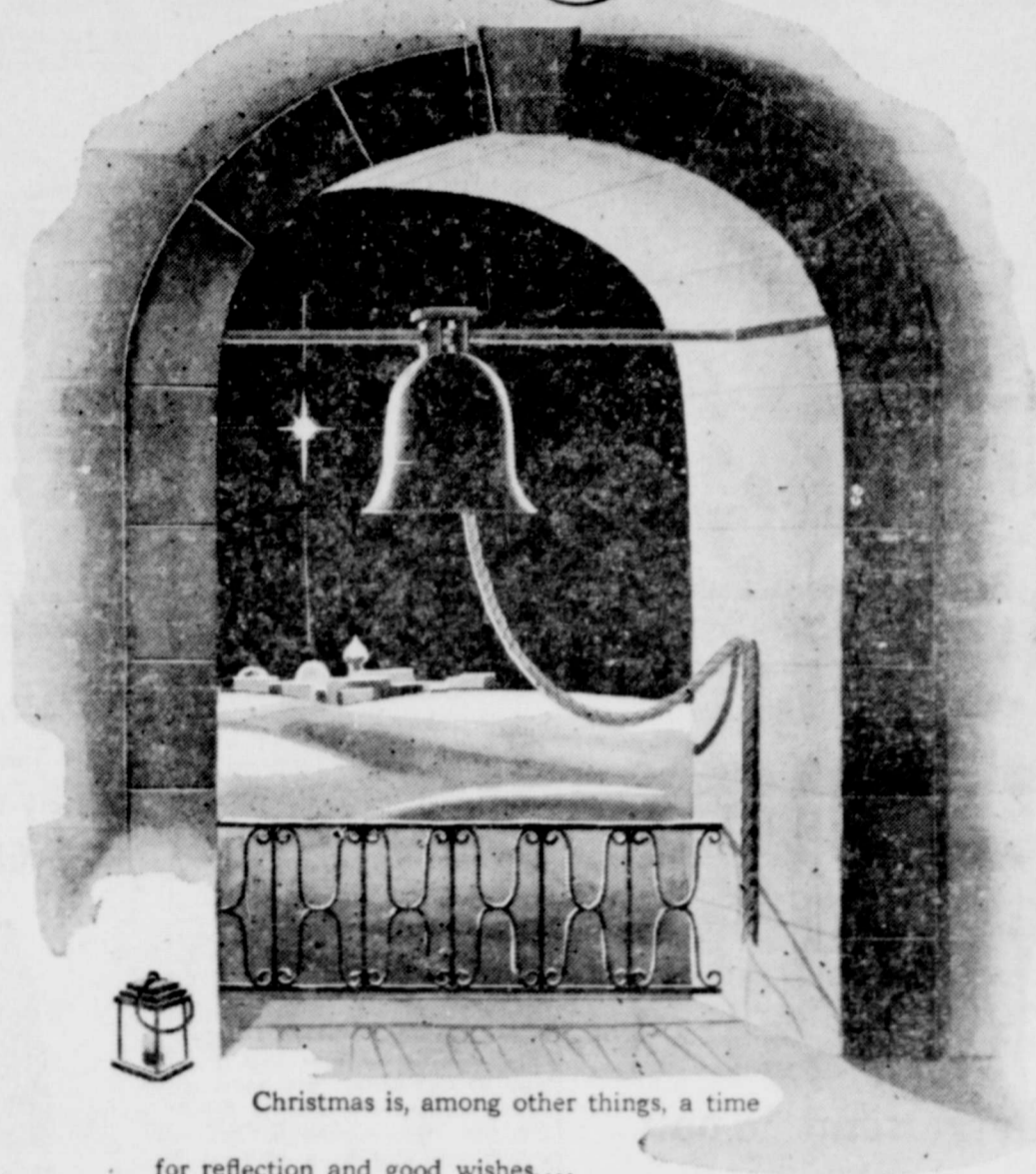
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- Byron's Auto Supply
- Banks-Ross

**ROSE THEATRE, — Morton, Texas**

## Christmas Greetings



Christmas is, among other things, a time

for reflection and good wishes...

Ours, for you, is a sincere wish

that the spirit of the Christmas Season —

its depth of understanding, its hope and good cheer —

will be with you always.

**St. CLAIR'S DEPARTMENT**  
 and  
**BEN FRANKLIN STORE**

WESTSIDE SQUARE

MORTON



**MORTON POWER and LIGHT**

(WE WILL CLOSE DEC. 25-26)

**T**here is no time quite like Christmas for remembering the friendships we cherish, and there are no wishes like the old tried and true ones

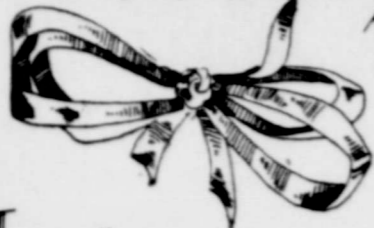
**Merry Christmas**

**HB SERVICE**

HERB HILLMAN

CONNIE BAKER

**Greetings**



May there come to you at this

**Christmas Time** all the precious things

of life; Health & Happiness and Enduring Friendships

**MORTON MALT SHOP**

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Let's be Joyous and Gay

**It's Christmas**

We're hoping you'll have a most glorious Christmas... one long to be remembered.

**WILLIS FOOD STORE**

ERA WILLIS

BOYD WILLIS

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HUGH COOK

ROBERT TAYLOR

**CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS...**

A part custom of Mexico is the game of the "pinata" in which the children find great joy. The "pinata" is an elaborate and colorful earthenware bowl resembling a face of an animal, filled with fire's fruits, peanuts, candy and good luck charms. The children gather around in a circle and one after another is blindfolded and has his turn at breaking the "pinata". After many attempts, it finally breaks, and the scramble begins with each child keeping whatever he manages to find.

**BULGARIA**

A large round cake, called KRAVAI which is decorated with the figures of a bird, a flower, and a cross breaks the two week fast on Christmas Eve in Bulgaria. After church on Christmas Day the children receive their gifts from Grandpa Koleda — the Bulgarian Santa Claus. The father of the family brings in the yule log, while the other members of the family sprinkle him with corn — a custom which is followed to bring health to all and a plentiful crop the following year.

**HOLLAND**

In order to provide food and water for St. Nick's good white horse on Christmas Eve, the little children of Holland stuff their clean wooden shoes with hay and carrots and place them on the window sills with a dish of water alongside them. The children are always pleased on Christmas to see that St. Nick has replaced the hay and carrots with small gifts and toys.

**CZECHOSLOVAKIA**

Christmas to the people of Czechoslovakia means the ending of all quarrels and the beginning of a new year among friends. It is the custom for all people to visit their friends and foes and forgive any misunderstandings that may have arisen during the year. A legend still believed in is the belief that St. Nick descends from a golden cord, led by a white-clad angel.

**NORWAY**

One of the most charming customs of Norway is the remembrance of the animals and birds since they were the only ones present at the birth of the Holy Babe. The farm beasts are carefully tended, and the cattle are given extra fodder. The especially gleaned sheaf, saved from the fall harvest, is placed on top of a tall pole in the yard, and on Christmas morning, every stable, gate-way and barn door is decorated with a bundle of grain — the birds' Christmas dinner.

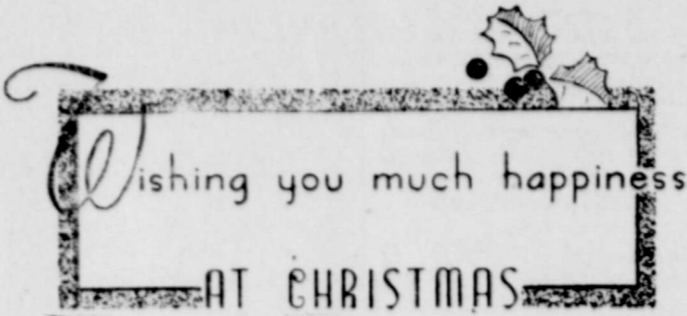
**A NIGHT OF CHRISTMAS**

Through the blue and frosty heavens Christmas stars were shining bright; Glistening lamps throughout the City Almost matched their gleaming light; While the winter snow was lying, And the winter winds were sighing, Long ago, one Christmas night, While from every tower and steeple, Pealing bells were sounding clear, (Never with such tones of gladness, Save when Christmas time is near), Many a one that night was merry Who had toiled through all the year, That night saw old wrongs forgiven, Friends, long parted, reconciled; Voices all unused to laughter, Mournful eyes that rarely smiled, Trembling hearts that feared the morrow, From their anxious thoughts beguiled, Rich and poor felt love and blessing, From the gracious season fall; Joy and plenty in the cottage, Peace and feasting in the hall; And the voices of the children Ringing clear above it all!

Adelaide Ann Procter

Hope you have a Merry Christmas

R. T. Tarver  
66 Service Station



**MARIAN'S SHOP**  
MORTON, TEXAS

May Peace be with you This Christmas and Every Christmas.

**GREETINGS**



**Ray's HARDWARE AND FURNITURE CO.**



Merry Christmas!

**John A. Mills Motor Co.**

"YOUR FRIENDLY FORD DEALER"

MORTON, TEXAS

**CHRISTMAS**

with Friends



It's a treasured occasion for all and it is our fond hope you will enjoy every glorious moment.

**CITY ELECTRIC**

EASTSIDE SQUARE

MORTON

WALT SANDERFUR

**Santa Claus...**

Santa Claus is the personification of that old commandment, "love your neighbor," and the American people, who are the kindest and most sentimental tribe on earth, include everyone in the Christmas spirit — those citizens ranging in age from a few minutes to those with only a few days left. Every body gets in on Santa's act.

It is difficult to find Christmas stories in the pre-Revolution Colonies. Perhaps the English settlers in Virginia or the Dutch in New Amsterdam popularize St. Nicholas as he was then called. About the middle of the Fourth Century there was a great bishop named Nicholas, six hundred years after the death of Nicholas, Vladimir of Russia came to Constantinople and brought the Faith back to Russia whence it spread to the Lapps and the Samoveds, the people of the reindeer. No doubt the reindeers which our modern Santa Claus drives through the clouds come from these northern people.

An American cartoonist, Thomas Nast, in Harper's Illustrated Weekly about 1880, gave us the modern conception of Santa Claus in his red suit with fur trimmings. Nast was also the first cartoonist to reach national prominence as he originated the G. O. P. Elephant, the Democratic Donkey and the Tammany Tiger, but his colorful Santa continues at the peak of his popularity.

**Wise Men...**

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

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

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

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

**Christmas Tree...**

The CHRISTMAS TREE originated in Germany, and can be traced back with certainty to the year 1604. There is a pretty legend in connection with it which gives credit to St. Winfred as the inventor of the idea. "In the midst of a crowd of converts he hewed down a giant oak which had formerly been the object of their Druidic worship. As it fell backward like a tower, groaning as it split asunder in four pieces, there stood just behind it, unharmed by the ruin, a young fir tree, pointing a green spire toward the stars. Winfrid let the axe drop, and turned to speak to the people. 'This little tree, a young child of the forest, shall be your holy tree tonight. It is the wood of peace, for your houses are built of the fir. It is the sign of an endless life, for its leaves are called the tree of the Christ-child; gather about it, not in the wild-wood, but in your own homes; there it will shelter no deeds of blood, but loving gifts, and rites of kindness.' The Christmas tree was introduced into the Court of St. James about 1840, by Prince Consort Albert of Saxe-Coburg, and the custom spread families of London, and was almost immediately adopted by all classes throughout England.

Merry Christmas

In this simple, and time-worn phrase we include our genuine thanks to you whom we have had the pleasure of serving in the past.



**JOE'S GROCERY & MARKET**

MORTON, TEXAS

Greetings for Christmas



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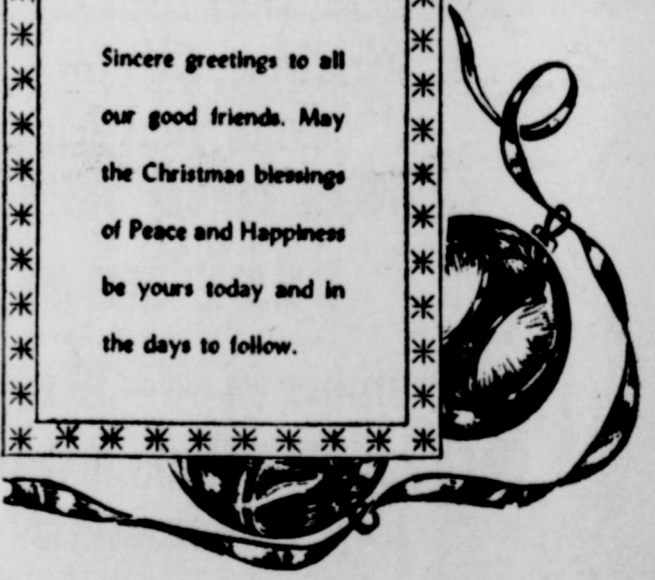
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SEASON'S Heartiest Cheers

Sincere greetings to all our good friends. May the Christmas blessings of Peace and Happiness be yours today and in the days to follow.



**KELLY'S DRIVE-INN**

MR. & MRS. RUEL KELLY

**Headlines..**  
 By Eddie Irwin  
 MANY INTERESTING and en-  
 lightening facts were brought to  
 light last week at the dinner meet-  
 ing at which local March of Dimes

workers got together to plan the  
 January 3-31, 1955 campaign.  
 not the least...  
 WAS THE fact that researchers  
 believe they are getting ever closer  
 to the final victory over the dread-  
 ed disease. Not that gamma-globu-  
 lin wasn't effective. It was, almost  
 100 percent, so. But it was costly

to make, difficult to produce in  
 quantities and wasn't believed to  
 be effective for long enough im-  
 munization.  
 now has come...  
 ANOTHER VACCINE, this one  
 very likely, effective for years and  
 years, perhaps for life. That is the  
 main reason that the national  
 foundation is seeking \$64 million in  
 its fund drive this year. Even if  
 the new vaccine is found to be  
 the answer, there will still be  
 thousands for whom it has come  
 too late... who still need plenty  
 of treatment.

most heartening...  
 THING MENTIONED, was the  
 fact that, by next April or May,  
 the actual results will be con-  
 sistent and, if things go as well as  
 they are expected to, all first and  
 second graders, the nation over  
 will be given the opportunity to  
 receive the shots.  
 that doesn't...  
 MEAN IT'LL be mandatory. But,  
 with medical science then in a  
 position to say pretty well what the  
 vaccine will do, it would seem to  
 be rather foolish for parents to  
 turn down this opportunity.

proof that...  
 THE DRIVE HERE will be a  
 success, was the wonderful turn  
 out of workers, representing many  
 many clubs. Their plans and pos-  
 sible plans for raising funds were  
 discussed, along with some timely  
 suggestions by former drive work-  
 ers.  
 it should be...  
 REMEMBERED THAT Cochran  
 County has twice been forced to  
 ask the national foundation for  
 help in treating it polio cases. Now  
 we need to offer them help. Last  
 year, partly due to our fine con-  
 tributions of more than \$1,000  
 (both drives) we were in a 10-  
 county area that ranked fourth in  
 the entire nation for collections.

as usual...  
 IN THE RUSH of trying to pre-  
 pare our Christmas season papers,  
 last week there were a few stories  
 that we just never did find time  
 to get set. One of them missed  
 concerned the action of combined  
 local church groups and Campfire  
 girls in caroling last night, all  
 over the city of Morton. We're  
 especially glad to see that portion  
 of the Christmas program carried out.  
 It's a phase of the program that  
 costs practically nothing, but a  
 little time, and yet gives such a big  
 boost to the holiday spirit, espe-  
 cially among the shut-ins.

it's hard...  
 FOR THOSE WHO have never  
 been shut-in, to realize what an  
 enjoyable experience it can be to  
 hear the voices of youngsters raised  
 in song.  
 we also...  
 BEFORE IT gets to be "old",  
 would like to commend the local  
 band and choir for their fine  
 Christmas program, and everyone  
 who helped in all of the programs  
 held in Morton, especially the most  
 important one of all... that of  
 helping the welfare fund to take  
 care of many needy families. With  
 out your generous help, they  
 would not have known many of  
 the blessings of the Christmas  
 season.

we'll have to...  
 ADMIT, we personally are not  
 in complete accord with the Cham-  
 ber of Commerce and Jaycees new-  
 est proposal, that of passing an  
 ordinance against setting up a  
 carnival within the city limits.  
 not that...  
 WE'RE BOOSTING carnivals.  
 We don't. We can think of lots  
 better entertainment, and lots

we've heard...  
 AND WE'VE TAKEN part in  
 many discussions about things we  
 deplore in the youth of today in  
 Morton. We've considered the prob-  
 lem from many angles. We've heard  
 every group in the community  
 blamed for various troubles our  
 boys and girls have been having.  
 What are we actually doing about  
 it?  
 idleness...  
 WHICH is exactly what most of  
 our youth and adults would have  
 if there were no parties, club meet-  
 ings, dances, school functions,  
 church functions, shows, carnivals,  
 and family cars to drive around  
 the square, creates trouble they  
 say. If all these things are wrong,

To wish you every happiness  
 at Christmas time  
 and through the year ahead.

Morton Furniture  
 Cora King

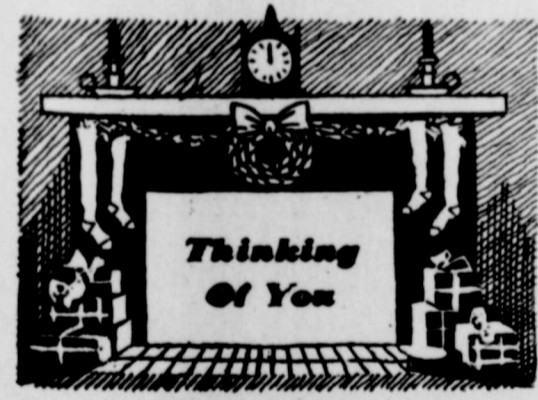
A THOUGHT  
 AT CHRISTMAS

May we be truly thankful  
 for a land which allows  
 our hearts to be  
 warm and happy at Christmas.

Luper Tire & Battery - Luper Courts



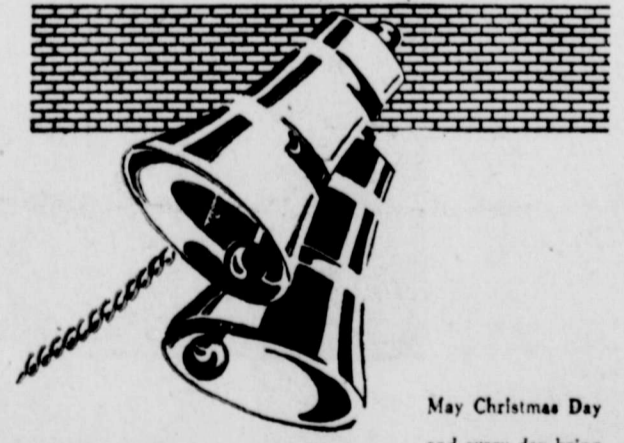
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 NORTHSIDE SQUARE MORTON



Compliments  
 of the Season

It's not the wording of a Christmas  
 greeting, but the thought and sincer-  
 ity that prompts it. Ours carries with  
 it the full appreciation of your cour-  
 tesies and genuine good wishes for  
 a happy Yuletide.

Sanders Implement  
 MORTON, TEXAS



MERRY  
 CHRISTMAS

HUB VARIETY  
 NORTHSIDE SQUARE MORTON

May Christmas Day  
 and every day bring  
 you untold joy and  
 happiness.

FOOL AROUND here and by  
 actual statutes or concerted criti-  
 cism and pressure, legislate our-  
 selves right out of a city. We are  
 the most firm believers in support-  
 ing home owned and operated busi-  
 nesses, churches, schools, and pro-  
 jects. But at the same time it would  
 not be difficult to draw up a paper  
 entitled... "100 reasons Why We  
 Don't Blame People for Going  
 Elsewhere."  
 now that...  
 THAT'S DONE, line up Monday,

we're going to...  
 FOOL AROUND here and by  
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To wish you all the joys  
 of a  
 happy holiday season!

Lindsey's Feed & Seed  
 MORTON, TEXAS



Steak House  
 James Porter

Child's  
 and  
 Minnie's  
 MORTON, TEXAS



Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Childs and Jeanette

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 Mrs. Tim Tanner  
 Mrs. R. C. Strickland  
 Mrs. Albert Howard

Mrs. Bill Wood  
 Mrs. Virgel Riley  
 Mrs. A. D. Mullinax  
 J. C. Buchanan



It is a pleasure, at this time of the year,

to greet our friends, who, through  
 their faith in us, have made this year  
 one of continued progress.  
 We cherish your friendship and  
 patronage and say "Thanks to Everybody."

J. W. and Eunice McDermett  
 Charles & Mildred McDermett  
 Hugh Dupier - Edd Sullivan  
 Leon Dupier - Carl Dupier  
 Pete Embry

McDERMETT LIQUIFIED GAS  
 MORTON, TEXAS

### Santa Letters...

Morton, Texas  
December 1964

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a B-B gun, doctor set, a basketball and net, a wrist watch an electric train. Don't forget the other children.  
I am in the third grade. I am 8 years old.

Love  
Robert White

Morton, Texas  
December 1964

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Saucy Walker doll, a nurse kit, and real baby bottles. I have not been very nice but bring me what you think I should have.

Yours truly  
Linda Lou Baker

Morton School  
Morton, Texas  
December 7, 1964

Dear Santa,  
I have tried to be good. This is what I want: some boxing gloves and football suit. Do not forget the other boys and girls.

Love  
Jimmy Don Lightfoot

Morton School  
Morton, Texas  
December 7, 1964

Dear Santa,  
I want an electric train and a B-B gun. I have tried to be good. I think that is all this year.

Love  
Ronnie King

Morton School  
Morton, Texas  
December 7, 1964

Dear Santa,  
This year I have done my work well. Now I want to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a football, baseball glove, some glasses, and a book. That is all.

Love  
Ray O'Brien

December 1964

Dear Santa,  
I have not been very good, but I do like you very much. I am in the third grade. I am 8 years old. I want you to bring me a girl's wrist watch, some doll clothes for my two Bonnie Braid dolls and a little T.V set, one that you can play with. Do not forget the other boys and girls that want toys, too.

Love  
Judy Willingham

Morton, Texas  
December 1964

Dear Santa,  
I have been a very nice girl. Please bring me a little doll, a red sweater and a make-up box. Please do not forget the other boys and girls.

Love  
Berta Dell Darland

Dear Santa,  
I tried to be good. I want a B-B shooter. May Sue wants a doll.

Love  
Robert Evans

Morton, Texas  
December 1964

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a B-B-gun two guns and a holster, wrist watch and a toy train. I am 8 years old. I am in the third grade.

Your friend  
Marshall Fannin

Morton, Texas  
December 1964

Dear Santa,  
I want a walking doll, a set of dishes, a skirt and blouse, and some slippers. I also want some Sunday shoes. I have been good. I am in the third grade. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. Don't forget the other boys and girls.

Love  
Shirley Turney

Dear Santa,  
This past year I have been a good boy. Will you please bring me some guns, holster and a road grader.

Love  
Travis Rowland

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am five years old and have been pretty good. My little sister is three and has been good, too. I would like to have a bride doll and a doll bassinet for my old doll. Brenda wants a little colored doll and a doll bed or cradle.

Please be nice to all the boys and girls.

We love you,  
Belinda and Brenda Holloman

Box 57  
Morton, Texas  
December 1964

Santa Claus  
North Pole  
Dear Santa,  
I have been a good five year old girl. I would like for you to bring me the largest brunette Toni doll, a cake mix set and an electric stove.

Love  
Gail Rowland

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want three darts and a dart board, A pistol that shoots blanks, A horn that really plays. And fruit, nuts, and candy.

Don't forget my sister Beva and the other kids. I have been pretty good and I am sure they have too.

Love  
Jackie Tanner

Dear Santa Claus,  
My little sister and I have tried to be good, though there were several times this year we didn't do so well.

Anyway, we sure would like some Christmas presents. I am 6 years old and I want a space suit, space helmet, space gun, and whatever else you might have for me. My little sister, Sharon, is four and she wants a doll buggy, an iron, and ironing board and a doll.

We hope to be at our Grandmother's house on Christmas eve so please leave our toys there.

We love you,  
Mike and Sharon Irwin

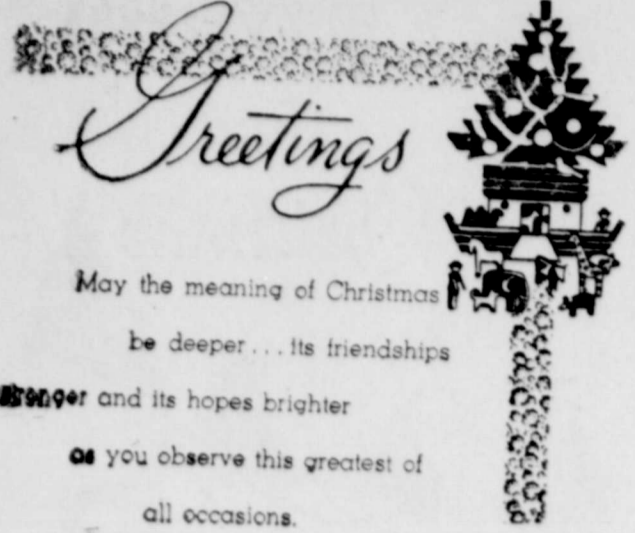
Morton, Texas

Dear Santa,  
I am four years old. Please bring me a "Tiny Tears" doll, some cooking dishes, and some finger paints. Thank you very much.

Love,  
Dana Leigh Webb

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have tried to be good all year. Please bring me a bicycle and a walking doll.

I love you Santa,  
Donna Jean Parker



May the meaning of Christmas be deeper... its friendships stronger and its hopes brighter as you observe this greatest of all occasions.

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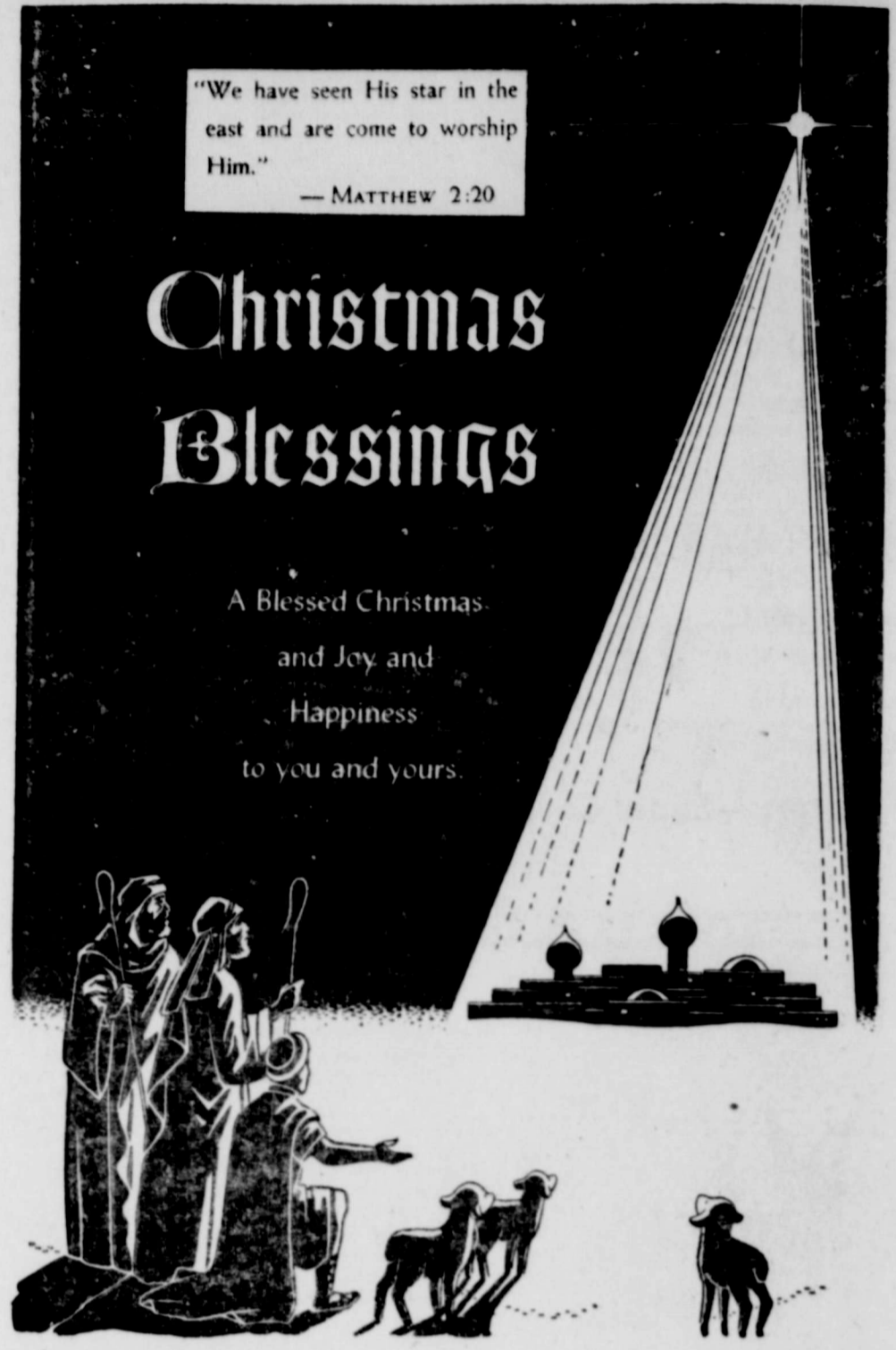


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"We have seen His star in the east and are come to worship Him." — MATTHEW 2:20

## Christmas Blessings

A Blessed Christmas and Joy and Happiness to you and yours.

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MORTON, TEXAS



*Greetings*

May the meanings of Christmas, be deeper, its friendship stronger and its hopes brighter for each of you this Season.



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Through the ages, Christmas has marked the occasion for the expression of good will and thanks. At this season, we want you to know of our appreciation, and sincerely wish you a

MERRY CHRISTMAS



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Santa Letters...

Morton School  
Morton, Texas  
December 7, 1964  
Dear Santa,  
My little sister is a good girl. She has been in the hospital. She wants a doll and a play guitar. I want a doll, I am a good girl too.  
Love  
Kay Hodges  
Morton School  
Morton, Texas  
December 7, 1964  
Dear Santa,  
I am sleeping when you put presents under my tree. I want two flying airplanes and a play store.  
Love  
Bobbie Dobson  
Morton School  
Morton, Texas  
December 7, 1964  
Dear Santa,  
I was good all year, I think I want a B-B gun and a football. That's all, Santa.  
Love  
Jessie Rodriguez  
Morton School  
Morton, Texas  
December 7, 1964  
Dear Santa,  
I have tried to be good this year. My big sister wants a dress and so does my mother. My little sister wants a doll. My little brother wants a truck. I only want a few things, I want a paint set, a coloring book, and crayons. Good bye now.  
Love  
Terri Zielinski  
Morton School  
Morton, Texas  
December 7, 1964  
Dear Santa,  
When you come on Christmas eve, I want a doll and a play telephone. Bring my little sister a doll too. My brother wants a punching bag and some gloves. Bring my mother a necklace and my Daddy some new shoes. Bring my other sister a slip.  
Love  
Brenda Kay Mullinax  
Morton, Texas  
December 1964  
Dear Santa,  
I want a doll and a bicycle. I need some school clothes to wear.  
Love  
Pamela Burgess  
Morton, Texas  
December 1964  
Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a bow and arrow set.  
Love  
Leonard Love  
Morton, Texas  
December 1964  
Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. I am 8 years old. I am in the third grade. I would like a didy doll.  
Love  
Jo Ann Wells  
Morton, Texas  
December 1964  
Dear Santa,  
I have been pretty good, I want you to bring me two guns and a binocular. I am in the third grade. Don't forget the other boys and girls. Also bring me some candy, nuts and fruits.  
Love  
Alan McAnelly  
Morton, Texas  
December 1964  
Dear Santa,  
I want some doll clothes that fits a 23 inch walking doll and a suitcase. You forgot me one year. Please don't forget me this year. Johnny wants an electric football set. Hershey wants a wrist watch. I hope you think I have been good and I hope you think my brothers have been good, too. I am in the third grade. I am 9 years old. Please don't forget the other boys and girls.  
Love  
Melinda Hancock  
Morton, Texas  
December 1964  
Dear Santa,  
I want a bicycle.  
Love  
Gary Clark  
Morton, Texas  
December 1964  
Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a big saucy Walking Doll. She is in the Morton Drug. I would like for you to bring me some doll clothes for her, too.  
Love  
Deanie Sue Doty  
Morton, Texas  
December 1964  
Dear Santa,  
I am a girl 8 years old. I am in the third grade. I have been pretty good this year. I want anything you want to bring me. Billy Bob my brother wants a train and Carol Ann my little sister wants a doll and doll buggy and a doll bottle.  
Please put fruit in our stockings. Don't forget the other boys and girls.  
Love  
Lynne Freeland  
Morton, Texas  
December 1964  
Dear Santa,  
I want an ironing board, bicycle, a wrist watch, and a new dress.  
Love  
Barbara Merrell  
Morton, Texas  
December 1964  
Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a car. I am 9 years old. I am in the third grade.  
Love  
Esequiel Morales  
Morton, Texas  
December 1964  
Dear Santa,  
Santa I want you to bring me two cap guns, rubber boots, nuts, candy and a B-B gun and B-Bs and some holster. I would like to have a pocket knife and some chaps and a toy car truck.  
I would like to have a police car and an army training center and a little pontiac car and I want a red fire truck and an airplane.  
Your friend,  
Rodger Jeffcoat  
Morton, Texas  
December 1964  
Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a bicycle with two little wheels on each side. My brother wants a train. Don't forget the nuts and candy. I am in the third grade.  
Love  
Nancy Jackson

MERRY CHRISTMAS



May the carols of Christmas ring out in joyous melody their message of good cheer.

"Shorty" Billbrey  
Jack Mapes  
Ermon Miller

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A Christmas Message

The simple familiar good wishes of our friends and neighbors truly make our Christmas merry. May health... happiness... good cheer and the best of everything be yours.



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MORTON TEXAS

(We will close December 24-25-26)



Christmas GREETINGS

Christmas is the time for all of us to revive old friendships. It is a time to wish our friends a full measure of happiness, and a time to say with all sincerity "Thanks for everything!"

Irene Reed  
Ingle Head  
Juanita Brown  
Royce Hanna  
Arlee Barnard



MORTON

Greetings!



to all of YOU...  
from all of US  
at  
The Bailey County  
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May the Warmth and glow of the Season be so Comforting and pleasant as that of the traditional Christmas Candle...  
and may the New Year be filled with blessings from HIM on high...

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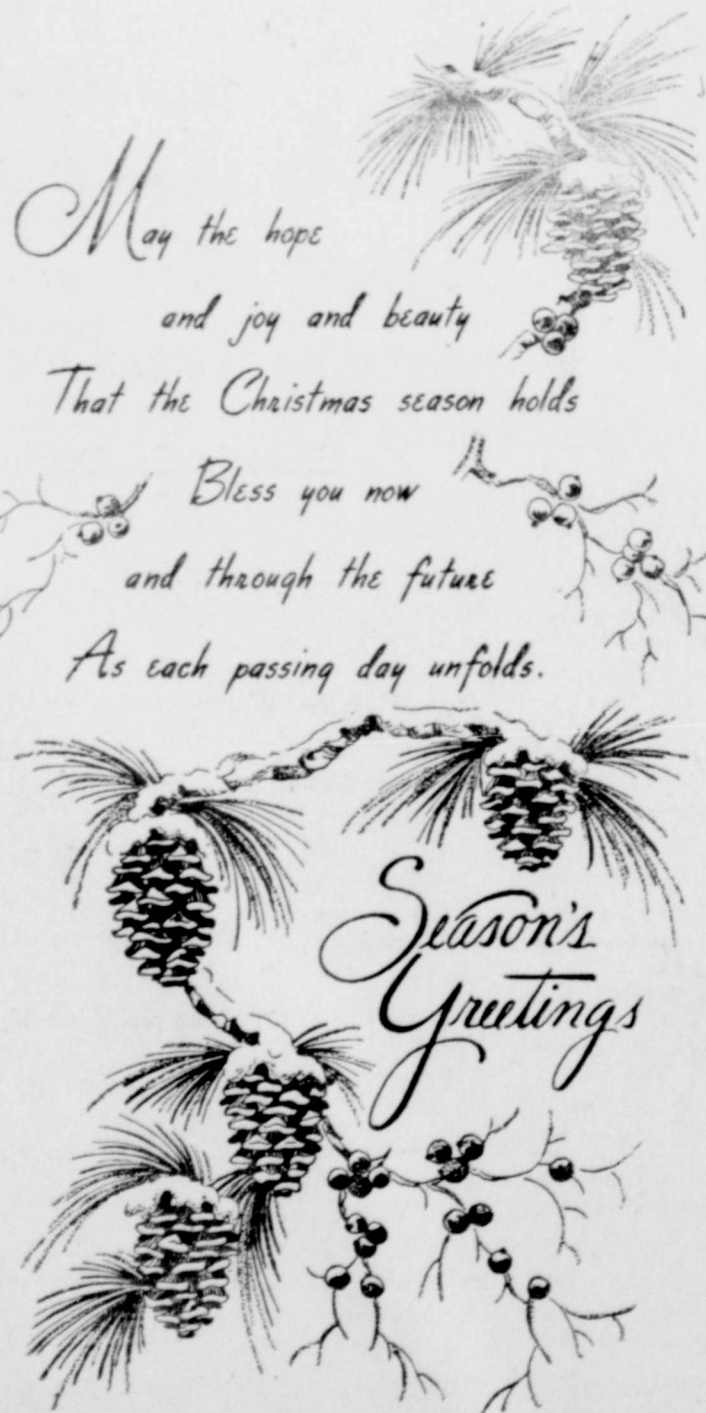
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As in years past, may the birthday of the Prince of Peace bring tidings of great joy to each of you.

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**SAFETY**

Safety is the present program of order and "Safe Driving Day" is proclaimed by President Eisenhower as December 15 for the nation.

Statistics indicate there are 60 million vehicles on the roads which are built for less than 1/2 that many. Of the approximately 39,000 highway accident fatalities, 6,000 of the fatalities are farm people.

The following "Safe Driver" questionnaire can be used as a program in any meeting. It would be good to use this questionnaire in community or 4-H programs.

**"Are You A Safe Driver?"**

1. Do you always observe traffic signs and signals?
  2. Do you always slow down at sundown?
  3. Do you cut down speed when the road is slippery?
  4. At night, do you always drive so you can stop within the clearly illuminated distance ahead?
  5. Do you always adjust your speed to conditions of the road, weather, traffic, your car and yourself?
  6. Do you always keep your eye on the road, not turning your head when talking to others in the car?
  7. Do you always try to curb the urge to weave in and out of traffic lanes?
  8. Do you always keep a safe distance between your car and the one ahead?
  9. Do you always give proper signals for turning, slowing down or stopping?
  10. Do you always come to a complete stop at a stop sign or a flashing red light?
  11. When in doubt, do you always yield right-of-way?
  12. Do you always practice courtesy, caution and common sense?
  13. Do you believe the slogan: "If you drink don't drive; If you drive don't drink"?
- If your "yes" score is 12 or 13, the bus man assures, "you may live to a ripe old age." If your "yes" score is eight or more you may expect to get hurt before long.
- If your "yes" score is seven or less, "Stay in your own back yard—you are living on borrowed time."
- The 1954 Texas Hybrid corn contest winners are announced. Dove Turner, Lamb County 4-H Club boy broke all previous Texas corn yield records in winning the 1954 State champion corn grower award, with 204.3 bu. per acre. Dove had

5 acres of Texas hybrid 30 irrigated heavily four times, J. H. Moore, Jr., Bowie County 4-H Club member was state winner over all contestants not using irrigation. His yield was 123.8 bu. per acre.

Winners in all the five contest areas planted Texas hybrid 30 corn—except area 4 where Texas 26 was planted.

Jan. 1, 1955 is when the Agriculture Act of 1954 becomes effective. Flexible price supports from 82.5 to 90 per cent of parity becomes effective for wheat, cotton, corn, rice and peanuts. As it stands now the lower range will be 75 percent in 1956—also wheat, cotton, corn and peanuts on which the "old" parity formula applies will have the parity price dropped 5% in transition toward the new formula in 1956.

Tobacco was treated separately from other basics as long as farmers accept marketing quotas, they will receive 90% of parity.

The Agricultural Conservation program's extended another two years. But farmers exceeding their acreage allotment for any basic crop are not eligible for ACP payments.

Wool is to be supported up to 110% of parity for the next four years to encourage the annual production of shorn wool to 300 million pounds.

Milk and other dairy products will be supported at 75 to 90% of parity. This is the first price support for fluid milk. The Secretary of Agriculture has authority to dispose of surplus dairy products, "By any method determined necessary." The CCC has authority to give dairy surpluses to the Armed Services and to the Veterans Administration for use in hospitals. Up to \$50 million a year of CCC money can be used until June 30, 1956 to increase use of fluid milk in grade and high schools. Up to \$15 million a year can be spent in the next two years to eradicate brucellosis. Indemnities can be paid up to \$50.00 per head.

CCC feed grains can be sold at storage point for the current support price plus 10% until March 1, 1955. This means a lower price to the buyer, the old law called for 5% above support price plus cost of storage. These facts are taken from the Michigan farm economics report.

The new tax law allows a charge of up to 25% of gross farm income for certain of the more permanent soil and water conservation practices. This means that it need not be considered as capital investment under the new internal revenue code. The remaining cost may be deducted in succeeding years at not more than 25% of the gross earnings each year until used up. The costs may include—treatment of moving of earth, including leveling, grading and terracing and contour farming; the construction, control and protection and diversion of channels, drainage ditches, earthen dams, water courses, outlets and ponds, the eradication of brush, and the planting of windbreaks. Costs for purchase, construction, installation or improvement of structures, appliances or facilities however, which are subject to regular depreciation may not be taken as ordinary expense.

These deductions are allowed for tenant or landowner. Farmers may use this deduct system in their 1954 returns, or in first taxable year in which work was done without special permission.

In closing will advise again this is safety week. The Texas farm and ranch safety committee urges rural Texans to make the holiday season a safe one. Drive as if your life depends upon your road manners—it does.

The Christmas wreath represents the crown of thorns and the berries the drops of blood.

Legend has it that before the Crucifixion the berries of Christmas Holly were white instead of red as now.



To Our Friends  
Everywhere  
**Season's Greetings**

and Best Wishes

GEORGIA'S BEAUTY SHOP

MORTON, TEXAS

**A HAPPY NEW YEAR? THEN PAY ALL DEBTS**

Want to assure yourself a happy and prosperous New Year? Well, first of all make sure that

**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 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, which 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 message 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 the 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 fideles, Laeti triumphate; 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!

All debts are paid before midnight on New Year's Eve. This ancient Chinese custom is designed to start the New Year off with a clear slate and although its origin is lost in antiquity, solvency is still a good foundation for prosperity and friendly business relations.

If you are unmarried and would like to remove the "un" from your status, be sure to put on the left stocking before putting on the right one when you dress New Year's morning—and try to be as left-handed as possible during the day, thereby increasing the potency of the charm which is supposed to aid love's progress. Marriageable maidens who look out the window on New Year's morning can anticipate being married before the year is out if they see a man before they see a woman.

Be sure to wish everyone a "Happy New Year" but keep your fingers crossed for luck while giving or receiving the greetings; and don't forget to say "Rabbits" as soon as you wake up in the morning.

An old English custom, presumably founded on the superstition that whatever you do on New Year's Day is indicative of your fortune during the ensuing year, advises opening a bank account on January 1.

Since your New Year will be, to a certain extent, what you make it, resolve to make it a happy and prosperous one.



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We're sending you greetings that never grow old. Here's to a bright Christmas.

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