

# Home spirit evident as holiday draws near

Christmas comes only once a year in Morton, as well as in other cities across our country. However, Christmas is a little more personal in the other towns of Cochran County as residents seem to take more personal pride in work with decorating their homes for the holiday season. Residents, gaily decorated trees and brightly colored streamers reach out from private homes every street, at passers-by from about 9:00 - 10:00 p.m. residential streets are slowly moving cars, the streets of which frequently stop and often get out to closer to the privately decorated homes. Many times, the residents will step outdoors and their handi-work to the admirers.

In the stores an air of merriment prevails. The shoppers heavily burdened with packages, and the overworked clerks, take more time talking about when "Johnny or Suzy" is coming home for the Christmas holidays, than they do about shopping. As one local man warmly said when relating how his son would be home from the Army this Christmas, "Boy, that's my Christmas."

The local ministers have been out in the cold, rainy weather, clothed in overcoats and rain shoes collecting toys and canned goods which will be delivered to needy families by the people of Cochran County on Christmas Eve.

This year, as in years past, ministers, and town's people both, will spend part of their own time on Christmas Eve away from their families, delivering these packages of hope and good will to the many who would be despaired on the day that celebrates

the birth of the Christ child. The meaning of the true Noel is not forgotten in the local churches either. Choir programs and candle lighting programs, as well as special Christmas services, are being held. The children, in their choir robes, seem to sing a little sweeter, to the proud parents and relatives who have come to hear them sing the well known, but never out dated Christmas songs.

The store windows in Morton are gaily decorated and seem to beckon to all those who pass by. "To come on in and see what we have for you." The merchant's "In their spare time," bought sacked, and distributed over 700 sacks of candy and fruit to pre-schoolers this year.

The manger scene on the square, the decorations of green Christmas trees and red Christmas bells that hang from the light poles, the Christmas music that emanates from speakers placed around the

square, and the various private and business Christmas parties appear to blend in together and help give Christmas in Morton that personal touch.

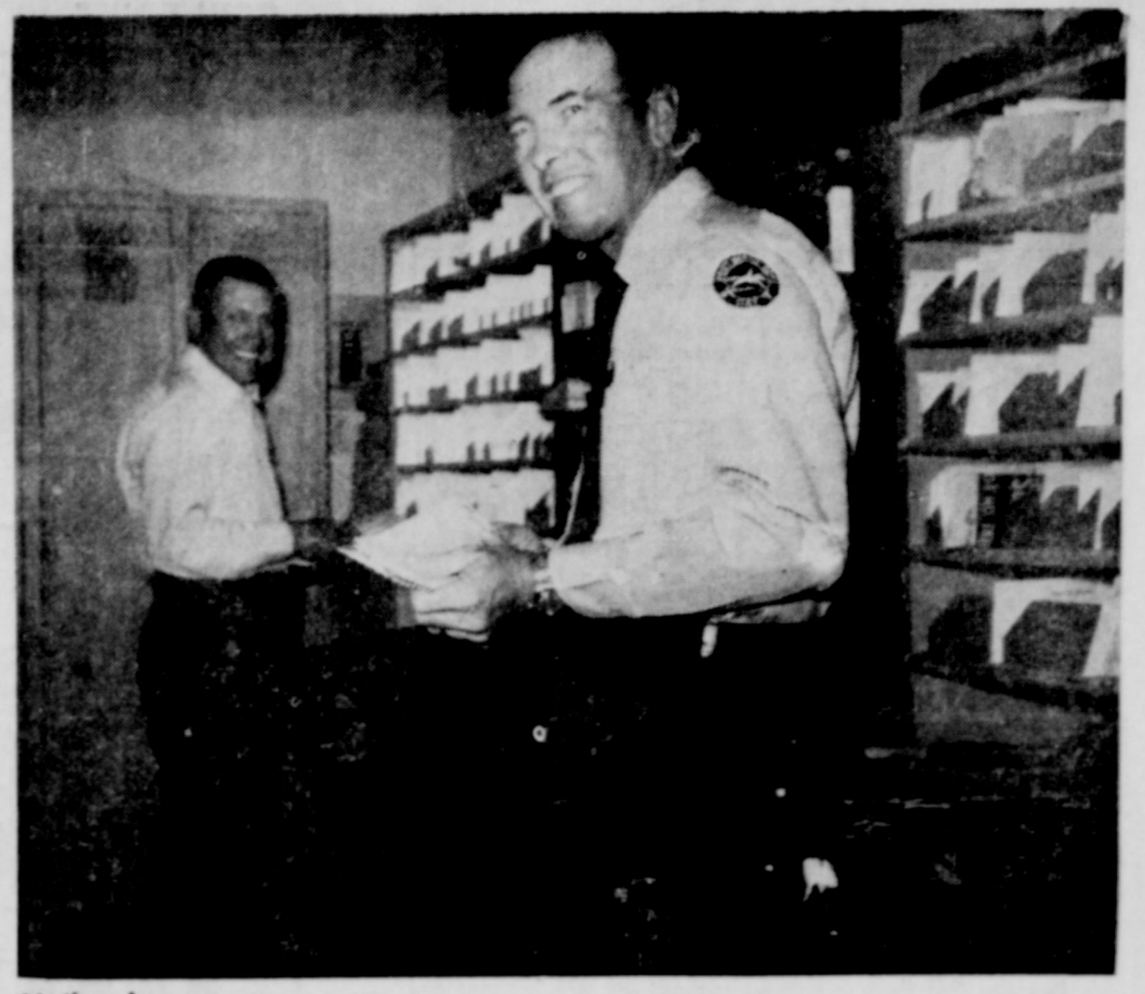
Even in different businesses, where relationships tend to become a little impersonal because of the strain of everyday living, work is forgotten at the Christmas parties and a certain warmth prevails among employees as they exchange gifts and Christmas salutations.

Local postmaster Murray Crone reports that cookies, cakes, and presents are being sent overseas to the men who will spend their Christmas in the rice paddies of Viet Nam. He says that many packages are being sent by local persons, "who don't have anyone over there," but want to be sure "that those boys have a Christmas also."

At the few local businesses that may have to stay open Christmas Day, plans are being made and schedules arranged and juggled where everyone can have as much time off as possible. Even the Morton Memorial Hospital reports that the lowest number of patients that it will bed all year, will probably be this Christmas. Richard Biggs, hospital administrator, commented, "Everyone here makes an attempt to go home at Christmas."

Plans are also being made for those who may be alone here on Christmas Eve. Widows, invalids, and those separated from their families, have been invited to spend Christmas and part of the holidays with local residents.

It can be clearly seen that Christmas in Cochran County is a warm, and friendly time of year. Perhaps, because the people themselves, are warm and friendly.



**Mail rush . . .**  
WINSTON JERDEN, background, and James Cogburn, right, are shown busily sorting out the early morning mail at the local post office. This picture was taken on Tuesday, one of the busiest days for the local post office in the week before Christmas. Both men shown here, are city mail carriers, and are still able to smile, even though they have been burdened with heavy packages and great quantities of mail for the past two weeks.

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## Businesses close Christmas days here

Businesses will be a long week-end for Morton folk, and a week-end for others. The banks here today revealed that banks and offices will be closed today, Christmas Day, and Monday.

A general check with area gins showed that about 50% of the cotton crop has been harvested so far, and that gins are running behind in the amount that they had ginned by this time last year. The ginners also reported that they believe the harvest will be less than last year.

The only exception to this would be the Karl Griffith Gin, west of Morton. To date 6,200 bales have been ginned at the gin, with approximately 2,000 more expected to come in. A spokesman at the gin said that they are ahead of last year's schedule, and that in that area, the total harvest might be more than last year's harvest.

A spokesman at Townsend Gin reported that they have ginned approximately 50% of the harvest, having ginned about 1,400 bales to date. Townsend Gin doesn't expect to gin over 2,500 bales this year, is behind in the amount it had ginned by this time last year, and predicts the cotton harvest to be less than last year's.

Kirk Dean Gin reports about 50% of the harvest in, having ginned about 2,000 bales, and running behind last year's production at this time and running behind in predicted total production. Alamo Gin has ginned about 60% of its cotton, or 2,500 bales, and Morton Gin has ginned about 40-50% of its bales, ginning about 2,200 to date. Both of the later gins also report that they are behind last year's schedule and predict a lower harvest than last year's.

A spokesman at the Willingham Gin reported that to date 2,000 bales had been ginned, and that they were running 1,000 bales behind scheduled from last year at this time.

Homer Thompson, County Agent said that he believed that about

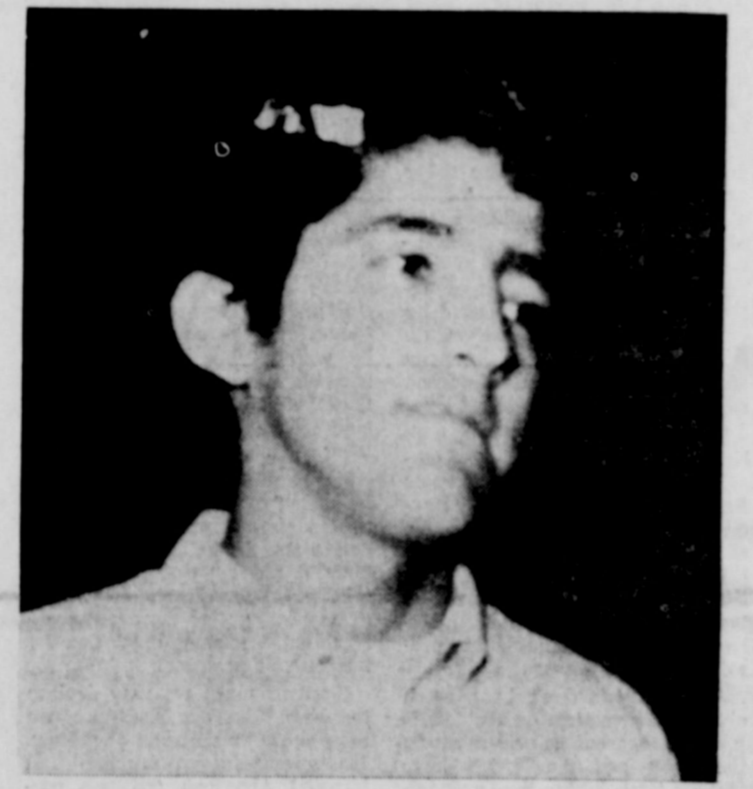
## Harvest might be below the first expectations

Collins Packing to reopen Jan. 3

Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Collins will reopen Collins Packing Company January 3 in its old location on Country Club road. They invite the people of the community, old and new, to come by and see them.

The Collins and son, Johnny, 11, returned to Morton December 6 from Stringtown, Oklahoma, where they had made their home for the past three years. They had resided in Morton twelve years before going into the ranching business in Oklahoma.

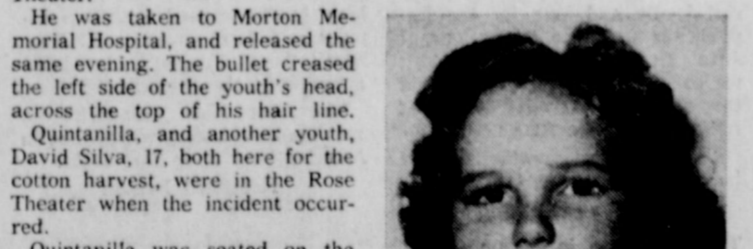
The family are members of the Church of Christ. Johnny is in the fifth grade and their daughter, Mrs. Earl Waldrop and family resides in Sundown. Grandchildren are Jeana, 9 and Marlin, 12.



**Wounded in movie . . .**  
TONY QUINTANILLA, 18, was wounded in the head by a small caliber pistol as he sat watching a film in the Rose Theater, Sunday, about 6:30 p.m. He was treated at Morton Memorial Hospital and released the same night.

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CASSANDRA REEDER BARBARA BOWEN

## Indians are invited to Caprock BB Tournament

Morton's basketball Indians will enter the Seventh Annual Caprock Holiday Basketball Tournament next Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in Lubbock.

The Indians, surprise winners in the AA-A-B class of the tournament last year, face the Petersburg team at 1:30 Monday afternoon, Dec. 27.

Other teams entered in the small school division of the most are Dimmitt, Lubbock Christian High School, Shallowater, Floydada, McAdoo and Denver City.

If Morton defeats Petersburg Monday afternoon, they will meet

## Coloring winners announced

Winners in the Christmas coloring contest, sponsored this year by Morton Insurance Agency, were announced this week by the judges, who admitted that they had a difficult time in selecting prize winning entries from the many entered in competition.

There were two classifications; one for children four through six years of age, and the other for children seven through nine years of age.

In the first classification, Tonya Hodge, 5, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dub Hodge, Morton, won first place. Tonya won second last year in the same division.

Tonya was followed by Gary Shifflett, 6, who won second place. Gary is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Shifflett, Star Route 2. Gary won second last year, Anita Lang, 4, won third place in the 4 to six year old bracket. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Lang, Morton.

In the seven through nine years of age bracket, Barbara Bowen, 9, won first place honors. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bowen, Morton. Cassandra Reeder, 9, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Reeder, Morton placed second. Dale Shifflett, 7, who won first last year, placed third this time. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Shifflett, Star Route 2.

First prize in each classification was \$6.00 second prize, \$4.00, and third prize, \$2.00. Prizes were awarded on the basis of neatness, accuracy, and artistic selection.

Winners may pick up their prizes by calling for them at Morton Insurance Agency.



ANITA LANG GARY SHIFFLETT DALE SHIFFLETT TONYA HODGE

## Merchants give away 135 gift certificates

The drawing for gift certificates was held Saturday, first, on the west side of the court house, and then because of the cold weather, inside of Ray's Hardware.

Chamber manager Jesse George did the drawing and was assisted by Don Workman, chamber president. Over 130 names were drawn.

The gift certificates will be mailed out this week and will be good December 20 through the 24 in the local stores.

The names of the winners are listed as follows:

Jones Ford Sales: Marcos Madrid, Jr., Morton; Hubert D. Wilson, Morton; J. T. Daniel, Morton; Mrs. Roy Allsup, Morton; Fred Kelly, Morton; Ruth Bass, Morton; Geneva Nicewarner, Morton; Mrs. W. T. Jackson, Morton; Minnie; Bertha Roberts, Morton; Mrs. Henry Williams, Morton; Johnny Valdez, Morton;

Childs': H. B. Burns, Morton; Mrs. Joyce Burton, Morton; The Popular Store: Wally Reyes, Morton; Barbara Ashbrook, Causey, N. Mex.; A. L. Nesbitt, Morton;

Ramby Pharmacy: Bob Mayon, Morton; Pat Guffey, Morton; L. D. Sanderson, Baileyboro; Mrs. Don Samford, Morton; Walter Holt, Morton;

Rose Auto: Mrs. E. Greer, Morton; Joe Fowler, Morton; Ruby Killian, Morton; Mrs. Truman Smith, Morton;

Morton Ind. Oil: Estell Taylor,

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## Seven indicted by Grand Jury in session here

The Grand Jury met Monday and Tuesday at the Cochran County court house, and seven indictments were handed down.

Freddie Mendoza, was indicted for assault with intent to murder with malice; Jimmy Lee Parker for breaking and entering; Hugh Delano Urdy for theft; Alfredo Morales for theft; Oscar Pessuada for theft; Eduardo Garcia for theft; and Marvin Noe, for removal of mortgaged property from the county.

## Greetings

This issue of the Tribune brings the annual Christmas greetings from firms and businesses of the area. The editor is the merchant's way of wishing you and your family a happy Christmas but expressing their appreciation for your patronage and friendship the past year.



**Give-away drawing . . .**  
JESSE GEORGE, Chamber of Commerce manager, draws a lucky winner from the barrel at the chamber of commerce drawing for gift certificates sponsored by the Retail Promotions Committee of the Chamber of Commerce. Over 100 gift certificates were given away at the drawing. Jerry Daniel, second from left, and Carl Ray, third from left, watch George pull the lucky winners out.

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MORTON, TEXAS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1965

## The meaning of Christmas

It seems that there is nothing one can say of Christmas and its coming that has not been said before, and with the utmost eloquence. That is as it should be. For, over the centuries, the great figures of religion, art, music and literature have paid Christmas their devoted tributes. Old as the observance is, it is always new. And it always will be, so long as the Christian ideal and the Christian tradition remain.

It is a time of feasting and the giving of gifts. But more than that, for all who profess Christianity, it is a time for reflection and for profound consideration of spiritual things. We live in a troubled age—an age of wars, of bitter jealousies and enmities, of restless and often violent stirrings among peoples. It is an age in which discouragement and depression come easily. But the meaning of Christmas can give the perspective we sorely need. We can believe that the problems of this age will somehow, sometime, pass—while the ideals that Christmas stands for are eternal.

Christmas is, above all, for children. Over the centuries, their eyes have sparkled as they gazed upon the tree, and found their gifts, and looked with awe upon the image of the Christ Child. Let us hope every child, wherever he may be, shares in the glories of this coming Christmas. And let us pray that he will live to know a happy and truly peaceful world.

## Beware this trap!

There's plenty of reason for self-respecting citizens to look with disgust upon the assorted beatniks and pseudo-intellectuals who've been so well publicized recently in their protests against the administration's Viet Nam policy. But is this any reason to blindly proclaim oneself to be for these policies in all respects? We don't think so. And we get the feeling that some persons have tricked themselves into publicly endorsing something they do not really understand. Supporting our men in Viet Nam, or our national commitment to the Vietnamese people, is proper enough. But blindly supporting administration policies could turn out to be against the best interests of those same people.

This fact can be well demonstrated by the expression of support given to Johnson administration's policy recently by a group of New England college professors. Their statement said: "As we understand this policy, it is intended to achieve a negotiated settlement. . . . It does not involve any attempt to destroy the North Viet Nam regime." That's the way we understand the present policy, too; and, regardless of the opinion of the professors, we believe it needs to be changed. We're not opposed to a negotiated settlement, provided it is negotiated after Communist forces have stopped killing people in South Viet Nam. But ignore the enemy high command in Hanoi that we mean them no harm is to continue to keep our own men at a great disadvantage and leave those enemy leaders with much to gain and nothing to lose by letting the fighting drag on.

Senator Stennis, of Mississippi, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, recently called for an end to the "restrictive ground rules" which now handicap our own forces, and a blockade of ports in the north to cut off supplies to enemy forces. Congressman Laird, of Wisconsin, says he would favor a declaration of war against the Hanoi regime, to reduce the handicaps under which our men now fight there. A declaration of war would not expand the conflict (as some seem to think) but would shorten it, simply because the enemy would be risking its own destruction unless it withdraws its forces from the South.

So, instead of blind endorsement of the administration's indecisive "comment" in Viet Nam, we should all be getting behind those members of Congress who are seeking to bring an end to the fighting in both North and South Viet Nam without selling out our friends. After that, if there's still a need, will be the time for negotiations.

## The rule of law

"Can a disorderly society survive?" That question is asked in an article by former U. S. Supreme Court Justice Charles E. Whittaker which originally appeared in the Kansas City Star and has been reprinted by The Reader's Digest in condensed form.

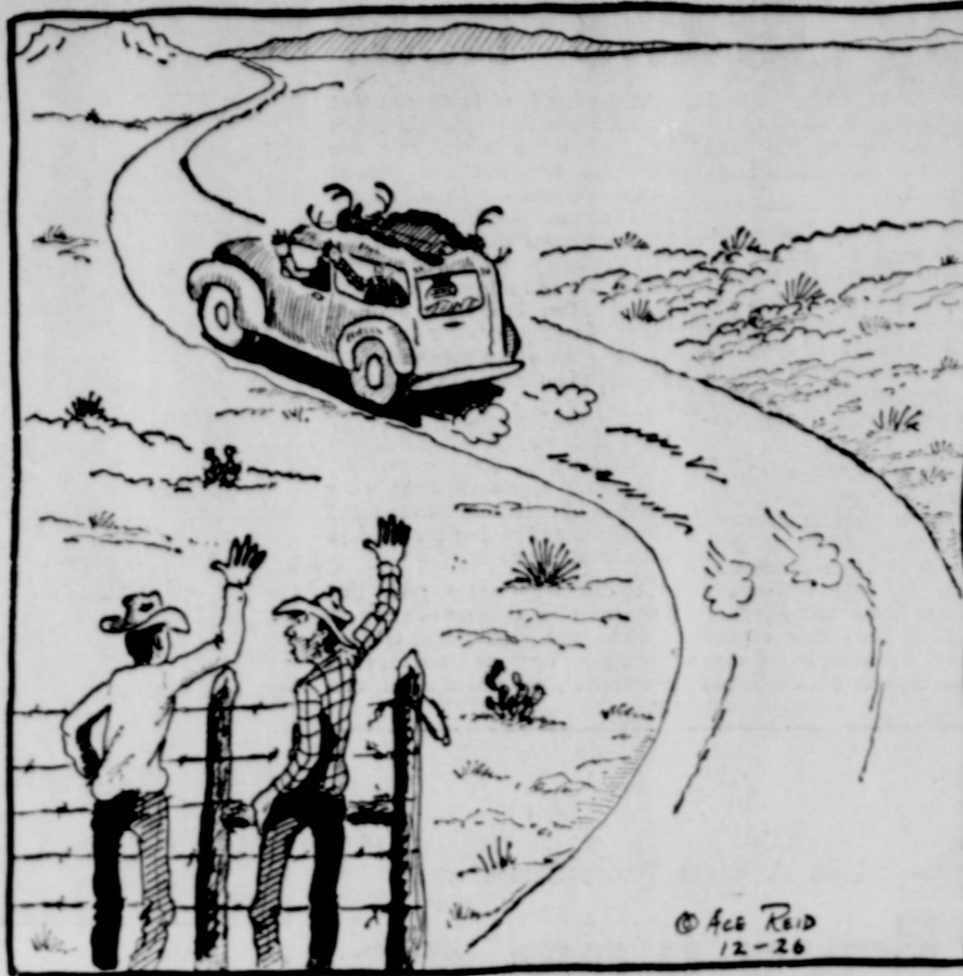
His answer: "In all recorded history, none ever has. On the contrary, history shows that the first evidence of each society's decay appeared in the toleration of disobedience of its laws."

Justice Whittaker relates this historical fact to the attitude of certain groups within this country which hold that they have the right to violate laws they consider bad. Of this, he says: "The great pity here is that these minority groups are actually eroding and destroying the legal processes which alone can ever assure to them, or permanently maintain for them, due process and equal protection of the laws, and that can, thus, protect them from discrimination and abuses by majorities."

There can be no true freedom without the rule of law. Any one has the right to protest any law and urge its repeal or change. But no one has the right to disobey laws which he simply doesn't like.

## COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"They oughta be happy, they got 3 deer, 2 cows and 4 horses."

## VIEWES . . . of other editors

### Then You Can Keep Christmas

This is the final week of Christmas shopping. The stores are crowded, the merchandise is beginning to be depleted, and clerks' tempers are becoming frayed. In all the mad rush it is possible to keep the meaning of Christmas foremost.

Is it conceivable that this all started almost two centuries ago in a manger in Bethlehem? Did God have any idea what the result of His sending His Son to earth would be? He gave His dearest Son to start these events. Today we are still giving but what is the thought behind the gift? This concept can be the crux of how we keep Christmas and will determine if we have the right to enjoy such a wonderful and joyous event.

Henry Van Dyke, in the Six Days of the Week, has expressed his ideas this way:

"Can you keep Christmas? 'Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background, and your duties in the middle distance, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground; to see that your fellow men are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy; to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give life; to close your book of complaints against the management of the universe, and look around you for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness—are you willing to do these things even for a day?'"

"Then you can keep Christmas." Beeville Bee-Picayune

### Who Has The Extremists?

The Republican party, split by an internal liberal-conservative division, continues to be outmaneuvered by the skilled opinion formers sympathetic to the Democrats.

The Republican party is considered the home of "right wing extremists," which to most people means the John Birch Society. Despite all they can do to erase this "image," the Republicans still have to contend with the idea that the extremists have found a home within them.

And there is no denying that there are John Birch Society members in the Republican party, certainly they would feel more comfortable there than in the Democratic party.

But the fact of the matter is, according to the Republican National Committee, that there isn't a single Birch Society member in a policy-making position in the Republican Party.

Furthermore, the GOP says that it has not been influenced by Birch policies, and it never will be.

What do people mean by "extremists?" Generally they mean a right wing, far-out position that sees a Communist in every government department, who continually preach that the nation is on a greased slide to doom, that criticize schools, churches, government, etc., as dupes of the Communist conspiracy.

And these people, with the John Birch Society prominent in this type of thinking, can be considered "extremists."

On the right, that is. What about "extremists" on the left? We don't hear so much about them, although they are more nu-

merous than the rightists in all probability.

The Ku Klux Klan may be neither right nor left, but it is a good guest that 99 per cent of its membership votes Democratic. Has there ever been a national clamor about these "extremists" within the Democratic Party?

What about other "extremist" groups that the Democratic Party supports? The Democratic National Committee has contributed \$10,000 to the support of an organization called Group Research, Inc. This outfit publishes a list of extremists which is widely used by union leaders and Democrat officials, as a blacklist. Anyone name is on the list is considered suspicious.

Whom does it list? Along with Nazis, known anti-Semites and other actual extremists it lists former Presidents Hoover and Eisenhower, the late Douglas MacArthur, even such Democrats as Tom Dodd, the anti-Communist senator from Connecticut. Its approach is just as crude and distorted as Robert Welch's attack on former president Eisenhower.

Although you don't hear much about it, extremism on the left is just as dangerous as extremism on the right, and the leftists have found a home within the Democratic Party. Extremists of the right may not have much influence upon the Republican Party while extremists of the left are quite influential within the Democratic Party.

Consider the Americans for Democratic Action, a left wing outfit. Its former vice chairman and founder is now Vice President Hubert Humphrey, a Democrat. What would happen if a Bircher were elected Vice President by the Republicans? But ADA is just as radical on the left as the John Birch Society is on the right.

Most Americans don't like extremists of either stripe. If we can call loudly and long for the Republicans to purge themselves of John Birch influence, why can't we call for the Democrats to rid themselves of left wing extremist influence like the ADA?

This is a good question. Wanna bet it will ever be answered? Ochiltree Co-Herald

### The Championship Season

This is the season of the year when football champions in all conferences are being recognized. All-District teams are being selected. Marching band contests are being held. It is an exciting time for the communities and schools in every section of the state. Teams are being honored and individual efforts are acknowledged.

American boys and girls today have more leisure time than ever before and much of it is devoted to extracurricular activities. If the administrators and sponsors were not providing these school activities, directed by strong and competent leaders and surrounded by reasonable and effective controls, the high school students would be looking in other directions for challenging experiences.

If these school events were eliminated at the stroke of the pen, then tomorrow or the next day outside organizations and various private groups would move into the area and take over the "public school captive audience." Before high school leagues throughout the nation were organized, that is exactly what happened in both high school and college athletics. The same situation developed in music contests.

High school leagues of the nation are strong and well organized today. These are voluntary associations, organized and controlled

by public school administrators. Courts have upheld the right of the leagues to make rules and to assess penalties against those members who fail to abide by the rules and regulations set up. Interscholastic Leaguer

### No Treason Here

Texas Cong. Olin Teague's headline - grabbing proposal that a law should be enacted declaring anti-Viet Nam War demonstrations an act of treason will never get off the floor of the House of Representatives. Nor should it.

If the Congressman has the bad judgment to introduce such a bill, he will display prominently his misunderstanding of the American Constitution and our country's significance in human development.

If peaceful demonstrations can be halted by law, there is no end to the repressions a government can enact. Under such a law as Cong. Teague proposes our citizens would be committed by force to supporting (or, more accurately, to not expressing opposition to) the Viet Nam action.

However much we may deplore the Viet Nam demonstrators, we must preserve the right of protest. We may want to practice that honored American tradition ourselves one day.

A government that brooks no protest of its policies is a weak government. America has never been weak; on the contrary, her system is the strongest, based on a confidence in people, not on the premise that the people must be told what to believe.

The former rulers of the American and Texas colonies displayed their desperation and weakness most when they permitted no questioning of governmental policies by citizens.

Why are we not hearing from those in our country who fear and have loudly warned against a repressive federal government? Why hasn't Cong. Teague's idea been attacked by those sources?

The Viet Nam demonstrators may be 100 per cent wrong. But in America they have that right.

Robstown Record

## Highlights and Sidelights —

# Eradication plan expanded

AUSTIN, Tex. — Expansion of the brucellosis eradication program has touched almost every section of the state, as control moves from established West Texas to the Valley and Deep East Texas.

Area testing toward initial certification is under way in Atascosa, Brooks, Coryell, Falls, Hamilton, Hudd, Jack Limestone, McLennan, Milam and Roberts Counties.

Armstrong, Bosque, Crane, Duval Earth, Potter and Ward Counties have qualified for certification or re-certification.

Twenty-one more counties petitioning for Brucellosis programs are Angelina, Cherokee, Hardin, Houston, Jasper, Jim Hogg, Nacogdoches, Newton, Orange, Panola, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, Tyler, Wichita and Zapata Counties.

ATTORNEY GENERAL RULES — Overlapping bills in the Legislature will balk Texas National Guard Armory Board plans to dispose of unneeded armories "encumbered by debt" at Ranger, Carrizo Springs and Santa Anna, according to interpretation of an opinion by Atty. Gen. Waggoner Carr. Another seven or eight armories are expected to become surplus after the Guard-Reserve merger — without authority to dispose of them.

In other opinions Carr held: Wife of Kendall County sheriff cannot be employed to prepare meals for prisoners in county jail. Hale County justice of peace, precinct 1, place 2, does not come into existence until commissioners court declares precinct contains a city of 8,000.

Board of Mental Health and Mental Retardation can sell surplus land at Abilene State School. State Comptroller has authority to set up special accounts for gifts and bequests to Water Rights Commission.

POVERTY PROGRAMS — Gov. John Connally announced approval of Community Action Program grants in Kingsville (\$38,234) Comal and Blanco Counties (\$18,649); and Atascosa, Karnes and Wilson Counties (\$16,200).

A \$223,710 Neighborhood Youth Corps grant to train 210 youngsters in Fallfurris also received the governor's authorization.

PROJECT OK'D — Sen. John G. Tower's Austin office advises that a proposed Bureau of Reclamation Feasibility Report on the \$117,300,000 multi-purpose Cuero Project in the Guadalupe River Basin of DeWitt and Gonzales Counties has been approved.

Report is being transferred to the State of Texas and to interested federal agencies for review before it goes to the President and Congress.

Annual yield of water from the proposed reservoir will be 229,000 acre-feet for stage I development, and 342,000-acre-feet from two-stage ultimate development.

OIL EXPLORATION — Texas now is encouraging oil exploration in the Gulf of Mexico on both state and federal leases by adopting a special offshore allowable yardstick giving offshore wells bonus production allowances.

New Texas schedule, effective Jan. 1, matches the special offshore allowable Louisiana has been granting, at least in general.

This was a double Christmas bonus for companies operating offshore, since the Texas Railroad Commission announced its decision as it increased regular statewide production for January to 32.6 per cent of capability, a rise of 69,587 barrels in calendar day allowances.

Bonus production allowances will apply not only to state-owned tracts in the Gulf of Mexico, extending out 10.5 miles, but also to federally-owned lands beyond that

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point to the Continental Shelf. State Land Commissioner Jerry Sadler, who administers the offshore leases owned by the Texas Permanent School Fund, called the announcement "A Christmas gift for the Texas schools."

HOSPITAL PROGRAMS — State Board of Health has allocated, tentatively, to various health facilities in Texas, more than \$16,600,000 in federal Hill-Burton hospital construction, modernization and equipment grants.

Final allotment is subject to federal agency approval. Projects and amounts include: El Paso Public Health Center, \$766,500; Wilbarger County Hospital District, Vernon, \$1,000,000; Fayette Memorial Hospital, La Grange, \$450,000; Mason Memorial Hospital, \$57,200; Hi-Plains Hospital, Hale Center, \$175,000;

Brownwood Community Hospital, \$1,000,000; Hale Hospital Authority, Plainview, \$1,000,000; Hopkins County Memorial Hospital, Sulphur Springs, \$1,000,000; Wichita General Hospital, Wichita Falls, \$300,000; Stamford Memorial Hospital, \$50,000;

Matagorda General Hospital, Bay City, \$990,000; Huntsville Memorial Hospital, \$52,750; Good Shepherd Hospital, Longview, \$208,150; Shamrock General Hospital, \$345,000; Jack County Hospital, Jacksboro, \$275,000; Collin County Memorial Hospital, McKinney, \$1,000,000; Edinburg Community Hospital, \$300,000; Wadley Hospital, Texarkana, \$700,000;

C. C. Young Memorial Nursing Home, Dallas, \$50,000; Spohn Hospital Nursing Home, Corpus Christi, \$250,000; Trinity Lutheran Nursing Home, Round Rock, \$201,750; Presbyterian Village Nursing Home, Dallas, \$300,000; Austin Confederate Nursing Home, \$815,000;

M. D. Anderson Hospital, Houston, \$391,500; All Saints Hospital, Fort Worth, \$170,000; Driscoll Hospital Child Study Center, Corpus Christi, \$90,000; Eden Home, New Braunfels, \$68,500; Thomas W. Hughes School, Port Arthur, \$84,000; Fort Worth Society for Crippled Children, \$400,000; Brackenridge Hospital, Austin, \$1,000,000; and San Antonio area hospitals \$1,200,000.

TEXAS 2020 — More than 30 million people are expected to live in Texas by 2020, and about 2/3 of them will be living in 15

of the more urbanized counties. According to a Texas Water Development Board report, by the 15 will have a population exceeding a million. Eight million will have populations ranging from 400,000 to 1,000,000.

This study, directly related to the State Water Plan, is due for presentation in the late spring, 1966. It will be the basis for requirement projections by counties in the "over-all" category will include Harris, Tarrant, Bexar, Travis, and El Paso in that order.

Dominant other counties are Jefferson, McLennan, Garza, Brazoria, Smith, Lubbock, and Gregg.

These 15 counties are expected to comprise 2/3 of the population in 1960, the 15 contained the total state population in 1960.

State Water Plan will provide water requirements for each of the population growth in each and coastal basin.

ACT INTRODUCED — Numerous resolutions in science and technology, in business, industry, commercial interests will be available to the state through the federal program. This could serve as a boom to the state's economy.

Gov. John Connally named Coordinating Board of Higher Education as the state agency directed by Joe W. Tyson Jr., director.

Tyson said his office will actively to make potential aware of the wealth of data available. Agency will not keep data itself, but will direct it to the places where data is found.

DRAFT MAY TAKE — Draft boards soon may be tried men up to 35 years that have no children in order armed forces quotas. This done for the first time since World War II.

Col. Morris S. Schwartz, selective service director, announced to Texas colleges and university officials to let the education know as soon as age young men drop out of or lighten their work load. "The nation can provide occupations for the perennial who show no progress."

Actually, raising the age limit from 26 to 35 won't put many more eligible men, according to Schwartz's calculation, estimated there are less than 100,000 in the outside age range of the number who qualify for service because of dependent children or other reasons.

Selective Service, Schwartz phrased, wants to leave "the dedicated students in school complete their work, and the dropping drop-outs or those whose study load drops below the will help make this possible."

SHORT SNORTS — House Speaker Ben Barnes has appointed John R. Harrison of Houston, J. E. Johnson of Houston, Brooks of Pasadena, Lee De Jr. of Houston and J. C. Whitfield of Houston to study possibility across the Houston Channel. Texas State Library has \$1,438,499 in federal funds which to pay 50 per cent of cost of building, remodeling, pairing community libraries state, and 33 cities have agreed for aid.

Highway Commission set in motion planning and construction of last 10-block stretch of U.S. Interstate Highway, Laredo — Major expansion of highway routes in Del Rio and Del Rio also were ordered. Men of Agriculture in emergency loans to eligible producers in Harris, Mitchell, Pecos, Rockwall Counties due to wolf losses and insect infestation.

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## The "spirit" is what makes a Christmas tree

In Christmas trees, it's the spirit that counts.

Almost anything can be — and is — a Christmas tree. In Minneapolis, Minn., they even made a tree out of water pipes, fastened like spokes to a telephone pole, and appropriately decorated.

In Wilmington, N.C., a live oak more than 300 years old is adorned at the Yuletide with colorful ornaments and electric lights. In Indianapolis, Ind., they decorate the 246-foot Soldiers and Sailors Monument with electric candles and stars. The U.S. National Christmas Tree, officially designated in 1928, is not an evergreen but a giant redwood, located in Kings Canyon National Park, Calif.

This unusual Christmas tree, called the "General Grant," is 3,500 years old.

Many families prefer the "permanent" Christmas tree, often made of aluminum.

Despite all this, the time-tested favorite tree is still the evergreen. Most people, if asked, would probably vote for the "fir tree."

Actually, there are nearly 40 species of the popular "fir tree," found in the mountainous regions of Central and Southern Europe, Asia north of the Himalayas and North America.

A frequently seen Christmas tree variety is the "balsam fir," also called "Canada balsam" or "Balm of Gilead," according to the Encyclopedia Americana. This is one of the most common trees of eastern North America, extending from Virginia and West Virginia in the United States to Labrador and Newfoundland.

The balsam fir may grow to 40 or 50 feet tall. The southern fir is of about the same height and is found in the mountains of Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee.

Other American firs are essentially Western. They include

the Pacific silver fir, the white fir, the grand fir, the Alpine fir, the red fir, the Shasta red fir and the noble fir. These firs may attain 250 feet in height.

In Canada, the exporting of Christmas trees, including firs, pine and spruce, is important business. Seven provinces export trees to countries as far away as Venezuela.

### South Plains cotton harvest approaches peak

The South Plains cotton harvest approach peak activity last week and the USDA Classing Offices at Lubbock, Brownfield and Lamesa received samples from approximately 65,000 bales a day, according to W. K. Palmer, in charge of the Lubbock Office.

The Lubbock Office is operating on a two-shift basis and has 97 classifiers on duty. The Brownfield Office has nine classifiers on duty and the Lamesa Office eight classifiers.

The three South Plains Offices classed 323,900 samples during the week ending Wednesday, December 8th. The Lubbock Office classed "make something" for everyone 289,300 of this total, the Brownfield Office 22,000 and the Lamesa Office 12,600.

through December 8th, the Lubbock Office had classed 730,300 Lamesa Office 65,200. This brought the total for the season for the three offices to 855,000. Through December 8th last year the three South Plains Classing Offices had classed 772,500 samples of the 1964 crop.

Trading increased on the Lubbock market this week but prices remained steady. Demand was samples of this year's crop, the Brownfield Office 59,500 and the light for Middling, Strict Low Middling and Middling Light Spotted and strong for Strict Low Middling Light Spotted and lower.

Cotton prices paid South Plains farmers, as reported by the Consumer and Marketing Service of the USDA, ranged from the loan for Strict Middling and Middling to \$2.00 per bale over the loan for Low Middling.

Prices for the Light Spotted grades ranged from 50 cents per bale over the loan for Strict Middling Light Spotted to \$3.50 per bale over the loan for Low Middling Light Spotted. Middling Light Spotted was bringing from 50 cents to \$2.50 per bale over the loan and Strict Low Middling Light Spotted was bringing from \$2.50 to \$5.00 per bale over the loan. These prices were for cotton with micronaire of 3.5 and better.

Average prices  
Average prices paid for the most predominant qualities were: Middling 15/16 - 27.65, Middling 31/32 - 28.25, Strict Low Middling 13/16 - 26.45, Strict Low Middling 31/32 - 26.95, Middling Light Spotted 15/16 - 26.30, Middling Light Spotted 31/32 - 27.00, Strict Low Middling Light Spotted 15/16 - 25.85 and Strict Low Middling Light Spotted 31/32 - 26.25.

Prices paid farmers for cottonseed ranged from \$45 to \$55 per ton.

### Church Nativity in Bethlehem site for pilgrimages

Each holiday season, thousands of visitors turn their footsteps toward the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. People of many faiths make the annual trip to Bethlehem, now a part of Jordan to visit the church which is above the Grotto of the Nativity where Christ was born.

The Church of the Nativity is shared by Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox and Armenian denominations. Roman Catholics celebrate first, with masses on Christmas Eve, December 25. Eastern churches observe Christ's birthday in January, as also do the Greek Orthodox, who still follow the Julian calendar.

Protestants traditionally gather in Shepherds Fields, the nearby site where tradition says the angels came down to tell the shepherds of the Holy Birth.

### Columbus credited with first of New World observances

Christopher Columbus, credited with having discovered America, is also believed to have been responsible for the first Christmas observance in this part of the world.

According to the story, the flagship Santa Maria beached on Christmas Eve and Columbus and his men were forced to work Christmas day to free the ship by stripping her of as much gear as possible and taking it aboard the Nina.

The Nina, however, was unable to take all of the men on board and those who remained behind in a fort named the spot La Navidad, in honor of the Nativity.

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## Making "prune people" for Yule holidays is fun

From the South of Germany comes a centuries-old custom of making "Little Prune People" for Christmas decorating and eating.

Legend has it that the appearance of these "little people" in the home during the holiday season will bring good luck and good harvest during the coming year. They take on characterizations of people of all ages and occupations, including St. Nicholas himself.

If Dad has some heavy wire and some scraps of plywood in his workshop, and if fruits and nuts are on hand (as they usually are at Christmas), almost any family could make some "lucky little prune people" this Yuletide. For groups large or small, planned or impromptu parties, the creation of prune people could be an enjoyable Christmas Day pastime.

Most people will quickly come up with their own ideas for prune characters they would like to create. The characterizations are limited only by the imagination and the materials that can be used.

Traditional materials used to create "prune people" are: heavy picture wire, prunes, dried figs and raisins, unshelled nuts, quarter-inch plywood scraps or wood scraps from crates, pliers, hammer, small awl, foil, scraps of Christmas wrapping, glue and a little imagination.

To make prune people, follow these steps:

1. Cut a three-inch square wooden base. Make two holes one inch apart in center of base and cover with paper or foil.
2. Cut wire 30 inches long and put each end through holes in bottom of base. The base will now stand with wire perpendicular and ready to string on nuts or prunes.
3. Punch hole through two Brazil nuts and string wire through holes to form feet and glue nuts to wooden base.
4. String two or three prunes

### SANTA'S VILLAGE

Santa Claus, Indiana and Christmas, Florida pop into the news each Christmas season, and throughout the year are visited by thousands of tourists. Away out West, in the San Bernardino mountains not too far from Los Angeles, California, the star of popularity is fast rising for Santa's Village, a replica of the North Pole home of Santa Claus, complete with plenty of snow during the winter months . . . and including, of course, Santa himself, his elves, animals, toys, candy, and a 20-passenger sleigh.

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### Pvt. L. Baldwin completes course

Pvt. Larry E. Baldwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floss S. Baldwin, Whiteface, completed a six-week powerman course at the Army Engineer School, Fort Belvoir, Va., Dec. 10.

During the course Baldwin received instruction in the operation and maintenance of hand and power tools, gasoline and diesel engines and electric generators.

Baldwin entered the Army last August and completed basic training at Fort Polk, La.

The 20-year-old soldier was graduated from Whiteface High School in 1964.

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### Rose Bowl, traditional contest for New Year's Day, was begun in 1902

It used to be that any armchair sports fan could name without any difficulty the bowl games to be traditionally contested on New Year's Day. In fact it was possible in previous years to watch part, if not all, of more than one of these great gridiron battles. Now they are numerous.

The "daddy" of all the bowl games, however, is the fabulous Rose Bowl, which started as a supplement to the Tournament of Roses in 1902. Michigan walloped Stanford 49-0 that year.

Chariot races were substituted for football the following year and not until 1916 when Washington State beat Brown University did collegiate grid action at its finest return to the Tournament of Roses.

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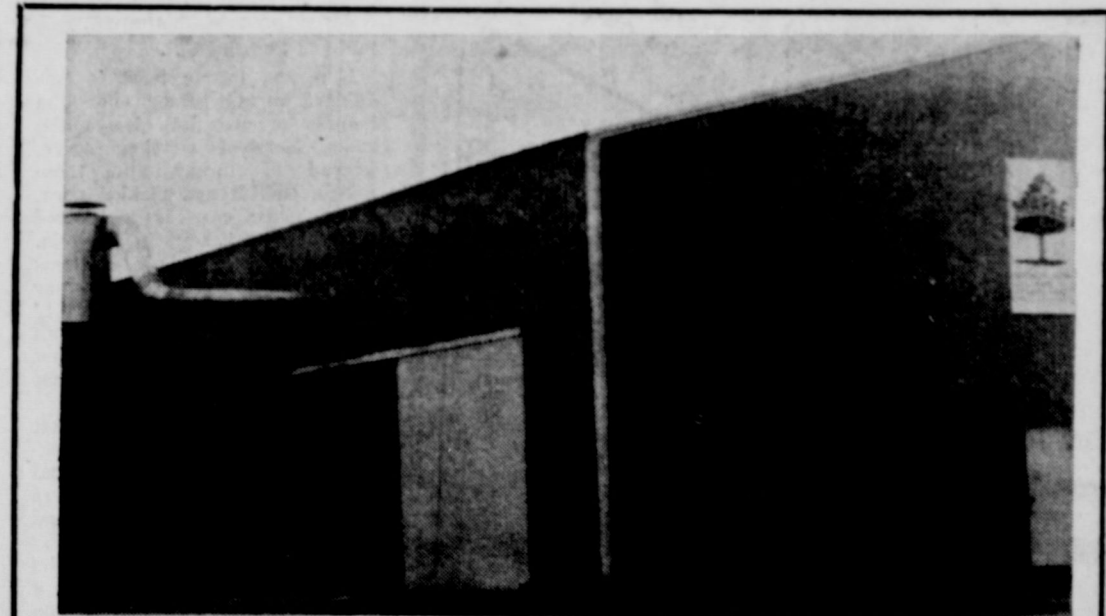
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**Many Christmas traditions are universal in use**

Celebrating the happy holiday of Christmas is an almost universal custom, and many of the traditions belonging to the day are universal, too. Gift giving, merrymaking, gaily decorated trees and brightly glowing lights are holiday habits that have found their way to almost every corner of the globe.

Along with the similarities in the way people observe Christmas go just as many differences. From country to country, from city to city, from family to family, holiday customs vary, sometimes just enough to show the touch of individual imagination, and sometimes so greatly that it seems hard to believe the same day is being commemorated.

**Gift Giving**

It's traditional to receive gifts during the Yuletide season, but the time is not always December 25, and the gift-giver is not always Santa.

One of the earliest Christmas giving times takes place in the Netherlands, according to the Book of Knowledge. Here, the children receive their gifts from St. Nicholas on December 5. The date, appropriately enough, is called St. Nicholas Eve, in honor of the real St. Nicholas, a fourth century bishop.

Christmas gift giving in Italy comes on January 5, which is known as Epiphany Eve. The traditional gift giver is Befana. Legend says that Befana misdirected the wise men, and now she seeks to atone by going about the world doing good to children.

In Scandinavian countries, gifts are given on St. Lucy's Day, December 13.

The time for gift giving in Puerto Rico and Spain is January 6, the day when, traditionally, the wise men came to Bethlehem.

**In Germany**

From Christmas trees to Christmas toys, many Christmas customs now universally observed came first from Germany.

In the medieval town of Nuremberg, the highlight of the Christmas season is the "Christ-kindmarkt," or literally, Christ Child's Fair.

The "Christ Kind," or Christ Child, is the gift giver, and the culmination of the fair, on Christmas Eve, is a visit by the Christ Kind to the balcony of the historic church, the Frauenkirche. Days of group caroling by the children precede this event.

**Fun and Feasting . . .**

A merry, hearty feast is traditional at Christmas, but the ingredients are not always the same. Norwegians might serve, instead of turkey and trimmings, codfish and pickled pork, while baked carp is a favored Christmas delicacy in Austria.

Christmas dining customs change with time, too. History describes a "traditional" Christmas feast of seventeenth century Quebec, a feast that would be considered somewhat unusual today.

Before each diner at the feast was placed a bowl of birch-bark or polished basswood and a spoon of bark. The diners supplied their own knives, and there were no forks.

Into the bowl went first the appetizers — cornbread and a boiled mixture of eels, salmon and beans. The soup course was a rich meat broth, thickened with nuts. Vegetables included corn, peas and baked squash.

The main course featured roast venison and squirrel pies, with baked wild pigeons, partridges, blackbirds, owls — all served together.

Dessert consisted of cakes of maple sugar or sunflower seeds and nuts, topped with a sauce of boiled dried berries.

**Lighting Up**

Since the Star shone on Bethlehem, lights have been a part of Christmas celebrations. Today, candlelight services are traditionally held by many churches at Christmas.

Something unique in the way of Christmas lights are the city of Albuquerque, N.M., "luminarias" used to decorate at Christmastime.

Outlining the borders of streets, sidewalks, yards and even the roofs of homes, the luminarias shine everywhere. Made of paper bags, weighted down with sand and lighted from within by a candle, thousands of luminarias all over the city offer a soft light.

**SEASONAL CHANGE**

The small town of Hartford, Kentucky is well-remembered by tourists because of a large sign on the outskirts of town. It reads: "Welcome to Hartford, Ky., Home of 2000 Happy People and a Few Soreheads." Visitors during the Christmas season last year were even more impressed. Above the large sign was an additional sign: "Even the Few Soreheads Wish You a Merry Christmas!"

**Personals**

J. G. Wilson, Morton, recently purchased an Aberdeen-Angus bull from Frank Hinkson, Muleshoe, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Crawford and Sherril arrived this week from Reno, Nevada where they have been living the past year. They will soon be moving to Lubbock to make their home. Mrs. Crawford is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Burkett.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Roddy and family will spend Christmas Day in the home of his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Lively of Borger.

Mr. and Mrs. Davy Mitchell of Golden, Colorado are visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wallace during the Christmas holidays.

Visitors in the home of Mrs. Eva McHam Sunday were Mrs. J. H. Lowe, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Woods of Sudan, Mr. and Mrs. Don Lowe and family of Maple, Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Altman of Baileyboro, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Lowe and Glenn of Maple, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Burkett and Marieta Edwards of Dora and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lowe.

Sons and daughters of W. A. Corder will be visiting over the Christmas holidays. Those attending from out of town will be Mr. and Mrs. O. D. McKnight and children of Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Clayton, Lubbock. Also Mr. and Mrs. Robbie Key and children, Mr. and Mrs. Jet Clayton and family and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Corder and family, all of Morton.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Arnett for the Christmas holidays are Mr. and Mrs. Matt Arnett and children of Visalia, California, Billy Garner, who is home on leave from the Navy and is stationed in San Diego, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Garner and daughter of Kingsville.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Fleenor spent the week-end with Frank and Jean Fleenor and Doris Pollard and her husband of Lubbock.

**Letters to Santa**

Dear Santa,

I have been a pretty good boy. Please bring me a mixer truck, a army gun and a tool box with a saw. I have a sister, Lisa. Please don't forget her. She likes babies. Don't forget all the other boys and girls.

Love, Barry Zuber,  
Route 2, Morton, Texas  
P. S. I am 4½ years old and Lisa is 1½ years old.

Dear Santa,

My name is Monty Keith. I'm three and one half years old and I would like a road grader, dump truck, crane and a bulldozer set. My little brother is Donnie B., he's nearly two and won't talk but he wants the same thing, too.

We love you,  
Monty and Donnie Merritt

**L'Allegros take Girlstown gifts**

L'Allegro Study Club took gifts to Girlstown USA December 21 to be distributed among the girls for Christmas. Mrs. W. B. Merritt and Mrs. Gene Snyder represented the club.

Items delivered were 15 boxes of homemade candy and cookies, several bows, a case of spray net and hose, Mrs. Truman Doss of Doss Thriftway and a member of the club donated a case of spray net.

Girlstown is one of the yearly projects of the L'Allegro Study Club.



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**LEONARD COLEMAN**  
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**Many college students home now for holidays**

A check by the Tribune revealed the following students are currently home from colleges to spend Christmas and New Years vacation with their families.

South Plains College — Levelland Rodney Holloman, freshman, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Lewallen.

Donna Parker, freshman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Parker.

Robert Wiggins, freshman, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wiggins.

Rodney Williams, freshman, son of Mrs. O. B. Williams.

Beverly Criswell, sophomore, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Corder.

Jerri Holloway, sophomore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerhomo Holloway.

Linda Lynch, sophomore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lynch.

Woody Self, freshman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Self.

Charles Ledbetter, freshman, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Ledbetter.

Elliot Elliot, freshman, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Elliot.

Mayland Abbe, freshman, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Abbe.

Carla McCarty, freshman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. McCarty.

Donna McMaster, freshman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. McMaster.

Marshall Grimes, sophomore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Happy Grimes.

Terry Bickett, freshman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bickett.

Gaylene Weed, freshman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Weed.

Dan Trice, freshman, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Trice.

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Lindsay Key, junior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Key.

Carolyn, junior and Mike Houston, senior, children of Mr. and Mrs. Pegues Houston.

Lauretta, junior and Carol McCuiston, sophomore, daughters of Mrs. T. A. McCuiston.

Johnny Samford, junior, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Samford.

David Tarver, freshman, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Tarver.

Ray O'Brien, sophomore, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. O'Brien.

Jimmy Collins, sophomore, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Collins.

Kay Hodges, sophomore, daughter of Mrs. T. C. Hodges.

Glenn, senior and Clem Kuehler, sophomore, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Kuehler.

Ray Luper, senior, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Luper.

Donald Shaw, sophomore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Shaw.

JoAnn Wells, sophomore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. U. F. Wells.

Jan Hawthorne, freshman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hawthorne.

Lester Dupler, junior, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Dupler.

James, junior and Patsy Beseda, freshman, children of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Beseda.

Leon and Patricia Jeffcoat, seniors, children of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Egger and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jeffcoat.

Ricky Coffman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Coffman.

Lynn Freeland, sophomore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Coffman.

Lynn Freeland, sophomore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Freeland.

Ronald Smart, freshman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Smart.

Patsy, freshman, and Terry Hanns, senior, children of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Harris.

Mike Doss, freshman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Doss.

Barbara Harvey, freshman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Harvey.

Mary Kate Miller, freshman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Miller.

Jimmy, senior, Kay, junior and Mary St. Clair, freshman, children of Mr. and Mrs. James St. Clair.

Sandy Wallace, freshman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wallace.

Warren Williamson, freshman, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Williamson.

Sue Pinson, senior and Peggy Ramsey, freshman, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Ramsey.

Carolyn Waters, freshman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Waters.

Peggy Cheek, sophomore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cheek.

Morris Peterson, sophomore, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Peterson.

University of Texas — Austin

Ken Brook, senior, son of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Brook.

Marlin Rose, freshman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seager.

Betty Ledbetter, junior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Ledbetter.

Hardin Simmons — Abilene

Jeff Townsend, junior, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Townsend.

North Texas State University — Denton

Barbara Kennedy, freshman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Kennedy.

East Texas State University — Commerce

Betsy Crowder, freshman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Crowder.

Baylor University — Waco

Carol Williams, freshman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Williams.

David Newsom, freshman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Newsom.

Lubbock Christian College — Lubbock

Ernest Chesshir, freshman, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Chesshir.

Howard Payne College — Brownwood

Pamela Reynolds, freshman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Reynolds.

A&M College — College Station

Doug Corley, freshman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cross.

Colorado College — Colorado Springs

Mike Egger, freshman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Egger.

Stephen F. Austin — Nacogdoches

Paula Burnett, senior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Burnett.

Jacksonville College — Jacksonville

Gary Clark, sophomore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clark.

Eastern New Mexico University — Portales, New Mexico

Diane Fields, sophomore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Fields.

Angelo State College, — San Angelo

Bennie Smith, freshman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Smith.

**Collegians to present service**

Twenty six college students, representing seven colleges and universities, will present a special "Student Night at Christmas" program at the First Baptist Church this coming Sunday, December 26, at 7 p.m.

The purpose of this program is to encourage college students while they are home for the holidays and to acquaint church members with the life of a Christian college student. The theme for Sunday night is "Conformed to Christ on Campus."

Students will be charge of the program, leading in the music, prayers, scriptures, testimonies and ushering. Rev. Fred Thomas, pastor, will bring a concluding message.

All who are interested in college students are invited to the 7 p.m. service and to the reception in honor of the college students at 8 p.m. in the basement of the First Baptist Church.

**Morton AF man completes course**

Technical Sergeant Edward A. Morales, son of Mr. and Mrs. Salvador C. Morales, 205 N.E. Seventh St., Morton, has been graduated at Lowry AFB, Colo., from the training course for U. S. Air Force bombing-navigation systems technicians.

Sergeant Morales, a graduate of Carrizozo, N. M., High School, is being reassigned to Westover AFB, Mass., for duty with the Strategic Air Command.

His wife is the former Lupe Neverz.

Visiting over the holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Huckabee will be their children, Bill Huckabee and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wood and Lori all of Dallas.

Sallie Ann Leverett, senior, of Eastern New Mexico University at Portales visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Leverett Sr., over the week-end. Miss Roberta Fox of Carlsbad and Gary McClory of Gladewater will visit with them over the holidays.



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# Highway patrol checks three crashes in county

Texas Highway Patrol investigated three accidents on rural highways in Cochran County during the month of November, according to Sergeant A. F. Roberts, County Patrol Supervisor of this county.

The wrecks accounted for persons injured and an estimated property damage of \$1,415. The patrol traffic accident summary for this county from January through November of 1965 shows a total of 37 crashes. As a result of these crashes there were 14 persons killed and 40 persons injured. The estimated property damage amounts to \$24,842.

"You think drinking and driving is not such a big problem as it really is", Sergeant Roberts stated. "Drinking is involved in more than 50 percent of the fatal Christmas time accidents, a higher percentage than in any other time of the year. The problem is not only the heavy drinker but also the social drinker and even the person who only had a few at the office party or on the way home from work. Just a little alcohol takes a shortcut toward a driving accident by reducing judgment, self-control and driving reactions. The best solution is not to drive at all after drinking."

The Patrol Supervisor offered these suggestions to emphasize the holiday traffic safety: restrain impatience, haste, inconsiderateness and preoccupation that may creep into the holiday attitudes. Know the safe winter driving techniques and use them. Obey the regulations and signs. And when you are the pedestrian, don't take any chances with the traffic by jaywalking, rushing, obscuring vision with packages, or failing to allow extra alertness for dusk and hazardous weather conditions.

Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Ingram and Jan and Keith of Clovis and Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Fratin, Jr. and Carolyn and Randy of Lubbock will spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Fratin, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Garrett of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Porter will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Lovelace.



**Coffee table . . .**

LARRY WARD, a senior at Morton High School proudly displays his Limba wood coffee table that he made under the supervision of Owen Houston, IA instructor at Morton High. Ward spent about fifteen hours working on the project. The beautifully shaped legs of the table were "turned" in the shop.

# Christmas has a 'special meaning'

What, indeed, is Christmas? Why is Christmas, of all holidays, the most eagerly awaited, the best-remembered?

The answer must be that Christmas is the one holiday that has a special meaning for all mankind. The spirit of Christmas was first reflected in the eyes of wise kings and humble shepherds who had journeyed from far and near to witness a special miracle—the birth of a promised Redeemer.

Christmas customs change with the modes and mannerisms of new generations. Yet the real story of Christmas remains forever the same. Christmas is the birthday of Jesus Christ.

However we choose to celebrate this great holiday, we must find it difficult to ignore that there is in the world about us a spirit of love and goodness, of close communion with God and with mankind. It lives within the heart of all who have recognized the true meaning of Christmas.

### EARLY CARD

What some investigators believe to be the first card printed specifically as a Christmas card was the one designed in 1843 by J. C. Horsley for Sir Henry Cole. The card had one center illustration and two side panels. The center panel depicted an English family raising wine glasses to toast a missing friend. Scenes on the side panels showed the feeding of the hungry and clothing of the naked. It was the only card Sir Henry Cole ever had designed—reaction to the toasting scene from temperance-minded friends was far from what he had expected.

### IN FRANCE

Public Christmas trees are not so popular in France as in America, although they are found in many French homes, usually ornamented with candles and lights, tinsels and colored stars. Also popular is the traditional manger scene—small figures arranged in fashion that characterizes the story of the Nativity.

### CHRISTMAS COOKIES

Add sparkle to Christmas cookies the easy way. Roll out sugar or ginger cookie dough as directed and then sprinkle evenly with white or colored sugar, pressing it in slightly with a rolling pin. Cut out desired shapes and bake the cookies.

### ABOUT TREES . . .

On the night Christ was born, legend says, all the trees burst into bloom. Thus began many stories about the Christmas tree.

Early folk tales described a huge tree in the midst of a forest. The tree held many candles, some straight, some upside down. At the top was an infant with a halo around his head.

It was believed that the tree was represented humanity. The candles, up and down, symbolized people, good and bad. The infant was the Christ Child.

### CARE GIVE POINSETTIA

Should you receive a poinsettia plant, or purchase one for the holidays, here are some tips on proper care of this Christmas favorite.

Be sure to place the plant in a sunny window, well away from drafts and excessive heat. A moderate temperature of about 70 degrees is recommended.

Examine soil around the plant twice daily and keep it uniformly moist. Apply enough water to wet the soil to the bottom, when it starts to dry out.

### "AND ON EARTH" . . .

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

This is how the latest version of the Bible translates Luke 2: 14—a change from the familiar "and on earth peace, good will to men."

### FIRST CARDS SOLD

Christmas cards were first offered "to the trade" by an English publishing house in the 1860's. They carried such designs as jolly old gentlemen (who might have been Santa's forebears), plum puddings, holly and mistletoe.

### EXTRA GIFT

An "extra" and inexpensive gift certain to be appreciated by most youngsters is a supply of batteries. Most children receive one or more battery-powered toys for Christmas.

### CHRISTMAS, FLA.

Christmas, Florida, postmark on thousands of holiday packages each year, is located 23 miles east of Orlando and was originally established as a fort to provide protection against hostile Indians—some 126 years ago.

Today, thousands throughout the United States and Europe send

packages to be mailed from Christmas, now a symbol of peace and good will.

### GENERAL GRANT TREE . . .

One of the most famous Christmas trees is the General Grant tree, located in General Grant National Park, 64 miles east of Fresno, California. This tree was designated the official national Christmas tree for Christmas Day, 1925.

The General Grant tree is estimated to be about 270 feet high and services are held under the tree each year. Due to severe weather conditions usually prevalent in the area, however, the number of visitors is somewhat limited.

### CENTERPIECE

For a dramatic and timely holiday centerpiece, arrange several cut poinsettia blooms with greens in a shallow bowl. Another decorative touch may be applied by ringing the bases of Christmas candles with holly and greens. If you are having a special holiday meal, place a wreath on the back of each chair with place cards attached on the top of the wreaths.

### SUBSTITUTE

Some researchers conclude that the custom of sending Christmas greetings developed from the old-time tradition of visiting friends on New Year's Eve. When a well-wisher discovered that the person he wanted to visit was not at home—most likely off visiting some else—he would leave a note and a card as a reminder of the visit.

### HOLLY BELIEFS

The early Druids decorated their halls and homes with boughs of holly as a welcome to spirits threatened by frost and winter winds. Britons considered it unlucky to bring holly into a house before Christmas Eve and a variation on this belief held that the type of weather at the time the holly was brought into the home determined who would rule the house in the months ahead—if fair, the wife would rule, if bad, the husband would hold sway.

### Dear Santa,

I am a little boy. I have tried to be good. Please bring me a pistol, rifle and a drum.  
Love, Bruce



Noel 1965

The Silence of the night air is interrupted—a squeaking door—a patter of little feet on the stairs—muffled giggles—excited whispers—the clicking of a light switch.

Yes, the pre-dawn of another Christmas day has come to the home. The neat piles of gifts, so meticulously wrapped, under the star-spangled tree are torn asunder—the room becomes a maelstrom of colorful ribbon—a sea of wrapping paper of kaleidoscopic hues—and cyclonic display of Santa's best wares are scattered hither and yon—youngsters darting from one gift to another like busy bees in a flower garden in full bloom.

And as the sun gently rises over the horizon, the kitchen becomes the clattering cacophony of dishes and bowls, pots and pans, that finally merge into a Christmas dinner—fit for a King.

Then when the final hour has arrived—guests departed, tired but happy youngsters are tucked into bed for the night—quiet has been restored—the exhausted parents in the stillness of the night pause to reflect—how much of this day has been devoted to the true spirit of Christmas.

The joy engendered by the family gathering pays tribute to family life, which after all, epitomizes Christmas—and helps to provide a fitting recognition to the Prince of Peace.

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- Playing Cards
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- Soap
- Stationery
- Stocking Stuffers
- Toiletory Set
- Wrist Watch
- Wrist Watch Band

- Ball Pen
- Billfold
- Barometer
- Bible
- Camera
- Camera Outfit
- Electric Clock
- Cigarettes
- Cigars
- Candy
- Electric Razor
- Electric Blanket
- Flashbulbs
- Flashlight
- Fountain Pen
- Greeting Cards
- Hairbrush
- Hair Dressing
- Heating Pad
- Jewelry Sets
- Key Case
- Butane Lighter
- Leather Kits
- Manicure Sets
- Pen and Pencil Set
- Pipe
- Playing Cards
- Photographic Equipment
- Projection Outfit
- Transistor Radio
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- Electric Razor
- After-Shave Lotion
- Shaving Kits
- Razor Sets
- Razor
- Shaving Brush
- Soaps
- Stationery

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- Tobacco Humidor
- Tobacco Pouch
- Toiletory Sets
- Travel Kits
- Vacuum Bottle
- Wrist Watch
- Wrist Watch Band

### Gifts for Youngsters

- Baby Food Warmer
- Baby Gift Set
- Ball Pen
- Bath Salts or Oils
- Billfold
- Bubble Bath
- Camera
- Camera Outfit
- Candy
- Film
- Flashlight
- Hairbrush
- Key Holder
- Manicure Set
- Pen and Pencil Set
- Photographic Outfit
- Powder Mitt
- Soaps
- Shoe Polish Set
- Shampoo
- Sports Equipment
- Stationery
- Stocking Stuffers
- Toiletory Set
- Toys
- Wrist Watch
- Wrist Watch Band

- Automatic Toothbrush
- Baby Bottle Warmers
- Baby Food Warmer
- Bathroom Scales
- Electric Clock
- Clock Radio
- Coffeemaker
- Electric Blanket
- Electric Hair Dryer
- Electric Heating Pad
- Electric Massager
- Flashlight
- Heating Lamp
- Hot Water Bottle
- Iron, Electric Steam
- Nursery Lamp
- Picnic Jug
- Portable Radio
- Sandwich Grill
- Sun Lamp
- Toaster
- Vacuum Bottle
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### DECORATIONS

- Artificial Snow Aerosol Bombs
- Candles
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- Christmas Tree Stands
- Christmas Corsages
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## HOME GAMES

Tues., November 19 - - - Bledsoe  
 Tues., November 30 - - - Bula  
 Tues., December 7 - - - Levelland  
 Mon., December 13 - - - Muleshoe  
 Tues., December 21 - - - Lazbuddie  
 Tues., January 4 - - - Abernathy  
 Fri., January 7 - - - Plains  
 Fri., January 14 - - - Frenship  
 Fri., January 21 - - - Post  
 Tues., January 25 - - - Littlefield  
 Fri., February 4 - - - Slaton  
 Tues., February 15 - - - Denver City

## Games Away

NOVEMBER 23 . . . LEVELLAND JANUARY 18 . . . . . SLATON  
 DECEMBER 3 . . . . . PLAINS JANUARY 28 . . DENVER CITY  
 DECEMBER 14 . . . LITTLEFIELD FEBRUARY 1 . . . . FRENSHIP  
 JANUARY 1 . . . . . TATUM FEBRUARY 8 . . . . . POST  
 JANUARY 11 . . . . MULESHOE FEBRUARY 11 . . . LOVINGTON

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# FIGHT, INDIANS, FIGHT!

### Second grade Bluejays meet for Christmas party and gift exchange

The Second Grade Bluejays held their Christmas Party December 18 in Mrs. Neal Roses' school. The girls enjoyed a game of cards and received their gifts. Mrs. Benham with refreshments were served to the girls. Mrs. Benham with refreshments were served to the girls.

Key, Sherrie Dobson, Donna Lynsky, Barbara Gaver, Diane Ford, Gail Lasseter, Julia Brown, Linda Adams, Nancy Benham and Sherill Taylor. Adult leaders present were Mrs. W. C. Benham, Mrs. Don Lynsky, Mrs. Odie Rasco, Mrs. Everett Davis, Mrs. Ira Brown, Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. Pete Lamb and Mrs. Bobby Adams.

### Pvt. Larry Baldwin finishes army course

Pvt. Larry E. Baldwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floss S. Baldwin, Whiteface, has completed a six-week powerman course at the Army Engineer School at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

Baldwin is a graduate of Whiteface High School in 1964 and entered the Army in August.

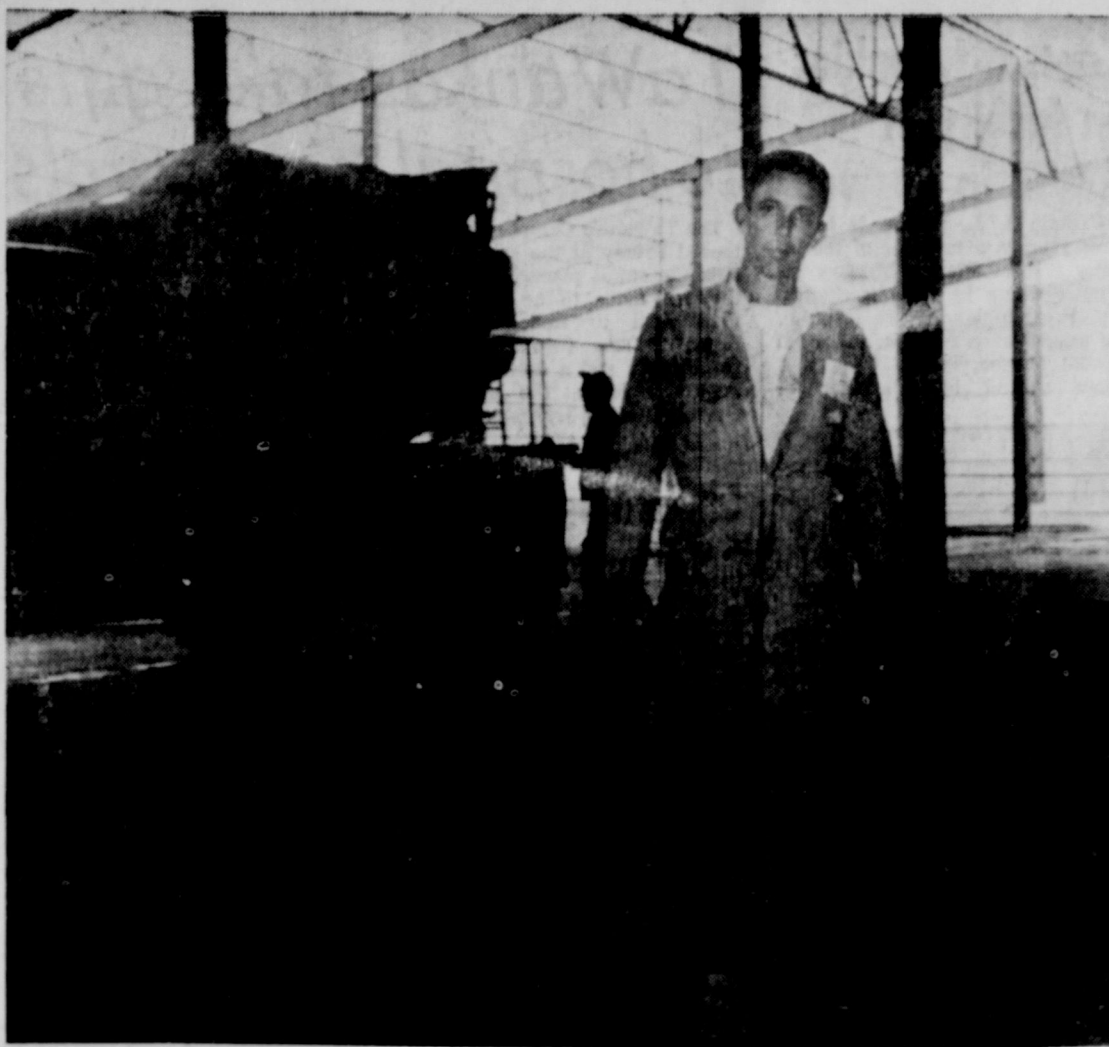
Mr. Harvey Nelson of Dumas visited with Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Cunningham last week.

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Huge ware house . . .

BILLY RAY TAYLOR, supervisor for Producers Ware House, stands inside of a new ware house that is being erected. The structure is 120' x 420' and contains 52,400 square feet. It is probably the largest single structure in Cochran County and will have a 7500

bale capacity. The building is constructed out of steel and tin, and has a concrete slab floor. Ray D. Willis is general manager of Producers Ware House. The building should be completed in about a week.

### Funeral services held in Levelland for Mrs. A. D. Forehand on Dec. 18

Mrs. A. D. Forehand, 86, of Vealmoor, former Morton resident, died at 8:45 a.m. December 16 at Cooper Hospital in Big Spring. She had been ill for about three weeks. Services were held at 3 p.m. December 18 in the George C. Price Funeral Home Chapel in

Levelland. J. V. Davis, Church of Christ minister of Lubbock, officiated. Burial was in the City of Levelland Cemetery. Grandsons served as pallbearers. Mrs. Forehand lived in Morton 21 years before moving to Vealmoor, a community near Big Spring, in 1961.

A native of Virginia, she had lived in Levelland and Sundown for short periods. Survivors include one son, Artie B. Forehand, Port Lavaca; three daughters, Mrs. Dan Roberts of Gardena, California, Mrs. Carl Price, Laredo, and Mrs. H. M. Zant, Vealmoor; 19 grandchildren; and 43 great-grandchildren.

### Y-M Study Club meets Saturday

Members of the Y-M Study Club met at the home of Mrs. Jerry Winder Saturday morning, December 18, to prepare gifts and goodies for the special education class of Mrs. Richard Biggs. The Christmas party for this class is one of the clubs projects for the year. The meeting was also used as a decoy for a farewell party for Mrs. Cullen Dansby, member and past president of the club. She was presented with a gift from the members.

Those attending were Mrs. Biggs, Mrs. Garnett Bryan, Mrs. James Cogburn, Mrs. Dansby, Mrs. George Hargrove, Mrs. Leonard Groves, Mrs. Bill Matthews, Mrs. Ray Lanier, Mrs. Kenneth McMaster, Mrs. Dexter Nebhut, Mrs. Francis Shifflett, Mrs. Winder and guest, Mrs. Richard Lilly.

### Letters to Santa

Dear Santa, I am a little boy. I have tried to be good. Please bring me a BB gun, a tractor and a train.  
Love, James

Dear Santa, I am a little boy. I have tried to be good. Please bring me a truck, a car and a secret set.  
Love, Costulo

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me Trick Tract, a Johnny Eagle and a Secret Sam.  
Your friend, Manuel Cabezuela

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a Baby Boo, a baby buggy and a dish set too.  
Your friend, Schelle Rae Key

Dear Santa Claus, I am a boy in the first grade. Will you bring me a bicycle and some candy and nuts. Please remember all boys and girls.  
Love, Alanaza Ontiverous

Dear Santa, I am a little girl. I have tried to be good. Please bring me a Whe-lo, a toy typewriter and a Snuggle BIA doll.  
Love, Diane Wells

### Plum pudding long associated with yule feast

The plum pudding long associated with holiday feasts contains much more than plums. No one is quite sure where the plum pudding originated, but there is an interesting legend concerning an early holiday pudding.

According to the story, an English king and his hunting party were caught by a blizzard while in the woods one Christmas Eve. One member of the party was instructed to prepare dinner for the group using whatever food he could find.

He came up with some bits of stag, which he cut into fine pieces, he added flour, bird's dried eggs, dried plums, ale, brandy, sugar and meat from some wild game.

To the surprise of everyone, including the chef, the result was a delicious hot, plum pudding. To this day, a true plum pudding contains all of the above-mentioned ingredients.

## Yule Log tradition being renewed

The open fireplace so popular in today's modern homes is helping to renew the popularity of the Yule Log tradition. Few moderns are likely to venture into the woods to select their own Yule Log, yet there will be a glowing fire in thousands of homes this holiday eve.

If you are going to sit by the fireside this holiday, you'll be in keeping with tradition if your Yule Log is oak, ash, olive, apple or pine.

Ash is popular because it burns quickly, throws off ample heat and need not be seasoned. Beech has a pleasant aroma and gives off a steady glow. Oak is often preferred because it burns slowly.

Less favorable woods are the elm, which is slow to get started, and poplar, which sparks badly if it is unseasoned.

### CAROLING

Carol sings are traditional in many great American cities. The custom is so popular in St. Louis that there is a Christmas Carols Association which has thousands of members. Residents welcome the carolers with lighted candles in their windows and offer voluntary contributions which are turned over to 70 institutions for the handicapped and underprivileged. In New Orleans, carol sings are traditionally held across the street from historic St. Louis Cathedral, in the French Quarter. Youthful carolers sing songs in both English and French.

### LUTHER SIMULATED

Most everyone has heard the

story of Martin Luther and the Christmas tree. Luther lived from 1483 to 1546 and, so the story goes, was one night so impressed by the sight of snow-covered evergreens sparkling in the moonlight that he returned to his home and tried to reproduce the memorable scene for his family.

He chose a small evergreen tree and, to stimulate the reflections of the starlit heavens, he attached a number of light candles.

Christmas trees, of course, did not become popular until years later.

### STABLE SCENE WAS

It is said that the Christmas Crib goes back to the year 1223 when, in the small village of Greccio, Italy, St. Francis of Assisi attempted to bring alive the true meaning of Christmas by constructing a crude representation of the stable at Bethlehem, using live animals and real people.

At first confined only to churches, the custom later spread to palaces and homes. Today, Italian families take great pride in preparation of their Christmas Crib.

### PALM TREE FAVORITE

The palm is a favorite for yuletide decorating in southern climates. In this respect many Southerners are quick to point out that palm was the common tree, not the pine in Bethlehem where Christ was born.

Palm trees are lighted and decorated in much the same manner that Northerners light their outdoor spruces and pines. To avoid damage and accidents lights are usually strung under the midrib of each palm frond, and stars and other ornaments are not attached

to new tips or unopened center buds.

### CHRISTMAS IN ENGLAND

The first Christmas in England is believed to have been observed in the year 521, at the time King Arthur was celebrating his victory marking the recapture of York.

Guests, including the national heroes, were gathered about the famous Round Table where they feasted to the music of wandering minstrels.

### NEW YEAR SUITOR

On the first day of the New Year, it was custom for a young Dutch maiden to put on her best outfit, including a jeweled cap, and sit in the front room of the family home, surrounded by her family treasures, awaiting the arrival of eligible suitors.



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### Somber omens read into many Christmas legends

"Merry" Christmas? Not always, according to some ancient beliefs once associated with the day.

Take, for instance, the old belief that cattle and other stable animals were given the power of speech on Christmas Eve.

Any person who heard the animals speak would die within a year, so superstition said.

Somber omens of death were read into still other Yuletide legends. When the Yule log burned, bystanders were told to watch the shadows on the walls. If the shadows of any persons appeared to be headless, this supposedly meant death for those persons, again within a year.

Salt was also said to have the power of forecasting life or death, when used in connection with Christmas. The test could be made by leaving a small mound of salt on the table on Christmas Eve. If the salt melted during the night, that, too, meant death within 12 months. If the salt remained unmelted, the forecast was for a long and healthy life.

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Here is a "Driver's Countdown for Safety" to help you do just that. We're pleased to pass it along with our hearty best wishes for safe motoring this Christmas season — and all year long.

- 5** Car in safety shape — especially brakes, lights, steering, tires?
- 4** Enough time allowed to make the trip without rushing?
- 3** Driver set for possible weather and traffic conditions ahead?
- 2** Rest breaks mapped out along the way, if trip is long?
- 1** Seat belts fastened — snugly?
- 0** Take a deep breath, relax, and drive for safety.

To the 67 children who have attended the Stockdale School in the year of 1965.

We wish to announce that Fluff's four boy and three girl pups now have their eyes open and will be ready for new homes in a couple or three weeks.

Since so many of you children have asked for one of Fluff's pups, you may get one by having your mother or dad with you when you pick one out.

Mrs. Stockdale is funny that way. You know how she is about thinking adults should be in on children's decisions.

Your friend, Flops  
(John's red Cocker)

P. S. Season's greetings from the Stockdale school's livestock — that means fish, as well as Flops and Fluff, we, the two most important members.

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MORTON BRANCH

**Wounded**

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Tony Quintanilla." As of Wednesday, the whereabouts of Mendoza was not known. Quintanilla and Silva were staying at the David Motel, Morton. Both had come to Morton about four weeks ago to work with the cotton harvest, and listed their original homes as San Benito, Texas. Quintanilla has been employed at the Townsend Gin.

**Businesses**

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ed Thursday through Sunday. The post office will be closed Saturday and there will be no rural, city, or star deliveries made. An attempt will be made to deliver special delivery letters and Christmas packages received here.

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**Merchants give gift certificates**

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**Capt. J. J. Jenkins on faculty at NMMI in Roswell**

Captain J. J. Jenkins is in his first year as a member of the faculty of New Mexico Military Institute, where he teaches chemistry. Prior to joining the institute, he taught science at Morton High School, Morton, Texas.

He earned his Bachelor of



Science degree in chemistry from Texas Technological College, Lubbock, Texas, in 1957, and his Master of Science degree in chemistry from the University of Arizona, at Tucson, Arizona, in 1964. He resides at 1000 East La Paloma Lane, Roswell, with his wife, Edna, and their four children: Patsy, age 11; Nancy, 9; Jayna, 7, and Meri Le, 5 months.

**TaWankas take gifts to hospital, sing carols**

The TaWanka Campfire girls gathered Friday at the school. They took Christmas place cards, which they had made, to the hospital and then went to Roberts Nursing Home to sing carols. Christmas place cards and a flower arrangement was left at the home.

A Christmas party was held lat-

er in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Williams. Gifts were exchanged and games played. The girls presented Mrs. E. L. Reeder a leaders gift. Assistant's gifts were given to Mrs. Williams, Mrs. M. J. Smith and Mrs. Bobby Adams.

Refreshments of punch and Christmas cookies were served to Becky Melton, Debbie Williams, Barbara Bowen, Susan Rowden, Renee Anglin, Cassandra Reeder, Michelle Jones, Debbie Adams, Carolyn Jones and to a guest, Mary Smith. Also to the leaders, Mrs. Reeder, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Adams.

**Christmas dinner held by Hannas**

The annual Hanna Christmas dinner was held Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. a. Turkey dinner and exchange of gifts were enjoyed by the group.

Those attending were Mrs. Bill Dyer and children, Lovington, New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Heath and children, Denver City; Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Ivy and children, Amherst; Mrs. Homer Richardson and family and Mrs. Joyce Brooks and girls, all of Maple.

Also Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Hanna and children of Plains and Mr. and Mrs. Royce Hanna and boys of Morton.



**It's Christmas!**

We hope it's a jolly season for all our friends. Our thanks and warmest wishes to everybody.

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**GREETINGS**

May the bright star that showed the way for the three Wise Men lead you to a Christmas filled with joy and happiness.

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**Greeting cards record changing social customs**

The tradition of exchanging Christmas cards is a charming part of the joyous holiday, and it has a history of its own.

One of the most interesting parts of that history is the way that greeting cards serve to record changing social customs, manners and fashions through the years, points out Miss Esther Mooney, curator of the Norcross, Inc., greeting card collection.

For instance, an English card of 1892 shows the formality existing between parents and children during the Victorian era. Here a little girl kneels solemnly at her mother's knee, sedately offering her a Christmas bouquet, with the wish, "May your life be a Merry Christmas."

Modern cards take a livelier, more light-hearted approach. Even earlier, greeting cards began to reflect an easier sort of filial relationship. Declares a 1930 card: "3 cheers 4 a Merry Christmas and you, Dad!"

**Too commercial complaint lacks in originality**

"Christmas is getting too commercial!" This modern complaint, while it may have force, is somewhat lacking in originality.

"I hate the crafty arts of giving presents," said the witty Roman poet Martial, who lived and wrote from about 40 to 104 A.D. "Gifts are like hooks."

His complaint was expressed in a series of poems written for a wealthy patron, at the time of the Saturnalia, the pagan festival from which came many Christmas customs.

Martial, however, was not always averse to presents. After listing a large number of small gifts, such as toothpicks, figs, napkins, which had been delivered to him, he pointed out that it would have been much easier for the messenger to bring him "five pounds of silver plate."

**THE PERSONAL TOUCH**

In gift-giving, as in all other things, the "personal touch" is important. Often, the most appreciated gifts are "home-made" and their value is measured by the recipient not in terms of dollars and cents but in recognition of the time and effort that went into preparation of the gift.

Few of us, however, have either the time or the talent necessary to "make something" for everyone on our holiday list. And, with the wonderful selection of gifts available in local stores, it just isn't necessary. But we can still add the personal touch by putting a little extra effort into gift wrapping.

Mr. and Mrs. David Tarver and Lyla visited with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Tarver over the week-end.

Mrs. E. C. Roddy were in Levelland and Lubbock Monday on business.

**Caprock**

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ton star, who is now playing for South Plains College, was the recipient of the outstanding player award last year.

Teams entered in the AAA-AA division of the tournament are Lubbock, Wichita Falls, San Angelo, Canyon McCallam-Austin, Dunbar of Lubbock, Permian of Odessa, and Monterey of Lubbock.

The tournament is sponsored by the Caprock Chapter of the American Business Clubs of Lubbock.

**Harvest**

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60% of the cotton had been harvested. He said, that cotton yield is not as high as the area farmers had predicted earlier, and that he felt the total harvest would be below the government's figure of 85,000.

**Suggestions for using tree after Christmas given**

You can do several things with your Christmas tree after you take it down. One good idea is to use it as a bird feeder, tying suet and other treats, with a container of water placed beneath.

You can also cut off the branches and place them, curved end up, over flower beds when the ground is exposed. This will prevent heaving of soils during alternate freezing and thawing. Such heaving sometimes forces bulbs and roots of perennials from the ground.

Longer branches can be "planted" as windbreaks to protect outdoor plantings such as boxwood, azalea, yew, rhododendron and juniper.

**Greetings**



We're wishing you joy and happiness during this beautiful season. May the true spirit of the Yuletide bring us peace and contentment, with thankfulness for our many blessings, as we celebrate with family and friends.



Truman and Helen Doss and Employees



# Christmas program heard by ES Study Club

Elma L. Slaughter Study Club, Thursday, December 16, 1965. Roy Gunnels, Mrs. Williams gave a report on the council which was held December 13th. Mrs. Williams was elected to serve on the Board.

Leonard Coleman reported on the youth conference, which will be held on January 22nd.

Elaine Browne presented the program on New Doors to Christmas Traditions Around the World.

Christmas is celebrated in all countries as the birthday of Jesus. Most countries use December 25 as the official date. Many believe the use of the Yule log. In Germany the living room is swung to reveal a little tree ablaze

with lights and candy. The crackling yule log and rosy cheeked carol singers are the symbols of English Christmas cheer. From England we get the idea of serving mince pie at Christmas. Norway, Sweden and Denmark celebrate much in the same way as Germany. In Holland the young men, dressed in fantastic costumes meet in the village square and choose a star bearer to carry a large lantern filled with lighted candles. This same tradition or one very similar is part of the festivities in Belgium, Ukraine, Mexico and South America. The Poles fast on Christmas Eve until the first star appears, then the feasting begins. The roasting of the Christmas pig is an important ceremony in Poland and Serbia. In Canada Christmas is much the same as it is here in the U.S.

Christmas in any land is a time for eating favorite foods and for get-togethers with singing and good cheer filling the air everywhere. Many times the wonderful occasion and the miracle that took place so long ago are lost in all the tinsel, ribbons and gifts. We find ourselves so worn to a frazzle preparing for the time that we don't

fully enjoy the holiday when it does arrive. Christmas is a feeling that we share in our hearts and that we try to express in a material way by giving a gift to someone we love or appreciate. If we don't give a part of ourselves with the material gift, we are like the salt that lost its savor, and our gift is for looks only as far as the true meaning of giving is concerned. The "Santa Claus" has been so commercialized that to some Christmas means nothing more than \$ signs. Let's not be guilty of

this and really have a part of Christmas in our hearts and in our lives everyday in the year, with December 25th being the outstanding day for us to demonstrate our thankfulness for the Savior and our love for our friends and mankind.

Those attending were Mesdames Roy Brown, Leonard Coleman, Dean Jackson, Earl Brownlow, John L. McGee, Hessie B. Spotts, Iva Williams, W. B. Butler, Elmer Gardner, Horace Gardner, Elzie Browne and Willie Taylor.



2nd place winner . . .

THE FRESHMEN CLASS took second place honors in the annual Christmas door judging contest held at Morton High School. Bill Mathews, high school principal, is shown admiring the door. The contest is sponsored by the student council and the competition is keen among the different classes and groups.

# Morton Tribune

MORTON, TEXAS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1965



1st place winner . . .

THIS DOOR, decorated at Morton High School by the sophomores, won first place honors in the annual Christmas door judging contest sponsored by the student council. Students are allowed only one day to work on the doors and are allowed to spend only five dollars for materials. The door depicts Santa "Making a list," and "Checking it twice."

# L'Allegro Study Club has Christmas party

The gaily decorated home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Merritt was the scene of the annual Christmas party of L'Allegro Study Club. Hundreds of the members were guests.

Hostesses with Mrs. Merritt were Mrs. Al Mullinax and Mrs. Harold Drennan. Co-hostesses were members of the social committee and included Mrs. Truman Doss, Mrs. Elwood Harris, Mrs. Jack Wallace and Mrs. Bobby Travis. Focal point of the living room was an artificial green spruce Christmas tree decorated with gold roses and balls. Gold beads encircled the trunk.

Gifts exchanged among members and husbands were placed in the dining room on a table covered with a purple felt cloth with a white net overlay decorated with white Christmas decorations. Centering the table was an arrangement of gold, green and silver ornaments in a circular gold candelabrum. Harold Drennan served as the "Ho Ho Ho" man.

Crazy Bridge, Bridge, visitation, and singing of Christmas carols were enjoyed by the group.

Den of the Merritt home was decorated with blinking lights and seasonal decorations. Served buffet style was red punch, coffee, dips, chips, shrimp with sauce and relishes.

Those enjoying the evening were Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Barker, Mr. and Mrs. Drennan, Mr. and Mrs. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. James McClure, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. McSpadden, Mr. and Mrs. Merritt, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Reynolds and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rowden.

Also Mr. and Mrs. Jack Russell, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Silvers, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Snyder and Mrs. Wallace.

### NOTICE

The Texas State Library High Plains Bookmobile, will not run December 22, 23, 24, and 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Cap Lindsey will spend the holidays in Hereford with their daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cornwell of Oklahoma City spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Baird.

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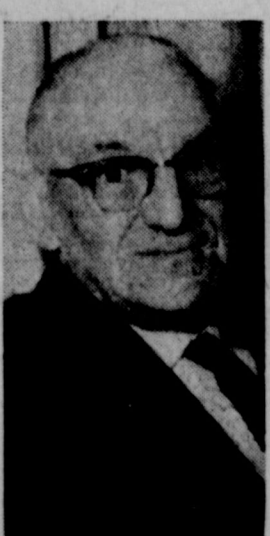
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Peace be to you and yours on this Holy Feast of Christmas.



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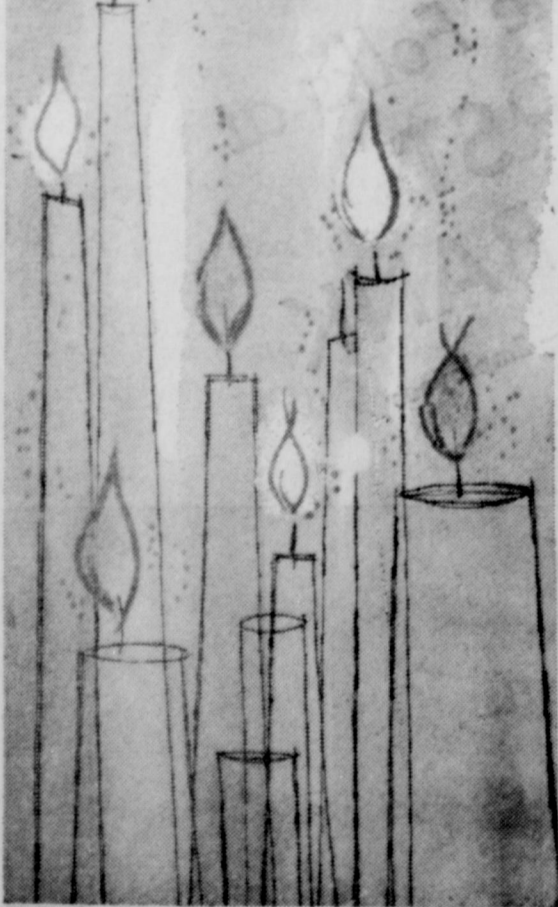


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New green house . . .

R. H. BAKER, son of Mrs. J. J. Baker, owner of Morton Flower and Gift Shop, stands in front of the new hot house that is being constructed. The structure is about 24' x 30' and

is constructed out of a type of fiber glass material which controls the amount of sunlight that will affect the plants, bulbs, and flowers to be grown inside. The hot house will be completed in about a week.

## HOSPITAL NOTES

Rickey Banning, Morton, admitted December 14, dismissed December 19, medical.

Harold Watts, Morton, admitted December 15, dismissed December 21, medical.

Baby girl Kern, Morton, born December 15, dismissed December 17.

Harvey Balko, Lingo, admitted December 15, dismissed December 17, medical.

Dwight Gober, Bledsoe, admitted December 15, dismissed December 17, medical.

David Bihl, Bledsoe, admitted December 15, dismissed December 21, medical.

Mrs. Floyd Reynolds, Morton, admitted December 15, dismissed December 17, medical.

Mrs. Ruby Dewbre, Morton, admitted December 15, dismissed December 17, medical.

Rebecca Perez, Bledsoe, admitted December 16, dismissed December 17, medical.

Mrs. Wanda Kenley, Goodland, admitted December 16, dismissed December 20, medical.

Arnold Ontiverz, Morton, admitted December 16, dismissed December 20, medical.

Ricky Cunningham, Morton, admitted December 17, dismissed December 18, accident.

Mrs. J. W. Cunningham, Morton,

admitted December 17, dismissed December 19, accident.

Robbie Jo Burkett, Morton, admitted December 17, dismissed December 19, medical.

Mrs. W. E. Reese, Morton, admitted December 17, remaining, medical.

Mrs. C. L. Taylor, Causey, admitted December 18, dismissed December 21, medical.

Mrs. J. T. Lemons, Baileyboro, admitted December 18, dismissed December 21, medical.

Veloria Holland, Morton, admitted December 18, dismissed December 20, medical.

Mrs. W. C. Black, Maple, admitted December 18, dismissed December 20, medical.

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Mrs. Dwight Gober, Bledsoe, admitted December 19, dismissed December 21, medical.

Kim Beauchamp, Morton, admitted December 19, dismissed December 21, medical.

Jim Hodnett, Baileyboro, admitted December 19, remaining, medical.

Marvin Elliott, Morton, admitted December 19, dismissed December 21, medical.

Mrs. Lucy Lowe, Morton, admitted December 20, remaining, acci-



We wish  
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MERRY  
CHRISTMAS

for all  
time to come!

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South Main

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## Allsup-Reynolds holds its annual Christmas party

Employees and employers of Allsup-Reynolds Chevrolet Company held their annual Christmas Party Thursday night at 7:30 in the show-room of Allsup-Reynolds.

A delicious meal was enjoyed, which was prepared by the wives of the employers and employees and Mrs. Richard Greer, bookkeeper.

Gifts were exchanged and bonus checks given by Don and J. C. Games of Dominoes, "42", Wahoo and Password were enjoyed by all.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Don Allsup, Donna Jo and Ronnie; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Reynolds; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Greer; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. DeBusk, Randy and Tommy; Mr. and Mrs. Don Smart, Charlotte and Billy; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carter, Ricky and Leigh; Mrs. James Grusendorf and Greg; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Grusendorf, Jerry, Mike and Wayne; Mr. and Mrs. Doyl Rinn, Sherry, Joyce and Doyl, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Leon Hamilton and Lonnie and Mr. and Mrs. Lindy Chaney.

Also Mr. Stanley Henderson; Mr. Edward Courtney; Mr. Willie B. Holland, Willie B. Jr. and W. T.; Miss La Nelda Romans; Miss Donna Hoffma; Lavoy Thompson; Timmie Petree; Dee Merritt and J. Wayne McDermott.

### Sgt. Edward A. Morales graduates from school

T. Sgt. Edward A. Morales, son of Mr. and Mrs. Salvador C. Morales, Morton, recently graduated from an Air Force bombing-navigation course reassigned to Westover AFB, Massachusetts, for duty with the Strategic Air Command.

Visiting during the holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lebow will be their daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Don Waller and children of Friona, Mr. and Mrs. James McCown of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Hoyle of Morton.



**TRADING POST**

H. G. Pollard



**SYBIL'S PLACE**

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## Local bookmobile gives schedule

The Texas State Library High Plains bookmobile has announced its schedule for the coming year, January through May.

It will be in Morton on the following Saturdays: January 22, February 12; March 5; April 26; May 7; and May 28. It will be here from 9:30-12:00.

The bookmobile will be in Three-way and Enochs on the following Wednesdays: January 12; February 2; February 23; March 16; April 6; April 27; and May 18. It will be in Three-way from 12:00-1:00 and in Enochs from 1:45-2:45.

The bookmobile will be in the Whiteface No. 1 location and No. 2 location, Lehman, Bledsoe, and Maple on the following Wednesdays: January 5; January 26; February 16; March 9; March 30; April 20, and May 11.

The bookmobile will be at the Bula No. 1 and No. 2 locations on the following Wednesdays: January 19; February 9; March 2; March 23; April 13; May 4; and May 25. It will be at the Bula No. 1 location from 10:15-11:15, and at the Bula 11 location from 12:00-1:00.

Mr. and Mrs. Connie Clevenger will spend Christmas day in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Clevenger at Bula,

dent. Mrs. Bill Manicchia, Morton, admitted December 20, remaining, medical.

Braulín Fuentez, Jr., Morton, admitted December 20, remaining, medical.

Mrs. B. C. Harrison, Morton, admitted December 21, remaining, OB.



## Christmas Greetings

Spreading throughout the land, warm wishes for a bright and happy Christmas season filled with laughter, song, fond memories and loved ones close by. May you, our loyal appreciated customers, be blessed with such a holiday.

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Christmas

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## Youngsters write to Santa . . .

Dear Santa,  
I would like a chemistry set for Christmas. How are you and Mrs. Claus? I hope you make it all right.

Yours truly,  
Eddie Akin

Dear Santa,  
I want a Tressy and a suitcase and a piano. Bring me some candy, too. I have been medium good. I am three.

Susan Masten

Dear Santa,  
I want a 007. I want a Johnny Express. I want an electric guitar.

Your friend,  
Terry Rawls

Dear Santa,  
I am five and I go to Mrs. Stockdale's kindergarten. I want a rifle, a rock set, a tractor and a train. Remember my brother and sister with "something."

Donnie Masten

Dear Santa,  
I am two years old. Bring me a "tractor trike", a belt, a truck and a pop gun. Bring Suzy a Tressy.

Davis Masten

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a pair of pajamas with feet in them and one pair of leotards, a pair of black ones. I am 8 years old. I love you.

Good-by, Beverly B.

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. Bring me Tiny Tears and some play dough.

Robin Kay Rowland

Dear Santa,  
Christmas is almost here again and I have tried to be good. Please bring me a Baby First Step and some fruit and nuts. Remember all of the other little boys and girls.

Love, Teresa Jo Autry

Dear Santa,  
Are you almost ready for your sleigh ride on Christmas? I will be home asleep this year when you come by. Please bring me a Baby First Step.

Your friend,

Shonnaye Autry

P.S. There will be a warm snack for you by the door.

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a pretty good boy this year. Please bring me a truck and ball.

Remember all of the other little boys and girls.

Wesley Autry

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kenneth and I am 4½ years old. I have a little sister 1½ years old named Kayla. My Aunt Darla is writing this letter for me since I can't write yet. Please bring me a big red tractor and bring Kayla a baby doll and crib. Don't forget all the other little children.

Love, Kenneth Gardner

Dear Santa,  
I want a watch, speedometer for my bicycle, a Tonka camper and a B-B gun. My brother wants a Smack-a-roo, a B-B gun, speedometer and a Tonka camper.

Your friend,

Randy and Rodney Coffman

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy all year. Please bring me an electric train, a tool set and a fire truck. My little sister wants a tricycle, wagon and a doll buggy. Please don't forget all the other boys and girls.

Your friends,

Ricky and Krestli Hodge

Dear Santa,  
I am 5 years old. I have been a good boy. I want an electric train, dump truck, machine gun and a coke machine for Christmas. Don't forget my big sister, Deb, and baby brother, Barry.

Love, Monty Hodge

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a little girl 3 years old. Please bring me Bozo the Clown, a wagon, a baby doll and some dishes.

Please bring Jackie and Terry something.

Love, Leigh Ann Miller

### Goodland Bible group has party

The Goodland Bible Study Club had their Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Neal Smith, Tuesday, December 14th.

The house was decorated throughout with Christmas scenes in red and green.

The program was opened with a prayer by Mrs. Frances Stegall. Mrs. Lyndell Galt led the group in singing "Silent Night."

After several games were played, gifts were exchanged near the huge Christmas tree and secret pals revealed.

Refreshments of candies, cake and coffee were served to Mesdames Allene Chapman, Lyndell Galt, Wanda Kenley, Betty Kirby, Opal McCelvey, Maxine Ragsdale, Freida Reeves, Peggy Sanderson, Frances Stegall and Chloris Tarlton.

### Rites are held for Orum infant

Sheila Dian Orum, 19-day-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Orum of Douglas, Arizona, died December 13 in the Douglas County Hospital. Services were held in the Singleton Funeral Home Chapel, Morton, December 16 at 1 p.m. The Rev. Charles Gates, minister of the First Methodist Church, officiated.

Burial was in Morton Memorial Cemetery under direction of Singleton Funeral Home.

Survivors include the parents; two brothers, Jimmy Wayne and Kenneth Don, of the home; grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Creed Bridges, Morton; and a host of aunts and uncles.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper and Debbie of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Roberts and family of Lubbock visited with Mr. and Mrs. George Igo Sunday.

### Local Wave home on holiday leave

Claudia Mills, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Mills of Star Route 2, Morton, returned home Sunday from Treasure Island, San



Francisco, California where she is stationed in the United States Navy.

The local Wave, a graduate of Morton High School, will spend a 14 day leave with her parents. She enlisted at the U.S. Navy Recruiting Station in New Orleans, La., on September 13th, 1963.

### Citizen's band radio party held

A Citizen's Band Radio Party was held in Roy D. Greer's home recently. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hill and son of Whiteface, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Tabor and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Berry and son, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Wesley, Mr. and Mrs. Robbie Kelsey, and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Cartwright.

Games were played and refreshments were served. A good time was enjoyed by everyone.



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### 3rd place winner . . .

THE VOCATIONAL agriculture boys won third place honors in the Morton High School door judging contest, sponsored by the student council. A lot of work and time goes into preparing the doors through out the entire school and the competition is keen among the different classes and groups.

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Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace,

good will toward men.

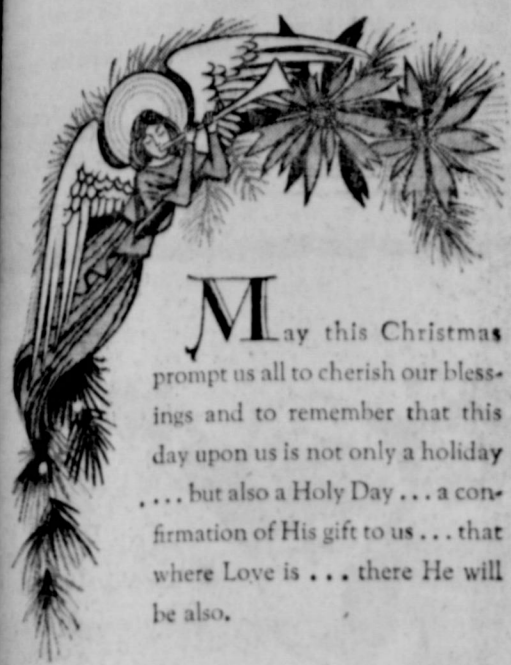


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*Morton children tell  
Jolly Old St. Nicholas  
their Christmas wants*





May this Christmas prompt us all to cherish our blessings and to remember that this day upon us is not only a holiday ... but also a Holy Day ... a confirmation of His gift to us ... that where Love is ... there He will be also.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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## Indians take two wins over Lazbuddie Tuesday

Morton's Indians copped a pair of basketball victories over the visiting Lazbuddie fives on the local hardcourt Tuesday night, the A team winning, 82-37, and the B teamers emerging with a 72-32 victory.

Assistant grid coach Fred Weaver mentored the locals in place of basketball coach Ted Whillock who was called out of town because of a death in the family.

### Morton Indians participate in DC Invitational

Morton's Indians knocked off Seagraves, 58-44, for seventh place in the Denver City basketball tournament last weekend, after losing their first two encounters in the meet.

The Indians dropped their first game in the tournament to the powerful Lamesa club, who were eventual tournament champs, by a 69-19 count, and lost their second encounter to Brownfield, 94-54.

In the third period, the Indians outscored their opponents, 18-12 to hold a 41-31 edge going into the final eight minutes.

Jimmy Joyce, who was named to the all-tournament team, tallied 27 counters to lead the Mortonites, while Byron Willis added eight points. High scorer for Seagraves was Kenny Cullum with 14.

Brownfield blitzed the Indians as the Cubs zoomed to a 28-10 first quarter lead and were ahead 63-20 at half-time after a terrific 35-point second quarter. Tally was 75-43 at the end of the third period.

Joyce once again led the scoring for the locals with 21 points, while Willis Moore had 12 for the Indians. Leading the Brownfield charge were Buzz Timmons and Eddie Roberson with 23 and 22 points.

In the first round contest, Morton led Lamesa, 6-5 at the end of the first period, but the Tornadoes took command in the second canto to lead, 21-9 at the half. Count was 39-15 at the third quarter stop.

Donnie Ray Harvey and Byron Willis were high scorers for the Indians, with six and five points, respectively, while Carl Burton led the Lamesa crew with 14 tallies.

### Bennie W. Turney enlists in AF

Benny Wayne Turney, age 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy C. Turney of 208 E. Grant, Morton, enlisted in the United States Air Force, announced Clifton W. Harr, local Air Force Recruiter.

Based on the results of aptitude tests administered prior to his enlistment, Benny selected and was enlisted in the Mechanical Aptitude Index. Sgt. Harr stated that Benny has been sent to Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, where he will undergo six weeks of basic training. Upon completion, he will be reassigned where he will receive training and become a specialist in the mechanical field.

Benny is a 1965 graduate of Morton High School where he was a member of the FFA and was also a member of the football and basketball squads. Prior to his enlistment in the Air Force, Benny was employed by the Emmet Jones Trucking Company of Morton.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tice and children of Roswell and Mrs. Ruby Sullivan of Anton will be Christmas Eve and Christmas Day guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Moore.

The Indians jumped to a 16-9 lead at the end of the first period in the A contest, and were never in any danger. They held a 42-24 half-time advantage, and stretched it to 58-31 at the third quarter stop.

Jimmy Joyce singled the nets with a 28 point barrage, with all of his counters coming on field goals. Willie Moore added 18 tallies to the Morton cause, and Byron Willis made ten for the Indians.

Frank Hinkson was high scorer for Lazbuddie with eleven, followed by Craig Schumann and Timmy Froster with eight apiece.

A three-pronged scoring attack by the local B teamers swept them to an easy victory. Donnie Ray Harvey bucketed 17, Alton Black 16, and Billy Baker 14. Morton held a 30-12 half-time advantage.

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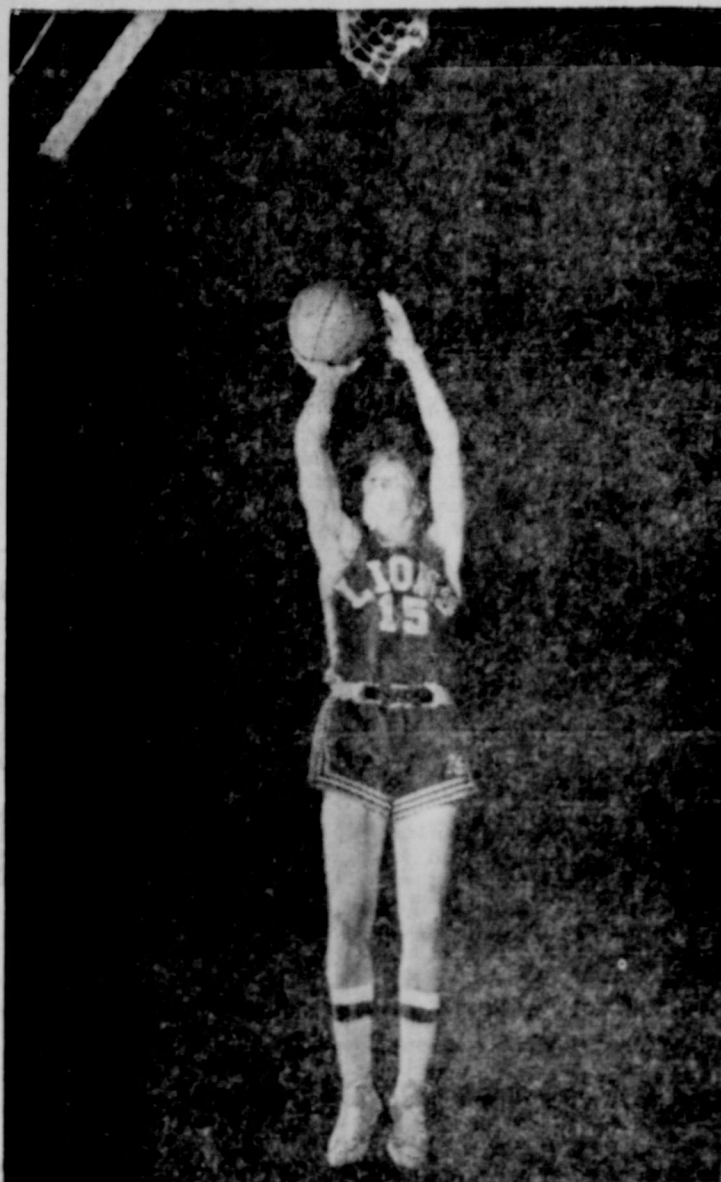
Joyce once again led the scoring for the locals with 21 points, while Willis Moore had 12 for the Indians. Leading the Brownfield charge were Buzz Timmons and Eddie Roberson with 23 and 22 points.

In the first round contest, Morton led Lamesa, 6-5 at the end of the first period, but the Tornadoes took command in the second canto to lead, 21-9 at the half. Count was 39-15 at the third quarter stop.

Donnie Ray Harvey and Byron Willis were high scorers for the Indians, with six and five points, respectively, while Carl Burton led the Lamesa crew with 14 tallies.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Vaughn of Whiteface parents of Mrs. Culpepper, and her sisters, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Radney also of Whiteface, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Farr of Plano, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bills and children of Odessa and Mrs. Ester Williams of Hobbs. Also her brothers Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Vaughn of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Vaughn of Greenville and her niece and family Mr. and Mrs. Haskell Odom of Lubbock. His mother Mrs. J. E. Culpepper and his sister Mrs. Inez Swicegood and children of Morton will also be guests.

Mr. G. W. Harrison of Hagerman, New Mexico is visiting in the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. John Mills.



Starts for East Texas State ...

STEVE MIDDLETON, former Morton High cage star, is on the starting five at East Texas State at Commerce this year. Middleton, who graduated from MHS in 1962, is being used as playmaker for the Lions.

## Steve Middleton earns starting spot for ETS

Steve Middleton, a 6-1 junior

from Morton, has alternated in the starting basketball lineup this year at East Texas State at Commerce.

A squadman last year at ET, Middleton has been used as the playmaker for the Lions. In five games, he has scored four points and grabbed three rebounds.

Middleton was named to three all-district basketball teams while playing at Morton High under coach Bob Travis. He was graduated from high school here in 1962. He also was named to an all-district football team.

Steve is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Middleton, and is married to the former Ruby Daniel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Daniel.

East Texas State, coached by Norman Pilgrim, has a 3-2 record. ET is picked to finish second in the Lone Star Conference.

### 7th, 8th grade drop two games to Friona

Morton 7th and 8th grade cagers dropped a pair of games to the Friona ball teams Monday night, the 7th graders losing 31-26, and the 8th graders dropping a 30-20 decision. The games were played on the Morton court.

The two 7th grade teams were tied at the end of the first period, and were knotted 8-all at the half. Morton jumped to a 20-18 lead at the end of the third canto, but a 13-point outburst by the visitors salted away their victory. High scorers for the Morton team were Harvey with ten and Collins with six. James Weatherly of Friona was the game's high scorer with 16.

Friona's 8th grade held a slim 6-4 first period margin, and upped their advantage to 16-10 at the half. Count going into the final quarter was 27-16.

Hobson led the Morton scoring with six, followed by Clauton with five. Price led the Friona boys with 14 tallies.

### Culpeppers will host relatives

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Culpepper and family will be host Christmas Day to relatives who will be visiting in their home.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Vaughn of Whiteface parents of Mrs. Culpepper, and her sisters, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Radney also of Whiteface, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Farr of Plano, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bills and children of Odessa and Mrs. Ester Williams of Hobbs. Also her brothers Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Vaughn of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Vaughn of Greenville and her niece and family Mr. and Mrs. Haskell Odom of Lubbock. His mother Mrs. J. E. Culpepper and his sister Mrs. Inez Swicegood and children of Morton will also be guests.

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### Rainbow Girls hold Christmas party on Monday

The Morton Rainbow Assembly No. 293 had its annual Christmas Party Monday night, December 20, at 6:00 p.m.

The group gathered at the J. C. Reynolds home. Herman Bedwell drove his truck for the girls to ride on while visiting 15 homes singing carols and delivering fruit baskets.

The group then returned to the J. C. Reynolds home for refreshments and gift exchanging. Those attending were Darlene Lytle, Worthy Advisor, Pam Reynolds and Barbara Kennedy, past Worthy Advisors, and Frankie Jackson, Vicki Goodman, Diane McCasland, Deana Jackson, Teresa Allsup, Vicki Kennedy, Regina Butler, Trezelle Hill, Ricki Danahy, Wandell Strother, Rita Kay Bedwell, Cindy Gunnels, Charluette Masten, Kay King, Peggy Thomas and Barbara and Brenda Bowen.

Adults attending were Herman Bedwell, Charles Bowen and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Reynolds.

### Rites held for Frank Smith, 66

Funeral services for Frank (Fiddler) Smith, 66, were held December 16 at 3 p.m. in Singleton Funeral Home Chapel. Smith died December 13 at Veterans Hospital, Albuquerque, New Mexico where he had been hospitalized for five months.

A resident of Morton for about 25 years, he was a farmer.

Burial was in Morton Memorial Cemetery under direction of the Singleton Funeral Home.

Smith is survived by his wife of Morton.

Kenna and Shelley Earley of Levelland have been visiting in the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Eatley.

# News from Three-way

By MRS. H. W. GARVIN

Mr. and Mrs. John Hodnett and girls of Muleshoe, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Dupler and boys of Morton and Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Warren spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Warren.

daughter spent Saturday evening with Rev. and Mrs. Sammie Sowder of Lingo.

The Three Way junior basketball teams played Pep at Three Way Monday night. Both boys and girls won from Pep.

The Three Way senior high played Bovina Tuesday night. Both boys and girls won. They played in the Sundown Tournament Thursday through Saturday night. The boys won second place and the girls won consolation.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Burkett and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Taylor have been at Tahoka at the bedside of Mr. Burkett and Mrs. Taylor's mother who has been seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ferguson have moved into their new home west of Maple the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Locus of Albuquerque spent Saturday night in the home of her uncle, George Tyson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dupler spent Sunday in Muleshoe with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Esten Sowder.

Mrs. Johnnie Wheeler and Mrs. Joe Wheeler of West Camp were shopping in Clovis Friday and Saturday.

The 4-H Club girls met Thursday in the home of Alice Gish for their Christmas party. Also it was Vanessa Powell's birthday. The club had 100 per cent attendance. Those attending were Patty and Susan Carpenter, Laneta, Vanessa and Christine Powell, Maxine Gant, Marilyn Mann, Rena Netzler and Kaye Fine. The mothers attending were Abie Gish, Mary Powell and Mrs. Fine and Mrs. Carpenter.

## Whiteface FFA conducting teams place in contest

On November 20, the Whiteface FFA Chapter sent their junior and senior chapter conducting teams to Muleshoe to compete in the district chapter conducting contest. The junior team won fifth place and the senior team won second place. On Monday, December 6, the teams went to the district banquet at Springlake where they received their banners. Linda Lumpkins, the chapter sweetheart, also went to the banquet to compete for district sweetheart. She was fourth runner-up. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Lumpkins. Shirley Pond accompanied her to the banquet.

The team members for the junior chapter conducting team were: president, Ricky Swinney; vice president, Dale Burris; secretary, Gary Freeman; treasurer, Wayne Legan; reporter, Douglas Barry; sentinel, Lewis Alamy; and advisor, Richard Womack.

The members of the senior chapter conducting team were: president, James Seward; vice president, Tommy Moore; secretary, Wesley Sanders; treasurer, Ike Flores; reporter, Randy Brownlow; sentinel, Mack Ashmore; and advisor, Mike Gainer.

## Mother of local resident succumbs

Mrs. Eppie Mae McMasters, 87, of Abernathy, mother of Clayton McMasters of Morton, died December 14 in a Plainview convalescent home. Services were held at 2 p.m. December 15 in the Abernathy Church of Christ with H. E. Seidmeyer, minister of the Pioneer Park Church of Christ in Lubbock officiating.

Burial was in the Abernathy Cemetery.

A former resident of Lubbock, Mrs. McMasters was born in Clay County and moved to the Abernathy area in 1925. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include five other sons, Jess, Abernathy; Waldo, Marvin and M. H. all of Lubbock; and Raymond, Denver, Colorado; 11 grandchildren; and 37 great-grandchildren.

## Fist State Bank has holiday party

First State Bank held their Christmas party in the lobby at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Gifts were exchanged and games of Wahoo, Dominoes and Bridge were enjoyed by those attending.

Dips, chips, cake, coffee and punch were served to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Saverance, Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Hoyle, Mr. and Mrs. Ruel Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Rosson, Mrs. R. L. DeBusk, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Vanstory, Miss Faye Fincher, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gunter.

Also Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Huff, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Ramsy, Mr. and Mrs. John Coffman, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Monroe, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Ray, Mr. and Mrs. James Dewbre, Mr. and Mrs. Don Workman, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Benham and Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Clure of Morton Insurance Agency, and Miss Darla Brotherton were guests.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tyson were business visitors Thursday in Lubbock.

## Miss M. Hoffman to become bride

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hoffman of Whiteface are announcing the approaching marriage of their daughter, Marvalene, of Lubbock, to Airman Technician Navy 3 Dorsey V. Oliphant, Jr., He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey V. Oliphant, Sr., of Morton.

Double ring vows will be exchanged December 28 at 2 p.m. in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Royce Hanna, 207 West Buchanan.

Miss Hoffman is a 1961 graduate of Morton High School and attended South Plains College in Levelland. She is currently employed at Dunlaps Executive Of-

## Senior citizens feted at Christmas party

The A. A. Fralin home was the scene of the annual Christmas party for the Senior Citizens. The Town and Country Club was the hostess on Wednesday, December 15th.

Mrs. Wade Strother was in

charge of the program. The theme of the program was "Let Us Keep Christmas". Mrs. Keith Kennedy read the Christmas Story Luke 2 from a poetry selection entitled, "The Old Story." Mrs. Strother gave a poetry selection, "Let Us Keep Christmas." Girls from Junior High School favored the group with Christmas music. Mrs. Hovey gave the history of the songs the girls sang. The songs were "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen", "Silent Night", "Holy Night" and "Hark the Herald Angels Sing."

Senior Citizens were given opportunities to reminiscence about Christmas long ago. Each Senior Citizen was present with a Christmas corsage.

Refreshments were served to music guests, Vicki Goodman, Linda Ramons, Kay Davis, Wandell Strother, Diane McCasland, Rita Bedwell, Ruthie Smith, Trezell Hill, Terry Shifflett, Debbie Kuehler, Cindy Kuehler, Tresa Mullinax, Zodie Ledbetter and Peggy Thomas, accompanist.

Senior Citizen guests were Mrs. J. W. Nichols, C. H. Jerden, Connie Joiner, Fred Warton, W. L. Miller, R. W. Hill, T. G. Brown, M. W. Ellington, Sr., T. L. Cox, C. C. Reynolds, Elizabeth Greer, H. S. Hawkins, H. O. Rogers, L. M. Baldwin, Tip Windom and Mrs. Harold Drennan.

Members present were Mesdames Vernon Blackley, W. L. Foust, Connie Gray, Roy Hill, Bill Hovey, Cheryl Ingis, LeRoy Johnson, Keith Kennedy, Weldon Newsom, Joe Seagler, Ross Shaw, Wade Strother and S. E. Williams.

The next meeting will be January 5th with Mrs. Alvie Harris.



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Beverly Criswell, student at the South Plains College, is visiting over the holidays in the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Corder.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Fincher and Nelda and Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Fowler will spend the holidays with Mrs. Fincher's daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Deaver of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Combs and Jeff of Muleshoe visited over weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Woodie Combs and with parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Land.

Mr. and Mrs. Doris Schooler son of Corning, California visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. Cunningham.

Federated Clubs Council convenes

Background music of Christmas carols was enjoyed as members of the Area Council of Federated Clubs met December 13 in the home of Mrs. W. B. McSpadden.

Mrs. Earl Polvado presided at the business meeting. A letter was read from Mrs. Orville Perry, Seagraves, in which a suggestion was made that each club select and honor three outstanding club members at a tea in their honor. This is to be done in connection with the "Diamond Jubilee and Texas Day" programs.

Mrs. Jerry Winder and Mrs. Iva Williams were elected to represent the study clubs as members of the library board.

Those present were Mrs. Cullen Dansby, Mrs. Dexter Nebhut, Mrs. Kenneth Thompson, Mrs. Hume Russell, Mrs. Connie Gray, Mrs. Jim Johnson, Mrs. Gary Willingham, Mrs. Carter Williams, Mrs. Gene Snyder, Mrs. J. W. Tyson, Mrs. George Hargrove, Mrs. Iva Williams, Mrs. Polvado and the hostess Mrs. McSpadden.

Next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Vern Beebe, Whiteface, March 14, 1966.

Y-M Study Club In yule meeting

Christmas meeting of Y-M Study Club was held December 16 in the home of Mrs. Jerry Winder. Prior to the party, the members went to Gristown, U.S.A. to present them with a gift of dishes and homemade cookies. A fellowship period was enjoyed with the girls.

Back to the Winder home where the air was filled with carols and violin music furnished by Mrs. Bill Matthews. Mrs. Winder reviewed the book "My Favorite Christmas" by Roy Rogers.

Gifts made by the members were exchanged and merriment was abundant.

Each member brought canned goods for the Ministerial Alliance Christmas baskets.

Members present were Mrs. Richard Biggs, Mrs. Garnett Bryan, Mrs. James Cogburn, Mrs. Cullen Dansby, Mrs. Leonard Groves, Mrs. George Hargrove, Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Ray Lanier, Mrs. Kenneth McMaster, Mrs. Dexter Nebhut, Mrs. Pete Pierce, Mrs. Francis Shifflett, Mrs. Fred Weaver, Mrs. Lowell Webb, Mrs. Winder and Mrs. Weldon Wynn.

Final rites held for resident's kin

Funeral services for Lee McAlister, 74, Fort Worth, brother of T. L. McAlister, Morton, were held at 11 a.m. December 17 in the Ownes-Brumley Funeral Home at Fort Worth.

McAlister died December 15 after an illness of several months.

Other survivors include his wife; a son, R. L. McAlister, Irving; a brother, R. B. McAlister, Lubbock; and two sisters, Mrs. John Key, Lubbock, and Mrs. L. H. Taylor, Brawley, California.



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JOE NEWSOME started on this beautiful ribbon striped mahogany rifle and storage cabinet last December about this time. Newsome

completed the cabinet this month in Industrial Arts wood working, under the supervision of instructor Owen Houston.

**County Agent's report . . .**

By HOMER E. THOMPSON

**PLANT NUTRIENTS**

Potassium is an important member of the "Big 3" major plant nutrients.

Sometimes called potash, potassium influences crops in four important ways: (1) Yield, yield may be reduced to less than one-half by insufficient potassium; (2) Quality, potassium deficiency causes grain to have thin kernels, fruit to have poor color and rot easily, and legumes to compete poorly other plants; (3) lodging, adequate potassium reduces lodging, especially when high levels of nitrogen are used; and (4) Disease and insect resistance, potassium has increased cold resistance and

winter survival of alfalfa, reduced winter killing of Coastal Bermudagrass, and reduced diseases in many plants.

Muriate of potash (9-9-50) is the most popular potash material, comprising about 94 percent of the potash used for agricultural purposes.

Most soils, except those of a sandy nature, are comparatively high in total potassium, but the quantity of potassium held in an available or easily exchangeable condition at any one time is very small. It is also very soluble and subject to high losses from leaching in wet years.

The increasing yields of crops are gradually draining the potassium supply in many soils throughout Texas. This means the requirements for fertilizer potassium are increasing.

**Income averaging helpful**

An extension Service farm management specialist says the income averaging provision of the Internal Revenue Code can benefit farmers and ranchers who had had unusually high taxable incomes this past year.

Specialist John Seibert of Lubbock, says income averaging can be helpful to such people as dryland farmers who have had a succession of drouth years and then have gotten moisture for bumper crops.

Others who might benefit from the provision include cotton producers who have sold both their '64 and '65 crop during this year or ranchers who put their '64 calf crop in a feedlot and sold their '65 calves this fall.

The current averaging provision was put in the code in 1964. Average income must be more than \$3,000 before it can be applied.

Seibert said.

Under the provision, the income of the four preceding years is averaged and then multiplied by 133 1/3 percent. The product is then subtracted from this year's taxable income and the remainder is called the Averagable income, provided it exceeds \$3,000 Seibert said.

This Averagable Income is taxed under a moderately complex formula, according to the specialist, but the tax liability will be less than under ordinary treatment.

Income averaging is one of several topics Seibert covers in income tax and management schools conducted through local county agricultural agents' offices.

An accountant, tax specialist or Internal Revenue agent can be contacted for detailed information on the income averaging provision.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Thomas and Billy were in Lubbock Wednesday afternoon.

A birthday dinner was given in honor of Dalton Oden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elra Oden, Sunday afternoon. Those attending were Mrs. Dalton Oden of Plainview, Mr. and Mrs. U. F. Walls, Jane and Jo Ann, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Wells, Debbie, Diane and Troy Wayne, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shields and Debbie of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Gid Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shields, Mrs. G. W. Oden and Mr. and Mrs. Elra Oden.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Thomas and Billy attended the wedding of his cousin, Ronnie Mills, in Cotton Center Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Garnett Bryan and children will be in Tulia Christmas day with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Bryan.

**Bledsoe cagers place third in Anton tournament**

The Bledsoe boys won third in the Anton Tournament over the weekend.

They beat Smyer 62-32, with Bill Bryant leading the Bledsoe scoring with 21. Later, they lost to Anton 54-37, with Cris Box hitting for 11. Coach Raymond Adams said, "Anton took advantage of our poor defense."

Bledsoe beat Amherst 64-56 to place third in the tournament. Bill Bryant scored 30, Cris Box 16, and Larry Buchanan 12.

The Bledsoe girls lost to Smyer 60-35, and to Whitharral 51-33, in the same tournament. Linda Brown led the scoring in the first game for Bledsoe with 16, followed by Linda Thoms with 10.

Brenda Hall led with 19 in the second game, followed by Linda Brown with 14.

Tuesday was the first conference game for Bledsoe, and they won a squeaker with Three-Way 37-36. Cris Box led Bledsoe with 14, and Bill Bryant had 12. Johnny Harris was high point man for Three-way with 16.

Coach Adams said, "We looked a lot better on defense than we did against Anton, and this made a big difference."

The Bledsoe girls lost to Three-Way 69-44. Brenda Hall scored 23, and Linda Brown 13. Adams said, "The girls have shown a big improvement. In the Three-Way game they played good ball."

Bledsoe will host an invitational tournament Jan. 6, 7, and 8. It will be a boys tournament, and be a round robin affair, with the winner of the most games being the winner of the tournament.



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The glad tidings of His birth live forever in the hearts of man. May the joys of this Christmas be many for you.

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**Whiteface teams in Anton tourney**

Whiteface entered the Anton Tournament over the weekend, with the girls winning second.

The girls beat Spade in their first game 48-23, and Amherst in their second round of play 43-33. They lost to Anton 53-47 in the finals.

The boys played Pep Saturday, and lost 52-47. Randy Wheeler was high point man for Whiteface with 18.

Tuesday both the boys and girls lost to Ropes by the same score, 53-44. Belva Gainer was high point girl for Whiteface with 16, and Randy Wheeler led the boys in the scoring department with 20.

Whiteface plays Loop January 4, in a non-conference bout.

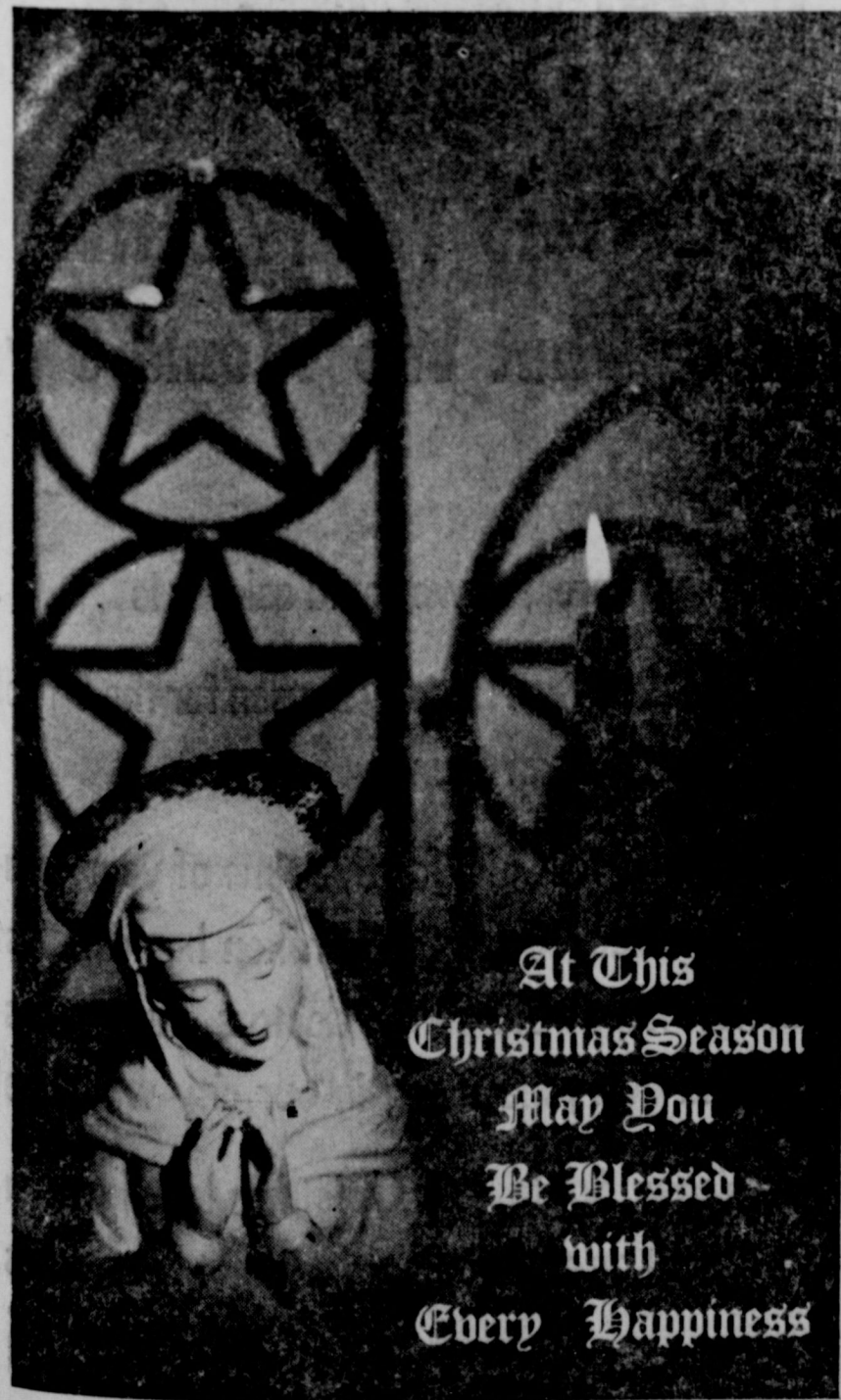
Mr. and Mrs. Troy Hale and son of Muldrow, Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. Carol Polly, Mrs. Odell Smith of Abernathy and Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Cooper were in Muleshoe Sunday to visit with Mrs. Cooper's niece, Mrs. E. K. Angley. Mr. and Mrs. Troy Hale and Mrs. Odell Smith are on their way to Phoenix, Arizona.

Bill Thomas returned Sunday from a hunting trip to Haskell.



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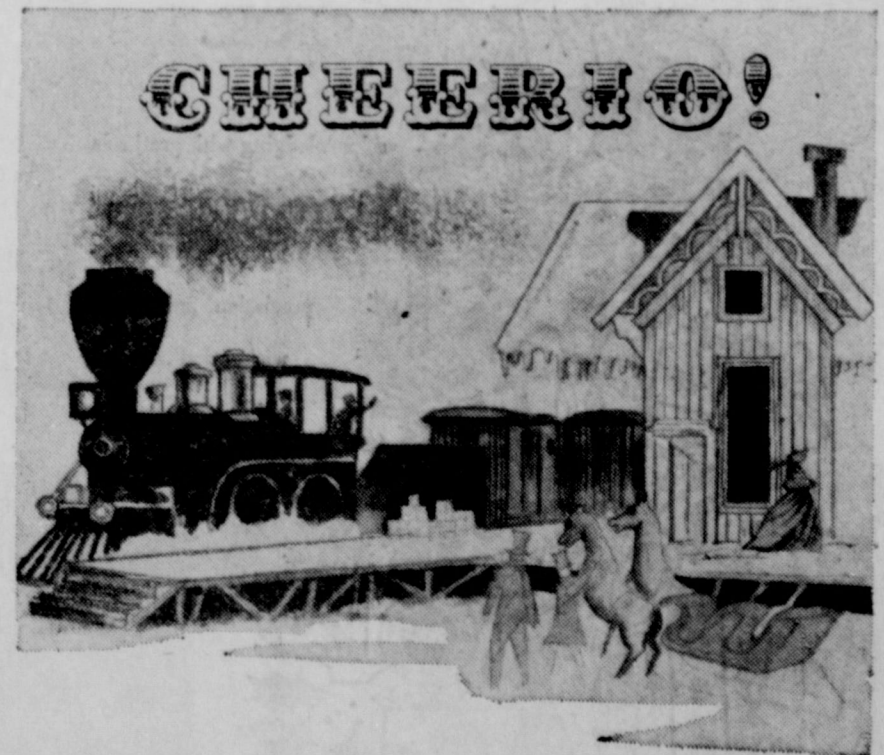


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### Whiteface cagers...

THE WHITEFACE basketball squad is pictured here, just before a workout session. Front row, left to right, Darrell Kitchens, Dale Burris, Wayne Leagen, Luis Alaniz, Gary Freeman,

James Shifflett, Amado Alaniz. Back row, left to right, Jerry Howard, Tommy Moore, Randy Wheeler, Ronnie Schribner, Kenneth Roberts, Donnie Schribner, Mike Teer. The squad is coached by Cecil Maddox.

### Willinghams host Christmas party

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Willingham hosted the annual Willingham Christmas party Sunday afternoon and evening in their home.

Those enjoying the day were Mr. and Mrs. Roy White and family, Muleshoe; Mr. and Mrs. Webb Watts and Mr. and Mrs. Ocie Willingham of Sudan.

Also Mr. and Mrs. Carl Willingham, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mike Fowler and family and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Fowler and family all of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hamilton and family of Levelland and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Willingham and family of Morton.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Kam-menga of Kingsville, Ontario, Canada are visiting in the home of her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Thomas and Billy.

### Farmers asked to join in water rights fight

Cochran County farmers are asked to join Hockley County farmers in their fight for water rights with the oil companies, according to the Cochran County Farm Bureau, and the Cochran County Farmers Water Users Association.

Hockley County Farmers are preparing to fight for their water rights and have formed the "The Farmer's Water Users Association" to help carry on a suit captioned, Ernest Whitaker vs. The Sun Oil Company.

It is a business proposition with each farmer donating \$5 per irrigation well to help the expenses of the court fight.

The suit stems from the fact that under the old 88 lease oil companies take the stand they have the right to move in any farm on a lease, drill a water well, and pipe the water to any part of the lease to be pumped into the oil formation to make more oil recoverable.

The contention of the farmers is that in doing this they are robbing the farms of needed irrigation water, which cannot be replaced, pointing out further that the oil companies can go deeper and get salt water which can be pumped into the formation instead of the

fresh water nearer the surface of the earth.

Farmers are joining in the fight with their money. Attorneys have been employed, and the case will come up after the first of the year.

"We would like to join Hockley County in this effort and ask the farmers of this county to make a contribution", said D. A. Ramsey, secretary of Cochran County Farmers Water Users Association. All contributions are to be made to the Farmers Water Users Association. The association has a special secretary to handle all funds for this case, D. A. Ramsey, St. Rt. 2, Morton, Texas, and if any amount of money is left over it will be divided on a Pro-Rata basis among the farmers who have made a contribution.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Smith and Terry Don of Fort Worth and Kenneth Earley and family of Levelland will visit with Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Earley over the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Connie Gray entertained the Jr. Choir and their families last Wednesday following the Christmas Cantata. More than 100 guests were served holiday punch and cookies.

### Mrs. Swicegood hosts yule party

Mrs. Inez Swicegood, owner of Daney Beauty Salon, hosted a Christmas party for her employees and families Saturday at 8 p.m. in her home.

The group played Dominoes and enjoyed refreshments of hot punch and Christmas cookies. Gifts were exchanged.

Those attending were Mrs. Ruth Wylie and Jackie, Mrs. W. G. Baker and Jerrell, Merle McKay and Mrs. W. V. McKay, Mr. and Mrs. Woodie Combs and Lanita, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Houston, Mrs. J. E. Culpepper, Mrs. Swicegood, Ricky and Jay.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Seaman of Roswell and Mrs. McKnight and her son Mac of Portales will spend the holidays with the C. T. Seamans.



## Rejoice

May the true spirit of the first Christmas shine brightly in your heart today and everyday.

### JESSE T. GEORGE

Your State Representative



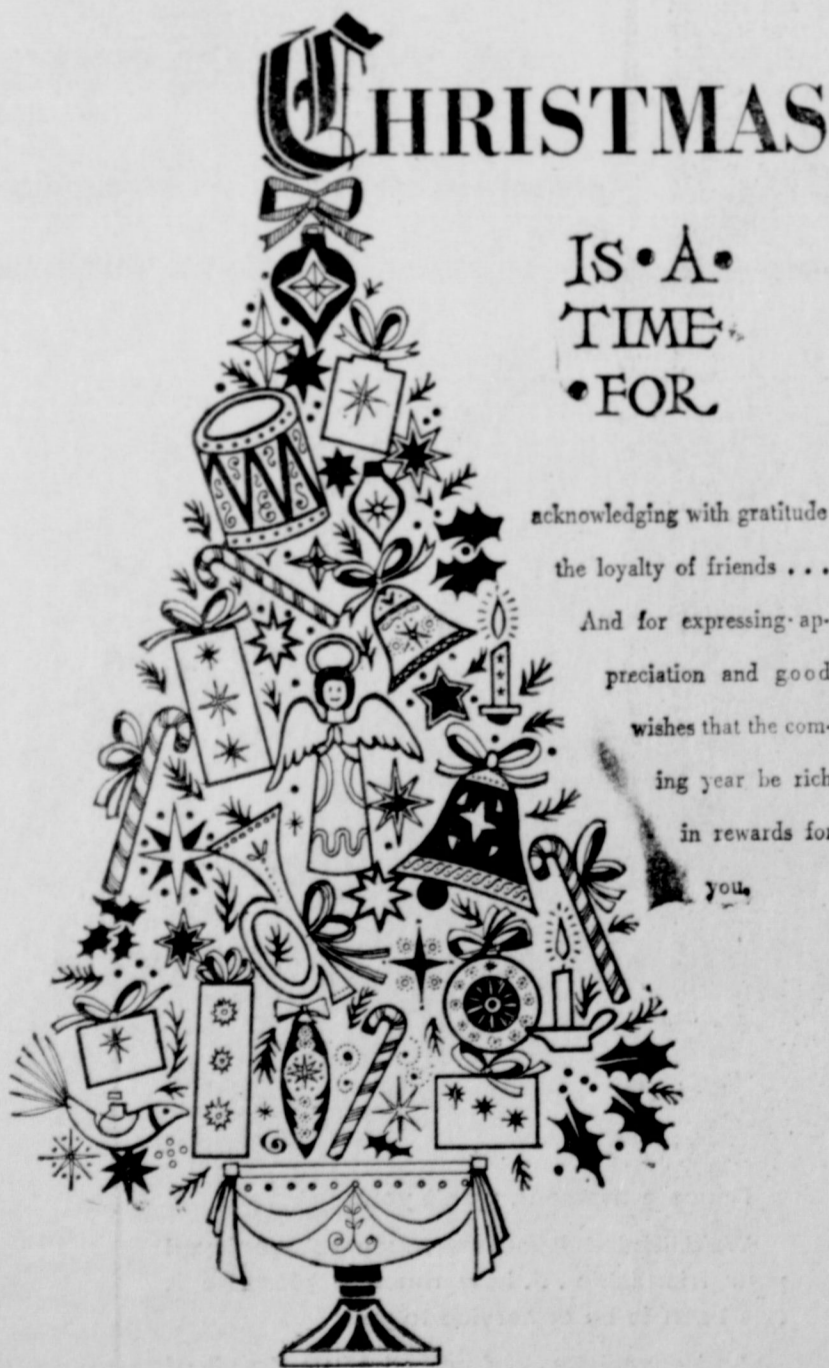
## Noel

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Evening Worship — 7:00 p.m.  
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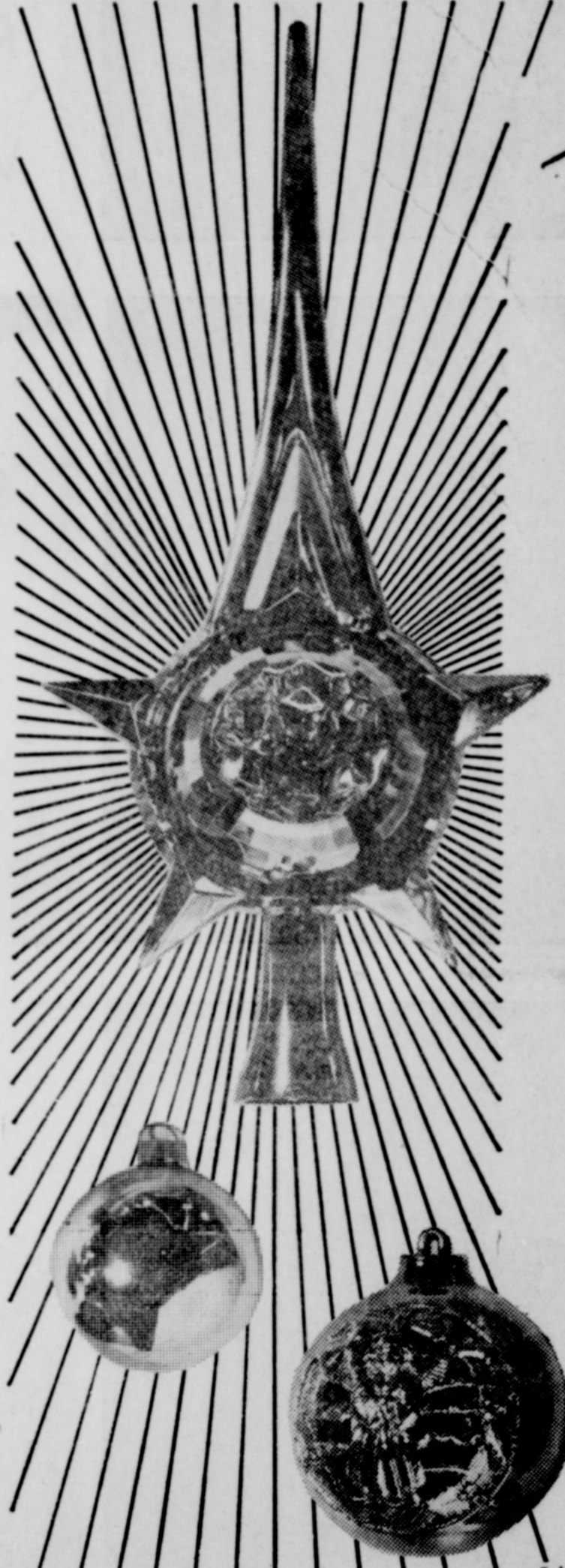
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Wednesdays—  
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## the Star

CHRISTMAS tree ornaments are made to resemble snow, unusual patterns of ice, and frost; however, the most beautiful ornament and symbol is the star for the top of the tree. This is to remind us of that wonderful day when the child Jesus was born in a manger and the star shown the way... "for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him." Let the star on the tree remind you to attend church and worship him too.

The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.



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Evening  
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Wednesdays—  
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Christ Ambassador's  
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Thursdays—  
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Evening Worship — 6:00 p.m.  
Monday—  
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Wednesday — 8:00 a.m.  
Thursday — 7:00 a.m.  
Friday (1st of Month) 8:00 p.m.  
Friday (2nd, 3rd & 4th) 7:00 a.m.  
Saturday — Catechism Class, 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.  
Confessions—  
Saturday — 7:30 p.m.  
Week Days — Before Mass  
Baptisms: By Appointment

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Morning Worship — 11:00 a.m.  
Training Union — 6:00 p.m.  
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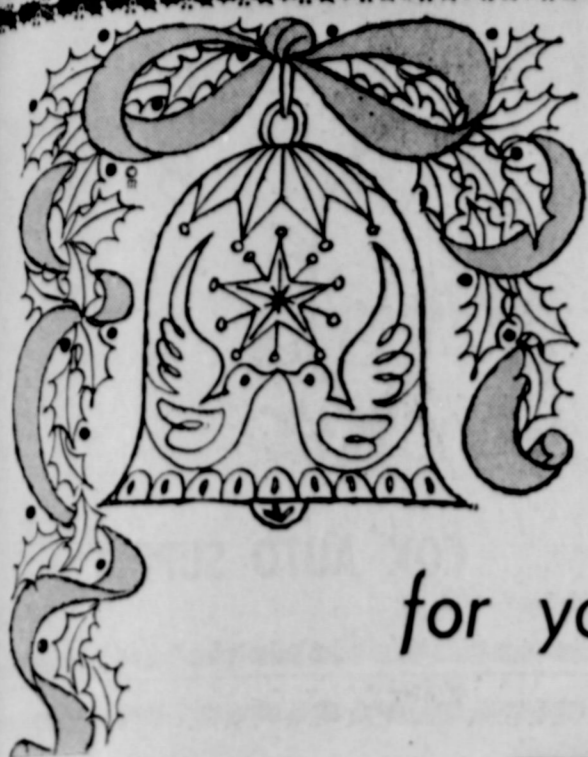
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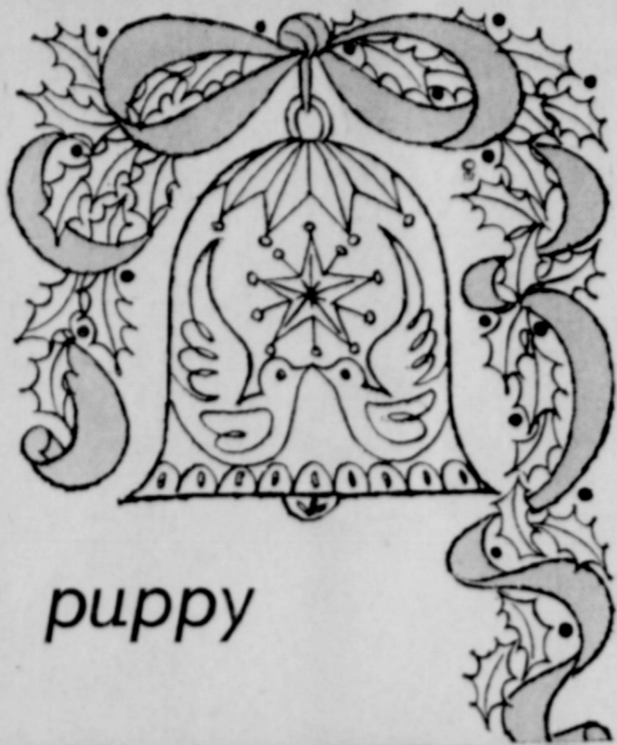
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You're all excited, aren't you, little one? And your infectious spirit has caught your puppy . . . and most everyone with whom you come in contact.

You and your puppy don't know exactly why you're excited, but it doesn't effect your exuberance. Christmas is a time to be excited . . . a time to be happy . . . and above all, a time to be thankful.

There are those who say people are losing or have lost the true meaning of Christmas, that it has become too commercialized. But you know, your daddy and mommy can remember when they were little ones, not much bigger than you, and people were saying the same thing. We don't think that this Holy Day has lost its significance. Christmas is for children, because on this day we are celebrating the birthday of the Christ Child.

His coming nearly 2000 years ago changed the course of the entire world. The miracle of His birth far out-shadows everything that has ever happened in this universe. Even the feats of today's astronauts and space travel are but a speck in comparison with the coming of the Christ Child.

All of these things you will grow to learn in a few years, little girl. And when you do learn them, Christmas will take on a much richer meaning than the bright lights and tinsel which now means the holiday season for you.

Faith in and love for your fellow man always seem to flourish around Christmas - time, and as you grow older you will wonder why these feelings can't hold forth throughout the rest of the year instead of just during the holidays. That is something your mom or dad can't answer for you.

Much of the hatred and strife and trouble in the world today would be erased if only people

would follow the teachings of the Christ Child whose birthday we observe this time of the year. He meant the feeling of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men" to prevail at all times, not just at a certain season of the year.

Why this does not happen, no one will ever understand, for Jesus was born for all of us . . . even those who do not accept Him.

These things are not compre-

hendable to you, little one, because you have love in your heart for everyone and that is the way it should be. May it always be that way.

Christmas Day will be here soon, and we know that Santa Claus will be good to you because of the love and joy you have brought to your mommy and daddy. You radiate the spirit of Christmas, and the teachings of Christ, even though you don't know it.

Christmas morn and Christmas day will be big, exciting events for you and your puppy, little girl, but even so, you won't be the happiest person in the house. If you get a chance, sneak a look at your mommy's and daddy's eyes . . . you'll see they are sparkling just as much as your own.

Have fun on this Christmas . . . and God love you little one . . . you and your puppy.



Inspect objects at church auction . . .

MRS. LESSYIE SILVERS and Reverend Charles Gates look at some objects up for auction at the Lord's Acre-Sharing auction held in the Activities building, recently by the First Me-

thodist Church. Much, time, work, and effort went into making the many objects that were auctioned off. Over \$2000 was raised by the auction for the church.

## Surnames of local people results in unusual story

(Editors note: For a few moments of relaxation read the following article which uses the surnames of folks in Morton and surrounding communities.)

The Morton (Tex) Tribune, Thursday, Dec. 23, 1965 Page 3b

The county of Cochran seems to be pretty well populated, what with many HOUSES and BARNES here that were built by qualified CARPENTERS.

In the GRIFFITH community WEST of Morton there lives a couple named CASTLEBERRY and although their farm is not irrigated there are several good WELLS near by.

This time of year you may see much WHITECOTTON in the FIELDS and just because there are no rivers or large bodies of WATERS here is no reason for there not to be small to large BROOKS with several BRIDGES here and there.

It may be a LONG time before we WYNN much money but we usually have a bit of CASH on hand.

We have excellent BAKERS and COOKS yet they may occasionally let a PYBURN.

If we ladies act just WRIGHT we may be able to get some HUGGINS from our husbands if they LOVE us.

When you notice that some young man COMBS his hair with care, dresses well, yet looks HAGGARD and even seems a bit CROSS at times, you may surmise that he is sweet on some nice little DOLLE and soon we may hear wedding BELLS.

Always be a good citizen and don't act unpatriotic around these parts or you may be put back in line by a MARSHALL or a SER- GENT.

If life becomes dull to you and is about to WARE you down, don't take off to BAIRD, COLEMAN, CROCKETT, HAWKINS, RICHARDSON, SNYDER, WHEELER or the DAVIS Mountains to try to better the situation, just see that your light BURNS longer and instead of saying "Let GEORGE do it", get busy and do it yourself.

This is a very colorful place with BLACKS, BROWNS, GRAYS, GREENS and WHITES showing up most all WEEKS of the year.

You might not expect to find WOODS in this county but look around you and see, and oh, yes, there are WEEDS here, as you might imagine.

Some folks here are real SMART and at times one may even be ready to BRAGG on him-SELF a bit.

There are no mountains here but you will find a number of HILLS and with a WALL behind you and RAYS of sunshine peeping through you just might be lucky enough to catch a BASS somewhere.

Our clothing may get ragged and torn but there are TAYLORS and WEAVERS to alter them for us. (Maybe?)

If you are bothered by thieves you will find LOCKES and KEYS to give you protection.

Do not get excited and call Sheriff HANCOCK if someone KNOX on your door to WARREN you that there are OUTLAWS, LYONS, CROWS, and COONS nearby — just say "Great SCOTT, they are each one as gentle as a LAMB."

Cochran County has never furnished a man to serve as President of our great U.S.A. but we pride ourselves as having in our midst such distinguished personalities as ADAMS, BUCHANAN, HARRISON, JACKSON, JOHNSON, KENNEDY, MONROE, PIERCE, TAYLOR and WILSON.

When the wind is blowing fifty or more miles an hour and sand fills the air you probably won't like the not so WEATHERLY way the tumbleweeds go sailing across your property but just held onto your hat, neighbor, and don't think you are about to TUCKER out, for tomorrow it all may change. There may even be a CLOUD and a beautiful rainbow in the sky with colors of SILVERS and golds to make your day seem brighter. Some of you may feel as fresh as a SPRINGER and jump around real Irisky or perhaps get in your FORD or other make of auto and take a nice drive and forget your worries.

We trust that each person that is a REEDED of this article is trying earnestly to live a CHRISTIAN life, so let us all study DA-

NIEL, KINGS, MATTHEWS, LUKE, ROMANS, JAMES and all the rest of the Good Book and be prepared to meet our Maker.

Wouldn't it be FINE if we could all stay YOUNG forever? But since that is not possible just put your tongue in your CHEEK and trust that things will CLICK for you as long as the Good Lord sees fit for you to stay around.

Let's all be SHARP now and spend our NICKOLS for BEENES, CROUT, LEMONS and other delicious foods while we RUSSELL around to keep spiders from weaving WEBBS over us.

Now that you have been interested enough to REED this through may feel like throwing GLASS at the writer but please remember that I have DUNN my best to make it worth your time and I surely do trust that you will not try to LYNCH me. For should you do so I just hope that you step on a TACK or get just a little bit of HALE on your crop.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.  
Written by  
Mrs. Aubrey (Ella) Castleberry

As the bells of Christmas ring out a message old yet new,

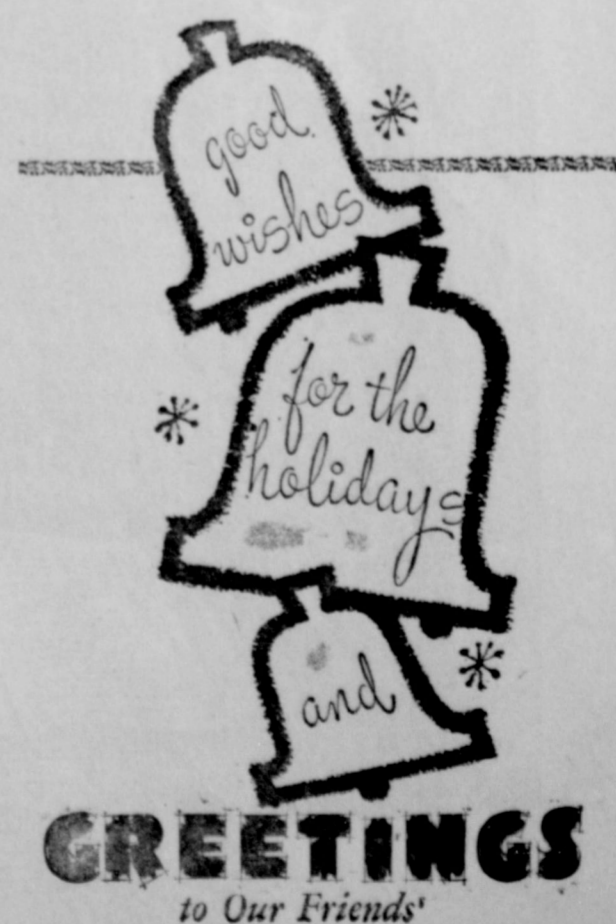
we wish you and yours the happiest of holidays.

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## Christmas Greetings

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### Christmas card relatively new holiday custom

"Merry Christmas!" The custom of extending holiday greetings to friends undoubtedly goes back many years, but the Christmas card as a means of expressing those greetings is a relative newcomer to Christmas traditions.

Christmas cards had their beginning only 122 years ago in England, but despite the comparatively recent start, saying "Merry Christmas" in card form was a custom that quickly caught the public fancy.

The wish to say, "Merry Christmas" to friends and neighbors is strong, and the ways of expressing it are many. Today's edition of this newspaper, for instance, is one big "Merry Christmas" card, in which businessmen of this community offer special greetings and words of appreciation to their customers and friends.

### Unique holiday message begins greeting card

It was the "Golden Age of Christmas." The personal exchange of good wishes, visiting homes to toast a friend's good health, carol-singing, bringing in the Yule log and great family dinners were all in vogue.

A new book was published that year. It told of Christmas goose and plum pudding, of happy family parties. It presented, and made immortal, Ebenezer Scrooge, Bob Cratchit and Tiny Tim. The book was Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," and the year was 1843.

Appropriately, during this "Golden Age of Christmas," the now universally popular custom of sending Christmas greeting cards began.

The very first card, authorities now agree, is the celebrated Cole-Horsely, designed and printed in London in 1843. Only a dozen of the original 1,000 copies are known to exist, and two of these, including the only unsigned and unposted specimen, are part of the Hallmark Historical Collection.

When not on display in museums and similar institutions, the collection is filed in a specially constructed vault at Hallmark Cards in Kansas City, Mo.

Sir Henry Cole, a wealthy London gentleman, and founder of the Victoria and Albert Museum, asked his friend, John C. Horsely, noted artist and member of the Royal Academy, to design the now-famous card as an unusual means of expressing his kind wishes to friends at the holiday season.



The tree is trimmed, the presents are here... now find out if your Christmas wishes have come true! Ours did... we have the nicest customers there are! Many thanks.

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May the beautiful story of Christmas bring peace and contentment to you, and its message of joy and of promise abide with you all the year through.



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### Christmas story...

CHILDREN OF THE Stockdale school acted out the Christmas story 2:00 at the First Baptist Church, Sunday, Dec. 19. Front row, left to right, Clint Oden, an angel; Debbie Young, who read from the scroll; Grady

Bryan who did read from the scroll. Second row, left to right, David Russell, Ronald Jones, who were all Kings and David Lamb and Timmy Stamps, who were both shepherds.

## Famous people call yule birthday

The Morton (Tex) Tribune, Thursday, Dec. 23, 1965 Page 4b

A young farmer's wife in England gave birth to a son in 1642. In 1821, a baby girl was born in the Massachusetts village of Oxford. In 1865, the wife of a militant Christian crusader gave birth to her fourth daughter. And in 1883, in Paris, an artist's model bore a baby boy.

What did these four births have in common? In each case, the child was born on Christmas Day, and grew up to become a famous person. According to the Book of Knowledge, these well-known "Christmas babies" were Clara Barton, Evangeline Booth, Maurice Utrillo and Sir Isaac Newton.

#### Founder of Red Cross

Clara Barton, Civil War nurse, was born on Christmas Day in 1821. It was her warm thoughts of Christmas that led her, when she set off to visit her brother, a prisoner during the Civil War, to offer to take presents not only to him but to

the prisoner relatives of all her Oxford, Mass., neighbors.

Subsequently, Clara Barton was instrumental in founding the American Red Cross and served as its president for many years.

#### In Salvation Army

Born on Christmas Day in 1865, Evangeline Booth was the fourth daughter of the Salvation Army founder, William Booth. By the age of 23, she was head of the Salvation Army in London and in 1904 she took over operations for the entire United States.

During World War I, the Salvation Army lassies under her jurisdiction spent Christmas — as well as many other days — ministering to the needs of American doughboys in France. The word "doughboy" stems from the celebrated Salvation

Army doughnut, a World War I staple.

One Christmas-born child had little cheer in his life, on holidays or otherwise. This was the French painter, Maurice Utrillo, born on December 25, 1883.

Son of an unknown father and a mother who was a model for many of the Montmartre brush wielders of her time, young Maurice was shy and withdrawn, not only in childhood but throughout his life.

Ironically, reproductions of many of his paintings, particularly those of the sparkling white dome of the Montmartre Church of Sacre Coeur, are used by the thousands every year on Christmas cards.

#### He Invented Toys

Sir Isaac Newton, English physicist, mathematician, philosopher greeted his first Christmas and his first day, in Lindolshire, England, in 1642.

Frail and sickly as a youth, he devoted many boyhood Decembers to inventing and making Christmas toys.

#### CHRISTMAS "FISH"

In Newfoundland it is customary for the folks to "fish for the church," during Christmas week. They bring their catch to be sold for the local parish.



## Christmas Blessings

May the joys and blessings of Christmas abide with you.

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Merry Christmas



May you have Peace  
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### Christmas dinner tradition started many years ago

Christmas traditions have a way of going on and on. In the city of Wichita, Kansas, in the year 1905, Sam Amidon, a local lawyer, buying his paper one wintry Christmas Eve, spontaneously treated a young news vendor to a new pair of shoes.

Learning the youngster had no family, the lawyer treated him — and several of his buddies — to a Christmas dinner they otherwise would have missed.

The annual Christmas dinners became a tradition. They eventually were served in the local Shrine Club and Amidon enlisted the aid of other prominent citizens.

Amidon died in 1925, but the Christmas dinners were continued by his wife. When she died, ten years later, a trust fund was set up to see that they continued, a fitting memorial to one man's generosity and kindness.

There aren't as many homeless newsboys today as there were back in 1905, but, through the trust fund, administered by a local bank, and with the help of the Salvation Army, the legacy of the Christmas dinner for the needy is still a tradition in Wichita.



Angel Choir . . .

CHILDREN OF the Stockdale school presented their Christmas program for their families and friends at 2:00 Sunday, Dec. 19, at the First Baptist Church. Front row, left to right, Robin Houston, Leigh Ann Bryan, Robin Row-

land. Second row, left to right, Ronda Abbe, Joyce Rinn, Kim Weatherly. Third row, left to right, Shonnye Autry, Kim Fred, Robin Polavado, Lynnette Davis.

Bless  
one and all  
on  
Christmas  
Day!

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### Morton area children write letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

My name is Cheri Kirk and for Christmas I would like to have some dishes, a talking monkey named Chester "Chimp", a sewing machine.

For my brother, Sidney, please bring a swing set and for baby Jason please bring a musical bear. For my Nanny, a pair of new bowling shoes and for Pappas a pair of new shoes.

Thank you Santa,  
Cheri Kirk

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a little girl three year's old. Would you please bring me a doll, doll buggy and dishes. I have tried to be a good little girl this year.

My little brother, Danny is two years old. He would like for you to bring him a tricycle, truck and train. He has been a good boy this year.

We would also like to have some candy, fruit and nuts.

Love,  
Rhonda and Danny Warren  
P.S. Don't forget the other little boy's and girl's.

Dear Santa,  
I am two years old and Mommy and Daddy says I've been a very sweet and wonderful little boy all my life. I hope you think so too.

I don't need much for Christmas except a new coat. My puppy chewed a hole in my good one and my play coat is getting too small. I would like to have some trucks and a little red wagon to play with.

Also please bring my puppy a dog house so he won't have to stay in our house. It makes Mommy awfully mad for him to be in the house because he chews on anything he sees.

Santa, I don't know you very well yet but I think we're going to be great friends in a few more years. Mommy says you're the nicest man ever, except for Daddy and PaPa. She says you and her were friends when she was little like me. Do you remember my Mommy?

Please remember all the other little children. Mommy and Daddy told me that all kids don't have as many nice things to play with as

I do, so I just want to tell you that it's alright if you give my share to some little boy who doesn't have any toys.

Merry Christmas,  
Richard Williams

Dear Santa Claus,  
I love you. I want a doll who's name is Baby Boo, some red pajamas for my doll and me. How is Mrs. Claus?

Love, Esther Padilla

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a machine gun, walkie talkie and a jeep.

Love, Raul Orzoco

Dear Santa Claus,  
I love you Santa Claus. How is Mrs. Claus? I love you Santa Claus. You are so good that everyone loves you. I want some dishes.

Love, Anita Luna

Dear Santa Claus,  
I love you Santa Claus. I want a Barbie and some dishes. I am going to Munday.

Love, Terri Guffey

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a watch, a Skipper, a Baby Boo, a dress, some dishes and an easy to bake oven.

Love, Dona Daniel

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a gun and a camera, a walkie talkie and a radio.

I love you, Jesse Johnson

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a bicycle and a BB gun.

Love, Adon Medoza

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a Baby Boo. I want a watch. I want some clothes.

Love, Sandra Click

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a GI Joe equipment and a watch.

Love, Steve Jones

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a rifle. I would like a cowboy suit.

Love, Ricky Wall

Dear Santa Claus,  
I love you Santa Claus. How is Mrs. Claus? I want a camera.

Love, Susan Baker

Dear Santa Claus,  
How is Mrs. Claus? I would like a Tressie and some dolls. I am seven.

Love, Phyllis Ray

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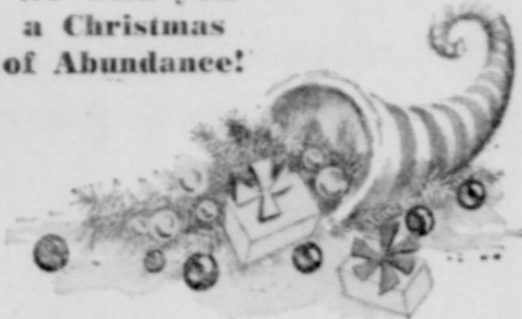
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#### Junior Choir...

THE JUNIOR CHOIR of the First Baptist Church is pictured here at the Christmas program they presented here recently at the First Baptist Church. The choir sang the cantata, "What gift have I?" Front row, left to right, Coy Merritt, Debra Williams, Yvonna Van Story, Rex Coffman, Jeannie Wemkins, Carolyn Gray, Doug Barker, Dale Tilger, and Darrell Smith. Second row, left to right, Rush Coffman, Barbara Bowen, Becky

Jerden, Judy Steel, Tommy McClintock, Arlene Crow, Peggy Steed, Debra Danie's, Christy Cade, Anne Winder, Becky Goodman. Back row, left to right, Greg Crone, Phil Barker, and Terry Jones. Mrs. Connie Gray was the director and Mrs. L. S. McCarty pianist. The Beginners, primary, and youth choir also participated in the program.

## Youngsters write letters to Santa

Dear Santa Claus, I love you Santa Claus. I want dishes Santa Claus. I want a doll. I want a color book.  
Love, Enez Prieto

Dear Santa Claus, I want a doll. I want a color book. I want a ball and a dress.  
Love, Frances Morales

Dear Santa Claus, I want a Rock'em Sock'em Robot, a BB gun, a bicycle, a walkie talkie, a radio, a Secret Sam, little cowboys and Indians and some paper. How is Mrs. Claus?  
Love, Alverto Gonzalez

Dear Santa Claus, I am a girl in the first grade. Will you bring me a Baby First Step, skirt and blouse, candy and nuts. Please remember all boys and girls.  
Brenda Watts

Dear Santa, I am a girl in the first grade. Will you bring me a walking doll and some candy and nuts.  
Love, Emma Flores

Dear Santa Claus, I have been good this year. Please bring me a bicycle, farm and rifle and nuts. Don't forget my brothers, sisters and boys and girls everywhere.  
Love, Darrell Rosco

Dear Santa Claus, I am a boy in the first grade. Will you bring me a bicycle and gun and some candy and nuts. Please remember all boys and girls.  
Love, Eddie Meraz

Dear Santa Claus, I am a girl in the first grade. Will you bring me a Tressie doll and Cricket doll and some candy and nuts. Please remember all boys and girls.  
Love, Sandy Sullivan

Dear Santa, I want a bicycle and an Army gun. I am in grade 2.  
Love, Vesientti Ontiveros

Dear Santa, I want a Buffalo hunter set and a wagon and a play knife and a superman punch.  
Love, Don Smith

Dear Santa, I live in Morton Texas and I want a Baby Boo and a Baby Cheryl and a bicycle and house shoes. I am in grade 2.  
Love, Debra Jones

Dear Santa, I would like to have a walkie talkie and a B-B gun and a Trick-track and a slinky.  
Love, Teddy Eubank

Dear Santa, My name is Jenna Key. I would like to have a scooter and a Baby First Step and a bicycle.  
Love, Jenna Key

Dear Santa, Please bring me some guns and a rifle and a knife, an electric train and slinky.  
Richard Kuehler

Dear Santa, I want a Big Boss and a biology set and a Thunderbolt and a Chief Cherokee. I have been good.  
Love, Mark Owen Matthews

Dear Santa, Please bring me a bicycle and a baton and a Baby First Step and a vanity. I live in Morton Texas.  
Love, Gay Waters

Dear Santa Claus, Will you bring me a truck, a G I Joe, a Jeep and a rifle. I love you. I am 7 years old.  
Love, Joey Bryan

Dear Santa Claus, I am six years old and I have been a good boy most of the time. I would like for you to bring me a football set, a veroom motor, G.I. Joe set, and a Secret Sam. And please remember Ginger and Mike.  
See you Christmas, Bryon McCasland

Dear Santa Claus, Would you please bring me a Bee Bee gun, a top and a trailer.  
Love, Donnie Baker

Dear Santa, I want a B-B gun and a bicycle and play horses.  
Love, Javier Lujan

Dear Santa Claus, I live in Morton Texas and I want a Tressie doll and her clothes and make-up to. Would you please bring me a jewelry set and brush and comb, three dresses and two pair of pants.  
Love, Donna Gae Cox

Dear Santa, I want a doll with long hair and a lot of clothes, a bicycle and baton. Thank you Santa.  
Love, Vicki Kuehler

Dear Santa, I want a Baby First Step and that is all I want for Christmas. My name is Susana Juarez.

Dear Santa, I want a B-B rifle and an 007 race track. I am in the second grade.  
Love, Larry Don Shaw

Dear Santa, I would like a sled and a Baby Peaches. I would like a slinky. My name is Linda Adams.

Dear Santa, I want a jewelry set and a puzzle. I live in Morton Texas. My

teacher is named Miss Rose.  
Love, Sally Cantu

Dear Santa, My name is Esperanza Rodriguez. I like to have a Barbie doll. I like to have a purse. I like to have a play monkey. I am in grade 2.  
Love, Esperanza Rodriguez

Dear Santa, I want a Stallion bicycle and B-B gun and an army gun and a Johnny Express.  
Love, Lee Brown

Dear Santa, I am a little girl. I have tried to be good. Please bring me a record player, some records and some nuts and candy.  
Love, Della

Dear Santa, I am a little girl. I have tried to be good.  
Please bring me some jacks, a Barbie and a Baby Boo. Remember other boys and girls.  
Love, Hortencia

Dear Santa, I am a little boy. I have tried to be good.  
Please bring me a Winchester pistol and a battle ship.  
Love, Lesley Don

Dear Santa Claus, I am a boy in the first grade. Will you bring me a bicycle and some candy and nuts.  
Love, Frankie Liscano

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## Happy Holidays



May Christmas joys and memories live on during the coming year and keep you in constant company with happiness.

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## Merry Christmas in spirit, deed abides in town

"Merry Christmas!" In these two familiar words, often heard and often repeated, there lives and glows the meaning of the first of all Christmases, on that Holy Night nearly two thousand years ago. As the happy day approaches this community, like many hundreds of thousands of other towns and cities around the world, proclaims the spirit of the season in ringing bells and happy carols, in gleaming lights and festive decorations.

Through all the celebrations — community, church, family — the simple words of greeting run like a glowing thread, weaving together into one joyous whole all the many glorious things that Christmas stands for. "Merry Christmas!" The words remind that Christmas is traditionally a time of merriment, a time for family and friends to gather together.

"Merry Christmas!" The words remind that Christmas is, indeed, more than merry. The lights and the laughter, the fun and the feasting are but the surface symbols of all Christmas truly means. It is a time of giving and sharing, a time to remember others, not only family, friends and neighbors, but all mankind, and especially the less fortunate among us.

As gaily wrapped packages make their way to Christmas trees around our town, the gifts once again recall the spirit of giving that began with the gold, frankincense and myrrh of the Wise Men, and the fragrant evergreen trees represent the message of the Christ Child, the inspiration of life eternal.

"Merry Christmas," we say, and with the words we seek to share our reverent wonder at the age-old story, our joy in ever-present blessings.

**How Celebrations Began**  
"Merry Christmas!" The words are simple, familiar, even old-fashioned, yet they still contain a newness and freshness, a significance to thrill the heart of mankind.

Whence did they come, these familiar words? As a holy day and a holiday, Christmas means both festive merrymaking and prayerful worship, and both meanings are expressed in the traditional greeting, "Merry Christmas."

Christmas, commemorating the birth of Christ, derives its name from the medieval "Christes Masse," the mass of Christ. Yet, in the first centuries of the Christian church, there was no celebration of the birth of Christ, no Christmas.

The December festivals of those days were pagan in nature — the Roman Saturnalia in Southern Europe, the Yuletide festival of the winter solstice in Northern Europe.

When, in the fifth century A.D., Christmas began to be celebrated on December 25, the old customs of the pagan festi-Christian Christmas feast. The merry-making continued, but it gained a deeper meaning, as pagan traditions were hallowed by association with the Nativity.

Thus Christmas became "Merry Christmas!"

## Christmas rose is subject of age-old legend

According to the legend of the Christmas rose, among the visitors to the stable at Bethlehem that first Christmas was a small girl named Madelon.

Madelon, the child of a shepherd, witnessed the bright star in the heavens and saw the Wise Men, journeying to Bethlehem with presents for the Christ Child.

Unhappy that she had no gifts to take to Bethlehem, Madelon sank to the ground and wept. Suddenly an angel appeared and asked the child why she was weeping. When Madelon responded that she wept because she had no gift for the Christ Child, the angel reminded her that "A gift of the heart is best of all." The angel then disappeared and was replaced by a beautiful rose tree, bearing fair white blooms.

Madelon gathered the blossoms and hurried to the manger at Bethlehem. She lay her gift before the manger, and so the story goes, the white blossoms turned a most beautiful pink — the first Christmas roses.

**THE POINSETTIA**  
Latin America's traditional Christmas decoration, the poinsettia, is also popular in the United States. The shrub, which has flaming red bracts, is named for Joel R. Poinsett, an American statesman and former ambassador to Mexico.

**Good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.**  
Luke 2:10

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## Joyous message of Christmas is old, yet ever new

"And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known to us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger." — Luke 2:15-16.

Thus, in the New Testament, Luke tells the story of humble shepherds watching in the fields—shepherds to whom the herald angels brought "good tidings of great joy," that they might seek and find the Infant Saviour. In still another Biblical account of the Nativity, Matthew writes of the Wise Men, who followed a Star to Bethlehem.

"And when they were come into the house, they saw the young Child, with Mary His Mother, and fell down, and worshipped Him. And . . . they presented unto him gifts, gold, and frankincense, and myrrh." — Matthew 2:11

At Christmas, as Christians everywhere celebrate the birth of Christ in church and home devotions, the story of the Nativity is told and retold—but it never grows old. Always, the well-remembered words of two of his disciples, Matthew and Luke, seem to resound with renewed meaning and inspiration, bringing to all some measure of perience by the shepherds and that awe and wonder of the wise men, long ago.

And now, as then, the supreme, the all-absorbing moment in the sacred story is that moment at the manger when first "they saw the young Child with Mary His Mother."

### St. Francis Planned for First Creche

In the miracle of the manger, in the Madonna and Child, mankind sees an ever present reminder of the love of God, the glory and promise of Christmas. Each year as Christians return in heart and spirit to Bethlehem and the manger, the joyous message lives anew. In cities, churches and homes, manger scenes symbolize once again the birth of a holy Child.

The treasured tradition of re-creating the manger has a long and notable history. The first creche or crib, scholars say, was erected by St. Francis of Assisi and his brethren, in the tiny Italian village of Greccio in 1223.

As the people of the town gathered about the manger, the first Christmas carols were sung—joyous songs in honor of the Saviour's birth. St. Francis felt that, through the manger scene and the cheery Christmas songs, even the humblest member of the congregation could participate more fully in the observance of Christmas.

### Re-Creating the Nativity In Art, Song

Through the years, the meaning of the manger has been enriched by hundreds of thousands of reverent re-creations.

Both craftsmen and artists have been inspired by the manger, and have shared their inspiration with many. The Madonna and Child appear again and again in countless famous paintings, and the Christmas creche in miniature, created by the loving hands of skillful craftsmen, is a precious tradition in many lands, in many homes.

In song, too, "the young Child with Mary His mother" lives anew. Gathering around the manger scene, glad voices joyfully carol, "Silent Night, Holy Night! All is calm, all is bright, 'round yon Virgin Mother and Child."

## Suitable gifts for Infant King

In New Testament history, St. Matthew describes the first of all Christmas gifts — gold, frankincense and myrrh. After the wise men had knelt at the manger, he tells us, they opened their treasures to select these special offerings for the newborn Babe of Bethlehem.

To the modern mind, gold is instantly recognizable as a treasure, but the value of frankincense and myrrh is not so readily apparent. Actually, frankincense and myrrh were costly items in the time of Christ, and they are still costly. Both are resins used in making incense, surviving today at many a Christian altar.

As further evidence that frankincense and myrrh were precious treasures, worthy gifts for an Infant King, there is the old poem which expressed the ancient belief that "incense owns a deity nigh."

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# Christmas Greetings

**May the hallowed peace of Christmas and the blessings of the season be with you always.**

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# Gilbert Muddell reminisces of 25 years as Santa

By BUCK SCHEIB

Being a Santa Claus can get pretty humorous at times. Gilbert Muddell, known through out Cochran County as the area supervisor for the Salvation Army, relates some heartwarming, but mostly humorous stories.

Muddell plays Santa Claus every year from dusk on Christmas Eve until dawn Christmas morning, visiting about fifty-five separate homes on a tightly packed time schedule that he maps out about two weeks in advance.

Muddell, who lives in Amarillo with his wife, in real life looks very much like Santa Claus, even without his costume and its trimmings. Muddell is a big man, with whitish grey hair and a curving snowy white mustache. His blue eyes sparkle constantly from a pleasant round face when he talks. He enjoys laughing heartily, and the laughter appears to come from deep inside and doesn't need to be forced. When relating a story, he often smiles broadly and gestures generously with both hands.

For the past 25 years Muddell has been donning his Santa Claus suit and visiting homes at a hectic, maddening all night long pace. He always tries to be finished and return home before it gets too light Christmas morning "so the kids won't see Santa Claus returning to his house in Amarillo."

Weeks before Christmas, Amarillo parents call him up and ask him if he'll "play Santa" for their kids. He accepts as many invitations as he can, on a first come, first serve basis, but every year he has to turn down many disappointed persons.

Two weeks before Christmas Muddell sits down and methodically plans a time table, where by he can visit approximately 55 homes; spending no longer than five minutes at each home. He smiled, "They often want me to stay longer, but I tell them (the children) that there are other boys and girls waiting to see Santa."

Muddell gives his wife a copy of his schedule, so that she will know where he will be and at what time in case she needs to get in touch with him.

He then starts out on his 10-hour journey just as soon as it gets dark Christmas Eve. He asks that the parents leave Christmas gifts on the front porch, so that when he enters each home, he can be bringing something for every youngster inside. "After all," His eyes sparkled, "who ever heard of Santa Claus showing up empty handed?"

He usually asks the parents to leave something on the door step that the child has requested. His eyes began to sparkle again. "That way the kids know that Santa is really on the ball."

Muddell visits homes until about 12:00 p.m., or until all the youngsters are tucked in bed. Then he usually attends the various Christmas parties that are in progress every year in Amarillo in the early morning hours. He explained, "There is no sense going to bed, because I have to visit some

more homes early Christmas morning as the kids wake up." Muddell is very careful not to touch a drop of anything that might be termed intoxicating at these early morning parties. "After all," he smiled, "it just wouldn't look right to have an intoxicated Santa Claus."

A point of interest is that Muddell does not wait to be invited to these parties. He simply drives along, after he has finished visiting homes for the night, and when he spots a house that has a party going on inside, he walks up to the door in his Santa Claus outfit and announces to the host that he is Santa Claus, and that he has come to join the party.

Muddell commented, "I get some of the darndest reactions when people first see me." He said that one lady, upon seeing his awesome figure standing on her front porch, grabbed him and kissed him saying, "I never thought Santa would take the time to visit me."

Muddell shook with laughter as he recalled one experience he had on Christmas. "I walked up to this one home that was having a party and knocked on the door. I heard some one mutter as they came to open it, 'I wonder who in the h— that could be this time of morning, maybe its Santa Claus.' Well, they opened the door," Muddell smiled, "and sure enough, there stood Santa Claus."

But Gilbert Muddell plays Santa mostly for the kids. When he tells stories of the different homes he has visited in the last 25 years, it is apparent he receives enjoyment out of making the legend of Santa Claus mean something to kids, in a day when legends aren't so very popular.

Muddell chuckled, "I get a big kick out of playing Santa to all age groups." He then smiled warmly, "But the kids I get a special kick out of are the youngsters between the ages of nine and twelve."

He continued, "You know, at that age they aren't sure if there is, or if there isn't a real Santa Claus. They have learned from their friends in school that there isn't, but when I walk in their room," and the eyes began to sparkle with amusement, "I can tell by the expressions on their faces that they are thinking mighty hard — well, may there is a Santa Claus after all."

He paused, "I remember one 13-year old who didn't believe in Santa anymore." He gestured with his hands, "You know, that is pretty old to believe in Santa Claus." He smiled broadly, "His parents called me and asked me if I would wake him up early Christmas morning."

Muddell started to laugh, "Well, I got a ladder, and climbed up to the second floor where his room was, and hoisted myself through the window." Muddell chuckled, "When that youngster say me coming through his bedroom window with a sack of toys slung over my shoulder, I guarantee you that he was one 13-year old boy that believed in Santa Claus again, at least for one more day."

Muddell thought a moment, and then the sparkling eyes began to laugh again. "I remember two little boys," he said, "They didn't believe in Santa Claus either, their parents told me. I had the mother stand just outside their door about the time I was scheduled to appear." Muddell continued, "She had told them before she put them to bed that they weren't to make a sound, or Santa wouldn't bring them anything. But she could hear them giggling and talking about how there was no such thing as a Santa Claus and that how parents must think kids were pretty dumb if they thought children actually believe in one."

Muddell's eyes grew bright again, "Well, I climbed through the window at the scheduled time and talked to those two startled young men for about five minutes. Then, as I left, I told them they weren't to make a sound until the next morning." He laughed heartily, "their mother told me later that not a peep came out of that room until Christmas morning."

Muddell tells of another instance where he entered a home carrying the package that was left for him on the front porch. They parents had told him earlier that their boy had wanted a toy dump truck for Christmas, and Muddell assumed that the package he was carrying contained the desired toy.

He had no way of knowing that the dump truck was in another package already under the Christmas tree. He also had no way of knowing that the young man had felt of the package under the tree and had correctly figured out its contents. When Muddell faced the young fellow, and was asked what he had in the package under his arm, he quickly replied, "I have here what you wrote Santa for and said you wanted most." Muddell said that the youngster looked at him for a moment in bewilderment and said, "But Santa, that's already under the tree."

Muddell also recalls how he went to the wrong house once. He was driving along in his Santa Claus suit, desperately trying to find a certain address on his list. He drove around the one block several times trying to read the dimly lighted house numbers, when all of a sudden some children playing in the front yard of one home shined a flashlight on him and yelled, "There he is!"

Muddell mistakingly thought that this was the address he had been seeking, and got out of his car, and because he was behind schedule, promptly entered the house without checking its numbers. The started parents looked at him in amazement and one finally managed to say, "My goodness, who are you?" Muddell said that the only thing left for him to was to wink and say, "I'm Santa Claus, Merry Christmas."

One Christmas Eve Muddell received a mild scare while he was making his calls. He noticed that a car had been following him for about forty-five minutes as he entered the various homes and distributed gifts. Finally, on a dark stretch of pavement, it swerved in



Playing Santa can get humorous . . .

GILBERT MUDDPELL, known in Cochran County as the area supervisor for the Salvation Army, has been playing Santa Claus for the last 25 years. He starts out at dusk on Christmas Eve, and goes at a frantic pace until dawn Christmas morning, visiting fifty-five

separate homes on a tightly packed time schedule that he maps out about two weeks in advance. He has many stories that he relates about the humorous experiences he has encountered over the past 25 years that he has been playing jolly Old Saint Nick.

front of him, and the driver motioned for him to pull over. Muddell grew serious and he said, "I didn't know what was going to happen. There I was, on a dark street in a strange part of town, and this stranger had me pulled over to the curb."

Muddell said that the driver of the car asked, "Hey, just who are you?" Muddell said he replied with his stock answer, "Why, I'm Santa Claus." Muddell said that the occupants of the strange automobile then began to smile and the driver asked him if he would possibly have time to stop and see his kids.

Muddell said that it so happened that they lived near another home he was scheduled to visit, and that he replied with a sigh of relief, that he would be happy to visit the youngsters.

This gentleman of the Salvation Army has been playing this strenuous role for over 25 years. Many of the people of Amarillo do not know the real identity of "Santa Claus" even though they have passed him on the streets for many years and met him at Christmas parties.

Muddell started playing Santa years ago for the poor and underprivileged. Now, he does it for all those who wish a visit from Old Saint Nick on Christmas Eve, or Christmas morning. Muddell smiled and then grew a little sad. "I am not a young man anymore," he said, "And every year the pace gets a little more killing. Every year I tell myself, this will be the last time. But a couple of weeks before Christmas parents start calling me, and I know that I will go one more time."

He accepts no payment for his services because he says, "There is not enough money in the world to pay Santa Claus."

He runs from his car to each house and then back again after his brief visit, on all his calls, in order that he can work in his fifty-five scheduled stops, and because as he says, "Who ever heard of Santa Claus walking. Why any child could reason out that Santa would never get all his gifts delivered in time for Christmas if he walked."

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**Merry Christmas**

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