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Services Are Held For George Morgan

Funeral services were conducted for George Robert Morgan Saturday, December 20, at 4 p. m. at the Spur Methodist Church. Morgan died Friday, December 19, in the Nichols Hospital about two hours after being hit by an automobile. Morgan was born December 3, 1879, in Alexander County, Illinois. He moved to Dickens county from Brownfield in 1943.

Rev Cal C. Wright officiated. Pallbearers were George Austin, Allen Gatlin, Cleo Murray, Wallace Day, A. R. Howe and Lon Bass.

Survivors include his wife, a daughter, Mrs. Jaunita Murray of Spur, and a son, Robert of Brownfield.

Interment was in the Spur Cemetery with Campbell's Funeral Chapel in charge of arrangements.

STUDENTS VISIT COLORED SCHOOL, SERVE COOKIES

Thursday, December 18, Miss Wanda Rhine, head of the home-ecomics division in Sour High School, and four members of her class visited the Colored School and served a delicious course of chocolate and cookies to the teachers and students.

Professor G. W. Kerr wishes to express his appreciation for this act of kindness.

Those accompanying Miss Rhine were Miss Marion Carlisle, Miss Kathryn Wade, Miss Marie Pierce, and Miss Jo Ann Bailey.

Rotary Entertained By Band Students

President Paul Marion presided at the noon meeting of the Spur Rotary Club Thursday, December 18. "America," "Oh, Come All Ye Faithful," and "Joy to the World" were led by E. E. Caudle. Walter Gruben gave the invocation.

Bob Key, band director at high school, presented the program. Dean Reagan and Rex Denison, students in the high school band, and Kay played several Christmas carols for the group. Ralph Gibson led the group singing.

Visiting Rotarians were Alton Chapman, Rotary district governor, John Stapleton, and Bill Hardin. Visitors were E. E. Caudle and J. E. Bachman.

CPL. ROBERT M. WRIGHT, MARINE, SERVING IN KOREA

Marine Corporal Robert H. Wright, Jr., 22, of Spur, is serving with a ground control intercept squadron of Marine Air Control Group 2 of the First Marine Aircraft Wing in Korea.

Cpl. Wright, an automotive mechanic and truckdriver, helps with the squadron's primary task of guarding a vast radar network in Korea through which no planes can pass undetected.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Wright, 612 N. Calvert Ave., Spur.

MRS. H. T. HATCHER TO TRANSFER TO YOAKUM CO.

Mrs. Harriette J. Hatcher, county home demonstration agent, for Dickens County the past two and one-half years, will transfer to Yoakum County January 1 to assume the home demonstration agent's duties in that county.

At present no successor to Mrs. Hatcher has been named, since none is available. The county regrets the loss of Mrs. Hatcher.

SHIRLEY HAIRGROVE NAMED TO SCHOLASTIC HONOR

Shirley Hairgrove, McMurry College student from Spur is one of the 56 named to the first scholastic honor for this year which has just been released.

In order to be included on the honor roll a student must be in the upper ten percent of his class. Shirley, a senior, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Hairgrove of Spur.

THE CHRISTMAS

the visit of the shepherds . . .

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

STORY



the visit of the wise men . . .

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. When they had heard the king, they departed and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

the birth of Jesus

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenus was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:); to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.



the flight into Egypt

And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. When he arose,

he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt, have I called my son.

Week End Showers Aver. Inch In Area

County farmers welcomed an additional inch rain over the area last week end.

The moisture came along with freezing weather which threatened ice damage but spared the latter by warming temperatures

Thursday night

The Spur Experiment Station had recorded .86 of an inch at 5 p. m. Thursday afternoon and considerable moisture fell after that time.

County Agent Charles Taylor reports that the drought has been temporarily relieved but that the area still needs several inches of rain to return the season removed

ed by the extended drought.

Weather predictions for the area indicate that Spur and Dickens county will enjoy mild temperatures for the Christmas holiday with no moisture in sight.

Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Stuckey Jr., visited relatives and friends in Sour community Sunday.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Middleton of Lubbock visited Sunday in Afton with Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Middleton.

Bobby Walker and Calvin Reynolds were shopping in Abilene Friday. Ginger Walker, a student

at McMurry, returned with them for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. H. L. Penninger and family of Breckenridge are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Ponder.

Employees of the Texas Spur and families had a Christmas party in the Grady Lackey home Tuesday afternoon.

Area Is Celebrating Joyeous Yuletide

Mrs. Alexander Wins Santa Claus Makes Decorations Contest Final Visit Wed.

Mrs. R. L. Alexander won first place in the Lions Club's decoration contest, receiving a cash prize of \$12.50.

Second prize of \$7.50 was won by Helen Dean Bingham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bingham, and third prize of \$5.00 was won by Bill Gregory.

Mrs. Alexander's outdoor decorations at her home on Trumbull Street included a portrayal of the Nativity, on one side of her lawn and a fire place scene complete with Santa, a Christmas tree and toys on the left hand side. Both scenes were life size and the manger scene included a live sheep.

Proctor's Department store won first prize of \$12.50 in the Spur Rotary Club's business window decoration contest.

Spur Flowers won second prize of \$7.50 and West Texas Utilities won third place of \$5.00.

Proctor's windows included elaborate show card painting done by Henry John and a mechanical Santa Claus that nodded pleasantly at passers-by.

Spokesmen for the judges of both classifications of decorations stated that the competition was keen and that the decorations as a whole are wonderful assets to the city and are a great aid in spreading the true spirit of the Christmas season. There were over thirty entries in the home decorations contest.

The Lions, the Rotarians and the Chamber of Commerce have indicated an attitude of appreciation and thanks to the many who entered both contests.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 24—Spur citizens and rural folks from around Sour are hurrying through this last day of shopping before the big event tomorrow morning, winding up another Christmas shopping period here.

Although buying hasn't been as extravagant as it has in the past, merchants report that buying has been very good and that people of this area are doing more of their buying in Spur this year.

One merchant stated that it appears that Christmas giving seems to be on a much more practical basis this year with shoppers buying practical gifts that are more likely to be actually needed by their recipients.

By closing time today Santa Claus will have made another appearance on the streets of Spur, winding up a series of five official visits with the kiddos.

Yesterday, possibly because of the last few days' rush, Santa dropped in on Spur via airplane. After circling the city several times, he landed and came down town to release five turkeys and to again visit with the children.

Santa was brought by Volunteer Fire Dept. 13.90

Most businesses in Spur will be open for business Friday morning, December 26. However, a few will take a longer holiday by remaining closed until Monday morning, December 29.

Edwards - Kelley Implement company has announced that it will be closed from noon today until Monday at 7:30 a. m.

Dorothy's beauty shop and gift shop will be closed all day Friday but will be open for business Saturday morning, December 27.

DeLuxe Beauty shop wound up its Christmas business yesterday afternoon and is serving coffee and cake to callers today. Levis Pullen, manager, states that the shop will be open for business Monday morning, Dec. 29.

The Spur Post Office will, of course, be closed all day Christmas and will offer only limited service on Friday.

Postmaster Guy Karr states that the office will not offer money order service Friday. It will close the general delivery window at 3 p. m. All window service will be discontinued at p. m.

Basketball Boys Win No. 5 Friday Night

Cold, freezing rain that made highway travel dangerous last Thursday night caused the temporary postponement of the Spur vs McAdoo basketball games.

Friday night the Spur Bulldogs played host to the Matador five to hand them a 42-30 drubbing. Curtis Blair was high point man for the winners as they chalked up their fifth consecutive win.

No games were scheduled for this week because of the Christmas holidays, but most of the team is working out each afternoon in the gym. The varsity squad outclassed a team made up largely of visiting college boys in the gym yesterday afternoon in a hot contest.

The teams for Spur schools will resume hardwood activities next Thursday evening at 6:30 in the local gym against the teams from McAdoo. There will be a girls', a B team and A team game. Next Friday night the Spur girls and the A team host Girard teams.

CHARLES TAYLOR SPEAKS AT TUESDAY LIONS MEETING

D. E. Woodward presiding Charles Taylor, Dickens County Agriculture Agent, as the main speaker at the Tuesday noon meeting of the Spur Lions club. The county agent brought a brief review of the farming happenings in Dickens county in 1952 and a preview of what the county farmers can probably expect for 1953.

Preceding the talk by Taylor, the club presented Dean Reagan, club sweetheart, a Christmas gift. Taylor and Foster Cook were recognized as guests.

Tom Clark, manager of the Spur Safeway store, was accepted as a new member by the club and was presented his credentials by D. J. Dyess.

Vice-president Alfred Walker presided in the absence of Guy Karr.

Babson Report To Annear Next Week

Roger W. Babson's BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL OUTLOOK FOR 1953 will appear in The Texas Spur on Thursday, Jan. 1, 1953.

Babson, a pioneer in the field of business and financial statistics, enjoys an unusual record of accuracy in his Annual Forecasts. His score for 1952 was 88 per cent accurate.

On December 27, 1951, he predicted: (1) that World War III would not start during 1952; (2) that the Taft-Hartley Law would not be repealed during 1952; (3) that there would be an increase in corporation and personal taxes; (4) that the National Income for 1952 would continue very high.

WATCH FOR THE BABSON BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL OUTLOOK FOR 1953 ON PAGE ONE OF NEXT WEEK'S TEXAS SPUR.



Roger W. Babson

Our Growing Trade Barriers Weaken Free World's Unity

WASHINGTON.—Nineteen countries, as a friend and ally of the United States, have protested to the Department of State that they are bewildered by various actions on our part which either threaten or reduce their trade in the American market.

They are bewildered, they say, at the inconsistency of our blocking trade (imports), while we are encouraging them to produce more and sell more in the United States.

In effect, their point is this: To shield American industries from foreign competition, we seem to be undermining our efforts to promote economic recovery, political stability, and military preparedness in the rest of the free world. Unreasonable trade barriers, they say, weaken the strength and unity of free nations.

This feeling among our allies, the Department of State points out, is very significant—and not only with respect to trade relationships. For the inconsistency in our trade policy raises questions in the minds of other people with regard to all our programs in the free world.

The practical effect of tighter restrictions on our imports, without doubt, is to hurt both the United States and friendly countries. For, the Department of State emphasizes, such barriers tend to diminish—

1. The chances of cutting down our foreign aid.
2. The opportunities for improving the use of manpower and resources among the free nations.
3. The livelihood of free peoples.

In addition, there is an impact on our leadership in world affairs. Since trade is the lifeblood of the world's economy, one sure result will be to lessen our leadership in all things if we do not support the movement among our allies toward freer trade.

For several years the United States has been aiding our allies through the Marshall Plan and the Mutual Security Program. This help to others is based on the assumption that they eventually will recover and will then be in a position to sell us enough to pay for what they need from us.

It is apparent, says the State Department, that if other countries are to become self-supporting, trade and not aid should become the means whereby they can obtain more dollars. Other-

wise, the American aid that keeps them going must continue to come out of the American taxpayer's pocket.

In addition, every move toward increased U.S. trade restrictions is used now as ammunition in the Communist attack against us. The Communists are propagandizing that our only interest in aiding others is to assure bigger markets for ourselves. They tell other people that this is our aim, that we are slamming our doors against the products of other people.

More directly, the Department points out, our own security requires the freeing of trade from unreasonable barriers. The manpower and resources of the United States alone are not sufficient. The United States needs to combine its strength with its allies to make the best possible joint use of manpower and resources. More trade is the best way to assure this.

But trade restrictions tend to prevent such cooperation. They force other countries to misuse scarce resources, to waste manpower, and to isolate their economies.

Most Americans, of course, realize that the well-being of free peoples goes hand in hand with how much is bought and sold in markets outside of each country. For example:

- In some cases, the foreign trade of our allies represents the equivalent of from 20 to 40 percent of their total national income each year.
- Our reliance on trade is likewise heavy, though the proportion is not so great. For not only do we ship abroad tremendous quantities of our goods, but also year by year our imports become more important to our way of living.

Just how significant our imports are to the health of American industry was pointed out recently by the President's Materials Policy Commission. Summing up on raw-material needs for the next 25 years, the Commission concluded that the amazingly efficient American industries are becoming increasingly dependent upon raw materials produced outside the United States.

The Commission also recognized the growing pressure here for "protectionism"—a descriptive term for import barriers—and it condemned what it called our "self-imposed blockade."

That blockade has been due, in part, to the efforts of domestic groups looking only to their own interests. The pressures of these groups, the Department says, must be scrutinized in the light of the general interests of the United States. In many cases they conflict with our general interests, and, when they do, the latter should prevail.

The Department of State points out one barrier, the "cheese embargo," to illustrate just what trade restrictions will do. The curtailment of foreign cheese imports has had these effects:

1. It has seriously impaired the economic and political situations in poor regions of Southern Italy, Sicily, and Sardinia, where production and export of cheeses to the United States represented a principal means of livelihood.
2. It has made it necessary for us to continue to give away more dollars to keep these areas buying our products.
3. It has meant that they have less money with which to sustain their own efforts at recovery and defense.

Unreasonable import barriers suggest this paradox: It is as though American workers in Detroit, producing trucks for our NATO partner, Holland, were refusing to buy Dutch cheese. To keep Holland buying the trucks, the Detroit workers would have to slip dollars into the pockets of the Netherlands.

That process, the Department says, is, of course, economic nonsense and is sure to create problems in world affairs. Yet it is just about what Americans are forced to do by unreasonable trade restrictions.

Moreover, and what is very important to all Americans, the process hinders normal business operations. It causes Government "interference" with the usual trade of farmers, businessmen, and consumers in doing business with foreign buyers and sellers.

The Department emphasizes that the alternative—a gradual elimination of trade barriers—offers the only sound solution. For the major trade problem of other countries is their lack of dollars; they believe we can help solve that problem by assuring them a "fair shake" at earning American cash.

By reducing our restrictions and thus helping our allies to find an opportunity to compete in our market, we will enable them to earn more dollars and to pay their own way. As a Department economic expert put it, "Trade, not aid, is the best way to strengthen the free world."



ALLERGIC TO WHISKERS . . .
Not all little boys who love Santa Claus this time of year have a sublime trust in the old gent. This young man obviously wishes he were somewhere else.

Dear Santa Claus,
I was a pretty good little girl last year, and I will be a better girl next year. Come to our house and see our pretty lights.

I'd like you to bring me a doll with blond hair, blond coat, and a blond hat. My brother was not nice last year, but is a pretty good brother. I think he ought to have an electric train for Christmas.

Don't bring anything for the dogs or the big people.

Diane
P. S. my brother's name is Thomas.

Dear Santa,
I want a B-B gun a scout knife for Christmas. I have been a pretty good boy this year. I want three or four packages of B-B's.

My little sister wants coloring books and a pair of moccasins.

Larry Cox.

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl six years old. I have been very good this year. I want you to bring me for Christmas a doll that goes to sleep, a toy piano and some candy and nuts.

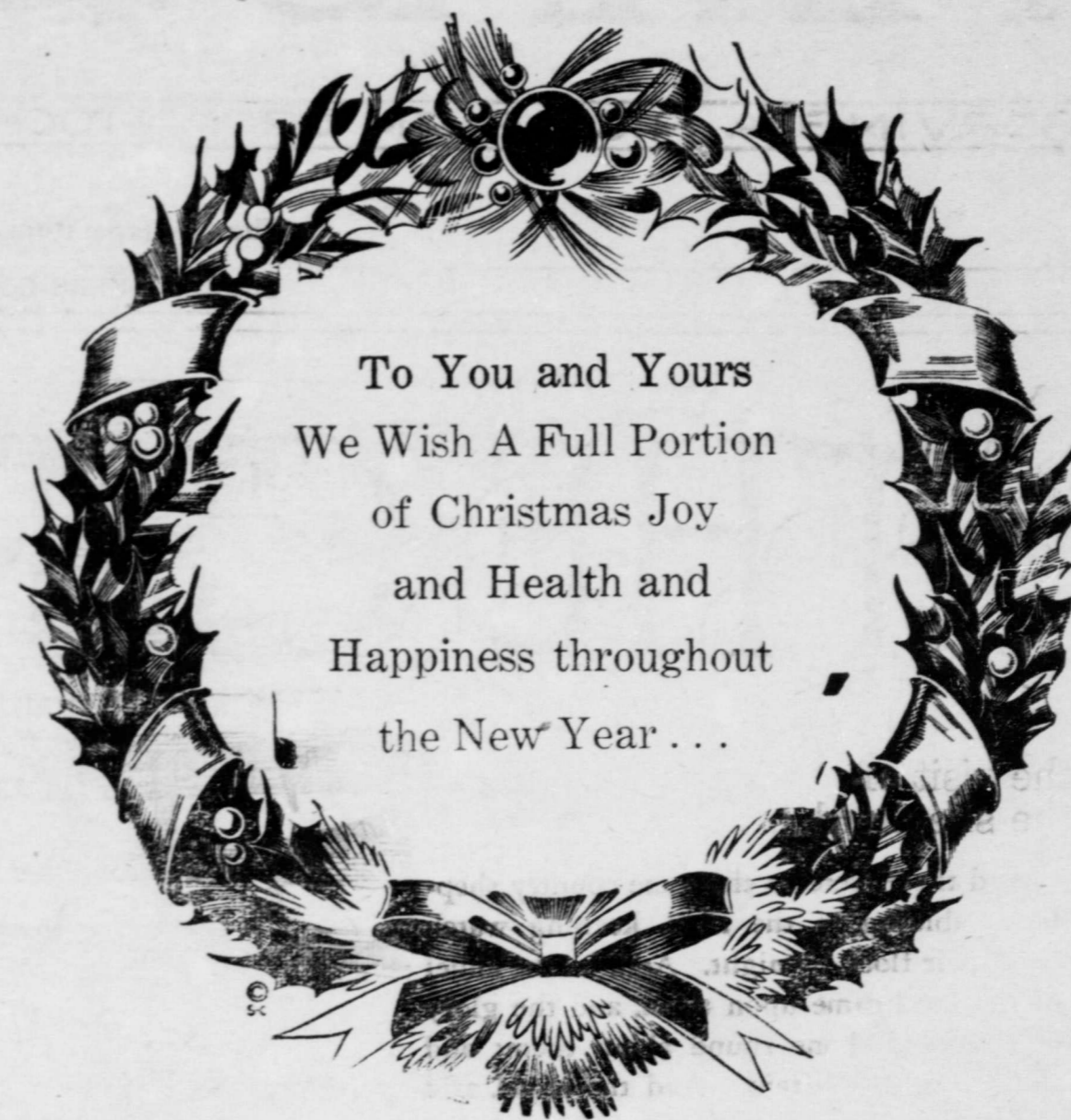
As ever a pal,
Mona Dell Vick

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you this fine morning? I am just fine. Please bring me a walking doll and a kitchen set. Please don't forget Mama and daddy and my brother eleven years old. I am only nine. Larry Clyde, my younger brother, would like to have a gun.

I will have a piece of fruit cake for you. I have to help fix dinner. Bye.

Love,
Leona Winkler
P. S. Merry Christmas.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



To You and Yours
We Wish A Full Portion
of Christmas Joy
and Health and
Happiness throughout
the New Year . . .

Mr. and Mrs. George Gabriel
Franklin, Max and Jim

McAdoo News . . .

Smoky Wooley of Camp Hood is spending a fifteen day furlough with his parents, the J. E. Wooleys.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Dickinson are in Alec, Oklahoma, for a visit with her father who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Brantley and boys left Saturday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Eldredge.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Allen Dickinson and baby of Plainview visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Dickinson.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Pace, Dale and Diana of Dallas spent Sunday night in the G. G. Allen home.

Carlene Coffey of Lubbock spent Sunday with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Carl Coffey.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Lewis and family are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Dave Noel of Stanfield, Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hardy and children and Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Cypert and family were among those who attended the Lubbock-Baytown football game in Dallas Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Neff and family, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Lumsden and Tommy left Friday for Salinas, California, to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lumsden.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Luecke and Tim of Euclid, Ohio, are spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Palo Grissom.

Rev. and Mrs. Rufus Crawford of Amarillo spent Saturday night in the Carl Coffey home. Rev. Crawford brought the Sunday morning message at the Baptist Church.

Art and Ben Ellis of Odessa and Mrs. Wilma Paschal and children of Lorenzo were guests Saturday night in the home of Mrs. Viva Griffin.

G. W. Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Hickman spent Tuesday night in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Baum spent the week end in Cross Plains.

Mrs. Katherine Hastings and David of Lubbock spent the week end with Mrs. Roxanna van Meter and other relatives.

Rev. and Mrs. Carl Coffey, Mmes. Milton McDonald, Jim Earley, and Dale Neff attended a Ladies District meeting Tuesday at Lubbock Central Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Argyle Everett and family, Mrs. Edna Sykes and Ronnie and Miss Maxine Henderson of Dallas visited over the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Cypert.

Rev. and Mrs. James Patterson spent Tuesday night with relatives in Wellington.

James Barnard has returned to his home in Lincoln, Nebraska,

after making his home for the last year with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Noble Neff.

The Baptist W.M. U. had their Christmas program at the Activity Building Monday, December 15.

The Methodist W. S. C. S. held their regular Christmas program in the home of Mrs. W. C. McClure.

Group Entertained In Patrick Home

The young married women of the First Baptist Church entertained their husbands at a Sunday School dinner in the home of their teacher, Mrs. W. F. Patrick, Friday night, December 12, at 7 p. m.

The Christmas theme was carried out in the table decoration. The menu consisted of barbecued venison, potato salad, beans, congealed salad, relishes, and lemon pie.

After the dinner, the group was entertained by Mrs. Grady Lackey, who read a Christmas story.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Collin Reese, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Watson, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Steele, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Clifton, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Lackey, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry McGeehe, Mr. and Mrs. James Wright, and the host and hostess, Dr. and Mrs. Patrick.

Couple Are Wed In Ceremony Tuesday

Miss Connie Lee Dickerson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Dickerson of Girard, and Jimmy Lavone Teague, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Teague of Spur, were united in marriage in the home of Rev. Doc Love Tuesday, December 16, at 7 p. m.

Rev. Love read the single ring ceremony.

The bride was dressed in a beige suite with brown accessories and a white corsage.

Attendants for the couple were Miss Carolyn White of Lubbock and Doyle King of Spur.

Miss White wore a light blue suit with black accessories and a pink corsage.

Miss Gloria Dickerson, sister of the bride, was also present.

Party Is Given For Kevin Ray Clifton

Kevin Ray Clifton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Clifton, was honored with a party celebrating his third birthday December 17.

The Christmas theme was used in decoration. Candy canes were used as plate favors.

Cake and ice cream were served to Janie Kaye Ensey, Sue Stanford, Sharon and Billy Hale, Martha Faye Bailey, Evelyn Patrick, Sandra Williams, Linda Daughtry, Brenda Ann and Vickie Clifton, and the honoree, Kevin.

Those sending gifts but unable to attend were Don Hale, Patricia Foreman, Linda Smith and Waynell Steele.

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GODFREY & SMART

Hansel And Grete! Operetta Presented

The annual school Christmas program was presented before a reportedly large audience at the High School Wednesday, December 17, at 7:30 p. m.

The Humperdinck operetta, Hansel and Grete, was presented under the direction of Miss Ernestine Berry, music instructor for Jayton and Girard schools.

The cast of characters was Pete, a broom maker, Larry Cox; Gertrude, his wife, Wendell Wade; Hansel, their son, Beryl Murdock; Gretel, their daughter, Susan Wade; Witch who eats little children, Brenda Kay Moore; sandman who puts little children to sleep, Roy Dunlap; Dawn Fairy who wakes little children, Bobbie Parker; chorus of Gingerbread children by the grade school pupils; angel chorus by fourteen grade school girls.

A Christmas party was given at the conclusion of the program.

Mrs. Eric Foster is spending the Christmas holidays in Lubbock with her daughter, Mrs. L. J. Hurst.



KEEPING CHRISTMAS

by Henry Van Dyke

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 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 to life; to close your book on 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.

Cpl. Francis E. Steininger, stationed at 321 Army Medical Depot, Fort Sam Houston, is visiting in the home of the Thurmond Moores.

Mrs. John I. Green of Lubbock and Miss Mary Green of White Deer are visiting in the home of their daughter and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Everett McArthur.

Turkey Dinner Served To 1931 Study Club

Members of the 1931 Study Club and their husbands enjoyed a festive Christmas party Tuesday night, December 17, at the Dyess' tea room.

After a delicious turkey dinner gifts were distributed to members of the group. Comical gifts were given to the men by their wives. Games of canasta, bridge and forty two were played by the club members and their husbands.

Those present were Mrs. Charles Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Ball, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Burnett, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Denton, Mr. and Mrs. Fike Godfrey, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Humphreys, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Karr, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Kizer, Mr. and Mrs. Gib Ragland, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Lahtue.

Mac Brannen, medical student at Galveston, is visiting with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. H. Brannen, during the holidays.



THIS IS... CHRISTMAS

Christmas is a tree with bright lights and tinsel and the Star atop. It is a tangle of gifts, wrapped with pretty ribbon, beneath its green boughs. It is the light and faith in little children's eyes on Christmas morning. It is the choking feeling of joy in mother's heart as the packages are opened. It is the tear that wells in dad's eye and he tries to hide it with a grin. It is the remembrance of many other Christmases: by grandmother and grandfather, undimmed by golden time. It is the sermon of the Story of Bethlehem. The hymns of the choir, the candlelight service, the softness of children's voices, the peace and goodwill that can come into men's hearts. Christmas is the big tall tree in school, the only tree some of the children can call their own. It is the striped candy cane. It is the joyful music of chimes and church bells, the carols from the record shop, the spirit of the season that makes strangers friends. It is the garland and the candle in the window, the cards on the mantel, the wreath on the door, the mistletoe hung for Sis. It is sincerely in a handshake, the wishes of glad tidings, the vocal meaning in the hello from neighbors. Christmas is a light. A light that vanquishes darkness; the light of charity.

Miss Jina Dunwoody of Matador visited Saturday with her woody.

parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Dunlap visited Saturday with her woody.

Christmas Cantata Presented At Jayton

Sunday evening, December 21, at 8 p. m. at the First Baptist Church in Jayton, the high school chorus, under the direction of Miss Ernestine Berry, presented a Christmas Cantata.

The Cantata, "Gloria in Excelsis," was from music arranged by Ellen Jane Lorenz from familiar themes by Felix Mendelssohn. The compilation and lyrics were written by Elsie Duncan Yale.

Numbers composing the cantata were "Rejoice, O Earth," "Draw Near Messiah," "If With All Your Hearts," "Starry Nights of Splendor," "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing," "The Seraph's Song," "Glory Be to God Most High," "Come Ye, Behold," "O Lovely Light of Star Beams," "We Found Out Lord," and "Thanks Be to God." Organ accompaniment was played by Miss Berry.

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where the president, Miss Delia Cowan, Paducah, was in charge. Miss Carolyn Kelley, high school speech student, read "Why the Bells Rang."

Goodwill Christmas gifts were packed to be sent to foreign students attending American colleges. Two boxes went to Chinese students in Baylor University at Waco, and two boxes were sent to South Africa and Hawaiian girls now in college at Abilene Christian College.

Four other students, probably on other campuses, will be selected to receive gifts at Easter, stated Mrs. Vesta Mae Smith, chairman of World and Community Service.

Members present at the meeting were Mrs. E. B. Blumberg, Miss Margaret Elliot, Miss Willie Hampton, Miss Eula Whitaker, Mrs. Louis Williams, Mrs. O. L. Kelley and Mrs. W. R. Weaver, Spur; Mrs. Sarah Jo Covey and Mrs. Clark Forbes, Afton; Mrs. Deva King, Roaring Springs; Mrs. John Belaska, Glenn; Mrs. J. B. Bell, Crosbyton; and Miss Delia Cowan, Mrs. S. H. Jolly, Miss Katherine Simmons, Mrs. Vesta Mae Smith, Mrs. W. C. Stubbs, Mrs. Jessie Thomas and Mrs. John H. Davis, Paducah.

Mrs. Belaska and Mrs. Forbes

will be hostesses at Glenn the next meeting at 2 p. m., February 21, 1933.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Walker are spending Christmas in Haskell with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Paige Gollihar will have as guests for Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. William Gollihar.

Mrs. A. M. Walker of Wichita Falls is spending the holidays with her son, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Walker.

Mrs. Nadine Head and Mrs. F. L. Westerman visited Sunday in Hale Center with Mrs. Westerman's brother, J. L. Mann.



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Christmas Dinner For 1933 Study Club Held At McCullys

The home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. McCully, 613 N. Willard, was the scene for the annual Christmas dinner for members of the 1933 Study Club and their husbands on Tuesday evening, December 16.

Red Christmas candles and balls were used throughout the house in decor. The words, Merry Christmas, were written in red above the fireplace flanked by huge electric candles. Showmen placecards marked individual places at the table.

On the menu for the dinner were baked turkey and dressing, giblet gravy, fruit salad, green beans, candied yams, cranberry sauce, celery curls, hot rolls, pumpkin and apple pie topped with whipped cream, and coffee.

Mrs. O. R. Cloude introduced the program for the evening. Miss Sandra Foreman gave a reading, "Twas the Night Before Christmas in Texas." A sermon, "Let's Keep Christmas," by Peter Marshall was read by Mrs. Grady Lackey.

The club president, Mrs. Walter Gruben, was presented with a poinsettia, a gift from the club.

Attending the meeting were Messrs. and Mmes. Weldon Skinner, J. C. Payne, W. F. Patrick, O. R. Cloude, Everett Martin, Grady Lackey, M. L. Steele, Everett McArthur, Cal Wright, C. F. Cook, Lonnie Lewis, Walter Gruben, Larry Boothe, H. W. Durham, C. P. Scudder, Mrs. Walter Carlisle, Miss Unell Middlebrooks, and the host couple, Mr. and Mrs. McCully.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to acknowledge gratefully the many lovely flowers, expressions and messages of sympathy, and the numerous acts of kindness occasioned by the sudden passing of our beloved husband and father. Your friendship in our saddest hours has meant much to all of us. Thank you again and God bless you.

Mrs. G. R. Morgan
Robert D. Morgan and family
Mrs. J. W. Murray and family

Peggy Wilson is visiting with her mother, Mrs. Hunter Wilson, during the holidays.

Miss Sophronia Ponder of Ft. Worth is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Ponder, during the holidays.



Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Bingham are pictured above at the celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary Sunday, November 30. Picture by Morgan Studio

Christmas Party And Dinner Held By 20th Century Study Club

The Twentieth Century Study Club met for its annual Christmas party and dinner Tuesday, December 17, with Mrs. James B. Reed as hostess. Co-hostesses were Mrs. T. H. Blackwell, Mrs. A. M. Walker, Mrs. F. B. Crockett, and Miss Margaret Elliot.

Christmas decorations were used throughout the house.

The dinner menu consisted of tomato juice cocktail, turkey, dressing, gravy, candied sweet potatoes, peas, carrots, cranberry sauce, a relish tray, hot rolls, coffee, and chiffon pie.

The program was led by Mrs. A. M. Walker. A five minute glimpse was taken into other homes at Christmas time. The countries were Scanwinavia by Mrs. Crockett, Russia by Mrs. O. C. Arthur, India by Mrs. W. R. Weaver, Holland by Mrs. J. A. Koon, France by Mrs. B. F. Hale, Argentina by Mrs. E. L. Caraway, Austria by Mrs. Henry Gruben, Mexico by Mrs. O. L. Kelley, Germany by Mrs. L. D. Ratliff. Miss Elliot told about the week end in Texas.

A recording of "Silent Night" was played, and gifts passed around.

Those present were Mmes. Arthur, Blackwell, Caraway, Erie Foster, Gruben, Hale, George Stanford, Walker, Kelley, Koon, E. S. Lee, George S. Link, O. M. McGinty, J. C. McNeill, Rat-

Members Of Cauthen Circle Entertain Husbands At Party

Husbands of the members of the Cauthen Circle of the First Baptist W. M. S. were honor guests at a Christmas party given at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Earl Burnett, Monday evening, December 15.

Christmas carols were sung by the group and games of 42 were played. Secret pals were revealed in the exchange of gifts.

Cake, assorted candies, nuts, coffee, and Cokes were served to Messrs. and Mmes. Alfred Walker, Bill Glenn, M. L. Steele, T. B. Allen, Grady Lackey, James Wright, W. B. Francis, Fike Godfrey, Matthew Gruben, H. G. Wallace, George Stanford, and the host couple, Dr. and Mrs. Burnett.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moore and children and Miss Hattie Turvan are spending Christmas holidays in Ft. Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Keith of Dublin visited over the week end with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Simpson.

liff, Jack Rector, Weaver, the hostess, and the guests, Mrs. Henry Gruben Jr. from Chicago, Mrs. W. R. Talliaferro from San Bernardino, Mrs. Roy Stovall and James B. Reed.

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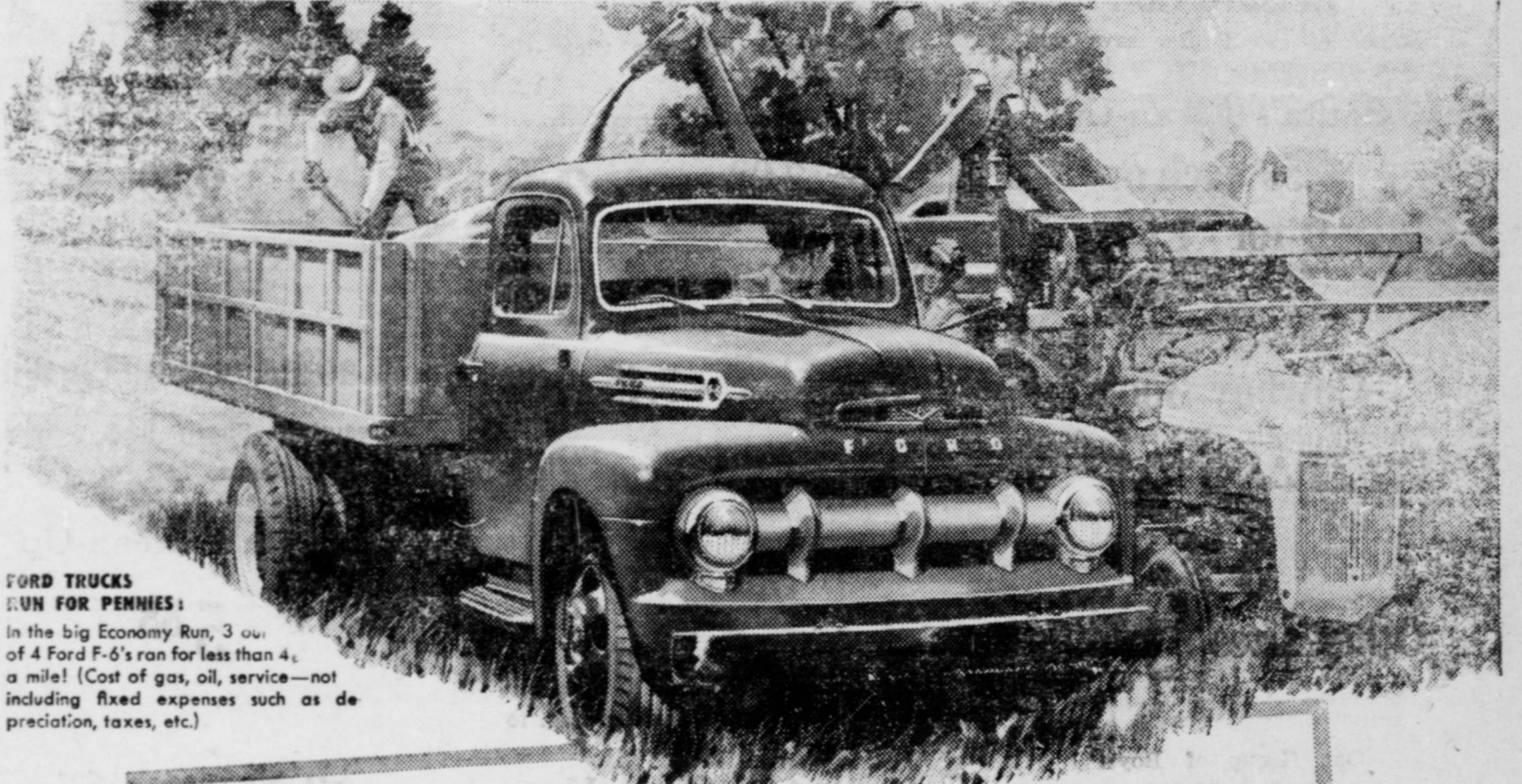
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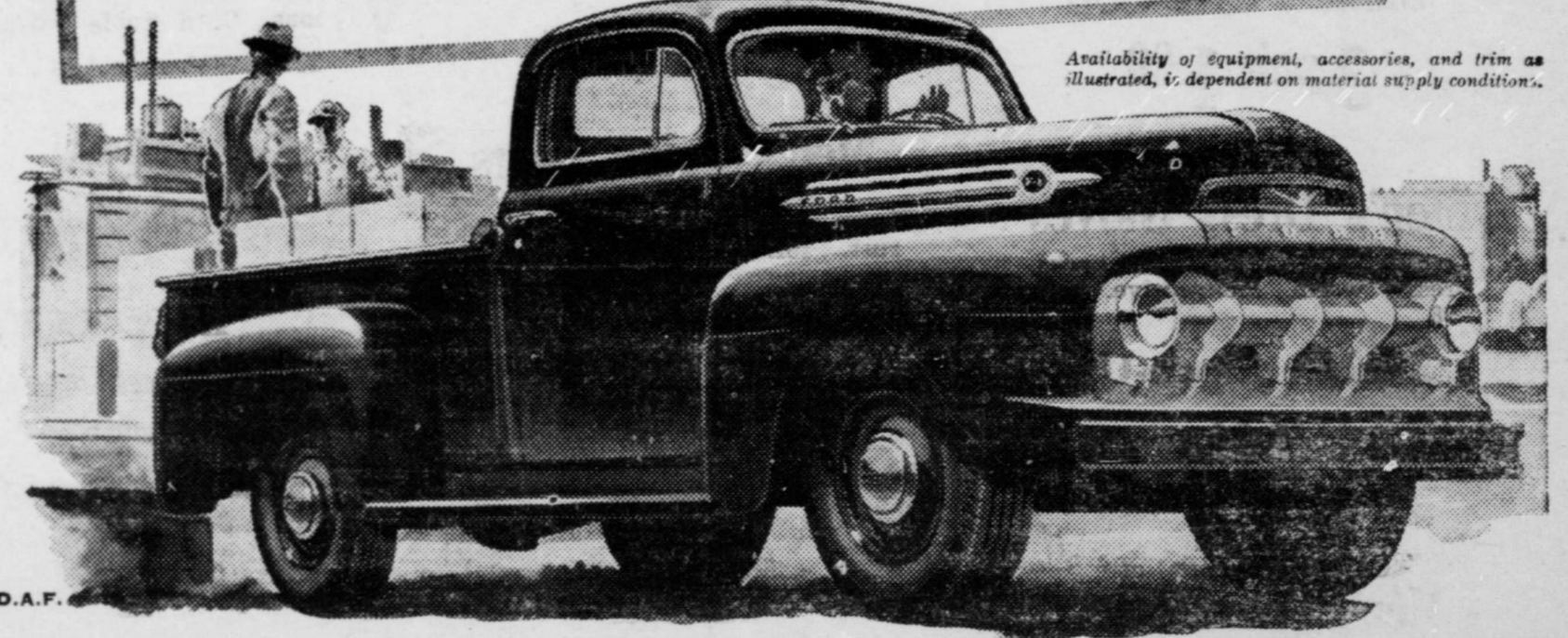


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E. H. Floyds of Afton To Observe 50th Anniversary

By Mrs. Ladson Worley

Many changes have taken place in the Afton community in the past years. Thirty years ago the wagon and team was the principal mode of transportation. Roads were wagon ruts. There were three grocery stores, two doctors, a telephone office and various other business establishments at one time. In those days people couldn't make Lubbock and Spur their shopping centers.

Much reminiscing will cause the time to pass rapidly on Sunday, December 21, 1952, when Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Floyd recall fifty years ago when they were married.

the wagon and team while Mr. Floyd accompanied the dealer to Afton. He bought the little farm about one and a half miles east of Afton, and there they have lived except for three or four years in the 1930's. Mrs. Floyd's first recollection of the day on which they first viewed their new home is the mass of flowers of all colors which covered the yard that August day.

Effie Lourene Thorp was born in Kaufman County, Texas on July 10, 1887, to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Thorp. When she was one year old the parents took their young daughter and the other children and moved to Brown County.

There are many happy memories of childhood and early school days in Brown County, but their sojourn there ended in

1889, when the family moved to what later was known as Thorp Community in Knox County, where she grew to young womanhood. She joined the Methodist Church at an early age.

Edwin Henson Floyd was born near Atlanta, Georgia, on June 5, 1876, to Mr. and Mrs. Henson Floyd. In 1880, he moved to Comanche County, Texas, with his parents and one brother. For nine years he lived in Comanche and Brown Counties, then in 1889, he, too, moved to Knox County. He lived there for several years. Mr. Floyd joined the Baptist Church when he was young.

On December 21, 1902, the young couple married in Knox County. They continued to live there until 1907, when they moved to Montoya, New Mexico. One of Mrs. Floyd's delights is

telling her experiences as telephone operator in Montoya. The couple lived on land, but they failed to file out the claim for in 1920 they moved to Afton and Dickens County.

The first two of the Floyd children died in infancy. The oldest living child, Howard, now lives in Seagraves. Doyle lives at Loop. Mayme, now Mrs. D. A. Raspberry, lives in Meadow. Letta, now Mrs. L. A. Smith, lives at Lovington, New Mexico. Henry, the youngest child, lives at Afton. The Floyds have nineteen grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Mrs. Floyd has one living sister, Mrs. Lizzie McClure, and one brother, Mr. Will Thorp, both of Lamesa, Texas. Mr. Floyd's only brother passed away several years ago.

Due to ill health, the Floyds are not having a celebration on the 21st, but they will reminiscence with their children Christmas Day, when the children and grandchildren will be home.

(Editor's Note)
Mrs. Ladson Worley is the former Miss Billie Galloway, the Afton news reporter for the Texas Spur in 1946-47. She and her husband graduated from Howard

Serving of Boar's Head One of Old Christmas Customs

Of the customs that grew up around the Christmas festival in Merrie England, the serving of the boar's head was one of the most stirring. It endures to this day at Queen's college, Oxford, where the 50-pound tusked head—a lemon in



its grinning jaws—is borne in on a great silver dish, escorted by trumpeters and candle bearers. In the olden days there was an appropriate chant, half carol and half ritual, that the gentlemen used to bellow at the moment the dish troubled the board:

Then set down the swineyard,
The foe to the vineyard,
Let Bacchus crown his fall.
Let this boar's head and mustard
Stand for pig, goose and catward,
And so ye are welcome all.

Christmas Tree Is 150 Years Old In Country

A Christmas tree will be put up in two out of every three American homes this year. Yet the trimmed Christmas tree, as it is known today, is only about 150 years old in this country.

The Pilgrims forbade Christmas celebrations on the grounds they were pagan. A Massachusetts law in 1689 subjected anyone to a fine who observed the day by feasting, refraining from work or in any other manner.

It was not until near the end of the American Revolution that the Christmas tree took hold. German immigrants, homesick for the tradition of their native land, put them up.

Custom of the lighted Christmas tree, some historians tell, originated with Martin Luther. He was fascinated by evergreen trees, glistening with starlight-snow, pointing to the heavens at Christmas time, so he brought an evergreen tree into his house and lighted it with candles for his children.

Another German legend credits St. Boniface with the origin of the Christmas tree. Having converted some oak tree-worshipping Druids to Christianity, he took them into a forest, cut down an oak, and pointed to a stately fir alongside. "Take this tree," he said, "into your homes as a sign of your new worship. Celebrate God's power no more with shameful rites, but in the sanctity of your homes with laughter and love."

Payne College, Brownwood, in 1951, and he is Educational Director at the First Baptist Church in Artesia, New Mexico. They both attended Wayland College two years. They have one child, David Ladson, who is six months old.

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Alcoholics Can Be Helped, Says Joe C. Carrington Of Austin

"Nearly 200,000 Texas homes will be drained of cheer this Christmas because the father or mother or some other member of the family is suffering from the devastating disease of alcoholism," Joe C. Carrington, Austin business leader and President of the Texas Committee on Alcoholism, told his directors this week.

"If there was nothing we could do for these suffers it would be a hopeless tragic situation," Carrington said "but we know now that they can be helped and that 39 states have passed legislation for their care and rehabilitation. It's up to us in Texas to join their progressive ranks and help whip this problem."

Carrington declared that the battle against alcoholism was the greatest salvage job facing the people of Texas.

"We have approximately 200,000 alcoholics in our State," he told his directors. "Let's assume that their disease has cut their efficiency and usefulness only 20 percent. Then we are losing 88,000,000 man hours annually that could be adding to the development of our industry, our agriculture and our national resources."

Even more important, Carrington declared, was the lost happiness and family security which the disease caused.

Several members of the Legislature have already asked us to suggest a sound and progressive plan to meet this problem head on and whip it," Carrington said.

"We know that nearly every representative is sympathetic to the problem and are awaiting our suggestions to put them into workable law."

The Texas Committee on Alcoholism is preparing its suggestions from the returns of questionnaires sent to County Judges, peace officers, mayors, doctors, hospitals and others interested in the problem. It will make its findings available to the Governor's Committee on Alcoholism for presentation to the Legislature when it meets in 1953.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Whitner Sr. received a letter from their son Staff Sgt. Burton John Whitner, Jr., stating that he had arrived at the Nasseau Air Force Base in French Morocco. He will be stationed there for eighteen months. B. J. has served in the Air Force for four and one half years.

ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

Notice is Hereby Given: That the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Spur Security Bank of Spur, Texas, will be held at the office of said bank on the 13th day of January, 1953, at ten o'clock a. m., for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.
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FOR SALE: 8 room house with bath and half bath. Flower shop. 23 N. Carroll. Ph. 451. 47-ctfn

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Naturalized Citizen in America-That's Our Santa Claus

Santa Claus as Americans know him is a naturalized American citizen, and as such is America's contribution to the Christmas legend. That's the opinion of Dr. Gustav O. Arlt of the department of Germanic languages on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California.

American Custom

The celebration of Christmas in this country has deep and permanent roots, although at one time its observance was nearly exterminated.

Mistletoe Has Come Long Way Since Days Of Druid Worship

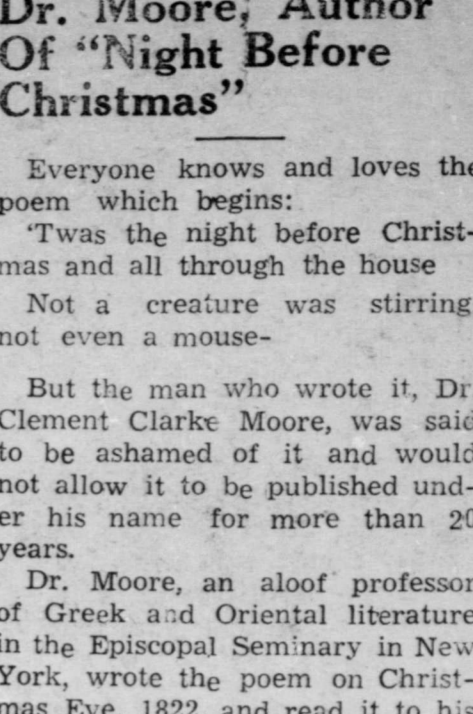
The mistletoe has come a long way from the day when it was worshipped by the British druids to its present status as a criminal killer of forests. However its use as a symbol of love, peacemaking and good-will survives to this Christmas intact from the pre-Christian days of the ancient Scandinavian light god, Balder, whose place stood in the Milky way.

Dr. Moore, Author Of "Night Before Christmas"

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 - V-8 Cocktail 8 Vegetable 12-Oz. Can 14¢
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 - Stuffing Bread Mrs. Wright's 24-Oz. Loaf 20¢
 - Slender-Way Bread 16-Oz. Loaf 22¢
 - Rolls Skylark Brown 12-Count 12-Oz. Pkg. 22¢
- Fruits and juice**
- Cling Peaches Del Monte Slices, Halves No. 2 1/2 Can 29¢
 - Red Cherries Honeybri 2 No. 2 Can 23¢
 - Apple Sauce Lakewood No. 303 Can 17¢
 - Fruit Cocktail Del Monte No. 303 Can 25¢
 - Apple Cider Westfair Qt. Bot 27¢
- Frozen fruits**
- Strawberries Bal-oi 12-Oz. Pkg. 31¢
 - Strawberries Scotch-Treat 10-Oz. Pkg. 27¢
 - Peaches Birds Eye 12-Oz. Pkg. 23¢
- Pineapple**
 Libby's or Del Monte Sliced or Crushed No. 2 Can 25¢
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Pork Roast Fresh Picnics Short Shank Lb. 35¢

Pork Sausage Wingo's Pure Pork 1-Lb. Pkg. 29¢

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