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Two Seriously Injured In Car Accident Here

Warren McKibben, about 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pat McKibben of the T-Bar community, and Bobby Tippit, about 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Tippit, who live out just east of town, were both critically injured at about 8:00 o'clock Wednesday night when their cars were in collision on the Tahoka-Post highway near the eastern limits of Tahoka, both cars being almost totally wrecked.

Both of the injured men were brought hastily to the Seale Clinic, where it was found almost immediately that operations would be necessary and they were transferred to the Tahoka Hospital.

McKibben was suffering from a badly broken left leg near the thigh, lacerations and bruises and possibly fractured bones of the face and head. His injuries had received only temporary treatment at ten o'clock Thursday morning, and the seriousness of his injuries had not been definitely determined. He had never become unconscious, however. The bones of the broken leg were to be set just as quickly as surgeons could get on the case.

Young Tippit had been unconscious from the moment when the accident occurred. He had sustained a bad break of one arm and serious injuries to the face, the bones of the lower jaw being broken in one or more places and an injury near the temple. The bones of his arm were being set when a representative of the News called at the hospital shortly before ten o'clock Thursday morning. It was hoped that both of the young men would recover.

Warren McKibben told officers and others that he had just turned out onto the highway at the Drive-Inn cafe and was still driving in second gear coming west. Something suddenly went wrong with his car; it felt like a knee had dropped down, and he could not control it, and that it turned nearly crosswise on the highway. At that instant the Tippit car struck. Tippit was going east driving a 1940-model Ford coupe.

McKibben's car was an old-model Chevrolet, possibly 1938 or 1939. Bot cars seemed to have been almost totally wrecked.

Basketball Boys Win First Game

The rapidly improving Tahoka High Bulldog basketball team has won its first game of the season, defeating Seagraves last Friday night 25 to 23 in the Levelland tournament.

The inexperienced boys, none of whom were regular last year, looked very ragged early in the pre-Christmas warm-up season, but have shows such improvement, that they may be expected to win some games when the conference season opens in January. Coach Jake Jacobs has had them playing some of the better teams of the South Plains, such as Abernathy, Levelland, Brownfield, and Lorenzo, and the boys have lost on the scoreboard but gained in experience. The squad is made up of Juniors, Sophomores, and Freshmen, and all should be here in future years.

In the Levelland tournament, Brownfield overwhelmed them on Thursday night, 44 to 18, but the boys were in there trying. Friday night, they came from behind in the last moments of the game to defeat Seagraves. And in the consolation finale on Saturday night, it was "nip and tuck" between Tahoka and Sundown until the fourth quarter, when Sundown pulled away to win 27 to 20.

Then, on Monday night of this week, Lorenzo came to Tahoka to win three games, the A game 50 to 32, the B game 35 to 27.

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Old Santa Claus Will Visit Tahoka Saturday Afternoon

Santa Claus is expected to visit Tahoka between 2:00 and 3:00 p. m. Saturday afternoon, Christmas Eve.

Old Santa is expected to have a load of candy for the kiddies.

His appearance here is being sponsored by members of the Tahoka Lions Clubs.

Farm Bureau Plans Barbecue On January 12

The Lynn County Farm Bureau will hold its annual meeting and barbecue at the American Legion hall in Tahoka on Thursday night, January 12 at 7:00 p. m., according to announcement of the officers.

All members and their wives are urged to attend. Also, each member is urged to bring one invited guest, preferably a prospective member.

New officers and directors for the year 1950 will be elected. Officers and one director from each precinct in the county will be nominated from the floor. In this connection, it is suggested that members talk to their neighbors before the meeting, and have in mind the men they want for officers.

Awards will be presented to the winners of the annual membership drive held last October. The county PMA agent will present information on the marketing quotas.

Car Turns Over, Injures Woman

Mrs. E. W. Frost received lacerations about the face and scalp when the car she was driving skidded and turned over in the bar ditch on the Lubbock highway just north of Wayside at about 9:30 Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Frost of Tahoka and Wendell Martin and Clarence Lohn of Brady were in the car when it went out of control. The car, belonging to Lohn, was badly damaged, but none of the other occupants was injured.

J. I. Parham of New Home happened upon the wreck scene almost immediately after the accident and brought the people to Tahoka Hospital. Mr. Parham said he saw the car in the ditch lying on its side.

Mrs. Frost is the former Miss Polly Hill, and is employed at Collier Drug.

Judging Team Contest Winner

Tahoka High School's Junior Vocational Agriculture Department FFA chapter conducting team, along with Lubbock High School's team, finished high in the area contests held at Seymour last week end, and will represent Northwest Texas at the State contest March 18.

The Senior team did not fare so well, however it placed fourth in a highly competitive contest.

The Junior team is composed of Richard Carter, Richard Havens, John Curry, Joe Brooks, Charley and Harley Schulz, T. D. Dunlap, Steve Slover, Charles Jones, and Charles Hyles.

V. P. Carter is the local teacher of vocational agriculture.

Congratulations:

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Allen Webb upon the birth of a daughter weighing 7 pounds and 3 ounces on December 13 in Brownwood, when the parents have named Loreta Jo. The father is a student at Howard Payne College. The mother is the former Dolores Nowlin, daughter of Mrs. Mildred Nowlin, now Smith, residing at Grandview. Mrs. Webb was reared here.



Southwestern Public Service Co. Making Improvements In Tahoka

The Southwestern Public Service Company has been taking down its old poles and placing taller ones at a number of the street crossings in town so as to raise its wires to a point where they will not interfere with the street paving project now being constructed in the city. New and taller poles are this week replacing all those on Alley Street running north and south one block east of Main Street, which is identical with highway 380, through the town north of the Post highway. These poles are raising the wires

ten feet and places them above the great bulk of trees that line this street. Heretofore, much trouble has resulted at times from the fact that the limbs of the trees had grown up around and above the wires, and when storms arose and lashed the limbs against the wires trouble resulted. At one time not many years ago one or more of the wires was broken and the crash that followed was something terrific. Similar trouble in the future will be practically obviated by the raising of these wires.

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Free Picture Show For County's Kids

The annual free picture show for the kiddies of Lynn county will be held Saturday morning at 9:00 o'clock at the Rose Theatre in Tahoka.

A suitable feature picture and seven cartoons will be shown, and all children will be admitted absolutely free.

It is suggested that each child bring some discarded toy or some food for the underprivileged folks if convenient; if not, attend the show anyway.

The free show is sponsored annually by the Rotary Club and the Wallace Theatres.

Cold Wave Bring Rain

Following a cloudy and damp day, the wind veered around to the west Tuesday night and brought thunder showers to this area. The rainfall during the night measured .36 of an inch, according to the U. S. rain gauge kept by The News.

Temperatures dropped just below the freezing point and thin ice was in evidence Wednesday morning.

The wind gradually shifted around to the north, the skies again became overcast, and the temperature never got out of the 30's at any time during the day.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES SUNDAY AT METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. C.A. Holcomb Jr., pastor of the Tahoka Methodist Church announces regular services at that Church Sunday, but of course all the services will gather around the birth of Christ and will be permeated with the Christmas spirit.

You are invited to attend all the services of the day.

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Turkeys Are Given Away As Part Of Christmas Program

As a special attraction to Christmas shoppers this week, a free turkey is being given away each day.

The turkeys were donated by the Chamber of Commerce, the Jaycee, the Rotary and Lions clubs.

Lynn Farmers Favor Marketing Plan For Cotton

Lynn county farmers voted overwhelmingly in favor of Cotton Marketing Quotas on the 1950 cotton crop, according to figures released by the Lynn County PMA office. Clarence Church, chairman of the County PMA committee, announced that 1264 voted in favor of the quotas and 31 voted against the restrictions.

Allotments for Lynn county farmers have been mailed out to the 1949 operators of the farms and to the 1950 operators in cases where the office has been notified of change in operators.

Lighting Contest Will End Tonight

Judges will inspect the town tonight to select winners in the annual Christmas decoration contest sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Prizes have been offered, one for the best decorated homes and the best decorated business buildings.

Nearly every home in town has some kind of Christmas decorations, some of them very elaborate, and of course beautiful.

A few of these attracting special attention are the home of Ed Park, Calloway Huffaker, H. W. Carter, and Alton Cain.

Especially original is that at the Alton Cain home, which depicts the manger scene in the Bethlehem stable. Cain has a realistic stable built on his lawn, with live sheep therein, with Mary beside the manger and the Christ child. The lighting effect makes it an impressive scene.

Many other people have unique displays—but, everyone should take a drive over town, stop and look at the displays to really appreciate them.

Henry Short Is Injured At Gin

Henry Short was seriously injured as the result of a near-fatal accident at the King gin, where he has been employed this fall, Sunday afternoon at about 2 o'clock.

He received a broken vertebra in his back and two broken ribs and a severe shock, and has since been under treatment at West Texas Hospital in Lubbock.

Mr. Short had been cleaning out the gin boiler, and his clothing and body were wet. The News was informed by his son, Bill Short. He took hold of an electric light cord to pull the plug from its socket, and received a severe electrical shock, the force from which knocked him from the four foot high scaffold on which he was standing. The fall resulted in the broken ribs and a vertebra in the lower part of the back.

He was given local first aid, and then rushed to the Lubbock hospital for shock treatment.

At last reports, Mr. Short was suffering considerably from arthritis, though his injuries were not as bad as at first expected.

NEW INSURANCE MAN MOVES TO TAHOKA

A. T. Voyles has moved from Lubbock to Tahoka to take over the American National Life Insurance company "debit" recently held by George Akkin. Mr. Voyles is living at 1925 North Second.

County Ginnings Estimated At 140,000 Bales

While The News does not have exact figures from the individual gins of Lynn county up to date, yet official figures up to December 1 and approximately correct estimates of the ginnings in the county since that date would indicate that at least 140,000 bales of cotton from this year's crop have been ginned in Lynn county.

According to reports given to The News early Wednesday morning by the six gins in Tahoka, a total of 25,669 bales had been ginned in Tahoka.

Reports gathered by J. C. We-mack, who is special agent for the Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce, showed that 111,693 bales had been ginned in the county prior to December 1.

Previous reports show that the 31 gins in Lynn county have been turning out an average of 350 bales per week per gin. In three weeks, that would run to 32,550 bales, or 31,000 bales in 20 days. Added to the 111,693 ginned prior to December 1, the total would be around 143,000 bales.

Figured in another way, it has been found by previous reports that entire ginnings in the county amount to approximately 5.6 times the number of bales ginned in Tahoka. Up to Wednesday morning, as stated above, 25,669 bales had been ginned in Tahoka. Multiplied by 5.6, the total amount ginned in the county would run up to 141,786 bales.

Therefore, it can be stated with a reasonable approach to accuracy, that up to Wednesday night, at least 140,000 bales had been ginned in Lynn county. Many believe that final reports next March will show a total of 160,000 to 165,000 bales ginned in Lynn county, the highest figure ever reached in this county.

J. B. Nance Dies At Plainview

A telephone call to the News from Plainview Tuesday morning brought the information that J. B. Nance of that city, who resided in Tahoka for many years, had died early that morning, and announcement was made that funeral services would be conducted at 3:00 o'clock Wednesday afternoon in the First Methodist Church of Plainview followed by interment in a cemetery there.

Surviving Mr. Nance are the widow, two sons and two daughters, the sons being Dayton Nance of Barrington, Ill., and Hollis Nance of Amarillo; the daughters, Miss Christine Nance of San Diego, California, and Mrs. Margaret Perdue of Plainview; one adopted son and two adopted daughters, W. B. Davenport, Mrs. Jim Young, and Miss Gertrude Bishop, all of Plainview; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. Nance was somewhere near 80 years of age but exact information is not available to the News at this time. He had called Plainview his home for the past 43 years and possibly some longer. The senior editor remembers distinctly having met Mr. Nance for the first time, in January, 1907, in Mr. Nance's real estate office in Plainview. Although he maintained his home in Plainview, he opened a real estate office in Tahoka in the early twenties, and until a couple of years ago, he spent much of his time here, dealing largely in oil properties of various kinds. In fact, Mrs. Nance resided here with him for several years. He always had great confidence in the oil possibilities of Lynn county and other South Plains counties, but fate seems to have played him a trick, for oil has been found in about all of the South Plains counties, at least south and west of Lubbock, except Lubbock and

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AMERICAN CHRISTMAS SCENE . . . Symbolic of our nation at this festive season of the year is this picture of little Ethel German, 4, daughter of a guide at the Statue of Liberty, as she admires a Christmas tree on the porch of Newell M. Foster, superintendent of the statue staff on Bedloe's Island. Over her shoulder, Miss Liberty herself stays right on the job, blazing her message of peace and good will.

Brotherhood Discuss Practical Problems

Members of the Baptist Brotherhood report another very excellent program was given at its meeting in the dining room of the church on Monday night. An excellent meal was served too. While the attendance was cut down to some extent by other meetings in town and on account of the busy season incident to Christmas, yet the at-

tendance was a little larger than that at any recent meeting. In addition to congregational singing led by Rev. Sheldon Russell with Carroll T. Aly at the piano, a special number was given by Sheldon and Carroll, accompanied by Mrs. W. P. Hutchison, who had kindly consented to help out with the music. As a substitute for Urban Brown, who had a conflicting engagement and could not come, Sheldon Russell discussed in a



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QUESTIONS ON CHRISTMAS

1. The Swedes know kissing is fun. That's why they thought of the Christmas mistletoe. What should be done to the mistletoe for each stolen kiss? (a) remove a berry (b) do nothing (c) take off a leaf.

2. We ought to know the names of the Three Wise Men who were the first givers of Christmas gifts. They were Melchior, Balthasar and (a) Somaat (b) Casper (c) Shedrock?

3. Everyone likes to get lots of Christmas cards. When did the custom of sending them start? (a) about 1845 (b) about 1781 (c) about 1902

4. Who first had the idea of building a small replica of a manger for the Christmas story? (a) Pope Gregory (b) Piers Plowman (c) St. Francis of Assisi.

5. The Christmas tree is the heart of our Christmas decorations. Which country first used the tree as a part of holiday observance? (a) Germany (b) Norway (c) France.

6. "Silent Night, Holy Night," one of the most beloved of Christmas hymns, was written by (a) Beethoven (b) Father Joseph Mohr (c) Martin Luther?

very interesting manner, "My Idea On An Ideal Christian." Dub Kenley, as chairman of the Activities committee, discussed briefly "Some of the Things the Brotherhood should Accomplish in 1950," and Rev. C. T. Aly, the pastor, had as his subject "The help that May Be Derived from Attending the Study Courses given by Our Church in 1950."

Some very practical and necessary projects were mentioned and the indications are that something will be done about it, for the benefit of the whole church.

Star of Bethlehem Continues to Puzzle Modern Scholars

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

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

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

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

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

Drugging Blood of Cattle To Kill Insects Is Harmful

Is it possible and practical, to drug the blood of farm animals so as to kill disease-carrying parasites that attack them?

Answers to this question are coming from Africa, where veterinarians have been making tests in recent years.

In newest experiments, DDT and benzene hexachloride were fed to cattle, after which the animals were exposed to disease-carrying mosquitoes, flies and ticks. Some of the tests were highly successful. Others were not encouraging.

Large doses were poisonous to the cattle as well as to the parasites, while smaller doses fed for a limited time killed the blood-sucking pests without causing noticeable harm to the cattle. Nevertheless, in all of these tests, one big question remained unanswered, namely, whether extended feeding of insecticide powders will eventually poison livestock and the people who consume their meat and milk.

To be effective, the powders must be administered regularly, and current opinion in the United States is that none of the commonly used insecticides can be fed on a regular basis with safety to animals and meat consumers — not even in relatively small doses.

Dungaree shirt procurement for the Navy in 1940 was only 100,000; 1942—1,000,000, 1945—20,000,000.

Finns See Evergreen As Mourning Symbol

Evergreens are never used as decorations in the homes and churches of Finland because the Finns regard them as symbols of mourning.

At Christmas most homes where there are children suspend a "heaven" from the living room or dining room ceiling. Such "heavens" consist of a cord framework covered with straw and different colors of paper ribbon, etc., and decorated with paper stars and silhouettes cut in various designs. The effect, when reflecting the firelight and the candles' glow, is mysterious and fascinating.

Candles are used profusely in the churches; the alters are banked and the windows are filled with them, so that in the pre-dawn darkness (Christmas morning services begin at 6 A.M.) the churches decked with approaching worshippers like brilliant lanterns.

After the early church services, the gayly decorated sleds race for home, bright robes flying and sleigh bells a-jingling. Breakfast is festive, and then everyone takes a long nap. Christmas Day is not devoted to play or gift-giving; it is religiously observed, with intervals of carol singing and Bible readings.

The day after Christmas is St. Stephen's day, and from then until New Year's parties and general festivity are in order. Although gift-giving is not an integral part of the observances, in some parts of Finland trinkets and useful gifts of wearing apparel are presented to children by Wainamoinen, the Kalevala hero of Finnish legend.

Legend relates that the crown of thorns which was placed on the head of Jesus was made of holly and that before the crucifixion the berries were white, but turned crimson like drops of blood.

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Legend of the YULE LOG

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Arriving there, he placed the child upon the bed, tenderly drew the ragged coverlet about it and then looked to see if there were a bit of furniture he could use to make a fire with which to warm the little one.

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

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

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

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

'Shoemaker Stick to Last' Originated in 3rd Century

Among the famous heroes of history are the bug who refused to be smug in a rug, the long lane that didn't have a turning, the early bird who hated worms, and the shoemaker who wouldn't stick to his last.

The origin of the expression, about shoemakers goes way back to the third century B.C. At that time Greek civilization was at the height of its development in all fields. In footwear, the Greeks had learned the secret of leathermaking, treasured leather-soled shoes because of leather's flexible strength and shape-retention, Greek sandals, basically leather soles held to the foot by thongs, remain the basis for many popular styles even today.

The center of the Greek shoe industry was a town called Sicyon, famous for its women's shoes. Living there was the celebrated painter Apelles, who was fond of exposing his pictures in public places and hiding them to overhear and benefit by criticisms of passers-by.

On one occasion Apelles tried this with a picture of Venus. A shoemaker came by, remarked on a fault in the shoes, and Apelles corrected it. Next day the amateur critic passed again. This time he ignored the shoes and began to criticize the way the legs had been painted. Apelles darted out from behind the picture and shouted: "Let the shoemaker stick to his last."

The poor shoemakers have been stuck with that expression ever since.

1950 Census May Indicate Big Population Increase

Next year's decennial census may show the U.S. population to be well in excess of 150 million persons, according to the 1949 Britannica Book of the Year.

"Between 1946 and 1948 the largest numbers of births ever recorded took place and there was a considerable increase in immigration," the publication points out. As a result, population forecasts made as recently as 1946 proved to be many millions short of the population the nation has actually attained.

The situation "seems to justify even larger forecasts, perhaps as high as 151,000,000 for 1950 and 150,000,000 for 1955."

From July 1, 1947 to July 1, 1948, the population increased by 2,537,909, representing the excess of 2,241,699 births over deaths, plus immigration of 296,210 persons.

"The natural increase was somewhat smaller than the previous year by reason of moderate decrease in births, with the number of deaths remaining about the same."

The decrease in the number of births was far less than had been expected by many statisticians working in this field—some of whom had anticipated a sharp decline from the record figures of the second postwar year.

Safety Standards for X-Ray

Minimum requirements for protection against hazardous medical X-rays in high-energy dosages have been issued by the national bureau of standards. An outgrowth of the application of atomic physics to medicine, part of the bureau's research in both gamma and X-rays concerns the development of standards for protection above the million-volt region. The increasing use of high-energy X-rays in medical treatment has presented new problems in all phases of radiation protection and shielding from over-exposure to potentially dangerous rays. Standards of safety for the installation and use of high-voltage X-ray equipment up to two million volts have been drawn up, and recommendations made for optimum safety of physician and patient with regard to maximum dosage, working conditions for X-ray personnel, protective barriers, and special types of apparatus.

Choosing Vacuum Cleaner

Whether homemakers should choose the straight suction vacuum cleaner or the motor-driven cylinder type depends on the kind of cleaning to be done, according to Stella Mitchell, A.P.I. extension service home management specialist. She points out that the straight suction cleaner is good for removing surface dirt from rugs, sweeping bare floors, and cleaning draperies and upholstered furniture. The motor-driven cylinder type is especially good for cleaning rugs with a heavy nap. In addition to the suction action, it has a rotating roll inside the nozzle lips that beats and sweeps the rug and loosens imbedded dirt.

Celebrates Bicentennial

Said to have more pre-Revolutionary structures still standing than any other American city, Alexandria, Va., bears staunch witness to the careful maintenance it has been accorded during the two hundred years of its existence. The Virginia city, across the Potomac from the nation's capitol, is this year celebrating its bicentennial with parades, theatrical presentations, dinners and balls. Many of its special events are in honor of its noted sons, George Washington, Robert E. Lee, George Mason, and other outstanding personalities who were footnotes in the last two centuries of U.S. history.

FILIPINO STUDENT MAKES MARVELOUS RECORDS IN COLLEGE

Miss Lydia Bravo, a native Filipino girl, who has made her home with the Rev. C. T. Aly family here for the past 15 or 16 months and who is a student in Wayland College preparing to become a Medical Missionary among her own people in the Philippines, was recently given a most unusual award for the high character of work being done by her in Chemistry in Wayland.

The Chemical Rubber Publishing Company of Cleveland, Ohio, awarded to her a Handbook of Chemistry and Physics comprising 2,736 pages, as an Achievement Award for having won the highest rating in Freshmen Chemistry ever earned by a student.

In addition to the high compliment paid her by the Chemical

Rubber Publishing Company, her teacher in Wayland College declared that of all the students in Chemistry he had ever taught in Wayland or any other college, Miss Bravo had made the highest rating of all.

Miss Bravo speaks English fluently and has been in much demand as a speaker since she came to America more than a

year ago to enter Wayland College. She was permitted to enter this country as a student through the influence and recommendation of Reverend Aly, who had met her while doing religious work in the Philippines as chaplain in the U. S. Army during the recent World War.

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For more than 26 years the senior editor has been local observer in Tahoka for the United States Weather Bureau, sending in reports to the office at Houston at the close of each week. He has therefore sent to Houston during this period of time more than 1,000 official reports, having never missed more than a few weeks during that time.

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WYNNE COLLIER DRUGGIST

This week, the local observer was delighted to receive from the Houston office the following, beautifully printed and ornamented

Holiday Greetings

It has been a pleasure working with you this past year and we are glad to join with our Chief, Dr. F. W. Recheiderfer, in thanking you for your faithful work in recording the climate of our country and in wishing you and yours a very

Merry Christmas And A Happy New Year

Edward A. Ferrell

In Texas, 136 crops are grown—40 are of sufficient commercial importance to be reported by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Crop of major importance are cotton, feed grains, rice, wheat, vegetables and citrus fruits.



REMEMBER LAST CHRISTMAS?

Remember Last Christmas? These were the major goings-on in the world during Christmas week in 1948:

December 27—Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, outspoken foe of Hungary's Communist regime, was arrested on charges of plotting against the government, spying, treason and blackmarket dealings in currency.

In an extemporaneous speech at Kansas City, President Truman made this remark that caught the interest of the world: "There are certain leaders in the government of that country (Russia) who are exceedingly anxious to have an understanding with us."

December 29—President Truman returned to Washington after a Christmas vacation in Independence, Mo.

December 28—Twelve stranded air force men were rescued by plane from an icecap in southern Greenland by Lt. Col. Emil Beaudry.

December 31—The 80th congress, denounced by President Truman as the second worst on record, passed into history with the adjournment of both houses.

December 31—At year's end, America's favorite popular song for the moment was "On a Slow Boat to China."

LOOPHOLES in the Law

By WILL WILSON

District Attorney of Dallas County



Burglar Joe admitted that he broke into a store operated by Mrs. Fred Smith in Prairie Hill, Texas. He confessed that on September 27, 1941, he broke in the back door of the store building, entered and stole several articles of merchandise.

Since there was no doubt of Joe's guilt, he was convicted and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. But on appeal the verdict was reversed.

At the trial, Mrs. Smith testified that she was the wife of Fred Smith and that she lived with him at Prairie Hill, where they operated a store. The indictment pointed out that the store, at the time of the burglary, was under the control and ownership of Mrs. Smith.

The reversal was solely on a technicality involving ownership of the store. Although Mrs. Smith was operator of the store, it was community property belonging jointly to her and to Mr. Smith. In the eyes of the law the husband was the owner. The indictment charging Joe should have alleged that the husband, instead of the wife, was the owner of the property.

If the State Bar is successful in its effort to bring about revision of Texas' criminal statutes, such loopholes in the law can be closed. Under the present system too many criminals escape justice, even when there is no doubt of their guilt, breeding disrespect for the law and subjecting good citizens to constant threats from lawbreakers.

The land area of Texas is 163,732,160 acres. According to the 1945 Census of Agriculture, 84 percent of this land was in farms and ranches.

The U. S. Navy's Store at Yokosuka, Japan, operates a chicken ranch which supplies eggs to general mess and commissary.



CHRISTMAS SYMBOL . . . The light of the deathless spirit of the Yule burns steadily in every mind at this season of the year, but nowhere is it more beautifully typified than in the delighted, wide-eyed look of a child experiencing the shimmering delights of his first Christmas.

Naturalized Citizen— That's Our Santa

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. Arit of the department of Germanic languages on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California.

"The Norwegians who settled early in America brought the first version of the modern Santa Claus, who in Europe had been known as St. Nicholas, but never adequately personally described," said Dr. Arit.

"When the American Clement Moore described the jolly, rotund gentleman in minute detail in his poem 'Twas The Night Before Christmas," he assumed the proportion of living legend and thus became an integral part of Christian legend and folklore," the professor stated.

Archaeologists' Findings Bear Out Bible Stories

Archaeologists' findings oftentimes serve to further establish the authenticity of the story of Jesus. Only recently a group discovered the name of Jesus, carved before 70 A.D. and perhaps by an eyewitness to the crucifixion, among inscriptions on 11 early Christian burial urns found in a cave on the Jerusalem-Bethlehem road.

The urns may provide the "oldest archaeological record of Christianity" and an historical confirmation of the trial and crucifixion of Christ, the archaeologists said.

A sect of Hebrews, who followed Jesus, denounced Pontius Pilate and mourned the crucifixion of their leader, was believed to have left the writings on the urns in the cave.

The Hebrew and Aramic inscriptions contained common names like Miriam, Simon, and Matti. The Greek inscriptions and symbols beside them contained references to Christianity and, it seems probable, to the crucifixion.

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CHILD GUIDANCE CLUB HAS CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

The Child Guidance Club Christmas Social was held at Mrs. Elmo Jeter's Monday evening.

We had as our guest speaker, Ernest West, Minister of the Tahoka Church of Christ, who gave us a very interesting discussion on "Children and Christmas," after which we had a Christmas tree and exchanged gifts.

A two-faced darning egg is a sight saver. Paint half the egg black and use when mending light colored hose.

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TAHOKA O. E. S. BIRTHDAY

At a called meeting on December 12 the Tahoka Order of Eastern Star, Chapter Number 743, observed its 28th birthday with a program honoring its 23 past Matrons and Past Patrons.

At the close of the program Mrs. Eita Lorene Reid, Junior Past Matron assisted by the Star Points served the large white birthday cake to 41 members and visitors.

In the absence of the Worthy Matron, Mrs. Omega Hensely, who was ill, Mrs. Opal Hamilton presided over the business session preceding the program during which three candidates were initiated.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wheeler and boys are spending the Christmas holidays in Shreveport, La., with Mr. Wheeler's mother.

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Opera Singers Aided By Hearty Appetites, Caruso Chef Claims

NEW YORK.—The news that the Hollywood tenor Mario Lanza had reduced from 230 pounds to a slyphlike 185 filled John Tirassa with horror.

It makes him think of the days Enrico Caruso would storm into his kitchen in artistic distress because he thought he detected that one of his chins was disappearing.

"John," the great tenor would moan, "you must think of something more fattening. I must have resonance. Resonance must have bulk. Do you want me to sing only to the first row of the orchestra?"

Caruso was a good eater, he ate what he liked and let the calories fall where they might. And Tirassa thinks it was something more than a coincidence that he was also the greatest tenor who ever lived.

"As Caruso's chef I cooked for Challapin and for many other great stars of opera like Mme. Schumann-Heink, Luisa Tetrazzini, Mary Garden, Jean De Reszke, Alma Gluck, Antonio Scotti and Nellie Melba," he recalled.

Child Returning \$53,000 Presented With \$5 Reward

MONROE, WIS.—Because the "pencil case" she found on the sidewalk was really a bank deposit folder containing \$53,000, seven-year-old Sharon Broge got some new shoes.

Sharon took the case home and opened it with the assistance of her five-year-old sister, Diane, and her nine-year-old brother, Gary. Instead of pencils they found currency and papers. They were disappointed.

An older sister, Lavon, 16, saw what the children had found, and she and her mother, Mrs. Helen Broge, notified the police. The money and negotiable securities were turned over to a cheese company whose clerk had dropped the folder en route to the bank.

The cheese company presented Sharon with a \$5 bill. When Sharon finished showing it around the neighborhood, she bought some new shoes.

American 'Jaycees' Lavish Gifts on Brussels Mayor

BRUSSELS.—Americans bearing gifts crowded into the ancient town hall and presented Burgomaster Joseph Van de Muelebroeck with offerings ranging from a sack of oranges to a plastic tablecloth.

In a happy-go-lucky ceremony, members of the United States delegation to the fourth world congress of the International Junior Chamber of Commerce named the burgomaster "official salesman of democracy."

Joseph H. Saunders of Alexandria, Va. vice-president of the American delegation, gave Van de Muelebroeck a leather bound volume of "Documents of Freedom" and a bound copy of George Washington's will, the latter on behalf of the city of Alexandria.

West Virginia's Arthur Belton produced pamphlets illustrating his state's industrial accomplishments and a special passport to permit the burgomaster to "tour our little Switzerland of America."

Minnesota's Coope Hamon of Minneapolis offered a canvas and leather gun case to remind the burgomaster that Hamon's home state is a "hunter's paradise."

With all his gifts stacked up beside him the mayor thanked the Americans for their generosity and good wishes and then gestured toward a table laden with wine bottles.

"The drinks," he said in good Americanese, "are on the house."

Ex-Merchant Prince Dies With Only \$6,176

LONDON.—Harry Gordon Selridge, American-born merchant prince of London who once entertained Kings, died with only 1,544 pounds (\$6,176) to his name.

The size of his estate was disclosed when his will was filed for probate. Selridge died in May, 1947.

Selridge made and lost two fortunes. At the height of his career he was a confidant of European royalty and nobility and entertained lavishly on his English estates.

He founded the London store that still bears his name after he had worked in Chicago with Marshall Field, who taught him department-store operation.

The London store encountered financial troubles during the depression. Selridge retired in 1939 with a continuing salary of 2,000 pounds (\$8,000) a year.

He was born in Ripon, Wis., and spent his boyhood in Jackson, Mich.

JOE BAILEY H. D. CLUB STAGES CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mrs. Jewell Seely was hostess to the Joe Bailey Home Demonstration Christmas party on Friday, December 16, from 2:30 till 5:00 p. m.

The house was beautifully decorated in the traditional manner with tree and Christmas greenery.

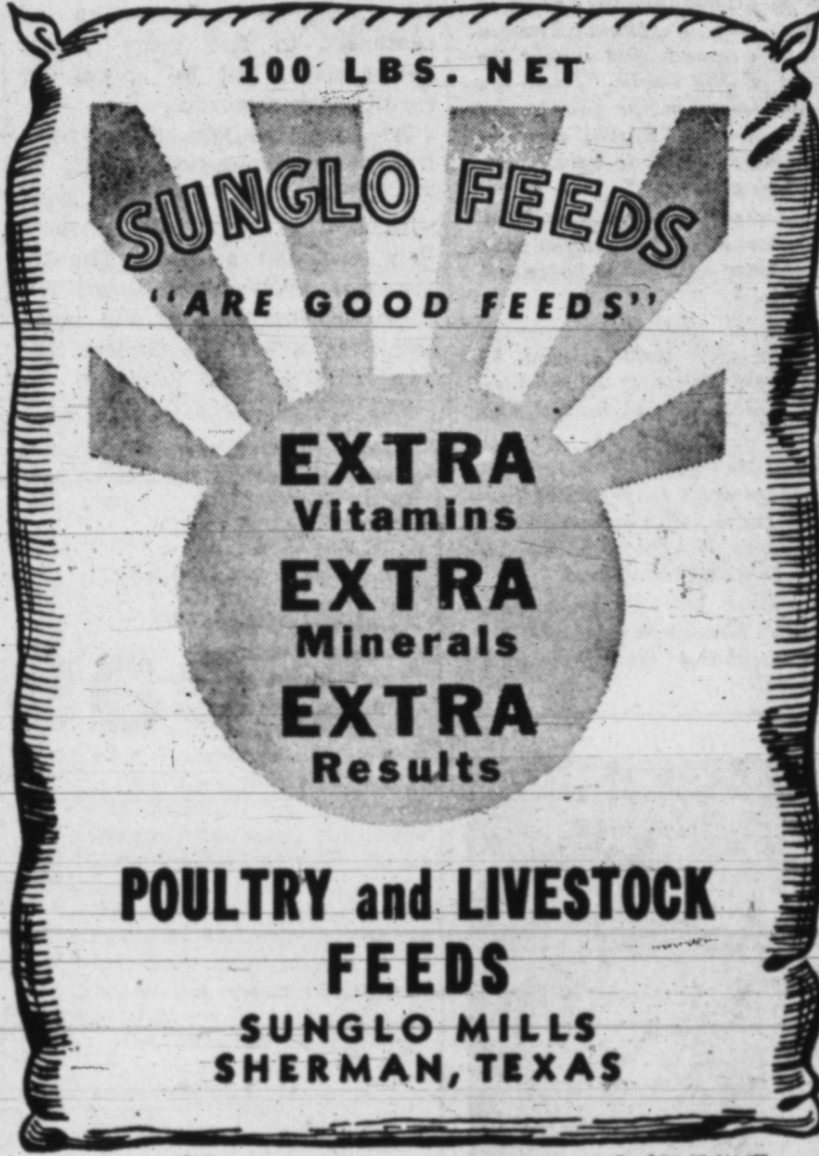
On arrival, each guest was presented a lovely holly corsage by the hostess. After the program gifts were exchanged by Club members. Refreshment plates of cake, sandwiches, candy, and hot spiced tea were served to ten Club members and four visitors.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Raymond Ballou on January 13. All Club members please be present. —Reporter.

Mrs. Ida Cook, who has been a patient at the Seale Clinic for several weeks, is reported this week to be somewhat improved.

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Yes, Virginia

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

"Yes, indeed!

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age—they do not believe except what they see—they think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.

"All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little.

"In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.

"He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and self. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies!

"You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus—the real test of the world is those neither children nor men can see.

"Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there—nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.

"You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, or even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside the curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond.

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

"No Santa Claus! Thank God!—he lives, and he lives forever—a thousand years from now, Virginia, may, ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."



Yokes on cattle indicate that the cattle are not being supplied with enough good forage to make them contented and want to stay on their side of the fence. A fertilized winter legume or small grain pasture for winter grazing will take the yokes off.

Burglars who carried off loot from the service station of Kenneth Swanson, in Tacoma, Wash., are in for some surprises. The booty included nine packages of exploding cigarets and four packages of scent loads for cigarets and cigars.

Trend of Building Contracts
In an analysis of building contracts issued by the Alexander Hamilton Institute, based on F. W. Dodge corporation figures, it was shown that total building contracts awarded during the first four months amounted to 215,137,000 square feet this year as compared with 262,532,000 last year, a decrease of 18.1 per cent. There was a curtailment of 23.1 per cent in residential building and 11.8 per cent in non-residential building. In view of the showing to date, and the fact that basic conditions give little promise of improvement in the near future, there seems to be a good possibility that the total volume of building in 1949 will be the smallest since 1945.

Window Screen Painting

Some people still coat the frame of window screens in black—even though the house itself and the trim are painted white or a light color. This gives the house the appearance of having a series of black "eyes." Screen frames should be painted the same color as the trim. The wire portion can be refinished in either a regular screen enamel, or in a clear protection coating composed of two parts of spar varnish, one part of turpentine, and one part of linseed oil. Some painting authorities recommend the use of a brush with short, stiff bristles for application.

The practice of placing burning candles in the windows on Christmas eve is tied up with an Irish custom which holds the thought of the Christ child alone in the dark, needing light for his way.

When buying toys for children remember that those of the constructive types are best—they develop the youngsters' ingenuity.

The wild boar has been revered from ancient times, and was especially honored at Christmastime, for having taught mankind the art of plowing by rooting into the ground with his tusks.

Yale Professor Explains Why Ireland Has No Snakes

Why are there no snakes in Ireland?

The popular legend says that St. Patrick drove them out, but now a Yale professor offers a possible scientific answer.

Edward S. Deevey, Jr., assistant professor of biology, points out that scientists have long speculated on the absence of snakes in the "Auld Sod" particularly when Great Britain, which is just as much an island as Ireland, has at least three kinds of native snakes.

Writing in the "Scientific American" magazine, Professor Deevey draws upon the research of both biologists and geologists to explain the missing snakes.

Here's how many biogeographers explain it, according to the Yale professor:

During the ice age, both Ireland and Great Britain were connected by land to the European continent. Virtually all plant and animal life perished under the glaciers, and the forerunners of modern flora and fauna migrated to Ireland and Britain from southern Europe after the glacier had disappeared.

The first migration of animals and reptiles included those species which are now common to both Ireland and Britain. But by the time snakes began to wriggle their way northward, the land-bridge between Europe and Ireland was no longer open.

This closing of the land-bridge was accomplished by the rise of the sea level that was to make islands of Ireland and Britain. But the sea encircled Ireland before it cut Britain from the continent because of a difference in the level of the land.

The bottom of the Irish sea is deeper than the bottom of the English channel. Thus, Ireland was already an island when England and Scotland were still connected by the land-bridge to Europe. It was during this period that snakes migrated to Britain, but obviously could not move on to Ireland because of the sea, according to Professor Deevey and other biologists.

Unusual Program At Rotary Club

Natives of Shanghai, China, and Honolulu, Hawaii, furnished the program at Tahoka Rotary Club Thursday of last week. Both are students in Wayland College of Plainview.

Peter Chen, a Chinese boy studying for evangelical work in his native country, spoke interestingly of his own country and of his impressions of America. He stated that the vast majority of Chinese have little or no education and know little or nothing of the Christian faith. He also sang a Chinese song.

Miss Jolly Arnoll of Hawaii, a territory of the United States, spoke briefly, and then presented several native chants to the rhythm of drums which she played.

Ronald Sherrill was in charge of the program.

The Navy flying boats, MARS, flew an average 7.97 hours per day in 1948.

Pete Is Only Pelican Having Bill of Bamboo

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.—A rare old bird is the pelican, but the rarest of all pelicans is Pete, the Mexican pelican with the bamboo bill.

Pete was just another pelican around the Todos Santos islands in Mexican waters south of San Diego. Then somebody took a shot at the friendly old bird, almost severing his upper bill near the middle.

Poor Pete could no longer dive for fish. His profile was ruined. Lady pelicans shunned him. He grew wan and thin. He was sick.

But along came the tuna clipper Resolute, skippered by Richard Strumpf of San Diego.

For a week Pete came alongside the Resolute every morning to be fed smelt caught for him by members of the crew. Then Strumpf brought Pete aboard. He fashioned a splint from a length of bamboo fishpole, drilled holes in both halves of the bill and wired Pete's profile firmly back in place.

Pete made the return trip to San Diego with the Resolute, but not without being seasick.

Now, however, he is well and chipper, the pride of the San Diego zoo's seabird pool.

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The News has received a communication from Congressman George Mahon enclosing an announcement of the superintendent of the Railway Mail Service, For Worth, that a new Star Route had just been established to speed up mail service between Lubbock and Fort Worth, leaving Lubbock at 8:30 p. m. to connect up with T & P trains at Sweetwater and also to receive mail from T & P train 7 due at Sweetwater at about 3:00 a. m. This route is scheduled to arrive at Lubbock by 7:30 a. m.

Tankersley Buys Retail Grain Store

Hubert Tankersley this week formally announces the purchase by him a few weeks ago of the retail feed and seed business operated heretofore by Jim Burleson.

Mr. Burleson will continue to operate his wholesale and elevator business. Mr. Tankersley buying the business across the street south at the old Wyatt location. He will specialize in retail feeds and seeds, custom grinding and mixing, and in service station products.



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Speaking of Christmas

SPEAKING OF CHRISTMAS . . . Throughout the world wherever Christmas is celebrated it is customary to place a lighted candle in the window . . . The legend is that candles originally were set out to light the Christ child's way as he made his visits through the children . . . One



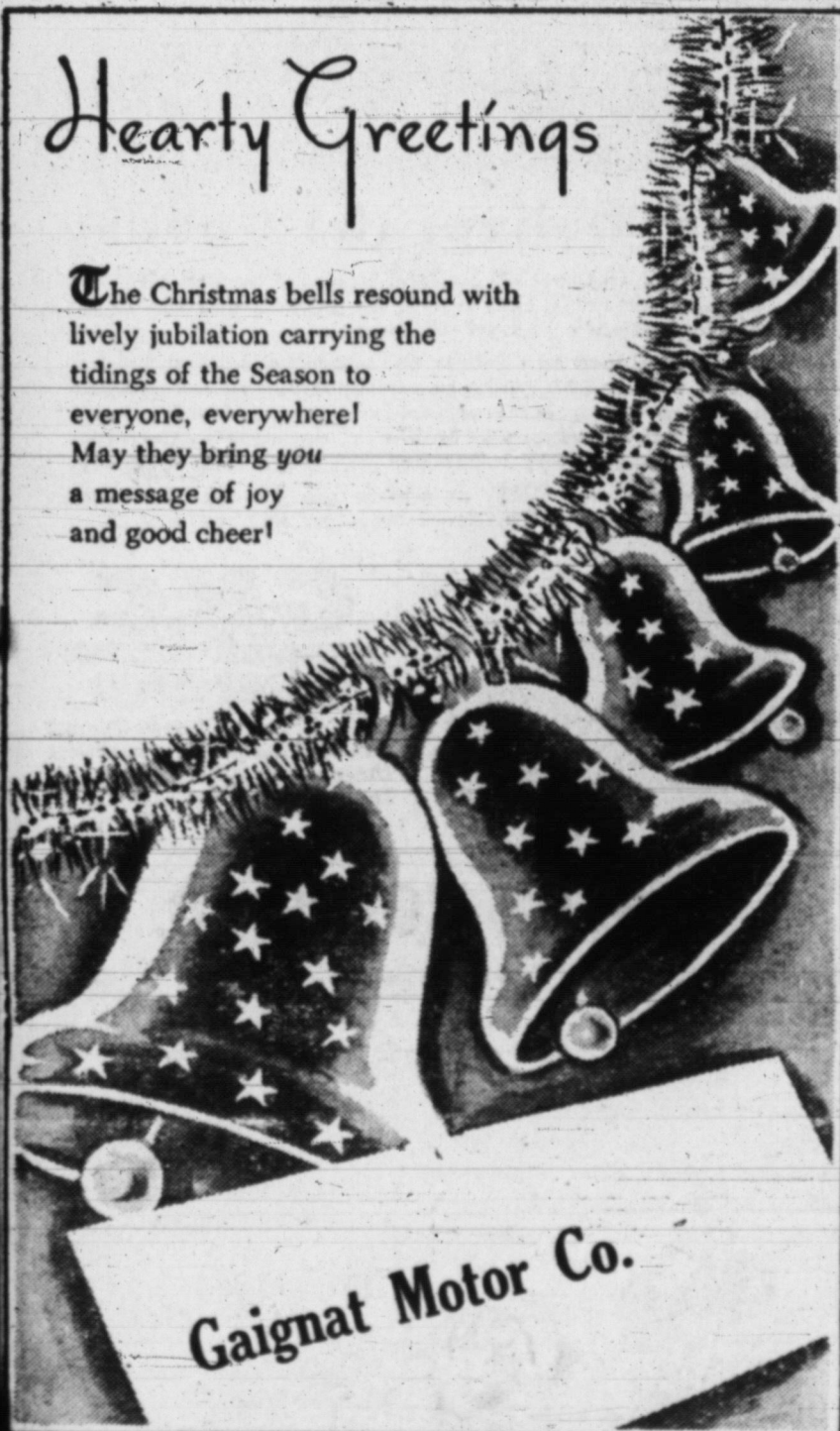
explanation of the custom of hanging stockings on Christmas Eve recalls the baronial halls of England where huge fireplaces were constantly in use . . . Each Christmas a special log, the Yule log, was thrown on the fire . . . This log burned steadily as long as the feasting and celebrating continued. Naturally, it burned with a pungent odor and stockings were hung over the fireplace to absorb some of this odor and to protect the owners from evil spirits . . . Christmas Eve, 1863,

saw a near tragedy in Virginia City, Nevada . . . Two friends celebrated with a terrific round of festivity . . . Just as dawn was breaking, they embarked on a perilous promenade over the town's rooftops . . . A policeman, mistaking them for burglars, drew his revolver and prepared to shoot—but a passerby stopped him . . . Had he fired and the bullets found the mark, the world would have been deprived of two great humorists—Artemus Ward (Charles Farrar Browne) and Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens) . . . Mince pies, so long a part of our Christmas tradition, originally had a deeply symbolic significance . . . The first mince pies were patterned in oblong shape, after the manger in which Christ was born . . . The crust represented the gold brought by the Three Wise Men; the many spices, the frankincense and myrrh . . . On May 11, 1659, the general court of Massachusetts Bay outlawed Christmas . . . Anyone celebrating, stopping work, serving holiday fare or deviating from normal daily life would be fined five shillings . . . The righteous Puritans were sure they were acting wisely—for how could good Christians condone the pagan origin of Christmas? Did not such a holiday encourage excess in eating and drinking? . . . It was 22 years before that law was repealed.



Hearty Greetings

The Christmas bells resound with lively jubilation carrying the tidings of the Season to everyone, everywhere! May they bring you a message of joy and good cheer!



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Rainmaker Tells Chemists Dry Ice Can Disperse Fog

Cold fog can now be dispersed by the same "seeding" techniques scientists use to convert clouds into rain and snow, Dr. Vincent J. Schaefer reported at a meeting of the Cleveland section of the American Chemical society.

Scattering a few handfuls of dry ice or other foreign particles in a supercooled ground fog will cause the water droplets to gather into ice crystals so heavy that they can no longer float in the air, according to Dr. Schaefer, who is a pioneer in the modern attempts at weather control. In warm weather the ice crystals melt as they descend to the earth and turn into rain.

There is a likelihood of overdoing the seeding process, he warned. If too much foreign matter is added to a fog bank, it will in effect be changed to a smog, with the result that the visibility will be further impaired and the fog will be more persistent.

"Proper amounts will, however, clear the fog quite rapidly," he declared.

Describing experiments in which ominous clouds have been precipitated as harmless rain by airplanes scattering "seeds," Dr. Schaefer said:

"The tremendous quantities of ice crystals which may be produced with dry ice in cold clouds raises the distinct probability that, if correctly introduced, it should be possible to eliminate dangerous hail storms. With a large concentration of sublimation nuclei (particles that act as foundation of ice crystals) present in the region where hail might form, the competition between particles for the available moisture would be so keen that no crystals could grow large."

ADDING MACHINE ROLLS at The News office.

Wayland Plans Religious Week

Plainview, Dec. 22.—Plans for Wayland College's first religious focus week, scheduled for February 5-10, were released here this week by Dr. R. H. Falwell, Jr., director of religious activities.

About 10 religious leaders will appear on the campus, under arrangements made by Robert S. Denny of Nashville, associate southwide student secretary. Another associate Baptist Secretary is due to be one of these speakers, Miss Estelle Slater.

Others already scheduled to speak are Dr. E. H. Westmoreland, pastor of the South Main Baptist Church in Houston; Dr. Morris Ford, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Longview; Miss Frenchie Bramwell, student secretary at Lamar College in Beaumont; Buckner Fanning, student at New Orleans Baptist Seminary; and W. F. Howard of Dallas, Texas Baptist student secretary.


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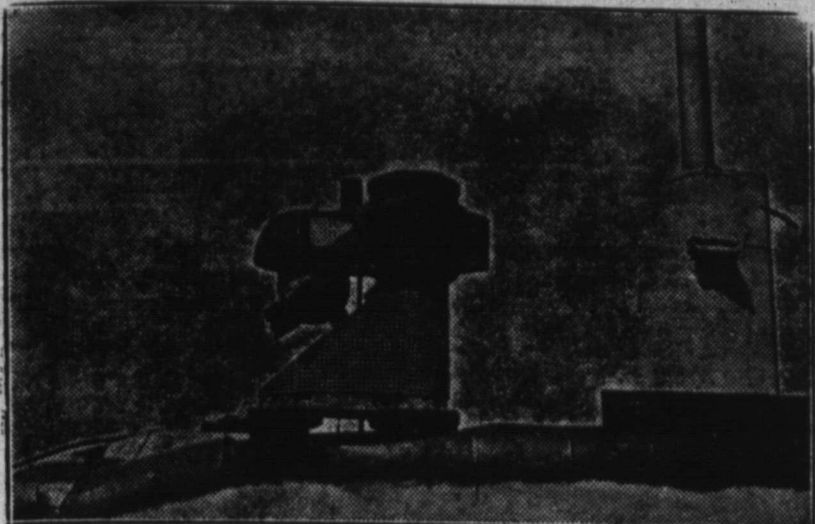


Merry Christmas

Once again we pause as another joy-filled Yuletide season arrives, to wish our many patrons and friends prosperity, health, contentment and peace this Christmas Day and throughout the year to follow.

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Doug Finley



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Results from the 1949 corn tests show that Texas 24, 26, and 28 may generally be expected to produce from 5 to 10 per cent more corn than the hybrids now available.

The Duke of Beaufort visited Leyhill Prison-without-bars last night and spoke to the prisoners on the duties of the Master of the Horse and on Fox Hunting. —The Briston Evening World.



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Bringers of Gifts Range From Santa To Knight Ruppert

In America on Christmas Eve, there is a merry tinkle of sleigh bells as Santa Claus drives up in a sleigh drawn by eight reindeer. He drives from roof to roof, pausing just long enough to climb down each chimney. From a huge pack on his back he fills the children's stockings with toys and goodies. Gifts that are too large to be stuffed in the stockings are put on the Christmas tree or stacked underneath it.

This is Christmas in America—but it is not always Santa who brings the gifts to children in other lands.

The Dutch children anxiously await the arrival on Christmas of St. Nicholas. He was the bishop of Myra, so he is dressed in the traditional bishop's robes of black, wears a mitre, and carries a crozier.

He rides a white horse and is accompanied by Black Peter, his page boy. Instead of hanging up their stockings to hold the gifts, the Dutch children place their wooden shoes in the chimney corner before going to bed. On the window sills they leave a bunch of hay for "Sleipner," the bishop's white horse. It is customary for St. Nicholas to overturn chairs and leave the room in general confusion for Christmas morning.

English children wait for a Santa Claus who closely resembles our own. They also find gifts tied to a green Christmas tree, but this custom has been in effect only since Queen Victoria was a young bride. She married Albert, a German prince, and it was he who introduced this Christmas custom to England from Germany.

It is an angel who leaves the gifts in Czechoslovakia. She descends on a golden chard to accompany Santa.

In Scandinavia gifts are distributed during the supper hour. They are brought by dwarfs and the children leave bowls of porridge on the doorstep for them. Santa comes riding on a goat instead of a reindeer.

The birds receive the largest number of gifts in Sweden. Each family places a sheaf of grain on a pole or on the fence posts for the birds' Christmas dinner.

Spanish children place their straw-filled sleeves on the window sills so the Magi may feed their horses while they leave gifts. The older people fill an Urn of Fate from which the gifts are drawn on Christmas Day.

Knight Ruppert, who is the German Kris Kringle, is represented by a young girl wearing a golden crown and gowned in a flowing white robe. She carries a small tree laden with gifts which she distributes.

The children of Switzerland have their gifts brought to them by a radiant angel who rides in a sleigh drawn by six reindeer. She brings them goodies to eat as well as toys.

And in Poland, at least before the Communists came in, the people called at the parish house on Christmas morning where the priest presented them with "peace wafers," which symbolized peace on earth, good will to men. The people exchanged Christmas wishes as the wafers were broken and eaten before returning home.

As Americans observe this Christmas in the comfort and luxury of modern civilization, who among them will pause for a thought of how their forebears kept the holy season?

An example of Christmas of the past in America is provided in a study of the history of the old village of Kaskaskia, first capital of Illinois, where the pioneers braved the rigors of a new and unsettled world.

Despite the hardships and discomfort which prevailed in the days of the early settlers of this land, there was hardly a cabin so humble but what its occupants found some way to keep Christmas.

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As all hearts echo and re-echo the joyous words "Merry Christmas", we wish to join in the spirit of the season and add our greetings to all the rest. And may the New Year bring you every happiness, too!

House of Flowers
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Texan Sectional Winner in 4-H Achievement Program

ONE of the highest honors bestowed upon 4-H Club boys and girls is the 4-H Achievement award. Selection is based upon project achievement as well as club and community activity. One boy and one girl are chosen from each of the four extension sections to attend the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, where four of them will be selected for national awards.

One of the sectional winners was Howard Altenhof, 20, of New Braunfels, a 4-H'er for 11 years. During this period he inaugurated many new and better practices on the land and with livestock—largely from knowledge gained in 4-H Club work.

Hog management and soil conservation have been important factors. About 40 percent of Howard's hogs are shown in Texas stock shows each year. In 1947 he was a national winner in the 4-H Meat Animal program, and the following year received the national 4-H Club Camp award. This year his livestock judging team won first in the district, and Howard placed second as an individual. He has received county awards in achievement and leadership. His exhibits have been awarded nearly 100 ribbons—12 for champion and reserve champion honors.

Young Altenhof has helped younger members get started in meat animal projects and coached them in judging teams. This year he assisted the county agent at the District 4-H Club Camp. He served on wildlife conservation.

This activity is conducted under the direction of the Extension Service of the State Agricultural College and USDA cooperating.



Howard Altenhof

committee and in various community drives. He was leader of the local 4-H Club for seven years, and also held offices in the county and district 4-H organizations. His award is an all-expense trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, provided by the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work.

Power Co.

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Tom Ogg of Lubbock, line foreman, is here in charge of the work.

Mr. Ogg and the Southwestern local manager W. G. Clarke both inform the News that after the first of January, the work of re-building practically the entire distribution system in Tahoka will be begun.

Mr. Clarke says that the work will be done by sections but that it will continue without serious interruption until completed. The first section to be given attention after the holidays will be the northwest portion of the city. The second section will probably include the business district, and so on until the entire town has been covered.

"The town has grown so much that a new system had become almost imperative," Mr. Clarke stated. "Of course these improvements entail the expenditure of quite a considerable sum of money but the main purpose of the Company is to give service," Mr. Clarke declared.

The public will doubtless appreciate the efforts of the Southwestern Public Service Company to meet the needs of the town and community as they arise.

Nance Dies

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J. B. Nance had many friends here and not a single enemy that we ever heard of. He was a good citizen, always taking an interest and a positive stand in political and civic matters, but allowed the other fellow the same privilege that he claimed for himself.

Mrs. Nance and all the sons and daughters have the sincere sympathy of many Tahoka friends.

Average load factor for Navy MARS flying boats for 1948 was 109.5 per cent.

Some Naval Reservists travel as much as 40 miles to attend weekly meetings.

Basketball

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to 17, and the girls' game 35-11.

Tahoka jumped into an early 5-point lead in the first two minutes of the A game, but Lorenzo was ahead 11 to 9 at the quarter, but put on the steam from then on out. The scrappy Tahoka boys have begun to show a little class in handling the basketball, with Halameek racking up 13 points, Gurley 10, and Brice, Howie, Short, Tekel, and Foster all showing improvement. Though losing the scrappy A team is a crowd pleaser.

Monday night also, marked the first home game of the new Tahoka High girls team. Girls have not been playing basketball here for a number of years, but, like the boys, the girls have a lot of spirit and desire to win. The coach is also building for the future in this sport.

In their game with Lorenzo, the quarter, and 14 to 8 at the half, but the more experienced Lorenzo girls ran away to a 35 to 11 victory by game's end. LaFayne Moore was the top scoring forward for Tahoka.

Members of the girls squad are: Shirley Wooten, Katherine Henry, Deanie Edwards, LaFayne Moore, Joyce Belyew, Wanda Martin, Wilma Payne, Jane Pennington, Edith Aldridge, Jane Henderson, Juanita Holton, and Carolyn Henderson.

W. I. Lemon, who runs a suburban grocery store up Main Street, Lubbock highway, installed last week a new 10-foot meat case and is improving other features in his store.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Sanford left Monday for North Carolina to spend Christmas with her parents and other relatives.

The ideal Christmas tree is the fir, because of its tendency to hold its needles longer.

A final step in trimming the Christmas tree is frosting it with fluffy snow. A simple and popular form of snow is ordinary soap flakes.



The warmth of spirit that accompanies every Christmas season is with us again in 1949. Our wish is that you can participate to the fullest in a universal

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Gulf Service Station
Paul Pittman, Mgr.

Merry Christmas

To you — our patrons and neighbors — we wish all of the good cheer and friendly spirit of the coming Yuletide season.

May the New Year be one of success in all of your endeavors as well as a year of health and happiness for you and your.

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| Sheaffer and Parker Pens | \$5.00 up | "HIS" Shaving Sets | \$1.00 up |
| Tawn Cologne Sets | \$2.00 up | Kaywoodie & Medico Pipes | \$1.00 & \$3.50 |
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TAHOKA, TEXAS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1949

Drunk Drivers Go To Jail

Austin, Dec. 21. —"Drunk Drivers Go to Jail."

This statement was made by Col. Homer Garrison, Jr., Director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, today in announcing his department's position on holly drivers.

"At no other time of the year does drunk driving become the problem that it is during December," he said. "About one out of every six drivers involved in a fatal accident last year was under the influence of alcohol, according to the National Safety Council."

"About 3,120 persons died in traffic throughout the nation last December," Col. Garrison said, "and far too many of these deaths were traced directly to drivers under the influence of alcohol."

"We know there's considerably more drinking during the holidays than usual," he said. "Drinking as such is no concern of ours until the drinker becomes a traffic hazard. Then it definitely becomes our concern. We insist that he not try to drive. And, for that mat-

ter, we would rather not see him try to walk home either, because national figures tell us that an even higher proportion—one out of four—of pedestrians killed last year had also been drinking.

"This apparent contradiction—don't drive and don't walk," Col. Garrison said, "is not as impractical as it sounds. If you've been drinking, either take a taxi home or prevail on a non-drinking

friend to do your driving for you. If you know you may be drinking during the course of the evening, leave your car safely at home in the garage. This puts the temptation completely out of the way."

The Texas Department of Public Safety and the Texas Safety Association co-sponsors for this month's traffic safety program, says: "Anyone who thinks that drinking and driving can be mix-

ed should take a closer look at the statistics. On the basis of all fatal traffic accidents in 1948, it was found that one-fourth of the drivers and pedestrians killed had been drinking. This is strong evidence that drinking greatly increases traffic hazards to both motorists and pedestrians."

December's program of emphasis on traffic safety has holiday hazards as its theme. It is being conducted in cooperation with

the Texas Safety Association.

"A holiday spent in jail," Col. Garrison said, "is certainly more than a threat of official punishment. It's the alternative the police are offering you if you insist on driving after drinking—the other alternative is a crack-up with either death, injury or an expensive lawsuit awaiting you!"

ADDING MACHINE ROLLS at The News office.

Local Students Win ACC Honors

Abilene, Dec. 22.—Two Lynn county students enrolled in Abilene Christian College have received recognition recently.

Gaines Stanley, Senior Bible major, has been elected to Senior membership in Alpha Chi, national scholarship society; and Nelda Carpenter, Sophomore business major, recently placed

third in extemporaneous speaking and in radio speech in the annual intramural speech tournament.

Stanley is the son of Mrs. Minnie Stanley and Miss Carpenter is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Carpenter, off route 2.

In Rock Island, Ill., Martin Kohn was caught drunk riding on the town water wagon.



Youth and old age will be served with a Merry Christmas this year



Highway Cafe



Christmas

Let us give thanks together for the priceless gift of Christmas

1949

McKEE Grocery

A Very Merry Christmas to All our friends and a Happy New Year, too!

Once again, at the close of another year we are mindful of the importance of your good will and friendship. With the holiday season at hand we are most anxious to wish everyone the Merriest Christmas ever and a New Year filled with happiness and success.

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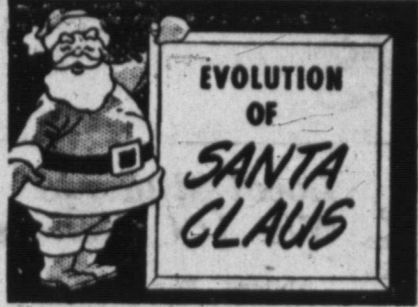
Plains Antelope Are Increasing

The local antelope herd increased materially this year, first increase registered in at least 15 years, according to Jno. S. McMurtry, the rancher.

Mr. McMurtry says he recently counted 42 head of antelope and that the most he counted last year was 32, an apparent increase in 12 months of 10.

The small herd of antelope ranges over the Muleshoe, the Jaynes, McMurtry, and other ranches in this neighborhood. The Jaynes ranch is operated by Mr. McMurtry.

Ranch owners are zealous in protecting the animals. They are a survival of the big herds that used to roam this region. — Muleshoe Journal.



Christmas has rolled around once again and Santa Claus with round red cheeks, jolly smile and chunky figure looks the same as he did nearly 90 years ago.

His creator was Thomas Nast, one of America's greatest cartoonists. During the early 1860's he was asked to illustrate Clement Clark Moore's poem, "A Visit to St. Nicholas, better known to us as 'Twas The Night Before Christmas." The result was Santa Claus as we know him.

Santa's creator was born in Bavaria in 1840, son of a musician in a Bavarian army band. When he was a fat little boy of six, Thomas' father left Germany to enlist in the United States navy, and Thomas' mother brought the boy to New York to live.

Along about the time stocky Tommy was 15 he landed his first job as an illustrator for Leslie's Weekly at \$4 a week. By the time he was 20 he was sent to England by the New York Illustrated News to sketch the Heenan-Sayers fight, an outstanding sports event of the day.

In 1862 he joined the staff of Harper's Weekly and began the series of emblematic drawings which continued throughout the Civil War. From those he created certain trademarks that have been the inspiration of cartoonists down to the present—notably the Republican elephant and the Democrat donkey.

Famous as the political symbols are today, Nast's Santa Claus probably holds first place in the hearts of Americans. Before Nast's day, a few artists had drawn Santa on one occasion or another, but could not seem to agree on how the old gentleman should look.

Nast changed all that. He located Santa's home at the North Pole and gave him a sleigh drawn by reindeer. He drew the familiar, fat, merry old fellow with red cheeks and white beard, dressed in red, wearing a cap and boots, carrying a pack of toys and smoking a short pipe.

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

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

Results of research work done at the S. E. Experiment Station on the control and eradication of mesquite trees indicate that formulations of the chemical 2,4,5-T applied as sprays may be the answer to this range land problem.

Russian People Are Also Able to Say "Merry Christmas"

"S Rojdestvom Kristovym." That's what a Russian would say to you if you were in Russia on Christmas day and he wished to extend the season's greetings.

The phrase is the Russian's way of saying: "Merry Christmas." In the past, the Russian's Christmas was closely associated with his church; but how the day is observed now that the religious life has been subjugated in the Soviet, one would have to be behind the "iron curtain" to know.

But it was not always like that. In other days, the Russian Christmas was much like the Ukrainian. There was a Santa Claus known as "Dedushka Moroz" and there were traditional gifts of red boots for children and golden slippers for young girls.

In certain parts of the country the "baboushka" (grandmother) was the legendary dispenser of gifts. According to one story, she repented of unkindness and ever since has tried to make amends by distributing gifts to children at Christmas.

The 135 contestants in the Texas Farm and Home Egg Laying Contest are from 46 different Texas counties and 45,924 hens are involved in the contest.

Shopping by impulse is a good way to get poor return for the money, time and efforts spent at the grocery store. It is better to plan your shopping duties—based on needs and finances.

Paul Lees, Paramount's rising young actor who was a former professional boxer, plays a fighter in Paramount's "Chicago Deadline." Alan Ladd - Donna Reed co-starrer.



The very fact that Christmas is with us again ought to bring joy enough, but we want to gild the lily by wishing everyone a wonderful holiday.

QUALITY CLEANERS

Dale Williams, Propr.



The candles are burning low for 1949, but the bright and cheerful dawn of a New Year is yours for the taking.

R. A. DuBOSE

LOCKWOOD & MAIN STS. Tahoka, Texas

Merry Christmas To You



From the EMPLOYEES of

West Texas Gas Company



The season of glad cheer and good fellowship is with us once again—and everywhere we go we see as well as hear and feel this wonderful spirit! We see it in the gaily adorned shop windows... the colorfully lighted trees... and on the smiling faces of the people about us. We hear it in the well-wishing greetings of friend to friend... stranger to stranger... in the church bells resounding magnificently through our community. We feel it in our every activity—be it home or business. And we extend it also in our own sincere heartfelt wishes to you our friends and patrons—that this may be a truly memorable Christmas and a happy, happy New Year!

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TAHOKA, TEXAS

Pheasants Planted In Bailey County

Forty-eight pheasants were turned loose in Bailey County Sunday and became foundation stock for this territory. In the bunch here from Shamrock were 12 cocks, 36 hens. Lee Pool and Jeff Peeler went after the birds, and Roy Jordan

loaned his pickup for the purpose. Local men furnished varying amounts to buy the birds, which were priced at \$3 each. —Muleshoe Journal.

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Time Not Constant In the Celebrations Of Christ's Nativity

While December is now the month in which Christ's birthday is celebrated by Christians all over the world, research and study show that Christ's nativity has been celebrated in January, March, April, May, September and October by various peoples.

And although few people know it, it was for the purpose of substituting a Christian festival for pagan ones of Romans and Druids that celebrations of Christmas in December were popularized.

No historian pretends to fix the actual date of Christ's birth or the date at which Christmas became a general festival.

About all that is known is that during the fourth century the feast of the Nativity was observed in all western world churches at different dates.

The confusion resulting from celebrations in seven months of the year caused the western church authorities to meet in 340 to set a definite date for the celebration. The eastern churches did not cooperate until the sixth century when December 25 was set as the day to be observed.

The question has arisen innumerable times as to why December was selected as the month for rejoicing. The answer is that this month was chosen in order that a Christian festival could compete with those of the pagans, because December was noted for its feasts and holidays in nearly every civilized land.

Greeks, Romans, Saxons and Scandinavians all took part in the celebration of these festivals which had originated before the birth of Christ.

From the Saxons came the ceremony of burning the Yule log. The Saxons burned great bonfires in honor of their god Thor. From the Romans came the giving of presents, for this custom has been traced to the Roman Saturnalia.

It may seem strange to claim that the pagan riotousness might be the forebear of the Christian holiday of goodness and love, but intermingled with that which was objectionable, were things that have gone straight to the hearts of people throughout the Christian world.

Fertilizer left in the spreader draws moisture and causes corrosion.

Druids First to Use "Magic" of Mistletoe

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

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

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

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

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

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

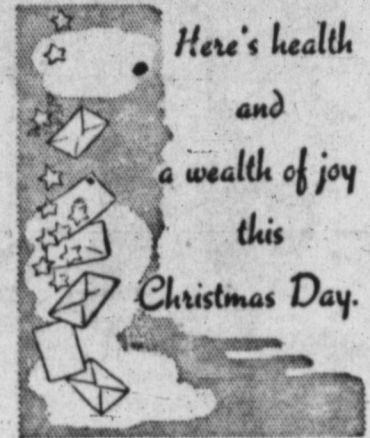


AND I WANT . . . This is a candid camera shot of a little girl being interviewed by a genial Santa on the subject of her desires in the line of Christmas presents. The rapt expression on her face is typical of small girl-and-boyhood when a lovely crisis like this presents itself.

On Christmas

While the litter from Christmas packages is still about, be particularly careful of smoking. Hot ashes dropped on tissue paper or a carelessly-tossed match could result in tragedy.

December 25 was decreed as the date of Christ's nativity by the Roman emperor Julian who began his reign as a Christian, but reverted to paganism before his death.



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Season's Greetings

May all the wonderful things that go with Christmas be yours in the fullest abundance this year.

From all of us here to all of you—a most happy holiday.

JONES DRY GOODS

Extending the Greetings of the Season

It is our fondest hope that this Christmas Day be filled with many warm and pleasant moments for you! And that the New Year brings you the fulfillment of all the sincere wishes that have been extended to you in the spirit of the Holiday Season!

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Best Wishes

The bells ring out joyfully our message to you this Christmas. May it be the merriest, happiest, most wonderful Christmas you've ever had—may the New Year see your hopes and prayers fulfilled.

STANLEY FUNERAL HOME

McMurry College Making Progress

Abilene, Dec. 20. — Accreditation of McMurry College in the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools is being hailed by college officials as a long step forward in the college's advancement.

Following action of the association, meeting in Houston last week, Dr. Harold G. Cooke, Mc-

Murry president, said, "This is perhaps the most significant thing that has happened in the life of McMurry College since its founding."

Accreditation validates for transfer to any college in America credits from McMurry. This will apply to McMurry graduates of the past as well, according to Dean W. B. McDaniel.

To gain approval, the college met association requirements on



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

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

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

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

There are many quaint customs associated with the early carolers that might be used today to break the monotony of going from house to house singing Christmas hymns.

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

The idea of caroling fitted admirably into the English conception of Christmas as a combination of religious celebration

and a great home day with neighborly feeling, so it grew and flourished in that country.

Little bands and groups of singers which sprang up in the towns and villages came to be known as "Waits." A natural explanation of the name seems to be that it refers to watching and waiting, for Christmas Eve is called the Vigil of Christmas.

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

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

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

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

endowment, faculty qualifications, student admissions, physical facilities, and similar items.

heavy and strong supports are needed under the bathroom floor to support them.

TECH GIRLS MAJOR IN ENGINEERING

Lubbock, Dec. 22.—Just as you would expect, there isn't a single male majoring in Texas Tech's home economics division. But 35 coeds have "bucked" tradition and are majoring in engineering.

A report released by Registrar W. P. Clement shows the feminine slide-rule devotees are competing with men students who outnumber them 43 to 1. Twelve of the girls are scheduled to get their diplomas next May.

Plumbing fixtures are very



Merry Christmas!

Best Wishes to all our many friends, and continued health and happiness throughout the coming year.

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Echo — Pat — Kathleen



HAPPY HOLIDAY

to all of you.
May no cloud appear to disturb its serenity.

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Like your Christmas stocking—our wishes for you contain nothing but happiness. May this be a merry, merry Yuletide and the happiest New Year for you and every member of your family!

Happy New Year 1950

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Mr. & Mrs. Clay Bennett & Employees



Christmas Greetings

There is a spirit that prevades our world during this season. You feel it in the joy of giving gifts... in the offering of wishes to those around you... in the hymns and carols. It is especially necessary, in these times, to spread this spirit to all... to attend church of our choice and pray that the light of the Lord show us our way once more.

The Best
To All
Of You

W. M. HARRIS

Furniture & Hardware



Hear the bells ring out our wishes for a wonderful Christmas for all of our friends!

LETTA ROLAND MAKES WAYLAND GIRLS' TEAM

Plainview, Dec. 17.—The Wayland College Harvest Queens left today for a Christmas tour on which they will play several outstanding teams in Tennessee, Georgia, and North Carolina.

The first games to be played are in Nashville, Tenn., and will be on Dec. 20 and 21 against Cook's Goldblumes, last year's national A.A.U. champs. Other games in Nashville are against Nashville Business College on Dec. 22, and the General Shoe Corporation on Dec. 23.

All games in Nashville will be played in the Father Ryan Gym.

From Nashville the Queens will travel to Atlanta, Ga., where they play the Atlanta Blues. This is expected to be one of the outstanding games of the trip.

The girls will have a one-day breather and then take off for Winston-Salem, N.C., where they match their skill against the powerful Hanes Hosiery Mills team on Dec. 29, 30, and 31.

Girls making the trip are: Joyce Tippie and Camilla Coleman of Samnorwood, Velma Pickett of Sudan, Wyla Whatley of Groom, Mosa McBeth of Wellman, Jane Jordan of Littlefield, Marie Wales of New Deal, Betty Hobbs of Whitarral, Lera Mae Barkley of Gruver, Juanita Clepper of Briscoe, and Letta Roland of New Home. All of these towns are in Texas.

Others making the trip are Coach and Mrs. Sam Allen, and Miss Mildred Patterson of Hart, team manager.

Coach Allen hopes that a tour like this can be worked out every year because he feels that it is good for the girls and will help to build an interest in Wayland and in girls' basketball.

All pipes used in connection with the water system in the home should be placed where they'll have the maximum protection from cold winds.

Fearing a hold-up, Butcher Edward Naughton of Toronto, Canada, put \$1,470 in a paper bag, carried it under his apron, hurried to the bank, and there discovered he'd lost the money along the way.

98 Years Ago a Lutheran Pastor Set Up the First Tree in Church

December 24 this year, the tradition of the Christmas tree in American church services will be 98 years old—for it was back in 1851 that a Lutheran minister in Cleveland, Ohio, lighted the first tree at such services.

The minister was the Rev. Henry Schwan, pastor of the Zion Lutheran Church on Cleveland's York street and his action brought on a storm of controversy which lasted several years. This was caused by the fact that the Christmas tree had so long been associated with pagan observance of the season that many conservatives believed it had no place in Christian ceremonies.

However, some of Rev. Schwan's congregation, especially the children, thought the beautifully-decorated tree, glowing with candles, was just the spirit of the Christmas season.

But the objectors had their way and they were determined that Rev. Schwan's tree was to be the last of the Christmas trees erected in America.

Through the years that followed, the minister did all in his power to learn of the origins of the Christmas tree tradition in order that he might show that the tradition was far from the "heathen" ceremony it had been called.

He wrote countless letters to friends and acquaintances all over the world; he questioned strangers and made long notes of their conversations. And, when he learned that a particular part of the world already had Christmas trees, he would mark that place on a large map which hung in his study—a

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dark green tree where the tradition was established, a light green one where Christmas trees, at least, were known.

Pastor Schwan made his search for knowledge of the Christmas tree almost a crusade.

But as Christmas time approached in 1852, Rev. Schwan had not found enough church support for the tradition to light another tree at his Christmas service that year. So, with great regret, he resigned himself to the end of his hope of establishing the custom.

But on December 24, he received from the pastor of one of Cleveland's older churches the present of a new tree. Rev. Schwan realized immediately that the present meant the acceptance of the custom by a churchman far more influential than himself, and his sadness vanished.

There was a Christmas tree in the York street Zion Lutheran church that year—and once accepted in Cleveland, the custom spread all over the United States.

York street where Pastor Schwan's church once stood is changed now and long ago was renamed Hamilton avenue; and the first tree, decorated with candles and a gold star at its top, has given way to trees with brighter, more colorful decorations.

But the tradition of erecting and lighting Christmas trees, which is observed throughout the nation, is the same tradition which Pastor Schwan introduced to this country in the town of Cleveland nearly 100 years ago.

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To Our Many Friends a Christmas abundant with all good things, and a heart brimming with the satisfying glow of the Season.

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THOMPSON CLEANERS

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



For you and all those dear to you, may this Holiday Time be one of great joy and happiness.

And for next year, we say, "Best of luck to all!"



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Merry Christmas to All

MAY the spirit of hospitality and friendliness, so typical of the Christmas Season, remain with you throughout the year and brighten the associations you share with others.

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Santa Claus Letters:

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a doll baby and a baby buggy and some clothes for it. I have a baby sister this year, so please bring something for her. I Love You.—
Calva An Edwards.

An iron weighing no more than four pounds saves energy in lifting and will do the work as well as a heavier one.

To add a spicy, sugary taste to plain muffins, mix sugar and cinnamon and sprinkle the muffins before baking.

Santa Affected By Restrictions

It's difficult to understand, but the genial spirit of Christmas, Santa Claus himself, hasn't always had it easy. There have been occasions when laws or traditions or regulations have put certain curbs on the old gentleman. Here are some examples:

In Newark, N. J., Santa is required to pass a stiff physical examination before he can serve in a department store. And even then he is barred from kissing any of the children who perch upon his knee.

In Charleston, S. C., charity Santas have been forbidden to make a pitch on public streets on the grounds that children flocking in to see them may create a traffic



hazard. And in Washington a few years ago, when the postmaster general was asked to print a Santa Claus stamp at Christmas time he rejected the proposal with a scornful, "I should say not!"

Outside the U.S.A., Santa has had trouble, too. In Montreal, Canada, an influential organization fought against holding of the city's annual Santa Claus parade on the ground that it was "merely a display of grotesque and vulgar buffoonery." A prominent journalist in Rio de Janeiro fostered a movement to do away with Santa Claus (Papa Noel) in Brazil and substitute a toy-bearing grandfather Indian. In Mexico City the minister of education recommended that the Aztec god Quetzalcoatl, instead of St. Nick, should bring gifts to children.

In the field of opinion, Santa has encountered some detractors. A Prof. Ivan E. McDougle, sociologist at Goucher college, Baltimore, declared: "The Santa Claus myth has lived too long. Parents should substitute philosophy"—whatever that is.

A Toronto psychiatrist got in his blast. "It should be made clear to children," he said, "that Santa Claus is not necessarily a real man any more than any other character out of a story book."

PLAY IT SAFE

Don't Mix Gaiety With Danger When Celebrating Christmas

While Christmas is the merriest of all seasons of the year it can also be a time of tragedy if certain hazards aren't avoided and some particular precautions taken.

The National Safety Council annually points out that the Christmas holidays are the most dangerous of the year, usually replete with casualties, home accidents, fires and falls.

The council has listed the following "don'ts" and precautions which if remembered will help make this Christmas season a safe one:

The Christmas tree shouldn't be placed near a stove or fireplace.

Don't give children any toys that could prove dangerous, such as those with sharp points. If toys are operated with electricity, be sure some grownup supervises their use.

The Christmas tree should not be decorated with lighted candles. Carefully-wired electric bulbs definitely are much safer.

Don't leave a lighted tree unguarded at any time. One should be on the lookout for fire all the time the tree is lighted. Especially dangerous is the practice of some families in leaving the Christmas tree lighted and unwatched all night long.

One should never use a rick-

ety, unsafe ladder in decorating the tree.

Don't place Christmas candles near the tree, curtains, paper wreaths or any other inflammable decorations.

Remember, the Christmas tree can be made fire-resistant. According to the United States forestry service, it can be done in this manner: Divide the weight of your tree by four and buy that many pounds of ammonium sulphate. Dissolve it in water—one and one-half pints of water to each pound of ammonium sulphate. Cut the end of your tree trunk on a diagonal. Put some of the solution in a jar and stick the diagonal butt of the tree into it. Add more solution as the tree drinks it up.

Don't be excessive about Christmas "spirits."

Keep toys out of places where people might trip over them.

Remove the tree from the house before it dries out.

During Christmas you'll probably have many guests, so sprinkle salt or sand on icy steps and sidewalks.

The wise housewife will choose work clothing that has been designed for safety, comfort and convenience of style.

Cows should be milked at the same time each day if they are to give the maximum amount of milk.

Soil organic matter is the remains of plants, animals and microbes in all stages of decomposition.

Clean artificial wax flowers by dipping them up or down in any good dry cleaning fluid, such as naphtha or gasoline.

Slash pine, bois d'arc, catalpa, Russian mulberry and green ash seedlings are available to landowners at cost for re-forestation and wind-break planting from the Texas Forest Service, College Station, Texas.

Eight pounds of 50 percent wettable OOT powder to 100 gallons of water used either as a dip or spray will control cat-tle lice. Two treatments should be given with a two weeks interval between the treatments.



MAY ALL THE SEASON'S BEST BE YOURS THIS CHRISTMASTIME.



KINCAID GROCERY

John — — Carrie

Riches and expensive gifts do not alone make a Christmas merry. The simple, familiar wishes of neighbors and friends are just as important for a full enjoyment of the holiday. Mindful of this we are anxious to voice our homey, old-fashioned greeting: "To all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

J. K. Applewhite & Co.

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Greetings

It is our sincerest wish that the spirit of friendliness and good fellowship will make your Christmas a merry one—and that the New Year will bring to you a full measure of good health, success, and happiness.

Tahoka Schools Plan "Little U N" For Class Study

(Big Spring Herald)

Better understanding of world affairs will lead to peaceful international relationships; and future citizens are those who best can comprehend the objectives of the United Nations to help insure future peace.

This is the theory being advanced by Rotary International among its major programs of the year, and one which has been stressed through the West Texas area by Elmo Wasson during his current term of office as district governor of Rotary's 183rd district.

Rotary is promoting wider understanding of the United Nations' work through distribution of special booklets, and it has been among Wasson's achievements to see that these books are being placed in various schools and colleges of his district.

Among the books have been accepted, either for special classroom instruction or for library reference, in public schools in many towns of the district, and in several colleges.

Colleges cooperating in the gram include Texas Tech, Howard

County Junior college, Phillips Junior College at Borger, and Wayland college at Plainview.

Public schools accepting the U. N. study include Tahoka, Spur, Hereford, Borger, Big Spring, Seminole, Seagraves, Levelland, Littlefield, Lamesa, Rule, Canyon, Dalhart, Dumas, Canadian, Amarillo and Plainview.

The Tahoka school is planning establishment of a "little U. N." in which students would participate as representatives of member nations. Neighboring schools would be called upon to send their delegates.

One of the books is titled "From Here On" and presents the charter of the United Na-

tions with interpretive questions. Brightly illustrated with charts, the book is designed to make the workings of UN clearly understood by all.

The other publication is titled "The World At Work," and deals in explanatory fashion with various specialized agencies of the U. N., including the various social and economic undertakings—programs that are not usually associated in the public mind with the functions of the U. N.

"The World At Work" sets out to dramatize and humanize the efforts of the various U. N. agencies, and again colorful charts help to illustrate the facts.

The U. N. special agencies

dealt with include the Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the International Tele-communications Union, the International Civil Aviation Organization, the Food and Agricultural Organization, the World Health Organization, the International Monetary Fund (the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the International Trade Organization, and the various Economic Commissions.

Here is being done much of the most fruitful work of the U. N., and here Rotary believes, can much be achieved in the line of public enlightenment.

Wasson has requested local Ro-

tary Clubs throughout this district, as well as school officials, to feel free to ask for information on the distribution of the U. N. booklets. "It is through the channels of public education," said, "That we feel much can be done toward strengthening public understanding and support for the work that will lead ultimately to better world relations."

Bing Crosby and Coleen Gray are teamed for the first time on the screen in Frank Capra's "Riding High," a Paramount production.

ADDING MACHINE ROLLS at The News office.

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May the stars
in the heavens shine
as never before on
your Christmas
happiness this year.

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— Conoco Products —



A
happy
holiday
to all.

Jon Proctor
Barber Shop

We hope that this Christmas brings fulfillment of your every wish and that it finds you happily surrounded by the things and people you love. For this is what makes for contentment—and nothing is more precious! And if our greetings were to add one iota to your enjoyment of the holiday, then our Christmas will be happier too!

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TABOKA, TEXAS

A good cover of the better grasses on range lands is good insurance against mesquite seedling invasion. The Navy will construct two permanent concrete store houses on Guam totaling 151,000 square feet.



Woodworth Barber Shop



PRESIDENTIAL CHRISTMAS TREE . . . This was the annual community Christmas tree in Washington, D. C., as it blazed with light last year. President Truman, at his home in Independence, Mo., pushed a button to turn on this holiday brilliance by remote control. The White House shows dimly in the background, framed by the tree and huge Christmas candles.



Pictured is Letta Roland of New Home, who will go with the Wayland Harvest Queens on a Christmas tour of three southern cities, Nashville, Atlanta, and Winston-Salem, N. C.

In London, Mrs. Dore Genne claimed her marriage wasn't consummated because her husband had drugged her on their wedding night: her plea for a divorce was denied when she admitted that, being drugged, she didn't really know just what happened.

A young man entered a Seattle gift shop, bought a box of stationery, tendered the proprietress a \$5 bill. Then he announced that he was holding her up, took all the money she had (\$3) and fled—leaving his five-spot.

In Detroit, a motorist got a parking ticket without the blanks filled in by the cop. So he paid his fine by mail with an unsigned \$2 check.



May the season shower you with excellent gifts of gladness.

WEST TIRE SHOP

Tahoka, Texas

Season's Greetings

To the many greetings that come your way, we should like to add ours—to wish you a truly Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

White Auto Store

Cotton Boosts Church Gifts

Doubtless all the churches of Tahoka are experiencing a mild boom in weekly contributions for meeting local expenses and financing whatever other projects they may be supporting.

At the Baptist Church, the pastor and the church treasurer report possibly the largest total amount of contributions last Sunday ever made to the church in a single day with the possible exception of those occasions when money was being raised in a church building campaign. The total receipts for the day were \$1,932.88. Of this amount, the sum of \$1,125.45 was raised in the Lottie Moon collection, which is a foreign Mission collection. The remaining receipts amounting to \$807.43 for local expenses and for the support of other causes fostered by the church and the denomination.

A cantata, "The Music of Christmas," was presented Sunday night by the local choir, under the direction of Associate Pastor Shelden Russell, and it was without a doubt one of the finest musical treats ever presented by local talent in this church.

Following the program, as an appreciation of their work through the months and the years of the past as organist and pianist respectively, Mrs. W. P. Hutchison was presented by the pastor with a beautiful George Washington bedspread and Miss Valerie Wells with a make-up kit, funds

County Baptists In Zone Meeting

Lynn county Baptists had a Zone Meeting in the First Baptist Church here Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, with Rev.

for the purchase having been contributed by members of the church.

Announcement was made that on next Saturday night, beginning at 7:00 o'clock, a Christmas Caroling program will be given at the church under the direction of Rev. Shelden Russell. All the singers of the town and community are invited to join in this program.

P. C. Geza of Lakeview presiding.

Speakers on the program included Rev. John H. Johns O'Donnell, Rev. H. T. Ray Redwine, Rev. Don Rogers Petty, and Rev. E. V. Johnson Mayesville, Oklahoma.

Six Lynn county churches were represented, possibly 75 people being present.

Following the program, a Negro quartet, by invitation, sang several selections in their own peculiar and inimitable way.

The next zone meeting will be at Wells one month hence, and Tahoka will give the program.

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Christmas Wishes

May your Christmas be as
A doorway to good cheer,
Through which you will pass
To a Happy New Year!

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Merry Christmas!

May your holiday be merry, your tree laden with good things and your happiness unending.

Simple pleasures of the old-fashioned, homespun variety are still the most enjoyable at Christmas time, even in this streamlined age! So in the modern manner, with old-fashioned sincerity, we say, "Merry, Merry Christmas."

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Disquieting news stories keep coming out of Europe with exasperating regularity. All of them seem to indicate that Russia is rapidly preparing for a third World War. A story coming out of Berlin and published in our Sunday papers stated that the Soviets are building up East Germany today as their fortress gateway to the West in any future war. Furthermore, the report says that the Russians are absolutely ignoring international agreements respecting disarmament and are building up a mighty military force in East Germany, using some of the former German Nazi generals in the new war machine. Munition factories also are working at full speed. Apparently Russia is getting ready just as fast as possible to make a blitz attack at the opportune time on Western Germany. With western Germany in their grasp, it would be their intention to sweep on west to the Atlantic, subdue England, and France, and finally all Europe. Of course with all Europe in the bag, they would reach out to conquer the rest of the world. It is a dark picture, but it seems to us that only an over-ruling Providence can stay the onward march of the Bolsheviks.

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We wish you good fun, good luck and good cheer this Christmas season.

McKaughan Blacksmith

Best wishes
FOR A
MERRY CHRISTMAS
May your Yule-tide be joyous and bright . . . with the fullest measure of happiness and contentment!
Paul Howell Garage

Next year is election year. There will be candidates for all the elective offices from Governor down. You are reminded that the poll tax law was not repealed. You will have to have a poll tax receipt if you vote unless you are over 60 years of age. You must get that poll tax receipt before February 1. Along about July you certainly will be wanting to vote for somebody or against somebody. It is possible that those who paid their property taxes early thinking that the poll tax provision in the Constitution was going to be repealed did not pay a poll tax. If there are any in this county in that situation they had better go soon to the tax collector's office and dig up another dollar and six bits. That receipt will be worth the money next July.

The daily papers nearly every day bring news of some car wreck and the killing or wounding of one to a half dozen Mexicans on the highways of this area. Mexicans either are naturally reckless drivers or else too many try driving and drinking at the same time. Three Mexicans were killed and two others injured Saturday night when their car and a truck driven by Walter Chandler of Brownfield crashed on the Brownfield-Lamesa highway near the former city. Chandler was not hurt.

The attorney-general Price Daniel was quoted as stating a few days ago that liquor had figured in one-fourth of all the car wrecks in Texas this year that resulted in the death of one or more persons. Texas is paying a terrible price for her decision to permit its citizens to engage in the liquor business.

Odds & Ends

(By E. I. The Elder)
We like the spirit of Christmas. Who wouldn't? It's the spirit of good-will and friendliness and cheer.

But we fear that too often it is also the spirit of revelry and even irreverence for Him whom we are supposed to honor on this occasion.

We are inclined to believe that the Catholic Review was just about right the other day when it said:

"Our Santa has become a rival of the Holy Child, often enough to the complete exclusion of the latter from any place in the minds of children. It adds the 'Whole Santa idea is bad psychology, and bad pedagogy, and even worse theology."

Christmas, in fact, is a re-bashed festival of our pagan fore-fathers. When Christian missionaries came into northern Europe with the Gospel of Christ, they found the pagans worshipping their god Thor and decorating certain "sacred trees" in his honor. The missionaries taught them to worship the Christ in the same way, and thus gradually came into being Christmas tree.

The Catholic Review also remarks that we teach our children about the reindeer but nothing about the ox and the ass, referring to the birth of Christ in a manger.

Naturally, the idea of a team of fleet-footed reindeer hitched to a sled and driven by Old Santa Claus with the speed of the wind over snow-clad hills and valleys appeals to children; but there is little about the slowly-moving ox or the lazy ass eating hay in a stall to appeal to children. Hence the pagan legend of

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MERRY XMAS!
Dale Thuren
Farm Store

Santa Claus and the reindeer bringing precious gifts pales into insignificance, in the minds of children, the story of the Christ child, newly-born lying in a manger in an old barn where the oxen and the asses are eating straw.

So, let's not criticize too harshly if the children grow enthusiastic over Santa Claus and show much very careful to teach them in a manner. But, we should be much less careful to teach them, as they grow out of childhood, into boyhood and girlhood that Santa Claus is only an imaginary person while the little child Jesus was a real person, born into this world with a mighty mission, being the very Son of God and the best friend that children ever had.

We are not told very much in the Bible about Jesus the child, but there was another babe born in another land probably a few years after Jesus was born, who has told us much in the Bible about the mission of this Christ child.

This was little Saul, later known as Paul. He was a Jewish child too, but he was not born in the land of the Jews, generally known as the Holy Land. He was born in a city called Tarsus, in a Roman province called Cilicia, in a land lying north of the Mediterranean Sea and known for many centuries as Asia Minor. Practically the entire land of Asia Minor is now included in Turkey and constitutes most of that country. Cilicia was a comparatively small province in the southeast portion of Asia Minor. Tarsus was an important city and the capital situated on the Cyndus River not far from the Sea. Greeks probably predominated in Tarsus but there were also many Jews and many mixed people.

Orthodox Jews, however, did not intermarry with other people and were proud of the purity of their blood. Most of them could trace their genealogy back to Judah or to Benjamin, the two tribes that constituted the old southern kingdom with Jerusalem as the capital.

While Mary, the mother of Jesus and Joseph, his reputed father, could trace their genealogy back to David, the last and the greatest of the kings of the united Kingdom before the Ten Tribes were taken off into captivity, little Saul's parents could trace their genealogy back to the tribe of Benjamin, and they named their little Saul after the first

king of Israel, who was also of the tribe of Benjamin.

So, while Jesus as a boy was attending the synagogue services at Nazareth in Galilee and was

being taught the Old Testament Scriptures at his mother's knee, and was growing and waxing strong in spirit; little Saul was likewise being taught the Scriptures at his mother's knee, and

since his parents belonged to the Pharisees of the strictest sect, he was being taught to observe the letter of the law to the minutest detail—in other words, to be an out-and-out Jew, proud

of his ancestry and of his self-righteousness. Living in a great city where there were many Greeks, Saul also associated and played, no (Con'td. On Next Page)

Merry Christmas
Since we cannot shake each one of you by the hand to give you our good wishes personally—we want to take this opportunity to express our hopes that this Christmas and the coming New Year shall be one of joy and good-will for each and every one of you—our friends and patrons.
A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

W. H. FULKERSON
BUTANE & APPLIANCES



May the pleasures you derive from the exciting moments 'round the Christmas tree with your dear ones, linger and provide a host of wonderful memories to make the coming year a very happy one!

Levine Bros.
Annie And Al



Yuletide Greetings

To our friends and associates go our wishes for a joy-filled Christmas that may last the whole year through.

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ODDS & ENDS

(Con'td. From Editorial Page)
doubt, with the Greek neighbor boys and learned their language and much about their customs and habits of life. Since there were Greek Schools and notably a great Greek University in Tarsus, which Saul might have attended, and since he must have been something of a book-worm and a lover of learning, he probably acquired broad knowledge of the world, for a boy, while he was yet a mere youth, and as Jesus visited the Temple in Jerusalem when he was 12 years of age and astounded the Doctors of the law by his learning and wisdom, so Saul, if he had visited Jerusalem at that age, might have astounded them with his knowledge of the Jewish Scriptures and also of the Greek language and customs, their gods and their worship.

At any rate, while Saul was yet a mere youth, his parents sent him to sit at the feet of Gamaliel, who was a Doctor of the law, a member of the Jewish Sanhedrin, and reputed to be one of the great Jewish scholars of his day. We do not know how long the young man Saul was under the tutelage of this great teacher but we may be sure that he mastered just about all the knowledge that the Jewish scholars could put out. If the Sanhedrin had granted degrees then as our colleges do now, Saul doubtless would have walked off with every one of them. He probably had an ambition to become finally a member of the Sanhedrin himself and doubtless he would have done so if—but that "IF" denotes a turning point in his life that we will come to later on in this story if we pursue it to the end.

While Saul was going to college up at Jerusalem, Jesus was helping Joseph in his carpenter shop down at Nazareth in Galilee—if indeed Joseph was still alive. In so far as the record shows, Jesus was just another carpenter. He doesn't seem to have astounded anybody with his superior knowledge and wisdom since that visit up to Jerusalem when he was a boy just twelve years old. So far as we know he

had never taught a class in the synagogue at Nazareth. Certainly he had not become a ruler of the synagogue. He was just biding his time.

And Mary—we have often wondered what she was thinking about. Of course she could never forget that visit by the Angel Gabriel 30 years before when she was still a virgin. Surely she still remembered vividly that visit she made to her cousin Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, and how the two had rejoiced together. Then she remembered, how the heavenly host had appeared at Bethlehem when Jesus was born and made the announcement to the shepherds, how the shepherds came into town seeking the young child and found him, how they broke the news to the townspeople, and the strange story became the talk of the town. She remembered Simeon and Anna in the Temple, the visit of the Wise Men, the efforts of Herod to find the child so as to slay him, the flight of Joseph and herself with the child into Egypt, and their final return to Nazareth.

Now almost thirty years had passed and nothing had happened—she was still "pondering all these things in her heart."

And She was biding her time.

We sometimes wonder if Mary and Jesus ever discussed his future. We wonder if she ever told him in his childhood and boyhood days of the marvelous circumstances that attended his birth. We wonder if he ever

heard from her lips the story of the Angels and the shepherds; or the story of the Wise Men who saw his star in the east and followed it; or the efforts of the wicked Herod to slay him when he was yet a babe and how God delivered him from the power of that human beast. We wonder if she ever disclosed to him the enthralling story of the birth of his kinsman after the flesh, that lad John, who was to his forerunner. We wonder if the two boys ever met. It seems that they would have done so and would have talked things over.

But, if the Lord had intended for us to know these things, we guess he would have had it put in his book.

It seems to us that if any news-hound, masculine or feminine, ever gets to heaven, he or she will have a good time for a good many years in running down such information as this.

But next week, maybe we will come back to the young man Saul and think a little about his first meeting with this Son of Mary.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Smith visited in Lubbock Sunday afternoon and Mr. Smith reports that his father, who lives there and who has been sick for a long time, has recently become much worse. He is afflicted with an incurable malady and Mr. Smith fears that he is nearing the end.

Rough-up the soles of a baby's new shoes with sandpaper before they are worn. It will help prevent slipping and falling.

With Best Wishes for Christmas

Mrs. Gladys M. Stokes
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GREETINGS

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Season's Greetings

A BOOK full of sentiments would barely express our heartfelt wishes and hopes for a joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year

...to our many friends and neighbors whom we have so happily served through the years. A Very Merry Christmas To All!

Tahoka Cooperative Gin
H. G. HODGES, MGR.

Merry Christmas

Our favorite season is here again! For it's Christmas time—when colorful lights and holly wreaths brighten every window—when the carefree voices of carolers break the silence of the night, and to wide-eyed youngsters dear old Santa Claus is the "man of the hour".

Beyond all these pleasures our greatest enjoyment comes from the opportunity to wish all our friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Brownfield Church Dedicated Sunday

Presbyterians at Brownfield recently constructed an attractive and well-appointed new church building at a cost of \$55,000 at East Broadway and D. Streets in that city, and all-day dedication services were conducted in the Church Sunday. Rev. J. Preston Murphy is pastor.

The dedicatory sermon was delivered by Rev. J. Hoyt Boles, executive secretary of the Texas Presbyterian Synod.

Live Oak trees are dying in central Texas from "live-oak disease." Severe pruning is recommended at the first appearance of the disease. Symptoms consist of yellow or mottling of the leaves followed by death of certain branches or of the entire tree.



SHIRT-SLEEVED SANTA . . . It's not a common subject for discussion, but Santa Claus sometimes does take off his coat and just lounge around in his beard and shirtsleeves. However, this is not standard procedure, and it's mighty few Santas you see sitting on a park bench in New York.



Among the myriad problems which beset parents at Christmas time are the many questions from the small-fry about Santa Claus. And the business of telling Junior or his little sister the truth about the jolly old gentleman in the red suit is really a major task.

However, the situation is bound to arise, and when it does, it does something to your heart strings—so you draw the little ones close and cast about for the best explanation.

Oddly enough, the true story is best—and the easiest to tell. So why not just tell the little ones this?

St. Nicholas (or Nicolas) is Santa Claus' real name. He lived in Asia Minor and was the beloved bishop of the Greek church of Myra in Lycia. He is the patron saint of the young, and in some European countries a person dressed as a bishop still assembles the children and distributes gifts of nuts, sweetmeats and other nice things to the good boys and girls.

Children loved St. Nicholas and trudged along beside him as he trudged the dusty roads of the Lycia countryside, bringing fruit and candy to the sick and needy.

One of many stories told of his goodness concerns a poor and honest man and his three good and beautiful daughters. The father was unhappy for poverty prevented his giving the customary dowries to his daughters, and for this reason they could never have suitable husbands.

One night a bag of coins was tossed in at the man's window. The next night the act was repeated. But on the third night the father watched, and the anonymous giver was detected. The jolly bishop stood with the third bag of coins in his hands. The father was very proud and would not accept the money. The good bishop begged the poor man to accept the gifts and use them for his daughters' dowries, requesting that his name never be revealed.

At last, the father accepted the money for his daughters, but he could not keep the name of the generous bishop secret—so the legend of the goodness of St. Nicholas was further spread and strengthened.

Soils can be protected against winter erosion losses by providing them with a green blanket. The blanket can be made of adapted winter legumes or small grains.

Swiss Brotherhood Sang at Christmas To Banish Plague

One of the most impressive customs in the world is observed in Switzerland where the "singing at the fountains" is done by the Sebastiani brotherhood in the picturesque spa town of Rheinfelden.

According to the Swiss writer Gottlieb Wyss, the custom is more than 400 years old, dating from 1540 when a plague, sweeping through many lands, visited Rheinfelden. Twelve men formed a brotherhood in honor of St. Sebastian, promising to pray to him to safeguard their town from further distress. They also undertook to nurse those afflicted by the plague and to bury its victims.

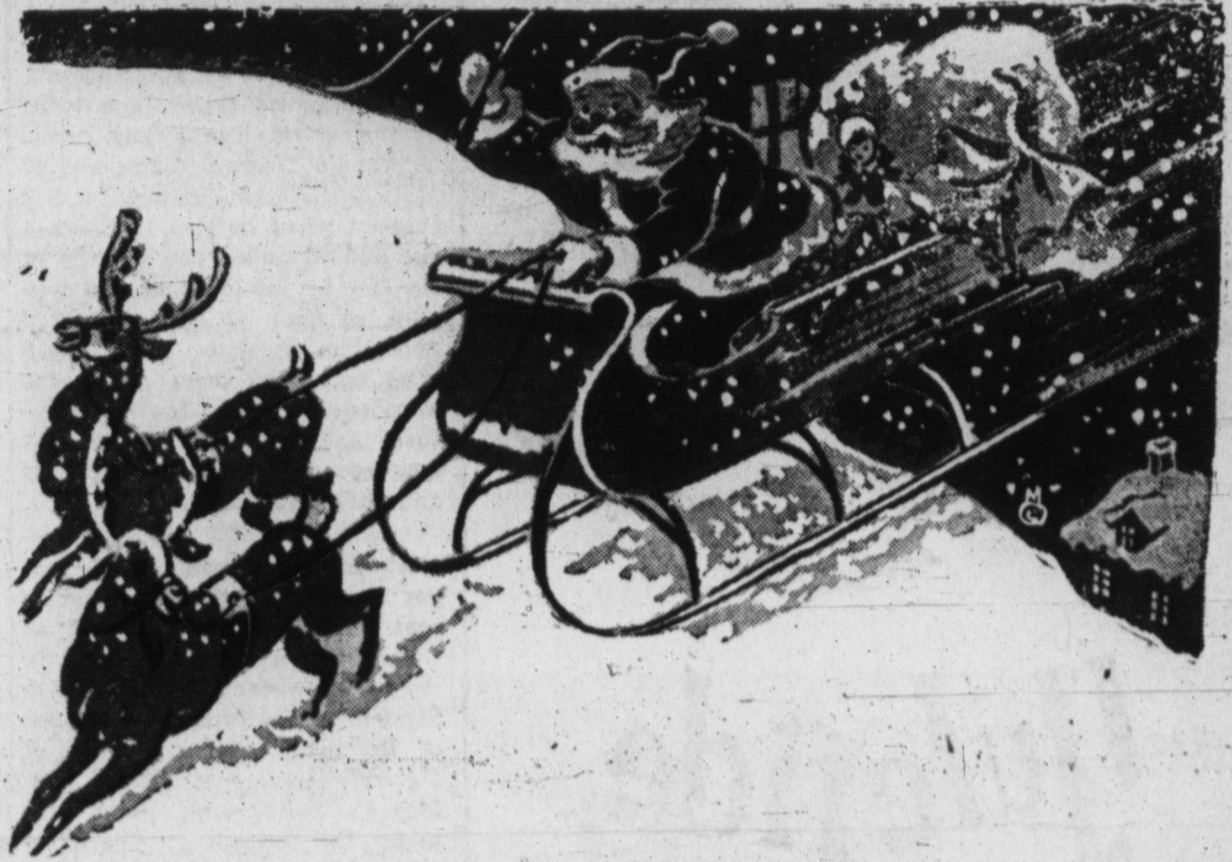
If one of their own members died, the brethren acted as pallbearers, and up to the present day, by their own selection, the membership of the brotherhood has remained at 12.

Pestilence in the medieval period was ascribed to the evil spirits in the water, and when the Sebastiani brethren make their rounds of seven fountains on Christmas eve, they start at the fountain in the "Froschweide" where the plague started in the 16th century. After singing for the seventh time near the town church, they join its congregation for midnight mass, first placing their quaint mounted lantern, with its lighted candle, before the altar of St. Sebastian.

For their Christmas eve singing at twelve, brethren are dressed in dark clothes and black silk top-hats. Around their lantern-bearer they stand in a circle and three times, as the name of Christ is mentioned in their song, they uncover their heads.

On New Year's eve, between 9 and 10 o'clock, the Brethren make another round of the fountains, this time singing an old song which concludes with the wish that St. Sebastian may intercede for all in the New Year so that they may be safeguarded from war, pestilence and other perils.

Merry Christmas!



Santa is headin' straight for your house and his sled is filled with our good wishes for a most joyous and happy Christmas for you!

CARTER GROCERY

Greetings

We look forward each year to sharing with our many friends the brightness and good will of the holiday season.

Modern Beauty Shop

DOROTHY—JEANETTE



As a partial measure of our friendship we express the sincere hope that this year holds for you a perfect Christmas.



May it be touched with the same kind of serenity that accompanies a Christmas Eve snowfall.

Once again we greet the gay Yuletide season—when young and old gather 'round in good fellowship . . . with a heartfelt wish that you and yours may enjoy the Merriest Christmas—and a Happy, Happy New Year!

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FULLER—\$2.45 hair brush is on special for 95c.—Mrs. N. E. Wood, 1917 Kelsey St., Phone 163. 11-2tc

FOR SALE—110 acres of land 3 miles west on Wilson highway, all in cultivation, no improvements.—Clara Barchenger, Rt. 1, Thrall, Texas. 10-4tp

FOR SALE—New this fall, 2 John Deere cotton strippers, mounted on Model A John Deere tractors, \$1,000 or \$500 each for strippers.—See Troy Ray, box 82, Lockney, Texas, Phone 9504. 11-2tc

FOR SALE—9 piece modern dining room suite, perfect condition. Phone 904-F11 after 5 p. m. 2tf

FOR SALE—One Rack of Dresses... 1/2 price One Rack of Blouses and Skirts... 2 for \$5.50 Coats At Cost! WALKER Ready to WEAR Next Door To Bakery Phone 273 10tf

FOR SALE—A studio couch with two slip covers.—Mrs. Ivan Cathcart, Phone 390-J. 9tf

FOR SALE—5 registered spotted Poland China gilts.—George Henry. 9-4tp

FOR SALE—A practically new electric Kelvinator, at \$150.00. E. J. Cooper, 1825 North 5th St. 5tf

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FOR SALE—All my stock and equipment; rent pasture and land on third and fourth.—Mrs. L. Caveness, 5 1/2 miles East of Tahoka on Post highway. 9tf

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FOR SALE—1 Tappan gas range set up for butane; also 7-foot Electrolux set up for butane; in good condition. Dale Thuren Farm Store. 6tf

MANILLA SECOND SHEETS at The News office.

FOR SALE—1938 model "AC" combine, will sell outright or will trade for later model combine. R. G. Grogan, Wells. 6tf

FOR SALE—Two girls' bicycles. Phone 125-W Mrs. D. C. Carroll 10-2tp.

FOR SALE—Herman Reid's home of four rooms and bath, good location on North 2nd St., now being paved. Necessary for sale makes this a bargain. See Chas. Reid at Rutherford's. 11tf.

FOR SALE—Bedroom suite and piano and odd chairs. Call 138J, Mrs. Oscar Roberts. 7tf.

MERCHANTS SALES PADS at The News office.

FOR SALE—2-bale cotton trailer E. W. Drager, 1121 2nd St. 7tf

Try Our Classified Columns.

Real Estate

FOR SALE—A 3-room house and a 5-room house and lots for sale. On Kelsey St.—See Mr. J. A. Ford, 1429 Kelsey St. 11-2tp

FOR SALE A brand new 3-room house with two closets, bath room, bath room fixtures, all hardwood floors all new furniture, new rugs on all floors, new Kelvinator stove and Kelvinator refrigerator, oil cloth on kitchen and bath room walls; real nice built-in cabinet; all windows and doors have metal venetian blinds; all windows and doors have screens; must sell furniture with house, and house must be moved. See me at 1428 N. 3rd. St.—Vivian Billbrey. 1tp

FARM HOMES YOU CAN OWN 160 acres for G.I. approval. No improvements. \$35.00 per acre. 320 acres well improved, \$50.00 per acre. 320 acres, poor improvements, no minerals. \$35.00 per acre. 160 acres unimproved, cultivation, no minerals, \$20 per acre. Minerals in the trend of production. 18 unit court, well located, consider some trade. See me for what you want. D. P. CARTER Brownfield, Texas 6tf

REAL ESTATE

SEE ME for farms and houses. Would appreciate more listings. A. J. Kaddatz, ph. 164-J. 1tf

FOR SALE—My home in Roberts Addition. K. E. Nevill 9-3tp

FOR SALE—2 bedroom house, 1 year old, one block from school, on paved street, located at 2012 N. Third.—Bill Wood, phone 22 or 83-J. 7tf

FOR SALE—Modern new 4-room house at 2012 North Second St., a bargain.—R. M. Miller, Rt. 4, Tahoka. 2tf.

ADDING MACHINE ROLLS at The News office.

MERCHANTS SALES PADS at The News office.

Automobiles

BARGAINS in used cars at the Plains Motor Co. 9tf

For Rent

LOCKERS for rent, \$5.00, \$7.50, and \$9.00 per year.—Larkin Lockers. 2tf.

FOOD LOCKERS for rent.—A. L. Smith. 36tf

FOR LEASE—160 acre farm north of Tahoka. Cash rent. See B. C. King, 205 N. Main Lamesa. Phone 331J or 327J. 11tf

Wanted

WANTED—Ironing. I will do ironing and quilting in my home.—Mrs. H. C. Bradshaw. 12-2tp

WANTED—Clean Rags. Bray Chevrolet Co. 9tf

CREAM—Highest cash prices paid. Try us on the next can. Larkin Locker Plant. 46tf

WANTED—100,000 Rats to kill with RAY'S RAT KILLER, 75c bottle for 50c. Also 10c, 50c and \$1.00 packages—Safe Kill—Satisfaction of "Double Refund." WYNNE COLLIER, Druggist 5tf

Lost and Found

LOST—Little black Scottie dog, answers to "Lucky." Reward.—Mrs. Harvey Freeman. Phone 346-J. 1tc

Miscellaneous

NU STUDIO—Over Wynne Collier Drug C. C. Dwight.

STATED MEETINGS of Tahoka Lodge No. 1041 the first Tuesday night in each month at 7:30. Members urged to attend. Visitors welcome. L. A. Forsythe, W. M. Edd Hamilton, Sec'y.

FOR SERVICE—Registered Berkshire boar service fee \$5.00 guaranteed. Roy Botkin, 1 mile north, 2 1/2 miles west of New Home. 11tf.

IS ALCOHOL A PROBLEM to YOU? Can you handle liquor or does liquor handle you? Do you have a sincere desire to stop drinking? If so, you can be helped! Write Alcoholics Anonymous, P.O. Box 118, Tahoka. tfe

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Old times and the carefree pleasures of other days are recalled as we enter another Holiday Season. In the spirit of remembering friends and associations of the past, we extend our greetings to all!

Jones Grain & Seed



In the glorious spirit of Christmas—we extend to you—one and all—our heartiest wishes that this Yuletide season will be your merriest—and that the coming New Year will prove one of true joy, health and prosperity.

Bill Strange Motors

Prevention is the best and by far the cheapest method for controlling mastitis in the dairy herd.



Our heart-felt thanks for your patronage, and our best wishes for a joyous holiday season.

Minnie's Beauty Shop

DIXIE H. D. CLUB HAVE CHRISTMAS PARTY

A Christmas party was given by the Dixie Home Demonstration Club, for their families, Friday night, at the American Legion Hall.

Mrs. Clifton Hamilton, directed the program.

A reading, "A Welcome Christmas" was given by Nancy Nowlin. Peggy Nowlin read "The Christmas story."

A reading, "The Night Before Christmas" was given by Mrs. J. L. King.

Christmas carols were lead by Mrs. Elsie Shambeck with Mrs. Dick Mitchell at the piano. Gifts were exchanged from around a beautifully decorated Christmas tree.

Games of 42 were played and refreshments of cake, coffee, and bottle drinks were served to 63 persons present. —Reporter.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to our many friends and neighbors for the many visits made and the beautiful flowers sent to our little son during his stay in the Seale Clinic recently. —Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Curry and family.

After 30 days (for intoxication) in a N. Y. state jail, Joe Sullivan vowed he liked the place, asked to stay on. Now, authorities wonder whether they really should have said "Yes." Sullivan made his request in 1921 and still hasn't left.



A Merry Christmas Message

Friends, we greatly appreciate the fine patronage you have given us in the past and pause this moment to let you know we sincerely wish each of you the best in life.

R & R Food Mart

Bert — Jerry — Kent — Roy

Timely Tips

Extension Foods and Nutrition Specialists Texas A. & M. College

1. Pork is very plentiful, with a wide variety of cuts available. It is highly nutritious and should be served often.
2. Pork sausage—like any fresh pork—should be cooked well done for safety and to bring out its best flavor.
3. When buying pork sausage, be sure it comes right out of the refrigerator and keep it refrigerated at home until used.
4. When frying sausage, place in cold pan over low fire and cook slowly for about 12 minutes turning once or twice, and pour off fat as it accumulates.

WYNNE COLLIER, Druggist

C 953—Notice of Sheriff's Sale—Real Estate—For Publication.

SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS (COUNTY OF LYNN)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain execution issued out of the Honorable 93rd District Court of Hidalgo County, on the 17th day of November, 1949, by K. C. Boyesen, District Clerk of said Court for the sum of Four Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-five and 45/100 (\$4,575.45) Dollars and costs of suit under a

ADDING MACHINE ROLLS at The News office.

judgment in favor of Edinburg State Bank and Trust Company, in a certain cause in said Court, No. 7549 and styled Edinburg State Bank and Trust Company Vs. G. O. Newman, J. J. McCook and Mrs. L. M. Knox, placed in my hands for service, I, Roland W. Clem as Sheriff of Lynn County, Texas, did, on the 5th day of December, 1949, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Lynn County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

An undivided 1/2 interest in and to the oil, gas and other

minerals, in on and under all of the West 1/2 of Section No. 20, in Block H, Certificate No. 22, E. L. & R. R. R. Company, in said Lynn County, Texas,

and levied upon as the property of G. O. Newman and that on the first Tuesday in January 1950, the same being the 3rd day of said month, at the Court House door of Lynn County, in the Town of Tahoks, Texas between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., by virtue of said levy and said execution I will sell

said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said J. J. Newman.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, one a week for three (3) consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Lynn County News, newspaper published in Lynn County.

Witness my hand, this 6th day of December, 1949.

Roland W. Clem, Sheriff, Lynn County, Texas. 10-3tc

Fruit trees are pruned to stimulate new growth for next year's fruit to grow on and it keeps the trees down to handling dimensions.

WHY "GET UP" AT NIGHTS?

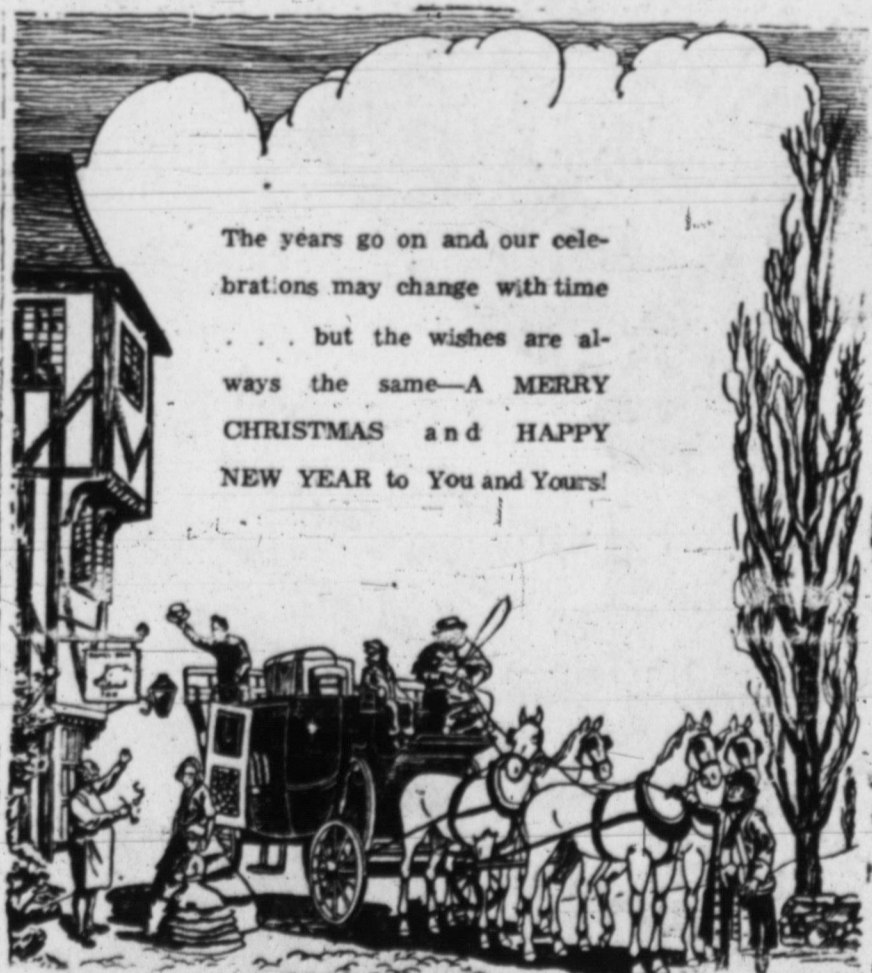
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BEST WISHES for Christmas

We offer our most sincere greetings to friends and patrons for a Joyful Christmas Holiday and a Happy New Year, too!

PIK & PAK



The years go on and our celebrations may change with time but the wishes are always the same—A MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR to You and Yours!

HAMILTON Appliance & Auto Supply
Westinghouse Dealer

Season's Greetings

And to you—our friends—we make a toast for happiness and well-being during the coming holiday season.

With the deep-felt wish that this may be the merriest, cheeriest Christmas of them all! And that the coming fifty-two weeks of the New Year give you and yours health, joy and prosperity.

Bray Chevrolet Co.

Worst Tragedy Of Season Hits Rotan Mexicans

One tragedy has followed close upon the heels of another among the thousands of Mexicans who came to Northwest Texas early in the fall to gather the bulk of our great cotton crop. Unnumbered accidents on our highways and public roads, at railway

crossings and at other places, most of which seemingly could and should have been avoided, have taken the lives of many and have inflicted serious injuries upon many others.

But the most tragic accident of all among them occurred early Thursday morning of last week near Rotan when eleven Mexicans, all sleeping in one room of an old four-room shack, were burned to death in the dead

hours of the night in an unseen fire that totally destroyed the building and all its contents. A sad feature of the tragedy was that this was their first night to occupy the building. Their home was at Mercedes but they had been out here near Brownfield picking cotton. They had left this area and gone as far as Rotan the first of the week, on their return trip home, spending Tuesday night in the home of another Mexican, Gerdo Trevino, who lived nearby, intending to pick some cotton in that area before proceeding southward. Trevino had helped them to move into the house on Wednesday.

The family consisted of Basilio Perez, 75; Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Perez, 38 and 40 respectively; Mr. and Mrs. Alfredo Castillo, 21 and 14 respectively, Mrs. Castillo an expectant mother, being the daughter of the Perez couple; Juanita Perez, 12, Victoria 10, Monte 8, Jesus 6, Manuela 2, and a small child whose name was not learned.

Trevino said that he passed the house about ten o'clock Wednesday night on his way home from a gin at Rotan and all seemed to be all right at that time. Just when the fire broke out is unknown, for nobody saw it. The nearest farm house was about a mile away, but a much traveled farm road passed within about 100 yards of it.

The tragedy was not discovered until about 9:00 o'clock Thursday morning. All of the bodies lay in sleeping order in a room 10 by 10 feet in size. A two-burner stove and a wash-tub were found in the room, and Trevino said that they had built a fire in the wash-tub to keep warm. A committee of three citizens and peace officers were investigating but at last reports the origin of the fire remained a mystery.

Rev. and Mrs. E. V. Johnson and two daughters of Mayesville, Oklahoma, were here the first of the week visiting their long-time friends, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Adair. Rev. Mr. Johnson is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Mayesville and Mr. Adair is the operator of the West Point Gin.

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GREETINGS

With the realization that each passing year brings a fuller appreciation of old friends and pleasant associations, we extend to you our sincerest wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Merry Christmas



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CHURCHES OF CHRIST

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SALUTE YOU!

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

TAHOKA
Ernest West, Minister
Bible Study 10:00 a. m.
Preaching 11:00 a. m.
Communion 11:45 a. m.
Young Peoples Study 6:30 p. m.
Preaching 7:00 p. m.
Mid-week Service
Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

O'DONNELL
Bible Study 10:00 a. m.
Preaching 11:00 a. m.
Communion 11:50 a. m.
Young Peoples Meet. 6:15 p. m.
Ladies' Bible Study
Tuesday 3:00 p. m.
Mid-Week Worship
Wednesday 7:00 p. m.

Attend your Church of Christ.

GORDON
Preaching on 2nd and 4th
Lord's Day 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.
Bible Study every
Lord's Day 10:00 a. m.

NEW HOME
W. L. Douthitt, Minister
Bible Study 10:00 a. m.
Preaching 11:00 a. m.
Communion 11:45 a. m.

Wednesday Evening
Bible Study 7:00 p. m.
Preaching 7:00 p. m.

GRASSLAND
Preaching on 1st and 3rd
Lord's Day 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.
Bible Study every

CHURCH OF CHRIST ANNOUNCE SERVICES

Ernest West, Minister of the Church of Christ here, announces that his sermon subject next Sunday morning will be "No Place for Jesus." This, of course, is a most appropriate subject for a Christmas service and a large congregation will doubtless hear him.

On Tuesday night of this week the Minister and family and about twenty-five young people of the church, accompanied by the parents of some of them, attend-

ed a Young People's party and program in the Church of Christ at Lamesa. Representatives of a number of congregations in this area were present, and it is said to have been a great occasion.

The principal speaker for the occasion was Jimmy Wood, Minister of the Crescent Hill Church of Christ, Brownfield. Minister West of Tahoka gave a special message in song, and some of the young people of Tahoka also had parts in the program.

N. A. (Artek) Stuart and wife of El Campo down in the Houston country spent Sunday night here as guests of his father, J. F. and Mrs. Stuart. Artek was

formerly here with his father for a year or two in the cotton business. For many years he has been employed by the well-known firm of Anderson & Clayton, and is up in this area now helping them to close out the cotton season. Temporarily he is in Lubbock.

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