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Christmas Settings Are Viewed by 69 on Club Pilgrimage

Sixty-nine persons took the tour of the Christmas Setting pilgrimage sponsored by the Wimodausis Club last Saturday afternoon.

Under the supervision of Mrs. Roy Foster, chairman of the club's finance committee, the tour included stops at six local homes. At the conclusion of the tour tea was served.

Sponsors for the six different settings in the homes included Mrs. T. F. Foster, Mrs. Foster S. Price, Miss Ethel Foster and Mrs. H. L. Hildebrand, Mrs. H.A. Chapple and Mrs. W. N. Reed, Mrs. Lester Foster and Mrs. Roy Foster.

Attends Car Dealers Meeting in Ft. Worth

A new Chevrolet that will create "entirely new conceptions of automotive beauty and performance" was promised today by R. T. Caperton owner of the R. T. Caperton Chevrolet Company.

Mr. Caperton made his statement following a meeting with company representatives in Ft. Worth where 1953 plans were revealed to an enthusiastic audience of dealers from this area.

"When we were invited to attend we were told that this would be one of Chevrolet's most important business conferences," he continued. "This was conclusively borne out by developments. Not only were we shown the most exciting product in my experience as a dealer, but the speakers made clear that the company through its newspaper advertising and promotion would give the model unprecedented backing."

Mr. Caperton said the program should answer any doubts about the future of business.

"A company with the marketing knowledge of Chevrolet does not invest the tremendous capital required for a program of this nature unless it is firmly convinced of sound sales possibilities," he pointed out. "It is quite apparent from the product that the largest automobile company in the world is anticipating one of its biggest years in 1953."

Caperton is already making plans for a display of the car here. He is confident that interest in the new model will draw record-breaking crowds to his showroom.

Water Valley Pioneer Dead

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday afternoon at the Methodist Church in Water Valley for Mrs. J. L. (Kate) Holland, 71, lifelong resident of Water Valley.

She died at her home there at 10 a.m. Monday following a heart attack.

The Rev. Bruce Medford and the Rev. Bob Johnson officiated with burial in Water Valley Cemetery. Pallbearers were Walter and H. H. McBride, Noel and Covert Hanson, Reed Trotter and George W. Neill. Mrs. Holland was born April 21, 1881, and was a member of the Methodist Church.

Her husband and a sister, Mrs. Nona Howard of Water Valley, survive. Cox Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

The Quentin Fannins left Monday for Childress where they will spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Fannin's parents. Bro. Fannin plans to return within a week, but his wife and children plan to stay about a month.

Mrs. Marian Moore's Father Dies

Mrs. Marian Moore's father, Tom Buell, of Sanger, Texas died last week. Mrs. Moore, teacher of home economics in the Sterling School, and her two sons attended the services.

Noratadala Club Holds Christmas Party

The Noratadala club held the annual Christmas party in the community center last Thursday night. Hostesses for the affair were Mrs. Cherley McDonald, Mrs. Forrest Foster, Mrs. Reynolds Foster and Mrs. Anna Lee Johnson.

Games of Bingo were played with everyone winning a prize. Gifts were given out and a turkey dinner was served to the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Barrett, Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Bill J. Cole, Mrs. Nan Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Worth Durham, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Foster, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Foster, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. William Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Chesley McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Ewing McEntire, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Murrell, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Price, Mr. and Mrs. Martin C. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Neal J. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Finis Westbrook, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Trinton Revell, Miss Sue Nelson, Mrs. Joe Emery, Mrs. T. S. Foster, Mrs. Anna Lee Johnson and Mr. Harry Bradstreet.

HIGHWAY COMMISSION SETS UP 5 MILES FOR PAVING ON THE ROAD SOUTH

The Texas State Highway Commission has designated the road (Big Lake road) as a Farm-to-Market Road and orders to proceed with the paving of the first five miles has gone through, subject to Sterling County furnishing the right of way free of cost to the State. The State Highway Engineer has been instructed to proceed with the construction in the most feasible and economical manner, and to assume completion of construction.

O. F. Carper, Jr., who took his army physical at Abilene last week, said they told him they would call him in 21 to 45 days for induction.

Daughter to the Haralsons

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Haralson have named their new daughter Shelley Anne. She was born in a San Angelo hospital on Dec. 13, and weighed seven pounds.

"Papa" Delbert is a teacher in the Sterling City school. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Haralson, Sr., of San Angelo and J. E. Weldon of Grosse Tete, La.

The Haralsons have another child, Kathy, age 4.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Brown honored friends with a Christmas party at their ranch home last Thursday night. Christmas decorations in red and green decorated the house. A surprise gift was given each person.

A buffet supper and Christmas punch was served to the following guests: Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Richardson and Don Richardson of Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Brown of Sterling City, Mr. and Mrs. Peb Cope and Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Finnigan of Water Valley, Texas.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

A Christmas tree and program, complete with Santa Claus was held at the Presbyterian Church here Sunday afternoon. A good crowd was present at the affair, which was under the direction of Aaron Clark.

Moon Chapel

Forty persons attended the Moon Chapel church Christmas program and tree at the Church last Sunday night. The programs was under the supervision of Leo Radde and was complete with Santa Claus.

Oscar Dorsey is at his mother's in Midland for Christmas.

New Baptist Pastor

Rev. Bob Richey is the new Baptist pastor for Sterling City. He has accepted a call from the church and will move into the parsonage after the holidays.

The Rev. Richey is from San Angelo, and he has been here during the daytime the past several days, and will move following the holidays. The Richeys have two children, Jean, 18, and Doug, 7.

Christmas Program Held

A Christmas program was held at the church Wednesday evening under Bro. Richey's direction. A large crowd was present. Music was by Mrs. Anna Lee Johnson. A special song was sung by Darla Kay Dunn and Johnnie Rae Tollett.

The program was complete with a tree and Santa Claus.



YES, VIRGINIA, THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS!

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS ago a little girl wrote a letter to the New York Sun, one of the leading publications of its day.

Francis P. Church, an editorial writer, was assigned the task of answering the letter, and he resented it highly. Swallowing his irritation, whatever caused it, Church nevertheless sat down and wrote an editorial that has been reprinted in hundreds of newspapers every year since then.

Here, reprinted from the New York Sun, 1897, is the answer to: IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?

We take pleasure in answering at one and thus prominently the communication below, expressing our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of the Sun.

"Dear Editor: I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. 'Papa says 'if you see it in the Sun, it's so.' 'Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus? VIRGINIA O'HANLON 115 West 95th Street, New York City"

Virginia, Your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole 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 the world be if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith, then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

NOT BELIEVE IN SANTA CLAUS! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in

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Christmas Program at Methodist Church

A Christmas program was held at the Methodist Church Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Complete with a tree and gifts for the younger members of the Sunday School, the program was attended by 97 persons.

Mrs. I. W. Terry gave a story, "The Littlest Angel", and Mrs. Bruce Medford told the story of "Why the Chimes Rang."

Christmas songs were sung and the program was announced by Mrs. Lester Foster.

Santa Claus made his appearance and distributed gifts to the children.



CHRISTMAS FEAST The toys have been opened and church services are over. Now, it's time for that Christmas feast and a turkey drumstick.

LOCAL ITEMS

Dennis Reed, ministerial student in Florida Christian College at Temple, Florida, is here for the Christmas holidays.

The James A. Crosslands of Gulfport, Mississippi, are here visiting the Wm. J. Swanns. Mrs. Crossland and Mrs. Swann are sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lawson have gone to San Antonio to visit their parents and other relatives for the holidays.

LOST—Pair of glasses Sunday in the post office or around the Methodist Church. Roland Lowe.

The Bill Hoods are spending the holidays in Brady and Abilene with relatives.

The George Blackburns are visiting relatives in Dangerfield and Bell, Texas through Christmas.

Harry Bradstreet is spending the Christmas holidays at his home in Clifton.

The D. L. Haralsons are in San Angelo visiting relatives through the school holidays.

Margaret Ritter, daughter of the Dan Ritters and senior student in Texas State College for Women, is home for the holidays.

The O. T. Joneses are visiting relatives in Lubbock during the holidays.

Mrs. J. A. West is spending the holidays in Ranger with her husband.

R. H. Radde, son of the Leo Radde, is home from Lon Morris College, Jacksonville, for the Christmas holidays.

Joe David Crossno, son of the B. J. Crossnos and student in Texas University Medical School at Dallas, is home with his parents for the Christmas holidays.

Ginger Lane, daughter of the Ray Lanes, is home from T.C.U. for the holidays.

T.C.U. student Larry Glass, son of the David Glasses, is home for the Christmas holidays.

Mary Davis, freshman student in Texas Christian University at Ft. Worth and daughter of the Jeff Davises, is home for the holidays.

Mrs. John M. Stuckwish and sons Mike and Don, left the first of the week for Cleburne to visit relatives. Mr. Stuckwish is to go for the latter part of the week.

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Bethlehem Rites Feature March To Nativity Cave

CHRISTMAS is observed in Bethlehem on December 25 by the Roman Catholics and Protestants, on January 6, by the Greek Orthodox and affiliated churches, and on January 18 by the Armenians.

All Bethlehem, however, turns out on December 24 for the arrival of the Patriarch of Jerusalem—Cardinal of the Holy Land—who each year brings an ancient effigy of the Infant Jesus to Bethlehem which he lays in the manger within the cave where Christ was born.

Dramatically the procession approaches: heralded by a single horseman, his banner streaming aloft. A corps of native police mounted upon fiery Arabian horses follow and then another single horseman upon a prancing black steed carrying the cross on high; the Patriarch in his cardinal and ermine, mitred bishops, clergy in embroidered vestments and white robed acolytes—swinging golden censers—precede the jeweled pavilion of the Holy Child. Magnificent corteges of government officials, foreign embassies, bands, religious organizations follow, and finally, American made automobiles mingle with native two-wheeled carriages.

The procession enters the Church of the Nativity. The public is not permitted to witness the actual placing of the effigy, as that part of the Church—built above the Cave of the Nativity—is under the jurisdiction of the Greek Orthodox church.

The grotto-like Cave of the Nativity in no way conforms to the modern conception of a "stable;" in biblical times, however, shelters for man and beast were hewn into rocky ledges—thus, the Stable of Bethlehem.

On Christmas Eve, members of all denominations assemble to sing carols above the birthplace of the Holy Child before midnight mass is solemnized in the Church of the Nativity.

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Egyptians Made Elaborate Dolls For Children

No one knows for sure who made the first doll, but it can be assumed the earliest figures were sacred—gods and ancestor images. These doll-like forms were not toys for the delight of children, but solemn religious figures that preserved the tribe from harm.

Then, somehow, somewhere, a change took place. Dolls became a toy for girls and the most popular Christmas toy of them all.

Dolls have been discovered in Egyptian tombs and ruins, some even had real hair; some were ivory, carved by craftsmen for a king's daughter; others were made of straw by an overworked mother in a peasant's hut.

In ancient Greece dolls were played with and cherished by little girls until they were ready to be married. Then (their dolls were taken to the shrine of a favorite goddess) and, often with tears, presented to her. The Roman children played with dolls, too, but after the fall of the Empire there came a long period in which there is no record of dolls.

Not until the thirteenth century when dolls were made in Nuremberg and dressed in the fashions of the times did little girls again play with dolls. They were here to stay.

By and by in Europe, the French fashion dolls became all the rage, not for children to play with but as models from which fine ladies could pattern their own modish costumes.

In America, the Indian children had dolls of their own made of rawhide and feathers and wood. Pioneer children had dolls much like these, and some were made of braided cornhusks, or nuts, or cornucobs, or rags, and were dearly loved in spite of their plainness.

Much later, lifelike dolls were imported from Germany, where the doll industry had reached enormous proportions. These dolls had fine china heads with carefully painted faces and kid bodies that were jointed at the arms and legs. Later there came the Japanese-made dolls, which were expensive enough for almost any child to own. Then the American-made dolls began to appear—the special dolls, the kewpies, billikens, Buster Browns, teddy bears, Patsy dolls and Shirley Temples and phonograph dolls, with all the host of others that have followed and which are still to come. For

dolls always will be part of childhood and part of Christmases as long as there are little girls and boys to play with them, and parents and fond kinfolk to buy.

Burial Place of Santa Said to Be in Italy

SANTA CLAUS, otherwise St. Nicholas, otherwise the one-time bishop of Myra in Asia Minor, is buried in Bari, Italy. His body was stolen from its original tomb in Myra and swiftly borne to Bari by Italian sailors, who thought back in 1087 that a saint's body brought prosperity and good luck to your town.

St. Nicholas, who was tortured and imprisoned for his faith during the reign of Emperor Diocletian, found no rest in his first tomb at Myra. Always some expedition was attempting to remove his remains.

However, once buried again in Bari, the saint's body was credited with curing 30 people of distemper and performing other miracles. So Bari became a place of pilgrimage, and the legends about St. Nicholas multiplied apace.

We owe our notion of Santa Claus as a secret dispenser of gifts to a story that St. Nicholas once saved three girls from a life of prostitution by throwing purses of gold through a window in Patara, thus permitting a poverty stricken nobleman to give his daughters suitable dowries as custom demanded.

In addition, St. Nicholas was credited with restoring life to some boys who had been slain and dismembered by a wicked innkeeper of Myra—hence the occasional stained glass windows in which the saint is shown beside three lads in a tub.



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If Galilee
And Bethlehem
And sky of blue
And guiding star
And wise men three
Could all come back
Across the years
And tell again
The matchless tale
That leads us on
To better lives,
Somehow methinks
The hearts of men
Would turn from gain
And ghastly war
And selfish ways.
And dream again
Celestial dreams.
And if the cross
Of Calvary
Could lift itself
Again today
Above the doubt
And fear and dread
Of those who toil
And those who lead,
Perhaps the voice
That trembled then
Could speak again
As once before
And still be heard

Above the din
Of struggling souls
Who seek to win
Without a loss
And have a crown
Without a cross.
8-BALL

We dread it and we cuss it and
we literally work ourselves sick over
it. We always spend more than we
intended to, and then we condemn
it because its commercial side has
overshadowed its spiritual signifi-
cance.

But when the bluster of prepara-
tion has subsided, we know in our
hearts that we would not want to
live in a world where there was no
Christmastime. We would not want
to live in a world where no season
was set aside for man to pause and
measure the faith, the hope, the
charity within his own soul.

The spirit of Christmastime does
not come in tinsel wrapped boxes.
It can't be bought. It can be caught.
It can be caught from a little girl
and boy with their grubby hands
and snubby noses singing Christ-
mas carols, or even Rudolph the
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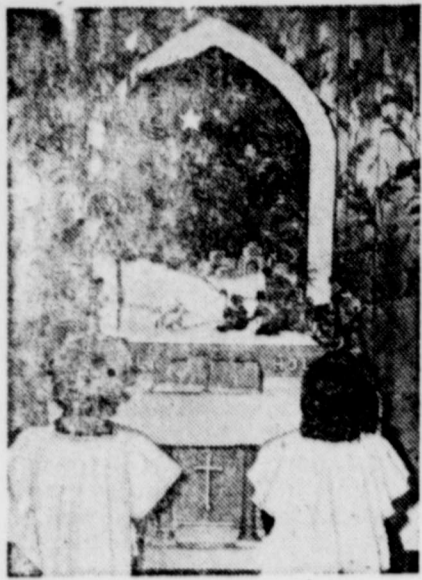


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the kind
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Christmas
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THE SHOEMAKER AND HIS GUEST

He was an old shoemaker, loved and honored by all his neighbors, who affectionately called him "Uncle Cobbler."

It was Christmas Eve, and he sat alone in his little shop, slowly reading from The Book about the visit of the wise men to the Babe in the manger at Bethlehem, and of the gifts they brought.

He murmured to himself, "If tomorrow were the first Christmas and if that Babe were to be born in our city this night, I know what I would give Him! He rose and took from a shelf two tiny shoes of softest, snow-white leather with bright silver buckles. "I would give Him these, my finest work. How pleased His mother would be! But I'm a foolish old man," he thought, smiling. "He has no need of my poor gifts."

Replacing the shoes, he blew out the candle and slipped into his bed. Hardly had he closed his eyes, it seemed, when he heard a voice call his name. Instinctively, he felt aware of the identity of the Speaker.

"Uncle Cobbler, you have longed to see me. Tomorrow I shall pass by your window. If you see me and bid me enter, I shall be your guest and sit at your table."

The old shoemaker did not sleep that night for joy. Before it was yet dawn, he rose and swept and tidied up his little shop. He rearranged what little furnishings he had, and spread green boughs of fir along the rafters. On the spotless, linen-covered table he placed a loaf of bread, a jar of honey, a pitcher of milk, and over the fire he hung a pot of coffee.

When all was in readiness he took up his vigil at the window. He was certain he would know the Visitor. From childhood had he not gazed in love and reverence at His image above the great altar in the cathedral? Then as he watched the driving sleet falling upon that deserted street, he thought of the joy that would be his when he sat down and broke bread with his Guest.

Soon, he saw an old street-sweeper pass by, blowing upon his thin, gnarled hands to warm them. "Poor fellow, he must be half frozen," thought the shoemaker. Opening the door, he called out to him. "Come in, my friend, and warm, and drink a cup of hot coffee." No further urging was needed, and the man gratefully accepted the invitation.

An hour passed. Then the shoemaker noticed a young, miserably clad woman, carrying a baby. She paused wearily to rest in the shelter of his doorway. The heart of the old cobbler was touched. Quickly he flung open the door. "Come in and warm while you rest," he said to her. "You do not look well," he remarked.

"I am going to the hospital. I hope they will take me in, and my baby boy," she explained. "My husband is at sea, and I am ill, without money."

"Poor child!" cried the old man. "You must eat something while you are getting warm. No? Then let me give a cup of milk to the little one. Ah! what a bright, pretty little fellow he is! Why, you have put no shoes on him!"

"I have no shoes for him," sighed the mother.

"Then he shall have this lovely pair I finished yesterday." And the old shoemaker took down from the shelf the soft little snow-white shoes he had looked at the evening before, and slipped them on the child's feet. They fitted perfectly. Shortly after, the poor young mother went on her way, tearful with gratitude, and the old cobbler resumed his post at the window.

Hour after hour slipped by, and while many people passed and many needy souls shared the hospitality of the old cobbler, the expected Guest did not appear.

Finally, when night had fallen, he retired to his cot with a heavy heart. "It was only a dream," he sighed. "I did hope and believe, but He has not come."

Suddenly, so it seemed to his weary eyes, the room was flooded with a glorious light, and to the cobbler's astonished vision there appeared before him, one by one, the poor street-sweeper, the sick mother and her baby, and all the folk whom he had aided during the day. Each smiled at him, then said the Voice again: "Have you not seen me? Did I not sit at your table?" And all was still.

Out of the silence came the echo of familiar words: "Whoever shall receive one such little child in my name, receiveth me."

"I was hungered and ye gave me meat; thirsty and ye gave me drink; a stranger and ye took me in."

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

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Yule Tree Business Figured in Millions

CHRISTMAS TREES are a multi-million dollar business. Throughout the nation, some 15 million trees are supplied to the holiday demand. Prices range from \$1 to \$5, and that adds up to real money.

A Christmas tree, in the lake states, is usually a balsam or a spruce. The same is true in New England and the Appalachian section. Elsewhere in the country, virtually all kinds of evergreens are used.

The lodgepole pine and Douglas fir are frequently used in Colorado. On the Pacific coast, it is principally Douglas fir.

In Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D. C., a scrub pine takes a trimming.

In other localities, white pine, southern pine, hemlock, red and white cedar and redwood are used.

The business of harvesting this annual crop begins in the fall, when cutters go into the woods after trees. It continues as truckers bring huge loads to metropolitan markets.

Many land owners manage their swamps to make them yield a crop of trees year after year. Thinning operations are another source of Yule trees.

Farmers have discovered that they can get a cash crop from eroded acres by harvesting Christmas trees 10 or 15 years after they are planted.

For wedding invitations, announcements, at-home cards, etc., see the local News-Record shop.

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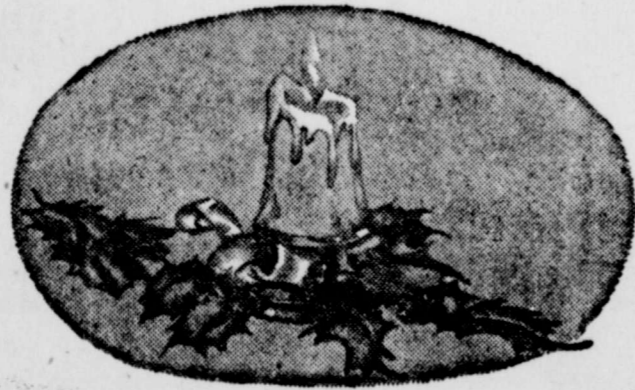
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'Silent Night' Hymn Is Often Called Song From Heaven

"Silent Night" is often called the "Song from Heaven" because the story of its inspiration and composition is one of the most beautiful Christmas stories in existence.

On December 24, 1818, in the Austrian village of Hallein, as Father Joseph Mohr sat reading his Bible, there was a knock at his door. It was a peasant woman who wanted the priest to visit a poor charcoal-maker's wife to whom a child had been born. The parents had sent her to ask the priest to come and bless the infant.

Father Mohr was strangely moved by the visit to the mother. And that evening as he returned to his home saw that the dark slopes of the Alps around the village were



alight with torches of the mountaineers on their way to church. To him it was a Christmas miracle.

Later, as he tried to put down on paper his feeling and experience, the words kept turning into verse. When dawn came he found he had written a poem—a beautiful and moving poem.

On Christmas Day his friend, Franz Xaver Gruber, music teacher in the village school, composed music to fit the verses.

Village children heard the priest and teacher singing the song and learned it. From there it spread throughout the world. Today, it is regarded as the greatest Christmas hymn and wherever there are men of good will they sing:

"Silent night, holy night—
All is calm, all is bright,
Round you Virgin, Mother and Child;

Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace—
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First Community Tree At Christmas Was Held In City of Cleveland

THE COMMUNITY Christmas tree idea was born in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1912. The community raised funds to defray the cost of the tree and celebrations through the sale of preferred stock in "Cleveland, the city of good will (unlimited), incorporated under the laws of the commonwealth of good cheer."

Holders of preferred stock were entitled to "dividends payable daily in the form of happy voices of robust children, the contented faces of friendly fellow citizens and the advancement of the city of good will."

Sale of stock was pushed everywhere, the most unique place being the Cleveland stock exchange where the stock was listed at the head of other securities. The sale brought \$12,000, which purchased Christmas cheer for 13,000 citizens, as well as the first community Christmas for the city.



SNOWMEN FOR YOU . . .
Your local lumber dealer may have patterns for these plywood and hardboard "snowmen" which you can make yourself. If not, use this picture for a pattern and go to work.

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To all our friends,
a most merry
and joyous
Christmas

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STERLING MOTEL
Mr. & Mrs. W.R. Hudson



Behind The 8 Ball

PAPER A DAY EARLY—This week we are putting out the paper a day early so as to have Christmas day off. We need a day or two of rest and relaxation and it falls just right to have the paper come out on Christmas day with the Christmas greeting ads of the local merchants.

Arlington State College student Hector Long, son of the Cecil A. Longs, is her for the holidays.
8—BALL

Elizabeth Hildebrand, student in Stephens College at Columbia, Mo., arrived home last Friday for the Christmas holidays.
8—BALL

Henry Bliznak, student in Sul Ross College at Alpine, is home for the holidays.
8—BALL

Arriving home last Friday night from Dallas where she is a student in S.M.U., Dorothy Sue Lowe, the daughter of the Roland Lowes, is here for Christmas.
8—BALL

Dick Bailey, junior in Texas University, is home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Bailey for the holidays.
8—BALL

Mrs. Marjan Moore and her two sons have gone to Denton to spend the Christmas holidays. Mrs. Moore is the homemaking teacher in the Sterling school.
8—BALL

SEEN IN STERLING
The Christmas lights up and down the highway the manager scene in the portico of the Ster-

ling school—made by the students The Christmas lights and decorations and trees in and on the various homes over town. The Christmas lights on the two ever-green in front of the courthouse. The windows of the stores all fixed up with Christmas displays

City Barber Shop

H. F. MERRELL, Prop.
"Satisfaction Guaranteed"



Merry Christmas

It is people like you who give meaning to our celebration of the Saviour's birth

CHAPPLE'S FOOD STORE
"We Appreciate Your Business"



West Texas Utilities Company

... we troll the ancient Yuletide Greeting

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

We — your friends and neighbors at your electric service company — wish for you and yours a Yuletide treasure of warmth, health, and happiness . . . and that your New Year may be both peaceful and prosperous.

REDDY KILOWATT
Your Electric Servant



Christmas Cheer

Let us open our hearts to the wondrous peace and beauty of the season



GARRETT & BAILEY
Dry Goods

GREETINGS



The abiding peace of Christmas be in your hearts

Vanity Beauty Shop
Sterling City, Texas

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

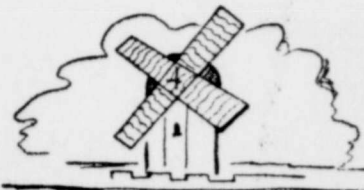
UNITED STATES (Merry Christmas)—Christmas tree, mistletoe and Santa Claus.



BRAZIL (Boas Festas)—A family dinner is first on the list of festive celebrations in Brazil. Christmas trees, gift exchanges and other typical U.S. holiday customs are being adopted in South America.



HOLLAND (Hartelijke Kertgrooten)—Land of old St. Nicholas, forerunner of our Santa Claus. In former years, the Dutch celebrated for a month. St. Nick scattered his gifts about the floors of Dutch homes as early as December 6.



ITALY (Bono Natale)—Shepherds gather in villages on Christmas Eve to play musical instruments as townfolks sing sweet Nativity songs. Thousands flock to St. Peter's in Rome on Christmas Day.



GREECE (Kala Xristouyeha)—Decorated trees, greeting cards and gift exchanges are season highlights. New Year's Eve is really the top holiday, with big dances, parties and other celebrations for young and old.



PHILIPPINE ISLANDS (Maligayang Pasko)—Church services, singing and dancing are Yuletide favorites in the islands.



'Hansel and Gretel' Join the Procession

The original score of "Hansel and Gretel" was composed by Englebert Humperdinck as a Christmas piece. The musical fairy tale created a sensation. Since Humperdinck was one of Wagner's most intimate assistants, his harmonies have been dubbed "nursery rhymes — Wagnerian style" and since fairy tales and nursery rhymes are appropriate at Christmas, "Hansel and Gretel" has joined the procession of traditional Christmas music.

Palace Theater

Wed., Thurs., Dec. 24-25
The Battle at Apache Pass
John Lund, Jeff Chandler

Fri., Sat., Dec. 26-27
"Tarzan's Savage Fury"
Lex Barker, Dorothy Hart

Sun., Mon., Tues., Dec. 28-29-30
"The Merry Widow"
Fernando Lamas

Wed., Thurs., Dec. 31, Jan. 1
The Duel at Silver Creek
Audie Murphy, Faith Domergue

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STERLING CITY, TEXAS

P A I G E

YES, VIRGINIA, THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS
(Continued from Front Page)

all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there 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, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view—and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else more real and abiding.

No Santa Claus? Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, many

ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

8-BALL

AMEN!

8-BALL

Seaman Recruit Pat McWhorter, son of the James McWhorters, has arrived home for the Christmas holidays. He is in training at the U.S. Naval Station at San Diego, California.

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"THERE'S GOLD ON THE MOON! * * * With space travel in the foreseeable future, scientists are looking to the moon as a new source of such precious minerals as uranium and gold. You'll be fascinated by Hugo Gernsback's ingenious plan for tapping these lunar riches. Read it in the American Weekly, that great magazine distributed with next Sunday's Los Angeles Examiner.

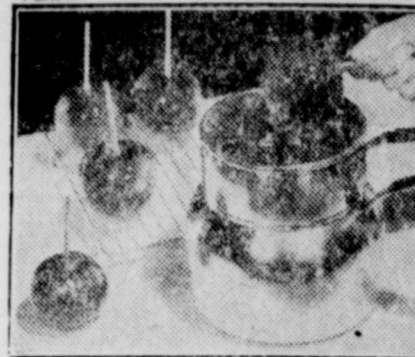
SALESMEN WANTED

What are your plans for 1953? A good Rawleigh Business is hard to beat. Opening in Sterling County. Write at once to Rawleigh's, Dept. TXL-1220-254. Memphis, Tenn.

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**STERLING LODGE
A. F. & A. M.
No. 723**

Regular Meetings on
the Second Tuesday of
Each Month



By JANE ASHLEY

Children have a fine time preparing and eating this apple confection. And it is inexpensive to make!

Apples-on-a-Stick

- 6 red apples
- 6 wooden skewers
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup Karo Syrup, Red Label
- 1/2 cup water
- Few drops red vegetable coloring
- Few drops cinnamon or peppermint flavoring

Wash and dry apples; remove stems. Insert skewers in stem end of apples. Combine sugar, light corn syrup, water and red vegetable coloring in saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until mixture boils. Then cook without stirring to soft crack stage (280° F.) or until a small amount of mixture separates into threads which are hard but not brittle when tested in very cold water. Remove from heat; add flavoring and stir only enough to mix. To keep syrup from thickening, place pan over boiling water immediately. Hold each apple by skewer end and dip in syrup. Remove quickly and twirl around so syrup spreads smoothly over apples. Place on wire rack over wax paper to cool. Makes sufficient syrup for six apples.

We recommend the following unusual fruit dessert. Cranberries give the compote an attractive color and flavor combination.

Baked Fruit Compote

- 1 cup light corn syrup
- 1/2 cup orange sections
- 1/2 cup uncooked cranberries
- 3 fresh pears, quartered, pitted and cored
- 6 whole cloves
- 1 3-inch stick cinnamon

Place all ingredients in casserole. Cover and bake in moderate oven (350° F.) about 1 hour or until pears are tender. Chill thoroughly before serving. Makes 4 to 6 servings. Omit spices if desired.



Our hope, this year as always, is for lasting peace on earth.



For our many good friends we wish only that they n share fully in it.

**BAILEY BROS.
"The Men's Store"**

Merry Christmas



We hope the season fulfills all your wishes

**C. C. AINSWORTH
Phillips 66 Station**



A sincere wish for a fine holiday to everyone in town

**BILL J. COLE BUTANE COMPANY
Bill, Evelynne and Bob**



May nothing but happiness dog your footsteps this Christmas

BLANEK'S TRUCK STOP



May the peace of the season be in all your hearts



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