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FIVE INDICTED BY GRAND JURY HERE TUESDAY

Five San Angelo Latin-Americans were indicted by the grand jury here on Tuesday morning. The quintet had been charged with the burglary of Brock's Grocery and Market on the night of December 9.

Items burgled that night were cigarettes, gloves, bologna and money.

The five indicted were Candelario Sanches, Enes Sanches, Jr., Louis Sanches, Pedro Gonzales, and Frank Gonzales.



Behind The 8 Ball

8-BALL

With John Brock's loud speaker caroling all day, we all are aware of the season of the year. Now, Christmas carols and songs are about the only kind of songs you can listen to all day for several days without palling. Just think what if you had to listen to 16 Tons or something like that for a week. It might get old.

8-BALL

The C. L. Kings are to spend Christmas in Nacagdoches visiting relatives.

8-BALL

A pall of dust hangs over Sterling City all time. It has just got to be a wet year next year.

Maybe 1956 will be a wet year.

8-BALL

Be sure and take your kiddies to Round Top Mountain tonight after dark for the American Legion fireworks display. They will enjoy it.

8-BALL

A Christmas card and note from the James Strongs, now of Odessa, offers good Christmas wishes for all their friends in Sterling City.

8-BALL

John Hamilton says he just about might move to Odessa right away like. I hate that. John and I were just about the only bald members of the Lions Club and his presence made me be not self-conscious of my pate.

8-BALL

Two women were serving on the grand jury here Tuesday. They included Mrs. Pat Boatler and Mrs. Nan Davis.

8-BALL

It is our usual custom to not put out a paper in the week between Christmas and New Year. Especially when there are five Fridays in December. We always have a lot of catching up to do on job work and expiration notices. A number of small papers follow this custom.

We probably will next week. So, if you fail to get a paper, don't think your subscription has run out and your paper stopped. Although a number of subscriptions will expire at the end of the year, and actually be out.

8-BALL

Most of the business firms here have Merry Christmas Ads in this issue of the paper. They are taking that means to wish all their customers and friends a Merry Christmas, and thanks for the patronage through the past year.

Your home-town merchants are the boys that actually make your town—what it is.

They need and deserve your support.

8-BALL

I sometimes wish John Brock had "Sixteen Tons" on his record player loud speaker, along with those Christmas carols. Seems as if I have been digging about 32 tons per day this week.

8-BALL

The L. S. Dubberlys went to Dallas the first part of the week to visit with his mother and sister.

8-BALL

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Harzke are to spend Christmas day in Eldorado with Mrs. Harzke's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Enochs.

School Taking Two Weeks Holiday

The Sterling City School closed last Friday for a two-week's Christmas holiday period. Christmas parties were held in the various rooms or in homes observing the holidays and the holiday began with a festive note.



May the spirit of the season light your way through the coming year



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CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT METHODIST CHURCH

A Christmas program was held at the Methodist Church last Sunday evening. Christmas songs were sung. Mrs. Frank Milligan gave a reading, "The Birds' Christmas Carol" and old Santa completed the evening, to the delight of the approximately 75 children present.

PRESBYTERIAN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM LAST WEDNESDAY

A Christmas candle-lighting program was held at the Presbyterian Church here on Wednesday evening of last week.

The program opened with the prelude by Mrs. David Glass and Dr. Baxter Greer gave the call to worship. Following the songs and program by various ones, an offering was made to the church building fund. The money was put under the tree by donors.

Jack Clark and Phil Cole were choir boys, Edna and Ollema Davis sang "Away in a Manger" and readers included Willene Glass, Barbara Clark, Galye Steward and Lynn Glass.

Santa Claus made his appearance following the worship service.

Jenny Ruth Davis, daughter of the Jeff Davises and student in Texas Christian University, has arrived home for the holidays.

Ether Bird, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Bird, and student in San Angelo College, is now home for the Christmas holidays.

Kent Jones, dental student in the University of Texas, and son of Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Jones, is spending the Christmas holidays here at his parent's home.

Larry Glass, TCU student, is at his parent's home for the Christmas holidays. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Glass.

Grace for Christmas Day

We thank Thee . . .

For a world of wondrous things - the flame of winter dawns . . . soft-spread snow . . . the white star-fire of winter nights;

For talents which enable us to win this food, this home, this heart-deep warmth;

For family love - the strength and stabilizer of our lives.

For the familiar blessings of today - the hope and unknown promise of tomorrow;

For the constant whisper in our minds - spurring us to shape more lofty thoughts, desires and deeds.

And we thank Thee, most of all, for the One Who brought the Spirit of Christmas to the world, urging us to keep Good Will aglow, not as a brief winter's flame, but as constant splendor.

Amen

Ginger Lane, daughter of the Ray Lanes and student in Texas Christian University at Ft. Worth, is here for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth Sowell of Las Vegas, N. M. spent Wednesday night here visiting the Rufus Fosters.

Fireworks Display at Round-Top Tonight

Sponsored by the American Legion

The local American Legion Post is sponsoring a free fireworks display out on Round-Top Friday night at 7:30. It was announced this week. The Legion Commander, Ross Foster, is in charge of the arrangements, and helping him are R. T. Caperton, Finis Westbrook, Johnny Dawson, I. W. Terry, Billy Roland Conger, Harold Emery and M. E. Churchill.

The display is put on for the benefit of the kiddies, and everyone is welcome and urged to come out for the fireworks.

Foster Family Holds Annual Christmas Gathering

At the Temp Foster Home

The family of the late R. W. Foster held the annual dinner on "Sunday Before Christmas" last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Temp Foster. A Christmas dinner, and tree with exchange of gifts and visiting filled the day.

Present for the affair were Mr. and Mrs. Temp Foster, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Coulson, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Foster, Mrs. Allie Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Foster Conger, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Winn McClure and Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Foster, Rosanne, Charlotte and Skeete, Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds Foster, Reynolds Lee and David, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Foster, Marvin, Melvin and Temple Ann, all of Sterling City, and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Lee Watkins, Deanna Marie and Karla Jean of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Finis Conger of Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Austin of Robert Lee, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Jackett of Cameron, Mrs. Guy Dayvault of Dallas, Mrs. Mae Conger of Uvalde, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Conger, Bill, Jane and Bob of San Antonio.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Patients in the Sterling County Hospital on Thursday morning of this week included—

Mrs. J. S. Cole, Jr.
Alvie Cole
L. D. Gibson
Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Glass
Dismissals since Thursday morning of last week include—
Harvey Glass
Brenda Clements
Louis Madrid
Mrs. Fog Coffee

Utilities Company Here Improving Facilities

The West Texas Utilities Company here is improving their outside facilities by putting up new high poles, new service, and putting poles in the alleys. A complete overhaul of the outside facilities is taking place and some ragged services are being replaced, said local manager Tom Onstott.

Farm Laborers On Social Security

Farm employers are reminded by Mr. Baker Malett of the internal Revenue Service that social security taxes apply to cash wages paid to every farm worker to whom the employer pays \$100 or more cash wages during the year 1955. The taxes (2 percent employer tax and 2 percent employee tax) apply only to cash wages paid to covered farm workers. Mr. Malett said.

Every farm employer who owes these taxes must file a return on Form 943, and pay the taxes, on or before January 31, 1956. Farm employers should file their returns on time in order to avoid the penalty which may be charged for late filing.

Any employer of covered farm workers who has not already registered with the district director's office should do so at once. The registration form SS-4 can be obtained from any Internal Revenue or Social Security office. The district director will mail the necessary return forms and instructions to all registered employers.

Hector Long, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Long and student in the University of Houston, is home for the Christmas holidays.

The Benny Greens of Everton, Arkansas are here visiting Mrs. Green's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hudson and other relatives and friends for the Christmas holidays.

Sgt. Mims C. Reed of New Mexico Military Institute at Roswell, arrived home last week-end for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Allen and son Freddie of Las Vegas, New Mexico, are here visiting with Mrs. Allen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Foster and friends for the holidays.

Hal Knight, Jr., student at Texas Tech, is here visiting his parents over the Christmas holidays.

Lions Hear Congressman O. C. Fisher Wednesday

Congressman O. C. Fisher spoke to the members of the Lions Club and guests here at the luncheon Wednesday noon at the community center.

Fisher, a member of the House Armed Service Committee, said if the Russians did not have a war-like attitude, almost overnight the federal government could cut almost 25 billion dollars from the national budget—on defense spending. Fisher said that the free world must keep abreast in armaments—or else.

He said the Geneva Conference in October ended on a sour note. No agreements were reached at all with the Russians. The only hope, said the veteran Congressman was that at a future meeting, maybe the Russians would change their minds about German reunification, world disarmament and military inspection of facilities in the coming years.

The representative said that the Russians, in spite of the so-called "New Look" of friendliness, etc, had not changed their course one bit.

The Texan in the House, in the know about Army and defense advancements, said that our guided missile program was in full sway. It seems that such will figure very much in the next war. He said that scientists predicted that within ten years, a person could set a guided missile in flight that would in 30 minutes reach a specified target—say in the city of Moscow, Russia, without any trouble. He said that of course, what we could do, could also be done by the Russians. They took a lot of German scientists to Russia to work on such angles. And the Germans are the ones who started the guided missile program.

There will be no meeting of the club next Wednesday, it was announced by president Rufus Foster.

Lion Jeff Davis told of the Santa Claus parade jointly sponsored by the club and the Woodmen of the World here last Friday afternoon.

President Foster appointed a committee to attend to the Christmas Cheer boxes here this week-end. He named Bill Green, R. T. Caperton and Jeff Davis. The pastors of the town are to assist, if need be.

Members present were Dr. Baxter Greer, Cecil A. Long, Fred R. Campbell, Will Durham, Jack Douthit, G. C. Murrell, Martin C. Reed, W. O. Green, Henry Bauer, Jeff Davis, Delbert Haralson, Harold Shaw, Douglas Farnsworth, C. T. (Boots) Williams, Marvin Churchill, Rufus Foster, Jim Butler, Roland Lowe, Hal Knight, R. T. Caperton, and H. A. Chapple. Guests present included Fisher, Mims C. Reed, Hector Long and Mike Williams.

Recent Bride Given Introductory Party

A party last Friday night at the community center was given as an introductory tea to Mrs. C. J. Copeland, recent bride.

Hostesses for the affair were Mrs. J. I. Cope, Mrs. R. T. Caperton, Mrs. Bill Brooks, Mrs. Fred Campbell, Mrs. Harvey Glass and Mrs. John Copeland, Jr.

Bridge, canasta and forty-two was played. Coffee and cake was served to the sixty guests present.

ATTEND GOLDEN WEDDING OF COUSIN SUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hudson attended the golden wedding observance of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Reid in Junction last Sunday. Mrs. Reid is a cousin of Mrs. Hudson.

Mrs. Hudson was in the house party at the celebration.

Going with the Hudsons were O. G. Seal and Mrs. W. D. Williams of San Angelo.

Here visiting for the holidays are Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Butler and family and also Elroy Butler, of Air Force Base, Barksdale Field, Louisiana. The Butler boys are both stationed in the Air Force at that base. They are visiting the Jim Butlers and the Taylor Garretts.

Billy Joe Swann, pre-med student in Texas University arrived home Wednesday for a holiday visit here with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Swann.



It was Christmas in the village of Trenton. Snow-covered rooftops gleamed white in the pale moonlight and the night echoed with the boisterous song of Hessian Mercenaries celebrating the season of peace on earth—celebrating with greater spirit than wisdom. Christmas trees, first to be seen in America, dangled tinsel and toys. The cobbled streets were alive with laughter.

Across the Delaware things were not so merry. Especially did this holiday season of 1776 find little merriment among the soldiers of the Continental Army, under command of George Washington, spending the icy Christmas on the frozen hills of Pennsylvania overlooking the Delaware.

In almost constant retreat since his loss to Lord Howe in the battle of Long Island, Washington was in a desperate situation. Supplies were almost gone. The new year would end the enlistment period for many of his tattered soldiers. England had already promised to pardon all who had taken up arms against the Crown if they would return peaceably to their homes. Washington knew he must taste victory now or never.

By lantern light, he loaded 2400 men, 18 cannon, ammunition, and horses into flat-bottom boats. With lanterns extinguished, the boats began to make slow progress across the river that was clogged with floating ice blocks.

When the church clock at Trenton struck 7 a.m. a young American officer named Alexander Hamilton looked down upon the town from a high hill where he had managed to set up his artillery. Washington gave the signal and the rumble of the cannon echoed through the silent streets of Trenton.

Caught completely by surprise, the Hessian soldiers flung away their guns and swords and fled for their lives. As the Hessian commander lay dying from a bullet wound, he directed an aide to read a message he had received the night before but had not opened. It warned him of Washington's impending attack.

The village of Trenton and 1,000 prisoners were Washington's prizes. He probably could not foresee at the time that he had given his nation a great Christmas present. His daring attack and surprising victory laid the foundation of independence upon which the nation still grows and prospers.



SINGING SANTA . . . It seems that Santa Claus is everywhere this time of year. In this photo he is shown unloading some of the more than 11,000 Christmas trees shipped from Canada to the United States.

J. T. Davis went to Dallas the first part of the week on business. He attended a stockholders dinner at the Republic National Bank in Dallas Tuesday night.

SAVE THE TREE

If your tree holder is the type that allows the butt of the tree to rest in water, you can help keep needles from dropping by dissolving plant food in the water. If you use a pebble or rock-filled pail to support the tree, cover the pebbles or rock with a plant food solution. Use one teaspoonful of plant food (or one plant food tablet) to each gallon of water in the container.

Mistletoe, the most popular New Year's and Christmas green, has been an emblem of purity, friendship and goodwill since ancient Greek times. Ancient Britons revered it as a symbol of protection from evil spirits.

Burning of trees on "Twelfth Night" is an outgrowth of the special observance by early Christians on the last day of a twelve-day celebration of the Feast of the Nativity of Christ.

SUBSCRIPTION Renewing time is here. Renew your News-Record before it expires.



PEACE ON EARTH . . . Music is an important part of Christmas observances everywhere and there is something about the spirit of Christmas that makes young voices sing out loud and clear, with a heart full of joy.



The old joke about Dad "monopolizing" Junior's train is ceasing to be a joke, according to some toy producers, who contend that this year there will be toys for adults under some Christmas trees.

Mr. Jay V. Zimmerman, president of the largest hand puppet makers in the world, recently told toy buyers and salesmen that "toys made specifically for adults to play with will eventually exceed the present popularity of children's toys."

This may sound a little unbelievable and optimistic (for the toy industry), but Mr. Zimmerman says the theory is neither radical or new. "For centuries," he says, "man has been playing with his children's toys under the guise it was for Junior's sake, but that's a lot of toywash. They enjoy playing with their kid's toys, but they're too ashamed to admit it."

Right or wrong, several major toy companies are producing specific adult toys this year. We'll just have to wait and see how many Dads receive some of them as presents from Santa.

*With Proper Care,
Poinsetta Plant
Will Bloom Again*

That popular Christmas plant, the poinsettia, need not be discarded when the holiday is over. The right care can keep it in condition for blooming again next year.

Horticulture specialists say you need not be alarmed about dropping leaves. Leaf dropping simply means the plant is going into its normal rest period, which lasts until about May 1.

After the leaves fall, put the plant in a cool place—40 to 50 degrees—and water sparingly. About May 1, cut the plant back quite heavily, to remove excess wood and make it more shapely.

Shake off the old soil and repot in a mixture of three parts garden loam, one part well-rotted manure and one part leafmold. Use a pot just large enough to hold the mass of roots without crowding and still provide good drainage. Water enough to keep the soil from drying out.

In about another month, when weather is warm, set the potted plant outdoors, submerging the pot in the soil at ground level or a little below. Put it in full sunshine unless the weather is very hot. In that case, give it light shade. When nights cool in the fall, put it in a window where there is good light and air and where temperature is about 60 to 68 degrees, but with no draft. Water regularly so the soil never dries out and use a little liquid fertilizer every week.

Long nights, uninterrupted by even a shaft of artificial light, are needed to bring the poinsettia into flower.

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Harvesting Trees Big Christmas Business

While the sale of Christmas trees to the consumer is conducted entirely in the few weeks just prior to Christmas, the harvesting, processing and shipping of the trees may begin as much as three months before Christmas.

Approximately 25 per cent of the retail price of a Christmas tree is the stumpage price; trees retailing for about 25 cents per lineal foot will be worth about 6 cents on the stump and could wholesale for from 10 cents to 15 cents per lineal foot. Total number of trees distributed in the United States is about 30 million.

There are at least 10 important Christmas tree associations and groups representing the industry in the United States and approximately 5,000 individuals and firms are registered as retailers and wholesalers of Christmas trees in the United States.

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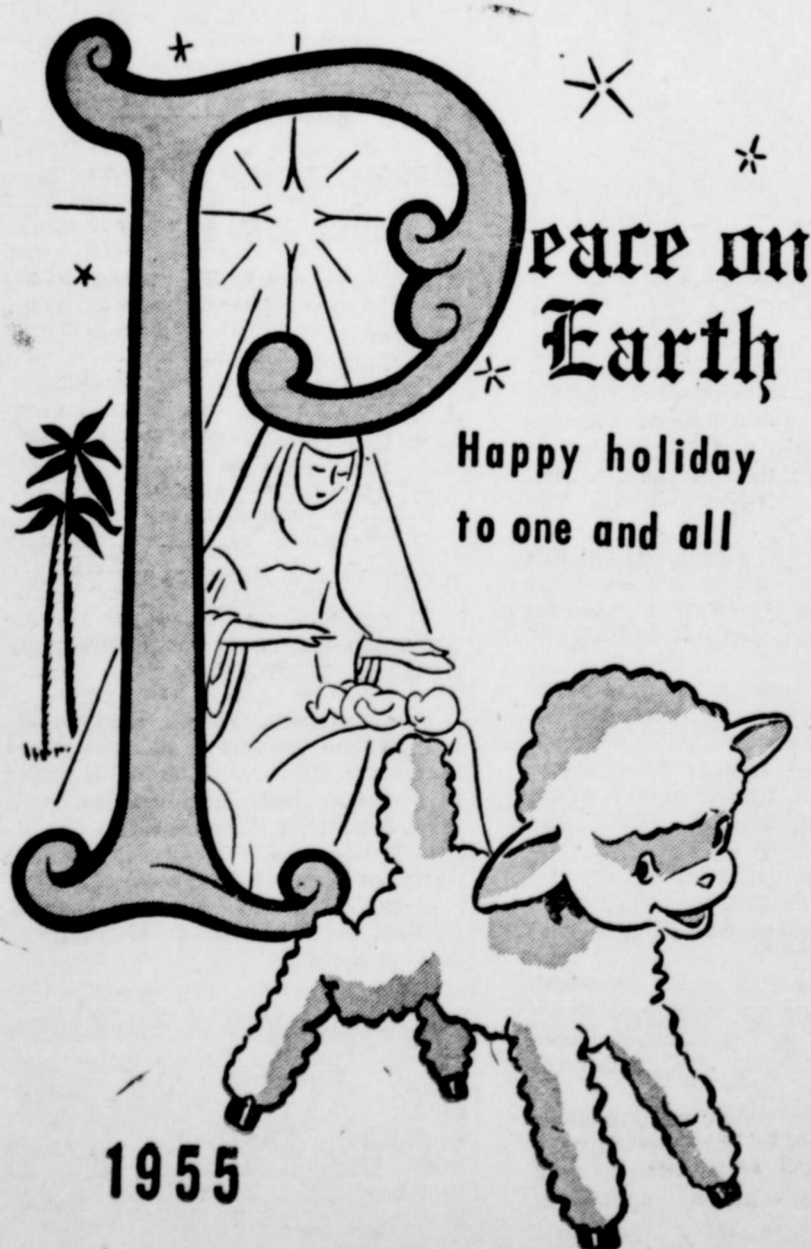
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'Silent Night' Hymn Is Often Called Song From Heaven

"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—
Sleep in heavenly peace."*

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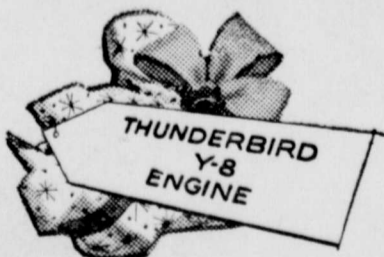


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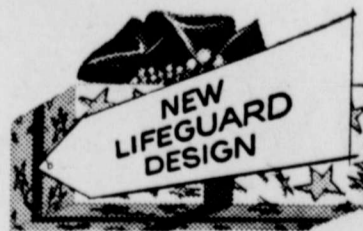
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Bethlehem Rites Feature March To Nativity Cave

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.

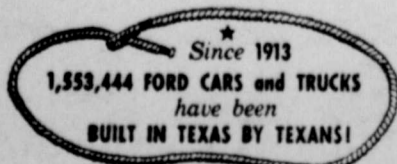
All Bethlehem, however, turns out on December 24 for the arrival of the Patriarch of Jerusalem—Cardinal of the Holy Land—who each year brings an ancient effigy of the Infant Jesus to Bethlehem which he lays in the manger within the cave where Christ was born.

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 under 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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**CHRISTMAS
AROUND THE WORLD**

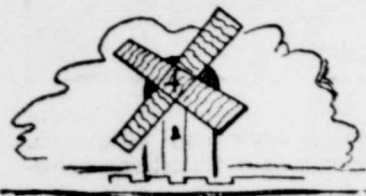
UNITED STATES (Merry Christmas)—Christmas tree, mistletoe and Santa Claus



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.



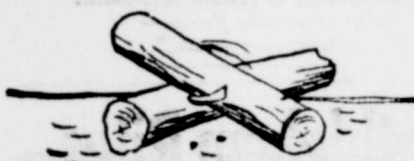
HOLLAND (Hartelijke Kertgrooten)—Land of old St. Nicholas, forerunner of our Santa Claus. In former years, the Dutch celebrated for a month. St. Nick scattered his gifts about the floors of Dutch homes as early as December 6.



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 Kristouyeha)—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.



**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.

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'Lord of Misrule,' 'Hodening Horse' Make Noel Jollier

A DIFFERENT playtime observance for your Christmas festivities is the game "Lord of Misrule."

When your guests have all arrived and have been greeted by the music of the minstrels and the song of the carolers, it is time for the most honored guest of the evening to arrive. With much fanfare the "Lord of Misrule" is announced. He enters with great pomp and ceremony and takes his place as the master of ceremonies for the evening.

The Lord of Misrule comes to us from the Tudor courts where he was elected annually to reign over the Christmas festivities. His word, during the festivities, was law, and the ridiculous commands he laid upon the guests had to be obeyed.

At your party, the Lord of Misrule will command each guest to do his bidding. He may call for singing, dancing, pantomime, imitations and stunts of all kinds. Failure to do the bidding of the Lord of Misrule results in the payment of a forfeit. And here another unusual note may be injected. The forfeit, instead of being paid to the Lord of Misrule may be paid to another Christmas character, the "hodening horse."

It was the custom in Kent, England, for young men to go from house to house with the hodening horse, an imitation of a horse's head attached to a long stick. Two lads, forming the body of the horse, were hidden from view by a covering of cloth resembling horse's skin. The hodening horse was accompanied by paraders who rang the bells throughout the town and begged for money or food.



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

Chemical Solution Protects Christmas Trees From Flames

To fireproof your Christmas tree, which is still a hazard even with electric lights, select your tree four to six days before you intend to decorate it. Then weigh the tree and buy one-fourth as many pounds of ammonium sulfate as the tree weighs. This chemical is available in most stores that sell seeds and fertilizers.

For each pound of ammonium sulphate use 1½ pints of water to make the fireproofing solution. Mix the solution in something tall and narrow that will hold the tree upright. Then saw off the tree diagonally so as to give a large cut surface. Set the tree in the solution in a cool place, away from the direct sunlight, and leave it there until most of the solution is absorbed.

You Can Make a Big Christmas Candle

You can make a big, long-burning candle to fit into your Christmas decorations if you have a number of odds and ends of partly burned candles around the house. Melt them and pour into cardboard containers and remold. Use ice cream cartons, oatmeal containers or others. Use plain cord for a wick. When the wax is beginning to set, tie the wick to a pencil and suspend it in the wax. Let set hard, remove carton and there is a nice candle for your table.

1 B. C. and 1 A. D. Were Not a Year Apart

According to our calendar, one would naturally assume that between the year 1 B. C. and the year 1 A. D. there should be a year called zero. As a matter of fact, no such year exists, as far as historians are concerned, and the year 1 A. D. follows directly after the year 1 B. C.

A person born in 3 B. C. would not be five years old at 2 A. D. but would be four years old when one is calculating data in that period. When adding B. C. and A. D. years, it is necessary to always subtract one to compensate for the year zero omitted between 1 B. C. and 1 A. D.

Why Christmas Candles?

On Christmas Eve the Christ Child wanders all over the earth seeking deserving people—people who are kind and thoughtful of others, and people who have loving hearts. Lighted candles are placed in the windows by such people so that He may not stumble and fall. In the course of His search He visits every castle and hut, no matter how rocky and rough His path may be.



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M. C. Reed Wool Whse.

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SAINT NICHOLAS . . . The remaining bones of famed St. Nicholas are preserved in the museum of Antalya in Southern Turkey. Most of the Christmas saint's remains were stolen by pirates almost a century ago. An old portrait of the saint is at the back.



The progress of Christianity—and our civilization as well—has been accompanied by the far-reaching message of the bells—bells that call the reverent to worship, that herald the approach of a holiday or commemorate a great or blessed event.

But, particularly at Christmastime is the message of the bells most effective. From the echoing ring of the bell in a small mission church to the resounding peal that comes forth from massive cathedral towers, the bells tell of joy and peace and call to the world to come and adore.

Older themselves than the story they tell at Christmas, bells were first used to sound the alarm in fire or tumult. Rich burghers jealously guarded their bells and used them to rally their followers when danger threatened.

Bishop Paulinas of Nola in southern Italy is commonly credited with introducing the first church bells about 431 A. D., when he put up a huge copper kettle on the roof of his church and struck it with a hammer. Before that, a crier had announced services by running through the streets ringing a hand bell.

From Italy, the idea spread to France and thence to England. Not until the 11th Century did bells appear in the towers of German and Swiss churches. Competition among bell casters developed the bells in size, quality of tone and beauty. A founder had to be a metalurgist, designer and musician as well. The race for bigger and better bells went on until a bell was cast in Russia that proved to be too heavy for machinery to lift into place.

Cast in 1773, in Moscow, it is the *Esar Kolokol*. It weighs 180 tons, measures 20 feet in height, 22 feet in diameter and is 23 inches thick. Many costly but futile attempts were made to hoist it into place. China, the mother of many things cast the first great bell in 1408. Weighing 53 tons, it hangs in the Big Bell Temple in Peking. Another large bell, 15 tons, is suspended in the ancient Buddhist temple in Japan. The chimes of St. Michael's in Charleston, S. C., are probably the most traveled bells, having crossed the Atlantic seven times because of ownership changes or to be recast. They last crossed the Atlantic in 1865.



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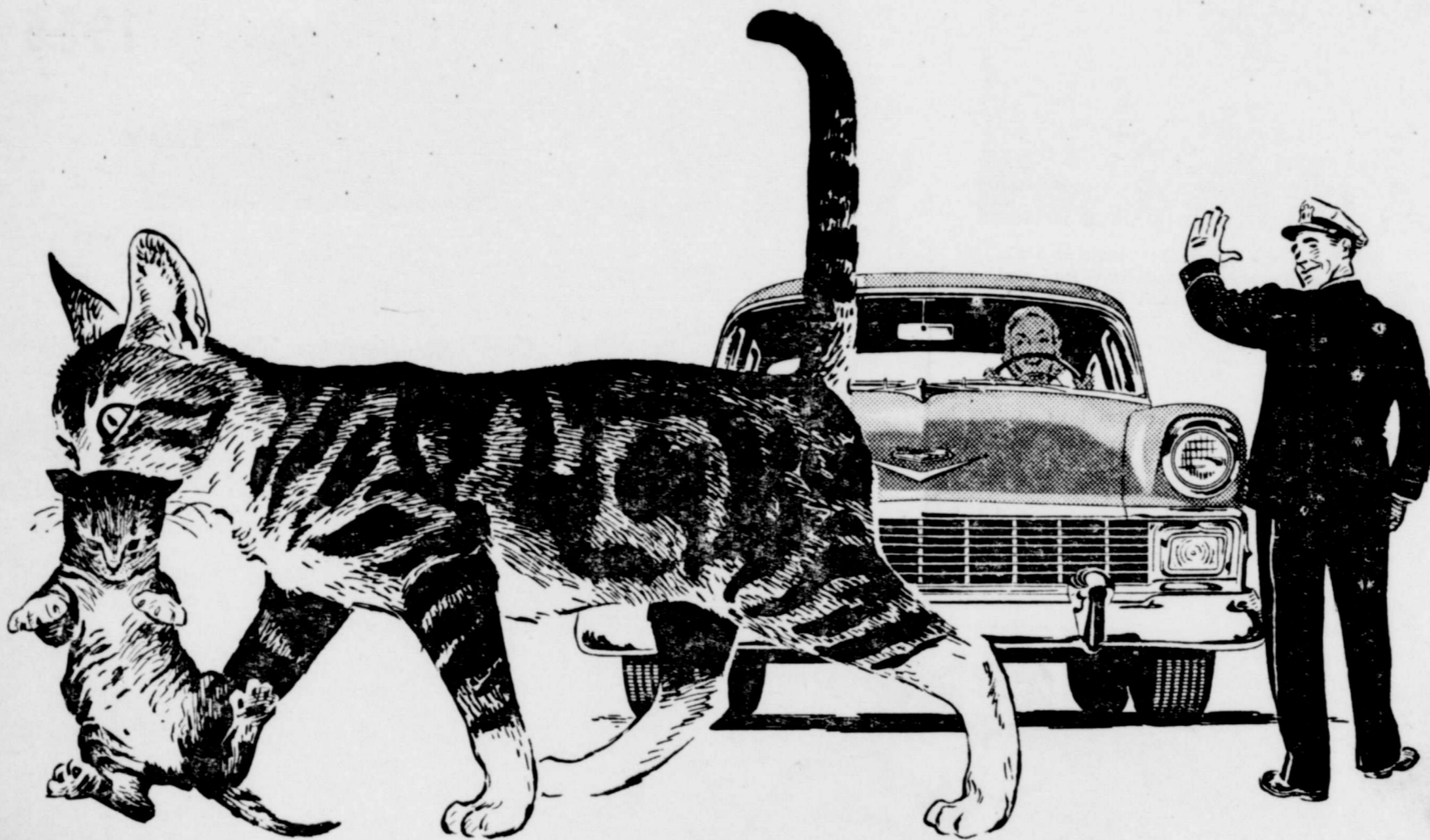
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KEEPING CHRISTMAS

by

Henry Van Dyke

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



FULL REHEARSAL FOR THE BIG DAY . . . Robert wanted Nick, the dog, to have dinner with him at his private table, but Dad and Mom were not enthusiastic until Robert demonstrated that Nick's table manners are impeccable. He did it with a dress rehearsal, which you see here. Nick seems to be enjoying nonchalantly an after dinner cigarette.

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Wednesday, Mid-Week Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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Only one service will be conducted at the first Presbyterian Church Christmas Sunday. The Sunday School and the morning preaching service will be combined to begin at 10 and conclude at 11 a. m. Dr. Baxter Greer will give a brief Christmas Meditation on "The Joy Of Christ's Coming Into the World". Christmas Carols will be sung by the choir and congregation.

Dr. and Mrs. Greer will go to San Antonio Sunday afternoon and be there until Friday, December 30, visiting their daughters, Mrs. C. G. Winson and Mrs. J. E. Gool-nigh and their families. Baxter, Jr. o. Corpus Christi will join them in San Antonio for a few days celebration.

STERLING CITY EAGLES 1955—

1956 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

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Jan. 6—Mer-on	There
Jan. 10—Fors-	There
Jan. 12-13-14—Garden City	Tour-
	ment
Jan. 17—Knott	Here
Jan. 20—Garden City	Here
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	ment
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Dig—These Crazy Christmas Gifts

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If you're buying a gift for a prospective uranium prospector you can get him one of these radio-activity detection devices at prices ranging from \$24.95 to \$200. Most popular model, manufacturers say, is about the size of a miniature camera and retails for about \$35.

Uranium "hounds" are as varied as the instruments they buy. They range from housewives with infants in their arms to geologists and hirsute prospectors—as well as business tycoons, clerks, laborers and society women. An amateur uranium prospectors' club in the East, composed entirely of women, is known as the "Geiger Widows."

Last year gift Geigers were mailed all over the United States. One woman telephoned the New York office of a leading manufacturing firm from Florida to order a \$1,995 unit as a Christmas surprise for her husband.



MONKEYSHINES . . . The Santa Claus who comes to Junior's house on Christmas morn has his counterpart in Monkey land. At least that is the implication here as Jocko, garbed as the monkey's santa, visits "Teddo" a five-month-old java monkey at Teddo's home in Brooklyn.

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Each of my days has been a burden of triumphs, of defeat, of bitterness. I do not love you or hate you. I only judge you.

I have no compassion; only Today has that. I have no encouragement for you; only Tomorrow has that.

I stand at the door of the past welcoming the single file of days that pass through, watching Tomorrows becoming Today's as they join me. As you grow older I absorb your thoughts. You turn to me more and more, less and less toward Tomorrow.

My snows cumber your back and whiten your head. My icy waters put out your passions. My exhalations dim your hopes. My dead loves, burnt-out enthusiasms, shattered dream-houses, dissolved illusions, move to you, surround you.

Tomorrows come unnoticed. Today's slip unheeded. More and more you become a creature of my Yesterdays.

I am 1955, made up of the

world's Yesterdays. If you know enough to put your feet upon me, you can rise rapidly. But when you let me ride your back, I strangle and smother you.

I am 1955. Learn to look me in the face, to use me, and not be afraid of me. I am not your friend. I am your judge and your fear. Tomorrow is your friend.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Brown attended the golden wedding celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Alf Springer in Mertzon last Sunday. On Monday they went to Kosee to visit with the E. E. Youngs. Mrs. Young and Mrs. Brown are sisters.

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Today the demand for cards is so great that many companies spend the full year designing and producing only Christmas greetings.

While today's mass-produced cards are quite superior to the original cards produced by Henry Cole, neither time nor poets have been able to improve on the classical message the Englishman penned to the first Christmas greeting card: "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you."

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