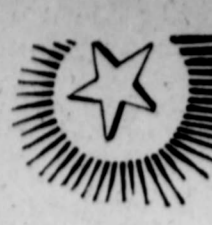
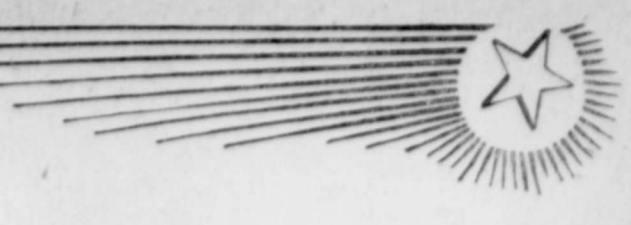


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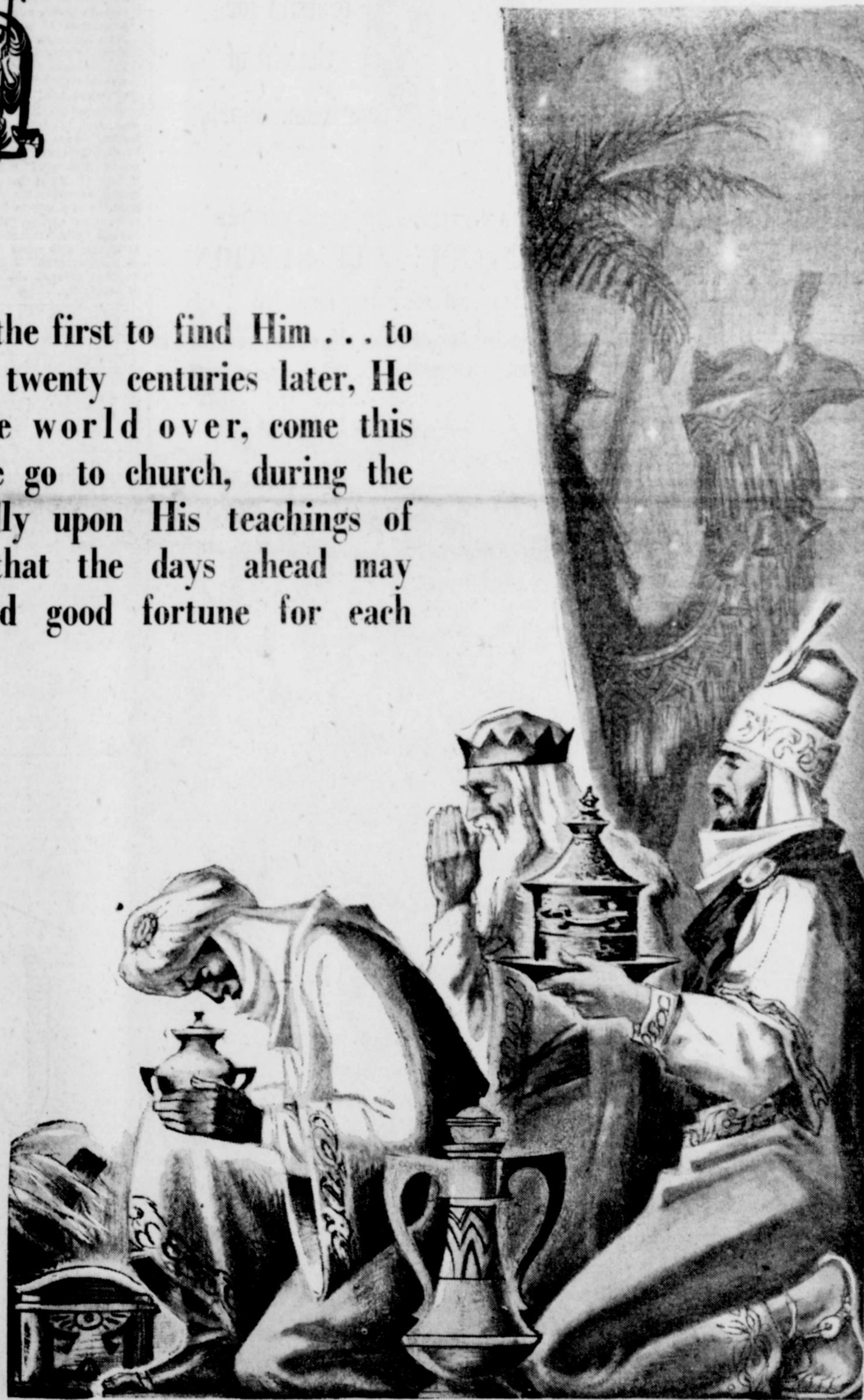
CHRISTMAS



"...and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was."—ST. MATTHEW 2:9



THE WISE MEN were the first to find Him . . . to recognize Him. Today, twenty centuries later, He will be worshipped the world over, come this Christmas Morn. And when we go to church, during the Yuletide, let us meditate soundly upon His teachings of tolerance and understanding, that the days ahead may bear the fruit of happiness and good fortune for each and every one of us.



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American Christmas as Old as Columbus

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

The first Christmas observance was shortly after Columbus discovered America. The Santa Maria beached on Christmas Eve and all Christmas day Columbus and his men worked to free her. When it was found hopeless, she was stripped and as much gear as possible taken to the Nina.

However, the Nina was unable to carry all the men, and some were left behind in a fort, that in honor of the season was called Le Navidad, the nativity.

United States Is Christmas Carol 'Meeting Place'

IN TOWNS AND CITIES throughout America, in churches, public squares and along home-lined streets, over millions of radios and public address systems come the strains of the world's Yuletide melodies—old as bygone centuries, young as "I'm dreaming of a white Christmas..."

The United States, meeting place of carols from all Christendom, contributes yearly to the traditions of Christmas music by writing new songs and popularizing old ones.

The carols of Europe arrived with the peoples who came to America to settle. "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (Adeste Fideles), eventually translated into 119 languages and dialects, belonged to no one nation but was the common gift of the continent. From Germany came Luther's hymn for children, "Away in a manger, no crib for a bed..." England sent "God rest you, merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay..." And France provided the beautiful "Cantique de Noel" or "O Holy Night."

Three American composers did much to revive the ancient custom by writing new songs which are, today, among the world's best beloved carols.

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" was the inspiration of Edmund H. Sears, a Massachusetts Unitarian minister, in 1849. Less than 10 years later Dr. John Henry Hopkins, Jr., Episcopal rector from Williamsport, Pa., composed both the words and music for "We Three Kings of Orient Are."

Perhaps the best-known American carol, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," was written in 1868 by Phillips Brooks in Philadelphia. The young Episcopal minister, later bishop of Massachusetts, was inspired to write the poem by the memory of a trip to the Holy Land two years earlier. The rollicking "Jingle Bells," though non-religious in theme, also came from the pen of a churchman, John Pierpont, and has enjoyed almost a century of popularity.

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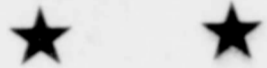
In some states profanity is de-

clared punishable by the statute.

The Pilgrim Fathers used oyster shells as a source of limestone for the flux in New England's earliest blast furnaces.



that a Merry Christmas can mean is our sincere wish for you this glad holiday season!



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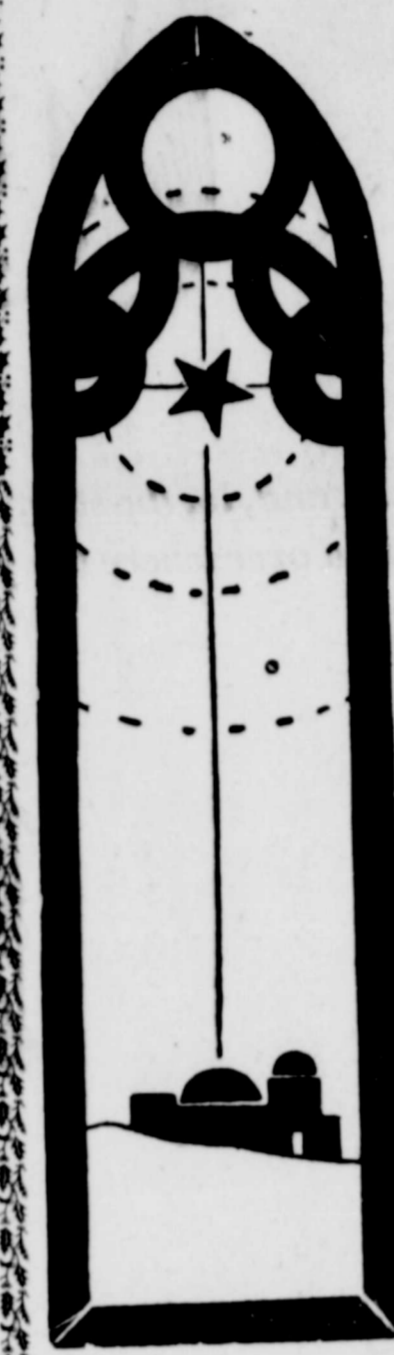


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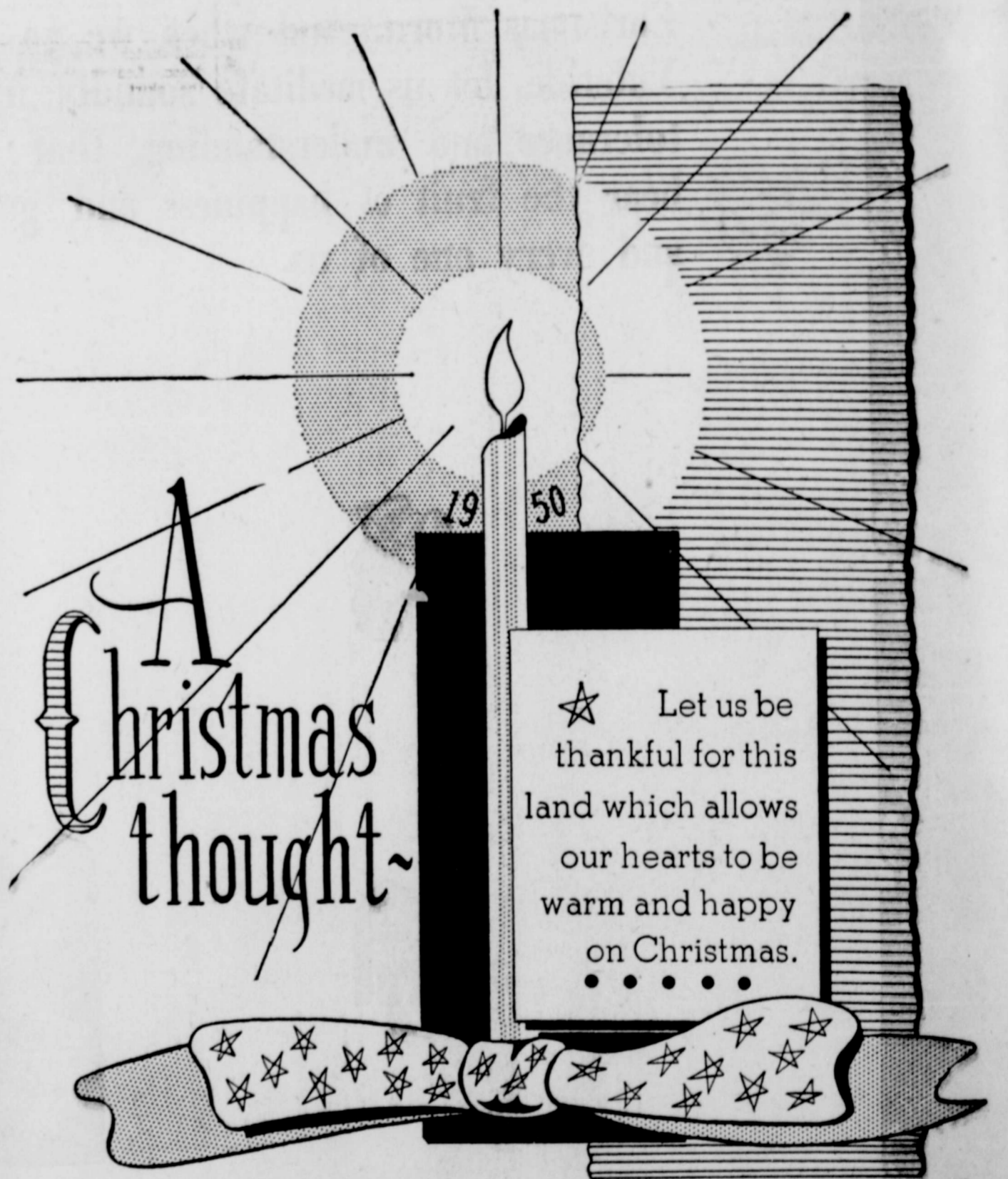


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Martin Luther. Carl Hillen.

1. A- way in a man-ger, no crib for a bed, the lit-tle child
2. The cat-tle are low-ing, the Ox by a-wa-ker, but lit-tle child
3. Be near me, God's lit-tle child, I ask you to stay close by me for

It was laid down his sweet head, the stars in the sky, looked
at the star, no cry-ing he makes, I love the Ox and the don, but
ev-er and ev-er, I pray, Bless all the dear children in

down where, lay, the lit-tle child de-vot-ed, a-sleep on the hay,
down from the sky, And stay by my crad-le all night, in
thy ten-der care, And fit us for heav-en to live with Thee here!



SHIMMERING GOLD—Lame sheath with matching color overskirt of tulle is shown above in mid-winter New York evening dress. Leaves of gold decorate the skirt, and tulle veils the shoulders in stole effect. (N. Y. Dress Institute Photo)

U.S. Place Names Express Christmas Idea Many Ways

SANTA CLAUS, INDIANA; Bethlehem, Conn.; and Christmas, Fla., are a few of the more familiar post offices which each year handle a flood of mail from senders wishing to obtain yuletide postmarks.

Although the federal post office department has now barred extra flourishes by local postmasters using Christmas symbols and mottoes, a town's own holiday name can still give that festive touch to a greeting or package of toys.

Indiana's Santa Claus is the only town so designated in the United States. The privilege is reserved to its post office by congressional act. There is, however, Santa, Idaho. There is also only one Christmas—the one in Florida—plus a Christmas Cove, Maine.

On the other hand, seven Bethlehems answer the seasonal roll call: they can be found in Connecticut, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, New Hampshire, and Pennsylvania. The Bethlehem, Conn. post office was one of several stations that figured in headlines recently on the use of especially-designed cancellation stamps bearing the now-forbidden Christmas tree decoration. The town's population is about 350.

There are two Noels—in Virginia and Missouri. Last year, Missouri's Noel post office reported hand-cancellation of a record 650,000 pieces of Christmas mail—800 for each of the town's residents.

Besides specific Christmas names that dot the land there are dozens that call up Biblical or holiday associations. There is Advent, W. Va., for the Nativity. Kentucky has a Mary, and Oregon and Utah a Joseph each.

One Wiseman is found in Alaska and another in Arkansas. The third, it may be assumed, is in Wisemanstown, Ky. There are five Stars and four Shepherds. West Virginia contributes Goodwill; Missouri, Peace Valley; and there is Joy in Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, and Texas.

For the Christmas party, Turkey is available in four states; Cranberry in three. Kentucky has a Mistletoe. Six states count an Evergreen; seven a Pine, and three a Holly.

Louisiana comes up with Trees, Alabama with Candle; and to top the decorations, Pennsylvania has its Angels.

The song, "After The Ball," is said to have brought \$100,000 in royalties to its composer, Charles K. Harris.



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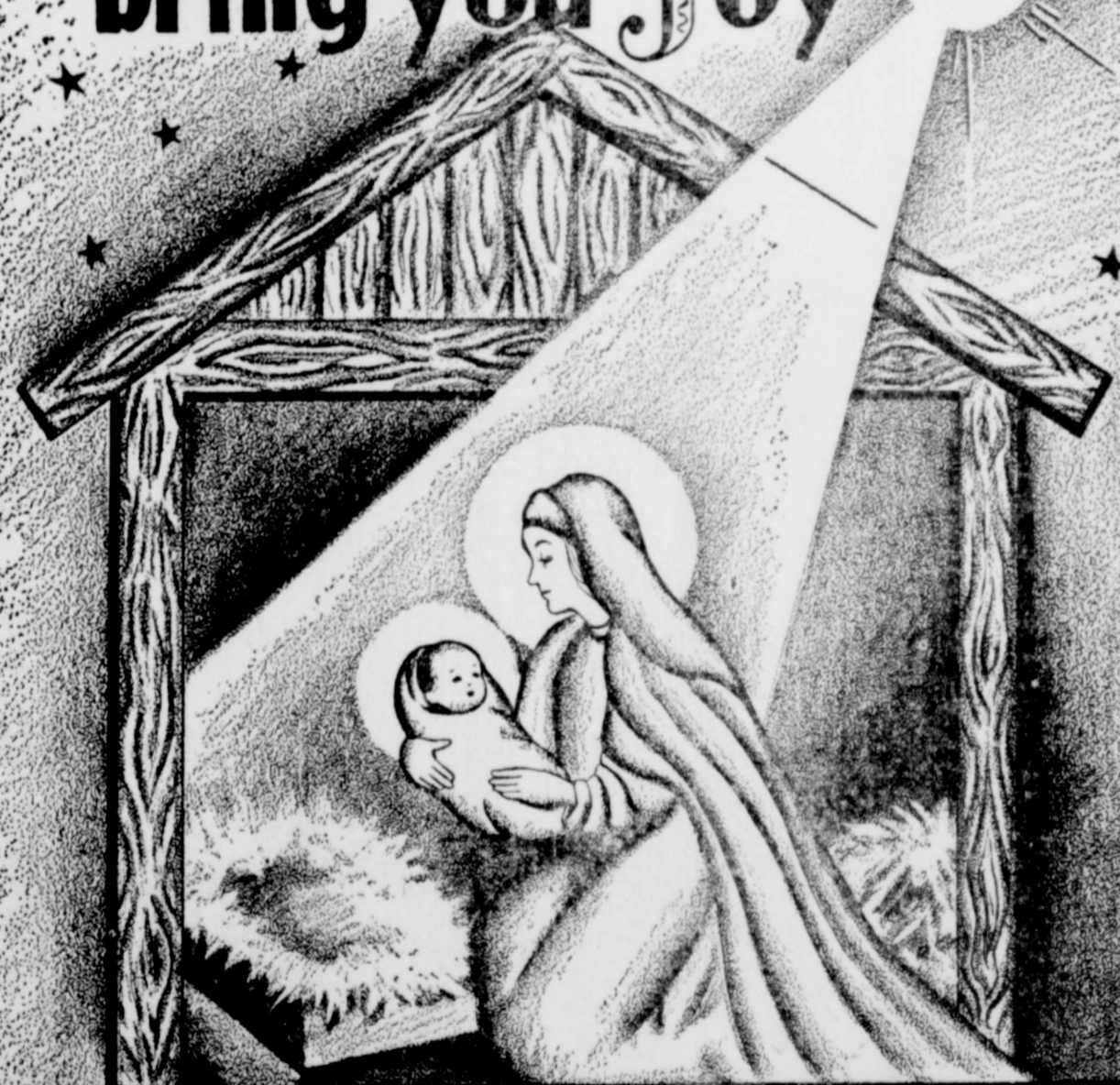
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HOLY NIGHT

Charles Dickens' 'Life of Our Lord' Is a Moving Story



This painting of the first Christmas was done by Feuerstein, an Alsatian who taught at the Munich Academy of Art.

LAST YEAR, the heretofore unpublished Dickens' manuscript "The Life of Our Lord" was presented to the world.

Written 100 years earlier for the exclusive audience of the author's own children, it is a child's life of Christ—a simple, moving narrative, understandable even to a child and yet touched by that incomparable Dickens genius which insures its place by the side of the famous "Christmas Carol" among the great masterpieces of Christmas literature.

Because he felt such deep veneration for the life and lessons of our Saviour, he left instructions



that this particular manuscript should not be commercialized. Thus, the manuscript was a precious family secret for 85 years. But when Sir Henry Fielding Dickens, the author's youngest child, died in 1933, it was finally brought forth and sold for the staggering amount of \$210,000 — or, \$15 per word.

Purchased by the London Daily Mail, the manuscript became a literary event of the first magnitude, destined to be read and cherished forever wherever thoughtful parents, like Dickens himself, want their children to know something about the history of Jesus Christ. For, according to Dickens:

"Everybody ought to know about Him. No one ever lived who was so good, so kind, so gentle, and so sorry for people who did wrong, or were in any way ill or miserable, as He was."

"And as He is now in heaven, where we all hope to go, and all meet each other after we are dead, and there be happy always together, you can never think what a good place heaven is, without knowing who He was and what He did."

There Was No Paved Highway For That First Christmas Trip

There was no macadam highway leading from Nazareth to Bethlehem when Mary and Joseph undertook their memorable journey nearly 2,000 years ago.

As far as routes were concerned, there were three. The western route led along the sea-coast and through the plain of Sharon. This route was unpopular with pious folk like Mary and Joseph who shunned the heathen cities, rowdy travelers, etc., as much as possible.

The shortest route, via the fruitful plains of Esdrason into the mountains of Samaria and through Shechem and Bethel, was not very popular either. The road was tolerable, but steep; however, the Jews had little use for the Samaritans, and vice versa.

The Jordan route, which descended into the Jordan valley and followed the river's east bank around Jericho, was favored by the majority of Galilean travelers who for one reason or another (the Passover, etc.) went down to Jerusalem at regular intervals and knew their way around as well as suburbanites know their way around modern metropolitan areas.

If the Jordan route was a little round-about, it was fairly level—and steeped in Jewish history, from the shadow of Mount Tabor where Saul in desperation sought his "witch" of Endor, to the tomb a

little before Bethlehem where the first Joseph buried his beloved Rachel.

It is fairly certain that Mary and Joseph did not choose the western route when they planned their very special journey. Whether they chose to go by way of Shechem and Bethel, or around the walled city of Jericho may never be determined definitely.

But, the distance — nearly 100 miles—was, in any case, unrelenting and conquered only by persistent plodding. And when Mary was too tired to go another step, Joseph took the packs upon his



own shoulders so that she might ride the little donkey which trudged faithfully at his side.

Verily indeed, did Mary appreciate the shelter of the stable that night—no one could have been more grateful or more happy than Mary. And she brought forth her first-born son, and laid him in a manger.

Flower Legends Express Christmas Beauty

There are many legends concerning Christmas, but some of the most beautiful have to do with flowers.

The Christmas rose, for instance, was divinely created. A shepherd maid wept at having no gift to lay before the Babe in the Manger. Suddenly an angel appeared before her—

The Angel spoke, his voice was low and sweet
As the sea's murmur on low-lying shore,
Or whisper of the wind in ripened wheat.

Then, after hearing why the maiden wept, he touched the ground where her tears had fallen, with the branch of lilies which he carried, and immediately the place was white with Christmas roses, which the maid gathered and laid on the manger.

Of the others, Sainfoin, or Holy Hay, is believed to have cradled the infant Christ in the manger.

And the snowdrop is the flower of the Virgin Mary, and is said to be the emblem of the candles she lighted on Christmas Eve

Christmas Tree Is 150 Years Old In This Country

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

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

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

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

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

Tradition of Poppy

The poppy loaf, traditionally a part of Christmas Eve supper in Lithuania, is a small loaf made of bread dough and baked hard in a bread pan. When cool, the loaves are dipped in a solution made of water and sugar and ground poppy seed which is also used as a traditional holiday beverage.

Tradition prescribes that the poppy seed should be ground in an iron kettle using an ax handle as a mallet, and no Lithuanian would think of grinding seeds for the Christmas poppy loaves by any other method.

Absolute zero is the temperature at which there is absolutely no heat. It is determined as being 273 degrees Centigrade below zero and 459.4 degrees Fahrenheit, below zero.

The average catch of swordfish caught on the Pacific coast of the United States runs to about half a million pounds.

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M. Economists Participate in Study of Western Livestock

By John M. White (Extension Editor, New Mexico A. & M.)

It won't be long before cotton growers in the irrigated Southwest are realizing the benefits of research now in progress at the laboratory for cotton disease investigation at New Mexico A. & M. College.

Although the laboratory was opened only last spring, much progress has already been made in attempting to solve two of the most costly disease problems of irrigated cotton in this area—verticillium wilt and angular leaf spot known as bacterial blight. A new building has all the necessary facilities to wage a successful fight against plant disease. A large greenhouse is used to grow plants throughout the year. Controlled moisture and tem-

perature conditions. A special room is devoted to sterilizing soils and other media utilized in handling disease-producing organisms under controlled conditions. The laboratory also contains equipment for the growth and microscopic study of the various organisms causing diseases of cotton.

Disease investigation work at the laboratory is conducted cooperatively by New Mexico A. & M. College and the Bureau of Plant Industry of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Dr. P. J. Leyendecker, associate plant pathologist in the college's biology department, and Dr. Lester M. Blank, senior pathologist with the BPI, are in charge of the work.

Chester Chew, assistant pathologist with the BPI, has recently been transferred from the U.S. Field Cotton Station at Sacaton,

Ariz. The assignment of the two federal scientists to State College is evidence of the USDA's recognition of the need for more intensive research in cotton disease problems of the irrigated regions of the Southwest.

At present, these men are devoting their time to the solution of the two most troublesome cotton diseases in the irrigated Southwest, verticillium wilt and angular leaf spot. Both these diseases, although known elsewhere in the Cotton Belt, have become increasingly severe in the Southwest, especially during the last 10 years.

Heavy infestation of verticillium wilt, in particular, has often reduced yields of upland cotton as much as 50 per cent and has sometimes caused certain fields to be

retired from cotton. Verticillium wilt is caused by a soil-borne fungus which enters the roots of the cotton plants and causes a mottling and dropping of leaves, as well as a clogging of the plant's water system. To find some way to combat wilt, Leyendecker and Blank are conducting experiments to determine the influence of certain factors and farming practices in controlling the disease. These studies include the effect of inorganic fertilizers, the effect of crop rotations involving small grains and legumes, the testing of American upland strains of cotton for resistance of tolerance (strains for selected lines from California, Arizona, Texas, Mississippi, and New Mexico are being tested), and the means by which the wilt fungus

spreads in the field. In regard to the spread of the wilt disease in the fields, current experiments have demonstrated the importance of diseased stalks in establishing new areas of wilt within a given field. Diseased stalks collected last fall were placed on the surface of disease-free soil in experimental plots at State College and turned under during the last winter. The verticillium wilt disease is now present in every plot where diseased stalks were turned under, while the cotton in the remainder of the field shows no signs of the wilt disease. Further experiments are being planned to determine the practical value of this research finding.

It's only a matter of time before the other current experiments pro-

duce some answers to the problem of verticillium wilt. In the meantime, farmers can fight the disease by following the cultural practices outlined in Leyendecker's publications, New Mexico Agricultural Experiment Station Bulletin No. 336, "Effect of Certain Cultural Practices on Verticillium Wilt," and Press Bulletin 1032, "Verticillium Wilt of Cotton in New Mexico." These publications present the results of verticillium research conducted during the last four years. In New Mexico bacterial blight (also called angular leaf spot) has become particularly troublesome in the Pecos Valley, although it is also quite common in the plains areas of Texas and Oklahoma. The cause of this disease is a bacterial organism which enters the leaves,

stems, or bolls of the cotton plant, leaving water-soaked spots on the damaged parts. This in turn causes a drooping of leaves and damages bolls so that boll-rots develop discoloring the lint and thus reducing grade or lowering yield. The laboratory's study of control measures for this disease has been concerned chiefly with breeding plants for resistance to the blight disease. Literally thousands of plants have been involved in their tests, and those selections which have shown resistance have been crossed repeatedly into the best strains of the New Mexico types of Acala cotton. The results have been very promising, say the lab's scientists, and a number of the most resistant lines will be in preliminary performance tests next

year. This cotton disease research is not all carried on inside the laboratory. Much of the investigation is carried out in co-operation with farmers in the Rio Grande and Pecos Valleys who have set up experimental plots on their farms. The laboratory men visit these farms periodically to take notes on the appearance of cotton plants in the field under varying conditions. So, it takes a lot of hard work and co-operation to get the job done. But when it's done, cotton farmers in the Southwest will realize that this laboratory for plant disease investigations at New Mexico A. & M. College has saved them a considerable amount of money—possibly millions of dollars a year. Research in agriculture always pays its way.

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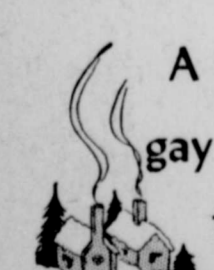
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Kris Kringle Isn't Really Santa Claus

Popular notion seems to imply that Kris Kringle is a German term of endearment for Santa Claus. Just what motivates this idea is not at all clear, since Kris Kringle is really a modification of Christkind who, although endowed by German legend as a gift-giver, resembles Santa Claus not in the least. Santa Claus, as we know him in America, never really caught on in Germany. St. Nicholas comes around on his liturgical feast day—December 6—with his pockets bulging with candy and nuts and trinkets. Well and good, but German parents maintain, as did their predecessors of the Reformation era, that the central idea of Christmas, the birth of Jesus, should dominate the observances. Nor is Christkind depicted as the Infant Jesus himself, but rather as his messenger and gift-bearer who comes to earth at Christmastime to bring happiness to good children. The Christkind is usually represented as a child dressed in white robes, wearing a golden crown and having big, golden wings.



BOYS WILL BE BOYS... Despite the spectacular mouse that Andrea Kleczek is displaying, Santa Claus being the jolly and understanding old gent that he is no doubt will let the seven-year-old off with a warning that time is running out for good behavior.

Christmas Mass

Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve is the event of the year in Rome. Every Roman Catholic church in the Holy City is crowded with men, women and children anxious to see the processions of church officials in their splendid robes. The larger the church, the more beautiful the sight. And, of course, the service at St. Peter's is the most magnificent in the world. At St. Peter's all the men present are required to wear evening clothes and the ladies must be dressed in black, thus offsetting the brilliant beauty of the robes. Even the guards on duty are attired in elegant red and white uniforms.

Mistletoe Has Come Long Since Days of Druid Worship

The mistletoe has come a long way from the days when it was worshipped by the British druids. Its present status as a cruel killer of forests. However, it is as a symbol of love, peace and goodwill survives to this day. Christmas is a Christian day, but the mistletoe is a pagan relic. The beloved Balder, so the story goes, was slain by a mistletoe arrow but was restored to life by the intercession of the other gods. Today of the mistletoe plants are then entrusted to the goddess of love who ordained that henceforth anyone passing beneath its bough should receive a kiss in token of love, not vengeance. As long as the mistletoe was held high could never be used as a prop for evil.

The word "housewife" has been in the English language since early times. It appears in literature of 1225 in the form of "husewif."

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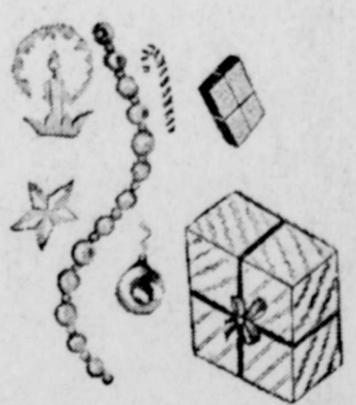


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Vets Cautioned To Understand Home Contracts

Veterans Administration cautions veterans buying homes to be sure they fully understand any contract or document they are asked to sign, before they risk a deposit or down payment on a house.

Inquiries to VA from veterans indicate they have experienced a variety of difficulties in attempting to buy homes with the aid of VA guaranteed loans. In most cases, VA said, the difficulty arose from the veterans' failure to read and understand the sale contracts and other papers which they signed.

Most complaints center upon doc-

uments which veterans find later are not firm sale contracts, or upon "escalator" and "hostility" clauses included in sales agreements.

While there is nothing illegal in the action of the seller, VA explained, complaining veterans are convinced they have been cheated, and have requested VA to protect them.

Actually, there is little VA can do once a veteran has entered into an agreement with a seller. A contract or sales agreement is a private matter over which VA has no control. Consequently, VA repeatedly has urged veterans to be careful, and get all questions fully and clearly answered by the selling agency or other qualified counsel before signing such agreements.

MUGGS AND SKEETER



IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY... The Rev. Hugh Giles (left, on end), minister of music at the Central Presbyterian church in New York, is shown leading the carol singing which marked the lighting of the Christmas trees on Park avenue last year. Six hundred persons joined the choirs of five churches as the 30 trees along the avenue were lighted and dedicated in honor of U. S. soldiers dead.

CHRISTMAS EVE IN OLDTIME FINLAND

The Christmas Eve bath was quite a tradition in Finland before the advent of modern plumbing. The oldtime Finnish bath-room was usually a three-room hut; one room was used for steaming and scrubbing, one for rubbing, one for dressing.

The hut was warmed by a stone heated for hours before the steamed bath, and the "bathing" was really steaming. After the steaming came the rub-down and switching of the body with twigs to increase the circulation, topped off by a roll in the snow, supposedly to whet the appetite for Christmas Eve supper. For supper there was usually fish and prune tarts to be eaten, plus the traditional barley kake in which cream and butter and almonds were mixed. After supper the boys and men stretched their strength; while the girls—garbed in the men's work clothes—blackened their faces and went away to visit other homes in the neighborhood and "see Christmas." The girls never spoke nor accepted gifts, but went from house to house merely to watch the festivities. When the evening's festivities were over, the smaller children made their beds in the clean straw spread on the floor in commemoration of the Christ Child.

Indestructible Mistletoe

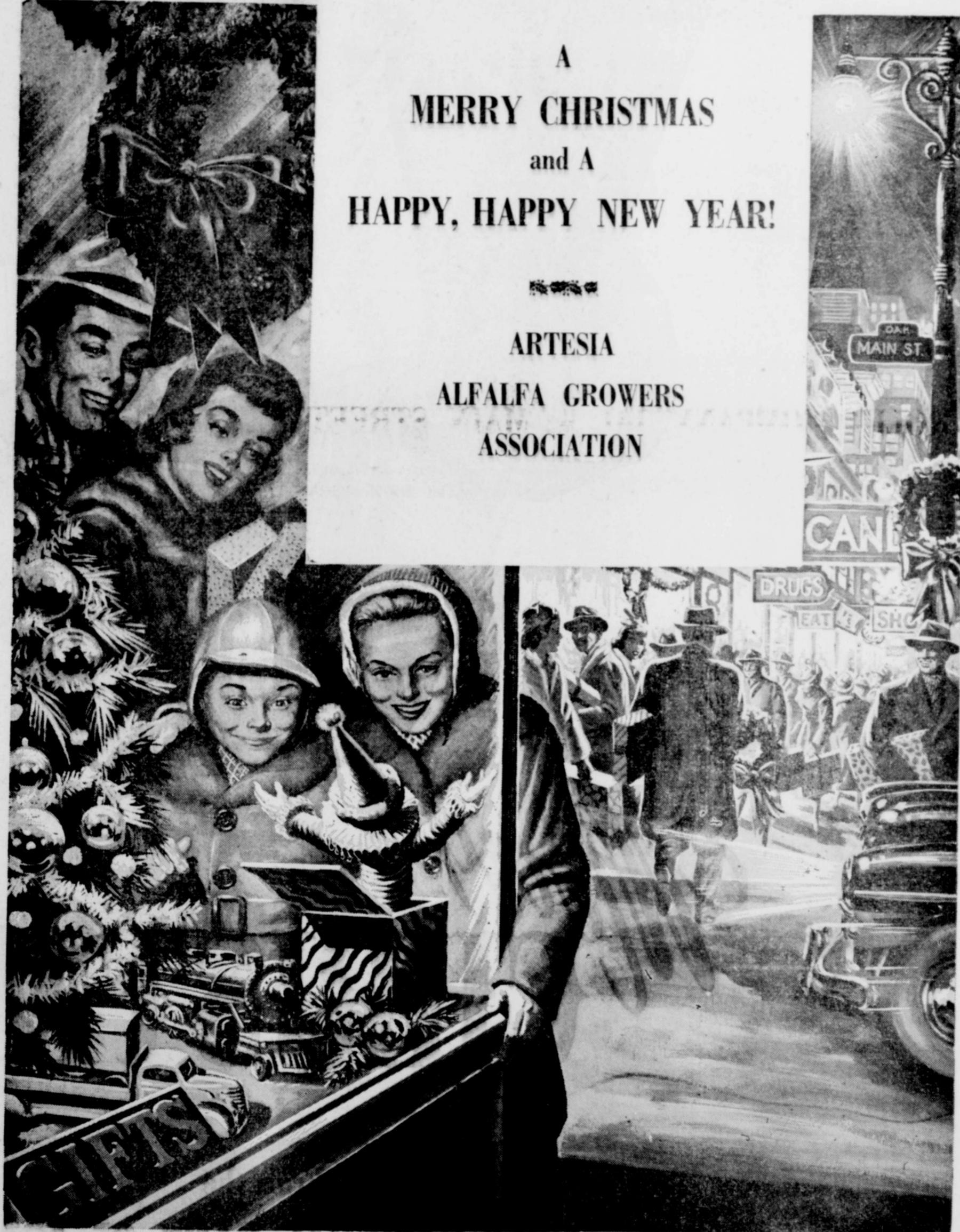
The flame-thrower and atomic energy — lethal instruments borrowed from modern warfare—are out to kill that ancient symbol of peacemaking and love, the Christmas mistletoe.

The unusual battle front is Australia where too many valuable trees each year have been receiving the kiss of death from the harmless looking shrub. Despite mistletoe's popular reputation as the Yuletide promoter of romance, it is a public-enemy parasite in the woodlands, killing off the trees that play it host.

Australian foresters have finally resorted to the flame-thrower as a quick executioner for the plant and are using radio-active tracers, furnished by the U. S. atomic energy commission, to study how the mistletoe saps the water and mineral salts from the trees, starving them to death.

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and A
HAPPY, HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Best wishes
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happiness
this Yule-
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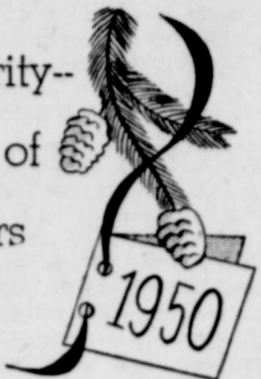
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In all sincerity—
the fullness of
joy be yours
this Yule.



SANDERS OFFICE SUPPLY

419 WEST MAIN

REUNION

By John Scott Douglas

THE DRIVER SAID, "It's a straight walk, and a pretty little cottage, but maybe all you'll find there will be trouble, Hal!" Hal Lennard stepped from the car and said, "I'll deserve it, Ed."

"Seeing the New Year in doesn't mean much to me, Hal. Call the Ashes, and I'll leave early if she makes it too hot for you."

Hal smiled and started briskly along the walk. But his steps gradually slowed. Ed might be right. This visit could be awkward. It wasn't easy to face a woman who had loved you and from whom you'd run away.

He'd chosen the night deliberately. (For it was on New Year's Eve, exactly 11 years ago, that he'd stood on the parapet outside the Skylight Room with Carol Cameron), looking down at the city's lights, listening to sirens announcing the new year.

Impulsively, he'd said, "Will you marry me, Carol?" There was none of the coquette in Carol. "Of course, Hal. I've intended to since pigtail days."

Now that memory made his knock uncertain. Within, he heard quick, light steps, and the door opened.



It was on New Year's Eve, 11 years ago, that he'd stood on the parapet with Carol Cameron.

"How good of you to come, Hal!"

Eighteenth Century ladies of quality were in the habit of decorating their high coiffures with fruit, including cherries, strawberries and pears.

The origin of the sweet potato is not definitely known.

Her voice still had a bell-like tone. She didn't switch on the light as she led the way into the living room. A dog nuzzled his leg as he sat down.

"Here, Thora," she said. "Kind of you to let me come, Carol," he began awkwardly. "I wanted to make my peace before another year rolled around."

"It was a shock," she admitted quietly. "Having a man ask you to marry him as the New Year broke, and then at noon next day receiving that telegram saying that you were going away and to forgive you."

"I had a kid idea that I wanted to work at whatever I pleased, wherever I pleased. Fancy free, and tied to no responsibilities."

BY THE TIME I'd seen some of the country and part of Mexico, the war came, and I went into the merchant marine for the excitement and big money. Crossed the Atlantic in convoys a few times before I had the bad luck to sail on a tanker that was torpedoed in the Caribbean."

He described the confusion of the green crew, how he had been forced to swim through burning oil, and had then drifted in a life-jacket for hours before being rescued. Months in a marine hospital had followed.

"It was the massage treatments there," he explained, "that made me decide to become a masseur. Now I have two assistants. But I shouldn't be talking so much when you haven't mentioned your accident."

Before she quite finished, horns and sirens began blaring.

"The New Year already, Hal. How quickly the time has passed." "It always did for us, remember?"

"It's a nice idea—a fresh new year when people can resolve to lead better lives, start afresh and leave their mistakes behind."

His voice was husky: "Could that be us, Carol? I'd like to make a fresh start with you, darling, if you could forgive me." She was silent so long that he added, "I wouldn't run away a second time."

"I'm not thinking of that, my dear. I'm too happy to think. But maybe I should. There would be problems for us, Hal."

"None we couldn't meet if we had courage."

He found her lips and this time there was no parapet to steady himself. But he felt the dog beside him and gripped its harness. A tail began to thump his leg.

"I believe Thora likes me," he said. "I hope she'll like Buck."

"She should. They're of opposite sexes," Carol said. "That should keep our seeing-eye dogs from fighting, shouldn't it, darling?"

The eggs of the halibut are the largest of the deep sea fish.

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We look forward with gratitude to another year among you

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To all the good people of our town we wish the sum of all happiness.



Let us share the joy of the season without stint.

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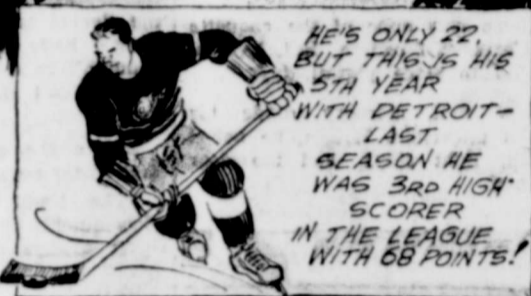
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SHOWS 'EM HOWE . . . By Alan Maver



GORDIE HOWE, DETROIT RED WINGS' FLASHY FORWARD, SHOWED HE WAS COMPLETELY RECOVERED FROM HIS PLAYOFF INJURY WHEN HE SET THE SCORING PACE FOR HIS MATES THE FIRST MONTH OF THE CAMPAIGN!



Decision to Throw Away Cotton Controls Has Farmers Guessing

By J. Z. Rowe (Extension Economist New Mexico A. & M.) The decision of the secretary of agriculture to throw away controls on the 1951 cotton crop may have many farmers scratching their heads. They have seen in the last few months an amazing series of developments in the cotton situation. A combination of weather and insects, coupled with government restricted acreages, will probably result in a cotton crop of less than 10 million bales this year. As a result of this short supply, together with the Korean war and further defense activities, an unusual demand has developed, so unusual, in fact, that export quotas were cut back, in order to assure enough cotton for domestic requirements. Now with the lid off cotton acreages, let's figure out the possible

production next year. According to the Sept. 1 report, there were 18,429,000 acres for harvest from which 9,882,000 bales would be produced. That is an average of 257.4 pounds per acre. Now in 1949, when there were no acreage allotments, the acreage harvested was 27,230,000 acres or about a third more. If non-controlled acreages for next year's crop jump back to the 1949 figure, with at least the 1950 average yields, next year's cotton crop could be more than 14 million bales. Now if the yields are as large as 1949 (which were higher than average, there could be a cotton crop of almost 15 1/2 million bales. So, if we split the difference, we could have a cotton crop of 14 1/2 million bales, which would be more in line with average yields over a period of years. Domestically, we have used on

the average more than nine million bales of cotton annually from 1945 to 1949. The highest war year consumption was a little over 11 million. So, even at highest domestic consumption, we would have to find an export market for roughly 3 1/2 million bales of the 1951 crop. Under present outlook conditions, that doesn't seem to be a problem.

From this, we must conclude that the price outlook for cotton is favorable. Indeed, it would appear favorable for a couple of years.

Is it all as rosy as it looks, though? We are assuming that the favorable price outlook for cotton will continue because of the present international situation, which demands continued defense expenditure, with its resulting inflation. But if cotton prices go up due to war activity—costs are going up.

The draft is continuing, and the halls of Congress are rumbling with plans for universal military training. Defense factories are increasing their output. That takes labor—and the farmers will suffer most in the battle for labor. Labor costs on next year's crop will be higher—my guess—anywhere from 5 to 10 per cent.

Fertilizer and insecticides will probably be higher. Farm machinery will be higher. As a matter of fact, there is hardly any item which the farmer uses that won't be higher.

It's difficult for a farmer to make a long-time plan for crop production which will keep up the fertility level of his farm if he plants to the limit on cotton. Three important uncertainties which the farmer has to reckon with are government acreage and price support programs, exports and water requirements.

A changing government program relative to acreages plays havoc with the long-term plans which are necessary to properly conserve the farm's resources. Exports are at the mercy of the buying power of other countries, whether that buying power comes from American dollars actually earned or through American give-away assistance. The government also plays a pretty important role as a regulator of export quotas, as the market situation in October illustrated. And water supplies, so far, are at the mercy of God and the rainmakers.

to mount. Under the present circumstances, that is all we can perhaps logically expect. But let's say that the impossible occurs—that Russia agrees to disarmament, as President Truman has suggested, and we slacken our defense production. Then cotton wouldn't be quite so important.

But right now, cotton is still king. However, in spite of the price prospects for cotton, some farmers are wondering just how royal cotton's prerogatives are. They are looking for ways to immunize their farm operations from cotton acreage allotment decisions, levels of parity, export market swings, synthetic fibers, etc. They are wondering just how long they can continue to farm on just a calendar-

year basis and achieve any stability in their farming operations based upon the widest use of their resources.

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The true peace and joy of the season be with you... 1950

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MANN DRUG COMPANY

New York, N.Y.
September 8, 1947

Dear Editor:
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?
Yours truly,
Virginia O'Hanlon

Yes, Virginia



It was only September, and 1897's Christmas was three months in the future. But Virginia O'Hanlon's concern was with an important problem at that time, to her, how to spend the season. That was why she wrote her letter to the New York Sun.

The answer to Virginia's question, written in a moment of deep spiritual insight by Francis B. Church, stands even today as a testament expressing two thousand years of faith. It has been reprinted here because it always will deserve to be read again.

"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 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 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 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, can push aside the curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond.
"Is it all real?—oh, 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, nay, ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

60, INSISTS ON DUTY AT FRONT



60-YEAR-OLD M/Sgt. Arns Stenslie, who resigned his commission as major to return to Korea after having served two tours of duty there, is interviewed at North Korean front by press correspondent William H. Burson, Atlanta, Ga. Stenslie, a veteran of both world wars, is from Devil's Lake, N. D. Defense department photo. (International)

YULETIDE GREETINGS

Merry Christmas

Our heartiest good wishes for your Yuletide joy.

1950

ARTESIA FLORAL
PHONE 777
FOR THAT LAST MINUTE GIFT!
DELIVERY ALL DAY CHRISTMAS!

When Father Carved the...
BOAR'S HEAD

WHAT ROAST TURKEY is to Christmas dinner today, the boar's head was to the Yuletide

feasting of Medieval England.
Preparation for the feasting began during September or October when the boar's flesh was at its best. Hunters tracked the animal down with well-trained packs of boar-hounds and it was dangerous sport, attacking the ferocious beast with spears or surrounding him and driving him into a net.
His ear was his most vulnerable spot, but before the dogs could get a grip on it and pin him down, his sharp teeth often wounded—sometimes even killed—the hunter and his dogs.
Nevertheless, the pluckier the boar, the louder his praises were sung, the merrier the feasting, when his head was borne to the Christmas table.

CORPORATIONS can pay a 75 per cent excess profits tax and still keep their earnings at or near record levels, Treasury Secretary John Snyder argues, estimating corporate profits for 1950 at \$37 billion. This figure is \$3 billion higher than corporate profits for the peak year of 1948. Wartime excess profits tax was 85 1/2 per cent.

When there is a discrepancy between the figures and the written amount of a check, the words govern the amount to be paid on it.

More sunspots were seen on the fact of the sun during May, 1947 than in any other month for more than 100 years.



HAPPINESS RULE YOUR HOMES THIS SEASON.

Holiday Greetings

Let carols proclaim our Christmas wish.

1950

Anthony's
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Roach Grocery
307 South Fifth

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

The city market of Lucca, Italy, is situated on the remains of a large Roman amphitheater.

The Pentagon building in Washington contains about 200 miles of steel pipe.

The teaching and supervisory staff of New York City public schools numbers more than 33,000.

Penny is not the official and legal designation of any coin minted by the United States.



We want to say, with deepest sincerity, a very happy holiday to you.

1950

Virtue's
ARTESIA

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Season's Greetings



Direct from our heart -a wish for a very Merry Christmas.

Don Teed Don Jensen
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Peace on Earth

1950

Merry Christmas to you—good friends all.

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Our deepest thanks to our friends for their loyalty in the past, present and future.

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School for Santas



With all his experiences, the modern trend makes the old-fashioned Santa Claus embark on technical education. "School for Santa Clauses," sponsored by a Hollywood actors' organiza-

The Wool Front

By Bill Snyder

This country is now consuming about one-third more wool than was being used up to this time last year. And world consumption is running ahead of production with no wartime wool surplus left in this country and very little left abroad. On the other hand, though United States sheep numbers are slightly down again this year, there was more than a million pounds more grease wool shorn in 1950 here than in 1949.

True, this spells better wool prices for the grower, but this scarcity of wool is causing more manufacturers to use such fibers as nylon and rayon in combination

with wool to meet the situation. Moreover, American buyers are importing twice the wool this year that they imported in 1949. But world wool production is now going up at the rate of 5 per cent, which increase should tend to stabilize wool prices in the near future. Incidentally, the USDA recently reports that this country has the grass and resources to run more than 30 per cent more sheep than we now have, or about nine million more head. Perhaps it is contemplated that more joint farm-livestock operations will be developed—also, that cattle numbers perhaps would be reduced in certain areas.

Insect life has been found at 20,000 feet in the air.

Bundles of Happiness



To all in our town
May you enjoy a
superbly happy
Christmas.

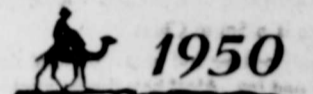


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joy of the season
go with each one
of you this Christmas.

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...ative of the integrity and ...ness prevailing throughout ...rid at Christmas time, peo- ...Holland often entrust gifts ...al strangers requesting the ...by to leave the package on ...nd-such a doorstep. ...-way across the globe. Negro ...es in Virginia long have ob- ...the table-covered-with-a- ...-custom. The dining room ...is covered with a sheet. ...s of everyone in the house- ...are written on slips of paper ...inned to the sheet. Gifts are ...ed under the sheet when ...body is supposed to be asleep, ...even the youngest child re- ...from 'peeking' until the ...are unveiled Christmas morn-



FIGHT FOR THE ROLE... ...aying Santa Claus for young victims of polio and cerebral palsy in opera star Laurita Fletcher, shown reading a Christmas story to Thomas Precious and Patricia Pulio.

O Come Let Us Adore Him



Silent Night

Musical score for 'Silent Night' with lyrics in German and English. Composers: Joseph Mohr, Franz Gruber.



Unto Us A Child Is Born

PLEASANT as it is to dream of a "White Christmas" with its carols and gifts, feasting and merry-making, the sparkling eyes of children delighting in Santa Claus and the wonderful Christmas trees, these things never can symbolize the tremendous significance of the day. The birth of the Saviour was the greatest event in the history of the world. In spite of all the backslidings, Christian peoples have pressed forward steadily. However vicious and corrupt, the world today is far better than the world of pagan times; familiarity with the cross and crucifixion has abolished legal tortures and much cruelty—and, if given a chance, might shame us into banishing the curse of international viciousness for the sake of Him who became the Saviour of Mankind.

The first playing cards, used in Venice, Italy, in 1125, contained 78 cards in a pack. The first watches were made in Nuremberg, Germany, in 1477.

Clear Vision No Collision advertisement with a car illustration and National Safety Council logo.



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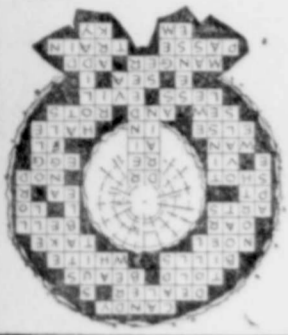
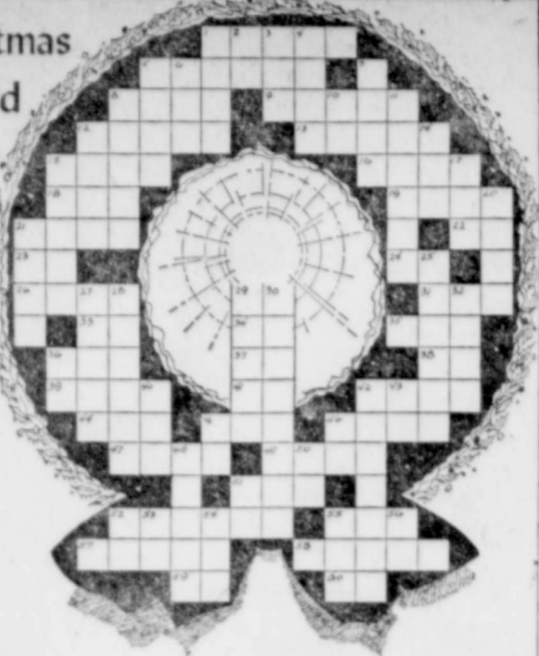
Best Wishes for a

Merry Christmas—Happy New Year

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Christmas Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
1. Conductor
 2. Tender
 3. Reared
 4. Before (adv.)
 5. Merry
 6. Color
 7. Christmas (pl.)
 8. Clime
 9. Clime
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- DOWN**
1. Knicker (pl.)
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MY FRIEND IRMA

MISS PETERSON! STEP INTO MY OFFICE!

MISS PETERSON, WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY WEARING THOSE GHASTLY BLUE STOCKINGS!

BUT I'M NOT WEARING BLUE STOCKINGS! MY LEGS ARE COLD!

AFPS

A pendulum clock that works perfectly in the United States would have to be adjusted in Central America. The nearer the equator, the slower the pendulum swings.

At one time scientists said that the chemicals in the human body were worth about a dollar, now they say they are worth more than \$30.

To make one ton of steel, the railroads haul about four tons of ore, coal, coke, scrap iron and limestone.

Most iron ores are reddish in color.

DOLLIES ALL Barbara Johnson (left) and Patricia Abel, both orphans, are in a virtual paradise, seated amid so many playmates. The dolls, more than 500 of them, were dressed by volunteer workers for distribution to charitable organizations as Christmas gifts.

America Has Provided World With Poinsettia

WHILE IT SEEMS rather odd, it certainly is interesting that America has given the world its most beloved Christmas plant—the poinsettia. This plant, like so many others of our best flowers, is native to tropical America. The florist has been able to propagate it and grow it in a small pot, so that, with its flaming red waxes or leaves, it makes a most desirable Christmas plant.

There is a sentiment that goes with most Christmas plants — we hate to throw them away. What can be done with the poinsettia? Most of us figure that it is easier and cheaper to throw it away. However, if properly handled, it will bloom for you a second or even a third or fourth year. You can even propagate it, if you wish, and have more plants.

Give the plant a resting period around the middle of February. The florist simply lays it under the benches, but you will probably put it in your basement. Water it occasionally — enough to keep the wood from wilting, but no more. Then, around the latter part of May or early in June, bring it out, cut it back rather severely, and re-pot it. You can then put it outside if you wish in the shade of a tree or shrub, and water it enough to keep it growing. Of course, if you have a nice, warm, sandy spot, you might plant it right in the ground, but most of us prefer to leave it in the pot.

Merry Christmas 1950

May your happiness match the brightness of Yuletide.

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GOOD START By Alan Maver

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STARTED A NEW SEASON WITH HIS 2ND CONSECUTIVE NORTH AND SOUTH OPEN.

IT'S MY FAVORITE GREEN

BEN HOGAN KEPT SAM FROM REPEATS IN THE 'GOLFER OF THE YEAR' BALLOTING BUT NOTHING CAN KEEP HIM FROM RETAINING TOP HONORS IN THE 'LONG GREEN' DEPARTMENT.

HE'S THE FIRST PLAYER IN 23 YEARS TO WIN THE NORTH AND SOUTH TWICE IN A ROW!

NOEL 1950

Merry Christmas

For our town and its good people, a joyous and bountiful season.

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Wishing you the BEST of everything for

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Season's Best

May Santa's packages hold peace, joy and health.

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Leather Goods for Christmas
Complete Shoe Repair

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We're deep grateful for the gift of your friendship

JOE MITCHELL & SON

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YULETIDE GREETINGS

Merry Christmas 1950

1950

• We hope that peace will dwell in all the homes of our town.

Ford

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Active Disintegration Is Now in Dating Archeological Finds

Active disintegration measurement as a new method of dating archeological finds was described by geologist Frank C. Hibben in a lecture on "Ancient Man" at the University of New Mexico School of Mines at recently.

Distance found in living and once-living tissues, as a key to calculating dates, is now being explored by scientists, according to Dr. Hibben. Carbon 14, present in the atmosphere, is breathed in by humans and animals. The substance disintegrates by radiation at about the same rate it is received in the body, thus maintaining a normal balance. When the living organism dies, it ceases to receive carbon 14 replacement, and the radioactive material disintegrates at a rate which can be measured. Materials of known dating, such as Egyptian mummies, have been tested to perfect this

method. It is possible to date evidences of life—such as bones and plants—which existed between 2000 and 20,000 years ago.

According to Dr. Hibben, Folsom Man, indications of whose existence were first found near Folsom, N. M., and later in many parts of North America, has been placed at 4000 years ago by carbon 14 dating. Cochise Man, a human type once inhabiting Arizona and California, lived 9000 years ago. Finds in Alaska point to man's existence on this continent more than 20,000 years ago.

In describing the earliest inhabitants of America, Dr. Hibben pointed out the curious fact that no human remains have yet been found—"not even a front tooth." What these ancient people did with

their dead is still a matter for speculation. Large numbers of stone implements, camp fire sites, and other evidences of human activity have been unearthed, but not a single shred of human bone.

Outlining archeologists' search for early man in America, Hibben told how the famous "Folsom points"—six-inch stone javelin points with a peculiar central groove—were found associated with the bones of now-extinct mammoths, camels, tiny American horses, and other animals which Folsom Man hunted for food. Astonishingly large deposits of these bones have been uncovered in excavations near Clovis and Portales and at various places as far north as Canada.

Hibben spoke in detail of the finding of evidence of "Sandia Man" in a cave near Placitas, northeast of Albuquerque. Stone weapons of a type different from the Folsom were found by University of New Mexico anthropologists beneath heavy deposits of cave dripstone. He described graphically the difficulties of working in the dry, dusty caves, and the dangers of dust pneumonia. Sandia Man implements also have been found near Carlsbad and Roswell.

"Cochise Man," a tribe of "gatherers" who lived chiefly on roots and berries, was named from the town of Cochise in Southern Arizona, where tools were found associated with mammoth ivory, Hibben said.

Hundreds of thousands of Ice-Age animals grazed on what is now the frozen muck of the Yukon Valley, more than 20,000 years ago, Dr. Hibben explained in a dramatic portrayal of Alaskan explorations. Ancient visitors to America apparently were hunters following the herds of mammoth, bison, and other animals across the Bering Strait, which was then a continuous land strip because so much water was held in the Polar ice cap during glacial ages. Countless animal skeletons—and in some cases, actual flesh and skin—are preserved in the ice of the Alaskan muck. The bones are so plentiful that they are plowed out of the way by bulldozers during gold-mining operations, according to Hibben.

The skin of a large extinct bobcat, with "ferocious teeth," was so well preserved that scientists could determine that it was striped.

Agronomist Says Don't Overgraze Any Pastures

Irrigated pastures—even those in the fertile valleys of New Mexico—may be just as easily damaged by overgrazing as range or native grassland, Gordon B. Hoff, extension agronomist at New Mexico A. & M. College, has pointed out.

"Pasture grazing should stop in the fall in time to allow some regrowth before frost," Hoff said. "Wise farmers never allow cattle to run over a pasture during the winter or put them on in the spring until the pasture has a good start."

"Some farmers wonder why their pastures are heavily infested with weeds and need to be clipped often. This condition is usually a good sign that the pasture has been overgrazed. Turf-type pastures especially should not be grazed closer than two inches."

If a pasture is closely grazed

Prison Riot Victim



HEAD SWATHED in bandages, Jess Day, one of five guards wounded in riot of state penitentiary prisoners in Santa Fe, N. M., stands in prison yard, a guard tower in background. Some 150 convicts armed with blackjacks, razors, lengths of pipe staged a riot termed worst in the prison's history. State and city police were called to help. (International)



during the summer, the grasses and legumes will be slow to recover, and the result will be lower seasonal yields, the agronomist explained. The best insurance is to guard against overgrazing of pastures at all times, he added.

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The United States' first treaty with a foreign power was written in 1778—a treaty with France.

FOREST FIRE LOSSES SHOW INCREASE

During the first nine months of 1950, Arizona and New Mexico experienced an unusual loss from forest fires, according to the U.S. Forest Service.

The number of fires showed an increase of only 23 over the 1594 reported last year, but the acreage burned rose from 3263 in 1949 to 32,203 in 1950. The average area burned in the 1945-49 period for these states is 19,616 acres.

S.O.S. has been used as a ship distress call since 1911. Previously, the letters C.D.Q. were used.

The zinnia is a native of Mexico.

Prices of Wool In 1951 Expected To Be Higher

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics predicted in October that growers probably would receive higher prices for their wool in 1951 than they have this year.

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more than 62 cents that growers in this country received for sold and contracted wools in September of this year, wool prices are likely to be higher in 1951—barring, of course, the imposition of price controls.

The lamb market also has been very good, with several sales in the Vaughn area going at 28 to 30 cents a pound, both for feeders and breeders. One cross-bred breeder weighed a large number of lambs over the Vaughn scales in October at 92 pounds.

Unfortunately, many growers had contracted their lambs, as well as wool, too early this year to bring the high prices that are being paid for both this fall.

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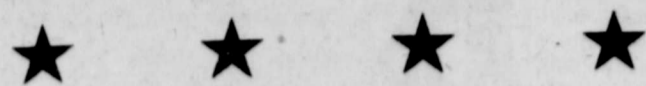
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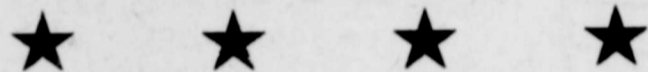
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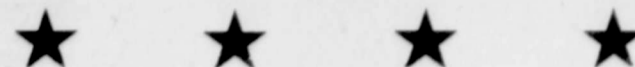


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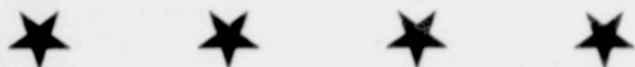
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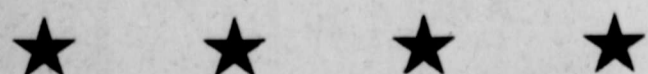
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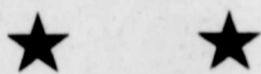


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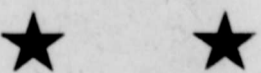


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The change, originally announced by the Production and Marketing Administration, includes combining the present "prime" and "choice," and setting up a new grade to be called "good," which will consist of beef from the higher quality young cattle now graded "commercial." Beef from older cattle will continue to be graded "commercial."

This revision in the standards will make the grades more useful in reflecting beef production practices and consumer preferences. The higher quality young beef now in the present "commercial" grade is popular with a large segment of the population and its identification as a separate grade will be beneficial to both the producers and the consumers. By combining "prime" and "choice" grades, the

grade name "prime" will become a more important factor in meat grading, as less than half of 1 percent of the total beef production qualifies for the present "prime" grade.

This shift in beef grade names should have no effect on price, the USDA emphasizes. Beef prices are determined by relative demand for different kinds of beef rather than by grade designations. Grades provide homemakers, retailers, packers and others a uniform guide for use in trading in meats.

In general, beef grades seen in retail stores after Dec. 29 will in-

clude: "Prime"—A combination of present "prime" and "choice" grades. This grade will provide an excellent quality beef with a wide selection of cuts suitable for broiling and roasting.

"Choice"—Formerly "good" grade. This grade will consist of high quality beef which will usually be leaner than "prime." Cuts will be juicy and tender with a desirable flavor. Many cuts may be broiled or roasted.

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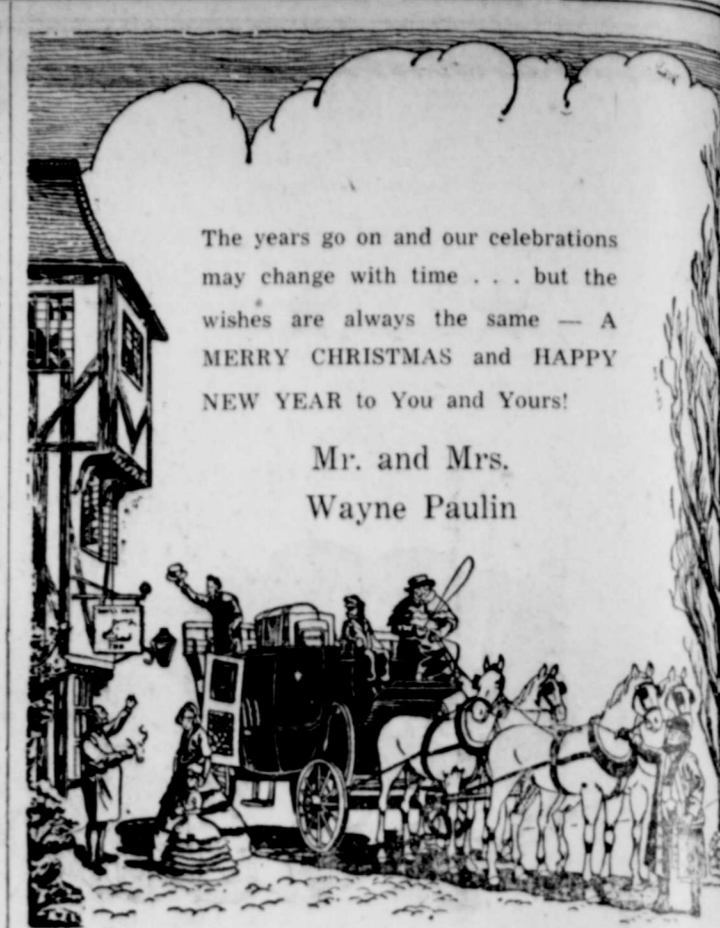
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To minimize confusion in the changeover to these new grades, those financially interested in beef federally graded prior to Dec. 29 may request to have the beef re-rolled with the new grade designation without charge after the change becomes effective. Any retailer, wholesaler, packer or other meat handler may request this free service.

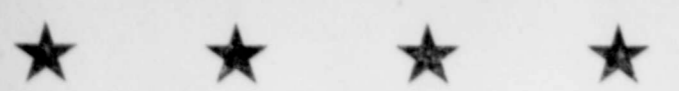
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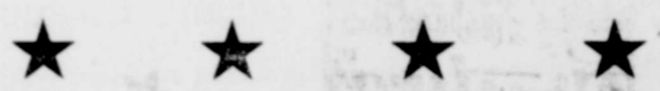


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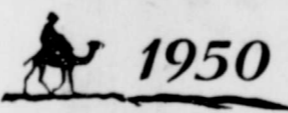


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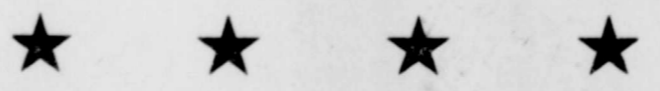
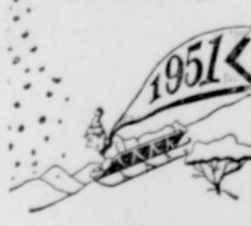
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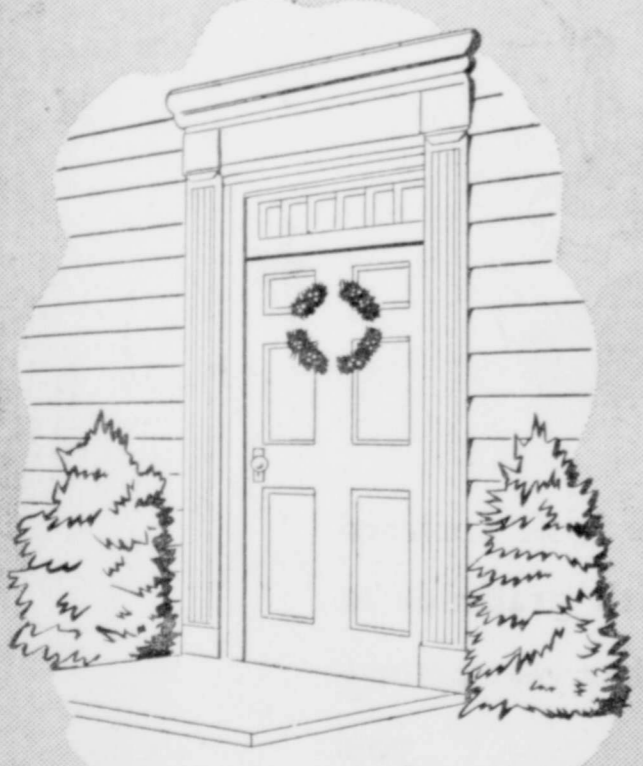
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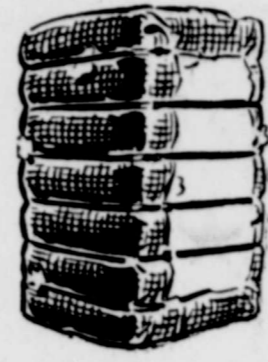
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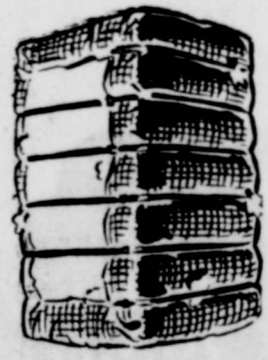
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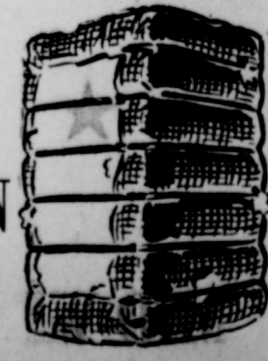
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Demand for workers is skyrocketing along the West Coast, especially in California, according to information released by the Bureau of Employment Security. Highly skilled workers have again become scarce in many trades and as a result employers are less choosy about experience and qualifications.

Despite creeping shortages, the Rosie the Riveter of World War II fame is not staging a comeback—not yet, at least. Only a few women have been hired to replace men in industry. But employers shy away from giving jobs to armed forces reservists or to youths who are in the draft.

Chino Employees Invest Million In Savings Bonds

Employees of Chino Mines Division, Kennecott Copper Corporation, have invested \$1,481,109 in U. S. Savings Bonds through a payroll savings plan, from June, 1943, through September, 1950. This announcement was made by William H. Goodrich, general manager of the division. If held to maturity these bonds will be worth two million dollars and return an interest around \$37,500 a year.

"Our company takes pride in the excellent character of its employees," said Goodrich, "and especially in those who save some of their earnings and invest wisely. The average savings under this payroll savings plan per employee runs to \$2631. Those employees participating are to be congratulated upon their habits of thrift and wise money management."

By reason of the fact that the percentage of participants and the total amount allotted for bonds varies so slightly over the years, Goodrich is inclined to believe that bond buyers are steadier employees. They come to work more regularly and have fewer accidents.

Goodrich further pointed out that in December, 1945, a total of 44.4 per cent of 1666 Chino workers purchased Savings Bonds on the payroll savings plan worth \$16,707.92, at issue price. In September, 1950, 28 per cent of 2184 employees invested \$20,140.93 in Savings Bonds, also at issue price.

Beginning in January, 1946, the percentage of participation declined to 27.2 in July and August, 1947. Since that time an increase has been gradual but steady. Employment has risen by about 300 people, in the last three years.

"When an employee practices saving money regularly," General Manager Goodrich pointed out, "he usually has a definite, worthwhile goal in mind—like increasing his income at retirement, buying a new home, sending his children to college, or going into business for himself. I am quite certain that the payroll savings plan is of great benefit to employees and justifies the small additional expense which the company bears."

BACK AGAIN OVER 38TH PARALLEL



A JEEP of the U. S. 8th Army rolls across the 38th parallel dividing North and South Korea as UN forces retreat before the advancing million-man Chinese Communist invasion. Photo by International News photographer Fred Waters. (International Radiophoto)

P.C.A. Employees Heavy Investors In Savings Bonds

Employees of the Potash Company of America of Eddy County have invested nearly a third of a million dollars (\$332,850) in U.S. Savings Bonds through a payroll savings plan since Jan. 1, 1946. G. F. Coope, president of the company, has announced.

"In December, 1945, 50 per cent of our 662 employees bought \$19,068 worth of Savings Bonds by this plan," said Coope. "During October of this year, 102 of our 969 employees invested \$2617.45 in the same way."

"Following the close of World War II, the number of people participating and the amount put into Savings Bonds showed a gradual decrease. The low point was reached in January to March quarter of 1950.

"It is surprising to some people that our employees have saved so much money in this manner as the above figures show. However, to our management which knows the generally high level of our associates in the company, this situation is not surprising. "I am quite certain that this payroll savings plan has been of great advantage to the employees who have used it," President Coope concluded. "Many of them would not have saved so much money without it, and we are glad to continue offering the plan."

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No. 12019
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The address of Plaintiff is Artesia, New Mexico, and William M. Siegenthaler, of Artesia, New Mexico, is attorney for Plaintiff.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and placed my official seal this 20th day of October, 1950.
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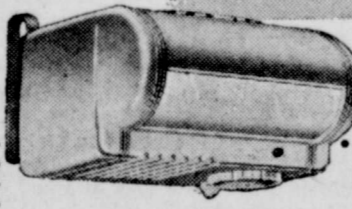
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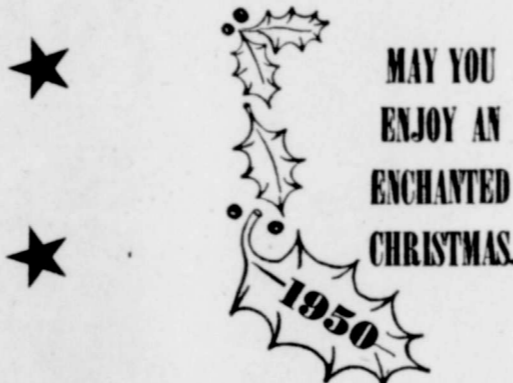


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By John Scott Douglas

AGGIE GARRETT, their hostess, shouted. "Quiet, quiet, you clowns, snake-charmers, pirates, dancing girls and frontier gamblers! Gather round, while the men draw their partners."

Costumed guests in domino half-masks circled Aggie, and a clown drew a slip from her Mexican sombrero. His glance swept the smiling group of masked girls until it reached one in Egyptian costume. "You're mine, Cleopatra!" he exclaimed, laughing.

A big, rugged-jawed man dressed as a pirate was next. After scanning the girls, he yelled indignantly, "Who's run off with Bo-Peep?" "Oh, Captain Kidd!" Aggie cried. "She came late and hasn't come down yet. Maybe you'd better draw another slip."

"Not me!" said the big pirate gaily. "I'm partial to shepherdesses."

He walked into the hall and then stopped suddenly. Descending the stairs was Bo-Peep, crook in hand. Small and shapely, with ash-blond hair, she had a pert nose and through her brief green mask peered two startled blue eyes.



"Does that costume express your personality, Captain Kidd?"

"What a lovely Bo-Peep," he said. "It seems we're partners." "Does that costume express your personality, Captain Kidd?"

"My wife Judy thought so," he said wryly. "But I haven't seen her for millions of years. Or maybe three months separation from her just seems that long. In truth, Bo-Peep, this was the last costume left that would fit me. So many New Year parties, you know!"

The girl hesitated. "Separations aren't just hard for men, Captain Kidd. It seems ages since I last saw my husband Bill."

"Have you tried calling him?" "After the cruel things he said during our last quarrel? Certainly not! I have my pride!"

"Me, too," he said. "But let's not talk of such unpleasant things tonight. Shall we be smart and modern? Take things in our stride?"

"Naturally, I hardly think of Bill any more."

"Nor do I ever think of Judy. Not over a hundred times a day, anyhow. Well, at least we have something in common, Bo-Peep?"

"Haven't we, Captain Kidd? Isn't Aggie calling us to dinner?"

He joined the line of men forming at the buffet, and returned with two plates which he carried to a secluded hall alcove.

THEIR EYES MET, and then they started eating, saying little until they finished, just as the carpets were being rolled up and the phonograph began playing.

"May I have the first dance, Bo-Peep?" he asked quietly.

Someone walked up when the music stopped, to ask her for a dance. They didn't dance together again until a few minutes short of midnight, when Captain Kidd cut in. He guided the girl into the hall and then they separated and walked side by side to the alcove window.

Moments later there were gay shouts of "Happy New Year" in the next room, punctuated by the banging of the piano. Outside automobile horns made an incessant din, church bells rang forth their mellow chimes, and a distant siren screamed.

They looked out at the unbroken carpet of snow for several moments. Hesitantly, then, they looked at one another.

"We ought to make resolutions, Bo-Peep," he said.

"I've made one," she whispered. "No more foolish false pride! Is all this heartache and loneliness worth it?" Her voice broke; she drew a quick, shaken breath and quavered. "Oh, I can't be smart and modern and take it in my stride any longer, Captain Kidd!"

Gently he drew her into his arms and raised her mask. Their lips met in a long, lingering kiss. "Neither can I, Judy."

Four states—New York, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and Illinois—consume as much beer as all other states.

Thomas Jefferson was 23 years old when he wrote the Declaration of Independence. He spent 18 days writing it.

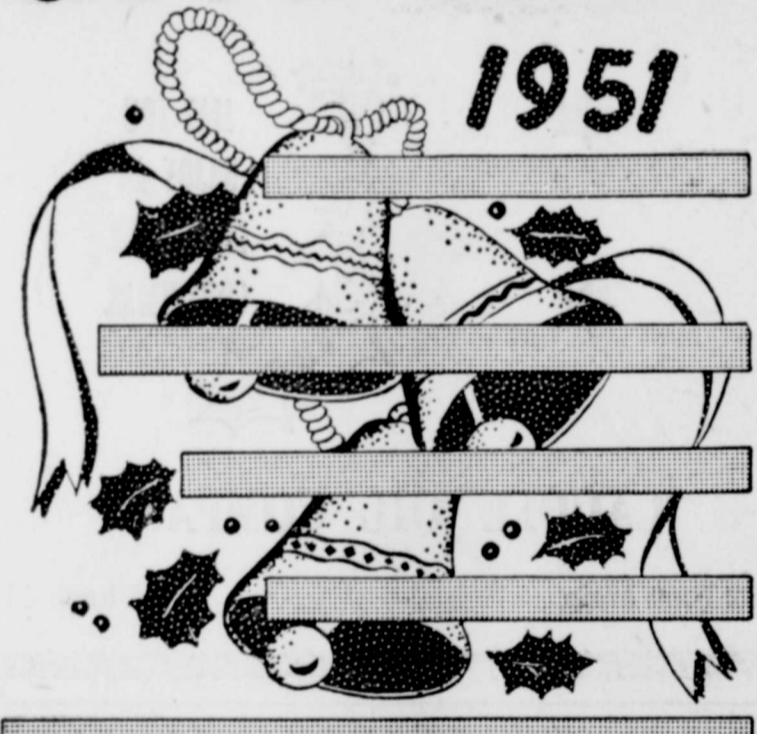


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BEAUTIFUL NOLA HAMPSHIRE was alone for the second successive New Year's eve. As the hands of her plain electric clock in rare wood neared 11, she put down the new novel by Mary Jerpit and looked at the sleepy flames in the grate.

Someone in the party on that New Year's Eve 24 long months ago had suggested charades. Nola's soft grey eyes filled as she remembered how on impulse she had thought of reenacting a scene in Jerry Pitman's college life which had anchored him ever since, preventing any real progress in his chosen field.

"Maybe," she thought, "it will wake him up, make him know that he can't go on forever living in the past."

The word she chose to dramatize was "hero." She could do the "he" easily, with a borrowed hat and coat, and she could pretend for the second syllable to row a boat. Would it be too strong for Jerry? She looked across the room at his dark, good-looking face, the black wavy hair. His ready smile.

That decided her. Jerry had never stopped living the moment when his Harvard oarsmen had defeated Yale and he had been in the Number 2 slot. It was simply a case of arrested development she had been fighting vainly during the



When she had opened the door and stood face to face with him, she couldn't believe her senses.

year of their engagement. He couldn't even settle down to what he claimed he wanted to do—write; whereas she was a highly paid laboratory technician in a steel plant. She flushed angrily. What he needed was a shock treatment. What he needed was a charade.

When she had finished rowing madly in Jerry Pitman's most exhausted style, an odd electric silence built up in the small audience. Quietly, fighting the tension in her body, Nola slipped back to her chair. Jerry was staring at her, a weak, sickly grin on his handsome face.

"Oh, forgive me, Jerry forgive me," her heart cried out, wishing desperately that she had chosen another charade. Furtively, she looked around her. Everybody present, it seemed, understood. Oh, it was too, too awful. She put her head in her hands.

THERE WAS the sound of a chair crashing to the floor. She looked up. Jerry had risen, resentment burning in his brown eyes. That had been exactly two years ago. She had not heard from him since.

Nola Hampshire sighed and looked at the clock. Soon it would be another New Year gone. She had hoped that he might seriously take up writing but although she had watched the new writers one by one appear in print she had not once encountered his name. But moved by some mystic presentiment, she had reserved each New Year's Eve for him. He might not overlook the dramatics of returning on the anniversary of his self-banishment. Not Jerry Pitman!

(When the buzzer sounded, and she had opened the door and stood face to face with him, she couldn't believe her senses.) This tall, handsome man with the new, purposeful shape to his mouth and jaw couldn't be Jerry Pitman.

"Thanks for the charade, Nola. 'Come in,' she said huskily. 'I want to get a good look at you.'"

Something inside her built up during the two years he'd been gone collapsed then. "I don't care if you're a tramp all your life, Jerry. Life without you is no fun—no fun at all, Jerry."

She'd support him herself if she had to.

Smiling, he turned from her and picked up the novel she had dropped.

"Scramble the syllables in Jerry Pitman. What do you get?"

"Pitjer Ryman," she said wonderingly.

His grin widened. "Try again. Many Jerpit—Jerry Pitman—Oh, no, Jerry!"

He nodded. Outside the night was suddenly filled with the sounds of bells and whistles.

"Happy New Year, darling," they said together and watched the hands of the electric clock touch.

The first woman editor of a woman's magazine was Sarah Joseph Hale of the Ladies' magazine in 1828.

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GI Loans Have Helped Finance Huge Statue of Iwo Jima Flag Raising

Two GI business loans, recently paid in full, have helped finance one of the largest statues in the world, now nearing completion in a multi-story art studio in Washington, D. C.

The sculptor, Felix G. DeWeldon, Vienna-born World War II Navy veteran, during his 20-year career carved busts of notables the world over, including President Truman and King George of England.

His present project, started five years ago, is a 110-foot high statue of the celebrated Marine Corps flag-raising ceremony on Iwo Jima's Mount Suribachi in February, 1945.

A press cameraman caught that dramatic moment, and not long afterwards, DeWeldon, still in service, was assigned the task of producing a small-scale statue from the photograph. Three marine survivors of the Iwo Jima flag-raising were flown to the United States to pose for him. The model, one-third life size, was presented to President Truman.

In June, 1945, the Marine Corps Memorial Foundation asked DeWeldon to repeat the statue—many times larger—as the focal point of

a permanent marine memorial planned on a site between Washington, D. C., and Mount Vernon, Va.

The 100-ton carving already has cost a small fortune, DeWeldon said. He personally invested many thousands of dollars—not including his time—for materials, sub-contracts and assistance. To buy necessary equipment, he obtained two GI loans—one for \$4000, another for \$8000—as well as \$50,000 in non-GI loans from banks. Final payments on his GI loans were made in November, 1950.

"I'm not interested in making a profit on the project," DeWeldon says. And the Marine Corps Foundation promised to see to it that he doesn't lose any money, either. At present, the foundation is raising funds for the ambitious memorial.

DeWeldon's monument is said to be the largest action-depicting statue of its kind in the world.

Each of its six figures is 32 feet tall. Their legs are 15 feet long, and their arms stretch for 12 feet. Helmets measure 11 feet around, and the canteens hanging from their waists could hold eight gallons of water. M-1 rifles slung over their

shoulders are 16 feet long, and the combat knives strapped to their cartridge belts are five feet from point to handle.

The statue itself is practically completed. The next step, DeWeldon said, is to cut the plaster and steel model into sections, so that they'll fit in a freight train, and ship them to a plant on Long Island. There, they will be made into molds from which the finished bronze monument will emerge.

Work is scheduled to begin soon on the marine memorial, of which the statue is to be a part. Plans call for the statue to rest above a circular underground museum which will house Marine Corps trophies and souvenirs of past campaigns. Above ground, circling the statue, flags of all states and territories will fly. The entire project is expected to be completed by 1952.

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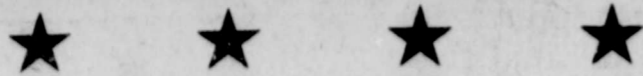
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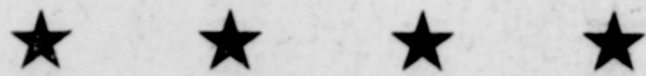
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A Christmas Story Enacted Here Year Ago

This is a Christmas Story. It is not The Christmas Story, but it carries the same spirit as taught by Him whose birth is celebrated in The Christmas Story.

This story, which started Christmas Eve a year ago, was called to mind this week by Judge J. D. Josey, when he received a card and note from an elderly couple in Portland, Maine.

He related the story and showed the note to The Advocate editor, when he was calling on Judge Josey, who has just completed six weeks of a three-month rest period, prescribed by his physician, after a heart attack.

On Christmas Eve a year ago, a man and woman, past middle age, entered his office, needing assistance.

They identified themselves as Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Clifford of Portland, and said they had come to the Southwest seeking employment in a warmer climate than Maine, that the pre-Christmas cold snap had overtaken them, and they were out of funds.

First Judge Josey called E. B. Bullock, who handles funds for the Salvation Army, and was assured by him that lodging and meals would be furnished.

But then the judge, realizing what night it was and what day would come with the morn, felt that these strangers in the midst of the good Artesia people should have more than just lodging and food.

They were scantily clad, without topcoats or overcoats. They were without friends, or so they thought. But Judge Josey got busy and put in a few telephone calls.

Soon a coal for each appeared, arrangements were made for a turkey dinner Christmas noon, and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford, who are Baptists, had an invitation to attend Christmas services at the First Baptist Church.

Artesia police did everything possible to help the visitors, as recalled in the note to Judge Josey, in which Mr. and Mrs. Clifford mentioned Police Lt. M. E. Smith and the assistance he and other officers had given them.

Although Mr. and Mrs. Clifford did not know it, the police discreetly raised the Maine State Police on the radio, which has the same wavelength as is used in the New Mexico network, and found out that the Portland people were worthy.

They were merely past middle age, tired of the cold Maine winters and trying to find comfort and work where it is warmer. So they had taken to the road—on foot.

They had hitchhiked as far as Artesia and wanted to continue to (Continued on Page Eight)

Money Hunt At City Dump Pays Dividends

CHRISTMAS VIGNETTE

Perhaps had it not been for the season, city employees, and other individuals would not have gone treasure hunting at the city dump yesterday, for the finding of \$10 out there is something akin to hunting for the proverbial needle in the haystack.

But the hunt was staged. And it bore fruit.

It all started Wednesday, when a person handed two businessmen a \$5 bill and asked them to purchase a gift for a certain elderly gentleman. This they did, but before wrapping the gift, they each slipped another five in an envelope and gift wrapped the whole works, which was duly presented to the recipient.

The old gentleman unwrapped his gift and threw the wrappings away. When he was asked Thursday morning if he had found the currency as well as the other gift, he admitted he had not.

So the two businessmen enlisted the services of Abe Conner, sanitary officer, who checked with his garbage men. Those who had serviced at the old fellow's home recalled just where they had dumped their cargo.

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Olsson and Crouch Are First-Place Winners in Yule Lighting Contest

Continental Oil Starts Drilling On Granite Test

A deep oil test well about 12 miles northeast of Artesia, which will be watched with interest by operators, was spudded Tuesday by Makin Drilling Company for Continental Oil Company.

Plans are to drill to production or granite, which oil men said might be expected in the neighborhood of 8000 feet.

The well is Continental, W. B. Thurman 1, located in NE NE 11-16-27.

On Thursday the well had drilled to a total depth of 145 feet in red beds, where operation was waiting on cement, after setting a 13 1/2-inch conductor string of pipe.

The well is being drilled by means of a large rotary rig.

Prior to moving in the rig and starting operations, a road was built to the site and a water well was drilled.

American Legion Joins Prayer for Peace Movement

John Simons, Jr., commander of the American Legion, said Thursday the local post heartily endorses the prayer for peace movement, which is growing through the nation and is receiving the backing of more and more organizations.

He called attention to a portion of the preamble of the Constitution of the American Legion:

"For God and country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: . . . to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice; (Continued on Page Eight)

Boy Narrowly Escapes Serious Injury to Eye

James Ross, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Ross of the extension of West Grand Avenue, narrowly missed possible loss of an eye Thursday morning in a freak accident, in which his eyelid was struck by a fragment of a .22 calibre shell case.

The boy and others were shooting a .22 rifle, using live 22 shells as targets.

When a bullseye was made by one of the boys, the target shell exploded and a portion of the shell struck James' eyelid.

James told his physician that he removed the fragment, and X-ray examination failed to reveal further pieces of a bullet.

The physician said the boy had a narrow escape from serious injury, but that happily his wound is no more than a slight laceration. He thought the blow would have no permanent effect on the eye.

Three Babies Are Born This Week At Local Hospital

Two girls and a boy were born in Artesia General Hospital from Monday to Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gonzales are the parents of a daughter, Evelyn, born Monday. She weighed five pounds six and a half ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Roe Morgan are the parents of a daughter, born Wednesday. She weighed seven pounds six ounces and has not been named.

Steven Troy, a son, was born Thursday to Mr. and Mrs. Winifred Peppers. He weighed two pounds eight ounces.

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Few Days Left To Avoid Paying Ticket Penalty

Police Judge Jerry Losee this week reminded motorists again there will be no additional penalties on overdue parking tickets, provided they are paid by the end of the year.

After the first of the year, penalties on parking tickets, which are 50 cents if paid promptly, will be \$1, if summonses have been issued.

Summonses on all unpaid parking meter tickets will be issued shortly after the first of the year, until which time there will be no penalty other than the customary 50 cents.

It was explained the penalty rate of \$1 has been made because of the additional expense of issuing summonses to pay up. And there will be further expense to the city should it be necessary to issue warrants and serve them.

On the other hand, Judge Losee said, if a person for whom a summons is issued for failure to heed the traffic meter ticket and then does not go to police headquarters and pay the penalty sum of \$1 within a reasonable time, a warrant may be issued. In such case a fine may be imposed, at the discretion of the court.

Judge Losee said he does not wish to impose the penalty on anyone, so advised that all having received parking meter violation tickets, whether or not a summons has been issued subsequently, go to police headquarters at 104 North Fifth Street and pay up before the first of the year.



POT OURRI

A year ago today we published our own parody on "A Visit from St. Nick," which brought forth more comment than had anything else we had written for months. We doubt if we can ring the bell again, but thought we might start from scratch and do it all over again, just to see how it will come out.

'Twas the week before Christmas and all through the place everyone was sure hustling. Work went on apace.

This issue of greetings kept all on the hop and akin to a beehive were things in the shop, as the writing and setting and make-up and such were running at top speed. 'Twas almost too much.

However, as always, somehow or some other, the thing was worked out. Don't know how, but, oh, brother!

We feel, all of us, from the front door to rear, you'll enjoy this Yule issue, the tops of the year, as greetings to you—all our readers, you know—are brought from a hundred of firms here, just so you will realize how much your business does mean to them month after month in Artesia, the queen of the whole Pecos Valley, than which there's no better. Each ad is to you some firm's personal letter.

Amiss we would be if we failed at this season, in fact it would be far, oh, so far out of reason, should we fail to put in our collective Noel greetings, best wishes and fervent and sincere entreatings.

So all of us join in our Christmas song, from Nap and Herb and also Mary Long. There's Sam and Sam, Junior, and Vernon and Ott and Cecil and Brownie and also us—Pot. There's Margie and Cara Belle, Charlie, Vic, Bob and Harry and Jim and Butch—that is the mob.

We all of us join—we The Advocate crew:

TO ALL
MERRY CHRISTMAS
BEST WISHES TO YOU!

Among the thousands of Christmas gifts being received by Artesia residents, one sent to A. R. Anderson from his son, Capt. Carl R. Anderson, is unique. He is stationed at Erding in the American zone in Germany, where he has been two years.

The gift is in the form of a jeep and trailer made from an aluminum alloy. The jeep is nearly three inches wide and is about five and (Continued on Page Eight)

Nominations for D.A.V. Reported Monday Evening

Nominations for election of officers of Donald S. Simons Chapter, Disabled American Veterans, were made Monday night by the nominating committee, after members of the D.A.V. and Auxiliary had enjoyed a joint Christmas turkey dinner.

The dinner was attended by about 70 persons, of whom 15 were guests from Roswell.

The delegation from there was headed by A. C. Clark, district commander of the D.A.V.; Lew Hammond, a past commander of the D.A.V. and Melvin Wise, commander of the Roswell American Legion post.

Among the local honored guests were Mrs. H. R. Paton, New Mexico department president of the American Legion Auxiliary and Mr. Paton; E. P. Bullock, commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars post here and Mrs. Bullock; John Simons, Jr., commander of the American Legion post and Mrs. Simons and Henry Worthington, a (Continued on Page Eight)

Holidays to Make Tuesday Issues Late

The first of the semi-weekly issues of The Advocate the next two weeks will be printed and distributed on Wednesday morning instead of Tuesday morning because of the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays, which fall on Monday.

As The Advocate force will observe the holidays Monday, work will have to be done on Tuesday each of the two weeks, while preparing at the same time for the Friday issues.

In order to do this, advertisers, correspondents and club and other organization reporters are asked to get copy in as early as possible, today or Saturday if they can.

However, the deadline for display advertising both of the next two weeks will be extended to Tuesday noon, instead of Monday noon, for those who cannot get copy in sooner.

If everyone will co-operate, it will mean for The Advocate force what every member of the staff, editorial and mechanical, wishes for one and all:

A Merry Christmas!

Party for Needy Youngsters Is Given By Lions

Members of the Artesia Lions Club enjoyed a musical Christmas program at the weekly meeting Wednesday noon, at which time final plans for the annual Christmas party for needy children of the community, which was given last night, were discussed.

The party last night was held in the Central School gymnasium, as the Lions provided gifts of clothing and other necessities to 79 boys and girls from 24 families to the extent of \$6 per child.

Each Lion was responsible for the transportation of certain boys or girls to and from the party and for arranging for the special gifts for them.

At the party the children and Lions sang Christmas carols, led by Fred Cole, after which members of the Artesia Story League told Christmas stories.

Then Santa Claus arrived and distributed the gifts and treats to the children.

Cole also led the Lions in the (Continued on Page Eight)

Congress Is Commended for Call to Prayer

Rev. Arthur G. Bell, president of the Artesia Ministerial Association, said on Thursday he desires heartily to commend the call of the Congress of the United States of America to prayer on next Sunday, Dec. 24.

"It is most fitting that our leadership should call all the people of our nation to a period of solemn prayer that Almighty God will in His wisdom, love and providence lead us into the ways of peace, on this day of Christmas Eve," he said.

Special hours of worship will not be called in Artesia as was done last Sunday, but each church is hereby invited and urged to give time and place in its regular worship for prayer for peace, as we worship the Christ Child who was announced by the Herald Angels singing their hymn of peace to the shepherds over the Judean hills.

"The citizenry of our com-

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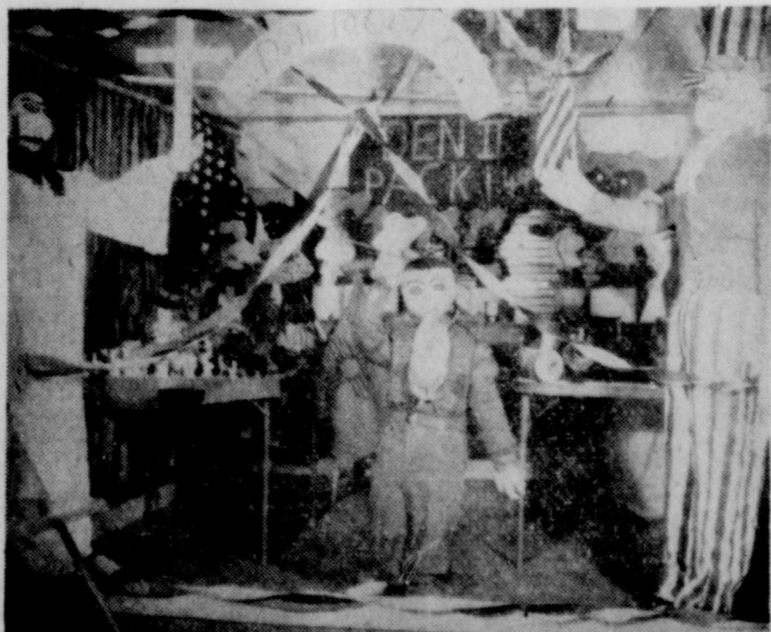
Winners In Boy Scout Merit Badge Show Are Pictured



These pictures were snapped at the merit badge show and exposition of the Gateway District, Boy Scouts, on Dec. 9, in the Central School gymnasium by Wilbur Ahlvers.

Picture on left shows "Indian Dance," by Cub Pack 18, sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church, which won first place for stunts. Willard Heckel is cubmaster and Mmes. S. P. Yates, C. S. Powell, E. W. Cook and Tom Clayton are den mothers. The award was a pack flag.

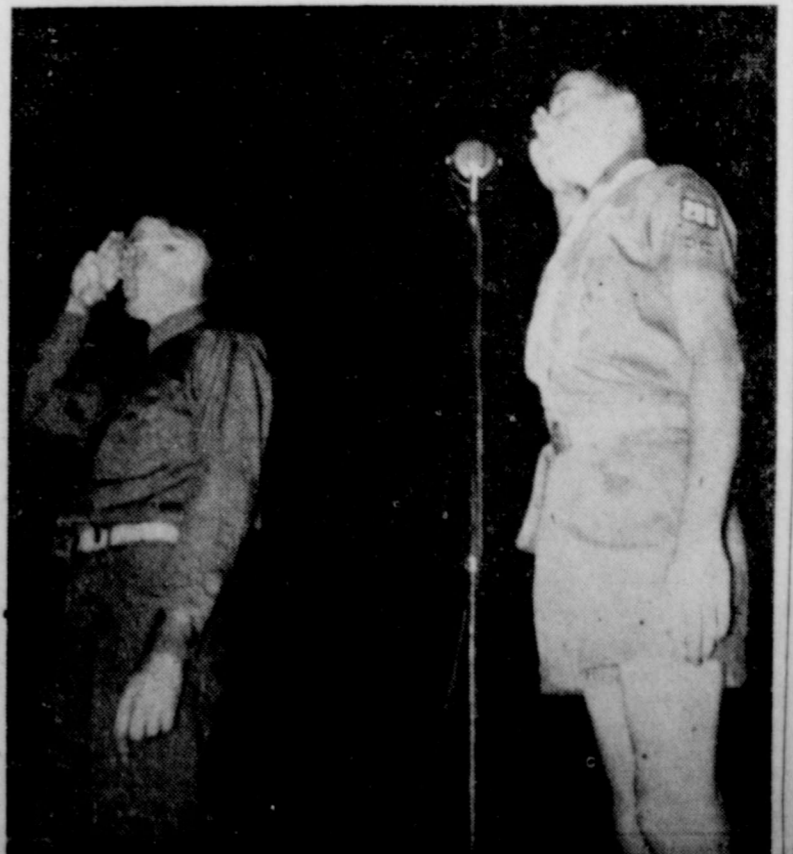
Winner of the grand prize for show theme, "God and Country," middle picture, was Pack 14, Den 2, sponsored by First Baptist Church. Mrs. A. L. Colvin is den mother. The prize was a pup tent.



The picture at right was taken during the opening ceremony and shows Bill McRea, field executive and Boy Scout Bill Cox leading the group in the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag."

The show and exposition was sponsored by the Artesia Elks Lodge, which was also sponsor last year, when the first such show was held here.

Glenn Collard, merit badge chairman, said about 300 attended.



News Briefs

Mr. and Mrs. William S. Ellett and son, Billy, arrived home Sunday to spend part of the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Ellett's parents...

Robert H. Stuart, a student at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, arrived home Sunday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents...

Wanda and Charles McDonald, students at Hardin-Simmons, Abilene, Texas, arrived home Wednesday evening to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents...

Bobby Collins, a student at Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, arrived home Friday of last week to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents...

Miss Fid Hamill, a student at New Mexico A. & M. College, Las Cruces, arrived home last evening to spend the Christmas holidays with her mother...

Jimmy Sears, a student at New Mexico A. & M. College, Las Cruces, arrived home last evening to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents...

Kenneth Foster, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Foster, arrived home last evening to spend the Christmas holidays. He is a student at New Mexico A. & M. College, Las Cruces.

J. L. Long, Jr., a student at New Mexico A. & M. College, arrived home Thursday evening to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents...

Johnny Callahan, a student at Abilene (Texas) Christian College, will arrive today to spend the Christmas holiday with his parents...

POTATO PRODUCTION IS 170,000 BUSHELS

The suggested potato acreage in New Mexico for 1951 is 2000 acres, the same as the planted acreage of 1950...

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Now Is Time To Plan Home Fruit Garden

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At the present, this difficulty can be overcome to a large extent by planting dwarf fruit trees...

The main advantages of using dwarf trees are that they will produce fruit within two or three years...

important to mention that dwarf trees are easier to care for and home owners can control insect and disease pests with a five-gallon spray...

About the only precaution which needs to be observed in setting out the dwarf trees is that the graft union should remain above the ground level...

If you decide to buy dwarf trees, Rierson suggests that stock on the true dwarf No. 9 Mallory rootstocks be purchased...

New Mexico Girl Takes Top Honors In National 4-H

A New Mexico 4-H Club girl has been named one of the best coat makers in the nation. She is Dolores Bombach, 17, Las Cruces...

a double-breasted design. Her coat was accented by pencil-slim white wool skirt, a brushed wool hat and a white crepe blouse...

Miss Bombach, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roman Bombach, is a student in New Mexico A. & M. College and has completed seven years of 4-H Club work.

USDA Announces No Egg Support Program in 1951

The Department of Agriculture has announced that no egg support program will be in effect during 1951. Purchases of dried eggs under the current program will be discontinued as of Dec. 31.

Commenting on this decision, Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan said, "I am taking this action reluctantly. Income from eggs is an important part of cash farm income—about 6 1/2 per cent of the total...

"Beginning with the year 1950, the support of egg prices was made discretionary with the secretary of agriculture by the terms of the Agricultural Act of 1949, and because

eggs are such an important agricultural commodity an earnest effort was made to provide a workable program for the year 1950.

"Since it was reasonably certain that production of eggs would increase during this year, we used the only device contemplated by this law to influence the production of such commodities and lowered the level of support from the previous mandatory level of 90 per cent of parity to 75 per cent of parity.

"This resulted in a national average support price goal of 37 cents per dozen, as compared with 47 cents in 1949. It was hoped that this reduction of 10 cents per dozen in the support level would result in adjustments in production that would keep government purchases of dried eggs at a reasonable level.

NOTICE State Engineer's Office

Number of Application RA-1657 Santa Fe, N. M., December 4, 1950. Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of November, 1950, in accordance with Chapter 131 of the Session Laws of 1931...

28, for the purpose of continuing rights to the irrigation of 145 acres of land described in Declaration No. RA-1657 as parts of the E 1/2 SW 1/4 and W 1/2 SE 1/4 of said Section 28.

No additional rights over and above those set forth in Declaration No. RA-1657 are contemplated under this application.

Appropriation of water from all sources combined not to exceed 3 acre feet per acre per annum delivered upon the land having valid rights. Old well to be plugged.

may protest in writing the Engineer's granting approval said application. The protest set forth all protestant's reasons why the application should not be approved and shall be accompanied by supporting affidavits and proof that a copy of the protest has been served upon the applicant. Said protest and proof of service must be filed with the State Engineer within ten (10) days of the date of the last publication of this notice.

Unless protested the application will be taken up for consideration by the State Engineer 8th day of January, 1951, that date, being on or about JOHN H. BLISS State Engineer 100-30-7

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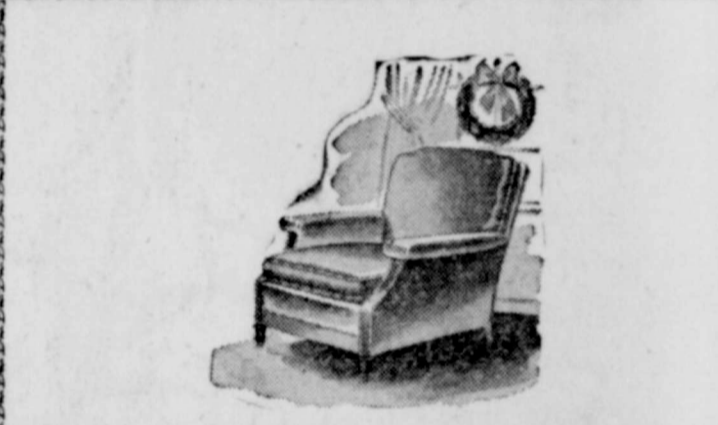


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Brothers Blitz Block Busts As Bulldogs Bite 38 to 35

Brown brothers blitz blasted the third period of the Roswell Coyotes and Artesia High School basketball team garnered its fourth victory of the season as the Bulldogs beat Roswell High School in a game played Tuesday night in the local gymnasium.

Buster Brown accounted for 21 of the 38 points. John Felton, runner-up for 11. The game was Coyote Canfield with 15. Bill was high for Artesia with 13 while Buster got nine.

In the half, the Bulldogs led 26 to 17, but the Coyotes tied in the third quarter to score 14 points only a half dozen by the Bulldogs.

Hope Forward Mustang Bulwark

Howard Forister of Hope, forward on the New Mexico Western College Mustang basketball squad and one of its seven veteran lettermen this season, was third in team scoring last year with 158 points.

He is a senior, 5 feet 11 inches tall, with a good one hand push shot from the side and in close. Howdy played in 26 games last year, shot 67 field goals and 24 free throws to rate in the show spot of the Mustangs.

The Mustangs were the second leading defensive team in the nation last year. In 23 games Western opponents scored 980 points for an average of only 42.5 points per game.

These defensive records mark the first time Western has copied any such honor according to present day records.

The 1950-51 schedule, which begins Dec. 6, has 22 games, 12 of them being New Mexico conference contests.

In taking over the basketball reins at Western Coach Harve A. Oliphant had a team composed of 17 players. In that group seven are lettermen, two non-letter but veterans, two with previous college experience. The others are freshmen hopefuls.

On the roster only six players of the 17 are under six feet, five by no more than two inches.

After the holiday layoff the Mustangs renew their season with three home games, one against Phoenix Junior on Thursday, Jan. 4, then a dual with St. Michael of Santa Fe, one game on Jan. 5, the other on Jan. 6.

New Mexico Conference games are those against St. Michael, Highlands, Eastern New Mexico, New Mexico Military, and Adams State, Jan. 12-13, Highlands at Las Vegas.

Jan. 19-20, Panhandle A. & M. at Silver City.
Jan. 26-27, Eastern New Mexico at Silver City.
Feb. 3-4, New Mexico Military at Roswell.

Feb. 6, New Mexico A. & M. at Silver City.
Feb. Eastern Arizona at Thatcher, Ariz.
Feb. 10, Eastern Arizona at Silver City.
Feb. 16-17, Wayland at Plainview, Texas.

Feb. 23-24, Adams State at Alamosa, Colo.

Artesia Receives \$1798 as Revenue From Grid Classic

Artesia High School is \$1798.33 richer now than it was on Nov. 16, the day before the Bulldog-Cave-man football game played in Carlsbad.

Principal W. H. Foster of Carlsbad has sent a check for the revenue due Artesia to T. Stovall, Artesia principal. He explained the delay in sending Artesia its share was occasioned by "gathering in all the little bills" and time needed to work up a statement.

While total receipts of the gridiron classic totaled \$5527.50 including reserve seats and general admission, the admissions tax ate up \$796.67 out of the total \$1031.67 expense.

Profit to Carlsbad amounted to \$2697.50 after deducting the 40 per cent share to Artesia.

Next to tax, officials was the biggest expense, \$150. Biggest item on receipts was \$3587 on general admission.

Principal Foster concluded his letter by saying "we have an overcoat, thermos bottle and cushion pad which we think belongs to some of your people who came to the game."

"These articles were left in the bleachers. If you can inquire and find the owner we shall be happy to see that they get their belongings."

Artesia rates a salute from the Carlsbad educator:

"I want to take this opportunity to personally express my sincere compliments to you, your team, your coaches, your students and your fans for the superb sportsmanship which they exemplified. It was wonderful."

Receipts—reserve seats, Section A, 565 at \$1, \$565; Section B, 539 at \$1.50, \$808.50; R and L, 567 at \$1, \$567; total reserve, \$1940.50; general admission, student, 1298 at 50 cents, \$649; adults, 2938 at \$1, \$2938; total general admission, \$3587; total receipts \$5527.50.

Expenses—officials, \$150; admission tax, \$796.67; special signs, \$20; police protection, 21; lights, \$16; extra tickets, \$11.50; arm bands, \$11; stencil and paper, \$2; telephone, \$3.50.

Total expenses, \$1031.67; profit from Artesia game, \$4495.83; 40 per cent to Artesia, \$1798.33; profit to Carlsbad, \$2697.50.

Miners Seek Cage Comeback

Basketball fortunes of Texas Western, El Paso, are being rebuilt by Coach Dale Waters on the framework of a lone quartet of lettermen.

However, the situation is far from bleak. Three salient junior college transfers and some promising sophomores indicate the Miners will be improved over last year's squad which finished in seventh place in the Border Conference with five wins and 11 defeats.

Lettermen on the squad are D. W. Harkins, 6-2, who led Texas Western scorers last season with 336 points and a game average of 11.2; Wayne Ford, forward, 6-5, senior letterman and tallest man on the starting team.

Merrill Autry, 5-9, guard; Dick Mykdebust, 5-9, guard.

The junior college transfers are Gerald Rogers, 6-4, center, from Amarillo College; Buddy Travis, 6-2, junior transfer, also from Amarillo; Clarence Burnham, 6-2, forward, from Mississippi Junior.

Directing the Texas Western cagers is big, soft-spoken Dale Waters, a former star athlete at the University of Florida.

After graduating from New Castle, Ind., high school, his athletic prowess in football and basketball established, Dale enrolled in the University of Florida in 1927.

Towering 6 feet 3 inches and weighing 215 pounds, Dale grabbed off three football and three basketball letters in starring for the Florida Gators.

SPORTS ON THE HOME FRONT

By BROWNIE EMERSON

Christmas Can Last 365 Days a Year If We Get in There and Play the Game

Despite all the trimmings of Christmas becoming standard operating procedure and the spiritual significance of the day too often submerged into a formula attuned to the material, the effect of the Sacred Day is still too powerful to be entirely nullified by so-called "civilization."

For everyone becomes kinder and more tolerant, more able to see the good instead of the bad in their fellow man, as Christmas dawns.

Moral of all this is that we seem to put on all the goodness that comes from Above—and can come only from Above—only at Christmas time.

A family is in need and we rush to aid at that time. Some one needs help and we run in a mob to their assistance. That at Christmas time. What we were doing the other 11 months of the year?

Surely the need was there before. Are we deluding ourselves that one week of living the Golden Rule makes up for 51 weeks of neglect?

Is it like the brotherhood of man, the topic most discussed and least practiced in the whole world?

Two Kinds of Games

What has all this to do with sports?

It has this to do with it. In sports there is a code of winning without crowing over an enemy, of losing without whining, of even giving an opponent an advantage.

All that is good in sports as well as in all other facets of life comes from God. Too often the code of sportsmanship is left behind when athletes enter a different game, one called life, which under a brutal man-made code applies not to a game but to a jungle episode where might makes right, kill or be killed, lie, cheat, steal, double-cross, is the only rule.

There are no referees and no rules of fair play in many cases.

The referee might overlook one infraction in a game but in life too often the intolerant and uncharitable hold sway.

If we would make Christmas last all year then we must become like the Holy Child. We must forgive our enemies, be tolerant, and kind, and willing always to give our fellow man a break, not to judge, condemn and berate him.

We must love and serve God remembering always that—

God is the Only Referee that gives weak, struggling, wrongdoing mortals the fifth down and the fourth strike, not once but a thousand times. I believe He intends for us, insignificant mites on His globe, to play the game the same way.

Grid Fans Admonished to Keep Fun and Wholesomeness in Sport

Broad-shouldered, gray-haired Rusty Russell, head coach of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, told 350 persons attending the second annual Artesia High School gridiron banquet that "football is like dynamite. The banquet was at 6:30 o'clock Wednesday night in the high school cafeteria.

"When you use it right way you get good results, when wrong then comes damage," Russell said.

The Mustang coach was the main speaker on the program of the banquet which was sponsored by Artesia Bulldog Parents Club honoring the 1950 football squads.

He praised the gridiron sport as wholesome and said it was up to the fans to keep it that way pointing out that players must regard a game loss seriously but not as a tragedy.

"You may think the coach is hard on you," he said, speaking directly to the football squads, "but remember the coach never asks anything of you but your best and if you think the coach is hard remember life is hard, too."

The Texan listed six attributes of the type of player he said they looked for in all grid candidates at Southern Methodist. These qualities are intelligence, character, ambition, spirit, will to win, "and then we size up the physical," he said.

"You may have the physique of a Greek god but if you don't have Davis of Texas Tech, Lubbock, is president.

Only two of the nine schools in the loop are in New Mexico. Arizona is represented by three, Texas by four. New Mexico university and New Mexico A. & M. are the New Mexico institutions.

After the Sun Bowl tournament Dec. 29-30, 17 games remain on the Miners card. By date, opponent, and place of contest:
Jan. 8—Arizona State of Flagstaff, El Paso.
Jan. 10—Arizona State of Tempe, El Paso.
Jan. 13—New Mexico A. & M., Las Cruces.
Jan. 26—Dowell's Cafe, Amarillo.
Jan. 27—Wayland, Plainview, Texas.
Jan. 29-30—Sul Ross, Alpine, Texas.
Feb. 2—Wayland, El Paso.
Feb. 5—New Mexico A. & M., El Paso.
Feb. 8—Texas Tech, El Paso.
Feb. 14—University of Arizona, El Paso.
Feb. 17—University of New Mexico, El Paso.
Feb. 19—Hardin-Simmons, Abilene, Texas.
Feb. 20—Texas Tech, Lubbock.
Feb. 21—West Texas, Canyon.
March 1—West Texas, El Paso.
March 3—Hardin-Simmons, El Paso.

He thanked parents and Quarter-back clubs, dads, and coaches for their backing of the team.

Principal Stovall likewise thanked pep squad, band, faculty, townspeople and made special mention of those 28 who gave their services as ushers and gatekeepers.

mediate past president, and Ralph Nix, president, of the Quarterback club.

Awards Presented
The complete list of awards, which included gold statuettes, football replicas, silver football watch charms with initial A and inscribed "Our Champions:"

Sportsmanship, to Doyle Cole, by Rotary, presented by Chuck Aston.

Best blocker, James Briscoe, by Kiwanis, Vernon L. Bryan.

Most valuable player, A. L. Terpening, Lions, Dr. Pete J. Starr.

Best passer, Joe Harbert, 20-30, Lowrey Smith.

Most improved player, Yumpy Barker, Bulldog Parents, Bus Brown.

Best tackler, Joe Harbert and Bobby Morgan, Quarterback Club, Shirley Hager, 1949-50 president of the club.

To Coach Jack Tinson was presented a golden football replica. Presentation was by Dave Button.

Cited as honorary captains of 1950 were Bobby Morgan and Vernon Haldeman.

The United service clubs award for leadership was presented by Fred Cole to Terpening. The award is also recognition of scholarship. Cole told how the torpedo-toed fullback had successively been president of his class from the seventh grade, vice president and president of the student council, and later president of the state student council organization, as well as being an honor student.

Mrs. J. L. Briscoe, for the Parents club, presented the miniature silver footballs to the 21 boys who lettered this season:

Eddie Elvin and Travers Waltrip, managers; Herbert Traveno, Doyle Cole, Vernon Haldeman, Bill Brown, Jerald Johnson, Yumpy Barker, A. L. Terpening, Lowell Irby, Sonny Garner, Leroy Rutledge.

Bobby Morgan, Clarence Connor, Joe Harbert, James Briscoe, Ivan Clay, Buster Brown, Jimmy Juarez, Fred Hernandez, Harold Grissom.

The high school cafeteria was decorated with orange balloons along the beams and with twisted strands of orange and black crepe paper. Microphone at the master of ceremonies table was also trimmed in the school colors.

Programs were in orange cover, 12 pages, containing title page, program, Bulldog roster, season record, a blank page for autographs, and the menu.

Bulldog Rackets Hum Spring Song In Noel Workout

It will be spring before they see competitive action against other teams but the Artesia High School tennis squad, coached by H. O. Miller, has been practicing ever since school started last September.

A second round robin tournament of the squad is in progress following the conclusion of the initial joust on Dec. 11.

There are seven on the squad of which four all lettermen, are seniors, two are sophomores, and one a freshman.

The veterans are Bobby Flynn, Charles Gibson, Jody Williams, and Bobby Thorpe.

Sophomores on the squad are Jimmy Dew and Douglas Whitefield. Bill Branson, the other player, is a freshman.

Last season Gibson took second in district play and got as far as the semi-finals in the state tournament in which he was beaten by Norman Genta of Raton who took the state crown by defeating Luther Martinez of Albuquerque.

Flynn was third in district singles while the doubles combination of Gibson and Flynn won a second place in the tourney held as a part of the relays at Carlsbad.

Missing from the squad is Cody Williams, who graduated, winner of district, relay, and state doubles title. Cody is now employed by Kemp Lumber here.

The 1951 squad is working out on the high school courts at noon and during the final period.

In the first round robin, recently ended, Gibson defeated Williams, 3-6, 6-3, 7-5; won over Flynn, 7-5, 8-6; and vanquished Whitefield, 6-2, 6-1.

Williams and Flynn defeated Gibson and Whitefield 6-1, 9-7, in the doubles.

Hope's slashing Yellow Jackets won two and lost one in a three-game series from Dec. 15 to Dec. 19. The Yellow Jacket basketballers last win was 29 to 21 over Monument at Hope on Saturday night, Dec. 16.

Other win was a 42 to 31 trouncing of the Lake Arthur Panthers on Friday, Dec. 15. The game was on the Lake Arthur court.

Election Opens Today to Choose Name of Artesia Baseball Team

With coupons received from Charles Rutledge, 805 Washington and from Perry A. Stigler, Box 882, nominations for the Artesia professional baseball team name ballot were closed Monday, Dec. 18.

Entries of Stigler and Rutledge are on the ballot but their names were received too late to be included in the list of contestants published in the issue of Dec. 19.

In democratic fashion the name for the Artesia team will be chosen by fans. This means turning in a vote and a canvass of the returns.

As a name for the Artesia professional baseball team I vote for:

Name of Voter _____
Address of Voter _____
This coupon for your convenience. To vote in the contest use of this coupon not mandatory. Slip of paper with information given as above will suffice. Bring or mail to E. B. Emerson, Sports Editor, The Artesia Advocate, Post Office Box 427, or 316 West Main, Artesia, N. M.

Names on Ballot

A-Bombers, Aces, Atomics, Artisans, Artists, Agates, Airedales, Arrows, Antelopes, Athletics.

Bats, Bobcats, Bouncing Bulldogs, Boomerangs, Boomers, Brahmas.

Cats, Chapparrals, Caballeros, Drillers, Flood, Foxes, Gassers, Gushers, Greasers, Giants, Invincibles, Jets, Jack Rabbits, Lions, Mavericks, Nuggets, Oilers, Oil Centers, Oil Miners, Prospectors, Rattlers, Roughnecks.

Red Raiders, Spudders, Sun Devils, Tanglers, Westerners, Wildcatters, Yankees.

Voting begins as of this issue and will end at noon Thursday, Dec. 28. A canvass is to be made immediately and it is expected that the winning name and the person who will receive the season pass as making the winning nomination, based on the canvass, will be made known by Jan. 1.

You need not have been one of those sending in a name to vote for the name of your choice. Nor do you need any special ballot form although one is published in this issue for your convenience.

Either the printed ballot or a slip of paper addressed to the sports editor, The Artesia Advocate, Post Office Box 427, will suffice.

the game was still close but the Cavemen led 27 to 25.

Overtake Monument
In the game against Monument, the opposition led 8 to 5 at the end of the first period and 14 to 11 at the half. Coming back strong in the third period the Yellow Jackets edged ahead 17 to 15, then cashed in on this in the final quarter to win the contest.

Kent Terry led the scoring with 10 points. Lynn Harrison made seven, Glenn Harrison a half-dozen, C. Forister four, and R. Wood, a pair.

Wallop Lake Arthur
The Yellow Jackets turned on full power early in the game and led 14 to 4 at the end of the initial quarter after which the reserves were put on to the court and stayed in until the final period when the regulars were called in to stave off a Lake Arthur rally that pulled the Panthers to within a half-dozen points of the Hope score.

Clarence Forister led with 15 points, closely trailed by Kent Terry with 14. Three pointers were chalked up by Lynn Harrison, L. Jones and Robert Wood, and pairs by Glenn Harrison, and E. Lee.

At the half it was Hope 16, Lake Arthur 14; at the end of the third period, Hope 31, Lake Arthur 25.

Rivalry was more even in the Hope-Lake Arthur grade team preliminary, also won by Hope, 28 to 24.

LABOR EARNINGS SHOW INCREASE

America's 13 million production workers earned an average of \$61.90 a week for 41.4 hours of labor during October, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The average weekly paycheck was \$1.03 more than during September, and the work week of the average production man was about 25 minutes longer. The report attributed the increases to "more overtime and increased wage rates."



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Maljamar Club Plans Second Turkey Shoot

Turkeys taste good in the New Year, too, so the Maljamar Rifle and Pistol Club is contemplating a turkey shoot early next month as a sequel to the Christmas match held from 1 to 4:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Dec. 17, at the club's range in the old caliche pit one-fourth mile south of Maljamar.

A special meeting will likely be called to plan the January contest, according to Albert D. Kennedy, club member. Regular scheduled meeting would come on Jan. 11, the second Thursday of the month.

In last Sunday's competition John D. McMurray and M. P. Blakley, both of Maljamar, and Dutch Miller of Artesia, showed they were experts with both .22 rifle and shotgun, each coming out a winner in each bracket.

The gobblers, awarded as prizes, were "on the hoof," ready to be picked up by the best marksmen.

In all, including cases of duplication where one marksman shot in more than one group, there were 97 competing in the meet.

Winners Listed
Blakley, one of a trio that placed in both brace, is president of the club, cafe owner, and resident of Maljamar the last two years, coming there from Lovington. Deer hunting is one of his favorite sports.

Several women were among the contestants, including Mrs. Bob Patterson of Maljamar, one of the winners in the rifle matches.

The complete list of those to whom turkeys were awarded, as listed by Kennedy:

Rifle—Mrs. Bob Patterson, John D. McMurray, Sterling Isaacs, M. P. Blakley, all of Maljamar, and Dutch Miller, Artesia.

Shotgun—Earl McNew, John D. McMurray, M. P. Blakley, all of Maljamar, and Dutch Miller of Artesia.

Mohammedan law permits a man to have four wives.

Aja and White Question Marks For Sun Devils

Two big question marks loomed today for the Arizona State College grid squad of Tempe as it prepares for a Jan. 1 Salad Bowl date with the Redskins of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

First is whether Fullback Manuel Aja's infected right foot will hamper him in the game or keep him out altogether. Aja has been suffering a blister on the foot for two weeks.

The Glendale Ironman, who plays on both offense and defense, has been selected on the All-Border Conference second team. The selection was a tribute to Aja's great play this season, especially in the last five contests when his running and passing were big factors in Sun Devil victories.

Second question is whether All-American Wilford Whizzer White will emerge from the Dec. 30 East-West Shrine football game in San Francisco in top shape for the Salad Bowl game in Phoenix two days later.

There was tooth-rattling impact on the bill of fare for the Sun Devils this week as Coach Ed Doherty started bringing his charges back to peak condition after a week's layoff.

Due to ice conditions the Sault Ste. Marie locks are open at average of 250 days a year.

The mouse fish is a tropical frog-fish common to the Gulf of Mexico.

SOCIETY

Miss Bobby Gene Payne of Anthony Becomes Bride of Billy C. Tidwell

Miss Bobby Gene Payne, daughter of Mrs. Sada Gray Payne, of Anthony, became the bride of Billy C. Tidwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren C. Tidwell, Sr., at the Church of Christ at Pinon Sunday afternoon with about 300 guests present. Floyd Embree, minister of the Church of Christ of Artesia, performed the single ring ceremony.

The bride and bridegroom stood under an arch which was decorated with pine and silver cones, and a silver bell hung from the center of the arch. Tall pots of poinsettias were on each side. The windows in the church were decorated with mountain greenery and silver cones.

Mrs. Myrna Henderson sang, "I Love You Truly," and was assisted by Clifton Stark and Howard Haynes and his daughter, Sharon. As the bride entered, the group hummed, "Here Comes the Bride." The bride chose for her wedding a light wool aqua dress with a high neckline, three-quarter length sleeves and a flared skirt. Her accessories were of navy blue. Her corsage was of red roses and she carried a white Bible. She wore a rhinestone necklace and earrings to match.

For the tradition of something old, she wore a necklace, something new was her dress, something borrowed was the Bible, belonging to Miss Patsy Seiler, and something blue was a handkerchief carried in the Bible.

Miss Patsy Seiler of Hatch, was the only attendant. She wore a rust fall dress with a flared skirt.

Bobbie Clem and Everett Lapsley Wed on Saturday

Miss Bobbie Clem, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burr Clem, became the bride of Everett W. Lapsley, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Lapsley, at 8 o'clock Saturday evening of last week. The wedding took place at the home of the bridegroom's brother, Chester Lapsley, at Carlsbad.

Rev. Clifford B. Thomas, pastor of the First Christian Church of Carlsbad, performed the double-ring ceremony.

Soft Christmas music was played during the ceremony.

The bride wore a white winter suit with red accessories. She wore a red rosebud corsage.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Clem were the attendants.

The newlyweds will make their home in El Paso. The bridegroom is stationed at Fort Bliss.

The bridegroom was a member of the Artesia High School graduating class of 1946 and the bride was a member of the class of 1947.

Mrs. M. A. Lapsley of Artesia and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lapsley and daughter, Beverly, were also present for the ceremony.

Christian Church Youngsters Have Yule Party Tuesday

A Christmas party was given for the beginners' and primary departments of the First Christian Church Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Joe Walker.

The group sang Christmas carols and played several games and pictures were taken by Mrs. Coll.

Refreshments of cold drinks and decorated Christmas cookies were served. Favors were balloons and candy canes.

Mrs. Joan Chenoweth, teacher of the beginners' department and Mrs. Joe A. Walker, kindergarten teacher, were in charge.

Myrrh is a gum resin produced by a tree that grows in Arabia and eastern Africa.

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Santa Visits Jack and Jill Kindergarten



Santa Claus is shown here visiting Mrs. Charles Murphy's Jack and Jill Kindergarten on Friday, Dec. 15, when he asked the youngsters what they wanted for Christmas. He returned to the kindergarten at 701 Mann Avenue on Wednesday, when the annual Christmas party was held. At that time Santa presented gifts, the boys and girls played games and had refreshments. Mrs. Murphy, instructor, is shown standing by Santa. The youngsters are, front row, left to right: Tommy Whitson, Barbara Kruse, Mike Goss, Terry Ferkel, Linda Quisenberry, Terie Paulin, Susie Paite, Sally Lamb, Barbara Jo Huey, Danny Cosper, Jimmy McPherson, Dennis Robinson. Second row: Roxy Knorr, La Juana Quain, Shary Loving, Gary Roberts, Anne Ahlvers, Jeannette Shira, Douglas Porch, Mary Gill, Geri Cameron, Catherine Parry, Melvin Mays.

Park School P.T.A. Meets Tuesday

The Park School Parent-Teacher Association executive board met at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon in the teachers' lounge with Mmes. A. L. Colvin, George Ferriman, Leroy Cranford, Johnny Williams, Ivan Herbert, D. D. Archer, F. M. McGinty, C. L. Withers, Ralph Nix and R. B. Rodke and Principal W. G. Short present.

Mrs. Ivan Herbert, membership chairman, announced total membership for Park P.T.A. as 102.

Mrs. Johnny Williams safety chairman, announced the City Council has promised it will see that a "Safety Sally" is placed at 13th and Grand Avenue.

A letter was read that was received from Don Riddle, principal of the new Artesia Junior High School, thanking members of Park School P.T.A. for being responsible for donating 65 dozen cookies for open house held at the school on Sunday.

The regular P.T.A. meeting was held in the music room with 35 members present.

Mrs. Leroy Cranford, president, presided at the business meeting.

Mrs. C. L. Withers gave a report on conservation and reservation of school funds and told about a bill pending in Congress.

Principal Short announced school would be dismissed Wednesday afternoon of this week for the Christmas holidays and be resumed Wednesday, Jan. 3. He thanked the members for the co-operation they have given him and said he hopes they will continue to do so in the coming year.

Mrs. J. J. Clarke, Jr., reported the final Clare Tree Major play of the current school year will be presented Thursday, Jan. 4.

A program followed the business meeting.

"Specially Jim," a reading, was given by Jackie Moreland; "Gifts from Heaven," by Barbara Butts; "Dearest Doll," by Kay Allen and "Advent of Christmas," by Sherman Mermis.

"White Christmas" was presented as an accordion duet by John Clarke III and Hugh Burch.

"Come All Ye Faithful" was sung in Latin by a group of 15 children.

Mrs. Clyde Dungan gave a brief review of what she is teaching in the first, second and third grades

Christmas Party Is Held Monday By Nurses' Association

The annual Christmas party of the New Mexico State Nurses' Association, Artesia District No. 8, was held in the staff room of Artesia General Hospital Monday evening.

The room was decorated in the holiday theme.

Mrs. Henry Worthington, president, presided over the business meeting. She appointed Sister Mary Serena, Sister Mary Grace, and Mrs. Paul Dillard on a nominating committee. Election of officers and determination of the amount of dues will be taken care of at the January meeting.

At a recent Red Cross meeting in Albuquerque Mrs. Worthington was appointed nurse vice chairman in disaster preparedness of the Artesia area. The district committee will try to interest the City Council, Red Cross chapter, and civilian defense committee to make plans to take care of a large number of people not only from a possible atomic attack, but also from fire, floods, explosion, and tornadoes.

After the adjournment of the business meeting, gifts which had been placed under the decorated Christmas tree were distributed.

The group played canasta after the business meeting.

Refreshments of cake, coffee, nuts, and candy were served to Sister Mary Celeste, Sister Mary Grace, Sister Mary Marcellina, Sister Mary Serena.

Rita Welsh, Mrs. Z. W. Jones, Mrs. William S. Hunter, Mrs. R. H. Pate, Mrs. Paul Dillard, Mrs. Naomi Votaw, Mrs. Henry Worthington, and Mrs. William Terpening.

Who Went Where

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Crozier's sons and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Crozier of Franklin, Ind., and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Crozier of Oakland, Calif., and friends, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Cambell of Oakland, are expected to arrive today to spend Christmas with their parents.

in music. She also sang, "Christmas Story."

Mrs. Dungan led the group in singing carols.

Girl Scouts Are Observing Yule With Parties

Artesia Girl Scouts have been celebrating with Christmas parties for Senior, Intermediate, and Brownie Scouts.

More than 70 Intermediate Scouts went caroling Friday of last week, visiting 12 shut-ins and the hospital where they cheered patients with their Christmas songs. The girls returned to the Woman's Club after caroling, for hot chocolate, provided by Troops 13 and 8, and popcorn balls made by Troops 2, 5, 6, 10, and 11. The food was furnished by the Girl Scout board. Troop 12 decorated the building and had charge of the Yule log and fire.

The Brownie party was held at Barracks 34 of Park School on Monday. Mrs. Hugh Parry told the little girls the story of "Silver Threads," by Maxine Miller, and the group sang Christmas carols led by Mrs. J. T. Haile. Santa Claus arrived after the carols and handed out gifts to each little girl. Refreshments of hot chocolate and doughnuts were served by troop committee members. Doughnuts were provided by the Girl Scout board.

Senior Troop 14 held its Christmas party at the home of the former leader, Mrs. W. B. Macey. The girls exchanged gifts and played Christmas games. Refreshments of punch, sandwiches, and cookies were served. In addition to Mrs. Macey and their leader, Mrs. Dave Button, Mrs. John Frost and Mrs. John Chain were guests.

"Gift Exchange." Phil Meisinger delighted the guests throughout the evening with his accordion and they joined him in singing.

Claire Carper, Brenda and Gretchen Petty gave a ballet dance in costume to "White Christmas."

Mrs. Stanley Carper read, "The Littlest Angel."

Mrs. Owen Hensley, worthy high priestess, and Ralph Pitt, watchman of shepherds, were presented gifts from the shrine. Favors to the children were candy canes.

Mrs. Hensley was assisted in serving by Mrs. Ott Strock, Mrs. Clarence Roach, and Mrs. Ralph at the piano. Jack Pearson read, Pitt.

Sorority Members Bring Gifts for Tingley Hospital

Members of Alpha Alpha Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi, brought gifts to be forwarded to the children in Carrie Tingley Hospital, Hot Springs, and food for Christmas baskets, to a meeting Tuesday evening in the beautifully decorated home of Mrs. B. N. Muncey, Jr., with Mrs. Lloyd Dorand and Mrs. Charles Murphy as co-hostesses.

Mrs. Donald Fanning, president, presided over a short business meeting.

Mrs. Joe Hamman, educational advisor, gave the story, "The Littlest Angel."

Christmas gifts were opened and "secret pals" were revealed. Names were drawn for "secret pals" for the coming year.

The hostesses served hot spiced grape juice and fruitcake to Mmes. Charlie Bullock, Leon Clayton, Lawrence Coll, Louis Craig, Aaron Cunningham, Clyde Dungan.

Donald Fanning, Jack Fautle, Roy, O. R. Gable, Jr., Harry B. Gilmore, Maynard Hall, R. B. Rodke, Charles Sanford, William C. Thompson, Jr.

Andy Anderson, Joe Hamann, John Simons, Jr., Bob Williams, Kenneth Schrader, Bill Jackson and Ray Richardson and Miss Nancy Hayes.

Christmas Vesper Held at Sherman Church on Sunday

A Christmas vesper service was given at the Sherman Memorial Methodist Community Church at Loco Hills at 5 o'clock Sunday evening.

The feature of the service was a pageant, "The Path of Promise," written by Mrs. C. A. Clark, wife of the pastor. During the pageant, the manger scene with the shepherds and Wise Men was given.

Those taking part in the pageant were: Reader, Mrs. C. A. Clark; Joseph, Larry Haney; Mary, Roby Jo Bixler; Wise Men, Billy Thorp, Connie Snow and Billy Smith.

Shepherds, Eddie Holt, Billie Golden, Phillip Holt, Tommy Howard, Johnnie Holt, Jerry Proffitt and Gilford Davis.

Candle lighters, Nelda Dean Nevens, Jackie Davis, Nancy Davis,

White Shrine and Families Have Christmas Party

Members of Artesia White Shrine and their families were entertained with a Christmas party at the Masonic Temple, Tuesday evening.

The banquet room was beautifully decorated, point of interest being the refreshment table, which was centered with a Santa Claus and reindeer arrangement.

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Group singing was led by Hollis G. Watson, with Mrs. Glenn Caskey Clarence Roach, and Mrs. Ralph at the piano. Jack Pearson read, Pitt.

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Coll Named Ident of Valley Rally

Coll of Artesia was elected at the Pecos Valley Rally... The tables were decorated with runners of enfolded Christmas...

Baptist Men Are Hosts Tuesday to Women's Society

Ladies of the Women's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church were guests of the Baptist Brotherhood at a Christmas banquet given in the educational building of the church at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday evening.

University Women Have Christmas Party on Saturday

The American Association of University Women held its annual Christmas party Saturday evening of last week in the music room of Central School with about 30 persons present.

Mrs. Cluney Is Hostess Wednesday To Kongenial Klub

Mrs. W. J. Cluney was hostess to the Kongenial Klub for the annual Christmas dinner and party Wednesday evening.

Items of Interest

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis G. Watson returned home last Sunday from Alexandria, Va., where they had been visiting their daughter, Mrs. Jack Rheit, and Captain Rheit since Thanksgiving.

day to spend their Christmas vacation with their parents and grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Stinnett and daughter, Rosemary, and son, Arba, are to leave today for Portales, going for Mr. Stinnett's sister, Mrs. Alice Watson.

ing Southern Methodist University at Dallas, Texas, arrived home Wednesday to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Francis, Sr., and younger brother.

Dr. Catherine and Lawrence Clarke of Albuquerque will arrive tomorrow to spend their Christmas vacation with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Clarke, Sr., and brother and family, Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Clarke, Jr., and children.

his Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Boyd, and brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Boyd and children are to leave today for Tullia, Texas, to spend Christmas with Mrs. Boyd's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lash.

Methodist Circles Annual Yule Party Last Week

Three circles of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church held their Christmas party in the auditorium of the church Thursday afternoon of last week with a number of members present.

Southern Union Yule Party for Valley Held Here

The Southern Union Gas Company annual Christmas party for employees and their families of the Carlsbad district, which is composed of Carlsbad, Artesia, Lovington and the Roswell pumping district, was held Saturday evening of last week in the basement of the Masonic Temple in Artesia.

Mrs. A. H. Crossett Entertains Club At Christmas Party

Mrs. A. H. Crossett entertained her bridge club Monday night with a lovely Christmas party. Gifts were centered around a beautiful candle arrangement on a coffee table which were later exchanged by the guests.



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PECANS Soft Shell 1 lb cello 45c
CRANBERRY SAUCE Ocean Spray 303 tin 10c
FLOUR GOLD MEDAL For that Holiday Baking 5 lb bag 45c
EGG NOG MIX Prices or Mon Repos quart 69c
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PEARS Libbys 303 tin 33c
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APPLE SAUCE White House 303 tin 19c
FRUITS FOR SALAD Del Monte 303 tin 33c
PEACHES Old Fashioned Elberta 49c
APPLE CIDER One-Half Gallon 65c
GRAPE JUICE Welch's 24 oz 45c
V-S COCKTAIL 12 oz tin 14c
PINEAPPLE JUICE Dole 46 oz tin 46c
GINGER ALE Par-T-Pak plus deposit full quart 15c
ORANGE JUICE Adams 46 oz tin 37c
TOMATO JUICE Hunts 303 tin 10c

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Status of Newspapers in Eyes of Law Summarized in Ryan Report

(This is the fifth of a series of articles on libel by Keen Rafferty, professor of journalism at the University of New Mexico.)

What have the courts and legal scholars had to say about newspapers in various decisions and summaries of legal situations in this state and throughout the U.S.?

What have these statements and decisions set up as the privileges of newspapers?

Some answers to these questions are given in a 6000-word discussion of press law written for the New Mexico Press Association by Joseph C. Ryan, of the Albuquerque law firm of W. A. Keleher. Ryan is the son of a former New Mexico judge.

Below are some of the quotations from the law and from the decisions, as covered in the Ryan report. Some of them are from other states, some from New Mexico. Some of them are from summaries and some are from summaries or restatements of common law or of law as created by decisions.

The press association pointed out that the quotations below are simply an effort to sum up some of the ideas having to do with the status of the newspapers in the eyes of the law. The quotations do not necessarily apply as law in New Mexico.

The quotations follow:

"Liberty of the press consists in the right to publish with impunity truth, with good motives and for justifiable ends, whether it respects government, magistracy, or individuals. The freedom of the press consists in a right to print what one chooses without previous license, but subject to be held responsible for the abuse of the right."

"Liberty . . . of the press (implies) not only liberty to publish, but complete immunity from legal censure and punishment for the publication, so long as it is not harmful in its character when tested by such standards as the law affords."

"Every impartial and accurate report of any proceeding in a public law court is privileged."

"A report by a newspaper, of proceedings had at public meeting of a municipal council, in which proceedings the public has an interest, when the report is a fair and accurate one of proceedings had, is privileged, even though it contains matter defamatory to another. It is not necessary . . . that the report should be verbatim; nor is absolute accuracy essential so long as the report is substantially correct. A few slight accidental errors will not destroy the privilege, provided the whole report, as published, produces materially the same effect on the mind of the reader as an absolutely correct one would have done."

"In regard to matters of public interest in a public, official meeting all that is necessary to render the words spoken or published privileged is that they should be communicated in good faith, without malice to those who have an interest in the subject matter to which they refer, and in an honest belief that the communication is true, such belief being founded on reasonable and probable ground."

"Questions relating to the life, health, and welfare of the community may be commented on, and if erroneous deductions are made, they do not give cause for an action for damages unless special injury can be shown, provided the persons taking part in the inquiry are not prompted by malice. Thus a newspaper is qualifiedly privileged in commenting on conditions that exist in a city hospital."

"It has . . . been held not to be actionable for a newspaper to publish a police report that a child died of tartar emetic poisoning as a result of eating sugar bought at the store of the plaintiff."

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Dear Santa:

My name is Janie Crow. I am 3 years old. I live at 407 Shelton in Artesia, N. M. Will you please bring me a rocky horse, a rocking chair, a doll, a doll high chair, an ironing board, and you might as well bring me a new iron too. My Daddy is a postman. Thank you very much.

Janie Crow.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a bicycle very much. I haven't been a very good boy, but I will try to be good and mind my Mom and Dad. With all my love,
Yours until Christmas,
Jim Goodwin,
1101 Mann Avenue.

Stigler Winner Of Run-Off Race For Kiwanis Post

Perry A. Stigler was elected a member of the board of directors of Kiwanis club ending a three-way tie in which Paul Dillard, Paul Frost, and Stigler were competing, at the club's regular weekly luncheon at noon yesterday in Masonic Temple.

Installation of officers has been scheduled for Jan. 11. It will be a ladies night affair.

Yesterday's luncheon program consisted of a stunt with a dinner as the award for the member making the most eloquent introduction. Names of those to be introduced were chosen by drawing, each person introducing the person whose name he drew.

Winner was Tom Johnson on his introduction of Lowe Wiskersham. Visiting Kiwanian was Walter Harrison, a past president of the Roswell club.

Half of Ballots Voted in Chamber Directors Election

A total of 125 ballots have been voted out of 246 mailed out in the annual election of directors of Artesia Chamber of Commerce, Bob Koonce, manager, said Thursday.

The returns are to be canvassed on Tuesday, Dec. 26 by the nominating committee which is comprised of Clyde Guy, A. C. Sadler, and C. T. Gaskins.

New officials begin tenures Jan. 1. Directors will vote for the officers.

In conjunction with the election Manager Koonce added that not all membership cards in the organization's membership drive which began Nov. 21 had been turned in. Mo-up in the move started Dec. 8.

Nearly one-half of Oregon's 60 million acres is forest land.

The Jordan River, principal stream of Palestine, is called Esh-Sheriah by the Arabs.

The first country to adopt Christianity as a state religion was Armenia, in 303 A.D.

FLOCALS

Robert Painter, a student at Texas Christian College, Fort Worth, arrived home Thursday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Painter.

Mrs. T. A. Southard and daughter Norma Jo and Mrs. R. A. Southard spent Monday in Roswell.

Wade Green, a student at New Mexico A. & M. College, Las Cruces, arrived home yesterday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Green.

Ramon Woodside, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Woodside, arrived home yesterday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents. He is a student at New Mexico A. & M. College, Las Cruces.

Eugene Howell, a student at New Mexico A. & M. College, Las Cruces, arrived home yesterday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Howell.

Billy Southard, a student at Abilene (Texas) Christian College, is expected to arrive home today to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Southard.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Phillips, Sr.

were to leave today for Big Spring, Texas, to spend Christmas with relatives of both. They plan to return home next Wednesday.

Billy Holland, a student at the Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, arrived home Friday of last week to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Sam Watson.

Cadet Sammy Yates, son of Harvey E. Yates, and Cadet Dwight Hancox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy A. Hancox, students at Wentworth Military Academy, Lexington, Mo., have returned home for the Christmas holidays. The vacation officially started on Dec. 15 and will extend to Jan. 3. The Yuletide season at Wentworth was ushered in with annual band concert, winter dance and the Christmas dinner which were held prior to the cadets' departure for their homes.

Mrs. Mildred Murphy Angel and Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. (Buster) Hnulik left Wednesday morning by automobile for Los Angeles, Calif., to spend the Christmas holidays. They will return home after New Year's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Savoie and children plan to spend Christmas Day with Mrs. Savoie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lusk at Mayhill.

Wayne Paulin and Jack Tinson took Coach "Rusty" Russell of Southern Methodist University,

guest speaker at the football banquet sponsored by the Bulldog Parents Club on Wednesday night, to Carlsbad Thursday morning, from where he took a plane to return to Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Crossett and little son plan to spend Christmas at Dallas, Texas.

Sgt. G. L. Thalman, who has been stationed at Fort Francis E. Warren, Cheyenne, Wyo., is to arrive today to spend Christmas with Mrs. Thalman and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Thalman. After Christmas Sergeant Thalman will report to Ellington Field, at Houston, Texas.

Miss Joan Johnson, who is attending the University of New Mexico at Albuquerque, arrived home Friday of last week to spend the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Johnson.

Jimmy Blue, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Blue, who is attending Highlands University at Las Vegas, arrived home Friday of last week to spend his Christmas vacation with his family. Mr. and Mrs. Blue's daughter, Mrs. Beverly Graham, and Mr. Graham of Mountair were to arrive today to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Blue.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Barker plan to spend Christmas Day in Lubbock, Texas, visiting Mr. Barker's

brother, Charlie Barker, and family. Mr. and Mrs. Nay Hightower and Mrs. Hightower's mother, Mrs. Jack Hastie, plan to have as guests for Christmas Mrs. Hastie's daughters and families. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Kimbell of Safford, Ariz., and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Douglas of the Sacramento Mountains, and her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Caraway and children, of Roswell.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Brown are planning to spend Christmas in Albuquerque visiting Mrs. Brown's sister and husband, Mrs. L. E. Lumley, and Mr. Lumley.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Davis and two children, Charles Herman and Floy Ray Floore, of Fillmore, Calif., will arrive here Saturday to spend their Christmas vacation with their families, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Ansley and Mr. and Mrs. Paris Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gates are leaving Saturday afternoon for Abilene, Texas, where they will spend Christmas with Mrs. Gates' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stallings.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Shults of Ozona, Texas, was to arrive today to spend Christmas with Mrs. Shults' parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Sherwood, Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Sherwood, of Snyder, Texas, will also spend

Christmas visiting them and Mrs. Gene Sherwood's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Cook, of Hagerman. Mrs. M. C. Ross' sister, Miss Margaret Smith, of Colorado Springs, arrived Friday of last week to spend the Christmas vacation with Mrs. Ross.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph A. Shugart drove to Amarillo Wednesday where they met early Thursday morning their son, Ralph Shugart, Jr., who is attending Grove City (Pa.) College at Grove City. They also met Mrs. Shugart's sister, Miss Mary Middleton, of Marion, Ind.

Miss Middleton and Ralph, Jr., returned home with them for the Christmas holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Shugart's daughter, Mrs. Bernard Johnston, and Mr. Johnston of Roswell are also planning to spend Christmas Day with them.

Mrs. Leroy Bell of Hope drove to Muleshoe, Texas, Thursday to visit her son, Lewis Scoggins, and Mrs. Scoggins and was to return home today.

Miss Virginia Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Green, who is attending Stephens College at Columbia, Mo., arrived home Sunday to spend her Christmas vacation with her parents and brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Hillard of Albuquerque will arrive tonight to spend Christmas vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Liv-

ington and Mr. and Mrs. Hillard.

Kenneth Newton, a student at New Mexico A. & M. College, Las Cruces, arrived home yesterday to spend the holidays at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Newton.

Kenneth Mitchell, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mitchell, arrived home Wednesday evening to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell. Mitchell is a student at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas.

Earl Bratcher, a student at Hardin-Simmons, Abilene, Texas, arrived home Wednesday evening to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Bratcher.

Mrs. Bernard Cleve of El Paso arrived home Wednesday after visiting at Duncan, Okla., and St. Joseph, Mo. She was gone about a month.

Mr. and Mrs. Burr Clem left Sunday morning to visit their daughter, Mrs. Bob Whitted, and Mr. Whitted at Nara Visa. They plan to spend three or four days

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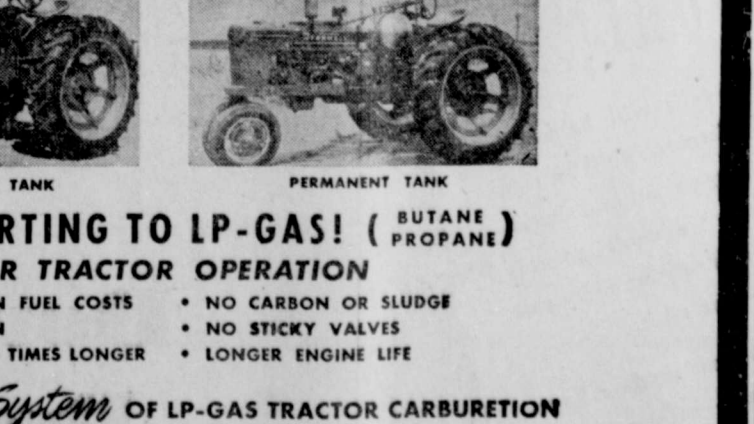
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1950 CHRISTMAS

HAPPINESS RULE YOUR HOMES THIS SEASON.

Rotary Club Has Gift Exchange At Tuesday Meet

Members of the Artesia Rotary Club enjoyed an exchange of gifts and informal party Tuesday noon at the weekly luncheon meeting, at which there was no special program.

Jack Tinson, who has served as Santa Claus numerous times, was in charge of the presentation of gifts, for which members and guests drew numbers.

President Charlie Bullock appointed Bill McGinty, Thad Cox and E. B. Bullock as a committee to purchase a Christmas present for and present to George Nickolds, scoutmaster of the Boy Scout troop sponsored by the club.

Rev. C. A. Clark, pastor of the Sherman Memorial Methodist Community Church at Loco Hills, expressed thanks to the club for treats for the Christmas parties of his church and the Loco Hills Baptist Church.

Olsson—

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McQuay, had figures of Santa, four reindeer on roof, a sign, scarlet on aluminum. "Season's Greetings," two elves and three barrels in front of the window.

McQuay is engaged in interior decorating and cabinet work. Display of Dr. Crouch, first place winner in the north of Grand section, had two giant-size peppermint canes at the door, a replica of a snow man and Christmas trees with sundry lights, expertly blended into the background of the house.

Crouch is an osteopathic physician and surgeon and owner of Artesia Osteopathic Hospital & Clinic. Simple but effective, was the display of Cox, runner-up in the area. His display had four large size scarlet tapers topped with green wreaths against a background of a big Christmas tree.

American—

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freedom and democracy. . . Commander Simons said that each individual should participate in the prayers for peace in the church of his choice or as he otherwise wishes, but stressed the necessity of turning in unison to Great Power in asking that peace shall prevail.

At the same time, Commander Simons said, there should be no let down in preparedness, but rather that preparations for war should be speeded, while asking Divine deliverance from war.

Party—

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singing of carols at the meeting Wednesday noon. They sang "Silent Night," one verse of which was sung as a solo by Mrs. Clyde Dungan, accompanist and "Joy to the World."

Music was provided by three high school boys, Bill Brown on the piano, Louis Campanella, accordion and Fred Hernandez, bass viol.

Congress—

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munity is urged to crowd into the churches of their choice and to participate with all their hearts in this nationwide call to penitence and acknowledgment of our dependence upon the True and Living God."

National Guard Drill Is Cut Out Until After Holidays

There was no drill for the National Guard unit Wednesday night, nor will there be drill Wednesday night of next week because of the holiday season, it was announced by Capt. Marshall Belshe, commanding officer.

He said that when drills are resumed on Wednesday night, Jan. 3, all members of the battery are to turn in clothing which has been issued to them, in preparation for inventory, which is scheduled for Jan. 12. Members are to report as usual, but in civilian clothes, the captain said.

Captain Belshe also announced there still are a few vacancies for personnel in the battery and invited eligible young men to see him in regard to enlisting.

Nominations—

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past commander of the V.F.W. Bill Dunnam, service officer for the three veterans' organizations here, who served as toastmaster, was presented a beautiful luggage case from the chapter in recognition of his work as service officer.

The nominations for officers for the coming year were made after the joint meeting, when the men's and women's groups held separate meetings.

Named for consideration at the January meeting were: For commander, Kenneth Jones, Walter Wood and Buster Cline; senior vice commander, K. K. Wade and Wade Cunningham; junior vice commander, Bill Boggs and Fred Lopez; treasurer, Leland Wittkopp; chaplain, Rufus E. Lee; officer of the day, Lauren E. Frego and Sidney Smith; service officer, Bill Dunnam.

The nominating committee, named by Commander Julius Chandler, consisted of Leland Wittkopp, W. H. Ledbetter and Wade Cunningham.

At the conclusion of the men's and women's meetings, bingo was played for prizes, but for a small charge to raise money to hire someone to repair and paint toys which the veterans have collected to give for Christmas, inasmuch as volunteer workers have not been forthcoming. About \$24 was realized for the purpose.

Dedication New Clark Home to Be on Dec. 27

The new home of Rev. C. A. Clark, retired Methodist minister and Mrs. Clark at 708 South Eighth Street will be dedicated at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 27.

The officiating minister will be Rev. T. Edgar Neal of Levelland, Texas, Mrs. Clark's brother, with other ministers assisting.

An invitation has been extended to the public to attend. After the ceremony, Rev. and Mrs. Clark will be at home throughout the afternoon.

Rev. Clark retired from the active ministry after 50 years in the ministry in the fall of 1947. He had served as pastor of the First Methodist Church of Artesia at that time since 1941.

After his retirement, Rev. Clark served as supply pastor at Dexter two years and he has been supply pastor at the Sherman Memorial Methodist Community Church at Loco Hills since then.

Rev. and Mrs. Clark moved into their new home last May at the time of its completion.

Although it was called the War of 1812, most of the fighting took place in 1813 and 1814.

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Potpourri—

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a half inches long. With trailer it is nine inches over all.

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Hills Items

(Mrs. Earl Smith)

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Mrs. W. R. McClendon children spent Thursday of week in Hot Springs.

Sunday in the home of Mrs. Sam Snow were Mrs. Coppinger and Mrs. George of Artesia.

Jack Smith has been on the list. The family lives on the Harris lease.

Mrs. John Snow of the lease are the parents of a Jimmy, born Saturday night last week in Artesia General hospital. He is a nephew of Sam and Mrs. Jack Smith.

Sunday in the home of Mrs. Edgar Chase were Mrs. Oscar Doughty and Mrs. of Maljamar.

Bobby Goodson of Amarillo, plans to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Goodson, in Old Loco Hills.

Ward and son W. P. Ward and son Fair Camp in Old Loco Hills.

Ward is employed at the rearing plant.

Mrs. Dewey Hall are visiting in Oklahoma City and other cities in the state visiting relatives.

Harland Wells spent Monday in well where he went for medical treatment.

R. Doughty and Mr. and Mrs. Doughty went to Borger, Texas, after Mr. and Mrs. Rube garden, who have moved here.

Mrs. Bearden are uncle of Mrs. C. R. Doughty.

Kenneth Doughty is at his home recuperating from a tonsil operation.

Ronald Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Rogers, and Stewart James, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Holmes, are home for the holidays. The boys are students at the University of New Mexico at Albuquerque.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Richardson and Duluth spent Sunday in Monument visiting old friends and former residents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Stewart.

Clyde Clevenger, who was injured while at work recently, is in a hospital in El Paso, and will be home until Christmas Day. His condition is good. He is employed at the Coronado plant.

Brenda Jean and Renda Dean are the names chosen for the tiny twin daughters born recently in Artesia to Mr. and Mrs. Perry Henderson of the Coronado plant.

Mrs. Ed Courville and sons, Warren and Morris, will spend the holidays with relatives in Fluvanna, Texas.

LOADING TO LEAVE AT HUNGNAM



A U. S. TANK is hoisted aboard a transport at Hungnam docks as UN forces are evacuated from northeastern Korea. Photo by International News photographer Irwin Tress. (International Radiophoto)

VA Discourages Yule Leave for TB Patients

The managers of the Veterans Administration's two hospitals in New Mexico have joined in a plea to relatives of tuberculosis patients to help keep the veterans in the hospitals during the Christmas holidays.

D. K. Dalager, manager of the hospital in Albuquerque, and Lowell C. Like, manager of the hospital at Fort Bayard, warned that many patients will be endangering their own health as well as that of their families and communities, if they insist on taking a Christmas vacation.

Tuberculosis veterans who have an active infection will not receive permission to leave the hospital, the managers said. As in the past, however, when in the opinion of the doctors the patient has progressed beyond the infectious stage and for whom a brief interruption in treatment will not be harmful, passes will be issued. Such cases are in a small minority in both hospitals, they said. Furloughs for general medical and surgical cases will be considered also on the basis

of medical feasibility but somewhat more leniently.

Relatives of patients can do their part by seeing to it that the veterans do not leave against medical advice (AWOL) and do not get the feeling they are "not wanted" at home simply because family invitations are not pressed, the managers said. Relatives should, by all means, arrange to visit the patients, they stressed.

VA doctors have sought to reduce leave taking among TB patients to an absolute minimum, but recognize that such a policy runs counter to the desire of a large number of patients to be with their families during the holidays. Both managers said they hope that increased understanding among patients, relatives and doctors this year will result in greater cooperation in the "stay on the ward" drive, and a reduction in "AWOL" cases which usually rise sharply at Christmas time.

A study was made of the leave status last Christmas Day of approximately 9500 tuberculosis patients on the rolls of 33 VA hospitals. Slightly more than 30 percent were on pass or leave and for the month of December, 342 were "AWOL" or left against medical advice.

The need for continuous treatment is essential for those patients who require 21 or more hours a day bed rest, it was pointed out. These are patients who are at the more critical stage in the treatment of their disease.

To meet the problem, VA has established a year-long program of education. This calls for early discussion with patients to avoid their building up hopes of going home on Christmas, development of mutual confidence between patient and doctor, demonstration of a personal interest in the patient by the hospital manager, the doctors, and all hospital personnel; continuous education of the patient on the subject of tuberculosis as it affects him, establishment of a pass and leave policy which is altered only slightly, if at all, during the holiday season; provision for adequate entertainment, assistance to patients and their families in meeting personal problems, and help in obtaining accommodations for families who visit patients at Christmas time.

Both Albuquerque and Fort Bayard hospitals are working out daily entertainment programs during the holidays with the aid of volunteer and service groups.

The area of the republic of Andorra in Europe is 191 square miles.

A pendulum clock that works perfectly in the United States would have to be adjusted in Central America. The nearer the equator, the slower the pendulum swings.

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Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smith and son, Cordell, expect to spend the holidays at Ponca City and Tulsa, Okla., and Chicago, and Milwaukee, Wis., visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hyder of Wyoming plan to be Christmas guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hyder and Mr. and Mrs. Asa Ward. Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Field of Missouri plan to visit Mrs.

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 - GRAPES Large Bunches Pound 10c

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Jack Tinson, who has served as Santa Claus numerous times, was in charge of the presentation of gifts for which members and guests drew number.

President Charlie Bullock appointed Bill McGinty, Thad Cox and E. B. Bullock as a committee to purchase a Christmas present for and present to George Nickolds, scoutmaster of the Boy Scout troop sponsored by the club.

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McQuay is engaged in interior decorating and cabinet work. Display of Dr. Crouch, first place winner in the north of Grand section, had two giant-size peppermint canes at the door, a replica of a snow man and Christmas trees with sundry lights, expertly blended into the background of the house.

Crouch is an osteopathic physician and surgeon and owner of Artesia Osteopathic Hospital & Clinic.

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Music was provided by three high school boys, Bill Brown on the piano, Louis Campanella, accordion and Fred Hernandez, bass viol.

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He said that when drills are resumed on Wednesday night, Jan. 3, all members of the battery are to turn in clothing which has been issued to them, in preparation for inventory, which is scheduled for Jan. 12. Members are to report as usual, but in civilian clothes, the captain said.

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Nominations—

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The nominations for officers for the coming year were made after the joint meeting, when the men's and women's groups held separate meetings.

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At the conclusion of the men's and women's meetings, bingo was played for prizes, but for a small change to raise money to hire someone to repair and paint toys which the veterans have collected to give for Christmas, inasmuch as volunteer workers have not been forthcoming About \$24 was realized for the purpose.

Dedication New Clark Home to Be on Dec. 27

The new home of Rev. C. A. Clark, retired Methodist minister and Mrs. Clark at 708 South Eighth Street will be dedicated at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 27.

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An invitation has been extended to the public to attend. After the ceremony, Rev. and Mrs. Clark will be at home throughout the afternoon.

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At Blythe, Calif., Clifford became ill. But they pushed on and made it back to Fortland on Feb. 5, hitchhiking in the cold, but somewhat bolstered up with the coats they had received for Christmas here.

After arriving in Artesia total strangers on Christmas Eve, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford found friends, stayed over Christmas Day on

which they attended services at the Baptist Church, were cordially welcomed by Rev. S. M. Morgan, pastor, and were introduced by him to a number of members. After they had enjoyed their turkey dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford spent the remainder of Christmas at the hotel, warm in bodily heat and warm of heart, as they have just written Judge Josey.

The visitors from Maine, staying home in spite of the colder weather, after their experience of a year

ago, highly praised the Artesia for their kind Christian spirit. But after all, that was Eve when they arrived, could not be permitted to the cold without observing Christmas and a bit of joy for this is Artesia. And that is a Christmas enacted in Artesia, reflecting the spirit of the season which remains here during the year as it should everywhere.

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Hills Items

(Mrs. Earl Smith)

and Mrs. Charles Rogers have returned to Albuquerque to be with Mrs. Rogers' mother, Mrs. Miller. Mrs. Rogers' grandfather, John Raper, of literary fame, died at Pueblo, Colo. Burial was held in Cleveland, Ohio. Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Raper attended the funeral services.

and Mrs. W. R. McClendon and children spent Thursday afternoon in Hot Springs.

will be Sunday in the home of Mrs. Sam Snow were Mrs. Coppinger and Mrs. George of Artesia.

Jack Smith has been on the list. The family lives on the Harris lease.

and Mrs. John Snow of the lease are the parents of a Jimmy, born Saturday night last week in Artesia General Hospital. He is a nephew of Sam and Mrs. Jack Smith.

will be Sunday in the home of Mrs. Edgar Chase were Mrs. Oscar Doughty and Mrs. Maljamar.

obby Goodson of Amarillo, plans to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Goodson, in Old Loco Hills.

and Mrs. W. P. Ward and son moved from Alamogordo to the Fair Camp in Old Loco Hills.

Ward is employed at the repairing plant.

and Mrs. Dewey Hall are visiting in Oklahoma City and other cities in the state visiting relatives.

Harland Wells spent Monday in well where he went for medical treatment.

R. Doughty and Mr. and Mrs. Doughty went to Borger, Texas, after Mr. and Mrs. Ruben, who have moved here.

and Mrs. Bearden are uncle and aunt of Mrs. C. R. Doughty. Kenneth Doughty is at his home recuperating from a tonsil operation.

Ronald Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Rogers, and Stewart Holmes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Holmes, are home for the holidays. The boys are students at the University of New Mexico at Albuquerque.

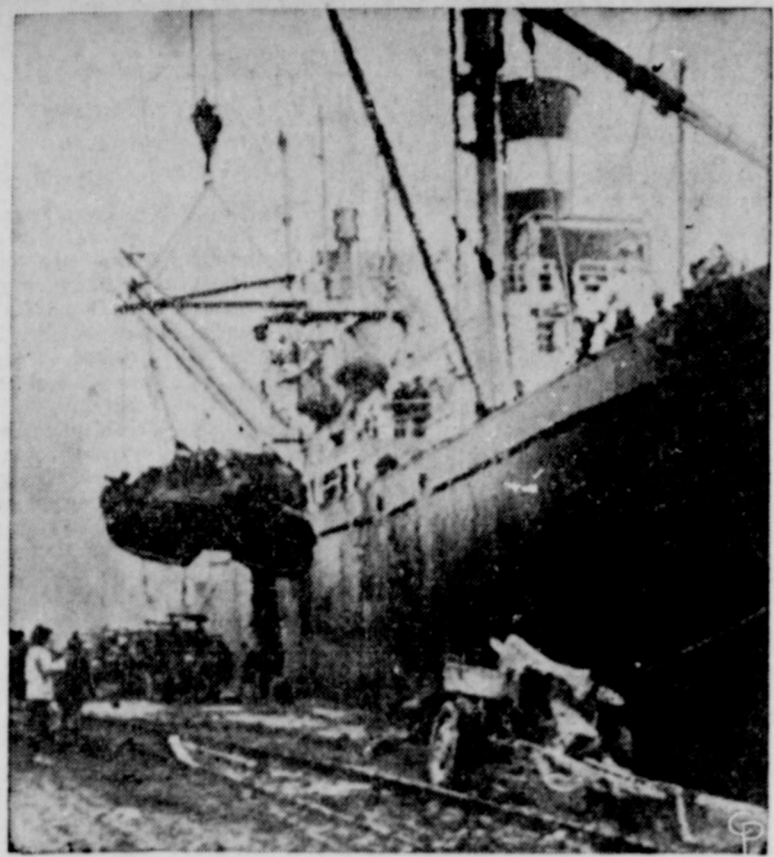
Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Richardson and Duluth spent Sunday in Monument visiting old friends and former residents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Stewart.

Clyde Clevenger, who was injured while at work recently, is in a hospital in El Paso, and will be here until Christmas Day. His condition is good. He is employed at the Coronado plant.

Brenda Jean and Renda Dean are the names chosen for the tiny twin daughters born recently in Artesia to Mr. and Mrs. Perry Henderson of the Coronado plant.

Mrs. Ed Courville and sons, Warren and Morris, will spend the holi-

LOADING TO LEAVE AT HUNGNAM



A U. S. TANK is hoisted aboard a transport at Hungnam docks as UN forces are evacuated from northeastern Korea. Photo by International News photographer Irwin Tress. (International Radiophoto)

VA Discourages Yule Leave for TB Patients

The managers of the Veterans Administration's two hospitals in New Mexico have joined in a plea to relatives of tuberculosis patients to help keep the veterans in the hospitals during the Christmas holidays.

D. K. Dalager, manager of the hospital in Albuquerque, and Lowell C. Like, manager of the hospital at Fort Bayard, warned that many patients will be endangering their own health as well as that of their families and communities, if they insist on taking a Christmas vacation.

Tuberculosis veterans who have an active infection will not receive permission to leave the hospital, the managers said. As in the past, however, when in the opinion of the doctors the patient has progressed beyond the infectious stage and for whom a brief interruption in treatment will not be harmful, passes will be issued. Such cases are in a small minority in both hospitals, they said. Furloughs for general medical and surgical cases will be considered also on the basis

of medical feasibility but somewhat more leniently.

Relatives of patients can do their part by seeing to it that the veterans do not leave against medical advice (AWOL) and do not get the feeling they are "not wanted" at home simply because family invitations are not pressed, the managers said. Relatives should, by all means, arrange to visit the patients, they stressed.

VA doctors have sought to reduce leave taking among TB patients to an absolute minimum, but recognize that such a policy runs counter to the desire of a large number of patients to be with their families during the holidays. Both managers said they hope that increased understanding among patients, relatives and doctors this year will result in greater cooperation in the "stay on the ward" drive, and a reduction in "AWOL" cases which usually rise sharply at Christmas time.

A study was made of the leave status last Christmas Day of approximately 9500 tuberculosis patients on the rolls of 33 VA hospitals. Slightly more than 30 per cent were on pass or leave and for the month of December, 342 were "AWOL" or left against medical advice.

ment is essential for those patients who require 21 or more hours a day bed rest, it was pointed out. These are patients who are at the more critical stage in the treatment of their disease.

To meet the problem, VA has established a year-long program of education. This calls for early discussion with patients to avoid their building up hopes of going home on Christmas, development of mutual confidence between patient and doctor, demonstration of a personal interest in the patient by the hospital manager, the doctors, and all hospital personnel; continuous education of the patient on the subject of tuberculosis as it affects him, establishment of a pass and leave policy which is altered only slightly, if at all, during the holiday season; provision for adequate entertainment, assistance to patients and their families in meeting personal problems, and help in obtaining accommodations for families who visit patients at Christmas time.

Both Albuquerque and Fort Bayard hospitals are working out daily entertainment programs during the holidays with the aid of volunteer and service groups.

The area of the republic of Andorra in Europe is 191 square miles.

A pendulum clock that perfectly in the United States would have to be adjusted for the slower the swings.

FAVOR IMPRES

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days with relatives in Fluvanna, Texas.

The First Baptist Church Christmas program and tree was held at the church last night.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Swinford and son, J. D., expect to be Christmas guests at Pampa, Texas, of Mrs. Swinford's mother, Mrs. E. F. Barnett, and family, and her brother, Ed Barnett, and Mrs. Barnett, who formerly lived at Carper Camp and will be remembered by old friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smith and son, Cordell, expect to spend the holidays at Ponca City and Tulsa, Okla., and Chicago, and Milwaukee, Wis., visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hyder of Wyoming plan to be Christmas guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hyder and Mr. and Mrs. Asa Ward. Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Field of Missouri plan to visit Mrs.

Field's father, John Hyder, and Mrs. Hyder, over the holidays.

The Christmas party for the members of the ladies' class of the First Baptist Church was held at the church Friday evening of last week. Mrs. Bud North had charge of the business meeting. A gift exchange was held and "mystery friends" were chosen for the coming year. Fruit cake and coffee were served to Mes. E. J. Hollis, Rufus Swinford, Ed Courville, Ed Jackson, N. G. Barton, Jim Starkey, Jack Phillips, Elvery Baker, Garel Westall, Boyd North, Carl Rothrock, W. R. McClendon, Glen Arthur, G. G. Unangst, W. A. Hammond, and F. A. Blum, and several others. Guests enjoyed a social hour.

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How Old Is Santa Claus

JUST A YEAR AGO we asked the question: How old is Santa Claus? And we said the answer possibly is a matter of record, but frankly we did not know the answer.

We were certain then and are still certain he is very old. At the same time he never grows any older. In fact, he carries with him a perennial youthfulness, which belies his long, white whiskers and hair.

So Santa Claus is a paradox: He's old, but still he's young. And perhaps in that paradox and the reason for it lies a secret we should all learn and practice—the quality of being eternally jolly and kind.

No one ever saw Santa Claus when he was not jolly, or when he was not placing other people's interests first and before his own.

Oh, sure, sure, we know that Santa Claus is a symbol and the old fellow as we know him in America has been created, just as his counterpart has been created in other parts of the world. But he is quite real to us and to almost everyone else. He has taken the form of a man—a jolly, generous man—a personification in kindness and jovialness of that Event which he represents, becoming quite real at the period of the year when that Event approaches.

How old is Santa, we ask? He was old when we were a boy. But he was jolly. And he is old today. And he is still jolly. And he will be old—but still perennially young—when boys of generations to come are here. And he will be jolly then.

That then is the secret of youth. That is how old Santa is. That is why we should emulate him and be jolly. And in that, Santa places the happiness and interests of others first, we can say today and so long as the world exists and in the spirit of Him in whose kindness Santa Claus was deified—

Merry Christmas!—A.L.B.

We Can't Buy It

WE ARE WONDERING just when as a nation we are going to learn that you can't buy and pay for friendship with dollars and cents. We have spent a tremendous amount of money in trying to win and hold the friendship of certain nations of this world but seemingly we haven't as yet gotten any results.

We perhaps have poured more money into China trying to aid and help these people; feed them, clothe them, provide education and help them to take their place among the nations.

We have been hopeful they might remember this and show their appreciation but they haven't. They haven't unless we can believe all the assaults and attacks they are now making on us in Korea is gratitude.

We had the same experience when we helped Japan following one of her disasters. We sent some 10 million dollars in supplies to them. They said they would never forget this. They didn't—they remembered it with the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

And now President Truman wants to send some 75 million dollars to Tito and to his country. His country has suffered and is suffering from a drought. They need food.

But Americans need food and Uncle Sam doesn't just shell out to feed them. They have to put up some collateral and show good intentions and their ability to repay their loan.

Why shouldn't Tito have to do exactly the same thing? We don't trust him or his country.

Now he needs help and we are one of the few nations that can help, so he asks for it. What will his answer be when we need help?

And we are in need of help. Those nations we have helped so many times and so often aren't so appreciative, either. We do not know whether we can trust or depend on them or not when we need them.

If we have to fight our own battles and alone—then why maintain the other nations and answer their every plea for aid and help? We had better get a few of these things on a business basis and we had better begin to realize that perhaps if we weren't such suckers we might have a few of them in a position to be forced and required to stand with us.

They haven't sufficient appreciation or gratitude to do it.—O.E.P.

Work for Changes

THERE HAVE BEEN MANY CHANGES SUGGESTED and advocated in our state government; the manner in which its being operated and the administration of our affairs.

Certainly there is no question but what some changes are needed and some changes will be made.

But these changes are going to take time, they are going to take work, they are going to require our help and co-operation.

The mere fact that we have a new governor going into office does not mean that everything can be done overnight. It doesn't mean that all of the things we may think should be done can or will be done.

The conditions that prevail today were not built up overnight. They are the result of 20 years of control by one political party. It is going to take time to bring about changes which are needed.

There have been those who have been selfish and who sought certain things for themselves, their own group or their own profession. And some of these have been successful in acquiring these.

There will be individuals and groups and organizations which will seek selfish things under the new administration. They will try to get things done for themselves.

They will forget that our government and its programs should bring about the greatest good to the greatest number.

That should be the test of regulations, laws and changes. We should keep this in mind and we should work with those who are striving to bring about changes which will benefit, help and aid all groups.

It is the privileged groups we want removed and eliminated from our government. We want this done not only in our state government but in our federal government.

But it is going to take our work and our efforts and our co-operation to bring about the changes and the improvement we want.

We are going to have to be patient and be understanding and work along on the program we say we would like to see carried out.

But we do have the opportunity now.

Let's be sure that we join hands and work with those seeking to put out the kind of a program we need and want better to serve our state and the citizens of our state.—O.E.P.

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What Other Editors Are Saying

THE CHINESE CHANGE

Nine years ago the Japanese were giving the Chinese a beating that left no doubt that all of China would be subjugated. Sympathies of the American people were strongly with the Chinese. As a matter of fact our aid to the Chinese was one of the reasons why the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor.

At that time, prior to that time and in the last few months, talk of the "traditional friendship" between the American people and the Chinese people was general.

Today, we cannot help wondering what has happened to that "traditional friendship." Hundreds of thousands of Chinese are attacking and killing greatly outnumbered Americans in Korea. Perhaps that "traditional friendship" was onesided—all of it was on our part.

And we cannot help wondering why the Chinese of today apparently are fighting us so much more ferociously than the Chinese of nine years ago fought the Japanese. The Chinese communist army of today is a powerful striking force. It is being used with cunning and efficiency in attacking United Nations troops in Korea.

What has come over the Chinese? Why do they fight better as communists than they did as Chinese Nationals?

That raises a question which not only applies to the Chinese; it also affects other people who have come under communist domination.

Why do people without hope turn to communism? The answer is obvious. It is because they must believe communism holds out hope for them.

No well-fed, well-clothed American could begin to imagine the squalor in which the Chinese masses live and the hopelessness of their lives. They will turn to communism or any other "ism" that may give them some encouragement. That is true all over the world. It is a situation which can be combated only with reason. Communism may be a fever which will have to run its course. Perhaps it would endanger the patient to try to break that fever too soon!—El Paso Times.

AMATEUR RAIN MAKERS

It shouldn't surprise anybody, in the near future, to see "Keep Off the Clouds! This Mean YOU" signs displayed in prominent places on clouds everywhere.

It's all the fault of these pesky amateur rain makers. So long as rain makers, amateur and otherwise, confined their activities to rain dances, involv-

ing a lot of Indians with feathers in their hair, no body objected and thought it was just picturesque. However, now that rain making has been taken away from the Indians, along with practically everything else and turned into a coldly scientific proposition, things have changed, and amateurs just gum things up for the professionals.

A pioneer New York rain maker, Dr. Bernard Vonnegut, who puts his faith in "seeding" clouds with dry ice, says that something will have to be done to keep clouds earmarked for rain makers who know their business and that means will have to be devised to keep unwanted kibitzers on the sidelines.

Amateur rain makers, he says, are blundering the issue by taking off in planes and scattering dry ice amid the clouds just to see what will happen. This makes things increasingly tough for those engaged in making scientifically conducted tests, under official auspices. The amateurs are just hastening the day when they'll be under government control, or at least required to have a rain maker's license.—Indianapolis Star.

CRUELTY TO POLICEMEN

The parking problem has been temporarily solved in Irvington, N. J. During the Christmas shopping rush parkers may place their cars beside the meters and if their time runs out the officers who ordinarily would report them as traffic offenders will put a nickel in the slot of any meter showing a violation. The fund of nickels is provided by the Chamber of Commerce.

The effect of this plan on Christmas sales probably will be satisfactory to the merchants in the Chamber of Commerce. But the possible effect on the patrolman is disconcerting to consider.

When some careless motorist violates a traffic rule, a sort of chain reaction takes place in the properly preconditioned "copper." His jaw set. His hand whips out a whistle. His lungs swell up like a mighty bellows. And the rest is what every motorist knows. At a parking meter showing a red flag the policeman's hand whips out a little book instead of a whistle, but the jaws set just the same.

Under the Irvington plan the policeman will mentally go through this heroic routine right up to the point where all his highly trained responses cry for Olympian retribution on the offender. And then—the policeman must smile sheepishly, pretending to like what he's doing and to be feeling like Santa Claus and drop another nickel in.

Let the parker beware when open season returns in Irvington!—Christian Science Monitor.

WOUNDED AWAIT EVACUATION FROM HAMHUNG AREA



WOUNDED MARINES from the Kotori entrapment unload on Yonpo airfield, in the Hamhung perimeter, to await evacuation to Japan. Photo by International News photographer Irwin Tress.

Assignment New Mexico

By G. Ward Fenley

If you're like me, you'll wait until Christmas Eve to stock up on Yuletide gifts.

But already I know what I'm going to send Millard Hunsley, news editor of The Albuquerque Journal. It'll be fishing tackle.

In a story about Mechem's new appointments, he said that Elliott Barker would evidently continue as head of the game and wish department. Good wishing, Millard.

To Gordon Greaves of The Portales Daily News we're dedicating a book on the speed of animals. Elephants, despite Gordon's estimate, can't run anything like 80 miles per hour. They can't even do 25 miles per hour.

The African elephant's top speed—when charging, according to UNM Prof. Martin Fleck—is 24 1/2 miles per hour. That's from the horse's mouth and straight.

To Jack Sitton of The Carlsbad Current-Argus, we'd like to give about 20,000 other citizens of the caliber of Bobby Dean Pue, the brilliant yet good old common every-day boy from the ranch who knocked off a Rhodes scholarship award. At the university we're as proud of Bobby as are Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Pue of Carlsbad.

I saw a Christmas ad in some state paper. Maybe it's best not to name the paper. It was a shoe store ad but a typo put a different flavor to its original intention.

Emblazoned in 80-point type were the words: "Biggest Collection of Play Shes in Town."

Guess we'll dedicate that one to Wallace Barnes of The Gallup Independent.

Since Jimmie Barber of The Range is always having trouble with furriers who can't say Raton, we're going to send him a book we're working up at the university on how to pronounce the names of 5000 towns, rivers, mountains, lakes, pueblos, and forests in New Mexico. We hope Jimmie will pass it on to some radio announcer who insist on pronouncing Jemez with a "J" instead of an "H."

To all those others—Will Harrison, Santa Fe; A. L. (Pot) Bert, Artesia; Carter Waid, Belen; Paul Tooley and Arletta Coleman, Truth or Consequences; Homer Gruver, Cruces; Ed Guthmann, Springer; Ann Clark, Santa Fe; Karl Guthmann, Roy, and dozens of others, we'd like to send Christmas gifts that would be in keeping with the immortal words of Ralph Waldo Emerson:

Emerson wrote: "Rings and jewels are not gifts—just apologies for gifts. The only true gift is a portion of thyself."

The real Christmas tree is the tree of life—its branches spread over all lands and its leaves scattered for the healing of all nations.

In the year of Our Lord 1950, there's too much baiting nations much as we used to trap a wily saddle horse. We'd approach him with a cube of sugar in an outstretched hand and a bridle hidden behind our back.

Today we go around the world with food and good will in one hand and an H-bomb in the other. Other nations—this does not include the Reds—can't get their eyes off the H-bomb.

As total mobilization tightens our belts, may we wish for each of you a world of willing co-operation, many little self-denials, bushels of little honesties, nameless acts of kindness, and innumerable silent victories over favorite temptations. At Christmastime, these are the threads of gold which when woven together gleam so brightly in the pattern of life that God approves.

Blinded Vets Enter Nearly Every Occupation

The nation's blinded World War II veterans have entered nearly every major occupational field at which Americans earn their living, from acting to teaching and from baking to cabinetmaking, a Veterans Administration survey disclosed.

The survey—a breakdown of 448 veterans in training and 556 holding jobs at the end of 1949—showed most of the veterans in jobs which bring them in contact with the sighted world, VA said. Relatively few went into specialized occupations for the blind.

Veterans who lost their sight because of service-connected reasons numbered 1694 at the time of the survey. The 690 not in training or at full-time jobs included those employed part time, out of work, preparing to start training, or who had stopped training.

Not all of the veterans covered by the survey were totally without sight, VA said. Some had a slight degree of vision enabling them to distinguish between light and dark.

Almost half of the 448 veterans training under public law 16 and the GI Bill, or 213, were aiming for professional, semi-professional, or managerial positions, VA said. Forty were training to be retail store managers, 39 were studying teaching, 26 law, 24 social work, 12 writing, reporting, and public relations and six for the clergy.

Bougainvillea, the climbing shrub, was named after De Bougainvillea, a French navigator.

Inside WASHINGTON MARCH OF EVENTS

U. S. Leaders Worried Over Appeasement Trend

United States Forecasts Failure of Any "Deal"

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—United States officials frankly are worried by the revival among war-weary Europeans for appeasement by the Communists in the Far East. The United States is convinced that any appeasement today would only bring the invasion of Europe by Red armies just so much the sooner.

With the Chinese Communist forces now pouring into Korea capital of being the spark to set off World War III, the Europeans are represented as wanting the United Nations to make a deal with Red China on Formosa, Korea and membership in the UN.

The United States, on the other hand, does not believe that any "deal" with Red China will hold water until the Reds are driven out of Korea and back into China.

The United States also believes that a UN deal with the Reds would not be worth the paper on which it is written and in the long run would make the UN as weak as the late League of Nations.

WASHINGTON—Some of the public criticism of the high rate of draft rejections fails to take into account the selective system under which the draft is conducted.

For instance, 15 per cent of prospective draftees are rejected for failure to pass an intelligence test. This test measures "ability to learn" and generally speaking more education does not improve the grade.

Moreover, for reasons of selection, the test is deliberately designed with the idea that 12 per cent of the people could not pass it. If the population became more intelligent, requirements would be raised until about 12 per cent were still excluded.

There also are many cases where a man would be entirely acceptable if he underwent an expensive operation or treatment, but the Army does not see why it should undertake this expense and delay when fit draftees are available.

NEW RENT FIGHT—One of the first controversial issues to face the 82nd Congress when it meets in January probably will be a renewal of the fight over extending federal rent controls.

With a temporary extension of 60 days to keep the present rent law in force until about March 1, the fight in the new Congress will be over the enactment of a long-range rent control law.

Unless the international situation improves, the chances for a new, one-year law are fair. Of course, if the United States becomes involved in an outright war in a few months, passage of a rent law is believed certain.

However, any new type law will differ from the present act in many respects. Proving by mistakes found in the present rent law, the legislators may pass a more fluid type of legislation.

NEW PRIORITIES—Civilian aviation is assured of sufficient new transports and spare parts under a new priority system to keep commercial airlines in operation despite military demands on the industry.

Under the new procedure, the Civil Aeronautics Board and Civil Aeronautics Administration act as "claimant agencies" before the National Production Administration to obtain "directives" for planes and spare parts.

The directives will require manufacturer to sandwich in the transports on the assembly lines between military planes and to put out spare parts as needed.

The CAA will handle requests from scheduled and non-scheduled carriers for "whole" transports while the CAB will expedite orders for spare parts and for smaller planes for the rest of the aviation industry.

What to Send VA Patients For Christmas

Veterans Administration has listed some "dos" and "don'ts" for persons planning to give gifts to patients in VA hospitals.

The following types of gifts belong in the "do" category, as they seem to be quite popular with veteran-patients.

Cigarettes and cigars. Books of canteen tickets, good for purchases in VA hospital canteens.

Toilet articles such as shaving lotion, combs, hairdressing, soap, and the like.

Stationery, pens, pencils, greeting cards, and other similar items. Handkerchiefs and socks. New phonograph records—after

a patient's musical tastes have been learned.

Gifts in the following categories are not required, and should not be sent to patients:

Used books, magazines, playing cards, puzzles and games. Items such as these are secured new and in sufficient quantity by the hospitals.

Candy and cookies to individual patients who, in many cases, are on special diets.

Bulk gifts of candy and cookies, however, may be sent to a hospital, where they will be distributed to those who can eat them.

As another "don't," VA asked that names of patients not be requested for the purpose of sending gifts or correspondence. The agency is not permitted to furnish such names to the public.

Cast iron was first made in Sussex, England, as early as 1350.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

"BUT I thought..." said the secretary meekly. "Don't you think," barked the industrialist. "That's not what I pay you for. Take down what I dictate and then type the letters. Is that quite clear? Now take this."

That afternoon, his secretary planked this letter on his desk for signature:

"Dear Smythe: The idiot spells it with an 'E.' Think it's aristocratic. His old man was a plumber. With regard to your letter of—look it up. Anybody who can read that handwriting deserves a medal. You ask the cost of replacing worn parts in the machinery at your plant. Our experts figure—hey, Joe, what was the estimate on that Smythe job? Two thousand? Okay—our experts figure that three thousand dollars is our rock-bottom price. The extra thousand is for that dumb 'E' he sticks on his name. Trusting to receive your esteemed order, etc., etc. There, that's done and you better get off my lap before my partner walks in on us."

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YOU'RE TELLING ME!

By WILLIAM RITT

Central Press Writer

ANDREW VISHINSKY, Soviet foreign minister, admitted at a UN meeting that he is afflicted with myopic vision. This should be okel-dokel with his Kremlin pals whose policy has been usually short-sighted.

That burglar who climbed a 19th ledge of a Chicago club certainly has risen since he started out as a second-story man.

Pre-Incons, says an archeologist, turned bones into jewels. Sounds like a gem of an idea.

Now that the soap operas have made their daylight television bow Grandpappy Jenkins fears that his shirts and socks will never get washed.

We should learn to slouch, according to a medico. Just as though there isn't enough bias in this old world.

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Marks Best of Christmas Card Seasons

William Maw Egley, the apprentice, created the Christmas card in a London in 1842. He had no inkling a little more than 100 years ago and a half billion cards would be exchanged in the United States alone. This year's supply of Christmas cards will have been nearly 50 million every day in the period beginning and Christmas.

Christmas Trees Total 28 Million For This Season

Approximately 28 1/2 million Christmas trees with a retail value of more than 50 million dollars are being marketed in the United States during the holiday season. This year's supply of Christmas trees probably will equal last year's supply. Prices being paid for Christmas trees on the stump this year are running about the same as a year ago.

Of the total of 28 1/2 million trees, 21 1/2 million will be cut in this country and nearly seven million will be imported from Canada. Approximately 19 million of the domestic trees are harvested on private lands, a million on the national forests and one and a half million on state and county land.

The great majority of imported trees come from Canada. Some tree dealers in the United States own or lease forested areas in Canada for cutting Christmas trees. A few trees are imported each year from Newfoundland and Labrador.

Records show that Montana harvests more than three million Christmas trees each year, or a seventh of the total national production. More than 2000 workers begin cutting, baling and sorting the Montana trees in early October and continue their work until a few weeks before Christmas. Trees shipped by rail from Montana each year would fill a train six miles long.

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Veterans Warned Against Making 'Side Payments'

Veterans Administration has again warned veterans, builders, and lenders against the consequences of making or accepting so-called "side payments" in the sale of home properties to veterans with the aid of GI loans.

sales to veterans in excess of appraised "reasonable value"—are a direct violation of law and subject offenders to possible federal prosecution.

In spite of repeated warnings, VA said cases continue to come to light wherein veterans have been induced to pay the builder or seller an amount over and above the sales price shown on the loan report submitted to VA, and upon which the government loan guarantee is based.

Veterans who knowingly conspire to evade the law by making such side payments risk loss of their rights under all veterans' laws, VA warned. In addition, all parties involved are liable to prosecution under federal law.

VA said that any lender who submits a loan to VA for guaranty while possessing knowledge of a side payment in connection with the sale—even though the payment was made to a third party other than the lender—may be suspended from further participation in the GI loan program. Also, the VA guaranty issued in connection with the transaction may be invalidated.

In cases where there is any reason for doubt, VA suggested that lenders obtain a signed statement from the veteran-purchaser that he is making no payment to anyone in excess of the disclosed purchase price.

VA said veterans should remember that the provision of the GI Bill, stipulating that the selling price to the veteran may not exceed the appraised reasonable value, was placed in the law for their own protection against overpriced properties.

Home on the Range

The filing of several lode claims on Twelve-Mile Hill, east of Artesia, is attracting a good deal of attention, but so far hasn't caused any stampeders. There are some who remember the discovery of drift copper ore with a smidgen of gold in it, on hill east of McMillan Reservoir. There was no doubt about its being copper and gold, but seemed to be "drift," and extensive search for the lode or color bodies failed. Most people now never heard of this "strike," even though some thousands of dollars were

paid for ground on the shoulder of the hill.

Some old and not easily stamped heads are concerned in this alleged find, including Charles Eaker, J. O. Stewart, W. D. Briggs and K. M. Henry, all of them "oil bugs" in the Maljamar field and adjoining country. Stewart says that on assay of samples from the region, showed values of \$277 a ton, with an ounce of gold, seven ounces of silver, and a copper content of 37 per cent. Of course if there is any considerable amount of this stuff this "Old Rattler" group is going to make a jingle of lots of money in due time. On the edge of an oil field that has never been fully developed, most any thing is possible in this area. The surface looks like it had been visited by the wrath of God, but that matters exactly nothing.

Something like 40 residents of McKinley and Western Valencia County are preparing to split a \$13,454 trust fund established for them while they were held prisoners of war by the Japanese. The money was raised in the two counties during World War II, and was intended to be used at Jap prisoner of war camps for drugs and supplies. The Nips refused to grant safe passage and the money has been held in trust ever since. There being some doubt about who was which, the matter was referred to the State Supreme Court, which held it should be divided among the veterans in the counties concerned.

About the oddest hoarding yet recorded is being found among Bernalillo County housewives, who are disturbed by the price of eggs, and envision a dollar a dozen era. Buying now at around six bits, they figure that they can refrigerate the cackles and trim two bits a dozen of the coming prices. They might have something there were it not pretty sure that the government is going to set price levels all along the line. As a usual thing, hoarding doesn't pay.

A good many people are totally

unable to understand the necessity of chlorinating the water at Portales. It comes from wells hundreds of feet deep. How could such a supply be contaminated? Careful inquiry hasn't revealed a single case of disease coming from the water used at Portales, and the whole thing sounds like bunk and the reflection of good salesmanship.

There isn't a single doctor in

Patron County and the county health association is shaking the bushes for some medic who will accept free quarters at the tidy little hospital at Reserve and look after the people of the division. Dr. G. G. Foster, who has been on the job, got along fine until he got homesick for that dear Oklahoma.

Pat Terrell of Frederick, Okla., the new manager of the Chamber of Commerce at Clovis, and the family will move to town as soon

as a two-bedroom house can be found, which isn't as easy as it sounds. Assuming that a casa is found, it means that Clovis will have a chamber of commerce manager for a year anyhow. That is about as long as most of them last

on the grand prairie anywhere. The state game farm at Carlsbad will have released 7577 birds by the first of the year, most of them pheasants and partridges, and around a couple of thousand quail.

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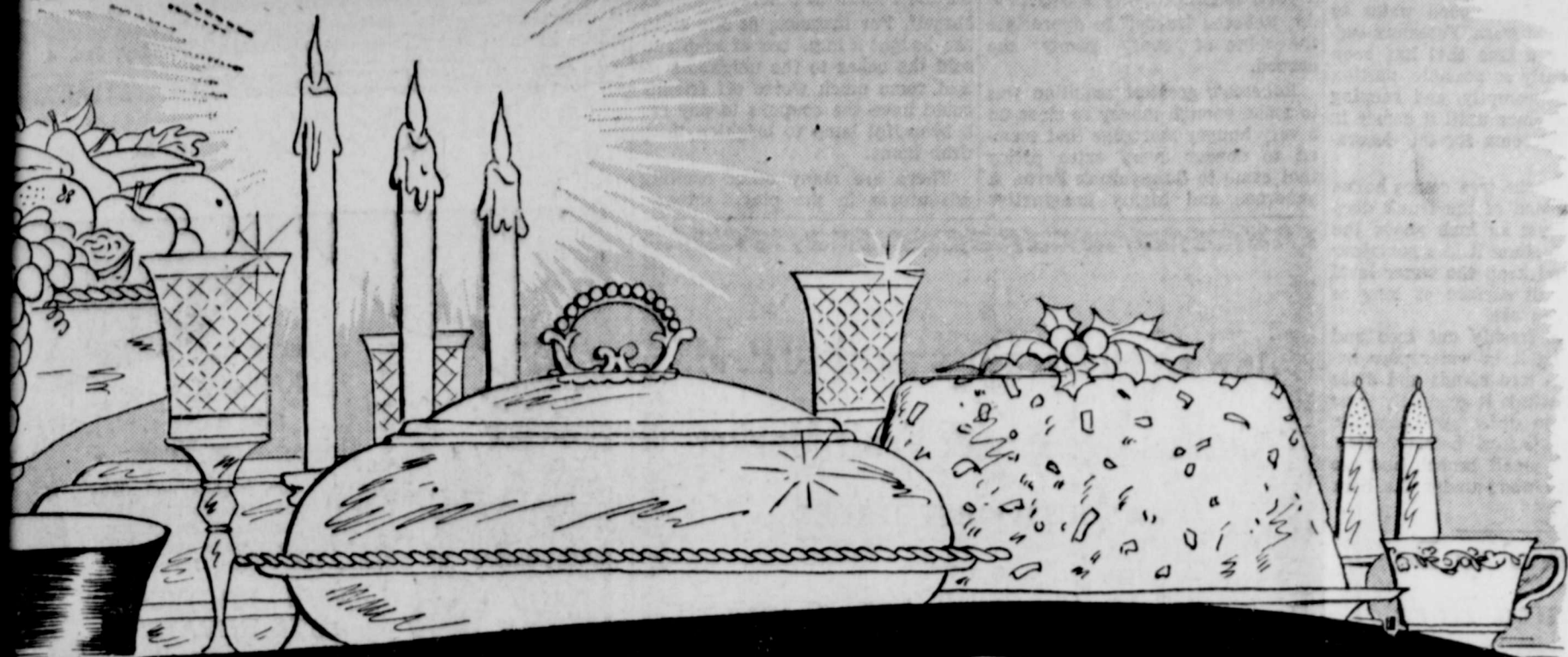
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Merry Christmas... from all of us at SAFEWAY

Uncle Bill Harks Back to Christmas In a Log House, Many Years Ago

By Will Robinson

About the loneliest place in the world on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day is the campus of a great university. It isn't a ghost place, for there are few of the clan that are always with us that have no home to go to, or would rather stay away if they have one. The great majority of the thousands of students that ordinarily throng the "jigger shops," and pass in and out of the buildings are gone, and will not return until after the first of the year.

Quite naturally the mind of this writer turns back to the first Christmas that he remembers, which makes it necessary to turn back the scroll of time to a little log house of long ago, calling back from the place of green pastures and soft-running waters, faces that have passed from the sweet realm of memory, and see with the vision of young boyhood rather than the tired eyes of the world-worn. Perhaps it may do all of us some good to be a child again just for tonight.

There had been a war and a depression. There are always depressions, as there are always wars. There had then been one. The crops had mostly failed. Even the strawberries, generally relied upon, had been taken by the frost. The man of the house was away seeking work at the old family trade, though even if he found it, the pay in those days was pitifully small. There wasn't a cent in the old storehouse, which was so many years the family bank.

Some of the children had to stay in the house when the others went out in the snow. It was a matter of shoes. Normally there were no treats or sweets. Sugar was for the more fortunate. The older boys guarded their boots carefully. It was up to them to get the wood and to bring in the occasional gift of the wildlife about. Every night these boots were carefully greased and put just the right distance from the fireplace. They were the seven-league footwears of those days, necessary to life and in no wise to be neglected.

Snow and cold came early that year and the biggest blizzard of all came the night before Christmas. Having raised children of my own, I now know that it was a period that took all of the courage that Mother had. The brood must not be allowed to lose faith, instilled at her knee. It was Christmas, but what was there to give them? No candy, no fruit, no toys, nothing that was supposed to delight little children.

After supper, Mother told us stories for a while. She was good at it, for her retentive mind remembered through the years. We were gathered about the fireplace.

and blazing logs made all of the light. There were a few tallow dips, and even one kerosene lamp, all to be used when company came, or when somebody was sick, but the burning oak and hickory were the standard illuminants. Outside the storm howled, driving snow against the single window. It didn't come through the logs. Old newspapers plugged up the cracks, where the mud had cracked and fallen out. It was warm and comfortable there, and love made cheer.

Then Mother told us again the story of Santa Claus, how each year he came down from the North with his reindeer, and a sleigh full of nice things for children who love each other. Probably he had his hard times, too, but he did not forget. Christmas is particularly the triumph of faith, and more the peculiar festival of the poor than of the rich. Poverty should sweeten and broaden souls and make stronger the silken, steel-strong ties. The symbolism of the time points directly to a throne of gleaming whiteness, and a long, smooth road to the evening and the springtime and the dawn of another day.

Then she took the family Bible and read the story of the Christ Child and the Wise Men, the story that never grows old, and upon which the cornerstone of civilization rests. She did not amplify it. The stories of the Bible do not need that.

Then we all hung up our stockings, all of them old and too thin, though neatly darned. There was none new. The needles had not clicked that fall as the toil-worn fingers fashioned stockings. Wool was not obtainable. But they were ready just the same, and nine of them hung along the mantle. Then the larger boys dived into the lean-to and into beds that were streaked with drifted snow. Being one of the younger, I was in the trundle bed. Mother was sitting by the fire, having tucked us in and given us a goodnight kiss, when I went to sleep.

I was grown before I realized that Mother must have worked practically all of that long night through, that those stockings might be filled and that the tragedy of

any empty nine might be averted. In the morning I found in mine some of the most wonderful gingerbread animals ever fashioned by the ingenious hands of a loving woman. Of course, the sweetening was sorghum, like ours, but what of that?

There was candy made of maple sugar, molded the previous spring, and what a lot of hazel nuts and hickory "goodies" though where the nuts came from, save that they were the same as those in the forest near by, no one knew.

There were yowls of delight when the brood awoke with the first break of dawn. In the toe of my stocking, written on a neatly scalloped piece of "print" paper, there were written these lines: "I have never seen the righteous forsaken nor his seed begging bread."

Our Christmas dinner consisted of stewed rabbits with sweet corn, which had been dried in the fall, and turnips. There were no potatoes. There was a plenty of corn bread, for you can make shortening out of rabbit and chicken fat, if need be. There was no butter. You really didn't need it, with that jar of apple marmalade, also sweetened with sorghum. That was all. No king, prince, potentate, or any other person in any land ever sat down to a more royal feast than that. Love and the spirit of Christmas left no dark places, even in the corners of that log house, where a righteous woman worked and loved and prayed.

Soon it will be Christmas again and the bells of a wonderful world will ring out the message, "Peace on earth, good will to men." This though the demon of war slashes whole nations.

Christmas is greater than any battle that was ever fought, and it is as true now as when the morning stars sang together that the righteous are never forsaken nor his seed made to beg bread.

ing, say the foresters of the Department of Agriculture.

Cut trees are not different than cut flowers. They need water to stay moist and fresh. Foresters suggest buying a tree that has been cut as recently as possible, putting it in water promptly, and keeping it in a cool place until it comes in to the living room for the decoration.

As soon as the tree comes home, cut off the end of the trunk diagonally at least an inch above the original cut, stand it in a container of water and keep the water level above the cut surface as long as the tree is in use.

Buying a freshly cut tree and then keeping it in water pays because if the tree stands and dries out after cutting, it gradually loses its ability to draw up water. To tell if a tree is fresh before buying, break off a small branch and see whether the wood under the bark is moist.

'Rebecca' to Be Presented Here Thursday, Jan. 4

Rebecca, the active young heroine of the Clare Tree Major Children's Theater dramatization of Kate Douglas Wiggin's book, "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm," which will be seen here on Thursday, Jan. 4, has a great deal in common with many of the children of Artesia, according to Mrs. V. P. Sheldon, chairman of the general committee sponsoring the performances.

The story of "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm" was first published in 1903, but like most modern children any spending money its heroine acquired was the result of her

own labor. Brought up amidst stern New England thrift as a member of a poor, large, but very happy family, Rebecca learned to appreciate the value of every penny she earned.

Rebecca's greatest ambition was to make enough money to clear up a very hungry mortgage that seemed to devour every extra penny that came to Sunnybrook Farm. A generous and highly imaginative

child, she never ceased to devise tremendous money-making schemes for the benefit of others as well as herself. For instance, at one time, she bought a huge box of soap and sold the cakes to the neighbors so that some much worse off friends could have the coupons to pay for a beautiful lamp to brighten their drab home.

There are many other exciting adventures in the play, through

which Rebecca bounces jubilantly accompanied by her young friend Emma Jane, and followed closely by her two rather bewildered aunts, in the Clare Tree Major

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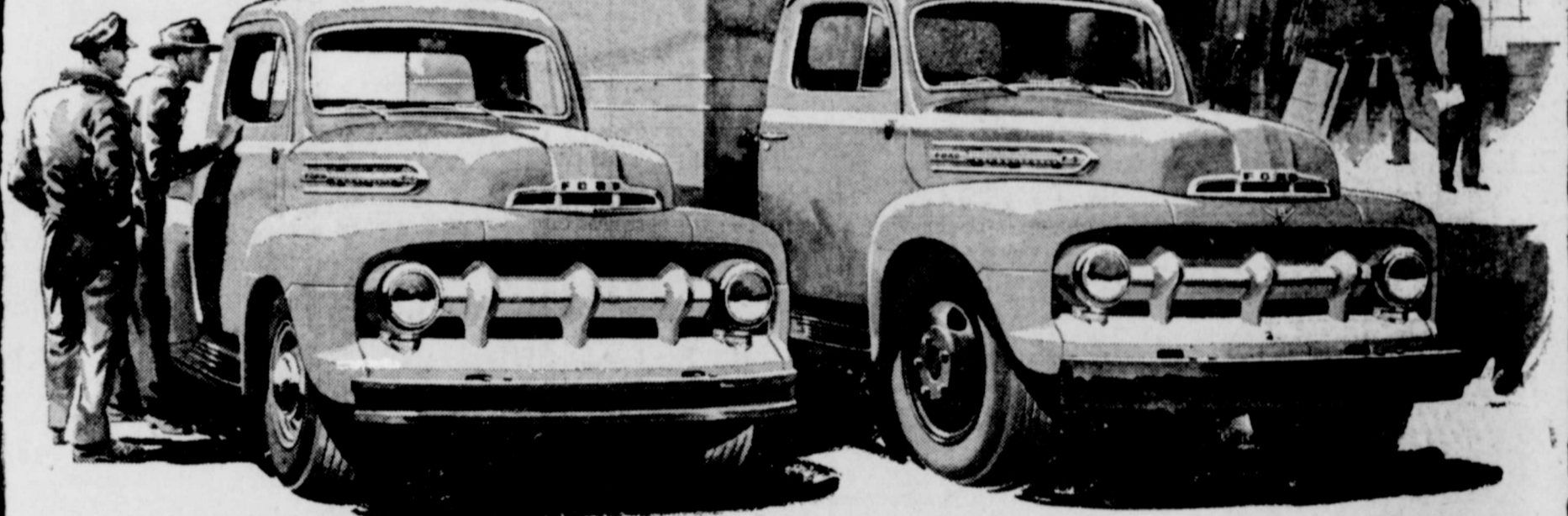


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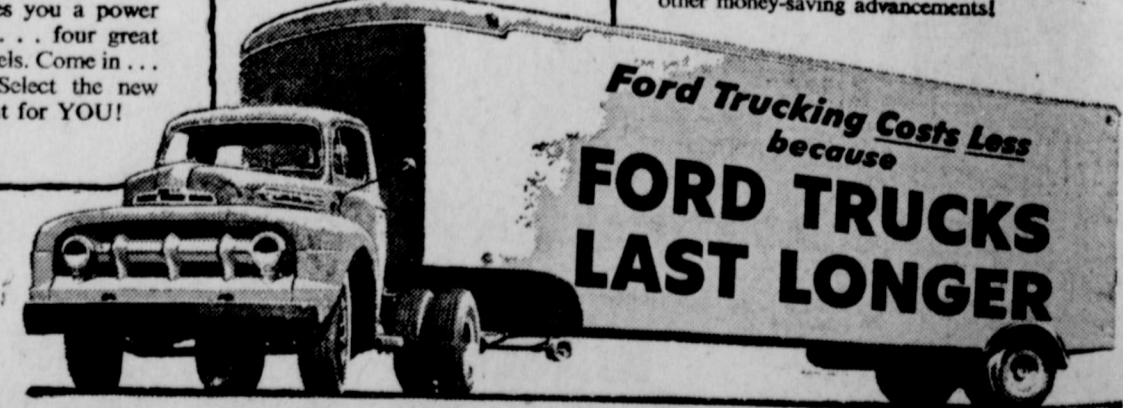
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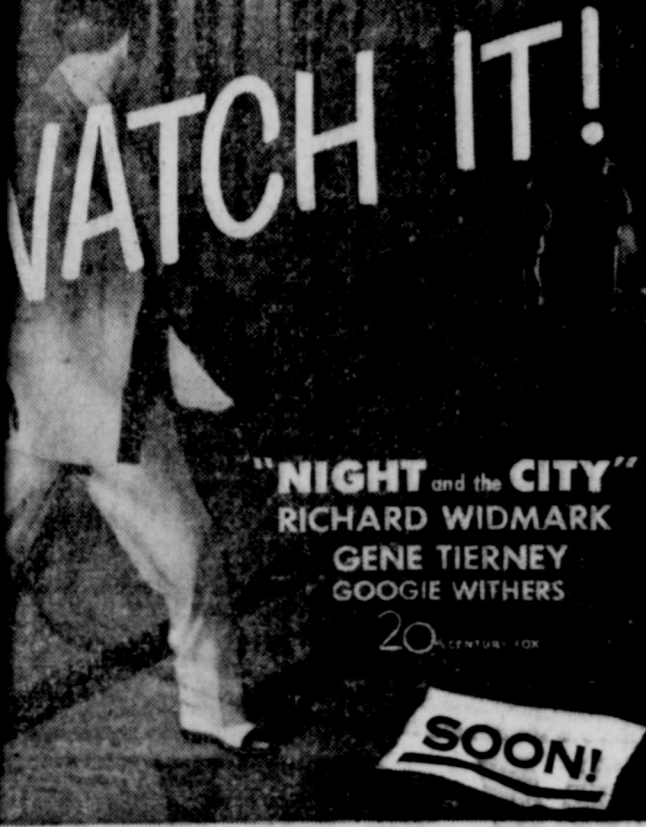
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News — Cartoon
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years has been Carter's Cafe, owned by Tommy and Bill Thomas, who have sold the place to Harlan Humbles and Fritz Moeller. Jumbo drive in, located on the north Y at the edge of Carlsbad, is also owned by Moeller and Humbles, who bought it two months ago. The drive in was started in 1947. Jumbo System will feature one half fried chicken at \$1.20 on its specials, hamburgers, malts, milk shakes, and sundaes. The place will be open for business from 5 o'clock in the morning until midnight. It will serve short orders but not prepared meals. Remodeling underway at the place includes moving the kitchen to the front, transposing position of booths and counters, and redecoration. Color scheme will be blue and white. Harlan Humbles will be manager. According to legend the Chinese discovered tea was edible in 2737 B. C. Fish are reported to produce more abnormalities than any other living beings.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EDDY COUNTY, STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF FINUS E. MURPHY, DECEASED. No. 832

NOTICE OF HEARING ON FINAL ACCOUNT AND REPORT THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO: Rosalee Murphy, Irma Murphy Campbell, Margie Murphy Coulston, Elbert Murphy, Rose Mary Murphy Huggins, Sarah Elizabeth Oswald, Jennie Lee McFadden, Damon Headden, Guardian of the estates of Sarah Elizabeth Oswald and Jennie Lee McFadden, Minors; Unknown heirs of Flossie Murphy Miller, deceased; Unknown heirs of Finus E. Murphy, deceased; and All Unknown Persons Claiming any Lien Upon or Right, Title or Interest in or to the Estate of said Decedent. GREETING:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Rosalee Murphy, executrix herein, has filed her Final Account and Report in this cause, and by order of the Probate Judge of Eddy County, New Mexico, the 3rd day of February, 1951, at the hour of 10:00 A. M., in the Court room of the Probate Court of Eddy County, New Mexico, in Carlsbad, New Mexico, is the day, time and place for hearing said Final Account and Report and any objections thereto. At the same time and place, said Court will determine the ownership of his estate, the interest of each respective claimant thereto or therein, and the persons entitled to distribution thereof.

NEIL B. WATSON, Artesia, New Mexico, is attorney for the executrix.

WITNESS MY HAND and seal of said Court on this the 18th day of December, A. D., 1950.

(SEAL) Mrs. R. A. Wilcox, County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Probate Court. By Vera Brockman, Deputy. 102-4-F-108



Season's Greetings

Happiness and prosperity attend you this New Year.

American Christmas Cards Have Diamond Jubilee This Season

American Christmas card, a symbol of the holiday season, celebrates its Diamond Anniversary this year.

In 1875 a Boston lithographer, Prang, hesitantly published the country's first Christmas cards, wondering if anybody would buy them.

More than a billion and a half Christmas greetings will be sent from the nation's mantels this year. The average of better than 40 per cent in a brief 75 years, Christmas cards have become an inseparable part of colorful Yuletide tradition.

The world's first Christmas card was actually engraved in 1842 in England by William Maw Egley, a goldsmith's apprentice. Offered for sale to his friends, it was a commercial failure and soon forgotten.

Prang arrived in New York City in 1850, just a century after a skilled calico printer from Germany, he was 26 and almost penniless. Working for six years as a wood engraver and leather-bound bookbinder, he saved \$300, and opened a small lithographing shop in New York.

Prang loved Killarney roses, and specialized in delicately-tinted prints. But when the Civil War hurriedly ruined this trade, he turned hurriedly to war maps and portraits of generals. Meanwhile, he perfected the recently-invented

processes of color lithography.

By 1870, Prang's "album cards" and reproductions of oil paintings were so fine they were being ordered from England. A woman employee in his London office suggested that he print "Merry Christmas" on some of his floral cards in the space left blank for a signature. He tried it in 1874—but only on cards being shipped to England.

The cards sold well overseas. Encouraged, Prang offered them to the American public in 1875. They were an instant success, with their new combination of beauty and holiday sentiment.

Prang's early cards pictured spring-like roses, daisies, scarlet geraniums, sprays of apple blossoms—but not today's familiar holiday and poinsettia. In 1877, Prang added a humorous portrayal of Uncle Sam and John Bull shouting at one another over Alexander Graham Bell's new-fangled invention, the telephone.

That same year, Prang's printing plant burned to the ground—a \$100,000 loss. But he borrowed money and rebuilt. When his new cards appeared, they began to carry Christmas-like scenes—children romping in the snow, fir trees, glowing fireplaces, even Santa himself.

By 1881, Prang was printing five million Christmas cards a year and they formed the major part of his business. He paid one artist, Dora Wheeler, \$2,000—an unheard-of price—for one prize design.

Prang's cards are still famous among collectors because of their appealing art work and painstaking craftsmanship. Designs were printed in as many as 20 different colors to achieve delicate, lifelike gradations of tone. Many of the cards were trimmed with luxurious silk fringe. They usually cost from 25 cents to \$1 apiece.

Prang abruptly discontinued publishing Christmas cards in 1890. Cheaper photographic reproductive processes had been developed, and crude but low-priced Christmas picture postcards were flooding in from Germany.

An era of cheap novelty in Christmas cards developed rapidly. Greetings were extravagantly ornamented with dried flowers, chenille, swansdown, bits of colored glass, even corks and seaweed to illustrate some twisted pun.

Many of today's leading Christmas card firms were founded about 1910, when the modern era of greeting cards began. The custom of exchanging Yuletide greetings had its most rapid spread after World War I. Adoption of offset printing and watercolor inks enabled Christmas cards to regain the beauty of Prang's day at much lower cost. And with the rapidly increasing variety of designs, people everywhere began to regard Christmas cards as their personal messengers of holiday good cheer.

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Crisp and Tender, Pascale lb. East Texas Porto Rica
CELERY **11¢** **YAMS** 2 lbs **19¢**

No. 1 Texas Yellow Texas White, Ripe and sweet
ONIONS .. 3 lbs **13¢** **Grapefruit** . 3 lbs **17¢**

CHRISTMAS CANDY



CHERRIES Brachs Choc. Covered 1 lb 57¢	Orange Slices Candy William's 16 oz 25¢
MIXED CANDY William's Brilliant 16 oz 25¢	MIXED CANDY Williams Cream and Jelly 16 oz 25¢
MIXED CANDY William's Christmas 16 oz 25¢	Jellies Candy William's Assorted 16 oz 25¢
CHOC. DROPS William's 16 oz 25¢	Chewing Gum Wrigley's Asstd. Flavors pkg 6¢

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Lean Shoulder Cuts lb.
PORK ROAST .. **45¢**

Sliced, Peyton's Del Norte lb.
BACON **62¢**

Peyton's Grade A Beef lb.
ROAST **73¢**

Tenderized, half or whole lb.
HAMS **55¢**

SUGAR Powdered lb **13¢**

SUGAR Brown lb **13¢**

SUGAR Beet 5 lbs **51¢**

Ground Nutmeg Schilling's 2 oz **18¢**

Ground Cinnamon Schilling's 2 oz **16¢**

Ground All Spice Schilling's 2 oz **14¢**

WESSON OIL Pint **44¢**

SHROTENING Snowdrift 1 lb can **40¢**

Green Spot 46 oz.
ORANGEADE ... **31¢**

Cloverbloom colored "99" lb.
OLEO **36¢**

HOLIDAY GROCERY SPECIALS

Nuts

SOFT SHELL PECANS Valley lb **47¢**

WALNUTS Diamond, Medium lb **43¢**

MIXED NUTS One pound **49¢**

Fruits

BLUEBERRIES Wyman's No. 2 tin **39¢**

PITTED CHERRIES Nancy Hank's Sour Red No. 2 tin **25¢**

PEACHES, halves Heart's Delight Yellow Cling No. 2 1/2 tin **31¢**

BARTLETT PEARS Hunt's, in heavy syrup No. 2 1/2 tin **45¢**

PINEAPPLE Adam's Garden, broken slices No. 2 tin **29¢**

Juices

PINEAPPLE Adam's Garden No. 2 **16¢**

TANGERINE JUICE Sealed Sweet No. 2 tin **13¢**

PINEAPPLE JUICE Adam's Garden 46 oz **38¢**

Vegetables

ASPARAGUS Hunt's All Green No. 2 tin **50¢**

ASPARAGUS TIPS Hunt's Green and White Colossal No. 2 tin **46¢**

STRING BEANS Libbys Whole No. 2 tin **32¢**

GREEN PEAS Giant No. 303 tin **22¢**

SWEET PEAS Happy Vale No. 303 tin **13¢**

NIBLET MEX-I-CORN Del Maiz 12 oz **21¢**

WHOLE KERNEL CORN Niblet 12 oz **19¢**

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TOMATOES Valley Brand No. 2 tin **17¢**

TOMATO JUICE

Hunt's 46 oz **32¢**

Miscellaneous

OLIVES Don Juan Thrown Queen 1 lb **57¢**

SWEET PICKLES Mother's Whole 22 oz **43¢**

DILL PICKLES Mother's 22 oz **26¢**

BAKING CHOCOLATE Hershey's 1/2 lb **42¢**

COCOANUT Baker's 1/2 lb **19¢**

RAISINS Sun Maid Seedless 15 oz **29¢**

PUFFE DRAISINS Sun Maid 15 oz **35¢**

BISQUICK General Mill's 40 oz **49¢**

HOT ROLL MIX Pillsbury's Best 14 oz **23¢**

WHITE CORN MEAL Aunt Jamima 2 1/2 lbs **26¢**

SILK NAPKINS Assorted 80 count **13¢**

COFFEE Hills, Folgers, Maxwell lb. **91¢**

TUNA Breast o'Chicken, light meat 1/2's **43¢**

WHOLE CHICKENS Swanson No. 2 1/2 can **203¢**

PLUM PUDDING Heinz 15 1/2 oz can **59¢**

FIG PUDDING Heinz 15 1/2 oz can **54¢**

SWEET PICKLES Heinz, Gherkins 7 1/2 oz **32¢**

CATSUP Heinz 14 oz bottle **29¢**

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TOM COLLINS Par-T-Pak, plus deposit quart **15¢**

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Strawberries ... **49¢** **Brussel Sprouts** **35¢**

Pictsweet 12 oz.
Peas **29¢**

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Cauliflower **34¢**

CREAM CHEESE Kraft Philadelphia 3 oz **16¢**

BISCUITS Ballard can **14¢**

TOMATO SOUP Heinz No. 1 tin **11¢**

BABY FOODS Heinz Strained can **3¢**

MINT JELLY Valmont 12 oz **21¢**

CURRANT JELLY Valmont 12 oz **26¢**

JELLO Assorted flavors pkg **9¢**

RICE Comet Long Grain 2 lbs **38¢**

POP CORN Jolly Time 10 oz can **19¢**

CONDENSED MILK Borden's Eagle 16 oz can **28¢**

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