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Let men their songs employ

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

It came up-on the
From an-gels bend-ing

We Three Kings of Orient Are

We three kings of O-ri-
Field and foun-tain, moor

Silent Night

Si-lent night, ho-

FOR ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-ONE YEARS THE WORLD'S CHRISTIAN VOICES HAVE BEEN SINGING THIS MOST BELOVED OF ALL CHRISTMAS CAROLS, WHICH STRIKES AS CLOSE TO THE SOURCE OF DIVINE INSPIRATION IN MANKIND AS ANY MUSIC CAN. LIKE MUCH THAT IS GREAT, IT HAD AN HUMBLE, ALMOST IGNOMINIOUS, BEGINNING. IT WAS CREATED, IN A FINAL, DESPERATE EFFORT TO MEET A LOCAL CEREMONIAL EMERGENCY, BY THE COMBINED EFFORTS OF FRANZ GRUBER, SCHOOLMASTER, AND FATHER JOSEF MOHR, ASSISTANT PRIEST OF THE BAVARIAN VILLAGE OF OBERNDORF. FIRST SUNG ON CHRISTMAS MORNING OF THE YEAR 1818, THE WONDROUS WORDS AND MUSIC OF "STILLE NACHT" ARE REVERED TODAY BY THE WHOLE CIVILIZED WORLD.

Round yon Vir-gin Moth-er and
Sleep in heav-en-ly

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O lit-tle town of
A-bove thy deep an-

The First Noel

The first No-el,
shep-herds in fields as they lay,

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Gerald Arnold, of Yuma, Arizona is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Arnold.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Reithmeyer made a business trip to Amarillo Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Bean and Mildred, were transacting business in Plainview Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marky Kimball of Amarillo, visited the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Keith Tiffin.

REMEMBER LAST CHRISTMAS?

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

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

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

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

December 29—Twelve stranded air force men were rescued by plane from an icecap in southern Greenland by Lt. Col. Emil Beaudry.

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

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

PALACE.. THEATRE SILVERTON, TEXAS

"THE PLACE TO GO FOR GOOD ENTERTAINMENT"



The Yule is a season for songs and rejoicing. Our earnest hope is that all you friendly people may share in this spirit to the utmost

And for what it's worth, we offer our heartiest wishes for a very Merry Christmas

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 23

James Cagney in

WHITE HEAT

Co-Starring Virginia Mayo Warner Brothers

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 Charles Starrett, Smiley Burnett in

LARAMIE

SUNDAY AND MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 26

Eddie Arnold, Gloria Henry in

FEUDIN' RHYTHM

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 28

Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman

CASABLANCA



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

Naturalized Citizen— That's Our Santa

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

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

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

Archaeologists' Findings Bear Out Bible Stories

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

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

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

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

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hardburger, of Beaver, Oklahoma are the parents of a son. Mrs. Hardburger will be remembered as the former Mary Jo Smiley.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Edwards and son, Harold, visited Mrs. Edward's mother, Mrs. Flora Willis in Clovis, New Mexico over the week end.

Mrs. N. C. McCain and Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Hutson and children, of Tulla, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. John McCain and family.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Hamilton, parents of Mrs. Bailey Hill, returned to their home in Abilene last Friday after an extended visit with Mr. and Mrs. Hill.

Merry



Christmas

Let us give thanks together for the priceless gift of Christmas.

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SILVERTON, TEXAS.

The Owlet

EDITED BY STUDENTS OF THE SILVERTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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EDITORIAL

As the days go by, the majority of the students become more anxious for the Christmas holidays to begin.

The greater part of the students plan to spend Christmas at home, while a few are going to another town or another state.

Regardless of where we are, I am sure each of us will have a bountiful turkey dinner with all the trimmings. While we are eating and enjoying the day, we should not forget that Christmas is the day on which Christ was born, thus we should keep it holy.

The holly we use represents the crown of thorns which Christ wore. The candles we burn signify the star seen in the East. Everything we use during Christmas has some significance to the birth of Christ.

Where ever you are or whatever you may be doing, the entire staff of "The Owlet" wishes you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

HOW WOULD CHRIST HAVE IT?

Celebrating Christmas with hilarious liquor parties—a spoiled child boasting of all the things he's getting for Christmas while a poor little neglected child's heart breaks—gaily decorated trees piled high with extravagant gifts—huge Christmas dinners—lavish displays in department stores—and people hustling about and worrying about getting their shopping done—this is about all that Christmas means today. The glorious but humble birth of Christ, which begin as a day of great spiritual rejoicing, is now made so material and so commercial.

Christmas day belongs to Christ, so shouldn't we spend it doing the things he would have us do instead of thinking only of our own frivolous pleasures?

If we celebrated Christmas with our hearts instead of in terms of what our pocketbooks can buy, then Christmas would be a day of spiritual rejoicing—of new hopes for peace on earth and good will toward men.

Going caroling to sing the glad tidings of Christ's birth as the angels did—contributing, as so many generous people do, to the fund which provides clothing, shoes, a toy, fruit and candy to the children who otherwise would receive nothing—calling on elderly acquaintances with a basket of fruit or just kind words—writing personal notes to old friends to express good wishes—and attending the church of our choice to pay tribute to the Savior—aren't these more like the ways that Christ would have us celebrate his birthday?

Above all, Christmas should renew to us the importance of Christ's teaching—which could be summed up as the realization and observance of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. The real spirit of Christmas should mean a spiritual rebirth, a time of Christian fellowship, and the realization that just as he did almost two thousand years ago, Christ brings new hope for the world today.—The Arlington Colt.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL NEWS

The second and third grades have chosen room mothers. Those chosen for the second grade are: Mrs. Edwin Crass, Mrs. Gordon Montague, Mrs. Arnold Brown, and Mrs. Carver Monroe.

Those chosen by the third grade are: Mrs. Curtis Bingham, Mrs. Dee McWilliams, Mrs. J. C. Jarnagin, and Mrs. W. E. Schott.

Both groups have decorated the rooms for Christmas.

The children in both rooms have enjoyed the decorations provided by the room mothers for each room.

THIRD AND FOURTH GRADES PRESENT PROGRAM

The third and fourth grades presented a Christmas program in assembly Wednesday morning. Two Christmas songs were sung by the entire group accompanied by Jackie Wingo. Keith Banks gave a reading, "Naughty Little Mouse." Joy Ann Gatewood recited "Too Much to Do." Sharon Eddleman presented "Long, Long Ago." "My Favorite Tree" was given by Paula Reid, Diane Fogerson, Myrna Sue Bingham. A short play, "Adventures on Christmas Eve," with the following characters:

Music box, Vaughnell Rowell; Panda, Shirley Fitzgerald; Rocking Horse, Charles Strange; Baby Doll, Patsy Ely; Skates, Billy Ray Wallace; Shopkeeper, Carson Grabbe; Customers, Joe Hill, Vernetta Sweek, and Susan Anderson; Burglars, Troy Stout, Royce Thornton; Policeman, Billy Baird.

A drill "Merry Christmas" was presented by the following: Sharon Eddleman, John Carrol Mercer, Gloria Heckman, Elaine Stephens, Howard Newberry, Loungle Norris, Dyrle Maples, Waynell McCutchen, J. E. Patton, Vicki May, Donnie Stephens, Sue Reid, George McJimsey and Peggy Davis.

The next number was a reading given by John Schott "What Santa Calls Him." The last number was a play "Mrs. Santa's Christmas Gift," played by Kay Garrison, Robert Haley Hill, Richard Jarnagin, Jerry Bingham, Sam Brown, Jerry Frizell, Jerry Dee McWilliams, Mike Baird, Jerry Don Brannon, James Alert Jacobs, David Miller, and Tom Thompson.

The same program was given Thursday afternoon for the P.-T. A.

SEVENTH GRADE DECORATE CHRISTMAS TREE

The seventh grade decorated their Christmas tree the 7th of December. They had a hard time getting a tree. They finally ended up with two trees.

It seems everyone has turned artist. There are pictures of trees, bells, houses, Santa Claus', reindeer and candles all over the black boards.

Lessons have almost been dropped, because everyone wants to help decorate the room.

JUNIOR NEWS

The juniors have selected the characters for their play, "The Adorable Imp."

Hortense Hosteller, Pat Baird; Betty Lou Gordon, Dottie Heckman; Mrs. Abby Simpkins, Mary Tom Bomar; Brian Barelay, Billy Tennon; Malvina Barclay, Gaylia Bomar; Pamela Gordon, Mary Lou Bellinger; Clint Purdy, Pat Northcutt; Imogene Van Ryndon, Vonna Wood; Winston Pickrell, Darrell McWilliams; Dilworth Pickrell, Dean McWilliams; Ross Waldron, Milton Thornton.

THE OWL HEARD...

Have Jerry and George started robbing the cradle?

When did radio aerials start wearing rings. Hm, Joe!

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H. REX ACOCK
Tulia, Texas

Mary Lou and Pet really took in the town over the week end. Even Tulia Saturday night.

How was the JA dance, Joy?

Floydada and Tulia must have a man shortage. What do you think, girls?

What could have happened to Jimmy Howard's birds Sunday? Who knows!

It seems Saturday night is a standing date between Fayrene and a certain Tech boy.

Does Darrell walk out of typing any time he wants to?

Does Pee Wee always sit around and laugh while girls try to change flats?

Why were Dottie, Mary Lou and Pat so droopy Thursday morning? Could it be a trip to Amarillo at 12:30 and home at 20 till 6?

What is Junis representing? She was seen in four different cars Sunday.

Sandra and Fred were together Friday night, but where were they Saturday night? Hum, Sandra?

Where was everyone Saturday night? Have the boys and girls gone on a strike?

Why does Millie like Lone Star so well? Could Jimmy have anything to do with this?

Why does Gay like Quitaque so well? Could Bobby Slayton be connected with it anyway?

Santa Claus Letters Left Out To Save Space

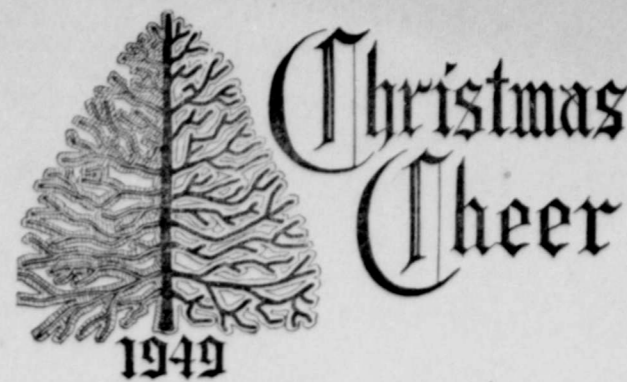
Santa Claus letters of high school students were omitted to make space for the little fellows who really expect Santa Claus.

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GREETINGS

It is a genuine pleasure at the Holiday Season to depart from the usual routine of business and wish you and yours

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

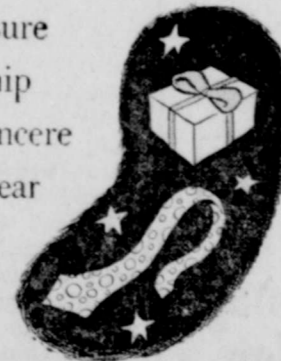
May the New Year bring you much Happiness and a full measure of Prosperity.

We will be closed December 24th until January 2, 1950.

Smith Beauty Shop



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



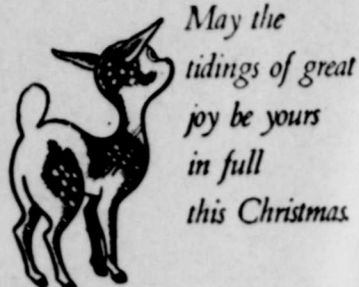
May it be touched with the same kind of serenity that accompanies a Christmas Eve snowfall.



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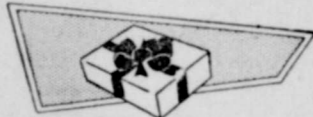
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REDIN GASOLINE



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



Joe's Service Station AND FEED STORE



God willing, there will be no pain of sadness to mar the tender happiness that Christmas ought to bring to all of you.



Magnolia Service Station
GLENN McWILLIAMS

Local Girls Attend Speech Festival at Canyon Recently

Misses Teresa Crass, Junis Mercer, Joy Reithmayer, Gay Merrill and Kay Steele participated in the events at the speech festival at Canyon sponsored by the speech department of West Texas State College recently.

Joy Reithmayer read the Bear story by James Whitcomb Riley as humorous literature. She received four superiors, ten excellents in her personal evolution.

Teresa Crass read Edna St. Vincent Millay's ballad of the Harp Weaver as dramatic literature. She won four superiors, ten excellents.

Kay Steele read The Thinker by Burton Barley as oral interpretation of poetry. She made a fine record with many superiors and excellents.

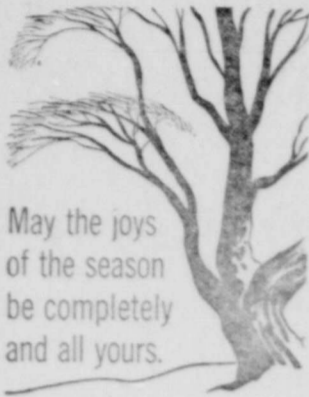
Junis Mercer gave a radio talk "Why I Like My Hometown." She really gave Silverton a boost. She made an excellent record.

Gay Merrill entered radio speech and gave a character sketch of a person in Silverton.

These speeches were broadcast from K. F. D. A., Amarillo.

Mrs. Wilmoth coached the girls and entered them in the various events.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmoth, Mr. and Mrs. Louie Reithmayer accompanied the girls to Canyon. The radio announcer interviewed Mrs. Wilmoth. Mrs. Wilmoth reported by radio that she liked Silverton very much. Also that she enjoyed bringing Silverton girls to the festival.



Thelma and Haskell

Church of Christ Program For Christmas Day

Bible Studies, 10 a. m. Preaching and Communion 10:50 a. m. Sermon: "The Choice of Christ". Young People's Meeting 6:30 p. m.

Mickey Cornett speaker—Subject, "The Opportunities offered in a Christian College."

Evangelistic Service, 7:00 p. m. Sermon: "The Difference between the Christian Church and the Church of Christ."

Mrs. G. B. Mayfield and sons, Roy G., and Alvie, and Mrs. D. W. Mayfield attended the funeral of a niece and cousin, Mrs. Wesley Hickman at Bowie, Texas Sunday.

Miss Joy Davenport and Mickey Cornett, who are attending Abilene Christian College are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Omar Cornett and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Davenport.

Eddie Cox and sister, Miss Eunice Cox, visited Sunday in Plainview with Mr. Cox's brother, Elmer Stinson. They were accompanied by Misses Pauline, Fay and Mary Bradley, who visited their sister, Betty Jean Bradley.

Minyard Long of Inglewood, California arrived Sunday night for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Long.

Mickey Cornett and Johnnie Ted Bingham, of Abilene, attended the funeral of Scott Dunham.

Mrs. Bob Hill was a business visitor in Tulia Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ewing Edwards spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Edwardds in Maple.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dickerson were transacting business in Plainview Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. McKinney's small granddaughter, who has been a patient in the Briscoe County Hospital with pneumonia, was able to go home Monday.

Mrs. Grady Wimberly was a Tulia visitor Monday afternoon.

Mrs. W. H. Tennison was taken to the Swisher County Hospital at Tulia last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Wilmoth left Thursday morning to spend the holidays with relatives in Oklahoma.

T. C. Bomar and daughter, Mary Tom, were transacting business in Amarillo Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shives and son, Billy, of Tulia, visited relatives here Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Banks attended the funeral of their aunt in Springlake Thursday.

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DELIVERIES DAILY WE APPRECIATE YOUR BUSINESS

We wish you well this season.

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RAIN RECEIVED TUESDAY NIGHT AMOUNTED TO .40

According to the gauge at Bomar One-Stop Silverton received .40 of an inch of rain Tuesday night. Indications are that the rain was general over the county. Some parts of the county reported more rain than was gauged in Silverton.

The moisture will be beneficial to the wheat, as most farmers stated that they were needing moisture. Most of the cotton and grain crops have been harvested.

PUBLIC DRAWING WITH NOTHING TO BUY SATURDAY

In the spirit of the holiday season, local merchants and others of the community have decided to give another public drawing Saturday evening at 3 o'clock for the older folks. High school age and over, are invited, said Carl Crow, one of the sponsors.

Lots of presents will be given.

CARL CROW THANKS FOLKS

Carl Crow wishes to thank the people of the community who so generously helped with the Santa Claus party last Saturday, and especially Messrs. Hotchkiss, Riddlehuber, Cantwell and Santa Claus.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Chitty and son, Ray Chitty, of Tulia, visited relatives and friends here Saturday. Ray is home on a furlough from Japan.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Gatewood, and Joy, spent the week end in Dallas with Mr. and Mrs. Lobe Gatewood.

Manley Wood made a business trip to Lubbock Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Bomar, Sr., were in Amarillo Monday on business. While there they visited with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Comer.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hall and children, of Memphis, spent the week end with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Berton Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Nance and son, Wayne, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Nance at Lone Star, Sunday.

Walter Bean, student at Texas Tech, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Bean during the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Boyd and children of Dumas, visited his sister, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Maples and family, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fortenberry, of South Plains, visited with Mr. and Mrs. John McCain and family, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Seaney spent Sunday night with Mrs. Seaney's niece, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Bird, of Bushland.

Tom Brooks, son of Jim Brooks, and nephew of Mrs. Clyde Hutsell is home for the holidays from Borger.

Hubert Brooks, Beryle Teague, and Frankie McWorthy, of Clarendon, visited Hubert's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brooks, over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Gilliland and children, of Slaton, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Edwards, spent Sunday afternoon and had supper in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Haskell Jackson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Young and son, C. G. McEwin, attended the funeral of A. B. Cannon, at Turkey, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Isbell of Reserve, New Mexico are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Stephens.

Cecil Dunham, of California, visited Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Keith Tiffin.

Lt. and Mrs. Ted Wynn and son, Lowell, who have been in Germany the past three years, are visiting Mrs. Wynn's brother, Mr. and Mrs. James Patton and family.

Mrs. L. W. Kiker, of Plainview, sister of Mrs. O. T. Bundy, spent the day with her Tuesday and took her to Lubbock Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Bundy will visit with her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Mast and family until Friday and Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Mast and daughters, and Mrs. Bundy will leave for Mission, Texas to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Ballard. Mrs. Bundy expects to remain a month there.

Those who enjoyed Christmas dinner and tree in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ledbetter last Thursday night were: Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Chappell, Lottie and Dwain Henderson, Ed Vaughan, and Mr. and Mrs. Bud McMinn and Fayette.

Mr. and Mrs. Scotty Steward spent the week end in Fort Worth.

Drive For Funds to Improve Cemetery And Employ Fulltime Keeper

Ben O. King Installing New Fixtures in Barber Shop

Installation has been underway this week at the Ben O. King barber shop of new and modern fixtures for his shop. Also modern fluorescent lights are being installed.

The interior of the building will be newly decorated before the modernizing job is completed.

"Feudin' Rhythm" at the Palace Sun., Mon., December 25, 26

You have all heard the popular cowboy singer Eddie Arnold on the radio. Now you can see him in his brand new picture, a musical western, "Feudin' Rhythm." A fast moving, action packed picture that is just the thing to top off your Christmas day.

Bring Mom, Dad, Sis and Brother. It's a picture for the entire family.

Eddie is supported by Gloria Henry, Kirby Grant, Fuzzy Knight and the Oklahoma Wranglers.

TO ALL OUR KIDDIE FRIENDS

A big Christmas show of all color cartoons at 1:30 p. m. Christmas day. Free candy and popcorn, too.

To anyone else wanting to attend this carnival of cartoons, regular prices will prevail.

Our scheduled show "Feudin' Rhythm", will start at 3:15 and run continuously Sunday.

PRESBYTERIAN AUXILIARY MEETS ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 19.

The Presbyterian Auxiliary met Monday, December 19, in the home of Mrs. A. L. McMurtry with 14 members. Mrs. Bob Dickerson told the Christmas story, after which each member received a gift from the tree.

A lunch consisting of turkey and all the trimmings was served to the guests by the hostess assisted by her daughters, Mrs. L. D. Griffin and Mrs. Carl Dean Bomar.

Mrs. McMurtry's beautifully decorated home added much to the joy of the party.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all those who were so thoughtful and kind during our recent sorrow. Especially do we thank Dr. Shy for his faithful services. May God bless each of you.

Mrs. Scott Dunham and boys, The Watters family, The Dunham family.

Allan Kellum visited his mother, Mrs. Lela Kellum and granddaughter, Mrs. J. T. Wimberly, Friday in Frederick, Oklahoma.

The committee in charge of the Cemetery Association has announced a drive to secure funds to improve the cemetery grounds and to hire a fulltime man to take care of the cemetery.

It is estimated by those in charge that the cost will be around \$4,000.00 the first year to put the cemetery in first class shape, and \$2,000.00 the second year to pay salary for the up keep.

Among the improvements that are needed is an electric pump put on the well, so that they will have a supply of water.

All donations will be received by Alvin Redin or George Seaney.

Those interested in cleaning of the cemetery and who have lots are urged to give generously by the committee as it is going to take more money to clean up the cemetery and get it in a condition where it can be kept clean, than has ever been spent before.

Friends Entertained With Yuletide Dinner In Minter Home

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Minter entertained friends Sunday evening with a 6 o'clock dinner.

The house was beautifully decorated with the yuletide theme.

The table was centered with an evergreen wreath and tall tapers. The place cards were miniature evergreens with tiny candles. The menu consisted of turkey and all the trimmings.

Those present for the occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Chapman of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Summers, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hill, and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Minter and son, Gene.

Each of the ladies were presented a lovely carnation corsage. After the dinner guests were presented gifts.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter T. Masey of Pensacola, Florida, December 12, a boy weighing 6 pounds. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Mart Self of Silverton and Mr. and Mrs. Charley Masey, of Roaring Springs. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. H. L. O. Riddell, of Silverton.

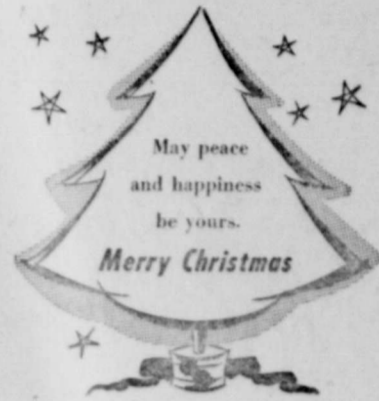
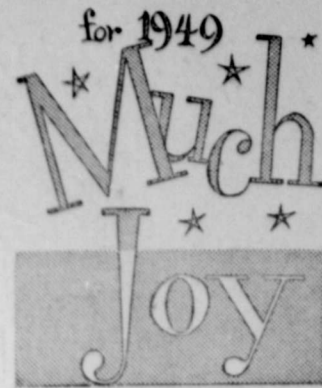
CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends for the beautiful floral offerings and other kindness during the illness and death of our beloved husband, father and brother.

Mrs. A. B. Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Cannon and boys; Lloyd Cannon, Mrs. Mary Sechush, Mrs. Jennie Stove.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Alexander, of Hereford, visited her sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Alexander Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Festus Elrod, of Lubbock, spent the week end with his parents.



Seaney Hardware & Appliance Company, Inc.



Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to you and yours

The past year has represented for us most pleasant associations and indeed rich and enduring friendships. In our daily lives, these things are of prime importance and it has been a real pleasure and privilege to work for you. As we go forward together in 1950, we do so with renewed determination to strengthen your confidence in our ability to serve you more efficiently.

Again we say, MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Luke's Texaco Service

Greetings 1949

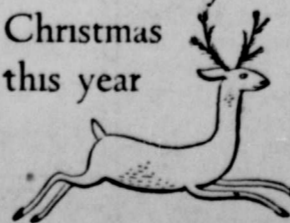


OUR SINCEREST WISHES FOR A BRIGHT AND MERRY CHRISTMAS GO OUT TO ALL OF YOU.

Harvest Queen Grain Company



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



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

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In the same cheery manner the words "Merry Christmas" come to you with our hope that all the season's happiness and joy be yours.

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

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FOR SALE—Good 160 acre irrigated farm well improved, all in cultivation. See H. Roy Brown. 51-tfc.

FOR SALE—320 acres, two sets improvements. Good irrigation well. See H. Roy Brown. 51-tfc.

FOR SALE—1 6 foot Oliver Combine \$150.00; 1 6 foot Sanders One Way \$35.00. 1 8 inch Feed Mill \$30.00. 1 35 Dodge Car \$110.00. Frank Wallace. 49-4tp

Money to loan on Farms and Ranches at 4 1/2 Interest. See H. Roy Brown. 23-tfc

If you want to sell a farm, see Roy Teeter. Phone 87-R

If you want to buy a farm, see Roy Teeter, Phone 87-R. 44-tfc

FOR SALE—20 Farmall Tractor. See J. C. Jacobs or call phone 902-F3. 49-2tp

WATCH — Blackboard at office for bargains. H. Roy Brown. 5-tfc

New Texas Almanacs at News office, \$1.00 each.

FIRE INSURANCE on City and farm properties. See Roy Teeter. 34-tfc.

PAPER HANGING AND PAINTING—Quality work, reasonable prices. See T. C. Cherry or inquire at Willson & Son Lumber Company. 13-tfc

Ask your neighbor about Frigidaire, she has one. Simpson Chevrolet Company. 39-tfc

WANTED—Listings on irrigated and dry land farms and ranches. H. Roy Brown, office phone 46, residence 85. 45-tfc

Road Completed to Boy Scouts Swimming Pool

John Haynes has announced that the road has been completed down the cap so that cars can drive to the Boy Scout Swimming pool at Camp Mammy Haynes. Until lately it was impossible to drive down and most people who were interested in the pool were unable to walk down and walk back out.

Mr. Haynes said that December 27, 28, and 29, had been designated as "Scouter Day" and everybody interested in seeing where their money has been spent are invited to drive out and see the pool and new road.

The road was built at a cost of \$600.00, and ten towns including Silverton contributed to the fund to get the road built. They are Tulia, Matador, Turkey, Dimmitt, Quitaque, Silverton, Lockney, Floydada, Plainview and Hart.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MAKES TOUR OF OTHER SCHOOLS SEEKING NEW IDEAS

The Board of Education made a tour of other schools Monday, December 19, for the purpose of comparing Silverton school with other schools, and to get new ideas for the betterment of our school.

The trip was very beneficial. New ideas were obtained to build up the local school. Schools visited were Lockney, New Deal and Cooper. The members of the Board of Education making the tour were Fred Mercer, Johnnie Burson, Gordon Montague, J. S. Fisher, and Supt. W. F. Talley. Plans for improvement of the entire school system are under way.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ENTERTAINED IN BLACKSHEAR HOME

Joan Blackshear entertained the Dependable Sunday School Class with a Christmas party Friday, December 16.

Mrs. Blackshear and Mrs. C. O. Allard met the girls at high school and carried them to the Blackshear home.

The home was decorated with the Christmas theme, soft lights and cedar. Gifts were exchanged and Santa left treats for each girl. Games were enjoyed and while the refreshments were being served the girls heard the Story of The Christ Child. Refreshments consisted of tuna fish sandwiches, fruit cake, and hot chocolate topped with marshmallows.

Members of the class present were Frances Ann Ely, Patsy Bommar, Pauline Bradley, Edna Faye Williams, Margaret Stephens, Virginia Garrison, Edwina Jackson, and Joan Blackshear.

TRY A NEWS WANT AD

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me some football britches, a toy police car, a toy electric car, a toy machine gun, a punching bag, and a stop signal for my train.
I am going to leave you something to eat and some money on the table.
Love,
Joe Anderson.

Dear Santa Claus: I love you. Please bring me a plastic lassie doll and a new baton, a dresser set, a little doll, and a bride dress for Terrie Lee.
Love,
Susie Anderson.

Dear Santa Claus: We are two little boys, age four and five years old and we have been pretty good boys and hope you will bring us some toys. We want a service station, with the extra cars and two little dairy farms. Please bring us a big hanging blackboard and two pairs of cow-boy spurs. Santa please don't forget all the other little boys and girls. Remember we have a little brother this Christmas, Tommie Lynn. We think he needs a rubber doll for Christmas.
We will have a dish of real good candy on the dining table you, Santa.
Love,
Freddie and Gary Edwards.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl six years old and in the first grade. I have tried to be a good girl. Will you please bring me a doll, a black board, a cash register and nuts fruits and candy.
With love,
Joan McCutchen.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl nine years old and I am in the 4th grade. I have tried to be a good girl. Will you please bring me a set of books, a birthstone ring. My birthday is February 25. And please bring me a bride doll and some fruits, nuts and candy.
With love,
Waynelle McCutchen.

E. A. Bellinger left last week for Rochester, Minnesota to go through the Mayo Clinic.

Dear Santa Claus: I am nine years old. Will you please bring me a football suit, an airplane, and a surprise.
Love,
John Schott.

Dear Santa Claus: I am 4 years old. Please bring me an airplane, a tricycle and a jack-in-box. We all want nuts and candy and a surprise. Mary Lynn is a sweet girl so please bring her something good.
I love you,
Bill Schott.

Dear Santa Claus: Will you please bring me an airplane, a train and a football suit? I would like a surprise, too. Bring Mary Lynn a doll and a surprise. I am 6 years old and Mary Lynn is nearly two.
Love,
David Schott.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Dowdy spent the week end in Borger the guests of Mrs. Dowdy's brother, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Williams.

J. W. Brannon, Jr., attended to business in Oklahoma City the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edsell Hutsell made a business trip to Lubbock Thursday.

Century of Progress Study Club Hold Christmas Party

Mrs. Edsell Hutsell was hostess to the Century of Progress Study Club on December 16 in her home. This was the club's Christmas party. After the business session Mrs. James Davis told the Christmas story, "The Littlest Angel". Gifts were exchanged from beneath the beautiful tree, and a lovely refreshment plate was served.

Before adjournment was made, Mrs. J. W. Brannon, Jr., showed pictures of the club tea which were taken on October 25.

Mrs. Jack Billingsley was voted a new member.

Mr. and Mrs. Mart Self and daughter, Bobbie, and Mrs. H. L. O. Riddell left Sunday for Pensacola, Florida to visit Mrs. Self's daughter and Mrs. Riddell's grand daughter, Mrs. Walter Masey. Mrs. Masey was the former Delma Dean Self. Mr. and Mrs. Masey are the parents of a son, born December 12, named George Bolany.

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Happy New Year

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BUSINESS MANAGER—J. H. FELTON

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus:

Will you please bring me a doll, a cash register, a basket ball and a pair of skates. If you don't have these just send me anything.
Love,
Rebecca Mallow.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am four years old. I have been fairly good and help mother and daddy quite a bit. I would like for Christmas, a doll with hair, a toy cook stove, and a tri-cycle.

I have a baby brother, so I don't need many toys this year. I hope you remember my big brother, also other children.
Your friend,
Melba Sue Bullock.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am in the first grade and studying hard. Would you please bring me a tousel hair Dydee doll, sewing machine, billfold and candy. Don't forget the other little girls and boys.
I love you,
Celene Lanham.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl five years old. I wish you would please bring me a tousel hair Dydee doll, doll house, building log set and some fruit.

I love you,
Sue Lanham.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a sewing machine and a house with a garage and a fire truck.

Love,
Sue Reid.

Dear Santa Claus:

We are two little girls six and two years old. We have tried to be nice little girls this year. Please bring each of us a sleepy eyed doll with hair.

Also bring us some fruits, nuts and candy.

Don't forget all the other little girls and boys.

Your little friends,
Barbara Kay Fisch,
Linda Sue Fisch.

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been a good boy and I would like for you to bring me a Shetland pony and a little football. I will be visiting "Gee Gee" and "Paw Paw" on Christmas Eve. Bring Davey something too. Thank you.

Love,
Bo Billingsley.

P. S. I'll need a saddle for that Shetland pony.

Dear Santa Claus:

I've been a pretty good boy this year. I want a tractor for Christmas, that I can ride, also a Stetson hat, roping gloves, a basket ball, a baseball glove and ball, and a record player and some more records, cause we don't have very many. About forgot the candy for my sock.

I loveyou,
Joe Kitchens.

P. S. I am five years old, and can't write much yet, so Ruby Lee wrote this for me.

New Texas Almanacs at News office, \$1.00 each.

Ask your neighbor about Frigid-aire, she has one. Simpson Chevrolet Company. 39-46

Dr. R.F. McCasland

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Heard and Jones Building

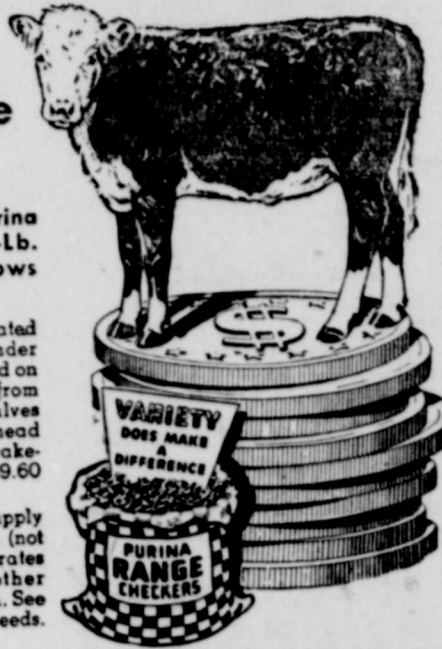
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JUST AN OLD-FASHIONED YULETIDE GREETING

To all of our customers and friends, we extend our very best wishes for a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Bank will be closed December 26 in observance of Christmas Day.

First State Bank

SILVERTON, TEXAS

THIS BANK WILL BE CLOSED AT NOON (12:00 O'CLOCK) ON SATURDAYS.



Season's Greetings

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



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

J. E. "Doc" Minyard

Allis Chalmers, Baldwin Combines
Graham Hoeme Plows

Merry Christmas

May the blessings of Christmas descend upon your homes in abundance.



City Tailors

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Will be closed Monday, December 26



The night before Christmas...

Few experiences surpass in beauty that hush of wonderful expectancy that falls over the home on Christmas eve. This season of 1949 holds that in store for you.

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OUR WARM AND SINCEREST GREETINGS GO OUT TO YOU AT THIS HAPPIEST SEASON OF THE YEAR.

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HAPPY HOLIDAY
to all of you.
May no cloud appear to disturb its serenity.
BEST WISHES
1949

Silverton Co - Op



HERALD ANGELS . . . Rehearsing for the annual Christmas candlelight service, the children choristers of the Crawford Methodist Memorial church in the Bronx, New York, make an impressive picture when viewed through a Christmas wreath in the foreground.



Legend not only has identified the Wise Men as Gaspar, Melchior and Balthasar, it has crowned them and given them the kingdoms of Tarsus, Arabia and Ethiopia. It has symbolized their gifts as symbolic of what Jesus was to become—gold for a king, frankincense for a high priest and myrrh for a great physician.

The Gospel text's specific wise men from the east logically identifies them with Zoroastrianism—an ancient monotheistic religion of Persia. Zoroastrian priests were called Magi; they were powerful in public and private life since they, and they alone, possessed the priestly mysteries involved in the worship of Mazda—who represented the Zoroastrian power for good.

The Magi may or may not have been fabulously wealthy: St. Matthew does not elaborate their treasures nor the amount of gold, frankincense and myrrh which they presented to the Christ Child. The gifts may have been mere tokens of their treasures, or the sum and substance thereof.

And if they were soothsayers, mystics and possibly clairvoyants they were also truly wise—in as much as they did not return to Herod, but departed into their own country by a different route.

Pilgrims Deplored "Ye Christmas Day"

Puritan disapproval of Christmas celebrations disembarked from the Mayflower with the Pilgrims in 1621 and, accordingly, Governor Bradford issued a statement publicly rebuking certain young men who declined to work on December 25, "ye day called Christmas."

This first New England Christmas—or non-observance thereof—should not be credited as the first Christmas on American soil, since Leif Erikson spent a winter or two on the North American continent around the turn of the 11th century.

Leif was a Christian, and it is likely that members of his crew were Christians, too; although it is quite possible that some had accepted the faith without remodeling their pagan natures, since King Olaf's methods were ruthless and his command "Be baptized, or else!" left them little choice.

Undoubtedly, flagons of crude, raw wine fermented from the grapes of Leif's Vinland were passed around and the celebration may have been rather boisterous, but in all fairness to Leif—who, according to excellent testimony, was a sincere convert—it is reasonable to assume that there was a trace of religious observance.

Perhaps Leif remembered the few words of Latin prayer he learned at the time of his conversion and recited them in honor of the birthday of the Redeemer he had accepted. . . . Thus, the first Christmas in America was observed.

The first Christmas card was designed in 1843.

Poinsettias which have come to be a "must" for Christmas decorations owe their name and popularity to an early American diplomat, botanist and scholar—Joel Roberts Poinsett.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



A happy holiday to all.

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TO YOU AND YOUR WHOLE FAMILY OUR BEST WISHES.

A. J. JONES, WATCHMAKER

Merry Christmas To You



From the **EMPLOYEES of West Texas Gas Company**



For a smile on every face and a carol in every heart we commend you to the spirit of Christmas.
Happy holiday.

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



CRASS
MOTOR AND IMPLEMENT COMPANY

Permit Granted Bus Line--Buses To Run Soon

Claude Crossing Club Meets With Mrs. Steele

The ladies of the Claude Crossing Community Club met Tuesday afternoon, December 13th at 2:30 in the home of Mrs. Alton Steele, for their Christmas party.

They revealed their Sunshine Sisters names for the next three months.

The Christmas theme was carried out in the decoration of the rooms, and refreshment plates of cherry nut loaf and coffee were served. Plate favors were holiday corsages. Members present were:

Mesdames J. B. Webster, Clyde Lightsey, Bill Watts, Gabe Garrison, Gordon Alexander, Albert Mallow, Lee D. Bomar, Kemp Thompson, Arnold Turner, Orville Turner, Don Garrison, Edd Thomas, and the hostess, Mrs. Alton Steele. We were happy to have one visitor, Mrs. J. W. Bailey from Frost, grandmother of Mrs. Bill Watts.

The next meeting will be Thursday, January 26, 1950 in the home of Mrs. Edd Thomas.

Mrs. A. C. Arnold Honored on 81 Birthday

Mrs. A. C. Arnold was honored on her 81st birthday with a family reunion given by her daughter, Mrs. Carl Hall of Melrose, New Mexico.

All of her children were present for the first time in several years. A dinner of turkey and all the trimmings were served to forty-one guests.

Those attending from Silvertown were: Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Garrison and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. John Arthur Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Arnold, Marion and Walter; Wayne Hamilton and Vione Cantwell.

Ray Grimes and Vernon Norman, representatives of the Chisholm Trail Motor Coaches, Inc., were in Silvertown Monday night and said that the Railroad Commission granted their permit Friday in Austin to operate the bus line between Farwell and Wichita Falls, Texas. Mr. Grimes said he received the permit Monday and had it with him when he was in the News office Monday night.

Mr. Grimes stated that they would start buses operating over the line within fifteen days. Two buses will run daily each way, and the schedule will be announced at a later date. Bus tickets will be on sale at Badgett's Pharmacy he stated.

Permission for this new route was granted October 18 by the Railroad Commission, and twenty days was allowed for filing objections or exceptions to the order. The objections were filed on the last day, and the case has been pending before the Railroad Commission since that time. Their decision was announced last Friday.

The bus line will serve Farwell, Bovina, Dimmitt, Nazareth, Tulia, Silvertown, Quitaque, Turkey, Parnell Estelline, Carey, Childress, Kirkland, Acme, Quanah, Chillicothe, Vernon, Oklaunion, Harold, Electra, Pumpkin Center, Clara, Burkburnett, Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls and intermediate points.

Mr. Grimes expressed his appreciation for the cooperation he had received from the people of Silvertown and other towns along the route in helping him get the bus line granted.

Santa Claus Visits Children in Silvertown Saturday

Several children gathered Saturday afternoon on the courthouse lawn at 1:30 with great jubilation toward seeing Santa Claus.

Sure enough Santa arrived in all his great splendor at about 1:30 with gifts and bags of goodies, galore.

After the bags of candies and fruits were distributed, Santa Claus visited among the children, while names were drawn and the gifts handed out.

R. V. Riddlehuber was the announcer and must be given credit for being especially good at the job.

Mrs. W. A. McLeod, of Midland, has been spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hyatt.

Mr. and Mrs. Orvil McGowen, of Plainview, spent Thursday evening with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Mart Self.

FRANCIS NEWS

The Helping Hand Club held its annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Scott Smithee, Wednesday evening. Mrs. J. E. Jowell, president, directed the meeting.

Plans were finished for the turkey dinner party to be held at the Clyde Mercer home for the club members and their families.

Christmas gifts were exchanged and games in keeping with the Christmas season were enjoyed by all.

Refreshments of punch, fruit cake, cookies, sandwiches and candy were served to Mesdames U. D. Brown, Lowell Calloway, Edwin Crass, Frank Mercer, Jack Jowell, Frank Fisch, John Lee Francis, Hagen Fronterhouse, Charles Francis, A. J. Rowell, Hollie Francis, Aubrey Rowell, Clyde Mercer, Wade Steele, J. D. McGavoc, Alva Jasper, Cleat Jacobs, Jack Harris; one visitor, Johnnie Jowell, and the hostess.

The next meeting will be Thursday, January 5, in the home of Mrs. Wade Steele.

ROCK CREEK CLUB NEWS

The Rock Creek Club members entertained the community with a Christmas dinner party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Wilson December 16.

A delicious dinner was served to 62 guests. After dinner everyone enjoyed playing 42 and singing Christmas carols and religious songs.

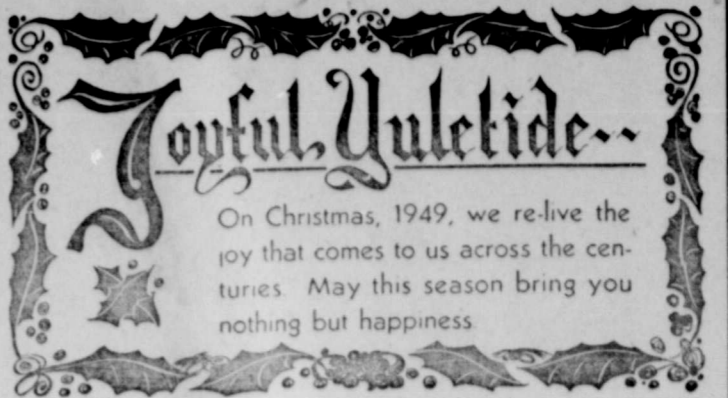
Gifts were exchanged. Everyone reported a wonderful evening.

The Rock Creek Club met with Mrs. W. W. Reid December 13. One quilt was quilted.

Pecan and pumpkin pie, fruit cake, coffee and punch were served to Verna Allison, Eula Shelton, Marie Garrison, Ruth West, Margaret Frizzell, Lola Mae Shipman and Florence Fitzgerald.

The next meeting will be with Eula Shelton, January 3. This will be an all day meeting.

Those attending the funeral of Cleo Keys in Clarendon Thursday were Mrs. Roy McMurtry and son, Wayne, Mrs. Erma Piercy and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Burnett of Vigo Park.



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Simple, unadorned thoughts are best at Christmas. So we would only wish you a joyful and happy holiday season, when every step you take in-

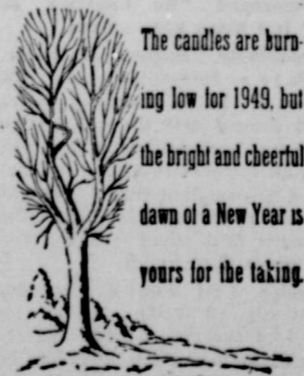
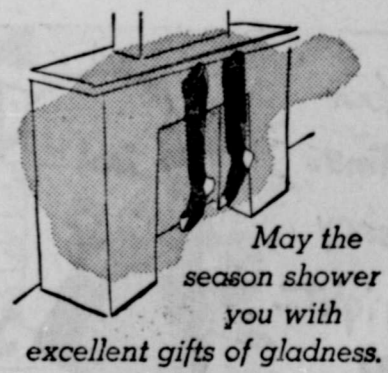


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