

The Briscoe County News brings your friends and acquaintances near you every week. When you have visitors or know news inform us, we will be glad to have it.

BRISCOE COUNTY NEWS

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THURSDAY, DEC. 20, 1951

Unusual Greeting!

Each year the News receives many Christmas and New Years Greetings from life long friends and business associates. Among those greetings there is always an unusual greeting. This year the News is re-printing for its readers the greeting that we have selected as most unusual.

Merry Christmas

How can we phrase our honest wish for your Christmas joy without sounding trite? All the words, worn smooth by time, have been used in the centuries that have rolled over the season, and it is difficult to find new combinations to express the goodwill of the heart. We wish you well, we wish you very well. We wish that the hand of trouble be stayed and that you be surrounded by the evidences of living love. We wish the wanderer's return and the quarrel's ending, and the mending of rents in the fabric of life. We wish you the warm fire and familiar faces, the smell of spruce and the sound of music. We wish you one exquisite moment of pure happiness and the ability to recognize it as it hastens past. We wish you the laughter of children, starshine, and peaceful sleep.

Christmas Program At Methodist Church Friday Night

Rev. H. M. Secord, pastor of Silvertown Methodist Church has announced that the church will have a Christmas program Friday night, the program for the evening will be by the children's division of the church.

R. W. Thomas Celebrates 90th Birthday Sunday

Mrs. Beth Joiner entertained with a birthday dinner in her lovely home Sunday December 16, honoring her father, R. W. Thomas, on his 90th birthday.

There was a huge birthday cake with 90 candles to light and blow out. So with the help of his grandson and hired hand they managed the 90 candles and cake.

Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Kendall and son; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Deavenport and son, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Thomas, Larry Jarrett, and Thurman Kennimer.

The day pas spent reminiscing and Mr. Thomas felt years younger at the parting of the day with the children.

DOYLE RAY TIFFIN TO FORT WORTH FOR TREATMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Tiffin and son, Doyle Ray, left Monday afternoon for Fort Worth, where they are taking Doyle Ray to a specialist for further treatment of his hand which was injured when a gun discharged. He was brought home from the Lubbock hospital last Friday and is reported to be doing fairly well.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Wilmoth and Miss Anna Lee Anderson were visitors in Canyon and Tulia Saturday. They attended the girls basketball game in Tulia.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Allard visited Mrs. Allard's brother, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Jackson in Floydada Sunday afternoon.

School Will Dismiss For Christmas Holidays Dec. 21

Superintendent M. G. Moreland has announced that school will dismiss Friday afternoon, December 21, and will have for their holiday vacation until Monday, December 31, when they will be back in school as usual.

Pvt. Howard M. Hotchkiss Wounded In Action Dec. 7

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hotchkiss, of Tulia, former residents of Silvertown, received the following telegram from the war department, dated December 17:

The Secretary of the army has asked me to express his deepest regrets that your son, Pvt. Hotchkiss, Howard M., was wounded in action in Korea, 7 December 51.

Signed: Wm. E. Bergin, Major General U. S. A.

The Adjutant General of the Army.

Mr. and Mrs. Hotchkiss were in Silvertown Tuesday and said that they had had a letter from Howard before they were notified by the war department, saying he had mashed his hand. As to the seriousness of his injuries they do not know as yet.

News Office Will be Closed Dec. 21 Until Friday, December 28

In order to have a few days off during Christmas the News office will be closed to business from December 21 until Friday, December 28. The paper this week and next will carry mostly greetings from the merchants of the community.

If you have visitors or go anywhere during the holidays the News will appreciate you mailing in the information, please.

FAMILY GATHERING

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Wimberly had as dinner guests Sunday her brothers and sister and their families, the occasion was in honor of Capt. and Mrs. H. C. Seefeldt, Diana Jo and Johnny who were home on leave from Camp Quantico, Va.

Those present for the dinner were: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jo Montgomery, of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Thomas, of Hereford Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wimberly, A. C., and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hodges, of Canyon; Mr and Mrs. H. A. Hodges, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hodges, Jimmy and Bobby, of Tulia.

Capt. and Mrs. Seefeldt and family left Monday morning for Camp La Juene, N. C., where he will report December 28. They will visit enroute with relatives in Shreveport, Louisiana and Monticello, Arkansas, on their trip back to camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Stout to Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Stout will observe their 50th wedding anniversary on Tuesday, December 25, 1951. The Stouts have lived most of the time in Briscoe County since their marriage. They will be at home to their friends from 3 to 5 p. m., and all are cordially invited.

TRY A NEWS WANT AD.



4-H and F. F. A. Feeder Calf and Colt Show Sponsored by Lions Club Illustrated Work Of Briscoe County Youth and Trainers

POSTOFFICE WILL BE OPEN SATURDAY AFTERNOON, DEC. 22

Clay Fowler, local postmaster, has announced that the postoffice will remain open Saturday afternoon, December 22, for business as usual, except for taking money orders, until 5:00 p. m.

P. M. A. NEWS

ACP FOR 1952

PMA's "Farm by Farm First Things First" agricultural conservation program will be in operation in all agricultural counties in the United States in 1952, according to Lester Young, head of the state ACP section of PMA. Each cooperating farm in Briscoe County will be asked to designate from a list of ACP practices those he thinks will contribute most to production on his farm. In developing a plan for conservation under the 1952 program the individual farmer should build on the conservation progress already made.

Each farm operator will be mailed a list of the approved practices for Briscoe County in the near future concerning the practice designation for 1952. This is a new addition to the ACP program. It will be necessary that we have this completed and on file before you are eligible to make application for an ACP practice. This will not constitute your application for prior approval. Application to carry out a practice must be made by person, telephone or in writing prior to the time the practice is begun.

DEADLINE FOR 1952 ACP PRACTICES

To qualify for payment under the 1951 program all practices for which prior approvals are issued must be completed by December 31, 1951 and performance reported not later than January 15, 1952. All program practices carried out are subject to a check by the county PMA committee to determine that the practice has been carried out in accordance with approved standards. Report your performance as soon as possible after completing your work, so that your application for payment can be prepared.

There will be no marketing quotas on cotton or wheat in 1952. Increased acreage is the theme for 1952.

FARM SCRAP DRIVE

The farm scrap campaign was originally suggested to run from October 15 to November 15. The Mobilization Committee hopes that the end of the intensive campaign will not slow down, but that farmers and ranchers will increase their concern about scrap, and keep up a regular flow of scrap as long as mobilization lasts.

PMA OFFICE TO BE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS

The Briscoe County PMA Office will be closed from December 24 through December 28th and January 1 through January 4. The office will be open all day December 29 and also on Saturday, January 5.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Neese left last Thursday for Strathmore, California, where they will spend the holidays visiting their son, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Neese.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Burson, Mr. and Mrs. True Burson and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Burson spent the week end in Dallas and Mineral Wells with relatives.

TRY A NEWS WANT AD.

Ribbons were handed to 27 calves and two colts in the First Annual 4-H and F. F. A. Feeder Calf and Colt Show at Silvertown on Saturday, December 15, The show, sponsored by the Silvertown Lions Club, was well received by all.

R. B. Dawson, Jr., Tulia Vocational Agriculture teacher assisted by Eugene Mote, Tulia Future Farmer, placed the three beef classes as follows:

DRY LOT STEERS

1. Tom Thompson.
2. John Schott.
3. Melvin Hamilton.
4. Bobby Crass.
5. Donnie Stephens.
6. Jim Baird.
7. Freddie Hamilton.
8. Robert Hill.
9. Jim Baird.
10. Bill Stephens.

MILK FED STEERS

1. Judy Burson.
2. Carroll Welch.
3. Jack Graham.
4. Jack Graham.
5. Gaylen Callaway.
6. Ronald Welch.
7. Delbert Matthews.

BEEF HEIFERS

1. K. R. Stephens.
2. Jaye Turner.
3. K. R. Stephens.
4. John Francis.
5. Jaye Turner.
6. Carroll Welch.
7. John Francis.
8. Delbert Matthews.
9. Delbert Matthews.
10. Carroll Welch.

COLT CLASS

Judge was Jerry House of Tulia.

1. Judd Donnell.
2. Grady Wimberly.

Most of these calves, plus others not available today, will be in the Briscoe County Livestock show on February 29. This fall show offers boys (and others) to see what calves look like to begin with and then next spring they may observe the feeding results.

Two 4-H girls braved the cold and competition to show up very well against the boys.

By Jack Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. Moreland Entertained School Faculty

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Moreland entertained the school faculty Monday night with a 42 and canasta party. The house was beautifully decorated in the Christmas colors. Soft music was played during the evening.

Refreshments of fruit rings, peppermint ice cream and fruit punch was served to the following:

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Gay, Mr. and Mrs. E. Wilmoth, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Glynn Bunch, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Redin, Mr. and Mrs. John Gill; Misses Ima Nell Gunn, Anna Lee Anderson and Margie Frost.

Mrs. Ben Garvin and Mrs. W. Allard went to San Angelo last Friday to visit Mrs. Garvin's son, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Garvin. They were accompanied by John L. Burten, who was home on furlough for the holidays. They returned home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Brown met their son, Marine Carroll Brown of San Diego, California, in Amarillo Friday night. He will spend Christmas at home. After his holiday furlough he is being sent to a camp in Utah.

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THURSDAY AND FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 20, 21

Warner Bros. Present

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Starring Burt Lancaster, Phyllis Thaxter

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

Tim Holt, Richard Martin in

"Pistol Harvest"

Plus—Glenn Ford, Anne Baxter in

"Follow the Sun"

SUNDAY AND MONDAY,
DECEMBER 23, 24

M-G-M's Happy-Go-Lucky Musical

"Rich, Young and Pretty"

Color by Technicolor

Starring Jane Powell

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 25, 26

M-G-M's High, Wide and Handsome

MUSICAL!

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Merry Christmas



1951

Our best wishes
go out heartily to
all our good friends

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CHRISTMAS BACKDROP

Christmas Seal Idea Conceived in Denmark

A DANISH postal clerk thought of the idea of attaching stamps to Christmas packages and letters in 1908, and a few years later the scheme was tried in America.

This year millions of Americans will receive a letter from their local chapter of the National Tuberculosis association containing Christmas seals, the seasonal reminder of the never-ending fight to stamp out the disease.

Einar Holboell, at work in a Danish postoffice conceived the idea of attaching decorative stamps to Christmas packages, the sale of which could be conducted by some worthwhile organization.

He mentioned it to his fellow workers and they decided it would be a great help in defraying the cost of fighting tuberculosis. The idea reached King Christian, who approved, and the image of Queen Louise was placed on the first seals in 1904.

Jacob Riis, Danish-born American, heard about the idea and sold it to the American public in 1907 through a magazine article written for Outlook magazine. A Red Cross worker, Miss Emily Bissell, started the first American sales that year.



The practice of holding "open house" has been a Christmas tradition through the years.

The Saxons lords threw open the doors of their great halls to peasant and noble alike during the festive season and all enjoyed great feasting, songs and the exchange of gifts. A tremendous Yule log was dragged upon an open fire pit and festivities lasted until the embers alone remained.

The same custom was followed in the pre-Civil War South. The slaves often soaked a log in the cypress swamps long before Christmas so that it would burn slowly, and extend their Christmas freedom.

"Open House" during the Yuletide season is a true mark of democracy and a realization that he who was born on Christmas day came to save all men.

Cowboy's Party Is Real American Fete

One of the most typical of our American holiday celebrations is the Cowboy's Christmas Ball, which has been held almost every year since 1884 in the small town of Anson, Texas.

The celebration started as a wedding party in the old Star Hotel when ranchers poured in from the widely scattered ranges to honor one Cross P. Charley and his bride. It was such a success that it was repeated year after year.

Christmas Eve brought the spirit of the old West to Anson. Cowboys donned their colorful dress, their gay shirts and decorated boots. Cowgirls outfitted themselves in gingham dresses "like mother wore". A cowboy band swung out and the dancers perform the heel and toe polka, the Varsouvienne, and other old folk dances.

Origin of Symbolic Tree Shrouded in Old Legends

The origin of the Christmas tree symbol is shrouded in legends that reach back to the period of Druid tree worship long before the advent of Christianity. Credit for tree decoration and gift-giving, however, is generally given to Germany, where the customs were started in the 16th or 17th centuries. Over a period of years the practice spread into northern Europe and from there to America.

Outdoor tree decorating is essentially an American trademark and a special feature of community spirit. The best known outside displays in America are on the White House lawn and at the Rockefeller Plaza in New York City.

Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a dolly, tricycle, piano, I have a stove but need a cabinet to put my dishes in.

Don't forget to bring Jo Lynn a bicycle and some doll clothes, and we want some apples, oranges, nuts and candy.

Sure do thank you Santa Claus,
LeAnne Womack.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy 3 years old. I want a big tricycle, a windup train, some fruit, candy and nuts. Your little friend,
Dennis Ray Dickerson.

Dear Santa Claus,
We are two little girls seven and three. We have tried to be good girls. Please bring us a doll that cries and sleeps. Also would like to curl her hair. Bring us some fruits, nuts and candies.

Please don't forget all the other boys and girls.
Your little friends,
Barbara Kay and Linda Sue Fisch

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl five years old and I would like a doll and record player for Christmas. I have been a good little girl. Don't forget my two brothers and all the other little boys and girls.
Love,
Gloria Maye Wallace.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a bicycle, doll clothes, a big doll, a baby doll, a suitcase and a piano.

I am planning on seeing you before Christmas. Thank you Santa.

Jo Lynn Womack.

Bank will close Christmas Eve (Monday) at noon and will remain closed until Wednesday, December 26



Let the magic work!

Hoofs on the roof... sleighbells a-jingle... someone unloading a pack!

What grownup can forget the Christmas days of his own childhood!

TO YOU AND YOURS, WE WISH THAT
KIND OF MERRY CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR.

First State Bank SILVERTON, TEXAS

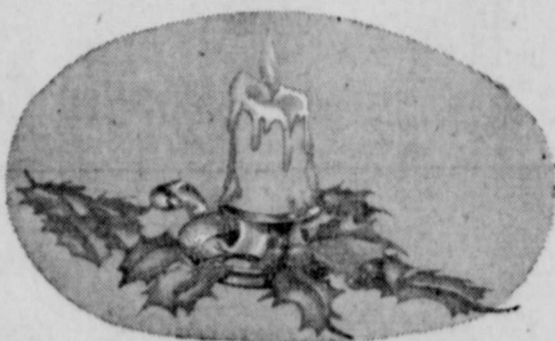


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in our time for all the world...
with the Christmas spirit holding
eternal sway over all our hearts.*



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CONTRIBUTION

Joel Poinsett, U.S. Statesman, Noted for Flower

Although he was a brilliant statesman, and the friend of four American presidents, Joel Roberts Poinsett is famous chiefly because he introduced the Mexican plant known as the "Painted Leaf", of "Mexican Fire Plant" into the United States.

Poinsett, then U.S. ambassador to Mexico, called the plant to the attention of American botanists and grew the plant himself as a hobby at his South Carolina home, after he left Mexico.

The plant grew heavily in American favor—especially popular at Christmas time—and was renamed poinsettia, in honor of the man who brought it to this country.

Contrary to popular impression, the flaming red bracts of the poinsettia are not flowers, but leaves, and it is for these bracts that the plants are grown.

It is possible to have variations of either pink or white varieties, as well as of the more usual red, popular because it carries out the holiday color scheme of rich bright red with a contrast of the dark green of the leaves.

The beautiful poinsettia, almost a "must" as far as Christmas decorating is concerned, is one of the most temperamental of plants.

The poinsettia thrives in its native Mexico, but elsewhere must be handled carefully—perhaps pampered slightly. However, the brilliantly colored flowers it has at Christmas time is reward enough for any efforts needed to make the plant thrive.

Constant warmth is needed by poinsettias. Temperatures should be kept between 70 and 80 degrees during the day and no less than 65 degrees at night. Any sudden change in temperature and drafts will cause the plant to drop its leaves.

Abundant water is also a necessity, but it should be applied but once a day so that the plant may become moderately dry between waterings. This permits needed oxygen to reach the roots.

Try to give the poinsettia the sunniest spot available. It is wise to fertilize it occasionally with a good commercial food tablet.

We will be closed from December 22, to Wednesday, January 2, 1952.



Happy New Year.



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STABLE AT BETHLEHEM: The shepherds "came with haste and found Mary, and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger."

Holly Superstition: It Will Determine Ruler in Household

HUSBANDS and wives! Attention! There is an old superstition about holly that will interest you. It was a belief of the ancients that the first to bring Christmas holly into the house, either husband or wife, would be the one to rule the household during the ensuing year.

But don't put too much stock in the belief. Like other Christmas legends, the truth might be lost in history.

The Druids were great admirers of the holly plant. They believed that its evergreen leaves attested to the fact that it was never deserted by the sun, and was therefore sacred.

Legends have related how the crown of thorns was plaited from holly. The leaves of the plant were white until the Crucifixion, after which they turned a deep, blood red.

A holly wreath placed on the door is believed enough to frighten away even the boldest of witches.

'Christkindli' Is Swiss Counterpart of Santa

Santa Claus plays a very insignificant part in the Swiss celebration of Christmas, observed mostly on December 24. It is Christkindli, the Christ Child, who makes the rounds of Swiss homes on Christmas Eve.

This radiant angel is said to have come from the North, traveling on a fairy-like sleigh pulled by reindeer, much in the fashion of our Santa. Christkindli brings good Swiss children a beautiful tree, and many gifts. Like Santa, he stresses obedience and admonishes naughty youngsters.



Wishing every one a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



We will be closed December 24 and 25

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FOR SALE—23 head of 9-weeks old pigs. Also some milk cows. See Dock Wallace. 51-4tp

FOR SALE—Saddle—See Snooks Baird. 50-3tp

FOR SALE—1937 Model F-20 tractor and equipment. Tractor has starter, lights and road gear. Good shape. Price \$500. Berle Fisch. 49-3tp

FOR SALE—1947 H. Tractor and equipment; 500 gallon Propane tank; Propane bottle and regulator. See Ashell McDaniel across road from Rock Creek store. 50-2tp

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC—We are doing stucco, plastering, painting and general repair work, and would be glad to have anyone see us when in need of our services. Jorde Hollingsworth and W. C. Alexander. 42-8tp

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

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

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

FIRE INSURANCE on City and farm properties. See Roy Teeter.

AUTOMOBILE Insurance. See Roy Teeter. 7-tfc

See ROY TEETER for your liability, and property damage automobile insurance. Phone 72. 45-tfc

Miss Jewell Hodges, of Lubbock, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and J. T. Hodges

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TULIA, TEXAS
Residence Phone 497-W

What's Doing Churches

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
G. A. Elrod, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45
Morning Service 11:00
Training Union 6:00
Preaching 7:00
Prayer Meeting Wednesday 6:30
W. M. U. Monday 2:30
R. A's and G. A's 4:00
Brotherhood, First and third
Monday night 7:00

SILVERTON METHODIST CHURCH

Where you cease to be a stranger when you enter the door.
H. M. SECORD, PASTOR
Church School 10 A. M.
Morning Worship 11 A. M.
Junior and Senior MYF 6:15 P. M.
Evening Worship 7 P. M.
Midweek Prayer Meeting 7 P. M.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Howard B. Stubblefield, Minister
Sunday Bible Study 10:00
Sunday Communion and Preaching 10:50
Evening Service 7:00
Monday, Ladies Bible Study 2:30 P. M.
Wednesday, Prayer Meeting 7:00 P. M.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00
PREACHING
Each Third Sunday 3:00
Auxiliary every 1st and 3rd Monday in the homes of the members.

ATTEND METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP MEETING
DECEMBER 17

A carload of young people attended the Methodist Youth Fellowship District Meeting at Abernathy Monday night, December 17.

PERSONALS

Mrs. W. A. Rowell visited her daughter and family in Tahoka last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Marshall, of Woodlake, California, are spending the Christmas holidays with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Marshall and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Price visited Sunday in Lubbock with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Price.

Mrs. Henry Price transacted business in Floydada Monday and visited Mr. and Mrs. John Lloyd.

Mr. and Mrs. Nuke May and mother, Mrs. J. H. May visited relatives in Louisiana last week. Mrs. J. H. May remained to visit with her brother who is ill.

Mrs. Luke Thompson, Mrs. Albert Rowland and Mrs. Geo. Jones were business visitors in Amarillo Monday.

E. R. Cockrell, of Seymour, spent the week end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Lee D. Bomar and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Alexander. Mr. Cockrell is a brother-in-law of the ladies.

Mrs. Fred Brannon and Mrs. Seymour Brannon were shopping in Amarillo Monday.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Brookshier were Mrs. T. L. Anderson, Miss Anna Lee Anderson and Mrs. R. L. Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Wimberly made a business trip to Plainview Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wright were business visitors in Amarillo Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Murry May and girls, of Vigo Park, were shopping in Silvertown Monday.

Mrs. J. C. Austin and Mrs. Thomas Morrison, of Dimmitt, spent Sunday with their sister, Mrs. E. W. Yancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim McNeese, of Turkey, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Lovvorn, of Lone Stam community, attended the musical recital of Mrs. Charles Record Sunday afternoon at the Presbyterian church.

PERSONALS

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Garrison Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Hodges, of Tuscon, Arizona, Miss Jewel Hodges, of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Turner and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hodges.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Garrison and girls were business visitors in Plainview Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Bomar spent the week end in Goldwaite, where they attended the wedding of Mrs. Bomar's nephew, Billy Wayne Hardcastle Sunday. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hardcastle.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Brookshier were business visitors in Plainview Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ledbetter were shopping in Plainview Thursday.

WHICH END DO YOU USE?

"God gave us two ends—one to sit on and the other to think with. A man's success depends on which end he uses the most. It's a case of heads you win, tails you lose."

Exchange.

Dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hill Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Davis, Mrs. J. H. Green and children, Mrs. W. T. Haley, all of Plainview, and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hilson and boys of Silvertown.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Whiteley left Friday for Waco where they will spend the holidays with Mrs. Whiteley's children.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McWilliams and children and Mrs. H. E. Curtis visited Mrs. Eskan Curtis in Quitaque Sunday.

Our Office Will Be Closed - - -

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1951, at 1:00 P. M.; reopening Wednesday, December 26, 1951, at 10:00 A. M.

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- Pure Lard, Wilsons, 4 pounds 37c

SAN JACINTO NEWS

The school children will have their Christmas program Friday night, December 21. Santa will arrive after the program. Everyone is invited to come.

Friends of Bro. and Mrs. Leka gathered in their home Saturday evening to bid them farewell and God's speed. They received many nice gifts.

Several from here attended the funeral of Mrs. M. D. Goolsby at Afton Sunday. The Goolsbys lived in this community a few years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Beasley were in Amarillo shopping Monday.

Bro. and Mrs. Leka and children attended church in Tulia Sunday and visited Mr. Bert Gordon and Mrs. George Null in the Tulia hospital.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

To my many friends and neighbors:

Christmas is here . . . and once more I find myself at a loss for words to express how I feel about your kindness to me during 1951. But I know you will understand.

I wish for you and your family the best of Merry Christmases, and the best that this happy season can bring in both material and spiritual blessings.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank the many friends who visited me during my "shut-in" days, and for the beautiful flowers, cheerful cards, number of gifts sent and brought.

Words cannot express my gratitude that I feel for the many kindnesses of my friends.

May God bless each of you.

Mrs. C. M. Strickland.

CANASTA PARTY HONORS CAPT. AND MRS. SEEFELDT

Friends of Capt. and Mrs. Harold Seefeldt met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Wimberly last Monday. The evening was spent playing canasta and informing Freeda and Harold of the happenings around town in the eleven months they have been away.

Refreshments of sandwiches, coffee and cake were served to twenty-six guests and the honorees.

Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy four years old. I have tried to be good all year.

Please bring me a little tractor that I can ride, a snow shovel and a cowboy and Indian molding set.

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

Good-bye.

Garner Garrison.

Dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bomar Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brooks and son, Joe Wayne, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Tate and daughter, Jackie Carol.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Roy Brown are in Hort Springs, New Mexico, where they are taking the health baths.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Bomar, Sr., Mrs. Leo Comer were business visitors in Tulia Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Brookshier and Mrs. V. R. Gardner, of Tulia, were business visitors in Amarillo Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Garvin and son, Jerry, spent Sunday in Amarillo with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Blassingame.

Mrs. D. H. Davis, who underwent surgery in an Amarillo hospital ten days ago was brought home Saturday. Mrs. Davis is doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Wallace and Mrs. Clifford McCain were business visitors in Plainview Wednesday.

Mrs. Sam Davis, of Denton and Mr. Gip Joiner, of Fort Worth, visited C. F. Joiner and other relatives several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Comer were business visitors in Plainview Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Chester Burnett, of Vigo Park was shopping in Silverton Monday.

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GREETINGS to All at Christmastime



Best wishes for a very merry holiday



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Candles have lighted Christmas eve around the world for generations.

It has long been a custom in Ireland to place a lighted candle in the window to guide the Christ-child on his way, and the use of candles appears in other lands in many ways.

In Czechoslovakia, for example, tiny candles are set upright in nutshells and floated in pans of water. Armenians use myriads of candles in preparing their Christmas decorations.

At unique church services in Labrador each child receives a little lighted candle standing in a turnip, and keeps it until after the services, at which time the turnip is eaten.

In Norway, families arrive at church on Christmas eve, each carrying a flaming torch. These are stuck in the snow while the good-folk attend the services.

Santa Claus, Indiana, Received Famous Name Christmas Eve, 1882

Although many towns have names directly or indirectly associated with Christmas, there is but one town named Santa Claus, in Indiana.

Except for a lucky break, the town would have had another name and hence would not have enjoyed the annual fame that it gathers around the Yuletide season.

The original intention to name the town Santa Fe fell through when the officials at Washington suggested that the town be named something else, since there was already a Santa Fe in New Mexico.

On Christmas Eve, in 1882, the citizens held a mass meeting to select another name, but every one proposed was discarded for one reason or another. The meeting was about to break up when Santa Claus, making his yearly visits in the neighborhood, strode in to get warm. He was in costume and his arrival put one name in every mind.

And so the town was named Santa Claus.

Christmas Carols Herald Yuletide Immemorally

For centuries Christmas Carols have heralded the Yuletide season around the Christian world. Many of them, slightly altered by changing times and customs, have been handed down from one generation to another.

A great number probably were lost because they were popular in generations not adequately covered by a written history.

Christmas Carols are of two main types—religious and convivial. The religious offer praise to the newborn and celebrate the birth of Christ. The convivial exalt mirth and the traditional feasting.

The latter is almost an invention of our modern civilization, and few "popular" Yuletide songs manage to return year after year. "Jingle Bells" is one notable exception.

"Silent Night," "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," and "O Come All Ye Faithful" seem destined to last forever.



ADORATION OF THE SHEPHERDS . . . This striking sculptural work was done by Andrea del Verrocchio (1435-1488) of Florence, Italy, and is in the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D. C.

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Redeemer's Birthplace In Ancient Bethlehem Still Scene of Worship

The scene of the Redeemer's birth at Bethlehem is the site of a full day's worship and prayer each Christmas Eve. The faithful come from all parts of the world to join their voices in adoration and to see the solemn reenactment of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth.

Discontinued for six years during World War II, the pontifical mass and ceremony was renewed in 1945. As the stars on the hillside and the pale moon wrapped the town of Bethlehem in an aura of holiness, the voices of the humble echoed in prayer from the little Church of St. Catherine, built on the hallowed rock of the most sacred spot of the Christian world.

The mass was celebrated at 10 p.m., the voices of the choir-boys ringing out over the surrounding hills. At the stroke of 12 the great bells of the tower of the nativity rang out, loud and clear.

The vicar, holding an image of the Christ Child, joined a procession of priests, acolytes and choir-boys. By flickering candlelight the procession filed over the stone steps leading to the grotto of the nativity. The vicar placed the tiny representation of Christ on the sacred spot where, many years before, the Redeemer came.

Balsam Recommended As Best Yule Tree

In choosing a Christmas tree, many look for trees that will not shed needles quickly indoors. Highly recommended are balsam and Douglas firs, which usually will hold their needles as long as two or three weeks in a warm house.

Balsam is fragrant beyond all other Christmas trees, has long



lower branches and thick spire-like top. Its needles do not stab the hand. Like the needles of all firs, they are usually flattened, not squarish.

For longer life, place the tree outdoors in a bucket of water for 24 hours before putting it up, or place in a waterproof container of wet sand and keep the sand moist



I HOPE, I HOPE . . . There is an expression commonly used during the days just before Christmas—and this is it, on the face of the lad with the football. If things work out the way they usually do, he'll get his wish.



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Santa through the years

IT'S LITTLE WONDER that Saint Nick is especially generous to the American people. History proves that the Americans have done a lot for Saint Nick!

They have given him a new name, a new face and figure, and a new means of transportation.

The original European version of Saint Nick pictured him as a tall angular man who rode on a pony gray mare. Both the horse and Saint Nick looked as if they hadn't had a good meal in some time.

The early English settlers in this country started giving Saint Nicholas his "New Look." The English children adopted the legendary Christmas figure from the Dutch, but the English children had trouble pronouncing "Saint Nickolous." Somehow the name changed to "Santa Kalouf," and finally it was corrupted to "Santa Claus."

However, this was only the beginning. In 1809 Washington Irving, in his "Knickerbocker's History of New York," wrote of the Saint as the guardian of New York City. Irving described Saint Nick as a jolly fellow with a broad-brimmed hat and huge breeches. He taught Saint Nick to smoke a long pipe, and, in the story, replaced his shuffling hay-burner with a trim wagon.

A short time later, Saint Nicholas' transportation was aided by Clement Moore in his famous poem, "The Visit from Saint Nicholas," written in 1822. Moore, a professor of divinity in a New York theological seminary, gave Saint Nick a sleigh, twinkling eyes, cheeks like roses, nose like a cherry, and a round little belly.

Today's Santa Claus is by no means streamlined, but he is a far cry from the lean, ascetic, somberly dressed fellow who, for centuries, on Christmas Eve, guided his mare through the streets of Europe.

Cedars of Lebanon Are Well Protected By Religion, Law

On a shelf-like plateau, 600 feet above the Mediterranean, the world's oldest Christmas trees stand where they have stood for centuries. The cedars of Lebanon, 400 of them, are protected by religion and law from harm at the hands of either the Moslems or the Maronite Christians.

The magnificent trees "that sing of the nativity" were venerated as monarchs among trees long before Judah had her first king. Some of them have a girth of 40 feet and a branch circumference of 300.

In the days of the conquerors thousands of conscripted Hebrew workers were sent into the Lebanon to take to Jerusalem "cedar trees without number"; the result of one of the first building contracts, between Hiram of Phoenicia and King Solomon.

Today, however, the trees are protected by law and the department of agriculture of the government sponsors the planting of seedlings, so that the giant cedars will grow forever.

St. Francis Made First Crib in Cave

St. Francis of Assisi is believed to have originated the custom of displaying the Christ Child in a crib at Christmas time.

He is reported once to have said to one of his followers: "I wish to celebrate holy Christmas night with you. In the woods near the cloister you will find a cave where we shall arrange a manger filled with hay. We shall have an ox and an ass just as at Bethlehem. I wish to see how poor and miserable the Infant Saviour became for us."

So at midnight, in the small Italian village of Garcia, in the year 1200, St. Francis and his followers celebrated mass at the cave and sang hymns in honor of the Christ Child.



AN AGE-OLD STORY RETOLD... "She brought forth her first-born Son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger."



CHRISTMAS LECTURE
"Now this is a Christmas tree," big brother appears to be telling the toddler. "It grows in the living room only once a year, and it always has a lot of nice presents under it."

Games for All Make Christmas Family Party

Christmas is the time for family get-togethers. One of the best ways to make these gatherings memorable for all concerned is to engage in games which the whole group can play.

A nice one to start off with would be a Sugar Plum Hunt. Have one member of the family hide Christmas candies ahead of time in various nooks and corners around the house. At a given signal everyone starts hunting and gathering the pieces. The one who gathers the greatest number would be given a prize.

The Christmas Puzzle is another good one to get things going. Look through some magazines, which are filled with pictures of Santa Claus at this time of year. Cut out enough of these to go around, paste them on stiff cardboard, and cut them into pieces. Then put each group of pieces in a separate paper bag. At the signal, everyone opens a bag and starts putting the puzzle together.

The Xmas Scramble Contest is good for a group with older children in it. This is simply a contest to see who can unscramble a group of words the fastest. Just for fun, see if you can work out the following—astna, erireden, ehsqil, dynca, gosiknet, erte, trepsen, hupac, alsorc, and niborb.

If Santa Misses, Reindeer Supply Will Be at Fault

If Santa Claus misses some youngsters this year, it could be offered plausibly that he was not able to round up enough reindeer for his yearly trip around the globe.

The reindeer shortage has become, in recent years, much too acute. It has been estimated that wolves have destroyed 500,000 of Santa's helpers within the last decade or so, leaving an approximate 50,000.

The difficulty of keeping the animals alive in a temperate climate makes it unlikely that any of the few remaining will be transported



from their native regions to other lands for the holiday season, as has been done in the past.

American boys and girls will have to be satisfied with stand-ins. The few department stores featuring Santa's complete outfit this year will be using native deer as substitute for Dasher, Prancer, and company.

England Once Forbade Christmas Observance

Did you know that the observance of Christmas was once forbidden in England—the home of the Yule Log, the Carol-singer and the Wassailers?

During the Reformation many believed the undue jollity of Christmas day was sacrilegious. Parliament, on December 24, 1552, ordered that "no observance shall be held of the five and twentieth day of December, commonly called Christmas day; nor any solemnity used or exercised in churches upon that day in respect thereof."

This edict proved to be very unpopular with the masses of the people. It was not until many years later, however, that Christmas was once again regarded as a holiday.

Letters to Santa Claus

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CHRISTMAS QUESTION CORNER

- QUESTIONS**
- 1—Who was Kris Kringle?
 - 2—What does the name Kris Kringle mean?
 - 3—Who wrote the first Christmas Carols? When?
 - 4—What superstition had the Scotch about the Christmas candle?
 - 5—By what other name is mistletoe known?
 - 6—Where did the custom of kissing under the mistletoe begin?
 - 7—When were Christmas candles first used?
 - 8—How long has the practice of gift giving at Christmas been observed?
 - 9—How did the custom of hanging Xmas stockings originate?
 - 10—Why are candles used during the Christmas season?

ANSWERS

1. Santa Claus' helper. 2. "Little Christ Child". 3. St. Francis of Assisi and his frater—in Italy—during the 13th century. 4. It was considered an omen of bad fortune if the candle went out before midnight. 5. The Golden Bough. 6. England. 7. In the middle ages—at the Jewish "Feast of Lights." 8. Since the fourth century. 9. St. Nick once dropped a purse of coins down the chimney of a poor family. It landed in a stocking that had been hung to dry. 10. As symbols of the star of Bethlehem.

Denmark Pays Homage To Hans Anderson—Santa's Best Helper

LAST YEAR a festival in Denmark paid tribute to one of the greatest helpers Santa Claus ever had. He was Hans Christian Anderson, fairy tale writer, and composer of many Christmas stories.

His works have sold more copies than any other book, except the Bible, and have been translated into 35 languages, including Arabic, Hebrew, Chinese, Japanese, and Greenlandish.

Since 1875, the year that he passed away, visitors from all parts of the world have come yearly to the town



of Odense to see the home of the writer of such tales as "The Little Match Girl," and "The Ugly Duckling."

Anderson's fairy tales, released just before Christmas each year, brought him money, fame and the attention of princes, as well as the adoration of children.

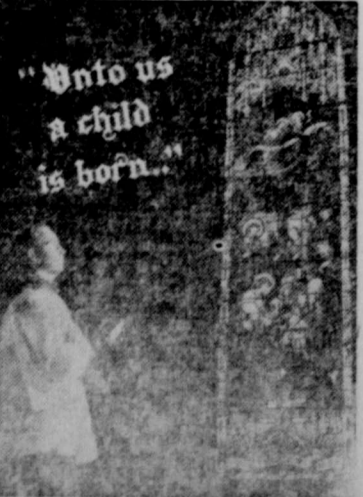
Once he received a United States dollar bill, enclosed in a letter written by a young American girl. It read: "Papa says that the dollar is my own, that he does not suppose you are in particular need of money, but I owe you this and a great deal more, he thinks it proper that I should send it to you."

Ancient Church Bells Still Summon Village

A pair of ancient church bells, brought to Frankenmuth, Mich., from Bavaria shortly after Frankenmuth was founded as an Indian mission, has been calling the congregation of St. Lorenz to Christmas eve services for more than a 100 years.

Ninety-five per cent of the residents of the small community are members of the church, earning the village the title of "the most Christian community in the United States."

Frankenmuth has never had a crime of violence, and, as far as residents can remember, no one has been jailed over a period of 25 years. The only visitors to the lockup were transients given a night's lodging.



HAILING NEWBORN KING
Carol Singing Time

W.S.C.S. Met at Home of Mrs. S. R. Turner For Christmas Party

The Womens Society of Christian Service met in the home of Mrs. S. R. Turner December 17, for their Christmas party and program.

The entertaining rooms were decorated with lovely Christmas greens. Gifts were exchanged and a beautiful and touching program with Mrs. Secord as leader.

Refreshments of spiced tea, fruit cake was served to 23 members and three children.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Hodges, of Tucson, Arizona, visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hodges from Wednesday of last week until Monday.

Mrs. Robert McGuire and children, of Big Spring, Texas, arrived Sunday evening for a few days visit with her parents, Mr and J T Hodges

CARD OF THANKS

I would like to take this means of thanking my friends for the flowers, cards, and good wishes sent to me during my illness.

Mrs. M. J. O'Neal.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Shropshire, of Plainview, were visitors in the Carl Crow home Sunday afternoon. They were neighbors in Johnson County many years ago.

Mrs. Marvin Thompson left last week for Mineral Wells, Texas, where she is taking treatments.

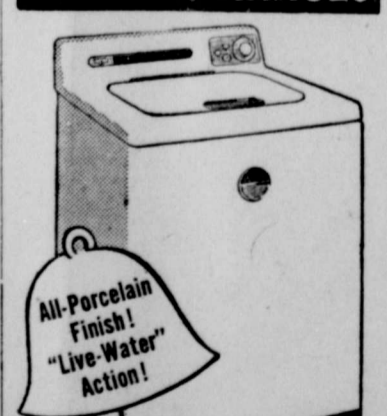
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