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PEACE ON EARTH.. CHRISTMAS 1946



The Song of Christmas

THE long journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem . . .
a new Star in the sky . . . heavenly music above
the hills of Judea . . . the flutter of angel wings
. . . the swift journeying of the Shepherds . . .
Mary and Joseph and the new-born Child . . .
the coming of the Wise Men, with their gifts of gold, frankin-
cense and myrrh . . .

From these inspiring things the Song of Christmas was fashioned more than twenty centuries ago. The years have added new notes of happiness. Carols and song upon the air . . . candles gleaming into the night . . . secret whisperings and laughter in the home . . . greetings going from friend to friend . . . deeds of love and mercy done in the name of a Child.

No great symphony or composition can match the Song of Christmas. It rises above the clatter and roar of the city; it throbs through the scattered town and hamlet; it sings through the sunlit islands of the South; it permeates the frozen wastes of the Northland. In ever-widening volume its strains echo around the world.

Before its magic the hosts of darkness take flight. It touches the slumbering chords of memory; it heals old hurts and scars; it binds loved ones in a closer and deeper tie. There are no friendless or forsaken within its sound; under its influence the strong reach out to help the weak. Peace and Love and Joy, these are its loudest notes, and they are for all men. For the Song of Christmas is the greatest of all songs because it is understood by every heart.



Christmas Gifts Distributed Saturday

Stratford's annual Christmas

program was carried out Saturday afternoon with Stratford Lions, the Sherman County Farm Bureau, and Stratford business and professional men and women cooperating to make the evening a pleasing af-

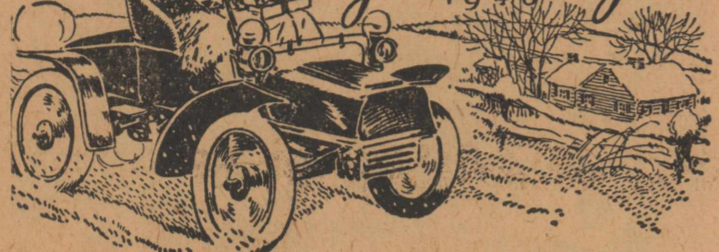


Merry CHRISTMAS GREETINGS 1946

Christmas lights shed a glow unknown at any other time of the year. The same lights, after Christmas, have lost their charm, so, you see it is really the Christmas spirit that lights our homes! We wish you every happiness this Christmas season of 1946.

Harrison Poultry & Feed

Old Fashioned Yuletide Greetings



It isn't always stylish to be old fashioned, but there are times when it's very genuine—and Christmas is one of them. Yes, folks, we wish you an old fashioned Christmas this year... the best one of them all.

WILL BE CLOSED ALL WEEK

Raymond's Radio Service

"Where Radio Is a Business and Not Just A Sideline"



MERRY MERRY Christmas

MAY TRUE HAPPINESS IN ALL ITS FULLNESS BE YOURS THIS CHRISTMASTIME

Duby Plumbing & Electric

"Your Frigidaire Dealer"



Tidings of Great Joy Christmas 1946

GREETINGS!

Music and song and happiness everywhere! Lighted windows, green trees brilliant with glowing bulbs, all contributing to the grand sum total of Christmas.

It's fine to celebrate Christmas again this season of 1946, fine to have finished another year in this community of happy homes and friendly people.

To Each and All We Wish

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

Van B. Boston



TO WISH FOR YOU LOADS OF GOOD CHEER AND HAPPINESS AT CHRISTMASTIME

Alma Lee's Beauty Shop

Gifts from Santa's pack included a beef steer for Mrs. Sam Wohlford, which was put up for sale, the proceeds to be given to the city health building fund, was sold to Leo Smith for \$300.00; a bed room suite for H. L. McIntosh, a radio and phonograph for Herbert Folsom; a ham for Mrs. Louie Green, a drug store purchase coupon for Shuler Donelson, an overnight bag for Mrs. Leo Smith, an inner tube for John Kidwell, an iron for Jack Reed, a cake for Robert Baker, an oil cleaning element for Mrs. Lorel Halle, an electric cooker for L. M. Price, a hydraulic jack for Miss Marty McMahan, a coffee table for Floyd Keener, egg mash feed for L. E. Brannan, a ham for Glenn Reed, a vacuum car cleaning job for John Kidwell, a skillet for L. M. Price, a tire for J. W. Phillips, a package of clorox for Mary Sue Taylor, a sack of flour for Gay Parker, a can of prestone for W. N. Price, a sack of feed for Orval Blades, a ladder and ironing board for Tommy J. Parvin, a can of grease for Bill Riffe, a carton of coco cola for V. W. Foreman, an inner tube for Elmer Hudson, a hydraulic jack for Henry Lee, a can of oil for R. C. Buckles, a cleaning coupon for Joe Doby, beauty shop coupons for Marion Engelbrecht, beauty shop coupons for Louise Hudson, a subscription to the Star for Linda Riffe, a \$5.00 meal ticket for Gene Ross, tickets for the Roxy Theatre for W. L. Hankey, portait work coupons for Albert Lee, a \$5.00 meal ticket for L. W. Griffin, a blanket for Lester Plunk, and sacks of candy, nuts and fruits for all the kiddies delivered by old Santa who made his arrival by plane.

Two Wells Started; Two Completed During Week

Drilling operations continued to break even in Sherman County this week with work starting at two new wells while two wells in the county were completed for gas. The Shamrock Oil and Gas Corporation No. 1 Burruss, section 311, Block 1-T, is rigging up with rotary tools. Cities Service Wohlford No. 3, section 335, Block 1-T, has been completed for gas. Cities Service No. 1 Lanston, section 347, Block 1-T, is drilling with cable tools. Cities Service No. 1 Shoun, section 348, Block 1-T, has been completed for gas. Cities Service No. 1 Stewart, section 383, Block 1-T, is drilling with cable tools and has a nice showing of gas. Shamrock No. 1 Seaton, section 351, Block 1-T, is still shut down awaiting arrival of cable tools. Humble Oil Corporation No. 1 Maud Seton, section 5, Block 2-T,

CHRISTMAS WISHES by the THOUSAND

we send to all our friends this Yule Season of 1946. May yours be indeed a MERRY CHRISTMAS

Stratford Abstract Company

May CHRISTMAS Bring You JOY AND GLADNESS

Wilson Funeral Directors

is drilling with cable tools. Humble Oil and Gas Corporation No. 1 Baskin, section 444, Block 1-T, is drilling with cable tools. Phillips No. 1 Cluck, section 5, Block 2-B, is drilling with rotary tools. Phillips No. 1 Section, section 55, Block 1-C, is drilling with rotary tools. Phillips Petroleum No. 1 Hand-

Stratford Lodge 874

A. F. & A. M.



Stated

Communication

SECOND FRIDAY NIGHT OF EACH MONTH

MELVIN PHILLIPS, W. M. W. O. BRYANT, Secretary.



Glad thoughts

And special wishes Are happily combined To make this Christmas Greeting The warmest kind. H. L. Blondo

Stratford Shine Parlor

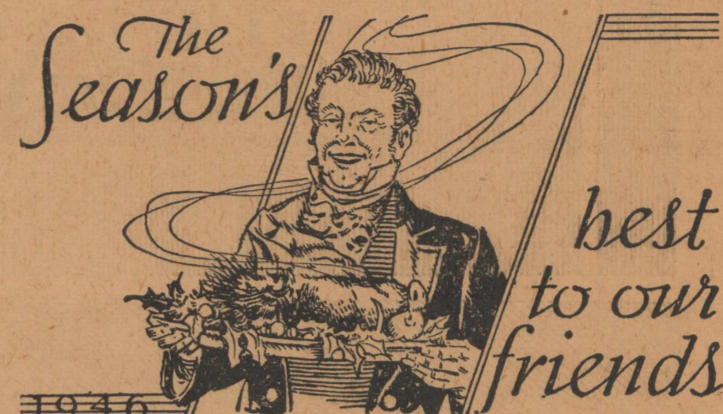
AGENCY FOR 200 LAUNDRY

lin, section 84, Block 1-C, is temporarily shut down.

Legion Expresses Appreciation Of Cooperation

Walter M. Pendleton, Command-

er of the Howard Norvell Green Post of the American Legion, expresses the appreciation of the local post for the cooperation of the people of this section in their contributions which were presented to the Yanks who gave. The gifts were presented to veterans in the Amarillo hospital at a special Christmas party the night of December 21.



How well we remember those old Fashioned Christmas dinners—

father at one end of the table; mother at the other end, and the children in between, wondering if father would ever get done carving the turkey. And what mince pies!

Wouldn't you like a Christmas like that this year of 1946? We hope that your Christmas is as much like that as the changing times will permit, and that all the joys of the old days will abound.

Palace Cafe



One need not be told it is Christmastime. The glowing faces of friend and stranger alike bespeak it. It gives us the same thrill as of old to wish all our friends, and those who are still to become our friends, a very Merry Christmas.

First State Bank OF STRATFORD



The Stratford Star

Mrs. Carriger And J. E. Brannan Married Sunday

Mrs. Mary Ella Carriger and J. E. Brannan, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Brannan, were united in marriage in a quiet ceremony in the country home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Dick Faris, Sunday at 2:30 P. M. A C. Huff, minister of the Church of Christ read the vows for the double ring ceremony.

The bride wore a blue dressmakers suit with a corsage of white carnations.

Following the ceremony, the bride and groom were honored with a reception attended by a

host of relatives and friends. The young couple plan to make their home at Etter where the groom is employed as a chief operator at the Cactus plant. Brannan is a graduate of the Stratford High School, attended Texas Tech at Lubbock, and served 3 years with the army air corps, 28 months of which time was spent in the Pacific.

Robert Lee Marries California Girl

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee have returned to their home at 4046 Florida Street in San Diego, California after a wedding trip to



Davis Brothers

SINCERE GOOD WISHES for a delightful holiday season from the store that friendship built.

Stratford Laundry
Your Helpy Selvy Laundry
Everyone Is Welcome— And We Appreciate Your Business
We Do Finish Work — Wet Wash and Rough Dry with Flat Work Finished At No Extra Charge

We do each laundry separately with the same gentle care that you would give your own laundry. Give Us A Ring and We Will Pick-Up and Deliver FREE Phone 8 Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hawkins



May countless blessings bring true joy to you and yours at Christmastime.

Bond Studio



Ho! Ho! for Christmas!

Merrily, merrily, jolly good friends, and a grand and glorious holiday to you all!

Consumers Co.

"We Are Open 24 Hours A Day"

A Great Big Merry



The Year's Biggest Day

is just around the corner, and we are all as happy as children. For this is really going to be a merry Christmas.

That it may be especially joyous for you is the sincere wish of

Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Co.

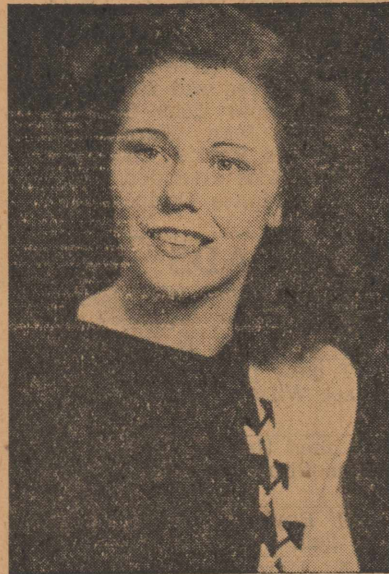
Santa Cruz. The bride was Miss Elizabeth Noaks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Noaks of La Mesa, before her marriage November 30. The ceremony was solemnized by Rev. Frank Carter at 5:30 P. M. in the First Christian Church at San Pedro.

The bride, attended by her sister, Miss Virginia Noaks, wore a tailored dress of dusty pink with brown accessories, and her corsage was of pink roses.

Mr. Noaks served as best man for the bridegroom, who is the son of Albert Lee.

The newly weds are graduates of Grossmont High School, and the bride attended state college.

Miss Vondell Guthrie And J. G. Van Bebber Married Thursday



Miss Vondell Guthrie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Guthrie, became the bride of John Gregory Van Bebber, son of Mrs. Anne Van Bebber of Troy, Kansas, in a double ring ceremony at St. John's Methodist Church, Lubbock, Texas, at 7:30 P. M. December 19 with December with Rev. Aislie H. Carleton officiating.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Chester Guthrie. Mrs. M. L. Matthews, Dumas, attended the bride as matron of honor. Ira Guthrie, brother of the bride, served the groom as best man.

Charles Hollman, Jr., Lubbock, a cousin of the bride, and Leon Guthrie, Stratford, a brother of the bride, were ushers.

The improvised altar was decorated with white gladiolas and white candles.

Nuptial music was played by Bob Scoggins, organist, and Miss Ruth Caldwell, soloist, sang.

The bride wore a cut-away dressmakers suit with black and white accessories, and carried a white Bible and two orchids.

The matron of honor wore a blue tailored suit with a corsage of red roses.

Members of the families and close friends of the bride and groom were wedding guests.

For traveling the bride wore a white wool dress with black accessories. After a honeymoon trip to Oklahoma City, the bride and groom will be at home in Lubbock.

The bride is a graduate of the Stratford High School, a member of the junior class at Texas Tech and the Sans Souci sorority.

The groom is a graduate of the Troy, Kansas high school, and is now attending Texas Tech as a veteran student. Greg served in the Army Air Corps, A. T. C., and was overseas 14 months.

WE adults can learn much from our children—learn how to celebrate Christmas well. Let us turn back the clock this Christmas season of 1946 and get out of Christmas all the joys that children know when they hang their stockings up.

All together now for a big, glorious Christmas, topped off with our best wishes to all of you.

HANDY DRIVE-IN CAFE

Intersection U. S. 54 and 287 Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Koontz

Christmas Programs At The Churches Tonight

Christmas programs featuring members of the Sunday Schools coached by the leaders of the churches will be presented beginning at the hours of 7:00 and 7:30 P. M. this evening at the participating churches closed by a visit from old Saint Nicholas and distribution of gifts.

Work of church members and participation by Sunday School students promises a highly entertaining program for the evening.

Cal Farley Program Here Friday Night

The Sherman County Farm Bureau will bring Cal Farley back to the Stratford school auditorium Friday, December 27, at 8:00 P. M., with one hour and forty-five minutes of entertainment free to the public.

The Maverick Club boys, famous Amarillo tumblers, several musicians and Stuttering Sam, will be featured on the program of excitement, laughter and pleasure.

Mr. Farley sponsors this program of entertainment in connection

ALL OF OUR FOLKS ARE HOPING THAT ALL OF YOUR FOLKS WILL SPEND A MIGHTY Merry Christmas

Stratford Laundry

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hawkins



Sincere Wishes for a Merry Christmas

LET'S ALL BE HAPPY!

Christmas is likely to become too prosaic to many of us grownups, but to boyhood's eager eyes it is a time of preparation and expectancy... an enchanted season when the woodland is hushed and even ordinary tasks take on the glamor and joy of dragging home the Christmas tree. May your Christmas of 1946 be in this spirit.

Ralph Harding

Phillips Wholesale and Retail Products

with his work with Boy's Ranch at Old Tascosa.

Two Minor Car Accidents

Two minor car accidents were reported this week. Glenn Reed's car was rammed at the intersection of 287 and 54, scaring one fender. Dale Knight turned his fathers

pick-up over when he struck loose dirt at a curve without serious injury.

HOTEL STRATFORD

"Once a Guest—Always a Booster" Mrs. Areace LeBleu, Prop. Phone No. 7

TO OUR MANY FRIENDS



Glad Thoughts

And special wishes Are happily combined To make this Christmas Greeting The warmest kind.

Stratford Grain Co.



A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT

THESE ARE DAYS WHEN WE ARE ALL IN A BIG HURRY TO GET HOME, FOR THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME WHEN THE CHRISTMAS WREATH IS GLOWING IN THE WINDOW. WE ARE DUE RIGHT NOW TO SAY OUR LITTLE PIECE—AN OLD REFRAIN, IT IS TRUE, BUT AS WARM AND HEARTFELT AS THE FIRST TIME WE EVER SAID IT—

MERRY CHRISTMAS

McMahen Furniture

(Your Complete Home Furnishing Establishment)

Local News

Mrs. Clyde Martin and Mrs. Dick Diehl were visitors in Dalhart last Wednesday.
Mr. and Mrs. Homer Blake were Amarillo visitors Monday.
Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Steinberger, Canon City, Colorado, who have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Garoutte, returned home

Sunday. Mrs. Steinberger's sister, Mrs. Dick Woolsey and Mr. Woolsey returned home with them for a visit, and also to visit Mr. Woolsey's parents during the Christmas holidays.
Mrs. L. E. Bonar, Mrs. Walter Sandefur and Bill Ross went to Amarillo Sunday to meet Miss Kathryn Bonar, who has been attending school in Austin, and is home for the holidays.

Mrs. C. R. Foster is spending the Christmas holidays in Amarillo in the home of her brother, C. N. Headrick, and family.
Dick Diehl and J. E. Kuykendall bought two loads of cattle at the livestock auction in Dalhart Thursday.
Ralph Harding took his daughter, Miss Dorothy Nell, who is suffering with a severely burned hand to a doctor at Dumas Sunday.
Mrs. H. L. Vincent and sons, Walter and Jackie, Wichita Falls, are here visiting with Mrs. Vincent's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. O'Brien.
Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Gill are spending Christmas in Tulsa, Oklahoma, with Mr. Gill's mother.
G. R. Boswell is spending Christmas in Plainview with his relatives.
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Garoutte visited relatives in Guymon Friday.
Mrs. Graydon Gamble and children of Weslaco are here to spend the holidays with relatives.
Jack Seig is spending Christmas with his parents in Wichita, Kansas.
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gibbons and children attended the show in Stratford Saturday night.
Jeannie Huggins arrived by plane from Austin where she has been attending school. She will spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Arthur Milton and Mr. Milton.
Jess Kuykendall, Amarillo, is a visitor in the Dick Diehl home.
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Golladay visited her sister, Mrs. W. A. Spencer in Dalhart Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Bowling, Dalhart, were visitors in Stratford Sunday.
W. G. O'Brien was a business visitor in Amarillo Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Fuqua, Jr. and sons, Ft. Morgan, Colorado, spent Monday night with Mrs. D. L. Buckles and will go to Amarillo to spend Christmas.
Mrs. Frank Imboden, Denver, who is here with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. G. M. Eastman was joined by her husband Monday to spend Christmas here.
Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Beard have gone to Louisiana to spend Christmas with Mr. Beard's parents near Shreveport.
Miss Minnie Laura Jackson is spending Christmas in Lubbock.
M. R. Robinson and Paul Hudson are spending Christmas in Collinsville, Oklahoma with Mr. Robinson's son, Alton.
Mr. and Mrs. Homer Smith and Mrs. Warner Williams visited Mrs. Gaines Teeple and baby daughter, Sandy Lou, in Loretto Hospital Sunday afternoon.
Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Ritchie, Miss Margaret Ritchie, and Miss Bertha King, San Antonio, are here to spend the holidays with relatives.
Miss Marcella McWilliams, Amarillo, is here to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McWilliams.
G. L. Taylor transacted business in Amarillo Monday.
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Veazey and daughter Lubbock, will spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Mullins.
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Vincent and Henry Yates, Texhoma, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Yates Sunday.
Mrs. E. W. Butler and Mrs. Cone Donelson were visitors in Dalhart Friday.
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Pendleton and Mr. and Mrs. William L. Pendleton left Friday for Beeville, Texas where they will spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilson.
Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Yates, Arroyo Grande, California, are guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Yates.
Alex Coates left Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents in Dallas.
Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Ballengee, Mexico City, Mexico, are here to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Harrison.
Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Garoutte were visitors in Amarillo Monday.
E. B. Turner, Greeley, Colorado, visited relatives and friends here over the week end.

Miss Emilia Ramon, a student of Texas State College, Denton, is home for the holidays.
Miss Sammie Lou Lasley, Oklahoma Baptist University student, is home for the holidays.
Stanley Ullom, a student of Baylor University, Waco, was here for a visit Friday.
Roy Denney and Bob Walters, students at North Texas College, Denton, are here for the holiday season.
Mr. and Mrs. Joe A. Doby and Sheila will spend the Christmas holidays with friends in Wichita Falls, Texas.
Mr. and Mrs. Royal Pendleton will spend the Christmas holidays with her parents in Canyon.
Misses Ruth Kessie and Maurine Van Buskirk, Amarillo, spent the week end here with relatives and friends.
Mr. and Mrs. V. M. King, Mrs. Lelah Boney and Mrs. E. Hill visited Mr. E. Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hill in Dodge City, Kansas over the week end.
Mr. and Mrs. Herman Borth are enjoying the winter at Daytona Beach, Florida.
Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Plunk, Amarillo, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Plunk over the week end.
Russell Boney, a student of the Dallas Aviation school, is home for the holidays.
Sheriff John Kidwell and Deputy A. J. Bonner, Dalhart, delivered three prisoners to Fort Worth Wednesday returning Thursday of last week.
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Stanley Pleyer Home On Leave

Stanley Pleyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Pleyer, is home on terminal leave, pending his discharge from the army.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
and
thanks



Christmas is a time when old loyalties are not only strengthened but remembered. We want you to know how much we appreciate your confidence in us, and how earnestly we wish for you a very joyous Christmas holiday.

Stratford Cleaners
Phone 90



Carefree HOLIDAY SEASON

Right now it's time to lay aside business cares and all that is complicated and get down to simple things. A little boy on the floor under the Christmas tree watching his electric train whizz past, the happy faces of little girls singing Christmas carols, boys coasting down the hill.

Let's catch that spirit! Merry Christmas to you, and you, and you!

Stratford Frozen Food Lockers

SANTA CLAUS OFFICE



Hello Folks Merry Christmas

1946

ALL OF OUR FOLKS ARE HOPING THAT ALL OF YOUR FOLKS WILL SPEND A MIGHTY MERRY CHRISTMAS

Walden's Service Station
THE TIRE TRADER

Happy Holiday Season



JOIN WITH US

Let us toss our cares out the window. It's Christmas! Join with us in celebrating the glorious holiday.

And Merry Christmas TO YOU

Will Be Closed From Christmas Eve Until January 2

Cowdrey Hwd. & Impl.
J. I. CASE SALES AND SERVICE

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WANT ADS

LOST: 5-Ton hydraulic jack southwest of Stratford. Will pay a reward for return.— W. E. Pleyer.

FOR BEST baby photos, or family groups, see Wilson Studio, Texhoma. 2-tfc

NOW is a good time to arrange for Christmas Photos at Wilson's, Texhoma. 2-tfc

FOR SALE: Boy's Bicycle in fair condition.— Dan Foreman. 12-3tp

FOR SALE: Kerosene heater in excellent condition.— N. W. Hudson. 12-3tp

FOR SALE: 4 choice building lots.— See Earl Bond. 6tfc

We are receiving a few Dodge and Plymouth engines. Place your order now.— Lovelace Motor & Equipment. 4-1tc

FOR SALE: 6,500 bundles hegar and cane mixed, 2 miles east of 54 highway.— Ed Harland, phone 901-F2, Texhoma. 12-2tc

Combine Users—For information and prices on Tri-State Electric Header controls for M-M Combines, write Hyatt Mfg. & Supply Co., Kimball, Nebr. 10-3tp

BUTANE - PROPANE

TANKS - BOTTLES

Thermostats - Regulators

BOTTLE EXCHANGE

Slay's Furniture

Thanks, Friends.

MERRY CHRISTMAS




1946

MAY THE TREASURE OF ACCUMULATED MEMORIES of Christmases past and gone gladden your Christmas celebration this year. We wish for you all the good things for which Christmas has always stood.

Stratford Motor Co.
YOUR FORD DEALER

Christmas



GREETINGS

JOYOUS YULETIDE

Here's wishing that the light of the season's cheer will glow through all you do, adding greatly to your Christmas happiness.

YATES DRUG

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN




MERRY CHRISTMAS

A SPECIAL TRIP FOR ST. NICHOLAS

Santa is making a special trip this year, and he's coming direct to your home laden with merry Christmas wishes from us to you.

Lovelace Dept. Store

HOLY NIGHT SILENT NIGHT



A MERRY CHRISTMAS

1946

THE GIFTS OF THE MAGI FORESHADOWED THE CHRISTMAS-GIVING OF TODAY. A BEAUTIFUL SENTIMENT THAT DOES MORE TO PROMOTE THE SPIRIT OF BROTHERLY LOVE THAN ALL OTHER INFLUENCES COMBINED.

THE HAPPY SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS IS DEEP IN OUR HEARTS. LET IT ECHO IN THE STRENGTH OF OUR VOICES AS WE GREET OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS ON CHRISTMAS MORNING.

McIntosh Dry Goods

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Foxworth, Dallas, visited his sister, Miss Josie Foxworth last week.

Spurlock News

There were 29 attending Sunday

School Sunday.

Bob Sweny of Canyon is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Sweny and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Hudson and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Spurlock and family one day last week.

The Folsom children, who have been staying with their aunt, Mrs. Harvey Spurlock, have returned to their home in Sunray.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Sweny were



Merry Christmas Folks

Davis Motor Co.

"YOUR CHEVROLET DEALER"



The snowman will fade as the weather warms, and too soon we forget the joys of Christmas and its mellowing effect upon our lives. It is our hope that this Christmas of 1946 will bring you many a blessing in the weeks and months ahead.

Wishing You A Merry Christmas

C. E. Leonard Harold Leonard

MID-WAY CAFE

Serving Meals and Short Orders



Years may come and years may go but Santa Claus is with us forever. He's coming again this year, with a full pack. So sweep out your chimney and get ready for the jolly visitor, who has had special orders from us to bless your home with a very Merry Christmas.

Robbie's Gift Shop

Dalhart visitors Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Foreman and Janet spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Spurlock and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Hudson and Gary visited Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Spurlock Sunday afternoon.

Several from his community attended the Christmas program in Stratford Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Spurlock were Dalhart visitors Friday.

W. A. Spurlock and Elsie were Amarillo visitors Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Foreman entertained with a buffet supper Saturday night. The Christmas theme was carried out in table decorations and food. Those attending, were Mr. and Mrs. Owen Hudson and family, Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Hudson and Gary, Mr. and Mrs. Orland Lasley and Orlanda, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lasley of Texoma.

Christmas Was At One Time Illegal

The Puritans disliked the celebration of Christmas, preferring their own celebration of Thanksgiving.

In 1659 the high court of Massachusetts held that "anybody who is found observing, by abstinence from labor, feasting or any other way such day as Christmas Day shall for each and every offense be fined five shillings."

LITTLE OL' SANTA

The little ol' santa propped under our tree . . . is little the worse for wear . . . he's lost a leg and an arm, you see . . . but no one seems to care. Not that we're unsympathetic, rather, we are just a bit nostalgic.

Time was when our santa, bright and new, benignly welcomed Tommy and Sue . . . as they tiptoed downstairs to see . . . their presents spread beneath the tree . . . very early Christmas morning.

"Tho Tommy and Sue have outgrown their toys . . . and entwined their hearts with grown-up joys . . . that little ol' santa, propped under the tree, symbolizes Christmas—as Christmas ought to be . . . with toys for children, good will among men . . . on earth, Peace dawning.

Dorothea Waitzmann

Have you ever thought of Christmas as a birthday party—a birthday party that goes all over the world at once? That is why Christmas is so joyous! Everybody is a participant in this big, grand, world-wide party, with Santa Claus the host!

And here we are, on the Eve of Christmas, sending you our very best wishes for a joyous time at this great Birthday Party.

Henry Luther

Orphanage Contributions

Contributions for the benefit of Methodist Orphanages accepted by the local church may be continued during the current week, Rev. H. A. Nichols announced this week.

LaCiencia Club To Meet With Mrs. Harris Jan. 2

The LaCiencia club will meet with Mrs. C. E. Harris for an all day meeting, Thursday, January 2.



Kind remembrances at Christmastime.

May the Christmas of 1946 be among the most joyous you have ever known.

Sherman County Abstract Co.

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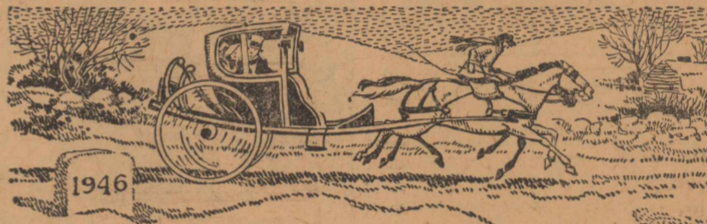
Peace and Good Will

Lighting the way to better fellowship and good will towards all is Christmas. That it may be a truly happy Christmas for each of you is our ardent wish.

Christmas is here!

Will Be Closed From 2:00 P. M. Today until 6:00 P. M. December 26 to allow employees the pleasures of Xmas

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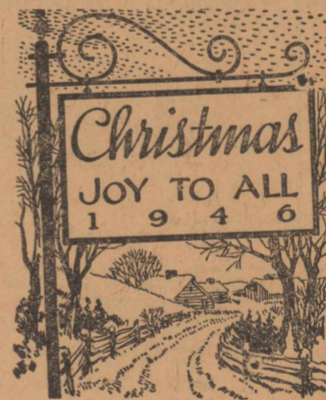


Merry Christmas TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

Styles change, methods change, but Christmas—never! Beneath it all is the same old love of man for his folks and his neighbors, the same old dream of the day when peace and good will encompass all the earth.

So now in that changeless season of Christmas we greet our friends and neighbors, as so often before, with that timeworn message of cheer and good fellowship, MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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It is good to know that Christmas is here again . . . good to celebrate it, as in the past, with so many fine people with whom we are happy to be associated in this community, and to whom we now send

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SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

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CHRISTMAS should be a time of joy, and we hope that this Christmas of 1946 will be rich in good cheer and true happiness for all who read this message.

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He was looking for a raise. "You see, sir," he began, "my wife thinks I'm not making enough money and advised me to ask for a raise." "I understand," said his boss, "and I'll ask my wife if I can give you the raise."

Foolish Talk

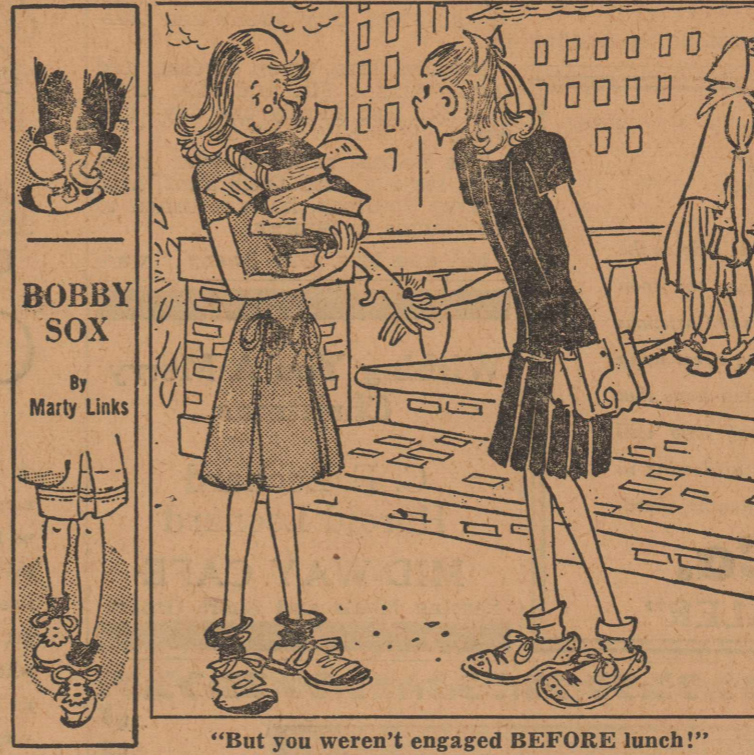
The speaker was tired of being interrupted. "We seem to have a great many fools here tonight," he said. "Wouldn't it be advisable to let one talk at a time?" "Go on with your speech," returned someone in the audience.

Way Back, Please Sign on busses in Green Bay, Wis. - Americans will go anywhere but to the rear of a bus. Let's try that too.



CROSS TOWN By Roland Coe

"This guy is always givin' me hot stock market tips. Last week I could have lost about 5,000 bucks!"



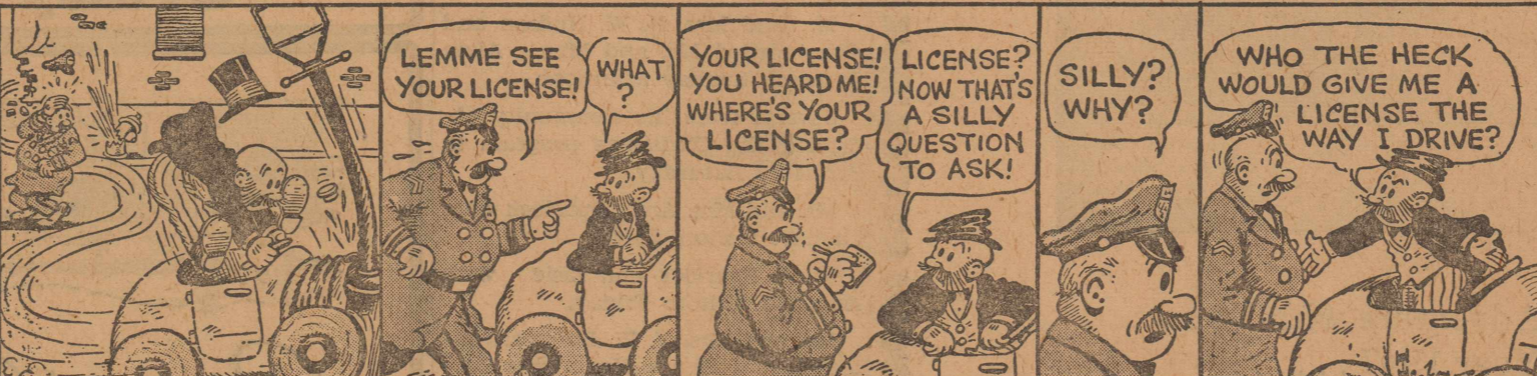
BOBBY SOX By Marty Links

"But you weren't engaged BEFORE lunch!"

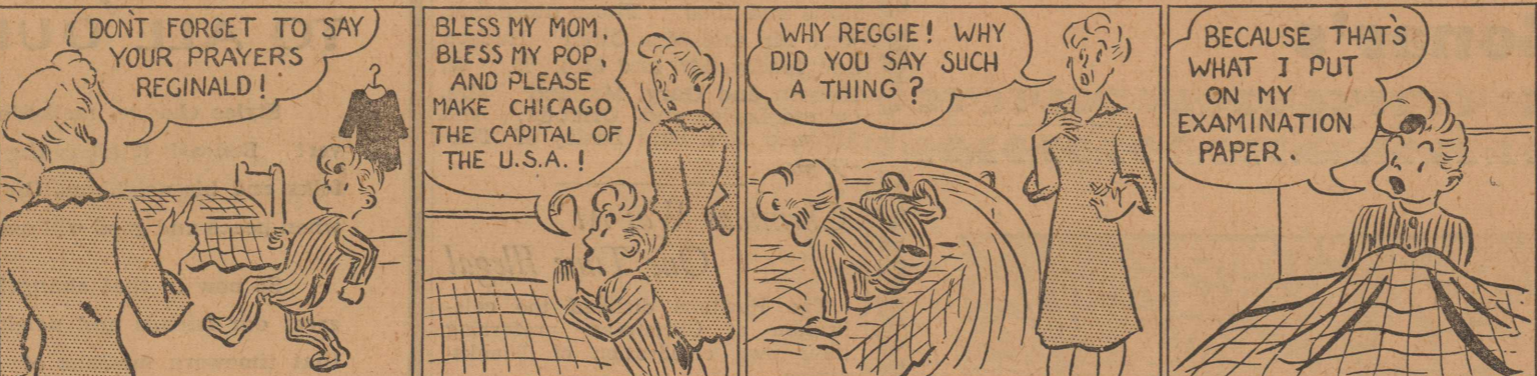
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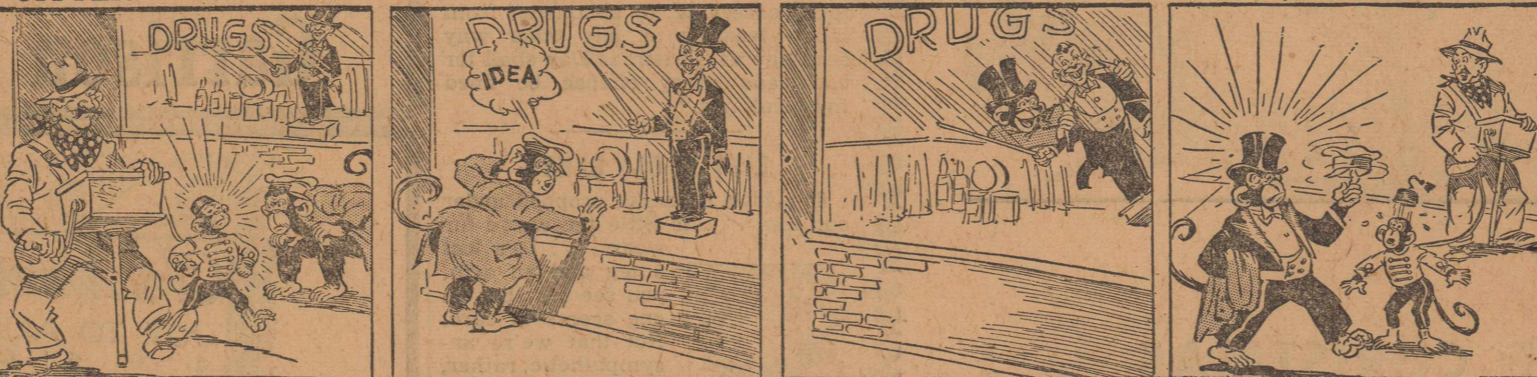
MUTT AND JEFF By Bud Fisher



LITTLE REGGIE By Margarita



JITTER By Arthur Pointer



REG'LAR FELLERS By Gene Byrnes



VIRGIL By Len Kleis



SILENT SAM By Jeff Hayes



Might Drink It Diner—I can't eat this soup. Waiter—I'll call the manager. Diner (when manager arrives) —This soup, I can't eat it. Manager—I regret that; I'll fetch the chef. Diner (when chef arrives) — I can't eat this soup. Chef—What's the matter with it? Diner — Nothing; I ain't got a spoon.

Full Set Needed

"I'm stepping out tonight. Having dinner with the upper set." "Better take the lower set, too, dear. The steak might be tough."

A Point to That

"Doctor," said the wild-eyed patient, as he rose from the steps of his farm homestead and rushed down to meet the doctor's car, "I'm in a deuce of a pickle. Don't know where to turn for relief. You've got to help me." "What's the trouble?" asked the doctor. "The ghosts of my departed relatives come and perch on the tops of the fence posts all round the orchard," replied the patient. "Every night it's the same old round—they just sit there, waiting, waiting, waiting. What can I do to get rid of them?" "Why, that's simple. Just sharpen the tops of the posts," the doctor prescribed, as he drove off.

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Group Entertained By Mrs. Blanche Walters

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ed with a lovely dinner at the Palace Cafe Friday evening. After doing justice to all the nice things to eat, the group went to the home

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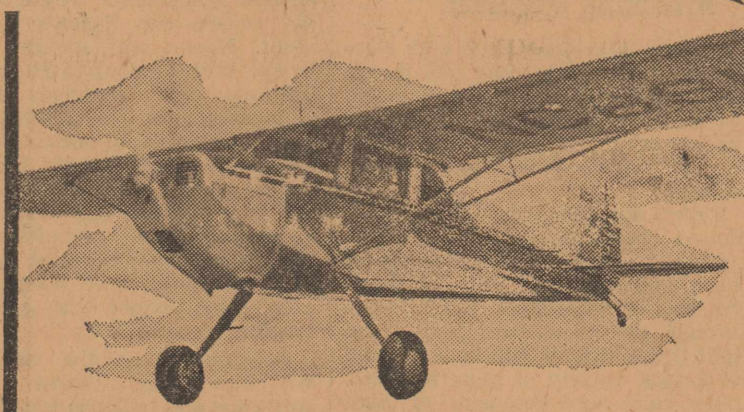
For us oldsters, it is memory that makes up Christmas—memories of the old days when grandma managed the Christmas feast, and friends dropped in for a chat.

We are happy to say that among our most treasured memories are the many Christmas celebrations we have seen come and go, and the friends we have kept with us during all the years. A Merry Christmas to all of you!

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Merry Christmas!

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of the hostess for the regular Christmas party. The house was decorated with a beautifully lighted Christmas tree with gifts for each guest, who had previously drawn names. The guests sang Christmas Carols and visited until ten o'clock. Those present were Mesdames Ross, Flores, Gamble, Brown, McAdams, Buckles, Gilbert, Harrison, Foster and the hostess.

\$2,390.00 Gross Receipts In Lions Club Annual Fund

Gross receipts from the Stratford Lions club annual program was \$2,390.00. L. P. Hunter, club secretary reports. Expenses for carrying out the program have not all

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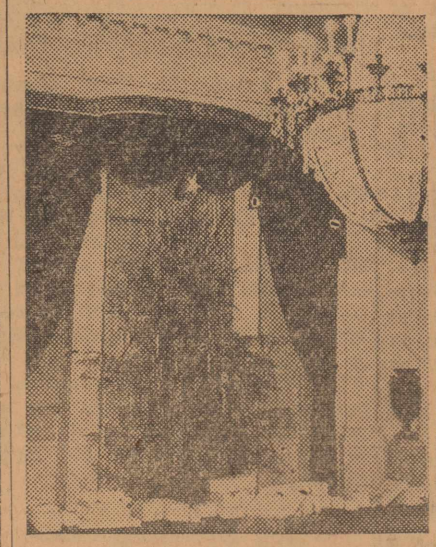
been presented to the club.

Nephew Of Mrs.

W. C. Martin

Dies Suddenly

Charles Gilmore, Hooker, Oklahoma, 18 year old nephew of Mrs. W. C. Martin, died suddenly Sunday at his home in Hooker. Funeral services are pending word from relatives at distant points.



WHITE HOUSE CHRISTMAS... The White House Christmas tree in the East Room. Presents are for the children of White House employees.

Gives Strength to Wrestler In Holstein it is believed that it is not only a cure for all green wounds, but that it will insure success in the chase and give strength to the wrestler, if mistletoe is worn.

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"Till the End of Time" Dorothy McGuire - Guy Madison

December 26 and 27

Night Train to Memphis Roy Acuff - Adele Mara

December 28

Conquest of Cheyenne "Wild" Bill Elliott - Alice Fleming

December 29 and 30

"Notorious" Ingrid Bergman - Cary Grant

December 31 and January 1

"How Do You Do" Bert Gordon - Harry Von Zell

Visiting Pastor At Baptist Church

Rev. J. M. McMahan, Amarillo,

will fill the pulpit at the Baptist Church Sunday during the absence of Rev. and Mrs. Whatley who will spend Christmas with his parents in Marshall, Texas.



CHRISTMAS IS HERE!

It's in the music of the cherished carols hovering like a benediction over the bustling crowds.

Time for us to send you our best wishes for the happiest Christmas you have ever known.

Slay's Furniture

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Have you ever thought of Christmas as a birthday party—a birthday party that goes all over the world at once? That is why Christmas is so joyous! Everybody is a participant in this big, grand, world-wide party, with Santa Claus the host!

And here we are, on the Eve of Christmas, sending you our very best wishes for a joyous time at this great Birthday Party.

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Christmas is not all tinsel and tissue or colored lights and merriment. It has a deeper significance, rooted in the long gone past, which sets it high above all other holidays of the year.

It is our hope that this blessed season will bring to your home not only the festive joys of Yuletide but that deep inner peace which is essentially a part of Christmas.

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It isn't always stylish to be old fashioned, but there are times when it's very genuine—and Christmas is one of them. Yes, folks, we wish you an old fashioned Christmas this year... the best one of them all!



Christmas is the one great event that transcends the bounds of any one country and embraces the whole world. In much the same way there is no limit or bounds to our good wishes for you for a Merry Christmas.

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