

Sponsored Banquet Gets Good Support

The Lions Club benefit banquet Monday night was a highly successful venture. One hundred thirty-five plates were served in the Legion Hall at five dollars per plate, and many more tickets were bought by persons who did not come. Though an absolute count on all expenses is not available at the time, the net profit will run around \$620. This money will be used to buy chairs and other needed equipment for the Legion Hall, making it more available for public use.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of an 18x36 inch bronze plaque to Sam Wohlford for his heroic rescue during the February blizzard. Sam has previously received the Lions International Heroism Medal and the Carnegie Medal. The plaque bears his likeness and a descriptive text, and will be hung in the Lions Club headquarters in the Palace Cafe. The presentation was made by Rev. H. A. Nichols, and came as a complete surprise to Sam. Sam made a brief and humble acknowledgment, then choked up and could say no more. He said, "I had hoped that I would never have to live that night over again, but I have lived it all over again tonight. My only regret is that I was unable to get there sooner."

Being a Ladies Night program, Lioness Reaves was made Boss Lion for the evening, and presided wonderfully well. Lionesses Boston, Kidwell, and Sloan were appointed Tailtwisters, and how they did twist tails. Many neckties were severed from their owners by the sharp and ready knives of these merciless Tailtwisters.

Mrs. Edgar Coons was in charge of the program, and presented a very fine program of varied entertainment by her pupils. The hall roared with laughter and applause at the performance of these young entertainers.

There were few present who would not vote the occasion as the outstanding social event of the year in Stratford. No doubt it was the largest banquet ever served here, and few, if any, could boast of a better program or more fun.

Entertain Martha Class

Mrs. B. A. Donelson and her sister, Mrs. Emma Thrallkill, entertained the Martha Class of the Methodist Sunday School in Mrs. Donelson's home Wednesday evening of last week.

It was a Christmas party with plenty of Christmas spirit manifested in decorations of the entertaining rooms. Evergreens, red candles, and lovely cut flowers were used.

Gifts, beautifully wrapped, were exchanged, and passed around for everyone to view.

Pie topped with whipped cream was served with coffee to Mesdames Sallie V. McAdams, Eunice Buster, Jennie Brown, A. L. Harrison, B. I. Crutchfield, Luther Etheridge, Lena McWilliams, Arthur Ross, and the hostesses, Mrs. Donelson and Mrs. Thrallkill.

"One pound of weeds will take 360 pounds of water out of the soil in one growing season," Robert Ripley's Believe It Or Not.

Wants \$500 Tip



WASHINGTON — Auto salesman William Manuel tells a House Committee, that he expects customers to give him tips ranging up to \$500. In later testimony he added that some of the customers more than get the tip back by pulling fat deals of their own.

Speaks At Corner Stone Services

Rev. H. A. Nichols delivered the principal address at the corner stone laying of the Methodist Church in Spearman Sunday afternoon. Rev. Luther Kirk, district superintendent of the Perryton district, was master of ceremonies. Another former pastor, Rev. W. B. Hicks of Sunray, read scripture and offered prayer. Rev. Robert Watkins is the pastor of the Spearman church.

Sheriff To Have Quarters In Court House

A. L. Wilson, Sherman County Sheriff-elect, who will take office the first of the year, will have his living quarters in the courthouse it was decided at a special meeting of the Commissioners' Court Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson will occupy the apartment in which Mr. and Mrs. John Haney have been living. Mr. and Mrs. Haney will move to the Dick Diehl house where Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have made their home.

Mr. Haney will continue with his present work at the courthouse.

Lions Club Meeting Postponed

Meeting of the Stratford Lions Club has been postponed until January 3, when they will resume their regular schedule of meetings by observing ladies night with a banquet at the Palace Cafe at 7:00 P. M.

Mrs. Kimbrel Opens Beauty Parlor

Mrs. Virginia Kimbrel announces the opening of her beauty parlor in the Imperial Barber Shop building this week.

Kerrick Ladies Have Christmas Party

The Kerrick Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Fred McDaniel Friday for a Christmas party and an exchange of gifts. Miss Corinne Stinson, Home Demonstration Agent, gave a demonstration of wrapping Christmas packages and making wrapping paper.

Mrs. McDaniel served cookies and candies which she had made and they were very delicious. Mrs. Virgie Mathews made divinity candy and Mrs. Ray Taylor made chocolate fudge. Both were very good.

Mrs. Ray Taylor joined the club to make a membership of six.

Those attending the party were Mrs. Lisle McCune, Mrs. Allen Boren, Mrs. Sam Roach, Mrs. Otis Fenton, Mrs. Minnie McDaniel, Mrs. Clyde Harbour, Mrs. Bill Johnston, Mrs. Dan Wadley, Mrs. Gene Martin, Mrs. Virgie Mathews, Mrs. Ray Taylor, Mrs. Pete Eden, Miss Corinne Stinson, and Mrs. Fred McDaniel, the hostess.

A number of pre-school age children were present and all of them had a wonderful time.

The club will meet January 14 in the home of Mrs. Ray Taylor.

Santa To Arrive Today At 2:30 P. M.

Jolly old Santa will arrive here this afternoon at 2:30 with treats for all the kiddies. As usual he will work in cooperation with the Stratford Lions Club and the Sherman County Farm Bureau who have assisted in preparing candies, nuts, fruits and other treats which will be given to all children.

To remove dog and cat hairs from upholstered furniture, use a damp sponge, applied lightly.

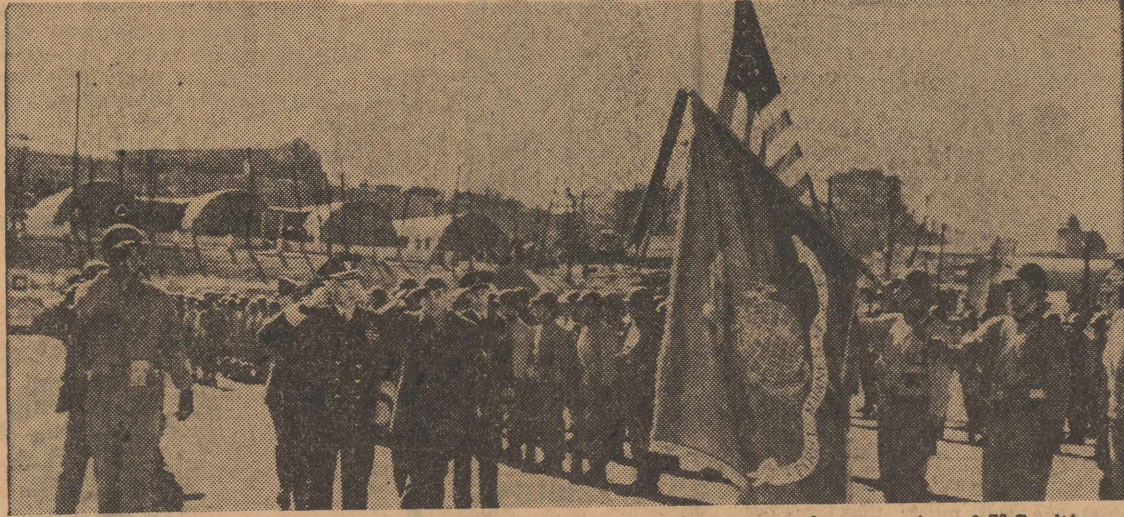
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Situation Well in Hand



TSINGTAO, CHINA—With United States Marines on the scene, safe evacuation of U.S. citizens from war-torn China is assured. Shown above, Vice Admiral Oscar C. Badger (center), Commander of U.S. Naval Forces in the Western Pacific, salutes the colors during an inspection of the First Marines. Flanking him are General Gerald C. Thomas (right), head of Fleet Marine Force, and Major Edwin B. Wheeler of Port Chester, N.Y., unit commander. The outfit is being reinforced with 1,250 Leathernecks from Guam to assist in the evacuation.

Mrs. Preston Hospitalized In Amarillo

Mrs. Granville Preston underwent an operation in Northwest Texas Hospital Saturday. She was admitted to the hospital Wednesday of last week.

Legion Airs

Along about this time each year, it is customary to write a letter to Santa Claus, and here is my letter.

Dear Santa:

No doubt you have in your files millions of letters from little boys and girls, and grownups too, telling you how good they have been and what they would like for you to bring them for Christmas. Some time I would like to visit you and have you show me through your files just to see the things that people all over the world are wanting. I guess it takes in just about everything from a rubber dollie to a new super deluxe custom Cadillac with all the gadgets (as if you could get one without them), or a new boy friend for sister, who isn't so stingy with his quarters. I imagine you must get many a good hearty laugh from reading these many letters, and I could think of nothing that would be more fun than to sit in with you on one of your letter reading sessions.

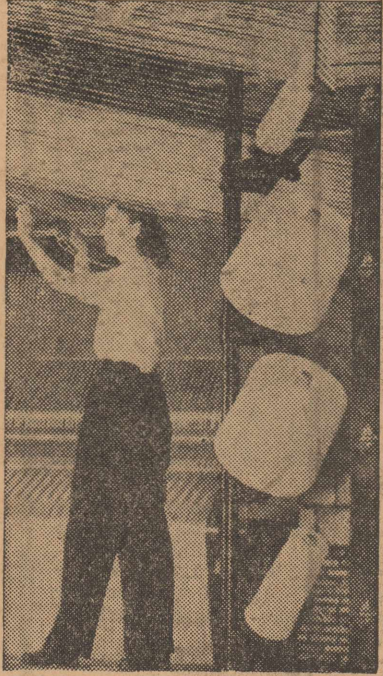
Now Santa, I am not going to start off by telling you that I have been a good boy, because there is no point in adding perjury to an already shady record. I have managed to keep out of jail, and have not willfully wronged anyone, but I couldn't say my nose in absolutely clean. You might say I am a sort of run-of-the-mill boy for my age and circumstances, maybe slightly worse at times.

I am not asking for much in the way of worldly goods, as no doubt the wife and kinfolks will give me the customary Sox and shirts, which is about all that I need, I guess. If you did have something else selected for me, just give it to someone who perhaps needs it worse than I, as I will be perfectly content with a full stomach and a few shirts to run me until after the income tax is paid. If you can reserve me a couple of sixteen-thirty-fours to be delivered the following day, it would be much appreciated, as I won't have a shirt left then.

There are a few things you could give me, though, and the world in general that wouldn't cost much, but sure would help things a lot. If you will just bring us a year of peace, you sure will be doing a world of good at no expense whatever. I represent a group of men who have seen Christmas from frozen fox-holes, jungle mud, ship decks, and planes bomb bay doors, and who have no desire to ever spend another Christmas like those. This is such a wonderful world when there is peace and good will among men.

These things that I ask for myself would also make wonderful gifts for most other people too, so if you can, just pass them around pretty liberally. I need a new years supply of justice and fair dealing. Sometimes I am prone to judge people and things pretty hastily, and go off half-cocked

Wonders of Rubber



AKRON, OHIO—Textiles, particularly cotton, rayon and nylon, play a tremendous role in the manufacture of most rubber products. These include the tires on which your automobile rolls, or the hose which is swiftly pulled into position when firemen start fighting a blaze.

The picture above, taken in the B. F. Goodrich Company here, shows the textile cords starting on a journey which will result in their becoming part of tires. A short time later each of these cords, still in long parallel lines, will be entirely surrounded by rubber. Then, cut into the exact size wanted, and known as a "ply," the sheeted combination of rubber and textiles will go to the tire building rooms. A number of these "plies" together with other parts of the tire will there become the carcass or body, of the pneumatic casing.

The processing of rubber goods is a fascinating subject. The company puts out a free cartoon booklet called the Wonder Book of Rubber, which describes this industrial operation, as well as many highly interesting facts about how rubber is transformed into one of mankind's most useful servants.

and do someone an injustice, so please don't short me on justice, give me plenty of it. I had better have a fresh supply of patience, too. My last years patience is wearing pretty thin, and I am sure a new one would help me a lot. Be sure to give a lot of that to my creditors, too, as I know theirs is worn to a frazzle, and I don't want them to be without.

Whatever you do, give me sense enough to keep my big fat mouth shut at the proper time. I try not to say unkind and unnecessary things about my neighbors, but sometimes I lose my grip and I hurt someone without benefitting myself one bit. Please Santa, don't let me be gossipy the coming year, because if I told all I knew about people around here, someone sure would squirm, and it might be me.

This last item is a pretty big order, even for Santa Claus. I want a brand-new foresight as good as my hindsight is. I came equipped with one of the best insights you ever saw, but my foresight frankly isn't worth two hoots. This has got me into some of the worst messes you ever saw, financial and otherwise. If you could just fix up this little detail for me, I will be your friend forever. You've no idea how much embarrassment that little oversight on the Maker's part has caused me.

Santa I know you simply don't have the time to read a lot of lengthy letters, so I will close and say a very Merry Christmas until

Legion Extends Thanks

Commander McIntosh of the American Legion extends his thanks and the thanks of the American Legion to the Lions Club for the funds provided by the benefit banquet to buy chairs for the Legion Hall. Also to everyone outside either organization who supported the cause so ably, exceeding the most optimistic expectations.

The Legion Hall has become the hub of social activities in Stratford, though sadly lacking in equipment and facilities at this time. This gift of chairs will make possible a much broader scope of use of the hall for public functions, as the difficulty of procuring sufficient seating for any kind of program has been a hindrance. With the completion of the kitchen and our own dishes and silver, the hall will be put to more frequent use for banquets and occasions of like nature.

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl 7 years old. Will you please bring me a bicycle and plenty of candy and nuts. Please don't forget my little nephews, Dickie and Tommie at Tulla, Texas.
Love and Kisses,
Doris Dortch.

Dear Santa:
We've been having a lot of fun helping mother get ready for your visit to our home. Would you please bring us each a fire truck and some other play things. We like candy and nuts too.
Don't forget all our friends,
Love,
Gary and Jimmy Hudson.

Dear Santa:
My little niece, Willa Jean, wants a doll and dishes, and my sister wants a magic skin doll or two, an iron and an ironing board and washing machine. I want a sled, a small basketball and goal and a pair of gloves.
Your friends,
Rex Bobbie, Ann and Willa Jean Ledbetter.

Divorce Granted

District Judge Harry Schultz granted a divorce Friday in the case of Mrs. Dorothy Slay vs. A. N. Slay.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank my friends for the cards, letters and flowers I received while I was in the hospital.
Mrs. Earl Smith.

Very truly yours,
Earl Bond.

P.S.: Santa I am not asking this for myself, but am sure that my readers, if any, would appreciate a new line for the coming year. I know they must be fed up with the stuff they have been getting the past year in this so-called column. So if you have anything along an inspirational line for columnists, please send it along.

Grant Keener, Robert Naugle Injured Friday

Grant Keener and Robert Naugle have been hospitalized since Friday night when they sustained injuries as the pick-up in which they were riding overturned on U. S. 287 about one one-half miles north of the Moore County line.

Grant Keener is hospitalized in Dumas and friends state he has five fractured ribs and possible internal injuries.

Robert Naugle has a fractured collar bone and has been transferred to an Amarillo hospital for special care.

Damage to the pick-up was estimated between \$600.00 and \$700.00.

Building New Telephone Office

T. N. Beard has started work on the construction of a 20x20 foot concrete and tile building which will be used to house equipment of the Southwestern Associated Telephone Company. Plans are being made for installation of a dial telephone system in Stratford during the first part of 1949.

The building is being erected on lots west of the present telephone exchange.

Legion Dance Planned For December 30

A New Year's Eve dance in the American Legion hall in Stratford will be sponsored by the local post Friday, December 30. Mel Hall, one of the most popular orchestra leaders to play for local dances, and his nine-piece orchestra will commence playing at 9:00 P. M.

Admission for the dance will be \$1.80 including tax.

Post Commander Henry McIntosh announces that arrangements have been completed for New Year's caps, whistles, balloons and confetti to make the occasion a gala affair.

Church News

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
(Howard Whatley, Pastor)
Sunday
Sunday School 10:00 A. M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.
Training Union 6:30 P. M.
Evening Worship Services 7:30 P. M.
W. M. U. Wednesday 3:30 P. M.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Bible Classes 10:00 A. M.
Morning services 11:00 A. M.
Evening services 7:30 P. M.
Wednesday evening services 7:30 P. M.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 A. M.
Morning worship 11:00 A. M.
Evangelistic service 8:00 P. M.
Bible study and prayer meeting Thursday evening at 8:00 P. M.
Everyone is invited to attend these services.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 A. M.
Morning Services 11:00 A. M.
Evening Service 8:00 P. M.
A nursery under competent supervision provides care for infants during church services.
Rev. John Reaves, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH
(Rev. H. A. Nichols, Pastor)
Sunday is student recognition day in all Methodism. We shall be happy to make public recognition of the fine young men and ladies who have been away to college the past several months.
Sunday School 10:00 A. M.
Morning services 11:00 A. M.
Evening Worship services 7:30 P. M.
Junior League 6:30 P. M.
Intermediate MYF 6:30 P. M.
Senior MYF 6:30 P. M.
W. S. C. S. Wednesday at 2:30 P. M.
Choir practice Wednesday night at 7:30.
Thursday night is intermediate play night from 7:00 to 8:00 P. M.

Fertilizer may be bought today for just 50 percent more than before World War I.

Bagged Seven Coyotes In Hunt At Kerrick

Seven coyotes were killed in the hunt staged in the Kerrick vicinity Sunday.

Gerald Davidson, Texhoma, Bob Trump, Knightstown, Indiana, a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Roach, and Sam Roach hunted the coyotes with dogs while H. C. Bennett of Stratford located the game in his plane. It was the first time Mr. Trump has participated in the sport of hunting coyotes.

Another coyote hunt will be staged in the Kerrick territory January 1.

T4 A. A. French Buried Monday In Missouri

Funeral services for T/4 Alva A. French, who was killed January 17, 1945, were held at 3:00 o'clock Monday afternoon of last week in St. Lukes Lutheran Church in Columbia, Missouri by Rev. C. K. Wise, assisted by a Chaplain from Fort Jackson. Interment was made in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Active pallbearers were soldiers from Fort Jackson. Honorary pallbearers were members of the American Legion Post No. 6.

T/4 French was killed in the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium, while serving under General Patton. He was with the 121 F. A. division Tank Corps of the Third Army. He was born in Texas but moved to Missouri where he enlisted in the Missouri National Guard. He came to Fort Jackson with this organization in October 1940. Later he served at Camp Blanding, Florida, and Camp Cook, California, before going overseas February 10, 1944. He was 31 years old, when he died.

T/4 French is survived by his widow, Mrs. Norma L. French, and two daughters, Norma Jean French and Kay Francis French of Columbia, Missouri; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. French of Calhoun, Missouri; five brothers, Rex French and Fred French of Calhoun, Missouri; Bill French, Gene French and Herbert French of Stratford; three sisters, Mrs. G. R. Garrison, Stratford, Mrs. Earl Phelps, Stratford, and Mrs. Ruby Rider, Canon City, Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Garrison, Bill French, Gene French, Herbert French, and Mrs. Earl Phelps returned home Thursday of last week from Columbia, where they attended the funeral.

Mother 16, Father 22, Grandmother 32

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Gunnels, their 13-day old son, Danny Ray Gunnels, and his grandmother, Mrs. J. B. Joiner, are attracting attention by their youth.

Mr. Gunnels, a former Stratford boy, and a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Chisum is 22 years of age, his wife is 16, and her mother is 32. Danny Ray Gunnels was born December 7 in St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

Says Pacific Going Communist



SONOMA, CALIF. — Admiral Charles M. Cooke, Jr., (above) told the United Press in an exclusive interview that "control in the Western Pacific is now passing to the Communists." Cooke, who spent two years as commander of Naval forces in that area, charged that U.S. action in China has been ineffective.



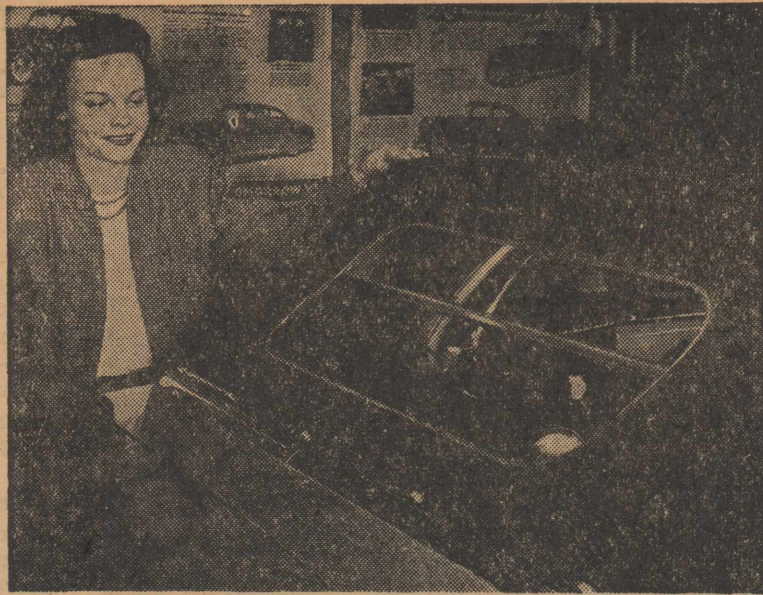
By CAROLYN GRANT

IT WAS late when old Dan left the laundry where he worked, and snow fell in great flakes from the dark sky. He stopped for a moment along the street, unmindful of the eager passersby and their thoughtless jostling against him in their haste on this last night before Christmas. He lifted his face so that the soft flakes fell against his cheeks and melted in cold little drops of water that sought the deep lines sixty odd years had put there. Snow was a part of Christmas,

and after days of hesitancy it had come—just as he and Maggie had always wanted it. "Snow makes the lights seem brighter in the store windows, along the decorated streets of our little town and in our home on our tinsel-draped cedar tree. We haven't missed many Christmases, Dan, having our snow." It seemed long ago since Maggie had said that. Years, it seemed. Yet it had been only last year that they'd stood at their front window looking out at the dark sky, and Maggie'd said those words almost like a prayer.

Dan sighed and let his chin drop into the upturned collar of his overcoat and started on. He wished the snow hadn't come. With Maggie gone, he could hardly bear its soft falling of down about him. He wanted to close his eyes against its brightness with the street lights shin-

Folding Glass Permits Safer Driving



PITTSBURGH — Eliminating the danger of driving with inadequate rear vision, a full sized rear window is featured in one of the new Hudson convertibles. This safety feature is made possible by folding glass, developed by the Pittsburgh Plate Glass company. Formed of a special plate glass-plastic sandwich, the glass folds like an accordion on a three-quarter inch plastic joint connection, when the top is lowered.

ing upon it. He wanted to close his ears against the soft music that came from radios along the streets playing Christmas carols, and "White Christmas"—the song Maggie loved best.

Christmas had come again. But for him there'd be no Christmas—



He stopped in front of Carter's store, but minutes passed before he realized that he'd stopped there.

not any more. There'd be only memories of other Christmases eddying about him as the swirling snow, and the plans he and Maggie'd made for this Christmas even before they'd carried out the last would pass without realization, now that Maggie wasn't here to help him carry them through.

He stopped in front of Carter's store, but minutes passed before he realized that he'd stopped there and was staring without actually seeing the array of Christmas toys behind the big plate glass window. His mind was going back. He was seeing again the glow in Maggie's face as each Christmas they'd shop together for others.

Last year it had been the widow Benson and her six little Bensons, who would have been forgotten by Santa if they hadn't bought them gifts. Long ago they'd begun the ritual. They had no children of their own. But Maggie'd said, "We'll pretend that the children about us are ours." And her whole life had been one of giving at Christmas.

This year they'd planned for the O'Shays. They lived in a little house down back of the old depot. "Little Billy's just four and he's never had a wagon, Dan," Maggie'd said, planning even as they trudged through the snow with their gayly wrapped gifts for the Bensons. "And little Jeep has never had a doll that can talk and go to sleep."

Dan shifted his feet, standing there in front of Carter's, and snow gathered along the stoop of his shoulders. Somewhere among Maggie's belongings was a list of the things she'd planned to buy the O'Shays. He remembered it. Each item came clear to him suddenly as the ringing of a bell, and it was as if Maggie stood by him then, warm and alive. She touched his arm and together they went into the store with its crowd of excited late shoppers.

A clerk came up to Dan. "Something, sir?" Dan's eyes were filmed, but they were watery from age and being out in the cold wind, the clerk thought.

"Yes," Dan said. "I have a long list of things to buy."

Maggie smiled, he knew he saw her smile, and she got to talking like she used to talk when they went out together to buy gifts on Christmas Eve.

"We're like a house, Dan," she said. "We can close the doors and windows and others can't tell what we have locked inside. We live to bring happiness to others and for the good that we can do."

Dan looked up above packages piled high in his arms and smiled. He said to the clerk, "Merry Christmas, and now we'll be on our way."

The clerk looked strange. Old people, he thought, were queer, and he called after Dan, "Merry Christmas to you, too, sir! Merry Christmas!"

ORDINANCE NO. 122

An ordinance vacating and closing certain alleys in the town of Stratford, Texas to-wit: The alley in block No. 77, between North First Street and North Second Street. And the alley in block No. 80 between highway 54 (same being South First Street) and South Second Street.

Whereas on the 28th day of October 1948, Byron Fedric filed with the City Council a petition requesting that the alley in block

permitted to erect and maintain permanent building in, on and across the above named alleys. Byron Fedric in Block No. 77 and G. R. Garrison in block No. 80.

Whereas on October the 28th 1948 the City Council of the City of Stratford duly passed ordinance No. 122, by which an election was called to be held in the City Hall in the town of Stratford on the 20th day of November 1948 for the purpose of voting on the proposition of whether or not an ordinance vacating and closing the above named alleys in the town of Stratford as set forth above should be passed. Said ordinance being published in the Stratford Star, providing legal notice to the public.

Whereas, on November 20th 1948 said election was duly held, Arthur Folsom having been appointed presiding judge, and

Harmon Lowe and Joe Billing-ton as judges. 27 votes were cast at said election, there being 25 votes for closing both of the above named alleys as petitioned for by Byron Fedric and G. R. Garrison and giving Byron Fedric and G. R. Garrison the right to occupy and use same as petitioned. And there being 2 votes cast against said proposition, and said votes being duly and regularly canvassed, and return made thereof, as required by law: And it further appearing that the result of said election was in favor of vacating and closing the above named alleys as petitioned for by Byron Fedric and G. R. Garrison.

Now; Therefore be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Stratford, Texas, That G. R. Garrison in block

No. 80 and Byron Fedric in block No. 77, is hereby granted and given the right, power, and privilege to locate, build, erect, construct and perpetually maintain such buildings as they may desire that conform to the City building code and other city ordinances and regulations, along and upon the above named alleys.

That this ordinance shall take effect on and after the date of its passage and approval.

This the 9th day of December 1948.

VAN B. BOSTON, Mayor.
W. P. FOREMAN, City Clerk.
12-16, 23, 30.

For Better Values-Shop The Star.

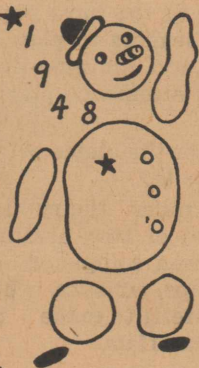


Davis Brothers
Wright Davis, Mgr.

The friendly scent of the cedars is typical of the Spirit of Christmas. It is in that spirit that we wish for you all the joys and blessings of this Yuletide season.



"OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS!" WE HOPE YOU HAVE ONE, AND THAT THE THOUGHT OF SUCH A DAY BRINGS YOU A FLOOD OF HAPPY MEMORIES.



Harding & Parker

Wayne Harding Carroll Parker



MAY THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON BRING YOU MANY BLESSINGS AND MUCH JOY AND HAPPINESS.

Bennett Implement Co.

Eskimo Beauty



SAVOONGA, ALASKA — Smiling prettily, this Eskimo maid of Savoonga offers a little "Northern Hospitality". Her village was visited by the Coast Guard cutter "Northwind" during the recently completed four - months patrol of the Bering Sea.

No. 77 be permanently closed. And G. R. Garrison, on the same date filed with the City Council a petition that the alley in block No. 80 be permanently closed, and that each respectively be



It's a real pleasure to extend these greetings to you.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Stratford Motor Co.

Christmas



May you enjoy an abundance of all good things during this holiday season and may it be bright with continued prosperity and

Best Wishes From All of Us For A Merry Christmas

Stratford Grain Co.

Leslie Parker Released From Hospital

Leslie Parker, hospitalized as a medical patient in Northwest Texas Hospital Friday, was allowed to return home Tuesday.

You Can Be Choosy About Landscapes

When it comes to picking out flowers and shrubs for landscaping the home, it's a good time to be choosy. You can afford to be, says Sadie Hatfield, extension landscape gardening specialist of Texas A. & M. College, because

some plants look better in certain areas than other plants.

The colors in flowers or the berries or blooms on shrubs may clash with each other, and produce a gaudy appearance rather than an attractive one, says Miss Hatfield.

There's one thing that will help decide for the home shrub grower just what plants to choose, and that is the soil on which the plants are grown. For example, people in East Texas will have much better luck growing gardenias than those in other parts of the state. That's because East Texas has an acid soil and plenty of moisture.

Ceniza makes an attractive screen or windbreak, but again it has to be on the right type of soil, in this case, a basic or alkaline soil. Another good thing about the ceniza is that it has only a few insects and diseases that bother it.

Some flowers and shrubs have to have careful attention all the time. It doesn't take long for some to become choked out by weeds and grasses, or for insects or diseases to knock them out. Hardy, well-established shrubs will fight off these pests and live through the hard times.

If it's the green color you're looking for, plant some of the ever-greens. They don't die back during the winter months. Ceniza is an evergreen, and so are the pfitzer juniper, cherry laurel, and yaupon.

Summing it all up, the best plants to get are those that put up a good fight against the cold, heat, drought, diseases and insects, and will grow well in the soil of your section.

Good, sturdy plants suitable to your area will make for a well landscaped yard and an attractive home, says Miss Hatfield.

Here's A Luscious Fir Tree Cake To Top Your Christmas Party With Success

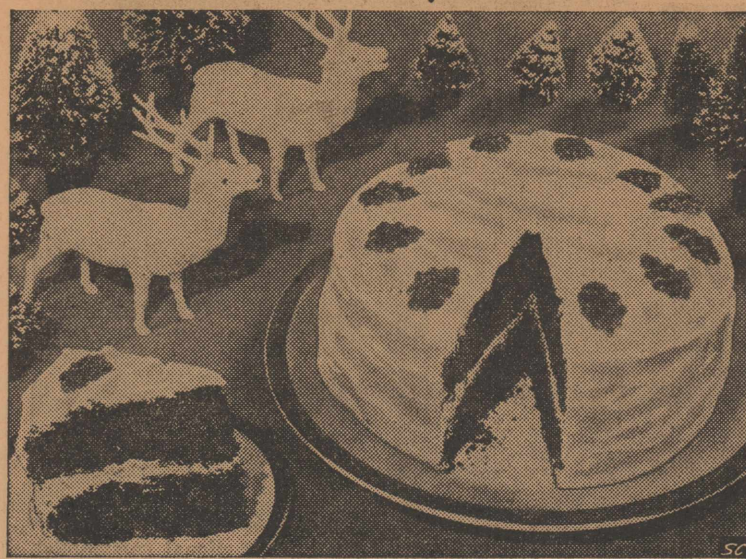


Photo courtesy Swansdown Cake Flour

Here is a luscious Christmas cake, a downy-light fir tree cake, to help make the holiday menus real triumphs. It is perfect for dinner dessert on Christmas Eve or for refreshments at a Christmas week or New Year's party.

The best thing about it, of course, is its rich chocolate flavor, and the delicate texture assured by the use of cake flour. It's made by the mix-easy method, too, so that you needn't linger long in the kitchen. There won't be a big mess of utensils to wash — just one bowl, measuring spoons and cup, and a mixing spoon.

Decorate the cake, after it is frosted, with tiny Christmas trees cut from sliced citron and colored green with vegetable coloring or with tree-shaped gumdrops.

Fir Tree Cake
Preparations. Have the shortening at room temperature. Line bottoms of two deep 9-inch layer pans with paper; grease. Start oven for moderate heat (350° F.). Sift flour once.

Measure into sifter:
2 cups sifted cake flour
1 teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 cups granulated sugar, or
1 1/2 cups finely packed brown sugar
Measure into mixing bowl:
1/2 cup shortening

Measure into cup:
*Milk (see below for amount),
1 teaspoon vanilla
Have ready:
2 eggs, unbeaten
3 squares unsweetened chocolate, melted
*With butter, margarine, or lard, use 3/4-cup milk. With vegetable or any other shortening, use 1 cup milk.
(Mix by hand or at a low speed of electric mixer.) Stir shortening just to soften. Sift in dry ingredients. Add 3/4 cup of the milk and mix until all flour is dampened. Then beat 2 minutes. Add eggs, melted chocolate, and remaining milk and beat 1 minute longer. (Count only actual beating time. Or count beating strokes. Allow about 150 full strokes per minute. Scrape bowl and spoon often.)
Baking. Turn batter into pans. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) about 30 minutes. Spread seven-minute frosting between layers and on top and sides of cake.

Household Equipment Is Available

The picture for household equipment is a little brighter for 1949 than it has been for the past several years.

That's the story Mrs. Bernice Claytor, extension home management specialist of Texas A. & M. College, brought back from the Outlook Conference in Washington, D. C.

In general, the supply of electrical household equipment seems ample. While there may be shortages in some localities, the supply of much equipment has been sufficient to make good progress in filling the backlog of demand.

"Prices continue to increase," Mrs. Claytor says, "but the rate of increase is slower. The demand for household equipment is greater since the end of the war than ever before, and that demand is expected to keep prices high for some time."

Rural power systems are expected to expand at the fastest rate in history in 1949, and this will mean a great increase in demand for electrical equipment, she says.

The production of home freezing units has increased greatly and the supply seems adequate, Mrs. Claytor says. The quality is better, but shortages of materials affects the quality of the equipment, and the initial cost is high, unless the family freezes a large percent of its food supply.

Automatic washing machines are quite popular and many families are replacing old machines with the automatic; however, community centers with laundry facilities put some check on the demand for washing machines.

As for refrigerators, Mrs. Claytor concludes, the demand is slowly leveling off, with the trend of purchasers to buy standard rather than deluxe models.

Venison Sausage Is Good Food

Deer hunters throughout the

state are bringing down their bucks every day. And this means not only that the sportsmen get to stalk their deer in the field and spend a week in the open, but that venison will bring a little variation to the meat menu of many homes.

If the deer is properly cared for in the field, it will help fill the meat supply, says Roy W. Snyder, extension meats specialist of Texas A. & M. College. The rounds and loins make fine, tasty steaks, the shoulders can be used for ideal roasts, but other cuts of the deer carcass will make fine sausage.

To get the most out of the carcass, take the neck, the shanks and the lower cut of ribs. There you have some fine meat for sausage. Use two parts of deer meat to one part of fresh pork fat. If three parts of deer meat are used, you get a little drier sausage. For 50 pounds of meat

season with 14 ounces of salt and three ounces of black pepper. And one and a half ounces of sage will give it that tangy flavor.

Hamburgers a la—!

Hamburgers have a novel touch when your favorite mayonnaise or salad dressing is added. Use about 1-2 cup for 1 1/2-2 pounds of meat.

Local News

Fate Morris and daughter, Miss Mary Isabel Arnold, returned home Monday from a visit with relatives in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bammes had as dinner guests Wednesday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wood and children of Amity,

Oregon, and Henry Allen of Ryan, Oklahoma. Mr. and Mrs. Wood also visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Bammes. Mrs. Wood is a sister of Alfred and Ivan, whom they had not seen for about six years.

E. A. Simpson and R. A. DeFee, Amarillo, were business visitors here Tuesday.

Bill Reed, Baylor University student at Waco, is here to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Reed.

Mrs. F. L. Yates and Mrs. H. J. Cooper were visitors in Dalhart

Monday.

Bill Penrose, a medical student of Baylor University at Waco, is spending the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Penrose.

Henry Allen, Ryan, Oklahoma, was a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bammes Saturday night. He was returning home from Los Animas, Colorado where he bought a farm.

Stanley Ullom, Tulane University student, is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. I. D. Divine.



Cheerily we add our voice to the many happy ones raised in the wish...

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Every member of our family joins in extending to you the season's warmest greetings. We greatly appreciate your patronage during the past year and want you to know that it has been a pleasure serving you three times a day.

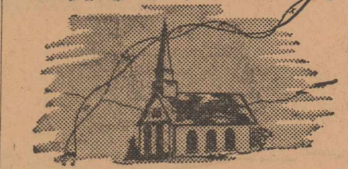
We thank you, too, for the enthusiastic reputation you have given Omaloy's Cafe.

We treasure this good will and sincerely hope that our pleasant relationships may continue for years to come. With more than seasonal heartiness, we express the old, old greeting:

A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year to You And Your Family.

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Season's Greetings



Symbolic of the spiritual values of Christmas is the church spire in the distance. Let's not forget this phase of the Season.

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**TO OUR FRIENDS
Ester, Della, Johnny, Cecil
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No matter what efficiency is aimed for in the end,

It's not nearly so important as the goodwill of our friends.

It's a pleasure to postpone all our daily tasks this Christmas and Thank You For All the Friendliness You've Shown.

To Everyone of our Friends, the Warmest Season's Greetings and A Happy, Bright and Prosperous New Year

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Letters to Santa

Dear Santa Claus:
Daddy and Mother think

we're pretty good little girls so
will you bring us two dolls, a
table and chairs, and a doll bug-



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HAPPINESS.

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Win DAV Contest



CHICAGO—Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright, national commander of the Disabled American Veterans, center, hands checks to James E. Nickerson, a former Army captain from Port Washington, N. Y., right, winner of \$33,000 first prize in \$50,000 DAV Service Foundation puzzle contest, and Mrs. Madge Howard of Indianapolis, Ind. left, winner of \$5,000 and a new automobile, as second place winner.

town.
Thanks,
James Lowe.

Dear Santa:
Please bring me the deed to one square mile of New York's business district, a pair of mittens, and some flower seed to start a flower bed.
Just hoping,
Douglas Carter.

Dear Santa:
I mailed my letter to you from Penny's last week but this is a postscript. Please, dear Santa, bring me the power to tell me

from my twin sister, Jean.
Worried,
Janet Garoutte.

ORDINANCE NO. 123 OF THE CITY OF STRATFORD
An ordinance defining terms: levying an occupation tax of one-half the amount levied by the state on certain coin operated machines and skill or pleasure coin operated machines; providing certain exceptions; providing the display of the occupation tax receipt; prohibiting skill or pleasure coin operated machines within 500 feet of any school building and providing penalties for violation of this ordinance.
Passed and approved this the

9th day of December 1948.
VAN B. BOSTON, Mayor.
W. P. FOREMAN, City Clerk.
12-16, 23 and 30.

Have a Ham Roll!
Ham with a new flavor results in a rolled ham slice with apple stuffing. Have ham slice cut 1-2 inch thick and remove bone. Spread with mixture of 1 teaspoon dry mustard and 1 tablespoon vinegar, then top with 2 apples thinly sliced. Roll, with the fat side in, and skewer together. Then bake, covered, about 45 minutes.



• The old message of "Peace on earth; good will to men" echoes again over the entire Christian world in this happy holiday season. Harking back to the spirit of the first Christmas, we wish for you all the joys and blessings of the season.

The First State Bank
OF STRATFORD

gy for me.
Donna can't talk much but I'm pretty sure she would like a rocking horse, 'cause she sure likes mine.

Remember all of our little cousins and friends, and Grandma and Granddad.
Love,
Lanita and Donna Judd.

Dear Santa:
I want a crouget set. Bill wants a Roy Rogers Hat.
Bill and Karl Kirkwood.

Dear Santa:
For the first year in my whole life I've been good so will you please bring me a baby grand piano? I really deserve this and would appreciate it if it were on time.
Hopefully,
Charlotte Faris.

Dear Friend:
Please bring me an extra large super pasteboard box to hold all the junk you always leave in my sock.
Your little friend,
Lyle Wakefield.

Dear Santa:
I have not been good so I won't ask for much. I do want you to bring me some good luck though. I want a real pretty girl and a black '49 Buick convertible with

everything on it and in it. By doing this I shall have my Christmas and good luck at the same time.

Love,
Marion Sears.

Dear Santa:
When you leave my Cadillac convertible this year please install a gas pump to go with it.
Yours,
Billy McCaslin.

Dear Santa:
Since prices are so high this year I have decided to be economical. Please bring me one of the Kress 5 and 10 cent stores so I can have all the pretty jewelry I want.
Love,
Jeanne Price.

Dear St. Nick:
For a while I wanted a girl and a convertible for Christmas. I know you don't bring the girl but just bring the car and that will get me any girl right here in

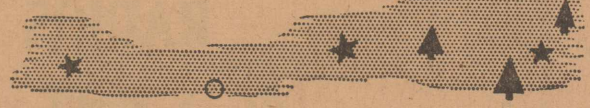


A triple wish for all
of you is ours:
**Good Cheer! Good Friends!
Good Health!**

Ralph Harding



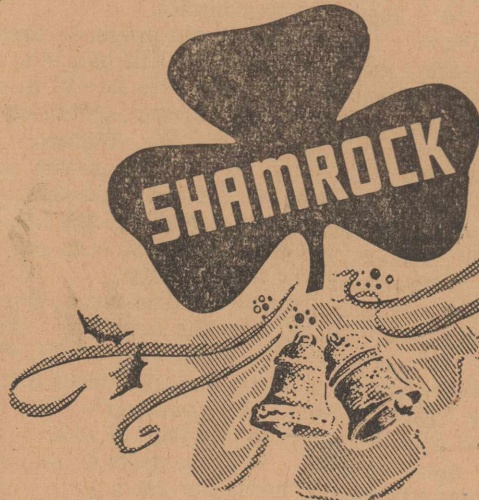
As the Spirit of Christmas unfolds itself over the countryside, we add our greetings and best wishes of the season.



A Christmas of joy and contentment; of peace, good cheer and happiness—that is our wish for you and yours this joyous Yuletide season.



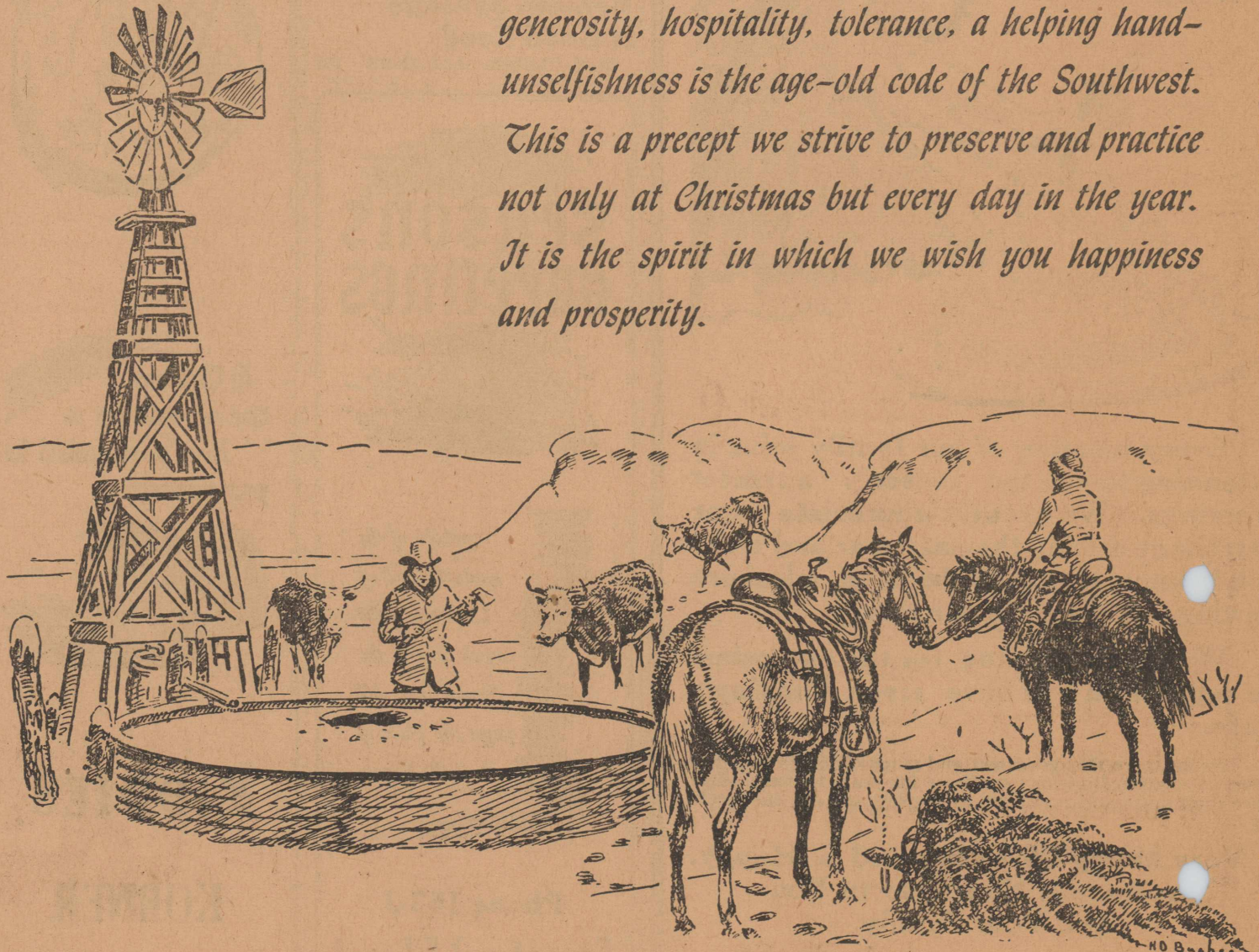
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SOMETHING FOR SALLY

IT WAS enough to put a fellow in a morbid state of mind. Last Christmas he'd thought, when he

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December 26 and 27
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With Jean Parker and John Archer
Plus Second Feature
Jeanne Crain and Dan Dailey
In
"You Were Meant For Me"
December 30 and 31
Barbara Stanwyck and Burt Lancaster In
"Sorry, Wrong Number"

gave Sally the inexpensive little china dinner set, next Christmas I'll give her something really nice. Something she can wear and enjoy. Something expensive. It'll not be practical to fit our Christmas budget, because by then I'll be making more. The tide was bound to turn by next Christmas.

Well, it had turned all right. Fate could have been less callous in the direction to which it had turned the tide. It was even worse this Christmas than it was last. At least Sally



Bill looked up from his overcoat collar. "Hey, be careful!" he shouted.

wasn't out making the living and he, a big hulk of a man, staying home.

The doctor had said he'd overcome the heart condition with prolonged rest.

People were talking. Bill knew. He'd been standing near the living room door the other day when he'd heard Kate Tyler, their neighbor, talking to Sally in the kitchen.

"Well, it just looks a shame that you, such a frail little thing, must work. Bill looks the picture of health. He weighs something near one hundred eighty pounds, doesn't he, Sally?" Kate said, and Bill had visioned with burning resentment her sharp, in-everybody's-business nose twitch with inquisitiveness.

Bill visioned too, Sally's pretty proud head lift when her voice had come in quick sensitive rebellion. "I believe it's my affair about working. I really don't need to work. We have plenty saved up to take us through until Bill is able to go back on his job. I'm working because I want to."

He'd felt like a cad. There wasn't another guy in the whole universe, had a wife like Sally, who through her loyalty would even tell a falsehood. Sally didn't deserve the hardship he was giving her. And now with Christmas upon them and no money of his own, unless he sold his best suit to the re-sale shop down the street, he felt it would be even better for his old heart to quit ticking than to face it and have Sally say, "Oh, you didn't need to give anything, Bill. All I want is you! We'll have a real Christmas when you get well."

Bill put on his overcoat, hat and galoshes. It was about time to meet Sally coming home from work.

Cold rain interspersed the snow, and already the highway in front of their place was getting coated with ice. Cars moved along cautiously.

Their neighbor's boy, Pike, eleven, slid by him on a sled. "Whee-e, watch me, Mister Bill!"

Bill looked up from his overcoat collar. "Hey, be careful!" he shouted and went into action with a leap

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when he saw the sled carrying the boy from the sidewalk into the direction of an approaching car up the highway.

It all happened in a flash. If Bill hadn't been gigantic in size, muscular and agile with youth, he couldn't have saved the boy. "Man, Pike," he panted, standing over him on the sidewalk, "don't play along the street!"

"Aw, I could've made it, Mister Bill," Pike said, and dashed back up the street with his sled.

A large man emerged hurriedly from the big car on the side of the pavement and came up to Bill.

"Thanks, fellow! Say," he said, mopping his forehead, "that was a close call! You certainly used your head."

"I snatched him in time," Bill said.

The man pulled out his wallet. "Here," he said, holding a crisp bill

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toward Bill. "Take this, fellow." "But I don't want money for what I did," Bill protested, starting to back away.

The man pushed the money into Bill's hand. "I'd pay a thousand or more to escape what might have happened just now. Think what Christmas would have been for me if it had happened, to say nothing of the kid's parents. Thanks again, fellow—and Merry Christmas!"

He was gone before Bill could do anything.

Bill looked down at the money in his hand. Well, if he felt that way about it. But one hundred dollars. . . .

He looked up then and saw Sally trudging toward him through the snow and a happy, secretive smile

curved his lips suddenly. He slipped the money into his billfold and went to meet her.

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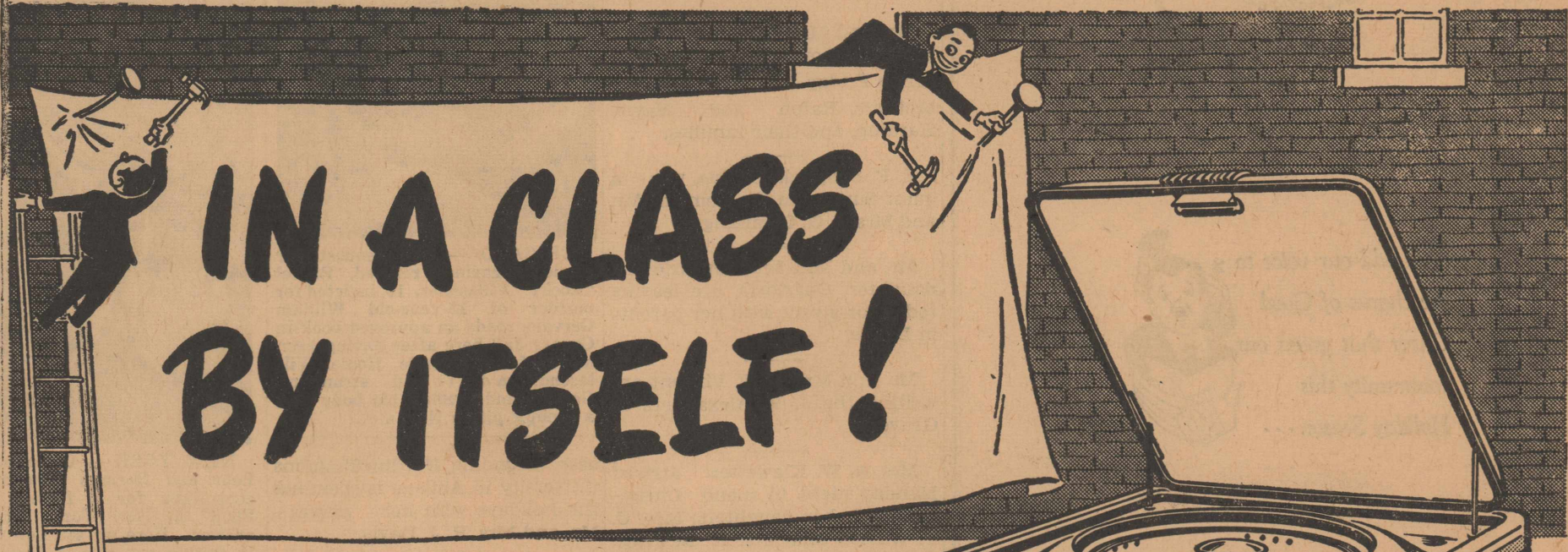
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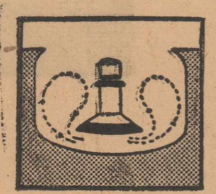
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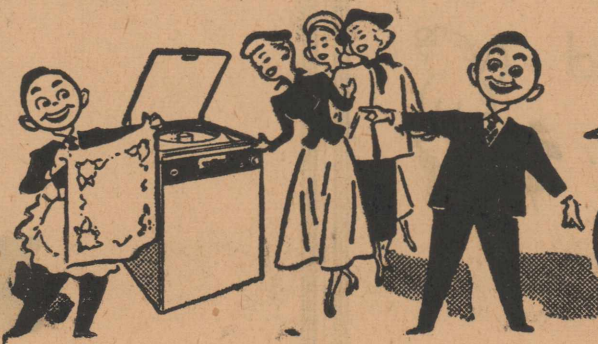


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NOTICE is hereby given to all depositors and all creditors of First State Bank of Stratford that such bank is now in liquidation and to present their claims, if any they have, against such bank.
April 26, 1948.

W. N. PRICE,
Liquidating Agent,
First State Bank of Stratford.

Duby Plumbing & Electric

Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kendrick gave a dinner Sunday honoring Mrs. Mary Nan Gamble, Fort Worth. Those enjoying the occasion were the honoree, Mrs. Mary Nan Gamble, Mrs. Osa Gamble, Mrs. Ione Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Graydon Gamble and

children, Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Gamble and children, Dalhart.

Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Beard are leaving today for a Christmas visit with his relatives near Shreveport, Louisiana.

Peter Gunzelman, Ralph Loomis and Rene Gunzelman were business visitors in Lamar, Colorado last week.

President Truman and Party



WASHINGTON, D. C.—(Soundphoto)—Pictured on the White House portico are left to right: Vice-President-Elect Alben W. Barkley; his daughter, Mrs. Max Truitt; Margaret Truman; the First Lady and President Truman.

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Van Bebbler and Ira Guthrie arrived Tuesday from Lubbock where they are attending school, to spend Christmas in the Chester Guthrie home. Mr. and Mrs. Van Bebbler will leave after Christmas to spend New Year with his relatives in Troy, Kansas.

pital where she underwent an operation recently.

Rene Gunzelman visited relatives in Hereford, Texas Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Howell, Pueblo, Colorado, are visiting in the home of her sister, Mrs. H. T. Jackson, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Jackson attended the funeral of Miss Maggie Jackson in Tucumcari, New Mexico Saturday. They were accompanied by Mrs. J. R. Pendleton, Miss Minnie Laura Jackson and Miss Hazel Harris.

Mrs. G. R. Garrison and Mrs. Bobby Gillis were visitors in Amarillo Tuesday.

Mrs. Mary Nan Gamble, Fort Worth, visited in the home of Mrs. Osa Gamble last week.

Mrs. J. K. Richardson left Tuesday to spend Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. E. F. Rudolph and family in Pueblo, Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Albert and sons, Russell and Raymond, Lubbock, arrived Wednesday to spend Christmas in the home of their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Albert.

Mrs. Earl Smith returned home Saturday from an Amarillo Hos-



We add our voice to the chorus of Good Cheer that greets our community this Holiday Season...



Garrison Motor Co. Your Chrysler-Plymouth Dealer

No Comic Books



CHICAGO — His request for comic magazines refused, Rafael "Rocky" Villasenor, 15, indicted for murder of 13-year-old William Gervais, reads an approved book in County Jail here after having been moved from Juvenile Home. Villasenor admitted strangling Gervais and stuffing his body into a conduit pit on Nov. 4.

Solves Problem of Crumbs in Bed



NEW YORK — Comedian Lew Lehr and Norman Dine, slumber consultant for a famous "Sleep Shop" in New York, have the answer. Here we see Lew skilfully testing out Expert Dine's solution to the 1002nd problem of sleeplessness — cracker crumbs in bed. For the folks who like a before-retiring snack while comfortably propped on their pillows, Dine recommends bite-size cheese crackers. Lehr demonstrates that the tasty tidbits can be popped into the mouth in one bite.

Mrs. Fate Morris and Mrs. M. R. Robinson and Chucko were visitors in Dalhart Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Charles Hooley left Sunday for Fort Belvoir, Virginia to spend Christmas with her husband who is stationed there.

Mr. and Mrs. Curt Adams, Hobart, Oklahoma, are expected to arrive Friday for a visit with her brothers, Ralph and Wayne Harding, and their families.

E. F. Spurlock, Cactus, was a guest Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Cummings.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Guthrie and daughter, Charlotte, are leaving today for a visit with her parents in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Vincent are visiting the J. R. Alexanders in Gruver.

Mrs. A. W. Klawetter arrived Monday night to spend Christmas with her daughters, Mrs. C. T. Watson and Mrs. W. N. Price. Mr. and Mrs. Price met her in Amarillo.

Miss Marjorie Grimes is enjoying a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Grimes and Ray.

Miss Alana Davis, who has

been attending Hardin Simmons University in Abilene is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Price returned home Monday night from a visit with his sisters, Mrs. McKnight and Mrs. Shoun in Oklahoma City, their daughter, Mrs. Latimer Murfee, husband and daughter in Houston and a few days in Mineral Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gunzelman will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in Wichita, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Alexander, Gruver, visited Mrs. W. G. O'Brien Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Plunk, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cameron, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harding, went to the basket ball finals Saturday night in Spearman.



Merry Christmas 1948

Christmas is an old-fashioned holiday, a time for reliving childhood days and for recalling old times, old friends.

May all the peace and tranquility of the season be yours in full measure.



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All the fragile beauty of a snowflake symbolizes this shimmering season of joy and happiness. May this Christmas be the most joyous of them all.



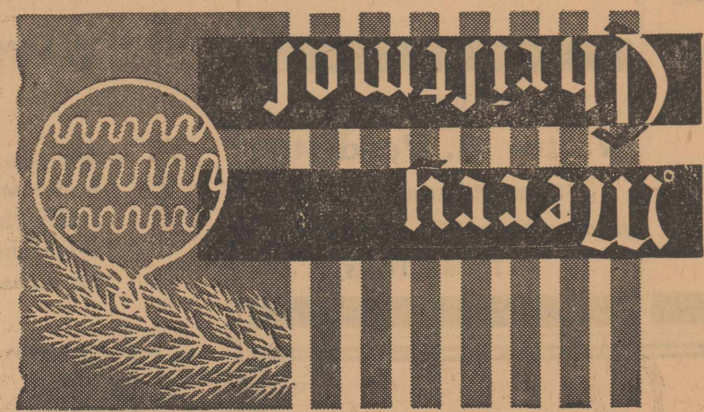
And lots of it, for friends, old and new.



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May the true joys and blessings of that first Yuletide be yours today— 'Peace on Earth Good Will Toward Men.'

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SOMEONE AT CHRISTMAS

By CARLE FREEMAN

THE little gift shop was crowded when Nancy entered it, but almost immediately she noticed Larry Bryant. She sensed the usual disturbance at sight of him, and recalling the trend of her thoughts for the past several minutes brought a flush of warmth to her cheeks. She'd been thinking, somewhat resentfully, as she went along the streets of the little town, how

unfair it was that Christmas had come before she could get acquainted with someone in Davenshire—Larry Bryant, for instance, departmental head at the electric plant where she worked. Christmas wasn't Christmas unless it could be shared with someone.

And now Larry was standing at the dish counter deciding about a pair of little green rabbit salt and pepper shakers. It didn't matter particularly that he'd buy the shakers—aside from the significance of such an act—but she'd had her own heart set on them more or less for a week. Larry had been in the shop every afternoon that she'd been there, but this was his first time at the dish counter. The little shakers were as good as

What's Wrong With This Picture?



PIGEON COVE, MASS.—Well, almost nothing, except that the pretty lassie above is sitting on a paper chair, reading by the light from a paper lamp, and of all things, warming herself in front of a paper fireplace. Hard to believe, but true. The entire house is made of old newspapers tightly rolled and coated with Waterspar Varnish, which makes the papers both water-repellent and weather proof. It's a unique answer to the housing shortage.

gone.

The other day when she'd looked at them, the sales girl had said, "Better buy them. These are the last ones, and they are a bargain at eight dollars. They came all the way from Sweden."

"I know—" Nancy had said, but she had thought they'd be an extravagance and look out of place on the little table in her corner



The other day when she'd looked at them, the sales girl had said, "Better buy them."

kitchenette at Lil Ransom's old rooming house. Then there'd be no one to admire them—only herself.

"They might be gone the next time you come," the girl had said when Nancy left the counter.

But they'd been there the next time Nancy went back to the little gift shop. Every afternoon for a week they'd been there, as if awaiting for her to make up her mind to buy them.

Nancy held her breath as she watched Larry from a distance. For now she knew that if he didn't take the shakers, she'd buy them herself.

But even as Nancy watched, she saw him hand the shakers to a clerk.

She tried to push her disappointment aside and select an inexpensive little gift for one of her co-workers at the plant. Tomorrow was Christmas Eve, and the employees and officials of the plant had drawn names as part of a gift-giving program they'd planned to have about the huge, gayly decorated tree in the arched entrance.

Nancy dreaded the occasion, more so now than before. She regretted the day she'd left her home town to take a better job in Davenshire. Why hadn't she waited until after Christmas to make the change!

When the time came the next day for the program, Nancy took the gift that was handed to her and slipped from the crowd. She wouldn't be missed, she thought bitterly, as she hurried from the building. Snow fell softly about her in a gentle burst from the dark

sky, and the ring of voices from the plant followed her in a kind of haunting, sad beauty.

Inside her apartment she looked down at the gayly wrapped package in her hands through a blur of tears. It was the only Christmas gift she'd received, and it had been given only because someone had drawn her name.

She unwrapped the package, and suddenly the blur cleared to reveal the little green rabbit salt and pepper shakers with the long, saucy ears—one up and one limping down provocatively.

Her heart thrummed in her throat. Larry had drawn her name. But the cost of the gifts they were to exchange was not to go over twenty-five cents!

Lil Ransom called up the stairs. "You're wanted on the phone, and 'tis a man."

Nancy placed the little shakers carefully on the table and turned to the door. The hum of "Silent Night" came from Lil Ransom's radio up the sweep of stairs, and Nancy found herself singing the words softly as she dashed down them, for she knew even before she heard his voice who was waiting for her on the telephone.

Don't apply liquid wax by pouring it on the cloth you intend to use. Pour out the wax into a dish or pan first. And never pour the remainder back into the can. Contamination may cause the wax to spoil.

Rabbits Spread

Tularemia

AUSTIN — Tularemia, or "rabbit fever," is transmitted to human beings through the careless handling of wild rabbits, and according to Dr. George W. Cox, State Health Officer, every wild rabbit should be handled with extreme care from the time he is bagged, until he is placed on the table.

"If a rabbit is diseased, careless handling can cause tularemia. This serious disease is transmitted from rabbits to human beings, usually through direct con-

tact with the infected animal or with objects contaminated by the meat of fur." Dr. Cox said, "Each year many persons contract tularemia because they fail to use proper precautions in the handling of the rabbits which are killed for food."

Dr. Cox said that one of the first precautions recommended is to shoot only the healthy rabbits with enough energy to run away from the hunter as he approaches. A listless rabbit that falls to run is probably sick, and should not be taken by the hunter.

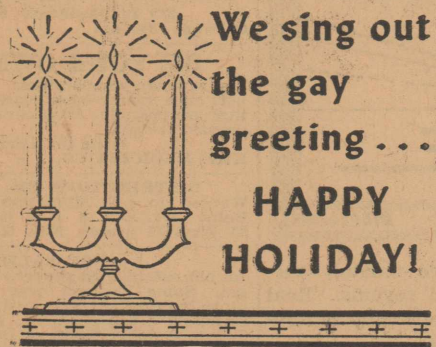
A second important safeguard is for the hunter or the housewife to use rubber gloves in cleaning

and preparing the rabbit for cooking. The gloves should be sterilized after using, and the refuse and paper that has touched the rabbit should be burned. Hands should be washed thoroughly after the meat has been set to cook.

Adequate cooking is a final safeguard that should be observed at all times. To destroy any germs that may be present, the meat should be cooked at boiling temperature for at least twenty minutes, regardless of whether it is to be fried or baked later.

By observing these safety rules, Texans may enjoy their rabbit hunts and rabbit dinners without fear of tularemia.

CHRISTMAS JOY



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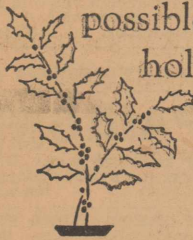
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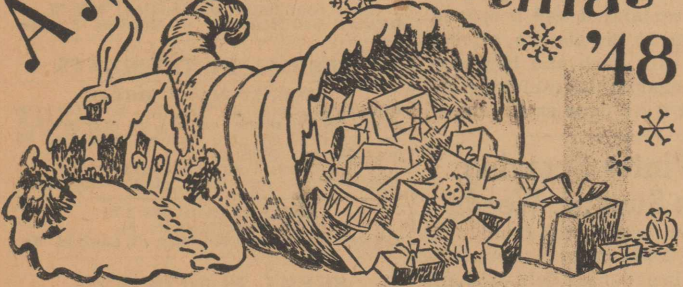
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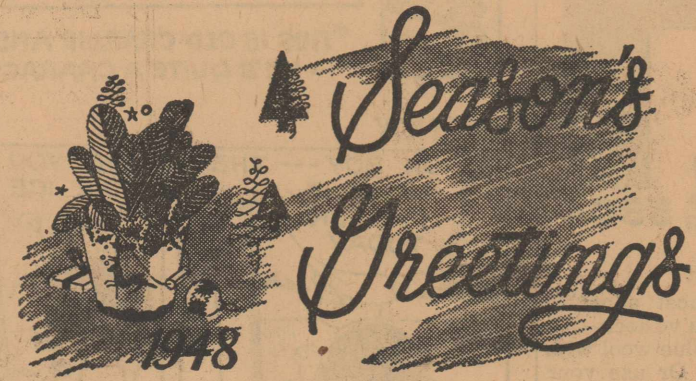
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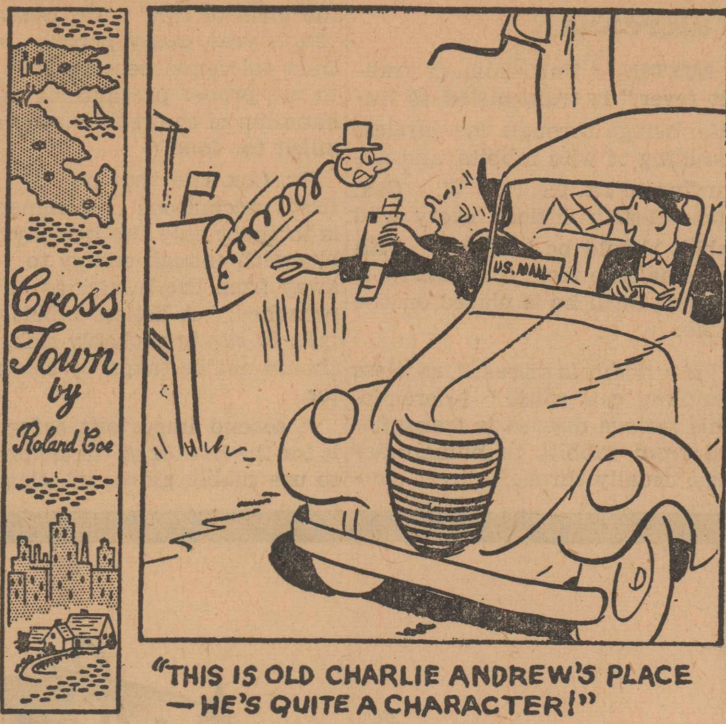
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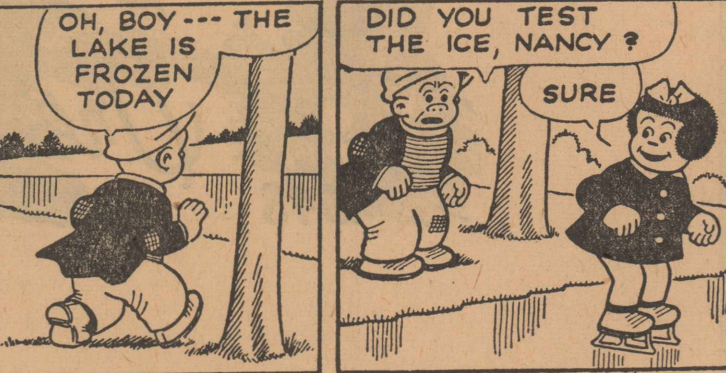
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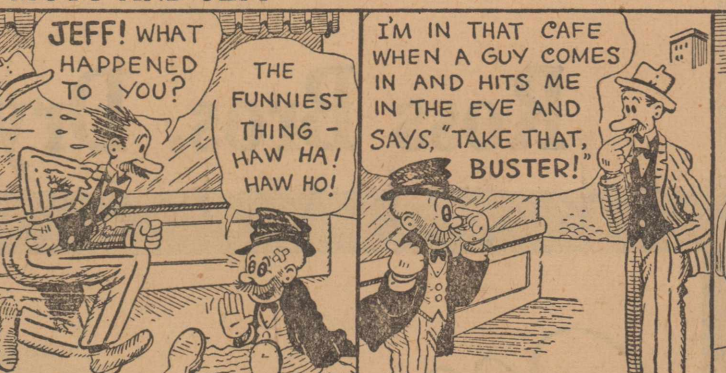
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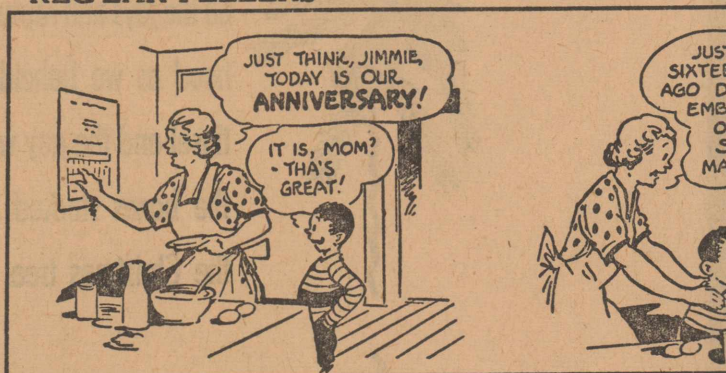
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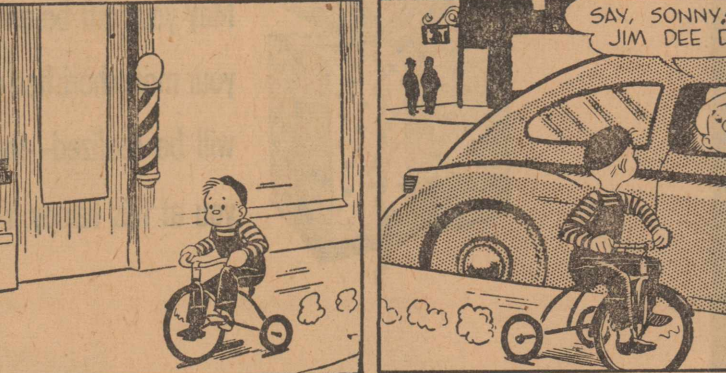
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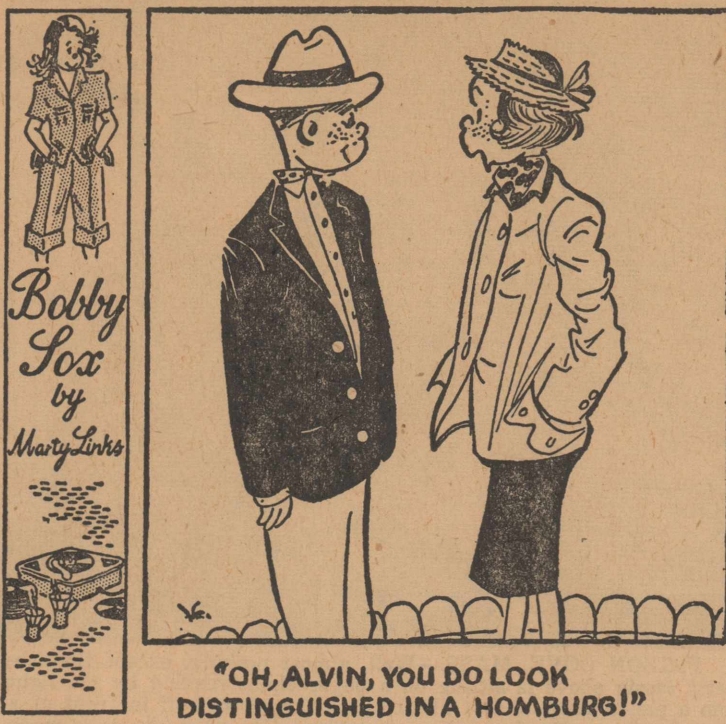
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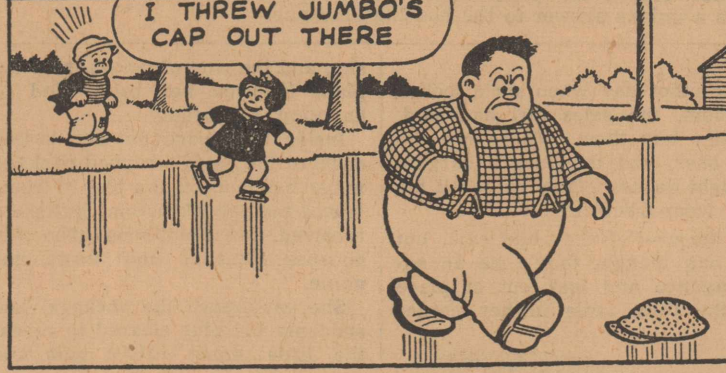
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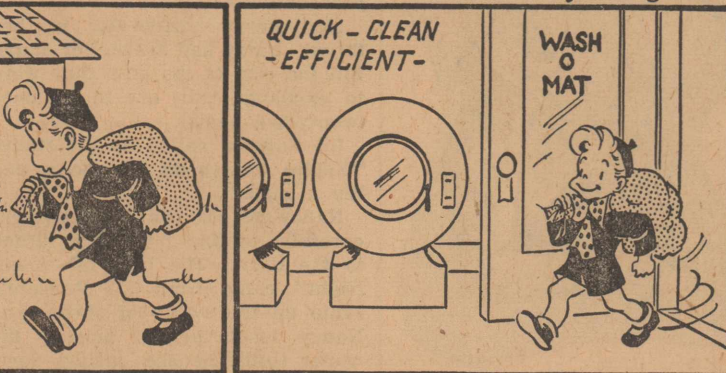
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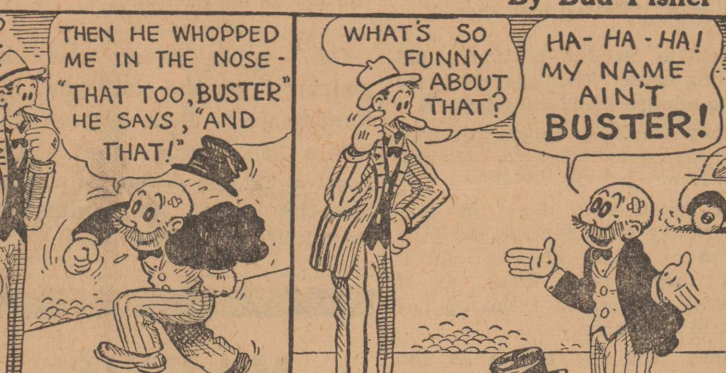
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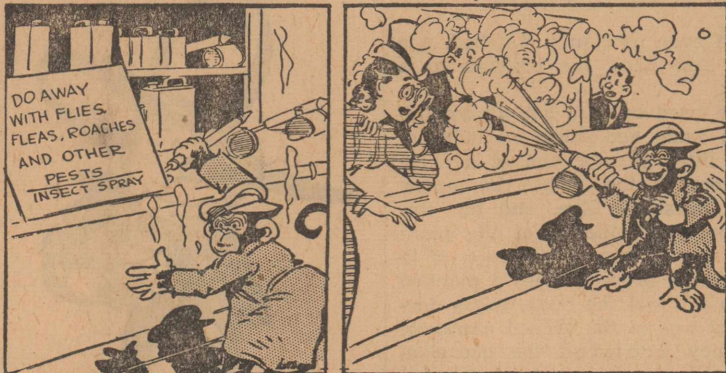
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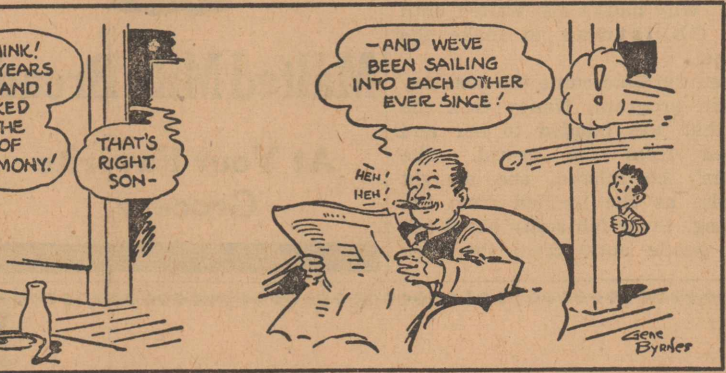
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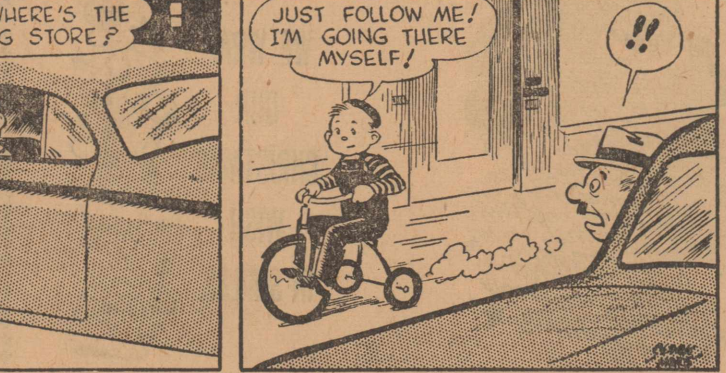
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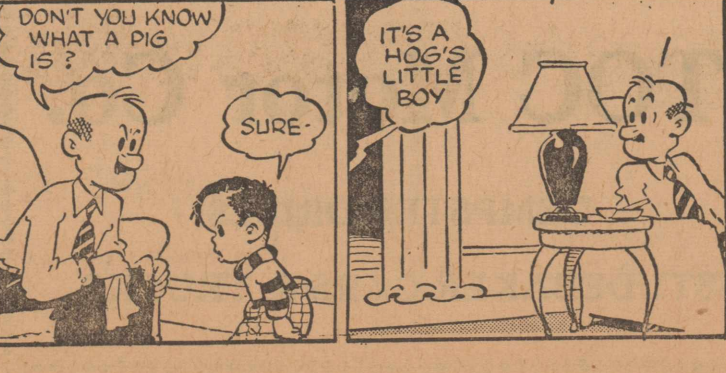
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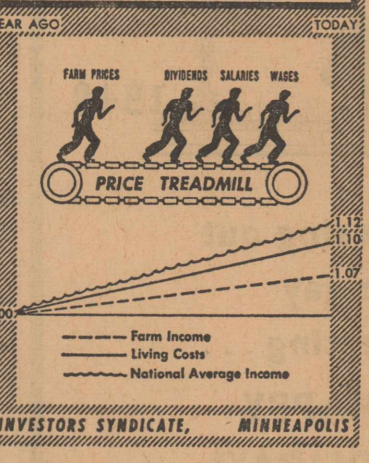


Farm Topics

Average Farm Family Sees Income Recede

Buying Power Higher Now Than Year Ago
 What, if anything, is happening to the average U. S. farmer with regard to the money he gets for what he raises, and does he have anything to worry about?
 Although there has been a moderate drop in income of farmers, the average family has more purchasing power today than it had a

PURCHASING POWER



year ago, a reliable monthly survey of "real income" reveals. "Real income" is the relationship of revenue to living costs.
 The national figures indicate that the average home has 2 per cent more buying power than last year. Wage-earners, salaried people and those with investment income are equally well off, while the farmer is now about 3 per cent below his status of a year ago.
 It should be remembered, however, that such status a year ago was at a then all-time high.
 Besides the recent drop in farm prices, the survey said, it is expected that there may be further tapering off during the next six months, but farm income will continue at a high level. In the same way, although surpluses are beginning to appear in the clothing industry, there are no signs yet that sharp price breaks are likely.

Overhauling the Land



Ten years' work in rebuilding the soil-depleted 300-acre Rio Grande College farm at Rio Grande, Ohio, were compressed into 13 1/2 hours recently by 600 workers and hundreds of pieces of mechanized farm equipment. In this hilly Ohio valley country, chief problem was removal of excess water which had been carrying away top soil. Diversion ditches and sod water outlets were prepared. Two ponds were built. The course of a stream was altered. Years of cultivation had taken much of the life from the farm's soil, so the hope of workers also attacked the problem of soil rejuvenation. Great areas were tilled, limed, fertilized and seeded and overgrown pasture land was reclaimed and prepared for seeding. In the picture, a jeep, equipped with bush and bog harrow, is engaged in mulching as part of the work done on the farm.

2, 4-D Winter Spraying Destroys Stumps, Weeds

Successful winter spraying with an ester of 2, 4-D is the newest twist to the ever-broadening field of chemical weed control.
 At East Lansing, Mich., agronomists Keith Barrons and L. L. Coulter of the Dow Chemical company announced that stumps sprayed in near zero weather during the past three winters have responded to treatment in the same manner as stumps sprayed during the summer season. The chemical used was Esteron 44 which contains 44 per cent of the isopropyl ester of 2, 4-D.

Weak Egg Shells Mean Hens Require Calcium

Feeding oyster shells to laying hens to furnish the calcium needed for making strong egg shells is suggested by Irving J. Mork, agent of the North Dakota Agricultural college extension service.
 "Hens that lay steadily will, as time goes on, lay eggs with weak shells," he said. "Usually this is due to a lack of calcium in the ration. It can also be due to a lack of vitamin D, however."

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By WILLIAM TREMON

EVERY day for a week old Oliver had been passing their house in his wagon loaded with pine and cedar trees.

"Christmas trees cheap!" he shouted. "Christmas trees—two dollars. On-l-y two dollars. . ."

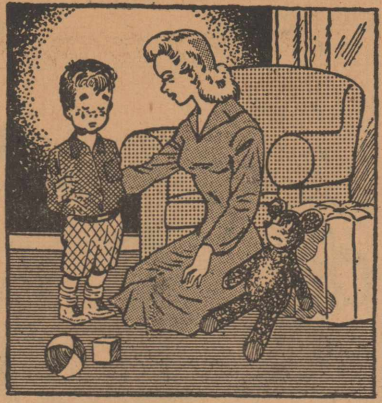
He was passing now, and Marge, washing the few dishes she and Denny had soiled at their noonday meal, wished she couldn't hear the sound of his shouting voice.

Joe always bought old Oliver's trees. "Old Oliver needs the

money," he'd say. "And our old car just wouldn't take the bumps of a hunt for a tree in the country around here."

Old Oliver hesitated in front of the little house, repeating his chant until Marge thought she must go to

the door and tell him to stop. She



"Denny, dear," she said thickly, "we're not going to have a tree this Christmas. Daddy isn't here to help decorate it, and besides—Santa will come without a Christmas tree."

and Joe had explained to him the first time they'd bought a tree just the kind they liked. It had to be so tall and so big around. It had to be

CROWN TEXAN A WHEAT CHAMPION



W. P. Axe

For growing the best Texas wheat exhibited at the Tri-State Fair at Amarillo, Texas, W. P. Axe of Hereford has been awarded the Philip W. Pillsbury trophy, and will have his grain judged for the national Pillsbury prize at Minneapolis, Minn., next spring.

Axe's wheat will compete with samples from the other principal wheat-growing states in the 8th annual competition for this award, which consists of \$100 in cash and an all-expense trip to Minneapolis. This is the first year that Texas wheat has been entered in this competition.

Axe grew the prize-winning grain on his thousand-acre Deaf Smith County ranch, where he also grows potatoes and grain sorghums.

It was hard red winter wheat of the Westar variety, and was grown on 300 acres of irrigated land following a crop of potatoes harvested in July, 1947.

Wheat grown by Leonard F. Wright of Farnsworth, who won second place at the Tri State Fair, also is eligible to compete for the national prize.

cedar with clusters of blue berries on it. Old Oliver always had the kind of tree they wanted.

Little Denny ran into the kitchen from the front room.

"Mommy, there's ol' Oliver," he said. "Mommy, he has our tree. . ."

Marge dried her hands and knelt to gather little Denny in her arms.

"I know he has, dear," she said, making herself look at him. Since last January when the horrible car accident had taken Joe away from her, she'd had difficulty in looking at Denny. Denny had Joe's rumpled dark hair, his dark eyes, the deep cleft in his chin. A sob caught in Marge's throat. "Denny, dear," she said thickly, "we're not going to have a tree this Christmas. Daddy isn't here to help decorate it, and besides—Santa will come without a Christmas tree."

"I'll help decorate it," Denny said. "I did last year."

Marge pressed Denny close. "I know, dear—" she said. Poignant memories of last Christmas crowded her so that she couldn't talk for a moment. She could see Joe teetering on the ladder to put the star in the top of the tree.

"I can help, Mommy. . ." Denny insisted.

"You could, dear, but we don't want a tree with Daddy gone. Someday, dear—oh, I hope it never comes to you—you'll understand why Mommy didn't want a Christmas tree!" She rose to her feet hurriedly feeling a rush of tears. "I'll get your wraps, Denny, and you can play outside in the snow for awhile."

Shadows lengthened in the little house before it came to Marge with frightening realization that it had been all of three hours since Denny'd left the house.

"Denny—DENNY!" She ran out on the porch and down the steps, her slim unprotected feet and legs sinking into the deep snow that had banked there. "DENNY—!" The echo of her voice came back to her in mocking horror across the white stillness of the little yard.

A cold wind swept against her as she stood at the gate looking up and down the street and calling Denny's name. It was a horrible moment, one in which she knew she must have aged twenty years, and one in which she saw in heart wrenching clarity her unfairness to Denny in harboring a self-centered grief over her loss of Joe to the extent of his safety, his protection, his veritable happiness.

A familiar wagon made the turn at the end of the street, and Marge recognized old Oliver and his load of Christmas trees. His chant rang out again, "Buy your Christmas tree now! On-l-y two dollars. . ."

Marge shrieked against the wind, "Oh, don't—please don't!" Then she saw Denny—little brown garbed Denny sitting up in the seat by old Oliver!

The wagon stopped by the gate, and old Oliver grinned as Denny climbed down into Marge's reaching arms. "He likka th' ride. He. . ."

Marge didn't give him a chance to talk. "Do you have our tree, Oliver?" she asked.

Old Oliver chuckled and jumped down from the wagon. "All'a week I've had your tree," he said.

"Just put it in the yard," Marge told him. "Why, Denny and I couldn't do without our tree!"

For Veal Steak

A good braising liquid for veal steaks in mushroom soup. When the steaks are tender, thicken the liquid and serve as a gravy.

Local News

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Chisum visited their daughter, Mrs. Jack Parker and husband in Amarillo last week-end.

Mrs. Emma Thrailkill left

Tuesday to attend the golden wedding celebration of a sister in Colorado City, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Taylor and daughter, Patricia, left Saturday for Charlotte, Texas to spend Christmas with her moth-

er, Mrs. W. H. Winn.

Miss Jeannie Huggins is at home visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Milton,

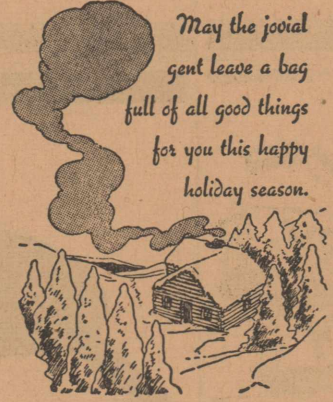
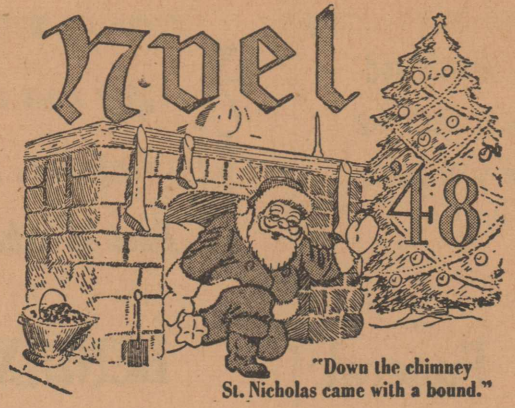
during the holidays. She is a student at Texas University.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Watson were week-end visitors in Amarillo.



Wishing you the merriest Christmas possible. That means you, you...and you!

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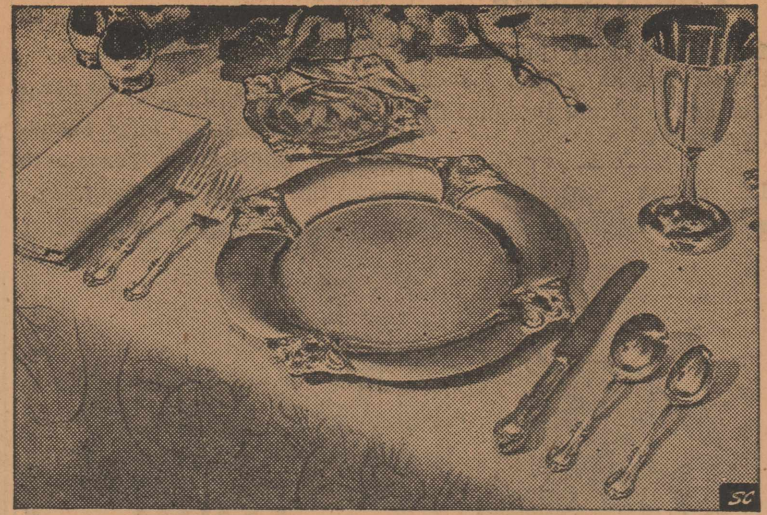
Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Cummings visited in Amarillo Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Robinson and Chucko visited Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Robinson and family in Boise City last Sunday.

Along with Christmas pine and holly... may health, wealth and happiness deck the halls of your home.

Can we come in with a gay note to sing out... Best Wishes?

A Family Holiday



Beautiful table settings add to charm of family dinner during the holiday season.

By Frances Ainsworth This Christmas, we're having an old fashioned family dinner at Mother's, and we're looking forward to a long chat around the dinner table, catching up on family doings since our last gathering.

Marvin Wilson were visitors in Amarillo Friday.

D. W. Boner and B. I. Crutchfield, Jr., attended a spotting clinic in Amarillo Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Denney and Mrs. E. C. McIntyre left Wednesday to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Denney in Denton, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Norbert E. Massie, Englewood, California, were guests of Mrs. E. J. Massie and other relatives here Monday.

Mrs. Maude Yates, Texhoma, and Mr. and Mrs. Plato Robinson and son, Oklahoma City, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Yates Sunday.

Mrs. Arthur Ross and son, Gene, left Tuesday afternoon for California where they will spend the Christmas holidays with Lt. and Mrs. Frank Mehner.

Mrs. W. O. Cook, Mrs. Ivan Bammes and Mrs. Alfred Bammes were visitors in Dumas Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Palmer and children left Wednesday for Macon, Missouri where they will spend the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. McNeal and Howard Hart were visitors in Amarillo Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Dickson spent the week-end with relatives in Amarillo.



A Merry Christmas to you. And that's a wish we'd like to shout to the uttermost parts of the earth.

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT is with us again and we have Good Wishes and Appreciation in our hearts for you and yours.

Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Nichols

Wilson Funeral Directors

BENDIX LAUNDRY Frank and Emily Ross



That's our greeting to you in this happy season.

Christmas Greetings

We Cherish the thought of fine associations that have been ours—and take this mean of expressing our heartfelt appreciation for your friendship.

Stratford Time Shop

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Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Plunk and children, Amarillo, visited relatives here last week-end.

Mrs. Ralph Salesman and baby daughter Teressa Ann, were brought home from an Amarillo hospital Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Trump, Knightstown, Indiana, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Roach of Kerrick over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lavake and children left Wednesday for

Wyoming where they will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Baskin Brown are spending the holidays with relatives in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Marc Fischer and children, Greg, Mike and Susan of San Francisco, California were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gunzelman last week.

Miss Shela Duby, a student in Virginia Intermont College, Bristol, Virginia, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe A. Duby. She arrived home Friday.

Henry Yates, Texhoma, was a visitor here Sunday.

Walter Pendleton and John

Want Ads

FREE Pick-up on fresh dead stock. Call collect 417-W or 633-W Dalhart Rendering, Dalhart, Texas. 4-25tp

FOR SALE: Large residence located on corner of Grand Avenue and Highway 287.—J. W. Garoutte. 7-tfc

FOR SALE: 6-room Brick Veneer house with basement under entire house, nice lawn and trees.—G. R. Garrison. 7-tfc

FOR SALE: Table top gas range in fair condition. Reasonable.—Roy Combs. 11-2tp

WHEAT PASTURE for about 100 head of cattle.—Leonard Plunk, 2 miles south of Stratford. 11-2tp

FOR RENT: Modern furnished Apartment; also two bed rooms. Call 153-J. 12-2tc

FOR SALE: Girl's good used bicycle, size 26.—Sherry Goule.

FOR SALE: 1942 Ford 1 1/2 Ton Truck.—Leon Guthrie. 12-1tp

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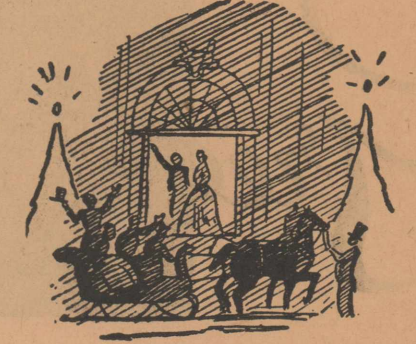
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Christmas And New Year Special Prices On Permanent Imperial Beauty Shop Mrs. Virginia Kimbrel



May the glow of the candles at Christmas time bring the light of Hope, the Flame of Faith, and the Warmth of Good Fellowship to All.

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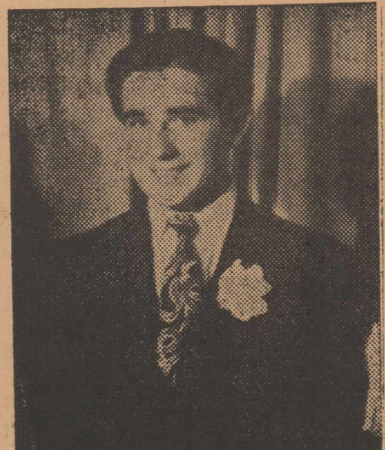
Christmas Happiness

MAY IT BE YOURS to the FULLEST EXTENT JOHN KIDWELL

American Legion Sponsored New Year's Eve

DANCE

Friday, December 30 Legion Hall Stratford, Texas



MEL HALL And His 9-Piece Orchestra Begin Playing At 9:00 P. M.

New Year's Caps, Whistles, Balloons and Confetti

A Well Supervised Evening Of Entertainment Admission \$1.80 Including Tax



To faithful old friends, Cherished new Friends, you whose friendship we strive to deserve, our hearty Greetings are tendered for a genuine American Christmas.

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LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Monday, December 27 TEXHOMA, OKLAHOMA

We wish all of our many thousands of customers and friends a Merry Christmas and Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Thanking each of you kindly for your patronage in 1948, and hoping to be of some profitable service to you in 1949.

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HOUSEHOLD MEMOS... by Lynn Chambers



A New Year's buffet supper can be done simply if you serve sliced turkey with assorted breads, and bowls of fresh cranberry relish, salted nuts, popcorn, and if you desire, a molded salad and dessert.

Welcome New Year with Luxury Spread or Simple Buffets

IF YOU'RE planning a gay New Year's eve party, then be prepared for the call for refreshments at about the stroke of midnight when the revelers start feeling hunger pangs.

However, if you're the hostess and want to enjoy your own party, plan foods that you can whip out to the table in a minimum of time. In other words, do the cooking to completion before the party begins.

A big crowd is best handled with a buffet supper, with all the preparation done ahead of time. If properly planned, you can get the food on the table in a quarter of an hour. A small party can have a cozy waffle supper, and the menu can be very simple but still satisfying.

Buffet Supper

- Sliced Roast Turkey
- Ham or Roast Beef
- Hawaiian Cranberry Relish
- Dark Nut Bread
- Molded Cider Salad
- Peppermint Stick Cake
- Popcorn
- Salted Nuts
- Beverage

BAKE THE TURKEY, roast beef or ham during the day; or use slices from the meat you've had for dinner. This may be served cold. If you don't have enough meat, have sliced assorted cheese on the platter. All the other items can be made beforehand.

- Hawaiian Cranberry Relish (Makes 1 quart)
- 4 cups fresh cranberries
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup canned pineapple

Put cranberries and pineapple through food chopper. Add sugar and mix well. Chill before serving. This relish will keep well for several weeks if refrigerated.

Dark Nut Bread (Makes 1 loaf)

- 2 eggs, well beaten
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup melted shortening
- 1/2 cup light molasses
- 1 cup sour milk
- 1 1/2 cups white flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon soda
- 1 1/2 cups wheat or graham flour
- 1 cup seedless raisins
- 1 1/2 cups broken nut meats

Beat eggs and sugar until thick. Add shortening and molasses. Add sour milk. Add white flour sifted with soda and salt, then wheat flour. Fold in raisins and nuts. Bake in wax paper-lined pan in a moderate oven (350-degree) for about an hour.

Molded Cider Salad (Serves 10)

- 1 package orange-flavored gelatin
- 1 cup boiling water
- 1 cup cider
- 1 1/2 cups diced red apples
- 1/2 cup seeded Tokay grapes, halved
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts, if desired

Dissolve gelatin in hot water and cool. Add cider and allow to thicken. Fold in other ingredients. Pour into molds which have been rinsed in cold water or oiled and allow to chill until firm. Serve on lettuce.

The dessert for your gala New Year's buffet is a refrigerator cake which one and all will welcome for its light fluffiness and refreshing flavor. Make this ahead of time so it will have time to chill thoroughly and thus slice nicely.

Lynn Says: Good Ideas Make Entertaining Fun

A cabbage head makes a lovely salad bowl for buffet entertaining. Take out the inside of the cabbage, shred it fine and mix with chopped apples, sliced stuffed olives, shredded Swiss cheese and salad dressing. Pile mixture into cabbage shell on a large platter. Add hard-cooked eggs to leftover turkey or chicken gravy and serve over toast for a savory luncheon dish.

NEW YEAR'S DINNER

- Shrimp-Grapefruit Cocktail
- Rib Roast of Beef Natural Gravy
- Yorkshire Pudding Creamed Peas
- Tossed Vegetable Salad Hot Rolls
- Peppermint Stick Cake
- Beverage

*Recipe Given.

Peppermint Stick Cake (Serves 10-12)

- 2 envelopes unflavored gelatin
- 1/2 cup cold water
- 2 cups milk, scalded
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 pound marshmallows, diced
- 1/2 pound peppermint stick candy, coarsely broken
- 2 cups heavy cream, whipped
- 1/2 cup maraschino cherries, quartered

Angel Food Cake

Soften gelatin in cold water. Dissolve in hot milk. Add salt and chill until partially set. Fold marshmallows and candy into whipped cream. Beat gelatin mixture until light and fluffy. Add cherries and whipped cream mixture. Line bottom and sides of an angel cake pan or a spring form (oiled) with strips one-half inch thick and one inch wide of angel food cake, from which the crusts have been removed. Fill with gelatin mixture and chill until set.

FOR A SIMPLE supper on New Year's, you may set the table for the number you are serving or serve buffet style, making waffles at the table. A simple fruit centerpiece will be appropriate, as the guests may want some after you have served the waffles.



Plain waffles with syrup are an excellent choice, but if you want something more, serve creamed chicken or creamed ham and mushrooms on the waffles. If you serve caffeine-free coffee, everyone can drink all they wish without any qualms about staying awake after they get home to retire. Use the regular grind for percolator and the drip grind for glass coffee maker or drip type of pot. The instant type is good if you want quick service.

Waffles (Makes 4 4-section waffles)

- 2 cups sifted cake flour
- 2 teaspoons double-acting baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3 egg yolks, well beaten
- 1 cup milk
- 4 tablespoons melted butter or other shortening
- 3 egg whites

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and salt and sift again. Combine egg yolks and milk. Add to flour with butter then mix only



For those who wish a simple spread at the stroke of midnight to welcome the New Year, crisp waffles with creamed chicken, turkey or ham are welcome. Have a simple, but edible, bowl of fruit for the centerpiece, and top the meal off with cups of steaming decaffeinated coffee.

until smooth. Beat egg whites until they hold up in moist peaks. Stir quickly but thoroughly into the batter. Bake in a hot waffle iron.

TO MAKE CREAMED chicken or turkey, use 2 cups of medium white sauce to two and one-half cups of shredded or diced chicken. If you want the mixture to have a richer color, add a little of the white sauce to one beaten egg yolk, mix thoroughly, then add the remainder of the sauce. Heat in the double boiler so the mixture will not burn.

If you don't have leftover chicken to use, get some already cooked, canned, boned chicken that comes ready to use.

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Decorate the tree with old-fashioned gingerbread men which are frosted with confectioner's icing, trimmed with raisins and bright candies.

Serve your Christmas breakfast "buffet style" letting everyone wait on himself if you're going to be busy getting a large dinner for early afternoon.

Sponge cake topped with apricot glaze when cool, and then sprinkled generously with whole walnut meats makes a lovely cake for holiday entertaining.

Slavic Dancing Ushers in Christmas Season



Christmas ushers in a season of gladness and merry-making that is marked in most Slavic countries by the gay and spirited performance of traditional folk dances. Among the most colorful is the fast and furious sword dance of Ukrainian Cossacks which is portrayed here by the dancing group of St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox church of Chicago.

Christmas Holly Makes Tasty Tea

Holly is useful for something besides Christmas wreaths. Yaupon, a shrub which grows profusely in certain sections of North Carolina, can be brewed into tea and is actually on the menu of one Carolinian hotel.

It's an old story to old-timers of the region. They've been drinking Yaupon tea for centuries and swear that it has all kinds of good qualities.

The Indians before them used it, and John Lawson, an early historian, said the shrub was so highly valued that it was carried into the inland where it fetched a fabulous price from Indian tribes.

Actually, Yaupon is an American holly, but is closely akin to Mate, the drink so popular in South America. Both drinks are prepared much the same way. The leaves are cured with hot stones in a barrel and then chopped up, twigs included, and dried out in an oven. Leaves and twigs are then steeped in hot water and syrup, orange juice, lemon juice and cinnamon are added.

So at Christmas, instead of throwing away that dried up wreath, try brewing it up into a pot of tea.

Serbian Glorify Abundant Harvest

The Serbian strews his table with hay or straw at Christmas time and he is likely to eat roasted suckling pig for Christmas dinner. Weather permitting, a fire is built outdoors on Christmas morning and the pig roasted over it on a spit.

The Serbians, as well as the Croats, have several Christmas customs in common. Both plant wheat on a plate on December 10th. By Christmas day there is a miniature field of wheat which serves as a decoration, usually placed on a window sill.

Before sunrise on Christmas morning, the men of the family go into a nearby forest to fell a young oak tree. It is selected with great care and traditional rites must be observed in cutting it down. It must fall toward the East at the moment of sunrise. It is brought home in state and lighted candles are held on each side of the door through which it is carried.

Corn and wine are sprinkled on this Yule log while wishes for an abundant harvest for the next summer are expressed. As soon as the log is placed in the fire and is burning brightly, a neighbor, chosen beforehand for the ceremony, enters the house to bring Christmas blessings. He pours a little wine on the log and places a coin on it, a symbol of prosperity for the coming year.

Biblical 'Stables' Were Hewn Caves

The "stable" in which Christ was born does not conform to the modern conception of the word.

In Biblical times, places of shelter were hewn in rocky ledges; Judean travelers, frequently housed in such caves, welcomed joint tenancy with beasts because of the extra warmth provided by the animal's bodies.

The birthplace of Jesus was such a cave. Now a grotto beneath Bethlehem's Church of Nativity, the entire surface has been elaborately ornamented.

Yule Log Fires Prevented Evil

Centuries ago huge fires were built in the great baronial halls in England on Christmas eve and the servants brought in a log that was to burn throughout Christmas.

It was customary to save a brand from each year's fire to light the next one with. If the log was properly burned it was believed that the devil was powerless to do any mischief to the household.

Christmas Trees Universal Symbol

The Christmas tree is almost a universal symbol. It is common in many countries and its decorations mirror the cultural traditions and customs of the world.

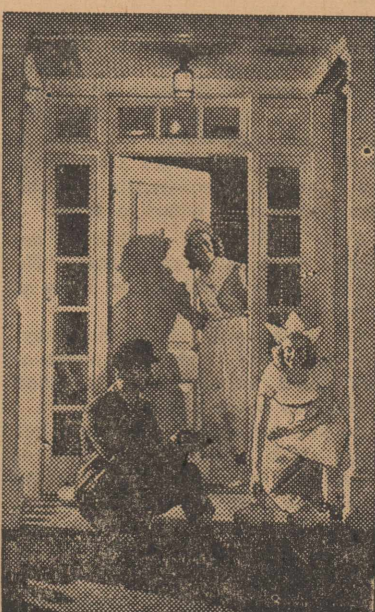
The Japanese, who adopted the American baseball, have also adopted the Christmas tree. They have given it an oriental appearance by decorating its branches with Japanese dolls, woodcuts, small tangerines and rice cookies called "sembei" that hold paper slips of fortunes.

In Germany, where the Christmas tree originated, chains and baskets made by hand—from ordinary newspapers when nothing else is available—are hung on the tree. Candles have been used for illumination ever since the time of Martin Luther, when the custom of decorating trees at Christmas first began.

The French Christmas tree is loaded with glittering ornaments and sugar-balls hang from its branches.

In Italy, the crib is the traditional symbol of Christmas and is carefully arranged beneath every Italian tree. This custom dates back to 1223 when St. Francis of Assisi arranged the first crib at Greccio, Italy, using a simple manger with a doll to represent the Christ Child and adding live animals for realism.

Czechs decorate their trees with clusters of gilded nuts, apples, and cookies made to resemble animal figures, peasant girls, stars and village huts.



Chicago Museum of Science and Industry.

Placing wooden shoes on the doorstep for the good Saint to fill with toys and sweets is traditional Dutch fashion. Carrots are left in the shoes for the white horse which St. Nicholas rides in Holland.

Old Roman Holiday Like Christmas

Long before Christ was born the Romans observed a holiday that was very much like modern Christian celebrations of Christmas. The day was December 19, known as the Feast of Saturnalia.

The Romans ornamented their homes with green boughs. Also, the Druids observed the Feast by gathering and decorating with mistletoe, while ancient Saxons used holly, ivy and bay.

Ancient Swiss Legends Recalled on Christmas

Winter beauty and winter sports reach the acme of perfection in Switzerland by Christmas time—and ancient Christmas legends rule.

Legend has it that all you have to do on Christmas eve is cut an onion in half, peel off 12 layers and fill the same with salt. Each layer represents a month and those which are still salty the next morning predict rain.



SCRIPTURE: Daniel 7; Revelation 1; 4:8b, 11; 11:15b; 15:3b-4; 21:22. DEVOTIONAL READING: Revelation 7:9-17.

God's V-Day

Lesson for December 26, 1948.

EVERYBODY loves a fight, they say. But the underdog does not love it, and nobody loves one that goes on and on and seems to have no end. The longest war in history is the war that mankind wages against everything that is out to destroy him. It is the war between man at his best and man at his worst, between the angel and the devil in man himself. We seem to be the underdogs—and how tired we grow of it!

God's Fight

THE Bible shows us that this fight is not one in which we human beings are left to defend ourselves alone. We have an enemy, Satan; and we have an ally, God. Whenever a man lines up against anything that is wrong, hateful, deceitful, destructive, and on the side of what is creative, just, brotherly and true, he finds that this is not a private fight, it is not even the struggle of mankind alone. It is a cosmic conflict.

God's universe is not a neat garden in which only flowers grow; he has to work cutting down the weeds. His universe is not a realm at peace, with no need even for police; treason is abroad, rebellion breaks out here and there.

The Greeks used to think that the gods never went to any trouble, they ruled without effort. But the Christian Bible tells of a God who does have troubles, who meets opposition and fights against it.

Bright Books for Dark Times

TWO books in our Bible bring this out in a startling way: Daniel and Revelation. We have been thinking through three months now about various kinds of literature in the Bible. The kind represented by the two books is called "Apocalyptic." Scholars have discovered a number of similar books, but these two are incomparably the greatest and were the only two to be admitted to the Bible. One feature of all apocalyptic literature is that it always appears in dark times, and its first readers are people down at the bottom of the heap, people beyond all human hope.

Daniel, long before the time of Christ, and Revelation, two generations later than Christ, came as lights in a very dark world. The first of these books circulated when the Jews were hard pressed by Syrian persecutors, and when the other came out, the Christians were about to be crushed out of existence by cruel Roman emperors.

Observing what went on in those days, you might have thought the Jews, or the Christians as the case might be, had no prospects of surviving. But these books brought a brighter message: Have courage! God will not lose!

A Code in Pictures

DANIEL and Revelation are both hard to understand, and for the same reason. Their messages are framed not always in plain language but in symbols. Hidden meanings abound.

This had to be so; if one of these books fell (as sometimes they did) into the hands of the persecuting agents of the Syrian or Roman governments, it would not get the owner into trouble, for the agent would hardly be able to interpret the strange language.

All sorts of weird creatures and events move through these mysterious pages, and they often probably refer to persons or events known to the writers and the first readers: beasts with iron teeth and horns with eyes; a flaming throne set on a river of fire; golden vials filled with the wrath of God; a red dragon sweeping the stars down with its tail.

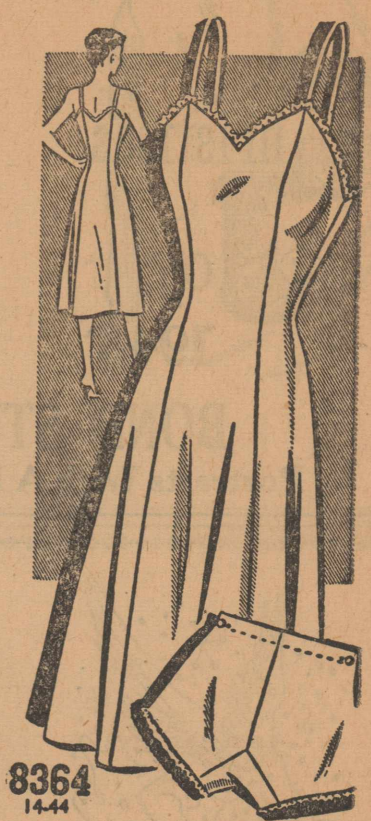
God's Victory

WE NEED not be distressed now at not being able to unlock all the code in which these extraordinary books are written. We can read them for their sheer beauty and force of imagination, for one thing, and we cannot miss their main truth. The bright picture of the New Jerusalem in Rev. 21. 2 is one of the loveliest and most comforting passages in the entire Bible.

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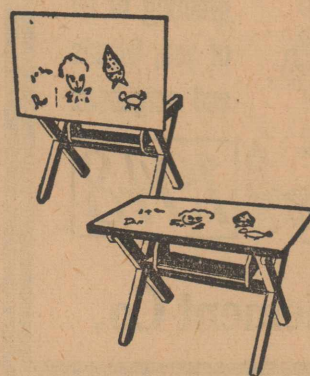
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A Double Duty Table For Children to Use



THIS table does double duty. It can be used as a play table or the top, being hinged, may be raised to vertical position and used as a blackboard. The top is finished with black presswood or the plywood top may be covered with blackboard paint. The table stands 24 inches high and has a top measuring 22x36 inches.

Send 25 cents for Blackboard Table Pattern No. 117 to Easi-Build Pattern Company, Dept. W, Pleasantville, N. Y.

If you suffer from pocket-book pinch come the Yuletide season, here's a grand way to get around the gift-giving problem. For the smokers on your list, order cartons of mild, flavorful Camel cigarettes and pound tins of Prince Albert Smoking Tobacco—the largest-selling smoking tobacco in the country. When you give Camels or Prince Albert, you're giving smoking pleasure at its best—and a generous supply of it! The Camel carton, for example, contains 200 mild, cool cigarettes. Both Camels and Prince Albert packages will fit in perfectly with the spirit of the season, thanks to their colorful and gay wrappings. There's even ample space provided for a "Merry Christmas" message in your own handwriting. If you remind your dealer now to put away a gift-quota of Camels and Prince Albert, he can have them ready when you want them. (Adv.)

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Two Billion Farm Income
The 1947 income from farm marketings in Texas totaled nearly 2 billion dollars. In fact,

the 1,942 million dollars received in that year was 74 percent above the 1,115 million received in 1945 for crops and livestock.

Parasites Take Food
Over one-third of all cattle have grubs, and most cattle have lice. And a farmer whose cattle have grubs and lice has to feed about 15 percent more feed than usual.

Gardenias' Life Lengthened
Gardenias, which develop a yellowish-brown color in a few hours at room temperature, remain in excellent condition for 24 to 36 hours after being treated. Treatment with a 10 per cent dispersion of latex cuts evaporation loss by about 50 per cent. The dispersion can be applied by ordinary air-compressor equipment, by a hand spray or by dipping. It evaporates quickly and leaves a film less than one-thousandth of an inch thick, which is perfectly transparent and possesses a very low, moisture-vapor transmission coefficient.



By PATRICIA SINCLAIR
AVIS stood inside the spacious hall of the Carron home with her small overnight bag at her feet and greeted the slim girl approaching her. "Merry Christmas, Barbara! Oh-h, it's snowing beautifully outside!" She looked down at the snow on the toes of her small white boots. "I hate to track it in," she said.
"Don't worry about that. I'm so happy you came," Barbara smiled and helped Avis remove her snow-covered garments.
"Oh, I wouldn't have missed coming for all the world," Avis said, and meant it, now that she was actually there. Her dark eyes swept the attractive, decorated home, and the inviting fire that roared

Wills Save Disputes
A will is the best way of guaranteeing that property will be disposed of as the owner wishes. Without a will, the heirs may become involved in a chancery suit, and it may be a number of years before the estate is settled.

ORDINANCE NO. 124; OCCUPATION TAXES

An Ordinance levying an occupation tax on every person, firm, corporation or association of persons pursuing any occupation taxed, or that may be hereafter taxed, by the occupation tax law of the State of Texas; fixing the

amount of such tax at one-half the State tax; and providing a penalty for its violation.
BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Stratford, Texas, that:
Section 1: There shall be and is hereby levied, and there shall be collected from every person, firm, company, or association of persons pursuing any occupation taxed by the general laws of the state of Texas, an annual occupation tax equal in each instance to one-half of the State Occupation Tax, which said taxes shall be paid annually in advance except where otherwise provided by the State law, in which event the same may be paid as is provided by the State law.
Section 2: There shall be levied and there shall be collected from every person, firm, com-

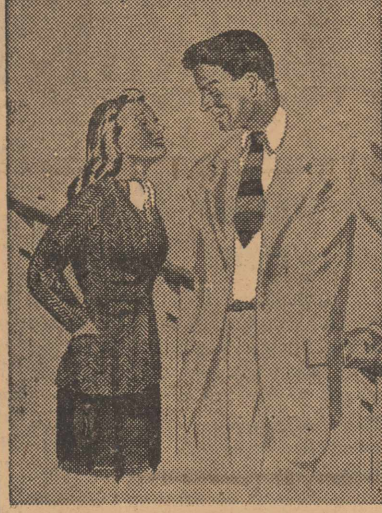
pany or association of persons pursuing any occupation that may hereafter be taxed by the General Laws of the State of Texas, an amount equal to one-half of such said State Occupation Tax, which shall be levied and collected as provided in Section 1.
Section 3: That any person who may violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined in any sum not less than One Dollar nor more than One Hundred Dollars.
Passed and approved, this the 9th day of December 1948.
Signed: VAN B. BOSTON,
Mayor, City of Stratford.
Attest:
W. P. FOREMAN,
City Secretary.

Christmas Joy 1948
OUR TRADITIONAL WISH FOR YOU IS ONE OF JOY-FILLED DAYS DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.
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Greetings to all our friends this Christmas Season.
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We echo the world-wide greeting to all of you, friends and neighbors.
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Merry Christmas
1948
Tradition meets the present in the holiday season and we're happy to add our greetings to the rest.
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Avis laughed, and her eyes glowed as they lifted to meet Steve's.
about huge logs in an immense fireplace in the room beyond.
"I hope you'll enjoy yourself, Avis," Barbara said. "My guests have not all arrived. Would you like to go up to your room first and—"
"Take the shine from my nose! Yes, thanks so much," Avis responded eagerly, knowing that she needed a few repairing touches after the long trip out to the Carron home by bus.
As she ascended the stairs she thought, how right Barbara had been when she'd told her the other day, after inviting her to her home for the week-end and a Christmas party, "You can't stay in your apartment alone on Christmas. You can't become a recluse just because some fellow preferred another girl to you. You should start all over again."

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OF YOU
1948
Breezes are bursting with gaiety during this season and we're mighty glad to be a part of it all. We hope that this Christmas for you is your happiest ever.
Van B. Boston

CHRISTMAS 1948 BEST WISHES
It's an ideal time to wish for you all the good things in life.
We're delighted to extend this holiday greeting to all our friends.
McIntosh Dry Goods

Barbara was like that. At times Avis couldn't help envying Barbara's carefree, unstable attitude toward men. Barbara would never know the sting of loneliness, the bitter yearning for someone who had become the purpose of life itself.
Avis hadn't told Barbara, nor anyone, everything about her acquaintance with Steve Ross. She hadn't even told Barbara his name. There was no point in going into detail and revealing: "I crossed three states just to get away from the sight of him constantly with the new blonde who came to town."
Avis could hear Barbara's response to such a revelation, "No battle was ever won by an army of cowards!"
But Avis wasn't built that way. She had pride, and from observation she'd learned that one-sided marriages never panned out.
As she ran a comb through her short dark hair she thought of Steve. It had been two months since she left the little town of Allen Glen. He and Ann were married now of course. They'd spend their first Christmas together.
Her eyes flared, but she quickly brushed aside the threat of tears and hurried from the room to join Barbara and her guests below. She was glad she'd come. She wouldn't have a chance to think of Steve.
Avis started down the stairs but stopped midway when she saw Steve Ross smiling up at her from the hall below.
He said, "I'm not a ghost, Avis! Merry Christmas, and—well, aren't you glad to see me?" He looked uncertain.
Avis moved down the stairs. "But I didn't know you knew Barbara—"
Steve reached for her hands. "Our dads were acquaintances away back," he said. "Was it quite fair for you to skip town, Avis, and not say a word about where you were going?"
"I—I didn't think you'd miss me," Avis stammered.
"Miss you?" He pressed her hands. "Avis, what's that old saying about absence makes the heart grow fonder? Anyway, I've had a terrible time tracking you down, until I thought of Barbara."
"Barbara never said a word," Avis said, still amazed.
Steve chuckled. "She's a regular cupid. She told me to come tonight and explain more fully about the run-away girl I was trying to find. Then after I got here she told me to wait in the hall, there'd be a Christmas gift appear on the stairs. I suspected then, of course."
Avis laughed, and her eyes glowed as they lifted to meet Steve's. "Christmas gift indeed!" she said.

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