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Star Gazing

By DON HOUK

The Child of Bethlehem
At midnight the bells ring out
A new king is born.
A saintly visitor came to earth
To live a few short years "to
mourn."
A babe in the manger,
The Prince of Peace;
A shining star led men to Him.
Hail Him the child of Bethlehem.
God recognized His Son on earth
A few years after His birth.
"This is My Son, Hear Ye Him,
This is the child of Bethlehem."
God sent His Son to earth,
A sinful world to save.
Hail Him, the Prince, the King
of Peace,
Hail Him, the child of Bethle-
hem.

The above was contributed by
Mrs. Lena E. Keenan.

Dear Santa:
I was six months old last Satur-
day. Of course, I can't talk or
write. But my Dad seems to un-
derstand me pretty well, so he's
writing this for me.
This is my first Christmas. I
sure thought that tree was pret-
ty when Mom took me into the
living room to see it Tuesday
of friends of my Mom and Dad.
night.
My needs are simple. Santa. A

few clothes, a warm bed, some
food (chicken and applesauce are
my favorites) and a little love are
all that I want to keep me happy.
I would like to put in a good
word for a few other people.

You will be rewarded by the
warmness of visits to the homes
They have helped them over the
rough spots of the past year with
understanding and encouragement.
Their friends probably don't re-
alize how much my parents cher-
ish the timely words of praise and
the thoughtfulness, but I do. I can
sense the thankfulness and grati-
tude my folks feel.

The fellas and gals at the Texan
office must treat Dad real good,
too. He thinks they're tops, be-
cause he told me so.

This will be the folks' third
Christmas in Texas. I know they
miss Grandma and Grandpa Gray-
son and Grandma and Grandpa
Houk. They don't talk much about
it, but I can tell. Nanna Grayson is
kinda special to them, too, so don't
forget her.

Uncle Cliff and Aunt Evelyn,
Aunt Sis and Uncle Jim, and Ric-
ky, Randy and Robby, my cousins,
would feel honored if you visited
them, they must be pretty nice,
since Mom and Dad talk about
them often.

And Santa, during your rounds
Christmas Eve, touch the heart of
everybody to help remind them
that Jesus is the center of this
thing that is happening at my
house.

I don't understand too much
about what it means, but the folks
seem so full of happiness and joy,

Christmas With TB



This is Christmas? A crib in a hospital ward? Lorelei has tubercu-
losis. She caught TB from an adult who had the disease without know-
ing it. Efforts to find the unknown cases of TB are supported by funds
raised in the Christmas Seal Sale now being carried on by the 3,000
tuberculosis associations in the United States.

500 Attend Dedication Of New Offices And Gymnasium

Approximately 500 attended the
dedication of the new administra-
tion building and gym Tuesday in
Stratford, Supt. R. W. Standefer,
Jr. reports.

F. B. Mullins, main speaker, traced
the history and development of
the Stratford school system and
gave a biographical sketch of the
late L. M. Price, in whose memory
the ceremony was dedicated.

Mr. Price's picture hangs in the
entrance hall of the new building.
The building was dedicated to
future generations of Stratford
children.

The Stratford boys and girls
won a double-header basketball
game from Sunray.

The Elks score was 57-43 with
Mike Neal scoring 17 points.
The girls whipped their oppo-
nents 52-45. Carolyn Folsom made
30 points.

Brayshaws To Make Illinois Trip Next Week

Mr. and Mrs. Cryder Brayshaw
and Rodney will go to Illinois im-
mediately following Christmas
morning services at the First
Christian church.
They will return to Stratford Dec.
31.

I can't help but notice. Maybe some
day you can help me understand.
Please don't disappoint anybody.
Mr. Claus. It's so wonderful to feel
the spirit of Christmas. I'd like
everybody to feel it, too.
God Bless You
Gray Houk

Sorority Plans Dance New Years For Students

Mrs. Ross Wells is announcing
that the Texas Nu Beta chapter
of Beta Sigma Phi sorority will
sponsor a New Years Eve dance,
beginning at 9 p.m., for all high
school and college students in
Stratford.

It will be held in the American
Legion hall. Music will selected
records on a juke box.

High school room mothers and
their husbands, high school teach-
ers and their husbands and wives
are invited to attend, also, Mrs.
Wells said.

"The sorority would like to in-
vite all high school and college
students to attend," Mrs. Wells
concluded.

FHA Loan Policy Being Revised

Revised loan regulations sent to
county offices of the Farmers
Home Administration this week
emphasize that the ability of
farmers and ranchers to repay the
loans they receive is the major
factor to consider in determining
the soundness of a loan, according
to Walter T. McKay, the agency's
State Director, it is learned from
Fred A. Groves, Dumas FHA su-
pervisor.

The loan policies of the Great
Plains credit program, which began
last August, were reviewed last
week by officials of the agency at
meetings in Denver and Amarillo.
Special loans made in 145 counties
in six Great Plains states enable
farmers and ranchers to pay the
cost of developing and carrying on
the proper type of farming that provides
the proper land use in the area;
in addition credit is available for
annual operating needs.

Soil resources, past production
record of the farm, the applicant's
ability and experience, farm plans
and similar factors are used to
determine the repayment ability of
the applicant. A land capability
map will be prepared by the Soil
Conservation Service for the farm
or ranch to be operated with the
proceeds of the loan.

Each loan applicant is expected
to carry out farming practices that
will make proper use of his land
and to take part in all programs
designed to develop a sound agri-
cultural economy. However, whether
or not a loan is made depends
upon whether it finances the type
of farming that will enable the
borrower to repay the funds ad-
vanced.

When needed adjustment in
farming practices are to be made
a detailed farm and home plan
will be prepared and management

guidance will be provided by the
county supervisors of the FHA to
the extent needed.

When credit is required to fi-
nance annual operating expenses
only a minimum of planning is re-
quired and farm management guid-
ance will not accompany the loan.
The credit provided by the FHA
will be used only to supplement
credit available from private and
cooperative lenders.

Loans are made for the purchase
of livestock, farm equipment, seed,
fertilizer, feed, insecticides, farm
supplies, and other farm and home
operating needs.

Loans are also made to finance
soil conservation measures, devel-
opment of domestic and irrigation
water systems, repair of existing
farm buildings, and when neces-
sary, the purchase of additional
land needed to provide an econom-
ic unit.

In cases where it is necessary,
to enable the farmer or rancher to
continue his operations, loans
may include funds to refinance
certain chattel indebtedness.

A loan may be made to a farm
owner or farm operation if the
applicant (1) is an established op-
erator and is primarily engaged in
farming or livestock operations;

(2) is unable to obtain the neces-
sary credit elsewhere; (3) will
have reasonable prospects of suc-
cess with the assistance of the
loan; and (4) will own or have
available under satisfactory ten-
ure arrangements a farm suitable
for carrying on successful farming
operations.

Sherman county is among the
57 Texas counties included in the
Great Plains credit program.

Applications for loans are made
at the county offices of the FHA.
The local county FHA committee
determines the eligibility of appli-
cants for these loans.

Soil District Rejected In Sherman County

The resident landowners of
Sherman county defeated a pro-
posed soil conservation district in
the county in a referendum elec-
tion Wednesday it is reported by
Ernest Goule, county agent.

Only 24.3 per cent of the votes
cast favored the formation of a
district. There were 78 ballots in
the referendum.

The results were Stratford, 24
against, 13 for; Texoma, 12
against, 1 for; and Spurlock, 23
against, 5 for. There were 59 votes
opposing creation of the district
and 19 favoring it.

Christian Church Services Hour Earlier Sunday

Bible school and morning wor-
ship services at the First Christian
church will be an hour earlier
this Sunday, Cryder Brayshaw,
minister announces.

Activities will be Bible school,
8:45 a.m., lesson, songs of the Sa-
viour's birth; morning worship,
9:45 a.m., sermon, "Christmas
Without Christ," the choir will
sing, "Christ, the Lord, is Born,"
the Lord's Supper will be observed
at this hour, a baptismal service
will be held immediately following
the invitation.

There will be no Sunday even-
ing service, Mr. Brayshaw said.

Bible study and prayer service
will be Wednesday evening at 7:00.
The junior and cherub choirs will
not practice until Jan. 4.

"Those who attend Bible school
Sunday morning and have main-
tained perfect attendance through-
out the year, will receive '52' club
pins," Brayshaw concluded.

Shirley Finch Lives In Liberal

Shirley Finch, former Stratford
resident, has completed a business
course in Dallas and is working in
Liberal. She is the daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Finch, who also

are former Stratfordites, now mak-
ing their home in Liberal.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gillis returned
Saturday from a two-week vaca-
tion trip to California.



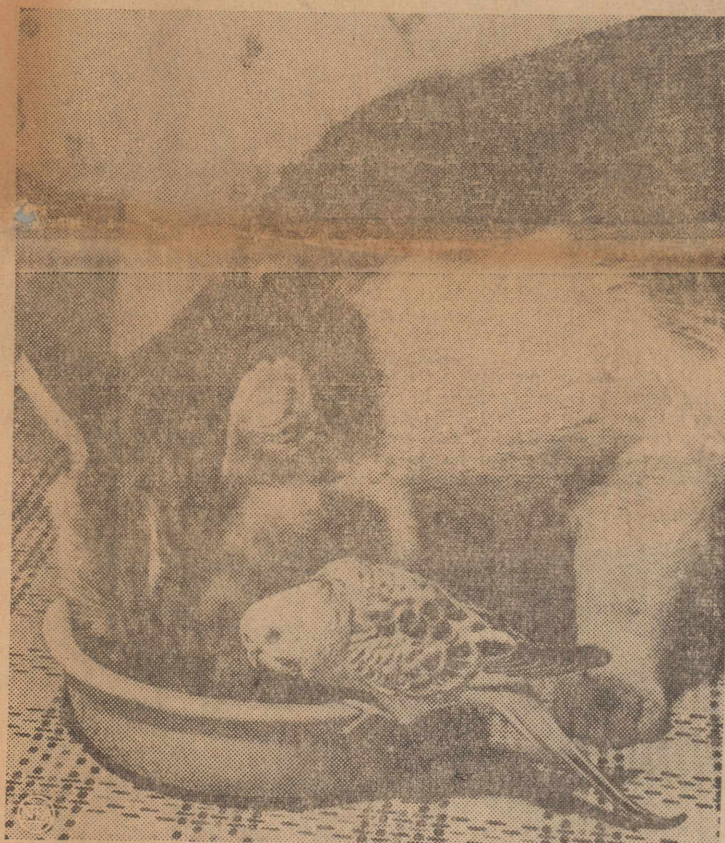
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ATOMIC PICKLE BARREL—A physicist takes the radiation count from New York University's sub-critical nuclear reactor—two tons of uranium rods in a pickle barrel. The sub-critical reactor—so called because it cannot sustain a full chain reaction—is used in N.Y.U.'s nuclear engineering education program. Experiments are made by hoisting a neutron source among the uranium rods. Water, not vinegar, as some gagster suggests, is used to shield the experiment. It is the first nuclear installation in New York City.

Stratford Squads Runners Up In Spearman Tests

The Stratford boys and girls basketball teams won the second place trophies in the Spearman Invitational tournament last weekend, according to Coaches Haskell Bibrey and Steve Scott.

The boys defeated Booker 60-39 in the first game, Mike Neal scored 21 points and Bruce Bidy got 18.

The Elks took Gruver in the semi-finals 56-48. Neal collected 18 points.

A fired-up Briscoe team overcame a 10-point deficit to whip the Stratford squad 66-50 in the finals. Neal once again came out with high point honors with 25.

Linda Riffe scored 17 points to lead the Stratford girls to a 72-44 triumph over the Booker females in the opening game.

Carolyn Folsom collected 23 points while the Stratford girls were beating Sunray 58-39 in the semi-finals.

The Stratford gals dropped a hair-raiser 42-40 to an inspired Briscoe sextet in the finals. Folsom scored 18 points.

Both Stratford teams will play in Vega Dec. 30 at 7 p.m.

Dear Santa Claus:
 I tried to be a good boy this year, though sometimes it was hard. I want a cowboy suit, a kiddie cabinet and a racing car.

My baby sister would like a soft doll and my big sister has her own letter for you. Don't forget all the other boys and girls.

Love
 Allan Ross

Dear Santa:
 I was a good little girl most of the time this year. I wish you would bring me a kiddie cabinet for my toothbrush, some doll dishes, a cabinet for the dishes, and a dressing table. Don't forget Bonnie and all the other children.

Love
 Jean Anne Ross

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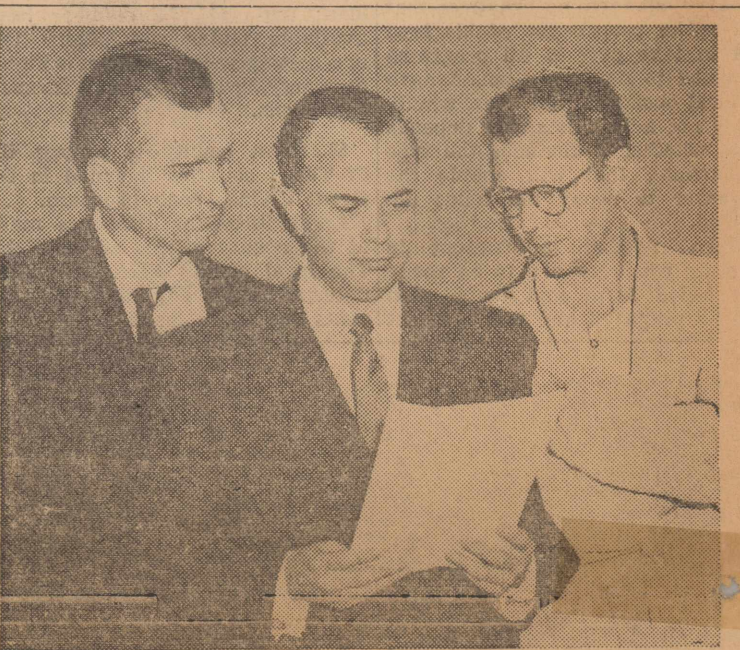
May the gladness of Christmas linger with you like the delightful music of a sweet song.

WILSON FUNERAL HOME

Trabert Top Net Player in 1955

Rangy Tony Trabert was the ace of the world's tennis courts in 1955—and proved it by drawing a professional offer estimated at \$75,000.

Naturally, Tony took it. But before he did, the blasting young man from Cincinnati wrapped up just about all the individual honors in the game, including the U.S., Wimbledon and French championships.



PROBE LEADERS CONFER—Three key figures in the Texas veterans land investigations confer in a Kerrville hospital on the many state-wide criminal and civil cases now in various stages of prosecution.

Left to right—Wiley Cheatam, former DeWitt County Attorney recently appointed by the Attorney General to head the criminal division of the Attorney General's Office in coordinating the cases under prosecution, and Attorney General John Ben Shepperd, visit Kenneth Towery, editor of the Cuero Record, who recently won a Pulitzer Prize for his work in exposing the first fraudulent land sales in the veterans land program. Towery is recuperating in the Kerrville hospital.

GREETINGS

May the blessings of the first Christmas abide with you for all time.

May the spirit of good will to all men be your guiding faith forever.

STRATFORD FLORAL

Sherman ASC Issues New Newsletter

The latest Sherman Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation committee newsletter contains information about the 1955 and 1956 ACP programs, cotton allotments and wheat measurements.

All Agriculture Conservation Practices being carried out under the 1955 program must be completed by Dec. 30 in order to be eligible for federal cost-sharing.

The 1956 ACP county practices have been approved and applications for practices to be carried out after Jan. 1 will be taken any time before the practice is started.

Forms are available in the county office for requesting "new" grower cotton allotments for 1956. Wheat measurement will be done in March.

Merry Christmas!

Just dropping in with a packful of cheery wishes for all our friends. May your Christmas be a merry one, overflowing with happiness.

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Greetings

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

We hope that Santa's good to you... and brings the things you want him to. Happy Holiday!

HANDY DRIVE-IN
 A GOOD PLACE TO EAT
 CLOSED DEC. 25TH

MERRY CHRISTMAS

We hope this glorious season is filled with joy and good health for our many friends.

GULF SUPER SERVICE

Rebs Fire Up For Bowl Game

By RUSS DALEY
 OXFORD, Miss. — UP — The Rebels are ready for a rebellion. Tired of being beaten in football bowl games and of developing a reputation that they can't win the big ones, the boys from Mississippi are out for a bit of revenge on Jan. 2 in the Cotton Bowl against Texas Christian.

It isn't that they have anything particularly against TCU. It is simply that they would like to get around to winning one of these holiday clambakes instead of being beaten regularly.

In 1952 Mississippi had its first unbeaten team in history but took a 24-7 pounding from Georgia Tech in the Sugar Bowl.

Dropped by Navy
 Last year Ole Miss lost only to Arkansas during the regular season but was thumped 21-0 by Navy in the same Sugar Bowl setting. This time Mississippi goes to Dallas with a 9-1 mark, having lost only to Kentucky. And this time the boys say things will be different.

Actually, Mississippi has won only once in four bowl games. That could be significant, too, because the lone victory was against TCU in the 1948 Delta Bowl game. In the only other bowl appearance, Catholic University squeezed out a 20-19 triumph in the 1936 Orange Bowl.

Mississippi will be an underdog in the Cotton Bowl but that doesn't disturb Coach Johnny Vaught. In fact he prefers it that way because it "will make us all the more determined to win."

Vaught is planning to use a lot of passing in an effort to stay in front of TCU and its great break-away runners, featuring Jim Swink. Both Mississippi quarterbacks, Eagle Day and Johnny Black are accurate heavers.

Greetings

May the joys of Christmas enrich your heart throughout the Holiday Season.

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa:
 I have tried to be a good boy, but it's kinda hard to do because I am three years old and full of fun.

But Santa, will you please bring me a wagon and auto-transport truck? Please don't forget my little sister.

Merry Christmas all boys and girls and their parents, too.

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 Leanna Shaver

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IT'S UP TO YOU By Howard E. Kerchner, L.H.D.

"Yoo-Hoo! Oh Mister Santy Claus!"



Molotov apologized for saying that Communist Russia had laid the foundations of socialism, whereas the party line maintains that socialism has been fully achieved and that the Soviet Union is now ready for transition to communism.

According to the Kremlin, when this transition is made everyone will be compensated in accordance with his needs as well as his output. Who determines his needs? The government. Who assesses his production? The government. Who determines whether he has produced in excess of his needs or less than his needs? The government. Who determines how much, if any, he shall give of his production to others, or how much, if any, he shall receive from the production of others? The government.

The government must, therefore, determine the needs of every person, and if he has produced less, give him something from the production of others, and if he has produced more, take it from him and give it to others.

Under such conditions men who produce more than they need will quickly stop doing it, and those who produce less will have little incentive, for theoretically at least the lack will be met from the labor of others.

Such a scheme seems repugnant and impossible to most Americans, yet a large portion of our population and a great number of our leaders are actively advocating that same system. A number of our political leaders aspiring to high office actively seek the favor of groups by advocating tariffs, subsidies, federal support for school subsidies, federal support for schools, roads housing.

One candidate is advocating increased government food purchases to steady the livestock market, and subsidy for perishable commodities including hogs.

All these proposals require the taking of money from some of our citizens and giving it to others. The citizens pay for these things either in the form of higher taxes

McCann's Analysis

By CHARLES M. MCCANN
United Press Foreign Analyst

Young King Hussein's trouble over his desire to take Jordan into the Baghdad Alliance is just another of the crises that have long beset the Arab countries.

Eight Arab nations are supposed to be united in the Arab League. When that alliance was formed March 22, 1945, it seemed to be a step toward the years-long dream of Pan-Arabism, which would unite 50 million people.

Actually the Arab countries are torn by rivalries which have prevented any real co-operation.

The Arab League members are

or higher prices, and it makes little difference which.

The whole philosophy of this scheme of society is the communist Russian doctrine of paying people in proportion to need rather than contribution toward the needs and desires of others. It cannot be done without complete subservience of the individual to government. It means the loss of all freedom and a master-slave relationship between the citizen and his government. It is curious that we do so many things here at home for which we roundly criticize Russia. If we had looked to the preservation of our own freedom, we would be in better position to oppose the ideology and practice of the Kremlin tyrants.

Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Yemen and Libya.

Both Egypt and Saudi Arabia would like to be dominant in the Arab world.

A Feud Inherited
King Saud of Saudi Arabia has inherited from his father, Ibn Saud, a feud with Jordan and Iraq.

Saud, like his father, is bitterly opposed to a recurrent proposal for a "greater Syria" which would unite the blood-related royal houses of Jordan and Iraq with Syria.

Syria wants no part of any such union.

Lebanon, though a member of the Arab League, does not want to be dominated by it and especially it does not want to be drawn into a war with Israel.

The so-called Baghdad Pact was a punishing blow to Arab unity, if a blow were needed.

This treaty for Middle Eastern defense against Communist agreement was signed Feb. 26 last between Turkey and Iraq.

Egypt and Saudi Arabia were bitterly angry over this development. It hit at their own ambition for Arab leadership and it put Turkey, the most powerful of Middle Eastern nations, into an influential position.

Since then Pakistan, Iran and Great Britain have joined the alliance and the United States has associated itself with it.

Now Jordan is involved in a serious internal crisis because King Hussein wants his country to enter it.

In doing that, Hussein would be following the lead of his cousin King Faisal of Iraq.

From English Schools
"Anti-colonialists" might suspect that Britain has played a part in this situation.

Both Hussein and Faisal attended Harrow, the famous English "public" school—which means it is highly private—that numbers Winston Churchill among its more illustrious pupils.

Iraq has long been allied with Britain, and Jordan's Arab Legion, the most powerful fighting force in the Arab world, is commanded by British Gen. Glubb Pasha, who is John Bagot Glubb. He has been in Jordan since 1928, after fighting there in World War I, and assumed command of the Legion in 1939.

As it happens, the Baghdad pact has become the strong alliance which the Arab League was supposed to be.

Economy And Fertilizer Meet Jan. 12

A farmer meeting Jan. 12, 1956 to discuss fertilization and economy has been announced by Ernest Goule, Sherman county agent.

Bill Ott, Goodwell, Panhandle A&M college agronomist, will talk about his research with fertilizers on wheat and grain sorghums at the PAMC experiment station.

Dr. Alvin B. Wooten, College Station, Extension Service economist, will give a farm forecast.

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Washington News Notebook

It's Christmas Gift Time in Capital; Necktie Problem Overwhelms Pat Nixon

BY DOUGLAS LARSEN AND KENNETH O. GILMORE
NEA Staff Correspondents

WASHINGTON—(NEA)—Buletins from the Christmas shopping front:

Vice President Nixon is going to get something special in the way of neckties. His wife Pat spent a half hour in the men's tie department of the most exclusive department store in town and walked out without making a purchase. She couldn't find anything to suit her needs, she said.

Secretary of Treasury Humphrey and Secretary of State Dulles are waiting until they get to Paris to buy for their wives. They'll be there for a NATO conference just before Christmas.

FOR MOST OF THE CABINET it will be Christmas with the kids. The Wilsons will be in Detroit with their six children and 15 grandchildren. The Brownells will be here with their four offspring.

The Bensons will have four of their children here with them, but two married ones living in the West can't make it.

YOU'VE NEVER SEEN such a crowd of eager, primping, eyelash-batting debutantes as are abroad this season. As one young Air Force officer remarked at a recent big deb party, "They're not only jet-propelled this year, but they have their afterburners cut in, too." Here's the reason:

The handsome 43-year-old Prince Rainier II of Monaco is going to be in town for two months looking for a wife. His principlality does not include much more than the Monte Carlo gambling resort. But what there is of it is gay and colorful.

WHEN FORMER N.Y. Lt. Gov. Frank C. Moore drove up to the hotel where the big White House Conference on Education was being held, the cab driver asked him:

"Don't tell me you're one of them connected with that meeting?"

"Yes," Moore replied. "I hap-

pen to be a member of the committee."

"Well," the cabbie said, "they're the greatest bunch of nondrinkers and nontippers we've ever had in town."

THE MEAT BALL ROUTINE in Washington is getting out of hand. Now you can't even taste the hamburger.

Seems every embassy here wants to add a special flavor. At a private party for Pakistan Ambassador Mohammed Ali and his wife the other evening, meat balls were all over the buffet.

In Pakistan this dish is called kofta. They served them three ways yet. Spiced, dry or in sauce.

COCKTAIL ODDS:

Two to one that the Communist embassies close their op-soc-door policy here before the winter is over.

Five to one against Margaret Truman becoming engaged to New Jersey Gov. Robert B. Meyner. Odds are less on a New York TV actor.

Even that Ike will play his first round of golf before Easter.

THERE'S SERIOUS DOUBT in aviation circles that the Reds invented the first airplane, as they claim. But there's no denying that they've come up with a pretty historic baby-sitting idea in this town. At the Czech embassy, at least, members of the staff can bring their kids to parties and park them upstairs under the guidance of a nurse.

This could defect the nurse to democracy, but it suits Lt. Col. Franticek Tishler, military attache, and his wife. "Greatest social advance in years," he claims.

WHO'S KIDDIN' who dept.: After the Czech party the enthusiastic wife of a well-known local pinko cooed to everyone within a 50-foot range, "Isn't peaceful coexistence wonderful?"

O, Holy Night

As you celebrate the Birthday of Him, who was born in Bethlehem upon the Holy Night of long ago, may the true spirit of Christmas surround you and your loved ones, lifting your hearts anew with its glorious promise of "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

G. & G. GROCERY

Christmas
For all of our friends we wish a real old-fashioned holiday filled with good cheer and happiness. Merry Christmas, all!

MRS. LELAH BONEY
COUNTY & DISTRICT CLERK

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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The time for pleasures that never cease.
We wish you all at this time of year
A plentiful measure of Yuletide cheer!

C & E PAINT & BODY SHOP

Mr. And Mrs. Ted Reynolds Feted On 25th Anniversary

Attend Meeting Of Hi-Plains Radio Club

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McDaniel and children attended the Christmas dinner-party for the Hi-Plains Amateur Radio Club at Plains, Kans., Sunday.

Mrs. Cunningham Is Much Improved

Mrs. Sam Cunningham returned home Saturday from Kansas City where she received treatment two weeks.

MR & MRS TED 2-24 SOX Mr. and Mrs. Ted Reynolds were honored on their 25th Wedding anniversary Tuesday night of this week with a surprise party at their home.

The party was given by their daughter, Mrs. Glenna Shaver, and Mrs. G. C. Dortch.

Punch and cake were served to the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Matthews and Patsy, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Matthews and Sherian of Dalhart; C. W. Reynolds, Walter Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Dortch and Doris, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Lyons, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Shaver, and children, Rev. and Mrs. Chas. Gates, Teddy and Lynn Reynolds.

The three-tiered cake was beautifully decorated with pink flowers, a miniature bride and groom, and the number "25" in silver.

Games of canasta and dominoes were played. Many lovely gifts were received by the honored couple.

TRY A STAR CLASSIFIED THEY GET RESULTS



PRIZE STUDY OF HOMEWORK—This picture of a pretty Chinese girl doing homework won first prize in a New York picture contest. Six-year-old Elaine Leong not only has to study her regular school lessons, she's also learning Chinese after classes. Her father, Sing Leong, took this picture of her writing Chinese characters in their Brooklyn home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Gilmer and boys, Amarillo, visited in the Harry Jackson home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Roberts and

girls plan to leave Friday for Littlefield where they will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. David Kethey and Mrs. A. S. Kendricks.

Try A Star Classified

PRE-HOLIDAY BUYS IN FINE FOODS for XMAS FEASTING

HEMET — WHOLE NO. 2 1/2 TIN Spiced Peaches 27c
COKES — DR. PEPPERS — FLAVORS BEVERAGES 6 bottle ctn. 25c PLUS BOTTLE DEPOSIT
WHITE SWAN — VERTICLE PACK NO. 303 TIN GREEN BEANS 29c
IMPERIAL 1 LB. BOX POWDERED SUGAR .. 2 boxes 25c

PURE CANE SUGAR 10 LB. BAG 97c

PUFFINS 10 TO TUBE BISCUITS 2 pkgs. 19c

FRESH COUNTRY EGGS — doz. 49c

FREE WHITE OR YELLOW JOLLY TIME POP CORN FREE (WITH \$10.00 GROCERY PURCHASE)

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PREMIUM BEEF ROUND STEAK lb. 75c
ASSORTED LUNCH MEATS lb. 49c
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LEAN & MEATY SHORT RIBS lb. 17c

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TOKAY GRAPES lb. 12c
LARGE SIZE — CENTRAL AMERICAN BANANAS lb. 13c
GOLDEN YELLOW Sweet Potatoes lb. 9c
EXTRA FANCY — CELLO PKG. Celery Hearts lb. 23c

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Our hearts are filled with the warmest wishes for the merriest Christmas you ever enjoyed.

DAVIS MOTOR CO.

Greetings to All

'Tis the season to be jolly...and happy are we to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.

STRATFORD HOTEL AREACE LE BLEU

Holiday Greetings

May this Holiday Season bring you everything you want most.

STRATFORD GRAIN COMPANY

Texas Nu Beta Christmas Party At Riffe Home

Texas Nu Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its annual Christmas party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Riffe Thursday, Dec. 15.

Jannie Vincent presented Ida Mae Hart of Gruver. Mrs. Hart told beautifully the Christmas story of the Fourth Wise Man.

A turkey dinner with all its trimmings was served to Mr. and Mrs. Dee Brannan, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Buckles, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Cummings, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dettle, Mr. and Mrs. Demas Eller, Mr. & Mrs. Dean Heil, Mr. & Mrs. N. W. Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. George Jeffcoat, Mr. and Mrs. Duard Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lasley, Mr. and Mrs. Lucky Senna, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vincent, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wisdom, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Riffe, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hart of Gruver, Mrs. Doug Dettle, Mrs. Roy Mitchell and Don Riffe.

Gifts were opened and a rousing game of charades was enjoyed by all.

Jim Brown Has Recent Operation

Jim Brown, former Stratford resident, has undergone an operation in a Dallas hospital.

According to reports, he is getting along fine and expects to be released from the hospital this week.

Here and There

Mrs. Fred Hale and children, Doug and Darrell, of Perryton visited last week in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Malone.

Mrs. Ellen Scholls, Wichita, Kans., is a holiday visitor in the homes of Mrs. Joe Billington and Mrs. M. H. Etheridge.

Mrs. C. R. Foster had as dinner guests Sunday her son, Newton Foster, and family of Dalhart. In the afternoon they motored to Amarillo to visit relatives.

Mrs. Earl Albert, Mrs. W. E. Palmer, Mrs. C. Irlbeck and Mrs.

Teddy Irlbeck and Brenda were Dalhart visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Allen are both ill with the flu this week.

Mrs. W. P. Cummings, Mrs. M. Dortch and Mrs. Billy Cummings were Dumas visitors Tuesday.

The Don Ellisons and Newt Crabrees were Canyon visitors Thursday.

Dick Diehl attended the livestock auction in Amarillo Friday.

Mrs. C. R. Foster left today (Thursday) for El Paso to spend Christmas with her sons, John and Shelton Foster, and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Condy Salmon will spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Ethridge.

Mrs. D. E. Malone and Mrs. Fred Hale visited Mrs. Arthur Ritchey in Dalhart last Friday.

Among those attending the ball games last weekend at Spearman were Mr. and Mrs. Don Ellison, Mr. and Mrs. Newt Crabtree, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Riffe, Mr. and Mrs. Hose Flores, Mr. and Mrs. Joy Smith, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Davis, Donald Bonar, Virgle Garoutte, Bill Reed, Gary Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. Don Tusha, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Biddy, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Palmer, Darrel Cotneys, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cummings, Mrs. Jean Hamilton, George Allen and Lynn.

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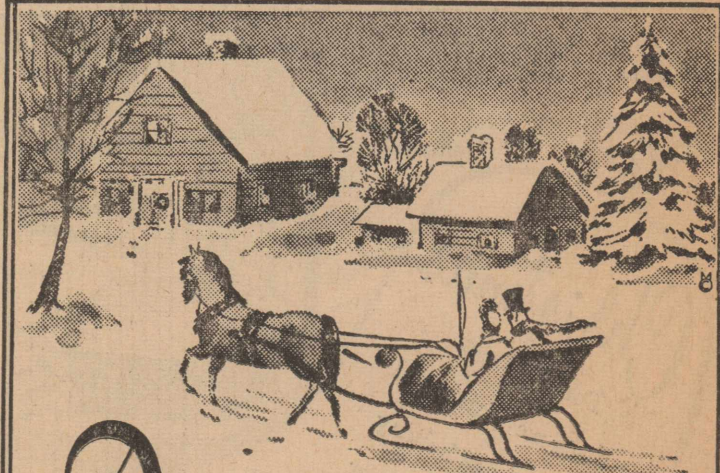
Mrs. Maxine Hooley and Mrs. Elden Smith and baby, Amarillo visited with Mrs. Ruby Palmer Sunday.

Miss Betty Lou O'Brien is here from Los Angeles, Calif., for a Christmas visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. O'Brien.

Mrs. Curtis Davis and children arrived last weekend to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Naugle. Mr. Davis will join his family Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Wilson have moved to Kerrick where they have opened a cafe.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Kessey and



A Merry Christmas

Our Yuletide best to all our friends ...for a season packed with all the wonderful things that Christmas means!

CITY DRUG

MR. & MRS. M. S. HORTON



Greetings

We hope the magic of this glorious season extends throughout the year for you and yours...bringing with it the blessing of happiness, the joy of good health and the pleasure of warm friendships.

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SEE ME FOR irrigation and improvement loans. Also handle refinancing of loans. Minnie Laura Jackson, Phone 2031. 49-tfc

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J - K Irrigation Well Pulling Service Bob Jacobs — Ralph Keener Stratford, Texas Phone 2271 — Box 121

TREE and shrubbery pruning. Phone 4566, T. J. O'Neil. 24

WANTED: have buyers for Sherman County land. Let me have your listings. Minnie Laura Jackson, phone 2031.

For Trade

NICE FOUR bedroom house, large garage, outbuildings in Hereford, Texas for farm land. By owner, H. D. Buse, 210 Catalpa Street, phone 866-J. 24

Lost

ONE HOUSE JACK, somewhere in Stratford. Finder please leave Massie Welding Shop. O. T. Hyso. 24

LAST WEEK, SHETLAND pony, mostly black with white feet and legs. Mane roached with top-knot on head. Notify Albert Zimmer. Stratford. 22

MOYER Motor Co. Key Ring. Call 3946.

FOR SALE

VIRGIN FARM LAND 8 inch irrigation wells. Lays perfect for irrigation. Deep heavy soil. Bargain price — 29 percent down and long terms. 14 mi. north and 2 mi. east of Nara Visa, N. M. Write or call Lone Star Trading Post, 1116-14th, Lubbock — PO3-7321. 15-22

21 FT KIT KAMPER Chateau all metal trailer house. Call 4271 or see Leslie Dodson at Stratford. 15

FOR SALE, TRADE OR LEASE 30x70 FOOT Bldg. Apartment in rear. On Main Street in Stratford. See Henry McIntosh. tfc

FOUR ROOM house, nice bath — three big lots. Write Mrs. Lula Shivers, Box 656, Grand Saline, Texas. tfc

MAGIC CHEF gas range, in good condition. \$50.00. Brown Ross.

2 1/2 TON GMC truck with 2,200 gallon water tank mounted. In good condition. With pump mounted or take off. Call 4271 or Consumers Co.

ALL WALL PAPER in stock 10c single roll or 20c bolt. Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Co. Stratford, Texas. 29

REAL ESTATE For Sale

ONE-FOURTH SECTION of land in Sherman County. Contact A. L. Ross, Stratford, Texas, phone 4756.

HELP WANTED

WANTED: Housekeeper References required. Mrs. W. N. Price, Stratford, phone 3071. tfc

WANTED full time mechanic. Must be qualified for motor repair. Write Box 424, Dalhart, Texas.

Special Services

WILL DO CHRISTMAS gift wrapping for you. Charges according to size of package. Woolsey Appliances. 22

EXPERT HOUSE MOVING. Tall A-frame service. O. T. Hyso, Dalhart, phone 569-W. tfc

CALL 5031 Margaret Harrington for your fruit cakes, plum puddings, cookies, and baking orders.

ALL KINDS of doll clothes made to order. Call 4811 or address Joyce Ann Fisk, Texhoma, Okla. 15

NOTICE

KINDERGARTEN — 9:30 to 11:30 A.M. Mrs. Joe Brown, call 3591.

NOTICE

THE SHAMROCK OIL AND GAS Corporation will hereafter blow all drips and gather all drip gasoline along its gas lines in the Panhandle of Texas through its own employees or direct contractors. All other persons are prohibited from blowing drips or removing drip gasoline from our lines. Unauthorized tampering with gas lines, blowing drips or removal of gasoline from gas lines constitutes violations of the law, and any violations detected along our lines will be reported to the law enforcement officers. The cooperation of the public in this matter will be appreciated.

THE SHAMROCK OIL AND GAS CORPORATION Nov. 17, 24, Dec. 1, 8, 15 & 22, 1955

FOR RENT

MAIZE PASTURE. Mrs. George Roberts, Gruver, Texas.

APARTMENT for rent. Mrs. Chas. Watson. tfc

CARD OF THANKS

May I take this means to express my appreciation to each of you who were so kind and thoughtful of me during my recent illness.

The beautiful flowers, cards and your prayers shall always be remembered.

Pete Bateman

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ANOTHER ART "MECHANIZED"—This is the season when hotel and restaurant chefs display their artistic skill in ice sculpture for window displays and dinner centerpieces. But now they can throw away their chisels and relax. A Cincinnati ice manufacturer has developed a molding process which creates any one of a dozen ice-stature subjects by just freezing water inside metal molds. Above, Paul Brogan, president of the company, displays a mold-cast fish centerpiece. He says it's just as decorative as the pieces produced by laborious hand-carving. But no assembly-line technique can overcome one weakness of ice sculpture. No matter how it's made, it will melt eventually at room temperature.

moving downward and three upward. Frankly, they were the longest escalators that I had ever seen, and I was not too anxious to get on them. However, one of our guides laughed and said that there were thousands of people who rode them every day without mishap. I finally got on, but never did get over my skittishness. The thing was not only very long, but it was very steep.

The operation of the cars is very similar to the operation of the New York subway. Everyone seems to be in a rush and the cars all seem to be pretty well jammed. In the front of the cars there is a compartment for the crippled, the old and the children.

Speaking of the insistence of the Russians that you see the subway, it might be pointed out that the guest of honor, Honorable Lester Pearson, Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs, was late for the reception that was given for him by the high Soviet officials. His lateness was due to the fact that he was being taken for a ride — subway, that is.

FOREIGNERS STATIONED IN MOSCOW
 Moscow resembles Washington in many respects, insofar as the many people from foreign countries is concerned. I took advantage of every opportunity to talk to foreigners, to try to obtain their impressions of Russia. Of course, some were happy to be there, while others were very, very unhappy. Most of the unhappy ones came

amounted up to a situation that could easily be remedied by the Russians, if they are as bent on peaceful pursuits as they proclaim.

ENTERTAINMENT
 Entertainment in Moscow is primarily confined to athletic contests, the opera and the ballet. There are a number of movie theatres, but these are not considered outstanding in the eyes of Russians. We were told that there was only one night club and that it was located in the Sovetsky Hotel. They told us that formerly it had been called "The Yar", but that the name had recently been changed and it was now called the "New Yar". Four of us went by there one evening to see what Russian night life looked like.

The night club consisted of a very large dining room, brilliantly lighted, with a bandstand at one end. Flood lights were high on the wall at the opposite end of the room and shone not only on the band, but on most of the people in the band end of the room. Most everyone we could see was eating heartily — the Russians are great eaters. They have eating places in the opera house, in all the theaters, and many other places where crowds gather. The orchestra consisted of 17 pieces and was playing mostly American jazz music. We were told that this was a new innovation that had recently started. We surmised that the brand of music had probably changed at the same time as the name. Anyway, the Russians seemed to enjoy the jazz music much more than any other kind played by the orchestra. We were there for about an hour and the orchestra played the entire time. About 70 per cent of the music was American jazz and the rest was Viennese waltzes and some gypsy music.

Incidentally, in most of the countries we noticed that Christmas decorations were already being prepared in all of the stores. This was not so in Russia. In fact, there was no indication of any celebration of Christmas.

Lots of summertime romances start on the beaches and wind up on the rocks.



The mosquito was discovered by the person who was discovered by the first mosquito.

The modern girl is on her toes, says an educator. How do they keep their balance in those high heels?

Fault has never been so easy to find that people stopped looking for it.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

from Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Plunk

Alex Coats

Jack Dolney

Mrs. Fritz Steinberger

at

TOC MOTOR COMPANY



We join jolly

Santa in extending our

hearty greetings

to everybody. May your holiday be

full of joy and good fellowship.

STRATFORD DAIRY QUEEN
 MR. & MRS. ALVIN JUDD

Foreigners In Moscow Asked What They Think Of Russians

NOTE TO READERS: This is a continuation of Congressman Walter Rogers' series of articles on what he saw in Moscow and his impressions.

I pointed out last week that the Moscow Metropole, or subway, was one of the Russian show places.

They are most anxious for everyone who comes to Moscow to ride on it. Once they get you aboard, you are almost sure to go over the entire system before they let you off. Actually, it is a most pleasant experience although time consuming. It is certainly one place that you can get a complete

view of a cross-section of Russian life. You see almost every type of individual from all of the Soviet Republics and many foreigners. The dress of many of these people instantly gives away their nationality, and in many instances, you can identify the section of the Soviet Republic from which they come. The main entrance to the subway, which is located in the heart of Moscow, is continuously seething with humanity. The ticket arrangement is efficient and fast moving. Entrance is the main subway is by escalator. There is a bank of six escalators — three



NOEL

With happy memories of many pleasant friendships, we extend our sincerest wishes for a joyous Christmas to all.

WOOLSEY APPLIANCES
 MR. & MRS. DICK WOOLSEY & FAMILY



Christmas candles in odd and pretty shapes are made from melted down candles and inexpensive household glassware. We show here (top) a parfait glass, juice glass and tumbler, (center shelf) crab shell baking dish and cream pitcher and (bottom shelf) a diamond-shaped sugar bowl, coaster and an egg cup. Clear glass highlights the colors of the wax.

Here's wishing all our friends and neighbors a very, very Merry Christmas

MR. & MRS. ED SMITH and Family

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Christian Church Program Given

The First Christian church of Stratford will present a three-part Christmas program Saturday, Dec. 24, at 7 p.m., Cyder Brayshaw, minister, reports.

The parts include "Out of Darkness, Light," part I; "And the Light Shined in Darkness," part II; "And the Life was the Light of Men," part III.

If farmers gave their wheat away, a 21-cent loaf of bread still would cost the consumer 18 cents.

Roxy Theatre

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"YOU'RE NEVER TOO YOUNG"

Bingo Every
Thursday Night

HERE'S TO ME'



2 Grain Sorghum Scientists Are Given High Recognition

DALLAS —UP— Two Texas scientists have been named "1955 men of the year" in the South by the Progressive Farm magazine.

The magazine has announced its awards will go to J. R. Quinby, superintendent of the Texas Agriculture Experiment Station at Chillicothe, Tex., and Joseph C. Stephens, U.S. Department of Agriculture agronomist at the same station.

They were honored for their service to southern agriculture in their development of hybrid grain sorghums. Both have been at Chillicothe since the middle '20s.

The farm magazine said that their principal jobs were developing better grain sorghums through regular breeding methods, but they were always searching for a way to make hybrids.

Today, after more than 20 years of research by the two, hybrid grain sorghums are a reality. A few thousand acres will be in seed-crossing blocks in 1956.

In 1957, there will be enough seed to allow farmers to plant 600,000 to 1 million acres. After that, the magazine said, no one will have any trouble getting seed.

Sorghum hybrids can raise yields by 20 to 40 per cent over present varieties, field trial experiments prove. Farmers can increase the annual crop of grain sorghums by almost 70 million valued at \$90 million and not plant an extra acre above what they did this year.

"For all practical purposes," the magazine said in describing the scientists' work, "grain sorghums are just as good as corn in feeding rations."

A. J. Armstrong Has Chest Surgery

A. J. Armstrong was operated on Wednesday in Northwest Texas hospital in Amarillo, according to word reaching O. L. McMinn.

Mr. Armstrong was in surgery four hours. It is believed he had a

\$75,000 check to his wife and dated it Dec. 25, 1955.

But Mrs. Zink didn't think it was a joke at all. Zink now 50, told Manhattan supreme court Wednesday. She saved the check and now she wants to cash it.

Zink, who didn't have anything like \$75,000 10 years ago but has done better since, asked the court to restrain his wife from cashing the check when it becomes good. He said she is suing him for separate maintenance.

A hearing on Zink's request for the restraining order was set for Jan. 3.

Man Caught By Own Xmas Check

NEW YORK —UP— "Merriment and jesting" prevailed 10 years ago Christmas Day when Albert B. Zink, a Philadelphia lawyer, made

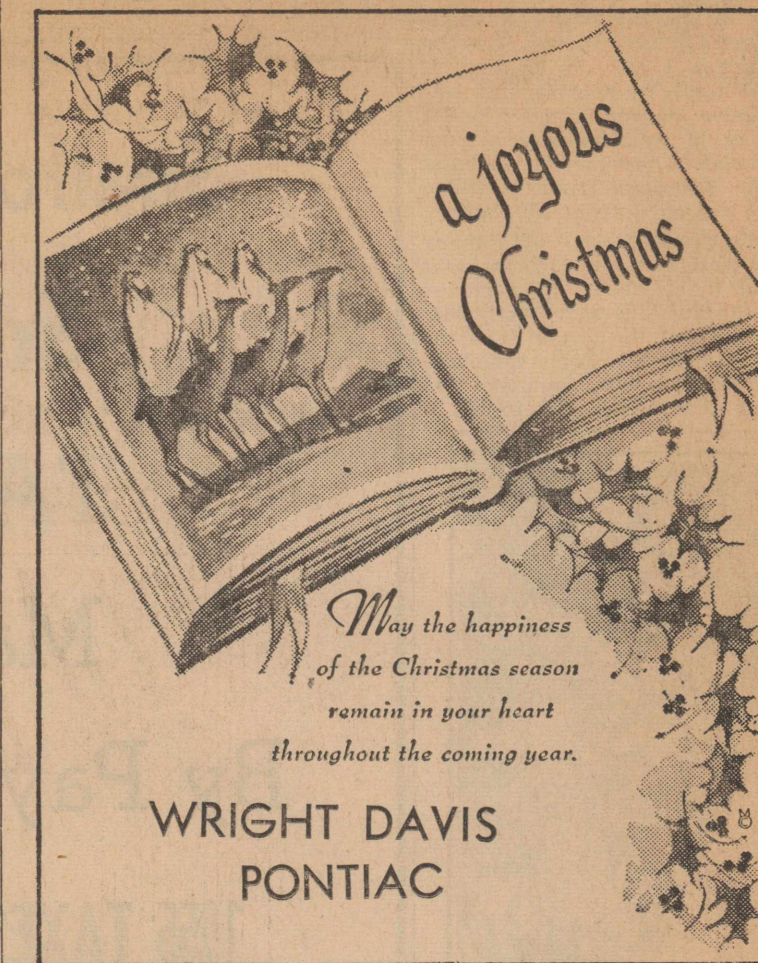
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John Wilson of Stratford will spend Christmas in the John Fleming home in Burkburnett, Tex. He left Stratford Thursday and will return the day after Christmas.



Greetings

May the season bring life's brightest ornaments—the Joy of Loving, the Fun of Giving.

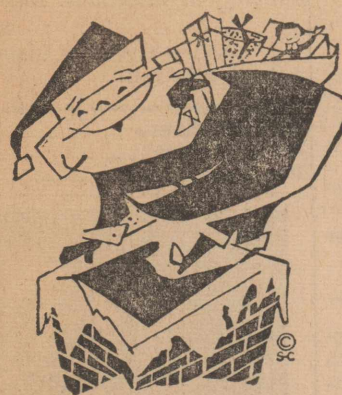
LOLA'S CAFE
CLOSE 11 P.M. XMAS EVE
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Christmas

In the spirit of Christmas, we hope that you may always enjoy the peace, happiness and good cheer that we wish you this Yuletide Season.

STRATFORD ABSTRACT COMPANY

To Our Good Friends And Customers



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SWIFT'S PREMIUM — FULLY COOKED
HAMS lb. 49c
WHOLE OR HALF

Center Cut Slices
HAM lb. 79c

Sunray
BACON 2 lb. pkg. 89c

HOME GROWN
HENS lb. 39c
FRESH DRESSED

CRISCO 85c
3 Lb. Tin

WHITE SWAN
MILK 2 for 25c
TALL TIN

POWDERED OR BROWN
SUGAR 2 for 25c
1 LB. BOX

ENGLISH
WALNUTS lb. 49c
NO. 1 LARGE

No. 1 Paper Shell
PECANS lb. 55c

XMAS CANDY MIX
CHOCOLATE DROPS — JELLY BEANS
ORANGES SLICES — CORN
POUND 29c

Bulk Chocolates
Fancy Candy lb. 49c

SALAD DRESSING
MIRACLE WHIP 55c
QUART JAR

HAASE'S FANCY
Ripe Olives tin 39c
GIANT — TALL TIN

PILLSBURY — BALLARDS
G'ADIOLA — PUFFIN
OR BORDEN'S
BISCUITS — each 10c

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Assorted Flavors
JELLO 3 boxes 25c

CAMPFIRE — SALAD SIZE
Marshmallows 23c
7 OZ. PKG.

EATMOR
CRANBERRIES 19c
1 LB. CELLO PKG.

Pascal — Large Stalk
CELERY stalk 15c

Fancy
Bell Peppers lb. 19c

Maryland Sweets
Sweet Potatoes ... lb. 9c

Folger's
COFFEE 89c
Pound

DEL MONTE
Crushed Pineapple \$1.00
NO. 2 TIN — 26c 4 FOR

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NO. 2 1/2 TIN — 35c

KIMBELL'S
CHERRIES .. 5 cans \$1.00
NO. 303 TIN

WHITE SWAN
Cranberry Sauce .. \$1.00
NO. 303 TIN — 21c 5 CANS FOR

WHITE SWAN
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NO. 303 TIN — 17c

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Pineapple Juice 87c
46 OZ. TIN — 30c 3 CANS FOR

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TOMATO JUICE 53c
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ORANGE JUICE ... \$1.00
46 OZ. TIN — 35c 3 CANS FOR

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Pure Preserves 29c
10 OZ. JAR

BLITZ
POP CORN 2 for 29c
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DEL MONTE — WHOLE KERNEL
CORN 6 tins 95c
12 OZ. TIN — 17c

DEL MONTE
PEARS 5 cans \$1.00
NO. 303 TIN — 21c

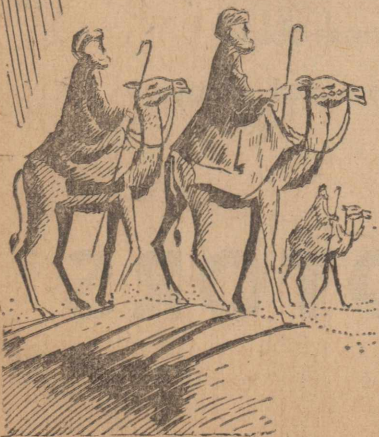
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Albert's Grocery and Market
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Christmas 1955



THE NATIVITY, an original engraving by Martin Schongauer, celebrated 15th century painter and engraver of Biblical scenes.



The Spirit of Christmas

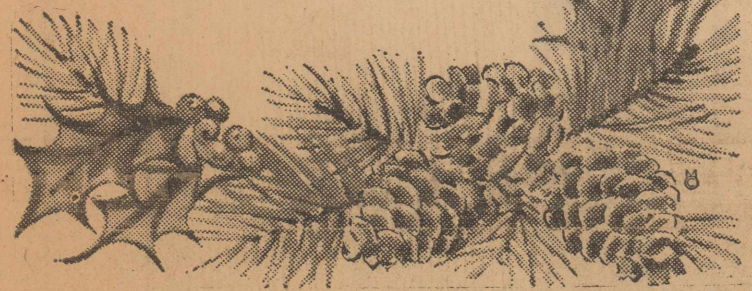


At this joyous time of Christmas, may happiness fill your heart and may the blessings of peace, good health and good fortune be yours.

CLYDE M. HUDSON
COUNTY JUDGE

Holiday Cheer

May the joys of the Holiday Season come to your home...to stay!



MR. & MRS. VAN B. BOSTON

Sports Page

NEWS FROM THE WORLD OF SPORTS
INTERNATIONAL — NATIONAL — LOCAL

Series Winner Will Be Talked Of For Years

By UNITED PRESS
Breathes there a man with a soul so dead who was not a Dodger fan this year — at least at 3:44 p. m. on the golden autumn afternoon of Oct. 4?

That was the moment for which all Brooklyn, and a good deal of the rest of the U.S.A., had waited an eternity. It was also the moment when all hell broke loose in Yankee Stadium and those loveable Flatbush "bums" became champions of the world for the first time.

Naturally, they did it the hard way. They became the first team in series history ever to lose the first two games and then win it in seven. And for all who saw it among that mad multitude at the ball park or on millions of television screens, it was a glory-gilded finish that will stand out as one of the most stirring games ever played.

That triumph overshadowed all other baseball news for the year and there was plenty of it. Who could forget the clutch pitching of stout-hearted Johnny Podres, not only in that 2-0 clincher, but in his first series victory by, 8-3 margin on his 23rd birthday?

A Great Catch
As it developed, everything in that finale hinged on a sixth inning catch of a sinking fly near the left field foul line by Sandy Amoros. Had that drive by Yogi Berra fallen safely with two runners on base, both would have scored and the final outcome might have been altered completely. And why was Amoros there? A much fleetier runner, he had replaced Junior Gilliam earlier as a pinch-hitter and stayed in left. Gilliam undoubtedly never could have caught up with the ball, and even if he had, he would have needed to lunge at it with his bare hand since he throws right while Amoros throws left.

Aside from Podres and Amoros, Duke Snider glistened for the Dodgers with four homers to tie a record and make him the No. 1 National League home run producer of series history.

Earliest Pennant in NL
The Brooks on their way to the series clinched the pennant earlier than any other team in National League history, on Sept. 8. Led by big Don Newcombe, who straightened out after a row and a suspension early in the season, the Dodgers dominated the race all the way.

Sooners Take Top Slot With Room To Spare

By UNITED PRESS
Unbeaten Oklahoma (10-0) came up with a brand new backfield behind its veteran line and galloped to the top as the nation's No. 1 college football team in 1955.

Duffy Daugherty of Michigan State was named coach of the year and Howard (Hopalong) Cassidy the player of the year in two post season elections, but in the eyes of the United Press board of coaches there was no doubt at any time in the final month of the campaign as to which team was destined for the national championship.

Oklahoma, coached by Bud Wilkinson and sparked by halfback Tommy McDonald, finished on top with room to spare with Michigan State second, Maryland third, UCLA fourth, and Texas Christian fifth.

Maryland (10-0) was the only major team in addition to Oklahoma to wind up unbeaten. The Terrapins were rated No. 1 during the early weeks, tightening their grip with a 7-0 victory over UCLA but eventually drifted back to No. 3.

Chance for Revenge
If Maryland harbors any resentment over its third place finish, it'll have plenty of opportunity to correct matters in the Orange Bowl on New Year's Day when the Terrapins will meet Oklahoma in a replay of their match two years ago. Oklahoma won that one 7-0.

Michigan State finished second to Ohio State in the Big Ten race but bagged the Rose Bowl assignment against UCLA, champion of the Pacific Coast, because Ohio State had played there last Jan. 1 and was ineligible to repeat.

In other top post-season bowl games, Texas Christian and Mississippi were matched in the Cotton Bowl, Georgian Tech and Pittsburgh in the Sugar Bowl and Vanderbilt against Auburn in the Gator Bowl. All but the Gator Bowl, scheduled for Dec. 31, will be played on Monday, Jan. 2.

Wilkinson's task in leading Oklahoma to the top this year was one of his best coaching jobs ever though he didn't win coach of the

Needed New Backfield

Bud had ample holdover material in the line, particularly from tackle to tackle. But he had to put together a brand new backfield because of graduation losses and in its opening game at North Carolina the Sooner offense looked like anything but championship material. Oklahoma won only 13-6, but thereafter the first string backs—Jimmy Harris, Bob Burris, Billy Pricer and McDonald — began to roll in high gear.

Oklahoma, unbeaten in 53 consecutive Big Seven games, won the conference crown as usual and thereby qualified for the Orange Bowl date against Maryland, co-champion with Duke in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Michigan State, which lost six of nine games last year and wasn't rated too highly before the season opened, lost by one touchdown in an early game with Michigan, but walloped everyone else in sight after that to gain second place and the Rose Bowl Bid.

TCU Surprises Southwest
Texas Christian, led by Jimmy Swink and Chuck Curtis, surprised the often surprised fans in the Southwest by winning the title out that way although originally rated well below the title favorites. Mississippi won the Southeastern crown and accepted a bid to meet TCU in the Cotton Bowl.

Pittsburgh, the Eastern champion, lost to Oklahoma, Navy and Miami but was so tough near the end the Panthers drew an invitation to play Georgia Tech in the Sugar Bowl. The game was threatened for a time when Georgia's Gov. Marvin Griffin raised a racial question in the case of Pitt's substitute fullback, Bob Grier, a Negro, but Grier will play and so will Georgia Tech.

Princeton, upset by Harvard, beat Yale and went on to win the Ivy League title. West Virginia again won the Southern Conference crown while Detroit tied Wichita in the Missouri Valley. Texas Tech won the Border crown and Colorado A&M was the top team in the Skyline six.

North Dakota grev 94 per cent of the United States durum wheat acreage in 1954.

O&G Well Report Given

According to reliable sources, the T. M. Evans No. 1-A Freeman well in Sec. 47, Blk. 2, GH&H survey, is at 7,130 feet, surveying to a drill stem test in the Morrow sand.

Two other gas wells have been plugged.
The Tascosa Gas Co. Nusbaum No. 2, Sec. 94, Blk. 1-C, GH&H Survey, was plugged Nov. 19. It was completed Jan. 28, 1950 at a total depth of 3,095 feet.

The Tascosa No. 1 Nusbaum in the same section, block and survey, was plugged Nov. 25. It was completed July 3, 1955 at a total depth of 3,163. It is a dry hole.

Riffe Brothers Building New Grain Elevator

Riffe Brothers Inc. has announced that construction of a new 750,000-bushel elevator will begin immediately in Sublette, Kans., according to Earl Riffe of Stratford.

Chalmers and Barton, contractors of Hutchinson, Kans., expect to have the new unit completed by June 1, 1955.

Riffe Brothers have elevators in Stratford, Lautz, Copeland, Kans., Texoma, Baker, Mouser and Hough, Okla.

The North Atlantic Treaty was signed at Washington, D. C., on April 4, 1949.

Wisconsin cows produced 500 million pounds of milk in 1954, more than is produced in any other state and more than 13 per cent of all the milk produced in the United States.

Tree stumps can be rotted out by cutting them as close to the ground line as possible, covering them with soil or sod, and keeping the stump area moist so wood - destroying fungi and insects can work.

DR. GUY D. CLAYTON

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GREETINGS

Our heartfelt greetings to all our friends. May they be blessed with peace, health, and good cheer.

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WISHES YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

As an expression of our thanks and good will, we are extending to all our friends and neighbors our very best wishes for a joyous and memorable Yuletide season.



MR. & MRS. RUSSELL BEALL
And Family

Greetings

For all our friends we wish this to be a season of significance. A holiday when peace mingles with merriment, love with good fellowship, good works with good will. And may the spirit of Christmas abide with you and those dear to you, now and always.

GARRISON MOTORS

Cheerful Holiday Wishes



Mind if we pop up with a Yuletide wish for everybody? May your Christmas be a joyous one, remembered for years to come.

WAYNE HARDING
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No Room in the Inn - -



Lu Hung Nien was considering conversion to Christianity when he painted "No Room in the Inn," at the age of 24. The austere chill of a wintertime Chinese landscape translates into Eastern idiom the heartless preoccupation of a Bethlehem, intent on making the most of the opportunity, as hordes of taxpayers descended upon it in obedience to the taxing decree of Caesar Augustus.

WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS"

By C. WILSON HARDER

Whether or not his decision is overruled, William L. Pack, examiner for Federal Trade Commission may go down in history as rare example of an employee of rampant bureaucracy who showed common sense.

Acting in case of Pioneers, Inc., Oakland, California, Examiner Pack rolled back previous actions taken by FTC, Commerce Dept., and its sub-division, the Bureau of Standards, plus Post Office C. W. Harder, Dept. Background is interesting.



For many years Pioneers, Inc., headed by Jesse Ritchie, has marketed a compound said to lengthen life of an automobile accessory.

This product is used by many big firms as well as Federal agencies. Despite this, early in 1954, A. V. Astin, head of the Bureau of Standards, decided the product has no merit. FTC told Ritchie to quit advertising.

Ritchie protested on basis of his many satisfied customers. The Post Office then issued fraud charges, going so far as to confiscate the firms incoming mail.

The Senate Small Business Committee took notice of the situation. Cleve Schaeffer, head of highly respected Schaeffer Pen Company, then serving as assistant Commerce Secretary, weighed all facts, decided Astin had acted in high-handed manner, dismissed him.

A vociferous clique of scientists raised a fuss with result Commerce Secretary Sinclair Weeks reinstated Astin, accepted Schaeffer's resignation.

In meantime, Senate Small

Business Committee had Massachusetts Institute of Technology, recognized as nation's, if not world's, leading scientific school, test the product. MIT found merit in product.

So situation was at loggerhead. Post Office did withdraw fraud charges, but Commerce Dept., Bureau of Standards, FTC, refused to back down an inch.

However, FTC did authorize Pack to hold a recent hearing. Some 45 prominent users of the product testified it was of value. No one testified it was harmful.

It is interesting that Pack reached in principle same conclusion as the ousted Schaeffer.

In principle, Schaeffer held that when scientists disagree, as they did in this matter, there is no sound premise in establishing the opinion of a scientist as infallible merely because he was a bureaucrat, nor in marshalling all the forces of government to enforce that opinion, any more than using government to enforce the opinions of the eminent scientists of MIT. In addition, he held that disagreeing scientific opinions regardless, if an important segment of consumers of a product believed in its merit, and if the product were not harmful, government should not interfere.

That basically was decision reached by Pack . . . a refreshing whiff of commonsense blowing through musty corridors of stalemated bureaucracy. It will be interesting to see if FTC backs up Pack, or if he will walk plank as did Schaeffer.

As for Ritchie, he is now hopeful of increasing customers to help offset an estimated half million dollar loss incurred fighting bureaucracy. But it is fortunate Congress has set up committees to protect independent business from bureaucratic depredation.

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS TO

Dear Santa:

I am six years old. I am going to school this year. I like my teacher very much. I would like a new basketball, a baseball and bat and a Davy Crockett fort.

Your little friend,
Terry Malone.

Dear Santa:

I want a furry Angora kitten, a grocery basket with baby seat, Chinese checkers, playtime walking doll and trunk, and stove, sink and refrigerator set with washing machine.

If you can't give me this much, that's OK. Be sure and give the other boys and girls some toys, too.

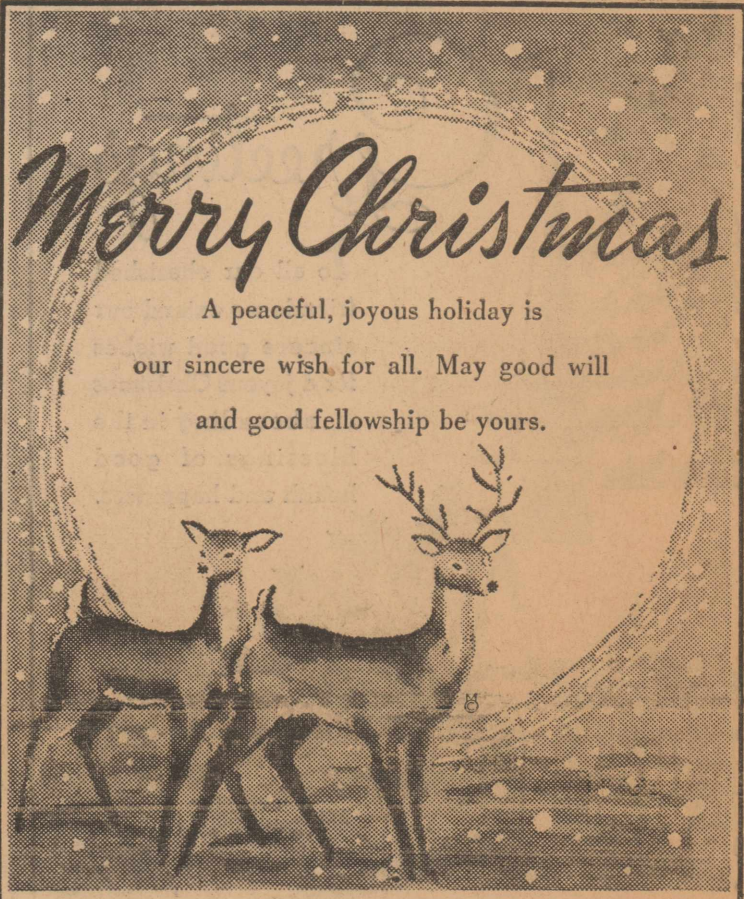
I love you very much, Santa.
Dolly Mehner.



A Merry Christmas

May the joyful hours of Christmas overflow with good fellowship and good cheer for all our friends.

MRS. SALLIE McADAMS
POSTMASTER



Merry Christmas

A peaceful, joyous holiday is our sincere wish for all. May good will and good fellowship be yours.

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FIND THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS BY ATTENDING THE CHURCH OF YOUR FAITH



Centuries ago a child was born in the humblest stable in Bethlehem. The Child was the Son of God, and He brought to mankind a new spirit of love and forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Let us remember that Christmas is the celebration of His birth. Let us find the true meaning of the day by attending church at Christmastime.

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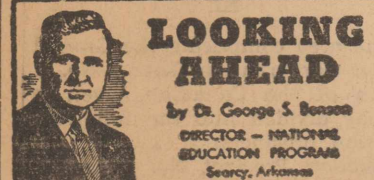
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THE GREATEST TRUTH

The poet said, "Truth crushed to earth shall rise again!" Mankind has seen this happen through the ages. One of the fatal weaknesses of man is that he frequently compromises his knowledge of truth for selfish reasons — and yet no man has ever gained by so doing. The great quest of the institution of education is for Truth. The primary responsibility is that of teaching it. As the intelligence of man has advanced and spread through education, basic truths have emerged; the foremost of these truths are:

"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last." (Rev. 22:13)

"There are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one." (1 John 5:7)

"Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." (Matthew 1)

Son of God

"When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had born a son; and he called his name Jesus." (Matthew 1:24-25)

"And lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them the Wise Men, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him." (Matthew 2:9-11)

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

His Words

"If you continue in my word (Jesus said) you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." (John 8:31-32)

"Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." (John 13:21)

"When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father the hour has come; glorify thy Son that thy Son may glorify thee, since thou hast given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom thou hast given him. And this is eternal life, that they know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. I glorified thee on earth, having accomplished the work which thou gavest me to do; and now, Father, glorify thou me in thy own presence with the glory I had with thee before the world was made." (John 17:1-5)

Life Everlasting

"Then Jesus, knowing all that was to befall him, came forward and said to them, Who do you seek?" They answered him, "Jesus

of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am he." (John 18:4,5)

"Peter said to them, "Take him yourself and crucify him, for I find no crime in him." (John 19:6)

"So they took Jesus, and He went out, bearing His own cross. . . There they crucified Him. . . (John 19:17, 18)

"They took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths . . . as the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there." (John 19:40, 42)

"Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early . . . and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb." (John 20:1)

"While they beheld, He was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight." (Acts 1:9)

"Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off. . . (Acts 2:37-39)

Christmas Joy to You

The truest joy of Christmas is not found in receiving but in giving. So this greeting is sent with a hope that God's promise of Joy and Love, of Peace and Good Will -- will be yours this Holiday Season.

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Visit of the Magi - -



Symbolism of the Orient is blended with the Christmas story in this painting by Hsu San Ch'un, a convert to Christianity. The Magi represent the three traditional religions of China. Kneeling before the Babe is a Buddhist monk. At right is a Confucianist and in the center is Lao-tse, Chinese moralist, representing Taoism. Joseph is at extreme left.

LEGAL NOTICE

TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED TAXPAYING VOTERS OF GROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT NO. 2, NORTH OF THE CANADIAN RIVER:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held within and for GROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT NO. 2, NORTH OF THE CANADIAN RIVER, on the 10th day of January, 1956, in the election precinct hereinafter set out, within said District, in accordance with a Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of said District, as follows, to-wit:

"BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Ground Water Conservation District No. 2, North of the Canadian River:

I. That an election shall be held within and for said Ground Water Conservation District No. 2, North of the Canadian River on the 10th day of January, 1956, in the election precinct hereinafter set forth and at the polling places hereinafter set forth, all within said District, at which election there shall be submitted to the qualified resident taxpayer voters of said District the election of four precinct Directors for Precincts One (1), Two (2), Three (3), and Five (5), of the Ground Water Conservation District No. 2, North of the Canadian River, and the election of two County Committeemen from each county composing the Ground Water Conservation District No. 2, North of the Canadian River District, for a two year term.

II. Upon each of the ballots used at said election shall be placed the names of the candidates for Precinct Director to be elected as follows:

- Director's Precinct No. 1 - Territory within the District which is situated in each of the following counties, to-wit: OCHILTREE
Harlan A. Hawk
Director's Precinct No. 2 - Territory within the District which is situated in each of the following counties: Hansford and Hutchinson
R. V. Converse
Director's Precinct No. 3 - Territory within the District which is situated in each of the following counties, to-wit: Sherman
Luther Browder
R. K. Everett
Director's Precinct No. 5 - Territory within the District which is situated in each of the following counties, to-wit: Hartley
Robert Thompson

Upon each of the ballots used at said election shall be placed the names of the candidates for County Committeeman to be elected for each county composing the Ground Water Conservation District No. 2, North of the Canadian River, as follows:

- HANSFORD COUNTY
Tommy Joe Bergen
Alfred Henderson
Ned Turner
Bob Cox
HARTLEY COUNTY
Cleo Ledbetter
Bud Eversoll
R. T. Brown
Richard Wilson
HUTCHINSON COUNTY

- Thane McCloy
Major Lackey
MOORE COUNTY
Ralph McClellan
J. A. Hall
OCHILTREE COUNTY
Roger Pearson
E. V. Flathers
SHERMAN COUNTY
Melvin Phillips
Roy Browder
Horace Sneed
Vernon Carter

Blank spaces shall be left in order that the names of other persons may be written in. Each person residing in Director's Precinct One (1), Two (2), Three (3) and Five (5), as above set forth, shall vote for only one Director, namely the Director for the Director's Precinct in which the voter resides. All persons may vote for the candidate of their choice by placing an X in the square beside the name of by scratching or marking out all other names in that race and leaving the name of such Director on the ballot. All persons desiring to cast a vote for a candidate whose name is not on the ballot may do so by writing the name of that person in the blank space provided on the ballot and by placing an X in the square beside the name, or by scratching or marking out all other candidates appearing on the ballot for Precinct Director. Each person residing in the counties composing the Ground Water Conservation District No. 2, North of the Canadian River, as set forth, shall vote for two (2) County Committeemen for the county in which the voter resides. Each person may vote for the candidates of his choice by placing an X in the square beside the name, or by scratching or marking out all other names in that race and leaving the name of the County Committeeman on the ballot. All persons desiring to cast a vote for a candidate whose name is not on the ballot, may do so by writing the name of that person in the blank space provided on the ballot and by placing an X in the square beside the name, or by scratching or marking out all but two candidates appearing or written in on the ballot.

III. The area comprising the Ground Water Conservation District No. 2, North of the Canadian River, is hereby divided into the following election precincts:

- Election Precinct No. 1 shall consist of that territory within the District which is situated within the Texas county of Hansford.
Election Precinct No. 2 shall consist of that territory within the District which is situated within the Texas County of Hartley.
Election Precinct No. 3 shall consist of that territory within the District which is situated within the Texas County of Hutchinson.
Election Precinct No. 4 shall consist of that territory within the District which is situated within the Texas County of Moore.
Election Precinct No. 5 shall consist of that territory within the District which is situated within the Texas County of Ochiltree.
Election Precinct No. 6 shall consist of that territory within the District which is situated within the Texas County of Sherman.

IV. The polling places and officers for said election are as follows:

- ELECTION PRECINCT NO. 1
HANSFORD COUNTY
Polling Place No. 1
Court House - Spearman, Texas
Presiding Judge: R. L. McClellan, Jr.
Assisting Judge: A. L. Wilson
Clerk: J. P. Vernon
ELECTION PRECINCT NO. 2
HARTLEY COUNTY
Polling Place No. 1
Community Building
Hartley, Texas
Presiding Judge: Johnny Bookout
Assisting Judge: J. E. Craighead
Clerk: W. R. Weatherford
ELECTION PRECINCT NO. 3
HUTCHINSON COUNTY
Polling Place No. 1
Pringle School House, Pringle
Presiding Judge: Lee Richardson
Assisting Judge: Buster Kirk
Clerk: Lloyd Henderson
ELECTION PRECINCT NO. 4
MOORE COUNTY
Polling Place No. 1
Court House, Dumas
Presiding Judge: H. S. McMurry
Assisting Judge: Eli Willis
Clerk: Harold Shoulders
ELECTION PRECINCT NO. 5
OCHILTREE COUNTY
Polling Place No. 1
Court House, Perryton
Presiding Judge: George Dietrich
Assisting Judge: Harold Korshaw
Clerk: Fred Huston
ELECTION PRECINCT NO. 6
SHERMAN COUNTY
Polling Place No. 1
Court House, Stratford
Presiding Judge: Chester Guthrie
Assisting Judge: John Kidwell
Clerk: E. H. Hudson
Arthur Folsom

V. THAT such election shall be held and conducted and returns made to the Board of Directors of Ground Water Conservation District No. 2, North of the Canadian River in accordance with the general election laws of Texas, except as same are modified by the provisions of Chapter 25, Acts of the 39th Legislature of Texas of 1925,

together with all amendments and additions thereto.

VI. THAT the President and Secretary of the District shall give notice of this election by causing a substantial copy of this resolution or notice containing the same to be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published in the bounds of Ground Water Conservation District No. 2, North of the Canadian River, the first publication to be at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the date of said election, and not more than thirty-five (35) days prior thereto.

PASSED and APPROVED this 25 day of November, 1955.
Gaston Wells
President of Board of Directors of Ground Water Conservation District No. 2,

North of the Canadian River.
ATTEST:
R. V. Converse
Secretary, Board of Directors of Ground Water Conservation District No. 2, North of the Canadian River.
(SEAL)
Dec. 15, 22, 29, 1955

BARBS

BY HAL COCHRAN
A JUDGE ordered an Ohio man not to speak to his wife for three months. The other part of his penalty is having to listen.
It's not that people disagree that irritates others, it's that they are disagreeable about it.



E. GOULE, County Agent
MR. & MRS. E. GOULE & LARRY

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SEASON'S Greetings



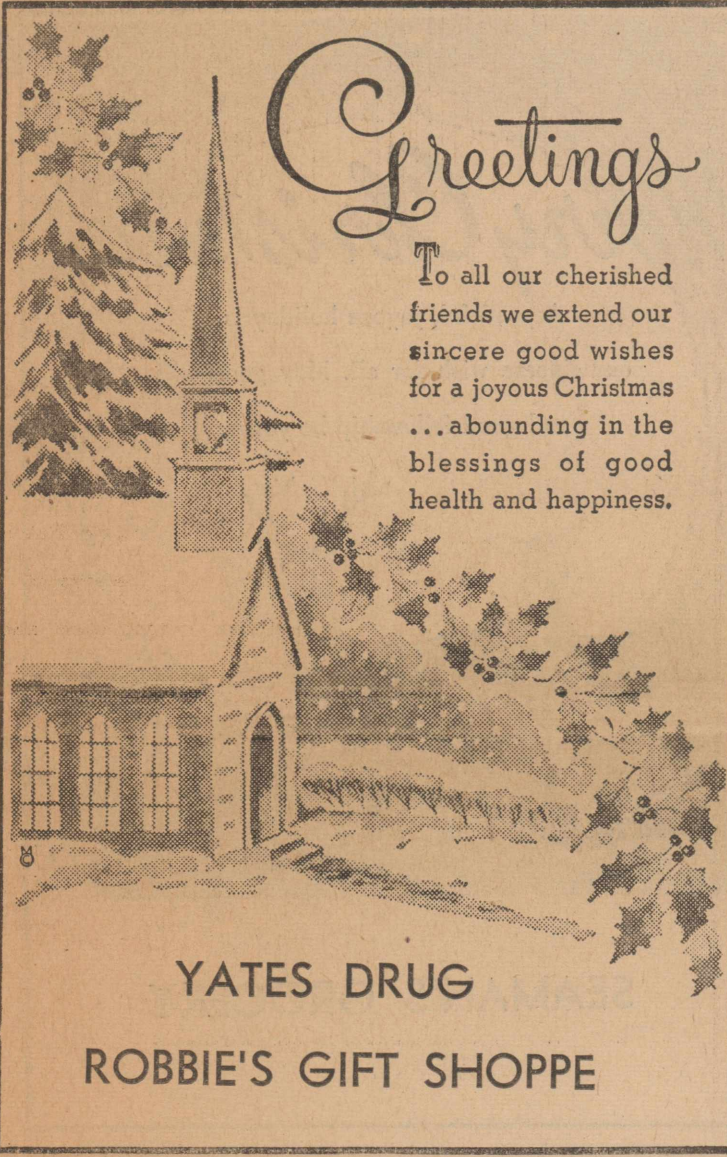
Joyfully we join the merry carolers to warmly wish our wonderful friends and patrons a Happy Holiday Season.

KING EQUIPMENT

Mr. & Mrs. A. L. King and Lloyd
Mr. & Mrs. Archie Arnold

Greetings

To all our cherished friends we extend our sincere good wishes for a joyous Christmas...abounding in the blessings of good health and happiness.



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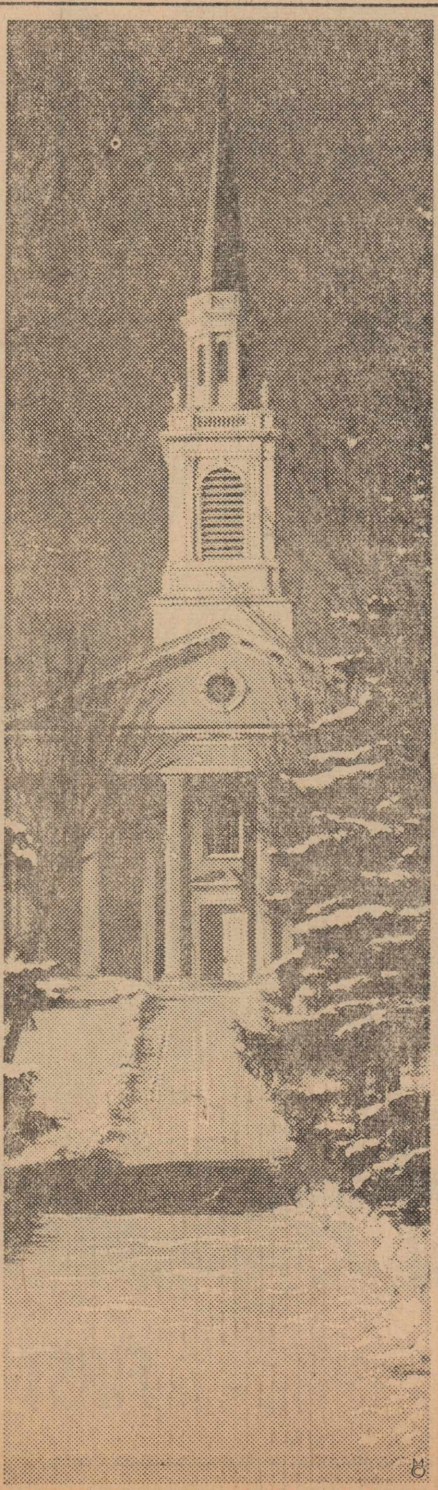
ROBBIE'S GIFT SHOPPE

The Season's Greetings

We extend to our many good friends a sincere wish for a Yuletide laden with a wealth of the good things in life. May every day be filled with the blessings of good health, happiness and warm friendships.

J & B IMPLEMENT COMPANY

MR. & MRS. MIKE BURGESS
MR. & MRS. BOB JACOBS



Christmas Greetings

From the men and women who are your Public Service Company. Their wish for you is that the Spirit of Christmas shall live in your home every day, and that all your hopes and dreams are crowned with rich fulfillment.



Society News...

Methodist Xmas Party Dec. 24

The Annual Methodist church Christmas tree and program will be held at the church at 7 p. m. Christmas eve, it is learned from Rev. Charles Gates.

The junior and cherub choirs will present the program.

Santa Claus will give treats to all of the kiddies, Rev. Gates said.

"The public is invited to attend," he said.

Services at the church Sunday, Dec. 25, will be Sunday school, 9 a. m.; morning worship, 10 a. m.; sermon, "Christ's Birthday," special recognition of all new little girls; there will be no service Sunday night.

A special communion service will be held Sunday, Jan. 1, 1956.

Baffin Island covers 197,000 square miles, the largest of the Canadian Arctic islands.

Baptists Plan Student Program Sunday Night

A number of college students will participate in the First Baptist church 7:30 p. m. service Christmas, Rev. M. E. Upchurch reports.

They are Jimmy Ingham, Lynne Reeder, Ray Grimes, Rita Joyce Neal, Elwood Gillis and Sonny Donelson. They each will relate their religious lives away from home.

A party for the young peoples class and the college students will be given immediately after the evening service.

The children's Christmas tree and party at the church will be held at 7 p. m. Saturday.

Gates Family Has Dinner Guests Sunday

Dr. E. D. Landreth, Amarillo district superintendent of the Methodist church, and Mrs. Landreth were dinner guests of Rev. and Mrs. Charles Gates last Sunday.

Dr. Landreth delivered the message at the Stratford Methodist church last Sunday morning.

Court House To Have Xmas Party

The Sherman County court house Christmas party will be held Friday afternoon. The court house will close at noon Saturday and will open again at 9 a. m. Tuesday, Dec. 27.

Spurlock To Have Christmas Party

SPURLOCK — There will be a Christmas tree and program at the Spurlock Chapel Friday, Dec. 23, at 7:30 p. m.

A social hour of games and refreshments is planned.

Detroit is farther from Houghton, Mich., than it is from Baltimore or Washington, D. C.

Methodists Give Christmas Story

The Stratford Methodist church presented "The Christmas Story" Sunday, Dec. 18, Rev. Chas. Gates presiding.

The cast included, Ted Oakley, Karl Kirkwood and Cecil Borth, shepherds; Raymond Kirkwood, Bruce Bidy and Chuck Oakley, kings; J. D. Plunk, herald; Linda Riffe, angel; Sharon Gamble, Mary; and Wayne Cummings, Joseph.

Ann Burgess, oboe; Gracie Brooks, flute; Sharon Mullins and Wanda Preston, clarinets; Sue Flores and Bobbie Burgess, saxophones; Faye Beall, French horn; Dwayne Plunk, Rodney Brayshaw, Madeleine Reesing and Barbara Lavake, trumpets; Darrell Stubblefield, baritone sax; Martha Plunk and Rex Burgess, trombones; and Jimmy Skillen, bass horn.

The adult choir and youth orchestra were under direction of George Dick and the junior choir was under direction of Mrs. Vergil Plunk.

The director of the program was Mr. Dick. Mrs. C. W. Moon handled costumes and the stage. Vergil Plunk and Molly Dick did the lighting. Mrs. Harrison was organist.

Soloists were C. W. Moon, Jimmy Cameron, George Dick and Mrs. Vergil Plunk. Mrs. F. Davis, was narrator.

SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus: I am seven years old. I want a Tiny Tears doll. And I want a telephone that hangs on the wall. I also want a baton.

My little sister, Reba Ann, is five years old. She wants a high chair for Christmas. She wants a little Negro doll. She has been very nice.

Ethel and Reba Ann Preston.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy almost six years old. I would like an electric train, a Davy Crockett western set, a Dragnet holster set, a blackboard and a remote control automobile.

Thank you, Tex Jeffcoat.

Dear Santa: I want a Tiny Tears doll, a trunk with some hangers and a sweeper and broom set.

I am a little girl four years old. Please do not forget any of the other little boys and girls.

Debra Kay Smith.

Dear Santa: I would like a Magic Lips or Tiny Tears doll, a doll bathinet and a broom set. Thank you.

Please remember all the other children.

I'm seven years old. Love, Linda Jean Smith.



By Dorothy Boys Kilian

"THIS HOUSEHOLD is in for a lean Christmas, all right," Bill Robinson said bitterly to his wife who had just come into the living room, dressed for marketing. Seated in an easy chair, he looked disgustedly down at his still-banded leg stretched out straight on an ottoman.

Margaret leaned over and brushed her cheek against his. "It's enough for us to see you getting well again, honey. When I first saw you after that auto accident, I was plumb scared for your life."

Bill squeezed her hand. "You're a brick, dear. But we can't expect our three- and five-year-old offspring to understand that doctor and hospital bills have completely strapped us. Why we can't even afford a tree, let alone presents!"

Margaret was quite for a second. Then she stood up and, turning toward the door, said, "Speaking of the children, Bill, they're out in the kitchen with their water colors."



"What a swell bunch of fellows," he managed to say.

and the two little Johnson girls are with them. Mrs. Johnson had some last minute shopping to do, and I knew you wouldn't mind watching them again."

"O.K.," Bill answered. "That's the least I can do after the neighborly way they treated us through all this mess."

"I'll try to be home before your Cub Scout group descends upon you. Seven lively boys are a terrific handful, I know."

VOICES FROM the kitchen broke into the silence. Judy Johnson was saying excitedly, "I think I'm going to get a doll buggy!"

Back came his own little Margie's answer. "I'm going to get a doll house."

"How do you know?"

"Oh, because I asked for one for my birthday last summer, and Daddy smiled and said probably we would come at Christmas."

Bill winced. It had been so easy, promising things for six months ahead.

Just then he heard Mrs. Johnson's nearby voice at the kitchen door. "Where's Mr. Robinson? I have something here for him."

"Oh, a Christmas tree!" The shrill voice of a child exclaimed.

MRS JOHNSON was laughing as she appeared at the living room door. "Did you hear, Bill? Yes, I went shopping for our tree, and picked one up for you folks at the same time. It isn't so very tall, but it's big enough to cheer you all up."

Mrs Johnson went on talking, to cover Bill's embarrassment. "I'll take all the youngsters over to my house for awhile." And she was gone.

"Some neighbor!" Bill glowed. "Still," his face clouded over, "That tree may only point up the lack of much under it—"

A loud commotion at the front door drew his attention. "Come on in, the door's not locked," he called, recognizing the voices of his Cub Scouts.

A whirlwind of blue-eyed boys swept into the room, their eyes sparkling with happy mischief.

"Oh, Mr. Robinson," the smallest one shrieked. "We've just finished all the—"

"We've been working after school every day at my house, making toys for your children," a second Cub burst in. "You should see—a doll house for Margie, and a doll bed and a kitchen cupboard!"

"And for little Bill, guess what!" The smallest boy couldn't keep quiet. "A wooden sled, and a garage for his little cars and some big blocks, all sanded and waxed and everything!"

Bill tossed his head to get rid of the drops of mist in the corners of his eyes. "What a swell bunch of fellows," he managed to say. "But why—"

"Why not?" the biggest Cub said happily. "You're the one who taught us how to use tools in the first place, aren't you? And besides, we just like the Robinsons!" He stopped suddenly, embarrassed for "Well, fellows," Bill said, after a deep breath. "I certainly didn't think so a while ago, but this is going to be one of the happiest Christmases of my life!"

Flight Into Egypt - -



Again Lu Hung Nien translates a Western scene into a form easily pictured by the Chinese mind. The weariness of the Holy Family making its way along a dusty road into Egypt becomes this desolate water scene. Even the bird, upper right, has been painted to heighten urgency of the journey, undertaken in obedience to the angel which appeared to Joseph, warning of Herod's wrath.

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Chronically Tired? It Could Be Due To Emotions, Science Finds

By DELOS SMITH
NEW YORK —UP— Up-to-Date Mind-Science can determine what is wrong with physically healthy men and women who always feel as though they sleep well and rest regularly. For example and quoting Up-to-

Date Mind-Science: "Fatigue protects the individual's concept of himself since it is a socially acceptable disorder. Hence, the patient may retain his self-esteem with a symptom which at least implies an origin in hard work or over-work."

This Mind-Science comes from the University of Texas School of Medicine which has a continuing program for keeping small town general practitioners, far removed from medical centers, well informed on the newest in science.

Lack of Interest a Cause
Another kind of chronic fatigue in the physically healthy comes from lack of interest and lack of ambition. "When personal interest in an activity is high there is a greater performance potential and fatigue occurs less regularly," said the school. "Hence when motivation or incentive is increased, fatigue is impeded."

"Emotional fatigue" is found in normal, healthy people, the school said. "Much of their weariness is caused by situational problems associated with daily living. The origin of this fatigue is mental or emotional. Therefore, physical rest is not the logical or correct treatment. In many patients fatigue develops from anxiety, fear, sorrow, depression, or monotony."

When simple boredom is the cause, "a change of scene or a new interest, may end it and may be the only treatment needed." The school suggested that some such recreation as bowling "after a day of semi-physical exertion" could be potent medicine.

Disliking Boss a Conflict
But in fatigue from some "situational conflicts" people may be exhausted by the mental effort required to keep impulses repressed, such as those of hostility and aggression. These could include people who dislike bosses but feel it wise to appear to like them, and people who would like to throw up their jobs but feel they shouldn't.

"Successful insight permits a more realistic appraisal of conflicting internal needs and desires and increases the chances of finding successful solutions," the school said. "As emotional conflicts decrease, chronic fatigue in most cases will also diminish."

'Grandma' Stirs Up Controversy In This Column

By GLORIA SWANSON
Written for United Press

Rome — Are childless marriages more successful than those with children?

I have asked the question of myself many times. In my family, one member married very young and had children immediately. The other married in his late 20s and is so far childless. Both marriages have had many years to prove their success. Of course they could be the exceptions to the rule, but...

I have noticed among my friends that in the marriages where the man and woman are without chil-

dren, a bond and a companionship have been built up. It seems stronger than with the couples that have little ones.

Wise to Wait
It would seem to me that even waiting five years (only two or three if you are impatient) before having children is very wise. At least it gives a period in which to become completely acquainted with one's mate. The honeymoon, in this way, can be a prolonged one and all problems of adjusting one's way of life and personality conflicts could be solved before taking on a new and serious responsibility.

In the case of a member of my family, the couple have both worked very hard to get their own home which they couldn't have done so quickly had they had children. Nor would they have been able to solidify their marriage had they not had an unbroken companionship. If a weekend could be found, they could hide away in the woods, far from telephones and home worries. Had they a child, would this be possible? No!

Much drama is based on the eternal triangle—what is a child but a third person? A very adorable one to be sure. But let's face up to it: "Papa" now has to take second place.

Bound at Home
So the drama now starts. His wife no longer can do this and that. Babysitters are only possible for a matter of a few hours. Where is that promised fishing trip, skiing jaunt, that weekend of staying in bed late. In other words where is his playmate, his sweetheart?

Naturally irritations arise and nobody is to blame because most young couples can't really know each other in that bugaboo called "the first year."

Should two people be really incompatible wouldn't it be better for them to find out before the "little angel" arrives, not after? I ask you, I don't know. After all I'm just a grandmother!

Mrs. Ellis Is Hostess For Bible Study

The Sandra Johnson Circle met Wednesday at the home of Mrs. W. D. Ellis for Bible study.

Mrs. E. H. Norris had charge of the program which opened with a prayer by Mrs. Elma McDaniel. Minutes were read and approved.

Mrs. W. R. Scarth taught the Bible lesson and the topic "Personal Revival" was discussed by Mesdames Joe Brown, Elma McDaniel, Howard Haffey, E. W. Butler, W. O. Cook, W. D. Ellis, H. B. Norris, Pruitt Adkins and a new member Estil Pleyer.

During the meeting gifts were sent to the circle's college girls and there was a social hour with cookies and coffee being served by the hostess.

More than 60 per cent of the rural roads in the United States are hardsurfaced.

Kerrick Home Demonstration Club Sponsors Yule Party

A Christmas party for all the ladies of the Kerrick Community was sponsored by the Kerrick Home Demonstration Club Friday afternoon, Dec. 16 at 1:00.

The gaily decorated home of Mrs. Walker Taylor was the setting for the event. Cohostesses were Mrs. Robert Elms and Mrs. Allen Boren.

Cards and dominoes were played the Secret Pal gifts were exchanged. New names for the coming year were drawn.

A surprise jewelry shower honoring Mrs. Joe Bob James was also given during the afternoon. Mrs. James is moving to the Felt Community.

Those enjoying the fellowship of friends and neighbors in addition to those mentioned above were: Mrs. Pete Eden, Mrs. Otis Fenton, Mrs. R. E. Florida, Mrs. Clyde Harbour, Mrs. Fred McDaniel, Mrs. Stanley Murdock, Mrs. Robert Reynolds, Mrs. J. P. Taylor, Mrs. Ray Taylor, Mrs. Kenneth Wells, Mrs. Charles Bell, Mrs. Bill Bell, Mrs. Alton Brewster, Mrs. Jane Stevens, Mrs. Wanda Heironamus, all of Kerrick; Mrs. Lela Franklin, Dalhart, and Mrs. Dean Harbour, Des Moines, Ia.

Mrs. Collins Is Hostess For TEL Class Party

The TEL Sunday School Class of the Baptist Church met Monday at 2:30 for their annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Nannie Collins.

Visiting and the exchange of gifts were enjoyed. Later refreshments of cake and coffee were served by Mrs. Collins, assisted by Mrs. Joe Brown.

Present were Mrs. Estil Pleyer, Mrs. W. O. Cook, Mrs. V. M. King, Mrs. W. W. Steel, Mrs. W. P. Brooks, Mrs. Mollie E. Hinson, Mrs. Bess C. Reed, Mrs. Joe Brown, Mrs. E. P. Jones, Mrs. Esma Gilbert, Mrs. Elma McDaniel and Mrs. W. D. Ellis.

Santa, Free Show To Be Friday

A free movie, for kids six to 60, will be given at the Roxy theater by Bill Sandlin, operator, immediately after the Santa Claus party at 1:30 Friday.

The Jolly one will have treats for all youngsters, as long as they last. He will set up his headquarters just south of the Christmas tree on Main St.

Van Boston Goes To Tractor Show

Van Boston of Stratford was in Oklahoma early this week for the preview showing of Massey-Harris tractors for 1956. He left Stratford Sunday and returned Tuesday.

Upchurches Give Christmas Party

A surprise Christmas party was given in honor of Rev. and Mrs. M. E. Upchurch in the First Baptist church Monday night.

About 75 attended. Forty-two was played. Coffee and donuts were served.

Holiday Dinner Sunday At Roy Allen Home

Mrs. Roy Allen had a Christmas dinner for her family Sunday at her home.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. George Allen and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Allen and family, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Allen and family and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Allen.

Meeting Of Cub Scouts At Crabtree Home

Cub Scouts, Den 4, held a regular meeting on Monday at the home of New Crabtree.

The boys completed their Christmas presents.

Boy, 4, Shares Yule Presents With Orphans

CHICAGO —UP— Four-year-old Raymond Geist, who won a prize of a truckload of gifts every Christmas for 10 years in 1953, will play Santa Claus this year to 95 orphan children at the famed Hull House orphanage.

Raymond won the prize when he was tabbed the 1 millionth person to ride on a moving rubber sidewalk at a local museum. His mother announced that he will donate the gifts he has accumulated so far to the orphanage, keeping only an electric train for himself.

The foreign agriculture service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports that U. S. farms operate 60 to 65 per cent of all tractors used in agriculture in the world.



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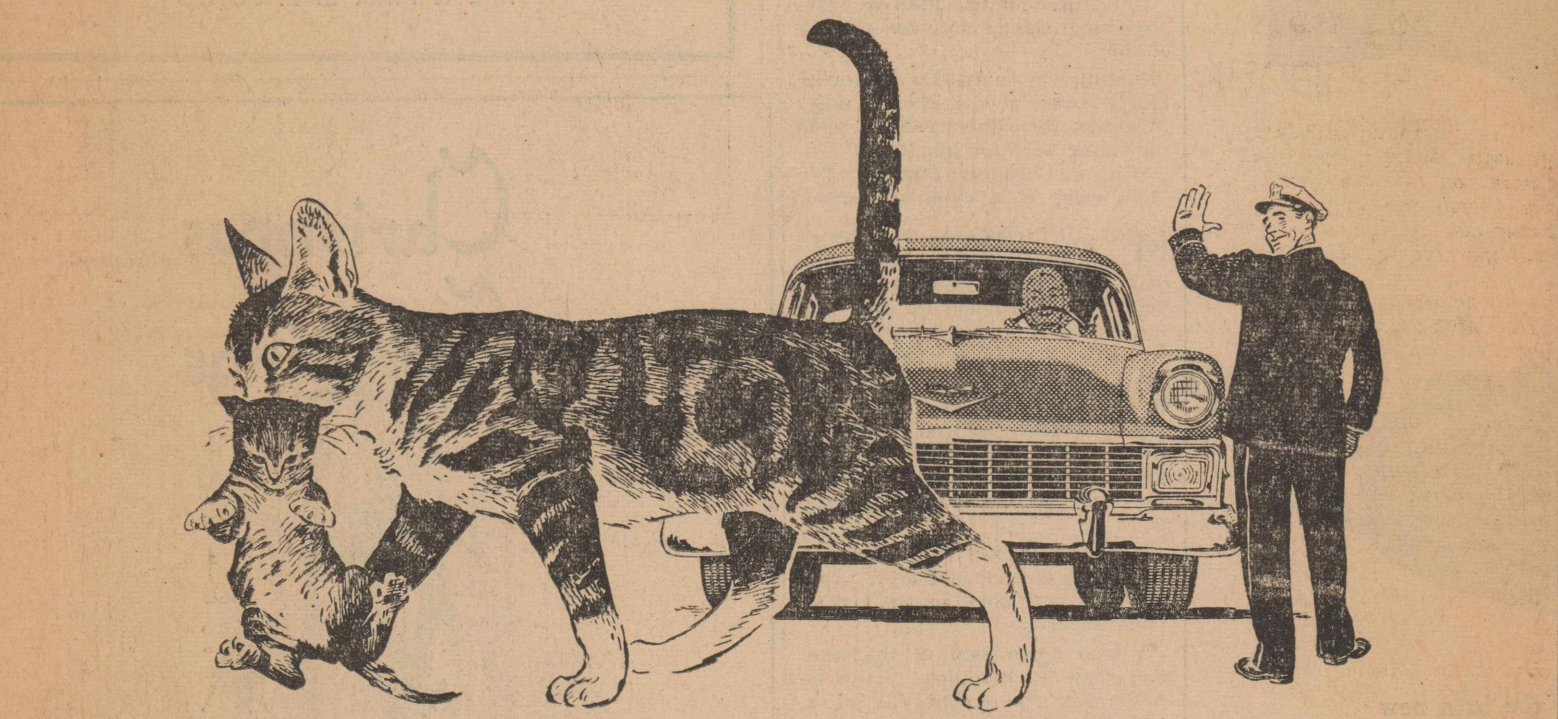
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