

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

## Man Is Fatally Injured When Car Overtakes

...died at the Haskell... received... when the 1954... driving went... overturned off... farm to... and one-half... of Haskell. The... about 2:30... physician, Mrs... a fracture of... over her body... were shock... the accident were... Brenda T. and... the accident occurred... driver was driving... a Christmas... the children re... bruises on their... physician

## Paint Creek Places Four Players On All-District Six-Man Teams

Paint Creek Pirates dominated the All-District 6-Man football team of Dist. 4-B, placing four players on the mythical team. Weibert and Mattson each had two players on the all-district squads, and O'Brien one. The teams were chosen by coaches of Dist. 4-B in a meeting

## Final Drive Being Made in Sales of Christmas Seals

An extra push to the sale of Christmas Seals this week has been planned at the first campaign of the Haskell County TB Association draws to a close. Mrs. Jetty V. Clare, county seals sales chairman, said an all-out effort will be made this week to spread the word in reminding everyone to send in contributions. She said reminders from the local Tuberculosis Association have been mailed. "Seals are not intended as 'duds,'" she said, "but simply to remind those who have not sent checks or cash payment for their Christmas Seals."

## Seymour, Hawley, Mattson, Haskell, Win Openers

Seymour, Hawley and Haskell won in the opening rounds of the three-day Indiana Invitational basketball tournament Thursday night. The Indians took a 72-43 win over the Paint Creek Pirates, with Chester Jones scoring 32 points to lead Haskell, while Eddie Thane made 20 for Paint Creek.

## Christmas Mail Volume Down From Last Year

The volume of Christmas mail has dropped considerably from last year's total according to reports obtained from the local post office. The number of cards bearing two cent stamps was estimated at 40,000 as compared to 100,000 last year. Approximately 30,000 three cent stamps had been used for Christmas mail.

## DAVIS PORTERFIELD ARE PARENTS OF SON

Mr. and Mrs. Davis Porterfield of Fairburn, Texas, became the parents of a son Dec. 19 in a Corpus Christi hospital. Mrs. Porterfield is the former Nancy Furr of this city. The infant was born at 9:16 a. m. Wednesday, Dec. 19 and weighed 7 pounds and 14 ounces. His name is Larry David Porterfield. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Furr of Haskell, and Mrs. Elmer Porterfield of San Antonio. Mrs. Furr is in Fairburn with her daughter and family where they will be joined for the

## Oil Loaded Truck Crashes Into Motel Sign, Booth

Presence of mind of the driver of a crude oil transport truck was credited by investigating officers with probably having averted a serious fire and possible injury to several persons, after the vehicle struck a telephone booth and wrecked a neon sign at the Arrowhead Motel Wednesday. The transport truck, owned by Savell Oil Company of Abilene and driven by Frank Lee Skaggs of that city was involved in a collision with a City Taxi driven by John H. Callison of Haskell. When Skaggs applied brakes of his truck to avoid hitting the taxi head on as it pulled into Highway 277, the transport swerved off the highway directly toward the motel. Skaggs steered the truck away from the building and brought it to a stop after hitting posts supporting a large neon sign and crushing an outside telephone booth in front of the motel. The crash ripped a hole in the large fuel tank of the truck, but Skaggs secured a container and managed to catch the gasoline before it spread and caught fire, investigating officers Police Chief Tom Paul Barnett and Highway Patrolman Ocie Renfro reported. They said had the leaking gasoline caught fire, the entire motel might have burned.

## Haskell Stores Will Observe Dec. 25-26 As Holidays

Clerks in Haskell retail stores, handling a last-minute rush of Christmas shoppers Saturday and Monday were looking forward to a welcome two-day holiday Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 25 and 26. The dates for the Christmas business holidays were designated by Haskell merchants in a schedule adopted early this year following a poll conducted by the Chamber of Commerce. Practically all business houses in Haskell will be closed on the two days, with possible exception of some service stations, and a few other concerns servicing transient trade. In addition to retail establishments, practically all professional offices will be closed for the two days, along with offices in the City Hall. Courthouse offices began the Christmas holidays at the close of business Friday evening, Dec. 21. They will remain closed until Thursday morning, Dec. 27. Haskell post office will observe Christmas Day as a holiday, with no mail delivery on city carrier or rural routes on that day. Regular schedule of service will be resumed Wednesday.

## Perkins-Timberlake Employees Receive Christmas Bonuses

Employees of Perkins-Timberlake received annual Christmas bonuses Monday in the form of gift certificates ranging in value from \$5.00 to \$25.00, states manager Don Roberts. The personnel was also gifted with large boxes of pecans by the concern. HERE FROM GRAHAM Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sellers of Graham spent the weekend with relatives and friends here.

## Christmas Baskets To Carry Holiday Cheer to Needy

### Thos. B. Roberson Named to Head 1957 March of Dimes Campaign

Thos. B. Roberson, local oil products and butane distributor, has been appointed Haskell County 1957 March of Dimes Campaign Director. The appointment, made by the state campaign director, was announced by Mike Hyer, district representative in the January drive for polio-fighting funds. Cecil Gregory, Haskell grocer who headed the successful 1956 March of Dimes, will assist in setting up the county-wide campaign, Roberson said. "The Salk vaccine has dramatically cut the incidence of polio during the past year," Mr. Roberson said, "but there are today about 80,000 children and adults who urgently need a helping hand in their long, difficult struggle."

## Court Room Chairs And Fixtures Get New Coat Varnish

Court proceedings in the new year will be held in spic and span surroundings in the courthouse, as the result of a renovating program authorized by the Commissioners Court. All chairs in the district court room have been repaired and re-varnished, along with chairs in the jury box, witness stand, and the section for court officials. All woodwork in the court room also received a new coat of stain and varnish, including the judge's stand and other furniture. The refinishing and repair work was contracted by R. E. Thornberry, local carpenter and painter.

## Final '56 Meeting Of Commissioners Court Set Today

Commissioners Court will meet today - Dec. 27 - in their final meeting of 1956. Principal business will be the completion of any unfinished matters, and a general review of the county's operation during the year now closing. First meeting of the new year will be held Wednesday, Jan. 2, when new and re-elected officials will take the oath of office to begin four year terms. Only change in the Commissioners Court will be in Precinct No. 3, where Louie Kuenstler will succeed Estle Gilleland as Commissioner. Other officials, all re-elected, who will begin new four-year terms are: District Attorney Royce Adkins, County Attorney Curtis Pogue, Tax Assessor-Collector Elizabeth Stewart, Sheriff W. H. (Bill) Pennington, Commissioner Claude Ashley of Precinct 1, and Constable Bob Marlow of Justice Precinct No. 1. Assessor-Collector Stewart will be starting her first elective term, having been appointed to the unexpired term of R. A. Coburn which ends Dec. 31, 1956. One of the first acts of the new Commissioners Court will be the completion of a County Inventory, in which will be listed all property owned by Haskell County.

## Former Haskell Negro Dies In California

Cleo Thomas, about 35, colored former resident of Haskell, for many years, died at 1:30 a. m. Dec. 17 in a Los Angeles, Calif., hospital after suffering a heart attack. Thomas went to Los Angeles in the early part of this year. Funeral will be held in that city Saturday, with burial in a Los Angeles cemetery. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Luberta Glover; two sisters, Mrs. Odessa Riley and Mrs. Billy Jones; four brothers, J. W. J. T. Loyd and Edward Thomas, all of Haskell; and his father, Tom Thomas.

## Sue Rhoads Named Officer in H-SU Life Service Band

Sue Rhoads, freshman student from Haskell, was named publicity chairman for the Life Service Band, religious organization at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, in the recent election of officers. Don Hammer, junior from Haskell, will serve as president. Other officers are: Kenneth Lowry, senior from Houston, vice-president; Claude Thompson, junior from Roscoe, City Mission chairman; Darlene Phillips, sophomore from Odessa, program chairman; Sammy Scifres, freshman from Rule, music chairman; Billie Lanier, junior from Fortale, N. M., secretary; and Ronald Lamb, freshman from Odessa, social chairman.

## Carolers Visit Hospital, Rest Home Thursday

Christmas Carols greeted patients of the Haskell Hospital, Johnson's Rest Home and shut-ins Thursday evening when members of the First Baptist Church Choir went caroling. The group also visited the homes of friends during the evening to sing carols. The evening was completed with refreshments served in the First Baptist Church annex. Miss Wanda Greenhill was in charge of the social. The carolers included: Jim Fouts, Mr. and Mrs. Jetty V. Clare, Diane Carr, Flo Tibbets, Bobbie Herd, Wanda Greenhill, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Reddell, Mrs. A. C. Pierson, Mrs. Buster Ghosson, and Floyd Self. The choir was recently organized with new officers being elected. They are: directors, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Reddell; president, I. C. Mowery; vice president, J. V. Clare; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Stella Trice; librarian, Mrs. R. C. Couch, Sr.; wardrobe chairman, Mrs. Etta Jenkins; social chairman, Miss Wanda Greenhill; group captains, soprano, Miss Flo Tibbets; tenors, Jim Fouts; bass, R. C. Couch; alto, Mrs. Claude Ashley.

**CHRISTMAS PRAYER**

He shall judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgment.

In his days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth.

The kings of Tarshish and of the Isles shall bring presents; the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.

He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy.

His name shall endure for ever; his name shall be continued as long as the sun; and men shall be blessed in him; all nations shall call him blessed.

And blessed be his glorious name for ever and let the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen, and Amen.

—John the Baptist

...MERRY ARE... Charles Flannery... are announced... Charles... Dec. 19... C. S. Flannery... and Mrs. E...



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### Haskell County History

20 Years Ago—Dec. 24, 1936  
Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Hudson and children of Fort Worth are spending the Christmas holidays here with their parents and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Charlie Chapman and Mrs. Sam T. Chapman and Miss Mary Ben Chapman left Tuesday for Monahans, where they will spend the Christmas holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Smith.

Sterling Edwards and R. W. Clanton made a business trip to Fort Worth the first of the week.

Rev. and Mrs. I. N. Alvis of this city were honored with an old time "pounding" last Sunday, given by members of the Pinkerton Baptist Church.

First allotment of checks for Haskell County farmers who complied with the government's agricultural conservation program during 1936, was received by County Agent E. W. Chesser the first of the week. Twenty-two checks were received, amounting to a total of \$4,064, an average of approximately \$185 each.

In a deal closed last Friday, John E. Robison purchased the Grate Service Station in this city from G. O. Cozart of Graham. Robison has been connected

with the station for the last two years, the past seven months as manager.

Courtney Hunt has been confined to his bed since Saturday with pneumonia. Attending physicians report him to be doing as well as could be expected. Curran Hunt and Mrs. Hollis Fields of Dallas, brother and sister of Mr. Hunt, are here at his bedside.

J. A. Frazier, who has been undergoing treatment in Stamford Sanitarium for several weeks, was able to be removed to his home here Friday evening.

Through the cooperation of Haskell churches and civic organizations, a large number of Christmas baskets are being distributed to needy families in Haskell today. Members of the fire department, in charge of delivery of the baskets, said that between 90 and 85 baskets were to be taken out.

30 Years Ago—Dec. 23, 1926

The State Highway Department has advertised for bids on repairing the Brazos River bridge west of Rule, which was damaged and made unusable by the heavy rains of several weeks ago.

The residence of H. S. Gibson on the Oates farm 10 miles north of town was destroyed by fire about 10 o'clock Saturday morning. Very few of the household effects were saved.

H. E. Coursey of the Howard community reports that one of his tenants, W. A. Hisey has already gathered and ginned 160 bales of cotton this year. This is one of the largest crops reported in the county.

The Midway school closed last Friday afternoon for the Christmas holidays. Classes will be resumed Jan. 3, 1927.

Earl Bishop and family of Crosbyton are here to spend Christmas with friends. They are former residents of Haskell.

Miss Ellen Clifton, who is teaching school in Cimarron, N. M., is spending the Christmas holidays with her sister, Mrs. Henry Johnson and Mr. Johnson at their ranch home in Santa Cruz, N. M.

Little R. H. Moser, son of Mrs. Carrie Moser, Western Union operator here, suffered a broken collar bone Monday when he fell while playing.

M. S. Pierson, who is an inspector with the food and drug division of the State Department

of Health, is here to spend the holidays with his family. According to James E. Lindsey of Rule, special agent for the Census Bureau, 43,685 bales of cotton had been ginned in Haskell County prior to Dec. 13. This compares with 46,338 bales to the same date last year.

Mrs. J. W. Hawkins of Sanford, N. C., is here to spend the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. J. S. Boone and other relatives.

50 Years Ago—Dec. 22, 1905  
The cornerstone of the new building of Haskell Masonic

Lodge will be laid at 2 p. m. to any, and it is expected that several prominent Masons will be here for the ceremony.

The Methodist and Presbyterian churches are both preparing to have Christmas trees for the Sunday School departments on Christmas Eve.

A good many of the people who purchased land in Haskell County during the past summer and fall are now moving in from Central and East Texas.

The Haskell I. O. O. F. Lodge let the contract this week to J. N. McFatter for their new lodge building on the north side of the

square. The building is to be 30x100 feet, two stories high, with a basement 30x60 feet. Construction will be of native brick.

Bob Steel of Del Rio is here on a visit to his father.

S. W. Scott was in Anson several days this week on legal business.

J. E. Hubbard of the Cliff community was here Tuesday to meet his brother, J. R. Hubbard and family, who were moving to this county from Denton.

There is considerable talk of incorporating the town, and the sentiment for it is growing. H. S. Wilson says he thinks we should

incorporate for the purpose, at least, of building sidewalks in the business section.

Will Gilbreath from Sulphur Springs has moved to this county and settled near Weinert. He is related to our fellow citizen I. N. Furrh.

G. H. Cobb, who was in town Thursday, told us that the prairie fire in his section last week burned off all his grass. He said the fire started in the pasture four miles south of his ranch and extended five miles north of his place.

Grover Simmons returned Thursday from Fort Sam Houston

where he has charge from the

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...PROMPT  
SYMPTOMS  
IN LESS THAN  
PROVEN CO



**Greetings**  
It is said that good things come in threes, then accept our wishes for Good Health, Good Luck and Good Cheer for Christmas and the coming New Year.

**Kirkpatrick Beauty Shop**



**GREETINGS**

We wish you every joy and blessing of this happy Christmas Season!

**QUEEN ROOFING**

*Sincerest wishes...*

It is our privilege each year to express our warmest Christmas Greetings to those we are proud to call our friends and patrons. May we say once more that we have appreciated your confidence in the past and that we will never cease trying to make each new year rich in neighborliness and good will for you. To everyone we wish a Merry Christmas and a Bountiful New Year.

**RICHEY - STRAIN CO.**

**We'd Like to Knock on Your Front Door**

**Y**ES SIR! Nothing would we like better than to walk right up to your front door, knock a couple of times, and say to you personally, "Merry Christmas." Unfortunately, we cannot do this, so we take this means of expressing our Season's Greetings to our friends.

We are grateful for the Holiday Season now with us, as it affords us an opportunity to express the friendly words and thoughts that have accumulated during the passing of the year.

Each year we realize more fully that friendships are what make life worth living and we like to feel there is a spirit of friendship underlying our relations with customers. So, to you, as a friend, we feel doubly obligated to show our appreciation.

At this Christmastide may we rededicate ourselves to a greater service to our community, to help enrich our own lives and those with whom we come in contact. Merry Christmas!

**Haskell National Bank**

Member F. D. I. C. Serving Haskell County Since 1886

A. C. PIERSON, President	Pauline Baird	CHARLES SWINSON, Cashier
W. R. JOHNSON, Vice President	Patsy Bledsoe	Anita Medford
NETTIE McCOLLUM, Asst. Cashier	Darolyne Dunnam	Ruth Ann Klose
GENE BROWN, Asst. Cashier	Carolyn Everett	



# New Year's RESOLUTIONS FOR THE MOTORIST

By CHARLIE LANE, WOMAN'S TRAVEL DIRECTOR, GREAT OIL COMPANY

**TO SIGNAL (HAND OR BLINKER) BEFORE TURNING.**

**TO CHECK MIRROR BEFORE PASSING TO MAKE CERTAIN NO CAR IS PASSING ME.**

**TO STAY FAR ENOUGH BEHIND THE CAR IN FRONT TO ALLOW FOR SUDDEN STOPS.**

**TO STOP ON YELLOW SIGNAL--- NOT TRY TO "BEAT THE LIGHT" AT AN INTERSECTION.**

**DO NOT COMPLETELY BLOCK ROAD FOR ANY REPAIRS.**

**ALWAYS HAVE COMPLETELY REPAIRED ALL OF CHEER BEFORE LEAVING ALL CAR.**

Happy New Year!

## Shopping List Include Toys? Here are Hints

How do you choose the right toy for the youngster on your Christmas shopping list? You won't have too much trouble, say the editors of Changing Times, The Kiplinger Magazine, if you match the gift to the child's stage of development.

The child under two will be pleased with a rattle, simple blocks, or cuddling toys. Simple push-pull toys, kiddy cars, or picture books are good for this age when feeling, hugging, patting and shaking things are characteristic. As the child begins to creep, walk and climb, he likes to push, pull, carry, pound and build.

The child from 2 to 4 walks, talks, throws, digs, pedals, plays imaginative games and likes variety. One of these toys should be right for him: blocks, wheeled toys big enough to straddle, swing or teeter-totter, simple housekeeping equipment and doll accessories, paints or crayons, simple jigsaw puzzles and picture books.

When the child is between the ages of 4 and 6, he can use all his muscles and has an active imagination. For boys of this age all types of mechanical toys such as bulldozers, steam shovels, windup cars and planes are good. For girls, play house equipment and doll accessories. For both, costumes or photograph records.

A youngster from 6 to 8 can do more complicated things like playing scoring games, perform stunts, work with tools and follow complex directions. For girls of this age, jump ropes, paper dolls, equipment for playing school or house are suitable. For boys, electric trains, tools, bikes or sports equipment are welcome.

The child from 8 to 10 is now perfecting his skills and selecting hobbies. His interests are almost unlimited. For girls, handicrafts such as a real sewing set are good; for boys, hobby equipment, such as stamp albums or photo supplies. For both, games of skill, skates, magic sets, books and records.

### CHRISTMAS TREES

Tradition has it that Christmas trees were first used in Germany when Christian missionaries chopped down trees worshipped by the pagans and made a decorated tree part of the Christian celebration.

Earliest records of the use of Christmas trees in the United States indicate that German immigrants, who wanted to preserve the type of Christianity they had in Germany, were responsible for popularizing the use of trees in this country.



**BACKYARD SPECIAL** . . . This electric locomotive is designed for use in the backyard and comes complete with tracks and all the trimmings. Toys for 1956 are designed to appeal to both boys and girls—and the train seems to have captured the attention of this young couple from New York City.



The Oriental influence is reflected in this strapless, waltz-length gown of nylon tulle by Mary Carter of Dallas. White Val lace, in three horizontal tiers, is inserted into the flaring skirt. The midriff is of Chre spun taffeta.

## Farmers Tax Guide Now Available

Farmers who are confronted with problems growing out of the new social security phases of their Federal income tax returns, as well as with other points in their tax determinations, will get a big assist from the new 1956 edition of the Farmers' Tax Guide now available at Internal Revenue Service offices and from county farm agents.

The 64-page booklet has been brought up to date by tax agents and the various agricultural groups.

A million copies of the booklet have been printed again for nationwide distribution. Last year's edition was extremely well received by farmers and was highly commended by such groups as the National Grange, the American Farm Bureau Federation, the Farmers Union and the National Livestock Tax Committee.

The booklet tells farmers how to prepare their 1956 tax return through numerous examples on how to do it. The 1956 changes in the self-employment tax law are set out in front of the booklet, along with a check list of farm income and expenses. Farmers will have no trouble in finding the answers to particular problems since the troublesome problems are set out under separate subject headings.

The booklet also deals with such subjects as farm inventories, depreciation, capital gains and losses, casualty losses and thefts, trades, condemnations and diseased livestock, soil and water conservation, and other matters of farm interest.

The publication contains considerably more material than is included in the information booklet which will accompany 1956 farmers' tax forms, scheduled to go into the mails late in December. Farmers who have had special problems during 1956 will be able to plan much of the calculation required by their returns by using the new guide, revenue officials said. It will enable those who file Jan. 15 estimates to do much of their computation in advance of actual form preparation.

Farmers desiring a copy of the guide should visit either their County Agent or the local Internal Revenue Service office. The booklet can be obtained by mail from the District Director of Internal Revenue, 2101 Pacific Ave., Dallas, Texas.

## West Texas Plant Seen as Source Of Cortisone

College Station — The plant, Agave lecheguilla, has been labeled by scientists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture as the most promising native plant yet found to yield substances that can be converted to cortisone, a drug widely used for treatment of arthritis, inflammatory eye diseases, asthma and other painful ailments.

Chemists of the USDA's Agricultural Research Service have discovered in the plant a substance known as smlagenin, from which cortisone can be made by chemical means. Although higher yielding plant sources of cortisone-like drugs have been found, this one is potentially important because it grows in such profusion within the nation's borders. The possible use for this unwanted plant is of particular interest to Texans for it covers thousands of square miles in far west Texas.

The scientists said, "If agave proves to be an economical source of cortisone, harvesting it may lead to recovery of land now ruined by this weed." They pointed out that the plant may also provide an emergency source of cordage fiber—normally imported—used in making rope and cord.

Plant hunters have searched remote areas of the Americas, India and parts of Africa for plants containing substances from which cortisone and other medicals might be made. More than 2,000 species of plants have been shipped for chemical analysis and trial cultivation in the United States.

## Water Key to Safe Fresh Indoor Tree

Water is the key to keeping a Christmas tree fresh after it has been brought indoors.

Every indoor tree should be anchored in a container that holds five or six inches of water. The butt of the tree first should be cut on a slant an inch above the end of the trunk.

Water should be added to the container every day to replace that taken up by the trees or lost by evaporation. Ample water makes a tree less inflammable and gives it a better color.

Any Christmas greenery will stay fresher if sprinkled with water.

# Notice

We are now prepared to make your tax return. If you have completed your year's business, you may make your return at any time, although it may not be mailed until January 1st, 1957. We have a form which will assist you in preparing your summary, and we will be glad to give you one of them if you will come by our office.

## Courtney Hunt

### BEST WISHES

For

CHRISTMAS

and

THE NEW YEAR

BEN CHARLIE CHAPMAN

DISTRICT JUDGE

ROYCE ADKINS

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

### Production Equals

Record

Department regulation in this week production equaled 1954.

As obtained from harvested acreage the agency said report for

field was at- growing season weather- damage area.

production of products will a new record

selection. field crop—

### soybeans—reached a new production record this year. Several important crops made larger total production than in 1955 — corn, winter wheat, spring wheat, potatoes, and flaxseed, which was the third largest crop of record.

Larger crops than last year's were also harvested for sugar beets, dry beans, dry peas and popcorn.

### American Carols

Three of our loveliest Christmas carols were written by Americans.

In 1849, Edmund H. Sears composed "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," and in 1869 Dr. John Henry Hopkins, Jr., composed "We Three Kings of Orient Are." "O Little Town of Bethlehem" was written in 1868 by Phillips Brooks.



Our entire staff joins in wishing you a Christmas that is filled with peace and happiness.

INNER NURSERY  
FLORAL CO.



Merry Christmas to all our loyal friends and customers, and wishing the best of everything for you!

M. L. Cook Service Station

107 N. 1st St.

Haskell, Texas

# Be happy!

## LIVE BETTER —

# Electrically

IN

# 1957

### DO SOME FIGURING IN '57

Do a little checking around the house and you will find you will want more Electric Appliances. Plan now, that in 1957 you will provide your home with more Electric Services. Better still, call us and let one of our representatives help you do your planning.

West Texas Utilities  
Company



**Good Wishes**  
 To you whose friendship and patronage we treasure, we wish a Holiday of good health, good cheer and prosperity to last throughout the coming New Year.

**Carrol Thompson**  
 BANNER ICE

**Greetings for CHRISTMAS**



We'll go along with Santa in wishing a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All,

**McCain Laundry**  
 Mr. and Mrs. N. L. McCain

**Greetings**

The Christmas wishes we send you are meant to last as long as the green of the evergreen.

And may it extend to all those you love, too.

**M. C. WILFONG**

**OUR WISH**  
 For Friends and Patrons

As we approach this Christmas season and survey the past year, we are indeed happy for the wonderful patronage we have enjoyed. We want you to know it has been a pleasure to serve you and want to wish for each of you and your families a

**Merry Christmas**  
 AND A  
**Happy New Year**

We Will Be Looking Forward to Serving You in 1937

**COOK BROS. BARBER SHOP**  
 ROY and FLOYD COOK and LESLIE JONES

**Letters to Santa Claus**

**Haskell, Texas**  
 Dear Santa:  
 I am 5 years old and I go to kindergarten school. I wish you would bring me a Bride Doll for Christmas. Would like to have a Mix-Master like they show on TV. I want some loafer shoes, socks, dress and a color book.  
 I hope you can bring me all this and not forget all the other children. Hope you won't get too tired distributing the gifts. I will have you something to eat in the refrigerator and you can set down at the table and eat while you rest.  
 Thanks,  
 Sarah Lou Josselet.  
 P. S.—Please remember my Grand-daddy, he is sick.

**Haskell, Texas**  
 Dear Santa:  
 Our names are Tim and Keith Everett. If you think we have been good enough, we would like to have an electric train, a football, some new guns, a record player and records, and some boots and spurs.  
 Your friends,  
 Tim and Keith Everett.

**Haskell, Texas**  
 Dear Santa Claus:  
 I am eight years old. I want a basketball and a watch. My sister wants a doll and a suitcase. My brother wants a tricycle and a cowboy hat. Thank you.  
 Ronald Lee Hilliard

**Haskell, Texas**  
 Dear Santa Claus:  
 I want a speedometer for Christmas, and I want a real one. I also would like a U. S. Army howitzer cannon and a Cub print shop. Love,  
 Brian McMillin

**Haskell, Texas**  
 Dear Santa:  
 I am a little girl three years old and I have a brother nine months old. We now live at 1213 North Main, Monohans, Texas.  
 Please bring me a walking doll, a record player and a pay phone. Please don't forget John Lee, either. He would like some pull toys. We are trying to be good and we are coming to Haskell Christmas.  
 Thanks,  
 Patricia Ann Carroll.

**Haskell, Texas**  
 Dear Santa Claus:  
 We have been pretty good children, but will try to be better. I want a boys bicycle. My sister wants a Tiny Tears doll and a doll bed. From  
 James Harold and Janis Ellen Wall.

**Haskell, Texas**  
 Dear Santa Claus:  
 Please send me a police car, a blackboard with seat, and any other things you think I should have. Don't forget my cousin, Stanley Max, at Knox City.  
 Your friend,  
 Mikey Campbell.

**Haskell, Texas**  
 Dear Santa Claus:  
 I have a little sister named Paula, five years old. Please bring her a teddy bear, telephone and a cake machine. I have a little brother named Eddie who is four years old. Please bring him a Roy Rogers lantern, cowboys, and guns. Thank you.  
 Elaine Elmore

**Weinert, Texas**  
 Dear Santa:  
 I am a little girl seven years old. I have tried to be a good little girl this year. I have minded my mother pretty good, but will try to do better next year.  
 Would you please try to bring me a little nurses kit and a nurse suit. Also lots of nuts and candies. Please remember all the other little boys and girls and be good to them.  
 Your little friend,  
 Darlene Hawkins.

**Weinert, Texas**  
 Dear Santa:  
 I would like a real typewriter if you can get it and a mixer. Please bring Garland a gun and holster. Thank you.  
 Belinda Gwynne McKelvain

**Rule, Texas**  
 Dear Santa Claus:  
 I am a little boy seven years old. I would like some guns, football suit, archery set and some little cars. My sister Linda, age five, wants a Tiny Tears doll, doll bed, dishes and bake set. My sister Rebekah wants a baby doll, doll bed and teddy bear. Don't forget the other boys and girls. Thank you.  
 Yours truly,  
 Robert, Linda and Rebekah Jones

**Haskell, Texas**  
 Dear Santa Claus:  
 We are two little boys four and five years old. We would like some holster sets, some cowboy shirts, some Davy Crockett boots, some cowboy hats and a farm set. We would like some cowboy pants. Don't forget the other little boys and girls. We would like some candy and nuts, too. Thank you. Yours truly,  
 Sam and Randy Stone.

**Haskell, Texas**  
 Dear Santa:  
 I have been a good girl this year. I would like a Tiny Tears doll, bunk beds, baton, cuckoo clock and anything else you want to bring. If you have time you can wrap my presents. Be sure and start early so you can get here before I wake Christmas morning. Love,  
 Phyllis.

**Haskell, Texas**  
 Dear Santa Claus:  
 We are two little girls. I am seven years old and my sister is five years old. We want a bicycle, cork bulletin board, a little doll, and candy and nuts. And don't forget all the other little boys and girls. Thank you.  
 Brenda and Vivian Buerger

**Haskell, Texas**  
 Dear Santa:  
 I want a B-B gun. I want a baseball glove and basketball bat and baseball. I want some boxing gloves. I want a pair of boots and a pair of tennis shoes. Love,  
 Charles Gibson

**Route 1, Weinert**  
 Dearest Santa Claus:  
 I am a little girl three years old. For Christmas I would like a big doll, a toy stove refrigerator, cabinet, doll buggy, blackboard and any other thing you could bring us.  
 Please, don't forget all the other boys and girls everywhere.  
 Love,  
 Teresa Bowen.



We'd like to crowd in our good wishes for a very merry Christmas packed with happiness!

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 "Farm Bureau Needs You - You Need Farm Bureau"  
 Haskell, Texas

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**Greetings**

Christmas brings thoughts of old friends, good times, and that's best in life. May Christmas add richly to your store of happy memories.

**SMITH OLDSMOOR**

**Merry Christmas**

To our faithful old friends, to our devoted new friends and to those whose friendships we hope to earn—we wish a most cheerful Christmas and a New Year filled with all the good things in life—Health, Happiness and enduring Peace.

We extend this greeting, not because it is the customary thing to do but because it is a sentiment genuinely felt, for as the years go by our appreciation of cherished friendships becomes greater and greater.

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# Letters to Santa Claus . . .

Haskell, Texas  
Route 3

Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl 9 years old. I am in the Third grade. My teacher's name is Miss Hunt and I like her very much. Will you please bring me a record player and a doll. Don't forget the other boys and girls. Please don't forget my big sister and brother, Welsh, Sue and Jerry Welsh.

Doyleene New.

Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl two years old, and have tried to be good this year. Please bring me a tricycle, table and chairs, guns, piano and baton for Christmas. Love you,

Pam Klose

P. S.: Please remember all my pals on Christmas morning.

Dear Santa:  
I want a pellet gun and an English racing bicycle, a rocket suit, and my little brother wants a bicycle that has two wheels on the back and a rocket suit.

Love,  
Jimmy D. Harris.

Dear Santa:  
I would like to have a majorette doll for Christmas. I am a girl nine years old. My sister, seven years old, would like a Revlon doll and my baby sister wants candy and a little doll. Hi, Santa Claus! We are 9, 7, and 1 year old.

Sherry, Kay, and Nena  
Newton  
Weinert, Texas

November 28, 1956

Dear Santa:  
I'm trying to be a nice boy so will you bring me a BB gun, a watch, two cowboy guns to fit in my holsters that I already have and anything that you think I need.

Please remember all my little buddies and pals on Christmas morning.

Your Pal  
Charles Ray Herren

Dear Santa:  
I want to know if it would be too much trouble to bring my little sister a doll with a suitcase, and me a switchboard and a real pretty doll in a stroller with clothes.

Love,

Evelyn and Alexia  
P. S.—And Bring Mother and Daddy a new suit.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a toy. It is a telephone me and Cecilia can talk on, and a typewriter.

From,  
Danny

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl six years old and in the First Grade. I like my teacher fine. I would like for you to please bring me a house cleaning storage cabinet, a Barbie doll layette, a playtime set in carrying case, and a nice micro-mix electric mixer. Don't forget Mollie.

Paula Sue Terrell

Nov. 23, 1956

Dear Santa Claus:  
My name is Mary Rodriguez. I live in Haskell, Texas. My address is Route 1. I have two little brothers. One of them is 4 years old and the other 6 years old. One of them wants a Roy Rogers gun set that has double guns. The other wants a set of Kit Carson guns. I want a walking doll, one that I can wash and comb its hair.

Your friend,  
Mary Rodriguez

Dear Santa:  
I'm a little boy three years old. I would like for you to bring me a gun and a guitar. I have been very nice this year. I know because my Mommy said so. I'll have some candy and a gift for you under the Christmas tree. I love you, Santa.

Eddie Stewart,  
Weinert, Texas

Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl 8 years old. I would like a Betsy Wetsy doll, and a Dale Evans watch. Don't forget my cousins.

Love,

Bobbie Faye Haliburton  
P. S.—The Dale Evans watch had a lucky horseshoe necklace. I would like a birthstone ring for January. Size 6.

4039 Barksdale, Cts.,  
Dallas, Texas

Dear Santa:  
I try to be a good boy. I like school and Cub Scout work. I am sure I will get gifts. But would like for you to take Eddie Wilson gifts. He is farther from Haskell than I. He is in Washington, D. C.

Doyle Ray Whittemore

P. S.—Next Christmas I want an electric train, please.

Dear Santa:  
I am a little boy 8 years old. I would like for you to bring me a B-B gun or a bow and arrow. I will be real careful with it if you would. I have been pretty good. Don't forget all the other boys and girls. Thanks a lot.

Your friend,  
Troy Schwartz

Sagerton, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a table and two chairs and a doll and doll clothes.

Please bring my brother Kenneth some boxing gloves and checkers. Your friend,  
Judy Neinst.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a Tiny Tears doll for Christmas. I want a baby buggy. I want some doll dishes. My brother wants a motor bicycle for Christmas. My baby sister wants a doll. And don't forget the other children, too.

Sally Jean Carter

Dear Santa:  
I want a little doll and a little sweep and a little ball. Where is my ball? Where is it? Is it in this box? I have to find that ball. Janet will play ball with me but I can not find my ball.

Janet Riley

Dear Santa:  
We are Linda Kay, age 7, and Denny Alfred Tidrow, age 5. We would like a bicycle and a doll house and a jeep and a tractor. Thank you.

Linda Kay and  
Denny Alfred Tidrow.

Weinert, Texas

Dear Santa:  
We are two little girls, two-and three years old. We can hardly wait for you to come.

Please bring us a little table and two chairs, a doll each and some toy watches. Bring any other toys you think we would like.

We sure do like to play on the swings, see-saw and slides you sent last year. Love,  
Lorena and Joan Cadedil  
P. S.—Don't forget Larry and Sharon.

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy four years old. I live on Route 1, Haskell. I would like for you to bring me a Roy Rogers ranch set, and a basket ball and net. Fill my stocking with fruit, nuts and candy. Merry Christmas. I love you.

Kyle Robertson

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl five years old and I have tried to be good this year. Please bring me a bride doll. Bring my little sister, Susan, a doll too, and we would like very much to have a record player.

Remember all the other little boys and girls. Love,  
Sheila Gileland.

Dear Santa:

I am ten years old. I would like to have a set of guns and a cowboy hat and some candy, nuts, and fruit. Yours truly,  
James Weston Brooks

Dear Santa:

I want a B-B gun and some kind of a game. How are you? We are fine. We will have something for you to eat. From  
Roland Branch  
P. S.—And Santa bring my little sister a doll. Her name is Jeweldene.

Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl four years old and my brother is two and baby sister is six months old. I would like a doll for baby sister, a shot gun for brother. I would like a doll and an ironing board. We want some candy and nuts. Remember all the little boys and girls. We love you a lot.

Kenneth Ray, Rita Faye and  
Jonell Brooks.

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy four years old and my little brother is two. We have tried to be good boys this year. Please bring me boots, guns and a bicycle. Steve wants boots, guns and a wagon.

Mike and Steve Guess

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy six years old. I would like for you to bring me a set of guns, some caps, a truck, candy and nuts. Please remember all the little boys and girls. I love you a lot.

Roy Lee Brooks

P. S.—I would like some new school clothes.

Weinert, Texas

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl 21 months old. I have been a good girl and hope you will remember me, and all the other little children, too. I would like for you to bring me a doll, ball, bottle for my dolly, piano and telephone. Be sure to fill my stocking on Christmas, too. I love you lots.

Debbie Jones

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl one and half years old. I have not been too good, but please bring me a dolly and doll buggy, and a lot of sticky candy, to smear on all the furniture. I'd like to have a surprise at my Maw's house.

Love,  
Linda Kay Hartfield,  
901 N. 8th St.  
Haskell, Texas.

**Sincere Wishes**

Midst the many greetings that will come to you this Christmas, we want you to include our wishes for a joyous Holiday and a Rich and Happy New Year.

**OR SERVICE**  
J. STEWART

**Best Wishes**

Cheerful glow of Christmas reflected in your brighten the with joy ment.

**County Nat'l Farm Loan Assn.**  
Joe Harper, Sec.-Treas.  
Baby Smith, Assistant Sec.-Treas.

**Greetings**

May you find good cheer, peace and happiness at Christmas time. These are our sincere wishes for all our friends who have made this Christmas such a wonderful one for us.

**BOB MOBLEY'S BELL SERVICE STATION**

**A GREETING**

To all our patrons we extend our thanks...for a year filled with friendship and goodwill. It is our sincere hope that our ways—during the coming year—may once more follow similar paths. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

**Mr. and Mrs. A. D. (Monte) Frierson**  
Telephone 583-J

**Hail the Christmastide**

May it hold for you untold joy and contentment. We would feel that something had been left undone were we to pass up this opportunity of thanking you for all past favors—to express our gratitude for your loyal friendships.

Merry Christmas to you, our friends.

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**Season's Greetings**

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**Maye Bell Taylor Sends Christmas Message To Homeland Friends From Brazil Mission**

Maye Bell Taylor of this city, who has spent a number of years in the Mission field of Brazil, in a letter to The Free Press this week sends Christmas greetings to her many friends and also tells something of the work and mission needs of Brazil. Her letter reads:

Aracaju, Sergipe  
Christmas 1956

Dear Friends in the Homeland: Christmas with its Spirit of Christ is in the light that has never been overpowered. We rejoice that it is the ray of hope for Peace on Earth and Goodwill toward Men.

May the Christmas Spirit fill each of your hearts with peace, love and joy at this season and throughout the New Year.

Just a year ago, I told the missionaries here, the Maurice Treadwells goodbye, as they returned to the States because of her illness. I remained the only missionary in this state and city of 50,000 people. Also the only North American. But the year has passed very quickly as I have been very busy with church and school work. My Brazilian friends have been so good to me. The Lord blessed me in many ways, especially with good health, so that I could carry on His work.

The needs of the mission field are so great that one can't imagine, but must see for oneself. Here in this small state there are more than forty cities and small towns that are begging for trained workers. No church or pastors to help them. How few are the laborers with so great a harvest. There are many cities with a population of 30,000 people without a church or Christian worker. The missionaries would like to be three people so they could answer the "calls to come and help us." So many lost people around you makes your heart heavy.

We pray for our people at home to pray for us and to give liberally to His work. May many young people hear this call and obey!

In our small Baptist School we have two Presbyterians and three Baptist teachers. We have a small clinic connected with the school, where many poor people may receive free medicine and treatments. Over a thousand people visited our clinic this past year. Many skinned knees, sore toes and bruises were treated.

How fortunate we are now, to have a School of Nursing here directed by a fine Presbyterian graduate nurse. Our Christian girls now have the opportunity to study to become a nurse, and attend to the many Christians who are neglected in our hospitals.

In my business girl's class are two fine girls who have accepted Christ as their Saviour. They are beaten at home every time they enter the church, if their father knows it. He is a fanatical Catholic who tries to make his family go to church by force. One girl was beaten in the face until it was badly bruised. My heart aches for them as they do not have any place to go to escape

him. Their faith and desire to serve Jesus is beautiful.

I am grateful for all my friends. Your letters and prayers give me courage and strength. As it is impossible to write to all of you, I want to take this opportunity to wish each of you a joyous Christmas and a New Year overflowing with blessings.

Sincerely,  
Maye Bell Taylor.

**Hospital Notes**

The following persons were admitted to Haskell County Hospital this week:

Susie Mae Seller, Haskell, medical

Rev. M. D. Rexrode, Haskell, medical

Billy Dave Kittley, Jr., Rule, surgery

William Martinez, Rochester, medical

O. S. Covey, Knox City, medical

Mrs. John Sammons, Haskell, medical

Jackie Lynn Vanover, Rule, medical

Mrs. D. W. Adkins, Haskell, medical

Will Jeter, Rule, medical

J. D. Westbrook, Sr., Rule, medical

E. D. Weaver, Rule, medical

Beford Isham, Haskell, medical

The following persons were dismissed from Haskell County Hospital this week:

Mrs. Herman Pat Morrison and infant daughter, Paint Creek; Deryl Wayne Briles, Rule; Robert Hurst, Haskell; Ismael Darrious, Rochester; Mrs. Robert Hill and infant daughter, Weinert; Mrs. H. C. Allcock, and infant daughter, O'Brien; Tom Whitaker, Haskell; Mrs. Ira Medlin and infant daughter, Snyder; Raymond Wheeler, Haskell; Clifford Spinks, Haskell; Mrs. Charley Barton, Haskell; Mrs. Charley C. Childress, O'Brien; Judy Willingham, Rule; Mrs. Petra Rivas, Rochester; Freddie Vanover, Rule; Joe Bruce, Knox City; Karen Pitman, Haskell; Mrs. Bill Pennington, Haskell; Mrs. C. B. Chisan, Rule; D. I. White, Haskell; Mrs. J. M. Hinkle, Haskell; Mrs. Betty Breeden and infant son, Haskell; Mrs. J. W. Earp, Weinert; Mrs. J. W. Liles, Weinert; Mrs. Josephine Garza, Rule; Mrs. Gene Lancaster, Haskell.

**Births**

The following births were reported at Haskell County Hospital this week:

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Medlin, Snyder, a daughter, Merritt Janice, weight 6 pounds 3 ounces, born Dec. 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Breeden, Haskell, a son, Ronald Douglas, weight 8 pounds 9½ ounces, born Dec. 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hill, Weinert, a daughter, Deniece Linnell, weight 6 pounds 8 ounces, born Dec. 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Allcock, O'Brien, a daughter, Oleta Mae, weight 6 pounds 10½ ounces, born Dec. 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Pat Morrison, Paint Creek, a daughter, Marcia Jo, weight 6 pounds 13 ounces, born Dec. 18.

**NEWS OF INTEREST TO WOMEN**

**Bridal Shower Is Compliment To Miss Stephens**

Frankie Ann Stephens of Weinert, bride-elect of Carroll Chase, was honored with a bridal shower Saturday afternoon from 2 to 4 in the home of Mrs. W. C. Winchester in Weinert. Guests were greeted by Mrs. Winchester.

Receiving with Miss Stephens was her mother, Mrs. D. R. Stephens, grandmother, Mrs. H. B. Teasoft and Mrs. Chase of Tye. Joann Winchester registered guests in a white leather bride's book. The registry table was centered with a pink and silver Christmas arrangement of ribbons and tinsel balls.

The refreshment table was laid with an off white cutwork cloth. Centerpiece was a heart shaped arch of greenery and tiny white bells on a lace covered base in front of an arrangement of pink carnations. Tea and white cake was served by Mmes. W. B. Guess, R. W. Raynes, E. M. Owens, and G. C. Brockett.

Gifts were displayed by Mrs. C. J. Williamson, T. E. Reeves, and Mrs. Frank Oman. Other hostesses were Mrs. Neal Stewart, Mrs. J. A. Mayfield, Mrs. Clyde Mayfield and Mrs. D. L. Moody. About 80 guests called.

**Jess Cooks Host Party for Paint Creek Faculty**

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Cook entertained the Paint Creek faculty and school board members and their wives with a Christmas party at their lovely home at the West Texas Utilities Power Plant Saturday night.

The house was decorated with a lighted Christmas tree, Christmas cards displayed on a red ribbon framing the doorway, and the Nativity scene on the mantle with a sky of blue angel hair and stars on the large mirror above the fireplace.

Games of dominoes for the men and bingo for the women were enjoyed. Gifts were exchanged from the Christmas tree and a delicious refreshment plate of open-faced sandwiches, nuts, mints, coffee, egg nog and punch was served from a lace covered table with crystal service.

Those enjoying the evening were Messrs. and Mesdames Frank Sims, Paul Fischer, S. L. Griffith, Mack Earles, J. C. O'Neal, J. M. Owens, Gene Overton, Mrs. Irene Ballard, Lilla Heflin, Lillian Brown, Miss Betty Smithy, Willie Lee Medford, Clara Ann, Margaret and Paulette Fischer, who assisted in the games and registering the guests, the host and hostesses and their children, Carolyn, Charlotte and Ray.

**Wahanka Camp Fire Girls Meet With Leader**

The Wahanka Camp Fire Girls met Friday Dec. 14 in the home of our leader, Mrs. Harold Hodge. We had no minutes or business.

So we went straight to work on our mothers Christmas presents which were flower pots we made and put ivy in them.

Then our leader served us punch, cookies and peppermint sticks for our Christmas presents. The meeting was adjourned, reports Judy Seg0.

**Museum to House First Cotton Gin**

A century and a half after its invention, the first commercial cotton gin has come home to its rightful resting place.

The gin, built by Eli Whitney in Georgia, and the inventor's workshop have been presented to the city of Savannah. The workshop will be dismantled and reassembled on a site to be selected in the city. In what will be known as the Eli Whitney Museum, the gin will be placed on permanent display.

Whitney's gin has been the subject of much research among historians. The gin which has been given to Savannah is considered by authorities to be the original model for the power gin which revolutionized the cotton industry.

Letters written by Whitney state that he made his invention at

**Christmas Social Given for Junior I. S. S. Class**

On Thursday evening members of Junior I Sunday School department of the First Baptist Church enjoyed a Christmas social in the basement of the church. Each person brought gifts of food items to be given needy families. Billie Christberg directed several games, after which Gene Brown showed slide films taken recently at a Junior G. A. Japanese party.

Refreshments of red and green cookies shaped like Christmas trees, stars, camels, etc., were served with soft drinks to the following:

Jeff Robertson, Rayma Trussell, Billie Christberg, Trisha Christberg, Betty and Gene Brown, Glenda Long, Sandra Henshaw, Dewayne Moore, Mike Gholson, Harlan Miller, John Miller, Albert Barnett, Nerva Oates, Tona Patterson, Janice Burson, Catherine Schwartz, Johnny Hice, Dona Ruth Sanders, Barry Aneal, Shirley Redwine, Ethel Alvis, Deborah Sue Reeder, Ruby Kay Alvis, Toni Burson, Tim Burson, Larry Flournoy, Margaret Wall, Judy Kay Seg0, Vickie Lee Burson, Jerry Sue Couch, Carolyn Sue Pogue, Barbara Littlefield, Gary Turnbow, Shirley Larned, and John Larned.

**Museum to House First Cotton Gin**

Authorities agree that the first model was destroyed by fire, but Whitney continued to work on his invention. He received a patent for an improved power gin in 1794. Lost to the world for 140 years, this model was discovered in 1934 in the attic of the farm home of J. Luke Burdette near Washington, Georgia.

Mills B. Lane, Jr., president of an Atlanta bank, presented the gin and workshop to the city of Savannah. Lane purchased them from the owner when he learned they were being shipped to Florida.

**Christmas World's Most Universally Observed Holiday**

Of all the world's holidays, Christmas is the holiday that belongs to one and all. Christmas is for everyone, the sad and the weary, the sick and the infirmed, the happy and their more serious elders.

Yes, Christmas belongs to no one alone. Men of different nations and diversified beliefs all share a certain unity in the observance of this greatest of all holidays. Christmas, and the spirit that goes with it, belongs to us all.

Christmas is a time of excitement for the very young. It means good food, bright lights, an inviting pyramid of presents beneath a glittering tree.

Christmas is likewise a time of joy for those who are growing up. And for these Christmas begins to take on a deeper and more significant meaning with each holiday. Behind the laughing and festivities, the caroling and presents, there is borne the realization that there is yet greater joy in the holiday, though the glitter of Santa Claus becomes dimmer year by year.

For others, Christmas is a magic mirror of memories, a mirror that dissolves all the prejudice, hate and sorrow to which mankind is afflicted; a mirror that reflects only the kindness and goodness God wished for the world He created.

Christmas is all these things, and more. It is the shadow of a church steeple in the winter's snow; a pointed ray of light shining through a stained glass window; the crunch, crunch of heavy footsteps on crusted snow; and voices singing in the night.

Christmas is all things to all men; and to all men it is the shining symbol of man's continual hope for eternal salvation.

**Common Sense in Christmas Season Aid to Health**

AUSTIN, Dec. 20—Most Texans are susceptible to holiday fever, declares Dr. Henry A. Holle, commissioner of health. Each year they are caught in a last minute rush of buying gifts, wrapping packages and sending cards; in short they have caught the annual fever. This "fever," just as any fever should be handled carefully, or serious complications may arise.

In order for the fever not to get you down you had better incorporate a few sane ideas into what might become the mad rush of these days.

Organize as well as you can so as to save steps. Always stop before reaching the point, where sheer fatigue affects your judgment, tempers and bodily control. When fatigue gets the better of one, he is much more vulnerable to accident—both at home and on the road.

Duties should be scheduled to allow some time for relaxation. It is surprising how much more enjoyment one gets when he is well rested. Some time should be devoted to sitting and thinking—thinking of what Christmas really means.

If there are children you will want them to have a part in the family preparation for Christmas and a share of the fun. Parents need to remember that the younger children's routines should be as upsets as little as possible. To deprive a child of his nap, to drag him through crowded stores, to expose him to confusion and to offer him too many sweets is not the right kind of sharing.

The child under five can be easily over stimulated about the holidays. Too much advance excitement may make the day itself a let down. Setting limits for older children is also wise, so that Christmas won't be spoiled because they are half dead with fatigue or are battling against a cold. The older folks would also be wise to get plenty of rest, watch their diet and do everything possible to avoid accidents in the home and on the highways.



*Christmas*

No other word brightens the eyes of children and warms the hearts of adults so quickly! No other words express our wishes so well —

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

**Gertrude Robinson**  
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**Greetings**

May all the joys of this Holiday Season be yours!

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409 S. 1st Street Haskell, Texas Phone 339

**May Fields Class Meets for Annual Christmas Party**

The annual Christmas party of the May Fields Class of First Christian Church was held in the home of Mrs. Alonzo Pate Monday evening, Dec. 17, with Mrs. M. B. Cobb as co-hostess.

Seasonal theme was followed in decorations in the entertaining rooms, complemented by an attractively decorated Christmas tree. Highlight of the evening was the exchange of gifts, with special recognition given to Miss May Fields, for whom the class is named.

Refreshments were served during the evening to class members and guests. Madalin Hunt, Beryle Boone, Mesdames Guy Collins, V. W. Meadors, Sr., Ione Menefee, A. C. Foster, Artie May Burkett, Wm. P. Ratliff, George Neely, Henry Atkinson, C. V. Payne, Fred Gresham, Miss May Fields and the hostesses.

**Miss Madalin Hunt Guest Speaker at Aspermont Dinner**

Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Hunt, and Miss Madalin motored to Aspermont Friday night, Dec. 14th, where Miss Hunt was guest speaker for the Gleaners Class of the First Baptist Church. The ladies held their annual Christmas dinner in the banquet room of the Aspermont Hotel.

The room and the tables were beautifully decorated in the Christmas motif. A large Christmas tree was the center of attraction.

After a delicious three course turkey dinner, Miss Hunt spoke on Alaska, and showed the pictures she made on the tour. Mrs. Afton Martin read a Christmas poem. Santa distributed the gifts to thirty members and guests.

**Elementary P-TA to Have First Meeting Of New Year Jan. 8**

The Haskell Elementary Parent-Teachers Association will hold their first meeting of the New Year, in the auditorium on Tuesday night, Jan. 8 at 7:30 o'clock.

The theme of the program will be "We the People, Invest in Education." W. F. Ratliff and Dr. T. W. Williams will form a panel to discuss "Education is an Investment Rather Than an Expenditure."

The Third Grade Mothers will act as hostesses for the social hour following the program.

**SPECIAL BULLETIN — North Pole**  
December 24, 1956

**SANTA SAYS:**

Hope You All Have A Merry Christmas!

As soon as the rush is over, Mother, take time for yourself. See after-Christmas specials just for you by Harriet Hubbard Ayer.

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**THE PERSONALITY SHOPPE**



**MERRY Christmas**

We greet our friends at this happy time and wish them well, now and always.

**STARR'S WELDING & MOTOR SERVICE**

**Our Christmas Wish**

Our sincere wish is that you and your family may know all the old-fashioned, yet ever new, joys of the season. Merry Christmas!

**CORNER GULF SERVICE STATION**

# Letters to Santa Claus . . .

Dear Santa: I have been a good boy this year. I'm in the second grade. I like my teacher, who is Mrs. Joe King. Please bring me a box of 48 games, trucks, view picture show, cards to go with it also. And anything else you want to bring. Don't forget my Aunt Gene, Grand and Granddaddy. Don't forget some fruit, nuts and candy. I love you, Santa. Jerry L. Freeman, 203 South Ave. J

Dear Santa Claus: I have been a good little girl this year. Santa will you please come to see me this Christmas? Please bring me a playhouse with little dolls in it. I love you, Santa. Your friend, Margana Walker.

Dear Santa Claus: I have been a good girl this year. Santa will you please come to see me this Christmas? Please bring me a doll, doll cradle, and telephone. Your friend, Sue Carruth

Dear Santa: I have been a good boy this year. Will you please come to see me this Christmas? I would like a bicycle, football, and a slide. Your friend, Leslie Wellenbose

Dear Santa Claus: I would like to have an electric football game. Some other boys would, too, I'm sure. I would like a knife so I can hunt frogs in the summer. I also would like to thank you for the things I have gotten in the past years. Father and Mother would like an electric razor and Mother would like a dish drainer. Thank you. Bring everyone something. Your friend, Dennis Opitz

Dear Santa Claus: I have tried to be very good this year. I hope I have been good enough. I would like a doll for Christmas with a red dress on, and with rooster hair. My baby sister would like a little doll very much. If you will bring just two dolls, my baby sister and I will be happy. Your friend, Sherry Newton

Dear Santa Claus: I have been a good boy this year. I hope you come to see me Christmas. I would like two guns and a belt. Your friend, Donald Kreger

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to bring me a baseball glove and a wildlife set. I want you to bring my sister's basketball and goal. Your friend, Mike O'Keefe, Mattson school

Dear Santa Claus: Santa, I would like to have a doll kit and a ring. I have been a good girl this year. My brother would like to have a gun and my sister would like to have a billfold. They have been good, too. Mother would like to have a pretty dress. Father would like to have a tie. Santa, give everyone something for Christmas. Thank you. Your friend, Kathy Moeller, Mattson school

Dear Santa Claus: I have been a good little boy this year. Santa, will you please come to see me this Christmas? I would like you to bring me a Roy Rogers suit and a Roy Rogers set. I love you Santa Claus. Your friend, Johnny McWilliams

Dear Santa Claus: I would like for you to bring everyone something for Christmas. I would like for you to bring me a doll for Christmas. I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas. My Mother would like to have a billfold for Christmas. My brother would like to have two guns for Christmas. For Christmas I am going to give my Mother something. Your friend, Deores Feiser.

Dear Santa Claus: I have been a good little girl this year. Santa will you please come to see me this Christmas? I would like for you to bring me a Revelon doll. Please bring my little sister some candy and a little doll. I love you, Santa dear. Your friend, Anita Kay Newton

Dear Santa Claus: I have been a good little boy this year. Santa will you please come to see me this Christmas? Please bring me two guns and a belt. Also bring me a football helmet, Army set, and a bicycle basket. Don't forget my two little sisters. I love you, Santa Claus. Your friend, Kenneth Putman

Dear Santa Claus: I want a ring. And my brother, I want him to have a suit, and I want you to get my friends a doll. I want a doll, too. Goodbye Santa. Your friend, Mary Thomas

Dear Santa Claus: I want a doll for Christmas. I like Christmas. I got a doll last Christmas. Santa Claus is a good man. My friend wants skates for Christmas. I like it. Bring all the children something for Christmas. Your friend, Toni Greene

Dear Santa Claus: I am nine years old. I have been a good girl. I would like to have a little mixmaster. I also want a baby doll. Santa Claus, bring Mommy a new dress and bring Daddy a new tie. Santa Claus, bring all the children in the world a toy. Love, Your friend, Mary Mathis, Rt. 1, Knox City

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl two years old and have been pretty good. Please bring me a piano, ironing board, fruit, nuts, candy and anything else you wish. Please don't forget my cousins, and all of the other little boys and girls. With love, Judy Cleo Lehde.

Dear Santa: We are two little girls who can hardly wait for you to come to our house. I, Brenda, am 5 years old, and I, Judy, am 3 years old. We would like for you to bring us a walking doll with blond hair, a little red wagon, some candy and nuts, and anything else you think we need. Love, Brenda and Judy Alexander

Dear Santa Claus: I am a seven year old girl and am in the second grade. This is what I want for Christmas. I want a bicycle and some other things too, and don't forget my Daddy and Mama and my brother Leo, who is 9 years old. He is in the fourth grade and he wants a train. And my little sister is 3 years old. Her name is Dorothy Ellen and she wants a tricycle and don't forget my teacher, Mrs. Derr. Thank you. Your friend, Ruby Jean Freebly, Weinert, Texas

Dear Santa Claus: I have been a good boy. I am four years old and I would like some guns and a holster set with silver bullets in it. Also a paint set, two games, a toy, and a telephone. Please bring all the other children what they want. Love, Randy Foster, Rt. 1, Haskell

Dear Santa: I am a little girl three years old. Please bring me a doll buggy, and a drum. Also nuts and candy. Santa, please remember my baby sister, Helen, and all the other boys and girls. I love you. Diane Myers, Weinert, Texas

Dear Santa: I am a little girl nearly five years old. I live in San Antonio but I am going to my Grandmother and Granddaddy Perry's house for Christmas, so would you please come to see me there? They live at Haskell. I would like to have a Balerina doll, some dishes, and an iron and ironing board. Also some fruit and nuts. If you can't bring me all this, just bring me what you can. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls. Love, Pamela Blacklock, 155 Arroyo Vista, San Antonio

Dear Santa: I want a doll and a 26-inch bicycle and I want to introduce my sister Glee and if you want to know me I am Gale, and now I am going to tell you what Glee wants. She wants a doll and a 26-inch bicycle and a ball and I am going to be at my Grandmother's and my Grandmother is Mrs. Elmer Wheatley. Love, Gale and Glee Wheeler, Grand Prairie, Texas

Dear Santa: I am 4 1/2 years old. I have a little brother who is 1 1/2 years old. His name is Danny. Please bring him a two-gun holster set, a little wind-up train and a pull toy. Please bring me a walking doll, Tru-Viewer and nurse kit. Don't forget all the other boys and girls. Love, Susan Wainscott

Dear Santa: I am very glad that Christmas is coming but I am a little unhappy because I am not having anything for Christmas. I wish that you will come in Christmas Eve. Oh! Will you please bring us some toys and clothes so we will look better in school. This is what we wish you to give us, toys and clothes. Oh! And please bring me a big doll. Santa Claus, I wish you would come by our house, please come. We wish that you receive this letter. Goodbye and good luck. Yours truly, Jessie and Margaret Osuna, Rt. 1, Haskell

Dear Santa Claus: I would like to have something under our tree. Santa Claus would you bring me some doll clothes and a nurse kit? My little sister wants a doll. I think she wants a Tiny Tears doll. She would like a baby doll kit, too. My big sister would like a few clothes. Santa we would like some nuts and candy in our stockings. Your friend, Gloria Darnell

Dear Santa Claus: I am getting ready for Christmas. We are preparing for that magic day. How are your reindeer? I hope your sled is in tip top shape. Please don't forget the other boys and girls. I want a football helmet for Christmas. Your friend, Roger Leonard.

Dear Santa: I would like a doll and ball. I am going to have a Merry Christmas. My friend would like a projector. Another friend would like a bicycle. We are going to have a Christmas tree. Goodbye. Love, Ann Mapes

Dear Santa Claus: I would like a doll and a ball. I love Christmas. We have some of our Christmas trees decorated. I thank you for the toys you brought me last year. We are making all things on our Christmas tree in school. We put you and your reindeer on our tree this morning. You are nice to my friends and me and everybody. Love, Linda Kiose, Mattson school.

Dear Santa: Merry Christmas to you. I am a little girl 6 years old. I go to Mattson school. My teacher is Mrs. Gibson. I love her very much. Please bring me a record player, skates, and a doll with a yellow dress. My little brother David is four and he wants a bicycle, a dog, and some candy. Billy is my brother, 2 years old and he wants the same as David. Don't forget my Mommie. Love, Joann Holmes

Dear Santa Claus: I have been a good little boy this year. Santa, will you please come to see me this Christmas? I would like for you to bring me two guns and a belt. Also bring me a watch and a wagon. Santa don't forget my little sister and my two brothers. I love you, Santa. Your friend, Dennis Keith Chapman

Dear Santa Claus: Will you please come to my house? And go to other houses too. And give my friends something. I want a new watch, and give everybody something. My Dad wants some tools for Christmas. Give something to everybody. You were real nice in town last night. Your reindeer, I hope, are ready to go and I hope your sled is ready too. That's all I got to say, goodbye. Your friend, Jerry Campbell

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Dear Lord,—before I take my place Today behind the wheel. Please let me come with humble heart before Thy throne to kneel—and pray, that I am fit to drive Each busy thoroughfare, and that I keep a watchful eye Lest some small child be there. And keep me thinking constantly About the Golden Rule.

When driving past the playground zones Or by some busy school Then when I stop to give someone His right to cross the street, Let me—my brother's keeper be And spare a life that's sweet. Please make me feel this car I drive You gave me to enjoy, And that its purpose is to serve Mankind—but not destroy.

Anonymous

**Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas And A Happy and Prosperous New Year**

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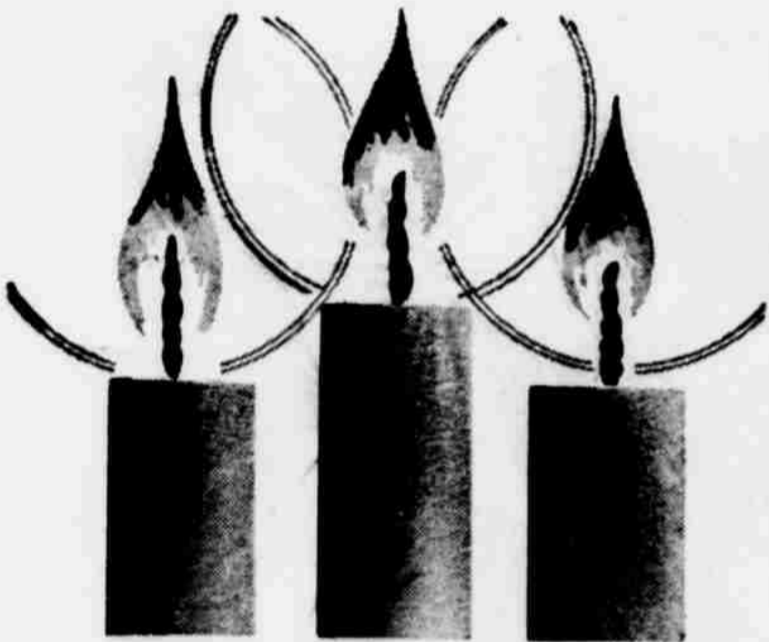
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SEASON'S GREETINGS  
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

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## Season's Greetings

From all of us here to all of you — we send warm and friendly wishes that this Joyous Christmas Season may set the scene for many happy days to come!

HAMMER LAUNDRY  
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## Letters to Santa Claus

Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa: Please bring me a dirt digger, gun and scabbard and cowboy boots, some nuts and candy and anything else you might have for me.  
Don't forget Mickey and all the other little boys and girls.  
Your friend,  
Alton Lancaster.

Dear Santa: I am twelve years old. I would like an archery set, nuts, candy and fruit.  
Your friends,  
Earnest Nolan Brooks

Dear Santa: I want a Tiny Tears doll for Christmas. Dear Santa, I know it has been dry this year. So bring me anything you want. I am eight years old. I was the one that wore the red jumper dress. Love,  
Joyce Cook

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy nearly four years old. I have been a good little boy, and I would like for you to bring me a big red wagon and a pair of boots.  
Please be good to all the other boys and girls, too. Love,  
Randy Lacey

Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa: I am a little boy eight years old. I would like for you to bring me a set of guns and caps, some little cars and I would like to have some new school clothes. Please bring my two little sisters some toys, also my little brother a gun. I love you a lot.  
Audie Brooks

December 12, 1956

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy 3 1/2 years old, and I would like for you to bring me some Roy Rogers guns and holsters, and a white cowboy hat, and some spurs. Would you please leave my football helmet, at Maw's house. Also some candy and fruit, and don't forget about all the good little boys and girls.  
Love,  
Larry Kyle Hartsfield  
901 N. 8th St.  
Haskell, Texas

Weinert, Texas

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy four years old. I have tried to be good and mind my mother and father this year. I haven't been as good as I should have been, but will try to be better next year.  
Please bring me a Mayflower truck, gun and holster, a wind-up dog that turns flips and lots of nuts and candies and fruit.

Please remember my little brother, Glendon. He would like to have a little Army jeep, and a Pee Wee football. Also some fruits, candies and nuts.  
Please remember all the other little boys and girls all over the world.  
A little friend,  
Gary Hawkins

Dear Santa: I am a little girl five years old. My name is Diane. I have a little sister who is 1 1/2 years old. Her name is Teresa. We have both tried to be good girls this year. I would like very much to have a bride doll, a set of dishes, a beauty kit, and a sterilizer.  
Teresa would like a little doll and a rocking horse. We would both enjoy a big red wagon. See you real soon.  
Lots of love,  
Diane and Teresa Thomas  
Route 2  
Rule, Texas

Dear Santa: I have been a pretty good little boy and my mother says if boys are good, Santa Claus will bring toys. I want for Christmas a choo-choo train, a car, some horses, a fire truck and a doctor's kit.  
Randy Arend.

Dear Santa: I am a little girl, 7 years old. I want a ballerina doll, a ball and a radio set. I have a little sister, 1 year old. She wants a rocking horse, a doll and a ball. Be sure and leave some candy.  
And please don't forget the children in Hungary who have no toys.  
Love,  
Martha Faye Henderson.

Dear Santa: I am a boy 7 1/2 years old. I live at 907 N. Ave. E. I would like a guitar, a basketball, a gun set, a signet ring and a cattle truck.  
Bring Mother and Daddy something. And bring all the other boys and girls the things they want. I will be proud of all the things you bring me.  
Love and Merry Christmas,  
Joe Speegle.

Dear Santa: I am a little girl 8 years old, and I want a doll and some dishes for Christmas. And I know Mommy and Daddy can't get them for me because they cost. I don't need a new coat 'cause my Mommy made me one.  
I live at 406 North 13th St. here in Haskell, Joyce Marie Reynolds. My brothers Clyde and Jeff want guns and scabbards please.  
Thank you,  
Joyce

P. S. I got two big brothers at home too. One is 14 and one is 17.

Dear Santa: This Christmas all I want's a pup!  
A wooly one, to snuggle up, and stick his nose beneath my chin!  
To wash and feed and play with him.  
He'd go to bed with me at night.  
He'd squirm when I would hold him tight.  
And try so hard to lick my nose!  
Then he'd crawl down to my toes—  
Chew on them and make me giggle!  
Bark each time I'd make them wiggle—  
Til Mom come lift the covers up  
And make me sleep without my pup.  
Carol Ann.  
Good Lofton.

Dearest Santa: I'm a little boy 5 years old. I live at 405 N. Ave. C. Haskell. I'm expecting you at my house again, this Christmas. And, faithful Santa, could you bring me these few gifts?  
A station, a cowboy outfit, some fruit, nuts and candy. Don't forget my Mommy and Daddy and all the other boys and girls and especially those in foreign lands. I'm doing my best to be good. Be looking for you, Santa.  
Dalton Eddie Moeller.

Dear Santa: I am three years old and have been a pretty good little girl this past year.  
I would like to have a doll and buggy, iron and ironing board, gun, nurse kit, doll and a suitcase with some doll clothes.  
Please bring all the other little children some toys and candy. Please leave all my toys at my Grandmother Walkers.  
Love,  
Robbie Vianne Drinnon.

Dear Santa: I want a pair of chaps and a pair of cowboy gloves. And I want a pair of spurs. Bring all of the children some candy and some toys. I am 8 years old.  
Dwayne Moore  
Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa Claus: I want to tell you what I would like to have for you to bring us for Christmas. A tractor with a trailer to pull behind it, and a double set of holsters and guns. And a drum and a tool set, and of course, some fruit, nuts and candy.  
Your little friend,  
Ronnie Alexander,  
Weinert, Texas.

P. S. Santa, I forgot to tell you I am 7 years old.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy six years old. I have been a pretty good boy. Please bring me a basketball set, boots and spurs, cowboy hat and nuts, fruit and candy. Please don't forget all the other little boys and girls.  
Your little friend,  
Billy Ross Marr

P. S. Don't forget Tim Everett, my little friend, also my teacher, Mrs. Richey and my cousins, Cindy, Shane, Gary and Elaine.

Dear Santa: I am a girl, 9 years old, and I have a little sister, 20 months. For Christmas this year, I would like a doll with high heel shoes on, and a watch.  
My sister would like a doll, a set of dishes and a tricycle. We would like some fruits, nuts and candy and anything else you would like to bring us.  
Santa please don't forget all the other boys and girls.  
Your friends,  
Charlotte Ann and Sharon Lynn Hise



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Greetings

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Christmas WISHES

A wealth of health, happiness and contentment are our wishes for all our friends and neighbors on this most joyous holiday.

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*Merry Christmas*  
At Christmas time,  
And all the year through,  
Good health, good friends,  
And good luck to you.  
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This life-size tableau of the Nativity is one of the main attractions for both adults and children at the annual Christmas Fantasy in the Ford Rotunda, Dearborn, Mich. The Nativity scene this year will be in the Rotunda's center court, the front of which will be temporarily made over to resemble a cathedral. Other exhibits which annually attract more than 600,000 children and grown-ups include animated characters from fiction and fairy tale—Hansel and Gretel, Puss-in-Boots, Robin Hood, Wee Willie Winkle and Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. There are also doll displays, a moving toy assembly line, a French pastry shop, electric trains and toy automobiles. The Christmas Fantasy this year will open on November 24 and continue through Christmas Eve.

**Homemade Treats Make Special Holiday Gifts**

The Christmas season is traditionally marked by tasty things to eat. And good foods made in your kitchen add a traditional note to the celebration. Such gifts say "Merry Christmas" with an especially warm and personal touch. From a practical standpoint, they're easy on the pocketbook, too.

Many homemakers with a German heritage have treasured family recipes for beautiful marzipan candy of lebkuchen, pfeffernusse, and springerle cookies, for instance, that are perfect for sharing with friends at holiday time. Or, perhaps, your family has its own special recipe for famous English plum pudding. Spiced gingerbread is undoubtedly

a family favorite if you're of French descent.

But, whether it's cookies, candies, puddings, fruit cakes, or jellies, homemade food gifts are easy to make and delightful to receive.

**Christmas Today Replaces Early Pagan Festivals**

Long before the birth of Christ, the Greeks, Romans, Saxons and Scandinavians were taking part in December festivals.

From the Saxons came the ceremony of burning the Yule log. The Saxons burned great bonfires in honor of their god Thor. From the Romans came the giving of presents, for the custom has been traced to the Roman Saturnalia.

It may seem strange to say that pagan riotousness might be the forbear of the Christian holiday of goodness and love, but intermingled with that which was objectionable, were things that have gone straight to the hearts of people throughout the Christian world.

And, although few people know it, it was for the purpose of substituting a Christmas festival for pagan ones of Roman and Druids that celebrations of Christmas in December were first encouraged and popularized.

**Books Make Ideal, Lasting Gifts for All Ages**

When you start buying presents to fill the stockings belonging to younger children and relatives, don't overlook the versatility of books. Good books are a good buy, because they can be educational and appealing to children, and at the same time inexpensive to you.

In selecting children's books, be sure the subject matter is both accurate and interesting to the child and his particular age.

Story books for the pre-school children should be realistic with colorful pictures and a simple narrative. Avoid fantastic stories and abstract pictures because pre-schoolers haven't yet separated the real from the unreal.

Color books are better for older children than for pre-school youngsters. Pre-schoolers cannot keep inside the lines and may become discouraged. The lines hamper their creativity. Give them instead blank pieces of paper to color.

Information books having large pictures, with details about each picture, are good for pre-schoolers, often giving them ideas for play.

Books are appropriate Christmas gifts, are helpful to children and are easy on the pocketbook.

Read the Want Ads

*Season's Greetings*

Once more may the Christmas Star send its blessing down with the same glad meaning it brought to Bethlehem. And as we yield our hearts to the spirit of tenderness which pervades the Christmas air, may we remember the heavenly love which came into this world the night Christ was born.

Let us remember, too, that we keep Christmas truly, only when we permit the love of the Christ to enter our hearts and lives. May you enjoy a truly Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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## Check-Off Planned On Livestock Sold In Texas

By TED GOULDY

FORT WORTH — Commission Chairman Frank Scofield of Austin confirmed in a telephone conversation the plan to check-off five cents per head on all cattle, three cents per head on all hogs and one cent per head on all sheep and goats sold through terminal markets and auction rings in the state.

Scofield emphasized the need for the funds to get ahead with the state livestock health program, which has lagged until "we are now standing forty-eighth among the states," he said.

When asked whether the special tax would also apply to livestock sold in the country or direct to packing plants, and which does not pass through either an auction or a terminal market, Scofield said: "We realize these types of selling livestock are competitive with the terminal markets and the auctions and if means can be found to bring these livestock under the program, we certainly hope to do so. We want to treat everybody alike, and not have anyone bearing an unfair share of the burden."

Scofield has gone over the proposed legislation with Senate and House leaders, he said, and they had expressed approval. He hopes to ask for a total budget of \$1,178,000 of which \$400,000 would come from the general fund and the rest from the new check-off tax.

This year's appropriation was \$300,000. Other items in the projected bill include a one-half cent per bag tax on each sack of feed sold in the state. This portion of the bill seems destined for heavy opposition from industry, since the feed makers have strongly opposed suggestions to increase the feed tax.

At present these feed tax fees go to Texas A&M College for administration of the feed control law, with funds in excess of need being used for feed and livestock research.

A new feed control bill is due to come up in the legislature at the next session, and the new levy for the livestock program is believed by some to jeopardize

## Wishes Come True for Texas 4-H'ers

The perennial wish of Texas 4-H Club members—state honors and a trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago—came true this year for four teenagers whose 196 records of performance were superior in the 4-H Food Preparation, Dress Revue, and Canning programs. A few highlights of their 4-H work are presented here.

Judith Dawson, 15, of Tulla is designer, seamstress, and model all rolled into one. Judged on three main points—herself, her outfit, and its construction, she won top state honors over all other 4-H participants in the 1956 Dress Revue.

Judith's costume, which she will model in Chicago, is made of a dark brown silkette fabric with an empire waistline and envelope skirt. Her accessories include dark brown gloves, kid leather shoes and bag. A tangerine velvet hat and amber jewelry complete the ensemble.



Judith Dawson



Gwenna Lee Keith



Evelyn Trietsch

Judith's local leader is Mrs. Loy Pyeatt. For the 10th year, Simplicity Pattern Co., provides awards in 4-H Dress Revue.

Gwenna Lee Keith, 16, of Cisco has become an expert in preparing nutritious, appetizing meals. Participation in the 4-H Food Preparation program has taught her how to select, plan, and serve a wide variety of dishes. As state winner, the Kelvinator Division, American Motors, provides her all-expense trip to Chicago.

A Club member for eight years, Gwenna cooked and helped with all these programs are conducted under the direction of the Cooperative Extension Service.

This new law which has been strongly advocated by livestock and poultry organizations of the state.

Other features of the new revenue-raising bills which have been proposed include a service fee ranging from \$25 to \$150 to be charged operators of garbage feeding hogs. This service fee to help defray expense of checking their operations.

Another feature of the proposal is a \$100 license fee to be charged each livestock auction operator. This fee to help defray the cost of inspection and services at the rings.

## Legend of the Mistletoe

The same mistletoe which makes boys bold and girls blush at Christmas had other meanings in other times.

Mistletoe, as one story goes, once was a full grown tree. Then its timber was cut for the cross on which Christ was crucified. Since then, it has retrogressed to its present state as a parasite, a plant which grows on other trees.

Ancient Druids worshipped mistletoe because it grew on their sacred oak. At the end of every year a Druid priest would cut down the mistletoe with a golden sickle, and not one twig was allowed to touch the earth. Later sprigs of mistletoe were often fastened over doorways to ward off evil spirits.

In Colonial days mistletoe was high and the lad who stole a kiss had to reach up and pull off one berry for every kiss. His kisses stopped when the berries were gone.

## Gifts That Sparkle Add to Holiday Joy

Attractive gifts under a Christmas tree add as much sparkle to the holidays as decorations on the tree.

Plastic foam has unlimited use on packages. A boot three inches high, cut from one inch thick plastic foam makes a nice decoration for children's packages.

Brush the boot with shellac and sprinkle red glitter on the wet shellac. Then glue a collar 2 inches thick by 1 1/2 inches high on the boot.

You can make a wagon from a rectangular box by cutting wagon wheels and a tongue from 3/4-inch plastic foam. Edge wheels and tongue with pipe cleaners and glue them to the package.

For a three-dimensional look, cut a picture from an old Christmas card. Make paper strips 1/2-inch by 2 inches and pleat them. Attach the picture to the package by gluing one end of the strip to the picture and the other end to the package.

DRIVE SAFELY—Many tombstones are carved by traffic chislers.



The fact that the youngsters at the Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation face Christmas in wheel chairs and braces does not lessen their enthusiasm for the coming of St. Nick and other Yuletide joys. Among those hanging

their stockings at Texas' own comprehensive rehab center this year are Gary Ryan of Kingsville, Linda Bingham of Bridge City, and Kathy Carroll of Abilene.

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## New Year's Day Toni Twins to Get \$500 in Gifts

Toni girls, born between midnight and noon New Year's Day will receive something better than the proverbial "silver spoon." As winners in the Ninth Annual Toni Twin Baby Derby, each qualifying twosome will be awarded \$500 in gifts.

Lucky twin girls who beat the deadline will receive a year's supply of Gerber's baby food, Trundle Bundle infant's wear, a special selection of Love dresses, Storkline cribs, Kantwet mattresses and Tour-a-Beds, an assortment of Playakbol educational toys, and a Hedstrom twin baby carriage.

If you, or someone you know, expects a New Year's baby, the chances are that it will turn out to be a Toni twin. Last year's winners were numerous in Pennsylvania, three, and others were all over the nation. Winners will be announced on New Year's Day. Paralegal wires to the Toni Derby, Merchandise, and Baby Derby headquarters, m., CST, on January 15. No entries will be accepted after that date.



We wish you a sparkling joy and Happy Holiday Season

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- DO cut a growing tree, or if you buy, be sure it hasn't dried out from prolonged storage.
- DON'T get a tree any larger than you need—the larger the tree, the greater the hazard.
- DO stand the tree in water or snow outdoors until you're ready to use it indoors.
- DON'T use candles on the tree or nearby where there is any chance for an open flame to contact the tree or combustibles piled beneath the tree.
- DO support the tree well, away from sources of heat (fireplaces, radiators, etc.)
- DON'T plug too many cords into one outlet.
- DO make certain that all tree lighting is turned off before retiring or leaving the house.
- DON'T allow smoking near the tree amidst decorations or piles of wrapping; have plenty of safe ashtrays around and use them.
- DO use non-combustible material (metal, glass, asbestos, etc.) for decorating the home whenever possible.
- DON'T let Christmas wrappings accumulate in the home; place them in metal covered trash barrel or burn them in incinerator as soon as possible.
- DRIVE SAFELY—Life is not so short that there is not time for courtesy.

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FOR SALE: 2 bedroom modern home on paved street. Den and two baths. Beautiful picture window. Would consider trade. Total price \$9,500.

FOR RENT: 6 room house, 508 South 12th Street. See O. W. Roberts at Woodard Farm Sales. 50-52p

FOR SALE: 2 girls' bicycles, 24-inch and 26-inch, new puncture proof tires. Phone 118-W. 48tc

FOR SALE: New 4 room house and bath, built in cabinet, oak floors, modern, to be moved. \$3000 cash. A. L. Conner, 106 E. 5th Street. Phone 604-W. 49-52c

FOR RENT: Furnished or unfurnished apartment. Bills paid. 206 N. Ave. D. 31tc

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### Emergency Feed Grain Program Is Extended

Wm. E. Lawson, Farmers Home Administration supervisor has been advised by Walter T. McKay, Dallas, state FHA supervisor, of the extension of the emergency feed grain program in Haskell County.

The extension is also effective in all Texas counties in the drought emergency program.

Under the extension farmers and ranchers may file application through Feb. 15, 1957, for a supply of feed grain necessary to carry basic livestock through March 15, 1957. McKay also advised that emergency roughage program will be extended. However, there will be a delay in accepting applications for roughage until sometime early in January since financial aspects of the program are being worked out at Washington.

#### VISIT IN MORTON

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Oneal spent several days in Morton, Texas, last week visiting in the home of their daughter and family. Mr. and Mrs. Don Fought, who are the parents of a baby boy born Dec. 18.

### Too Late to Classify

FOR SALE: '49 A John Deere, planter and cultivator, good condition. Buck Townsend, Rochester, Texas. 52-2p

### Bank Employees Christmas Party Held Friday

Annual Christmas banquet for personnel of the Haskell National Bank and officers and directors was held Friday evening, Dec. 21 in the Home Economics Cottage.

Members of the Homemaking Class of Haskell High School prepared and served a turkey dinner to between 35 and 40 guests attending.

Program for the evening included singing of Christmas Carols, a welcome to invited guests, and brief talks by several present.

Special guests were Miss Mary Pierson of Abilene, daughter of the bank's founder the late M. S. Pierson; and Mrs. J. U. Fields, Mrs. John W. Pace and Mrs. J. W. Gholson, all of Haskell.

Highlight of the evening was the exchange of gifts between bank employees, directors and officers.

### Highway Workers Get Week Off, Subject to Call

Employees of the State Highway Department are enjoying a one-week holiday for Christmas.

The holidays began Friday for all workmen in the Haskell County division, and they will be off until Friday, Dec. 28, Maintenance Foreman Ray Lusk said. However, all employees are subject to call as usual, in the event that bad weather creates conditions on the highways requiring attention, Lusk said.

#### HERE FROM SAN ANTONIO TO SPEND CHRISTMAS

T/Sgt. and Mrs. Robert F. Terrell and children, Bryant, Ross and Sherry of San Antonio are spending the Christmas holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Childress of Haskell and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Miller of Rule. Also spending the holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Childress are Mr. and Mrs. Roy K. Miller and children, Christy, Gloria, Maxie, Jerry and Shane.

#### VISITING IN ARIZONA

Mrs. Richard Spinks and sons Cliff and Jerry, left Tuesday for Clifton, Ariz., where they are spending the Christmas holidays in the home of their daughters and sisters.

#### SPEND WEEKEND IN BRIDGEPORT

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lusk and son Bobby spent the weekend in Bridgeport visiting in the home of Mrs. Lusk's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Green.

The American housewife, says Kermi Schlamb, extension poultry marketing specialist, can be thanked for the improved appearance of poultry offered on today's market. Store sales showed that women prefer a ready-dressed, meaty bird with yellow skin and light pin feathers that eliminate the tedious job that formerly was a part of getting a chicken or turkey ready for cooking. Breeders went to work to help producers meet these requirements and today's poultry is the result.

DRIVE SAFELY—You don't buy safety, you build it.

## Paint Creek . . . Community News

MRS. GENE OVERTON

Say, how about that rain? Wasn't that just something? I don't know whether the little wheat had died, and came to again, or whether the rain just washed the dust off, and we can see that it is really there. It is thinner, but it won't take so much moisture to make as much wheat. This rain should carry it through the winter, but whether it will make grazing in time for calves, we don't know. Anyway, a rain was all we wanted for Christmas, so Santa won't have to bother except for the Paint Creek children.

School will dismiss for the holidays on Friday, Dec. 21 and begin again on Jan. 2, 1957. I thought the school board was very considerate to let us have off the 1st so the boys can watch the bowl games on TV. The faculty will enjoy New Year's day at home too.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Morrison are the proud parents of a baby girl born at 2:30 Wednesday Dec. 19 at the Haskell Hospital. She weighed 8 pounds and 13 ounces. They had promised her to the girls for Christmas and sure enough she came in time. Vickie had wanted her for her birthday, but Pat told her, then the baby would be just hers, and they were going to get her for Christmas so she would belong to all of them. They are such a cute family. Oh yes, they named her Marsha Jo Morrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed E. Welsh are excitedly expecting their children home for Christmas. Their daughter and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Watkins from Englewood, Calif. and their children will be here. Another daughter, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Morgan and their children from Ft. Worth. Their daughter Mrs. Ellis Bean and family live here, and Jerry Welsh and his wife are in Abilene where Jerry attends Hardin-Simmons. They all four will be home for Christmas Day.

Polly Tipton, who is a surgical patient in the Stamford Sanitarium, hopes to come home Saturday.

We're proud of neighbor Stamford, and wish for her football team the best in its State championship game with Brady in Abilene Friday. When Nat's Cafe burned just before the semi-final game with Terrell it was feared they would lose because all the "sideline quarterbacks" met there to plan the game strategy. But they won anyway, so now we are hoping they can go all the way and be State champions again this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cobb, Mrs. Norma Baker of Dallas and Mrs. C. C. Middleton of Haskell visited Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gillespie of Munday, and Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Cobb of Seymour last week.

Ma Medford told me that 1st Lt. and Mrs. Raymond Medford of South Carolina would be home to spend the holidays with her and Mrs. Medford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Doc Raughton. They are going to Rosenberg to visit some friends while they are in Texas.

Rudy Raughton of Baylor was here last week end visiting his

parents. He brought his roommate home with him, but I didn't hear the boy's name.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shaw Jr. and little daughter Manda Gay of Midland spent last weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shaw Sr., Sue and Mike.

The Junior basketball teams went to Matson Tuesday night where the girls won their game and the boys lost theirs. Coaches Pat Morrison and James Raughton went with them. This was the first game of the season.

The Senior basketball girls and boys will be in a tournament at Haskell in their new gym this weekend. Their first game is Thursday night when the Pirates play the Haskell Indians A team at 8:15.

Several families have new cars for Christmas. The Allen Overtons, the Roy Overtons both have new Chevrolets, and the Dan LeFevres have a car for which they traded their pickup.

Tenderfoot Scouts Raymond B. Kohout and Edwin Livengood, and Scouts Mike Overton and Martin Dale Coleman with their Scoutmaster Gene Overton spent last Saturday on the L. W. Jones Ranch at Rule where they hunted for flint and rocks and cooked lunch. Raymond and Edwin took their 5 mile hike required for 2nd class Scouts.

Mr. and Mrs. Albin Hokanson have heard from their son, Pvt. Jimmy Ned several times since he arrived in Lanstuh, Germany. There is a university near where he is stationed, and as soon as he receives regular assignment he is going to try to attend some classes in his spare time.

Allen Overton had an accident Thursday morning when he hit some loose gravel on the farm to market road north of Haskell and ran his pickup nose down into a bar ditch. He just filled the grill with mud, bent the bumper and broke the battery to the pickup and received a bad cut on his lip.

Merry Christmas Paint Creekers! May 1957 be a good year for each of you. Let's hope we can tell our grandchildren that 1957 was the year the bad drought was broken. Our community will celebrate its 20th birthday this next year. In September of 1937 the doors to the new consolidate school of Paint Creek were opened to the children who had previously attended the former Post, Rose, Howard, Weaver and McConnell schools. Maybe we should plan some sort of Homecoming for next fall. Several have suggested it, and if enough people want to, maybe we can. And everyone do a lot of interesting things I can write in the news.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Overton Sr., entertained the Overton families, their children and grandchildren for a Christmas supper and tree on Wednesday night, Dec. 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Howard of Stamford and Mrs. Billy Doty of Stamford were in Odessa week before last where their son and brother J. W. Howard underwent surgery for the removal of a tumor on his lungs at the Medical Center Hospital there. Mrs. Doty said he was improving rapidly, and he and Mrs. Howard plan to be home for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shaw attended a Christmas Party for Perry Bros.' employees at the home of the manager and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Billy McCauley in Stamford.

Mrs. Charles McBeath of Amarillo was a visitor in the home of her sister's family, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Overton recently. She came to visit her sister and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Jones Sr., at Rule while Mr. McBeath was on a business trip to Chicago.

Dale and Ruby Mae Middlebrooks received their 1956 baby chicks last Saturday. You have never seen anything to equal how those chicks grow. Paul Fischer brought us two of those high powered bred chickens of theirs that they raised on that high powered feed, and that was sure high powered eating. They grow so fast—brother—is chick feed high!

### Jerry Larned on Cage Roster at John Tarleton

Jerry Larned, 1955 graduate of Haskell High School, is a member of the first string basketball team at John Tarleton State College, where he is a freshman, majoring in physical education.

Jerry, 18, is a guard. He earned four basketball letters in high school, and made the all-district and all-area teams. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Larned of Haskell.

#### BOB COUSINS FAMILY HERE FOR CHRISTMAS

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cousins and children, Judy, Chang and Jesse Al, of Rosharon, Texas, spent the Christmas holidays here with Mrs. Cousins' mother, Mrs. Bruce King, and with his mother, Mrs. Al Cousins and other relatives and friends. Mr. Cousins, former Sheriff here, is assistant warden at Darrington State Prison Farm near Rosharon.

### Sheriff Advises Cautious Driving During Holidays

"Take it easy, don't rush yourself into a traffic accident (jail sentence or fine)!"

That warning was given to drivers today by Sheriff Bill Pennington as he urged full support of the holiday hazard program which the National Safety Council is sponsoring this month.

"The National Safety Council's program spearheads the stepped-up attack on traffic accidents which will continue throughout 1957," Sheriff Pennington said.

This year's appalling nationwide traffic toll of more than 40,000 fatalities calls for a crackdown, he said.

"The high point last year came over the Christmas weekend when traffic deaths totaled 609," he said. "According to reports of state traffic authorities, driving too fast for conditions or in excess of a stated speed limit was a factor in about 85 per cent of the fatal holiday accidents for which speed was stated."

He made it clear that driving too fast for conditions doesn't necessarily mean driving at break-neck speed.

"Anytime you're driving at a speed that is unsafe for the condition of the weather, the roadway, the traffic, your car, or your own mental state, you are driving too fast," he said. He pointed out that at this time of the year many of these conditions are likely to be less perfect. Inclement weather can reduce visibility and make road surfaces slippery. Christmas shopping, party-going and holiday travel frequently jam traffic and also place great physical and mental strain on the driver. "The whole holiday picture, with its hustle and bustle, puts drivers in a hurry-ur mood," the Sheriff said. "They're so anxious to save a minute that they often lose a life."

He warned drivers to slow down and to watch out for pedestrians. "We must not let last year's tragic history repeat itself," he said.

#### NAMED PAINT CREEK FFA SWEETHEART

Sue Watson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Watson, has been named sweetheart of the Paint Creek FFA Chapter. She is vice president of the sophomore class, cheer leader, member of the senior girls basketball team and president of the Future Homemakers Club.

## Sagerton News

By MRS. DELBERT LEFEVRE

This community received some better than an inch of rain this week, for which everyone is grateful.

The home of Jana Ulmer was the scene of a Christmas party Wednesday afternoon after school for the Sagerton 4-H girls and their sponsor, Mrs. D. W. Counts. They played games and exchanged gifts. Refreshments of Christmas cookies, cheese crackers and candy were served with Dr. Pepper.

Their sponsor gave each of the girls a little golden slipper she had crocheted with a bottle of cologne in it.

The Stitch and Chatter Club held its annual Christmas party in the home of Mrs. John Clark Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 19. They sang Christmas carols and a short devotional was given by Mrs. Cliff LeFevre, after which they exchanged gifts and revealed their Pals for the past year. Names were also drawn for the coming year.

Those present were Mrs. R. N. Sheild, Cliff LeFevre, M. Y. Benton, Ben Hess, Ethel Laughlin, G. A. Leach and the hostess.

The sixth, seventh and eighth grades of Sagerton School and their teacher, Miss Irene Stewart, enjoyed a party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Ulmer Monday night, Dec. 17. Games were played and the group enjoyed shooting fireworks.

The college students are arriving home for the holidays.

Mrs. A. C. Knipping returned from Dallas last weekend after visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Askew and their new daughter, Carala, who was born Dec. 1. Mrs. Askew is the former Dahlia Knipping.

Miss Mathilda Nehring is ill and was admitted to the Stamford Hospital last week.

Mrs. Pete Lusk is quite ill. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Darden of Haskell stayed with her Thursday and Mrs. Nita Darden and Mr. and Mrs. Bunk Lusk of the New Hope community stayed with her Thursday night.

Mrs. Fannie Gibson is in Haskell staying with Mrs. L. E. Marr, her aunt, who is not in good health and needs someone to live with her.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ewell Kitley Friday night, Dec. 14 for the annual Pioneer Supper were: Mr. and Mrs. Dick Gibson of Idalou, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Littlefield of Haskell, Dr.

and Mrs. J. C. Davis of Rule, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Sheild, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hess, Mr. and Mrs. M. Y. Benton and Mrs. John Clark and Whit of Sagerton, Miss Fannie Kay and Mrs. J. W. Martin of Haskell, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Kitley and sons, and Rufus Denson of Rule.

The Christmas Eve service at St. Paul's Lutheran Church was erroneously printed in last weeks paper to be at 9:30 p. m., but it will start at 7:30 p. m.

#### PARENTS OF SON

Mr. and Mrs. Don Fought of Morton, Texas, are the parents of a son, born Tuesday, Dec. 18 in that city. The little newcomer weighed six pounds, 12 ounces, and has been named Don Phillips.

Mrs. Fought is the former Elaine Oneal. Grandparents of the baby are Mr. and Mrs. Horace Oneal of Haskell and Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Fought of Stamford.

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## Happy Days Are Here Again

This is the season which the people chosen to express appreciation to their friends. Many of the tokens and cards received especially treasured for their life-enriching moment and in the warmest appreciation of the moment.

We have one that is especially dear to one that has given inspiration to the people forty-eight years, with no deterioration of interest.

We pass it to you as a personal wish to adopt it for your daily use.

### Teach Me To Love

(Reprinted from THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE JOURNAL of October, 1908)

There was a time when in my daily prayer I asked for all the things I deemed most fair, and necessary to my life,—success, riches, of course, and ease, and happiness; A host of friends, a home without alloy; A primrose path of luxury and joy, Social distinction, and enough of fame To leave behind a well-remembered name.

Ambition ruled my life. I longed to do Great things, that all my little world might And whisper, "Wonderful!"

Ah, patient God, How blind we are, until Thy shepherd's rod Of tender chastening gently leads us on To better things! Today I have but one Petition, Lord—Teach me to love. Indeed, It is my greatest and my only need— Teach me to love, not those who first love me, But all the world, with that rare purity Of broad, outreaching thought which bears me Of earthly taint, but holds in its embrace Humanity, and only seems to see The good in all, reflected, Lord, from Thee.

And teach me, Father, how to love the most Those who most stand in need of love—that Of people who are sick and poor and sad, Whose tired faces show their lives are bad, Who toil along the road with footsteps slow, And hearts more heavy than the world can bear. People whom others pass discreetly by, Or fail to hear the pleading of that cry For help, amid the tumult of the crowd; Whose very anguish makes them cold and Resentful, stubborn, bitter in their grief— I want to bring the comfort and relief, To put my hand in theirs, and at their side Walk softly on, a faithful, fearless guide. O Saviour, thou the Christ, Truth, ever near, Help me to feel these sad ones doubly dear, Because they need so much! Help me to see And find that which they thought was lost; Such words of cheer that as we pass along The wilderness shall blossom into song. Ah, Love divine, how empty was that prayer Of other days! That which was once so true, Those flimsy baubles which the world calls Love, Are nothing to me now but broken toys, Outlived, outgrown, I thank Thee that I know Those much-desired dreams of long ago, Like butterflies, have had their summer's day Of brief enchantment, and have gone. I pray For better things.

Thou knowest, God above, My one desire now—Teach me to love.

## HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Crawford

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## Letters to Santa Claus . . .

Haskell, Texas  
Dear Santa:  
Do you remember seeing me at the parade? I know you do, though.  
You know I told you I wanted a doll for Christmas. I also want a little typewriter, a cash register, a basketball, a house coat, and some house shoes.  
Don't forget Sue and Bubba who go to school at H-SU, and Barbara, too, at Abilene. Be sure and visit other little boys and girls.  
I love you,  
Carolyn Dianne Rhoads.

Rule, Texas  
Dear Santa:  
I am a little three-year-old girl and am looking forward to Christmas. Please bring me a walking doll like my sister's, doll house, a piano, guns and holster, boots, and a sidewalk bicycle.  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.  
Love,  
Pat Harris.

Rule, Texas  
Dear Santa:  
I'm a little 5-year-old girl and Mother says I've been pretty good. Would you please bring me some toys for Christmas? Here's what I want: A walking doll, a big piano, skates, a bicycle with trainer wheels, fruit and candy. And also I would like some jewelry and a jewelry box.  
Merry Christmas to you.  
Love,  
Pam Harris.

Seymour, Texas  
Dearest Santa Claus:  
I am a little boy six years old and live in Seymour, Texas. I am in the First Grade and have tried to be a good boy. So will you please bring me a record player, building logs, and a football helmet. Don't forget to stop by my three little cousins' house in Anchorage, Alaska. And leave something nice for my teacher, Mrs. Burnet.  
I love you,  
Scotty Griffin

Haskell, Texas  
Dear Santa Claus:  
Please may I have a Robot, a military police set, a muscle builder set and a 24-inch bicycle. I have tried to be a good boy this year.  
Please remember all of the other little boys and girls everywhere.  
I love you,  
Walter Viars Felker

Fort Worth, Texas  
Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a Miss Glamour Ann doll with a suit case and lots of clothes.  
Gary wants a truck and a plane. He wants a plane because Daddy works on them and gets nickels. We live at 3461 Selk in Fort Worth.  
Loretta Kay Lane.

Alpine, Texas  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little boy 3 years old. My brother, Stevie, is one year old. Will you please bring us some toys for Christmas?  
I would like to have a set of toy golf clubs, some big crayons, and some house shoes. Don't forget all the other boys and girls.  
Thank you,  
Mike McGuire

Dear Santa Claus:  
Will you please bring me an Army combination set, a Dick Tracy wrist radio, an Electronic Jet Pilot Helmet, and Sgt. Eddy's City Cop outfit.  
Please remember all the other children. I hope that we will get to see you Christmas.  
Love,  
Michael Felker.

604 North 16th  
Dear Santa:  
I want a robot, and a rifle, and some games for JF and Diann and me and a Roy Rogers holster set for JF and I, and Dale Evans set for Diann, and I want a slinky dog for Helen Mary. That is all.  
From,  
Wayne Cadenhead

Haskell, Texas  
Dear Santa:  
I am a little boy 7 years old, in the second grade. Will you please bring me a BB gun and a big red wagon, so I can pull my little baby brother, who will be one year old the 17th of December. Don't forget my little brother, either, his name is James Clint Melton. Bring him something he won't tear up, as he is very rough with toys. Also bring both of us fruits, nuts and candy and don't forget all the other little boys and girls. I love you lots, Santa.  
Your little friend,  
Ben Melton  
P. S.: Don't forget my school teacher, Mrs. Pat Weaver. I love her very much.

Haskell, Texas  
Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a canteen, a football helmet, two little plows for my John Deere, and a little steam shovel.  
Nancy Kay wants a little doll with some clothes, a coat, some shoes, panties, and a pretty dress. She'd like for the doll to have a pony tail. And please bring her a monkey.  
Hope we'll be hearing from you Christmas Eve, and a Merry Christmas to you.  
Riley Middleton.

Weinert, Texas  
Dear Santa:  
Do you know what I want for Christmas. I want a tiny tears doll with real hair, and my bird wants a dumb bell, and my dog wants a collar, and I want a pin-on-the-wall lamp, and some skates, size 13 1/2.  
Your friend,  
Barbara Cass.  
P. S.: Merry Christmas, Santa!

Box 282, Rule, Texas  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little girl three years old and I have been pretty good this year. For Christmas please bring me a doll, a doll bed, a bunch of little cars and a gun. Please don't forget that I have just moved to Rule from Dalhart. Don't forget to be good to all the other little boys and girls less fortunate than me.  
Your friend,  
Jeleta Gayle Blankenship.

Haskell, Texas  
Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl 4 1/2 years old. I will be in Haskell Christmas Day. I live in Abilene. My Daddy is a policeman there. One day I went in the police station with him.  
For Christmas I think I need a walking doll, a little sewing machine, a teddy bear, and bring me as much as you do my brother or we will fuss. I love you, Santa.  
Belinda Harrell

Haskell, Texas  
Dear Santa Claus:  
It's almost time for you to come to see me again so I will tell you what I would like for you to bring me this year. I would like a too, chest a viewer, a typewriter, a flat-bed truck, a road grader and maybe an airplane that flies with a rubber band on the propeller, and a dump truck.  
I live in Abilene and go to Lamar School. But I will be in Haskell at my Grandpa Taylor's.  
Your friend,  
David Paul Harrell

Dear Santa:  
I want a double holster set and a typewriter for Christmas. There will be some cookies and hot chocolate on the table for you.  
Arch Mayfield.

## Season's Greetings



Christmas is wonderful...and its arrival always brings to us the realization that we have such wonderful friends. May your Holiday Season be filled with outstanding happiness.

**Carl J. Anderson Const. Co.**

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

**W. A. LYLES, JEWELER**  
EAST SIDE OF SQUARE      HASKELL, TEXAS



O, come all ye faithful...

May the peace and happiness symbolized by the Star of Christmas remain with you throughout the Holiday Season.

**SPENCER LUMBER CO.**

**Seasons Greetings**

It's Christmastime—and we want to take this opportunity and this means of extending to you and yours our best wishes for a Merry, Merry Christmas. And our most sincere wish will not come true unless the Season brings you beautiful pleasures and happiness.

**CAMPBELL SERVICE STATION**





Mr. and Mrs. Jesse B. Smith

### Christmas Rose Has Part In Many Legends

The beautiful Christmas rose has played its part in the many legends associated with our Christmas observance.

An early story tells of the young shepherd girl who wept as she watched the Wise Men on their way to the Christ Child with rich gifts when she had nothing to offer as a present. An angel appeared and asked the reason for her distress. And suddenly the ground was carpeted with shining white flowers. The shepherds gathered some of the blossoms and took them as her gift to the Christ Child. When she presented her gift, the infant smiled, and as his fingers touched the white flowers, the petals became tinged with pink.

It is also believed that the Christmas rose helped popularize the custom of gift giving at Christmas time. In the days of knighthood it was custom to hang kissing rings in the great halls. The rings were decorated with mistletoe and beneath them the young knights and ladies would meet, each bringing Christmas roses to their secret love.

### Include Safety In Planning for Holidays

Homes, churches, schools and places of business are planning holiday parties should make fire safety as much a part of those plans as the decorations or refreshments.

Holiday parties often center around a Christmas tree—and because trees are extremely combustible, these safety rules are suggested:

1. Don't set the tree up near any stairway or elevator shaft which would provide a draft.
2. The tree should not block a door or any exits.
3. Someone in authority should inspect the tree every day to determine whether it should be left up for a longer time.
4. Be sure plenty of ashtrays are provided for smokers. Don't allow smoking near the tree.
5. See that all decorations in the room have been flameproofed.

An added fire hazard exists if dresses, costumes or children's clothes made of net or gauze-like fabrics are worn. If it is impossible to avoid wearing them, they should be made flame-resistant with the following solution: Mix 9 ounces of borax and 4 ounces of boric acid in a gallon of water. Dip the fabric in this solution, wring by hand, then hang up to dry. Ironing does not affect the flame-resistance of the fabric, but the treatment must be repeated after each laundering.

### White House Trees

President Theodore Roosevelt, an ardent conservationist, once disapproved of Christmas trees and for several years forbade any being brought into the White House.

But one year, his sons, Archie and Quentin, smuggled one in and set it up in Archie's room. After the discovery Gifford Pinchot, a great forester and conservationist, soothed T. R. by explaining that supervised and careful harvesting of Christmas trees—as thinning—was good for the forests.

Ever since, the White House has had an indoor tree.

Season's Greetings



WE HOPE THAT THIS CHRISTMAS WILL BE A JOYOUS ONE FOR ALL OUR FRIENDS  
**TILLIE'S DRIVE-INN**

## MERRY CHRISTMAS to One and All and Peace On Earth To Men of Good Will.



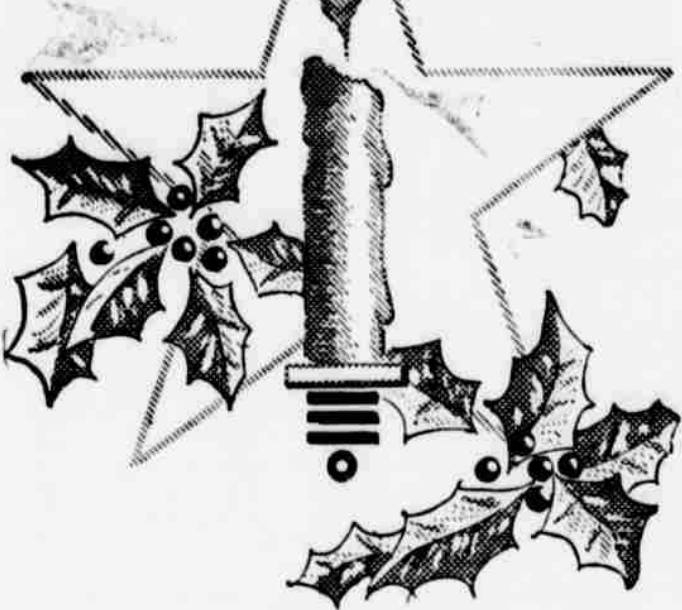
In the distance there was a star, a bright and shining emerald in the sky, a guiding beacon for all those who would come forth in humble reverence to recognize the King of Kings.

And in the night were the voices of angels singing His praises and announcing His wonderful birth, their voices loud and clear, "Come forth and adore."

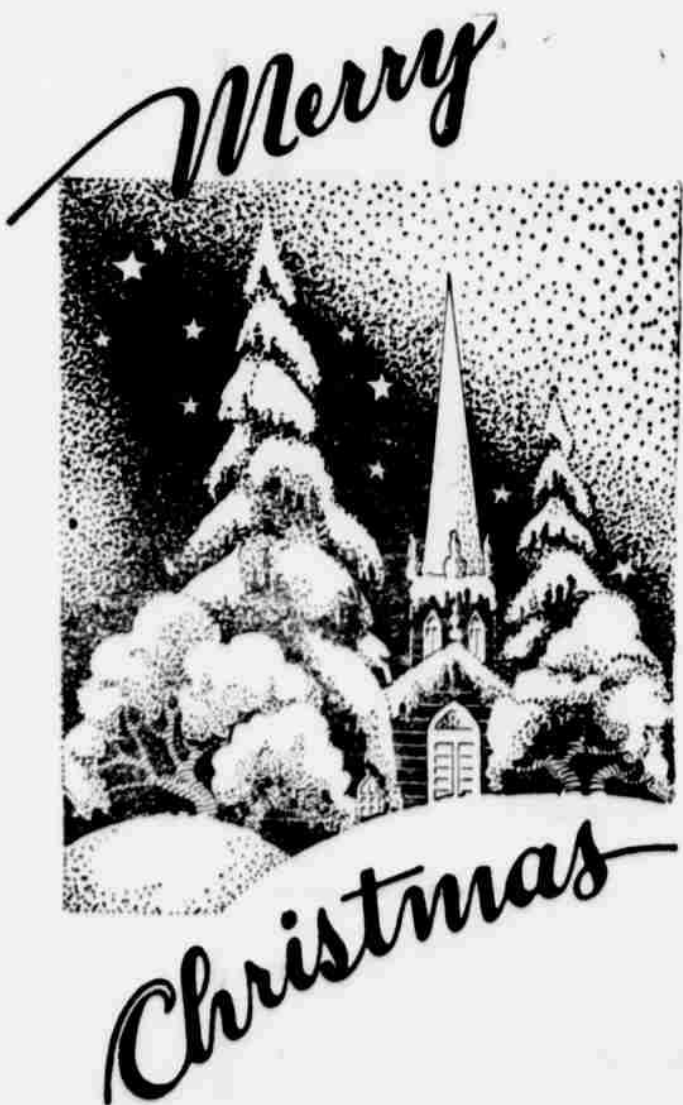
And so they came, the Wise Men and the shepherds, the rich and the poor, humanity united through One Great Love, sharing together the realization of man's great hope for eternal salvation.

There in the manger they found the Christ Child, the silence of Heaven gathered about Him and they lifted their voices with prayer and each heart filled with love and courage and hope.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS



**BLOHM STUDIO**  
MR. and MRS. M. L. BLOHM



The quietness and peace of Christmas blends with the spirit of thanksgiving to remind us of the joys of associating with folks like you.

**JOHN F. IVY**  
**INSURANCE AGENCY**



*to Our Many Friends and Customers*

With the passing of each year, it becomes more evident that the peace of Christmas is enjoyed only because there were those who made every sacrifice that we might enjoy Christmas to its fullest extent. As we extend our Season's Greeting we are mindful that without those sacrifices, we could not enjoy the blessings of peace.

If we strike a solemn note at this glad season of the year, it is only because we are remembering that there were those who gave their all to make it possible for Americans everywhere to observe and enjoy Christmas.

The peace of Christmas is sacred. May we never forget.

# THE HASKELL FREE PRESS



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# Christmas Greetings

May the true spirit of Christmas dwell in your home and in your heart throughout the year.

Frazier Radio & Record Shop



# GREETINGS

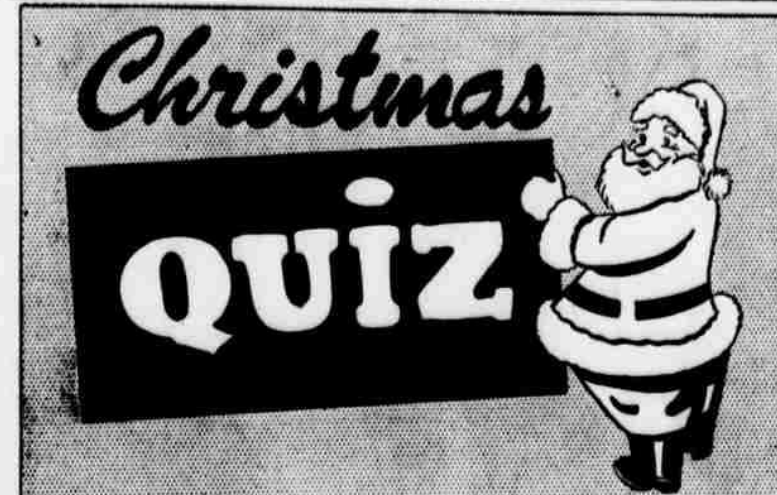
May we add our very good wishes to the hosts of sparkling greetings fondly given and gladly accepted during this, the joyous Holiday Season of Good Will to All.

Production Credit Association

Haskell, Texas



THE TREE . . . Part of the joy in preparing for Christmas centers around the selection of a tree. These young residents of New York City are deciding between a long and a short pine for their home.



1. What was the famous deed George Washington performed on Christmas day?
2. When did Santa's sleigh first make its appearance?
3. Where did the real Saint Nicholas live?
4. Legend has it that the crown of thorns was plaited from which Christmas plant?
5. What was the message inscribed on the first Christmas cards sent by Henry Cole?
6. What does the name Kris Kringle mean?
7. In Norse mythology, who killed whom with a mistletoe arrow?
8. For how long has Christmas been observed on Dec. 25th?
9. Where did the Yule Seal idea originate?
10. Who was Joel R. Poinsett?

### ANSWERS

1. Crossing of the Delaware. 2. In Clement Moore's famous poem, "The Visit From Saint Nicholas." 3. Saint Nicholas was the Bishop of Myra, in Turkey. 4. From the holly plant. 5. "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you." 6. Christ Child. 7. Loki killed Balder, the sun god, after Balder's mother had obtained a promise from all living things, other than the mistletoe that they would not harm him. 8. Since 354 A.D. 9. In Denmark, the idea of Einar Holboell, a postal clerk. 10. An American statesman, Ambassador to Mexico, for whom the poinsettia plant is named.

## Judean Stable Was Crude Shelter Hewn In Rock

Perhaps the most authentic duplication of the first manger scene was that prepared by St. Francis of Assisi in the year 1200.

The Stable of Bethlehem did not in any way resemble the elaborate and decorative scenes which we see about us today, with greenery, bright lights and plaster of Paris animals and adoring shepherds.

There was no room in the inn that night, so Jesus was born in a stable: a crude shelter hewn into a rocky ledge of the Judean country side. It was cold and dark

and damp, and bare of ornaments.

With our many modern conveniences of today, we find it hard to imagine that weary Judean travelers often spent the night in such caves, welcoming rather than disdainful joint tenancy with beasts because the breath of the cattle and the heat of their bodies provided a little warmth.

The cave which was the birthplace of the Saviour is now a grotto beneath Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity, and though fascinated by the simplicity of the original Nativity scene, Christianity has still embellished it with comfort and ornamentation.

Read the Want Ads.

## Christmas Through The Years

Christmas was first observed in England around A. D. 521, during the reign of King Arthur. Observance of the holiday (as well as that of Easter) was forbidden when the Puritans conquered in 1642. They passed an act in Parliament forbidding the celebration of both holidays and it was not until the Restoration of Charles II that these Christian practices again became prevalent in England.

Most historians credit Charles Dickens' immortal "Christmas Carol" as being perhaps the most effective force behind England's return to the observance of Christmas.

Celebrating Christmas was at one time forbidden on American

shores. In 1659, the general court of Massachusetts Bay colony passed a law stipulating a fine of five shillings for anyone "found observing such a day as Christmas, or the like, either by forbearing labor, feasting or any other way, as a festival . . ."

Almost thirty years later, the first "legal" Christmas was observed in America when Gov. Andrews conducted services in the town hall of Boston.

Many of our modern Christmas customs resulted from early efforts to transform major pagan

customs under Christmas influence.

In the eighth century, St. Boniface an English missionary to Germany, persuaded his converts to substitute a green fir tree for their sacred oak and to adorn the green tree in a way that would pay tribute to the Christ Child.

Conveniences and attractiveness added to the kitchen by smart built-in gas ranges are fast increasing the popularity of these new units with modern homemakers.



## NOEL

May all the happiness of this joyous season bless your home and all who enter it at Christmas!

MODERN NEWS STAND



## Best Wishes

The best part of Christmas, we believe, is the good wishes extended . . . and the good wishes received. And so, in all sincerity, we send to all our friends our best wishes for a cheerful Christmas and a joyous New Year.

JASON W. SMITH

ABSTRACTOR  
Haskell, Texas



We wish you the brightest Christmas you ever enjoyed.

Ratliff & Ratliff

# Happy Christmas!

The true joy that descends upon each of us during the Yuletide season, comes not alone from the gifts that we give, but in the spirit of giving.

The feeling of complete happiness that fills us when we know we've brought a touch of joy to a loved one is the secret that has kept alive the true meaning of Christmas.

It is in this unselfish spirit that we extend to our friends and neighbors the Season's Greetings.

**GHOLSON GROCERY**



## A PRAYER for Christmas

As the curtain begins to draw across the old year, we pray that the spirit of Christmas be kept in the hearts of men not only this one day . . . but every day. For with Christmas in our hearts nothing in life could ever quench the joy or dim the light of our peace.

W. I. (Scotch) COGGINS INS. AGENCY





HERE'S  
WISHING YE  
A VERY . . .  
**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**

**THE HASKELL PHARMACY**  
Carrie, Carolyn & Jack



**NEW YORK TRADITION . . .** Thousands of holiday shoppers are usually on hand when the traditional Christmas tree is lighted with appropriate ceremonies in Rockefeller plaza, New York. The nine-foot angels in the foreground are sculptured in wire.

**'Health To You'  
Was Yule Toast  
Of Saxons**

In the days of the Saxons, "wassail" was a popular greeting meaning "health to you." It later became a Yuletide drinking toast, and cups of hot wassail were given to visiting Christmas carolers.

Here is the recipe for a cheery bowl which will help extend a hearty welcome to your Christmas guests.

**Christmas Wassail**

2 quarts sweet cider  
6 whole cloves  
1 three-inch stick of cinnamon  
6 whole allspice  
1/2 cup light brown sugar  
juice of 6 oranges  
(16 to 20 punch cups)  
Simmer the cider, spices and sugar for 15 minutes. Let stand for 12 hours. Then add orange juice. Strain, reheat and serve. Serve wassail hot from a large bowl and green cherries, orange slices or small baked apples floating in it. Place the bowl on a holly-trimmed tray.

**Evergreen Symbol  
Of Mourning In  
Finland**

Evergreens are never used as decorations in the homes and churches of Finland because the Finns regard them as symbols of mourning.

At Christmas most homes where there are children suspend a "heaven" from the living room ceiling. Such "heavens" consist of a cord framework covered with straw and different colors of paper ribbon, etc., and decorated with paper stars and silhouettes cut in various designs. The effect when reflecting the firelight and the candles' glow, is mysterious and fascinating.

Candles are used profusely in the churches; the altars are banked and the windows are filled with them, so that before dawn on Christmas morning the churches beckon approaching worshippers like brilliant lanterns.

**DRIVE SAFELY**—You're never safe enough to afford one careless moment.

The capacity for underground storage of natural gas has more than doubled in the five years of the gas industry has been compiling accurate statistics.

**Ancients Credited  
Certain Powers to  
Christmas Greenery**

The holly and mistletoe used today for Christmas decorations found their way into early festivities because of certain virtues attributed to them by the ancients.

The Druids were the first to use mistletoe, which they called "Healall." They believed the plant to have great curative powers and gradually assigned it to all manner of magic powers.

Each year, about the same time that we now celebrate Christmas, their priests would have high platforms built around the sacred oak trees, which in a manner of speaking, were "hosts" to the mistletoe. Robed in ceremonial vestments, the priests ascended these platforms, and with golden sickles, cut away the mistletoe.

The Saxons also prized it and it was they who gave to it the name of mistletoe.

Eventually the plant became to be known as a symbol of peace. Opposing warriors who met near it would call a truce and it was customary to hang it over entrance doors so that those who entered would be assured of friendship.

Today, in both England and America, holly and mistletoe are associated with Christmas as invariably as are the plum pudding and Christmas tree.

**Swiss Kiddies Look  
For Visit From  
Christkindli**

In Switzerland, it is not Santa Claus, but Christkindli, the Christ Child, who makes the rounds of Swiss homes on Christmas Eve.

The radiant angel is said to come from the North, traveling on a fairy-like sleigh, pulled by reindeer much like our Santa. Christkindli brings good Swiss children a beautiful tree and many gifts. Like Santa, he insists that little children be good at all times, and he admonishes naughty youngsters.

"Agricultural Research in Texas since 1888" is the title of a recently released Texas Agricultural Experiment Station publication. Seven experimental projects were undertaken shortly after the Station was created in 1888. Today 375 formal research projects and a number of short-time experimental tests are grouped under 25 research programs.

**Sending Cards Is  
Old Christmas  
Tradition**

The custom of sending Christmas cards has grown so popular through the years that each year an average of one and one-half billion cards are mailed.

Some historians suggest that the idea of sending Christmas cards originated with school boys away from home who wrote their letters on fancy paper and in writing.

William Edgely sent out a Christmas greeting on a fancy card in 1842 which showed his artistic and engraving talent. The card carried the message, "A

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

In 1864 Henry Cole, a middle-class Englishman, sent Christmas cards which depicted a Victorian family gathered at the festive board and which carried the message "A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to You."

The cards brought fame and popularity to Henry Cole, but it was two decades before Christmas cards were sold generally.

Homemade fruit cake, cookies, candies and other food items make Christmas gifts with a "built-in" personal touch and are always appreciated.

**DRIVE SAFELY** — Accidents don't just happen. They are caused.

**Silent night...**

*As joyous songs of Christmas Night  
Ring out in their own sweet way  
May all be calm and all be bright  
In the hearts of our friends this day.*

*A Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year to all.*

**Bynum Service Station**  
TEXACO PRODUCTS

to all  
our many friends  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

We want you to know we value your patronage and wish you all the good things the Christmas Season offers.

**SHERMAN FLOOR CO.**  
Haskell, Texas Phone 6

**Silent Night**

*May all the rich blessings  
of this Holy Season be yours  
throughout the year!*

**JESSIE VICK**  
County Superintendent

**NOEL**

WITH THANKS TO OUR MANY CUSTOMERS,  
WE SAY, "MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!"

**SERVICE CLEANERS  
-LAUNDRY**

HALLIE Phone 392 BILL

**Greetings**

With sincere appreciation of your confidence and good will, it's a real pleasure at this season to extend to you cordial good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

**ALFRED TURNBOW**  
COUNTY JUDGE

*Just A Wishes*

... to make your Christmas brighter and  
to let you know that, busy as we are,  
we are still thinking of you.

**WALLING BUTANE APPLIANCE CO.**  
"SERVICE FIRST"

J. E. Walling, Jr.  
G. H. Muegge  
Bill Pannell

Harold H. Hodge  
Art Brinlee



**Greetings**

May your Holiday season be enriched with the blessings that belong to Christmas.

**Edith's Beauty Shop**

**Merry Christmas**

May all the joys of the season dwell in your heart and in your home on Christmas and throughout the year.

**NEELY DRY GOODS**  
Northeast Corner Square

**Christmas Tree, Though Beautiful, Potential Killer**

Your Christmas tree is a beautiful and necessary Christmas decoration. It's also a potential killer. Decorative as it may be, your holiday tree is filled with pitch and resin—among the most combustible substances known.

Here are some suggestions that will eliminate the dangers of a tree fire in your home this holiday season:

Choose a small tree. It's less dangerous than a big one. Don't set it up until a few days before Christmas. Until then, keep it out doors. Place it in the coolest part of the house, well away from fireplaces and radiators. And don't let it block an exit.

Stand it in water, or use a live tree planted in a tub. Never use cotton or paper for the decorations on or around the tree. Do not put electric trains under the tree. Use only electric lights, never candles, and see that wires are not frayed. Be sure that wiring sets for lights show they have been tested for safety. Provide a switch some distance from the tree for turning lights on and off. Don't plug or unplug them beneath the tree. Throw away all gift wrappings as soon as the presents have been opened. Don't let them pile up near the tree.

Don't leave the lights burning when no one is at home. If needles near the lights turn brown, move the lights. When needles start to fall, take the tree down and discard it.

For happy holidays, see that children get at least their usual amount of sleep.

**Holiday Candles Help Brighten Household**

The cheerful glow from a candle makes any Christmas occasion brighter and candles are inexpensive and fun to make.

Just heat the edges of four cakes of commercial paraffin with a warm iron and form a block. Put a strong wick between the middle cakes before sticking them together.

For a frothy finish, melt paraffin with a colored wax crayon and whip it with an egg beater. Spread the foamy, colored paraffin on the square candle and then stick sequins and other bright ornaments on it.

To make round candles, fill small cans with melted paraffin. Drop in weighted string wick when the paraffin is hard enough to hold it up.

**Christmas Ideas: Helpful Hints for the Holidays**

Cocoa puffs are another child's favorite. Combine 4 cups fine vanilla wafer crumbs, 1/4 cup cocoa and 1/4 cup light corn syrup. Add 1/4 teaspoon salt, 1 cup finely chopped nuts and 1/4 cup orange juice. Add enough liquid to make the mixture stick together. Roll into tiny balls, dip in powdered sugar and chill. This recipe makes 50 cocoa puffs and is just right to satisfy all sweet teeth.

Spiced crabapples are especially tasty when baked for a few minutes and served hot. Sprinkle with a little sugar, and then slip them under the broiler. Use on a ring of parsley surrounding the turkey.

Coconut marshmallows are fun to make. Just dip the marshmallows in slightly beaten egg white and roll them in shredded coconut. This is especially pretty at Christmas time if you tint the coconut red or green.

Fill baked Rome Beauty apples with hot spiced cranberry sauce for breakfast on Christmas Day.

Fruit-filled cookies will not break and crumble so easily as other types when mailed in Christmas boxes.

You can move your holiday centerpiece from table to mantel to buffet to add variety to the more "permanent" decorations.

Use a turkey-shaped cookie cutter to make a jellied cranberry sauce cut-out to garnish a bowl of Waldorf salad.

What is thought to be the first electrically lighted Christmas tree was hung in 1896 in the lobby of San Francisco's Palace hotel. It had 500 lights.

When buying kitchen equipment for gifts, see that it is strongly constructed, well balanced and has firmly attached handles.

Relieve your child's holiday tension by giving him something positive to do instead of telling him what not to do.

A folded damp cloth placed under a mixture bowl keeps it from slipping and speeds mixing.

Steam your plum pudding several days before Christmas and store it in an air-tight container to cut down last-minute preparation for your Christmas dinner.

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**Simple Christmas Termed Best for Children**

Crowds of faces glowing with the Christmas spirit, Santa with his laughing eyes and hearty chuckle, gifts you can use and some you can't—that's a grown-up's eye view of the holidays.

A forest of legs, a frustrating heap of things to touch and see and an endless journey of being pushed and pulled through a hot noisy place—that's a child's eye view of the holidays.

If you give children a happier view of the holidays they'll give you a happier one too.

First of all, avoid crowds with your children. If they shop with you, it's best to take them immediately after a rest and not stay too long.

Pre-school children often don't understand Santa Claus. Take them to see him if they want to go. Forcing them to sit on his lap often makes them cry and leaves unpleasant memories because they were frightened.

Children often receive so many gifts that they're confused and can't decide which one to play with first. After they open the gifts, put some away for a rainy day. See which they'd like to save for later.

The holiday season will be a pleasant time for your children if you keep it simple.

**Bethlehem Basilica Is Among World's Oldest Churches**

The Basilica of the Nativity at Bethlehem, constructed more than 1,620 years ago, is one of the oldest churches in Christendom.

As it stands today it represents the original buildings as erected by Emperor Constantine and restorations and additions made under Justinian.

It is surrounded by three convents of separate faiths. Greek, Latin and Armenian. All three have the privilege of worshipping in the Grotto of the Nativity.

DRIVE SAFELY—Be the kind of driver you expect the other fellow to be.

The transfer of natural gas by barges in liquefied form is being considered in the U. S. and West—feet over the previous high of 9.4 trillion in 1934.

**Merry CHRISTMAS**

Add to the good things of Christmas—our wishes for a joyous holiday!

**O. K. Rubber Welding Shop**

**Best CHRISTMAS Wishes**

**Horace Oneal** County Clerk  
**Allie Belle Smith** Deputy

**Wanda Vojkufka** Deputy



**Season's Greetings**

TINKLING BELLS, holly wreaths, winter scenes with evergreens; logs on hearth, candles bright, little faces beam delight... these, to us, are all warm reminders that a very special time is here... so a very special wish is due... May this Holiday Season bring you abounding stores of good cheer, peace and happiness.

**HUNTER MEN'S WEAR & DRY CLEANING**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**CAHILL & DUNCAN**

**Best Wishes for Christmas**

When the wise men followed the guiding star from out of the East... they found a beautiful and awesome sight at the end of their journey...

May the spirit of the first Christmas brighten your home with its joy and lighten your heart with its promise of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men"

**POGUE GROCERY & MARKET**



EXTENDING OUR SINCERE HOLIDAY



*Greetings*

... to all our friends, and wishing you the best always!

**WHITE AUTO STORE**  
Ruby and Jay Weaver



**CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS . . .** At Demre in the Southern Turkish province of Antalya is the church where the Christmas Saint presided as bishop in the 4th century. The outer shell (above) has been placed on the ancient monument by the Turkish government to protect it from the ravages of weather.

**Santa Claus, Ind., Got Famous Name By Accident**

A familiar looking old gentleman with a red suit and a white beard was partially responsible for naming the town of Santa Claus, Indiana.

Except for a lucky break, the town might have had another name and thus would not have enjoyed the annual fame that it enjoys with each Yuletide season. Originally the name Santa Fe was chosen, but officials in Washington suggested another name be chosen, since there already was a Santa Fe in New Mexico.

So it was on Christmas Eve, in 1882, citizens of the nameless town gathered to select another name. Suggestions were tossed about for some time, until Santa Claus, making his yearly visits in the neighborhood strode in to get warm. He was attired in proper costume and his arrival seemed to put the name in every mind.

And so the town was named Santa Claus.



Awaiting the arrival of Santa Claus puts plenty of Christmas spirit in the young hearts and minds of children, but we can still help them to a greater appreciation of the holiday.

Santa has his proper place (despite the convictions of many of the older generation) but children who are old enough to understand should be often reminded that there is a truer meaning to our celebration of Christmas. The story of the Holy Birth is not a difficult one to tell to children, for it is essentially a simple story.

Children may be made to appreciate the other aspects of Christmas, too, by helping with the decorations, and in the selection and trimming of the tree. It's always fun to choose your Christmas tree, whether you get it from the woods or from the corner store.

Making tree decorations is another ideal family project. Strings of cranberries, popcorn or colored paper give trees a special Christmas glow. Even cutouts from Christmas cards add glamour. While adults trim the top of the tree, the children can trim the bottom.

Pine boughs and cones gathered from a nearby woods make pretty wreaths and table decorations. Children like to hike and look for these Christmas treasures.

But don't expect perfection from children. The important thing is the feeling of pride and accomplishment that children share in the knowledge that their efforts helped make the family Christmas a happier one.



Wishing you all the joys and blessings of this holy Yuletide Season

**SLIPPER SHOPPE**



Cordially wishing you all a jolly Yuletide Season!

**EAL TREADWELL**



**GILMORE IMPLEMENT CO.**



Our sincere wish is that you and your family may know all the old-fashioned, yet ever new, joys of the season. Merry Christmas!

**BYNUM'S**  
MR. and MRS. J. A. BYNUM

Beatrix Mobley      A. B. McDonald  
Jack Plunk            J. W. Davis  
Glean Darden (Serving with Armed Forces)

**Favorite Christmas Carols Came From Many Lands**

Three of our favorite carols were brought to us by early settlers from European lands. England contributed "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen." France gave us "Cantique de Noel," from Germany came "Away in a Manger."

"Adeste Fideles" belongs to no one country, but has been translated into 119 different languages and dialects.

Three Americans enriched our heritage of lovely carols. The earliest contribution, "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" was made by Edmund H. Sears in 1849; Dr. John Henry Hopkins, Jr., in 1859 composed "We Three Kings of Orient Are" and in 1868 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" was written by Phillip Brooks.

**DRIVE SAFELY—**Respect and obey all traffic signs.

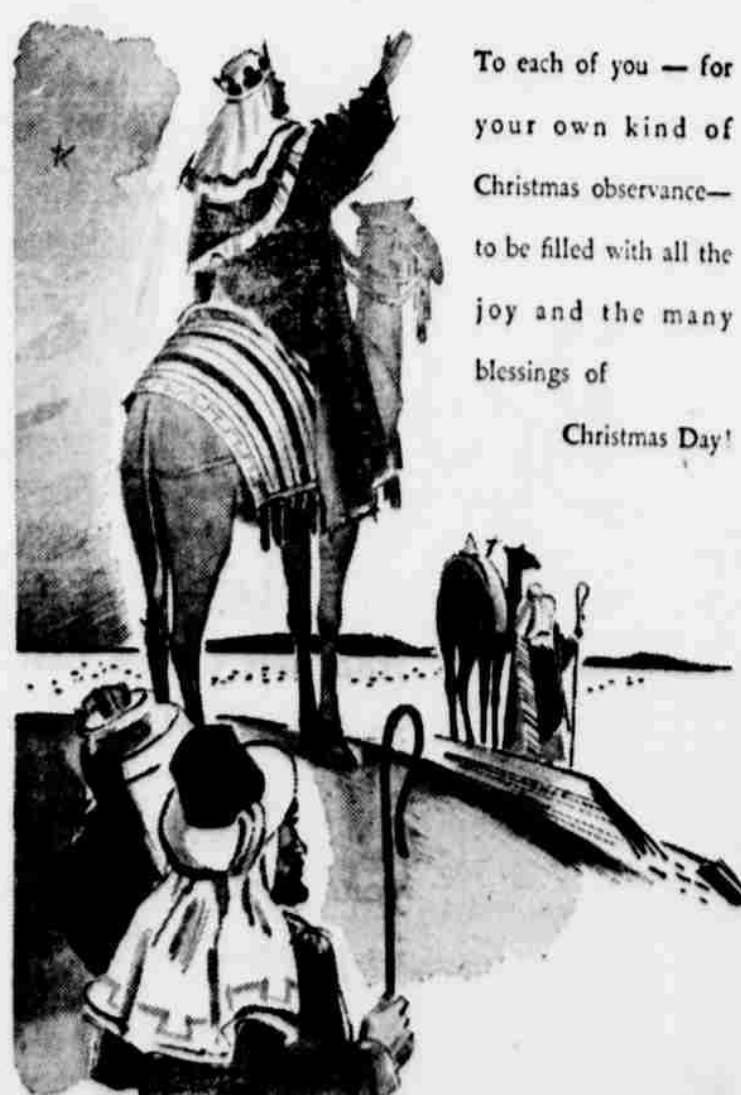
**Personalize Your Greeting Cards**

You can personalize the greetings you send to special friends by making your own cards. Hand-made Christmas cards are fun to make, send and receive and truly reflect the personality of the sender.

One simple way to make cards is to trace a design that reflects your family personality or a symbol of the season on a block of linoleum. Cut away all but the part you want to print, dip this part into colored ink, and stamp it on a folded piece of good quality paper. Then hand-letter your holiday message on the inside.


Other cards can be made by painting or by cutting pictures and designs from last year's cards and putting them together in new designs to make fresh, personalized greetings.

Read the Want Ads



To each of you — for your own kind of Christmas observance—to be filled with all the joy and the many blessings of Christmas Day!

**PERRY MOTOR CO.**



**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

First, a sincere "Thank You" for your courtesy, good will and loyal cooperation, they have made our associations with you a real pleasure.

Then, a cordial wish for the best for you and yours in the Holiday Season.

**FARMERS CO-OP SOCIETY NO. 1**  
Allen Strickland, Manager



**SEASON'S GREETINGS**



**Q** MAY the joys of the Season be an everyday possession for the whole year, is our wish

**FRED ALLEN SHOE SHOP**

**Saint Francis of Assisi Gave Much To Christmas**

Some 800 years before 1849, Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, introduced the baby gift of generosity and kindness which made his life a great legend and gave the "Santa Claus" character we know today. Bishop Francis of Assisi made other contributions to our celebration of Christmas.

St. Francis lived in the small Italian village of Assisi in the year 1199 A. D. St. Francis arranged the first nativity scene in a cave near the monastery where he lived. The scene was typical of that of Bethlehem. There was a manger filled with hay, an ox and an ass. St. Francis and his followers decorated the cave with garlands and hung hymns in honor of the Christ Child.

Himself a lover of music, St. Francis believed that the early chants (written in Latin) were too theological to be popular. He felt that Christmas music should be more in keeping with the festive spirit. He is generally credited with being the influence behind the more modern Christmas carols, which spread from Italy to France, from there to Germany, then to England and elsewhere.

**Yule Centerpieces Easy to Make, Fun to Arrange**

A Yule tree is a magnificent centerpiece for the Christmas dinner. It is easy to make and fun to arrange. The Yule tree is a centerpiece that is easy to make and fun to arrange. It is a centerpiece that is easy to make and fun to arrange.

**Select Tree With Care If Planning To Transplant**

At the time you select a tree for planting, you should consider the soil conditions. The soil should be rich and well-drained. It is important to select a tree that is suitable for the soil conditions. The soil should be rich and well-drained.

**Season's Greetings**

May your enjoyment of the Holidays be young in spirit and gay in heart. And may you have A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

**BOGGS & JOHNSON**  
EAST SIDE OF SQUARE

**Season's Greetings**



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**Season's Greetings**

ALL GOOD WISHES FOR THE New Year



**FABRIC SHOP**

**Santa, As Known Today, Created By Two Famous Men**

Santa Claus, as we know him today—jolly smile, round red cheeks and chunky figure—is the creation of two famous men.

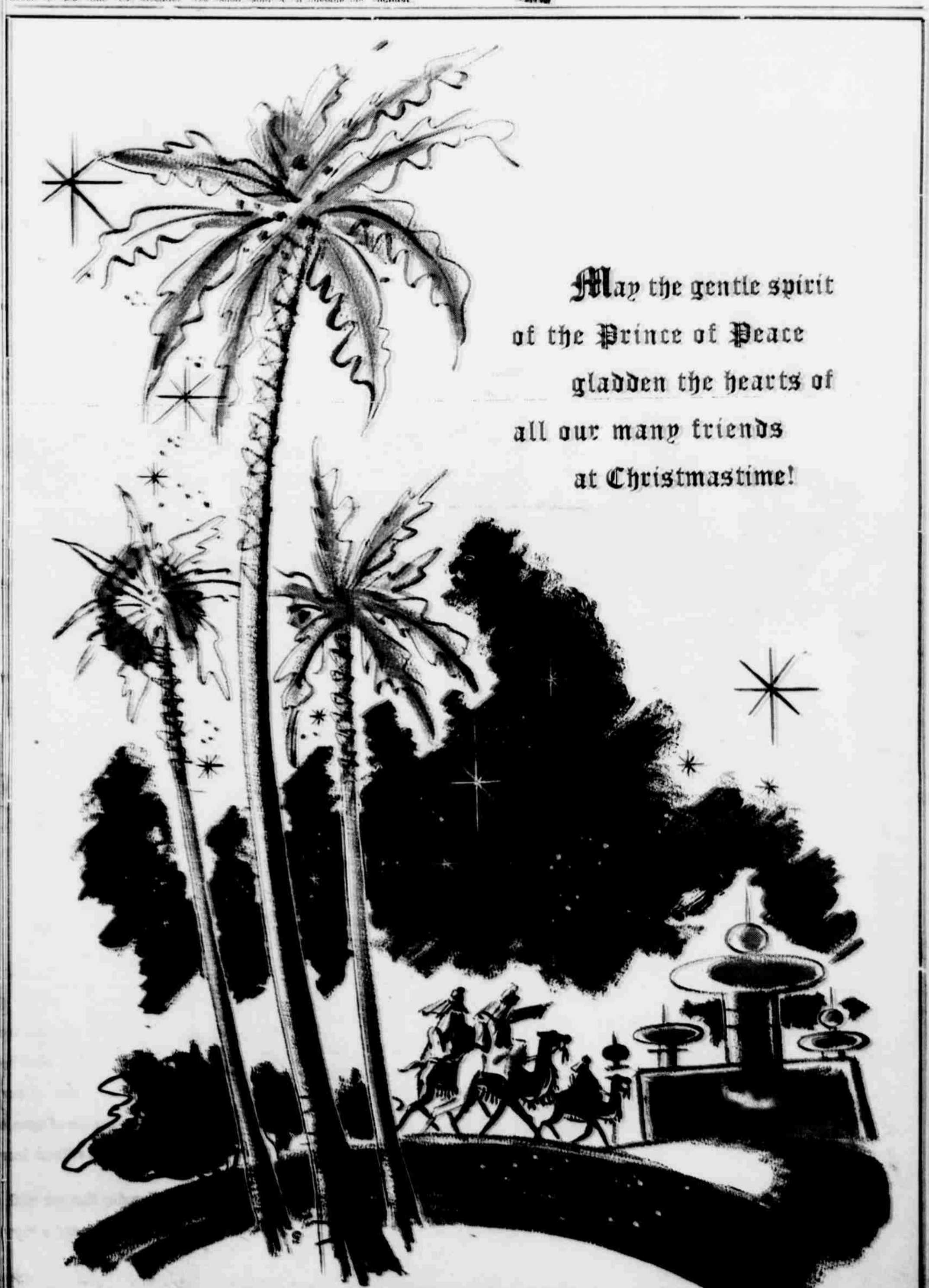
The first was Clement Clarke Moore, author of "A Visit to St. Nicholas," better known to us as "Twas the Night Before Christmas." Moore actually described Santa and gave him the famous reindeer and sleigh.

The second man, who put the actual likeness of Santa on paper to illustrate Moore's great poem, was Thomas Nast, great cartoonist.

Nast drew the familiar fat, merry old fellow with red cheeks and white beard, dressed in red, wearing a cap and boots, carrying a pack of toys and smoking a short pipe.

The artist then gave Santa a spy-glass so that during the year he might pick out the good children from the bad, and also a big book in which to write their names and keep records.

This conception of Santa Claus first appeared in 1863. Since that time the pictured Santa has been the same, although the spy-glass and pipe seemed to have been dropped by the way.



**May the gentle spirit of the Prince of Peace gladden the hearts of all our many friends at Christmastime!**

**SEASON'S GREETINGS**

May the season's joys follow you throughout a happy New Year.

**BASSING JEWELRY**

**Where Time Starts**

The starting point of time is the admiralty's date line, which curves east and west of the 180th meridian in such a way that it lies always in the ocean.

First to welcome each New Year are the residents of the Chatham Islands, New Zealand, just east of the line.

From its starting point, the New Year moves westerly at the speed of 1,000 miles per hour.

**DRIVE SAFELY**—A good look beats good luck in the job of safe driving.

**Season's Greetings**

May the chiming of the joyous Christmas bells, the voices of the choir boys, bring to you again all the warmth of spirit and peace of heart of this glorious season.

**A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to all!**

**Market Poultry & Egg Co.**  
A. T. BALLARD, Mgr.



**HOLDEN'S FUNERAL HOME and HOLDEN BENEFIT ASSN. INSURANCE**





*Peace...  
Good Will...*

Everywhere, among good people, there exists a longing to make our world tranquil and prosperous — a desire for man to unite for peace, good will and understanding. For from good will comes forbearance and from understanding, a better way of life. And what better time than Christmas for every man to renew the realization that all our good human relationships — yes, even our business relationships, are based upon our faith in God and our fellow man. Only through this faith can we assure the continuance of freedom without fear — tolerance without tyranny — democracy and lasting peace.

It is in this spirit of good fellowship that we wish everyone —

A Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year!

**Bill Wilson Motor Company**