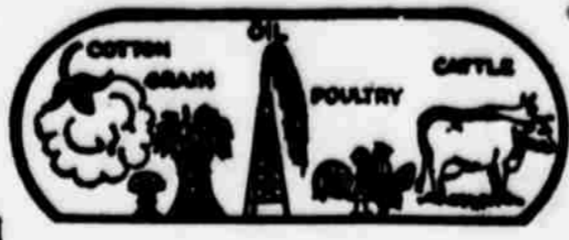


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Directors Set May 8-9-10 Dates for Annual Roundup

Rice Springs Roundup
Thursday, Friday and
Saturday, May 8-9-10, with the
being produced by
of Silverton, Tex.

of the coming year's
selected at a meet-
and directors of
Tramps, sponsors of
rodeo, held Friday
Chamber of Com-
Stephens, well-
producer, also was
a contact for the
was executed during
a meeting.

also voted to sponsor
Horse and Palomino
Shetland Pony Show
with annual Round-
rider Horse and Pal-
omino Roundup have
been held each
year and attracted a
large number of en-
thusiasts in
attendance for
contests in
roundup events will
be held, directors an-
nounced in this event,
to be awarded to
winner.

schedule of events
include bronc riding, calf
ride, bronc riding, brash-
ing, cutting horse con-
testing, mugging, and spon-
sored.

night's meeting di-
rectors optimistic over pros-
pects of coming year's show,
in view of the in-
dustrial outlook for
the area.

and officers present
Gilliam, Jesty V.
Royall, Nichols,
Adell Thomas,
Salle Webb, Gene

Due To
Early Start
Following Year

political pot will
be boiling early
year, with several
removed ready to an-
nounce entry into the 1958

only one-half the elec-
tion of county and district
will be held on
to the change to four-
year terms, several
years ago, interest is expected to
be equal to any previous
year.

to precinct, county
offices, the races for
U. S. Senator and other
could develop into
political observers

will ballot in 1958
numerous city and school

berger Well
ing Corp.
ng President

berger Well Surveying
which has a service
in this city, has a
ent. He is William J.
who has been asso-
ciated with the electric logging
since 1934.

ment of Mr. Gilling-
agement from the post
vice president was
Schlumberger, L. A. The
parent company of
berger Well Surveying.
berger said that with
ization of the world-
berger operating
into Schlumberger L. A.
place in March of
has been required to
increasing amount of
business outside the sphere
electric logging company.

will allow him to de-
time to his duties as
of Schlumberger, L. A. He
president of the company
and will continue as a
member of the board of direct-

ingham is a native of
Texas, graduated from the
School of Mines in London
and received his first assign-
ment with Schlumberger
in Louisiana and
Texas. Schlumberger operat-
ing in America, returning to
Texas in 1951 after being ap-
pointed vice president.

president has as-
signed markets for
of Schlumberger log-
ging and Christmas.

Garden Club Pilgrimage Reveals Beauty Of Christmas In Homes of Members

CHARLENE WHITE

We were treated recently to the
pleasant chore of peering into the
neighbor's closets—and doing it
legitimately—when the Garden
Club made a pilgrimage to the
homes of several members.

The group consisting of mem-
bers, their husbands and one lone
reporter, gathered at the home of
Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Pierson. Mrs.
C. O. Holt club president, called

the meeting to order and wel-
comed the guests to the pilgrim-
age. Following the singing of
Christmas Carols, A. C. Pierson
read the Christmas story, Luke
2:1-14. Dennis Ratliff offered a
Christmas prayer.

The formal welcome over, the
guests spent the next few min-
utes admiring the Christmas dec-
orations in the Pierson home. In
the living room, the mirror over
the fireplace was decorated with
red balls and silvered greenery.
The dining table was covered with
a cutwork cloth and centered with
(Continued on page 10)

Donations to the Goodfellows
Fund through Monday noon sent
the total near the \$600 mark, as
the organization faced its big
problem of providing Christmas
baskets for unfortunate families
in the community.

Contributions received since last
week's report:

Junior Chamber of Commerce	\$25.00
HHS Activity Fund	75.00
Boyd Rousseau	2.50
Miss Jessie Vick	5.00
Travis Rousseau	3.00
Menefee Class of First Methodist Church	15.00
A. M. Turner	5.00
Club Scouts, Den 1	3.00
J. P. Cole	2.50
Harmony Club	10.00
H. Harris	3.00
First Baptist Church	42.85
M. M. Cobb	5.00
Previously acknowledged	361.80
Total	\$578.35

Practically all contents of the
building, clothing, furniture, etc.,
were destroyed or ruined by heat
and smoke. Included was an out-
board motor and considerable
fishing tackle.

Other messages to the club were
read from District Governor
Truett Walton of Abilene, and from
Rotary Clubs in Tjrebon, Indo-
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pulco, Mexico; Mercedes, Brazil;
and Jamshedpur, India. The
Jamshedpur Rotary Club enclosed
a bulletin of one of their recent
meetings, listing a toast to the
Haskell Rotary Club.

Guests of the club in addition
to the HHS students was Bill
Chambers, teacher of vocational
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Rotarians Enjoy Program Given By Speech Students

Members of the Rotary Club
enjoyed a timely program pre-
sented by speech students of Mrs.
Terry M. Diggs, at the club's
weekly meeting and luncheon
Thursday in the dining room of
the Texas Cafe.

President Bob King, presiding,
read several letters and cards ex-
pressing congratulations and good
wishes to the club. The most wel-
come communication came from a
charter member, Dr. R. K. Mc-
Call, former Presbyterian min-
ister here who is now in Austin
convalescing from a serious spell
of illness.

The talented group of students
presenting the program included
Barbara Elliott, Wynette Sher-
man, Jeanette Jones, Peggy Wil-
liams and Jimmy Vaughter, with
John Stone as pianist. Stone also
played dinner music for the club.

Readings appropriate to the
Christmas season were given by
Jeanette Jones, Peggy Williams
and Jimmy Vaughter, with Wynette
Sherman as announcer.

President King quoted the dis-
trict Rotary letter as listing Has-
kell in 6th place with an attend-
ance of 98 per cent during the
month of November.

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County Asks Bids On Two Cars for Sheriff's Dept.

Sheriff Bill Pennington and
members of his department will
be provided new automobiles early
next year, if plans of the Com-
missioners' Court materialize.

Bids will be accepted by the
county until Jan. 13, 1958, on two
new automobiles for the sheriff's
department. Specifications for the
cars to be purchased are listed in
a notice to bidders now being
published by the county. A trade-
in allowance will be required on
two cars, 1956 Ford Interceptors,
now being used by the sheriff's
department.

The bids will be opened at 10 a.
m. Monday, Jan. 13, 1958, first
regular meeting of the Court in
the new year.

Although not officially stated,
it is understood that offers from
local dealers only will be con-
sidered.

Also at the Jan. 13 meeting,
the Court will open bids for the
purchase of a diesel-powered
crawler type loader to be bought
for Prec. 3 by Commissioner
Kuenster.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Reeves of
Otey, Texas, came last weekend
to spend the Christmas holidays
with relatives here. Mr. Reeves is
livestock manager at Ramsey
Prison Farm near Otey.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Spinks
and son, Pvt. Jerry Don Spinks
who is home on leave, left Friday
for Morenci, Ariz., where they
will spend the Christmas holidays
with Mr. and Mrs. Spinks' son and
three daughters and their fami-
lies.

Pvt. Jerry Spinks recently com-
pleted basic Army training at
Fort Carson, Colo., and at the
end of his leave he will report to
an Army base in Wisconsin for
assignment.

During the absence of Mr.
Spinks, who is City Nightwatch-
man, the night officer's post will
be filled by Joe Larned of this
city, who has served in that ca-
pacity on a number of occasions.

WILL SPEND CHRISTMAS
IN ALABAMA

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Patterson of
Lubbock spent the weekend here
in the home of his parents, Mr.
and Mrs. O. E. Patterson. The
Lubbock couple left Monday for
Alma, Ala., where they will spend
the Christmas holidays in the
home of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Hall,
parents of Mrs. Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Crandall of
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Baskets of Christmas Cheer To Be Distributed Tuesday

While those "almost-forgotten"
gifts are being placed under the
Christmas trees in many homes
throughout town Tuesday, the
Goodfellows with the cooperation
of fire department members will
be distributing Christmas baskets
to the almost-forgotten families
on Santa's list.

Distribution of the baskets was
made possible by the Goodfellows,
sponsored by the Haskell Lions
Club, and the generous contribu-
tions of warm-hearted citizens of
the community.

The Christmas spirit will carry
the Christmas spirit into homes
where financial circumstances
might otherwise prevent the day
from being the joyous and festive
one it should be. The gifts will
consist of Christmas foods, fruits,
candies, and milk. In addition, it
is possible that a few toys can
be included with the baskets going
to homes where there are little
children.

Members of the Haskell Fire
Department, following a custom
of years, will deliver the baskets.
It is likely that the firemen will
need several pickup trucks for
this service and anyone willing to
provide a pickup should contact
the department. The baskets will
be assembled at the Chamber of
Commerce office.

The goal for the Goodfellows is
to provide Christmas baskets for
every deserving under-privileged
family in Haskell. Through the
cooperation of local churches and
civic organizations an effort has
been made in recent weeks to
compile a list of these families,
along with information as to the
number in the family and ages
of the children.

Funeral Rites For
Mrs. John White
Held Monday

Mrs. John White, 76, resident
of Haskell County since 1943, died
Saturday at 3:40 p. m. in the
Haskell County Hospital. She had
been in ill health several years.

Funeral services for Mrs. White
were held at 3:00 p. m. Monday
at the Brethren Church in the
Molsbee community near Nocona,
Texas. Officiating were the Rev.
Edward Murray and the Rev.
Charlie Sargent.

Burial was in the Molsbee com-
munity cemetery under direction
of Holden Funeral Home.

Mrs. White was born Mary Ethel
Goggans Jan. 20, 1881, in
Georgetown, Ga., the daughter of
the late Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Gog-
gans. She married John White on
August 20, 1896 at Durwood, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. White moved to
this section in 1943 from Lords-
burg, N. M., to make their home
with a daughter and son-in-law,
Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Walker near
Weinert.

She was a member of the Breth-
ren Church four miles north of
Nocona.

Survivors include her husband;
six sons, J. L. White of Fabens,
A. C. White of Wichita Falls, J.
M. White of Thatcher, Ariz., W.
O. White of Oklahoma City, E.
J. White of Celly, Calif., E. E.
White of Benson, Ariz.; four
daughters, Mrs. H. H. Brickey of
Lordsburg, N. M.; Mrs. Ray Hed-
ley of Lubbock, Mrs. Boss McNew
of Nocona and Mrs. Walker; one
brother, W. T. Goggans of Durant,
Okla.; one sister, Mrs. M. L.
Ballinger of Mead, Okla.; 45 grand-
children, 37 great-grandchildren
and two great-great-grandchild-
ren.

Grandsons of Mrs. White were
pallbearers.

Stock Show Sets
Special Day For
Press-Radio-TV

Tribute will be paid to repre-
sentatives of the newspapers, ra-
dio, television and the nation's
magazines during the 50th South-
western Exposition and Fat Stock
Show at Fort Worth.

Stores To Be Closed Two Days, Dec. 25-26

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Displays Arranged at 13 Homes Win Christmas Lighting Contest Awards

A beautifully arranged Nativity
Scene at the home of Rev. and
Mrs. Oscar Bruce was judged first
place winner in the Yard Division
of the Christmas Lighting Con-
test sponsored by the Business and
Professional Women's Club and
West Texas Utilities Co.

In the Outdoor Tree division,
the display arranged by Mrs.
Rachel Stubblefield was first place
winner.

First place in the Window Scene
division went to Mrs. Pete Frier-
son.

In the Doorway Scene division
the arrangement at the home of
Mrs. Bud Pace won first place
award.

Announcement of the judges
was made public Monday, after the
four-member group had made
several tours of the community
viewing the many attractive en-
tries. Prizes for all winning en-
tries were provided by the B&PW
Club, West Texas Utilities Co.,
and Conner Nursery & Floral Co.

Complete list of winners in all
divisions, together with honorable
mention and entries, was announ-
ced as follows:

Yard Scene—Rev. and Mrs. Os-
car Bruce, first; Mrs. Troy Ash,
second; Mrs. M. C. Medley, third,
honorable mention; Floyd Self.

Outdoor Tree—Mrs. Rachel
Stubblefield, first; Mrs. Woodley
Davis, second. No other entries in
this division.

Window Scene—Mrs. Pete Frier-
son, first; Ervin Frier-son, second;
Mrs. J. C. Wheatley, third. Others
entering this division with dis-
plays: Mrs. Bailey Tolver, Mrs.
James E. Crawford, Mrs. Bud
Pace, Mrs. Troy Ash.

Doorway Scene—Mrs. Bud Pace,
first; Mrs. Ira Hester, second;
Jeff Robertson, third; Mrs. A. C.
Bowers, fourth. Others given hon-
orable mention were: Mrs. W. A.
Lyles, Mrs. J. E. Foster, Mrs.
Drey Lowe, Monte Wayne Frier-
son, Mrs. Wilda Medford, Mrs.
Bill Steele, Mrs. Melvin Norman,
Mrs. W. R. Holter, Mrs. Bill Po-
rue, Mrs. Woodley Davis, Mrs.
Myron Biard.

Judges in the contest were Mrs.
M. E. Wilson, Mrs. Terry Haught,
Miss Lennie Greenway and Mrs.
Faye Atkinson, all of Hamlin.

"There were many, many more
lighted trees, yards, doorways and
windows throughout the city which
were praised highly by the judges,
but they were not entered in the
contest," a spokesman for the
B&PW Club said.

"This does help to make our city
a more beautiful community dur-
ing the holiday season. Those who
gave of their time and expense
in doing this are to be commen-
ded," the spokesman continued.

"We take this opportunity to thank
each and everyone who did so,
and to wish all of you a Merry
Christmas and Happy New Year."

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Christmas Touches Everybody

Among all the holidays and festivals observed throughout the world, none can compare with Christmas. Christmas touches everybody. Its weeks of preparation and days of carry-over brings to the surface the best in all of us, and a greater humility in our approach to life's meaning to each of us.

Henry Van Dyke has well portrayed this spirit of humility and devotion in his fanciful story of "The Other Wise Man." This fourth one of the Magi sold all his possessions to purchase three splendid jewels to take on his pilgrimage in search of the promised Prince of Peace whose coming had been foretold by the prophets. He failed to reach Bethlehem with the other three Wise Men who offered their treasures of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Continuing in his long, dangerous journey, worn with fatigue, after years of disappointment he reached the Holy City only to find that the Holy One he sought was being crucified.

One of his valuable jewels he had given to save from starvation a poor, fever-ridden Jew of Babylon. Another precious gem was paid as ransom for a baby about to be slain by soldiers of King Herod. The last, a pearl of great price, redeemed a captive young woman from shame and bondage.

Worn and weary and ready to die, he cried heavenward at the last: "I have looked for thee, My Lord; but I have never seen thy face, nor ministered to thee, my King."

Then came a voice from above, clear, sweet, distinct: "As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me."

Like the Magi, everyone of us follows his long journey and his life's search. At Christmas time we catch the divine miracle of greatness in simplicity, larger victory beyond apparent meaningfulness. It is a daily miracle when, like the other Wise Men, we choose the highest aim in this mortal world, the search for truth, the service of love.

School and Tax Dollars

Announcement last week by the School Board that a site had definitely been purchased and an immediate start was planned on a Negro school building is the first positive step toward carrying out a program launched more than three years ago.

In May, 1934, voters in the Haskell Independent School District authorized a \$350,000 bond issue for expansion of the local school system. Of this amount, \$50,000 was to be used for a new building and facilities for Negro students.

Carrying out of this phase of the building program was delayed by various factors, and complicated by the integration ruling of the Supreme Court. Considerable sentiment developed both for and against the planned building expenditure.

In the meantime lower tax revenue and increased expenses of school system made it necessary for the board to increase tax valuations approximately 25 per cent. Majority of the taxpayers accepted the added tax burden without undue criticism, implying confidence that the action of the school board was necessary.

A clear and complete financial report setting out in detail the costs of operating the Haskell Public Schools, presented in a manner understandable to the layman, would assure the continued confidence of the taxpayers, as well as give them a better insight as to how the school tax dollar is spent.

A state law provides that these annual financial reports be made, and a majority of the school districts comply. Some districts, however, apparently hold the view it is unimportant that the taxpayers be given the information how and for what their money is being spent.

Water Shortage Forgotten?

Because most menfolks have a habit of setting aside their problems unless they are pressing, it is heartening to note that some of our womenfolks are not so readily complacent.

At the first regular meeting of the Haskell Magazine Club in the new year, Friday, January 3—a report will be made by the Water Committee of the club concerning the water situation in the community.

Last summer, when the municipal water supply was almost an hour-to-hour prospect, the subject was a matter of concern to every citizen of Haskell. Many of them were downright vocal about it, too.

As the situation eased, interest in the problem apparently has lessened to the point that you rarely hear the subject mentioned.

The water shortage will be with us again next summer—you can be sure of that. More of our civic groups and interested citizens should follow the lead taken by the Magazine Club and devote some time, thought and money to a solution of the problem.

Greetings

On this joyous Christmas we wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of our patrons and business associates for their friendship—their cooperation—their loyalty during the past year. A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

City Barber Shop
Dick and Bruce

Haskell County History

20 Years Ago—Dec. 24, 1917
Bob Wheatley, students in Texas A&M College, is here to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Claud Wheatley, Thomas Kaigler, student in Texas Tech, is here to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Kaigler. Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Ratliff of Spur and Mr. and Mrs. David Ratliff are holiday guests in the home of Judge and Mrs. L. D. Ratliff. Lewis Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Smith, and who has been working in Monahans recently, has accepted a position as bookkeeper for the Texas and Haskell Theatres, owned by Server Leon.

Deputy Sheriff Riley Lewellen, who has also been in the farm implement business here, has accepted a position with Bill Moore Implement Company in Munday. He will begin work in his new position Jan. 1.

It's a full larder in the homes of four O'Brien citizens. During the recent cold spell J. S. Abernathy, J. T. Barnard, M. H. Wood and Paul Jones, all neighbors, butchered their hogs which had been raised to furnish their meat supply. Six of the animals that had been fattened were slaughtered, weighing a total of 3,195 pounds, with the largest hog tipping the scales at 595 pounds.

Citron ginnings in Haskell County from the 1937 crop totalled 43,338 bales prior to Dec. 13, according to the latest Government report.

Mr. and Mrs. Lanham Williams of Paducah are visiting in the home of her mother, Mrs. Edith English.

Twelve prisoners in the Haskell County jail will have a Christmas dinner of turkey and the trimmings as a courtesy of Sheriff Giles Kemp. Charges against the prisoners, in for varying periods of time, include murder, burglary, swindling, driving while drunk, assault and attempt to murder, affray and drunkenness.

Hon. Bruce W. Bryant and Mrs. Bryant of Austin are here to spend Christmas with relatives.

30 Years Ago—Dec. 28, 1907

Dennis P. Ratliff, Haskell Attorney, has been appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the 91st Masonic District of Texas, according to announcement from the Grand Lodge of Texas.

Tom Clark and Ferris Morrison returned a few days ago from a successful deer hunt in South Texas. They brought back an 8-point buck, killed by Mr. Clark.

Richard Spinks of the Rose community has purchased a new Ford automobile.

L. Z. Massie of the Roberts community was in town Saturday, bringing a large candy bucket filled with high priced eggs. L. Z. is a good farmer and has a flock of laying hens that never go on strike for higher wages.

Leonard Force of Roberts has returned from Mineral Wells where he spent several days at the Vaughn School of Music.

One of the new 1928 model Ford

cars, a Titor, went on display Wednesday at Haskell Motor Company. Lee Glazener, manager of the agency, said that more than 1,000 people had called to see the new car.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Medford of the Howard community have returned from Sierra Blanca, where they spent the holidays with Mrs. Medford's father, Dave Joeslet. They were accompanied by Gunn Medford, also of Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. Hallie Chapman of Vontress are in Hillsboro where they spent the holidays with relatives. They will also visit in Bell County before returning home.

Miss Maurine Couch of Baylor University spent the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Couch.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ellis of Fort Stockton were holiday visitors in the home of his father, Jim Ellis, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Watt Fitzgerald.

30 Years Ago—Dec. 21, 1907

Miss Elsie Bennett, a teacher in the Stamford Collegiate Institute, and Misses Lizzie D. Gresham, Minnie Elliott and Clara Willis, students, visited the Misses Hughes in this city Sunday and Monday.

C. H. Merchant of the northeast side was in town Wednesday and said that most of the farmers in his section had finished picking cotton.

John W. Wood, of Rotan, was in Haskell Thursday on a business trip. He is a brother of Mrs. N. I. McCollum.

The McNeill & Smith Hardware Company moved this week into the new two-story building on the northeast corner of the square, and will occupy most of the ground floor of the building.

J. B. Shelburne arrived here Monday from Belton with two carloads of furniture and livestock. He owns a fine tract of land southwest of town which he purchased some time ago out of the old Post Ranch.

R. C. Crane of Sweetwater, at one time District Attorney of this judicial district, attended court here this week.

J. R. Miller and family, who lived on Capt. W. W. Fields farm west of town this year, made and picked 30 bales of cotton besides a remnant left in the field, which they sold for \$110. This crop was made without hired help.

J. A. Pierson of the Plains country is visiting the family of M. L. Perry at this place.

Misses Vera and Fay Neathery, who have been visiting in Dallas, Farmersville and other points, returned home Thursday.

R. H. Darnell of the south part of the county was in town Thursday. He says cotton is about all picked out in his neighborhood and that fall oats are looking good. Mr. Darnell is thinking of moving to town to give his children the benefit of our high school.

A good deal of cotton has been sold on the Haskell market this week and our merchants have done quite a lively business.

PEOPLE, PLACES, AND THINGS

BY A. PATE

Merry Christmas to the preacher and to the little girl around the corner, to Auntie for that lovely gift, the theatre manager for his courtesies, and to the nightwatchman. Merry Christmas to all the tired folks who've been standing behind the counters, to the delivery boy who brings the groceries, Merry Christmas to our Congressman, to the boss and the swell bunch we work with, to the postmen, all the lawmen, and the gals who work behind the fountain. A Happy Yuletide to the cleaners, the telephone operators, the doctors, to the income tax collector, the courthouse gang, and to President Eisenhower (although he never did get our vote). Greetings to Grandpa A. C. Orr with 91 Christmas seasons to his credit and to little Susan Smith who is enjoying her first somewhere in Japan, to all our faithful readers, and to our advertisers. To all and sundry, big and little, great and small, we extend the compliments of this joyous season—A Merry Christmas—and God Bless Us Every One.

A never-to-be-forgotten experience for members of the HHS football squad, the Indian Band and cheering section was the annual "Football Banquet" held recently. Although the yearly affairs are high points in the life of every student, the 1937 Football Banquet was made a memorable occasion by the presence of two all-time football notables—Jarrin John Kimbrough and Slingin' Sam Baugh—rated in the top echelon of All-American football greats wherever football is known.

Their appearance alone would have sufficed to make any high school football banquet in the country a success. And the easy assurance and personable, friendly manner in which "Big John" and "Sammy" quickly endeared themselves to the group of young people proved that fame and greatness had not dimmed their appreciation of young people.

Haskell Rotary Club was the loser recently in an attendance contest with Rochester Rotarians and as a result hosted a turkey-chili banquet for Rotarians and Rotary Anns of the two towns. Winners ate turkey, losers chili, naturally.

Ed Hester and Shady Lane figured there should be some way to circumvent the penalty. So, they filed in with the visitors, nonchalantly 'accepting' a plate of turkey, dressing, etc., and no

questions were asked. As the meal was being finished, Hooper Wilkinson, sergeant at arms for the local club, noted what had taken place. After consulting with club presy Bob King, the axe fell. A messenger told Hester and Lane they were wanted in the hall, that if they desired they could go through the kitchen without disturbing any of the guests. The two found the door leading out of the kitchen locked, and the same thing had happened when they tried to re-enter the banquet room, Wilkinson standing guard. Smilingly, Hester and Lane were told their help was needed in washing the dishes. There was no other way out. They helped until the last gleaming dish was put away.

Knowing Lane and Hester, we figure there'll be another chapter. Reckoning further, Bob and Hooper are fellows you don't checkmate very long, either.

Could be the beginning of a beautiful feud on the order of the Hatfield - McCoy ruckus, only friendlier.

Haskell Sheriff Bill Pennington is a man hard to understand. Here he is virtually in a bed of roses and he's dissatisfied. Getting sweet-smelling flowers and a bunch of fan mail every day, being waited on hand and foot by a bevy of good-looking women—and he wants to get away from it! Could be, however, that this hospital business is not as rosy as it looks, and Bill might be right. Surgeons in Wichita General sliced and whittled on the Sheriff in a couple of spots around the barn and in the back yard. Then he was moved to our hospital to mend. He's doing alright, and will be up and out on the job quicker than some of his law-breaking clientele would like to see.

A friend of ours says this retirement business is not what it is claimed, and that a fellow will work himself to death trying to find something to keep him occupied after he's retired!

W. H. (Hut) Pitman, veteran automobile dealer, sold his business a few months ago with the idea in mind to "take it easy" from now on.

Now, Hut confides that loafing is the hardest work he ever did! He's working every angle to find some hobby or something to keep busy. Even toying with the idea of raising chickens.

Retirement indeed must be tough, if Hut's seriously thinking about getting into a deal like that.

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

Christmas Greetings

ICE HATCHERY & GROCERY
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Best CHRISTMAS Wishes

Geneva Franklin Deputy
Allie Belle Smith Deputy



Cheerio and Merry Christmas!

It's a pleasure for us to wish each of you a jolly Holiday Season, filled with good times aplenty, good friends galore, good health and happiness for you and your loved ones always!

OUTS DRY GOODS

Christmas Belongs To All Ages, All People Everywhere

Is it true, as they say, that Christmas belongs to children? Christmas is indeed a time when hearts must be young but it is not only the child who can know and share the love and faith and hope that brightens the heart at Christmas time.

Christmas is a great spiritual occasion and the atmosphere of excitement and anticipation that permeates the world of the young has a deeper, more significant counterpart in the world of the older generation. The hard-boiled, the cynical and the disbelievers cannot enter into the spirit of Christmas. Their hearts are too heavy, too filled with guilt and inner fears, and they close their eyes to all but the material aspects of the holiday observance. But there are those at all ages whose heart becomes filled with the wondrous glory of the occasion, who see beyond the glitter and foil and tinsel and who enter with the faith of a little child into the realm of the spirit known as Christmas. For all these, there is joy and peace and happiness.

Christmas belongs only to the children? Christmas belongs to us all. It is ours to share, to the fullest measure. And, if the truth be known, we elders have a much greater share in the holiday than our children. To them Christmas is bright lights and Santa Claus and snow and tinsel on the tree, and toys and fruits and good things to eat, and the mere acts of giving and receiving. Have you ever considered the fact that we share in all these aspects of the holiday—in addition to the deeper, truer meaning of Christmas, and the most important part, which the very young heart is yet unable to understand or comprehend?

Christmas belongs to the children? No, Christmas is ours. A part of the holiday, a bright and shiny part, belongs to the children. But they must grow in years and faith and wisdom before they can really share in the whole and complete spirit of Christmas.

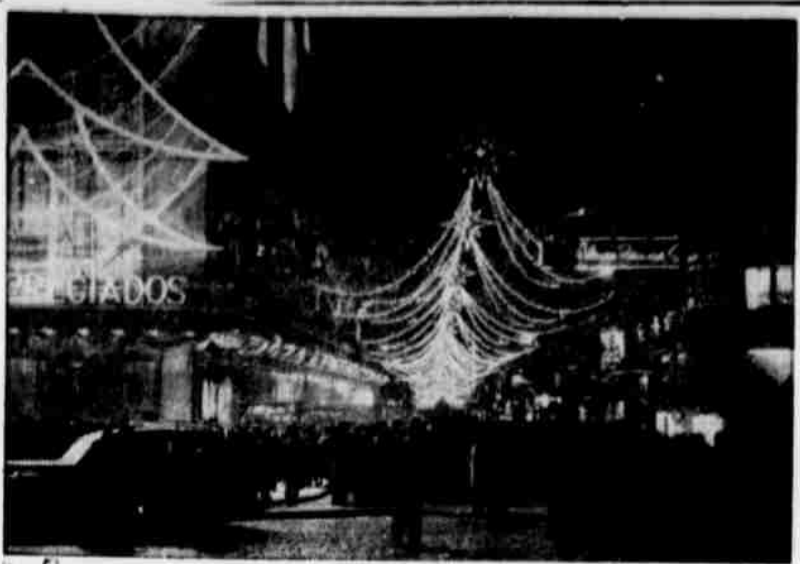
Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa:
I know you won't forget us this year. Last year you came and we were all so happy. Please come to see us. There are 12 in our family. Also visit the other children. Please come to see us. Don't forget us. Will we see you soon? O, boy! God Bless You, Santa! Merry Christmas! Yours hopefully—J. B. Ozuna, Jr.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want guns, airplanes, cannon, firecrackers and a hat. This is from Lon Alan Barnett.

Dear Santa:
I want some guns and I want a cowboy hat. I want a set of airplanes. I want some firecrackers. From—Ken.

Dear Santa Claus:
Will you please bring me a top and a football for Christmas and some other pretty things. I have a brother and a sister. My brother is in the 5th Grade and my sister is in the 3rd Grade. My brother's name is Leo and my sister's name is Ruby Jean. My sister wants a doll and some pretty things. My brother wants a wrist watch and don't forget my dear daddy and mamma, and don't forget the other little boys and girls. Love—Your little friend, Dorothy Ellen Freeby, Weinert.



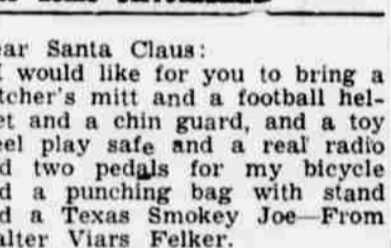
BRIGHT LIGHTS . . . Christmas lights shine just as bright in other parts of the world. The scene above depicts Madrid's Freclados Street, in the center of the Spanish capital. The night view shows strings of lights stretching from one side of the street to the other with stars holding the lights in a canopy effect while shoppers crowd the roadway and shop windows.



SANTA'S EVERYWHERE . . . Santa visits other countries, too. Here he is shown at a holiday party for Japanese orphans in a downtown Tokyo department store.



CUTE CUTOUT . . . A novel Santa cutout can easily be made by the children in the house and will lend a cheerful spirit to home surroundings.



FRAMED IN HOLLY . . . A holly wreath high in New York's RCA Building frames Christmas tableau on Manhattan Island as figure skaters glide over the ice and sightseers stroll in the plaza.

SPEND WEEKEND IN BEEVILLE
Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Dement and children Ted, Susan and Cynthia, spent the weekend in Beeville, Texas, visiting in the home of Mr. Dement's mother, Mrs. J. M. Dement.

ESCHATOLOGY IS THE STUDY OF THE "LAST THINGS" I. E., DEATH AND THE END OF THE WORLD.

VISITING PARENTS
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clay Brock of San Antonio are here to spend Christmas with Mrs. Brock's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Arbuttle, and with other relatives and friends.



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

SERVICE CLEANERS - LAUNDRY
Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Hattox

Yule Celebrations Differ in Many Countries

Although such things as family dinner and the custom of gift giving are a part of the Christmas observance almost everywhere, this universal holiday is celebrated differently around the world.

In the United States, of course, we have the Christmas tree, holly and mistletoe, Santa Claus and Christmas cards.

In Italy the shepherds gather in villages on Christmas Eve to play musical instruments as town-folks sing sweet Nativity songs. And thousands come from all over the world to attend Mass in St. Peter's in Rome on Christmas Day.

In Holland, the land of Old St. Nicholas, forerunner of our Santa Claus, it was custom in former years for the Dutch to celebrate for about a month. St. Nick scattered his gifts about the floors of Dutch homes as early as December 6.

In Greece, decorated trees, greeting cards and the exchanging of gifts mark the observance of the holiday. New Year's Eve is the time for a really big celebration with dances and parties for both young and old.

In Mexico, during the nine days before Christmas, candlelight processions are formed nightly. Called Posadas, which literally means "lodging," this ritual re-enacts the Holy Family's journey to Bethlehem and its difficulty in finding a place to stay. At a pre-arranged household, the marchers are barred at first, then admitted with rejoicing.

Pvt. Frank Reeves Earns Wings As Paratrooper

Fort Campbell, Ky. (AHTNC)—Pvt. Frank J. Reeves, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Reeves of Stamford, Texas, recently was graduated from the 101st Airborne Division's Jump School at Fort Campbell.

He received his paratrooper's wings after completing a course which included five training jumps. Reeves entered the Army last June and completed basic training at the fort.

Reeves attended Stamford High School.

Stamford Soldier Completes Course At Ft. Gordon

Fort Gordon, Ga. (AHTNC)—Pvt. Alton O. Clem, 22, whose wife, Beth, lives in Sylvester, Texas, was graduated Dec. 13 from the ten-week power equipment maintenance course at the Army's Southeastern Signal School, Fort Gordon.

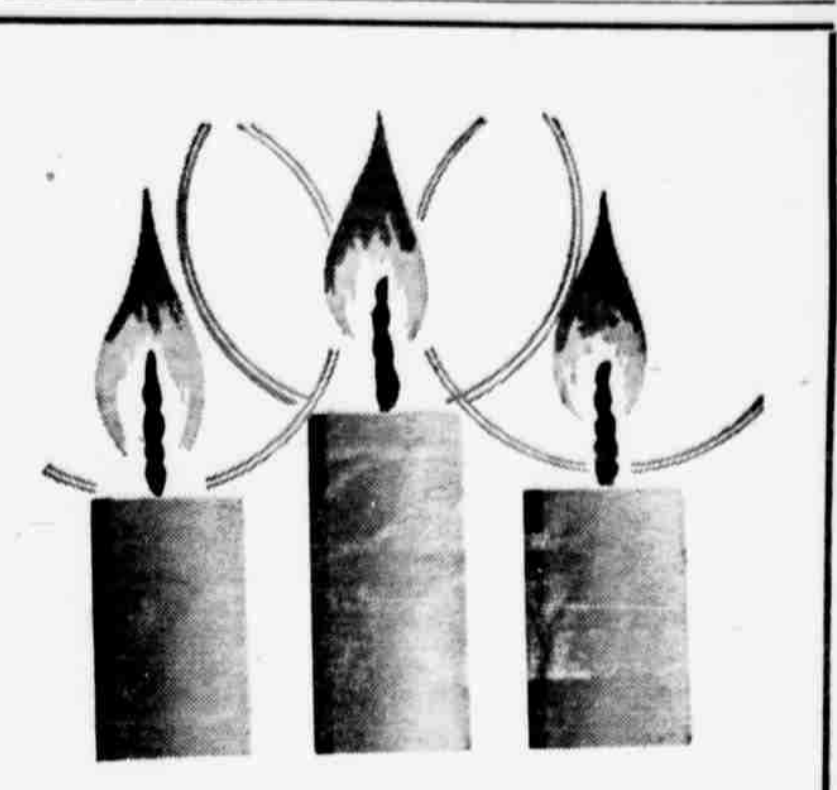
The course trained him in the installation, operation and service of motor driven power equipment.

Clem entered the Army last July and completed basic training at Fort Carson, Colo.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Alga H. Clem, Stamford, he is a 1955 graduate of Stamford High School. Clem was employed by Ace Electric before entering the Army.

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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
Mr. and Mrs. Otis Elmore and W. O.




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



May your Yuletide be bright and shining as the gleam of Christmas candles!

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Christmas Feasts Popular in Many Countries

In the lands of Central and South America, the Christmas festival reaches its zenith with the celebration of the Misa del Gallo (Mass of the Cock) at midnight Christmas Eve. This traditionally is the hour which Christ was born. The name itself stems from Christian Rome's early practice of holding the first service when the cock crew.

Christmas feasts follow this midnight service, and delicacies vary according to the country. While roast pig is Latin America's holiday favorite, turkey dominates tables in Mexico, Brazil, Colombia, Nicaragua, Panama and Puerto Rico.

Gift giving has always been closely linked with the Nativity. The youngsters of many lands look to the Christ Child for presents. In certain countries, including Mexico and Puerto Rico, tots impatiently await Epiphany, January 6, and a visit from the three Wise Men. Santa Claus adds, for the parents, an expensive complication.

Exchange of gifts takes an unusual turn in Colombia where it is custom for merrymakers in masquerade to mill through the streets on Christmas Eve. Whenever a friend detects another's identity, he claims a reward.

Children of Latin America traditionally send their letters to "Baby Jesus, Care of St. Peter," but North American symbols of Christmas, Santa Claus, the tinsel tree, wreaths, and greeting cards—are becoming familiar in the cities of several neighboring countries, notably Mexico, Cuba and Puerto Rico.

Attractive Package Helps to Brighten Every Gift

Half of the gift is the wrapping, so make the outside covering of your gift as gay and attractive as the gift inside.

For the girl who knows how to sew, material for a dress in a fabric-wrapped box, rick-rack for the ribbon and spools of thread with big buttons for the decoration create an unusual package.

A flat box of letter paper can be disguised as a desk pad by using a real blotter on top with corners of metallic paper.

Everybody gets and gives neckties at Christmas, so why not make yours distinctive by using a necktie knot in decorating the box containing the tie? Fasten the ends of the ribbon under the lid about 1-4 way down, bring to center, tie the knot and shape the ends tie fashion. Use dark blue, wine or green ribbon about one and one-half inches wide. These are attractive used on striped or plaid paper.

Or the package might resemble a tiny suitcase wrapped in paper with the ends bound in decorative tape. Add a handle and identification tag.



MAIL EARLY . . . Getting folks to mail early is always a job for the postmaster. In the case shown above Chicago Postmaster Carl A. Schroeder seems to have the right idea as he enlists the aid of Santa's shapely daughter, Miss Claus. The Chicago post office handles one of the largest volumes of Christmas mail in the world.



SOUTHERN SANTA . . . Reindeer may be fine up No'th, but Santa uses other transportation when he makes his Southern swing. At Cypress Gardens, Florida, naturally, he uses sea horses and seals to pull his water toboggan.



ROOM FOR SANTA . . . The French Santa shown above was shortly leading his gift-laden donkey down the Champs-Elysees before last Christmas. Normally the traffic here is frantic, but the Suez Canal blockage and gasoline rationing gave Santa room to maneuver.

Many Old Legends Concern Magic Mule and Camel

Among the many legends about Christmas that concern animals, two of the most interesting are the Magic Mule and the Camel of Jesus.

A Syrian legend says that a certain traveler tied his mule to a tree and went into an inn for refreshments on Epiphany Eve. Just at midnight, when the boughs of the tree bowed down in homage to the Holy Infant, the mule was caught up on the rebound and found cradled high up in the branches by its returning master.

Another legend holds that the youngest camel of the three ridden by the Wise Men was exhausted by the pressing journey and was blessed with immortality by the baby Jesus as it lay moaning near the Nativity scene.

In medieval times use of ermine fur was restricted to royalty.

Trimmed Tree Brought to Us By Germans

A Christmas tree will be put up in two out of every three American homes this year. Yet the trimmed tree, as we know and use it today, is only about 150 years old in this country.

The Pilgrims forbade Christmas celebrations on the grounds they were pagan. A Massachusetts law in 1689 subjected anyone to a fine who observed the day by feasting, refraining from work or in any other manner.

It was not until near the end of the American Revolution that the Christmas tree took hold. German immigrants, homesick for the tradition of their native land, put them up.

Dear Santa Claus: May I have a balling doll, a watch with a second hand on it, and a Bible with my name on it. May I have a story game too, and band boots.—From Donna Josselet.

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa: I am a little boy 4 years old. I have tried to be a good little boy. I would like for you to bring me an Army set, an old fashioned wall telephone, a desk and a cash register.

Please be good to all the other boys and girls. I will leave you something good to eat on the table. I love you—Eddie Harris. Weinert, Texas

Dear Santa: I have been a good little girl, and would you please bring me a Tiny Tears doll. Also a small one for my little sister, Helen. My baby brother, Gregory, would like a tiny red car.

Please remember all the little boys and girls everywhere. I love you—Diane Myers.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 2 years old. I have a little brother and we have been good children. Please bring me a ring with a blue set, a hobby horse and a little doll with lots of clothes. My brother Kyle, would like a truck and a monkey. We are going to hang our stockings, please fill them. We love you—Debbie and Kyle Josselet.

Haskell, Texas, N. 1st St. Dear Santa Claus: My mother would like to have a new hat and a handbag. My Daddy would like to have an electric razor and a shirt. I would like to have a sleeping bag and a cooking kit. Love—Sammy Gardner.

Dear Santa: I am a little boy five years old. I would like a rifle, skates, and I have a little brother five months old and please bring him some rubber toys to play with. Remember Mummy and Daddy and my Granny and Papa Drinnon and Julia. Will you please leave our things at my Granny's, Route 1, Weinert? I love you.—Kyle Robertson, 1105 Ave. D, Brownwood, Texas.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a gun and holster, record player, records and black board for Christmas. Love you.—Mike Guess. P. S.—Remember my little brother.

Dear Santa: I am a little girl. I am 8 years old. I have a little sister, her name is Dorothy Ellen. I also have a brother, his name is Leo and he wants a wrist watch for Christmas. And my little sister wants a top. And please would you bring me a doll and doll closet. I have been a good girl this year. Love from your little friend—Ruby Jean Freeby, Weinert, Texas.



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SAM PARKS



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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.



COFIELD DEPT. STORE



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

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 bountiful pleasures and happiness.

CAMPBELL SERVICE STATION

Greetings

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

Edith's Beauty Shop

CHRISTMAS GREETING

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse B. Smith

HI THERE!

We're popping in with friendly wishes that your Christmas may be filled with joy and happiness galore!

J. E. WALLING, JR., AGENT
Humble Oil and Refining Co.

BILLY JACK RAY **O. T. SMITH**
BILL MARR



And there were in the same country shepherds, abiding in the field keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shined about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for behold, I bring unto you good tidings of great joy, which shall be unto all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

Glory to God in the Highest, and on Earth Peace, Good Will Toward Men!



By **HUGH WILLIAMSON**

Creatures of the outdoors are like people. Basically they need only two things to thrive: food and cover.

Of course, man yearns for more than the bare necessities—he plays around with his automobiles, cameras, books, stamps and what-not. The game and fish have not thus fancied up their lives.

If they have plenty to eat and a good place to hide from their enemies, they get along. Take the recent whitewing season for example.

The whitewing dove was a disappearing bird until the Game and Fish Commission took over. The Commission's first action was to close the season on these birds.

Then a tract of about 200 acres of brushland was acquired, assuring cover for the whitewings. Result is that these doves have come back in such numbers that, during the past season, whitewing shooting in South Texas was described as a "hunter's paradise."

Just now the Game Commission people would like to buy some more brushland acreage, to give the whitewings an additional guarantee that farmers will not plow up the whole of South Texas and leave doves without a bush to nest in.

If that can be done, and if we can get enough rain to provide forage for the birds, there is likely to be good whitewing shooting from here on out.

Mourning Doves, Too

Still talking about food and cover—consider the mourning doves.

This year, the dove shooting was good, generally, because spring rains provided the grass and brush that birds look to for food and hiding places.

Food and cover for deer and turkey have been exceptionally good this year. Grass is growing where there has been no grass in years.

Fish Are Prospering

Fresh water fish are prospering now because of a very favorable food and cover season.

Spring rains washed food into the lakes and streams, and raised the water levels.

Banks went under water during flood time and gave the fish more spawning grounds, including a lot of wooded and brushy area. Result is a great spawning year for black bass, white bass, and crappie.

The little bass are almost keeper size now. Come February and March, they will be about 12 inches long and weigh about a pound.

There is no problem of over population, because the fisherman will reduce the number of bass when this bumper crop of fish start taking lures early next year.

One old-timer of my acquaintance says next year should produce better fishing than any time since pioneer days.

More Fishing Holes

Good and improving fishing places are farm and ranch ponds that have been properly stocked. There are more of these, now that ponds, once dry, were filled by this year's rains.

It's amazing the quantity of fish that can be taken from these

small bodies of water. Some ponds, only an acre in size, have yielded three to four hundred pounds of fish in a year.

That means sport and food, not only for the family living on the place, but also for their friends.

The Game Commission has a booklet on how to use stock tanks and farm ponds for fish. It tells how to build and stock these ponds.

A Few Quickies

Don't shoot racing pigeons. That's another fellow's sport; he spends a lot of time and money breeding and training his birds. Besides, there's a state law against killing or molesting carrier pigeons.

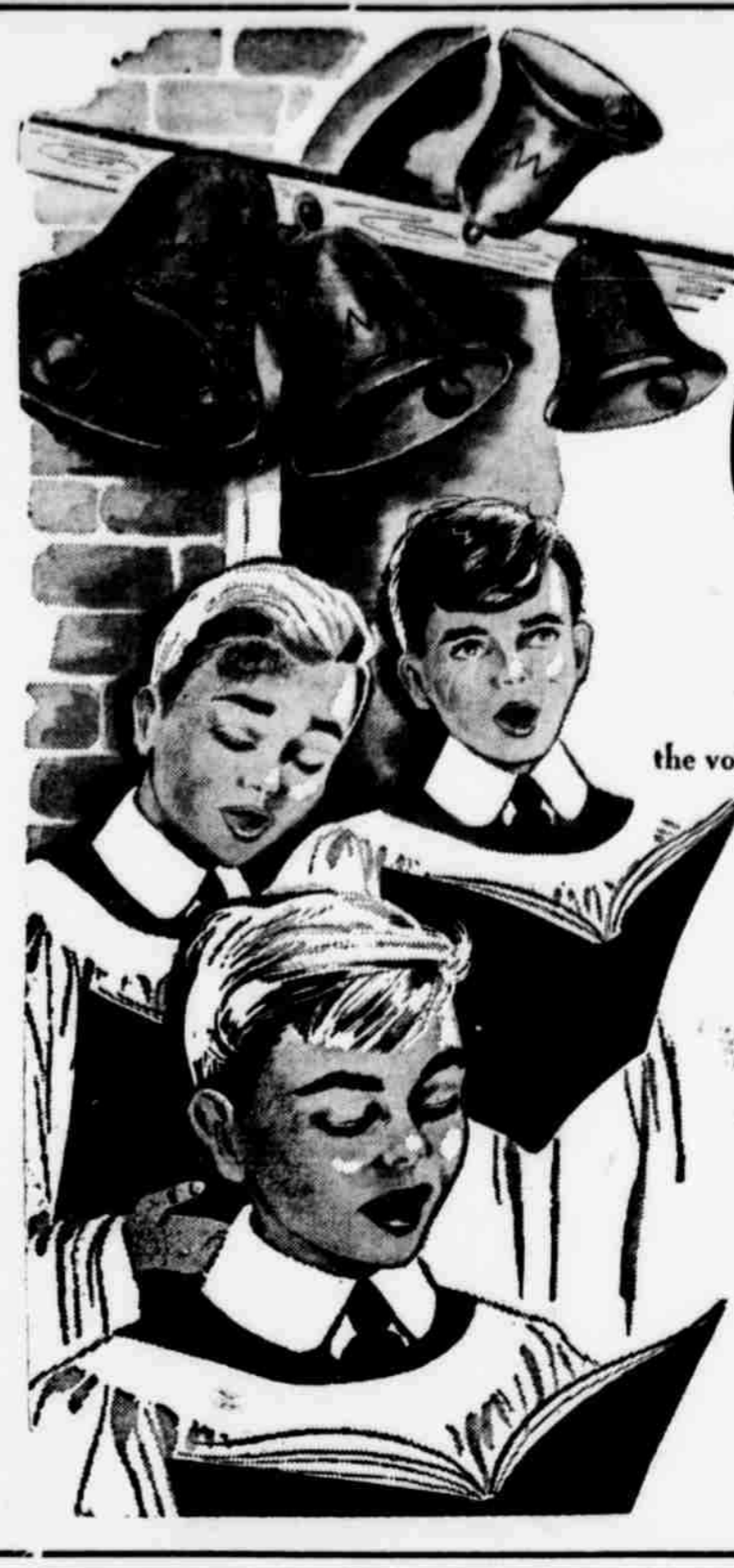
Pfueger announces a new bait casting reel. It's called the "Trusty." Weighing only 5 1-4 ounces, this reel has a smooth anti-backlash, sliding click, and jeweled oil cups. Made of aluminum alloy, the Trusty has a handsome anodized cap, front and back plate. The reel has a 4 to 1 gear ratio and holds 175 yards of 15-pound test nylon line.

Dr. Robert Ladd of Chicago had the experts scratching their heads at Port Aransas. In addition to 40 mackerel and two kings he caught something that measured six feet, six inches. Some said it was a marlin, others said no. Scientists finally identified it as a spearfish, most rare. Only spearfish caught on rod and reel off the Texas coast.

Psychological item: Maybe you take more fish when there's a limit on them than you would otherwise. If you go for crappie, for example, you want to boast about a limit string of 25. If it were not for the limit you might be content with say, 15. Game management people know there are plenty of crappie and that they need to be thinned out. So go ahead and take your limit if you can. Brag about it, too. That's part of the fun.

I'm thinking about next Spring, too: about getting out there on the lake with a Coleman lantern on the boat. On a lot of Texas lakes, in April and May, there will be communities of these boats, with the rays of a Coleman lantern directed into the water. Said rays attracting insects, the insects attracting shad—and the shad attracting white bass.

My favorite fish.



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.



Greetings

No Christmas would be complete for us without an expression of the warm feeling that we have for our many loyal and appreciative friends. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

BIARD'S CLEANERS

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

Harrill-Redwine Wedding Rites Read In Odessa

Shirley Ann Harrill and Stanley Redwine, both of Midland, were married at 6 p. m. Friday in the home of the bride's brother, D. C. Harrill Jr., of Odessa.

The Rev. Travis LaDuke read the double ring rites under an arch of greenery interspersed with poinsettias, thus carrying out the Christmas theme which was used in the wedding.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Harrill, Sr. of 1604 South Baird Street. She is a graduate of Haskell High School and presently is employed with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in Midland.

The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Redwine, 2715 Marina St. A graduate of Midland High School, he is employed with Skelley Oil Co.

The couple will make their home at 201 East Taylor St. following a wedding trip to New Mexico.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a bridal gown of white imported lace over taffeta with fitted long torso bodice and rounded neckline with three quarter length sleeves. A full circular skirt of waist length completed the costume.

The shoulder length veil of illusion fell from a white felt hat encrusted with mock white velvet poinsettias. She carried a bridal bouquet of white asters on a white Bible.

Mrs. J. D. Simmons of Wichita Falls, sister of the bride, served as matron of honor and Bobby Ray Irvin was best man.

The matron of honor wore a waltz length dress of beige nylon lace over dusty rose iridescent taffeta, fashioned with a rounded neckline and fitted bodice. She wore a corsage of pink carnations.

The reception was held immediately following the ceremony. Assisting in the houseparty were Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Harrill of Odessa, Jene Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Connley, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Harrill and Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Harrill Jr., of Odessa.

The bride's table was laid with a cloth of cutwork linen and featured a church altar arrangement with a Bible and flower arrangement. A three-tiered cake centering the table was topped with a bridal couple.

The bride a light blue fitted suit of faille complimented with a white velvet hat and navy pumps. She wore a shoulder corsage of white asters.

Out of the city guests attending were Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Schott of Las Cruces, N. M., and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Simmons and Gaylia Lynn of Wichita Falls.

The cobra can, literally, "blow his top." He is characterized by ability to extend the sides of his head when disturbed or irritated.

NEWS OF INTEREST TO WOMEN



MR. AND MRS. R. F. PITMAN on their wedding day, Dec. 25, 1907



MR. AND MRS. R. F. PITMAN on their Golden Anniversary

Christmas Day Will Mark Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Pitman

When Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Pitman reflect on the many gifts they will receive Christmas Day, the ones counted as the most wonder-

ful gifts of all will be ones they have treasured for 50 years—each other.

Christmas Day will mark the golden anniversary of the Haskell couple, who have lived here and had an active role in church and community affairs for 39 years of their married life.

Although their 50th wedding anniversary comes Christmas Day, Mr. and Mrs. Pitman have planned no special observance on that date with the exception of having their children and grandchildren in their home for the usual Christmas celebration.

On next Sunday, Dec. 29, children of the couple will host an open house in the home of their parents honoring Mr. and Mrs. Pitman on their wedding anniversary. The affair will be informal, between the hours of 2:00 and 6:00 p. m., and all friends of the couple are invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Pitman were married Dec. 25, 1907, at Belton, Texas. She was the former Emma Kate Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Thompson, prominent Bell County farm family.

Mr. Pitman, who had been reared on a farm, had a turn for mechanics, and left the farm a short time before his marriage to become one of the first automobile mechanics in Temple, Texas.

After their marriage, Mr. Pitman continued in the garage business in Temple until 1918, when he and his wife moved their family to Haskell, and he began work in one of the few garages here at that time. "We worked on Fords, Chevys, Hupps and Maxwells mostly in those days," Pitman said. "But an auto mechanic then was called on for all kinds of machinery repairs, from steam thrasher engines on down," he added. The veteran Haskell mechanic has probably worked on every type of engine that have been used in this section.

For a number of years Mr. Pitman operated a garage here. He retired from that business around 1938 when he opened a small grocery in connection with his service station. He and Mrs. Pitman have operated the business since that time. Mr. Pitman is a retired member of the Haskell Fire Department, in which he served more than 25 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Pitman have been active members of the Christian Church in this city for a long period of years, and their eldest son is a minister in the Christian Church.

Mrs. Pitman has for many years been an active worker in Sunday School and other church activities. She is also a member of the Rebekah Lodge, in which she has held several offices.

Mr. and Mrs. Pitman have four children, 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The children are: Dr. Riley Pitman, Downers Grove, Ill., who is a Director of Human Relations Division in the University of Chicago; Mrs. O. K. McClintock of Abilene; Mrs. J. E. Zimmerman and Roy Pitman, both of Haskell.

Two sons of the couple, Albert and Raul, are deceased.

Weinert Study Club Regular Meeting Held Dec. 19

Weinert Study Club met Thursday at the school for a regular meeting. Mrs. Elwood Hackney directed the program on Music and was narrator. Theme was The Musical Key, Opens the door to a Universal Language. Slogan of the day was "Music is well said to be the speech of the angels," by Carlyle. Roll call was answered with My Favorite Composer.

Highlighting a talk by Mrs. Hackney on "Folk Music in America" was a high school trio and duet singing and playing the favorite folk songs. Danny Earle, Betty Hill, Mary Raynes and Patsy Raynes made up the duet and trio.

Mrs. M. W. Phemister told of "Music Therapy."

The 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades, directed by Mrs. V. C. Derr, with Betty Hill at the piano, sang a number of Christmas Carols for the closing number on the program.

The deadline for entries in the Christmas Lighting Contest was moved up to Dec. 22. Judging will be Monday evening at 6 to 10 p. m. Contestants must have the lights on during this period.

The next meeting of the club will be Jan. 2, 1958 at the Community Center. Mrs. L. E. Dudley will give a book review. The club will send invitations to area clubs to attend this meeting in observance of Friendship.

Sixteen attended the meeting. Hostesses were Mrs. W. C. Winchester and Mrs. W. B. Guess. Refreshment plates of fruit cake and spiced tea were served. Decorations were small Christmas baskets of tiny Christmas candies and favors. The napkins were hand decorated with Christmas motifs.

Three members of Weinert FHA class assisted as hostesses. They were Sharon Caddell, Sue Sanders and Sandra Jetton.

Weinert Matrons Club Has Annual Dinner Party

The Weinert Matrons Club held their annual Christmas party at the Community Center Thursday evening Dec. 19. Invocation was given by Rev. W. C. Tucker. Guests were club members husbands. Gifts were exchanged and Rev. Tucker led the group in singing Christmas songs. Games of progressive 42 were played. Twenty-one members and 17 guests attended.

Invocation was given by C. Y. Pettigrew.

Attending the party were Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hutchinson, Mrs. C. T. Jones, Hooper Wilkinson, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Liles, Mrs. W. A. King, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Liles, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Liles, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mayfield, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Monke, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Phemister, Mrs. G. C. Newsom, Mrs. R. J. Rainey, Mrs. E. F. Rainey, Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Weinert, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Boykin, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Cass, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mayfield, Mrs. C. G. Gary, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Myers, Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Tucker and Mr. and Mrs. C. Y. Pettigrew and Eugent Gary. Next meeting of the club will be Jan. 2, 1958.



MRS. JON LEWIS HAGLER

JoAnn Winchester Becomes Bride Of Jon Lewis Hagler in Munday Rites

The First Baptist Church of Munday was the setting for the wedding rites uniting JoAnn Winchester and Jon Lewis Hagler in marriage Saturday evening, Dec. 21.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Winchester of Rochester are parents of the bride and Mr. and Mrs. John Hagler of La Paz, Bolivia, South America are parents of the bridegroom. Mr. Hagler is employed by the U. S. government in Bolivia, where Mr. and Mrs. Hagler have lived the past year.

The Rev. Grady Allison, pastor, officiated for the double ring ceremony. Church decorations included an arch of salal, flanked by candelabra with white candles, and baskets of white gladiolus.

Music was presented by Anita Tidwell, organist, and Mrs. Grady Allison, soloist, who sang "I'll Walk Beside You," and "The Lord's Prayer."

Mr. Winchester gave his daughter in marriage. She wore a white formal gown of hand clipped venetian lace over bridal satin. The basque bodice was styled with a stand-up collar, sprinkled with sequins. The waistline was pointed in front and the skirt featured alternating vertical panels of French illusion and venetian lace, underlaid with tiered illusion ruffles.

Her circular, French illusion veil extended from an empress crown of seed pearls and iridescents. She carried a bouquet of white roses centered with a white orchid and streamered with white satin.

Marilyn Legg of Hereford, former roommate of the bride at Hardin-Simmons University, was maid of honor. She was gowned in a waltz-length white crystalline dress with fitted bodice and full skirt over taffeta. Her headress was a tiny white veil and she carried a bouquet of white roses centered with a white orchid and streamered with white satin.

Weinert High School, where she was valedictorian of her class, and Hardin-Simmons University. She is doing graduate work at the University of Texas. Her husband graduated from La Grango High School where he was state president of the Future Farmers of America during his junior and senior years. He is a senior at Texas A&M College where he has been the recipient of the School of Agriculture scholarship; Sears, Roebuck Foundation scholarship; Alpha Zeta award for outstanding sophomore in Agriculture. He was one of two juniors selected to make a trip to West Point for the purpose of evaluating U. S. Corps of Cadets, of which he is a Cadet Colonel at A&M.

The couple will graduate in May. Out-of-town guests at the wedding and reception included Mrs. A. Mayer of Vernon, maternal grandmother of the bride and Glenn and Mike Enger.

A rehearsal dinner by the bride's parents in Knox City. Gifts for attendants were silver bud vases and earrings and sets.

Magazine Club Hear Report on Water Situation. There will be a regular meeting of the Magazine Club January 3, at 3:30 p. m. At this meeting there will be a report from the Water Committee concerning the water situation in our community. Mrs. C. V. Payne is the secretary for the afternoon.



O, come all ye faithful.

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

SPENCER LBR. CO.

GREETING YOU AT CHRISTMAS

As we pause on the threshold of the holiday season, we'd like to speed our warm wishes your way for a merry, MERRY CHRISTMAS!

ELMA GUEST Ready-to-Wear

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

To our many friends: we wish you the Happiest Holiday & the Merriest Christmas, ever —thanks for your patronage!

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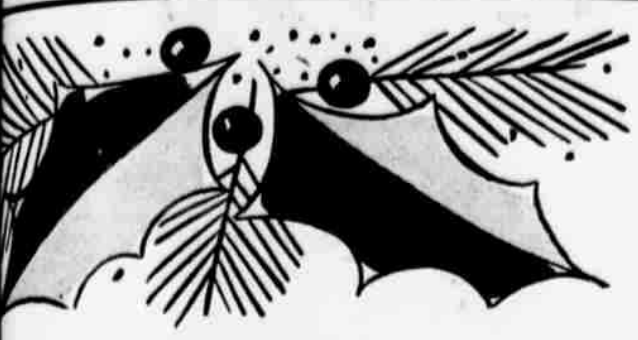
In Your Christmas stocking, may you find our warmest greetings, wrapped in appreciation for your past patronage and tied with our sincere friendship!

DEAN BUTANE CO.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Dean

Bright wishes
for the very best
Christmas you've
ever yet enjoyed!

THE WESTERNER
MR. AND MRS. PAUL JOHNSON



MERRY CHRISTMAS to all our friends —
old and new — may it bring the best for you!

**AND MRS. JOHN E. ROBISON
AND TOMMY**

Greetings
Cheery wishes for
a Merry Christmas!

C & B
Edith and Bob Wheatley



MARKET EQUIPMENT, INC.
W. H. Merchant, Manager

4-H Winners Vow To Ring The Bell For Safety



DETERMINED TO BOOST THE NUMBER of 4-H members actively participating in safety programs to the million mark in 1958 are these eight national winners in the National 4-H Safety Program. Here, they show Ralph W. Moore, Director of Plant City and Field Relations for General Motors, the dramatic rise from 72,000 4-H participants in safety when GM began its sponsorship of the program 13 years ago to the current participation of 825,000 members. Leading 4-H toward the "million in safety mark" next year will be these winners, each of whom received \$400 college scholarships from GM. In addition, General Motors provides them and the other state winners all-expense trips to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. Bottom row, left to right are Sylvia McCarty, 18, Myers, Ky.; Leonard Wertz, 17, McClave, Colo.; Marilyn Ellison, 17, El Reno, Okla.; Don Willis, 18, Mendenhall, Miss.; Top row, left to right are Sharon Mitchell, 16, Dixmont, Maine; Carolyn Kay Moore, 16, Fairview, Kans.; Ronald Powell, 16, Clark, Mo.; Christine Pasley, 17, Hillsboro, Ore.

Wahanka Camp Fire Girls Meet and Elect Officers

The Wahanka Camp Fire Girls of Haskell met in the home of Mrs. Harold Hodge. They elected officers as follows: President, Hazel Hodge; vice president, Donna Kay Holter; secretary, Betty Pitman; treasurer, Jo Helen Elliott; reporter, Karen Brown. After the election of officers, fudge was served, and games were played.

Hospital Notes

The following persons were admitted this week to Haskell Hospital:

- Mrs. Rosa Glenn, Haskell, medical
- Mrs. E. H. Martindale, Knox City, medical
- Mrs. H. J. Aldridge, Rochester, medical
- Mrs. John B. King, Goree, medical
- Ronald Dean Reynolds, Haskell, medical
- Robert White, Haskell, medical
- Roy R. Reynolds, Haskell, medical
- Mrs. Lula B. Hill, Rule, medical
- Mrs. Joe Thigpen and infant daughter, Haskell
- Mrs. M. H. Martindale, Rochester, medical
- Bill Pennington, Haskell, medical

DISMISSED
The following persons were dismissed from the Haskell County Hospital:

- Kathryn Perrin, Haskell; Sidney Winchester, Munday; Johnny Pike, Rule; Mrs. Manuel Medellin, Haskell; H. T. Williams, Rochester; Joe Maples, Haskell; Mrs. T. J. Rasco, Stamford; Danny Killian, Munday; Gary Wester, Rule; Mildred Mansker, Haskell; Joe Howard Cloud, Rule.

Births
Five births were reported this week at Haskell County Hospital:

- Mr. and Mrs. James A. Watson, Haskell, a son, John Wilburn, born Dec. 11, weight 7 pounds 4 1/2 ounces.
- Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Joe Browning, Weinert, a daughter, Angela Fay, born Dec. 13, weight 5 lbs. 2 ounces.
- Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Moeller, Haskell, a daughter, Hoy Fay, born Dec. 13, weight 5 pounds 8 ounces.
- Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Flores, Rule, a son, Frank Tommy, born Dec. 15, weight 8 pounds 9 ounces.
- Mr. and Mrs. Elander Louis, Rule, a daughter, Linda Joyce, born Dec. 16, weight 8 pounds 5 ounces.

New Year Once Top Holiday In Russia

Welcoming in the New Year in pre-revolutionary Russia was a rousing affair — a booming 100 cannon shots fired at midnight. In Petrograd, now Leningrad, the streets would be jammed with merry-makers. After the booming cannon ushered in the New Year, the Czar would formally receive the good wishes of his subjects. On New Year's Day the winter palace was open to society. Fecivity reigned throughout the city and hospitality and charity were the watchwords from palace to cottage. The mythical Ovsen was supposed to be around at this time. He was usually depicted astride a boar, symbolically associated with the pork served for New Year dinner and the symbolism of Aryan descent. Ovsen's name (similar to the French word for oats) suggests his influence over matters pertaining to the harvest. Since earliest times Russian boys were accustomed to go from house to house encouraging everyone to go "across" the gulf between the Past and the Future Year, while scattering oats and other grains in petition for a bountiful harvest.

Hospital, Clinic Christmas Party Held Friday

The staff of Haskell Hospital and Clinic celebrated the season with a party at 2 p. m. Dec. 20 in the hospital dining room. After carols and the reading of the Christmas Story by Dr. Frank Cadenhead, the group enjoyed refreshments of cake, ice cream snowballs and coffee and exchanged gifts.

Paul B. Crawford Rated as Bryan's Champ Deer Hunter

Paul B. Crawford, formerly of Haskell who is now assistant director of the Texas Petroleum Research Committee at A&M College, is rated as the champion deer hunter of Bryan. This is borne out in the following article from a Bryan newspaper: "The largest deer of the current season to be processed by the Brazos County Producer's Co-Op, was brought in this past weekend by Paul B. Crawford of 1100 Edgewood, Bryan. The deer, which was killed on the Henderson Coquat Ranch in LaSalle County, was a 10-pointer and weighed 140 pounds field drawn." Paul is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Crawford of Haskell.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this means of expressing our sincere appreciation for the food, beautiful floral offerings, many kind words of consolation and other acts of kindness during the illness and loss of our beloved mother, Mrs. B. F. Scruggs.—The Family of Mrs. B. F. Scruggs.

Returning and Exchanging Gifts Has Legal Angle

With every wedding, birthday, or holiday season, there comes the day - after - the-day-before — the returned gift headache. The season for returning Christmas gifts to stores for exchange is now upon us.

Most business establishments are as cooperative as possible about this annual American pastime, but before getting into any arguments with a reluctant clerk or manager, better take a look at the legal situation involved. You may find that persuasion is more in order than demands for adjustment.

Department stores are under no legal obligation to take back a purchase and refund your money or deliver other goods in exchange just because you changed your mind. Most stores do make refunds and exchanges, but that is because it is their policy to do so—not because they are required to do this.

However, a promise to refund or exchange merchandise made by the store or the salesman should be honored. Similarly, if a store misrepresents the quality of certain goods or if the goods are defective, you are justified in expecting a satisfactory adjustment. But you have no more legal right to expect a store to refund or exchange because you change your mind about a purchase than the store has to ask you to give back the goods that were sold you because it didn't want to sell them after all.

Suppose you buy a coat in one store and find that another company has it on sale for five dollars less. Must the store where you bought it take back the coat and give you a refund, or refund the difference in price? The seller is under no obligation to refund the difference, any more than he could make you pay the difference if he discovered that a competi-

tor offered the same coat at a higher price than he had charged for it. Much the same rules apply to the refund of deposits. Unless it is the policy of a store to refund deposits on articles, or at least apply the amount on the purchase of some other item, the buyer is obligated to go through with the terms of the contract, even though he has changed his mind about the purchase.

When one selects, orders, and deposits money on the purchase of an article, the store is under obligation to deliver the article in accordance with the terms of the sale. If the buyer refuses to accept the article or pay the remainder of the purchase price, the seller can take legal action against him, according to the terms of the contract.

The same principles apply to a trade-in allowance on used merchandise towards the purchase of a new article. Such a trade-in allowance is considered the same as a deposit. This article, prepared by the State Bar of Texas, is written to inform—not to advise. No person should ever apply or interpret any law without the aid of an attorney who is fully advised concerning the facts involved, because a slight variance in facts may change the application of the law.)

LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS WARNED ON LICE

Livestock producers are advised by Extension Entomologist F. M. Fuller that this is the season when lice numbers build up to cause losses of milk and meat. He suggests that livestock be checked during the winter months for the profit grabbing pests, and if numbers justify, that control measures be used. County agents can supply details on control practices.

SPEND CHRISTMAS IN BRIDGEPORT

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lusk and son Bobby left Monday for Bridgeport, to spend Christmas in the home of Mrs. Lusk's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Green and with other relatives and friends.

VISITS MOTHER DURING WEEKEND

Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Gordon and daughter of Brownfield were here Saturday to attend a Christmas gathering in the home of Mr. Gordon's mother, Mrs. Claud Gordon. Mr. Gordon is chief deputy sheriff at Brownfield.

TO RELIEVE SORE THROAT

Due to a cold, try DURHAM'S ANATHESIA-MOP and see how pleasant and effective a mop can be. Generous bottle with applicators only 75¢ at your Drugist.

PAYNE DRUG 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
Sue Scrivener J. W. Davis
Glenn Darden



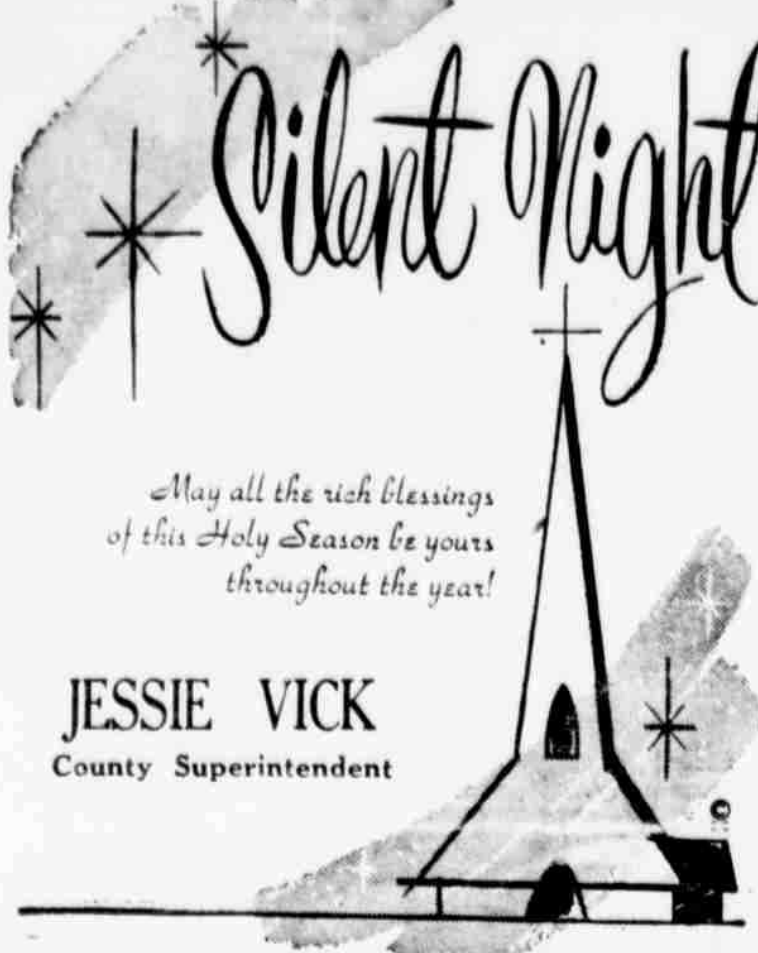
With sincere appreciation of your confidence and good will, it's a real pleasure at this season to extend to you cordial good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

ALFRED TURNBOW
County Judge



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**



Silent Night

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

JESSIE VICK
County Superintendent



BIG TREE . . . Believed to be the largest man-made Christmas tree in the world, this 100-foot tall Christmas spectacle was designed by General Electric and last year graced Cleveland's Nela Park.

Munday Soldier Graduates As Specialist

Fort Hood, Texas (AHTNC)—Pvt. William A. Redder, son of Mrs. Angela Redder of Munday, recently was graduated from the III Corps Academy's potential leaders course at Fort Hood.

A camouflage specialist in Company C of the 32d Engineers Battalion, Redder received instruction in leadership of units, map reading and other military subjects.

Redder entered the Army last February and received basic training at Fort Carson, Colo. The 22-year-old soldier attended Rhineland High School.

Safe and Durable Toys Best for Youngsters

Carefully selected toys will give children many happy hours of safer, constructive play. Poorly chosen toys, on the other hand, will collect dust on the shelf or need repairing a few days after Christmas.

Many winding and friction-drive toys are limited in their use and are not recommended for children. On the other hand, blocks, logs and other such toys will help develop a child's creativity.

If you choose a doll as a gift, be sure it is durable. Check the arms to see that they bend easily. Also see that the fingers are not spread out so that it is difficult to dress the doll.

Doll clothes should be attract-

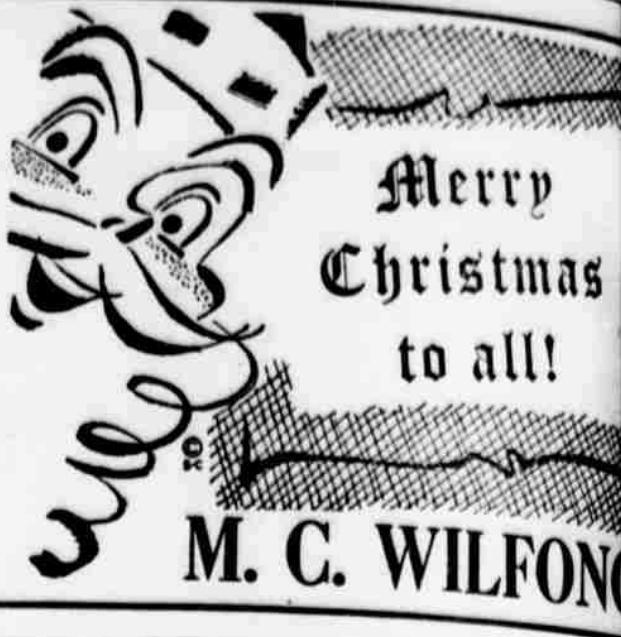
ive, yet made so the child can manage them herself. They should open down either the front or back and fasten with snaps, large buttons or ties.

The construction and material used in toys is also important. Since hard plastics break easily, soft plastics, metal and wood are better for toys. Inspect metal toys carefully to be sure there are no sharp edges.

HERE ON LEAVE AFTER FINISHING BASIC

Pvt. Jimmy C. Lynch, who recently completed his basic training at Fort Clark, Colo., is spending his holiday leave with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brady in this city. He will report at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., for assignment.

Edward VIII abdicated the British throne Dec. 11, 1936. Nile River, longest in Africa, extends for 4,160 miles.



Merry Christmas to all!

M. C. WILFONG



We wish you a sparkling, joyful and Happy Holiday Season!

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Many Towns Have Names Related To Christmas

Scattered here and there about the United States are numerous towns and cities whose name reflects the Christmas idea in one way or another.

Best known, of course, are the towns of Santa Claus, Indiana, Bethlehem, Conn., and Christmas, Fla., whose post offices each year handle floods of mail from senders wishing to brighten their packages with yuletide post marks.

Indiana's Santa Claus is the only town with exclusive right to its Yuletide postmark, although there is a Santa, Idaho. The privilege of the exclusive Santa Claus post mark is reserved to the Indiana post office by congressional act. There is only one Christmas, the one in Florida, although Maine boasts a Christmas Cove.

Bethlehem, Conn., has plenty of competition, however, as there are six other Bethlehems—in Indiana, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Maryland, and New Hampshire.

There are two Noels, one in Virginia and another in Missouri. Looking elsewhere about the country, one can find numberless towns and cities with names which call up Biblical or holiday associations. There is Adven, W. Va., for the Nativity. Kentucky has a Mary, and Oregon and Utah a Joseph each.

One Wiseman is found in Arkansas and another in Alaska and it is reasonable to assume that another may be found in Wisemantown, Ky. In the spirit of the season, West Virginia contributes Goodwill; Missouri boasts of Peace Valley, and there is Joy in Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri and Texas.

For the Christmas party, Turkey is available in four states, Cranberry in three. In the decorative theme, one can find an Evergreen in six states, a Pine in seven, a Holly in three. Trees in Louisiana, and finally Mistletoe in Kentucky.

Choose With Care In Buying Toys For Children

Safety is an important factor in the selection of Christmas toys for the pre-school set and here are some good suggestions:

Be sure paint on toys is lead free and that toys have no sharp or jagged edges.

Never give a small child a toy that is small enough to swallow. Tiny toys or toys with small parts that may come off should be avoided.

Consider traffic hazards before buying toys used outdoors. A ball or a bicycle is a dangerous plaything on a busy street.

Building blocks are just something for the small tot to scatter from one room to another and small toys quite often cause bad falls if left scattered on the floor.

Avoid glass and other breakable materials.

Tops All Other Card Illustrations


The Nativity theme is by far the most popular of all Christmas card illustrations. Many are reproduced from the old Masters, each year others are created especially for the Christmas card industry.

Winter scenes are next in popularity. Some of these scenes date back to the work of the early masters but in recent years many new artists, such as Grandma Moses, have achieved fame in this field. For over a century, American artists have aided the industry by painting Christmas themes or by selling reproduction rights to their works.

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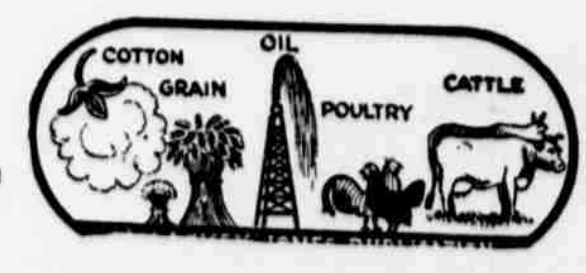
MERRY CHRISTMAS

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.

to Our Many Friends and Customers



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NOTICE —

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the HASKELL NATIONAL BANK of Haskell, Texas, will be held in the offices of said bank in the city of Haskell, State of Texas, on the second Tuesday in January, A. D. 1958, the same being the 14th day of said month, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for said bank and the transaction of such other business that may properly come before said meeting.
CHARLES E. SWINSON,
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Commissioners Court of Haskell County, at its regular meeting on Jan. 13, 1958, will accept bids for the purchase of the following equipment for Prec. 3 of Haskell County:
One new Crawler Type Loader with the following specifications:
One Diesel engine, 68 HP, drawbar pull 57 HP.
1 1/2 cubic yard capacity bucket.
Heavy duty front idlers, with positive steel rollers in idlers.
24-Volt starting and lighting system.
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Successful bidder to take in trade 1 Used HD-5 G Allis-Chalmers Loader.
Bids to be opened at 10 a. m., Jan. 13, 1958.
Right is reserved to reject any and all bids.
Alfred Turnbow, County Judge
Haskell County, Texas.
51-2c

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Commissioners Court of Haskell County, at its regular meeting on Jan. 13, 1958, will accept bids for purchase of 2 automobiles for use of the Sheriff's Department, subject to conditions and specifications set out below:
2nd Grade body styles; Fordor Sedans, with arm rests and two sun visors; 265 HP V-8 engine, with oil filter; heavy duty front and rear springs; heavy duty front and rear shock absorbers; heater and defroster; safety belts; heavy duty 40 Amp. generator.
Successful bidder to accept trade-in of two cars now owned by Haskell County and in use by the Sheriff's Department.
Bids to be opened at 10 a. m., Jan. 13, 1958. Right is reserved to reject any and all bids.
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Christmas WISHES

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- No. 167 Composition Roofing... \$5.99 Sq.
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Greetings

As we come to this season of good will and joyous tidings, I want to pause to express my sincere thanks to those of you it has been my privilege to serve as Commissioner of Precinct 4. Your cooperation and confidence has meant much to me and has helped me to more efficiently discharge my duties.

I want to wish each of you and those who are not in my precinct a Merry Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

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Garden Club - - -

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red and pink deer in a white and pink woodland setting.

The feminine guests also poked their respective heads into the recently remodeled kitchen and sighed. The gleaming white expansiveness was decorated with touches of aqua. (So it's not aqua! So I'm color blind! Who's writing this story anyway?) At any rate it's the sort of kitchen you see in House Beautiful and never really expect to see anywhere else.

Next stop was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Viars Felker. The fireplace in the living room was the highlight of the Christmas decorations. A top it were remade and a sleigh. At the sides were hanging two large Christmas stockings, bearing the names Walter and Michael. But the conversation piece was a string of small bells hanging from the mantelpiece. Either powered electrically, by batteries or a friendly ghost, I wouldn't know, ringing as gaily as could be with no visible motivation.

The den was the most popular spot in the Carl Wheatley's. Attracting a lot of oohs and aahs, and why didn't I think of that, was a Christmas card tree over the desk. Reaching to the ceiling, the tree was made of Christmas cards, Scotch-taped to the wall. Also coming in for lots of admiring glances were a series of small landscapes, painted by son Jerry.

On to the Ira Hester home we galloped. The large traditional decorated Christmas tree put you in the mood for an old fashioned Christmas so we were really ripe for a look into the children's rooms. Tommy's was done in a western motif with one of the western twin beds topped with a large arrow directing "To Hopalong Cassidy Ranch." To back-track a little, the Felker sons also have a western type room, tailored in green and brown. Over their western beds hangs a gun rack labeled, "Shootin' Irons" and holding an air rifle.

Little Diane Hester's room is an utterly feminine one, filled to the bursting point with a doll collection. The only un-little-girlish touch is a Dodgers pennant hanging on the wall. Asked if it were her brother's, Diane pounded her chest and exclaimed, "It's mine, it's mine!"

Mrs. Riley Pace can well be

proud of her Christmas decorations. Not only are they unusual and beautiful, but she made them all herself. All decorations are in pink and white, including her tree. In the fireplace she had put pink sprayed tumbleweeds. These she had edged in pink lights buried in pink angelhair. Large pink artificial candles were placed at either side of the fireplace.

Mrs. M. C. Medley also used pink in her Christmas decor. Her table is covered with pink felt cloth and trimmed with gold cut-out angels. Centerpiece is gold sprayed greenery, pink balls, pink Christmas candle and a pink Poinsetta.

In the living room she has used the more traditional colors of red and green. Bordering the Austin stone fireplace are greenery and clusters of red balls. In a small niche cut into the stone she has placed a small gold candelabra holding red candles. Hanging over the fireplace are four stockings. Two are labeled "Vicki" and "Mackey." Presumably Santa Claus knows who the other two belong to.

Current Wages For Cotton Harvest Announced

Wage findings effective Dec. 20 for the Haskell County cotton harvest have been announced as follows:

Second pulling on irrigated and dry land \$1.50 to \$1.55 per hundredweight. Third pulling on dry land \$1.65 to \$1.75 per hundredweight.

A rate less than \$1.55 for pulling is not applicable to Mexican contract workers.

The schedule of wages was announced from Dallas by Ed McDonald, regional director, Bureau of Employment Security, and forwarded through the Texas Employment Commission.

SPENDING CHRISTMAS IN HASKELL AND MUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cousins and children, Judy, Chang, and Bimbo, of Rosharon, arrived Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in Haskell and Munday. Mr. Cousins is assistant warden at the Darrington Prison Farm near Rosharon.

Things Were Kept Popping During '57 Under State Capitol Dome at Austin

BY VERN SANFORD
Texas Press Association

AUSTIN, Texas — Things have been popping under the State Capitol dome all during 1957.

Top among the stories that kept the Capitol teletype jangling were:

1. **WATER PROBLEMS:** Floods, tornadoes and hurricanes brought 10 years of drought to a close. Reservoirs then filled to 91 per cent of capacity—a two-year supply. But Lampassas, Dallas, Silverton, and other towns added up damage toll of more than \$100 million. Pastures flourished, but many crops washed away or rotted. Water's importance couldn't be ignored. Result: Legislature passed two major measures. People approved \$200 million bond-selling amendments for water conservation projects.

2. **ICT FAILS:** BenJack Cage became a household word after the crash of an empire he had built with heavy investments from organized labor. Losses were estimated at \$4,500,000. Two legislative committees and two grand juries spent months trying to untangle ICT's fantastic history. Cage was indicted. After his return from South America, he was convicted on embezzlement charges and still faces trial on other indictments.

3. **EX-OFFICIALS ENMESHED:** Former Insurance Commissioners J. Byron Saunders and Garland Smith, were accused of receiving money from ICT while they were in office. Both were indicted on perjury charges. Trials are pending.

4. **INSURANCE REORGANIZATION:** Texas insurance regulation must start over with a "clean slate," declared Gov. Price Daniel shortly after taking office. Over strong opposition, he pushed the insurance reorganization bill through the Legislature. It enabled him to appoint new officials to the battle-scarred department.

But more static developed in the special sessions. Senate tried to oust the new commissioner, Wm. A. Harrison. Attorney General's

opinion said they had no say-so over Harrison's appointment. However, the Insurance Department still faces continued critical surveillance from disgruntled senators.

5. **COX CONVICTED:** Things talked about for years erupted into the open with the sensational resignation, indictment and conviction of Rep. James E. Cox of Conroe. A tape recording of a conversation between Cox and a Naturopathic Association leader was the prime evidence used to back up a charge that Cox had agreed to accept a \$5,000 bribe. This provided extra fuel for the reform drive. A code of ethics and lobby registration laws were passed by the Legislature.

6. **NEW SEGREGATION LAWS:** East Texas legislators put plenty of steam behind proposals designed to preserve local authority over school segregation. Futile filibusters caused delays, but five bills were passed. They'll probably be in the news again as opponents bring them to tests in courts.

HASKELL VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. George Steadman of Crane, Texas, spent several days last week visiting relatives and friends here. Mr. Steadman is a former Haskell resident, and attended Haskell schools during his boyhood.

NEW CORN PRODUCT

U.S.D.A. research workers have developed a new corn product, dialdehyde starch, which shows great promise as a tanning agent for the production of garment and glove leathers with unique properties.

PLENTIFUL FOODS

Citrus foods are due star billing on the USDA's January plentiful foods list. Broilers and fryers are to get top rank on the meat counters and dairy foods will be returned to the list for the first time since last October.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MAKE OIL AND GAS LEASE

Notice is hereby given of the intention of the Board of Trustees of the Paint Creek Rural High School District 49 of Haskell County, Texas, to sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder an oil, gas and mineral lease on the following described land in Haskell County, Texas, to-wit:

Tract 1: 6 acres in the James West survey, Haskell County, Texas, BEGINNING at a point in the south line of said survey 1093.6 varas east of the S. W. corner of said survey; THENCE west with the said south line 168.1 varas; THENCE north 201 1/4 varas; THENCE east 168.1 varas; THENCE south 201 1-2 varas to the beginning.

Tract 2: 6 acres in the James West survey in Haskell County, Texas, BEGINNING at a point in the south line of said survey 1093.6 varas east of the S. W. corner of said survey; THENCE East with the south line of said survey 168.1 varas; THENCE north 201 1-2 varas; THENCE west 168.1 varas; THENCE south 201 1-2 varas to the beginning.

This auction will be held on the 13th day of January, 1958 at 7:00 o'clock p. m. at the office of the Superintendent of said Paint Creek Rural High School District 49 in the Paint Creek School Building in Haskell County, Texas, where said Board will receive and consider bids for such leases as it may determine to make. Such lease shall provide for at least a one-eighth royalty and shall be for a primary term not to exceed five years and shall contain unitization privileges. Said School Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Attest:
/s/ M. E. Overton,
Chairman

Attest:
/s/ R. E. Medford,
Secretary.
(School Seal) 52-2c

Farmers' Social Security Options On Tax Explained

Most farmers in this area will soon be filing their 1957 Federal income tax returns. And, according to R. R. Tuley, Jr., Abilene district manager for the Social Security Administration, most of them will also be filing Form SE, U. S. Report of Self-Employment Income to credit their net earnings to their social security accounts. Both the amount of tax due and future social security benefits are based on the net income earned. All self-employment reports must show at least \$400 for social security credit; under \$400 is not creditable.

Farmers will follow the same basic rules in reporting income as do business and professional self-employed persons. Internal Revenue rules provide that all operating expenses are to be deducted from the gross income in figuring the net earnings. However, farm and ranch operators do have an optional method of figuring the reportable net income. This option is not available to other self-employed persons, and is available for social security purposes only—it does not affect income tax computation.

Who may use the option? A farm operator may, (1) if his gross earnings are \$1800 or less, or (2) if his gross earnings are over \$1800 but his true net income is less than \$1200.

How does the option work? Of gross earnings of \$1800 or less, the self-employed farmer may report either his true net income or 2-3 of the gross income—provided the gross income is at least \$600. If his gross income is over \$1800, and his true net income is less than \$1200, he may report either the actual net or \$1200. Some examples will illustrate this special rule:

A. Farmer Brown grosses \$1755 from his farming operation. His operating expenses are \$1050, leaving a true net income of \$705. For social security reporting he can use either \$705 or \$1175 (2-3 or 1755) as his reportable net earnings.

B. Farmer Smith has gross farm income of \$2790. His operating expenses come to \$1700, resulting in a true net income of \$1090. Since his gross is over \$1800 but his true net less than \$1200, he can report 2-3 of the gross because his gross income is over \$1800.

C. Farmer Jones' gross income is \$3200; his expenses come to \$2000. Therefore, his net income is \$1200. He has no option—his reportable income is his true net of \$1200.

IRRIGATION SHORT COURSE SCHEDULED

The annual Irrigation Short Course will be held at Texas A. & M. College on January 16-17 with all sessions scheduled for the Memorial Student Center.



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SNAKE LORE

A bulletin, Poisonous Snakes in Texas, L-354, has just been released by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. It is available from the offices of local county extension agents or the Agricultural Information Office, College Station, Texas. A copy should make a good contribution to the library of every family.

Too Late to Classify

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

As the Christmas time approaches, we feel an urge to say: "THANK YOU" to all the people whom we meet and to all who will read these lines.

We have lived almost thirty-two years in Haskell. They have been thirty-two good and happy years — and you are the cause of it.

We had five small children when we came to Haskell. One has been born here. When our good neighbors saw this they just bought larger cookie jars and kept them on the lower shelf. Our children went in and out with your children.

While they were being filled with your sweet cookies, you were imbibing their minds with sweet thoughts. They soon came to believe that they were loved and wanted in Haskell.

Those early experiences with you created in them a buoyancy of friendship that lingers and prepares them for a richer, more useful life in their separate communities today.

When we started this letter, we had only three words in mind to say to you: "WE LOVE YOU".

We wish you many Christmas joys.

For 1958, we wish for you all the happiness that comes from three-hundred sixty-five days of useful service.

MR. AND MRS. J. M. CRAWFORD

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Season's Greetings

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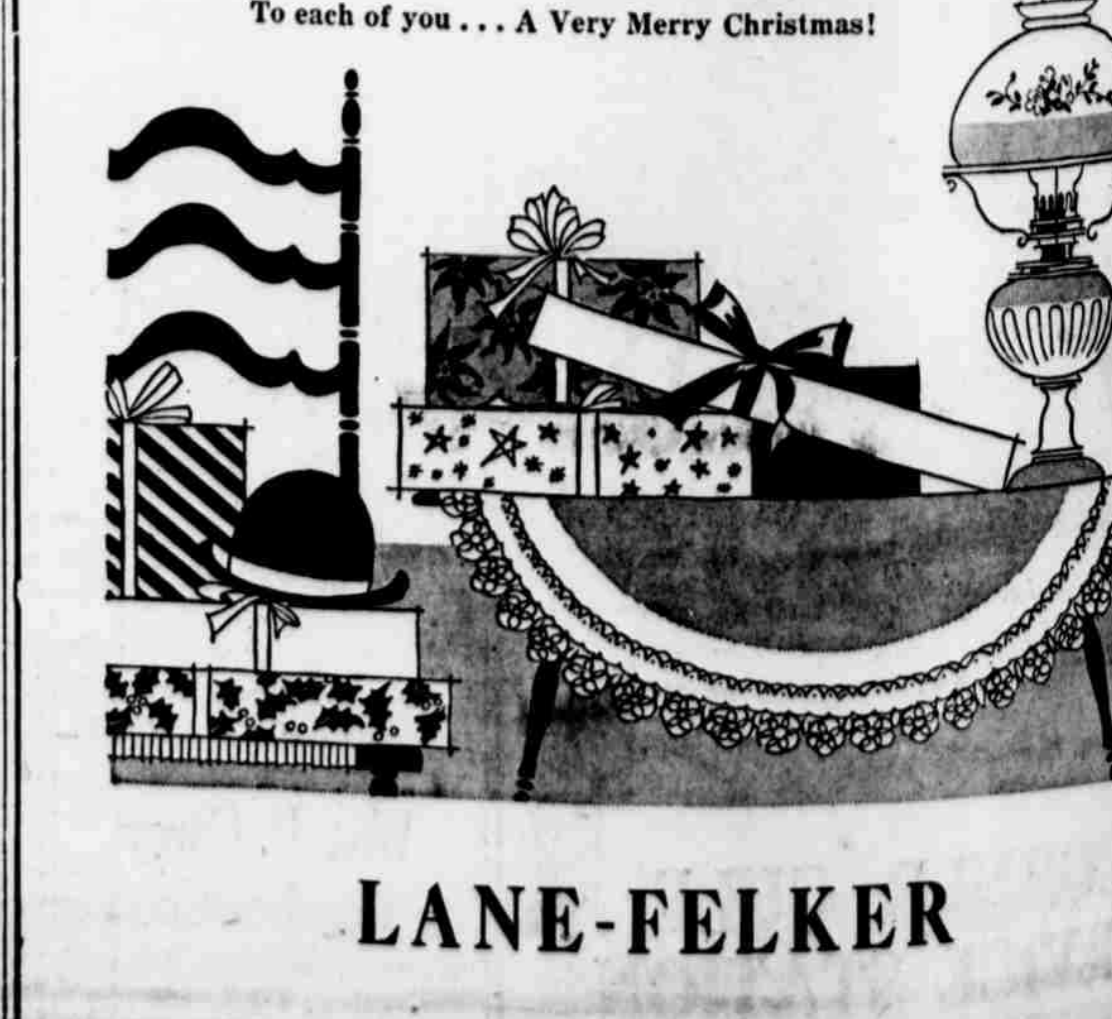
TO OUR LOYAL FRIENDS:

In this busy old world, it may often appear that we neglect or forget those we hold dear.

But at Christmas time, we take this space to say

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To each of you... A Very Merry Christmas!



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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a black hat and a watch. I want a pair of black boots. Your friend—Terry Chapman.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a black hat and a Timex watch. I want a pair of black boots. Your friend—Keith Chapman.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a doll and a swing for Christmas.—Glenda Gayle Chapman.

Dear Santa:
I want a little Shetland.—Sarah Lou Joselet, 1002 North 6th.

Dear Santa:
All that I want is those guns, and that rifle, and it's big, real big, see, and that canteen, and a Roy Rogers guitar with real strings and some candy and nuts. Also I have a little sister and brother you can bring some toys to.—Larry Kyle Hartsfield, age 4½.

Dear Santa:
I want a baby, a Tiny Tears baby, an iron and ironing board, and a little live puppy, and don't forget my brothers. My baby brother Danny needs some stuffed toys. Don't forget all my little cousins. They will be at Maw's and Grandad's for Christmas, so you can see us there, too. I love you, Santa.—Kay Hartsfield, age 2½.

Dear Santa:
As Christmas is almost here we're writing to tell you what we would like this year. My name is Diane. I am 6 years old. I want a Tiny Tears doll, a dollie-bath, suitcase and a little typewriter. Teresa is 2½ years old and she would like a Tiny Tears doll, too. Also a big car, suitcase and a doll bed. We would like some candy, fruit and nuts, too. Remember my Mommie and Daddy and all the other little boys and girls. We love you.—Diane and Teresa Thomas.
P. S.—We will have some goodles for you on the table.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl 6 years old and have one brother one year old and we have been good. Santa, I have helped with my little brother while my mother drove a truck in the maize harvest. Dear Santa, if it's not asking too much will you please bring me a 24-inch bicycle, blue and white and a bride doll and candies, fruits. Please bring my brother a truck and a big tractor, and nuts and candies. Please Santa don't forget all the other little girls and boys. Your friend—Ginger and Bobby Jr. Howard, Haskell, Texas.

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl almost a year old. I would like for you to bring me a tricycle, doll, fruit, nuts and candies. Please remember the other little boys and girls. I love you, Santa.—Helen Elizabeth Ferguson, Haskell, Texas.

Dear Santa:
I hope you haven't been working too hard and that you will be sure to come to see me. I have been pretty good lately and was wondering if you would bring me a baby doll with a bottle and some clothes. I could use a buggy and an ironing board. If you have any extra, I would like a bowling game, cars and some candy and fruit. I live at 501 N. Ave. D and I will be 5 years old the day before you come to see me. I love you.—Cathy Adkins.

Dear Santa:
I will be gone Christmas. Will you come to see me the Monday before Christmas? I am 7 years old and my brother is 4 years old. Please come.—From Jan and Wiley R.

Dear Santa Claus:
I go to school at Mattson and I am in the First Grade. I have been a good girl this year and have done my school work. Please come to my house Christmas and bring me a bicycle, a doll and dishes. Your friend—Judy Mapes.

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy eight years old, in the Third Grade. My teacher's name is Madalin Hunt and I love her very much. I have been a very good little boy this year. Will you please bring me a bow and arrow set, Bingo set, a transit car that hauls other cars, a wind-up train, and some house shoes, also fruits, nuts and candy. Oh, yes, don't forget my little brother, Clint. He is two years old. He wants a tractor, a big clown, also transit car that hauls other cars, also a Negro doll, fruits, nuts and candy. Thanks, Santa—Your little friends, Ben and Clint Melton.

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a Tiny Tears doll. Remember the other little boys and girls. I would like some clothes. Your friend—Judy Thewanger, Weinert, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl three years old, and have been pretty good. I would like for you to bring me a baby doll, doctor set, and a baton, fruit, nuts, and candy. And don't forget all the other boys and girls, too. Loads of love.—Judy Cleo Lehde.

Dear Santa:
I am 10 years old. My name is Mike Felker. I try to be good all year. For Christmas I want a steel play safe, a remote control helicopter, Gilbert Junior microscope set. I live at 406 North Ave. H.—Mike Felker.

Haskell, Texas
I have been a good boy this year. I like my teacher Mrs. Faye Woodson who teaches the third grade. Be good to her also Santa. Would you bring me a Chinese Checkers set, truck with logs, game of 48 different plays. Anything else you want to bring me. Also nuts and fruit. Don't forget my Aunt Gene, Grandad and Grandmother Freeman who live at Northeast 6th St. Love.—Jerry Lynn Freeman, 203 S. Ave. J.

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GREETINGS

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Production Credit Association
Haskell, Texas

Merry Christmas

BEST WISHES TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

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Once more, with the approach of Christmas, we take time out to express to all our friends and patrons our deep appreciation for the confidence placed in us and for the loyalty shown us throughout the past year. It is our sincerest wish that your Holiday be filled with a glad spirit and good health.

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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

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus: We are two little girls, three and six years old. We would each like to have a Tiny Tears doll. I would like a chalk board, tea set, and ironing board. Sue would like a tricycle and a doll bed. We would like nuts and candy also. Please don't forget the other boys and girls.—Kathy and Sue Hager, Weinert, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus: We are three children who live close to Rule. Robert would like some guns, a hat, guitar, truck, and some horses to play with. Linda would like a doll, a sewing machine, bracelet and doll trunk. Becky would like a doll, a doll buggy and some dishes. Thank you for all the nice things you have given us.—Yours truly, Robert, Linda, and Becky Jones, Rt. 2, Rule, Texas.

Dear Santa: I would like for you to bring me an air rifle for Christmas, and an electric train, and I would like some fruit, nuts and candy.—Your friend, Ronnie Alexander, Rt. 1, Weinert.

Dear Santa: I want a doll. I want a doll bed. I want shoes, too. I want two pairs of shoes. I want a typewriter. I want a doll house and Sunday doll shoes.—Stella Howell.

Dear Santa: I want a new football. I want a carpenter set. I want a toy gun. I want a Lincoln log set. I want a cattle truck.—Ray Howell.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a 9 year old boy and I want a pellet gun and two packages of BB's. My brother, Kenneth, wants a BB gun and two packages of BB's. Also my sister, Pat, wants a Tiny Tears doll. Bring my baby sister a little doll.—Ronald, Pat, Kenneth and Linda Hilliard.

Dear Santa: Please bring Larry a record player that has a light like the one in the Christmas Book. I have been a good boy. I have taken good care of my toys. I live in Haskell.—Your Pal.

Dear Santa: How are you? We love you. We hope you will come to see us on Christmas. I want a football for Christmas, and I want a football suit for Christmas. And bring a game of checkers for Christmas too, for all of us. My smallest sister wants a cowboy suit and jeans and a hat with it and she wants a doctor kit, too. And my biggest sister wants a watch for Christmas and that is not all. We are going to give you a piece of cake and a cup of coffee. I am 8 years old. Send me a size 8 that will fit me. Thank you, Santa.—Your little friend.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy 3 1/2 years old and I have a little sister seven months old. I want a car and guns and my sister wants a doll for Christmas. We have been pretty good children this year. Please don't forget any boy or girl. Thank you.—Donnie Ken and Beth Merrill.

Please remember our Aunt Mary who is eight years old. She wants a doll.

Dear Santa Claus: I am eight years old. I live 1307 N. Ave. G, Haskell, Texas. I would like for you to bring me an electric blanket, a doll, a play house, a drum set, a portable television and a real horse.—Your Friend.

Dear Santa Claus: Santa, I want a Kit Carson gun set and a BB gun. I also want a farm set that has 9 animals and 4 trucks and 1 car and a horse trailer that will hook on to a truck.—Johnny Allen Josselet.

Dear Santa: I have been a good boy this year. I would be very pleased if you would bring me a 24-inch bicycle and a "Fanner 50" holster set and an electric machine gun on tripod. Please do not forget all of my pals and friends too.—Your pal, Patrick Pace.

Dear Santa: I am a little boy who is four years old. I think I have been a pretty good boy this year and I would like you to come and see me. I would like a blackboard, an army gun, a Gene Autry gun and a holster set, a cattle truck with cows, and fruit, candy and nuts. I also have two little sisters Vicki and Cheryl and a little cousin Eddie Stewart who would like something too.—I love you, Rusty Phelps.

I will be at my grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Viney. Don't forget the rest of the little boys and girls.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy 19 months old and have been very good. I would like a stick horse, a gun set, table and chair, a ball and anything else you can bring. Will be looking for you Christmas night.—Love, Curt Matthews.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 3 1/2 years old and have been good this year. Would you please bring me a real pretty doll, some dishes, table and chairs and a girl gun set if you make them. Be sure and put some candy and nuts in my stocking. Don't forget my little brother Curt.—Love, Vicki Sue Matthews.

Dear Santa: We have tried to be good girls this year and we would like to have some toys for Christmas. Each of us wants a Tiny Tears doll. We want one doll buggy and a Mix Master; some fruit and candy and don't forget all the other children.—Love, Sheila and Susan Gilleland.

Rochester, Texas, Rt. 1

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 4 years old, my name is Nancy. Please bring me a big doll, a doll bed, a swing set, dusters set and cowboy suit, and anything else you think I'd like. Don't forget other boys and girls.—Love, Nancy English.

Rochester, Texas, Rt. 1

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy 3 years old, my name is Tommy. For Christmas please bring me a wheel barrow, a big ball, a boy doll, a billfold and cowboy suit, and anything else you think I'd like. Don't forget other boys and girls.—Love, Tommy English.

Hobbs, N. M.
Dear Santa: I am a little girl 5 years old and will soon be 6. I have been a good girl this year and I hope you come to see me. Please bring me a bride doll, piano with bench and a sink; also some candy, fruit and nuts. Don't forget to go see my little cousins too. I'll be looking for you.—Love, Karen Sanderson.

Haskell, Texas
Dear Santa: I have been a good boy. I am 8 years old. I want you to bring me a BB gun for Christmas. Also bring something nice for Karen, she is 11 years old, and please bring my little sister Judy a big baby doll. Also don't forget my grandma and all my little cousins up in New York and Illinois. I love you.—Your little friend, Leslie Dale Wittenborn.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a Cinderella doll, a 10-inch monkey, a typewriter, a leash for my puppy, doll house, candy, socks and shoes for daddy and shoes and stockings for mother. Merry Christmas to you. Love—Pat Harris.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a ballerina doll, a 10-inch monkey, a typewriter and a jumping rope, and jewelry, and bring shaving lotion for daddy and perfume for mother and a leash for my puppy. Merry Christmas to you. Love—Pam Harris.

Dec. 13, 1967
Dear Santa Claus: I've been a good little boy this year. For last Christmas I was the 4 year old boy who won the little Shetland pony. This year I would like a big electric train that blows smoke and has headlights. A western lamp and desk, too. Thank you.—Randy Lacey, 1006 N. Ave., Haskell, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus: I am 1 1/2 years old. Please give me a pair of Tiny Tears dolls and a sack of candy, oranges and apples.—Yours truly, Reta Fae Brooks.

Dear Santa Claus: I am 13 years old. I would like to have a pellet gun and three boxes of pellets, and a sack of candy, nuts, oranges and apples.—Yours truly, Earnest N. Brooks.

P. S.—Please give my father a new pair of shoes, and my mother a new iron.
Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy five years old. I have been pretty good this year. Please bring me a holster set, cowboy boots and a cowboy hat. And please, please, bring me a John Deere tractor with real spark plugs. Remember all the other children.—Your little friend, Donald Lynn Cunningham.

Dear Santa Claus: I am three years old and my brother is writing to you for me. I would like to have two cowboy guns and a doll for my baby sister, and candy, oranges.—Yours truly, Kenneth Ray Brooks.

Dear Santa Claus: I am seven years old. I would like for you to bring me a pair of Roy Rogers guns, a box of caps, and a sack of candy, oranges and apples.—Yours truly, Roy Lee Brooks.

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

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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Merry Christmas

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

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A Child is born..

As the songs of angels rang out with the glorious message of old, may Christmas again bring new hope and blessings to all of you!

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Christmas is a thousand things

IT'S a winter's night, and an angel song... a giant star, and a tiny stable... a manger, and straw, and swaddling clothes.

Christmas is a chime... a boy soprano, and Silent Night... carolers, and The First Noel... the tinkle of a bell on a sleigh, of a coin in a cup.

Christmas is Dickens, and Scrooge, and Tiny Tim. It's holly on the door, a candle in the window... the scent of pine, and the sparkle of tinsel.

Christmas is red and green, and blue and silver. Christmas is white.

Christmas is cards, and ribbon, and tissue paper. It's a trip home, an open latch, and a handclasp. It's gilets, and biscuits... cranberries, and mince-meat pie.

Christmas is cold and warmth... forgiveness, and a smile.

Christmas is a prayer... a renewed plea for an ancient hope... For Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men.

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

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GREETINGS and Best Wishes

By the cheerful glow of Christmas fires be reflected in your eyes and brighten the New Year with joy and contentment.

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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.

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News from Rule

MRS. FAYE DUNNAM

Football Banquet
 The Rule School cafeteria was gaily decorated in the school colors of blue and white when the Pep Squad entertained the football boys with their annual banquet. Overhead streamers, pennants and footballs on the walls, and a miniature football field complete with players, referees, and coaches, in the center of the room were the main features. The central decorations for the tables were the leader's megaphones, miniature drums and drum sticks.

Dallas Baugh, assistant coach, served as master of ceremonies for the occasion. Supt. Connor Horton gave the invocation. The welcome was given by Dorothy Bredthauer, head cheerleader. The response was given by Jack Holcomb.

Joy Notes, composed of Jan Ousley, Fern Ross, Audrey Smith, and Jackie Nell Estes, sang You Gotta Be a Football Hero, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Novis Ousley.

Coach Frank Baker introduced the speaker of the evening, Vernon Townsend, assistant coach at Vernon, was the main speaker. He is a former Rule boy and a graduate of Rule High School.

Coach Baker recognized the football team and announced that all boys coming out the entire season would receive jackets. Captains for the season will be announced when the jackets arrive.

Pep leaders for the coming year were revealed. Jackie Nell Estes will be drum major. Majorettes will be Fern Ross, Nona Bryant and Lavelle Baugh. Cheer leaders will be Mary Whorton, head leader, Myra Wheeler, Audrey Smith, Judy Quinn and Dorothy Bredthauer. Drummers will be Sue Cone, Kay Ball and Linda Higgs.

Doug Davis, a senior, was revealed as the Football Hero for the year. He presented the Football Sweetheart, Davene Jones, a senior, with a bouquet of roses.

Gifts were presented Mrs. Ben Kittley, pep squad sponsor, and Coach Baker.

Rule Barber Shop Changes Hands
 Dick Felton of Rule has purchased the Rule Barber Shop from L. D. Trammell. Mr. Felton has been a barber at this shop for several years. He will be assisted by Claude Cole and Claude Norman. The Trammells have moved back to Aspermont where he purchased a barber shop.

Lucky Home Demonstration Club
 The Lucky Home Demonstration Club had its annual Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Rex Murray. The home was decorated for Christmas. Mrs. W. E. Penick presented the program, assisted by Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Les Simpson and Mrs. George Smith.

Mrs. G. E. Davis, club president, was presented a gift. Club pals were revealed and gifts given.

The club will meet Jan. 7 at 3 o'clock in the home of Mrs. W. E. Penick.

P-TA Meets
 The Rule Parent-Teachers Association met in the auditorium with the president, Otho Higgs, presiding.

After the reading of the minutes and business of the night, the room count was made. The seventh grade had the most parents present.

A panel discussion on school affairs was the program. Those on the panel were Connor Horton,

C. Lewis, L. W. Jones Jr., Tom Ed Simpson and Mrs. C. W. Dunnam.

The evening closed with the singing of the school song and the benediction by David Garlington, principal.

School Holidays
 The Rule Schools dismissed Friday, Dec. 20 at 2:11 P. M. for the Christmas holidays. Classes will resume on Dec. 30. There will be no holiday for January 1.

Junior Gridders Entertained
 The Rule Quarterback Club entertained the Junior Football team, the Kittens, with a steak supper last Thursday night at the school cafeteria.

Coaches Baker and Baugh, and Mr. Horton made short talks to the boys. They will receive their letterman jackets later.

Coach Dallas Baugh has coached the Kittens this year.

Molly Wilcox and Jerry Lowery are the Junior High Football Sweetheart and Hero this year. Both are eighth graders.

Ronald Carothers is president of the Quarterback Club.

Letters To Santa Claus

Weinert, Texas

Dear Santa:
 I am a little girl 8 years old. I want a nurse kit and a toy cash register. Don't forget my little sister who is 1 year old. She wants a little rocking chair. Don't forget all of the other little boys and girls. Bring some candy and nuts too. Your friends—Darlene and Margaret Hawkins.

Dear Santa:
 I am a little girl 2 years old. I have been a good little girl this year, and would like some toys. Please bring me a baby doll with clothes and suitcase, a telephone, a little stove and an iron and ironing board and a set of dishes. Don't forget Rusty and Cheryl and all the other little children.

Cheryl would like a doll and a stuffed dog. She also needs a bed as she falls off the big bed.—I love you, Vicki Lynn Phelps.

Route Box 54 Knox City, Texas

Dear Santa:
 We are two little girls who are trying very hard to be good so you will bring us something for Christmas.

I, Brenda 6 years old, would like to have a doll buggy and baby doll with some clothes.

I, Judy, 4 years old, would like to have a doll buggy and baby doll with clothes.

Don't forget the other little boys and girls.—We love you, Brenda and Judy Alexian.

Rule, Texas, Box 5

Dear Santa Claus:
 I am a little girl four years old and I've been pretty good this year. Would you please bring me some toys this Christmas? I'd like a big red wagon, a big red buggy, a cowgirl suit with a hat and a big doll. Also lots of fruits and nuts.

Please remember my baby sister Ruth Ann, who is 8 months old. She would like anything you bring. Also remember all the other boys and girls. Your friend —Jeleta Gayle Blankenship.

Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
 I am a little girl 5 years old. I have tried to be very good this past year.

Please bring me a choo-choo train, cowgirl suit and a small doll for Christmas.

Don't forget all the other children when you make your visit.

Your friend—Janie Lou Kelley.

Slidell, La.

Dear Santa:
 I am a little girl three years old. I have been a pretty good girl. My little brother, whose name is Scott hasn't been minding too well. However, I'd appreciate it if you would bring him a few things too.

I'd like a Tiny Tears doll and lots of bottles; also a typewriter, dishes, pots and pans, baby bed, buggy and pajamas for my baby. For Scott, a doll (it doesn't have to be a Tiny Tears), a truck, blocks and guns. Thank you Santa Claus. Love—Cene McDonald.

P. S.—I nearly forget, I'll be at Nana and Daddy Doc's house in Haskell.

Season's Greetings

WE HOPE THAT THIS CHRISTMAS WILL BE A JOYOUS ONE FOR ALL OUR FRIENDS

TILLIE'S DRIVE-INN

Season's Greetings

And The Best of Good Wishes

As Christmas is here we bring you a wish for every joy and gladness and a thank you for everything.

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Greetings

Here's Santa with a package of good wishes for your joyous Holiday Season!

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 Jim Byrd, Manager

THE Christmas STORY

Now it came to pass in those days, that a decree went forth from Caesar Augustus that a census of the whole world should be taken. This first census took place while Cyrenus was governor of Syria. And all were going, each to his own town, to register.

And Joseph also went from Galilee out of the town of Nazareth into Judea to the town of David, which is called Bethlehem, being of the family and house of David, to register together with Mary his espoused wife who was with child.

And it came to pass while they were there, that the days for her to be delivered were fulfilled. And she brought forth her firstborn son, wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were shepherds in the same district living in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood by them and the glory of God shone about them and they feared exceedingly.

And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be to all the people, for today, in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign to you; you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace among men of good will."

And it came to pass when the angels had departed from them into heaven, that the shepherds were saying to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass which the Lord has made known to us."

So they went with haste, and they found Mary and Joseph and the babe lying in the manger. And when they had seen, they understood what had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard marvelled at the things told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept in mind all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, even as it was spoken to them.

ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE 2:1-20

We hope you will pause to read this old, old story because this is the true meaning of Christmas.

West Texas Utilities Company

HOW YOU CAN SAVE ON YOUR 1957 INCOME TAX

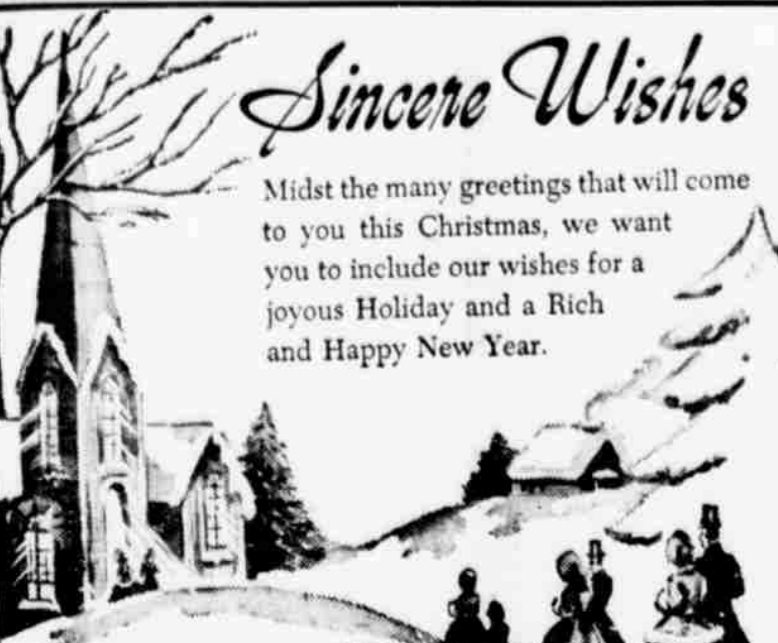
There have been many changes in tax laws, and there are many deductions you can take if you know how. Our government expects you to take every allowable deduction. We will be glad to consult with you and show you how you may defer income, or switch deductions to your best advantage.

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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.

MOTOR SERVICE
E. J. STEWART

GREETINGS



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

QUEEN ROOFING

Agent Advises Check of Cattle For Lice

By F. W. Martin, County Agent

Cattle lice usually cause their worst damage during the winter when the cow's long, thick hair provides them with lots of protection. These pests rob animals of the ability to produce milk and meat efficiently and prevent normal growth.

But farmers don't have to take this loss sitting down. Something can be done about it.

Lice may be controlled on beef cattle and non-lactating dairy animals by applying 0.5 per cent toxaphene, 0.5 per cent methoxychlor, .03 lindane, or .0025 per cent pyrethrin as a spray. However, toxaphene should not be applied within four weeks of slaughter.

Lice on lactating dairy cattle may be controlled with 0.1 per cent piperonyl butoxide or with .006 per cent rotenone. Either compound may be applied as a spray or dip.

The cattle should be checked two weeks after spraying, advises the county agent. A repeat spraying may be necessary to kill any lice that may have escaped the first application or which have hatched since that time.

Greeting Cards Came To U. S. From England

The thoughtful custom of sending cards to friends and relatives at Christmas came down to us from England.

It is generally suggested by historians that the idea began with schoolboys away from home who wrote their Christmas letters on fancy paper and in fancy writing.

There has been controversy through the years as to who sent the first lithographed cards. In 1941 a copy of an old Christmas card was found in the British museum and credit for the card was given to William Maw Egley, a 16 year old apprentice, in the year 1842.

Later evidence, however, gave credit for the first card to Sir Henry Cole and lithographer John C. Horsley, in the year 1843.

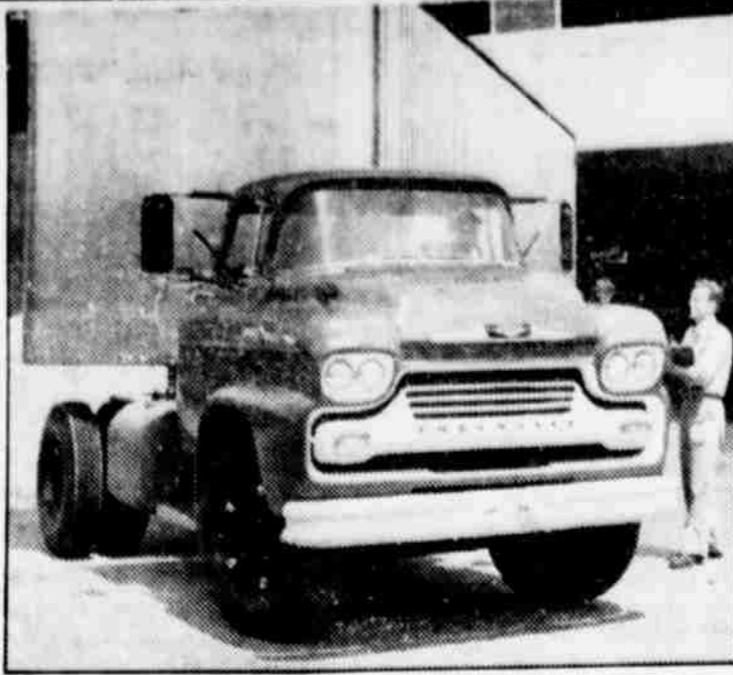
Cards credited to Egley and Cole are quite similar. Each was etched in black and white and holiday merriment scenes, and each shows drinking, dancing and both carry holiday greetings.

Evidence that Egley was not the originator comes from a framed copy of the Egley card which reportedly carries a note on the back of the apprentice's handwriting.

The note says the card was finished December 3, 1848 and is the "second ever published."

Cole began sending out cards to all his friends in 1846, each card bearing the message, "A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

Although the cards brought fame and popularity to Cole it was some twenty years before Christmas cards became very popular in England.



Style, Power Mark 1958 Chevrolet Trucks

Fresh styling, more power, and many chassis improvements mark the 1958 Chevrolet truck line. This Low Cab Forward heavy-duty model has a new 348-cu.-in. 230-horsepower engine designed for durability with sodium-cooled valves, heavy bearings, and other heavy service features. Combustion chamber is wholly within the cylinder bore. All 1958 Chevrolet trucks have dual headlamps and redesigned grille, hood, and fenders.



Santa Claus, the world's foremost authority on air rides, recently tested the efficiency of Chevrolet's new Level Air suspension. Perched on a fender with heavy pack, he appreciably depressed the spring. Seconds later, the automatic recovery mechanism had restored pressure to the system to again bring the car level.



BRIGHT'S THE WORD . . . Santa, snow and bright lights, these are things that spell out Christmas in the big city.

Modern World Is Still In Need Of St. Nick

Every December many parents are faced with the problem of what to do or what to say about Santa Claus. Some of our educators have been saying for years that the Santa theory is all wrong and some of today's "modern" parents seem to agree.

But is the Saint Nick idea good or bad for children? We say it is good and that no child, be he average or brilliant, ever suffered from the grand illusion. Children know there is a Santa Claus and they accept the fact that he gradually changes from the Santa of fiction to the bill-paying Santa of reality.

Santa is good for small children, for children have imaginative minds. The fact they might see a Santa on every corner matters little. In their eyes Santa is a symbol, a mystery, and in his wondrous magic, is apt to pop up anywhere.

And it is not the end of the world when the time comes that some other child shatters the illusion by telling all. Such is the perfect opportunity for the wise parents to explain that Santa is, after all, a spirit of giving and the reason that we give at Christmas time is because this is the day on which Jesus was born. Jesus taught us love and faith and all the other girls and boys. Your friends—Paula, Gary and Frosty Mayfield.

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl 6 years old. I have two brothers, one 3, and one 4. We have been pretty good boys and girls this year, so we were just wondering if you could bring me a bride doll, bulletin board and dishes. Gary and Frosty want's double gun and holster set, baby dolls and guitar. Also candy, fruit and nuts. Santa don't forget all the other girls and boys. Your friends—Paula, Gary and Frosty Mayfield.



May the blessings of this holy season be with you always!

BARFIELD - TURNER AGENCY

Texas Methodists To Begin New Year In Their Churches

From every walk of life, Texas Methodists will gather in city, town and rural churches at 11 p. m. on Tuesday, Dec. 31, to launch the "Tell Texas About Christ" evangelistic campaign to be conducted throughout the state in 1958. For the first time in history, says Quay Parmer of Fort Worth, director of the campaign, every Methodist church in Texas is being asked to have a New Year's Eve communion and watch night service.

By television, radio, movie screen and all other available forms of communication, an invitation is being issued to active and inactive Methodists, the unchurched and the general public to worship in a Methodist church on New Year's Eve. All services will be designed to launch the 12-month campaign which has as a goal the reaching of every inactive Methodist and unchurched person in the state and presenting them with the challenge of active participation in some local church.

Each service is to feature a message by Bishop A. Frank Smith of Houston, or Bishop William C. Martin of Dallas, who heads Texas Methodists. Other features will be determined by individual pastors.

Plans also call for a prayer vigil in each Texas Methodist church beginning at 12 noon and continuing until 11 p. m. Dec. 31.

Other scheduled events of the year's crusade include an All-Texas Census on Sunday, Jan. 26. Area responsibilities will be assigned to each church, so that every home can be reached and information recorded concerning unidentified and potentially Methodist families.

On Sunday, March 2, Texas Methodists will join in "One Great Day of Witnessing." On that day, local church representatives will be knocking on doors throughout the state to invite thousands to accept Christianity and become active Methodists.

TO INVITE THOUSANDS -

Mardi Jones will be serving as the official hostess for Texas Methodists during the remaining days of December as she enters thousands of homes across the state via radio and television to invite Methodists, the unchurched and the general public to worship at a watch night service in some Methodist church on Tuesday, Dec. 31, at 11 p. m. She will also give her invitation on movie screens in theaters throughout the state. For the first time in history, believe leaders, every Methodist church in Texas is expected to have a watch night service. All services will be designed to launch the "Tell Texas About Christ" evangelistic campaign to be conducted in the state during 1958.

Clients in ancient Rome were citizens of lower rank who chose patrons from the upper classes to assist them in legal matters.

Statutes of Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn stand in Hannibal, Mo., boyhood home of Mark Twain.

Cold cream can be made by melting 4 ounces of white wax in one pound of almond oil and mixing with a pint of rose-water.



At Christmas time
And all the year through
Good health, good friends
And good luck to you.

Bill Pennington
SHERIFF



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

PERRY MOTOR CO

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.

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 1958

COOK BROS.
BARBER SHOP

ROY and FLOYD COOK
and LESLIE JONES

Around The Observe

Year traditions are un- TAL ILLNESS

versal, although there may be calendar variations or differences in the race and creed of the ob-servants. The Chinese, for example, be-lieve in getting the New Year off to a good start by paying up all their debts on New Year's Eve. And the English claim it's a good idea to start a savings account on January 1, since what you do on New Year's Day is indicative of what the ensuing year will be like. A round loaf of bread dipped in honey symbolizes Jewish hopes for a smooth (the roundness of the bread) and prosperous (the honey) New Year. The same spirit of hospitality and sociability that makes the Wassail Bowl such a success in Scotland prompts Armenian housewives of Persia to get up early on New Year's Day and set about baking the traditional New Year cakes. The baking must be done early, for the New Year is the day for visiting and entertaining.

Read The Want Ads

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. -from the 72nd Psalm

MATTSON NEWS

BY CHRISTENE GREENE Correspondent

The Mattson High School had their Christmas Party Tuesday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Prater. The Junior Class mothers were hostesses. Gifts were exchanged and games were played. Refreshments were served to all students and faculty members. Mattson Church held its annual Christmas tree and program Wednesday night. Mr. Trimble, teacher of music in Mattson school, sang a special song. Everyone enjoyed the program. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Hub Merchant of Haskell, Mrs. Claude Eidson of Fort Worth, Mrs. Strickland of Weimer, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick and family of Roberts, Mrs. Dale Phelps and children of Haskell, Mr. Trimble and Jean Leonard of Mattson. Mrs. C. C. Campbell and Mrs. Herbert Klose were hostesses at a party for the 4-H Club Girls Thursday night. Gifts were exchanged and refreshments served to 16 club girls and six mothers. Jimmy Trimble's music class presented a program in the auditorium Friday evening. They sang a number of songs and portrayed the Nativity Scene. A number of patrons were present and enjoyed the program very much. Classes in Mattson school were dismissed at 2:30 p. m. Friday until Monday, Jan. 6, 1958. The Mattson school faculty had a Christmas tree and supper Friday night in the school lunchroom. Mrs. Claude Eidson of Ft. Worth is visiting her sister and brothers here. She will stay until Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie Prater of Sweetwater were visitors in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Prater the first of the week. Mr. and Mrs. Putman and family went to Abilene Saturday to visit his parents. They went to Paris, Texas, Sunday to spend Christmas with her parents. Mrs. Howell Greene went to Wichita Falls to visit her daughter Staurday, and to Bowie to visit with her parents Sunday. We take this opportunity to wish for all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from everyone at Mattson.

HASKELL VISITORS Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy McClure of Abilene were visiting in Haskell over the week end.

Singing our best wishes for a very Merry Christmas to all our friendly customers! HASKELL BUTANE CO. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pittman

We've wrapped up our sincerest wishes for your Merriest Christmas ever! JONES & SON

Merry CHRISTMAS Add to the good things of Christmas - our wishes for a joyous holiday! O. K. Rubber Welding Shop

NOEL The Christmas Bell rings out glad tidings to all our loyal friends and customers: wishing you a happy holiday. CROWHEAD MOTEL Mr. and Mrs. Lee Faires, Owners Mr. and Mrs. Cicero Arnett, Mgrs.

New Leaflet On Poisonous Snakes Now Available How to identify the more poisonous snakes in Texas and what to do when bitten by a snake are the main topics discussed in a leaflet just released by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service entitled "Poisonous Snakes in Texas." Poisonous snakes in Texas which are considered dangerous to humans include species from two families, Crotalidae, the pit vipers, and Elapidae, the cobra-like snakes, according to the leaflet. Rattle snakes, copper heads and water moccasins are included in the vipers and coral snakes are

the Texas representatives of the cobra-like snakes. The venom of pit vipers is called "hemotoxic" because it acts upon the blood system of the victim. This venom breaks down blood cells, blood vessels and affects the heart action. The venom of coral snakes is called "neurotoxic" because it acts upon the nervous system of the victim. When death occurs from this venom it is usually due to respiratory failure. Coral snakes are rather pretty, but this beauty is rather deceitful - there is nothing beautiful about their nature. Their color pattern consists of yellow, red and black rings encircling the body. The yellow ring always touches the red ring which is not true of similar non-poisonous snakes. Remember, "Red and yellow, will kill a fellow." Moccasins are normally found near water and can bite under water, contrary to popular belief. When a snake bites you, kill it for examination to determine whether it is a poisonous species. If it is poisonous, immediate first aid treatment should be administered. This interesting leaflet gives more instruction on the first aid treatment as well as additional descriptions and characteristics of the snakes. It may be obtained from local county agents or from the Agricultural Information Office, College Station, Texas. Request L-354.

New Year's Was Spring Affair At One Time The celebration of the New Year was once a Spring affair in Egypt and Rome. Ancient Egypt used the overflowing of the Nile as a calendar and celebrated the New Year accordingly. The Babylonians began their New Year in March, and the early Romans followed the Babylonian pattern. Bearing this in mind, the custom of invoking the gods of fertility at New Year's time - the origin of which is lost in antiquity - seems logical and appropriate. The Romans were accustomed to hanging tiny masks of Bacchus upon trees and vines, the idea being to impart fertility to every side of the tree to which the masks were turned by the wind. In the old days, Roman youths went from house to house singing and wishing everyone a prosperous New Year. Scottish lads always had a howling good time going about on New Year's Eve switching the trunks of trees and petitioning "a good howling crop." Reflecting the fear of starvation, peasant families in various parts of the world baked a special New Year's cake which they dashed against the door; members of the household hastened to pick up a piece and eat it, prayerful that neither hunger nor want should enter the house during the ensuing year.

NEW YEAR FIRST First to welcome the New Year are the residents of the Chatham Islands, New Zealand. Read The Want Ads



HOLIDAY GREETINGS I am thankful for this Holiday Season and the opportunity to express my appreciation for your friendship and good will. Particularly this season do I wish to express my thanks to you, who I have served the past few years as Commissioner of Precinct 2. I shall never forget your cooperation in helping me to discharge my duties in a more efficient manner. May I wish you and yours a very happy holiday season. LEON NEWTON Commissioner, Precinct 2

To wish the season's best to you, and all the joys of Christmastime FRAZIER'S Radio & Record Shop



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



No other words say it so well -- MERRY CHRISTMAS

MODERN NEWS STAND

All Highway Patrol Personnel Alerted In Attempt to Curb Holiday Accidents

Major R. A. Crowder, Commanding Officer of Region 5, of the Texas Department of Public Safety, warned motorists that every available man within his region will be on duty Dec. 21 through Jan. 1 in an attempt to hold to a minimum the slaughter on Texas highways during the holiday period.

All days off have been canceled and in addition License and Weight Patrolmen, Motor Vehicle Inspection Patrolmen and other personnel will be used to augment the strength of the Highway Patrol in doing traffic control work. "An all out effort is being conducted to reduce some of the terrible tragedies," the Major advised.

The department has estimated that 113 persons will be killed in Texas in traffic accidents during this period. An additional 32 persons will die of other types of violent deaths.

"In addition to the extra long hours, we will have every available radar unit in constant operation, and our men have been instructed to be particularly watchful for the speeder and the drinking driver," Crowder said. These two violations are our major accident causes, and we must eliminate them before we can reduce our accidents. We earnestly hope

that every citizen will co-operate in this endeavor and help us to "back the attack against traffic accidents."

He added that "if the driving public will use common sense and good judgment and comply to the strict adherence of our traffic laws, the possibility of accidents would be reduced." Last year 85 per cent of all rural fatal accidents involved a traffic violation.

Major Crowder said that some of the more common violations accounting for traffic accidents are: exceeding the posted speed limit, improper passing, failure to keep to the right of the center line, failure to yield the right-of-way and disregard of stop and warning signs. "Persons observed violating these rules will be dealt with as severely as any other law violator during the remainder of the year in Region 5," he said.

Major Crowder also appealed to the public to help in the prevention of crime during the holidays. "When leaving your car during shopping trips, place packages in the trunk out of sight and remove the keys after locking all the doors and windows," Crowder said. "Persons who leave packages under lights, Christmas trees should be sure their homes are well locked before leaving them, as this is an invitation to burglars."

Dear Santa Claus:
We have been very good children. My sister is 7 years old, she wants a toodly doll, it is a great big baby doll that has a bottle. She wants a Bible, too. I am her brother and am 8 years old. I want a football suit and a rifle.
—Yours truly, James Harold and Janis Ellen Wall.

Haskell, Texas
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy 5 years old. I have been a fairly good boy. Please bring me a set of Roy Rogers guns, bride's doll ring, pogo stick. Please don't forget my friends in kindergarten and my teacher, Mrs. Hiebert.—W. O. Elmore, 1407 Ave. F.

Dear Santa:
I have tried to be a good girl this year. I would like a bride's doll, black board and record player and records. Remember all of my friends.—Love, Pam Klose, age 3.

Weinert, Texas
Dear Santa:
I am a little boy five years old. I haven't been as good as I should but will try to be better next year. I would like a dump truck and steam shovel. Don't forget my little brother who wants a tractor and a truck. Don't forget the other little boys and girls and all the nuts and candy. Your friends—Gary and Glendon Hawkins.

Dear Santa:
I want a town and a line-post truck. I want some more tracks and cars for my train. I have been a real good little boy. I'm going to help my mother and daddy and sister put up the Christmas tree.—Love, Randell.

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a Cinderella, a watch and record player, and a doll.—Joan Holmes, 303 S Ave. D. Haskell, Texas.

Dear Santa:
I would like for you to bring me a catcher's mitt, a magnetic baseball game, single gun and holster set, the gun with fan or trigger action, and a football tee and I would like a game or two and a Mickey Mouse Club projector. Don't forget my friends and my brothers.—Sincerely, Ray Herren.

Dear Santa:
I wish you would bring me a BB gun and a bicycle, a watch and a Navy Pom Pom gun. Please bring Steve a big tool chest, a bicycle and a BB gun and a giant missile launcher. Thank you.—Phil and Steve Hunt, 8 and 6 years old, Knox City, Rt. 1.

Dear Santa Claus:
My name is Bobby Black. I am 10 years old. For Christmas I want a BB gun, and some Roy Rogers telephones that run by batteries. Your friend, Bobby Black, 1009 N. 6th St.



W. A. LYLES, JEWELER
East Side of Square Haskell, Texas

Letters To Santa Claus

Haskell
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy, 4 years old and I've been a pretty good boy. Please bring me a fire truck, guns and holsters and a monkey. Don't forget my big brother, mother and daddy, and all the other people at Christmas.—Your little friend Gary Black.

Seymour, Texas
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy 7 years old and live in Seymour, Texas. I am in the second grade, and I have tried to be good all this year. Please bring me a helicopter that will fly. Also a race car and wrist watch; and anything else that you think I might like. I am really looking forward to your visit and will leave the front gate open and the door unlatched. And you will find a Coke and a slice of cake on the table. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls.—Love, Scotty Griffin.

Haskell, Texas
Dear Santa:
Today is my birthday. I am 5 years old. For Christmas I would like a little pedal car, two guns and holsters, and lots of candy, fruits and nuts. Please don't forget my little cousins, Dale, Mike and Mark Greenwood in California and Lajuanna, Donna, Diane and Bill Greenwood, Llano, Texas. Bye now, I love you.—Denny Joe Myers.

Dear Santa:
Since you already know that I have moved to Irving, Texas, I'll get on with the toy deal. I would like to have a cement mixer truck, guns and scabbards, boots and a tool set. Don't forget the fruit and candy nor the other boys and girls.—Your friend, Alton Lancaster.

BEST WISHES

For CHRISTMAS and THE NEW YEAR

BEN CHARLIE CHAPMAN DISTRICT JUDGE
ROYCE ADKINS DISTRICT ATTORNEY



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

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.

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.

O'NEAL DRIVE-IN GROCERY

MERRY CHRISTMAS

May happiness ring in your holidays and accompany you through this glad season!

**RAYMOND WHEELER
MAGNOLIA STATION**

Greetings

... to all our friends
and wishing you
much happiness!

GARDNER GROCERY
Haskell, Texas



GREETINGS

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

PASSING JEWELRY

*Warmest
Wishes for
Christmas*



Just a friendly wish that under

the glittering ornaments on your

Christmas tree you may find a

double measure of happiness.

To you and your loved ones —

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

SYSTEM SUPER MKTS., Inc.

Your Friendly Food Stores

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus:
I am five years old. I would like you to bring me a doll, a set of play dishes and a sack of candy, apples and oranges.—
Yours truly, Jonell Brooks.

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a pair of skates, doll with clothes and a real watch.—Thank you, Brenda Allison.
P. S.—Also bring little Jan something.

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a big truck, horse and gun.—Thank you, John Craig Allison.

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl 2 years old. For this Christmas I would like a big baby doll, a banjo, some nuts and candy, and anything else you would like to bring me.—
Your friend, Sharon Hise.
P. S. Santa don't forget my big sister, Charlotte Ann.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am 9 years old. I would like to have a pair of Roy Rogers guns, a box of caps, and a sack of candy, oranges and apples, and my mother a pair of hose.—Yours truly, Audie Clifton Brooks.

Weinert, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
We are two little girls three and four years old. We want you to bring us a big doll with hair, some little suit cases to carry their clothes in, guns so we can play cowboys with Larry, our big brother, and a blackboard to write on. Please don't forget any of the other little children. Hope to see you soon.—Love, Lorenia and Joann Caddell.

P. S.—Don't forget Larry and Sharon. They are looking for you too.

Weinert, Texas, P. O. Box 533

Dear Santa Claus:
I am writing you a letter to let you know I have been a good little girl this year? I am 2 years old. I want you to bring me a doll, dishes, Humpty Dumpty, some nuts, candy and fruits. And be sure and don't forget my mother, aunts, uncles, grandfather and my two cousins Johnnie Brueggeman of Caddo, Texas, Donnie Moeller of Haskell and be sure and don't forget other little girls and boys this Christmas. I will close for now. Hope you all a very Merry Christmas. Yours truly—Mary Elizabeth Moeller.

Mattson School, Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy 4 years old. You gave me what I asked for last year, so, this year I'm asking you to please send me a pair of Roy Rogers guns and a holster to carry them in. I also want a football and cattle truck. Well I hope to see you Christmas. — Eddie Stewart.

P. S.—I've been a pretty good boy.

Dear Santa:
I am 4 years old this year, and I have been a very good girl all year. I would like to have a walking doll with a ponytail, and anything else you want to bring.—
Also nuts, candy and fruit.—
Debbie Burke, Spearman, Texas.

P. S.—Don't forget we will be at grandma and grandpa White's at Haskell this year.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

CAHILL & DUNCAN

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl five years old, and this is my first letter to you. You have always been good to bring me presents on Christmas. This year I want a stove, some cooking ware, some dishes and a table and a doll with high heels and earrings. I have other brothers and sisters who are older than I. Be sure you don't forget them. Also my little nieces and a nephew who's names are Carla, Rickey and Darla Hudgens who live in Midland. Remember every little boy and girl.—Your little friend, Debra Gayle Medford, 1001 S. 10th Ave. G.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl four and one-half years old. I would like for you to bring me a doll, color book, crayons and some candy and nuts. Please bring mother and daddy a surprise and don't forget the other little boys and girls. Also my big brothers and sisters. Thank you.—Refenia Kay Strickland, Rt. 1 Box 80, Rochester, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am 7 years old and I am in the second grade and I want a Tiny Tears doll. Bring my baby

sister Linda a baby doll. Thank you.—Patricia Ann Hilliard.

Dear Santa:
I have tried to be good. I want a football suit and a ball. And I want a Lone Ranger suit and guns. We will see you this Christmas.—David Thompson
737 N. 2nd St.

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a gun and truck and bring my two little brothers something nice too. I am 5. Billy is 3 and Doug is 1 year old.—David Holmes, 303 S. Ave. D., Haskell, Texas.



The Holidays are here again,
and it's time to start the carol singing,
to deck the halls with pine and holly
and light the Christmas lamps...
and in the old traditional way
we send you that ageless greeting —
Merry Christmas



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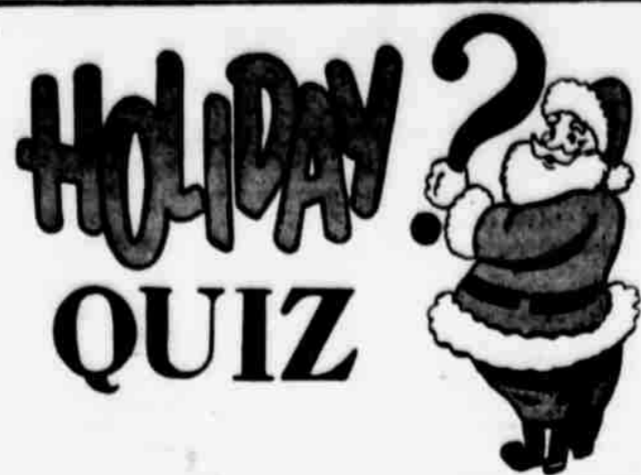
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Greetings

Our countless wishes, sincere and hearty, are sent your way for a joyous Christmas Season!

ED J. CLOUD
State Representative



- HOLIDAY QUIZ**
1. Q. Where did the poinsettia get its name?
 2. Q. "Bono Natale" is a holiday greeting in which land?
 3. Q. Who was Thomas Nast?
 4. Q. Who wrote "O Little Town of Bethlehem"?
 5. Q. Where was the original St. Nicholas born?
 6. Q. For what writing is Clement Clark Moore famous?
 7. Q. What does the name Kris Kringle mean?
 8. Q. When was Christmas first observed in England?
 9. Q. In which land do children await the visit of Christkindl?
 10. Q. Which is the most widely translated Christmas Carol?

ANSWERS

1. From Joel R. Poinsett, American statesman and minister to Mexico. 2. Italy. 3. American cartoonist who first drew Santa as fat, merry man with white beard. 4. Phillip Brooks, in 1868. 5. In the port city of Patara, in Southern Turkey. He was for many years Bishop of Myra. 6. "A Visit to Saint Nicholas," better known as "Twas the Night Before Christmas." 7. Christ Child. 8. About 521 A.D., during the reign of King Arthur. 9. In Switzerland. 10. Adeste Fideles, translated in 119 different languages.

Dear Santa:
I'm a little boy three years old and I have been extra good this year. I would be very pleased if you would bring me guns, records, and record player, car and house trailer, horse, and a black board for Christmas. Love—Steve Guess.
P. S.—Remember all my pals.
Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
I go to school at Mattson and I am in the First Grade. I have been a good girl this year and have done my school work. Please come to my house Christmas and bring me a bicycle, a doll and dishes. Your friend — Vickie Mapes.
Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl 5 years old. I would like for you to bring me a doctor or nurse kit and a bride doll. I have a little brother, Danny, 14 months old who would like a real wagon and a tractor. We would also like some candy, nuts and fruit.
Don't forget our little cousins and all other little boys and girls. —Linda Faye and Danny Bruegeman.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am Terry Lynn Hutson. For Christmas I would like to have a dump truck and a road grader. I have tried to be a good boy this year. I'm almost 4 years old. Yours truly—Terry Lynn Hutson.

Dear Santa:
I am five years old and I have been a good boy this year. I would like for you to bring me some skates, Lone Ranger suit, a BB gun and house shoes. Also fruit, nuts and candy. Thank you. —Randy Foster.
Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
I have tried to be a good boy this year. I have helped mother in the house and daddy in the store. I am doing fine in kindergarten.
I would like a Roy Rogers cowboy suit. Anything else you think I would enjoy will be all right. I don't want to be selfish. Barry and I have our stockings hung just inside the door. Your cookies and milk will be right under our stockings. How are your Elves doing? Barry and I wish you a very Merry Christmas. Bye Santa—Randy Jim O'Neal.

AY the joy
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whole year, is our wi
FRED ALLEN SHOE SHOP



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

SLIPPER SHOPPE

Letters To Santa Claus

Abilene, Texas

Dear Santa:
I am an 8 year old boy and I live in Abilene but I used to live in Haskell. I hope to be in Haskell Christmas.

Santa do you think you could bring me some new toys. I carried some of my old toys to the Goodfellows to be mended. I will like anything you bring. Thank you, Santa. —David Paul Harrell.

Abilene, Texas

Dear Santa:
I am a little 5 1/2 year old girl. I need a bunch of new toys as I was very rough on my old toys. I would like a doll with doll clothes, a stove, doll furniture and just lots and lots of other things—somehow I want everything I see. Thank you, Santa—Belinda Harrell.

Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa:
I am seven years old and in the second grade at school. I have been a good girl this year and I would like for you to bring me an eight inch doll with some clothes, some house shoes, roller skates, and a watch. Also fruit, candy and nuts. Thank you—Barbara Foster.

Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa:
Please bring me lots of nice toys. I have been a real good boy this year. I am in the second grade. I love my teacher.

Now please, Santa bring my teacher a nice gift too. Remember my mother and daddy. Your little friend—Michael L. Campbell.

Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a bicycle, a surprise doll and a baton. I'll leave you a piece of paper and a pencil to write me a note. Go to my Nanny's. Please come to my house and leave some things at her house. I am seven years old. Be sure and not forget all the other children. I love you—Phyllis

Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa:
I love you so much, I'm in the second grade at school. Mrs. Terrell is my teacher. She is a good teacher.

Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa:
I am seven years old. I want you to bring me a baby doll. I also want a nurse kit. Be sure and don't forget Bubba and Barbara, they are going to school in Fort Worth this year. Also sister she is still going to school in Abilene. And don't forget other boys and girls. I'll be looking for you next Tuesday night. Your friend —Carolyn Rhoads.

Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy in the Second Grade. I have been a pretty good little boy. Will you please bring me a football suit, a basketball, two guns and holster, a cowboy shirt. Don't forget all the other boys and girls, and also my teacher, Mrs. Terrell. Love—Billy Ross Marr.

Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa:
Here we are writing to you again at Christmas time. We have been pretty good boys and we hope you will come to see us. Tim wants a pair of boots, oil truck and a car, and Keith wants a pair of boots, airplane and car and we would like to have a wagon together. Thank you, Santa—we hope to see you soon.—Tim and Keith Everett.



Merry Christmas to all our friends! May it be a truly festive and joyous one!

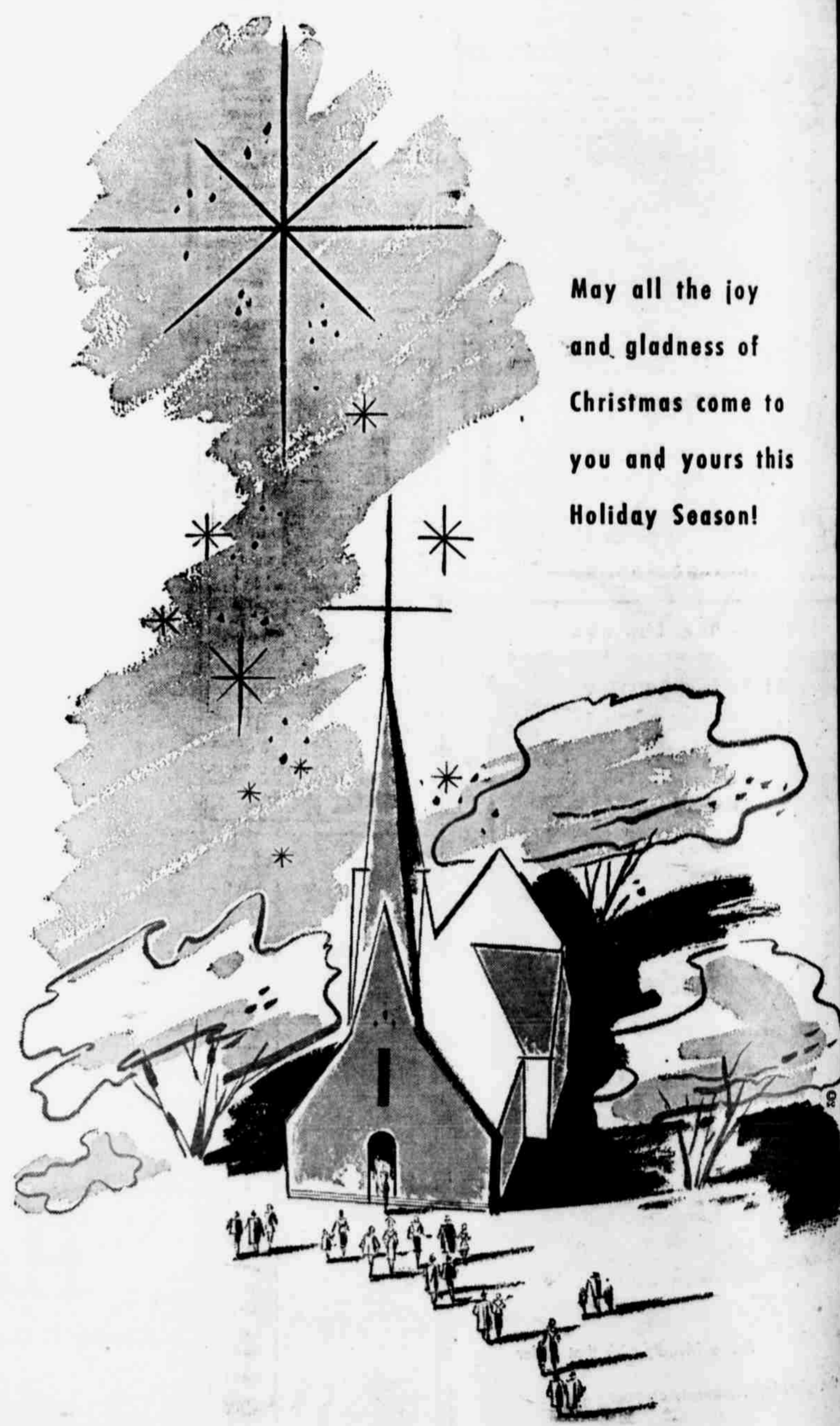
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