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Kindergarten Pupils Entertain Mothers

Members of Mrs. Funks' kindergarten class entertained their mothers with a Christmas party Friday afternoon in the class rooms at the Funk home.

Cutouts and paintings the children had made were displayed on the walls of the rooms and they had also assisted Mrs. Funk in making the iced cookies that were served with punch that was served by each child to their mother as she arrived for the party.

After a program of songs and readings, gifts were exchanged by the children from a beautifully decorated tree. Each child had made a hot plate mat for their mother and a calendar for their father.

Children and their mothers attending were, Luanne Womack and Mrs. Ray Womack; Cara Sumerlin and Mrs. Bill Sumerlin; Lynn Coffman and Mrs. W. J. Coffman; Nancy Young and Mrs. R. P. Young; Reba Carter and Mrs. Horace Carter; Debbie Harrison and Mrs. Tye Harrison; Ruple Weems and Mrs. Virgil Weems; Roger SoRelle and Mrs. Frank SoRelle; Stuart Nowlin and Mrs. Dwight Nowlin; Randy Smith and Mrs. Bill Smith; David LeBleu and Mrs. Bennie LeBleu; Norvelle Kennedy and Mrs. Norvelle Kennedy; Larry Blakely and Mrs. Roy Blakely; Marshall Hill and Mrs. M. T. Hill and Marshall's grandmother, Mrs. Barney Bigham.

Hughes-Nowlin Vows Said in Roby Methodist

Church Sunday

The First Methodist Church sanctuary in Roby was the scene for the 5:30 p. m. wedding Sunday of Evelyn Hughes and Stanley Nowlin.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Hughes of Roby. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Nowlin of Rotan.

Rev. Alvis Cooley of Merkel and Rev. James Kirby of Roby were officiating ministers.

Wedding music was presented by Mrs. T. J. Barb, organist and Harris Davis, soloist, both of Roby.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal gown of embroidered nylon. The basque bodice had a scalloped neckline and short sleeves. The bouffant skirt was over tiers of nylon net. She wore matching mitts.

Her waist length veil of French illusion was held in place by a matching calot. She wore a necklace with a chip diamond and pearl pendant a gift from the bridegroom.

For the traditional "something blue" she wore a garter, a handmade gift from Mrs. C. Murff, for "something old" her father's Masonic ring fastened pinned in her bosom and the traditional "penny" she carried in her shoe.

Matron of honor was Mrs. George Blakely of Tyler, sister of the bride. Her other attendants were Mrs. Glenn Copeland of Abilene and Miss Jan Collier of Post. They wore identical dresses and carried a single white rose bud. Their white gloves were gifts of the bride.

The bridegroom's attendants were, Bob Cude, Munday, Texas, best man; Jimmy Counts and Bobbie Gruben of Rotan, groomsmen.

Ushers were Jim Nowlin, brother of the bridegroom and Marshall Bennett, both of Rotan, groomsmen. Beth Hastings of Roscoe and June Roper of Tahoka were candlelighters. Mrs. Dewayne Rasco of Roby registered guests.

For the occasion the bride's mother wore a two piece royal blue lace dress and the mother of the bridegroom wore a royal blue crepe worsted also of the two piece design.

A reception in Fellowship Hall of the church followed the wedding. The bridal pair with their parents received.

Beth Hastings and Jan Collier assisted by the bride's sisters, Mrs. Blakely and Mrs. Darrell Sims of Snyder, the bridegroom's sister, Mrs. Neeley of Rotan and Miss Linda Warner of Marshall, the bride's niece, served punch and cake.

A wedding supper was served in the home of the brides parents, after the reception.

For going away the bride wore a royal blue crepe worsted suit with black accessories.

The couple will be at home in Lubbock, where Nowlin is a student in Texas Tech, after the holidays.

The bride is a graduate of Roby schools and attended McMurry College for two year before her wedding.

Nowlin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Nowlin of Rotan. He graduated from Rotan High School in 1953 and served with the U. S. Army for 2 years. He is a junior

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Band Members Selected For All-District

Six members of the Rotan Yellowhammer band were selected by tryout for the All-District Band which was formed at Merkel Dec. 12. Students selected were Celia Reese, Jimmy Swann, Linda Singley, Sue Mercer, Mac Eades and Pat Riley.

Celia Reese won the highest honor by winning first chair over six other flute players. Linda Singley took second chair over five other French horn players. Jimmy Swann won fourth chair in the clarinet section. Pat Riley was placed eighth chair clarinet. Approximately seventeen clarinet players tried out. Sue Mercer was picked sixth chair saxophone and Mac Eades was placed third chair Bass Clarinet.

The All-District Band rehearsed all afternoon under the direction of Mr. Dug Fry of Abilene Christian College. Mr. Fry also directed the band in the night concert. Mrs. Dee Reese of Rotan attended the concert.

Sister of Homer Hines Killed In Accident

Mrs. Philip Bactad of Los Angeles was fatally injured in an automobile accident in Los Angeles, Monday.

She was reported to have been enroute home for Christmas.

Calendar Club Has Christmas Party

The Calendar Club had their Christmas party in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Lowie Rice, Friday night, December 18. The house was decorated in a Christmas theme throughout. Canapes, cake, punch and coffee were served from the beautifully decorated dining table. Gifts were exchanged and games played. Twenty-five couples attended.

These were, Dr. and Mrs. Barry Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dale Burk, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Cade, Dr. and Mrs. Maurice Callan, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Joe Helms, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Leonard, Dr. and Mrs. Pennie LeBleu, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lyles, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCall, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Millinder, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Morrow, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Nowlin, Dr. and Mrs. Lowie Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sheffield, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sumerlin, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. Mac Weathersbee, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Weems, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Womack, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Woods. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Cummins.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am seven years old and in the second grade.

For Christmas I would like for you to bring me a BB gun, a knife, football football suit, a hatchet, a Doctor kit, boots and a cowboy hat.

Your friend,
Randy Rodgers.

Dear Santa:
I have been a good boy this year (I'm sorry). Please bring me a tricycle, tractor, lots of candy and fruit.

Thank you,
Love, Ross

Dear Santa:
I want a ball and a bat and a glove. And a Remco-magic set. My sister want a wardrobe for a doll. She wants a rock-a-bye eyes doll.

Fairy and Roger Graham

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a scooter, army jeep, a fire truck and post hole digger.

Love,
Larry Don Singley

Capt. Roy Blakeley arrived Friday night to spend the holidays. He has been stationed in Chaumont, France, since March and will return there after the holidays. Mrs. Blakeley plans to join him later.

at Texas Tech, majoring in agriculture.

Open House Held At Callan Home Monday

Yuletide decorations and arrangements accented the Callan home Monday evening when Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Callan and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Leonard held "Open House", entertaining approximately 85 guests.

Roxanne, young daughter of the Dr. Callans opened the door and guests were welcomed by Dr. Callan and Mr. Leonard.

The serving table was covered with a green and white floor length Christmas cloth and centered with a Christmas arrangement.

Mrs. Callan and Mrs. Leonard used as Ironstone china. Coffee service and punch bowl in serving the guests. Candy, shrimp and cheese snacks were served from silver trays.

Christmas Customs In Many Lands

Alice L. Kemp, County HD Agent Here's a collection of not-so-well-known Christmas beliefs and ceremonies from Lucille Moore, Extension Recreation Specialist of Texas A & M College. Plan to tell the stories in your story hour or adopt some of the ideas to your program of decorating and entertaining for the holidays.

Denmark—One custom in Denmark is almost unique to that country: "Blowing in the Yule." At sunrise, while the people are at breakfast, the town band climbs the many steep ladders to the top of the church tower and plays four old hymns, one to each corner of the compass, so that no one is forgotten. Those sitting in their homes always join in with the song as soon as they hear the first note. As the fourth hymn ends, the deep voices of the big church bells commences to boom and Yule is under way.

Norway—In Norway they have a legend that on every Christmas Eve the little Christ Child wanders all over the world bearing on His shoulders a bundle of evergreens. Those who would invite Him into their homes set a lighted candle in the window to guide Him on his way. They believe He comes in the disguise of any wandering person who knocks humbly at their door for sustenance thus testing their goodness. So they show hospitality to all visitors, believing that such aid is done as unto the Christ Child.

Sweden—Here, the people prepare for the Christmas festival by a thorough housecleaning, in which everything indoors and out is made spotless. At all times in the year they believe that "cleanliness is next to Godliness" and so, in honor of this day, they prepare to celebrate it in a Godly house. Wheat for the birds is placed on a pole in front of each house. The horses, cows, cats and dogs are not forgotten, but are given an extra portion of the best for their supper because, when the Christ Child was born, His cradle was in a manger.

Germany—Every home in Germany has a Christmas tree, and it is from the Germans that other countries have learned to use it. "Knecht Rupert" delivers toys to the deserving and a rod to the naughty from a branch which he carries.

France—In France at Christmas time it is the rule of the family gathering that all the quarrels of the year shall be forgiven and forgotten before the family have their celebration. While the feast is in progress, the older people usually tell stories of the doings of those who, in the past, have brought honor upon the family name. After the supper is over, noels are sung.

On December 4, the Feast of St. Barbara, the women plant St. Barbara grass. On Christmas day th plants are placed in a bowl on the table when the great supper is served, the growing sprouts being a symbol of the harvest of the New Year that is soon beginning.

Holland—Christmas Day is celebrated by the Hollanders with church rites and pleasant family visiting. St. Nicholas comes on December fifth. He tells the children whether he things they have been good or bad during the year. He then wishes them all a Happy New Year and scatters a great shower of candies on a linen sheet spread out by the door. After St.

Most Business To Be Closed Two Days

Practically all business houses in Rotan are closing Christmas day and Saturday.

This is following an established custom of the past several years.

These stores ask cooperation of their patrons.

On a home, and we had proper engagement and wedding, with rings for each and all the other traditions. But nowadays—

Our Little Mary fell madly in love her last year in high-school.

She talked us out of college and into letting her marry that crazy Bill Fenton at the age of eighteen. He'd found a job—of sorts.

Little Mary didn't want a big wedding. No, no, she'd be married in a suit at the J. P.'s. All my dreams of chintilly lace over satin with my own long veil for her, and the brides-maids in pastel colors went glimmering. But I didn't say a word.

They moved into our little gar-

Lee Bickerstaffs Observing Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bickerstaff will hold open house Sunday, January 3 from 2:00 to 5 o'clock in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Friends are invited to attend.

Roark Barnes Marries Ft. Worth Girl

Howard Roark Barnes of Rotan, Jayton's new school band director, and Alice Mitchell of Fort Worth were married in Fort Worth, Friday, December 18 at 8 o'clock.

Barnes, who has just been discharged from the Army, began his duties as band instructor at Jayton two weeks ago. He and his bride will be at home in Jayton after Christmas.

Dear Santa:

My name is Maxine Phillips. I am seven years old. I live at 309 East Lee street. I have been a good girl all year, and I would like an organ, a watch, two Teddy Bears and a Bible for Christmas.

Love, Maxine Phillips

Dear Santa:

I would like a record player for Christmas. I have been good Merry Christmas everybody.

From, Lura Wallace

Nick leaves each child removes one of his wooden shoes, places it on the window sill, and fills it with oats and hay or carrots for the good Saints horse. In the morning the oats, hay and carrots are gone and the shoes are found filled with gifts and candy.

England—They play games, sing carols, feast on puddings and mince pies in this country, but probably the oldest custom, and one which we usually associate with them, is the bringing in of the yule log. This is an emblem of the true light that dawned on the world at the birth of Christ. A yule candle sheds light on the festivities during the evening.

Ireland—Christmas Eve is the only time in the year when Mass is said at night. It is observed in Roman Catholic countries at midnight because it is commonly believed that Christ was born at about that hour. In Ireland, each family leaves for the village church at about eleven o'clock. The father leads the way with a lantern or torch. As the different families come together they unite in singing carols. Bells are also rung to announce the Nativity of Christ.

Italy—In Italy, instead of having a Christmas tree, a large urn is used. It is filled with small gifts and an occasional dummy package. When the children and adults draw from this much fun results especially when the empty package is drawn. Carol singing, the making of the Christmas manger and the giving of Christmas plays are also popular.

America—Most of the Christmas customs in America have come from Europe: our Christmas tree from Germany; our Santa Claus from Holland; our Christmas stocking from Belgium or France; Merry Christmas from England, and also our Christmas cards, plum puddings and mince pies. The one thing that is strictly native to this country is the use of the poinsettia.

Services Held For Pioneer Citizen

Roy Patton, 70, member of a pioneer Fisher County family died at 3:30 p. m. Monday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Robert Ebert in Lubbock.

Mr. Patton had been in bad health for several years, but had spent the best two weeks visiting in Lubbock.

He came to Fisher County with his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. John W. Patton in the early days. Born Feb. 21, 1889 in Pattonville, he was married Sept. 27, 1906 to Clara Harwell in Rotan. She preceded him in death in 1955.

He was a long-time member of the Methodist church.

Funeral service was held at 10:00 a. m. Wednesday in First Methodist Church with Rev. Dan Jones of Ropesville, Rev. William Pearce, pastor and Rev. E. L. Redden, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Belview cemetery under direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Survivors include six sons, Coy of Friona, John T., Raymond and R. C., all of Seminole, Ted of Lubbock and Yates of Carlsbad, N. M.; two daughters, Mrs. Ebert of Lubbock and Mrs. Frances Romine of Sweetwater; six sisters, Mrs. D. A. Williamson of Rotan, Mrs. Doyle Davis of Sweetwater, Mrs. Horace Carlile and Mrs. Wesley Mabey, both of Dimmitt, Mrs. Mike Leon of Lubbock and Mrs. George Branch of Jayton; two brothers, Jack of Spur and Coy of Seminole; 17 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mrs. Montgomery Honored on Birthday

Mrs. Morris Watson entertained Thursday morning December 17 at 10 o'clock honoring her mother, Mrs. J. M. Montgomery on her 88th birthday.

Mrs. Watson served a plate of cake and coffee. Favors were miniature Santa Claus and holly and a Christmas corsage.

Those attending were Meses. A. R. Tyson, L. C. Miller, S. B. Adams, W. A. Lawlis, Mrs. Rosie McCright, Mrs. J. T. Smart, Lena Patterson, Walter Collins, Laveria Riley, Chet Loving, Jewel Malouf, Edna Colwell and the honoree.

Dear Santa:

Thank you for the candy. I want a gun, and a car for Christmas. My sister wants a doll and a toy washing machine.

Tonight we put up our Christmas tree. I will leave some milk and cookies for you.

Love, Cary Lyles

Dear Santa:

I would like a bicycle and a pair of skates.

Please bring me anything you would like too.

Your friend, Laura Crow

Dear Ole Santa:

I would like to have a post hole digger, and a Winchester play rifle. My brother and I have been good boys, so my mother says.

We are really looking forward to Christmas.

Sammy A. Vaughn

Car To Be Given This Afternoon

The Rotan Chamber of Commerce is giving the car this afternoon at 4:00 o'clock as announced.

This is one of the major projects of the year for this organization thru the businessmen of Rotan.

Registration for the drawing may be done at any store prior to the drawing.

No Advance Next Week

The Advance will not be printed next week. Fifty-two issues have been published during 1959.

This holiday issue contains the greetings from the various establishments of Rotan. They appreciate your patronage and friendship during the past year and offer their best wishes.

We have enjoyed our associations during 1959 and will strive to serve you better during 1960.

WWI Vets Plan Jan. 1st Meeting

An hour of fellowship and fun is being planned for Veterans of World War I, wives and widows of Veterans on January 1, 7:00 p. m. in the basement of Morrow Hotel.

All veterans of Fisher County, regardless of membership or not, are invited along with wives and widows.

Light refreshments will be served and good attendance is expected to help start the New Year. The State Commander is expected to give the latest information on the new legislation.

C. R. Shelton of Detroit, Michigan arrived Wednesday to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Shelton.

Mrs. Joe Daffern who has been visiting with relatives and friends for two weeks, left Sunday to return to her home in Portland, Oregon. Others visiting in the T. W. Rector and J. A. Barnes homes while she was here were Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sims and son of Andrews and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Barnes of San Angelo.

Dear Santa:

I want a nurse kit. I am nice and if you cannot get the nurse kit, I want a 10c thing.

From Linda Sue Bilbo

Dear Santa:

I want a doll for Christmas and some dresse for them. Santa I want a gun for Christmas. Or you can bring me anything you want to bring us.

Engrigue, Jean, Rosario, Aurora corner of Tyler, sixth st. house no. 211.

Dear Santa Claus:

Gary Don wants a bicycle. James wants a tool set. Danny wants a tricycle.

Dear Santa:

I want some doll clothes for my Revlon doll and a milk stole.

Love, Peggy Ann Coffman.

Universal

Christmas Has But One Meaning

Probably, if all the words that have been used to describe the meaning of Christmas were laid end to end, side by side, they would form a gigantic bridge from here to Bethlehem.

Throughout the world, in every corner of Christianity, Christmas is THE holiday, universally celebrated, universally recognized.

Because of the fact that so many have written so much about Christmas and its meaning, it is remarkable that the story of the Nativity has remained such a simple and unaffected narrative . . . "For God so loved the world, He gave His only begotten Son."

In this modern world that we live in, and the space age to which we have directed our best minds and greatest talents, it should be a welcome change for every man, woman and child to seek the serene solitude of the Master's House and there meditate, with reverence, unashamed, upon the true meaning of this holiday that we celebrate as Christmas.

Away from the laughter and festivities, the carolling and the presents, one can still stand in the shadow of the momentous event which took place nearly 2,000 years ago. Because God so loved the world, He sent forth a Redeemer, His only begotten Son, bringing the promise of eternal salvation.

The true meaning of Christmas is neither hidden, nor is it obscure. It is obvious. And it cannot be ignored. This is why Christmas is universal; why it belongs to men of all races, in every corner of the world. And this is why each and every one must carry the meaning of Christmas within his heart—and build his own bridge to life eternal.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Best Wishes

To one and all we send our very best wishes for a Christmastide rich in contentment and pleasure and affectionate companionship. May this Christmas be the most enjoyable one you've ever had!



Porter Locker Plant

A CHRISTMAS RESTITUTION

BY D.L. ALEXANDER

MARY WENDELL stood at her bedroom window scratching at the frost on the glass. It was bitterly cold outside, with a hard wind blowing. Deep snow covered the ground and clung to the leafless trees, and the birds who had neglected to return to the warmer south huddled in such shelter as could be found.

Mary's face wore a look of sorrow and dejection, and a sob rose in her throat. She was alone. Her family is spending Christmas with her parents.

Dear Santa Claus:
My name is Renee. I am three years old. For Christmas I would like a doll and buggy. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Renee Berry

job after another had kept her on the edge of destitution.



"May I come in," he inquired.

"Mommie, will Santa bring me something?" Donnie had asked when she had put him to bed the night before.

"I don't know, darling," she had answered, knowing she couldn't buy him even a stick of candy.

She raised her head and looked at the crib where he was sleeping. He was well covered and warm. She left the window and went into the sitting room where a cheery fire dispelled most of the cold. She went to the window and pulled the shade down as if, unconsciously, she could dispose of the black mood that assailed her.

In the center of the room she fell to her knees. "Oh, God," she prayed in anguish, "please lift my burden from me. I know I did wrong, but I know You have forgiven me by allowing me to keep my little boy. Please, God, provide me with the means of making this a happy time for him, in recognition of Your Son's sacrifices for us. Amen."

Visitor

A knock on the door brought her to her feet. She glanced that way but didn't cross the room until it was repeated. Then she opened the door to confront a tall, blond man in army uniform who stood in the dimly lit hallway. She recognized him instantly.

"Why, Donald Bruce," she cried hoarsely.

"May I come in?" he inquired. She was too startled to answer, so he laughingly brushed her aside and entered.

He took a quick look around the room and noticed the evidences of poverty. "Why did you quit writing?" he inquired.

"There wasn't much to say," she answered weakly.

He went to the doorway of the kitchen and looked inside. Then he crossed the room to the bedroom doorway, saying: "It seems to me there could have been a lot to say."

His eyes took in the crib and the baby in it. He hurried across the room, Mary following him. He looked down and studied the face of the sleeping child for a few minutes, and then turned to Mary with an unspoken inquiry in his eyes.

"That's why I left Concord—to avoid the talk and gossip," she said.

He looked again at the child searchingly, and then said: "Why didn't you tell me?"

"I didn't think you would care." "Good Heavens, woman, do you think I'm heartless? Do you think I'd have left you to face all this alone without my help?"

He held his arms out to her, and she flew into them, the tears coming freely.

A voice came from the bedroom. "Mommie, has Santa come yet?" "In a little while, dear, and He's going to bring you a new papa," she answered.

OH
COME
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FAITHFUL...



As once again we celebrate the joy and triumph of our Lord. Let us all rejoice in His coming and take to heart once more His teachings.

Wallace and Cave Inc.

GREETINGS

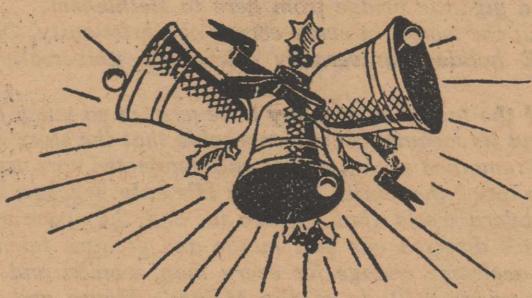


To all those we have known and happily served during the past year. It is with great pleasure we send these greetings. Let us serve you again.

Haskell Warehouse Co.

PHONE 370 ROTAN R. D. WEST, MGR.

Merry Christmas to All



On Christmas Day:

We extend to you our sincerest wishes for your complete enjoyment of the good things that only this day can bring...

J. & J. Supply Co.

The Enduring Magic of
CHRISTMAS

We are ever enchanted by the Christmas magic, expressed in the Carols and by the Christmas Tree . . . by the church bells tolling out into the night on Christmas Eve. As radiant as the lights on the Yuletide tree, so may our friendship be. May it continue as enduring as that Spirit which has made Christmas live through all the ages.

Season's Greetings

Campbell Dept. Store



A SONG OF JOY

a song of a King new-born

Let us lift our hearts as we lift our voices in praise to the King of Man, whose life stretches down through centuries of strife and centuries of hope, and give thanks to Him who is come to the hearts of men.

To you, we send our sincere

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Rotan Cotton Oil Mill



Beautiful indeed, is the story of Christmas

... the story of how, so many years ago, the wise men saw the light ... the Star ... and followed it to a rich and wonderful reward.

Again it is Christmas ... a time to draw our loved ones and our friends closer to us ... a time to find

new faith and new hope in the true spirit of Christmas.

It is in this spirit that all of us here at

West Texas Utilities Company send warm and cordial

Christmas Greetings to you and yours. May you

have a very Merry Christmas. And may its laughter,

its friendships and its good cheer be yours

in abundance in this joyous season.



West Texas Utilities
Company

LITTLE MARY'S CHRISTMAS GIFT

BY ONA F. LATHROP



SOMETIMES I wonder about this young generation coming up. They have such big ideas, and they want to start in where we left off, instead of at the bottom as we did. And yet they know what true love is. Little Mary's Christmas gift proved that!

George and I didn't get married until we had the down payment on a home, and we had a proper engagement and wedding, with rings for each and all the other traditional. But now—

Our Little Mary fell madly in love her last year in high-school. She talked us out of college and into letting her marry that crazy Bill Fenton at the age of eighteen. He'd found a job—of sorts.

Little Mary didn't want a big wedding. No, no, she'd be married in a suit at the J. P.'s. All my dreams of chantilly lace over satin with my own long veil for her, and the brides-maids in pastel colors went glimmering. But I didn't say a word.

They moved into our little garden guest-house but insisted on paying rent, even though George secretly salts it away in an emergency fund for them. And Bill never did give Little Mary a ring. At the time, she didn't seem to mind.

"Who wants a silly old ring? Bill and I would rather have a dog." So they bought "The Grey Ghost," a very expensive Weimaraner, instead of an engagement



"Somebody's going to get a fine Christmas gift."

or wedding ring. They paid so much a month, as they did on all their furniture. And now that they have little Marietta they don't pay much attention to him.

George shakes his head. "All this installment buying—I dunno, Mary—when we'd be glad to loan them the money." But I admire their independence. "Bill has big ideas," I'd say.

Sometimes when Little Mary's friends were throwing big weddings, she'd look a trifle wistful and say, "Maybe I was a little hasty, but I don't care. Bill says he'll buy me a ring as soon as he gets on his feet. Bill has big ideas. He's going to buy into the business as soon as we get the car and furniture paid for."

George just guffawed when I told him that. "Thinks he's going to be a big shot any day now, eh! Oh well, they'll come out all right."

It was Morry Young who gave away the secret. He's the jeweler in our town, and when Little Mary went in to make a payment on their silver, he winked knowingly and said, "Somebody's going to get a pretty fine Christmas gift." Little Mary teased but he wouldn't tell her more. "Can't say another word," he grinned. "Just that a young man I know is making payments every month now on something mighty fine."

Little Mary came home bubbling. "Oh Mom, I'll bet Bill is giving me a diamond wedding ring for Christmas. Morry says—" and there were stars in her eyes, and I knew then how much she'd missed it all.

Anxious

As the gifts were distributed, we held our breath. At long last, George, playing Santa, pulled out the big box and placed it in Mary's lap. "As if I didn't know," she gasped, smiling across at Bill, who shouted, "Go on, open it up."

Little Mary untied the huge bow with shaking fingers. She lifted the lid gingerly, expecting to repeat the process. But instead a cotton-wrapped monstrosity loomed up. Quickly she tore away the cotton.

"But Bill! Oh Bill!" she moaned and drew forth—a thirty-two-cup silver percolator.

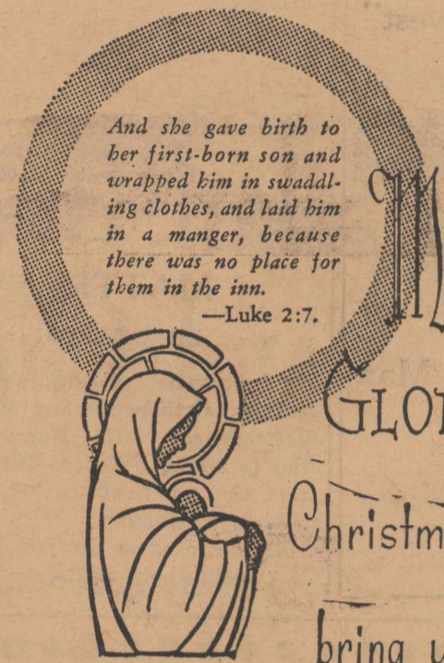
Somehow it didn't look like a coffee-maker to me—it looked exactly like Grey Ghost, the Weimaraner. But Bill had Little Mary in his arms, and her heart was in her eyes even if the stars were gone, as she kept saying, "Darling, it's exactly what I wanted."

I guess they know what true love is anyway.



Rotan Pastry Shop

ODELL & MILDRED McQUEEN



And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.
—Luke 2:7.

May the
GLORIOUS
Christmas Season
bring you Peace

Rotan Insurance Agency



Peace on Earth

Our wish for you is one of Peace and Happiness for Christmas now and in years to come.

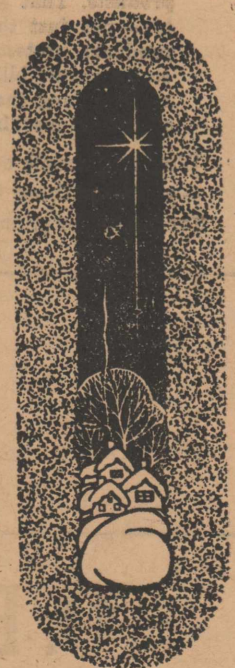
Rollins Motor Company

To wish you
all the joys

of a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Season



Sheriff & Mrs. A. E. Rollans

Dear Santa Claus:

I would like to have a watch for Christmas, and a safe to put money in and two planes.

Love, Jay Eaton

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a girl in the second grade. I would like a bride doll for Christmas. Don't forget all the other boys and girls.

Your friend, Lou Ann Gooch

Wayne Carter and his sister Wanda of Lawton, Okla., both students at AOC, Abilene, spent Saturday night and Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Funk and Neal Funk.

LANCE THEATRE

Rotan

Today and Thursday, Dec. 24

"A Private's Affair"

in color

Fri. & Sat. Dec. 25 & 26

"North by Northwest"

A 3000 mile chase That Blazes a trail of terror to a gripping spine-chilling climax

in color

Sun. & Mon. Dec. 27-28

Tarzan The Ape Man

in color

New Tarzan finds forgotten world of adventure.

Dear Santa:

I would like a Tiny Tears doll and a set of dishes.

Your friend, Rhonda Hammit

Dear Santa:

For Christmas I would like a bicycle, Have Gun, Will Travel gun set, and a shaggy dog for my bed. And don't forget the other boys and girls. I have been a good girl.

Your friend, Debby Loving

Dear Santa:

I hope you will bring me a doll with two party dresses. One pair of pajamas.

I love you
Your friend, Cindy Jane Eaton

Dear Santa:

I hope you will bring me a watch, doll, shoes for Christmas. I have been a pretty good girl. Thank you.

Love, Sheila Joyce Brigman

Dear Santa:

I want an airplane that flies, and a B-B gun that shoots. I hope I get it. I have tried to be good.

Your friend, Douglas Upshaw

Dear Santa:

I want a B-B gun for Xmas, and I want a bicycle and a gun holster and a tent and cowboy hat. I have been good.

Robert Rives

Dear Santa:

I want this Christmas a marching army set. Bring all the boys and girls something.

Love, Don Rollins

MATTRESS

RENOVATING

for Innerspring, Foam Rubber, Box Springs, Orthopedic and King size Mattress call 6071 Morrow Hotel who is taking calls for Direct Mattress Co., of Lubbock. Our Truck here each Monday.

Help wanted, a car hop and part time cook, apply at Dairy Dream.

Dear Santa:

I want you to bring me a bike and a big Baby Doll.

Love, Joyce Rogers

Dear Santa:

I want an electric train and some guns. Thank you,

Bobby Edwards

Mrs. Claude Thompson of Haskell, formerly of Rotan won a prize for having one of the best high ed picture windows for Christmas. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Sargent of Rotan.

L. J. Streetman, L. J. Jr. and son Mike of Tucson, Ariz., have been at the Jacoby ranch near Telegraph since Sunday for 8-year-old Mike's first deer hunt. The L. J. Jr. family is spending Christmas with their parents.

Dear Santa Claus:

My name is Renee. I am three years old. For Christmas I would like a doll and buggy.

I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Renee Berry

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Advance is authorized to announce the following candidates, subject to action of Democratic Primaries, 1960:

For Commissioner, Prec. 3:

J. A. BARNES

WAYNE PORTER

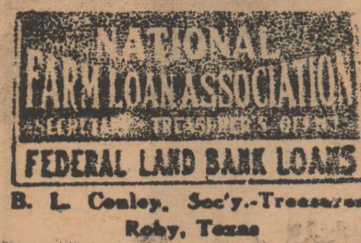
T. R. (Ted) UNDERHILL

Dear Santa:

I would like you to bring me a bicycle and Revlon high heel doll. Please remember the other boys and girls and mbrother and sisters.

Your friend, Mary Kaye McKimney

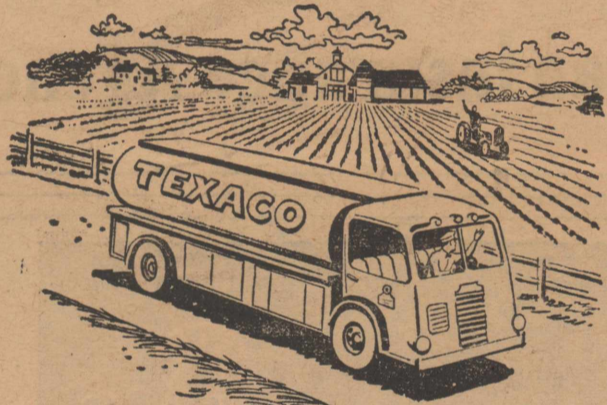
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A Wealth of Happiness To You...

Please Accept Our Greetings and Let Us Thank You for Your Past Patronage

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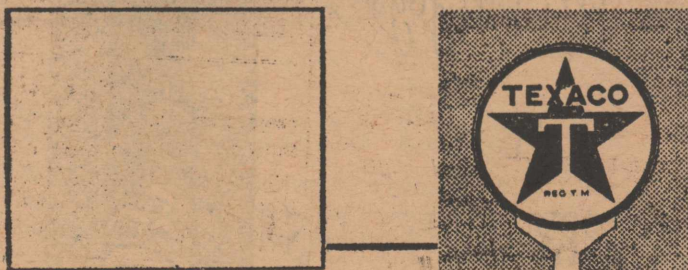
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WITH **TEXACO** PRODUCTS

We'd like to include you in our list of farmers who are satisfied users of Texaco products. They're satisfied for two reasons:

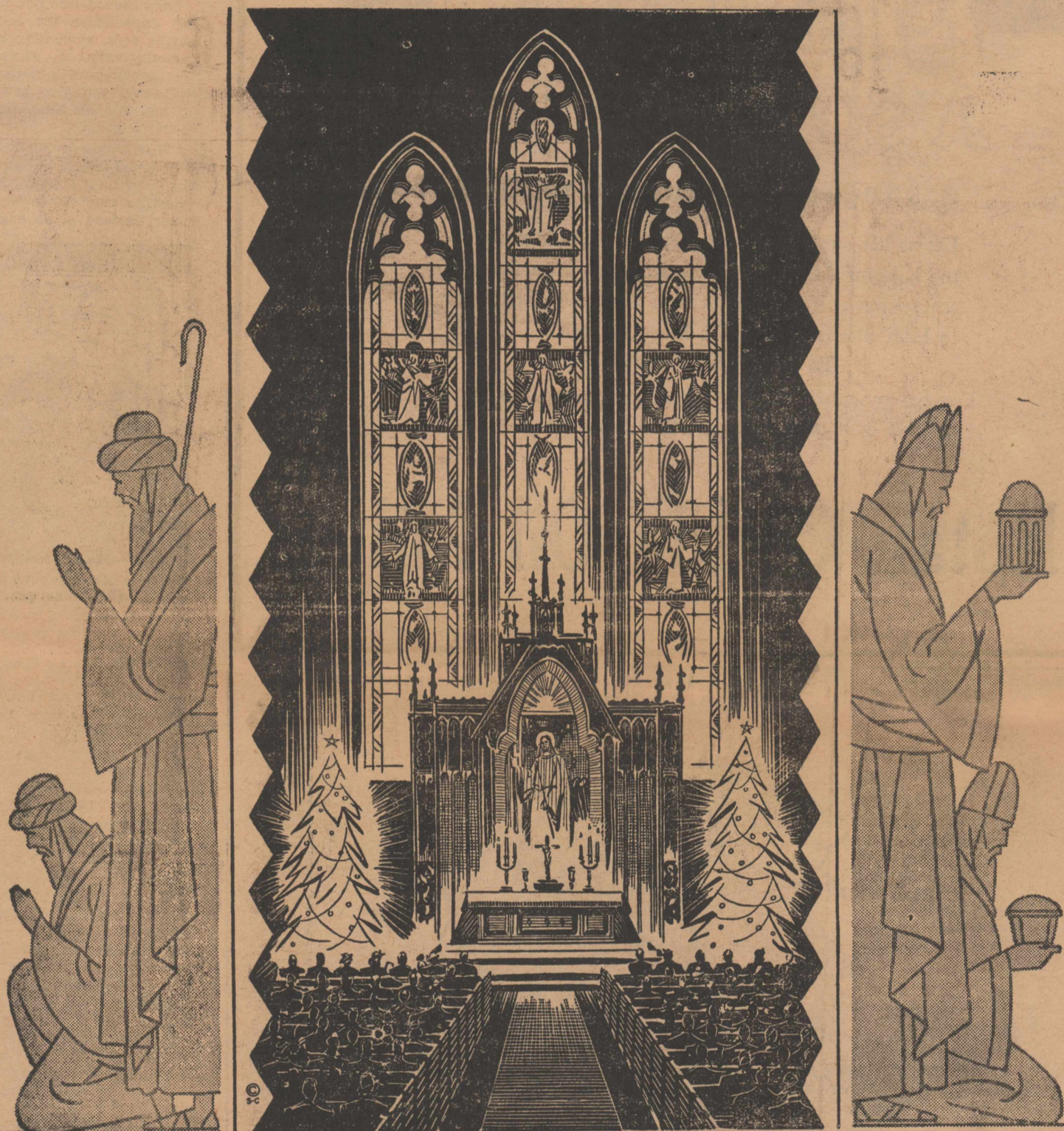
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Why not sample our service and Texaco products — you've nothing to lose and lots to gain. Drop in for details, or phone us—we'll be happy to serve you.



O. B. CAVE
Consignee

Phone 3191 THE TEXAS CO. Roby



In the Reverent Mood of This Holy Christmas Time

The Spirit of Christmas belongs to everyone - its sacred trust of friendship and good-will know no boundaries of race or creed. It is with this in mind, we say to all -- May you and yours find this Christmas bright with cheer and the blessings of warmth and benevolence! . . . To you -- our loyal customers and friends - We wish a Happy Holiday!

A. J. Smith and Co.

You have been a welcome customer of ours for some time and we want you to know how grateful we are for your patronage. We have every intention of maintaining the standard which has won your confidence and approval. Please believe, therefore, that our expression of "thanks" is genuine — that it comes from the heart. And it comes to you in the spirit of the season which prompts us to wish you all the Joy and Happiness that Christmas can bring.

CHRISTMAS



Greetings

West Side Gin

R. R. Terry, Manager

Dear Santa:

This year I would like a Revlon high hui doll and a Sad Sack doll too. I hope that nothing happens on your way. I wish you a Merry Merry Christmas.

Your friend, Karen Louise McKimney.

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl 3 years old. I have a little brother now, John Monte. We have been good all year. Please bring me a stove and refrigerator, a Tiny Tears doll, and an iron and ironing board. John would like a car seat and toys. Please don't forget Newt Ed Bob. We will be at Grandmothers for Christmas.

Love,
Melanie Cox

Dear Santa:

I'm nine year old. I would like to have a girls Schwinn bicycle for Christmas. I would like to have a bride doll or any kind of doll but I would like to have a bride doll the most. And I would like a bicycle built for two for my mother and father. I want my Grandpa Kennedy to get well. And I want my Grandma Garret to get over her leg business that hurts her so much. I want my Daddy to get over his back and it hurts him as much as my Grandma's leg does.

Love true, Karolyn Kay Kennedy

Dear Santa:

Robert wants a tran, plane and boat. Keth wants plane and tractor. Roxanne wants a watch and doll.

Roxanne Callan

Dear Santa:

I have been a good little girl. Bring my little brother a present for Christmas too. My big sister a watch and me a big doll. Please bring mother and daddy, Ben and Aunt Maggie a present and everybody in the world, also.

Bounny Garcia

Dear Santa:

I am twelve years old and in the sixth grade. For Christmas I would like for you to bring me a pair of boots, a pair of riding pants, a record player and all the top hits of the year. Also I would like a big black western hat.

Your friend, Vadena Rodgers.



NOEL

Long after the candles

burn low; our warmest wish

still holds true, May Christmas

bring all the best to you!

Gladson Feed & Produce

Phone 7801
Feeds-Seeds-Grinding-Mixing

Rex Gladson

Billy Gladson

May peace

be your gift at

Christmas

and your treasure in the

coming year



Scales Motor Co.

CHRISTMAS



One of the deeply genuine joys of Christmas is that it gives us an opportunity to express appreciation to our many friends.

Each passing year brings us a higher evaluation of the friendships created by these pleasant associations.

So this Holiday Message brings you sincere good wishes for a very Merry Christmas.

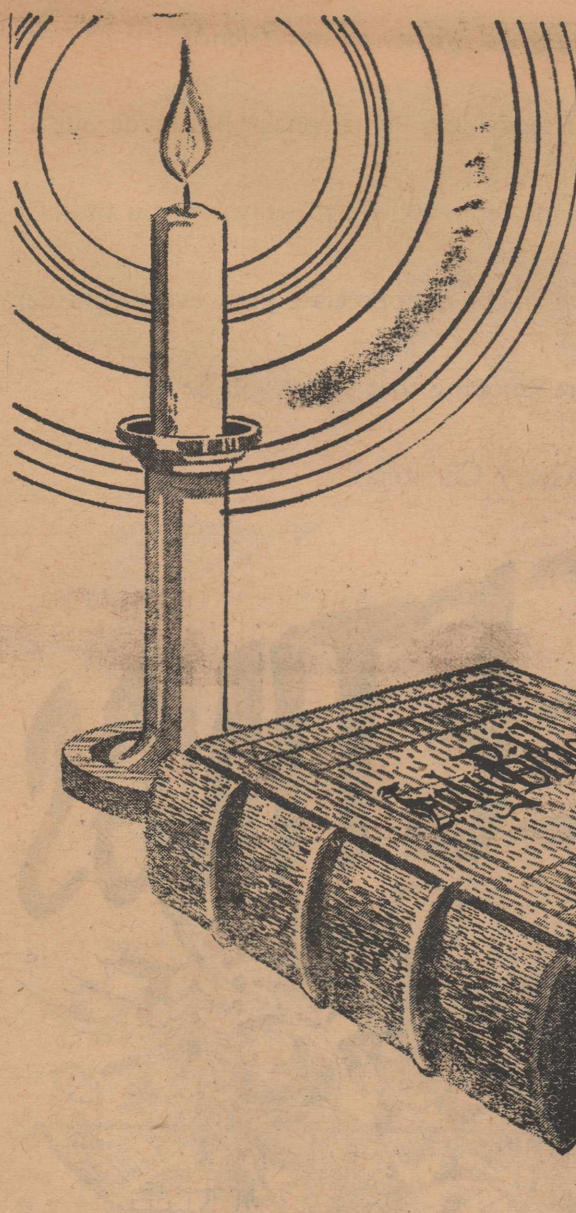


Greetings



Baillio Auto Service

IMOGENE & HERMAN



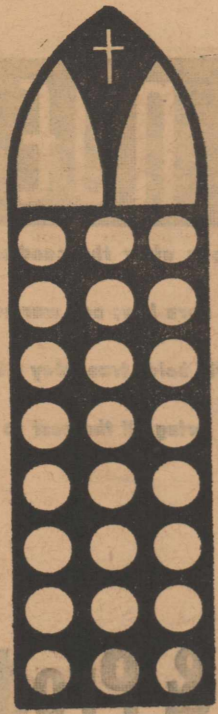
The
Ageless
Story...

The ageless story of the Prince of Peace is being told again throughout the world. The story of the birth of our Lord... of the miraculous shining star.

Let us come again to worship Him at this time of the celebration of His coming.

MAY YOUR LIFE BE TRULY FILLED
WITH THE PEACE OF CHRISTMAS

H. L. Davis & Co.



Through
the years

the lives of all of us
have been enriched
by the true spirit of
Christmas. In the
days following this
season, may you
continue to take
with you this spirit
of joy.

M. W. Strickland Ins.



Bells have long been associated with Christmas and New Years as well as hundreds of other joyous occasions, but there are fewer today than there have been for centuries.

During World War II thousands of bells were melted down for metal or were shattered by bombs. After the war only three churches in all London had bells that could be rung. In Germany, the Nazis melted down an estimated 150,000 bells, only a fraction of which have been replaced. Italy restored more than 11,000 church bells lost or damaged in the war.

Because of this shortage, there has been a demand for bells ever since the war, but there are probably less than 20 foundries engaged in casting the huge bronze bells that peal in towers throughout the world.

One foundry belongs to a Troy, New York, family that has been manufacturing bells since Revolutionary days. Another family concern is located in Sinn, West Germany, and has been turning out bells for 350 years. A London foundry still making bells was established in 1370.

Origin Lost

The origin of bells has been lost, but the business of making them hasn't changed much since the Chinese Emperor Heang-ti ordered a set in 2697 B. C.

To make a bell, a foundryman builds up a "core" of brickwork and fine clay bound with hair to shape the vessel. The mold's outer portion is similarly sculptured inside an iron casting.

When the two molds are finally prepared and clamped together, metal is poured into the hollow between them. In the old days casting called for solemn ceremony, and nobles gathered to toss in offerings of gold and silver.

Composition

For this reason, many an old bell is reputed to ring more sweetly, but the truth is that a bell owes its sonorous voice to its time-honored content of about four parts copper and one part tin.

Big bells are always made to order. The world's largest has never pealed. The 193-ton "Tsar Kolokol" was cast in Moscow in 1733 and allowed to cool off in its earth-covered molds for 103 years. It lost an 11-ton bit of its lip before being hung.

A second Moscow bell, 128 tons, is the greatest in actual use. An 18-ton bell in the Riverside Church, New York, is the largest bell ever tuned.

Christmas Rose

Legend Associates Plant With Christmas Day

Numerous plants and animals are associated with Christmas legends and some of the most beautiful have to do with flowers.

The Christmas rose, for instance, was said divinely created. A shepherd maid wept because she had no gift to lay before the infant Child in the Manger, when suddenly an angel appeared before her—

The angel spoke, his voice was low and sweet
As the sea's murmur on low-lying shore.
Or the whisper of wind in ripened wheat.

Then, after hearing why the maiden wept, the angel touched the ground where her tears had fallen with the branch of lilies he carried. Immediately the place was white with Christmas roses, which the happy maid gathered and laid on the manger.

Of the others, Sainfoin, or Holy Hay, is believed to have cradled the infant Christ in the Manger.

And the snowdrop is the flower of the Virgin Mary, and is said to be the emblem of the candles she lighted on Christmas Eve.



all is calm
all is quiet

Christmas is a
time for worship.
May His blessings
be with you as
you worship
during this
Christmas Season.

OUR BEST WISHES TO YOU

R. D. Sartor Cleaners

May
Christmas
bring you joys
and blessings

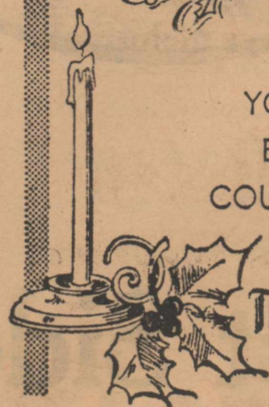
Thank you for the fine consideration you've given us in the past year. You've been most thoughtful.



**Rotan Flower Shop
& Nursery**

Holiday
Greetings

MAY
YOUR CHRISTMAS
BE FILLED WITH
COUNTLESS BLESSINGS



The Lord Bless Thee...

Edwards Implement Co.

One of the greatest pleasures of Christmas comes in

sending good wishes to our friends.

Your friendship and patronage has made our

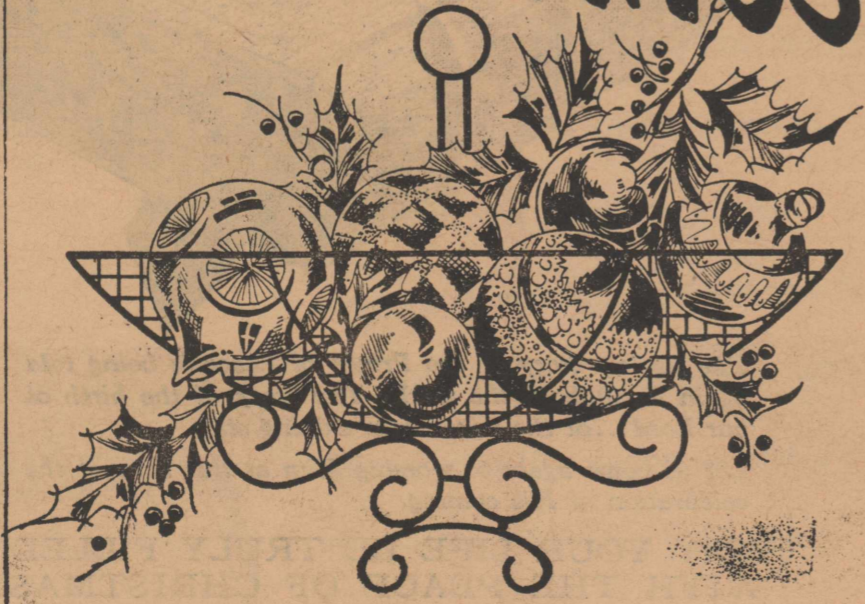
work more enjoyable, and we want you to know

that we sincerely appreciate your every consideration.

So here's hoping that yours will be a

very Merry Christmas.

GREETINGS



Cotton Storage Co.

Mr. and Mrs. D. T. McDonald
Ben McDonald

Mrs. Jimmy Driver
Mrs. Ivy Jones

Mrs. A. C. Snapp
& Marguerite



Behold, A King is born this day!

From that glorious night many centuries ago, when the shepherds came from their flocks to worship at the manger, mankind has looked to the Child of Bethlehem for guidance and hope.

As we remember once again that starry night, let us remember the promise of it... and let its light guide our path.

Our best wishes to your entire family for this Christmas season and all the days to follow.

Clark-Benson Hdw. Co.

Mrs. Fern Benson
Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Clark



May the blessing of Him whose star appeared to guide men, be with you during this season of peace and in the days that come.

FROM ALL OF US AT
Dairy Dream

May the blessings
of the season
be yours



And may all the days that
God has still in store for
you be filled with every
Joy and Happiness.

Merry Christmas
Price Grocery



TELEPHONE TALK

by Bob Bresnahan, Manager

Christmas is here and another year is about gone. I'd like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all of us here at the telephone company, to thank you for patronage this past year. We have tried to furnish you with the best possible telephone service at the lowest possible cost and hope that all of you have been served to your satisfaction. We are all looking forward to serving you to the best of our ability in the coming year, if we can help in any way please let us know.

Announce Your Gift With A Miniature Phone

I was walking down the street the other day, looking at all the nice things our Rotan businessmen have on display for Christmas in their store windows and just about everything I saw would make a mighty fine gift for somebody.

But I guess that's where the Christmas shopping problem comes in—picking the right gift for the right person.

If you're stumped about what to give, I know a gift that's always right—right for Christmas, right the year 'round. It's an extension telephone in color. A color phone beautifies the home and is a faithful servant in the kitchen, the bedroom, the den—wherever it's needed most.

Now, here's real news. When you order one as a gift—for your wife, your teenagers, a relative or a friend—we'll send you a miniature color phone absolutely free. Packed in a colorful box and ready to be placed under the Christmas tree, it's a wonderful way to announce to that lucky person that a color telephone is on its way.

Call the telephone company today to order an extension telephone in color, and get that miniature phone while the supply lasts.

Holiday Greetings

I'd like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all of us here at the telephone company, to extend our very best wishes to you for a "Happy New Year."

Call by number. It's twice as fast.
SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY



May you be blessed
with Peace
and Contentment on
Christmas Day



M. F. Garlands'

Greetings



AND BEST WISHES

Home Lumber Co.

May we pause for a moment at this

Happy Holiday Season and wish for you and yours

an abundance of good cheer.

We trust you will think of us as your friend

and neighbor . . . and may we take

this opportunity to express again our gratitude

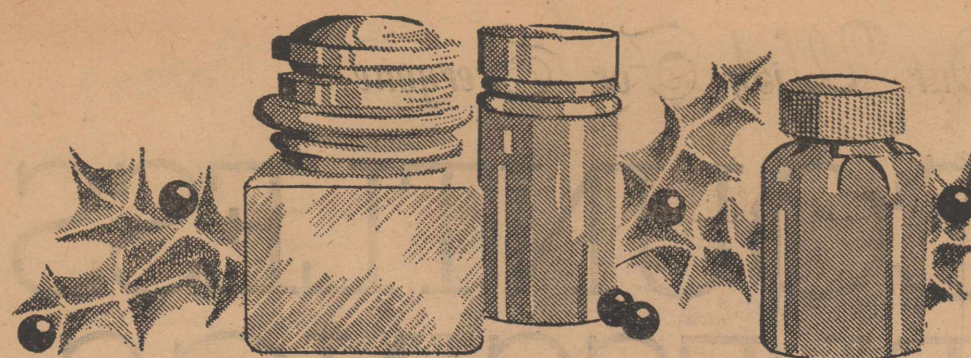
for your patronage during the

past year . . . and our pledge to strive to merit

your good will in the years to come.



**Fisher Co. Bonded Whse.
Poe and Wasson Whse.**



Rx

Our Christmas Wish
for You
Compounded of Equal
Parts of:



and Good Days for All Times to Come!

Clinic Pharmacy

PHONE 256

ROTAN

Greetings
and
Best Wishes

Callan Hospital
and Clinic

PHONE 256

ROTAN

Custom

In France, a portion of the Epiphany cake is often set aside as "la part de Dieu"—God's share. It is given to the first poor person who comes to the door.

In Greece, three pieces of cake are cut: one for Christ, one for Mary, and one for St. Basil. In Britain, Twelfth Night cake is washed down with Lambs' Wool, a drink made with hot, strong ale spiced with nutmeg and sugar.

CHRISTMAS THOUGHT

It is said that the Christmas spirit led St. Francis to pray that "I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood; as to understand; to be loved, as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born to eternal life."

Christmas is a spirit-lifting season . . . marking the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem . . . and as such it promises a golden blessing for all mankind.

Bethlehem Observes
Three Christmases

This year, as usual, pilgrims from all over the world will worship in the little town of Bethlehem, the holiest spot of Christendom. Visitors will worship in the grotto where Christ was born and in the towering Basilica of the Nativity, built during the sixth century by Emperor Justinian.

Yet the residents of Bethlehem, which has a far greater population than it had some 2,000 years ago, will celebrate three Christmases, rather than one.

The western church keeps December 25 holy. The Greek Orthodox Church keeps the Christmas according to the Georgian calendar, on Jan. 7, and the Armenians observe January 19.

The Greek Orthodox Church and the Armenians share the Basilica, the Roman Catholics use their own church adjoining—but all three share the grotto where, traditionally, during the early hours of December 25 a tiny statue of Jesus is wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in the manger.

Dear Santa:

I want a "Toodles" doll and a playhouse. Also a purse, play dresser and skates.

Don't forget Gary. A plane for him please.

I love you, Sherry Nettleton.
P. S. I'm sending you a picture, too.



Holiday
Greetings

We wish a season of joy
for our
customers and friends.

Morrow Drug Store



Best Wishes

OURS is a land of happy homes, of free hearts. God has bountifully bestowed many blessings upon us. Let us put our trust in him and be glad this happy Yuletide season.



Rotan Motor Co.

Our Wish For Everyone...

COUNTLESS
BLESSINGS



For Christmas

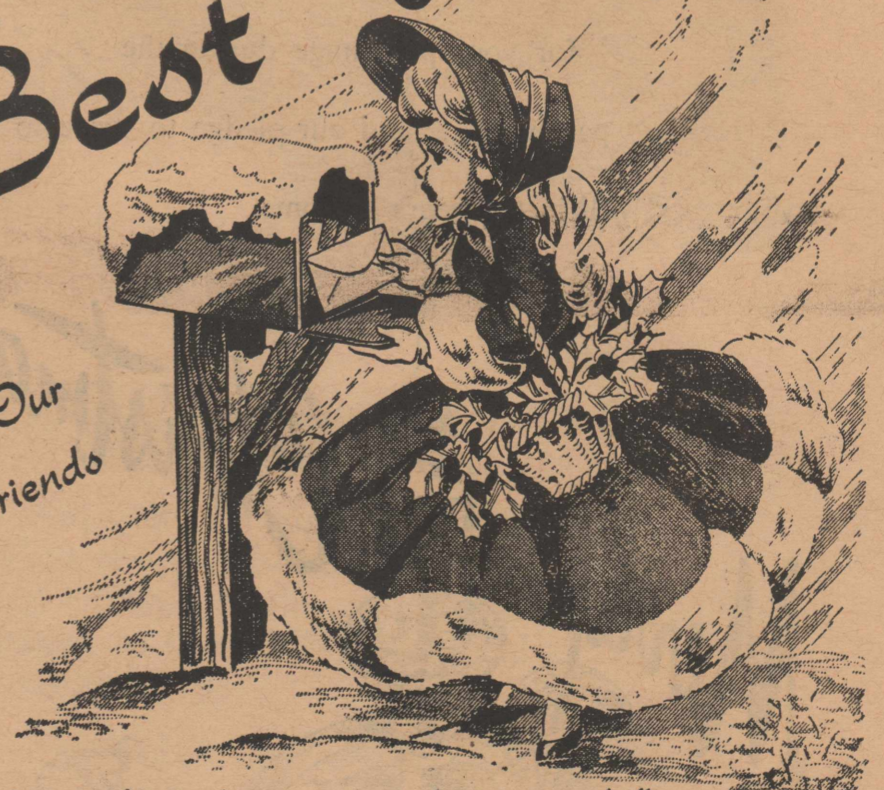
The approach of the Christmas season causes us to pause humbly and think of the many blessings we have received . . . and to express our innermost thoughts to customers and friends. These thoughts have to do with warm friendships — with true appreciation for favors — and a sincere "Thank you" for your patronage.

Farmers Gin Co.

J. C. Edwards, Manager

Sending
Best Wishes

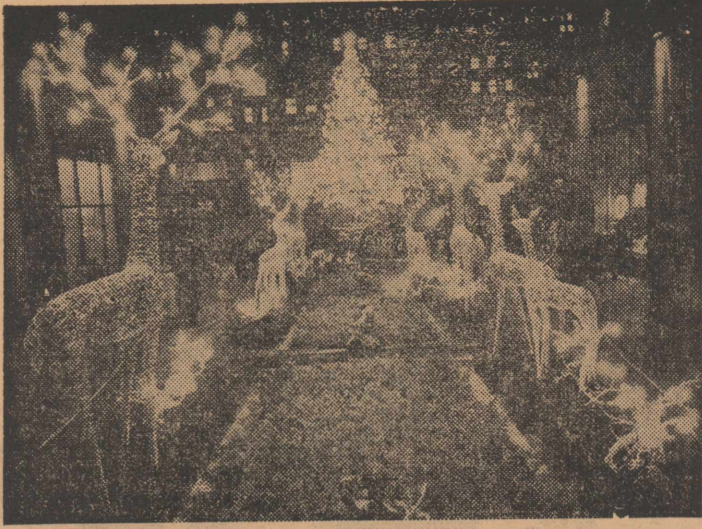
to Our
Friends



Christmas is here and we want to send you, one and all, our best wishes for a wonderful Yuletide. May it bring you all the good things of life which you so richly deserve.

Rotan Gin

H. W. Nowlin, Manager



FAMOUS SCENE . . . Folks come from far and wide each year to view the Christmas decorations at New York's famous Rockefeller Center and to attend the annual Candelight Concerts held beneath the famous tree shown in the center of the photograph.

Irving, Texas

Dear Santa:

I have been a nice boy this year I am 5 years old, would like a bounty hunter gun, bike and football.

My little brother would like a tricycle, guns and guitar and a nice Christmas for all sick boys and girls.

Carl A. Dowell Jr. and Richard R. Dowell.

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl 5 years old, I want a doll, crash mobil telephone and iron. I have been a good little girl most of the time my name is, Cydna Rae McClure

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl. I am seven years old and I want a doll, some dishes and my sister wants a doll.

Doris Jean Pearson

Dear Santa:

Will you please bring me a gym set with a basketball goal, punching bag and boxing gloves Also bring my little brother, Nathan James, a Simese cat and a little red fire engine.

We are trying to be good boys and we love you.

Obie Jr. and Nathan James Kelley.

P. S. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a flying model airplane, a electric train a basketball and goal, a horse, a real steam engine, a watch, toy motor boat Bring any one of them. My brother Joe wants a road grader

Love,
Randy Murhree

Dear Santa:

I would like a Tiny Tears Baby doll with her suitcase. I would like a record player with a Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer record and a musical rocker

Patricia

P. S. I love you

Dear Santa Claus:

We have been good little girls and we would like to have a Tumble Bug game and a Tickle Bee game. We would like to have a doll apiece and some dishes.

Thank you,
Patricia and Paula O'Briant

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl 4 years old. I have been a nice little girl. Would you please bring me a Tiny Tears doll. I have a little sister 1 1-2 years old, please bring her a baby doll. Her name is Peggy

Thank you very much,
Patti Upshaw

Dear Santa:

We are three little girls, ages 6, 5 and 3 years. We try to be good. Will you please bring us Tiny Tears dolls, some doll clothes and dishes.

Be sure to remember all the other little boys and girls.

Thank you,
Rhonda, Karen and Teresa Coan

Dear Santa:

Please bring me an electric football game, a magic kit and a monopoly game.

Love,
Roy Wayne Singley

KEEPING

Christmas

It is a good thing to observe Christmas Day. The mere marking of times and seasons, when men agree to stop work and make merry together, is a wise and wholesome custom. It helps one to feel the supremacy of the common life over the individual life.

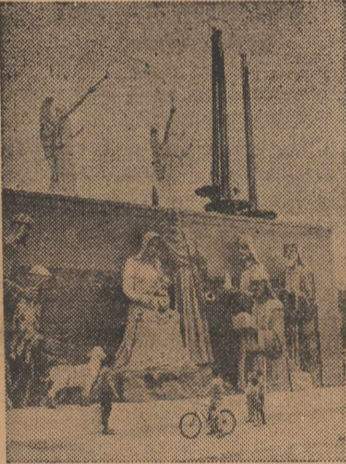
Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and the desires of little children; to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old; to stop asking how much your friends love you and ask yourself whether you love them enough; to bear in mind the things that other people have to bear on their hearts; to make a grave for your ugly thoughts and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate open—are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world—stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death—and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem some 1900 years ago is the image and brightness of the Eternal Love? Then you can keep Christmas. And if you keep it for a day, why not always?

—Henry Van Dyke

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Traditionally, the preparations for Christmas are quite feverish. Preparing the decorations for the home and the tree, the extra hours that go into selecting and preparing good things to eat, the sometimes-perplexing problem of choosing the right gifts, and remembering everyone that we should—all of this has become "traditional." And still, an afterglow to all the merriment, Christmas Day usually ushers in comparative peace and quiet, a time when in silent reflection, the majority of us come face to face with the true meanings of Christmas and the spiritual blessings that attend the season.



NATIVITY SCENE . . . This gigantic Nativity Scene was erected in front of a Chicago plant, which manufactures the displays for department stores and display companies. You can get an idea of the size of the figures in this display by comparing them with the children.

Holiday Custom

In Czechoslovakia, the Christmas tree is the center of much attention during the holiday season. The tree is decorated with many candies, assorted candies, nuts and fruits and is surrounded with singing and dancing until the New Year at which time the children eat the goodies before the head of the household discards the tree.

Greek Tradition

A traditional preparation in Greece is "Christpsomo" or "Bread of Christ." Before baking this holiday treat, the housewife makes a hand print on the surface of the dough and it is said that the hand print is proof of the birth of Christ.

IT'S STILL CHRISTMAS

In Spain they say, "El Natal." In Italy, it is "Il Natal." Hollanders say "Krest-Misse!" In Germany, they refer to "Weisnachten." In the English-speaking nations, it is called, "Christmas."



FOR PEACE . . . A prayer for peace is the theme often repeated at Christmas. This is the time of year when we are all most aware of the need for "Peace on Earth" and good will to men.



The Dee Reeses'



SEASONS GREETING

we pause to wish our many customers Merry Christmas Happy New Year.

Martin Cleaners



Greetings

No matter where we are,

There will always be a

Christmas

With the bright shining Star So full of hope and happiness

Barnes Coin-A-Matic Ldy.

TAX DISCOUNT NOTICE

THE SAME DISCOUNT WILL APPLY THIS YEAR AS LAST ON EARLY PAYMENT OF STATE, COUNTY, AND SCHOOL TAXES.

The following will apply:

1% DEC. 1 THRU DEC. 31

First and Last Days Inclusive

Robert Buck

Tax Assessor-Collector

"And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."

MATT. 21: 22

Merry Christmas

Atwell Cleaners

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a black and white Teddy Bear, I also want a typewriter, and a gray puppy. I want a bicycle and a Tiny Tears doll. Write me soon, please.

Love, Linda May Head

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a good girl. I want a doll for Christmas and a baton. I wish it was Christmas, but I have to wait like all the other children. I am a good girl. I can wait like the other children do. from Nancy Heene Paske to Santa Claus.

Dear Santa:

I want a bicycle and a record player for Christmas. I am in the second grade.

I love you, Mara Beth Hammit

Dear Santa Claus:

I want pink music box and a pretty doll. And one or two games and a pair of Pixie shoes.

Love, Cathy Allen

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NEWS

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Extension Service

Some taxpayers may overlook recent changes in income tax regulations that could reduce their 1959 tax. One new feature is the 20 percent first year depreciation allowances on tangible personal property. Farm and ranch operators should know the limitations on this special depreciation option in order to decide whether to use it, according to C. H. Bates, extension farm management specialist.

To be eligible for this first year write-off, the property must have a useful life of six or more years. Usually a tractor or combine will qualify. Also, the property must have been purchased. Bates said any asset acquired by gift or inheritance does not qualify.

The maximum amount on which this depreciation can be taken is \$10,000 on a separate return and \$20,000 on a joint return. However explained the specialist this limitation may include several items of property to make up the total.

The full 20 percent additional depreciation can be taken on equipment bought in December so it enables quick recovery of this much of the cost. Then, the regular yearly depreciation can be set up for the remaining cost, less salvage value. For example, a tractor bought on December 5 for \$4,200, would be allowed \$840 first year depreciation. In addition, one month's regular depreciation would be allowed. If a salvage value of \$160 is set up, the annual straight line depreciation on an eight-year basis would be \$400.00. Depreciation for the month of December would be \$33. So the total depreciation allowance on this tractor for 1959 would be \$873 (\$820 plus \$33). In 1960 the depreciation allowance on the straight line method would be \$400.

Some situations in which this additional first year depreciation might be beneficial tax-wise are: In years of unusually high net income, and in periods when consid-

erable borrowed capital is needed for beginning or expanding operations. Also, in case of casualty losses involving considerable equipment, such as fire, windstorm or flood. Bates said the advantage of larger depreciation allowances would "cushion" the financial shock of re-investing in equipment needed.

For a complete explanation of this and other newer features of the tax regulations obtain a copy of the 1960 Farmer's Tax Guide. It is available from the local extension service office.

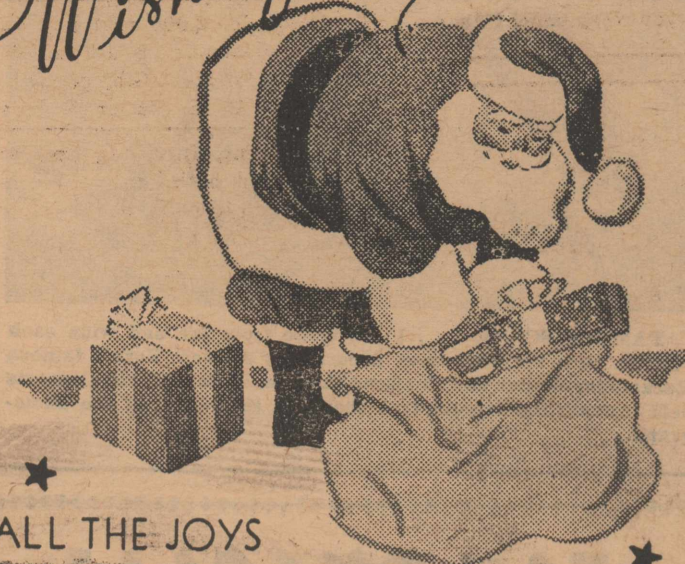
Local market and home gardeners frequently are misled by advertisements of vegetable varieties. Varieties adapted to other areas of the United States may not be suitable in Texas. Hence, only varieties adapted to Texas conditions should be planted.

"Local Market and Home Garden Vegetable Varieties," is a new extension leaflet prepared by vegetable workers of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and Extension Service. It lists recommended varieties, with those suitable for freezing and canning noted. Decisions on which are suitable are based on recent research results and field observations.

Copies are available at the local extension service office. Ask for L-451.

Dairymen who select good breeding stock and use better feeding methods to promote rapid growth can expect more profitable returns through earlier maturity and heavier milk production, says A. M. Meeka, extension dairy husbandman. But dairymen who buy replacements generally cannot expect to increase their herd's production level much higher than the level of the herds from which the replacements were bought.

Wishing you



ALL THE JOYS

OF A REAL OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

THE FARMERS and MERCHANTS
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Greetings

AND BEST WISHES
FOR THE

New Year

May you find among your presents on Christmas morning the priceless gift of health, happiness and contentment.

Young's Food Market

Christmas

Greetings

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Hattie Belle Howard
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Phillips

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Perry
Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Smith
Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Warren

HOLIDAY CHEER

May your days be bright
with the joys of the
season and its blessings
follow you all year!



DR. JOHN B. MAJORS
and
DR. JOHN B. BOWEN
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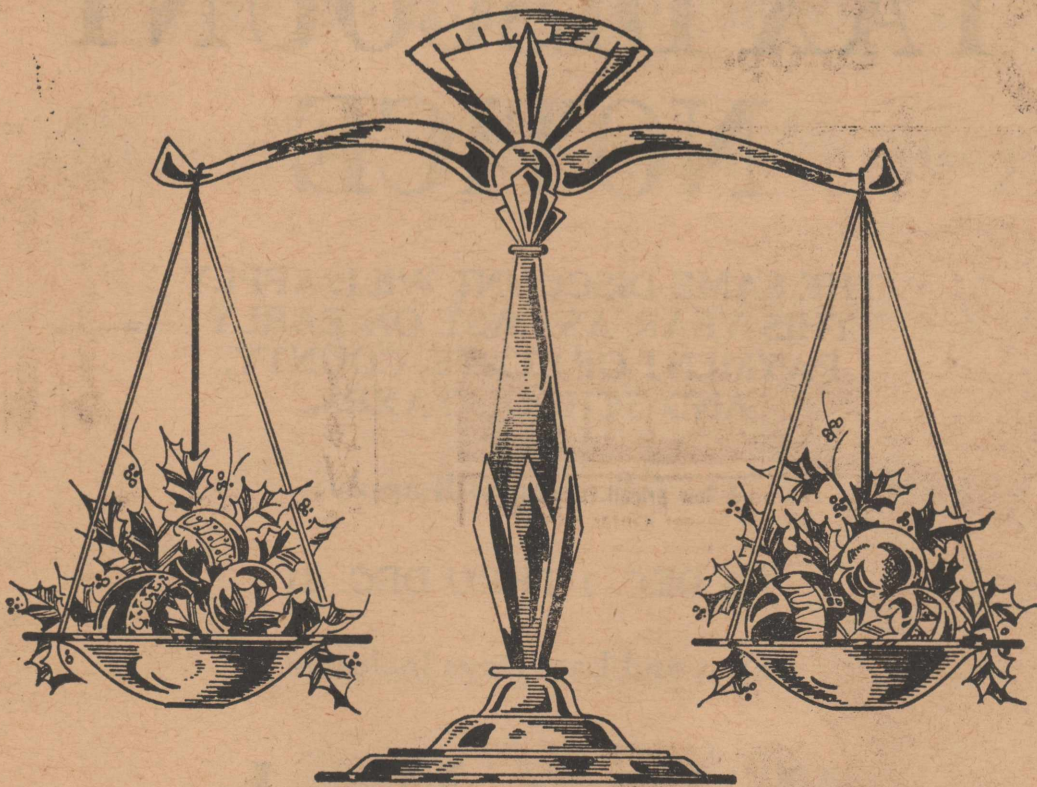
Season's Greetings

The farther we travel on this business journey,
the more we realize the value of old friends
and their good will and confidence.
We appreciate your consideration and
friendship, and wish for you the
Happiest of all Holiday Seasons!

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There is a real satisfaction and pleasure in recalling the happy associations with old and new friends, whose friendships with the seasoning of time become more real and lasting. We want you to know we value yours most deeply. We are grateful for your patronage and good will and wish you all that is good. May you have a full measure of happiness on this, the greatest of all occasions.



First National Bank

Dear Santa:
My name is Jeanie Tidwell. For Christmas I would like for you to leave me a pair of roller skates. Oh! Don't forget my little sister. She wants a guitar and a doll. Thank you very much, Jeanie

Want to buy small baby bed, phone 7342, Mrs. Birdsong.

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CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank everyone for the kindness during the loss of our loved one. Especially do we appreciate the Doctors and nurses, the friends who sat at the bedside, and the ones who brought nice food. These many acts will never be forgotten.

Mrs. Lee Hefner
Rev. and Mrs. Aaron Mann and family

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mann and family

Mr. and Mrs. William Mann and family

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hefner and family

Mr. and Mrs. William Howard

Nieces and nephews of Mr. Hefner.

Buck Ash, L. J. Streetman and Tommy Helm spent several days in the Junction area last weekend. They report a good trip.

I hope you will bring me a record player and one or two records.

I have been panting one for a long time. I know you will probably bring it to me. If you bring it to me I hope you will remember that I love you, your friend,
Kathy Cave

Dear Santa:

My name is Linda Jones and I am seven years old. Please bring a doll, a bicycle and a Doctor kit for me. Don't forget my little brother and sister. We have tried to be good.

Love, Linda

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a bicycle, pair of high heels, typewriter, lots of candy and fruit.

Love, Shere Toi

Dear Santa Claus:

Bring me a life-like doll and what else you want to bring.

Laura Jane Noles



May choicest blessings be yours this Holy Christmas day and graces in abundance fill the days to come

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Terry



THERE are no other words that expresses so well the age-old greeting of MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

Dave Posey
COUNTY JUDGE

Peace on Earth
Good Will
Toward
Men

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.



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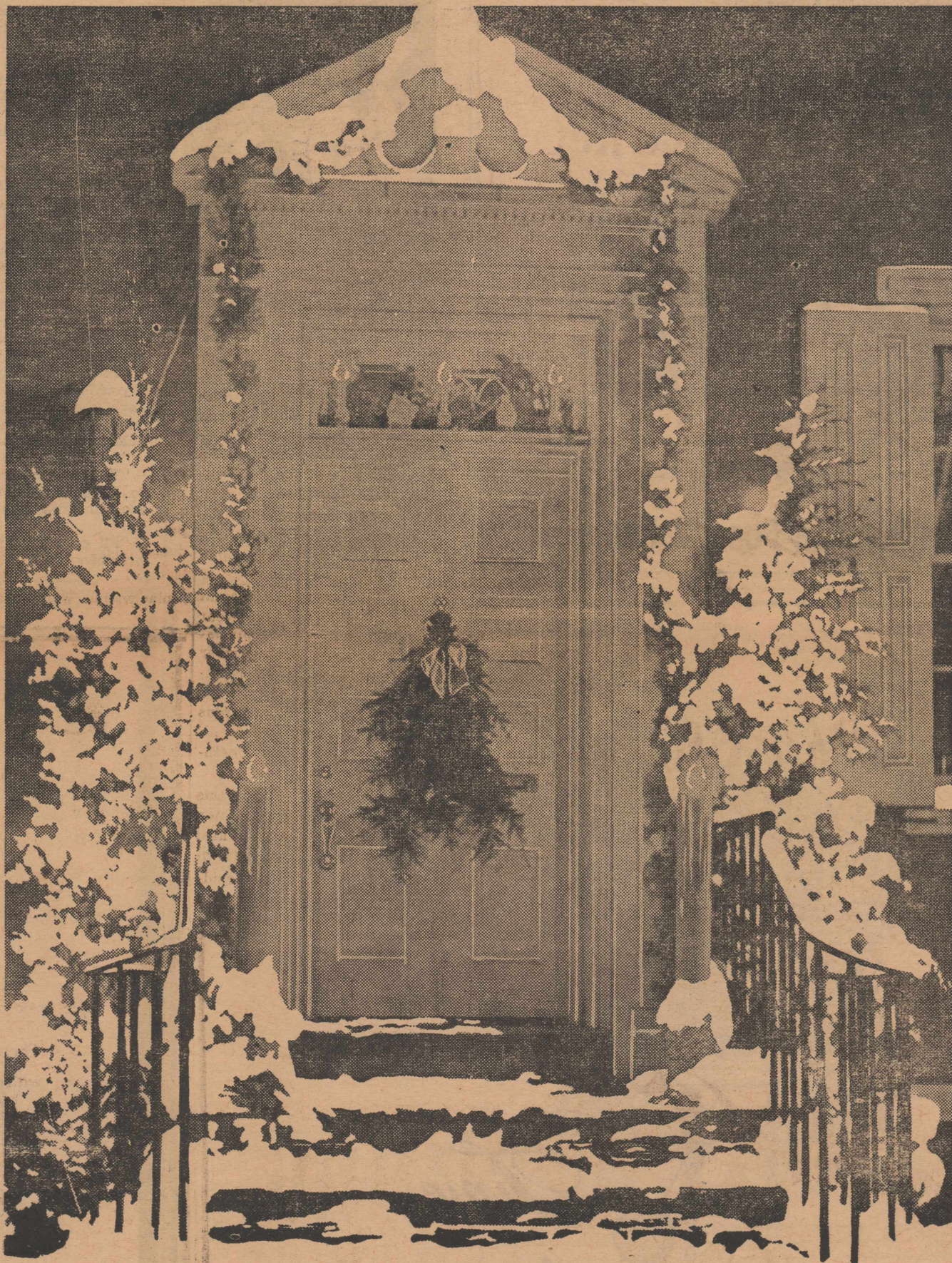
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We say Merry Christmas to all our friends and customers...

We want you all to know how much we have enjoyed your patronage and friendship and we take this opportunity to wish you and yours - -

a holiday complete with happiness to last forever and ever!

PIGGLY WIGGLY

Glory to God in the highest...
LUKE 2:14

Christmas Peace
and Blessings—
and
every Happiness

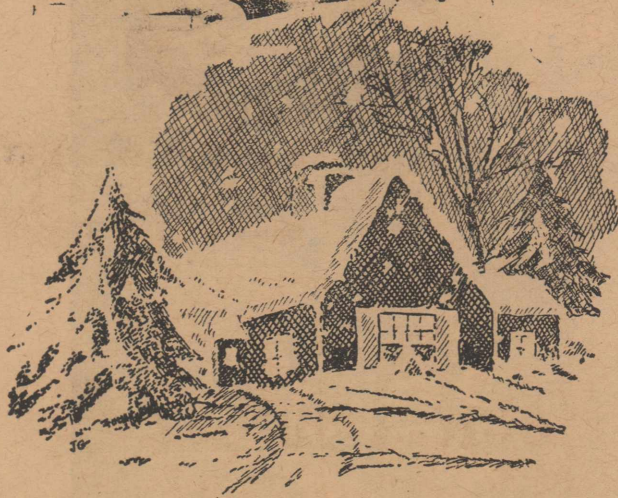


May they all be yours to enjoy
on this glorious occasion.
And with this wish our sincere
thanks for your friendship.

BILL & JIM STATION

Merry Christmas

When the flurry of greetings
snow you under
Here's a wish we'd like to add...
May this be the nicest Christmas
That you have ever had.



Weathersbee Funeral Home

**LAST MINUTE
PRESENT**

BY F. L. ROWLEY



ELAINE glanced up at the clock. Fifteen minutes more and the doll would be hers. Mr. Rogers had promised to let her have it at half price if no one bought it before closing time. Ever since she was a little girl Elaine had wanted a baby doll—just like this one.

For the third time in ten minutes she arranged the few items left on the toy counter. These last minute shoppers were so messy. All except that charming man in the tweed coat. He'd been the only bright spot in a hectic day.

"Well, did you buy yourself the Christmas present?"

Elaine turned to see Helen Smith grinning at her. Helen was in cosmetics.

"Not yet, Helen. Mr. Rogers says I can take the doll off the shelf at exactly five o'clock. Isn't she adorable? I hope no one runs in to buy her at the last minute."

"Not at that price!" scoffed Helen. "Unless your prince charming returns."

"Prince charming?"

"Don't kid me. That chap in the tweed coat. Now there's MY



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idea of a Christmas present! He was in at least twice today again—wasn't he?"

"Three times," said Elaine, blushing. "He's been my best customer."

"And greatest admirer, if you ask me."

"Oh cut it out! Judging from the toys he bought he must have a dozen kids. No one's given me a second look in twenty-nine years. I don't think they're going to start now."

"Really? Well take a peek at who just walked in the door!" Helen scurried away.

Elaine held her breath. The man in the tweed coat was heading straight for the toy counter. For a second Elaine had a wild urge to hide the precious baby doll. He was upon her before she could move.

Back Again

"Hello again!" he said gayly. "Say, you've done a land-office business since I was here last. Not much left, is there?" His gray eyes studied the counter and the shelves behind Elaine. "That doll would make a fine present for some little girl."

Elaine's heart sank. "It's—it's more for a big girl," she stammered. "Besides—it's so expensive."

His eyes were sharp. He looked at her for a long moment, then said: "I'll buy the doll."

"Yes sir," said Elaine, turning quickly. She regained her composure while wrapping the doll. "Is it for one of your little girls?" she asked.

"For THE little girl."

"Oh—and those other presents you bought?"

He leaned across the counter. His eyes twinkled. "There's eight boys," he whispered confidentially.

"Eight?" Elaine stepped back.

"Goodness—what a big family!" The man in the tweed coat was laughing. "Yes, isn't it? Too bad they're not mine. I'm just an uncle."

"But the little girl—she's yours?"

Surprise

He stroked his chin thoughtfully. "I sincerely hope so. This morning I asked Mr. Rogers what she wanted most for Christmas, and he said: 'The baby doll on the shelf over her head.' To me it seems like an odd present, but I guess you know what you want." He held the box out to her.

Elaine gasped. "Me—you mean me?" The clock struck five. "Oh, but you—I mean we—could have saved—"

"YOU could have saved. And if you'd bought the doll it wouldn't have been a present from me, would it? And then I wouldn't be able to ask a favor of you."

"A favor?"

"To have supper with me. And to have Christmas dinner with me tomorrow if you're not tied up."

"I'll get my coat," said Elaine breathlessly.

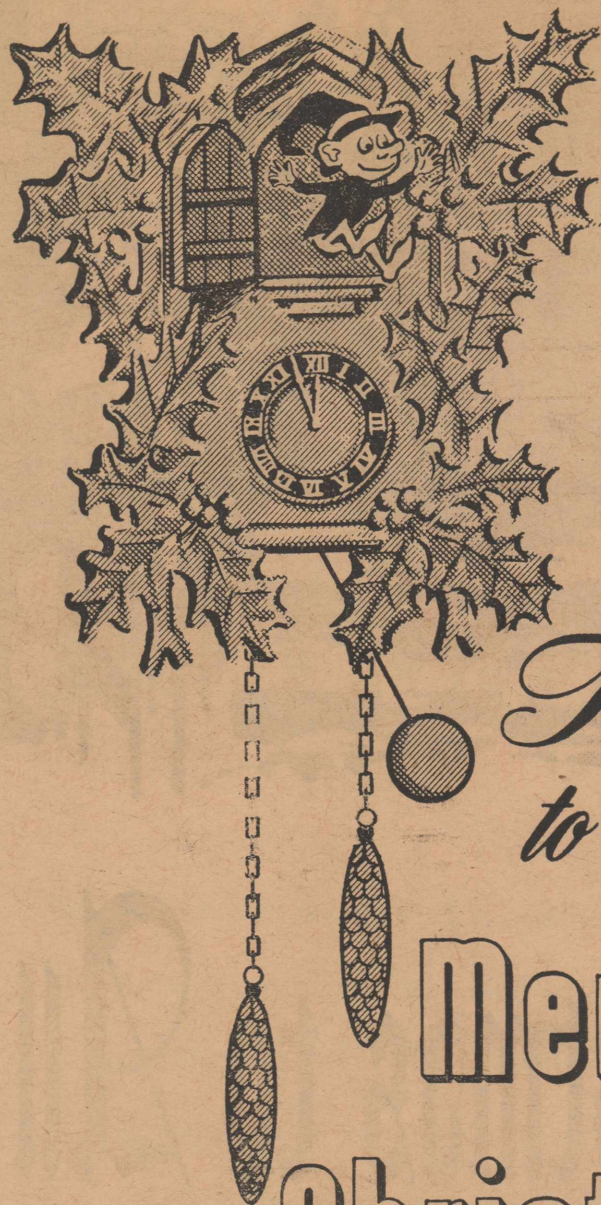


At this happy Season we wish to express our best wishes for your Joyful Holidays, and our appreciation for your patronage.

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