

## Merry Christmas 1952

### Concern Will Build \$100,000 Theatre Here

Plans for the erection of a \$100,000 theatre in Haskell are being advanced today by B. J. Lane, manager of the Lane-Felker stores here. The theatre will be built on the site of the Lane-Felker store on E. Contemplated building will be the structure will be constructed, fireproof.

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Capacity in the new theatre will be at least 1,000 in the auditorium and balcony.

Allen, theatre architect, has been em- Haskell project, and being drawn for the new building. Haley stated that the new building would be designed to be a modern design in construction.

Heating and air conditioning will be used in the new theatre. The new building will be one of the most modern in Texas, Haley stated.

Plans will be Holiday; Open Friday

Post office will observe Christmas holiday, and will be closed Monday.

Postal employees will remain on duty during the holiday, and mail and packages will be delivered on Dec. 25 and 26.

### Take Part In Turkey Shoot

The Turkey Shoot of the Haskell Lions Club exceeded all expectations. The event will be staged during the week of Dec. 25 and 26. The shoot was held on Saturday, Dec. 18, and attracted wide interest and was extended to Sunday. The more than 100 participants shot more than 5,000 rounds of ammunition, and 21 were awarded to the winners. Shooting was in divisions for men and women.

### Haskell Men Re-Appointed Assistants On Staff Of State Attorney General

John Ben Shepperd, Attorney General-elect, has announced the re-appointment of two Haskell men, Judge Bruce W. Bryant and J. C. Davis, Jr., to the posts of Assistant Attorney General. A former Haskell Judge for four years, Davis will be in charge of County Affairs, Schools, and Public Health in the Attorney General's office. Judge Bryant, widely known Texas jurist and former 39th District Judge, has served as Assistant Attorney General more than 20 years.

Judge Bryant's appointment breaks all tenure records of the Attorney General's office. At the start of his new term Judge Bryant will have served almost 21 years under 7 Attorney Generals including Cureton, Keeling, Allred, Mann, Sellers, Daniel and Shepperd. Born in Kentucky in 1877, Judge Bryant and his parents moved to Grayson County in 1878. Judge Bryant attended public schools in Grayson County, Grayson College and Whitewright and the University of Texas. He taught in the country public schools for 5 years in the insurance, real estate and loan

### Wallace J. Henshaw Is Haskell's Only Student At TCU

Wallace J. Henshaw of Haskell is the only student from Haskell County attending Texas Christian University during the fall semester. A total of 4,043 students are enrolled at TCU this semester. Henshaw is a sophomore at the university and is a liberal arts major. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Henshaw of Haskell.

### Abilene Christian College Students Home For Holidays

Area students in Abilene Christian College who are home for the Christmas holidays include: Ina Bud and Mack Rae Clark, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Clark of Rochester; J. T. Sego, son of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Sego of Rochester; Letha Hix, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Coyt Hix of Weinert; Lola Sue Plemister, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Plemister of Weinert; Sammie Tompkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tompkins of Haskell; and Caruth Barnett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barnett of Munday. Classes were dismissed at 12:00 Dec. 17 and they will resume the sixth of January.



### Local Red Cross Secretary Takes Dallas Position

Miss Wanda Dulaney, who has served as executive secretary of the Haskell County Chapter of the American Red Cross for approximately six years, has tendered her resignation to the board of directors to become effective January 1. Miss Dulaney has accepted a position with the Red Cross in Dallas, where she will begin work January 5 as assistant director of public relations with the Dallas County Chapter. Directors of the local Red Cross have announced that Mrs. Billie Crietberg has been elected as executive secretary to succeed Miss Dulaney, and will assume her duties in that position at the beginning of the new year. Mrs. Crietberg was formerly associated with the Production Marketing Administration in Haskell and the Soil Conservation Service in Lamesa and has two years previous experience in Red Cross work. The new executive secretary has been employed on a half-time basis, directors announced.

### Haskell And Jones County Singers To Meet In Stamford

Singers and music lovers of Haskell and Jones Counties will meet at the Swenson Avenue Baptist Church in Stamford, Sunday Dec. 28 at 2 p. m., for a program of singing. A well arranged program is being planned for the afternoon and all singers and music lovers are invited to attend.

### Haskell Students Return Home For Xmas Holidays

A number of Haskell students who are attending various schools and colleges are at home to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents and other relatives and friends. Among those returning to Haskell for the holidays are: From McMurry College—Bobby Jack Price, Billy Davis, Edward Ammons, Othella Moody, Nelda Vaughter. From Baylor University—Mary Beth Payne, Virginia Frierson. University of Texas—Billy Adkins, Rajah Hassen, Nabeha Hassen, Jason Smith. John Tarleton, Stephenville—Lavada Rose. Texas Tech—Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Tolliver, Nancy Furrh. Texas A&M College—Ernest Strain. North Texas, Denton—Donald Smith. State Dental College, Houston—Douglas Smith.

### Two New F-M Road Projects Approved In Haskell County

Two farm-to-market road projects in Haskell County, involving construction of approximately 131 miles of all-weather road, have been approved by the State Highway Commission. The two projects were included in a multi-

### Home Of Mr. And Mrs. Howell Badly Damaged By Fire

Fire of undetermined origin almost completely destroyed the small residence occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Otis Howell at the corner of North 3rd and Avenue A around 8:30 this morning. Mr. and Mrs. Howell lost practically all their household goods and furniture as a result of the blaze, smoke and water. Included in the loss were a number of Christmas gifts for the Howell children which had been placed around the family Christmas tree. Mr. and Mrs. Howell have two small children, a boy and a girl. Mr. Howell is employed at Campbell's Service Station.

### Funeral Rites For John T. Howard Held Sunday

Funeral services for John Thomas Howard, 76, longtime resident of Haskell County, were held at the East Side Baptist Church at 3 p. m. Sunday, with the Rev. W. T. Priddy, Baptist minister of this city and a former pastor of the church, officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery. Mr. Howard, a deaf mute his entire life, died Saturday at the home of a niece near Knox City where he had been living in recent years. He had been in failing health for some time. A native of Arkansas, born in Benton County, March 19, 1876, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Howard. The family moved to Haskell County in the early 1900's and settled southeast of Haskell where a community was later named for the Howard family. Mr. Howard was converted and joined the Baptist Church at an early age. He was a charter member of the East Side Baptist Church in this city. Mr. Howard was the last surviving member of his immediate family. Only surviving relatives are several nephews and nieces.

### HHS Cagers Win Two, Drop Two, In McM Tourney

Haskell High School Indians won two and lost two games in the McMurry College basketball tournament last week end, with one loss being to Andrews in the finals, when the Andrews quintet took a close 37-34 contest over the Indians. In the first game, the Indians lost 41-34 to Merkel, then came back to win two in a row, defeating Hamlin 48-42 and Hawley 45-39. The Haskell-Hawley contest was rated one of the top games in the tournament. Roy Lauderdale, Indian center made the all-tournament team selected from players on teams taking part in the tourney. Monday night the HHS cagers journeyed to Abilene for a scrimmage with Abilene High School in closing out the pre-holiday play. Monday night, Dec. 29, the Indians play O'Brien at O'Brien and on Tuesday night are billed against the Pirates at Paint Creek High School.

### Billy Ray Lusk, Bobby Henshaw, Home For Xmas

Sgt. Billy Ray Lusk and Sgt. Bobby Henshaw, both stationed in the Marine base at Camp Pendleton, Calif., arrived last week to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents and other relatives and friends. Sgt. Lusk, veteran of a year's combat service in Korea, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lusk, and Sgt. Henshaw is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George (Chick) Henshaw.

### Lucille Watson Is Selected For Who's Who In Education

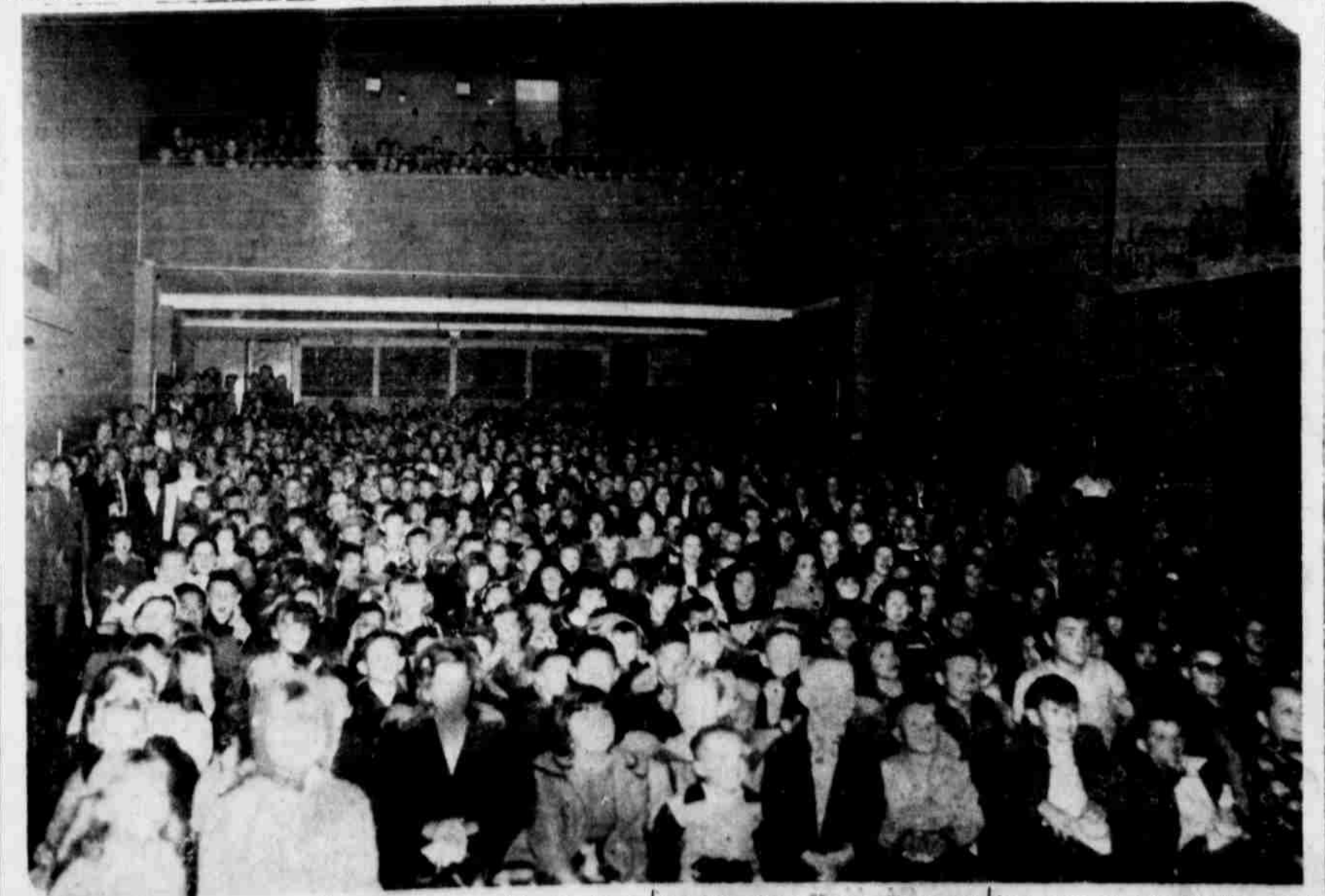
Lucille Watson, Homemaking teacher in Clifton High School has been selected for Who's Who in American Education, a national volume listing leaders in the field of education. Miss Watson's name will be included in the 1953-54 volume. Before accepting the position in Clifton High School, Miss Watson taught Homemaking in Haskell High School for several years.

### Billy N. Davis New Highway Patrolman In This Area

New highway patrolman in the Haskell-Stamford area is Billy N. Davis, who assumed his duties Dec. 11. He is working with Ray Craft, veteran patrolman in this area, and both officers make their headquarters in Stamford. Davis, who grew up in Brownfield, had been with the Driver's License department at Sweetwater for a year before transferring to patrol work.

### Slow Rain Thursday General Over Area

The weatherman played Santa Claus to farmers and stockmen in this section and a wide area of the state Thursday when slow, soaking rains brought moisture ranging from 1.02 inches measured here to an estimated one and one-half to two inches in parts of the county. Beginning at mid-afternoon Thursday, the rains fell slowly and continued until around midnight, thoroughly soaking pastures and farmlands and in some instances providing appreciable run-off water for surface tanks and ponds. The rains were general over a wide area of West Texas, extending from San Angelo to Fort Worth. Precipitation of 1.02 gauged here was the first moisture received since 1.39 inches fell Nov. 23 and 24, and provided ideal moisture for thousands of acres of wheat that had been planted following the November rains. Grain that had been dry planted earlier in the fall and which had come to a good stand will be given an added boost by last week's rain, many farmers said. County Agent F. W. Martin estimated that around 40,000 acres have been planted in wheat and much of it had come up to a fair stand. Remaining seed in the ground will be insured ample moisture from the rains, he believes. In addition to small grain, the moisture will benefit pastures and insure early spring grazing for stockmen if normal winter rains follow, the county agent said. Also, moisture will be provided for planting spring oats early in the coming year, and Martin estimates that possibly 20,000 acres will be planted to oats in late January and early February. Although winter wheat got off to a late start, the county agent said stockmen could likely get 30 to 45 days of grazing from their grain in late winter if normal weather conditions prevail. Several farmers living north and east of Haskell report the rainfall heavy enough to provide usable quantities of stock water in surface tanks that had been dry since late summer.



Pictured is part of the audience of an estimated 600 to 800 children who filled every available seat in the Haskell Theatre for the Haskell Christmas Party held Saturday, Dec. 6th in connection with the city-wide Christmas program sponsored through the Haskell Chamber of Commerce. The all-cartoon film program was shown continuously from 9 a. m. until noon, and in addition to the free show, Santa Claus was on hand in person with presents for the children. Manager B. L. Haley of the Haskell Theatre said the well-behaved audience was the largest group of youngsters he had seen at any similar event. The program had been well publicized and hundreds of children crowded the lobby of the theatre an hour before the show opened. (Photo by Blohm.)

Club members unanimously approved plans to make the turkey shoot an annual event to raise funds for the Club's charity work. Regulation targets for the 50-foot range were used and two shots were allowed for each of the five bull's eyes, with a possible score of 100 points. Members of the Lions Club took turns in operating the shooting gallery for the three days. Open-sight Shoot—Odell Helweg, 90; Glendon Yarbrough, 90; Allen Overton, 88; W. L. Scheets, 88; Harold Spain, 86; Bobby Adkins, 84; J. B. Kirby, 84; Ed Founts, 84; Leroy Medford, 80; Kendall Henderson, 79; Brooks Middleton, 78; Alton Middleton, 78; Clyde Bland, 74. Telescope Sight—Walter Gresham, 95; Wallace Wooten, 93; J. W. Holland, 91; M. L. Cook, 90. Ladies Division with Telescope Sight—Mrs. Worth Hatton, 90; Mrs. Walter Gresham, 88. Junior Division with Telescope Sight—Jerry Gresham, 83.

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## HASKELL COUNTY HISTORY

Brief Items Taken from Old Copies of The Free Press

### 20 Years Ago—Dec. 29, 1932

A small servant house at the W. H. Collier residence two blocks north of the square was destroyed by fire Friday evening about 4:30 o'clock. The house was occupied by a colored family, who lost practically all their household goods.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom French and son of Dallas spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. French's parents, Dr. and Mrs. L. F. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wilson of Breckenridge spent the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Robertson and Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Wilson.

John L. McCollum of Washington, D. C., spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. I. McCollum.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Couch are spending the week with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Burleson in Waco.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes Gilliam of Lubbock are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Gilliam.

Clyde Isbell, well known cafe man of this city, is now associated with Frank Reynolds in operation of the Elks Cafe on the east side.

The local chapter of the Red Cross has received a supply of dress materials, chapter officials announced this week. Applicants for assistance in the way of clothing may secure the material at Red Cross headquarters on the third floor of the courthouse.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Reynolds and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hudson are visiting relatives in Houston.

Thursday night, Dec. 15, Mrs. Leo Southern was hostess to all the post office employees and their wives and husbands for a Christmas tree and 84 party at the Magazine Club. Present were Messrs. and Mmes. Ed Thornton, R. L. Harrison, K. D. Simmons, Travis Everett, I. N. Simmons, Manly Branch, Press Perry, W. H. Morris, W. B. Harrison and Mr. and Mrs. Southern. Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Cox were unable to be present because of illness but were remembered with gifts

### 40 Years Ago—Dec. 28, 1912

Oscar Oates, who is a student in the pharmaceutical division of Sealey Medical Institute at Galveston, is home for the Christmas holidays.

Earnest and Clyde Grissom, who are attending Texas Christian University are here to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Grissom.

Frank Baldwin, who is practicing law at Houston, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Baldwin.

Uncle Andy Carothers left last Saturday to spend the holidays in Coryell County.

Cleveland and Miss Mary Pierson are at home from Baylor University to spend the holidays.

N. I. McCollum and family are spending the holidays with their parents at Clyde and Putnam.

S. E. Carothers left this week for a visit in Waco. Before returning home, he will visit his old homeplace in Tennessee.

K. Baker and Earl Atchison, who are going to school at A&M College, came in Saturday to spend Christmas with homefolks.

### Mr. and Mrs. Will Dunwoody

left Saturday night to spend Christmas week with their parents in Anson and Aspermont.

Miss Tommie Boone returned from TCU at Fort Worth Friday night, and will spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Boone.

Miss Lela Odell and Miss Fannie Jack Baldwin are home from TCU to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents.

E. E. Marvin left Sunday night for Dallas, to get another new automobile he has sold.

### 50 Years Ago—Dec. 27, 1902

The arrival of Mr. Young Bell Wednesday night, who has been in Arizona for the past three years gladdened the hearts of his mother and father, as well as his many young friends who are glad to see him again.

Misses Eugenia and Evelyn English entertained quite a large party of the young folks Wednesday night.

Walter McWhorter, who is now located at Galveston, came in Tuesday night to spend Christmas with home folks.

Miss Myrtle Baldwin arrived home Sunday from Austin, where she is a student in St. Mary's Academy, and is spending Christmas with her parents and friends.

D. R. Couch of the First National Bank of Aspermont, with his wife and child, came over Monday to take Christmas with their Haskell relatives.

J. A. Couch was the lucky man in the drawing for the \$25 sideboard offered by Drs. Neathery & Griffin.

Bob Robertson came down from Seymour and took Christmas with the home folks, and incidentally of course, saw his best girl.

J. P. Davis and family, in which are included six grown sons, moved up this week to take charge of one of T. G. Carney's farms in the northwest part of the county. They will cultivate 305 acres next year.

Capt. B. H. Dodson arrived this week from Indian Territory to

spend several weeks with his family.

J. T. Halsell was up from Stamford Saturday for the first time since his great misfortune in the railroad wreck near Sherman, in which he lost one of his legs.

Miss Shelly Lee dismissed her art class last week and is spending the holidays with her parents at Munday.

Hugh Rogers arrived from Dodge City, Kans., last week for a visit with homefolks and friends who were glad to see him after his long absence.



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- DON'T give children dangerous toys, or toys with sharp points. If they operate with electricity, be sure you supervise their use.
- DON'T decorate the tree with lighted candles unless it's absolutely unavoidable.
- DON'T place the tree near a stove or fireplace.
- DON'T leave lighted tree unguarded at any time.
- DON'T use a rickety, unsafe ladder in decorating the tree.
- DON'T place Christmas candles near the tree, curtains, paper wreaths or other decorations.
- DON'T overlook the opportunity to make your tree fire-resistant.
- DON'T leave toys exposed where people can trip on them.
- DON'T allow steps and sidewalks to become icy in cold weather.
- DON'T drive recklessly.

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Our good wishes are meant not for just Christmas, but for the whole year ahead.

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# Holiday Wishes

To all our friends we wish good cheer, not only for Christmas, but for all of the coming New Year.

**Haskell County Farm Bureau**

# Christmas Greetings

May the old time Christmas spirit of joy and peace be with you every day of a bountiful New Year.

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## Burial Place Of Santa Said To Be In Italy

Santa Claus, otherwise St. Nicholas, otherwise the one-time bishop of Myra in Asia Minor, is buried in Bari, Italy. His body was stolen from its original tomb in Myra and swiftly borne to Bari by Italian sailors, who though back in 1807 that a saint's body brought prosperity and good luck to your town.

St. Nicholas, who was tortured and imprisoned for his faith during the reign of Emperor Diocletian, found no rest in his first tomb at Myra. Always some expedition was attempting to remove his remains.

However, once buried again in Bari, the saint's body was credited with curing 30 people of disemper and performing other miracles. So Bari became a place of pilgrimage, and the legends about St. Nicholas multiplied apace.

We owe our notion of Santa Claus as a secret dispenser of gifts to a story that St. Nicholas once saved three girls from a life of prostitution by throwing purses of gold through a window in Patara, thus permitting a poverty stricken nobleman to give his daughters suitable dowries as custom demanded.

In addition, St. Nicholas was credited with restoring life to some boys who had been slain and dismembered by a wicked innkeeper of Myra—hence the occasional stained glass windows in which the saint is shown beside three lads in a tub. There were many other stories about St. Nicholas, who became San Nicolaus in the dialect of the New York Dutch.

## Public Health At Higher Level Than Ever Before

Death won't cloud holiday festivities in as many Texas homes this year as in seasons past.

By and large, public health is at a higher level today than ever before, statistics compiled by the State Department of Health show.

The result is that more parents are alive to be with their children, for maternal deaths have been reduced by 88 per cent in the last 15 years. And more children are alive and vital, anticipating the sacred day we call Christmas, because infant deaths have been cut by 46 per cent.

Life is longer than ever before, not just in Texas but the nation over. It used to be that a man of 50 years was in his twilight years. Today a 50 year old is merely middle aged.

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## Yule Tree Business Runs Into Millions

Christmas trees are a multi-million dollar business. Throughout the nation, some 15 million trees are supplied to the holiday demand. Prices range from \$1 to \$5, and that adds up to real money.

A Christmas tree, in the lake states, is usually a balsam or a spruce. The same is true in New England and the Appalachian section. Elsewhere in the country virtually all kinds of evergreens are used.

The lodgepole pine and Douglas fir are frequently used in Colorado. On the Pacific coast, it is principally Douglas fir.

In Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D. C., a scrub pine takes a trimming.

In other localities, white pine, southern pine, hemlock, red and white cedar and redwood are used.

The business of harvesting this annual crop begins in the fall, when cutters go into the woods after trees. It continues as truckers bring huge loads to metropolitan markets.

It most cases, Christmas tree harvests are actually a part of good forest management.

Many land owners manage their swamps to make them yield a crop of trees years after year. Thinning operations are another source of Yule trees.

Farmers have discovered that they can get a cash crop from eroded acres by harvesting Christmas trees 10 or 15 years after they are planted.

when you deal with the problems that control health of people."

Dr. Cox, who has been directing the state public health program since 1936, is fond of pointing out that health is a purchasable commodity.

His tenure has brought the construction of more facilities for public health than any other combination of preceding administrations. Pursuing a policy of decentralization, 47 local health center building have been built and staffed throughout the state.

One of the most striking gains has been made against typhoid fever. Deaths due to this cause have been cut 98 per cent in the last decade. A reduction of 95 per cent has been registered against diphtheria, 64 per cent against tuberculosis, and 96 per cent against pellagra.

There are some 50,000 earthquakes in the world every year.

The average person detects only 20 base odors.

Approximately half the people suffer some form of allergy.

Only one of three suicide attempts is successful.

## Postman Termed Right Arm Of Santa Claus

This may be the post office's biggest Christmas. The postmaster general estimates that more Christmas mail—packages and cards—will be handled in 1952 than any previous year. With this in mind, the post office department has hired extra employees and arranged for use of extra trucks for the holiday period.

The post office in Santa Claus, good right arm. It delivers gifts and greetings throughout the world, and it will do its best to get them there by December 25—if they are mailed on time.

Much Christmas mail going overseas is handled in cooperation with the postal systems of other nations. But in the United States and its possessions, U. S. trustees islands in the Pacific and among U. S. service men in all parts of the world, delivery of holiday greetings is strictly a United States affair.

The army takes over, through its army post office, for troops serving outside of the United States, be they in Germany, Korea, or some where on the way. The navy handles mail for its men on ships at sea and at naval stations anywhere on the globe.

Best known special Christmas business done by any post office is that of Santa Claus, Indiana.

The elevator is the safest form of transportation.

Niagara Falls will cease to exist by about 22,000 A. D.

# Season's Greetings

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A Happy Holiday to all of our friends!

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Dec. 28-29-30

## "One Minute To Zero"

—With—  
Robert Mitchum  
Ann Blyth

Wednesday Only  
All Day — Show Starts  
1:45 P. M.

## "Cartoon Carnival & Comedy Fun Show"

Children Adm. 25c  
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New Year's Eve

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Dec. 25-26

## "Sea Hornet"

—Starring—  
Rod Cameron

Sat.-Sun.

Dec. 27-28

## "No Holds Barred"

—Starring—  
The Bowery Boys

## 'Silent Night' Is Often Called Song From Heaven

"Silent Night" is often called the "Song from Heaven" because the story of its inspiration and composition is one of the most beautiful Christmas stories in existence.

On December 24, 1818, in the Austrian village of Hallein, as Father Joseph Mohr sat reading his Bible, there was a knock at his door. It was a peasant woman who wanted the priest to visit a poor charcoal-maker's wife to whom a child had been born. The parents and sent her to ask the priest to come and bless the infant.

Father Mohr was strangely moved by the visit to the mother. And that evening as he returned to his home saw that the dark slopes of the Alps around the village were alight with torches of the mountaineers on their way to church. To him it was a Christmas miracle.

Later as he tried to put down on paper his feelings and experience, the words kept turning into verse. When dawn came he found he had written a poem—a beautiful and moving poem.

On Christmas Day his friend Franz Xaver Gruber, music teacher in the village school, composed music to fit the verses.

Village children heard the priest and teacher singing the song and learned it. From there it spread throughout the world. Today, it is regarded as the greatest Christmas hymn and wherever there are men of good will they sing: "Silent night, holy night—All is calm, all is bright, Round you Virgin, Mother and Child:

Holy Infant, so tender and mild Sleep in heavenly peace—Sleep in Heavenly peace."

## Church Services

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
510 North Ave. E  
Jack Cox, Evangelist  
Schedule of church activities:  
Sunday—Bible Study at 9:45 a. m. Communion each Lord's Day. Preaching, 10:50 a. m. and 6:30 p. m.  
Wednesday—Ladies Bible Class 9:30 a. m. Evening Study 7:30.  
Thursday — Preaching over KDWT, 11:00-11:15 a. m.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
N. Ave. E. at Fourth St.  
R. K. McCall, D. D., Minister  
Services Sunday:  
Sunday Church School, 9:45 a. m. J. Belton Duncan, Supt.  
Morning Worship, 11:00 a. m.  
Subject of message: "The Unmarked Way."  
Young Peoples' 6:00 p. m. Program and Social hour.  
Evening Worship: "The Witness of the Twelve to Christ."  
Wednesday:  
Mid-Week Prayer Service 7:00 p. m.

The average person chews one slice of gum a week.

One out of eight persons snores. Samuel Adams planned the Boston Tea Party.

Samuel Adams is known as the "Father of the Revolution."

## The History Of Christmas Seals

When you see the Christmas seal do you ever wonder how it was started?

It was born in Denmark, home of fairy tales of Hans Christian Anderson. Einar Holboell, a Copenhagen postal clerk, was sorting the mail one snowy afternoon before Christmas, 1903, when he thought of the idea of a penny stamp to swell a fund for children's hospitals.

Authorized by King Christian the first Christmas seals were

sold in Copenhagen in 1904.

Holboell's scheme outgrew his wildest imaginings for before his death in 1927, he lived to see it spread to 45 countries, including Korea, India and French-Indo-China.

The seals found their way to America on letters and packages and first attracted the attention of Jacob Riis who wrote an article about them. Few people however, were interested in the idea.

Then, in the autumn of 1907 Emily Bissell, a public health worker, concerned about the fate of a small sanitarium, recalled

the article and sat down to sketch America's first Christmas seal, a wreath of holly encircling the words "Merry Christmas."

With 50,000 stamps printed and nowhere to sell them, Miss Bissell at last enlisted the aid of a columnist on a Philadelphia newspaper. The idea caught and within a few weeks \$3,000 was collected.

The first nation-wide sale was held the following year and was backed by newspapers all over the country, religious and civic groups, and sponsored by the American Red Cross and the National Tuberculosis association.

The U. S. Constitution was signed on Sept. 17, 1787.

Thomas Paine was the first to write the words, "United States of America."

The Articles of Confederation was the first written plan for U. S. Government.

Benjamin Franklin recommended the turkey as the official U. S. emblem.

Technically the U. S. Government has not established any national holidays.

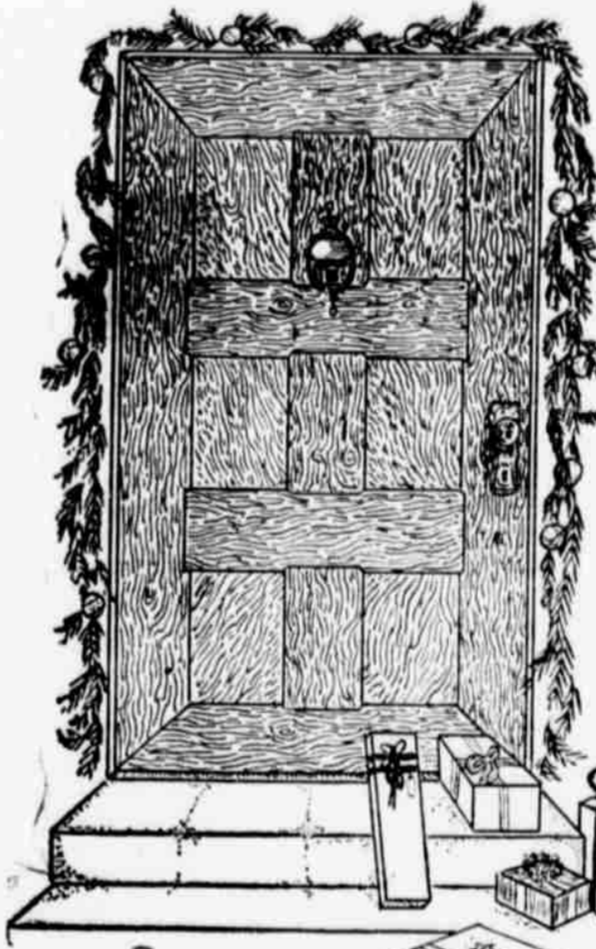
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# We'd Like to Knock on Your Front Door

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

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

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

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

# Haskell National Bank

Member F. D. I. C.

A. C. PIERSON, President

J. W. GHOLSON, Vice-President

Lena Faye Bevel

Vernell Klose

Maxine Russell

W. R. JOHNSON, Cashier

NETTIE McCOLLUM, Asst. Cashier

Bobby Simpson

Gene Brown, on leave with armed services

CHARLES SWINSON, Asst. Cashier

Thelma Lancaster

Pauline Baird

Dorothy Jean Overton



## Greetings

May the happiness of you and your loved ones be as everlasting as the evergreen.

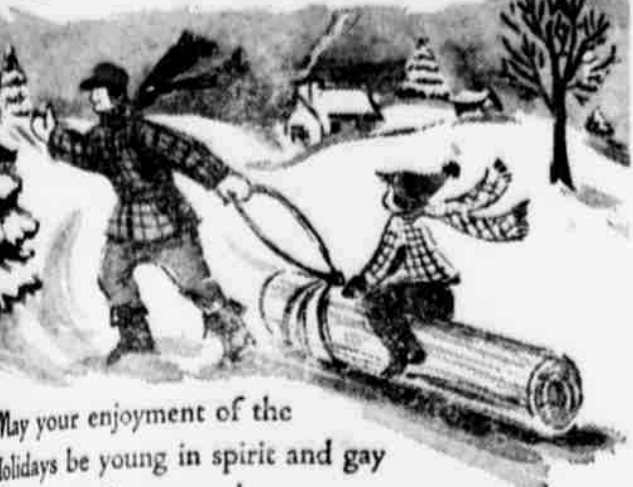
A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our friends.

Frierson's Quick Snack

Friendship... a precious possession the year 'round is especially appreciated at Christmastime. To our many loyal friends we wish a Very Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with happiness.

Texas and Sky-Vue  
B. L. Haley, Mgr., and Employees

### 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 Square

## News From Sagerton

BY MRS. DELBERT LE FEVRE

This community received approximately one inch of rain Thursday afternoon and Thursday night. Everyone was glad to receive the rain.

The Stitch and Chatter Club held their annual Christmas party in the home of Mrs. R. O. Gibson, Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 17. Mrs. R. N. Sheid read a poem she had composed in memory of Mrs. Anna Beil and Mrs. Bob Laughlin, both late members of the club. The group gathered around the Christmas tree and exchanged gifts and revealed pals for this year. They then drew names for 1953.

Mrs. Gibson served date cream pie topped with whipped cream sandwiches, coffee and Cokes and mints to the following: Mmes. G. A. Leach, Ben Hess, R. N. Sheid, John Clark, Chas. Clark, Cliff LeFevre, M. Y. Benton, H. Laughlin, Pete Lusk and Anna Hankins. The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Hess.

The W.S.C.S. of the Methodist Church enjoyed a Christmas party in the home of Mrs. John Clark Monday afternoon, Dec. 15. Mrs. Carl Sims was in charge of the program. Mrs. Glyn Quade read the scripture, the Christmas Story from the second chapter of Luke. Mrs. F. A. Ulmer and Mrs. Sims gave two more numbers on the program and Christmas carols were sung.

Gifts were exchanged and refreshments of cake, ice cream and hot chocolate were served. The Sagerton school turned out for Christmas holidays Friday afternoon and classes will be resumed Monday, January 5.

Church services will be held at the Zion Lutheran Church at 10 Mr. and Mrs. Zener Summers and children went to Fort Worth

to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Jacky Taylor and family and Miss Bulah Mae Summers.

a. m. on Christmas Day. Harvey Stegemöller, a student at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis will deliver the message. Services will be held Christmas morning at St. Pauls Lutheran Church at 10 a. m. The Christmas Eve children's programs at both churches at 6:30 p. m. There will be no services or Sunday School at the St. Paul's Church on Sunday, Dec. 28.

### Egyptians Made Elaborate Dolls For Children

No one knows for sure who made the first doll, but it can be assumed the earliest figures were sacred—gods and ancestor images. These doll-like forms were not toys for the delight of children, but solemn religious figures that preserved the tribe from harm.

Then, somehow, somewhere a change took place. Dolls became a toy for girls and the most popular Christmas toy of them all.

Dolls have been discovered in Egyptian tombs and ruins, some even had real hair; some were ivory, carved by craftsmen for a king's daughter; others were made of straw by an overworked mother in a peasant's hut.

In ancient Greece dolls were played with and cherished by little girls until they were ready to be married. Then (their dolls were taken to the shrine of a favorite goddess) and, often with tears, presented to her. The Roman children played with dolls too, but after the fall of the Empire there came a long period in which there is no record of dolls.

Not until the thirteenth century when dolls were made in Nuremberg and dressed in the fashions of the times did little girls again play with dolls. They were here to stay.

In America, the Indian children had dolls of their own made of rawhide and feathers and wood. Pioneer children had dolls much like these and some were made of braided cornhusks or nuts, or corncocks, or rags, and were dearly loved in spite of their plainness.

Much later, lifelike dolls were imported from Germany, where the doll industry had reached enormous proportions. These dolls had fine china heads with carefully painted faces and kid bodies that were jointed at the arms and legs. Later there came the Japanese-made dolls, which were inexpensive enough for almost any child to own. Then the American-made dolls began to appear—the special dolls, the kewpies, bilikens, Buster Browns, teddy bears, Patsy dolls and Shirley Temples and phonograph dolls, with all the host of others that have followed and which are still to come. For dolls always will be part of childhood and part of Christmases as long as there are little girls and boys to play with them, and parents and fond kinfolk to buy.

## GREETINGS and Best Wishes

May the cheerful glow of Christmas candles be reflected in your heart and brighten the New Year with joy and contentment.



**Haskell County Nat'l Farm Loan Assn.**  
W. H. McCandless, Sec.-Treas.  
Ruby Smith, Assistant

*Season's Greetings*

To you, our friends and neighbors—we extend our best wishes for the merriest of Christmases and the happiest of New Years and add the prayer that your homes be blessed with Peace and Good Fortune.

**Ben Charlie Chapman**  
District Judge

*It's Christmas Time*

Great is the spirit of Christmas that brings to every heart—Peace, Good Will... and Love towards all mankind. May you enjoy the full blessings of the Yuletide Season.

**W. A. (Drew) Leonard**  
Commissioner, Prec. 2

**GREETINGS**

Our sincerest good wishes that you may enjoy a Merry Christmas and all the good fortune to make your New Year a Happy one.

**THE COBURNS**  
Austin, Pauline, Sandra and Robert

**Greetings**

May the wondrous spirit of Christmas bring you a special note of joy that will continue with you throughout the coming New Year!

**R. M. (Bob) Cousins**  
Sheriff

*Christmas at home...*

It is our sincere hope that this Christmas will find you surrounded by family, friends and all those you love... enjoying the full warmth of the spirit and the happy day.

**J. E. WALLING, JR., AGENT**  
Humble Oil & Refining Co.

J. E. Walling, Sr. O. T. Smith Billy Jack Ray Billy Marr

**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**

*Just 4 Dashing off Some Wishes*

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

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

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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**

*Season's Greetings*

May this Holiday Season bless your heart with love, your mind with peace, and your life with happiness.



**COURTNEY HUNT**

**NEWS OF INTEREST TO WOMEN**

**Miss Patsy Ann Turnbow, Nathan Milliman Exchange Wedding Vows Sunday**

Miss Patsy Ann Turnbow and Nathan Milliman exchanged wedding vows Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock in the First Baptist Church in this city.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Turnbow of Haskell, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Milliman of Gueydan, La.

The Rev. M. D. Rexrode, pastor officiated for the impressive double ring ceremony. Vows were said before a background of palms made of silvered spruce and silvered emerald leaves. Double tall iron candelabra held white tapers flanked by tall baskets of white mums and fern on either side. The kneeling bench was decorated with small sprays of spruce tied with white satin bows. White satin bows and streamers also marked the bride's aisle.

Diane Clare, organist, played nuptial music and accompanied Barbara Merchant, who sang Always, Because and The Lord's Prayer.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of her own original design. It was of white velvet with tulle yoke, with leaf design applique outlined in seed pearls, fashioned with fitted bodice and tapered sleeves, and the skirt shirred to form scalloped hemline over tiers of nylon net. Her veil of illusion falling from a tiny cap was caught with pearlized orange blossoms. She carried a bridal bouquet of gardenias atop a white Bible, showered with satin and net streamers.

The bride carried all the traditional good luck charms. Something old were pearl earrings belonging to her mother, something new was her dress, something borrowed were the orange blossoms on her veil, and something blue was her garter. She carried a penny in her shoe.

Mrs. Robert Dumas, matron of honor and aunt of the bride, wore a dress of pink velvet, fashioned with fitted bodice, sweetheart neckline and standup collar, with shirring details on front of bodice and shirred floor length skirt. Her flowers were lavender mums with pink and lavender satin lace bows.

Miss Shirley Henshaw of Fort Worth and Miss Betty Jo Herren of Haskell were bridesmaids. Their dresses were identical with that of the matron of honor except in color. Miss Henshaw wear-

ing lavender and Miss Herren's dress being fuchsia.

Harry Johnson of Haskell was best man. Ushers were Wilfred Milliman of Kaplan La., Dan Howard, Roy Don Rhoads, and Wayne Bradford of Haskell.

The bride's mother wore a dress of beige lace over brown taffeta with brown accessories and pink hat. Her corsage was of pink carnations.

The groom's mother wore a black crepe two-piece costume with bugle bead trim, with black accessories and black gloves. Her corsage was white carnations.

A reception was held following the ceremony, in the home of the bride's parents.

The couple was assisted in receiving by the bride's mother Mrs. R. W. Turnbow; the groom's mother, Mrs. O. M. Milliman; the matron of honor and the bridesmaids.

The bride's table was laid with a lace cloth, with appointments of silver and crystal. The bridesmaid's bouquets were laid at intervals, and the beautiful three-tiered wedding cake completed the table.

Out-of-town guests present included the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Milliman; sister and brother-in-law of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. James Pinkard, Sr., all of Gueydan, La., and the groom's sister, Mrs. Lindsey Herbert of Crowley, La.

After the reception the couple left on a wedding trip to Fort Worth and Houston. They will make their home in Gainesville where Mr. Milliman is manager of the Lane-Wells Company in that city. Mrs. Milliman, a Senior in Haskell High School, will remain in Haskell until the close of the school year.

For going away the bride wore a luggage tan faille two-piece suit with dark brown trim, and matching dark brown slippers, bag and gloves, peacock hat and handkerchief, and a corsage of brown orchids.

Mrs. Milliman is a popular member of HHS student body. She was chosen FHA Sweetheart in 1950-51, and was nominated as a candidate for Annual Queen in 1949-50. She was voted Most Beautiful Girl in 1952-53, and is a majorette in the HHS Indian Band.

Mr. Milliman has been connected with Lane-Wells for the past five years, and worked in

**Ecelbarger-Medley Wedding Solemnized December 20th**

The Fitzsimons Post Chapel was the scene of the marriage Saturday evening, December 20, of Miss Nellie Alice Ecelbarger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. I. Ecelbarger of Big Run, Pennsylvania, to Lieut. Jimmie L. Medley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everette R. Medley of Haskell.

The double ring ceremony was solemnized by the Rev. Robert L. Schock, Post Chaplain, at 8 o'clock Saturday evening.

The bride, given in marriage by Robert Davis was attended by Lt. Marjorie Davidson. Orvin Allen was best man.

The bride wore a ballerina gown of white Chantilly lace. With her gown she wore a matching lace halo cap with shoulder length veil trimmed with seed pearls. She carried a small white Bible with white orchids. The maid of honor wore a blue taffeta dress, and carried red carnations.

A reception followed the wedding rites at the Fitzsimons Officers Club.

The bride is a graduate of South Side Hospital School of Nursing, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and is now a member of the Army Nurse Corps.

Lt. Medley attended North Texas State and the University of Texas before entering the Army in February, 1951. He will report to Fort Lawton, Washington, on January 13 for assignment in the Far East Command.

May 30 is not observed as Memorial Day in all states.

The Army and Navy versions of the Star-Spangled Banner are not identical.

The Star-Spangled Banner became the National Anthem on March 3, 1931.

Louisiana and Mississippi before coming to Texas. He is a graduate of Gueydan, La. High School and served three and one-half years in the Navy before joining the Lane-Wells organization.

Girls serving at the reception were Misses Rosalie McCall, Bess Chamberlain, Bobbie Merchant Garry Turnbow, Delores Burnett, Mesdames Wayne Dunnam and Clyde Thomas. Mrs. Thomas of Denton registered the guests

**Wedding Rehearsal, Supper Party, In Herren Home**

The home of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Herren was the setting for a rehearsal of the Turnbow-Milliman wedding and a buffet supper party Saturday evening at 6 o'clock.

The seasonal theme was carried out in Christmas decorations in the living and dining room area and solarium.

The table was laid with imported linen cloth, with a centerpiece of pink, orchid and fuchsia glads arranged on platform, and a ring cut from styrofoam formed a bridal motif with silver bells for seasonal decorations. Guests were served from individual tables.

Members of the house party and guests included: Betty Jo Herren, Shirley Henshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dumas, Barbara Merchant, Rosalie McCall, Bobby Merchant, Delores Burnett, Jerry Turnbow, Diane Clare, Roy Don Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Herren, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Henshaw, Rev. M. D. Rexrode, Jerry Turnbow.

Out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Milliman of Gueydan La., Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Milliman of Kaplan, La., Mr. and Mrs. James Pinkard, Sr., of Gueydan, La., Mrs. Lindsey Hebert of Crowley, La., Donald Milliman of Gueydan, La.

**First Christmas Cards Published In 1842**

Over 250 years ago English school children wrote Christmas expressions of good will called "Christmas pieces." From this school chore came the gracious custom of sending Christmas cards.

The first known Christmas card was created in 1842 in London by a young etcher named William Egley. Original of this first card is now on display in the British museum.

In the United States, Louis Prang published the first Christmas cards. During the 1870's and 80's Prang produced thousands of beautiful cards and has become known as the grandfather of the business.

The Solid South maintained its political unity from 1877 to 1928.

Theodore Roosevelt popularized the expression "pussy footer."

The Prohibitionist Party became a national party in 1872.

The Socialist Party became a national party in 1892.

**Season's Greetings**

To all our friends and patrons, we extend our warmest greetings for a joyous Holiday Season.



**THE HUB**

**Best Wishes**



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

**JASON W. SMITH**

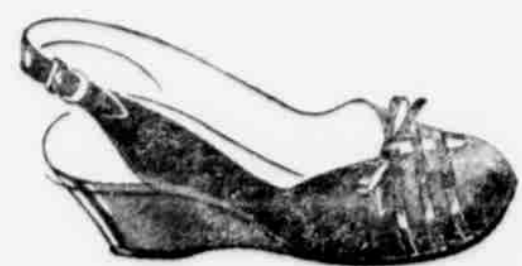
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Anyway you **LOOK** at it **YOU CAN'T BEAT THESE VALUES** IN OUR SEMI-ANNUAL **SHOE SALE**

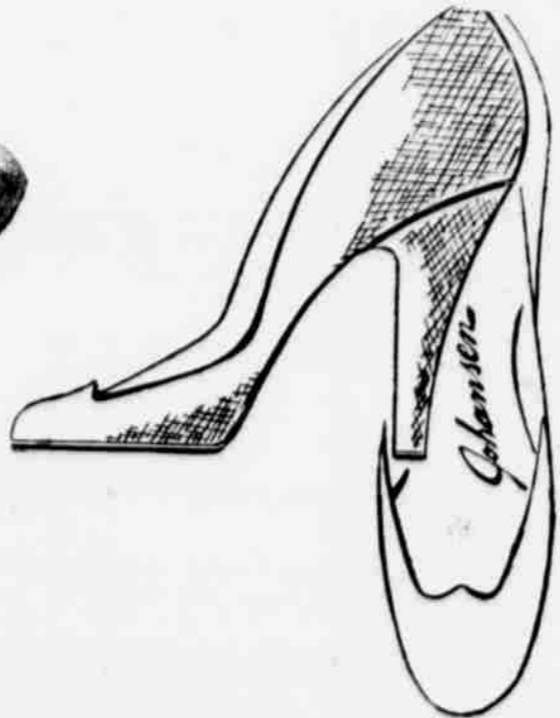
**BEGINNING SATURDAY MORNING DEC. 27**

**300 Pairs**

Of shoes are being thrown into this semi-annual event and if you anticipate needing shoes any time soon we advise you to see this selection. There are three groups to select from, all at unheard of prices for values offered. Almost any type, size, kind of color can be found. Shoes will be on sale suitable for any costume or occasion. Stock up now on nylons at our remarkable low price and save.



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East Side of Square  
Haskell, Texas

### Christmas Party In Home Of Mrs. J. F. Cadenhead, Sr., Climax To Club Cantata

Following the presentation of the cantata "The Music of Christmas," under the able supervision of William Dean, by a large and appreciative audience at the First Methodist Church Sunday evening Dec. 21, the Haskell Harmony Club climaxed the season's activities with a traditional Christmas party in the home of Mrs. J. F. Cadenhead, Sr.

The home was beautiful in its decoration of the Christmas theme. A woodland scene surrounded by four burning tapers was noted on the top tier of the cocktail table, while the lower tier was given a seasonal touch with a display of holiday greeting cards. A mirrored lake scene with reindeer and Santa Claus with reindeer in the studio. The tree with its intermittent lighting effect was accented with an artistically arranged scene of the Nativity at its base. Tall red tapers lighted all the entertaining rooms where evergreens, nandina and pycnantha berries and brilliantly colored oak leaves under a frosting of decorators snow gave a gala holiday spirit to the occasion.

Mrs. Cadenhead gave an inspirational talk, basing her theme on the physical, the mental and the spiritual meaning of Christmas. Mrs. B. M. Whiteker, the club poet laureate, read several poems of her composition. Mrs. M. E. Heiber and Mrs. Pat Lewis played a piano duet "O Holy Night," "White Christmas" and "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer" were sung by the club with Diane Clare as accompanist and Martha Meadors gave a piano solo, "Christmas Fantasia."

In a series of games, Mrs. John Barry was presented a prize for the most realistic object made from pipe cleaners and Mrs. V. W. Meadors won in a poetry writing contest. The evening had its conclusion with the Rev. J. B. Thompson presenting each guest with a gift from the Christmas tree.

Assisting Mrs. Cadenhead were members of the social committee Mrs. Floyd Cook, Miss Martha

Meadors and Mrs. Betty Bettis chairman. A refreshment plate was served to the following members and guests: Mesdames H. E. Lewis, M. E. Heiber, J. B. Thompson, B. M. Whiteker, J. V. Clare, G. F. Mullino, Floyd Cook, C. L. Lewis Mart Clifton, O. E. Patterson, A. C. Foster Jr., Betty Bettis, J. F. Cadenhead, Tanyae H. Squyres John Barry, V. W. Meadors, Dr Gertrude Robinson, Misses Martha Meadors, Diane Clare.

Guests were O. E. Patterson, H. E. Lewis, J. V. Clare, Floyd Cook, the Rev. J. B. Thompson and the Rev. John Barry.

The club recently elected Mrs Durwood Miller, Miss Betty Jo Herren and Miss Diane Clare to Choral membership.

### Why You Hang Holly At Yuletide

Credit the pagan Druids for inspiring one of the nice Christmas customs—decorating with holly for the holidays is widely believed to have had its origin in the Druid practice of bringing holly sprigs indoors. The Druids woodland spirits lived in the holly.

Indoors, holly gave the spirits a nice warm place in winter. Besides, the lush green holly and the contrast of its red berries provided beauty that could be revered by men when the sacred oaks were shorn of their foliage. The early Christian church frowned on such pagan customs and tried to stamp them out. In due time, however, it was felt that some of the customs could be adapted to the new Christian conception.

Some beautiful legends associate the holly with Christ. In fact it is often called the Christ thorn. One legend depicts the leaf spines as the crown of thorns; the red berries as the sins of the world and the blood of Christ. Another says holly with first springing up from the footsteps of Christ. The plant is said to remain green as a reward for once hiding Christ from His pursuers.

The impact of the holly on the Christmas celebration is evidenced in the traditional holiday colors, green and red. The Druids were not the only people of old who thought the holly was something special. Pliny, the great Roman historian, insisted holly blossoms caused water to freeze. Also, that holly thrown at any wild beast would make it lie down tamely next to the branch. These legends, forgotten by many people, are said to be the reason we decorate with holly.

### Church Services

**THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
107 N. Ave. F  
John Barry, Minister  
Dennis P. Ratliff,  
Bible School Supt.  
Bible School, 9:45 a. m.  
Morning Worship, 10:50 a. m.  
Sermon topic, "The New Year Message."  
Radio sermon topic, over Station KDWT 1:30 to 2 p. m., Sunday, "America's Need of Family Religion."  
Sunday evening sermon topic "When the Trumpet of the Lord Shall Sound."  
Mid-Week prayer service, Wednesday at 7 p. m.  
Connecticut, Georgia and Massachusetts did not ratify the U. S. Bills of Rights until 1937.  
A naturalized citizen has the same rights as one native born, except that he cannot vote.

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### HOSPITAL NOTES

Relatives and friends are requested to observe the following schedule of visiting hours: 9 to 10:30 a. m.; afternoon 3 to 4 p. m.; evening 6:30 to 8:30. Registered as patients in the hospital Tuesday morning were: C. R. Voss, fracture, Haskell Basil Murphy, fracture, Haskell. Holland Weaver, surgery, Rule Mrs. M. R. Crawford, medical Haskell. Mrs. Emma Thames, medical Haskell. E. W. Helweg, medical, Haskell. T. J. Cannon, medical, Haskell Farrell Schaffer, fracture, Big Spring. Mrs. L. H. Reeger and infant son, Rule. Mrs. Floyd McGuire and infant son, Weinert. Mrs. J. W. Bowman and infant son, Ballinger. Mrs. Covell Adkins and infant daughter, Haskell. Mrs. T. D. Andress and infant daughter, Haskell. J. T. Hester, medical, Haskell James H. Reynolds, accident Haskell.

### DISSMISSED:

Mrs. M. H. Martindale, Rochester; Mrs. Sarah Chacon and infant daughter, Rule; Mrs. Minnie Olen, Luaders; Jimmy Atkinson Haskell; W. B. Lackey, Haskell Mrs. Bert Johnson, Luaders; Mrs. W. C. Miller, Haskell; Henry Owens, Rochester; Mrs. John High and infant daughter, Stamford; B. W. Reynolds, Haskell; J. W. Massie, Haskell; Mrs. Nored Boone, Haskell; and Rice Alvis Haskell.

### VISIT IN FORT WORTH

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Therwhanger spent the week end in Fort Worth with their sons, Bobby and Truman and family. They also met their daughter, Margaret of Washington, D. C. who will spend the Christmas holidays with them. They also attended the Melody of '52 Saturday night at the Will Rogers Coliseum which was presented by the Convair Recreation Association of which Truman is a member.

Applause from the galleries is not permitted in Congress. Members of Congress may not wear hats during sessions.

**BEST Wishes**

Our Christmas wish for all is that the Holiday Season may hold the promise of peace and prosperity for the coming year.

**Trice Hatchery & Grocery**  
14th and Ave. I

**Christmas Blessings**

Wherever the spirit of Christmas remains, there we find that peace and brotherly love can never be forced from the hearts of men.

Christmas and a bountiful New Year to all!

**Tommy Davis Agency**  
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### Letters To Santa Claus

Weinert, Texas  
Dear Santa:  
I'm a little boy almost 6 years old. Please bring me a punching bag, set of games and rubber sword and pool table. I have been pretty good most of the time. I'll be seeing you at Grandma's. Love,  
Larry Glenn Caddell.

Dear Santa:  
I want a doll, scabbard and cowgirl guns and a baton. My brother, Wayne, wants some guns. Bring my little brother Jeff a little rattle and bring my little dog Patsy, a little sheep to play with. Just bring me lots of everything. Some dishes, too, a baby bottle and I guess that's all—and a piano.  
Your Little Friend.

Dear Santa:  
I want a football suit and a calvary set, and anything else that I may like. I live in the 700 block on North Ave. H.  
Your Little Pal.

Weinert, Texas  
Dear Santa:  
I am still a pretty good little boy 3 years old. I would like for you to bring me an electric push-up marble game, a cash register and a Texas bank. Remember my little cousin I am staying with. A friend,  
Jerry Ray Mueller.

**Closing for Christmas!**

We will be closed from  
**9 p. m. Wednesday**  
until  
**9 p. m. Sunday**

**Texas Cafe**

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**Christmas Greetings**

AND ALL GOOD WISHES FOR A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

**W. F. PATTERSON**  
GULF SERVICE STATION

**A CHRISTMAS Greeting**

From all of us, to all our friends  
This greeting is extended...  
For a very Merry Christmas  
And a New Year that is splendid.

**Charlie Harrel**

**SPECIAL SALE on our BIRTHDAY**

15 percent discount on any purchase in our Pharmacy.

**FOUNTAIN NOT INCLUDED**

Lighting birthday candles at Christmas and invite all our friends to celebrate our First Anniversary Sale.

**DECEMBER 26 AND 27**

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**WE'RE OPEN THE YEAR ROUND**

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George MONTGOMERY SUPER CINECOLOR  
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**THE UNTAMED BREED**  
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HAYES


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**JANE WYMAN**  
**THE BLUE VEIL**  
Charles LAUGHTON

**Greetings OF THE SEASON**

Greeting our friends at Christmas time has become more than a habit with us. It is a manifestation of a deeply felt appreciation of the understanding and good will that we have been privileged to enjoy over these many years. And it is for this reason that we are so anxious now, to extend to everyone our sincerest wishes for a most enjoyable Christmas and a very happy New Year.

**ADDISON PONTIAC**  
G. A. Addison



# Christmas

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

**City Barber Shop**

### First Community Christmas Tree Held In 1912

The community Christmas tree idea was born in Cleveland, Ohio in 1912. The community raised funds to defray the cost of the tree and celebrations through the sale of preferred stock in "Cleveland, the city of good will (unlimited), incorporated under the laws of the commonwealth of good cheer." This was specified by holly-bordered certificates.

Holders of preferred stock were entitled to "dividends payable daily in the form of happy voices of robust children, the contented faces of friendly fellow citizens and the advancement of the city of good will."

Sale of stock was pushed every where, the most unique place being the Cleveland stock exchange where the stock was listed at the head of other securities. The sale brought \$12,000, which purchased cheer for 13,000 citizens, as well as the first community Christmas for the city.

### Bethlehem Rites Feature March To Nativity Cave

Christmas is observed in Bethlehem on December 25 by the Roman Catholics and Protestants, on January 6, by the Greek Orthodox and affiliated churches, and on January 19 by the Armenians. All Bethlehem, however, turns out on December 24 for the arrival of the Patriarch of Jerusalem—Cardinal of the Holy Land—who each year brings an ancient effigy of the Infant Jesus to Bethlehem which he lays in the manger within the cave where Christ was born.

Dramatically the procession approaches: heralded by a single horseman, his banner streaming aloft. A corps of native police mounted upon fiery Arabian horses follow and then another single horseman upon a prancing black steed carrying the cross on high; the Patriarch in his cardinal and ermine, mitred bishops, clergy in embroidered vestments and white robed avolytes—swinging golden censers—precede the jeweled pavilion of the Holy Child. Magnificent corteges of government officials, foreign embassies, bands, religious organizations follow and finally, American made automobiles mingle with native two-wheeled carriages.

### LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy 3 years old. I have been a pretty good boy. I would like a gun, steam shovel, boots and anything you have. Bring my baby sister a little doll. Bring me some nuts, candy and fruit. Bye till next year—will look for you. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls.

Bobby White.

Rule, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:

I am 3 years old and would like for you to bring me a gun that shoots plastic balls, a filling station and a football helmet. I would like for you to bring my little sister a doll. Remember all the good little boys and girls.

Love,  
Chris Allison.

Rule, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a 5 year old boy. I have been a pretty good boy. I would like a gun, dump truck, boots and anything else you have. Don't forget my baby sister Ollie. Bring me some nuts and candy. Bye.

Butch White.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am 4 years old and want you to bring me a football helmet, a filling station with cars and a gun. I have a little sister and would like for you to bring her a little doll with a green dress. Remember all the other boys and girls.

Love,  
Crawford Allison.

Dear Santa Claus:

Thank you for the toys that you gave me last year. Please bring me a Space-a-phone that will really work. My brother, Johnny wants a shirt and tie. Please give little Terry Kay something nice. We all want candy and fruit.

Thank you.  
Kenneth and Johnny McCollum.

Weinert, Texas

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl 4 years old. Please bring me a doll, a buggy a silver baton and remember my Aunt Wanda Nell. Love,  
Beverly Nan Vaughn.

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy 3 years old. I have tried to be good. Will you please bring me a gun, football, knife, train, candy, nuts and fruit and anything else you have for me. Don't forget the other little boys and girls and my sister.

Your friend,  
David Jacobs.

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl in the fourth grade and I am ten years old. I have been a good little girl. Please bring me a Bonny Braid doll, nurse kit, watch and a saw care and anything else, nuts, fruit and candy. Don't forget all my brothers and friends. Your friend,  
Rowena Jacobs.



Good Wishes

To you whose friends and patronage we wish a good health, good prosperity to last out the coming year.

Carroll Thompson  
Banner



## Greetings

We ring out our joyful greetings with every wish for a cheerful Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

**HOWARD MOBIL SERVICE STATION**  
W. R. (Red) Howard




GREETINGS

May the joys of the Season be an everyday possession for the whole year, is our wish

**FRED ALLEN SHOE SHOP**

## A Joyful Christmas to All

... and may all the pleasure and happiness of the Yuletide abound throughout the New Year.

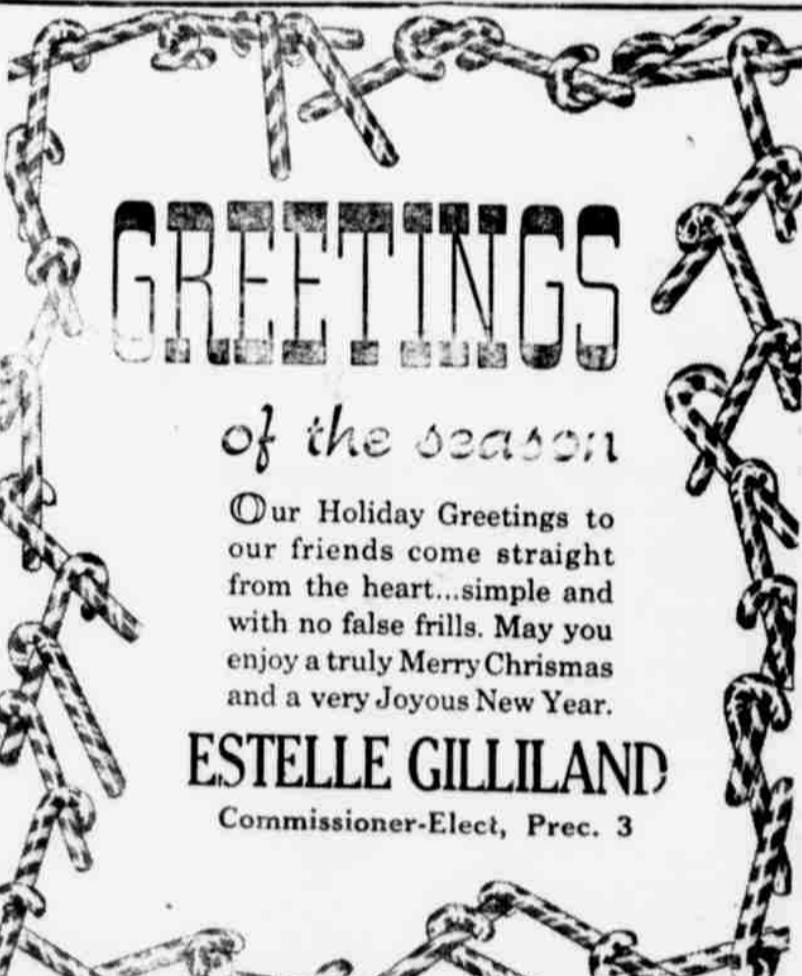


**McCain Laundry**  
Mr. and Mrs. N. L. McCain  
Rose Phillips



"Merry Christmas" ... in these two words we wish to express our appreciation for your unwavering goodwill and friendship.

**FLOYD RICH'S WHITE AUTO**



## GREETINGS

of the season

Our Holiday Greetings to our friends come straight from the heart...simple and with no false frills. May you enjoy a truly Merry Christmas and a very Joyous New Year.

**ESTELLE GILLILAND**  
Commissioner-Elect, Prec. 3




## A GREETING

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

**A. D. (Monte) FRIERSON**  
Tel. 583-J — Nite 785-W

## Merry Christmas

Friendship is one of the outstanding rewards in business, and we are grateful for yours. That's why we take such a great delight in wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



**Woodson Radio and Electric**



## HOLIDAY Cheer

We salute St. Nick... bringer of gifts and bright symbol of holiday cheer. May he make this Christmas a merry one for you... and have many happy landings on the rooftops of all our friends.

**BAIRD'S CLEANERS**




## Season's Greetings

May the spirit of brotherhood that is the meaning of our Christmas spread its teachings of Peace and Good Will around the world.

**REID'S DRUG STORE**

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

That warm, friendly feeling in the air is Christmas! May you enjoy all of its pleasures and good cheer throughout the coming New Year.



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**Greetings**  
On this joyous Christmas we wish  
to extend our heartfelt thanks to all  
of our patrons and business associ-  
ates for their friendship — their co-  
operation — their loyalty during the  
past year. A Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year to everyone.

**WEST SIDE BARBER SHOP**  
Sam Parks

**Christmas SAGE**  
Your Yuletide pleasure be a blend of  
warm, warm spirit of yesteryear and  
joyous, thrilling, enjoyment of today.  
Christmas and Happy New Year to All

**TEXAS CAFE**

**AS THE CHIMES RING OUT**  
Reminding us of the yuletide holi-  
days and we pause to enjoy this season of  
good will, thoughts go back through the  
year to those it has been our privilege to  
serve.  
We want you to know that we sin-  
cerely appreciate your friendship, loyalty  
and patronage and wish for you and yours  
a  
**Merry Christmas**  
And Happiness Through  
Out The Coming Year

**Pogue's Grocery & Market**

**WANT AD SECTION**

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FOR SALE: 14 foot steel tandem  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
To: Yamil Salman, Greeting:  
You are commanded to appear  
by filing a written answer to the  
plaintiff's petition at or before 10  
o'clock a. m. of the first Monday  
after the expiration of 42 days  
from the date of issuance of this  
Citation, the same being Monday  
the 26th day of January, A. D.  
1953, at or before 10 o'clock a.  
m., before the Honorable District  
Court of Haskell County, at the  
Court House in Haskell, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was  
filed on the 10th day of Decem-  
ber, 1952. The file number of said  
suit being No. D-1410. The names  
of the parties in said suit are:  
Naviha Salman as Plaintiff, and  
Yamil Salman as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being  
substantially as follows, to wit:  
that on or about April 16th, 1950  
plaintiff was lawfully married to  
the defendant at Rochester, in  
Haskell County, Texas, and they  
continued to live together until  
on or about May 28th, 1952, when  
by reason of the cruel and harsh  
treatment and improper conduct  
of the defendant toward the  
plaintiff, she was forced to and  
did permanently abandon him  
since which time they have not  
lived together as husband and  
wife.

That there was born to said  
marriage, to-wit: Jo Mac Salman  
who was born on or about Novem-  
ber 8th, 1952.

That there is no community  
property belonging to plaintiff  
and defendant, as is more fully  
shown in plaintiff's petition on  
file in this suit. Praying for di-  
vorce and custody of said child.

Issued this 10th day of De-  
cember, 1952.

Given under my hand and seal  
of said court, at office in Haskell  
Texas, this 10th day of De-  
cember A. D., 1952.

Jesse B. Smith, Clerk District  
Court Haskell County, Texas.

51-2c

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**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. 1953,  
the same being the 13th 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  
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**Virgil Thomas Service Station**

**Merry Christmas**  
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Thanks to all  
who have  
made this 1st  
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Haskell, Texas  
W. H. McCANDLESS, Secretary-Treasurer  
RUBY SMITH, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer

**AT CHRISTMAS**

We realize more than ever, at Christmas time, how much it means to us to have the good will of our friends and patrons. And so once again we extend our sincerest wishes for a Joyous Holiday Season to all.

**Swinson Insurance Agy.**



**SHE'S AMONG FRIENDS**—Physical therapy at Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation for Crippled Children is more than just exercise routines. There is a close and warm relationship developed between patient and therapist that makes carefully precise exercises possible, the core of the treatment program. This Texas treatment center, available to any child regardless of race, color, creed or financial circumstance, is maintained by the contributions of thousands of Texans from every corner of the state.

**Haskell Men—**  
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trict Court of Travis County.

Upon the conclusion of the case he returned to the Attorney General's office in 1939 and has remained there continuously since.

Married in 1909 Judge Bryant has four children and five grandsons. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, Travis County and State Bar Associations and the Democratic Party of Texas.

**Native of County**  
Assistant Attorney General Davis is the son of Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Davis, Sr. He was educated in the public schools of Haskell County and did his pre-law work at Texas Tech. Lubbock. After completing his pre-law work he attended Cumberland University Law School at Lebanon, Tenn., from which he received the LL. B. degree in June, 1934.

He passed the State Bar examination in October, 1934, and immediately formed a partnership with a cousin, Tom Davis of Haskell.

Davis continued in the general practice of law until he was elected County Judge of Haskell County in November, 1938. He served as County Judge of Haskell County from January 1, 1939 to January 1, 1943.

After the expiration of his second term as County Judge, Davis was appointed Assistant Attorney General by the Hon. Gerald C. Mann, then Attorney General of Texas. He was assigned to the Anti-trust Division where he served for some nine months.

At the expiration of Mr. Mann's administration, he was made an Assistant Attorney General in the Oil and Gas Division. After serving in this division for approximately one year Davis was promoted to the position of Division Chief in charge of County Affairs, Schools and Public Health, which position he has held for the past eight years.

During the administration of Attorney General Grover Sellers and Price Daniel, Davis has not only performed the regular duties of Chief of the County Affairs, Schools and Public Health Division, but in addition thereto he has represented the Attorney General on the State Intangible Tax Board.

The County Affairs Division writes most of the official opinions for County and District Offices.

The Federalists and the Republicans were the first two major political parties.

Davis is an active member of the Methodist Church, at the present time being a member of the Board of Stewards of the First Methodist Church in Austin and has been a Steward in the Methodist Church most of his adult life. Davis also takes an active part in scouting and Woodbridge Cub Austin. His two brothers, Foyard County, and larger County, are Attorneys in counties.

**Greetings of the Season**

...and may the spirit of Christmas bring most wonderful blessings to you.

**CONNER NURSERY & FLORAL CO.**

**Weinert News**

Weinert Matrons Club entertained their husbands with a dinner party Thursday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Guess. Gifts were exchanged and games of progressive 42 and canasta were played. Members attending were Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Liles, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Oman, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mayfield, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Bill King, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Winchester, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Monke, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mayfield, Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Weinert, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Coggins, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Childress, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Liles, Rev. and Mrs. Temple Lewis, Mrs. V. C. Derr and Mrs. G. C. Newsom.

The Junior class was entertained with party in the home of their sponsor, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Myers Tuesday night.

Gifts were exchanged, games were played and refreshments served. Attending were Raymond Boykin, Lester Hutchinson, Wayne Josslet, Don Lamb, Delton Smith, Wayne Phemister, Doris Roberts, Scotty Oman, Mary Walker, Frankie Stephens, Sam Adams, Diama Lewis and Jimmy Reeves.

The Senior class was entertained with a lovely party Thursday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vojkufka. Gifts were exchanged between those present. A refreshment plate was served. Afterward the group went to Go-roce to skate. Members in the party: Kenneth Owens, Jo Ann Bryant, Charles Hix, Jerry Jetton, Jackie Jetton, Joella Weinert, Don Yandell, Edna Alexander, Sam Adams, Diama Lewis, Shirlev Herricks, Jeneanne Turnbow, Billy Ray Andersn, Wanda Driggers, Melvin Vojkufka, their sponsor, W. L. Medford, and the host and hostess.

The sophomore party was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sanders, parents of the sponsor R. S. Sanders, Friday night.

Gifts were exchanged from a beautifully decorated Christmas tree. Christmas carols were played and games enjoyed in the house. Refreshments of tuna fish sandwiches with red and green bread, cakes and candy were served. The class presented their sponsor with a corduroy shirt for a Christmas gift. Guests were Harley Reeves, Jeneanne Turnbow, Kenneth Brockett, Howard Liles, Doris Ann Hutchinson, Billy Alexander, Robert Hill, Joann Winchester, Vernon Hargrove, Frankie Stephens, Rendel Forehand, Dolan Vaughn, Carol Ann Robertson and Mrs. M. W. Robertson, Mrs. W. C. Winchester, Mrs. R. S. Sanders and children and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sanders.

Monday night the freshmen held their party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Childress. The class voted not to exchange gifts this year. Refreshments of Cokes and cookies were served after carols were sung by the group. Present were Pansy Hammer, Couilla Mayfield, Nelda Jetton, Clyde Childress, Don Brown, Jack, L. Sargent, Bob Sargent, Robert P. Stephens and Freddie Wegans.

The Rev. and Mrs. Temple Lewis and family are spending the week in Stockton with his mother.

Sue Guess, Ann Derr, Marilyn Smith, Nadine Weinert, Anna Mae Adams are home from college to spend the holidays with their parents.

Word was received from Pvt. Hal Guess this week and he is in Seoul, Korea with the Medical Engineers of the Air Force.

Dale Jones is taking his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood Mo. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Jones of Weinert.

Patsy King entertained her class with a party Wednesday night at her home. After an hour of games and carol singing, cookies and punch were served to 16 guests from a lace covered table centered with a miniature Christmas tree flanked by candles and holly.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill King were hosts Monday night at their lovely country home for a barbecue supper for Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Coggins, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Reid, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Guess, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Gary and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Liles. Games of canasta were played after supper.

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**Christmas Blessings**

PEACE, contentment and good cheer—these are the blessings that we wish for our friends during Christmas and the entire New Year.

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## LETTERS TO SANTA

Weinert, Texas  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I hope you are doing O. K. Please bring me a doll, jumping rope and two puzzles. I would also like some cand. fruit, nuts and gum. Santa Claus I will hang my stocking Christmas. Love  
Shirley Sanders.

Dear Santa:  
I would like a box car, airplane and my brother and I want a football set. Love,  
Ronnie Walker.

Albuquerque, N. M.  
Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl 5 yeras old I'd like you to bring me a drum, doll, baton and telephone. I go to school at San Felipe in Albuquerque. I use to live in Haskell. I would like some candy, fruit and nuts. Don't forget my cousins, the Tatum children who live in Haskell, and my Grannie and Granddad Moore. Also my Grannie and Grandad Hudgens, who live in Andrews. I love you Santa.  
Rita June Moore.

Dear Santa:  
This is a please to write to you because I haven't written to you in a long time. My brother and I want an electric set and I want a racer. And don't forget my little sister. She can't write so she told me to tell you that she wants a doll and table. Her name is Margana. From  
Tommy Walker.

Dear Old Santa Claus:  
I'm writing to let you know I want a Dale Evans watch, a doll house shoes for Xmas. Bring my little brother, Tony, some guns and a Roy Rogers outfit. Santa we have a little sister this year so don't forget her. Santa be good to all little girls and boys the world over this year. Don't forget our boys in Korea. We love you very much. Love  
Betty, Tony and Linda.

Dear Santa:  
I am a little boy ten years old so my mother is helping me write my letter. Santa I would like a big tractor that I can ride and a play shotgun. I would like lots of candy, fruit and nuts in my stocking. I hope you are good to all the other little boys and girls. See you Xmas. Yours truly  
Dennis Dean Johnson.

Dear Claus:  
I have tried to be good. You are nice. I want a sewing machine, twin dolls and a doll bed. Please remember daddy and mother and all the children.  
Betty Vaughn.

Dear Santa:  
I'm a little girl 8 years old and am in third grade. I have tried to be nice and help my mother. I am not asking for much this Christmas as times are so bad and I want you to have enough for everybody. So please bring me a doll and doll trunk. My little brothers, Sammy and Jimmy want a holster set and a large truck. You may leave us some fruit and nuts.  
Sandra Kay Larned.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little girl 8 years old and am in the second grade. I have tried to be a good girl. So will you please bring me a Toni doll and some dishes. Please bring my brother Dwayne a basketball set and a BB gun. Don't forget Miss Watson and all the other children. Love

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me an Army set and a cowboy suit and Lone Ranger pistols, gloves, boots, spurs and two gun holsters. I am a good boy most of the time.  
Love, Joe Nail.

Weinert, Texas  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a girl nine years old. I want a curly head doll, a billfold, a bicycle, candy, nuts, fruits. From your love  
Frances Jewel Kreger.

Rochester, Texas.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little girl 7 years old and I am in the 2nd grade at Rochester. I have made good on my report cards so will you please bring me a Cinderella watch, a projector and pictures, Uncle Wigley game and any thing else you want to. Please don't forget my little sister who is 7 1/2 months old; her name is Karen and she has been a pretty good little baby. Bring her musical Rudolph stuffed toy; also sleeping bag and some rattlers. Don't forget my little cousin, Bickie and all other little boys and girls. Love  
Sharon Sanderson.

## The Mystery of God's Firmament

THE "STAR" which signaled "the First Christmas" may be interpreted in many ways. In all such interpretations we must put ourselves as nearly as possible into the social and psychological frame of mind of those whom we try to understand. The astronomer knows that through the ages the word "star" has been used to indicate almost any celestial phenomenon. We still speak of "falling stars" or "shooting stars" which we know quite well are not stars at all. In more ancient times the comet was called a "hairy star" and was derived from the Latin word coma, meaning hair. The planets were the "wandering stars" as opposed to the "fixed stars", and from the Greek word for wanderer we derive our word "planets."

The Star of Bethlehem could have been any of these. It could even have been a "new star" or nova which suddenly burst forth with a many-thousand-fold increase in brilliance, due to some great stellar catastrophe. These are all explanations of what the "star" could have been. Had it been any of the above, it would have been seen by many peoples, and in literature would have been found references to the appearance of the object which attracted attention. But nowhere in the literature or in the folklore of any of the peoples noted as astute observers of celestial phenomena do these references exist.

From this we are forced to conclude the appearance of the star was a sight given only to the Wise Men to see.

Paint Creek, Texas  
Dear Santa:  
I am a little boy 3 years old. I would like for Christmas a road grader and dirt hauler. I would also like you to bring me candy and nuts. Please don't forget my little cousins, Randy, Mike and Ann. Bring them something, too. Give the children in my Sunday School class some toys, candy and nuts. I have been a good boy this year, so please don't forget me. Thanks Santa.  
Larry Walton.

Weinert, Texas  
Dear Santa:  
I'm a little boy six years old and go to school at Weinert. We play football, so Santa, please bring me a football. If you have an extra punching bag, I would like one. Two guns and scabbard, nuts, candy and fruit. Remember my sister Sandra; bring her something nice. Also remember papa and Grandmother McMillin in Haskell. We love you  
Bill Jetton.



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

**Bynum Service Station**

Texaco Products

## Greetings

the spirit of happiness and good will that fills this season live in your hearts and bless your loved ones for the many years to come. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

**M. C. WILFONG & SON**

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# MERRY CHRISTMAS

*Friends*

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A. T. BALLARD, Manager

## A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS to ALL

As the joyous songs of Christmastide ring out again, telling the happy story of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men" we extend the Season's greetings to our many friends. May your Christmas be one of contentment and good cheer. May the New Year bring you a full measure of happiness and good fortune.

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# LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little girl 7 years old and am in the second grade. I would like these things for Christmas: pencil box, bicycle, doctor set, big doll, bedtime slippers candy and nuts. Dale Evans thanks you for the watch.  
Barbara Ann Cross.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little boy 8 years old and am in the third grade. I would like these things for Christmas: bicycle and guns, an army training center, clay set and a watch, candy and nuts. Thank you.  
Curtis Cross.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a Cinderella watch for Christmas. I live in Haskell and I saw you in Abilene. Love Nancy Brite.

Dear Santa:  
I want a watch for Christmas. Bring Mike a rubber doll and grandmother a fishing box. Love Teddy Foster.

Dear Santa:  
I want a doll for Christmas and a cowgirl suit. Don't forget my brother and my sister and other children.  
Gloria Weaver.

Dear Santa:  
I want a big dog that when you squeeze it's tail it barks. And I also want a castle for my fish bowl and anything else you want to bring me. My names is Joan Frazier.  
Joan Frazier.

Dear Santa Claus:  
How are you? Will you please bring me a doll and some doll clothes. You will be free to turn on the lights and try out the toys and bring me some water colors too. I am a good girl most of the time and don't forget the other children, both here and in other lands. Love Nancy Lawson.

Dear Santa:  
I am not 3 years old yet, and I am a good boy when my mother tells me about Santa Claus. Anything you think I ought to have will please me very much. Of course, I am your friend. Yours Mikey Campbell.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I have been a good boy this year. I want a BB gun this year and a football this year.  
Larry Gilliam.

Dear Santa Claus:  
We are three little cousins and live in Fort Worth, I, Lenda Conway, am 8 years old and go to school and like my teacher fine, so please bring me a doll and a bracelet. And please Santa, don't forget our little cousins Vickie and Bickie Wigley in California.  
I, Randy Conway, am 6 years old and I have been a good boy this year. Will you please bring me a gun and tractor and a Mickey Mouse watch, candy and nuts and don't forget our little cousin, Sharon Kay Wigley at Stamford, Texas.  
I, Peggy Chewning, am four years old. Please bring me a doll bed and a set of dishes and say Santa, most of all don't forget our grandmother and granddad Wigley in Weinert, Texas.

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a logging truck, boxing gloves, punching bag, cowboy suit, two pairs of levis and work shirts. Don't forget my father and mother. I have a new brother—don't forget, and also Hugh and Wanda and Audie Dean. Love Terry Lynn Stocks.

Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl eight years old. Will you please bring me a doll that can walk and has real hair. And don't forget to bring me a baton and I would like a view-master. Your friend Janice Matthews.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little boy 8 years old. My name is Don Thompson and I am in the second grade. I want you to bring me a football, boots and a gun set for Christmas. Love Don Thompson.

## CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

UNITED STATES (Merry Christmas)—Christmas tree, mistletoe and Santa Claus.



BRAZIL (Boas Festas)—A family dinner is first on the list of festive celebrations in Brazil. Christmas trees, gift exchanges and other typical U.S. holiday customs are being adopted in South America.



HOLLAND (Harlelijke Kerstgrooten)—Land of old St. Nicholas, forerunner of our Santa Claus. In former years, the Dutch celebrated for a month. St. Nick scattered his gifts about the floors of Dutch homes as early as December 6.



ITALY (Bono Natale)—Shepherds gather in villages on Christmas Eve to play musical instruments as townfolks sing sweet Nativity songs. Thousands flock to St. Peter's in Rome on Christmas Day.



GREECE (Kala Kristouyeha)—Decorated trees, greeting cards and gift exchanges are season highlights. New Year's Eve is really the top holiday, with big dances, parties and other celebrations for young and old.



# 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



MERRY CHRISTMAS

and best wishes for good fortune through the coming year

Western Auto Associate Store  
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Merry Christmas Greetings

Sincere Good Wishes

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# 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



# Christmas GREETINGS

To all of you whom we  
have been of service in the past.

**HELBER'S JEWELRY**

## Silent Night

Christmas, to be kept fittingly, must bring to us a remembrance of Christ. Every true vision of the day must show us the Holy Child, with the light of divine love shining on His face — for Christmas with no thought of the love of Christ, is empty of all sacred meaning.

In the spirit of this glorious Season we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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**ADORATION OF THE MAGI . . .** This Nativity scene was painted by Benvenuto di Giovanni (1436-1518) of Siena, Italy, and hangs in the National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C. It is one of many famous "adoration" scenes painted by artists of all nationalities.

## LETTERS TO SANTA

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
I am a little girl eight years old. I have been pretty good. Please bring me a big doll, nurse set and some games, and lots of nuts, fruits and candies. Please don't forget my little brother, he is two years old. He wants a horse and some guns. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls and also my teacher, Miss Watson. Be very nice to her. Love  
Sharon Marr.

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
For Christmas I want a bow 5 feet long with 30 arrows with a leather case. And a Fort Apache set and a frontier rifle. A lot of fruit, skyrocket, fire crackers in my stocking. My little brother wants a sidewalk bike, a dump truck and a bigtop circus, and lots of fruits, skyrockets, firecrackers in his stocking. With love  
Lon Dennis and Brian McMillin.

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
I have tried to be nice this year. Just bring me what you want me to have. Please take some dolls and toys to children who never get nice things for Christmas. Hope you can come to our Christmas tree; be sure and bring Rudolph. See you Christmas. Love  
Glinda Kay Long.

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
Will you bring me a Toni doll, cowgirl suit and record player. Love,  
Betsy Sue Beekman.

**Dear Santa:**  
Bring me a doll and cowgirl suit, record player, skates and a new dress. Love,  
Katherine Lois Beekman.

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
The first thing, I am a little boy 6 years old. I have a big brother away at school; the thing I would like best of all for Xmas would be my uncle, Sgt. Eugene Wall, Bowie, Texas, to get to come home from Korea, and please bring me a wrecker truck chemistry set, tool chest, a Chinese checkers. Guess this will be enough for a little boy. Thank you.  
Larry Dale Flournoy.

**Dear Santa:**  
Please bring me a bicycle and a town. Bring Penny a doll and high chair. Thank you  
Brent and Penny Davis.

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
I am Tommy Hester and I am eight years old this year. My little sister, Diana Sue and I live at the same place we lived last year, 1307 N. Ave. G. I want a BB pump gun and a bicycle. Diane wants a doll, a dog, Bible and bicycle. Also, if you have a bicycle small enough for her Love,  
Tommy and Diana Sue Hester

**Dear Santa:**  
I am a little girl 5 years old and I have been pretty good this year. Will you please bring me a doll, suitcase full of doll clothes doll bed and some candy. Please don't forget my mother, daddy and grandma and grandpa. Andrews who live at Stephenville. Thanks  
Doyle New.

**Dear Santa:**  
Guess what, I have been a pretty good boy this year. I want a gun and scabbard for Christmas. I saw you in town today. I got a good bit of candy. I fell down in town, starting to get some candy. Love  
Kenneth Conner, always.

**Dear Santa:**  
I am a little girl eight years old. I am happy when its nearly Christmas time—it's such a happy time. This year I would like a telephone set and a big Doll-E-Bath. Remember all the boys and girls.  
Merilon Sue Crawford.  
Weinert, Texas

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
As I have already got a new bicycle, anything you want to bring will please me, with the exception of one front tooth. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls. Your little friend,  
James Ira Curd.

**Dear Santa:**  
I am a little boy five years old. I have been good like you told me to be last year. I would love to have a new football and helmet, army truck, typewriter, road grader and some water colors. Oh, yes, I have a little sister this year that you haven't met her Her name is Suzanne. I think she would like a magic skin doll and anything that makes noise, because she will be a year old Dec. 27th. Don't forget all my little friends and cousins. Bye, hope to see you soon. Love, your little pal.  
Freddy F. Kreger.

# 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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## Greetings of the Season

We wish for you every happiness that you may enjoy fully  
The Season of good cheer.

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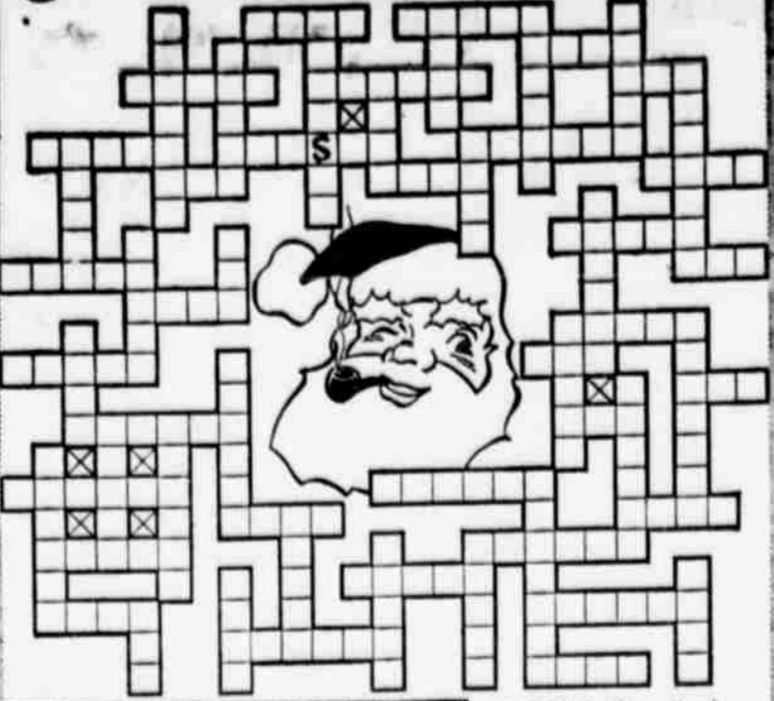


Merry Christmas

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

JOHN F. IVY INSURANCE AGENCY

Christmas Criss-Cross



Here is a Christmas puzzle that will be fun for all the family to work. It is simple. Fill the words into the right spaces. One letter "X" is given as a starting point. The completed puzzle is at the lower right. Don't peek!

- Word list including: LOVE, HOLE, CHILD, SPELL, INFANT, MANAGER, SEASON, SLIGHT, SLEIGH, THING, WEALTH, CHIMNEY, HOLIDAY, FRANGES, FRANCIS, TONGUE.

Answer

Far-Off Lands Come To Life In Yule Toys

Geography comes down the chimney on Christmas Eve. In the flood of toys soon to spill out into the nation's living rooms will be a touch of many different hands. Besides a teddy bear, replica of Australia's marsupial furred koalas, perhaps will stand a carved wooden farm scene from German Bavaria, a South American gaucho doll, or a miniature pagoda made in Japan.

Similarly, the United States, now the world's leading toy maker, sends abroad its wild west costumes, its shiny playtime trucks and cars and earth-moving equipment, its small-scale railroads and sky scrapers to delight children all over the globe.

Toy industries in Germany and Japan are on the upswing again. Germany was among the first nations in the world to make tin horses on wheels, engines that ran animals that walked, birds that sang. Now U. S. buyers go back to cities such as Nurnburg for the output of ingenious middle-aged inventors. New toys that startle the world often come from Europe. One such is a German duck which when set on an incline, proudly walks down the slope. Another gadget from Denmark called a "tippe top," a wobbly sphere about the size of a small apple that suddenly flips upside down and continues spinning on its stem.

Winston Churchill was intrigued by the top when he first saw it. In Stockholm, the King of Sweden, a cabinet minister and an atom physicist, a Nobel Prize winner, got down on their hands and knees at a banquet to study the mysterious flip-flop action.

As a mirror of mankind's culture, toys reflect the progress of civilization. Yet an amazing similarity can sometimes be seen between the toys of long-forgotten eras and the playthings of today.

Leave at least one inch of space between pans and the wall of your gas oven. This insures even heat distribution to give uniform browning.

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Christmas "Open House" Was Early Saxon Custom

At Christmastide, the great hall of the Saxon lord was thrown open to peasant and noble alike—all mingling democratically and exchanging gifts and hearty cheers during a great feast and festivities composed of dance and song. With tremendous burst of shouting, the Yule Log was dragged into the hall and placed upon the open fire pit. These democratic Christmas festivities lasted until the last dying embers of the log.

In our south, prior to the Civil War, the slaves, following this Saxon custom, would soak a log in the cypress swamps to extend the length of their Christmas freedom. This unrestrained friendship between the Saxon lord and his serf at Christmas time has come down to us in the form of the hospitable "Open House."

Man of Bethlehem

Jesus Christ is a God whom we can approach without pride, and before whom we may abase ourselves with out despair.—Pascal.

As the print of the seal on the wax is the express image of the seal itself so Christ is the express image—the perfect representation of God.—Ambrose.

The devotion to the person of Christ that steers clear of the doctrines and precepts of Christ, is but sentimental rhapsody.—Herrick Johnson.

This part of the glory of Christ as compared with the chiefest of His servants that He alone stands at the absolute center of humanity, the one completely harmonious man, unfolding all which was in humanity, equally and full on all sides, the only one in whom the earl, ideal met and were absolutely one. He is the absolute and perfect truth, the highest that humanity can reach; at once its perfect image and supreme Lord.—French.

A gaucho is a South American cowboy.

Rainbows are caused by the sun shining through raindrops.



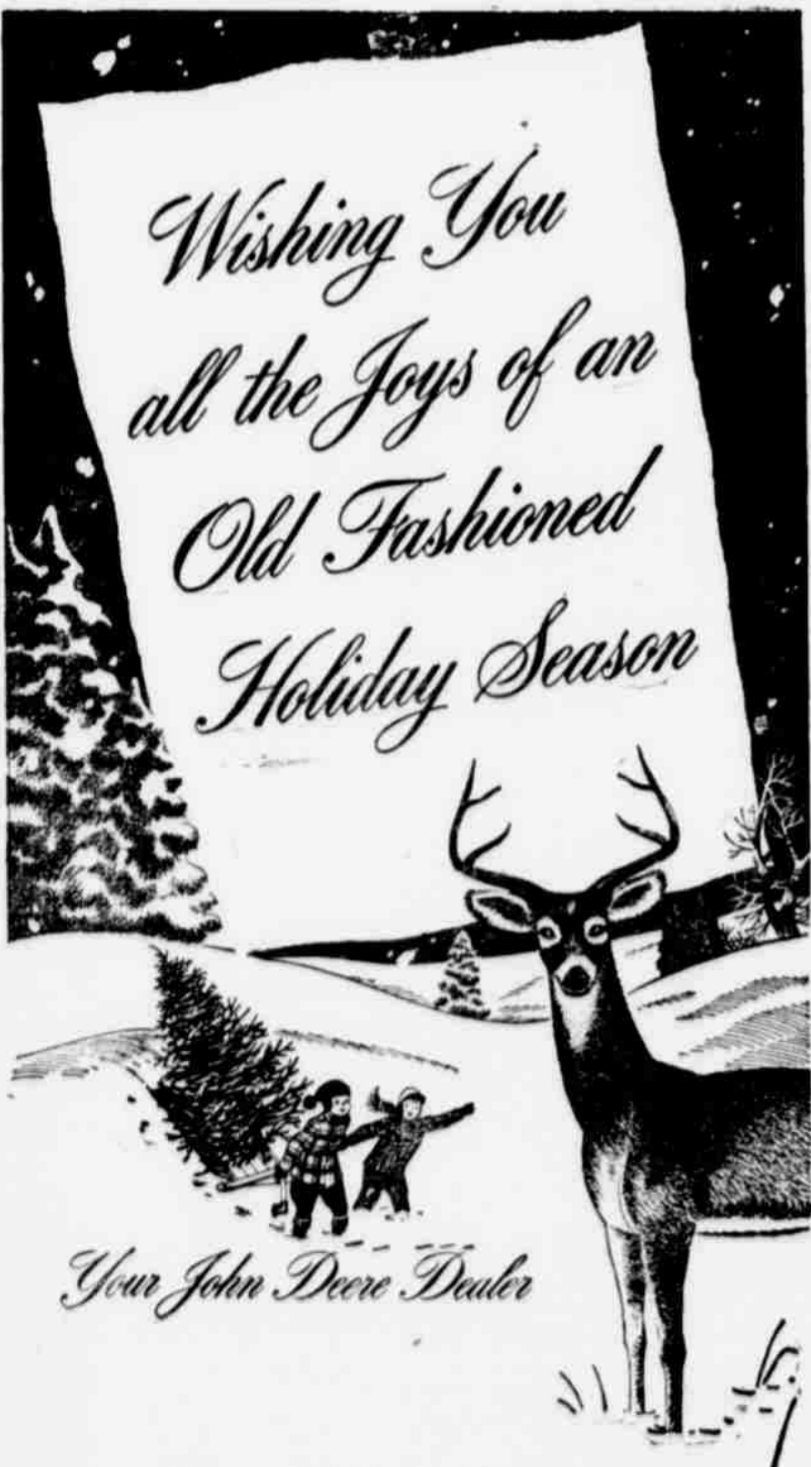
Season's Greeting

Times change and we with time—but not so the age-old custom of extending Christmas Greetings to those whose good will and friendship we cherish and hope to maintain.

This year as always, we are happy to send you the Greeting of the season—with our sincere wishes for good health and joy at Christmas time and throughout the New Year.

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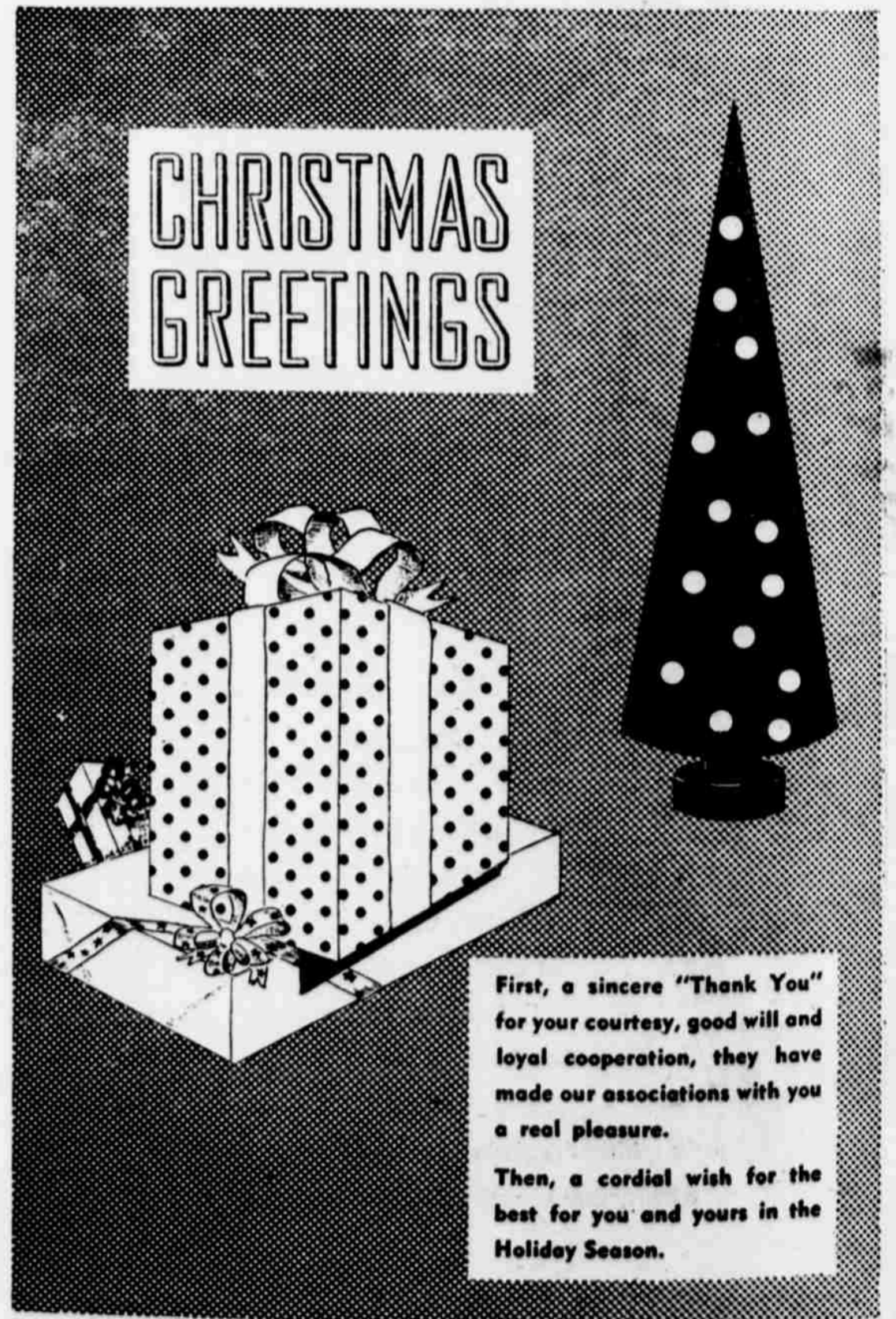


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MERRY CHRISTMAS



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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.

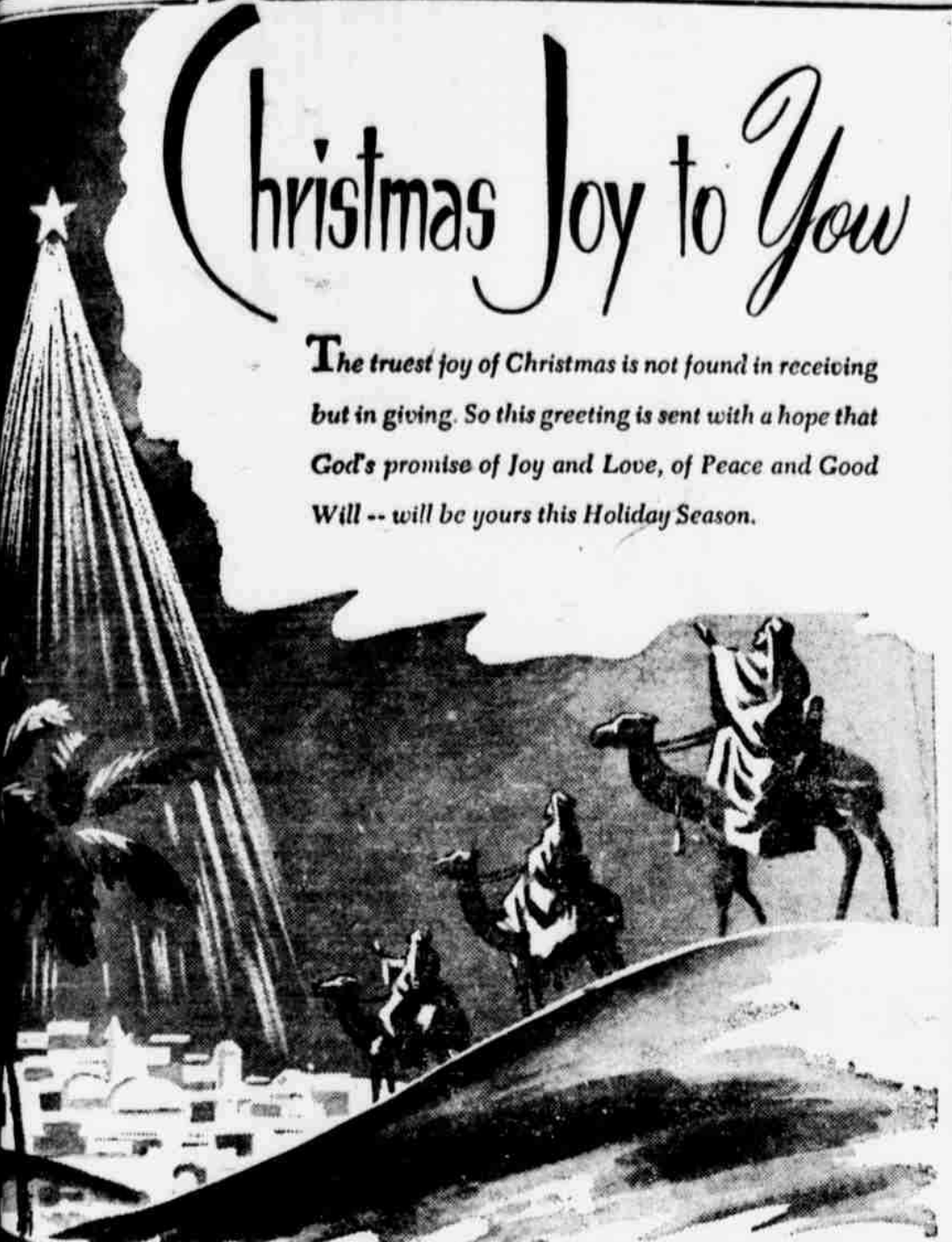
FARMERS CO-OP SOCIETY NO. 1 JOHN ADKINS, Manager

# Normal Rainfall Over State In November For First Time In Months

was above normal all state in November for the first time in months, reports the Board of Water Engineers and Surveyors in drouth-plagued Texas. Surveys in streams increased rainfall in central Texas and in the upper Colorado and in the Neches River basins were below normal. In the state average over the normal average was 150 per cent normal.

The greatest excess occurred in an area in central Texas extending from Red River in the north to the Guadalupe River in the south, draining the upper Trinity and Guadalupe Rivers and tributaries to the Brazos and Colorado Rivers. Rainfall was barely above normal in the Panhandle area and in far West Texas.

er was being augmented by ground water from numerous wells in the area. Flow on North Bosque near Clifton was slightly above normal as was the flow of Nolands River near Blum, whereas at New Braunfels the Guadalupe was flowing at 60 per cent normal. In East Texas the Neches River at Evidale averaged 297 cubic feet per second for the month, the average November flow from 1924 to 1951 being 3,336 cubic feet per second. Sabine River was at low flow for the month although a small rise occurred the latter part of the month along its upper reaches.



## Christmas Joy to You

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

### HELWEG IMPLEMENT CO.

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### Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa: I want a horse and saddle or radio for Xmas. I can't think of another thing else I want. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. To you and Mrs. Santa. Love Marlene Watts. Stamford, Texas

Dear Santa: I have been a pretty good little boy. Will you please bring me a big teddy bear, a big wagon and a punching bag, and boxing gloves and please fill my stocking and don't forget the other little boys and girls. Bring them something nice too. Santa will be at my house. Love Kenneth Ray Davidson. Stamford, Texas

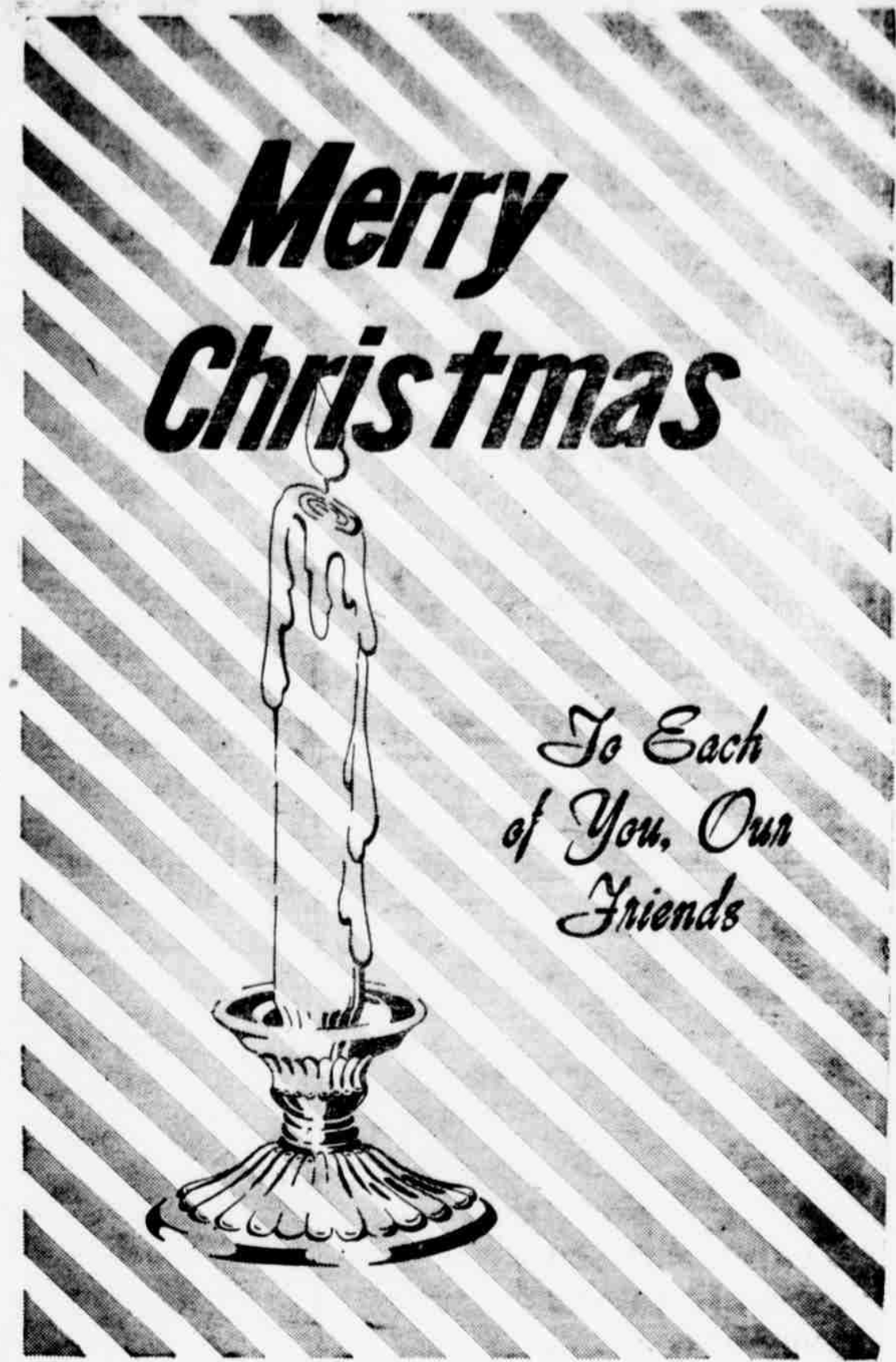
Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 4 years. Will you please bring me a doll with curls, a drum, some clay and I would be proud of anything else you would care to bring. I would also like some candy and nuts. Don't forget all other little boys and girls. I have been good. Thank you. Your little friend, Bobbie Faye Haliburton. Stamford, Texas

Dear Santa Claus: Will you please bring my sister some doll clothes. Will you bring my Daddy a real pretty tie? Please bring my Mother a real pretty evening gown and Santa Claus let what you bring me be a surprise. Love, Jeri Lyn Allen.

Dear Santa: I am a little girl four years old I have a little brother, Randy who is two. We have been good little children. If you have enough toys I wish you would bring us some. I'd like to have a doll that walks, an ironing board and iron. Randy wants a gun and holster and a football helmet. A little girl, Ann Hise.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a pair of boots size 3, a football, skates and a corduroy shirt the color of my boots--yellow please if you have them. Bring my little brother Bennie, age 4, a pair of boots size 10, a drum, truck and a road grader. We love you Jackie and Bennie Harvey.

Dear Santa: How are you? Will you come to see me Christmas? If you have enough to go around. Please bring my little brother a Roy Rogers ranch set and a circus set of house and garage. We would like a table and chair set together and I want a pair of horse shoes, doll house, and cooking utensil set. Love Jeannean and Ronnie Branch.



### WARREN'S BOOTERIE

HASKELL

STAMFORD



## merry christmas

Once again the season of song and merriment is at hand! As young and old raise their voices in tune with the Christmas celebration may we add to the chorus of harmonious greetings, a cheerful wish for all our friends. "May you have a Yuletide of comfort and joy—a New Year of peace, good health and continued happiness."

### Perkins-Timberlake

## Merry Christmas

Now that the Yuletide Season is here again, we find ourselves eager to express to you our good wishes for a Christmas long to be remembered in years to come as the most enjoyable of them all.



### JONES-COX & COMPANY



Horace Oneal      Allie Belle Smith  
 County Clerk      Deputy  
 Wanda Driggers  
 Typist



**Merry Christmas!** Merry Christmas!  
 The spirit conveyed by these words is the same in all countries, but the words themselves sometimes fall harshly on American ears.  
 "Merry Christmas" in French has a soft and musical sound. It is "Joyeux Noel."  
 In Spain the greeting is "Feliz Pascuas", and in Italy, "Buon Natale". For Sweden it is "God Jul" and Norway, "Gladig Jul".  
 In Germany and Holland the greeting is a tongue-twister that will stump the average American. The Germans say "Froehliche Weihnachten" and the Dutch, "Plezierig Kerstfeest".  
 But whatever the language, the spirit behind this greeting is the same wherever there are men of goodwill.

**Early Yuletide Thought Pagan By Christians**

Christmas, like any other blessed institution, has had to fight its battles. The first great enemy of Christmas was the Roman empire whose pagan emperors determined to blot out all kinds of Christian rites.

Then when Roman Emperor Constantine Christianized the empire other enemies of Christmas arose. One course of contention was: Is December 25 really Christmas? Some said Christ was born on January 6; others held for March 29. Some set April 21 as His birthday. Nobody knew with complete confidence just when to celebrate Christmas. At last, in the fourth century, Pope Julius I settled the matter in favor of our present date. His decision was universally accepted.

From the first there had been among Christians a certain hostility toward the Christmas festival. The celebration of birthdays in general was considered heathenish and something taken over from the pagans. Nor did the enemies of Christmas fail to observe that many pagan customs had crept into the feasting of the day. Christmas and the days of Advent that go before it occurs at the time of the winter solstice, when the days cease to grow shorter, and begin to lengthen—

when the sun, having declined its furthest from zenith, begins to climb again. The period was one of festival in many parts of the world, and was held sacred by many religions. Then occurred the Roman Saturnalia, with its wild excesses, and the people of the north, too, had a great mid-winter feast with days of hearty eating and deep drinking. It was only natural that some of the old pagan rites peculiar to the season should be held over and incorporated into the rejoicing of Christmas.

From the Saturnalia came banqueting and dancing and rioting in masks and the giving of gifts. Our Christmas dinner and Christmas presents and Christmas cards and the wearing of Christmas masks in various parts of the world date back to the Saturnalia. The mid-winter feast of the northern peoples was called the Yule, hence our Yuletide and Yule log. The burning of the Christmas log descends from northern tree worship. So does the Christmas tree. The ancient Druids gave Christmas its holly and mistletoe.

Santa Claus seems to date from later Christian times. He is good St. Nicholas, of course. The hanging of stockings comes from the legend that the saint, among his other charities, used to provide doweries for poor girls. The older form of the Christmas stocking custom was for poor girls to hang up stockings in the hope that benevolent St. Nicholas would place marriage portions in them.



We thank you most enthusiastically for the excellent cooperation we have enjoyed during the year just drawing to a close. We have tried to serve you courteously and efficiently and pledge continuation of our efforts as long as we have the privilege of serving you.

Allow us to extend the Season's Good Cheer to everybody!

**THE FAIR STORE**



MAY IT BRING MUCH HAPPINESS TO YOU AND YOURS

**RE-SALE SHOP**

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Lackey

**IT'S A CHRISTMAS TRADITION**

Just like the familiar toy-filled stocking, it's a traditional holiday event to telephone distant friends and loved ones. There's something extra warm and personal about a Christmas phone call—a thoughtfulness and sincerity which no card or gift can match. Why not make this tradition a part of your Christmas?

To avoid delay in making your Christmas calls, place them before Christmas day. If you can, give the long distance operator the out-of-town number you are calling. Then be sure and have a very merry Christmas!

**GENERAL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF THE SOUTHWEST**

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 FOOD STORE**



### Shows Texas Schools Lacking Civil Defense, Disaster Set-Up

The answers revealed that only about one in three schools have areas designated in buildings, and that only about one in five have made studies to find out what natural disasters or enemy actions are most likely to occur in their respective communities. They also showed that only about one in six has made contact with local civil defense directors.

On the other hand, five or six schools now have evacuation drills. What's more, four or five have programs which include studies on how to conserve human and other resources, an important facet of the civil defense program.



**CHRISTMAS FEAST . . .** The toys have been opened and church services are over. Now, it's time for that Christmas feast and a turkey drumstick.

### Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a Roy Rogers Western Town with everything that goes in it, and an air rifle. I also would like a pair of skates. I have been a good boy.  
Bennett Walker.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I think I have been good, Santa Claus. I would like an electric train, it cost \$20.50. I would like two 10c cars, too. I thank you, bye.  
Perry Wayne Pogue.

Dear Santa:  
I am a little boy nine years old, I have a little brother, Lonnie Boyd, who is 7 years old. We are looking for you again this year. Lonnie wants a Hopalong Cassidy outfit, guns and hat. I want an electric football game and a crow-shoot. We both go to school and like it fine. We love our teachers, too. We will hang our stockings for fruits nuts and candy. Lots of love from  
Rodney and Lonnie Childress.

### Study of Quail Wings Is Aid To Research

AUSTIN—The director of Wildlife Restoration for the Game and Fish Commission said an increasing degree of hunter cooperation in gathering quail wings is anticipated.

He said this optimism is based on the "good showing" last year when 304 Texas hunters responded to the director's plea and forwarded 11,553 bobwhite wings.

"This idea of getting knee deep in quail wings is not just fun," said the director. "To a wildlife technician with an allergy, that many quail feathers mean a painful lot of sniffles and sneezes."

"The objectives are facts and figures, clues that may lead to better quail hunting. More appropriate season and bag limits in keeping with maximum harvest of surplus birds along with possible emergency adjustments in regulatory regions, are defini-

nite possibility from data so compiled."

Guiding game management practices, the wing study report last season showed that hunters excepting in South and West Texas, bagged more cock quail than hens, and that young quail comprised 67.2 to 81.1 per cent of the quail harvested.

Typical intelligence from the wing study concerned the fact that the average of young birds per adult hen in the Panhandle dropped from 14.2 in 1950 to 9.6 in 1951. The figures thus indicated that the Panhandle, with the state's best known quail population last year, would have a smaller number this year. And that is precisely what happened.

The trends disclosed by the wing survey help scientists determine quail seasons in regulatory areas so that at least some of the adult quail would die off may be harvested beforehand.

Hunters wishing to cooperate in the current study may get special shipping envelopes from their game warden or the commission in Austin. They should separate wings according to sex and state time and place.

**CHRISTMAS GREETING**

**JESSE B. SMITH**  
DISTRICT CLERK

**JOYOUS CHRISTMAS!**

With a song in our hearts we extend to our friends our wishes for a joyous Christmas and a New Year of bountiful success and good health.

**FRAZIER'S**  
RADIO and RECORD SHOP

Questions and a breakdown of the answers is as following:

Have safety areas been designated within your building?  
A total of 188 answered that they had been designated, and 71 said they had been partially designated. There were 517 negative answers and 67 who returned no answer on that question.

Has an evaluation been made to determine natural disasters which are most likely to occur within your community?  
A total of 112 answered yes, 128 said partially, 583 replied no, and 20 didn't answer that question.

Has an evaluation been made to determine what enemy action would most likely occur within your community?  
A total of 93 said yes, 82 replied that a partial evaluation had been made, 536 said none had been made, and 132 didn't answer.

Has any contact been made with your local civil defense director, and has the school coordinated any or all civil defense activities with same?  
A total of 103 said yes, 109 said partially, 604 replied no, and 27 didn't answer the question.

Are evacuation drills held in your school at regular intervals?  
A total of 571 replied in the affirmative, 57 said a partial system has been set up, 133 said none are held, and 82 didn't answer.

Does the curriculum enrichment program in your school include conservation of human and other resources?  
A total of 400 said it did, another 295 said partially, 105 answered in the negative, and 43 didn't return an answer on that one.

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**GREETINGS**

Always at Christmas time, there comes that special delight in extending to our many friends the greetings of the Season. This year, more so than ever before we appreciate the good will and close friendship that exists between our patrons and ourselves. It is with this fine relationship in mind that we wish you the fullest measure of Yuletide cheer and happiness and a prosperous and healthy New Year.

### THE TEXAS COMPANY

FRED GILLIAM, Consignee

- Gene Campbell Station, Haskell
- Thurman Bynum Station, Haskell
- M. C. Wilfong Station, Haskell
- Camp Kennedy Station, Haskell
- Burson Bros. Station, Haskell
- R. C. Trussell Station, Haskell
- W. H. Brannon Station, Haskell
- Dick Tracy Station, Haskell
- Howard Brass Station, Rule
- A. L. Goode Station, Rochester

### GILLIAM & DEAN

### BUTANE COMPANY

FRED GILLIAM

JESSE DEAN

May Your  
**CHRISTMAS**

be a Happy One

This is the sincere wish of every member of this organization.

We are deeply appreciative of the opportunity we have had in serving you . . . and we truly hope that for each of you, this may be a day of great joy.

### NEELY DRY GOODS

Mr. and Mrs. George Neely



*Peace...  
Good Will...*

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

It is in this spirit of good fellowship that we wish everyone —  
A Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year!

**Bill Wilson Motor Company**

Texas Farm and Ranch Committee passes on this year. The best Christmas is Christmas. Don't take the best in the home, on the farm or away that could spoil this of the year for you or family.

Turkey talk will be the order of the day when the National Turkey Federation meets in Dallas on January 6-8, 1953. Those meeting will be given the latest information on every phase of the industry and interested Texans are urged to be present.

You can save time—and—onions by keeping peeled raw onions in a tightly covered jar in your gas refrigerator. Select Christmas toys for the children that fit their stage of development.

Section Three

# THE HASKELL



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**MERRY Christmas**

Because Christmas time is reserved for very special greetings—we want to take this opportunity to thank our many patrons for their continued friendship and good-will... and add, too, in a great big measure—our sincere wishes that the spirit of the season may remain a lasting joy for you and yours throughout the coming New Year.

**HASSEN'S**  
Shop With Confidence  
THE HASSENS

## Letters to Santa

Dear Santa:  
I am a little boy six years old. I would like for you to bring me a bicycle for Christmas. Don't forget to bring my little brother a tricycle. Bring some candy and nuts. Come to see all the other boys and girls. With lots of love,  
David Gene Ray.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am writing you a letter to tell you what I want for Christmas. I have been a good little boy all year. I want an electric train, a dump truck and a teddy bear. I am four years old. Love always  
Billy Lee Taylor.

Gayle Carter.  
Weinert, Texas  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a girl seven years old. I want a doll, a washing machine, a bicycle and nuts, fruits, candy. From your old love  
Minne Maybelle Kreger.  
Weinert, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a boy five years old. I want a tricycle, a steam shovel, a big truck. Don't forget the others girls and boys.  
Donald Dean Kreger.  
Weinert, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am five years old and I have been a good boy. Please bring me a road grader, a caterpillar and some nuts, fruit and candy.  
Yours truly,  
David Smith.  
Happy, Texas

Dear Santa:  
I am a little boy 9 months old. I'm not very particular what you bring me this year. But I do like assorted toys and candy. I'll be at my Nannie and Granddad Fraley's this year at Haskell, so you can come to see me there. Be good to all the other little boys and girls and go see my Row who is at MacDill AFB, Florida. I love you  
Randy Allison.  
O'Brien

Dear Santa Claus:  
This Christmas I would like to have a doll that says Mamma and Papa, and I would like for her to have hair that I can fix. My brother Jimmie would like to have an electric football machine. Your friend,  
Norma Sue White.



**INFLATION . . . Santa supervises while one of his helpers inflates a doll. The benevolent old gent looks on with interest. Perhaps he is thinking inflation is not confined to economics.**

Dear Santa:  
I am five years old. I would like for you to bring me a bicycle and a pair of combat boots. Santa, if you will bring me a bicycle I will not ride it in the street. Your friend  
Gary W. Davis.

Dear Santa:  
Most of all I want a doll with hair I can fix and then anything else you want me to have. I am four years old and I have a sister, Kay, who is eleven and a baby brother, Bill, Jr., who is only 4 months old. Don't forget them. I'll try to be better next year than I was this year. Love  
Debby Ann Wseman.

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a doll—a Betsy McCall—and a baton; set of dishes, some candy and fruit. Your friend  
Linda Flo Grinstead.  
O'Brien, Texas

Dear Santa:  
I want a bicycle tire and tube. I want a basketball. Remember all the boys and girls. Your friend,  
Jerry Don Hutchinson.

To save vitamins and minerals as well as fuel, most vegetables should be cooked in the smallest possible quantity of water and over a flame tailored to fit the cooking utensil, not too large or too small.

## Legend Of Santa Should Be Told, Psychologist Says

"Children enjoy Santa Claus more when they know what he really is," Duke University psychologist Dr. Gelolo McHugh says. "No one enjoys finding out that he has been kept in the dark," says the specialist in child psychology, "and children are no exception." The real meaning of Santa Claus is the joy of giving to make others happy says Dr. McHugh, and no child should be deprived of this privilege.

Later parents have the difficult job of explaining that there is no jolly old Christmas, Dr. McHugh points out. When the truth comes out the parent has placed himself in the position of being responsible for Santa's disappearance. Santa should be a part of Christmas, however, Dr. McHugh believes, but from the very beginning, he should be treated as a wonderful pretend game. This method has proved successful with many children, the specialist says, including his own two young boys.

Children, who love to make-believe, are perfectly capable of enjoying Santa, reindeer, chimneys and all, while knowing in their hearts, when they stop to ask themselves, that he is a pretend person, he says.

The child who takes part in the Santa game doesn't have to wonder on Christmas morning why Santa didn't like him well enough to bring the expensive toys that were ordered from the North Pole, the psychologist points out. The young Indianapolis mother who recently wrote a Christmas letter for her 5 year old son just before her death in an airplane crash, had wonderful understanding, Dr. McHugh says. She ended her letter by telling her little son that "anyone who loves and gives is real Santa."

Dear Santa:  
I am trying to be a good boy and am looking forward to your visit very much. Please bring me a cowboy hat, pistol and holster and a doctor's case. My little sister Janet, wants a baby doll, doll cradle and dishes. Also bring us some candy and nuts. Love,  
David Follstaedt.

## Scandinavian Elf Was Santa's Helper

Where did Santa's Little Helper come from? In the Viking age in Scandinavia, long before Leif Eriksen discovered America, the little North Children believed that a little elf with long white whiskers—Jul Tomten—lived in the stable. He saw that the earth was abundant with good food and that the animals and birds were taken care of. After the pagan Vikings became Christianized, little Jul Tomten became the giver of presents—like our Santa Claus today. The children left a bowl of porridge on the kitchen table for which Jul Tomten would exchange gifts for the good boys and girls. Travelers brought back

the legend of Tomten and he has come down to us as the busy jolly, good little elf who works in Santa's workshop.

**HASKELL VISITORS**  
Mr. and Mrs. Victor Edwards of Winton, Calif., spent several days last week visiting in the homes of their uncles, Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Edwards and Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Edwards and other relatives and friends here.

If fruit boils over in the oven, pour on salt while oven is still hot. In about an hour, when the salt dries, it will form a hard cake and all can be easily lifted out, leaving a clean oven.

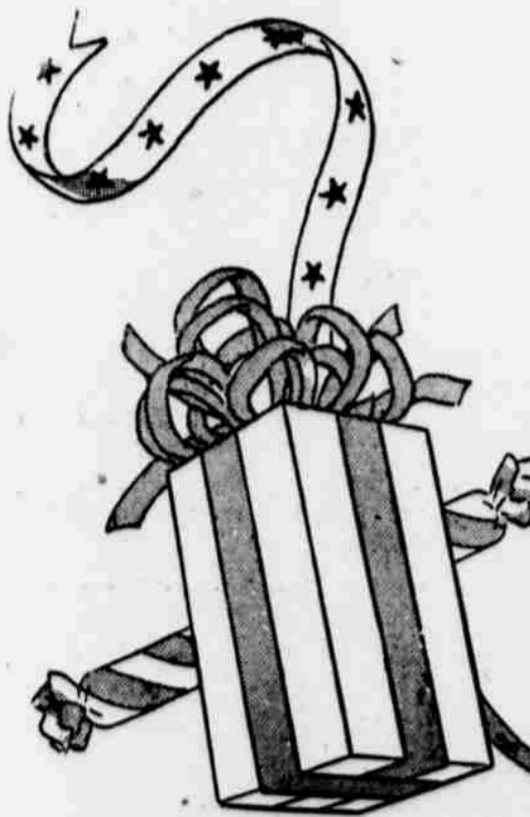
**Greetings**

To all our many patrons . . . A Merry Christmas . . . May it be a forerunner of continued prosperity, good health and success in the New Year.

Collier Grocery

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Collier

# A Treasured CUSTOM OF LONG STANDING



It's been our happy privilege for a long, long time, to send our Christmas greetings each year to those of you whom we have had the pleasure of serving. We look forward each year to this occasion, principally because we learned long ago the value of loyal friendships. Each year

we strive to add more friends to our list. If we have not had an opportunity to serve you in the past, we invite your consideration. We will do our best to please.

And to those of you whom we have been associated for many years, here's our usual, yet genuine, "Merry Christmas".



# MERRY CHRISTMAS

## Dotson-Furrh Motor Company

Olen Dotson

Stanley Furrh



# CHEER for Christmas

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

J. D. TYLER GROCERY

## M-Sgt. H. Preston Of Throckmorton Now In Korea

With The 7th Infantry Div. in Korea—M-Sgt. Hugh D. Preston whose wife, Lena, lives in Throckmorton, is serving in Korea with the 7th Infantry Division.

Since making the amphibious landing at Inchon in the fall of 1950, the 7th Division has fought in every sector of the Korean peninsula. Elements of the 7th were the only US forces to reach the Yalu River.

Master Sergeant Preston, a veteran of nearly 17 years Army service, arrived in Korea in November.

Preston, son of Mrs. Florence Preston (father deceased) of Ashland, Ala. has among his decorations the Purple Heart for wounds received in action and the Good Conduct Medal.

Broiler growers can pick up a lot of valuable information on the industry by securing a copy of B-204, Broiler Production, from the local agent.



**FULL REHEARSAL FOR THE BIG DAY . . .** Robert wanted Nick, the dog, to have dinner with him at his private table, but Dad and Mom were not enthusiastic until Robert demonstrated that Nick's table manners are impeccable. He did it with a dress rehearsal, which you see here. Nick seems to be enjoying nonchalantly an after dinner cigarette.

## Impressive Program Marks Annual White Christmas Service at Christian Church

A complete blanket of white covered the front of the auditorium of the Christian Church Sunday night for the observance of the annual White Christmas Service. The white curtains were highlighted with blue light and icicles which glistened along the upper edge of the curtains.

As the program began a prelude of Christmas music was played by the accompanist, Mrs. Lynn Pace, Jr. The two choirs, Junior and Adult, entered from the back of the auditorium, gowned in white robes and carrying candles, and proceeded down the aisles to the choir lofts to the background of the most beloved Christmas carol, "Silent Night."

The invocation was pronounced by Bro. Marshall of the Christian Church of Knox City. Bro. John Barry read the Christmas chapter of the Christmas Story, from Luke 2:1-20.

A film strip titled "The Baby King" flashed the Christmas Story upon the screen as the choirs told the story in music. A flute solo, "Away In a Manger" by Miss Pearl Ratliff introduced the Little Nativity and the opening remarks.

Mrs. Meaders played a violin solo, "Angels Serenade," while the film told of the annunciation to Mary and Joseph.

The first selection by the Junior Choir was "Happy Little Children Singing."

The musical accompaniment of the film strip included "No Room In the Inn" and "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" sung by the Adult Choir; "Joy to the World" by combined choirs; "Just a Wee Baby" solo by Julia Collins; "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks," the Adult Choir; "Tell We the Tidings," Junior Choir; "Angels From the Realms of Glory," Adult Choir; "Follow His Star," Junior Choir; "O Little Town of Bethlehem," combined choirs; "The First Noel," Adult Choir; "We Three Kings," the Men's Chorus, with Lynn Pace, Jr. and Bill Emhoff singing a duet on the verses. "Seeking For Me" by the Adult Choir ended softly as the projector was switched off and the curtains opened to reveal the scene of the Nativity.

Mary, the mother of Jesus was played by Mary Helen Fouts; Joseph was represented by Otto Waldrip; the Angel was Mrs. Jake Whittaker, and the Baby Jesus was Baby John Preston Fouts, seven-weeks old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Fouts.

The Junior Choir sang softly "Away In a Manger" with Sam Pace singing the solo. As the congregation brought their white gifts to the altar just below the manger scene, the combined choirs sang "Silent Night, Holy Night."

The closing finale was a full choir singing "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing." Immediately following this chorus the trumpet fanfare was sounded by Gloria Ratliff and the choir and congregation joined in singing "O Come All Ye Faithful." Following the exit of the choirs, the evening benediction was given by Bro. Desgrange of the Christian Church of Benjamin.

All attending, including a number of out-of-town visitors, reported the program was well received and the offering taken has been sent to help the orphan children who are less fortunate than ourselves.

The 25th annual White Christmas service at the Christian Church is now planning for 1951. White Christmas which will be presented in 1953.

## Service Pipe Line Promotes Charles E. Dougherty

Charles E. Dougherty, Service Pipe Line Co., district gauger in the company's West Texas division, has been promoted to division gauger with headquarters at Williston, N. D., C. M. Scott, Tulsa, general manager, announced today.

A native of Oklahoma, Dougherty joined Service Pipe Line in 1940 in Tulsa. In North Dakota he will supervise the gauging of oil received for shipment through the company's gathering system to a railroad loading rack at Tioga.

Warped or dented pans often are causes of uneven baking rather than mixing or fuel failures

*Season's Greetings*

The warmth of the Christmas spirit is reflected in the cherished friendships we have made over the years. Again to our many friends we extend our sincerest wishes of good health and happiness for the Yuletide and the New Year.

W & W TRACTOR CO.

# 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.



SMITTY'S AUTO SUPPLY Haskell

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# Good wishes...

Like the gaily bedecked Christmas package, this greeting is filled with joyous thoughts of the Holiday. To all of our patrons and friends, we extend our sincerest gratitude, along with the wish that the coming year bring you bigger parcels of happiness and good cheer.

THE PERSONALITY SHOPPE

*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.

HASKELL COOPERATIVE GIN CO.

"A Good Gin Owned By Good People"

R. W. TURNBOW, Manager

# SOCIETY

## Dorcas Class Has Christmas Social Dec. 15

The Dorcas class of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. Maybelle Foote Monday night Dec. 15 for their annual Christmas social. Serving as co-hostesses were Lois Henry, Alene Wheatley, Brucille Nellums, Iola Everett and Virginia Flournoy.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. Ruby Alvis. A beautiful and impressive devotional, "The Life of Christ," by Verse, was given by Miss Barbara Merchant.

With Mrs. Cleatus Dixon presiding, a short business session was held. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Reports were given by the group captains and the social chairman. The resignation of Ruby Alvis as stewardship vice president was accepted.

During the social hour Christmas carols were sung by the group under the direction of Mrs. Freddie Ballard. Numbers were drawn for gifts which had been placed beneath a beautifully decorated tree. A gift from the class was presented to the class teacher, Mrs. Foote. Pictures were made of the class.

Serving table was laid with an ecru cutwork cloth and centered with a lovely arrangement of red carnations and holly. Class president, Mrs. Cleatus Dixon, presided at the silver service. Favors were miniature Santa Claus boots. Refreshments of cake, red and

green sandwiches and coffee were served to the following members: Ruth Currie, Trudie Gresham, Bonnie Anderson, Wynona Lusk, Callie Robison, Cleatus Dixon, Elyse Eastland, Frances Bird, Ruby Alvis, Margaret Wall, Bertha Seay, Marjorie Waldrip, Ethel Lou Shelton, Adalene Johnson, Avis Pennington, Eula Mae Herren, Katherine Schwartz, Blanche Long, Opal Smith, Gladys Merchant, Iola Everett, Estelle Stacy, Edna Burnett, Lora Mae Mullins, Betty Jo Clanton, Allene Wheatley, Lois Henry, Brucille Nellums, Freddie Ballard, Maybelle Foote and one guest, Mrs. Chas. Conner.

## Ruth Bible Class Has Annual Xmas Social Dec. 15

Mrs. J. B. Gipson opened her home to the members of the Ruth Bible Class of the First Baptist Church for their annual Christmas social Dec. 15. Hostesses for the occasion were Mesdames Billie Cadenhead, Mickey Cook, Frances Thomson, Leola Wiseman and Ruby Wooten.

Mrs. Chris Carroll, class president had charge of the business meeting.

The opening prayer was given by Mrs. Elta Moore after which Christmas carols were sung by the group.

Mrs. Lorene Hood then gave the financial report for the month. The devotional was given by Mrs. Cretia Brooks, class teacher. Her theme was "The Birthday of Little Jesus." Mrs. Billie Cadenhead then read "The Sand Dollar."

Those present to enjoy the occasion were Mesdames Faye Stiewert, Dorothy Trussell, Alice Larned, Grace Williams, Marie Howeth, Bertie Mae Dumas, Nell Pogue, Winnie Sherman, Cretia Brooks, Ruby Loyd, Ernestine Allison, Lucille Allison, Sybil Todd, Lee Burson, Doris Harrell, Thelma Thomas, Virginia Hise, Eddie Patton, Lorene Hood, Inez Gholson, Helen Baker, Jerrene Couch, Fern Lackey, Leola Wiseman, Bertie Beckman, Ruby Wooten, Bessie Rich, Frances Larned, Billie Cadenhead, LaNell Sanders, Mickey Cook, Nancy Reeves, Iva Lee Gipson, Gladys O'Neal, Chris Correll, Jimmy Lou Adkins, Carolyn Everett, Pauline Ray, Marjorie Dean, Elta Moore and Maxine Miller.

## Mrs. A. C. Pierson Hostess For Fidelis Class Breakfast

Mrs. A. C. Pierson was hostess for a Christmas breakfast in her home Sunday, Dec. 14 at 9 o'clock for members of the Fidelis Class of the First Baptist Church. She was assisted by officers of the class.

The home was beautifully decorated with a Christmas tree and other holiday greenery and flowers. Breakfast was served in the dining room where the table was a lovely picture with a green and white centerpiece, supplemented with tall green lighted candles.

The menu consisted of Christmas cakes, candies, nuts, olives and coffee served by Mrs. Allie Payne who presided at the table.

A program, directed by Mrs. Gertie Waggoner, was given following the breakfast, as follows: Piano, A Christmas Prelude Mrs. J. F. Cadenhead, Sr.

The Lord's Prayer in unison by Class.  
Devotional, Matt. I, Mrs. Allie Payne.  
Solo, A Song In the Air, Mrs. J. F. Cadenhead, Sr.

A Christmas Story, "A Star," Jerry Cox.

A resume was given of the Mission work being done by Miss Maybelle Taylor in Recife, Brazil, who sent pictures of her helpers and students of the school.

Christmas carols were sung and Mrs. Ed Fouts gave the benediction.

Members and guests attending were: Mesdames Cora Pierson, Allie Payne, Helen Oates, Tillie Chapman, Ora Stovall, Hassie Couch, Sadie Payne, Estelle Lee, Gertie Waggoner, Ruby Coggins, Opal Dotson, Veda Furrh, Leone Pearsey, Tom Ballard, J. F. Cadenhead, Sr., W. M. Reid, Bessie Fouts, Jerry Cox, Stella Trice, Ruby Smith, Juanita King, Louise Greene, Frances Lane, Margaret Hunter, Joyce Ruff, W. R. Carter, Claudie Mae Bland, Misses Nettie McCollum, Murrell DeBard and a guest, Mrs. J. F. Cadenhead, Jr.

## Busy Blue Birds Sing Carols, Have Christmas Party

At the meeting of the Busy Blue Birds Wednesday, Nov. 10, the group practiced singing Christmas carols and at the conclusion of the session were served refreshments by Mrs. Clay Hattox.

On Tuesday, Nov. 15, instead of the regular meeting, the Blue Birds met in the evening to go Christmas caroling. Later they met with all the other Blue Bird groups and Camp Fire Girls, to sing Christmas carols. Mrs. Smith told a Christmas story, then the group went to Martha Jane Bynum's for an Xmas party. Gifts were exchanged and Mrs. Bynum served refreshments.

Control measures should be used now by peach tree owners to clear their trees of borers and San Jose Scale. This scale is the top killer of peach trees in the state and effective control can be obtained only during the dormant season.

Bake potatoes in half the usual time. Just let them stand in boiling water for fifteen minutes before popping them into a very hot oven.

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*To Our Many Friends and Customers*

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

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

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

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# Christmas



It is our sincere desire that you will spend a most enjoyable Holiday with your family and friends. At Christmas we find it most opportune to thank you for your many past favors and solicit your continued good will.

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**TIME FOR CAROLS . . .** Men, women and children from Protestant churches blend their voices in carol singing before the blazing Yule log. This Christmas Eve custom is becoming increasingly popular throughout the country.

## Christmas Gifts Are Not Always Brought By Santa

In America it is always Santa Claus, dashing from rooftop to rooftop in his sleigh, that brings Christmas gifts to the children. But it is not always Santa who brings the gifts to children in other lands.

In Holland it is St. Nicholas dressed in bishop's robes of black, wearing a mitre and carrying the crozier. And he arrives on a white horse.

English children look for Santa Claus who closely resembles our own and gifts are tied to Christmas trees.

In Finland, Santa has elves who passes out gifts for him. In Italy there is no Santa Claus. Instead, they have a beneficent old witch, Befana, who sails through the air on a broom stick on Christmas Eve.

Brazil has Papa Noel, very much like Santa. He wears a red suit and travels in a sleigh drawn by reindeer. However, he enters the house through a window instead of the chimney.

Spanish children place their straw-filled sleeves on a window sill so that the Magi may feed their horses while they leave gifts. The older people fill an Urn of Fate from which the gifts are drawn on Christmas Day.

In many other parts of the world Santa is not known, but many people exchange gifts nevertheless at Christmas time.

## Noel Preparations Started In Norway In Middle Of Year

Christmas just couldn't help being the event of events in Norway when grandmother was a girl.

Without exaggeration, preparation for Christmas actually began six months before December 24. Everything which was used—food, clothing, household furnishings—was prepared in the home. Even the leather shoes was tanned from hides raised on the homestead.

The cloth for the apparel, from the skin out, was woven on hand looms. Cobblers came to the house and made the shoes; dressmakers and tailors came. Everyone in the household had to have a new wardrobe for Christmas and since tailors and cobblers and dressmakers could not be at all places at once, it was necessary to get an early start.

When the butchering was finished—in October or November—the suet was melted and all the candles were made. The children always had a hand in making the little ones for use on the Christmas tree. And they usually made one which had three prongs which, placed at the very top of the tree, represented the three wise men.

To keep pecan meats whole, pour boiling water over whole pecans and let stand for thirty minutes before cracking. Meats may then be removed from shells practically whole.

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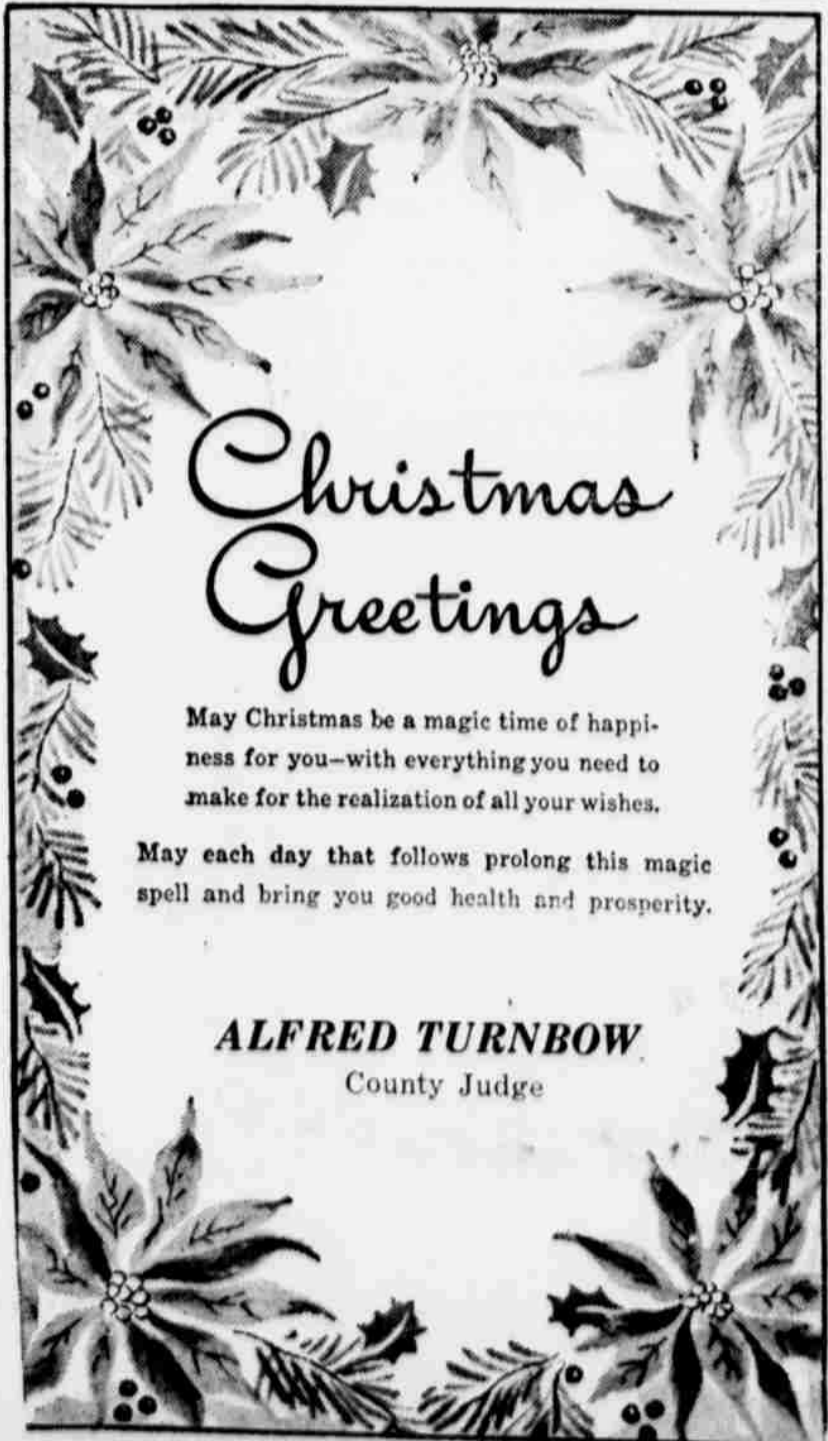
## Mistletoe Bestows Good Fortune

VERY few people don't know what a sprig of mistletoe means at Christmas time—especially when there's a pretty girl standing beneath it! But few people realize that this very pleasant custom has its root in age-old superstitions.

The lore of primitive days contains many references to mistletoe. According to an ancient Norse legend, the sun god was slain by an arrow fashioned from the mistletoe plant. He was resurrected by his mother's tears, which falling upon the plant, were crystallized into pearly berries. Because of this magical healing, it was ordained that mistletoe should grow neither on heaven nor earth, but suspended between. That is the reason, runs the legend, that mistletoe is found

growing on trees. Mistletoe was of special significance to the Druids, ancient pagan priests of England, who cut it off trees with a golden knife used only for that purpose. They believed it possessed wonderful powers of healing and acted as a protection from witchcraft. During the December religious rites, it was bestowed upon individuals as a special mark of honor.

Because of its supposed salutary properties, mistletoe was often hung over the doors of primitive houses as a sign of good-will. Belief in magic has disappeared, but this custom still remains. And a kiss under the mistletoe still has beneficial effects. Try it and see for yourself!



## Christmas Greetings

May Christmas be a magic time of happiness for you—with everything you need to make for the realization of all your wishes. May each day that follows prolong this magic spell and bring you good health and prosperity.

**ALFRED TURNBOW**  
County Judge



# 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**

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MAY the Christmas spirit be with us not for a few calendar days but throughout the years to come. Let us offer a fervent prayer that the Christmas bells will ring out forever with the cheerfulness of everlasting peace on earth.

As we approach the eve of Christmas we are very grateful to our friends for their loyalty and extend cordial greetings and sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas.

LET US KEEP CHRISTMAS A SHINING LIGHT

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# Season's Greetings

It is our sincerest wish that long after Christmas Day is gone, you may enjoy its abundant pleasures and fond memories.

And throughout the New Year may there come to you all the precious things of life—Health, Happiness, and Enduring Friendships.

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**SANTA'S ROLL CALL . . .** In a big city Santa needs a platoon of helpers to make the rounds. Here he checks up in New York to see if all his aides are on hand for the big Christmas Eve delivery.

## Your Poinsettia Will Bloom Again Next Christmas

The poinsettia has long been a popular Christmas plant but probably few people have given much thought to the fact that it does come into bloom each year only at this season.

The poinsettia is one of a group of plants known as short day plants because it will bloom only in the season of the year with short day length periods, preferably 10 hours or less. That is why it is always in bloom during the Christmas season and not during the summer. It could be prevented from blooming now by lengthening the daylight period to 15 hours by means of artificial light.

Flower growers have learned how to bring garden chrysanthemums into bloom any month of the year by using shading cloth to shorten the days and artificial lights to lengthen the days. The chrysanthemum is also a short day plant.

How can one keep a poinsettia plant until next season? After its usefulness is over, place it in the basement or some dry place where it will not freeze. Do not water it, or at least very little, and let the soil dry up. Next May bring the plant out, cut the stem back about two thirds, wash the old soil off the roots and re-pot in new soil. From then on handle it like any other pot plant. Softwood cuttings taken in July and rooted will give you good Christmas bloom.

## Texas Farm Cash Income Continues Under Last Year

Texas farm cash income for the first 10 months of 1952 was 11 per cent below that of the same 1951 period, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reports.

The drop amounted to \$187,000,000.

In the year-to-year comparison income from wool was down 42 per cent; sheep and lambs, 40 per cent; and calves, 36 per cent. However, flaxseed income gained 1.174 per cent; wheat, 70 per cent; and rice, 41 per cent.

In actual dollars, the cotton income loss was heaviest—nearly \$119,000,000. Cattle income was down \$90,000,000. Wheat income was up nearly \$100,000,000; cotton seed and rice, more than \$20,000,000 each.

Heating an orange a moment in your gas oven will make the inner skin peel off perfectly.

To make individual meat loaves—fix regularly meat loaf mixture; bake in 350 degrees oven. Each eater gets a juicy loaf brown all around.

## Christmas Trees Have Many Uses After New Year's

There are a number of things you can do with your Christmas tree after New Year's besides burning it.

If it is a fir for instance, it can be anchored in the back yard—perhaps in a corner of the garden—and used as a bird feeder the remainder of the winter. Pieces of suet and little feed bags may be tied to the branches. A container of water should be placed beneath the tree and kept filled so the birds will have a drink every day.

Or, cut off the branches and place them, curved ends up, over flower beds when the ground is exposed. An evergreen mulch helps prevent the soil from heaving during alternate freezes and thaws. Long branches may be built into little lean-tos to protect tender shrubs from sun scald.

The needles of a Christmas tree can be sprinkled beneath acid-loving plants such as laurel, andromeda, rhododendron and blueberries.

If the needles on the trees are still firm, use the branches in an outdoor windowbox. Moisten the soil in the box. Then push the cut ends of the branches down to the bottom and tamp the soil firm around them. This will generally give you greenery all winter.

If you must burn your Christmas tree, don't toss it into a fireplace. Cut off the branches and burn them safely one by one.

And remember, a Christmas tree tossed into the street can become a fire hazard if playful children pick it up and make a bonfire of it in a vacant lot.

## 'Flu' Most Prevalent At This Season Of The Year

This is the season of the year when influenza or "flu" is most prevalent, according to Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer. Colds, grippe, influenza whatever we may call them, are believed to be spread from person to person through discharges from the nose and throat. To protect yourself and others from such disease, here are some things to be remembered:

Influenza is highly infectious. Practically everybody is susceptible to it. No matter how many times you have had the disease you may contract it again. Therefore, keep away from people who are sneezing, coughing, or sniffing or who are actively ill with colds, influenza or pneumonia. Keep away from crowded places. Have your own towel and always wash your hands before eating, and sneeze or cough into your handkerchief.

Keep fit by drinking plenty of water, by eating simple nourishing food, by some exercise out of doors every day, by dressing according to the weather, by having plenty of sleep in a well ventilated room, and by keeping the bowels regulated.

Don't neglect your "cold." If you have the slightest suspicion of fever go home, go to bed immediately and call your physician. Stay in bed until he tells you that you can get up, and follow his advice explicitly.

Disastrous results may ensue if influenza cases are allowed to get about too soon. Persons convalescing from influenza are particularly susceptible to other infections. If you are just getting over some illness, return to your normal routine of life gradually.

To clean candles, dampen cloth with alcohol and rub them. This does not remove their luster. However if they are badly soiled, rub them with lard or any similar fat.

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## GOOD WISHES for everyone

To each one of you, we wish the greater happiness that comes with sharing Christmas with friends and neighbors . . . and with sharing the Holiday with Him, in His house. And to this wish we add the hope that the New Year brings to you a full measure of good health and prosperity.

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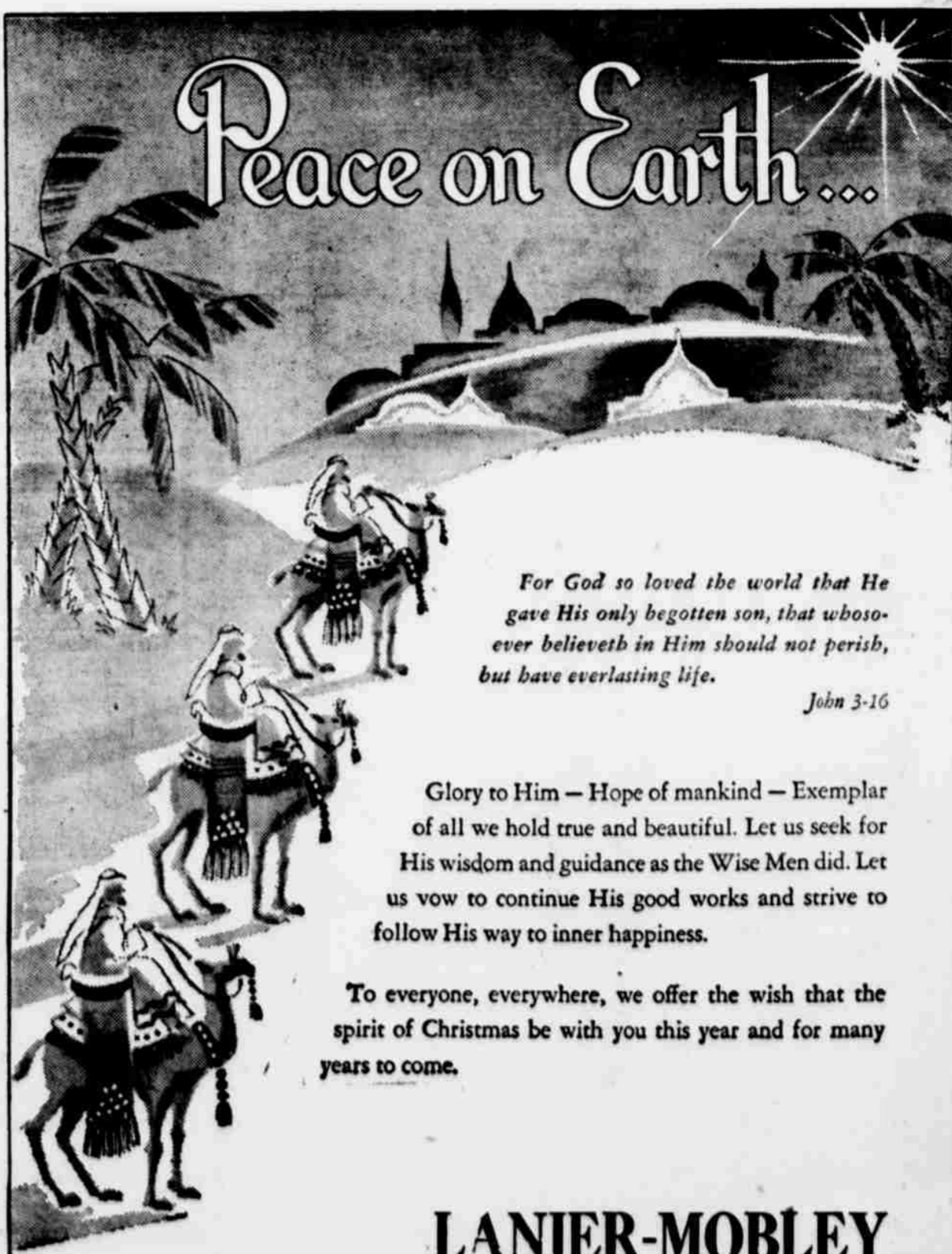
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## Peace on Earth...

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3-16

Glory to Him — Hope of mankind — Exemplar of all we hold true and beautiful. Let us seek for His wisdom and guidance as the Wise Men did. Let us vow to continue His good works and strive to follow His way to inner happiness.

To everyone, everywhere, we offer the wish that the spirit of Christmas be with you this year and for many years to come.

## LANIER-MOBLEY MOTOR COMPANY

An easy economical way to clean copper is to dip half lemon in salt and rub the object. Rinse in hot water and polish with a soft cloth.

To freshen shredded coconut soak in fresh sweet milk with a dash of sugar a few minutes before using.

Cheese will stay moist if you wrap it in a cloth moistened with vinegar and store in a covered dish in a cool place.

If food is oversalted when cooking, drop in a peeled, raw potato. Allow to cook with food. Potato will absorb all salt. Resalt food to taste.

**Blessings In White**

By STELLA P. JOSSELET

You don't find the person that objects to being waited on sometimes or another in life, and especially when they are sick, in the hospital, away from relatives and friends. In a place where you are down and out and have to look for others to wait on you.

You appreciate a pleasant nurse who tiptoes into your room to see how you are resting, who sees to your needs with patience, a kind voice and a smile on her face.

After surgery or treatments from your doctor it's up to the nurses to help the patient recover.

There are more than just the medications. The bedside care is half the winning of every case. This requires co-operation from the patient as well as the nurse. Yet we do find in some cases the patient who expects your attention very ungrateful.

Most patients we find who are that way are the woman or man who feels some where back in life they have had a rotten deal and they feel they have to fight their way through for no one will lend a helping hand to help them willingly—you can tell these people by the ring and tone of their voices as soon as they speak. The patients duly demands you waiting on them. Instead of with pleasure a nurse steps into that room and asks, "Is there anything I can do for you?" They pass them by until duty demands it. For it is so much easier to go in someone else's room who is grateful for your services.

There is nothing a nurse would not do for a patient who has some consideration for them.

Just to show their gratitude for your service goes a long way with a nurse. It is this gratitude of appreciation that keeps the nurses going.

To spend day in and day out seeing the sick and suffering, hearing the groans from pain of the ailing for 8 hours on a stretch, it takes the co-operation of the patients who isn't so ill to keep them keeping on.

Some patients only look at nursing as "that's your duty, I'm paying for your service and I demand your care." It doesn't matter how many sick patients you have, some critically ill, some dying, you are going to wait on me and I expect you to do it untiringly with a smile. To answer my light signal the minute it comes on, if you don't I consider it very poor service and let you know it, too.

This kind of patient forgets the hospital is full of patients and all



**KEEPING CHRISTMAS**

by Henry Van Dyke

Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background, and your duties in the middle distance, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground; to see that your fellow-men are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy; to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life; to close your book on complaints against the management of the universe, and look around you for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness—are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

**Toys For Children Can Provide Lasting Pleasure, Delight**

Christmas toy shopping no longer means just going off on a lark to see what surprises and fascinating new toy gadgets are in store for little Johnny and Sue on Christmas morning.

It means finding just the right toys that will bring happiness not only on Christmas day but will inspire constructive play throughout the year.

Mrs. Eloise Johnson, family life specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, says shopping for toys is an opportunity to provide the children on your list with lasting benefits as well as immediate delight. Toys are important to children for they are the tools of play—and play is a significant part of children's daily living. Play is much more than merely filling in time, it is the way in which children use their developing abilities. It is the means through which he comes to an understanding of the activities going on around him—it is the channel for the expression of his thoughts and feelings about things, people and events which attract his attention.

So when you select toys for the

at one time several lights come on at once and it takes 5 to 10 minutes to answer one light. Some body has to wait till you can get to them and when he or she who is waiting is sweet and kind about it, nursing is all the more pleasant and they will contribute comfort and their inner satisfaction in return will be a Blessing in White.

**Allegorical Parades Mark Mexican Yule**

The people in Mexico build elaborate floats for allegorical parades during the holiday season.

For eight evenings before Christmas there is a religious procession at the head of which the figures of Joseph and Mary are borne.

On the ninth evening entrance is permitted and a religious ceremony conducted about the straw-filled manger of the Babe.

Put a thin film of butter at the mouth of the cream pitcher to keep cream from dripping on the cloth.

children on your Christmas list, it is wise to select toys that fit their development at any given stage. And, the specialist says though Christmas has always been the main toy shopping time of the year, try to make your toy shopping plan an all-year-round one with additional major purchases at birthdays and as the children's needs develop.



**IN THE Christmas Spirit**

Each Christmas we realize anew, that our most rewarding possession is our many enriching friendships. And so to all our friends we wish a merry merry Christmas and a very happy New Year.

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**Come all ye faithful...**

Christmas...what a hold it has on the hearts and imaginations of man! Its spirit puts a beauty and joy into our lives so we may carry good cheer and good will wherever we go. In this spirit of deep-down gladness we wish our friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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**SEASON'S Greetings**

May your Christmas be sweetened by happiness that will be prolonged throughout the New Year.

**Velton Moore Corner Gulf**



**Greetings**

Good health, Good fortune and Good cheer are just a few of the GOOD things we wish you for Christmas and the New Year.

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### Haskell Student Is Runner-Up In WT Popularity Contest

Canyon, Dec. 15—Don Perry, a junior from Haskell, placed second in the "Most Handsome" man on the West Texas State College campus at the annual Beauty Dance here Saturday night. Revealed as the "Most Beautiful" and the "Most Handsome" were Miss Jo Parker, Happy junior; and Jim Wright, Friten junior.

Other beauties, in order of election, were Miss Dorothy McReynolds, Canyon sophomore; Miss Dee Ann Wright, Friten junior; Miss Jan Christal, freshman from Lella Lake; Miss Sue Collins, Amarillo, junior; and Miss Leta Cherry, Borger, freshman.

Handsome men as to the number of votes received were Jim Wright, Don Perry, Bruce Cook Kirkland junior; Kenneth Clapp Borger sophomore; Jim McLaughlin, senior from Plainview; and Jim Cameron, junior from Perryton.

The twelve girls and boys were presented by Bill Cherry, Slaton editor of LeMirage, WT yearbook which sponsors the election and dance. The 12 were chosen by the student body in an election Thursday.

Winners of the election will be featured in a special section of LeMirage.

### Texas 4-H Boy Wins Sectional Honors In Soil Conservation

Anna Mae Adams, McMurry College student from Goree is one of the 56 named to the first scholastic honor roll for this year which has just been released.

In order to be included on the honor roll a student must be in the upper ten per cent of the class.

Anna, a senior, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Adams of Goree.

To remove telltale taste and smell of onions, fish, or the like from your fingers, rinse, rub with salt and wash thoroughly.

### WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS"

By C. WILSON HARDER

The appointment of Harold Stassen as Mutual Security Administrator by President-elect Eisenhower, causes speculation.

MSA, successor to the Marshall Plan, is the agency in charge of giving away billions of tax dollars, and probably represents the biggest single drain on U. S. tax money. It had been expected that this situation would be changed in view of the avowed plans to cut taxes.



C. W. Harder

However, now there is wonder.

It is not believed that Stassen would leave the U. of Penn. presidency without concrete assurances that the agency will continue, and possibly be expanded.

Neither is it believed an overwhelming partisan loyalty would cause him to accept.

In the 1948 GOP nominating convention, a strong, popular Stassen drive by liberal Republicans was stopped by Dewey forces. So observers believe, it took very strong commitments to persuade him to again enter the arena of public life.

The new Congress will debate continuance of the giveaway plans. Adherents will argue that in view of the fact that there has been no opportunity for small and independent business to expand and create new job opportunities, the cessation of the giveaway programs would leave a great gap in the U. S. economy leading to a depression. This argument will be pegged on the assertion that a great deal of the giveaway items are manufactured goods that supply employ-

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ment to U. S. workers.

However, cold facts show this is an erroneous picture. More than a year ago the huge cartel industries of Europe protested the great flood of U. S. manufactured goods. With their own production 40 per cent ahead of prewar records, and their own system of holding down production to hold up prices, European business was alarmed.

The result has been that for the past year, more and more of the MSA grants are in the form of raw materials, of which a large share is bought from British possessions.

In the meantime, Britain is now exporting more automobiles to the U. S. than the American auto industry is exporting to all the world. A large share of farm machinery shipped overseas by MSA is bought from the Canadian affiliates of U. S. firms.

Here is another case in point. On a recent day MSA announced another \$33 million for France and the French possessions in North Africa. Less than a quarter million of this total was in manufactured goods that could be presumed to have furnished U. S. employment to any marked degree. The balance was in petroleum and raw cotton.

Although steel is still on allocation to U. S. users because of defense needs, huge tonnages of U. S. steel are shipped to Europe by MSA. And now comes the announcement that the U. S. Army has placed a multi-million dollar contract for 500 British tanks.

Some pertinent questions will be asked about MSA activity.

Is MSA really helping Europe? Is MSA helping all U. S. business? Or is MSA merely supporting worldwide cartels?

### Quaint Rehearsal Of Christ's Birth Found In Old Carol

"Auld Lang Syne" has become such an integral part of our modern New Year's Eve that no celebration, however gay, would be complete without it.

The music sheets for those nostalgic strains simply say "Robert Burns—Scotch Air," and Robert Burns generally is supposed to have written it after he had settled down on a farm and taken himself a wife, following the sweeping success in 1778 of the second edition of his "Poems." Well and good, but Auld Lang Syne was not exclusively a Burns' product, nor did he claim it to be.

In a letter to George Thomson, a publisher, Burns explained: "It is an old song of olden times, which has never been in print. I took it down from an old man's singing."

Modern scholarship has discovered that Burns was wrong when he told Thomson "Auld Lang Syne" never had been in print. Its refrain, at least, was printed securely long before Burns heard his "old man singing."

Further, the original song often has been credited to Sir Robert Aytoun (1570-1638). Aytoun was one of the earliest Scots to use the lowland dialect as a literature medium. Multitudes of Americans descended from non-British stock are perpetually mystified by this dialect, nor does it seem to make much sense in the standard English translation.

Regardless of its original auth-

or and origin, it was Burns who gave "Auld Lang Syne" its immortality. And though the bells now welcome the New Year with joyous peals, symbolizing mankind's hope for a brighter future, the nostalgia of "Auld Lang Syne" summarizes an adherent reluctance to leave the security and friendship of the past and embark upon a future which, however promising, may be more pleasant. Thus, it remains a part of the English speaking heritage to "Drink a cup of kindness yet For Auld Lang Syne."

If paper sticks to a package of raisins, place them in your gas oven for a few minutes and the wrapping may be easily removed. The raisins will come apart more readily. Be sure to use a low gas flame.



*If wishes came in packages, the biggest bulge in your Christmas stocking would be our wish for a New Year of happiness!*

**BEN FRANKLIN**  
CARRIE WILLIAMS, Owner

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### Christmas Game First Christmas Cards Published

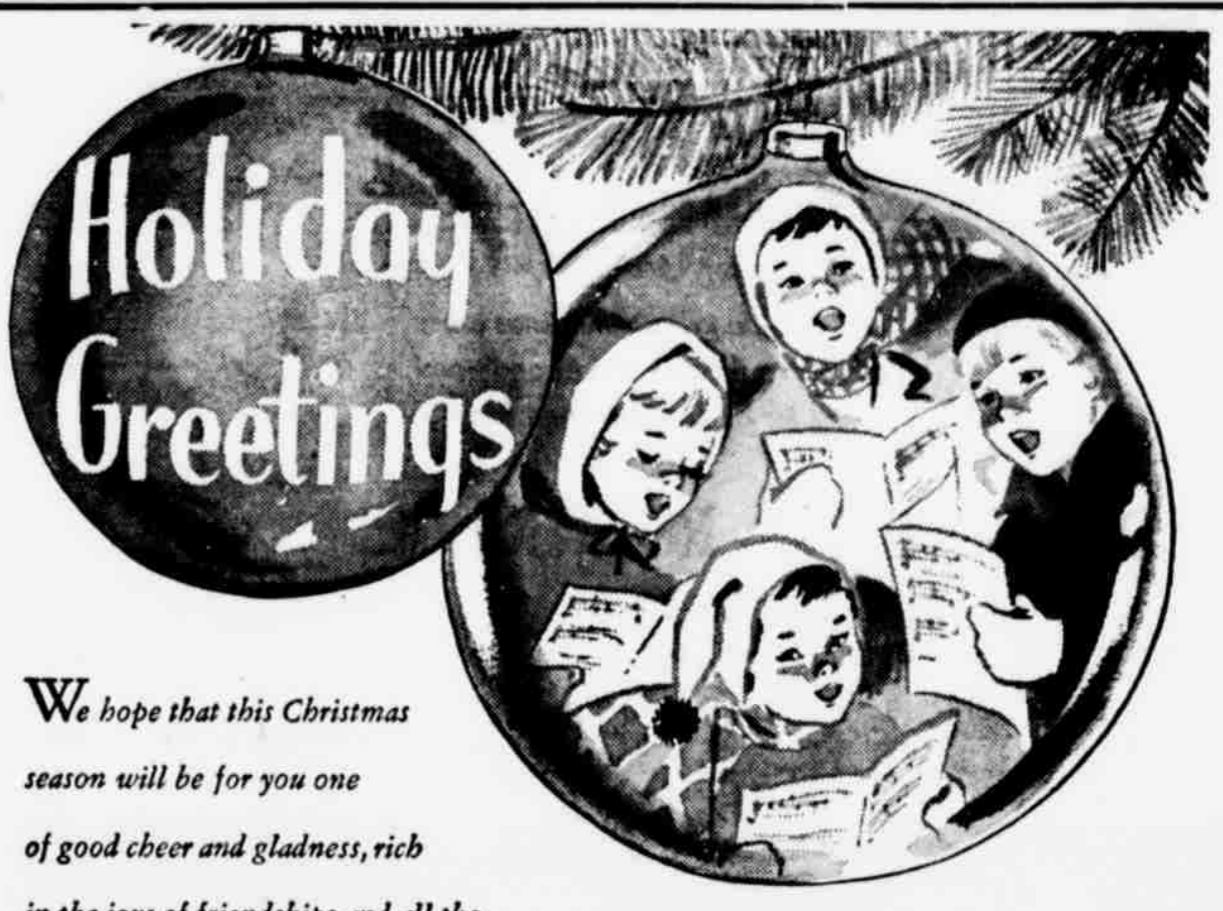
Snapdragon was a favorite Christmas game in England more than 200 years ago, it is still played in modified form in England and America.

The original game called for a quantity of raisins to be deposited in a large bowl or dish. Brandy or some other spirit was poured over the fruit and ignited. The bystanders then endeavored to grasp a raisin, by plunging their hands through the flames. A carol called "The Song of Snapdragon," accompanied the game.

### Christmas Spirit Found In Sharing

For a really satisfying and meaningful Christmas share yours with the old and feeble, the ill and shut-in, the bereaved, whose sorrows you might lighten.

Unfortunately, all the flurry and preparation associated with Christmas are apt to make parents as well as children overlook the real significance of the coming birthday of Christ.



**Holiday Greetings**

We hope that this Christmas season will be for you one of good cheer and gladness, rich in the joys of friendships and all the good things that make life comfortable and worthwhile.

We sincerely wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

THE WESTERNER



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

*Life offers us nothing more precious than the loyalty and understanding of real friends.*

*So this Christmas greeting is sent with a heart full of gratitude for the blessings of our friendship.*

*May you enjoy a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

**LANE-FELKER**  
"Especially for You"



Deck the halls with bows of holly... 'tis the season to be Jolly...

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... we troll the ancient Yuletide Greeting

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**

We — your friends and neighbors at your electric service company — wish for you and yours a Yuletide treasure of warmth, health, and happiness... and that your New Year may be both peaceful and prosperous.

**REDDY KILOWATT**  
Your Electric Servant



**Hark,**  
the herald angels  
sing..

"Good news from heaven  
the angels bring  
Glad tidings to  
the earth they sing  
To this day  
a Child is given  
To crown us with  
the joy of Heaven"  
May your Christmas reflect all  
the joys of the Holiday Season.

**A. C. (Pete) Sego**  
Commissioner, Prec. No. 1

CHRISTMAS  
*Greetings*  
TO EVERYONE

This is our wish for your happiness during  
the Holiday Season. May you enjoy it in all  
its traditional fullness.

**MRS. IVA PALMER**  
County Superintendent



**THIS IS... CHRISTMAS**

Christmas is a tree with bright lights and tinsel and the Star atop. It is a  
tumble of gifts, wrapped with pretty ribbon, beneath its green boughs. It is the  
light and faith in little children's eyes on Christmas morning. It is the choking  
feeling of joy in mother's heart as the packages are opened. It is the tear that  
wells in dad's eye and he tries to hide it with a grin. It is the remembrance  
of many other Christmases by grandmother and grandfather, undimmed by  
golden time.

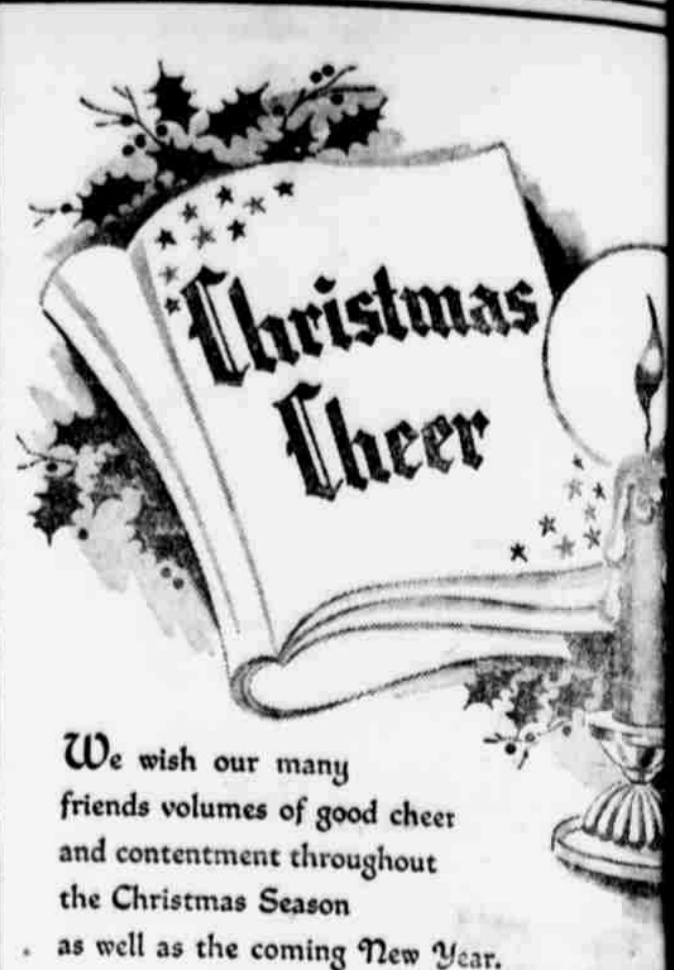
It is the sermon of the Story of Bethlehem. The hymns of the choir, the  
candlelight service, the softness of children's voices, the peace and goodwill  
that can come into men's hearts.

Christmas is the big tall tree in school, the only tree some of the children  
can call their own. It is the striped candy cane.

It is the joyful music of chimes and church bells, the carols from the  
record shop, the spirit of the season that makes strangers friends.

It is the garland and the candle in the window, the cards on the mantel,  
the wreath on the door, the mistletoe hung for fun. It is sincerity in a hand-  
shake, the wishes of glad tidings, the social meaning in the bello from neigh-  
bors.

Christmas is a light. A light that vanquishes darkness; the light of charity.



**Christmas  
Cheer**

We wish our many  
friends volumes of good cheer  
and contentment throughout  
the Christmas Season  
as well as the coming New Year.

**HOME DRUG**

Carrol Bledsoe



**SEASON'S GREETINGS**

May a joyous Christmas usher  
in a New Year of happiness and good  
health for all our cherished friends.

**DR. GERTRUDE ROBINSON**

My office will be closed for the  
Christmas week end, Dec. 24-26th.



**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

ROYCE ADKINS



**NATIVITY SCENE . . .** This  
scene is repeated on thousands  
of lawns of private homes and  
public buildings in the home  
towns of the nation during the  
Christmas season.

**Christmas Rose  
Enhances Yule's  
Festival Mood**

Americans usually decorate  
their homes at Christmas time  
with holly, evergreens, or hot-  
house plants. Recently, however,  
they have found a new friend in  
the Christmas-rose. Nurserymen  
say this plant's popularity has  
skyrocketed in the last few years.  
The Christmas-rose is not really  
a rose at all but belongs to the  
crow-foot family. It is a small  
plant no more than a foot high  
when mature. Nevertheless, it can  
put forth seven or eight small  
white rose-like blooms tinged  
with pink.

Called by botanists Helleborus  
niger or black hellebore, it gets  
this name from the black stalks.  
The Christmas-rose is no freak  
no super-precocious flower of  
early-blooming plant. This legiti-  
mate child of winter flowers  
naturally in December or Janu-  
ary. It will withstand snow and  
low temperatures, demanding only  
some shelter from the weight of  
snow.

Helleborus niger does not pro-  
pagate well in the United States.  
Hence most of the tiny plants are  
imported from Belgium and the  
Netherlands. They develop best  
only in the western part of those  
countries where they thrive in  
a peculiar to the region.

The ancient Romans knew about  
the Christmas-rose and eagerly  
sought it for medicinal use. They  
believed that eating the roots  
would "clear the brain, cure stu-  
pidity and relieve insanity."

"Let him sail to Anticyra," said  
the poet Horace, of an ill friend  
Anticyra was a Greek town where  
the black Hellebore flourished.

The Helleborus family is indig-  
enous to southern Europe and  
the Mediterranean regions. The  
Christmas-rose variety came ori-  
ginally from Austria.

The delicate beauty of the  
Christmas-rose is hallowed by  
legend.

**Bay And Rosemary  
Are Christmas  
Traditions**

Bay and rosemary have also  
been represented among our  
Christmas plants from time im-  
memorial. An ancient writer says:  
"Rosemarie and Baies that are  
most faire were stuck about the  
churche in the churches at the  
time of Christmas."

In addition it was the  
bay tree with its lance-like leaves  
and purple berries, that sheltered  
the holy family during a  
thunderstorm. Accordingly it was  
believed that lightning will never  
strike a bay tree.

The association of the rosemary  
plant with Christmas also goes  
back to the early childhood of our  
Lord, namely to the flight into  
Egypt to escape the wrath and  
jealousy of King Herod. Its branches  
are said to have held the  
little garments of the Christ-  
Child that were placed upon them  
by the Virgin Mother. Originally  
its flowers were supposed to have  
been white, but the plant changed  
color of its blossoms to lavender  
so that they might bear the hue  
of the cloak Mary was wearing  
at the time.

**Christmas Eve  
Memory Check**

**Did You Remember . . .**  
... to take home a few extra  
toys? If you are expecting two or  
three neighborhood small fry to  
drop in, you can be sure six will  
show up. And three toys and six  
children do not enhance "Peace  
on Earth."

**Did You Remember . . .**  
... to check the Christmas  
tree light? Not day before yester-  
day Not last week. We mean right  
now. A few stores are still open  
and you can supply new ones.  
Better pick up a few more orna-  
ments too.

**Did You Remember . . .**  
... that you told all those peo-  
ple to drop in for refreshments  
tonight? Better check on the cake  
and cookies, soft drinks and other  
zoodles.

**Did You Remember . . .**  
... those last minute Christmas  
cards? If not, you can send tele-  
grams to friends too far away for  
cards to reach them by December  
25. You can even have a messen-  
ger call at your house while the  
guests you invite in for snacks  
are there, and probably every-  
body will remember someone far  
away who should have a Christ-  
mas greeting.

**Did You Remember . . .**  
... to hang some kind of Christ-  
mas decoration outside the house  
so passing strangers may enjoy  
some of the Christmas glow that  
is in your home and reflect it  
around your town? Remember  
everyone has a part in this Christ-  
mas cheer, not just your small  
circle, and the more cheer you  
scatter, the more you will gather.

It's the nap that keeps your  
blankets warm, drying them in a  
washer-dryer lift the nap  
while ironing ruins this valuable  
warmth-giver, wears it out. Only  
blanket bindings should be pressed  
and those with a warm, not  
hot iron.

Baked stains in your gas oven?  
Leave a shallow dish of ammonia  
in the closed oven over night  
Stains will soften, be easy to re-  
move.



Christmas  
is for  
everyone!

For the young,  
for the old. For the  
timid, for the bold. Christmas  
is for all. Yes, all of us are as one  
on this happiest of happy holidays. A Merry  
Christmas and Happy New Year to you.

**ZELMA'S STUDIO**



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

String up the lights, dust off the shiny  
ornaments—for it's time to decorate the  
tree and to wish all our many friends a  
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

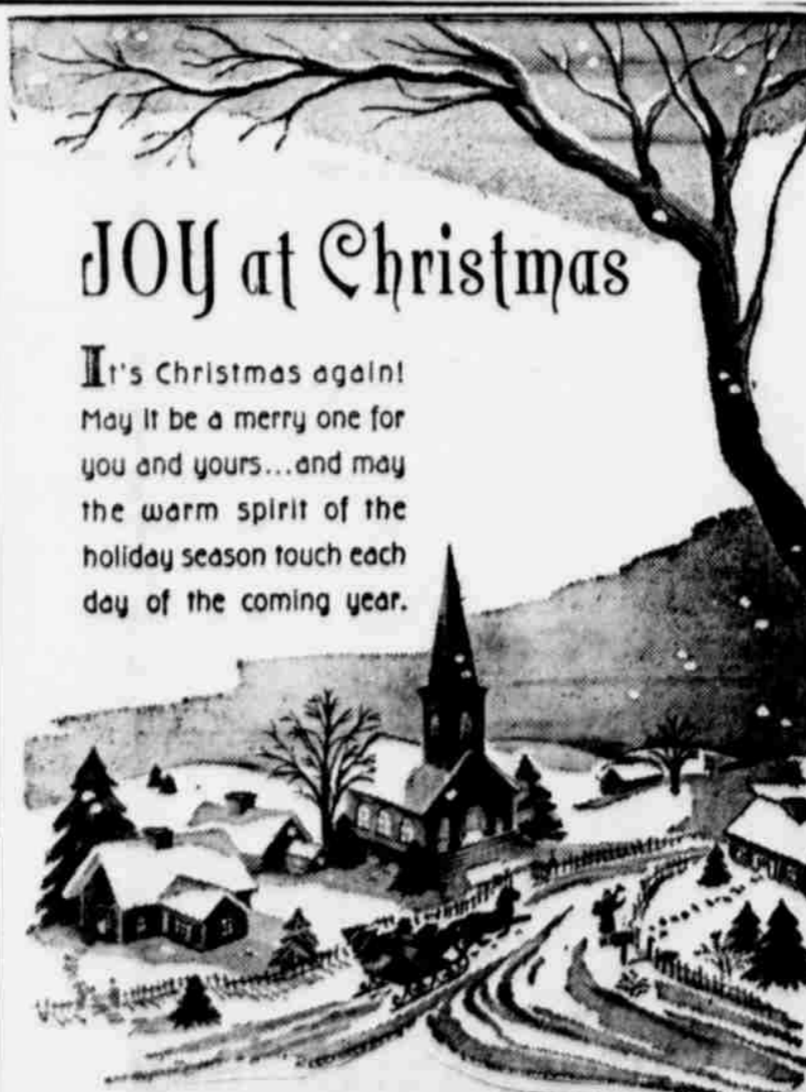
**Henderson Humble Serv. Station**

**Season's Greetings**



As carolers give voice to the Christmas Spirit  
with hymns and beautiful ballads so do we humbly give  
voice to our appreciation of your year 'round friendship  
and loyalty. A Joyous Yuletide Season to one and all.

**D. S. (Dave) Strickland**  
Commissioner, Prec. 4



**JOY at Christmas**

It's Christmas again!  
May it be a merry one for  
you and yours...and may  
the warm spirit of the  
holiday season touch each  
day of the coming year.

**INDIAN GRILL**  
Mr. and Mrs. Basil Murphy



*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  
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