

## Business Concerns To Close Friday-Saturday

Business holiday Friday and Saturday will be generated in Haskell, according to a survey of various business made the day before. Stores are expected to close Friday and Saturday. The survey was made by the Haskell Chamber of Commerce. It was found that the majority of stores will close on Friday and Saturday. This is due to the fact that many of the stores are located in the business district and are therefore affected by the holiday. The survey also showed that many of the stores will be open on Sunday. This is due to the fact that many of the stores are located in the residential district and are therefore not affected by the holiday.

## James R. Barnett Promoted

James R. Barnett, Jr., 101st Signal, was promoted to the rank of Major. He is currently serving in the 8th Army. Barnett has been in the Army for several years and has a record of excellent service. He was promoted to Major on December 15, 1953. Barnett is a native of Haskell and is a member of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce. He is also a member of the Haskell Lions Club. Barnett is currently serving in the 8th Army at Fort Belvoir, Illinois. He is currently serving as a company commander. Barnett is a highly motivated and capable leader. He has a strong sense of duty and is dedicated to his service. Barnett is a member of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce and the Haskell Lions Club. He is also a member of the Haskell High School Alumni Association. Barnett is a highly respected and well-known member of the Haskell community.

## SPENDS WEEK END IN GAINESVILLE

Mrs. Orville B. Smith spent last week end in Gainesville with her daughter, Joan, a registered nurse on the staff of the Medical and Surgical Hospital in that city. While in Gainesville Mrs. Smith attended a pre-nuptial shower honoring her daughter, given in the home of Mrs. J. C. Sluder with Mrs. Sluder, and Mrs. Fern Blackstock as joint hostesses.

## National Has Annual Christmas Employees Get Bonus Checks

Annual Christmas dinners, directors and employees of the Haskell National Farm Loan Association held Monday night in the beautiful banquet room of the Elmer Inn. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gholson, Cecil Gholson, Mr. and Mrs. Buford Cox, Mrs. and Mrs. Bill Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Monke, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Waldrop, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Cunningham, A. M. Turner, Mrs. J. U. Fields, Mrs. John W. Pace, Miss Mary Pierson, Mr. and Mrs. Milbert Optiz, Mr. and Mrs. Huey Bledsoe, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Huntsman, Mr. and Mrs. Conward Baird, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Swinson, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnson, Lula Faye Free, Vernell Klose, Lena Faye Free, Nettie McCollum, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Pierson.

## Local Polio Chapter Receives \$1000 Gift From Wichita Falls

The treasury of the Haskell County chapter, National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis received an unexpected boost this week in the form of a gift of \$1,000 cash from the Wichita Falls chapter.

Mayor Courtney Hunt, chairman of the Haskell County chapter, was advised of the gift Monday and went to Wichita Falls, where he was presented the check for \$1,000 by Mayor Kendall Paulk and Carter McGregor, executive vice president of the First National Bank in that city and treasurer of the Wichita Falls polio chapter.

Mr. Paulk, who headed the polio fund campaign in Wichita Falls, explained to Mayor Hunt that Wichita County had raised approximately \$50,000 more than their quota. Knowing that Haskell County had been hard hit by polio, with a consequent heavy drain on the local chapter's finances, the Wichita Falls chapter was contributing \$1,000, Mayor Paulk explained.

This unsolicited gift from Wichita Falls is one of the finest gestures of neighborliness that it has ever been my pleasure to acknowledge," Mayor Hunt said Tuesday in announcing the gift.

The Haskell chapter only recently received \$1,000 from the National Foundation, to supplement local funds which had been exhausted, Hunt said, but that sum was still not sufficient to meet all current bills being incurred in caring for polio patients of Haskell County.

## Judges Select Four Best Decorated, Lighted Homes

Results of judging in the annual Christmas home decorating and lighting contest were announced Tuesday by the Chamber of Commerce. No awards were given, with homes and yards being judged to select the four most attractive, as has been the custom in past years.

Selected for first place was the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Burton, 503 North 5th. Second place went to the home of Mrs. I. Va Palmer, 804 North Ave. E. Selected for third place was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wheatley, 1010 North Ave. H, and for fourth place, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Swinson, 803 North Ave. F.

## Many Students Return Home For Xmas Holidays

A large number of Haskell students in various colleges and schools have returned home to spend Christmas with their parents and other relatives and friends.

Among those returning for the holidays are:

From Texas Tech—Joe Blake, Dale Dixon, Doug Denny, Larry Wheeler, Bill Thomas, Kenneth Lane, Robert Duncan, George and Milton Christian, Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Toliver, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Lane.

From Hardin-Simmons—Mary Jo Jones, Barbara Merchant, Dolores Burnett, Wanda Jones, Dorothy Fouts, Billy Mack Taylor.

McMurry—Donald Dickey, Daniel Sloan, Bobby Jack Price, Billy Adkins, Jane King, Don Payne, Frank Montgomery.

General Hospital, Wichita Falls—Florence Ammons.

Abilene Christian College—Wayne Bradford.

S. M. U.—Temple Williams.

Baylor—Mary Beth Payne, Virginia Frierson, Edgbert Smith, Diane Clare.

School of Mines, El Paso—Thomas Holland.

West Texas State College, Canyon—Walter Holley.

North Texas State College—Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Mullins, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Thomas, Bobby Wilson, Tommy Robinson.

Austin College, Sherman—Rosalia McCall.

Texas A&M—Sid Woodson, Ernest Strain, Tommy Rhoads.

University of Texas—Scotty Heiber.

## Presentation of "Messiah" Given In Sagerton

A capacity crowd of approximately 400 people filled the Sagerton school auditorium for the presentation of the "Messiah" last Friday evening, Dec. 18, by a 40 voice choir made up from Sagerton and the surrounding towns. It was under the direction of the Rev. Rudy Wendel, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

## Airman Don Collins Graduates From Radio School

A-2c Don Collins graduated from radio school at Keeler AFB, Mississippi on Dec. 7, 1953 was promoted to Cpl. Dec. 1. He has a delay en route to 136 Communications Security Squadron at Brooks AFB, San Antonio and he and Mrs. Collins will spend the holidays visiting in the home of Collins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Collins and with Mrs. Collins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Gusey of Munday. Collins is a 1951 graduate of Haskell High School.

## Precinct 3 Buys Truck Unit For Road Work

Precinct 3 of Haskell County has purchased a new 2-ton Ford truck with hydraulic dump bed, for use in road building and maintenance work in the precinct. This is the fourth similar unit purchased by the county in recent weeks.

The new truck, bought from Bill Wilson Motor Company of this city, cost \$1,979.20. The hydraulic dump bed, purchased separately, cost \$608.39, for a total price of \$2,587.59 on the complete unit.

Allen Richards and son Byron, and Bill Reich, all of Houston, visited in the J. V. Clare home Monday night.

## Singers Invited To Stamford Program Sunday, Dec. 27

Singers and music lovers of this section are invited to the regular Haskell and Jones County singing to be held Sunday, Dec. 27 at Swenson, Avenue Baptist Church in Stamford.

The program will begin at 2 p. m.

## Postoffice Has Biggest Christmas Rush In History

Clerks and other employees in the Haskell post office were beginning to "see daylight" again today after having been virtually snowed under with the heaviest avalanche of Christmas mail in years.

Postmaster Harold Spain, as spokesman for his loyal staff of clerks and assistants in the post office, said: "We desire to thank every one of our patrons for their friendly cooperation during the Christmas season. Your patience and understanding has been a wonderful help in making our work more pleasant and we hope we have given you good service."

The rush of holiday mail began more than two weeks ago, Postmaster Spain said, and the volume steadily increased until hitting a peak last week-end which has been maintained until today.

As an indication of the tremendous amount of Christmas mail being handled through the local office, Postmaster Spain cited the fact that 89,000 two-cent stamps (denomination used most generally on Christmas cards) had been sold this season.

## W. H. McCandless Retiring Dec. 31 As NFLA Head

W. H. McCandless, veteran secretary-treasurer of the Haskell County National Farm Loan Association, has announced his resignation from the organization effective Dec. 31.

Mr. McCandless has served the association for 36 years, having been elected secretary and treasurer January 8, 1918. From that date until the present time the association has closed over 1,400 loans in the gross amount of \$4,500,000. During the depression period it was necessary for the association to acquire a few farms, but through the capable supervision and ultimate resale of these farms by Mr. McCandless, the association suffered no loss.

During his long service with the loan association, Mr. McCandless made an outstanding record, particularly from the standpoint of developing and safe loans. This is especially evident from the fact that the Haskell County National Farm Loan Association has gone through periods of war and depression with little or no adverse experience from a lender or collecting standpoint due to the capable management of Mr. McCandless.

In retiring to private life, the veteran association manager has the sincere good wishes of his many friends, not only in this immediate area, but through the entire field of cooperative credit in Texas.

## Contracts Awarded On Two Road Jobs

Contracts on two Farm-to-Market road projects in Haskell County, comprising approximately 13 miles of grading, structures, base and surface, were awarded last week by the State Highway Department at Austin.

Contract on the two projects, on which work is expected to start soon after the first of the year, was awarded Ned B. Hoffman of Fort Worth on a bid of \$219,127.

Both road jobs involve extensions of existing Farm-Market roads in Precincts 2 and 3. Right of way for both extensions has been secured, and all other preliminary work has been done to permit an early start on both new road projects, county officials said today.

F-M 1080 in Precinct 2 is to be extended from a point beginning at Mattson rural high school, south to a connection with State Highway 24. When completed, the extension will give residents of the Mattson area all-weather road connections with both State Highway 277 and State Highway 24.

The second road project is the extension of F-M 618 from Paint Creek rural high school, south and west to an intersection with State Highway 277 near the old McConnell Switch. This extension will complete the F-M 618 loop from State Highway 24 south and west to a connection with 277 between Haskell and Stamford.

## Haskell, Munday Fighters Divide Honors On Firemen's Fight Card Thursday

Haskell and Munday fighters divided honors in Thursday night's fight card sponsored by the Haskell Fire Department, entrants from the two towns taking four bouts each, while Knox City box-mour one in the 11 bouts staged.

Thursday night's fights, witnessed by a sizeable crowd of fans, was the final pre-Christmas program. The schedule will be resumed Monday night, Jan. 4 in preparation for determining entrants who will take part in the area Golden Gloves competition at Abilene.

In advance of the next fight program, firemen plan to install additional seats and more heating facilities in the fight area at Fair Park, they have announced.

Individual winners in bouts Thursday night:

Don Pennington, 82, Haskell, defeated Wayne Carter, 82, Haskell.

Leon Betts, 82, Seymour, defeated Zeal Burton, 82, Haskell.

Wilbert Finley, 114, Munday, took a TKO over Mickey Melton, 110, Haskell.

Fabian Alcalá, 110, Munday, won a decision over Jimmy Chandler, 116, Seymour.

Jerry Smith, 106, Munday, defeated Joe Rodriguez, 85, of Haskell.

Felix Miller, 68, Haskell, defeated Wayne Luttrell, 68, Seymour.

Gene Alcock, 125, Knox City, defeated Jesus Rodriguez, 116, Munday.

Kenneth Parker, 60, Munday, defeated Anthony Burton, 58, Haskell.

Jerry Beasley, 140, Knox City, took a decision over Simon Chavez, 135, Munday.

Jimmy Mullins, 118, Haskell, defeated Harold Skiles, 124, Munday.

Tommy Miller, 82, Haskell, defeated Leon Betts, 82, Seymour.

## Goodfellows Will Provide Christmas Cheer For Needy

At least twenty homes in Haskell and vicinity will be made brighter at Christmas time through efforts of the Goodfellows organization sponsored by the Haskell Lions Club.

More than \$300 has been contributed to the fund, in addition to gifts of food, clothing, and toys that will make possible the distribution of Christmas boxes to the homes of all needy persons that have been turned in to the organization, it was announced today.

A list of families to be helped is being used to assemble the food, clothing, toys and candy, in order that an equitable distribution can be made of articles where they will be most appropriate.

A number of toys have been assembled at the City Fire Station, where firemen made repairs and repainted many articles. In addition, Hattox Hardware & Furniture donated a quantity of toys. Lane-Felker gave numerous clothing articles, and various individuals gave boxes of food and clothing. Also, L. E. Ferguson donated four attractive dressing tables that will make their little recipients happy.

Distribution of Goodfellow boxes will be made by members of the fire department and Goodfellow volunteers beginning early Thursday afternoon, it was announced.

Donors to the Goodfellow Fund included the following:

Lions Club \$50.00; Willard Warren 5.00; Olen Dotson 5.00; John Darnell 5.00; Thos. B. Roberson 5.00; Ralph Merchant 5.00; Haskell Fire Department 10.00; American Legion 45.00; Mrs. Opal Rose 3.00; Business Men's Bible Class 50.00; Myron Biard 5.00; Young Adults S. S. Class 25.00; Horace O'Neal 2.00; Curtis F. Pogue 5.00; Dr. Wm. J. Kemp 5.00; Jetty V. Clare 5.00; J. G. Vaughter 5.00; Teacher's Benevolent Fund 20.00; Bill Holden 5.00; Alfred Turnbow 5.00; Mrs. J. U. Fields 5.00; Odd Fellows Lodge 7.00; Progressive Study Club 6.10; Cecil Gregory 25.00; Royce Adkins 5.00; Bro. John Barry 2.00; John Rike 5.00; Magazine Club 6.00.

## Indians Basket Ball Team Set 6-3 Record In Season Play To Date

The Haskell Indians basketball team that finished second in district play in 1952-53 with an 8-2 record, should improve that record in the present campaign. The Indians have three returning lettermen plus four players from last year's B team. The lettermen, all seniors, are David Middleton, Lynn Coleson and Borden Worsham. Another senior, George Pitts, is one of the four from the B team. The others are Wendell Dixon, a junior, and Jerry Larned and Glynn Kreger, sophomores.

Missing from last year's quintet are the classy red-head twins, Ray and Roy Lauderdale and Dale Dixon. Roy totaled some 512 points, while Ray scored 200 points.

This season the Indians have won 6 and lost 3. One of the wins was a 41-32 decision over 2-AAA Brownwood, who later lost to Abilene high school by one point. They also own wins over Hamlin 43-17, Rotan 71-33, Hedley 53-25, Merkle 40-38 and Knox City 50-32. The losses came at the hands of Colorado City 25-28, Abilene Christian High 45-57 and Stamford 48-52 Haskell has scored 416 points in 9 games, while allowing 314 to be scored against them.

## Junior Hi Students Stage Near-Perfect Fire Drill Friday

Students of Junior High School staged a near-perfect fire drill Friday afternoon when the entire student body evacuated the building in less than a minute's time. Fire drills are held at regular intervals, but for Friday's drill Principal Johnson enlisted cooperation of the fire department to schedule the practice under realistic conditions as possible. Simultaneously with the sounding of the school fire bell, firemen had apparatus made the run to the building as part of the drill. In one section of the building, students filed out in 40 seconds, and about 65 seconds was required for the entire student body to clear the building, firemen reported.

## Plans For New Office Building Told At Farm Loan Association Xmas Party

Plans for a new building to house the Haskell National Farm Loan Association were announced at the annual Christmas party of the organization. Construction of the building probably will be started early next spring.

Two hundred and ten stockholders and guests were present for the annual Christmas event, held Thursday night in the Elementary school cafeteria.

W. H. McCandless, who has been secretary-treasurer of the Association for the past 36 years, was master of ceremonies for the highly entertaining program and the business session which followed. Invocation was given by the Rev. Jess Jones of Haskell and the crowd sang the National Anthem before taking their places at the tables where a bountiful turkey dinner with all of the trimmings was served.

Music was furnished by the Mattson string band which stayed for approximately an hour after

## Two-Months Illness Is Fatal To E. M. (Dick) Frierson

E. M. (Dick) Frierson, 45, well known Haskell business man and cattle buyer, died Sunday at 4:45 p. m. at the Haskell Hospital after a two-month illness.

Funeral services for Mr. Frierson was held at the First Presbyterian Church Monday at 3:30 p. m., with the Rev. M. D. Roxore, pastor, of the First Baptist Church, and Dr. R. K. McCall, Presbyterian pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Willow Cemetery under direction of Holden Funeral Home.

Member of a pioneer Haskell family, Mr. Frierson was born July 16, 1908, the son of Felix Frierson and the late Mrs. Frierson, and he had lived his entire life in Haskell county.

He was married Feb. 1, 1930 to Miss Ozelle Dishong of Haskell. Mr. Frierson for several years was a grocery and market owner here. Later he sold that business and for the past few years had been in the livestock commission business. He was an active member of the Presbyterian Church and a member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, one son, Ervin Eugene Frierson of Haskell; one daughter, Virginia Faye Frierson of Haskell; his father, G. F. Holloway of Haskell; Mrs. Gene Campbell of Haskell; and Mrs. Bill Steele of Haskell; two brothers, Monte Frierson of Haskell and F. E. (Pete) Frierson of Haskell.

The son, Lt. Ervin Eugene Frierson, returned a few months ago from military service in Korea. The daughter, Virginia Faye, is a senior at Baylor University.

Pallbearers were Hallie Chapman, O. M. Matthews, Hubert Bledsoe, Raymond Mercer, Tommy Ballard, Richard Bischoffsheim, Otis O'Pray, Clyde Bland, Buford Cox.

Honorary pallbearers were J. M. Glass, E. Medley, T. E. Lusk, Charlie Matthews, O. Gibson, Leroy O'Neal, Henry Atkinson, Louie Kuentler, Walter Gresham, Jess Kerton, John Rike, W. S. Cole, W. A. Lyles, Charlie Conner, C. G. Burson, Sr., and all other friends of the family.

## 30 AND MRS. DELBERT ROSE HERE FOR HOLIDAYS

A/3c and Mrs. Delbert Rose of Denver, Colo., where he is stationed at Lowry Air Force Base, are here to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Opal Rose and other relatives, and with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Arnold of Rulo. Airman Rose was an employee of The Free Press before entering the service last January.

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THE NEW YEAR

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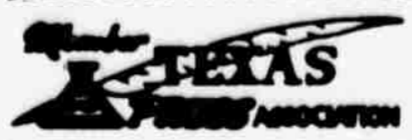
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### Haskell County History

**20 Years Ago—Dec. 28, 1913**  
Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Montgomery, Miss Frances Brooks, Henry Atkinson, David Hill and Hugh Smith returned Monday from a deer hunt in Mason County. Only one deer was killed, Mr. Montgomery getting a nice buck.

The deadline for registering automobiles and trucks has been set for January 31, 1934, according to Ed F. Fouts, tax collector. After that date, a 20 per cent penalty will be added. All trucks need for farm purposes only, will be registered for 50 per cent of the regular license fee, he explained.

Mrs. W. M. Reid is visiting relatives at Sulphur Springs this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Fouts of Harlingen spent the Christmas holidays here with friends and relatives.

Mrs. Frank Williams, who has been in Wichita Falls for the past month, was home for the Christmas holidays.

Ralph Ramey left the first of the week for a vacation in Old Mexico.

Mrs. Edith English and son, Crockett, Mrs. Lanham Williams and little son Larry are spending a few days in Plainview with Mr. and Mrs. Eugene English.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ellis spent Christmas in Fort Stockton visiting with their son and daughter and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Edwards had as their guests during the holidays, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mott and their son, Otto, and her daughter, Mrs. Frank Tabor and daughter Marilyn, all of San Angelo.

Sgt. Morgan Johnson of the C. C. Camp at Denison, spent the week end here with his wife and children who are spending the winter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reed of Electra and Mrs. Turner Lewis of Chillicothe spent Christmas visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Lewis, and other relatives here.

**30 Years Ago—Dec. 28, 1903**  
Marshall Pierson, State Food Inspector, spent Christmas here with his family. He has been in East Texas for the past few months, inspecting some of the large canning factories in that section.

Mrs. Carrie Moser, local manager of Western Union, has returned from Dallas where she attended a business meeting of the company.

Clarence Gay of Stonewall County is moving his family here. He has purchased the R. E. Malone residence and will move into it about the first of the year.

Mrs. Walter Alderson and children of Stratford spent the Christmas holidays in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Simmons.

Earnest Sanders, who is at-

tending Southwestern University at Georgetown, spent the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Sanders.

Cedric Sanders, who is attending the University of Texas, came home to spend Christmas with his parents, Judgt and Mrs. P. D. Sanders.

H. Kennedy, who has been living south of Weinert, has sold his farm to J. C. Holt and has moved his family to Littlefield, Texas, where he has purchased land and will make his home.

Miss Elizabeth Baldwin, who is attending T. C. U. at Fort Worth, spent the holidays here with home folks.

John Pace, Maurice Smith, Kenneth Oates and John L. McCollum, students at A&M College, are spending the holidays with home folks.

Gaines Post, student at the University of Texas, spent the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Post and other relatives here.

J. M. (Mike) Perry has been sick for the past two weeks but we are glad to report him improving.

**50 Years Ago—Dec. 26, 1903**

J. F. Albin, one of our enterprising stock farmers, whose place is near Marcy, dropped in to see us a few minutes Wednesday. He reports a good deal of prosperity in all lines in his section. His particular pride just now is a bunch of fine yearlings he is preparing for the market next spring.

W. M. Day, a cotton broker at Pauls Valley, I. T., was called last

week to the north part of the county to see his little child, who was believed dangerously ill. Mrs. Day with the child was visiting her father, Sam Patterson. We understand today the child is much better.

J. M. Cosstephens of the southwest part of the county, who is on attendance in district court as a jurymen, dropped in Thursday morning to view the mess made by the fire.

Mr. Touchstone and family, late of Coryell County, have located in Haskell. We are informed that Mr. Touchstone, Jr. has bought the Haskell division of the Haskell-Seymour mail line, heretofore operated by R. A. Simmons, and will operate it himself.

The ladies of the Christian Church held a successful bazaar Tuesday of last week, from which they realized a neat sum which was used for Christmas charity.

The Alexander Mercantile Company's delivery horse went off on a fly Tuesday and did considerable damage. Mr. Sprowls had driven to the R. E. Sherrill residence to make a delivery, and regarding the horse as perfectly trustworthy, left him unhitched at the gate while he carried his parcels into the house. He says Gal Two County History. He had left the horse but a short distance when the animal looking around gave a frightened snort and was off in a swift run. The runaway horse reached the square at the northeast corner, then ran down the east side, and clearing the southeast corner of the fence around the courtyard ran the length of the south side to the front of the Alexander store. A team attached to W. T. McDaniel's buggy was hitched there, and the runaway horse ran into the team full tilt, driving the end of the delivery wagon shafts halfway through the body of one of McDaniel's horses. All of the horses fell in a pile and parties first to them cut the harness loose to free the animals. The McDaniel horse died the next day.

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## Letters To Santa

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Dear Santa:  
I have been a very good boy. Thank you for all the gifts you have given me. Please give all the boys and girls in the world gifts. Please bring me a bow and arrow with metal points. Your friend,  
Kenneth McCollum.

Dear Santa:  
I am a little boy 7 years old. I would like for you to bring me a football helmet and a pair of cowboy boots. I wear size 13. Don't forget my little brother, Freddie, he wants a farm set. David Gene and Freddie Ray.

Dear Santa:  
I have been a good little boy this year. I help my mother clean house every day. Wish you would bring me a 20 inch tricycle, truck with a road grader together, a horn for my tricycle, football, truck loaded with logs. Wish you would not forget my two cousins. They want a doll, fruit, candy and nuts.  
Don't forget my grandmother Freeman and granddaddy and my aunt Gene, also. Thanks,  
Jerry Lynn Freeman.

Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl 2 1-2 years old, and I have a baby sister 3 months old. Her name is Pat. I am looking for you to come to see us Christmas Eve night. Please bring me a doll with hair, stove, a baton and a tractor. Bring Pat a baby doll too please. Please

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## TEACHER OF THE WEEK



MRS. MARY MARTIN

Mrs. Mary House Martin teaches language arts in Haskell Junior High School to three sections of sixth graders. She is a native of Fisher County and graduated from Rotan High School. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Hardin-Simmons University and has attended University of Texas, A&M College, and has done graduate work at the University of Colorado, University of Houston, and Hardin-Simmons where she is now working toward a Master of Education degree.

Mrs. Martin is a member of Texas State Teachers Association and holds membership in the Haskell County unit and Oil Belt District. She serves as music chairman of the local Parent-Teacher Association. She was elected to membership in Delta Kappa Gamma, national sorority for teachers. She is a member of the First Baptist Church where she helps with the music in the intermediate department of the Sunday School and serves as church pianist and assistant organist. She also plays for various civic and school affairs and is a student of Miss Doris Chapman, local piano teacher. Membership is also held in the Progressive Study Club. Mrs. Martin is the wife of F. W. Martin, county agricultural agent, and taught near Rotan and Paint Creek before coming to Haskell.

Realizing that the basis for our speaking and writing is the sentence, Mrs. Martin has led the children in an extensive study of locating and understanding the central idea, various kinds and the "trimmings," that which makes our language more meaningful and prettier, the adjective, adverb, and phrase. Spelling is studied with special emphasis on letter sounds and syllables since she wants the children to do more than memorize words for only one week. The vocabulary is increased by

studying synonyms, antonyms and definitions. Word meanings are being stressed now after silent reading tests revealed a weakness. These tests were given by Miss Stueber, supervisor, and revealed the reading level of each child. New words are recorded in a notebook for special study. Group Bible reading has been done each day since Thanksgiving and will continue until Christmas holidays. The scriptures being used are those selected by the American Bible Society for worldwide readings.

To encourage the reading of at least five fiction and five non-fiction books during the year, Mrs. Martin asked each child to become a "book salesman" by

telling a part of his book so interestingly the others would want to read it. This promoted a great deal of reading. A series of original drawings were made about a book, and the story of each was told as the child showed it to the room. Written reports are also made. These give experience in capitalization, summarizing, and sentence structure, especially the "run-on" sentence. Each class had a period each week for checking in and out the library books.

Mrs. Martin believes that a sense of humor is something everyone needs to cultivate so the bulletin board is filled with cartoons, jokes, and articles collected by her and the children. It is the duty of the room committee to see about changing these bulletin boards. Singing is another form of recreation enjoyed by her home room.



May your Christmas be a merry one and may you recall all its happy memories throughout a bright New Year.

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O, come all ye faithful...

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

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## Giant boy



Recently, a group of scientists and engineers was asked to predict what's next.

Now that we have electrified farms, factories and homes, is that the end? The answer appears to be no, that the electrical industry is a "giant boy" with its great growth still ahead. Here are some of the predictions.

Take a personal thing first. Millions of homes will have heat pumps to heat and cool automatically—using electricity for fuel.

You can expect to cook food someday by electronics—in seconds. Electrical incinerators will consume your waste paper and waste food. Dust will be taken from the air electrically. The day may come when TV screens hang like pictures on the wall, with only a tiny wire to the set.

Nuclear fuels are on the timetable of the scientists. Energy from the atom will eventually be a major source of power, regardless of whether fossil fuels are seriously depleted. By century's end, most new plants generating electricity will operate with atomic (fission) fuel. Aircraft, battleships and the like will measure fuel consumption in grams.

Storing heat from the sun is another long-range project of scientists, with billions in savings as the potential result.

The year 2000 looks big and distant. Actually it is only 47 years away. By then, any puny prognostications made today will have been rewritten many times. But larger. Electricity has always been a field where each new fact generates many more things new. The years should be interesting to watch

You can put your confidence in—  
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leave some Christmas candy and also some dog biscuits for my dogs. Don't forget the other boys and girls and mother and daddy.  
Love,  
Pam Harris.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a good little boy. Please bring me a car and gun. Bring my little brother a car, too. Also some candy, fruit and nuts. Your little friends,  
Gary Don and Ronnie Ray.

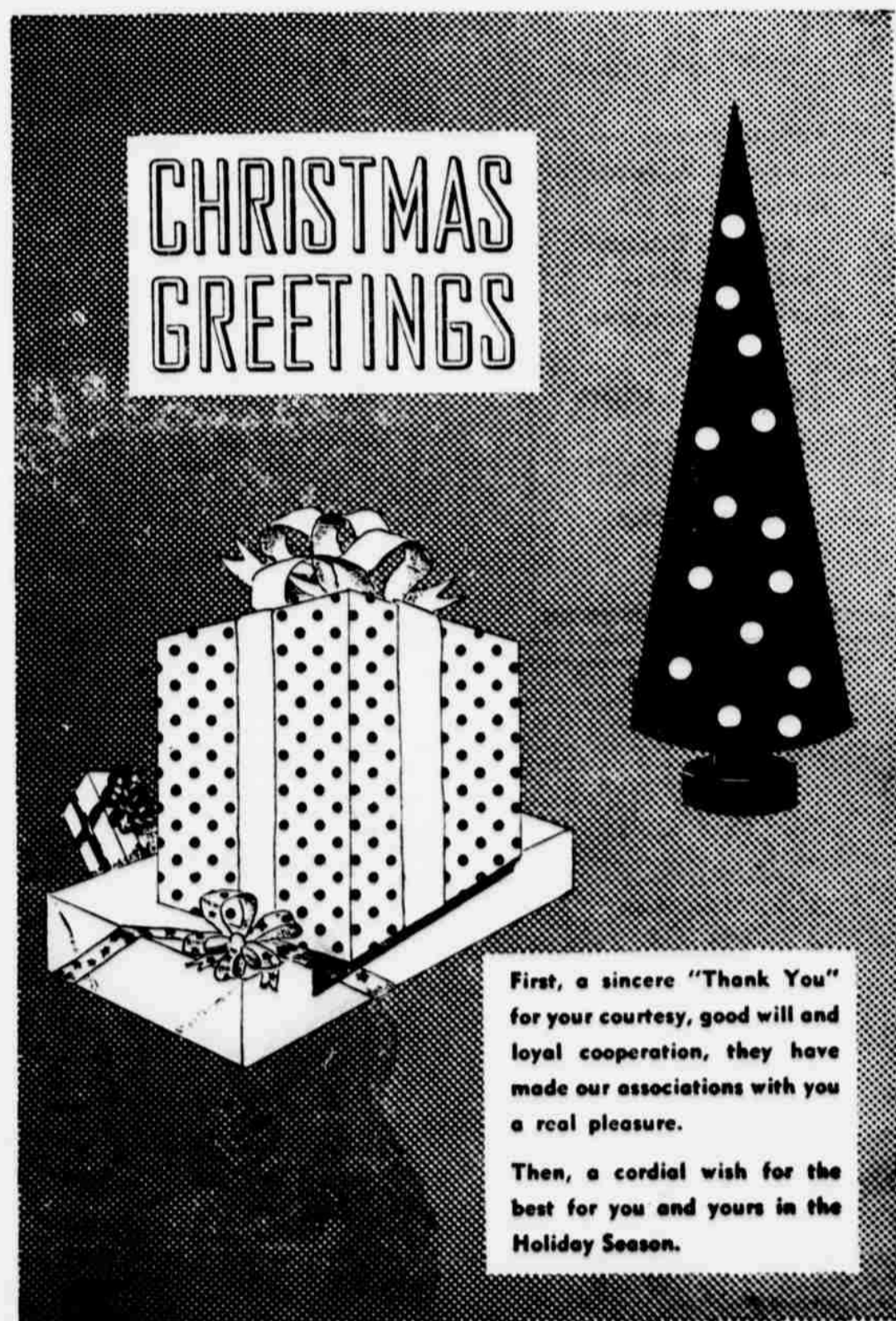


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May the Holy Season abound with Peace and Good Will and all other Blessings that combine to make life Joyously Beautiful.



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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**  
Leon Burson, Manager



To all our friends and neighbors, we extend our heartiest good wishes for a merry Holiday Season and a bountiful year to come.

W. A. HOLT

# NEWS OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

## Annual Holiday Program of Progressive Study Club Held Thursday Evening

"At the Yuletide season all America is tied together as by a big red ribbon, bound by a Christmas wreath. At Christmas there is a unity of thought and of purpose that is rarely achieved at any other time."

With these words, Mrs. Tommy Davis introduced the delightful holiday program of the Progressive Study Club on Thursday evening, Dec. 17. The Homemaking Cottage where the meeting was held, was colorfully gay with the traditional decorations of lighted tree, Christmas greenery and berries, candles, colored balls, mistletoe and the like.

Stressing the Christ in Christmas, words of truth and beauty were recalled by those on the program who presented famous poems and stories. Mrs. Jack Pippin recited "The Touch of The Master's Hand." Mrs. James Byrd read "Annie and Willie's Prayer."

"The Juggler of Notre Dame" by Anatole France was beautifully told by Mrs. Arlos Weaver. Universally loved by people of all faiths for its warm portrayal of the spirit that is Christmas, this old favorite was appropriate to the Community Christmas Tree project which high-lighted the club's meeting.

Gifts of toys and groceries were collected for the Goodfellow campaign, and over \$6.00 was contributed to the same fund. The club also answered an appeal from the Wichita Falls State Hospital. Three packing boxes of gifts, wrapping paper and ribbons, and clothes were assembled to send to the patients at the state hospital.

The benediction was brought by Mrs. R. A. Lane, who read selected Scripture and a Christmas prayer. Mrs. Jack Landess read a letter from Miss Lillie V. Lillard of Stephenville, to Mrs. Otis J. Curry, which congratulated her on being awarded the state \$5.00 first prize for her work as Soil and Water Conservation chairman of First District. T. W. C. Versatile and generous with her talents, Mrs. Curry, who is currently serving as treasurer of the Progressive Study Club, was proudly applauded by the membership.

Mrs. Royce Adkins, Community Projects chairman, announced that three out-of-town judges had been secured for the Christmas Decorations of Homes Contest to be judged Monday, Dec. 21. With recorded Christmas carols playing softly in the background, a social hour concluded the evening's entertainment. Hostesses, Mrs. R. W. Herren and Mrs. James E. Ferguson, were assisted in serving by Mrs. James Johnson.

Refreshments were served to one guest, Mrs. Phil Schultz, and the following members: Mesdames Adkins, Coburn, Curry, D. Davis, T. Davis, Ferguson, Hauser, Herren, Holden, Kemp, Landess, Lane, Perry, Pippin, Pitman, Ratliff, Thomson, Waldrip, Weaver, Wheatley, Whittington, Johnson, Baird, Perkins, McClellan, Byrd, Hester and Walling.

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## Bridal Shower In Sagerton Honors Mrs. Leroy Alls

Mrs. Leroy Alls was honored with a bridal shower in the Sagerton Methodist Church Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 22. She is the former Ruby Gay Gibson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Gibson of Lockhart, who formerly lived in Sagerton. The couple married in Lockhart Sunday evening, Dec. 20th.

Miss Glenda Clark registered the guests and Mrs. Pete Kittley sang several songs, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Charles Clark. Mrs. Ewell Kittley presided at the refreshment table. Decorations were in green and yellow. Hostesses for the occasion were Mesdames Chas. Clark, Ewell Kittley, John Clark, Pete Kittley, Reece Clark, M. Y. Benton, Delbert LeFevre and Grady Laughlin.

The groom is serving in the U. S. Air Force and is stationed at San Antonio. His parents live in Aspermont.

## Weinert Matrons Club Has Annual Christmas Party

Weinert Matrons Club held their annual Christmas party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Weinert. After the dinner, games of progressive 42 were played by the guests. Gifts were exchanged from a beautifully decorated tree. The Santa was Claude Reid. A solo, "White Christmas," was sung by Mrs. R. D. Wilkerson, accompanied by Mrs. R. C. Liles at the piano. The group then sang Silent Night.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. A. Bartell, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Gues, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. King, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Liles, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Monke, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Oman, Mrs. G. C. Newsom, Mr. and Mrs. Claude eRid, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Winchester, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Coggins, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mayfield, Rev. and Mrs. Temple Lewis, Rev. and Mrs. Ira Frazier, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Wilkerson, and the Weinerts.

## Naomi Bible Class Christmas Social Held Dec. 7

The Naomi Bible class met Dec. 17 at 7 p. m. in the annex of the First Baptist Church for their annual Christmas social.

Mrs. Oliphant, the president, opened the meeting by asking the class to sing "Wonderful Story of Love," with Mrs. Quattlebaum at the piano and Mrs. Cothron leading. Prayer by Mrs. Scoggins. Mrs. McMillin brought the devotional reading from Luke 2:7-12, followed with prayer by Mrs. Tyler. Joy To The World was sung by the class. Mrs. Ed Cass spoke on the Legend of The Christmas Tree. Mrs. Whatley, Mrs. Ashley, Mrs. Cothron and Mrs. Jim Fouts sang Sweet ePace.

Mrs. Ashley told the very interesting story of the Christmas song, "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear."

Mrs. Tyler read Dan's Nightmare, an article most men would appreciate at this season.

"Let's Keep Christmas," was read by Mrs. Ashley.

The quartet sang Silent Night. The room was decorated with gay Christmas colors of red and green with a Christmas tree all covered with gifts for everyone. The class members gave inexpensive gifts to one another and put another gift of money on the tree.

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Curley, Virgie Bledsoe, Edna Brown, Claud Ashley, Tom Holland, I. N. Alvis and Wylie Quattlebaum.

## Employees of Fair Store Entertained With Xmas Party

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith gave their employees a Christmas party Friday night, Dec. 18. The group met in the Highway Drive In dining room at 7:30 where a dinner plate consisting of fried chicken, potatoes, peas, corn, salad, rolls, coffee and mince pie was served. Following the dinner, the group went to the Smith home where the Christmas scenes were carried out and games of 42 was enjoyed.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Haskell Stone, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Tidwell, Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Quattlebaum, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. G. John Fouts, H. H. Segoe, J. R. B. Therwanger, Henry Bird, Christine Harvey and Emmett Wheeler. Hilda Swenson, Claud Starr and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Smith.

## THANKS TO THE PUBLIC

I am retiring from my service station, which will be operated by my brother, and wish to express to our friends and customers my THANKS for your patronage throughout the past 17 years. May we also say . . .

"Merry Christmas"

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County Clerk

Allie Belle Smith  
Deputy

Wanda Vojkufka  
Deputy



Best Christmas Wishes

From the bottom of our hearts we warmly extend our best wishes for a Joyous Christmas and a New Year of unbounded happiness.

Ivey & Young  
Barber Shop

Bruce Young  
Arlo Ivey



## A JOYFUL SEASON

The remembrance of friends is one of the outstanding joys of Christmas. No wonder then, that we get such pleasure in the approach of the Holiday season, with its all-pervading spirit of friendship and good will. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

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## 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, Precinct 4



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

JASON W. SMITH  
ABSTRACTOR  
Haskell, Texas



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

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SOCIETY TEACHER OF THE WEEK



MRS. EDNA JEAN BRANCH

Mrs. Edna Jean Branch, one of Haskell's fourth grade teachers...

For educational training Mrs. Branch received a High School education in Hamlin...

Professionally, Mrs. Branch is a member of Texas State Teachers Association...

Other than her work with children in public schools...

In public school work, fourth grade is her favorite work...

Mrs. Branch has one son who with his family, reside in Abilene...

SPENDING CHRISTMAS IN COLORADO CITY

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Custig will spend Christmas day with her parents...

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF W. P. (PEARL) CROUCH, DECEASED

The State of Texas County of Haskell Notice is hereby given that original letters of administration upon the estate of W. P. (Pearl) Crouch...

Nellie G. Crouch, Administratrix of the Estate of W. P. (Pearl) Crouch, deceased.

SKY-VUE DRIVE-IN THEATRE

SATURDAY NIGHT SUNDAY NIGHT Dec. 26-27

"My Darling Clementine" With HENRY FONDA and VICTOR MATURE

Friendship HD Club Has Christmas Party Dec. 18

The annual Christmas party for the Friendship H. D. Club was held Friday Dec. 18 in the home of Mrs. Leon Newton.

Games pertaining to the Christmas season were played and gifts were exchanged among the members.

Refreshments were served to the following: Mmes. Otto Vaughn, Edward Alexander, Edward Newton, Dewayne Vaughn, S. G. Cobb, Jr., the hostess, Mrs. Newton.

Weinert Football Squad Honored At Banquet

Annual football banquet for the Weinert Bulldogs was held in the Weinert high school gymnasium...

Two thrones stood at the end of the miniature football field, where the football hero and sweetheart were presented.

Plate favors were tiny silver bells. Programs and place cards of blue were made by the Home-making class.

Toastmistress for the occasion was Mary Walker. Invocation was given by Raymond Boykin.

Blue Christmas was sung by a boy's quartet, Don Lamb, Harley Reeves, Jimmy Reeves and Sam Adams.

White Christmas, sung by C. W. Drinnon Clyde Childress, Frankie Jenkins and Jackie Therwanger.

Football sweetheart, Betty Boykin, was presented by Wayne Josselot. She received a dozen red roses.

Coach Tom Collins presented the following awards: Wayne Josselot, most consistent blocker and Harley Reeves, most team spirit.

Benediction was given by Supt. Douglas Myers of Weinert.

The singing of the school song completed the program.

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa Claus: Will you please bring me a kitchenette and dusting set. Bring my brother a car and truck and some candy, fruit and nuts.

Dear Santa Claus: I'm glad you are coming to see me this Christmas. Please bring me a bicycle, car, big truck and tractor.

Dear Santa Claus: I am 8 years old and would like for you to bring me a basketball and the net. Also bring a big truck and some nuts and candy.

Haskell, Texas December 20, 1953

Dear Santa: I am a big boy eight years old, and in the second grade.

I live at Scott City, Kansas now but I will be at Haskell for Christmas. Love, Lonnie Childress.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Relatives and friends are requested to observe the following schedule of visiting hours:

Registered as patients in the Haskell Hospital Tuesday were:

C. R. Voss, medical, Haskell. Jose Vasquez, medical, Weinert.

Danny Lewis Clayton, medical, Haskell. Ester Fuentes, medical, Haskell.

Delores Moreno, medical, Rule. Mrs. Melvin Josselot, medical, Weinert.

Mrs. Norvell Lehrmann and infant son, Sagerton.

Mrs. A. G. Cox and infant son, Rule.

Clifford Lee Banner, surgery, O'Brien.

Nicolaso Delgado, medical, Weinert.

Mrs. Frank Holcomb, medical, Haskell.

DISMISSED: Mrs. Estelle King, Rochester; Doyle Norman, Rule; Alma Lee, Haskell; Mr. Weaver, Haskell; Deborah Rosenbaum, Rule; E. B. Haffner, Keene; Mrs. Imogene Skiles, Haskell; Mrs. O. E. White, Stamford; Mrs. S. E. Harrison and infant, daughter, Haskell; Crestabel Gonzales, Haskell; Seena Ann Salenas, Rochester; Manuel Villarel, Haskell; Mrs. R. L. Turnbull, Haskell; Rickey Shumaker, Haskell; Mrs. Owen Fouts, Haskell; Ike Dickenson, Rule; Mrs. Jess Place, Rule; C. T. Pierce, Old Glory; Josephine Lopez and infant son, Haskell; Tommy Ray Foster, Jud; Mrs. Herman Josselot, and infant son, Weinert; Laverne Camp, Haskell; Danny Lewis Clayton, Haskell.



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 Service Station

News From Sagerton

BY MRS. DELBERT LE FEVRE

The Mission Circle of St. Paul's Lutheran Church entertained the members of the Brotherhood and their guests with a Christmas program at their regular meeting Sunday afternoon Dec. 20.

A covered dish luncheon was served and secret pals were revealed and gifts exchanged.

Jerry Lee Kainer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Kainer, student at Texas Lutheran College, Seguin is home for the holidays.

Jerry Thane, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ewin Thane, student in Texas Lutheran College at Seguin, is home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark entertained the members of the intermediate Sunday School class of the Methodist Church with a party in their home Monday evening, Dec. 21.

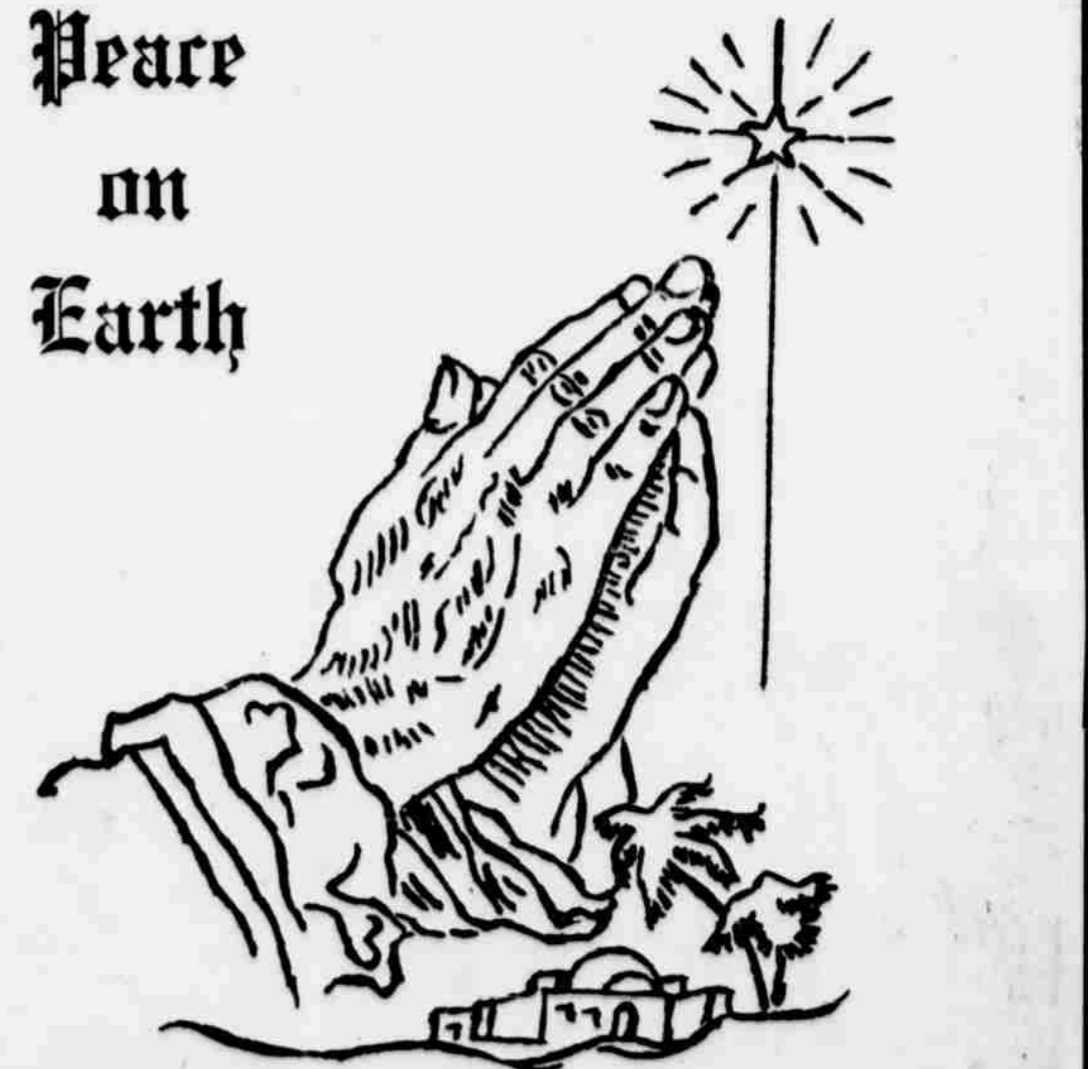
All members of the Stitch and Chatter Club were present for the annual Christmas party in the home of Mrs. R. N. Sheid Wednesday, Dec. 16.

Marvin Stegemoller, a junior at Texas Tech, is home for the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stegemoller.

Mesdames Ben Hess, Pete Lusk, R. O. Gibson, Sr., R. N. Sheid, and John Clark attended a meeting of the Pioneer Club, which is



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... and among all the Gifts which may be yours on this Joyous Occasion, may you know the Greatest of all Gifts... Health and Happiness DR. GERTRUDE ROBINSON

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

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

**Carrol Thompson**  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 An Ordinance Prohibiting The Taking Of Any Fish By Any Manner or Means From Lake Stamford, In Haskell County, Texas, Until June 1, 1955, Defining Offenses and Prescribing Penalties And Declaring An Emergency.

PREAMBLE: WHEREAS, Lake Stamford in Haskell County, Texas, is a newly created body of water which has been stocked with small fish of various kinds and which is to be stocked with additional fish of various kinds and, whereas, it is necessary that said lake be closed for the taking of any fish by any manner or

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means for a reasonable period of time in order to permit the growth and multiplication of the fish in Lake Stamford and it is a proper exercise of the Police power of the City of Stamford, Texas, to regulate the taking of fish from Lake Stamford; THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD, TEXAS; Section 1: That it shall hereafter be unlawful for any person, firm, association or corporation to take from Lake Stamford in Haskell County, Texas, any fish of any kind until June 1, 1955, at 12:01 a. m.

Section 2: That any person, firm, association or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall upon conviction in the Corporation Court of the City of Stamford, Texas, be fined in any sum not to exceed Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars and that each and every day that a violation of this ordinance occurs shall be deemed a separate offense.

Section 3: The fact that there is no regulation on the taking of fish of any kind from Lake Stamford in Haskell County, Texas, and the necessity of providing immediate protection for the fish in Lake Stamford creates a public emergency and an imperative public necessity requiring the suspension of the rules requiring ordinances to be read on two separate days and requires that this ordinance be passed on the day of its introduction and it is so ordered and this ordinance shall be and become effective from and after passage and publication as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 18th day of December, A. D. 1953.  
 G. C. Carothers, Mayor.

Attest:  
 Tom Elliott, City Secretary.  
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**Letters To Santa**

1606 North Nelson St.  
 Amarillo, Texas

Dear Santa:  
 I am a little boy 7 years old and I would like for you to bring me two cowboy guns, and holsters, a cowboy hat and a metal truck and grader set. For my little sister who is 1 year old, bring a doll, doll buggy and teddy bear. Please don't forget the candy, nuts and fruits. I want to wish for everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,  
 Elton Lee and Connie Marie Crow.  
 1006 N. Ave. D

Dear Santa:  
 I am a little girl 21 years old and am really looking forward to seeing you this Christmas.

Please bring me a baby doll, doll buggy, piano, dishes and a cowgirl suit. I would also like some chewing gum and candy. Love you lots.  
 Jaime Lynn Gordon.  
 Route 1  
 Weinert, Texas

Dear Santa:  
 I am a little boy 6 years old. I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a belt with my name on it, a blackboard, and although I am a little boy, I like dolls. Bring me anything else you would like to. Remember, all the other little boys and girls. Love,  
 James Ira Curd.

Dear Santa:  
 Please bring me a yellow road-grader, and anything else you might be able to give me. Daddy says the roadgrader need not have a real motor, because I can give it plenty of sound-effect. Your friend,  
 "Mikey" Campbell.  
 Weinert, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:  
 I want a football and a left-hand baseball glove. I am 9 years old and have been a nice boy. Your friend,  
 Clayton Hawkins.  
 Haskell, Texas  
 Dec. 7, 1953

Dearest Santa:  
 Would you please make all boys and girls happy this Christmas? I have been a good girl this year. Will you please bring me a bicycle if you can, if not I would like a record player. Also a walking doll. Please bring my brother a watch as he thinks he is

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too big for toys. I think my sister wants mostly clothes.  
 Please be nice to mother and daddy because I love them too.  
 See you Christmas, love,  
 Glinda Long.

503 Russell Street  
 Scott City, Kansas  
 Dear Santa:  
 I am 10 years old. I would like a 48 game set, some viewmaster reels, some books and a set of magic tricks. I will be at Haskell for Christmas. Bring some fruit, nuts and candy. Love,  
 Rodney Childress.  
 Amarillo, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:  
 I am 7 years old and in the second grade. I go to Humphreys High School. I want a big walking girl suitcase, skates, doctor and nurse set. Don't forget my little sister 4 years old. She wants the same as I do. Don't forget my little cousin, May LaRue, who lives in Haskell.  
 Penny and Joan Sparkman.  
 Dec. 20, 1953

Dear Santa:  
 My name is Gwendolyn Freeman and I have a little sister age 2 and her name is Gayle Freeman. We have both been good girls and want Santa to be good to us. I want a big doll 24 inches tall and a toy telephone. Gayle

wants a doll just like mine and a small wagon to put her little toys in. We also want fruit, nuts and candy.  
 Santa please be good to our special friends, Janice and Janet Donnell, as they have been very good also.  
 Thank you Santa, we love you very much.  
 Gwendolyn and Gayle Freeman.  
 P. S Don't forget my cousin Jerry Lynn Freeman.

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**Season's Greetings**  
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**THE HUB**

**Greetings for Christmas**

We would like each shining ornament on your Christmas tree to reflect joyous Season's Greetings and our best wishes for a very Happy New Year.

**West Texas Sheet Metal and Plumbing**  
 Otho Nanny Henry Fancher

**Season's Greetings**

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

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

**Christmastide**  
 May you experience the glorious feeling of peace and brotherly love... this Holiday Season.  
**Dr. E. O. McClellan**  
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**Season's Greetings AND BEST WISHES TO ALL**

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**GREETINGS**

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

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**A GREETING**

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

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**GREETINGS!**

We wish that Santa brings to you all the things you want most. And may you enjoy the memories of Christmas happiness each and every day of the New Year ahead.

**DARNELL MOTOR CO.**  
John and Ann Darnell  
Pete Snider Tom Barnett

**Mrs. M. O. Brinlee Gives Recipes For Christmas Candies**

Two Christmas candy recipes published in The Free Press in 1936 have been used by Mrs. M. O. Brinlee of this city during every holiday season since then. The candies have been so popular with friends and relatives that scores have asked for the recipes. Mrs. Brinlee said this week in asking that the recipes be re-printed.

They are given below, with the suggestion that candy lovers clip and file them with your Christmas recipes.

**Date Loaf**

3 cups sugar.  
1 package of dates.  
1 cup milk.  
1 cup nuts.  
Cook sugar and milk together. Just before it reaches "soft ball" stage, add dates. Cook the mixture until a spoonful dropped in cold water will hold its shape. Remove from fire and cool slightly. Add nuts and beat until creamy. Shape into roll, wrap in damp cheesecloth. Allow to cool and slice.

**Divinity**

Mix 2 cups sugar, 1-3 cup white corn syrup, 2-3 cup of boiling water and cook until it will crack when tried in cold water. Pour slowly into 2 egg whites which have been beaten stiff. Beat this mixture until it holds its shape on back of spoon. Add flavoring and nuts and pour on slightly buttered plate or pan.

This may be varied by dropping from a teaspoon on oiled paper and adding nut halves or pieces of green or red cherries for decorations.

**CARD OF THANKS**

Words cannot express our thanks for the kindness and thoughtfulness shown us during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father. The hours at his bedside, the cards, the food, and the beautiful floral offerings were deeply appreciated and brought us much comfort. May God bless each of you—The E. M. (Dick) Frierson Family.

Graham flour contains more minerals than whole flour.

**Church Services**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

N. Ave. E at Fourth St.  
R. K. McCall, D. D., Minister  
Bible School Supt.  
Morning Topic—"For the Last Day of the Year."  
Radio Sermon Topic—"Authority in Christianity."  
Evening Topic—"Prayers that God Will Not Answer."  
**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
510 North Ave. E.  
Fred Custis, Minister  
Sunday services:  
Bible School—9:45.  
Worship—10:50.  
Evening Service—6:30.  
Wednesday services:  
Ladies Bible Class—9:30 a. m.  
Prayer meeting—7:30 p. m.

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

B. F. Gaskamp, Pastor  
(Located east on the city limit line on the Throckmorton highway.)  
Sunday School and Bible class at 9:30 a. m.  
Worship service on Sunday at 10:45 a. m.  
All are welcome.

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT LUTHERAN CHURCH**

The Sunday School of Trinity Lutheran Church is to give the Christmas program on Christmas Eve beginning at 8:45 p. m. The program is entitled "The Star of Wonder." It tries to portray Old Testament promises and finally the birth of the promised Savior, Jesus Christ.

There will also be singing of many familiar carols by the choir and the congregation in connection with the program. Even though the program is Christ-centered for the children, it is nevertheless the interest of all adults.

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT LUTHERAN CHURCH**

The offering in both services are to go to the Childrens Home in Round Rock, Texas.

**A. F. MILLER TO PREACH HERE SUNDAY**

In the absence of Minister Fred Custis, who will be in Denver City, A. F. Waller will preach at the Church of Christ Sunday. Mr. Waller is a former resident here, and is the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Nig Bartlett.

**THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

107 N. Ave. F.  
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**FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**

North Second and Ave. F.  
Rev. J. B. Thompson, Minister  
9:45 a. m.—Church School.  
10:50 a. m.—Morning Worship.  
5:00 p. m.—Youth Fellowship.  
6:00 p. m.—Vesper Worship.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to thank each and everyone of the neighbors and many friends who have rendered their services during the illness of my husband, John W. Loe while in the hospital here before entering into Veterans Hospital in McKinney, Texas. Also for the nice floral offerings, gifts and cash contributions during my daughter's illness in hospital due to car accident.

May God's richest blessings be upon each and everyone of you and may health and happiness be yours forever.—Alice Adams Loe, and daughter, Alma and son, Jerry Loe.

**VISITING PARENTS IN WEINERT**

Pfc. Wayne Hix, who is stationed at Camp Carson, Colorado Springs, Colo., is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hix of Weinert.

The early Puritans celebrated only one holiday, Thanksgiving.

**Letter To Santa**

Dec. 22, 1953

Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl nearly three years old. I have been pretty good I guess. Please bring me a baby doll, doll bottle, blackboard and baton and some fruit, nuts and candy. Please be good to other little boys and girls. Thank you, Santa.  
Patricia Toliver.

**PARENTS OF SON**

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Walton of Seagraves are the parents of a son, born Dec. 16 in the Seagraves Hospital. The little boy weighed 7 pounds and 2 ounces and has been named Jerry Allen. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Walton of Hamlin and Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Jones, also of Hamlin.

Texas agricultural producers who had a net operating loss in 1953 should investigate provisions of the federal income tax laws which makes an allowance for unprofitable farm operations.

**Too Late to Classify**

CLEAN, modern apartment. Newly painted. J. M. Diggs, 207 North Ave. H. 52p

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FIREWORKS for sale on Rule Highway. Don Pennington. 52p

EIGHTY to 410 acres land to rent, with sale of the farming equipment. Phone 7893 or 7511. W. J. Giles, Anson, Texas. 52-53p

EVERY home needs a Texas Almanac, \$1.25. Haskell Free Press. 44tc

**WILL SPEND CHRISTMAS IN FORT WORTH**

Mr. and Mrs. Mart Clifton will spend Christmas in Fort Worth with Mr. and Mrs. George Wimbish and family.

The Mayflower brought 102 Pilgrims to America in 1620.

Use the Want Ads

**ATTEND FUNERAL AT WILLS POINT**

The many friends of Mrs. Dawson will regret to hear of her death at Wills Point, Texas, Dec. 17. She has visited here many times and Miss May Fields attended funeral Friday at Wills Point. Miss May remained the Monday afternoon.

**NOTICE**

To the former customers of FLOYD RICH, doing business as WHITE'S AUTO SUPPLY: To those having accounts with remittances, and receive receipts, to W. A. HOLT, 107 N. Haskell, Texas, who has been employed to handle the collection of these items, as current accounts. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

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**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**

**Season's Greetings**

At this heartwarming season, we extend to everyone our wishes for a joyous and bountiful Christmas... a happy and prosperous New Year.

**Graham Humble Service Station**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

and best wishes for good fortune through the coming year

**Western Auto Associate Store**  
JIM HENDERSON

**SEASON'S GREETINGS**

To all our friends we wish all the good things that this glorious time of year can bring.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

**WOODSON RADIO & ELECTRIC**

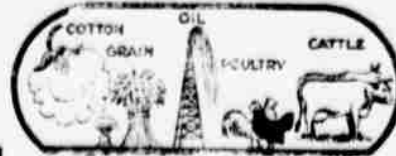
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# Silent Night

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.

**LEE WHITTINGTON  
GULF SERVICE STA.**

401 North Ave E Phone 367

### Letters To Santa

Dear Santa:  
I will be a good boy. I am 4 years old. Please bring me a 4-wheel bicycle. Don't worry about bringing me an electric train as I am sure Papa will want to buy me one. Don't forget "Satch" all the other good little fire-boys.

Love,  
Brian Lynn Dulaney.

Weinert, Texas

Dear Santa:  
Hello Santa! I'm a little boy almost seven years old. Please bring me some boxing gloves and punching bag, Indian tepee, view master and pirate ship. Don't forget my little sister, Lorenia who is eight months old. Bye Santa.

Larry Caddell.  
1305 N. Ave. F.  
Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa:  
I think I've been a pretty good boy this year, so bring me a bicycle. Also, I would like an Indian suit. Just bring anything you'd like me to have. Don't forget the other girls and boys. Love,

Mike Gholson.

Dear Santa:  
My name is Johnny. Thank you for all the gifts you have given me. Thank you for all the gifts you have given all the boys and girls. I have been a good boy. This year I want a bow and arrow set for Christmas. Your friend,

Johnny McCollum.

Weinert, Texas

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a Terri Lee Doll for Christmas. If you don't have one that is O. K. I'll hang my stocking Christmas. I'll draw you a picture of a stocking. Love,

Shirley Sanders.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a girl 8 years old. I have been studying hard all year. Below are some things I would like for Christmas:  
Walking doll.  
Black patent shoes.  
Magic slate wall board.  
Nylon sweater.  
Thank you.

Barbara Ann Cross.



Miriam Alvarez and Sally Loesch, employees of the New York Telephone Company, are surrounded by the dolls the workers distributed last year to 95 of New York's charitable institutions. It was one of the largest collections in the annual affair's 35 year history.

Haskell, Texas  
Dear Santa:  
I am 12 years old and in the sixth grade. All I want for Christmas is a watch. I have tried my best to be a nice girl and I hope you will be nice to me. Love,

Patricia Wright.

Dear Santa:  
I have tried to be a nice boy so you would be good to me. I would like to have a wagon and a train and an airplane. I am nine years old and in the third grade. Love,

Johnny Paul Wright.

Dear Santa:  
I would like to have a bicycle for Christmas. I am in the third grade. I am ten years old and I am a boy. Love,

James McFaddin.

Dear Santa:  
My name is Elaine. I am 7 years old. I go to school at Rule. I am in the second grade. Please bring me a little doll and a ring. I have a little sister named Paula. Bring her a doll with a bottle. She wants a ring too. My little brother, Edwin, wants a truck and a doll. Bring us some candy and nuts. Love to you Santa.

Elaine Elmore.

Dear Santa:  
I am a little boy six years old. I would like for you to bring me a space gun, a gasoline station and a pair of cowboy boots. Please remember all the other little boys and girls. I love you Santa.

Michael Felker.

Dear Santa:  
I am a little boy four years old. Please bring me a space gun, a magic set and a pair of cowboy boots. I have tried to be a good little boy this year. I love you Santa Claus.

Walter Viars Felker.

Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl eight years old. Patsy, my little sister is four years old. We would like for you to bring us a doll with hair and some dishes. Please bring my baby brother Tommy some toys too. Don't forget all the other girls and boys. Love,

Wanda Miller.

My Dear Santa:  
I am writing for my brother, sister and myself. I wish you'd bring my brother a football suit and football. Also I want a BB gun, bring my sister a tricycle. I would also like to have our stockings filled with candy and fruit. We'll have them hanging up for you to fill. Merry Christmas to all. Love,

Betty, Tony, Linda.

**MAKE GIFTS ATTRACTIVE**  
Make your Christmas package attractive because half of the pleasure of the gift is the wrapping and opening a beautiful package. Use plenty of ribbon and gay colored paper. Add bells and put the bows off-center to make the package distinctive. A little disguising by putting small boxes in larger ones before wrapping adds to the mystery of the gift.

Dear Santa:  
I have tried to be a good girl this year. I want you to bring me a watch for Christmas. I want a lot of nuts and fruits too. I would also like to have a shade lamp. I am 11 years old. I am in the fifth grade. My name is Mattie Rose. Love,

Mattie Rose McFaddin.

## 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 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

*Merry Christmas*

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

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

**O'NEAL FOOD STORE**

*Merry Christmas!*

We sincerely hope that you and your loved ones will share in every Christmas pleasure.

And may the New Year be one of good health and contentment for all our many friends.

**HIGHWAY DRIVE IN**  
Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Burnett  
Phone 36-J



**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.

**BASSING JEWELRY**

**Save Lives Plan Urged To Curb Traffic Toll**

To prevent the reckless spending of lives every Christmas, the National Safety Council today called on Americans to join in a nation-wide Christmas savings plan to stop accidents.

The Council's yuletide ledger shows a loss of 740 lives, from all accidents, during the Christmas holidays last year—and the toll of 556 lives in traffic was the highest on record.

"It is time," Neg H. Dearborn, council president said, "for America to start saving—and stop squandering—lives. If every American will join this savings plan before the Christmas holidays, a real yuletide bonus—human life—will be paid."

One hundred and sixty-three national organizations, city and state officials, safety councils and civic leaders have joined the Council in the Christmas savings plan. They will unite in creating the awareness of the special holiday hazards, and will enlist voluntary cooperation from every American to hold accidents to a minimum.

The Christmas-New Year holiday season is the most hazardous single period of the year, according to Council statistics. In traffic accidents alone, twice as many persons are killed during a Christmas holiday period as on the same days of the preceding two weeks.

Heavier travel and the festive spirit of the holiday season increase the normal winter hazards such as bad weather, slippery roads and more hours of darkness.

The Council suggest four safety measures for Christmas pleasures:

1. Start automobile trips early and take it easy. Be extremely cautious in bad weather and darkness. Watch out for pedestrians.
2. Keep Christmas tree in water and away from fire. Be sure lights and electrical connections are in good condition.
3. Watch out for falls, at home and away from home. Be wary of icy sidewalks. Falls are second only to traffic accident killers.
4. Be moderate in drinking, and don't drive if you have been drinking. Tippy pedestrians and drinking divers are most common during the holidays.

The nation's commercial bankers have confidence in the future of agriculture and expect to continue furnishing a large share of the credit needed for farm production.

Courtney R. Cooper was the only newspaper reporter to have access to the files of the Bureau of Investigation.

**Germans First Lighted Christmas Tree Here**

German immigrants, homesick for the traditions of their native land, were the first to decorate Christmas trees in their homes in the United States, according to tradition.

Historians believe it was about the end of the Revolution that the practice began to grow in the colonies.

Before that the Pilgrims forbade Christmas celebrations on the grounds they were pagan. And a Massachusetts law in 1689 subjected everyone to a fine who observed the day by feasting, retraining from work or in any other manner.

Historians also believe that Martin Luther was the first to decorate and light a tree. He was fascinated by the evergreen trees, glistening with starlit snow pointing to the heavens at Christmas time. So he brought an evergreen into his house and lighted it with candles for his children.



**SEASON'S Greetings**

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

**VELTON MOORE CORNER GULF**

**Merry CHRISTMAS**

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

**O. K. Rubber Welding Shop**



**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

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The Council suggest four safety measures for Christmas pleasures:

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2. Keep Christmas tree in water and away from fire. Be sure lights and electrical connections are in good condition.
3. Watch out for falls, at home and away from home. Be wary of icy sidewalks. Falls are second only to traffic accident killers.
4. Be moderate in drinking, and don't drive if you have been drinking. Tippy pedestrians and drinking divers are most common during the holidays.

The nation's commercial bankers have confidence in the future of agriculture and expect to continue furnishing a large share of the credit needed for farm production.

Courtney R. Cooper was the only newspaper reporter to have access to the files of the Bureau of Investigation.



**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	R. C. Trussell Station, Haskell
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**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 pleasure and happiness.

**CAMPBELL SERVICE STATION**

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anted In  
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Millions of Americans received a letter from the National Christmas Association containing the seasonal message of the never-ending fight against the disease.

He mentioned it to his fellow workers and they decided it would be a great help in defraying the cost of fighting tuberculosis. The idea reached King Christian, who approved and the image of Queen Louise was placed on the first seals in 1904.

Jacob Riis, Danish-born American, heard about the idea, and sold it to the American public in 1907 through a magazine article. A Red Cross worker, Miss Emily Bissell, started the first American sales that year.

Read the Free Press Want Ads

### Small Towns Were First To Light Outdoor Trees

It was a small town that first thought of lighting an outdoor community Christmas tree.

Four communities are believed to have thought of the idea about the same time—as early as 1913. Two of them, McDonald and Germantown, were in Pennsylvania. Salem, Ore., decorated a large Sitka spruce. Riverside, Calif., illuminated a large evergreen, an Arceuthobium.

The first national Christmas tree was in 1924 and was sponsored by the American forestry association. The event is now televised every year for all parts of the country to see.

But it was the small towns that first thought of the idea.

Today, nearly every community in the land has some kind of Christmas decorations. Many communities string colored lights across the street and decorate light posts with evergreens. Many suspend bells and stars at street intersections and have dazzling community trees.

### Puritans Outlawed Yule As Frivolous

The Puritan government of England outlawed Christmas in 1643. With the restoration of the Stuarts, Christmas customs and traditions were revived, but Christmas never regained its former prestige in England.

It is observed religiously in the churches and as a day for family reunions and social gatherings, in boisterous merry-making of olden time.

Merry-making and gift-giving come in for their share, however, on December 26 which is Boxing Day. The origin of Boxing Day antedates Christmas and can be traced to the custom of gift-giving during the Roman festival of Saturnalia.

In Christian liturgy December 26 is observed as the feast of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr and during the centuries when journeymen and apprentices were in the habit of levying upon their masters customers, "Christmas Boxes" were collected on St. Stephen's Day.

A possum at birth is about one-half inch long. He is America's only pouched animal.

Vanilla, in its natural state, is a green, elongated bean.

### KEEP GRASS GREEN

If you have the type of tree-holer that permits the tree trunk to rest in water, you will find that a small amount of plant food dissolved in the water will aid in retaining the needles on the tree, and keep the needles green. If you use a pebble or rock-filled pail to support the tree, cover the pebbles or cork with a plant food solution.

Use one teaspoonful of plant food, powdered form, to each gallon of water in the container, or use one plant food tablet to each gallon.

Members of Chinese secret society, formed to rid China of foreigners, were known as "Boxers."

The Schiparelli Canal is on Mars.

### Hunting From Car Bring Fines For 34 Persons

The Director of Law Enforcement for the Texas Game and Fish Commission said an unusually large number of prosecutions have been made for shooting game from automobiles.

He said the latest arrest report shows thirty-four persons were caught firing from a car, adding that most of the cases occurred during the recent mourning dove season.

The automobile also became a party to the seven arrests for hunting from public roads. The automobile likewise was linked to most of the 20 arrests. Throwing at night, primarily headlighting deer.

The director said wardens also

were having some trouble with duck hunter. Shooting after hours, although the daily shoot has been extended this year until sundown. Using unplugged shotguns, or firing weapons not limited to three shells, has caused some arrests.

The report cited conspicuous cases:

A Beaumont man paid \$150 and court costs for shooting a doe at night.

A Rankin man paid \$225 and court costs for shooting a fawn deer at night.

Two members of one Beaumont family were fined \$30 each plus court costs for hunting deer out of season.

A Lubbock man paid \$100 plus

court costs for shooting dove out of season with a rifle.

Forty-four persons were fined for lacking resident hunting licenses and thirteen were fined for lacking non-residential licenses.

Harvester ants can be controlled with five per cent chlordane or two per cent dieldrin used as dusts or the liquid fumigants, carbon disulfide or methyl bromide. Local county agents have detailed information on these control methods.

Writing inks were used by the Romans.

John Paul Jones was once vice admiral of the Russian fleet.

### Little Indiana Town Owes Fame To Unusual Name

The little community of Santa Claus, Indiana, owes its fame to its unusual name. And at Christmas time its small postoffice is swamped with mail from throughout the world by people who want their letter postmarked Santa Claus.

In addition, thousands of letters are received at the postoffice addressed to "Santa Claus, Santa Claus, Indiana."

The notes range from the wistful to the desperate, requesting such things as a mamma doll, a sled, a sweater, or a pair of over-shoes.

They come from countries all over the world—small village in Canada and big cities in Europe.



**Greetings**

May the spirit of happiness and good will that fills this season live in your home 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**

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS**

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

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

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

*to Our Many Friends and Customers*

**THE HASKELL FREE PRESS**

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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.

**BRAZELTON LUMBER CO.**  
JIM BYRD, Manager

### Tree Presents Top Christmas Fire Hazard

The festive act of "bringing in the Christmas tree" is also a potentially dangerous one. That tree is highly combustible. Filled with pitch and resin, it will ignite very easily and burn so furiously that it is almost impossible to extinguish. Bringing it into the home brings in a definite and serious fire hazard.

To minimize the danger, the National Board of Fire Underwriters suggests some simple but effective precautions:

1. Choose a small tree. It's just as pretty and is less a hazard than a larger one.
2. Keep it outdoors until a day or two before Christmas.
3. When you set it up, stand it in water . . . or use a live tree in a pot of earth.
4. Place the tree in the coolest part of the house, away from radiators, heaters or fireplaces. Don't let it block an exit. If it must go near a radiator, turn the radiator off.
5. Never use cotton or paper as decorations on or under the tree unless they are flameproof.
6. Never smoke or lay a cigar, pipe or cigar down near the tree.
7. Don't set up electric trains under the tree.
8. Never trim it with candles; use only electric lighting sets. Be sure every wire and socket is in

9. Provide a switch some distance from the tree for turning, tree light off and on. Never leave them burning when no one is home.
10. Inspect the tree from time to time to see if needles near any of the lights have started to turn brown. If so, move the lights.
11. Don't let gift wrappings pile up near or under the tree, or anywhere in the house. Throw them away as soon as the presents have been opened.
12. When needles start to fall, take your tree down and discard it outdoors.

Use the Want Ads



**ANGELS WITHOUT WINGS**  
In the Children's Aid Society Jones Center, all was calm as the call for rehearsal of carols was sounded. The little angels without wings took their places, with one mopet sporting a black eye. He couldn't resist reaching under his cassock to be sure his treasured gun and holster were still there.

Seattle Washington claims to be the healthiest city in the United States.

A famous artist, Van Gogh, cut off his ears as a gift for a young woman.

Henry Purcell, English composer is buried beneath the organ in Westminster Abbey.

A color-blind person sees better in the dark than a person with normal sight.



### 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.

**COFIELD'S**  
Ladies and Children's Shop

### Christmas Candles Are Traditional For Many Peoples

"To learn your luck for the year they say. Burn a bayberry dip on Christmas day. If the flame burns bright and the light shines clear, Good luck will be yours through the year."

This old verse is believed in many lands around the world and is said to be one of the reasons that candles in homes are traditional around the world.

The custom is believed to have started in Ireland, the Irish put it: "Who knows, on some Christmas Eve, Jesus and Mary and Joseph may come again, not to Palestine, but to the Holy Isle on the farthest edge of Europe." And it is the custom that the candle can only be snuffed by one named Mary.

Their first use for Christmas is not recorded in the annals of any nation, but that the "Christ Child Candle, burned in the window on Christmas Eve is, according to an old legend, placed there to light His way if He makes an earthly visitation and in atonement for the night of His birth when there was no room for Him.

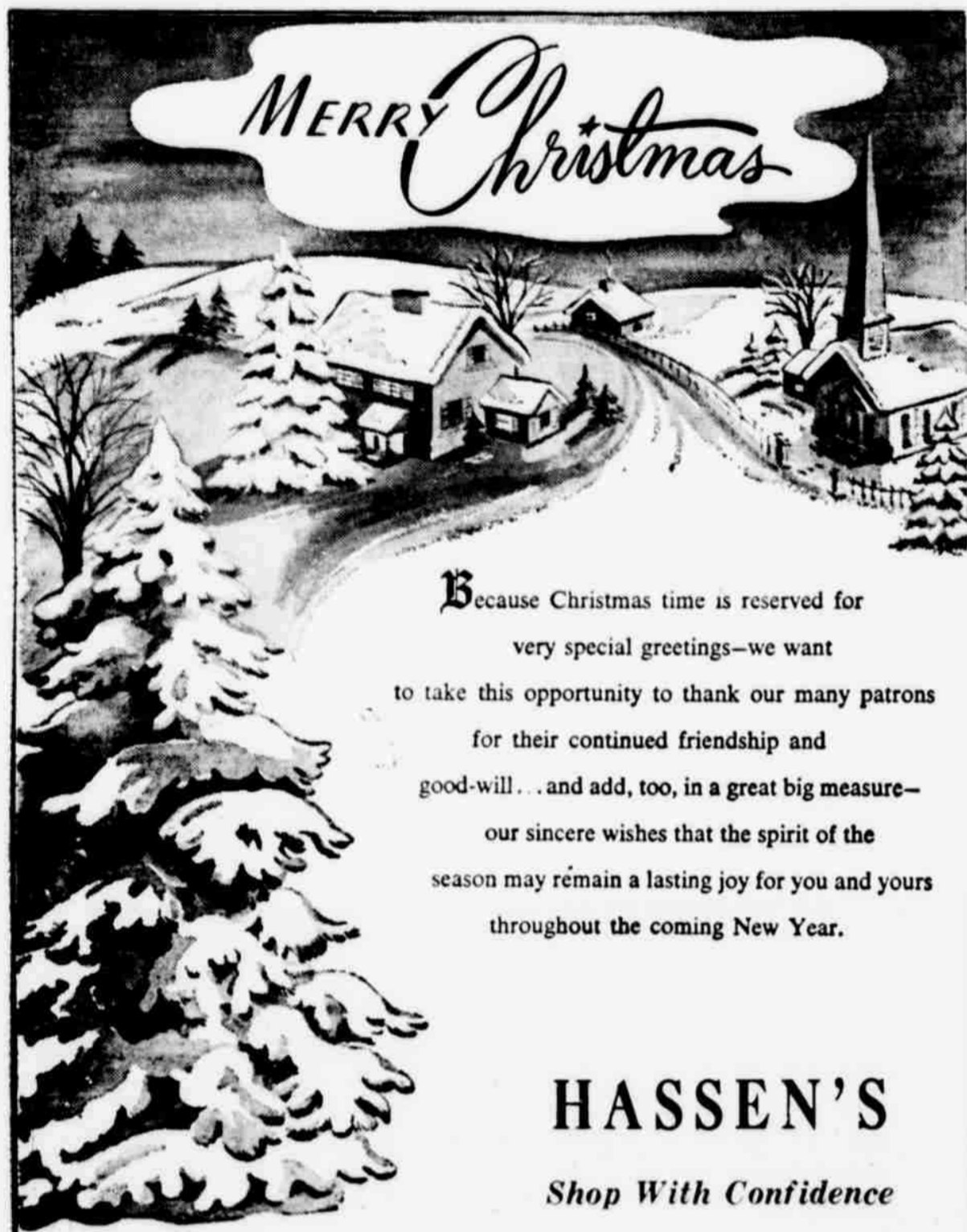
### Christmas Tree Industry Is Big Business In U. S.

The Christmas tree industry is big business in the United States—better than \$50,000,000 annually.

The majority of our trees come from New England, New York and Pennsylvania, the North Midwest, and the Northwest Pacific regions. In recent years, New Jersey has annually marketed around 100,000 trees.

Most of the trees for Christmas sales are cut early in the fall and the trees are kept green with plenty of water until shipped to distribution centers.

Some mass producers, however, cut trees early in the new year, and treat them with preservatives and coloring solutions for storage in chilled warehouses.



## 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 HASSEN'S



## 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

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



## 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

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  
Dick Howell

## Birth of the Savior Was Greatest Event In World's History

Pleasant as it is to dream of a "White Christmas" with its carols and gifts, feasting and merry-making, the sparkling eyes of children delighting in Santa Claus and the wonderful Christmas trees, these things never can symbolize the tremendous significance of the day.

The birth of the Savior was the greatest event in the history of the world. In spite of all the backslidings, Christian peoples have pressed forward steadily.

However vicious and corrupt, the world today is far better than the world of pagan times; familiarity with the cross and crucifixion has abolished legal tortures and much cruelty—and, if given a chance, might shame us into banishing the curse of international viciousness for the sake of Him who became the Savior of Mankind.

Brigham Young had 56 children.

## Merry Christmas

What is Christmas made of? Christmas is loyalty. It is unselfishness . . . devotion. May you, who have given all of these, find them today in your friends, your neighbors . . . find them still, next year and all the years to come. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

## BYNUM'S

Glenn Darden  
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bynum

## WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS" By C. WILSON HARDER

Great confusion appears about Attorney General Herbert Brownell. Some consider him "a Don Quixote of the graveyard" in his tilt with the now deceased Harry Dexter White. The blast at Harry S. Truman over a dead man does not set well even with rabid Truman critics.

First no one believes that Truman is a communist, or even remotely a sympathizer. To most people he is as common American as Missouri mud.

The record seems pretty clear on Truman and Communism. Under his administration 11 top Communists, the Greenglasses and Rosenbergs were brought to justice, not to mention Korea.

But no one feels job has been completed by any means. Yet in 11 months Brownell has captured no live Communists. His best effort seems to be that of digging up an alleged dead one. If dead men tell no tales, then dead spies tell no tales either.

Until Brownell catches some live communists, his cemetery investigations cast a shadow over Justice Department.

Neither is blame directed at President Eisenhower. There probably has never been a man in the White House with such a clean, undisputed record of personal integrity and honor as that enjoyed by Ike Eisenhower.

Harry Dexter White, moldering in his grave, may, or may not, have been as charged. But with the avowed use of lies, fraud and deceit as a weapon, Communists fell no people. In memoirs covering wartime negotiations with Russia, even Winston Churchill admits he was taken in. And no one appears ready to ever charge Winnie with being an easy mark. So feeling is that if Winnie could be fooled, Truman surely could be fooled.

And so many people take the stand that if it were not for belief that Truman had made major errors, election results in November 1952 would have been different. There is more concern with live unapprehended communists than with an alleged dead one.

So the question arises, "Just what is Brownell trying to cover with his tactic? Is he now trying to raise along with the Iron Curtain and the Bamboo Curtain a Shroud Curtain?"

The big question in many minds is "What is Brownell doing about anti-trust violators?"

Is a shroud supposed to hide lack of activity on this score?

Brownell inherited vital anti-trust violation cases. In case of major oil companies charged with conspiring to create a world cartel, he reduced charge from a criminal to a civil one.

His public attitude on anti-trust cases has been that he prefers to talk with and get law-breakers to promise to "go and sin no more" rather than prosecute.

This in itself could be a dangerous attitude. Anti-trust laws were enacted with provisions for criminal prosecution on the basis that conspiring to bring bankruptcy and ruin to others is at least as reprehensible as victimizing the innocent with bad checks or currency. Therefore many wonder just what Brownell is up to with his cemetery expedition—it is not the dead but the living who are feared.



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## Dr. Clement Moore Was Ashamed Of His Famous Poem

Dr. Clement Clarke Moore was ashamed of his famous poem, "Night Before Christmas" and would not acknowledge that he wrote for more than 20 years.

Today, the poem which begins—  
Twas the night before Christmas,  
When all through the house  
Not a creature was stirring,  
Not even a mouse . . .  
is one of the most beloved of all Christmas writings.

Dr. Moore was an aloof professor of Greek and Oriental literature in the Episcopal Seminary in New York. He wrote the poem on Christmas Eve 1822 and read it to his seven children.

He had not planned for the poem to go further than his own family, but a relative who was visiting the Moores put a copy in her diary. The next year the relative's father sent it to a newspaper.

Other newspapers printed the jingles and they quickly became known all over the country. The dignified Dr. Moore was embarrassed and considered it beneath a man of his scholastic standing to be the author of children's jingles.

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## Most Beloved Carol Is "Silent Night"

The most beloved carol of the many that are sung in all parts of the world is "Silent Night" that simple and tender German song.

Its origin was unknown for many years. Recent research, however, disclosed that it was written by Joseph Mohr, an assistant priest in Oberndorf in South Germany. The melody was composed by a schoolmaster, Franz Gruber.

The poet and the composer were part of the choir that sang the carol for the first time on Christmas Eve in the Oberndorf church in 1818.

The night it was sung the small church's organ was out of order and the choir sang to the accompaniment of a guitar.

Since then the carol has been sung to the tune of almost every musical instrument in the world and in the languages of nearly all men.

## That Reindeer Is Becoming Tradition

That reindeer is becoming an American tradition.

Once upon a time there was a reindeer with a built-in flashlight bulb for a nose. You know, Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer. From a small beginning in 1938, the little animal with the built-in beacon has become as familiar as Humpty-Dumpty and Cinderella to youngsters everywhere.

First invented as a sales giveaway promotion for Montgomery Ward by Robert L. May, Rudolph was featured in many free booklets before he became associated with Christmas. Songwriter Johnny Marks liked the title "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer," so he wrote a song about it. He was so sure that he had a success

that he started his own publishing company, using "Rudolph" as his first release. Gene Autry made the initial recording, and that one record sold 2,000,000 copies.

Last year, there were 16 different recordings of the song for sale, ranging from boogie woogie by Sugar Chile Robinson to Bing Crosby, and cowboy singers.

L. E. Waterman invented the first successful fountain pen.

Socrates was often referred to as the "henpecked philosopher."

# Merry Christmas

To Each of You, Our Friends

## WARREN'S BOOTERIE

HASKELL STAMFORD



## 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

# 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

### Holidays Hold Dangers for Children

Holidays can be dangerous days for our youngsters. The menace is fire. A deadly fire is a year-round threat to children—their No. 1 killer in home accidents. But at this time of year, added by seasonal hazards increase the danger.

**JOYOUS CHRISTMAS!**

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

**FRAZIER'S**  
RADIO and RECORD SHOP

Excited and over-tired youngsters are especially vulnerable to the dangers of loosely woven costumes and party dresses, decorative candles and unsafe toys.

Protect them, advises the National Board of Fire Underwriters, by following these simple fire safety suggestions:

1. Flameproof children's clothing made of loosely woven materials. Dip such garments in a solution of 9 ounces of borax and 4 ounces of boric acid to a gallon of water. Wring by hand, then hang to dry. Flameproofing will last until the clothes are laundered; then it must be repeated. Use it on doll's clothing, drapes or any washable fabric.

2. Remember, candles are dangerous at any time—but particularly when there are children around. Electric candles are just as effective in decorating and much safer.

3. When buying electrical toys of any type, always look for the UL label. It means the toys have passed Underwriters Laboratories tests for fire and shock hazards. As an added safety measure,

supervise play with even safer electrical toys.

4. Some types of toys, such as those involving flame or pressure, should not be given to little children. Others, such as chemical sets, should be selected with care, and play with them should be supervised.

5. Never leave children at home alone.

Last year, nearly 1,300 children under 5 years old were killed by fire. Deaths among the 5-14 age group brought the total up to 1,700. In this season, in any season, keep the children safe.

Reduced foreign exports contribute directly to many of the present day farm program problems. Agricultural exports from the United States have dropped from four billion dollars in 1951-52 to less than three billion dollars for 1952-53. A drop of 30 per cent.

Approximately 40% of apparel and accessories worn in the U. S. are manufactured in New York City.

**CHRISTMAS GREETING**

**JESSE B. SMITH**  
District Clerk

### Christmas Today Too Commercial, Many Believe

Today we hear many people say that Christmas has been "commercialized" and has lost its true meaning.

Has it? Is it wrong this one time in the year to make the dominate home one of giving, rather than receiving?

Giving has always been a major part of the Christmas theme—the giving of joy and happiness to others whether it be spiritual or material.

It is true that economically no other holiday or festive season contributes so much to the welfare of the world. The holiday has hardly passed into the new year before thousands are at work on toys and Christmas specialties for the next year.

Giving will remain one of the great joys of Christmas for all time to come. The idea has survived through the centuries and nothing will ever stop it.

What, after all, brings more joy than seeing people happy; than watching children and loved ones open gifts and express their thanks in words and deeds?

It is, essentially, the Christmas story.

### Joseph Proved His Love For Mary Mother of Jesus

Joseph, the Bible relates, had to prove his faith in and love for Mary before they were married. It is one of the great love stories of all times.

When Joseph thought of Mary, he forgot the difference in their ages; she was the girl he had waited for, his beloved. They were espoused—or, as we would say, engaged—which was almost as official as being married. His heart soared on wings of the approaching wedding day, and then . . .

What Mary insisted had come to pass, simply could not be! Joseph wanted desperately to believe Mary, but such things just didn't happen, and if they did, they happened to somebody else.

Much as he loved Mary, Joseph was a righteous and God-fearing man and while he couldn't even think of making her a public example, he had just about made up his mind to put her away privily. That is, he thought he had made up his mind. In his heart, he knew he couldn't; what would become of her . . . of her child . . .

Then one night, after he had exhausted himself with tortured thinking, he fell asleep and the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying:

"Joseph, thou son of David, fear not . . ."

And when Joseph awoke, he did as the angel had bidden him, and took Mary as his lawful and cherished wife.

"Fear not," the angel spoke unto Joseph.

"Fear not," the angel had declared unto Mary.

"Fear not," the angel spoke unto the shepherds of Bethlehem.

### Bankers Solidly Behind Future Of Agriculture

The nation's commercial bankers have confidence in the future of agriculture and expect to continue furnishing a large share of credit needed for farm production, says J. Wheeler Barger, professor of agricultural economics, Texas A&M College.

Barger recently attended the National Agricultural Credit Conference in Chicago, sponsored by the American Bankers Association. More than 400 bankers participated.

"Bankers are not unduly alarmed about the decline in price of cattle and other farm commodities," says Barger. Although current price reductions are painful to the producer, they are adjustments that stem from over expansion in the cattle industry and a decline in farm exports due largely to curtailment of foreign aid programs.

"Bankers believe severe immediate adjustments have passed and agriculture's net income in 1954 will be within five per cent of this year's farm income," the professor says.

They realize, however, he adds, that wartime and postwar profits in farming have needs and farmers and lending agencies must be more cautious hereafter. Applications will be examined more closely to determine whether the borrower is a competent manager, has an economic size unit and a sound production plan. If these requirements are met, Barger concludes, bankers may be expected to supply adequate credit.

Mrs. Ferguson of Texas succeeded her husband as governor, after he had been impeached.

German, French and Italian are the three principal languages spoken in Switzerland.

Rumania more than doubled in size and population after World War I.

Japan has the oldest family in the world.

**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.*

**HUNTER'S MEN'S WEAR**  
**HUNTER'S CLEANERS**

**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 the New Year brings to you a full measure of good health and prosperity.*

**COX MOTOR CO.**

Buford Cox      Howard Perry, Jr.      Ed Trimmer

**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**

Leonardo de Vinci, famous Italian painter, wrote from right to left instead from left to right. The first U. S. coins were copper.

### Shop For Christmas In Your Sewing Basket

Your sewing box holds bright ideas for Christmas. With little time, talent and money but plenty of daring and flare for fashion any woman, teenage or adult who likes to sew can trim up inexpensive ready-made or home sewn gifts.

Nena Roberson, clothing specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, says a popular gift could be a stole or capelet. Made of wool with a fringe of wool yarn, or of velveteen, a stole is smart for the college girl, or cozy for Great Aunt Matilda. Make evening stoles or capelets of satin, taffeta or a sheer fabric to match or contrast the evening dress.

Sweaters are high fashioned and practical—as well as popular in many versions. You don't have to knit to make an attractive sweater," Miss Roberson says. "Make one of the knitted jersey, trim with cut-outs of felt sewed on with pearl buttons, or bind with matching grosgrain ribbon or a French flowered ribbon." Pearls, sequins, rhinestones and other novelty trimmings come with suggested designs.

Another gift idea for Christmas is the detachable collar of velveteen, linen, cotton lace or leather. The collar may be plain or jeweled in white or color, stripe or polka dot. Match with a contour belt.

For a Mr. and Mrs. gift, buy matching shirts from the men's department in appropriate sizes, and decorate the shirt for the Mrs. with sequins, nail heads or rhinestones.

A novel gift for someone who needs linens for entertaining, is a table cloth and napkins to match. Red and white check gingham napkins can be buttoned to a gray denim cloth, or a checked cloth can be accompanied by monogrammed napkins of solid color.

The specialist also suggests aprons for every occasion from the frilly hostess type to the sturdy cobbler's apron. For the little girl with her doll make a complete wardrobe of several complete outfits. Giant stockings for the small fry, a gingham bunny or bright plaid horse as cuddly toys for the little ones can be complete your shopping list from your sewing basket.

Few common cattle parasites take more money from Texas livestock producers than does the cattle grub. The loss amounts to millions of dollars annually and comes in the form of lower prices for damaged hides, lower market prices for grubby cattle because of reduced quality in the meat and lower milk production from dairy cattle. Control is not difficult.

Heliolatriy is sun worship.

**DOOR DECORATIONS**  
In the last few years it has become more and more popular to decorate doors and doorways with bells and tree ornaments instead of the conventional wreath. Your door and window frames can be made bright and cheerful by framing them with ribbon and sprigs of holly. You can hang the ribbon in festoons across the curtains and tie at the sides in wide sash bows for colorful effect.

### Proper Care Adds Longer Life To Farm Equipment

Most farmers would jump at the opportunity to increase the life of their farm machinery 15 to 35 per cent.

Every experienced farm operator knows the importance of proper machine servicing, says W. L. Ulich, extension agricultural engineer, but many are guilty

of leaving their equipment outside, exposed to the sabotage of winter's rain and snow.

Proper winter protection will substantially prolong the life of a machine, up to 35 per cent, Ulich says. Machinery should be kept under shelter when not in use. Weathering is poisoning to equipment, the engineer points out. Keep the machine shed doors closed and windows screened to prevent poultry and birds from roosting on equipment.

Exposed metal parts should be

painted to help prevent corrosion, he says. Keep cultivator hoes, plow mold boards, jointers and rolling colters, clean and greased. These parts are bare steel and have no coating or protection against rust.

Inspect all equipment before it goes back into service. This can be done during the winter, Ulich says, when machinery is idle. Repair bent sprockets, sickle blades, lever arms, combine sieves, manure spreader fingers and torn canvases. Machinery should be in-

spected for corroded bolts.

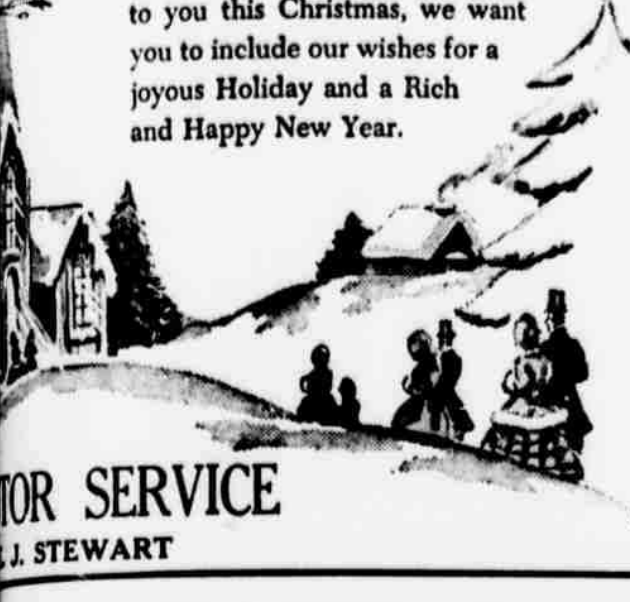
Not only will winter protection increase equipment life but correction of minor irregularities will avoid a costly break down during next year's harvest.

Two presidents have received the Nobel Prize. They were Theodore Roosevelt in 1906, and Woodrow Wilson in 1919.

Artificial pearls were first made in 1680, by Jaquin of France.

## 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.



**TOR SERVICE**  
J. STEWART

## Season's Greetings

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

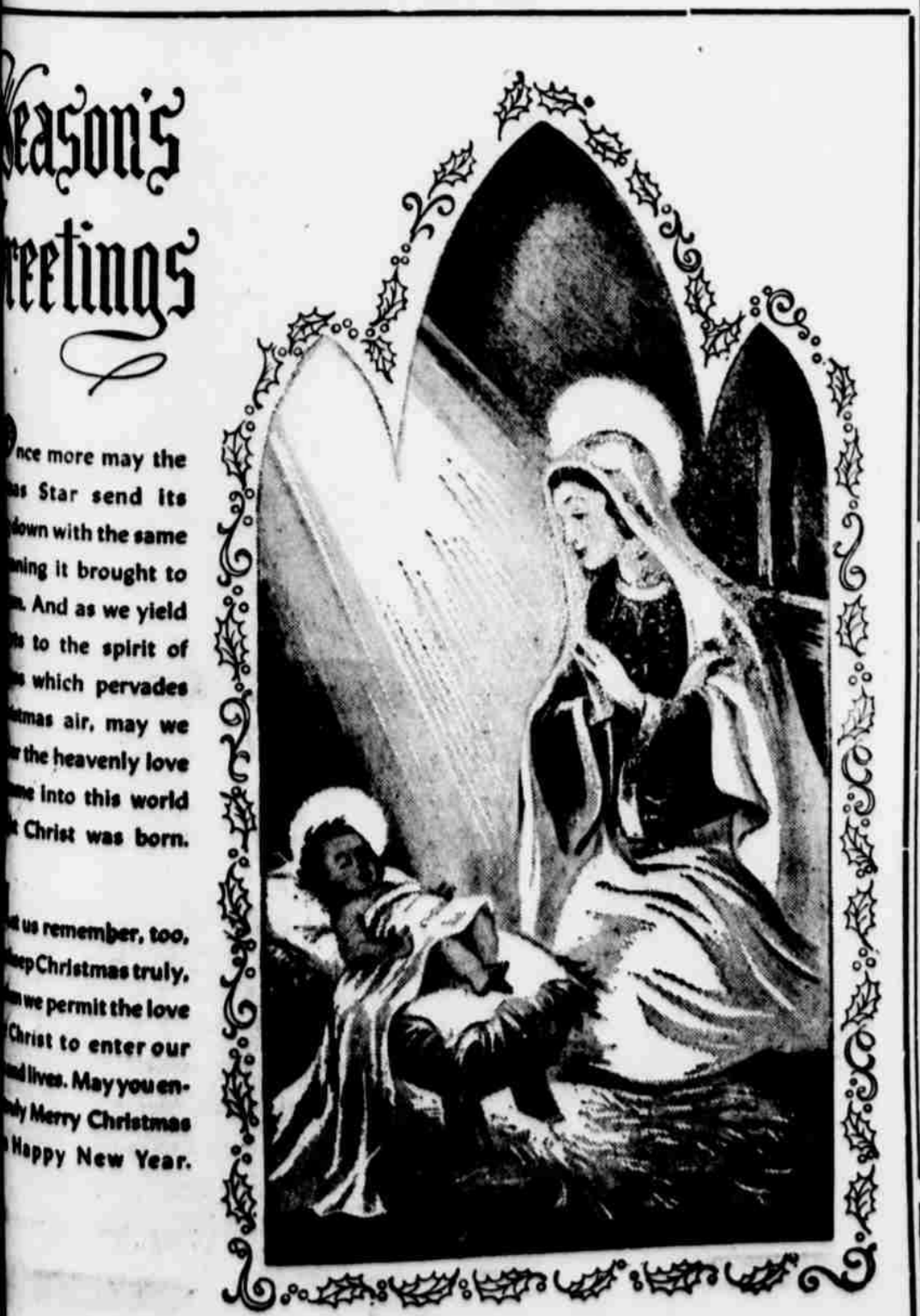


**COURTNEY HUNT**

## Season's Greetings

Once more may the Star send its light down with the same meaning it brought to us. And as we yield to the spirit of Christmas which pervades the air, may we receive the heavenly love which came into this world when Christ was born.

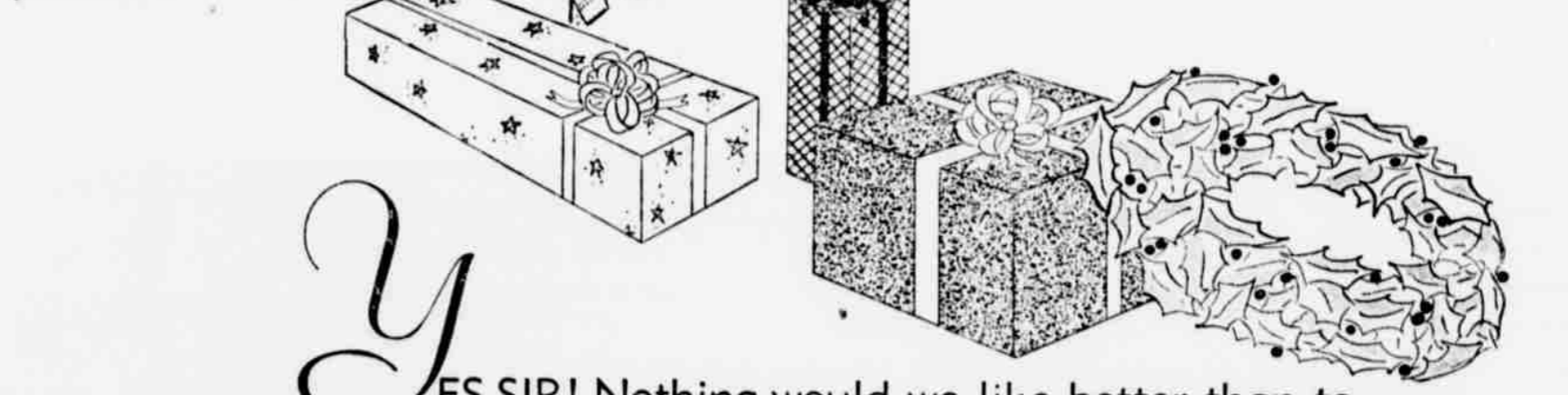
Let us remember, too, that Christmas truly, is a time when we permit the love of God to enter our hearts and lives. May you enjoy a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



**SMITTY'S AUTO SUPPLY Haskell**



# 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.

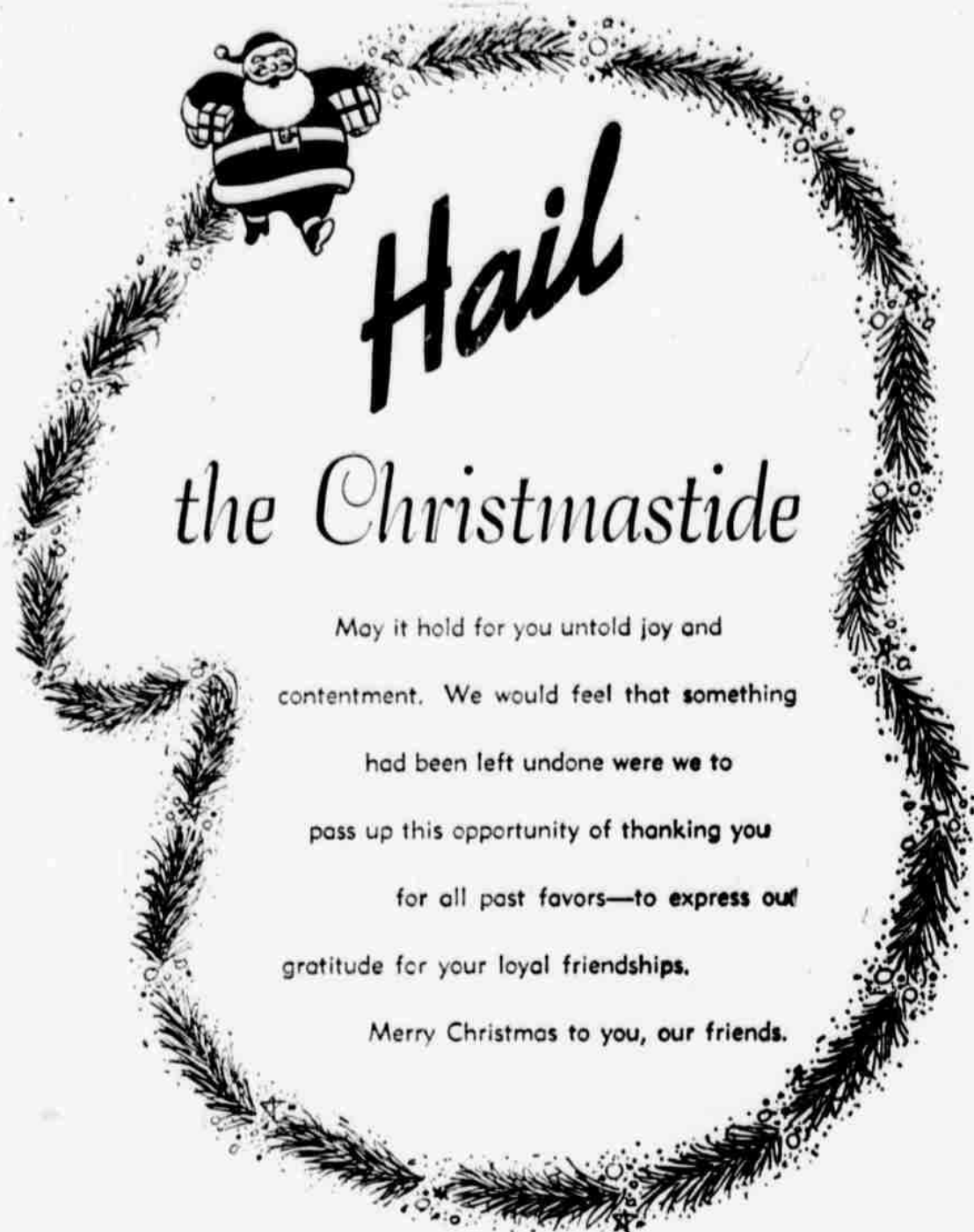
At this Christmastide may we rededicate ourselves to a greater service to our community, to help enrich our own lives and those with whom we come in contact. Merry Christmas!

# Haskell National Bank

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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.

**KENNEDY LUMBER CO.**

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**HAPPY HOLIDAY . . .** A parade makes it a happy holiday for children. Every year Macy's of New York has a gigantic pre-Christmas parade. Here excited youngsters watch the gay spectacle. They are having the time of their lives and the scene will be repeated in hundreds of towns throughout the country this Christmas season.

**Egypt and Rome Observed New Years In Spring**

Ancient Rome and Egypt celebrated New Year in the spring. Egypt used the overflowing of the Nile as a calendar and celebrates the New Year accordingly, in June. The Babylonians began their year in March and the early Romans followed the Babylonian pattern. Bearing this in mind, the custom of invoking the gods of fertility at New Year's time—the origin of which is lost in antiquity—seems logical and appropriate. The Romans were accustomed to hanging tiny masks of Bacchus upon trees and vines, the idea being to impart fertility to every side of the tree to which the masks were turned by the wind. Scottish lads always had a howling good time going about on New Year's Eve switching the trunks of fruit trees and petitioning a "good howling crop." Reflecting the fear of starvation, peasant families in various parts of the world baked a special New Year's cake which they dashed against the door; member of the household hastened to pick up a piece and eat it, prayful that neither hunger nor want should enter the house during the year.

**New Year In France Day Par Excellence**

January 1, la jour de la bonne annee, is the day par excellence in France. It is the day of gift-giving and of ringing doorbells. Besides friends who come to present gifts, tradespeople are accustomed to call to offer compliments of the day and receive, in turn, small sums of money. The atmosphere is full of joy and gaiety and hospitality. Gifts are proudly displayed and callers come and go amid many compliments and the toasting of everyone's health. Jour de l'an has its serious side, too. Many families visit the graves of the departed members, since this day is considered an appropriate time to remember the dead. The churches generally are crowded on New Year's Eve which is also the Vigil of St. Sylvester, an early pontiff and father of the Church. In various rural communities, the cattle are driven to the door of the village church where they are blessed by the priest who also says Mass.



**Christmas Joy to You**

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

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*Greetings of the Season*

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

**HATTOX HARDWARE & FURNITURE**

**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.



**BURTON CHEVROLET CO.**

"Where Friend Meets Friend"

R. L. Burton, Owner

Phone 2-J



Season's Greetings



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

**BOGGS & JOHNSON**  
East Side of Square

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**HHS Indians Beat Brownwood In Sweetwater Meet**

The Haskell Indians, as usual, were cold in the first half, but finally found themselves in the last half to win over the 2-AAA Brownwood Lions in first round play of the Sweetwater Basketball Tournament by a 41-32 score. The Indians began to pull away in the third quarter as Hack Middleton repeatedly stole the ball from the Lions to set up the Indian offense. Lynn Coleson hit 17 points, for the second consecutive time, for individual scoring honors.

The win advanced the Indians into the semi-finals against Abilene Christian High School. Against ACHS the Indians fell behind 7-1 and never led, eventually losing 57-45, however, they pulled within two points, 41-43, after trailing 28-13 at half time. The outcome of the game was determined on free throws as ACHS hit 23-27 from the charity line.

Bordy Worsham dropped in 24 points against Abilene Christian. Coleson and Worsham were selected for the all-tournament team. And as predicted, Sweetwater won the tournament.

Ocean waves are caused by wind.

**LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS**

Weinert, Texas

Dear Santa: Please bring me a mop, broom and a doll for Christmas. Bring some clothes for my doll if you have them. Don't forget the other little boys and girls. I've not been too good this year but will try to be better next year. Your friend, Darlene Hawkins.

Weinert, Texas

Dear Santa: Will you please get me an electric football game, a knife and a tool set for Christmas. Your friend, Johnny.

**Jewish Calendar Now Reads 5715**

The Jewish calendar, which the Jews adopted during the 15th century, reads 5715 in relation to 1954 A. D.

Use of the notation A. D. was inaugurated by Charles III of Germany, who affixed the symbolism to the years of his reign in 879.

Apparently the Egyptians were the first to figure out any "exact" measurement of time. They devised their calendar about 4,000 B. C. After the calendar, they turned their attention to estimating dates of the "beginning" and the Mundaia era of Alexander fixed that estimate at 5502 B. C.

Modern research has developed a new time clock, which uses the principle of radioactivity. Wood samples can be radioactively dated back as far as 4,600 years.

**Bobby Jack Price Wins Football Award At McM**

ABILENE (Sp.)—Bobby Jack Price, former star footballer for the Haskell High School Indians, has received his second Indian-head, the traditional athletic letterman's at McMurry College. Price was one of 24 lettermen of the Methodist college announced last week by Wilford Moore, athletic director and head coach.

The 6-2, 210-pound Price lettered three years at end for Haskell High School, and won all-district honors in 1949. He played freshman ball at Texas A&M College before transferring to McMurry.

Price contributed a great deal to McMurry's successful 1953 grid season, in which the Indians won 8 games, tied 1, and lost 1 to gain a tri-share of the Texas Conference championship along with Abilene Christian College and Texas A&I College.

Price is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Price of Haskell.

A minor may patent his invention.

**Greetings OF THE SEASON**

What greater gift has been bestowed upon mankind than the capacity to receive anew the blessed spirit of this joyous season. In turn, the most precious gift we can extend our brothers is the bright example of Christian living enjoyed by those who cherish the spirit of Christmas in their hearts throughout the year...

*A Joyous Christmas and A Happy Year to All*

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

Haskell, Texas, Ruote 2

Dear Santa: I'm a little girl 6 years old. I am in the first grade. I go to school at San Felipe in Albuquerque. Santa I have tried hard to be a good girl so you would bring me a bicycle with guide wheels because I can't ride a big one yet. I also want a blackboard with some colored chalk. I saw you down town today but didn't get close enough to tell you what I wanted. Santa don't forget my cousins in Haskell. Santa you may leave my bicycle home in Albuquerque because I'm going to spend Christmas in Haskell with my Granddad Moore.

Bring me some candy, fruit and nuts too. So bye Santa. Your little friend, Rita June Moore.

Weinert, Texas

Dear Santa: Thank you for the things you gave me for Christmas last year. I want a nurses kit and a dress and slip for Christmas. Your friend, Oneida Walker.

Weinert, Texas

Dear Santa: I want a bicycle for Christmas and an ironing board; also bring me some clothes. I am going to give you a gift. Your friend, Jane Cox.

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

**FRED ALLEN SHOE SHOP**

OUR SINCERE Good Wishes

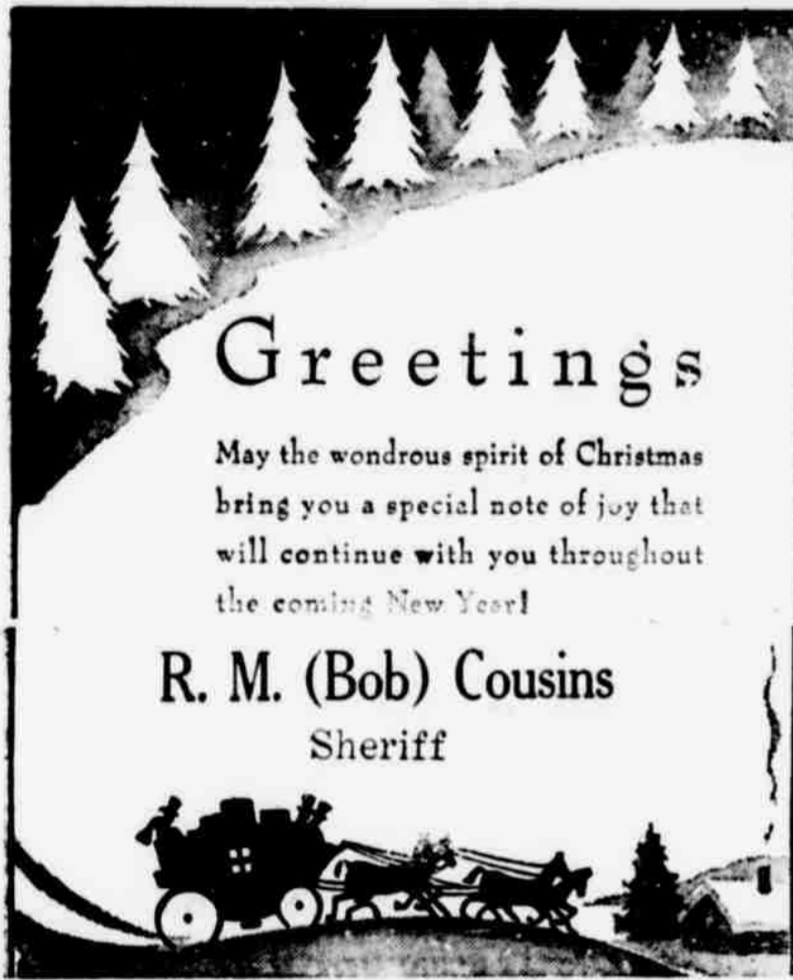
As the Christmas bells ring out to herald the approach of another Yuletide, we are reminded of the many pleasant associations enjoyed during the past year. In appreciation of your friendships may we extend our very best Christmas Wishes.

**HASKELL GIN COMPANY**  
VIRGIL BAILEY, Manager

# 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 of Schools



**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

## Santa Claus Wishes You...



**A MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

...and so do we!

### TURNER TRACTOR COMPANY

Rule Highway Phone 425 Haskell  
A. M. TURNER G. W. ROBERTS  
H. V. WOODARD

## Christmas Card Idea Originated By Englishman

Christmas cards are so much a part of the modern Yule season that one seldom stops to wonder how the idea originated and by whom.

This simple idea of wishing your friends a Merry Christmas brought honor and knighthood to the originator, Henry Cole, a middle-class Englishman.

Cole mailed his cards on a December day in 1846. The cards depicted a Victorian family assembled at the festive board and the traditional Christmas custom of giving to the poor. They also bore the now-classic greeting: "A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you."

He had thousands of the cards struck off by a lithographer. They were such a success that plain Henry Cole subsequently became Sir Henry Cole.

The cards we send today or a far cry from those mailed by Cole. The cards you send and receive this year will be designed by famous names in contemporary art.

An American shopping for cards this year may select scenes painted by such famous people as Winston Churchill, Britain's prime minister and famed amateur artist, and Grandma Moses, one of America's most famous artists.

The demand for cards is so great that many companies spend their entire time in designing and producing them for the holiday season.

## Roping and Cutting Horse Event Slated At Abilene Jan. 1-2

The Abilene Range Riders Club will stage a two-day roping, a cutting horse contest and girls barrel race at the Range Rider arena, southeast of Abilene, on Jan. 1 and 2.

A feature of the roping program to be staged on the first day of the meet, will be a matched contest between Doyle Riley of Ballinger and Toots Mansfield of Big Spring.

This contest is to be sandwiched between a jackpot roping contest for amateurs and all RCA members in good standing and another jackpot open to amateurs only. Fifty fresh brahma roping calves will be used for roping stock.

The second day of the show will be devoted to open and novice cutting horse contests and a girls barrel race, open to any girl who wants to enter.

The Range Riders will present belt buckles to the first place winners of each contest and money prizes will be given in the roping and cutting event.

The contest will begin at 1 p. m. on each day and entries will close at 12 noon on Friday for the roping event and at 12 noon on Saturday, Jan. 2 for the cutting contest.

The two stars of the matched roping event are widely known throughout the nation. Riley was winner of the roping event in Madison Square Garden this year and has been world champion seven times.

Several world famous cutting horses are expected to be on hand. At least one world champion cutting horse and several reserve champions will participate in the New Year's show.

The admission is \$1.00 for adults and 50c for children.



## New Years And Superstition Go Hand In Hand

Mankind has always been superstitious about New Years.

In olden times families sought a glimpse into the future by the "dipping" custom. The head of the family, with his eyes closed, opened the family Bible and indicated a passage with his finger; the text solemnly read and interpreted was indicative of the luck—good or bad—that was in store for them.

Probably one of the most widespread superstitions concerned the first person to cross the threshold on New Year's morning. Women and light-haired men were considered unlucky, as were people who walked pigeon-toed.

In some villages, the superstition was taken so seriously that a dark-haired man was hired to be the first-footer. Going from house to house, he would be the first person to cross the threshold, thus preserving the good fortune of the community.


Anglo-Saxons, believing that something might happen when the New Year occurred often climbed upon the roof on New Year's eve so as to have a good view of any such event.

We moderns make as much noise as possible, presumably because our primitive ancestors believed that noise would keep evil influences at a distance.

A crab's teeth are in its stomach.



**BIKINI CHRISTMAS . . .** They may not have snow, but it's Christmas in Miami Beach, too. Hilda Esteves gets into the Yule spirit by decorating a pool-side tree. Helper is Ellen Sweet.



**Greetings**

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

### BIARD'S CLEANERS

An outbreak of infectious bronchitis in the chick flock usually means that from 10 to 20 per cent of the chicks will be lost. The egg production drop in a laying flock is rapid and income losses are heavy. The disease spreads rapidly and prevention is more effective than known controls.

Seeing eye dogs are trained at Morristown, N. J.

Delaware has only three counties.




May the glad cheer of Christmas with its spirit of wonderful warmth remain as a precious token for all our friends, throughout the New Year.

**PITMAN**  
Gro. & Mkt.



**CHRISTMAS Greetings**

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



**Merry Christmas Greetings**

Sincere Good Wishes

### ALVIN BENSON AUTO SUPPLY



## 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

### Letters To Santa Claus

Weinert, Texas  
Dear Santa  
I want a BB gun for Christmas and I know you will bring it to me, because you have brought other things. Also bring me a football. Your friend,  
Johnny Watkins.

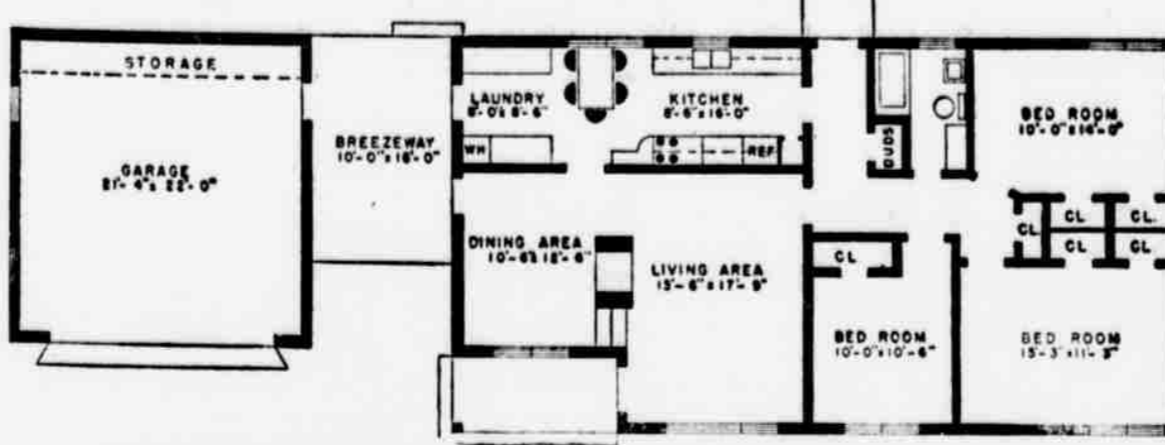
Weinert, Texas  
Dear Santa Claus:  
Dear Santa, I love you very much. I want some games, farm set, a glove and a football. Your friend,  
Jacky Sanders.

Haskell, Texas  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little girl 9 years old. I am in the third grade. For Christmas I would like a doll, a view-master and a watch. Also lots of candy and fruit. Don't forget my friends,  
Janice Matthews.

Haskell, Texas  
Dear Santa:  
I would like for you to bring my family and me a television set and put it up. Also bring me a cowboy shirt with pearl buttons on the sleeves, a pair of blue jeans, a record player, and a big basketball. Also a little magic ship. Your friend,  
Jerry Lynn Stocks.



HOUSE PLAN No. 40



### Designed For Economy Through Simplicity

A Southern farm and livable house built by our Farm & Ranch House Plan No. 5140 were just made for each other.

This house will be especially pleasant during a scorching Dixie summer. Each room is either a corner room or a first cousin to one, so there will be lots of light and ventilation. The breezeway, of course, will be cool even on the hottest days. It can be left open, screened, or provided with windows. Either way is attractive.

There is ample room in the kitchen for serving family meals and for making a compact arrangement of your freezer chest, laundry equipment, and water heater.

The bath is arranged near the back entrance so that field hands may wash up before going to other sections of the house.

There are closets galore in the bedrooms, a large linen closet in the hall, and ample space for linen in the bathroom. Also, there is convenient storage space in the garage for seasonal items, or for items used only occasionally.

The plans call for a double fireplace opening into the dining and living areas. However, you could have a conventional fireplace instead, or a space heater in the same place. If you prefer

a basement with a central heating unit we suggest that the entrance be arranged on the breezeway and the central unit put in the basement.

This house has been designed for masonry construction but will be equally attractive in conventional frame. The plans incorporate all of the economy measures that can be applied to simple construction. The straight lines and simplicity of the roof mean a minimum of cost per square feet of floor space.

You can obtain blueprints for this Haskell Free Press-Farm & Ranch House Plan No. 5140 and a handy list of materials by which you can figure your construction cost accurately. Send \$1 to Building Editor, Farm & Ranch-Southern Agriculturist, Dept. L-98, Nashville, Tenn. Order by number, Plan No. 5140. Blueprints are adequate for any farm carpenter or for any farmer handy with tools.

## 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**

## Holy night

In the hush of a midnight clear, the herald angels sang out to praise the new-born King. May His message of peace and good will lighten your heart and brighten your home this Christmas and all through the New Year.



**Fouts Dry Goods & Variety**

## Merry Christmas

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



**NEELY DRY GOODS**  
Northeast Corner Square

### Farmer's Income Shows Increase In November

Cash income of farmers during November increased slightly compared with a year ago, the Agriculture Department tentatively estimated Wednesday.

But it is reported that the total for the first 11 months of this year was off more than a billion dollars, or 4 per cent below the same period last year.

Receipts from farm marketings in November were estimated at \$3,400,000,000 compared with \$3,325,000,000 during the same month last year. Larger marketings of cotton, wheat and corn, including government price supports loans on these crops, caused the gain.

Lower prices for cattle, calves, milk and butterfat, however, cut farm income for the month.

January and March of this year also showed estimated increases in cash farm income compared with the same months of last year, but declines in all other months more than offset these gains.

For the 11-month period, the department said, farm cash income was just over 28 billion dollars this year compared with more than 20 billion dollars for January-November, 1952.

"Prices of farm products averaged about 10 per cent lower than last year, but the total volume of marketings was about 5 per cent larger," the Agricultural Marketing Service said.

It said crop receipts this year were about the same as last, with larger income from wheat and corn offsetting declines in receipts from potatoes and soy beans.

Lower prices for cattle and calves, wholesale milk, and butterfat accounted for most of the 11-month decline in cash income from livestock and products. Receipts were higher for poultry and eggs.

## 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 of this happy Holiday.



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

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

## Merry Christmas



and Happy New Year!"

West Texas Utilities Company

### The Year 46 B. C. Contained 445 Days


The longest year in calendar history was 46 B. C. and contained 445 days. This is how it happened:

Numa Pompilius supposedly created the Roman calendar in the seventh century B. C. It was revised several times, but by Julius Caesar's time it was two months behind the sun.

When Caesar's experts revised the calendar in the 16th century there was the problem of catching up with the sun. So two months were inserted between the months of November and December. As a result 46 B. C. contained 445 days.

There is no report of the confusion, it must have caused, but it must have played heck with tax collections and the like.

*A Roundup of Christmas Wishes to All Our Friends*



**C. L. LEWIS**  
County Treasurer



This young man isn't old enough to understand problems involved when family car breaks down en route from California to New York, but he does recognize friend when he sees one—in this case, the USO—Travelers Aid—which helped family get under way again when their funds were exhausted. USO services are financed by United Defense Fund through Community Chest or United Fund drives.

**190 Traffic Deaths Predicted In State During Holidays**

AUSTIN, Dec. 21—The Grim Reaper has written out tickets for 190 Texans destined to meet violent death in the festive celebration of the Christmas holidays.

That is the somber prediction of the Department of Public Safety, based on the hard fact of statistical prospects and past experience, N. K. Woerner, chief of the statistics division of the department, has prepared the prediction, as in the past, and it was made public by Homer Garrison, Jr., Public Safety Director.

"sentenced" to be crushed to death in traffic accidents and wrecks—victims of "motorcide." Fifty will be killed in accidents other than traffic, such as fire, drownings, explosions. And 40 will die in homicides and suicides.

During the similar 10-day Christmas-New Year period last year, there were 177 violent deaths, of which 98 were due to traffic, 45 to homicide and suicide, and 34 caused by other violent accidental means. Increase in the forecast this year is in line with increased population, and consistent with the average of about 17 violent deaths each Saturday night and Sunday.

Farm families desiring building and equipment plans should ask their local county agents for information on this phase of farm and home management. The agents have a catalog of the many plans which are available without cost.

**BRIEFLY TOLD**

Chirography is the art of handwriting.

Napoleon crowned himself Emperor of Europe.

Whistler, the painter, used a butterfly as his signature.

Mercury is the swiftest moving planet.

Laughing gas is nitrous oxide.

**Congress Will Face Many Far-Reaching Decisions During Coming Session**

By LYNDON B. JOHNSON

Since early August, I have talked face to face with many thousands of Texas men and women. I have visited every section of the State. I have made some 200 talks before civic and service clubs, chambers of commerce, farmers' groups, women's clubs, school assemblies, trade and professional organizations, and numerous informal gatherings.

I have spent my time visiting with the people of Texas—talking to them—listening to them. In addition to the sheer pleasure of seeing so many of my fellow-Texans, my travels have had two serious purposes:

To give an accounting of my stewardship to the people who employ me to represent them in the Senate.

To learn from the people themselves—the final source of all government power in our Nation—their views on matters certain to come before the next session of Congress, starting January 6.

I am convinced that, from both standpoints, my traveling has been well worth while.

**Far-Reaching Decisions**

Congress will have to make many far-reaching decisions during the coming session. In fact, we will be faced with an almost unprecedented legislative logjam. A big stack of unfinished business—left over from the last session—will be waiting.

Much of this business cannot be postponed further. Action is going to have to be taken within

the next few months on matters of great importance.

The kind of action taken will affect all of us for years to come.

Steps must be taken to insure our national security.

The foreign aid program must be reassessed.

Money matters—tax budget proposals—must be gone into thoroughly.

A fair and realistic world trade program must be undertaken.

The fight against Communism at home and in the free world must be carried forward.

**Avoid Depression**

The question of how to keep the Nation prosperous will be a major concern of Congress during its 1954 session.

I have found, in my travels over Texas, that people generally are feeling uncertain and uneasy about business. Danger signs are visible in lowered farm prices, declining exports, falling retail sales, a considerable decrease in the rate of new construction.

These are signals that we cannot afford to ignore.

I feel sure that, without regard for partisanship, Congress will resist strongly any attempt to weaken the present farm program.

I want to apply the same yardstick to farm legislation that I try to apply to other issues coming before Congress. I do not think we should abandon policies of proven soundness because of partisan considerations. I do not think we should oppose suggestions for improvement because of partisan considerations.

I hope we can work out a farm program on that basis. It seems to me the only sound basis.



**HASKELL PHARMACY**  
George Hauser      Jack Pippin



*Greetings*

*It is our pleasure once again to say Merry Christmas to all our friends and neighbors.*

**CAHILL & DUNCAN**

*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.

*A joyous Christmas and a bountiful New Year to all!*

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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 of January, A. D. 1954 the same being the 12th day of said month at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for said bank and the transaction of such other business that may properly come before said meeting.

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**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**



**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.

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Commissioner, Prec. 3

Season's Greetings and best wishes

**WOOTEN OIL CO.**

The loyalty of our friends gives to us added confidence much promise for the future. We wish a Joyous Christmas and Successful New Year to

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Linda Nell White-  
3 years old and would  
like a doll with some  
toy dishes to  
bring all the  
children something nice.  
Linda Nell.

Dear Santa:  
I am a little boy 4 years old. I  
have tried to be a good, but you  
know little boys. I would like a  
little car, two gun sets and a  
tool set. Also fruit, nuts and  
candy. Don't forget my sister and  
two brothers. Bye till next year.  
Bobby White.

Dear Santa:  
My name is Steve Whiteker. I  
am a little boy 5 years old. I  
have tried to be a good boy.  
Please bring me some boots, a  
rifle, cowboys chaps and hat.  
Also bring my little sister some-  
thing, too. Love,  
Steve.

### LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Weinert, Texas  
Dear Santa:  
Thank you for the gifts you  
brought me last year. I hope I  
get something for Christmas that  
is interesting and I want a set  
of tin dishes and a nurses kit.  
Also bring me a box of candy  
canes in it and a walking doll that  
will talk and say a prayer and do  
anything it can, and a motor  
scooter. Your friend,  
Sherry Lynn Hix.

Haskell, Texas  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little girl 21-months old.  
I have been a good girl most of  
the time this year. I would like  
a rocking chair, a set of dishes,  
candy, nuts and fruit this Christ-  
mas. Don't forget my little cousin,  
Jerry Allen and Uncle Curtis, al-  
so all the other boys and girls.  
Your little friend,  
Linda Faye Brueggeman.

Weinert, Texas  
Dear Santa:  
I want a doll and a doll buggy  
for Christmas. I will be glad when  
Christmas comes. Will you come  
at night? I want lots of dresses  
for my doll, an iron and ironing  
board too. We are going to have  
a play. I am a fairy in it. I like  
Christmas very much, and I want  
an electric ice box. Bring my  
friend, Joe Edd, a bicycle. I thank  
you for the doll you brought me  
last year. Your friend,  
Betty Hill.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little boy 6 years old  
and am going to school and have  
not missed a day. I would like a  
tool set, two guns and a truck  
and some little cars. Please be  
good to all little boys and girls in  
my room and my teacher, Mrs.  
Robert Fitzgerald. Don't forget  
my sister and two brothers and  
my cousins, Rowena, David and  
Glenda Sue. Don't forget some  
fruits, nuts and candy. Bye and  
lots of love,  
Wylie Everett White.

Weinert, Texas  
Dear Santa:  
I want you to bring me a walking  
doll, Toni doll and a truck for  
Christmas. Your friend,  
Lupe Rodriguez.  
Weinert, Texas  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I'm glad when Christmas comes.  
Please bring me a BB gun and  
whatever else you would like to  
bring. Your little friend,  
Armando Ramirez.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little girl 3 years old.  
I have been pretty good this year  
and if you think I deserve it, I'd  
like for you to bring me a doll, a  
cash register, a broom, tricycle,  
a toy reindeer and a gun. Don't  
forget Mother, Daddy, Bubba and  
Sister. Your friend,  
Carolyn Rhoads.

Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl 1 1/2 years old  
and a little bit mean, but I would  
like you to bring me a broom,  
little gun and anything else you  
have. Also fruit, nuts and candy.  
Bye and love, your little friend,  
Ollie White.  
P. S. Don't forget all my cou-  
sins and little brother and my  
grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. O. E.  
Gobles.

Weinert, Texas  
Dear Santa Claus:  
Thank you for the gifts you  
gave me last year. I want you to  
bring me anything you would  
like for me to have this year. We  
are having a play and I am Santa  
Claus in it. Your friend,  
Jay David Berry.

Weinert, Texas  
Dear Santa:  
Santa, I love you. Will you get  
me an electrical train for Christ-  
mas. Jay David Berry is Santa  
Claus in our play. Your friend,  
love,  
Jackie Hammer.

Weinert, Texas  
Dear Santa Claus:  
Thank you for the gifts you gave  
me last Christmas. I want a doll  
and a pair of boots this Christmas.  
I am going to be a fairy in a  
play. I will be in Dallas Christ-  
mas. Your friend,  
Patricia Pace.

Weinert, Texas  
Dear Santa:  
Will you please bring me a  
doll and bicycle this Christmas.  
your friend,  
Lupe V. Rodriguez.

Dear Santa, I want a baby doll  
and a bicycle, too. My little sis-  
ter wants a baby doll. My little  
brother wants a road grader and  
some cowboy boots. We have  
been good kids.  
Margaret Ann Wall.

Dear Santa:  
I want a gun and holster and a  
bow and arrow for Christmas.  
Love,  
Curtis Hawkins.

Haskell, Texas, Route 1  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a boy nine years old. I  
have been a good boy most of  
the time. I would like for Christ-  
mas a football, a pistol, candy,  
nuts and fruit. Don't forget all  
the other children. Your friend,  
Curtis Wayne Darden.

# Sincerest wishes...

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

## RICHEY-STRAIN CO.



# 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



# Season's Greetings

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

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

# 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



### Ratliff & Ratliff



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

### Duel Between Communism and Free World Dominates Top News Stories

FORT WORTH—The duel between Communism and the free world dominated the news in 1953. At least that is the opinion of beginning newspaper people who are first-year students in the TCU department of journalism.

In a poll taken by Pro, Warren K. Agee department head, students selected six stories dealing with the Red menace in their "Ten Best News Stories of 1953." Far and away the first choice was the end of the Korean "police action." The death of Premier Josef Stalin ranked second closely followed by the coronation of Elizabeth II.

Altogether, 30 stories were nominated for the list by the students. Some that drew interest but failed to make the top 10 included such items as U. N. action and decisions, our experiments with the H-bomb, the Big Three meeting in Bermuda, the epidemic of tornadoes in the U. S. and the elections in West Germany.

The "10 best" with typical comment was:  
1—End of Korean Conflict. The end of a war that was not a war with nothing gained or settled. Yet it proved to the Communists that the free world is prepared to fight for principles.

2—Stalin's Death. Important for two reasons: It brought to an end a regime as symbol of a powerful movement and opened the possibility of an internal eruption in Russia, leading to a change in policy.

3—Coronation of Elizabeth. A postwar high spot for hard-pressed Britain, reminding of the crowning of the first Elizabeth in an era of great prosperity.

4—Rosenbergs' Conviction and Execution. First instance of positive action by U. S. in combatting Communism with extreme penalty.

5—Harry Dexter White Case. American people shocked to find men of such doubtful allegiance in such high office; caused them to wonder about official laxity.

6—Bobby Greenlease Case. Biggest kidnapping case since Lindbergh affair in 1930's.

7—Repatriation of POW's. Great human interest story of families reunited with most intriguing angle of the 23 who refused to be repatriated.

8—Disappearance of Lavent Beria. Fall of Russian secret police chief caused world-wide speculation.

9—Inauguration of Eisenhower Regime. As first Republican administration in 22 years, world was interested in possible changes of policies and direction of U. S. aims.

10—Death of Robert A. Taft.

Not only removed top political figure but came at crucial time in story of new Republican regime.

### Plan Rose Garden For Beauty and Usefulness

Plan your rose garden for beauty and usefulness. Roses for cut flowers to use in the house or church decorations can be grown in the family garden. For beauty in the landscape the rose garden can be a part of outdoor living room.

Sadie Hatfield, homestead improvement specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service says if roses are included in shrub plantings, place them along walls or in front of screen plantings. However, roses require spraying and dusting more than other shrubs, so it is better to have the flowers growing in a bed for easier care.

Select rose plants adapted to the soil where you want them to grow. The neutral soil or slightly acid soil of many East Texas areas are especially prolific soil tests can indicate the live soil tests can indicate the type of soil in the landscape and rose plants selected accordingly.

As for the types of roses remember the Red Radiance is the hardest and continuous bloomer. The Pink Radiance and the Shell Pink or Mrs. Charles Bell roses are also prolific in most soils. The Cecille Brunner, sometimes called a sweetheart rose, is a hardy plant that will grow into a large shrub. Other hardy roses are the red and pink Etoile de Hollande, the white Kaiserin Auguste Victoria, generally called K. A. V., the Hoover, Poinsettia and Tallman. The Poinsettia is a prolific red rose but has many thorns which makes it objectionable.

"Check with your nurseryman or rose grower to find out the best variety for your garden," the specialist adds. "He can assist you with other information about growing a successful rose garden."

### Letters To Santa

Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:  
I have tried to be a very good girl. I would like for you to bring me some of the toys I have listed. They are: dishes, doll buggy, kitchen utensils, toy makeup kit, doll clothes and I would like for you to bring my little brother, Johnny, a big, fuzzy bear. I am Betsy Fouts and I am 5 years old.  
Love,  
Betsy Fouts.

Dear Santa:  
I am a little boy seven years old. I have always wanted a sight for my BB gun and ten boxes of BBs and a pair of boxing gloves and a punching bag. Also I would like a car that goes forward and backward and has lights that burn. It runs off flashlight batteries so I would like to have two spare batteries. Don't forget the other boys and girls. Your friend,  
J. D. Stocks.



May the glory of Christmas remain in your heart throughout a bright New Year.

HELBER'S JEWELRY

### Letters To Santa Claus

Haskell, Texas, 407 North Ave. L. Dear Santa:

Since I'm not very old yet, just anything will be fine, but next Christmas things will be different. I have been a good boy sure enough and don't forget the other good boys and girls. Also remember my mamma and daddy who will be home for Christmas. Your little friend,  
Alton Lancaster.

Rochester, Texas

Dear Santa:  
I am a girl 8 years old and in the third grade. I like to go to school and also like to take piano lessons. Will you please bring me a doll that grows hair and walks, a Rudolph fountain pen and pencil set and a bracelet.

I have a little sister, Karen, who is 19 months old. Please bring her a doll and a tricycle. We try to be good little girls, so don't forget to bring us nuts, candy and fruits in our socks. Please remember all other boys and girls, too. I will see you soon, love,  
Sharon Ruth Sanderson.

Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me that walking doll that is in the catalog with some doll clothes and Roland wants a gun.  
Jeannean an Roland Branch.

Randolph Air Force Base, Tex.

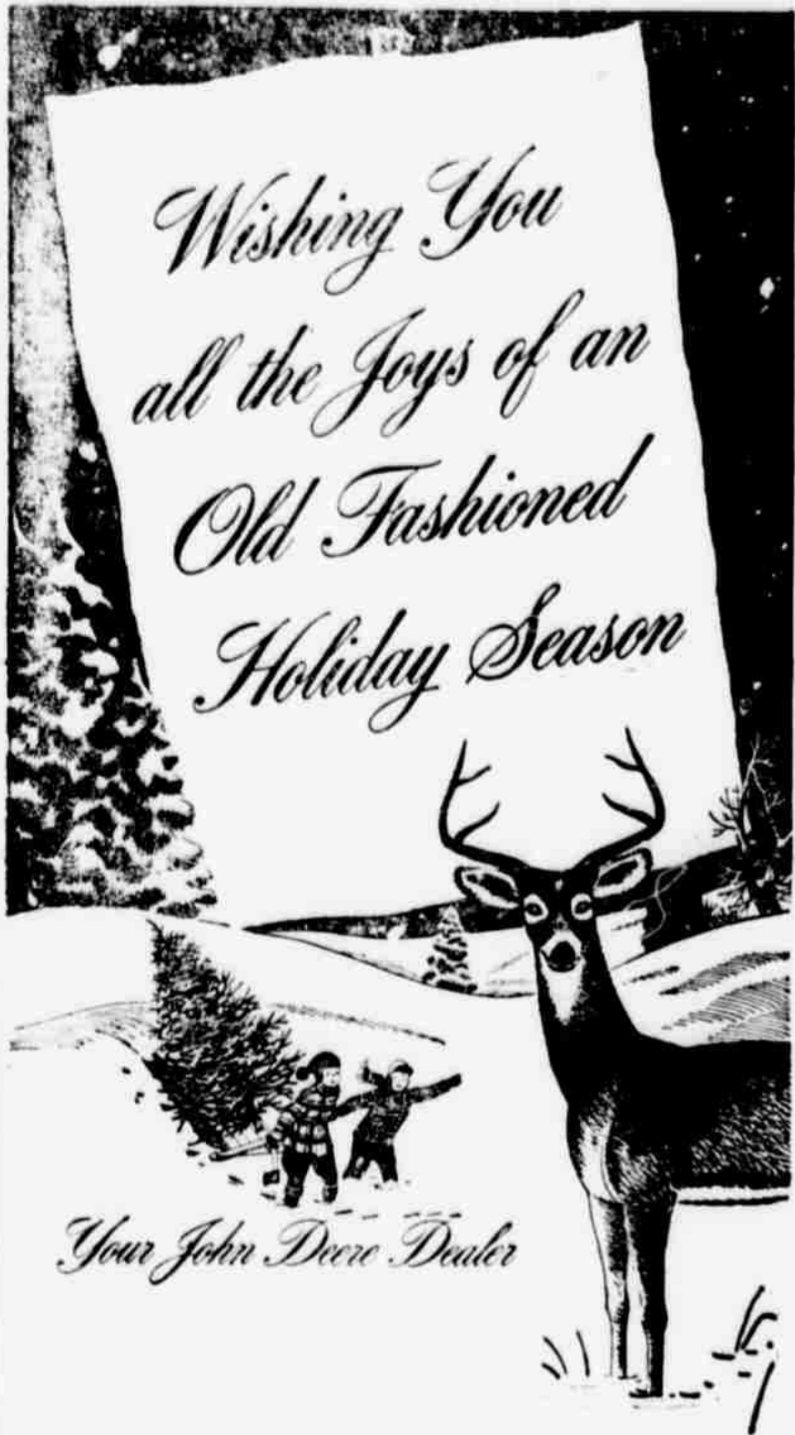
Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a boy 9 years old. I have been studying hard all year. Below are some things I would like for Christmas:

Army training center, Roy Rogers twin gun, BB gun and some nuts. Thank you,  
Curtis Cross, Jr.

Haskell, Texas

1004 North Ave. K

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little boy 10 years old. Please bring me a monopoly set, a luggage carrier and a western yellow shirt, size 10. My little brother is five years old. Please bring him a pair of boots size 10 1/2 and two fancy guns and scabbard. Love,  
Jackie and Bennie Henry.



GILMORE IMPLEMENT COMPANY



# Season's Greetings

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

WORLEY TIRE & SUPPLY  
WAYNE WORLEY

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

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

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

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

LANE - FELKER  
"Especially for You"

**Games Have American Year Tradition**

Games have become a traditional New Year's tradition.

Stanford.  
The success of the Rose Bowl classic has "mushroomed" various bowl games from coast to coast. Among the many, there are the Orange Bowl, the Gator Bowl, Hawaii's Pineapple Bowl and even Alaska's Ice Bowl.

But getting back to the Rose Bowl, after the first year a chariot race was substituted for the game in 1903. Originally run with amateur drivers, the chariot races became professional affairs after the first few years and the public

lost interest.  
The year 1916 brought a return to collegiate football via a contest in which Washington state defeated Brown university.  
The Rose Bowl has been going strong ever since.

**Pre-Red Russia Observed New Years**

Before the revolution, New Year's was a gay and happy time in Russia.  
In some cities the streets were

decorated with flags and lanterns and thronged with merry-makers. The year was ushered in with a hundred shots fired from cannon.  
One New Year's Day the Winter Palace was opened to society. Festivity reigned throughout the city; hospitality and charity were the watchwords from palace to cottage.

The mythical Oxen was supposed to be around about this time. He was usually depicted astride a boar, symbolically associated with the pork served for New Year dinner and the symbolism of Aryan descent.

**Letters To Santa**

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little girl 5 years old. I live in Stamford. Will you please bring me a doll with hair, some dishes, doll suit case. Don't forget all other little children. Love Bobbie Faye Halliburton.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am six years old. Mother says I have been a pretty good little girl this year. I would like for you to bring me a bicycle and doll. Some fruit, nuts and candy and please Santa don't forget all the other little girls and boys. Love, Charlotte Ann Hise.

1002 North Ave. I Haskell, Texas  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little girl four years old and I'm good most of the time. For Christmas I want lots of things but most of all a bicycle and a walking doll that will turn her head and cry. Please remember all my friends and the little poor children. I love you. Carol Ann Baker.

1307 N. Ave. G Haskell, Texas  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I would like to have a pair of roller skates, an electric football set and a hatchet. My little sister, Diane, wants a doll, a little piano, moccasins and a stove. My little sister is 4 and I am 9. Your pals, Diane and Tommy Hester.

Weinert, Texas  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I have been a good boy, I think. I want a wind-up train with an oil car and any kind of engine. Also tinkertoys and a shooting gallery. I would also like to have some candy, nuts and fruit I hope you have enough toys for all the boys and girls. Yours truly, David Smith.

Dear Santa:  
I'm a little boy 5 years old, and I've been a pretty good boy. Would you bring me a swing and a bicycle and don't forget my little brother Don. Please don't forget all the other little boys and girls. If you have enough candy, fruits and nuts, please leave Donald and I some. I love you. Jimmie D. Harris.

Weinert, Texas, Rt. 1  
Dear Santa:  
I have been a good little boy this year. Please bring me a road grader, large wagon and truck. Your little friend, Jerry Ray Mueller.

Haskell, Texas, Rt. 1  
Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl five years old,



**CHRISTMAS SPIRIT . . . Fall of Yule good fellowship, "Bingle" tries to arouse some little in the feline heart of "Ginger." Ginger, goodwill season or not, can't get over her distrust of dogs.**

I have been a good little girl, so if you can, please bring me a big boy doll, a piano, some fruit and nuts. Also candy. Please don't forget my baby sister, Millesene. Please bring her a doll and some little toys. Bye now Santa, brotherx hrld wkg Molly Sue Wright.

Haskell, Texas December 3, 1953  
Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl 6 years old. I didn't get to go to school this year. My birthday was October 3. I take tap dancing. Santa will you

please bring me a baby doll, bicycle and candy and nuts. Please don't forget my grandmother and grandad Andrews and also my big sister, Sue. Thanks, Doyleene New.

Dear Santa:  
I want an electric football set and pop gun, too, and anything else you want to bring me. Remember my little brother, Randy. Barry O'Neal.

Weinert, Texas  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I love Christmas. I want a football and an electric train. We have been behind in school the last 2 days. Thank you for the gifts. Your friend, Jerry Hutchinson.

Weinert, Texas  
Dear Santa:  
I want an electric train, a bicycle, wrecker set and a BB gun for Christmas. Your friend, Scotty Moody.

Weinert, Texas  
Dear Santa:  
I want a Toni doll for Christmas and also a bicycle. Your friend, Maria.

**HOLIDAY Greetings**

At this happy time we wish all our friends and neighbors a Merry Christmas, replete with all the season's joys!

**Modern News Stand**



**Greetings**

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

**THE C & B STORE**  
Edith and Bob Wheatley

**Greetings**

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

**WEST SIDE BARBER SHOP**  
Sam Parks

**Greetings OF THE Season TO ALL OUR FRIENDS**

**Pitman Motor Co.**

**JOYFUL Holiday Greetings**

In the warm and cheerful atmosphere of this wonderful Christmas season when families are gathered together — when spirits are refreshed, hearts uplifted and all the world is suddenly full of smiling people — we want to offer to one and all our very best wishes for the happiest holiday you've ever enjoyed.



**SERVICE CLEANERS & LAUNDRY**



**Best Wishes for Christmas**

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

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

**POGUE GROCERY & MARKET**



*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.

**I**t is in this spirit of good fellowship that we wish everyone —

A Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year!

**Bill Wilson Motor Company**