

HASKELL, HASKELL COUNTY, TEXAS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1955

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Annual Christmas Gift Awards Will Be Made Saturday

Gifts of merchandise approximately \$200 from 30 Haskell stores will be made Saturday afternoon...

Awards Announced in Annual Christmas Home Decorating and Lighting Contest

Results of the annual Home Decorating and lighting contest were announced yesterday by the Progressive Study Club.

Funeral Rites for Mrs. H. E. Melton Held Friday

Funeral rites for Mrs. H. E. Melton, 86, a resident of Haskell County 50 years were held at 2 p. m. Friday at the East Side Baptist Church.

Home Near Easter Hit by Burglars

Broke into the home of Mrs. W. Patterson 12 miles west of Haskell last night and escaped with a valuable household collection.

Lutheran Children's Service Dec. 24

Lutheran Church will observe Christmas Eve celebration with Children's Service at 7 p. m. Dec. 24.

Couple to Observe Golden Wedding With Open House

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Franks, residents of Haskell since 1911, will celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary Sunday, Dec. 25.

WILL VISIT IN IDALOU

Rev. and Mrs. Sam Reddell will be visiting with the parents of Rev. Reddell Friday night in Idalou. They expect to return home Saturday afternoon.

Bank Employees Given Bonuses

Christmas bonuses were presented to employees of the Haskell National Bank at their Christmas dinner held at the Haskell Cafe December 20.

East Side Baptist Slates Earlier Services Sunday

The East Side Baptist Church will have its Sunday services earlier than usual on Sunday, Dec. 25, only.

COMING FOR HOLIDAYS

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Lassater and daughter of Amarillo will arrive Saturday to spend the holidays with Mrs. Sam Reddell, sister of Mrs. Lassater.

First Political Bids Likely at Early Date

First political candidates are expected to make their bids to the voters with the advent of the new year, and in the 1956 primaries and elections voters will elect officeholders ranging from precinct constable to president.

City to Enforce Ban Against Fireworks

Strict enforcement of a city ordinance banning shooting of fireworks within the city limits was ordered by the City Council following a special meeting Tuesday night.

Former Resident, Father of Haskell Man, Dies

J. M. Crawford, 56, Haskell resident for 22 years until moving to Pampa three years ago, died at 1:15 p. m. Thursday, Dec. 15 in a hospital in that city.

Local Post Office Handling Record Volume of Mail

The volume of Christmas mail tops all previous records at the Haskell post office, reports Postmaster Harold Spain.

Charlene White is New Member of Free Press Staff

New member of the news staff of the Free Press is Charlene White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. White of this city.

Scout Troop 35 to Spend Three Days at Camp Tonkawa

Members of Scout Troop 35 of this city will go to Camp Tonkawa, near Buffalo Gap, Wednesday Dec. 28 where they will remain until Friday, Dec. 30.

Theo Burson, 48, Dies Tuesday in Haskell Hospital

Theo Burson, 48, Haskell grocer, died at 5:20 p. m. Tuesday in the Haskell Hospital, after an illness of about six weeks. He had been a semi-invalid since June, 1948, when he was critically injured in an automobile accident in which his wife and daughter, and his mother were fatally injured.

Funeral Rites for Clay Kimbrough Held Here Tuesday

Funeral service for Mr. Kimbrough was held at the First Baptist Church Tuesday at 10:30 a. m., with the Rev. M. D. Rexrode, pastor, and the Rev. Hubert Segg, Baptist minister of Haskell, officiating.

Seven WTU's Given Service Pins At Annual Dinner

West Texas Utilities Company service pins were presented to seven men from the Stamford District at their yearly Christmas dinner held here Thursday, December 15.

Indians Honored With Banquet by Pep Squad, Band

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Goodfellows Will Distribute Christmas Baskets to Needy

While Christmas trees are being trimmed in many homes in the city, arrangements are being made also to bring Yule cheer to the unfortunate.

Stores Will Observe Holiday Monday

Celebration of the Christmas season will continue through Monday, December 26 as Haskell business establishments remain closed. The announcement was made this week by the retail trade committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

Final Rites for J. L. Reid, Sr., 75, Held Here Monday

Funeral service for J. L. Reid, 75, Haskell County resident since 1899, was held at 2 p. m. Monday at the Haskell Assembly of God Church with the Rev. R. W. White, pastor, officiating, assisted by Rev. Jas. C. Nelson, pastor of the Knox City Assembly of God.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Josselot, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Gilleland and Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Gilleland and family will spend the Christmas holidays in Lubbock visiting in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ferguson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Thompson and family.

WILL SPEND CHRISTMAS IN PONCA CITY, OKLA.

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Las Cantata, "The Christ Child" by Receptive Audience Sunday

All Civic Chorus cantata was accorded a reception when presented December 18, at the First Baptist Church. The "Christ Child" is a two part story in three acts, and is presented in a semi-chorus, soloists, Mrs. Sam Reddell, soprano, Mr. Hubert Bell, baritone, Mrs. Gene Tonn, alto, and Mrs. J. F. Cadhead, Sr., alto; and "Holy Night, Peaceful Night," chorus; soloist Mrs. Ross Fox, Mrs. O. E. Patterson was accompanist for the occasion.

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3,389 Texans Enter Armed Forces in September

A total of 3,389 Texans entered the uniformed services in November, 2,674 being separated during the same time, according to an announcement at Austin by Lt. Col. Morris S. Schwartz, state Selective Service director.

Of the 3,389 entering the service, 2,432 went in by volunteer means, the remaining 957 being drafted. A total of 482 draftees went into the Army, and 475 entered the Navy.

SPENDING CHRISTMAS WITH PARENTS

A-3C Billy K. Fry, who is stationed at Memphis, Tenn., is home for the Christmas holidays visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Fry. He will return to Memphis January 2.

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Haskell County History

26 Years Ago — Dec 19, 1935
County Attorney B. C. Chapman was a business visitor in Rochester Tuesday.

Guy Collins, local manager of the Perkins-Timberlake department store, John A. Couch of Spencer Lumber Co., Parks Woodson, local radio dealer, and Courtney Hunt of Hunt's Store were in Wichita Falls this week in the interest of securing another motor truck line into Haskell.

Dr. Gordon Phillips, recently of Wichita Falls, has moved to Haskell and will enter the practice of medicine and surgery here. His office will be in the Oates Building, on the northeast corner of the square.

City Nightwatchman C. A. Warner has tendered his resignation to the City Council, effective Jan. 1, and plans to enter business here. T. L. Grace of this city has been appointed successor to Warner, and will assume his duties the first of the year.

Mrs. D. Scott left Wednesday night for Encampment, Wyo., to be with her daughter, Mrs. Morgan Johnston, who is ill with pneumonia. Mrs. Johnston will be remembered as the former La-Trice Scott.

Miss Anna Maud Taylor, accompanied by Misses Jo Vineyard and Georgiana Hawkins and Mrs. Frank Junell, all of Abilene, spent Sunday with relatives and friends here.

Happle Nutt, who has been in Haskell for the past two years in the sheep business, has sold his herds and left for Fort Stockton Thursday. He sold 250 head of sheep to Jack Mitchell of Sweetwater, 33 to "Shorty" Sherman, and 20 to Roy Weaver this past week. Nutt has about 30 head of Caracul sheep here, and plans to move them to his ranch in Reeves County next spring.

Dimmitt Hughes has leased the Colbert Ranch near Stamford, Mr. and Mrs. Hughes, who have been living on the home place on Hughes Ranch, will move to the Colbert Ranch to make their home.

30 Years Ago—Dec. 25, 1925

M. O. Field has finished gathering his cotton and is now taking a little time out for recreation. He returned last week from a successful deer hunt, bringing back a nice buck and also killing some turkeys.

W. W. Griffin of the Post community had the misfortune of getting his arm broken while cranking a Ford truck recently. The injury is mending nicely, but will be an inconvenience for several weeks.

E. N. Baker, brother of Tom Baker of the Midway community, was here several days this week. He lives in Abilene and had just returned from Arkansas and stopped here for a visit before going on home.

J. V. Lewis of Weibert Route 1 was here Saturday. He is through picking cotton, having gathered 31 bales, which he considers a fair crop this year in his section.

M. H. Guinn of the Sayles community has purchased a Farmall tractor, and he and his son Roy plan to farm on a large scale this year.

The Sanders & Crawford gin plant in this city was destroyed by fire early Sunday morning.

The fire was discovered about 5 a. m., but had gained such a start through the entire building that firemen were unable to save the plant. They kept the flames from spreading to the scale shed and office. The owners state they plan to rebuild the plant next spring and summer.

Three business establishments were leveled in a fire which broke out Sunday afternoon in the Cleveland Theatre in Rochester. It was that city's worst fire in history. Starting in the projection room of the theatre, flames spread to the adjoining Liles Garage Building and the Western Produce Company Building. The Cottage Hotel in the same block was damaged, but firemen from Rochester, Haskell and Knox City were able to bring the blaze under control at that point.

50 Years Ago—Dec. 23, 1905

J. F. Vernon has accepted a position as assistant cashier and bookkeeper at the Farmers National Bank.

Messrs. Morgan Bros. of Hill County have purchased lots in Haskell and it is said they plan to establish a lumber yard here. Will and Virgil Ballew of Indian Territory are here on a visit to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ballew.

R. W. Tyson is building a new residence in the north part of town.

J. S. Post killed two fine hogs the other day and got 32 gallons of lard. He says one of the hogs would have weighed 400 pounds. They were raised on milk and sorghum and finished on corn.

Mrs. Levi McCollum has returned to McCauley. She says Mr. McCollum has completed his warehouse and has their residence framed.

T. C. Cahill of Temple was respecting here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hunt left this morning for Aransas Pass where they will spend the holidays with relatives.

H. C. Blue was in town Friday and told a reporter he had 12 head of fine hogs to kill. They range from 250 to 450 pounds, he said.

Dr. B. O. Hester is building a neat residence in the north part of town.

Cason, Cox & Co. are making preparations to build a large warehouse for their store.

Messrs. T. A. and W. J. Greer of Rochester were here Monday. They say there is still a lot of cotton in the fields in that section, and farmers are needing pickers.

H. C. Scott has just completed a new residence in the north part of town.

VISIT PARENTS

James Adkins and daughter, Mrs. Wayne Dunham, spent Sunday in Plainview where they visited in the home of a daughter and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lee Criswell, Jr., and infant son, David Lee, who was born Dec. 13. Mrs. James Adkins, who has been visiting in Plainview for the past week, will remain with her daughter and new grandson until Christmas.

Driving Somewhere? Play It Safe And Enjoy Christmas!

BY CHARLENE WHITE

Christmas is only a few days away and many residents are making plans to spend the holidays visiting relatives and friends. Probably you, too, are making such plans. Also quite probably you expect to travel by automobile.

If you anticipate driving during the holidays now would be an especially good time to remind yourself of the advice proffered by the National Safety Council. The many "catchy" slogans simply add up to this: "Discretion is the greater part of driving."

What good are the few minutes you save by speeding if you must spend the holidays in a hospital? Speeding, passing on hills and curves, and all the other acts of reckless driving imperil not only your life, but the lives of all other drivers on the highway. It must be a terrible thing to realize you are responsible for the death or permanent injury of a fellow human being.

Incidentally, if you should be a passenger in an automobile whose driver thinks he's piloting a jet, don't hesitate to ask him to slow down. You have every right if your life is being endangered in any way.

So whether you are a driver or a passenger, "Remember—the life you save may be your own."

Dear Santa:
I have been good this year so please bring me a telephone, toy mixer, dishes, a gun and holster, and a cash register. If you don't have all these I will be pleased with anything you bring. Don't forget all the other girls and boys, especially my two cousins, Judy and Vickie who are in South America. I love you, Ann Mapes.

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl five years old and I have a little brother who is three. We have been very good and I would like a doll bed, a doll chair, and a doll with a blanket, train, and guitar. We would also like some fruit, nuts, and candy. Love, Barbara and Randy Foster.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a record player, 3-speed, some cow puncher boots, records for my record player. Be nice to the other boys and girls too. Bring some nuts, apples, oranges, bananas. Don't forget my Grandie, Grandad Freeman and Aunt Gene. Love you Santa, Jerry Lynn Freeman 203 South Ave. J Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy six years old and I have been a good boy this year. I would like to have a burp gun, Roy Rogers ranch, pistols with bullets that look like real ones, and a Dick Tracy wrist watch set. Don't forget all the other good little boys and girls, especially Mike, Pat, David, and Alton. Love, Brian Eulaney.

Dear Santa Claus:
Santa have you got my ballerina doll made yet or my jewelry box, either?
We hope you have a Merry Christmas, and we will see you on Christmas Eve night. Love, Phyllis Doyle.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a watch, record player, some records and doll clothes. Be good to all girls and boys. Love, Charlotte Bland.

HERE FROM QUANAH
Mat Eubanks of Quanah, former Chevrolet dealer here, was a business visitor in Haskell Monday.

DRIVE Safely! WALK Safely! LIVE Safely!

... the Life You Save May Be Yours
(and you know who HE is!)



Let's Be Sure DEATH Takes a Holiday, Too! So We Won't Have To Erect Any Signs For YOU!

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DON'T MIX ALCOHOL and GASOLINE — be sure you are in complete control of your car at all times. Split second.
WALK SAFELY — you can be about in your town and be killed!

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FREE! FREE! \$75 in Merchandise Saturday

Come in and register any time Friday or Saturday
Drawing Will Be Saturday at 7:30 p. m.

Last Saturday's winners of the tricycles were: B. Hawkins, O. C. Sedden, Marvin Medford. Winners of the wagons last Saturday were: Oscar Crouch, Mrs. J. W. Carpenter and Mrs. Mary Jean Bishop.

<i>Given Away</i>	<i>Deluxe Large</i>
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10 lbs. & up **47¢**

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Bacon Pound **49¢**

Sausage 1 Lb. Roll **24¢**

Dressed Hens Pound **49¢**

Pork Roast Pound **41¢**

WILSON'S
Coffee Lb. **89¢**
2 Lb. Can **\$1.77**

Del Monte Whole 303 Can
BEANS 27¢

Del Monte Whole Kernel
CORN 303 can 19¢

Del Monte 303 Can
BEANS 15¢

Del Monte 46 Oz. Can
TOMATO JUICE 29¢

Del Monte's 24 Oz. Bottle
GRAPE JUICE 39¢

Shelled
PECANS pound pkg. **\$1.49**

Del Monte's Instant
COFFEE 6 Oz. Jar **\$1.45**

Cut Rite
WAX PAPER roll 27¢

Del Monte's
APPLES 80 Count 2 pkgs. 25¢

Del Monte Crushed No. 2 Can
PINEAPPLE 29¢

Northmoor Candy

Chocolate Covered Cherries Lb. Box **49¢**

Snowdrift 3 Pound Can **69¢**

All 5c
Candy 6 bars for **25¢**

Jello 3 Pkgs. **25¢**

Log Cabin
Syrup 12 Oz. Jar **29¢**

Frozen 6 Oz. Can
ORANGE JUICE 15¢

GUM 3 packages 10¢

Hersheys
DAINTIES pkg. 25¢

Thompson's Frozen 10 Oz. Pkg.
STRAWBERRIES 25¢

Ocean Spray

Cranberry Sauce can **19¢**

Karo White
SYRUP pint 25¢

Swans Down Box
CAKE FLOUR 45¢

Fruits and Vegetables

Avocados Large Size 3 For **25¢**

Fresh Crisp
Celery Large Stalks Stalk **15¢**

Fresh Coconuts Each **10¢**

Ruby Red
Grapefruit each **5¢**

Tokay
Grapes pound **10¢**

New Crop Yellow
Onions 3 pounds **10¢**

A VERY
Merry Christmas
*To Our Friends and Customers, To Our Fellow Merchants, and Our Wish That All Of You Have The Happiest of Holidays.
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For Freedom from Worry

Call your Southwestern Life man WIX B. CURRIE, JR. Representing SOUTHWESTERN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY



GREETINGS to All

May all the joy which comes from the true spirit of Christmas be yours through all the New Year.

Ark Allred Radiator Shop



SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

PITMAN Grocery & Market

Peace on Earth



... 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

Weinert News

By MILDRED GUESS

Lubbock spent the weekend here children, Ricki and Sandra, of Lubbock, spent the weekend here in the home of Mr. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Smith visited their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hubbard in Weatherford Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Wigley plan to leave Friday to spend Christmas with their children, Mr. and Mrs. Doc Cheuning, Peggy and Ricky; Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Wigley, Vicki and Becky; Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Conway, Linda and Randy; and Ray Wigley.

Frank Oman, W. B. Guess, Neal Stewart, E. G. Ivie and Roy Stewart attended the Stamford-New London football game at Arlington Friday.

Guests in the home of Mr. R. B. Guess for the Christmas holidays are her daughter and two grandsons, Mrs. O. W. Hummel, Greg and Marc, of Sterling, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Guess and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Oman visited in Dallas Sunday.

J. N. Stewart was a business visitor in Lubbock Saturday.

SUNDAY GUESTS IN F. H. RAY HOME

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Ray Sunday, Dec. 18 were Mr. and Mrs. E. Holsapple of Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Max Ray and family of Tularosa, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. Leavel Ray of Stephenville, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ray and family, Mr. and Mrs. Billie Jack Ray and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. May and family of Haskell, Leavel Ray recently returned from Fairbanks, Alaska where he served 18 months in the Air Force. He received his Army discharge December 10. Dinner was served buffet style and the afternoon was spent taking pictures and exchanging gifts for Christmas.

HOLIDAY GUESTS IN J. E. BERNARD HOME

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bernard of this city have as guests in their home for the Christmas holidays, their daughter, Mrs. Vivian Akins and granddaughter Anita Akins, both of Fort Worth; their son, and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bernard and three children, Nancy, Richard, and Anne of Lubbock. Also, Mrs. Bernard's sister, Mrs. Gladys Mundy and her son Jim of Abilene and Lindsey, Okla.

WEEKEND VISITORS

Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Andrews and children of Colorado City spent the week end in Haskell and Rule visiting in the homes of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Corbe, Lytle and Mrs. Willie Andrews. Rev. Andrews is recuperating from a shoulder fracture suffered recently.

ROSE BOWL HISTORY

After Michigan routed Stanford 49-0 in the first Rose Bowl football game Jan. 1, 1902, there was no football game supplement to the Tournament of Roses until 1916. Chariot races were substituted for the midion spectacle in 1903, proved popular for several years and then lost in favor until 1907 when collegiate football returned as Washington State defeated Brown University.

Paint Creek... Community News

MRS. GENE OVERTON

One of the nicest affairs our community has had in a long time was the barbecue for the football boys Saturday night at the Irby hall. The barbecue has almost become a tradition when we win district, thanks to Paul and Frances Fischer. It all began when Paint Creek won Regional several years ago, and Paul had some goats about eating size. He promised the boys if they would win Regional he would have a goat barbecue. So they did, and so he did, and we all took salads and pies to the Fischer's and had a wonderful time. The next year the boys won District and lost Bi-district but Paul had the barbecue anyway. This year we won district, but we couldn't plan any celebration without including Mattson, because it was their win over Benjamin that gave us District. Paul didn't have any goats, so several men went together and bought a calf, and Mr. Alton Peiser barbecued it for them Saturday, and we all took salads and beans and pies to Irby Hall and it was one of the nicest parties the young folks have had in a long time. They ate at six, and then again at 10, and still there was food to take home. The meat was wonderful.

The Berryhill string band furnished the music, and the Mattson and Paint Creek football boys and pep squad girls and their parents enjoyed every minute from 5 o'clock till 11. Paul and Frances went to a great deal of trouble, and did a great deal of planning and work to make the barbecue a success and we parents and young people want them to know how very much we appreciate them. We are also indebted to the committee in charge of the Irby Hall for allowing us to use it, and to the Mattson young people who cleaned the hall before and after the party.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hager spent Sunday with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hager of Mattson.

A Christmas program and tree was enjoyed by the members of the Baptist Church Wednesday night. The program included Christmas carols and solos and duets as well as scripture verses and thoughts of the day of our Saviour's birth.

Mrs. Stella Trice entertained the teachers of the Weinert, Mattson, Sagerton, and Paint Creek schools Monday afternoon with a lovely Christmas tea. Tea was served from a tea table lighted by tall red tapers, with appointments in crystal and silver. Miss Jessie Vick poured tea or coffee from a beautiful silver service, and refreshments included chicken salad sandwiches, olives, nuts, fruit balls, stuffed dates and fruit cake. Teachers from Paint Creek enjoying the tea were Mrs. Lila Heflin, Mrs. Irene Ballard, Mrs. J. M. Owens, Mrs. W. C. Taylor, Mrs. J. C. O'Neal, Miss Bess Smithey, Mrs. Dan McRae and Mrs. Gene Overton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Taylor and daughter Judith were in Arlington Saturday to see the Stamford-New London game, and to take Mrs. Taylor's mother to see her doctor in Fort Worth. Mrs. Taylor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lieb of Lueders, went with them. Mr. and Mrs. Lieb celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary Dec. 13th. They had a celebration on their 50th anniversary, and they plan another big reception next year when they celebrate their 60th.

While at the game, Mr. Taylor suffered a slight heart attack, and had to be hospitalized overnight. He is better now, and has been having a checkup at

the clinic this week. Mr. and Mrs. Merle Howard of Albany and Cheba King of Abilene spent Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Vernay Howard and Mr. and Mrs. Bunyan Howard.

Golda June Hager spent Sunday evening with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hager.

The annual Christmas party for the Senior class of Paint Creek High School was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Taylor. She is class sponsor.

Each member of the class brought a covered dish and a Christmas dinner was served. After dinner the group gathered around the beautiful Christmas tree and gifts were exchanged. Then they sang carols and made movies of the group. Those present were Emilee Griffith, Polly Tipton, Jean Griffith, Glenda Walton, Gayle Calloway, Albra Flores, Joe Bob Earles, Ray Hughes, Jerry Jones, Eddie Mac Earles, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Earles, Judith Taylor and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Morrison were in Olney Sunday to visit her brother, Wilburn Johnson, who is in the Olney Hospital. Mr. Johnson had the misfortune of having his hip broken in an oil well rig accident. He will remain in the hospital for about 10 days.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Hughes and Dolin are moving into the big ranch house on Dr. Bunkley's ranch, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ivy and Danny are moving from the Brown & Davis Ranch to the house where Mr. and Mrs. Hughes have been living. Mr. Ivy will work on the Bunkley Ranch this coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey Bolding of Plains and Peggy Houston of Lueders were recent visitors of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Houston.

Bill Hughes and James Smith of Abilene were dinner guests of Bill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hughes, Ray and Jerry last Sunday.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Mr. Clay Kimbrough, who died Monday. They have lived in our community for the last year and a half ever since they bought the Selby place. Mr. Kimbrough had been ill for the past year, and had been in the Haskell Hospital for almost two months.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Schaae and daughter Glenna attended the 30th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schaae of near Sagerton.

Several Paint Creek families attended the funeral of Mrs. Dan Ivy, age 70, of Stamford who died at the Sanitarium Tuesday. The funeral was held at the Stamford Church of Christ on Thursday afternoon. Carl Ivy, who lives on the Bunkley Ranch, is one of her sons. Other survivors include her husband, a daughter and three other sons.

The boy's basketball tournament that was scheduled for Thursday and Friday of this week was changed to Monday and Tuesday instead. Paint Creek played Anson Monday night.

Mrs. Gene Perry entertained the Young Married Couples class with a Christmas party Monday night at their home in Stamford. Games of 42 and 84 were enjoyed and gifts were exchanged around a Christmas tree. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Allen Isbell, Ray Perry, Irvin Overton, Durward Livengood, Buz Hisey, Allen Overton and the host and hostess.

Mrs. Allen Isbell spent Tuesday at the Sanitarium where her

brother, E. W. Mickler had surgery.

Never saw so many new cars. Several families have brand new two-toned ones that are very pretty. The R. V. Earles' have a new blue and white Chevrolet, the Glen Walton's have a new green and white Ford, the Durward Livengood's, the Ray Perry's, the Garland Calloway's all have new pickups, the Allen Isbell's have a new Chevrolet, the Layne Well's have a new Chevrolet, and the W. A. Montgomery's have a new Chevrolet. Some of these are just new to the people who have them now, but they are still better cars than they were driving, and that's nice. This drought has made most Paint Creekers drive their cars till they were about to fall apart like the wonderful "One Hoss Shay." A good car can be pretty important when you live 10 miles from the grocery store or the doctor or the drug store, or the implement house.

The Gene Overton's milk cow had the cutest twin calves not long ago. They are shorthorns and look like two teddy bears. Twins run in our family, but it the first time we've ever had twin calves!

Merry Christmas! Paint Creekers! May you all have a wonderful New Year. May our school and churches grow. May you all have good health, good crops—and fair price. May a Democrat be elected president, and may we have 3 inches of rain real soon. Amen.

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School Children Present Program For Weinert W.M.S.

Weinert W.M.S. met Monday for business meeting at the church. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. R. H. Jones. The program was given by the First, Second and Third grades in Weinert school under direction of Mrs. V. C. Derr with Mrs. J. W. Rutherford as pianist and Mrs. Cecil Hutchinson also assisting.

Songs the children sang were "O, Come Little Children, Away In a Manger," "The Friendly Beasts," "Silent Night," Mrs. R. C. Liles played Christmas carols on the organ. Closing prayer was led by Mrs. Bill King.

Refreshments were served to the First, Second and Third grades and others attending by Mrs. J. W. Liles and Mrs. G. C. Newsom. They served Christmas candy and crackers.

Members attending were Mesdames C. F. Oman, C. T. and R. H. Jones, W. A. King, E. F. Rainey, J. A. Mayfield, J. W. Liles, G. C. Newsom, R. C. Liles, O. W. Vaughn, V. C. Derr, W. B. Guess, guests were Mesdames W. P. Trice, Lillian Brown, J. W. Rutherford, Cecil Hutchinson, John Hawkins, Hugh Miller, R. J. Rainey, Leonard Alexander, James Layton, H. Wigley, Glendon Yarbrough.

NEWS OF INTEREST WOMEN

Mrs. Robert Hill is Honoree at Gift Tea in Weinert

Mrs. Robert Hill, the former Loretta Rainey of Weinert was honored with a gift tea in the home of Mrs. W. B. Guess in that city Saturday Dec. 17 from 2:30 to 4 p. m. Guests were registered by Linda Walker.

The refreshment table was laid with a green net cloth, bound with green satin ribbon over organdy cloth. Centerpiece was an arrangement of gilded deer and white candles with a background of white carnations. Spiced tea and coffee with green and red cookies were served by Mrs. Bill King and Mrs. Clyde Walker.

Assisting Mrs. Guess as hostesses were Mesdames, Bill King, Clyde Walker, George Hudgins, Frank Oman, G. C. Newsom, C. J. Williamson, V. C. Derr, M. W. Phemister.

Sixty-eight guests were registered during the afternoon.

Weinert Matrons Club Has Annual Dinner Party

Weinert Matrons Club held their Christmas dinner party Friday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Guess in Weinert. Rev. Gene Louder led the group in prayer before the meal was served at 8 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Johnson and gifts were exchanged. Attending were Mrs. C. T. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Jones, Mrs. Bill King, Mrs. G. C. Newsom, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Liles, Mrs. J. A. Mayfield, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Liles, Mrs. Fred Monke, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Liles, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mayfield, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Oman, Mrs. R. J. Rainey and Janice, Mrs. E. F. Rainey, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Myers, Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Weinert, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Boykin, Mrs. V. C. Derr, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Coggins, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Gary, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Johnson, Mrs. Claud Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Damon Smith, Rev. and Mrs. George Hudgins, Rev. and Mrs. James Layton, H. T. Wilkinson, Rev. Gene Louder and the host and hostess.

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MRS. TERRELL

Glenda Kay Clark, Teddie Don Terrell Repeat Vows

Glenda Kay Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reece Clark of Sagerton, and A-2c Teddie Don Terrell, son of Mrs. Bailey Miller of Rule, were united in marriage at the Sagerton Methodist Church Sunday afternoon, Dec. 11 at 3 o'clock.

Howard Anderson, minister of the First Christian Church at Rule, performed the double ring ceremony before an altar bedecked with greenery and white baby mums centered with silver bells and flanked on either side with basket arrangements of pink gladioli and white candelabra holding burning white tapers.

Candlelighters were Sandra Ross, of Sagerton and Bailey Ann Foster of Rule. Sandra Ross sang, "Pledging My Love," "Always" and "I'll Never Stop Loving You," and Bailey Ann Foster sang "Whither Thou Goest" and "The Lord's Prayer." Sharon Tucker of Rule was the pianist.

Sgt. Fletcher Terrell of San Antonio, brother of the groom, was the best man. Ushers were A-2c Bill Seay and A-2c Rod Roberts, both of San Antonio.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a waitz-length gown of white Chantilly lace over bridal satin. A deep scalloped yoke of satin with a high neckline and standup collar topped the fitted bodice, and her long sleeves came to a point at wrists. She wore white brocade satin slippers. Her finger-tip veil of illusion was attached to a white velvet half hat trimmed with silver beads. She carried a white Bible topped with a white orchid and two deep pink rosebuds. She wore white pearls, a gift of the groom. For something borrowed, she carried a handkerchief belonging to her grandmother, Mrs. John Clark, and for something old, she wore a bracelet belonging to her other grandmother, Mrs. Chiff LeFevre. Her blue garter was made by her aunt, Mrs. Oscar Manske.

Flower girls were Yvonne Ross and Martha Kay Letz of Sagerton. They wore blue net over taffeta and corsages of pink roses. Mrs. Shirley Rhoads of Rule was matron of honor and bridesmaids were Marilyn Pike of Rule and Pat Summers of Sagerton. Mrs. Rhoads and Miss Summers' gowns were ballerina length of pink net over taffeta, and Miss Pike's gown was ballerina length over taffeta. Their bouquets were of pink and blue carnations. The candlelighters' dresses were of pink and blue net over taffeta and their corsages were of pink and blue carnations. The bride's attendants wore pearls, gifts of the bride.

Jim Carpenter of Rule was the ring bearer. The bride's mother wore a beige wool suit with brown accessories and a white hat. Her corsage was of yellow carnations. The groom's mother wore a gray wool suit with black accessories and a white hat and corsage of pink carnations.

The reception was held in the home of the bride's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark of Sagerton. Her aunts, Mrs. Leslie Cobb of Midland and Mrs. Oscar Manske, Mrs. Joe Clark, Mrs. Delbert LeFevre and Mrs. Charles Clark, assisted in the serving.

The bride's table was laid with white net ruffled over taffeta with appointments of crystal and silver. The bride's bouquet with white candles formed the centerpiece. The 3-tiered wedding cake was trimmed with pink roses and topped with a miniature bride and groom.

For her wedding trip the bride wore a beige fitted suit with a brown velvet hat and brown accessories and the orchid from her bridal bouquet.

After a short honeymoon, the couple will make their home in San Antonio where the groom is stationed at Lackland Air Base.

The bride is a 1955 graduate of Rule High School and attended Texas Tech at Lubbock, and the groom graduated from Rule High School in 1953 and joined the Air Force in 1954.

Out-of-town guests were from Midland, Jacksboro, Olney, Wichita Falls, Holliday, San Antonio, Stamford, Haskell and Rule.

Magazine Club Has Annual Christmas Program Friday

The Magazine Club held its annual Christmas program Friday, Dec. 16 at 3:30 p. m. Mrs. Roy Everett was hostess for the afternoon. The clubroom was decorated in the traditional Christmas theme.

Mrs. Luher Burkett, president, opened the meeting by reading a Christmas prayer by Robert Louis Stevenson.

Mrs. Joe Thigpen was director for the afternoon. Mrs. Buford Cox gave three readings, "Christmas Again," "Christ" and "Merry, Merry Christmas."

Mrs. Ross Fox sang two numbers, "O Come, All Ye Faithful" and "O, Holy Night" with Mrs. Wallace Cox as her accompanist.

Mrs. Fox led the club in a sing-song of Christmas carols. Mrs. Joe Thigpen introduced Mrs. A. W. Weaver who gave a seasonal book review, "The Saint Maker's Christmas Eve" by Paul Hogan.

Members present were Mesdames Virgil Bailey, Luther Burkett, Roy Everett, George Hauser, Joe Thigpen, A. W. Weaver, Ross Fox, Earl Aitchison, Wallace Cox, C. L. Lewis, John Rike, K. H. Thornton, J. G. Vaughter, Ada Rike, Buford Cox, J. C. Freeman, W. R. Johnson, Misses Nettie McCollum, and Beryle Boone.

Christmas Play Is Program for English Club

Regular meeting of the On the Trail English Club was held Friday Dec. 16, after classes. The meeting was called to order by the president, Jo Helen Elliott. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Martin Rueffer. The meeting was then placed in charge of the program chairman, Dollie Norton, and a Christmas play was presented.

Members of the cast were Bobby Hogue, Bobby Dale Tatum, David Ray, as Shepherds; Eugene Gullede, Martin Rueffer and James Powell as Wise Men; Beth Nanny as Mary; Ronnie Jeter as Joseph.

Mrs. Perkins read from the second chapter of Saint Luke. Dollie Norton read questions, and members of the club answered by singing songs.—Judy Collins, Reporter.



Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. McAfee of Munday, Texas, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Shirley Ann, to Bobby Lee McLendon of Mobile, Ala. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. McLendon of Mobile. The ceremony will be performed Sunday, Dec. 25 in the Munday First Methodist Church, with Rev. Doyle H. Reagle, pastor, officiating.

Burl Darnell's Are Hosts at Christmas Dinner Dec. 18

The family of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Robertson enjoyed a traditional Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burl Darnell of the Mattson community Sunday, Dec. 18.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Laton Robertson, Jeanette, Patsy, Deanna and Sharon, Rev. and Mrs. Lavoid Robertson and

Kyle, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Grand, Mrs. Eva Lee Oakley, Darlene, Katie and Deoris Ann, Mr. and Mrs. Burl Darnell, Valerie, Pug and Penny, all of Haskell; Mrs. Eddie Patton, Linda, Mollie and Mike of Abilene; Mrs. Morris Denton of Knox City; Mr. and Mrs. Mansel Robertson and Beverly of Hamlin; Mr. and Mrs. Toxie Cobb of Cisco; John Patton of Weinert; Mr. and Mrs. James Harris Robertson and Jeanie of Fort Worth.

Lane-Felker Groves Observes Annual Christmas Fete

Lane-Felker employed their families were turkey dinner with all trimmings at the Highway Sunday, Dec. 18.

The occasion was the Christmas Dinner hosted by Mrs. W. V. Felker and Mrs. R. A. Lane. After her the guests retired to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lane for the exchanging of gifts.

Those who attended were Mrs. I. N. Simons and Mrs. Douglas Lewis, Mrs. Belton Duncan, Mrs. Lee Whitington, Mrs. M. B. Cobb, Mrs. Waskom, Miss Grace J. D. Long, Mrs. A. Mrs. Stella Harrison.

Lucky Three Girls 4-H Club Meets Saturday

First meeting of the Three Girls 4-H Club new county Home Demonstration Agent, Miss Wanda Hill, was held Saturday in the courthouse.

Miss Greenhill is advisor of the Girls Club, which has 14 members. Highlight of the meeting was a demonstration of Good Grooming by Miss Greenhill.

The club president, Casey, presided for the meeting. A special feature was changing of gifts between members.

Next meeting of the club will be Saturday, Jan. 1, 1956. The new year will be that meeting.

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Christmas Pageant, "Prince of Peace" Presented at Presbyterian Church

A Christmas pageant "Prince of Peace" was presented at the Presbyterian Church Sunday, December 18.

Scenes in the pageant traced the story of the origin of man and his fall, the promise of redemption and the coming of the Saviour. The annunciation, the angels appearance to the shepherds and the coming of the Wise Men of the East were also depicted.

The scenes were narrated by the Hon. Ben Charlie Chapman, reading arranged passages from the Scriptures.

The scenery consisted of a replica of an out-sized Bible opened in the middle, revealing scenes in turn. A concealed choir sang appropriate Christmas music interspersed with the reading of the Scriptures.

Mrs. W. H. Pitman Director for Study Club Program

"As we approach the Christmas season, we do so with a zeal and an enthusiasm that we do not have for any other holiday season," said Mrs. W. H. Pitman, program director at the Progressive Study Club meeting Dec. 15 in the Homemaking Cottage, when husbands and guests were entertained.

Continuing, Mrs. Pitman said, "It is a time of year that our hearts are filled with love and a sharing with others. It is a time, too, for community sharing, with those who are less fortunate than ourselves. In all that we ourselves may give, gaily in the modern manner, may we also think of the greater love that gives Christmas its real meaning."

Mrs. Pitman introduced Mrs. Terry Diggs as noted for her book reviews and said, that if the women in the Methodist Church could get her to do a Bible study or review a book, they could count on it being a huge success.

Mrs. Diggs reviewed Peter Marshall's "Let's Keep Christmas." In closing, Mrs. Diggs said, "You will catch Christmas or it will catch you, which is better. So let us 'keep' Christmas, keep it as it is—in all the loveliness of its ancient traditions. May we keep it in our hearts, that we may be kept in its' hope."

Several Christmas carols were sung by the group, led by Mrs. Pitman with Mrs. Wilda Medford at the piano.

Mrs. R. A. Lane gave the Book of the Month, Luke, which contains the Sweetest Story Ever Told. She read Luke 2:1-10.

Mrs. Robert Wheatley presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. O. J. Curry.

The hostesses, Mrs. Viars Felker, Mrs. Jean Elliott, Mrs. Jay Weaver, Mrs. Howard Perry and Mrs. W. E. Lawson did a wonderful job in decorating with reindeer and Santa in a sleigh, and red candles on the buffet, tall red candles and a bowl of Christmas balls set in front of greenery on the table and then again on the piano, with red candles set in styrofoam. A lovely decorated Christmas tree stood in a corner, and on a coffee table was a Santa Claus bubbling light.

Several gifts and wrappings were brought, to be sent to the State Hospital in Wichita Falls.

Telephone Company Employees Observe "Family Night"

Personnel in the Haskell exchange of General Telephone Company of the Southwest, and their families, gathered for a "Family Night" at the Magazine Club Thursday evening, Dec. 15. Forty-five guests were present, including all local employees except those on duty, and visitors, Dist. Supt. Bill Burdick of Seymour, Mrs. Burdick and their two children.

Each family brought food for a "pot luck" supper and following an enjoyable meal and fellowship period, games of 42 and dominoes were played.

Attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Burdick, Charles and Sandy, of Seymour; E. W. Pruitt, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Winnings, Mrs. Paul Dick, and Paulette, Lula Keaton, Wanda Ruth Cook, Amy Lee Cook, Harrell Ray Cook, Irena Thomas, Mary Lou Josselet, Carolyn and Sarah Josselet, Shirley Smith, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Landess and Belle, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Shelton, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Neindorf, Jake Prince, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Adkins, Mr. and Mrs. Cleburne Moore, Hazel and Rita June Moore, Allie Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Max Brown, Karen and Donna Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Odie Smith, Anita and Shirley Smith.

Rainbow Sewing Club Has Annual Christmas Party

Members of the Rainbow Sewing Club met Monday, Dec. 12 at 3:30 p. m. for their annual Christmas party.

Group singing of Christmas carols opened the program, and Mrs. W. E. Johnson offered prayer.

A traditional Christmas number, "Christ in a Manger," was presented by Stella Josselet, Erma Watson, Thelma Adams, Annie Thomas, Corie Pitman, Sue Peavy.

A refreshment plate of tuna sandwiches, cookies and coffee was served by the hostess, Virginia Flournoy.

Gifts were distributed to the group by "Scooter" Flournoy. Members attending were, Ann Taylor, Stella Josselet, Sue Peavy, Sallie Patterson, Annie Thomas, Corie Pitman, Essie Bland, Erma Watson, Thelma Adams, Lavern New, Elizabeth Andrews, Ethel Edwards, and Flossie Rogers.

Couple Celebrates 45th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henry Freeman celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary Dec. 18 with an open house.

Children and grandchildren of the couple attending the event were Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Freeman and Jerry, Billie Gene Freeman, Gwen and Gayle Freeman of Haskell.

Among the friends who visited were: Mrs. Nettie Lee, Leona Lee, Miss Hazel Newton, Miss Myrtle Orr and A. C. Orr of Haskell. Also Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Hall, Healdton, Okla.

Christmas Party is Held By Scout Troop

A part of Christmas came early for Boy Scout Troop 35 at a holiday party held Monday night Dec. 19 at the Scout Hall. Presents were exchanged, after which games of various kinds were held.

Twenty-four Scouts attended the party. Others present for the occasion were Cecil Corley, scoutmaster; Austin Coburn, assistant scoutmaster; Frank Urban and Pete Snider, Explorer advisers; Dr. A. D. Stone and Ira Hester.

Jury Commission Meets Monday

A three-member Jury Commission appointed by District Judge Ben Charlie Chapman met Monday and selected panels for Grand Jurors and Petit Jurors for the January term of 39th District Court.

Appointed on the Jury Commission were W. L. (Knott) Ballard of Rochester, Scott White of Rule, J. A. Landess, Haskell

Christmas Theme is Used for Trinity Ladies Club Meet

The annex of the Trinity Lutheran Church was decorated in keeping with Christmas for the monthly meeting of the Trinity Ladies Club.

Christmas carols were interspersed throughout the program. Mrs. R. R. Kretschmer led the devotion. She used 10 candles of different colors and explained what each represented in accordance with Christmas. The worship center was made by Mrs. B. F. Gaskamp. She used the Advent Wreath and explained what each candle meant. Publishing Glad Tidings was the topic given by Mrs. H. R. Fischer and made us aware of the importance of spreading the gospel. A Christmas playlet was given by Mrs. Willie Peiser, Carolyn Fischer and David Falstead. Mrs. George Hauser led in a special prayer for club members who are ill. The business meeting was in charge of Mrs. Geo. Hauser, president.

The executive board consisting of Mrs. Hauser, Mrs. Alton Peiser, Mrs. Gus Rueffer and Mrs. B. F. Gaskamp were hostesses for the social hour that followed.

Community Yule Singing Held At Weinert

A Community Christmas singing was held Monday night in the Weinert High School auditorium, sponsored by the Weinert Matrons Club under the direction of Mrs. W. C. Winchester, music chairman. Opening remarks and announcements were made by Mrs. C. T. Jones, president of the club, and Douglas Myers, Weinert school superintendent.

Pianists for the occasion were Mrs. J. W. Rutherford, Mrs. R. C. Liles, and Mrs. M. L. Raynes, Jr., of Munday. Featured singers were pupils of the First, Second and Third grades in Weinert school, under the direction of Mrs. V. C. Derr; Joann Winchester, who sang "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"; a young people's chorus from the Church of Christ under the direction of Damon Smith, pastor; and Rev. James Layton and Mrs. Layton who sang a duet.

Christmas stories from the Bible were read by the four Weinert ministers, Rev. Gene Louder, Rev. George Hudgins, Rev. James Layton, and Damon Smith. They also lead the group in prayers at intervals during the program.

Closing song was "Silent Night, Holy Night." Benediction was given by Rev. George Hudgins, Baptist pastor.

This was the third in a series of community meetings in keeping with the Community Achievement Program sponsored by the Weinert Matrons Club.

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Thirty Cub Scouts Receive Awards

Thirty Cub Scouts received awards at the Cub Scout Pack Meeting and Christmas Party, held Monday night, Dec. 19 in the High School Lunchroom. The record attendance at the affair included 58 parents, 47 Cub Scouts, and nine visitors.

Boys receiving awards were: From Den 3—Harold Hodge, Bobcat pin; Den 7, Larry Flournoy, a Wolf badge, one gold arrow point and three silver arrow points. Den 8, Phillip Baird, a Lion badge, one gold arrow point and five silver arrow points; Jeffrey Robertson, a Wolf badge, one gold and one silver arrow point; Barry Oneal, a Wolf badge; David Ray, Wolf badge; Jay Gipson, a Wolf badge and one gold arrow point; Mike Martindale, Wolf badge and one gold arrow point.

Den 6—Wayne Perrin, one gold arrow point; Charles Chapman, one silver arrow point; Jimmy Larned, one silver arrow point; Sammy Larned, one silver arrow point; James Davis, Wolf badge, one gold and one silver arrow point; Steve Byrd, one gold and one silver arrow point; Joseph Thigpen, one silver arrow point; and Gordon Moore, one gold arrow point.

Those from Dens 1 and 2 receiving Wolf badges were: Tony and Carl Richey, Ronnie Jeter, Lynn Watson, Wendell Coston, Johnny Carl Martin, James Ivy, Jimmy Bynum, Kenneth Jarred, Gene Hester, Jerry Nicholson, Bill Per-

ry, Bobby Black, Johnny McCollum, and Steve Harper. Eddie Hester received one gold arrow point and one silver arrow point. Dens 1 and 2 led the entire group in singing Christmas carols under the direction of Mrs. John B. Martin.

Dens 4 and 6 conducted a Dutch shoe race under the supervision of Mrs. Edgar Kelso.

Den 8, under the leadership of Mrs. J. B. Gipson, led the other Dens in the Living Circle and the Lord's Prayer as the closing exercise.

Santa came and distributed gifts from a beautifully decorated Christmas tree, which the boys had decorated from the decorations which each had made.

Christmas trees and gingerbread men, and cold drinks were served.

Many clever and useful gifts were on display which the boys had made for their mothers and fathers.

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the HASKELL NATIONAL BANK of Haskell, Texas, will be held in the offices of said bank in the city of Haskell, State of Texas, on the second Tuesday in January, A. D. 1956, the same being the 10th day of said month, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for said bank and the transaction of such other business that may properly come before said meeting.

CHARLES E. SWINSON, Cashier.

Christmas Theme is Used for Trinity Ladies Club Meet

The annex of the Trinity Lutheran Church was decorated in keeping with Christmas for the monthly meeting of the Trinity Ladies Club.

Christmas carols were interspersed throughout the program. Mrs. R. R. Kretschmer led the devotion. She used 10 candles of different colors and explained what each represented in accordance with Christmas. The worship center was made by Mrs. B. F. Gaskamp. She used the Advent Wreath and explained what each candle meant. Publishing Glad Tidings was the topic given by Mrs. H. R. Fischer and made us aware of the importance of spreading the gospel. A Christmas playlet was given by Mrs. Willie Peiser, Carolyn Fischer and David Falstead. Mrs. George Hauser led in a special prayer for club members who are ill. The business meeting was in charge of Mrs. Geo. Hauser, president.

The executive board consisting of Mrs. Hauser, Mrs. Alton Peiser, Mrs. Gus Rueffer and Mrs. B. F. Gaskamp were hostesses for the social hour that followed.

Community Yule Singing Held At Weinert

A Community Christmas singing was held Monday night in the Weinert High School auditorium, sponsored by the Weinert Matrons Club under the direction of Mrs. W. C. Winchester, music chairman. Opening remarks and announcements were made by Mrs. C. T. Jones, president of the club, and Douglas Myers, Weinert school superintendent.

Pianists for the occasion were Mrs. J. W. Rutherford, Mrs. R. C. Liles, and Mrs. M. L. Raynes, Jr., of Munday. Featured singers were pupils of the First, Second and Third grades in Weinert school, under the direction of Mrs. V. C. Derr; Joann Winchester, who sang "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"; a young people's chorus from the Church of Christ under the direction of Damon Smith, pastor; and Rev. James Layton and Mrs. Layton who sang a duet.

Christmas stories from the Bible were read by the four Weinert ministers, Rev. Gene Louder, Rev. George Hudgins, Rev. James Layton, and Damon Smith. They also lead the group in prayers at intervals during the program.

Closing song was "Silent Night, Holy Night." Benediction was given by Rev. George Hudgins, Baptist pastor.

This was the third in a series of community meetings in keeping with the Community Achievement Program sponsored by the Weinert Matrons Club.

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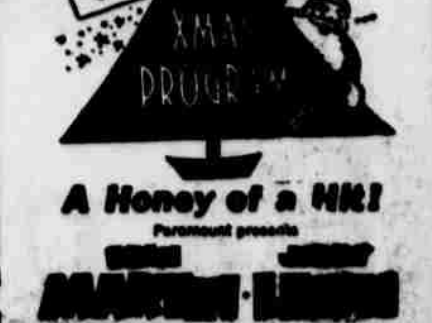
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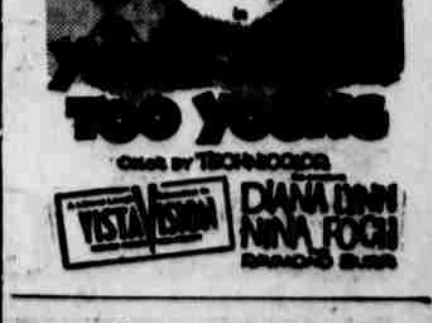
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HASKELL VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Hall of Headton, Okla., spent the week end with A. C. Orr and Myrtle. Mrs. Hall is a sister-in-law of Mr. Orr.

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Sagerton News

By MRS. DELBERT LEFEVRE

The Pioneer Birthday Club members and their families held their annual Christmas supper in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ewell Kittley Thursday evening of last week. The club is made up of a group of ladies who were good friends in the early days of Sagerton and the daughters of some of the deceased members. Members of the club live in Haskell, Rule, Idalou and Sagerton.

Mrs. Joe Clark entertained the members of the Sagerton Home Demonstration Club in her home for their Christmas party, Tuesday, Dec. 13. Mrs. Zucker, wife

of the pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, told of Christmas time in India. Mrs. Zucker spent several years in India with her husband when he was a missionary. Christmas carols were sung and gifts were exchanged from the tree.

Members present were Mesdames Glyn Quade, E. J. Neinstast, A. C. Knipling, F. A. Stegemoller, J. A. Hertel, D. W. Counts, C. E. Stegemoller and the hostess and their guest, Mrs. Zucker.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hertel are the proud parents of a son, Gary Paul, born Thursday, Dec. 15 in Abilene. Mrs. Hertel and the baby and their other son, Ewayne, came to stay with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hertel for a while Sunday.

Mrs. John Clark entertained the members of the Stitch and Chatter Club with a Christmas party in her home Wednesday of last week. Club pals were revealed and gifts were exchanged from a Christmas tree. Those present were Mesdames

G. A. Leach, Ethel Laughlin, Cliff LeFevre, Pete Lusk, M. Y. Benton, R. O. Gibson, Ben Hess, Chas. Clark and the hostess.

Barney Ross went to Dallas last week end to visit his father and mother. Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Ross, Mr. Ross is quite ill.

The teachers of the Sagerton school entertained the trustees and their wives in the home of Mrs. Irene Stewart in Stamford Tuesday evening of last week. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Dippel, Mrs. Julia Hamby, Mr. and Mrs. M. Y. Benton, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Ross, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Ulmer, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Counts and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Banks. Other members of the board who were not present were Carl Hertel, Grady Laughlin, Alvin Bredthauer and Cliff Gholson.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Stegemoller of Childress were here last weekend for the silver wedding anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stegemoller.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Holden of Haskell visited Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hess Sunday and attended the wedding anniversary of the C. E. Stegemollers.

Wiston Ulmer was one of the winning team in the FFA Radio Broadcasting team at Huntsville the weekend of Dec. 10. Other members of the team from Rule high school were Billy Tabor of Sagerton, who was unable to go, and Sonny Whorton, Benny Allison, Elton Higgs and Douglas Davis of Rule. Douglas Davis went in Bill Tabor's place. They won first place at the district meet in Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stegemoller celebrated their silver wedding anniversary at their home Sunday, Dec. 10, following a short service in their honor at the Zion Lutheran Church at 5 p. m. Mrs. A. C. Knipling and Miss Erna Schaaake of Stamford, sisters of Mrs. Stegemoller, and her niece, Mrs. Larry Cornelison assisted in the serving of the guests. Her daughter-in-laws, Mrs. Leon Stegemoller and Mrs. Marvin Stegemoller, greeted the guests and registered. Bouquets of white mums and silver candelabra with burning tapers and a beautiful wedding cake with "25th anniversary, Alice and Clarence" on it in silver adorned the table which was laid with a cutwork cloth.

Dear Santa: I am a little boy 7 years old, and my little brother Donald is four. For Christmas I would like a basket for my bicycle. Also a David Crockett watch and most of all a B-B gun.

Donald would like a peddle tractor and some new guns and holster, and anything else that might please a 4 year old. Don't forget any other little boys and girls.

We love you, Jimmy and Donald Harris.

BRIEFLY TOLD NEWS

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Mrs. Grace Reid of Haskell, J. M. Whitman of Vernon, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. (Red) Henshaw and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Clark and family of Fort Worth visited Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Whitman of Breckenridge.

Seaman First Class Archie Lee Miller who is stationed at the Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif. is home on a 10-day leave, to visit his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Felix Miller and family.

Mrs. J. L. McGuire returned home Friday from Laredo where she had visited 5 weeks with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Christian.

Don Smith, student at the University of Texas School of Dentistry of Houston and Jason Smith, Jr., of Dallas are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jason Smith during the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. J. L. Mapes of Weatherford visited Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Mapes.

J. M. (Mark) Whitman of Vernon, former longtime resident here, visited friends in Haskell Monday. He was returning home from Breckenridge where he spent the weekend with his son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Whitman and enjoyed a family reunion with all his children. Mr. Whitman was a member of a pioneer Haskell County family and made his home here for many years. He has the distinction of having operated Haskell's last harness shop, in the

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Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Tooley and little daughter, Andrea Kay of Abilene, were guests in the home of Mr. Tooley's father, O. W. Tooley and Mrs. Tooley of this city Sunday. The Abilene couple also visited in Rule with Mrs. Tooley's mother, Mrs. May Anderson.

Visitors in the O. W. Tooley home this week were Mrs. Tooley's daughter and family, M-Sgt. and Mrs. George M. Eller of Craig Air Force Base, Selma, Ala., and their little daughter, Genevieve. After visiting here, M-Sgt. and Mrs. Eller and daughter went to Whitharrall where they plan to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Carrie Eilers.

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 Mrs. Sam H. Smith, surgical, Haskell
 Mrs. H. L. Chambers, medical, Rule

Will Jeter, medical, Rule
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 Mrs. Henry Laughlin, medical, Rule
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BIRTHS
 Mr. and Mrs. Olen Bartley of Haskell, Dec. 14, a daughter, Linda Kay, weight 7 pounds and 1 ounce.
 Mr. and Mrs. Jack Medford, Haskell, a son, Robin Mark, Dec. 12, 6 pounds and 12 ounces.
 Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Harrison, Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 14, a daughter, Patricia Lou, weight 9 pounds and 11 ounces.
 Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Melton, Haskell, a son, James Clint, Dec. 17.
 Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Perritt, Rule, a daughter, Judy Ann, Dec. 21.

Reading Can Be Fun, Consultant Tells Teachers

Miss Evelyn Miller of Dallas, a reading teacher consultant, was in Haskell last week going over reading materials with Mrs. Artie May Burkett, reading consultant of Haskell schools.

The materials were used in a two-day workshop held in the Elementary School Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 12-13, for teachers in the Primary Grades. Demonstrations and conferences were held showing that reading can be fun and how to make it easier for children to learn to read.

Children learn to read through word analysis and phonetics. Miss Miller explained as she presented the teachers manuals and textbooks put out by the publishing house she represents.

The reading program develops skills necessary for word identification and independent reading. Children need many skills to succeed in learning to read, and therefore, skills are built grade by grade as the pupil progresses.

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As the course advances so do the teaching techniques and the stories move into the field of good literature for young people.

Tuesday afternoon the parents were invited to the Workshop Conference, where Miss Miller discussed and illustrated the Basic Reading Program taught in the Haskell Public Schools.

Letters to Santa
 Dear Santa Claus:
 I am seven years old and in the second grade. I want you to bring me a bicycle. My sister, Pat, wants a doll, table and chairs and a set of dishes. Little brother Kenny wants a train, road grader and a holster set. Thank you.
 Ronald Le Hilliard.

Dear Santa:
 I am a little girl 7 years old. For Xmas I would like to have a bride doll, skates and a band suit. Love,
 Donna

Dear Santa:
 I am 5 years old. Please bring me two guns. Davy Crockett suit and a truck. Don't forget my little brother, Philip, he wants a rocking horse. Love,
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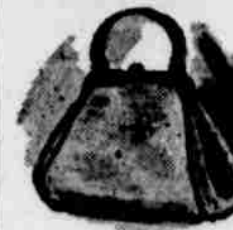
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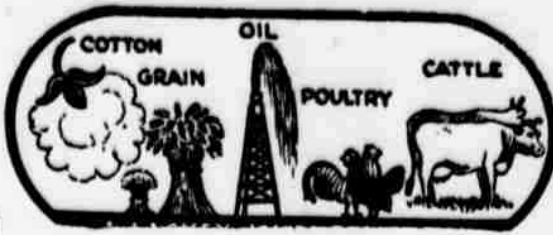


Christmas

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 and Bruce
 "Snowball"





LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Weinert, Texas
Dec. 8, 1955

Dear Santa Claus:
I want an English bicycle. I want a Mickey Mouse watch. I want a red ring. I have been a very good boy. Do not forget my big brother. I want some B-B's, too. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. Remember my mother and daddy. And I want a chemistry set. Your friend,
Jim Houkoney

Weinert, Texas
Dec. 8, 1955

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a Baby Panda. I want a watch, too. I want a bicycle, too. I want a necklace, and a bracelet, and a ring. I want a basket ball. And remember the other boys and girls. Merry Christmas. Your friend,
Carol Walker

Weinert, Texas
Dec. 8, 1955

Dear Santa Claus:
I want an English bicycle. I want a dump truck. I want two guns. I want a caterpillar dirt mover. I want a Mickey Mouse watch. I want a walkie-talkie. I want a chemistry set. Your friend
Ronny Moody

Weinert, Texas, Dec. 8, 1955
Dear Santa Claus:
I want a doll, some dresses to go with my doll. I want a Teddy Bear. Don't forget my sisters and brothers. Merry Christmas to you. Your friend
Scarlett Sanders.

Weinert, Texas
Dec. 8, 1955

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a Baby Panda. Santa Claus, I have been a nice little girl. Santa Claus, I want a necklace, bracelet, and ring. I wish you a Merry Christmas. Santa Claus, I hope that you have lots of presents this year. I hope you have a White Christmas this year. I hope it snows this year so we can have a Merry, Merry Christmas. Your friend,
Dorothy Ann Raynes

Weinert, Texas, Dec. 8, 1955

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a real watch. Christmas is coming. My dear friend Santa Claus we are drawing some pictures. We have flowers all around over the windows. Our window looks so pretty. Remember my brothers. Merry Christmas. Your friend
Maria Silvas.

Weinert, Texas, Dec. 8, 1955

Dear Santa Claus:
I want an English bicycle. I want a little truck to play with. I want a ring. Love,
Alex Garza.

Weinert, Texas, Dec. 8, 1955

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a doll with blonde hair and a bottle set. And also I want a necklace and a bracelet and ring set. I want a doctor's set, doll bed and some dresses for my doll. I also want a play house and some dishes. Be good to all others. Merry Christmas. Love,
Sandra Dutton.

Weinert, Texas, Dec. 8, 1955

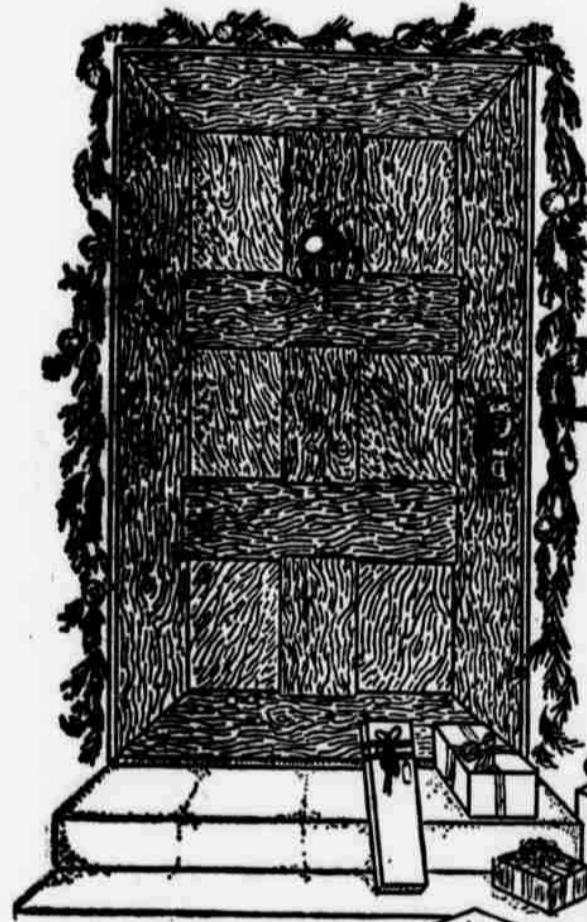
Dear Santa Claus:
I want a doll with a bottle with it. I want a doctor's set, too. and I want a necklace, a bracelet and a ring. Your friend
Grenetto Stout.

Weinert, Texas
Dec. 8, 1955

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a light for my bicycle. I want a B-B gun. I want a game. I want a lot of presents. I wish for a Merry Christmas. I want a watch for Christmas. I hope it snows on Christmas. Everyone should be happy. Your friend,
Charles Boyd Urban

Weinert, Texas
Dec. 8, 1955

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a baby Panda. I want a necklace, bracelet and a ring. I hope that you have lots of presents this year. I hope that you have a White Christmas and if it snows, come in your sled. I hope that you have a Merry Christmas. I have been a nice girl. We can have a Merry, Merry Christmas, too. Your friend,
Delores Jan Raynes



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!

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TEXAS, Dec. 8, 1955
Dear Santa Claus:
I want a bicycle for Christmas. I want a big car, a watch, and remember my sisters and brothers. Merry Christmas to all. Your friend
Leo Freeby



NOEL

the happiness of
your season bless
come and all who
at Christmas!

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Merry
CHRISTMAS

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

O. K. Rubber Welding
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!



Greetings

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

**BOB MOBLEY'S
BELL SERVICE STATION**



FLORIDA STYLE . . . Sure, it's Christmas in Florida, too. But while sand must substitute for snow, a sea-grape for an evergreen, but what's the difference when two such expert and lovely decorators are on the scene.

Tips on Choosing Christmas Tree That Will Last

If your Christmas tree shed needles all over the living room last year, chances were you were not careful enough in buying a "fresh" tree.

Touch-typing will help you pick a choicy tree. You can tell by the feel which trees are able to better withstand the hot siege indoors.

If twigs and foliage aren't reasonably resilient or needles feel dry and crumbly, better pass up the tree. Chances are it will look like a hatrack before Christmas day.

And if you're not quite sure by the touch method, bang the butt of the tree sharply on the floor. A shower of needles will tell you if the tree's drying out, even before you get it home. Of course, the way the tree looks is an important factor, but an attractive tree that will lose its beauty in short order is hardly a bargain.

The ideal holiday tree boasts the traditional pyramid shape, with lush branches reaching to the base. The two favorites in the market places are Balsam fir and Norway spruce. The slower-growing fir is more expensive than the spruce, but it retains its beauty longer indoors.

In 1940 only 17.6 per cent of all farms in Texas had telephones. During the next 10 years the percentage rose to 23.9 per cent but from 1950-54 the percentage increased to 38 per cent.

HANDY GIFTS

How often at Christmas time have you experienced that panicky feeling that comes when you discover that you've forgotten someone? It happens nearly every year.

You can, however, save yourself a good deal of embarrassment by having gifts wrapped and on hand in case someone drops by with a gift for you—someone accidentally omitted from your gift list.

A safe bet and a gift that will be appreciated is something that you, yourself, have made—perhaps seasonal cookies and candies, nuts, and stuffed fruits. These are gifts with a particularly pleasing personal touch. And that, after all, is what the spirit of Christmas giving should be—giving a little of yourself to others.

You can pack your handiwork in wooden or earthenware bowls, a flower pot, small basket, or inexpensive cake or loaf pan. Other handy and inexpensive packaging items are oatmeal boxes, coffee cans, or paper plates covered with gay paper.

A gaily wrapped package will make even the smallest gift look good. Use odd ends of wallpaper, brightly colored magazine covers, shelf paper or scraps of material.

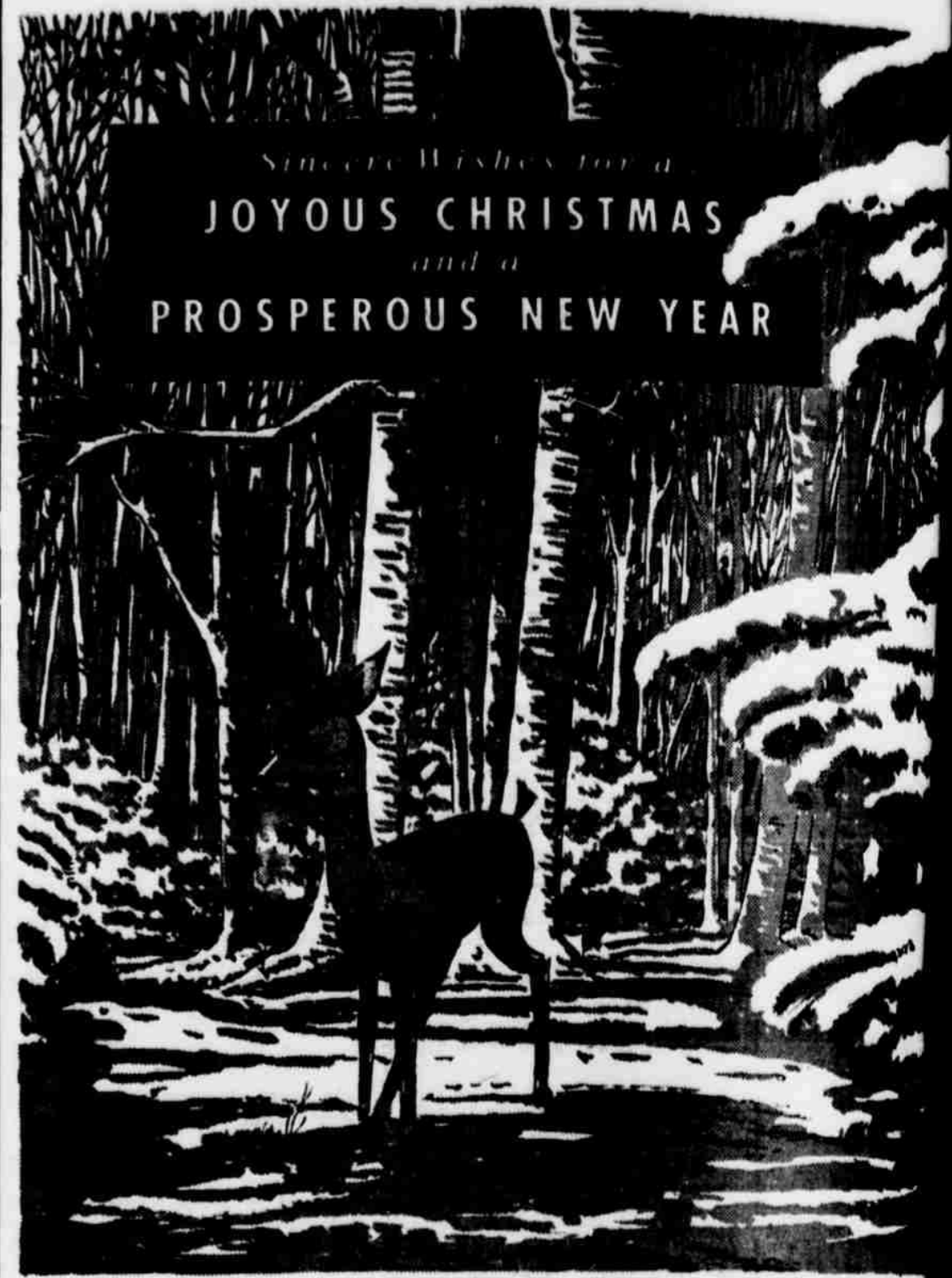
If you have a favorite candy, cookie or fruit or nut bread recipe, use it, by all means. And for additional touch, tuck a copy of your pet recipe into your gift.

Grandfather Frost Is Russian Saint

Christmas in Russia? Behind the Iron Curtain it's Grandfather Frost who delights the children.

Grandfather Frost (really an actor from the Moscow stage) was revived by the Russians two years ago. Through most of the month of January thousands of Russian children dance around a fir tree in St. George's Hall and may shake hands with Grandfather Frost, the Russian Santa Claus.

Grandfather Frost entertains the children with the aid of singers, dancers and variety artists from the theaters. Last year, for the first time, American correspondents were admitted to the Kremlin to see one of the gatherings.



Sincere Wishes for a
JOYOUS CHRISTMAS
and a
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

GILMORE IMPLEMENT CO.



Greetings

OF THE
SEASON

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

WHITE AUTO STORE
JAY WEAVER



**CHRISTMAS
GREETINGS**

First, a sincere "Thank You" for your courtesy, good will and loyal cooperation, they have made our associations with you a real pleasure. Then, a cordial wish for the best for you and yours in the Holiday Season.

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

Up's Letter to Santa Claus

This letter was first written in the San Antonio during the Christmas of 1932. The writer was Lois Weeks, then Odessa now an universal Christmas card is especially fitting to forget the real of Christmas.)

Claus Heart

Claus: you will remember I've been a long time to blow the dust look up my name in time I wrote you, I

spelled Bicycle with a "k"—and I've been singing "Jingle Bells" an octave lower for several seasons now. My stocking size and my Christmas lists have changed considerably—and I now recognize the value of a little mistletoe in the decor.

It isn't that I've underestimated you through the years, Mr. C., or forgotten our relationship. I've been giving your letters to my father to mail and its worked out beautifully since the Christmas he inquired as to my knowledge of your identity. My affirmative answer brought a "Well, start being a little nicer to ME, then," from him. And

We laughed and my mother cried.

I still believe in you, you see. I've followed your activity each Yuletide in the nation's press. I know you don't have time to read all the papers, but December's headlines—lots of them—belong to you. Annually, you crowd out the day-by-day boys who fade from year to year.

Although this is more a delayed "thank you" for other Christmases, than a suggested shopping list, there are a few things I'd like when you rein in the reindeer at my house this year.

Could you put the light from the children's faces, pressed against countless frosted window panes, into the hearts of the world? Could you transplant a little of the feeling of holly, the glistening tinsel, the angels atop the Christmas tree, the off-

key Noels and the hushed hymns, to those who are spending their first Christmas away from all that? And especially, to those who never noticed it before?

Could you remind us all that it is a Birthday we are celebrating, not just an expense re-tribute from the rest of the year? Could you put in our Christmas Cards and our packages, the messages and the warmth we really mean instead of the shop-worn sentiment and the same old gifts?

Most of all, Mr. Claus, could you make sure that we'll never outgrow you — that Christmas will always be our way of life and that you'll be staging it all-ways?

I think you will because, you've seen central heating replace the chimney, you've learned that America's front door is left unlocked each Christmas

Eve. There is still room for the manger and the sleighbells in this age of automobiles and atoms. So don't ever go mechanized, Mr. Claus.

Sincerely yours,
Lois Weeks.

Thousands Send Christmas Cards To First Family

Last year some 15,000 Americans sent Christmas cards to President and Mrs. Eisenhower.

This number was almost twice the total received by the Eisenhowsers the year before.

About 75 per cent of the senders wrote personal messages on their cards last year and most of them said they were praying for the First Family.



GUESS WHO . . . Everybody is impersonating Santa or Mrs. Santa these days. Here Hilda Estavez gives her impersonation of Mrs. Santa Claus—and while it may not resemble a reasonable facsimile, the gift-laden pack on Hilda's back may give a vague clue.

MERRY Christmas

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

STARR'S WELDING & MOTOR WORKS



To Our Many Friends and Customers

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

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

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

Outdoor Christmas Decorations Benan In Small Towns

Today nearly every community in the land has some kind of outdoor Christmas decorations and in nearly every big city you can find two or three spectacular displays.

It was a small town that first came up with the idea of lighting up the outdoor at Christmas time, but no one is quite sure which town gets credit for the idea.

Four communities are believed to have thought of it about the same time, as early as 1913. Two of them, McDonald and German-town, are in Pennsylvania. Salem, Ore., decorated a Sitka spruce and Riverside, Calif., illuminated a large evergreen, an Aracuria.

WHEN SANTA LEAVES

While American children always find their Christmas presents in the stockings or under the tree, children of other nations must search for theirs. Norwegian children seek them out in hiding places which may be anywhere in the house. In Italy, they seek them in "Urns of Fate" and in France children usually find them in wooden shoes.

**Peace on Earth
Good Will
Toward men . . .**

Each year we appreciate more fully the loyalty of friends. A Merry Christmas to all!

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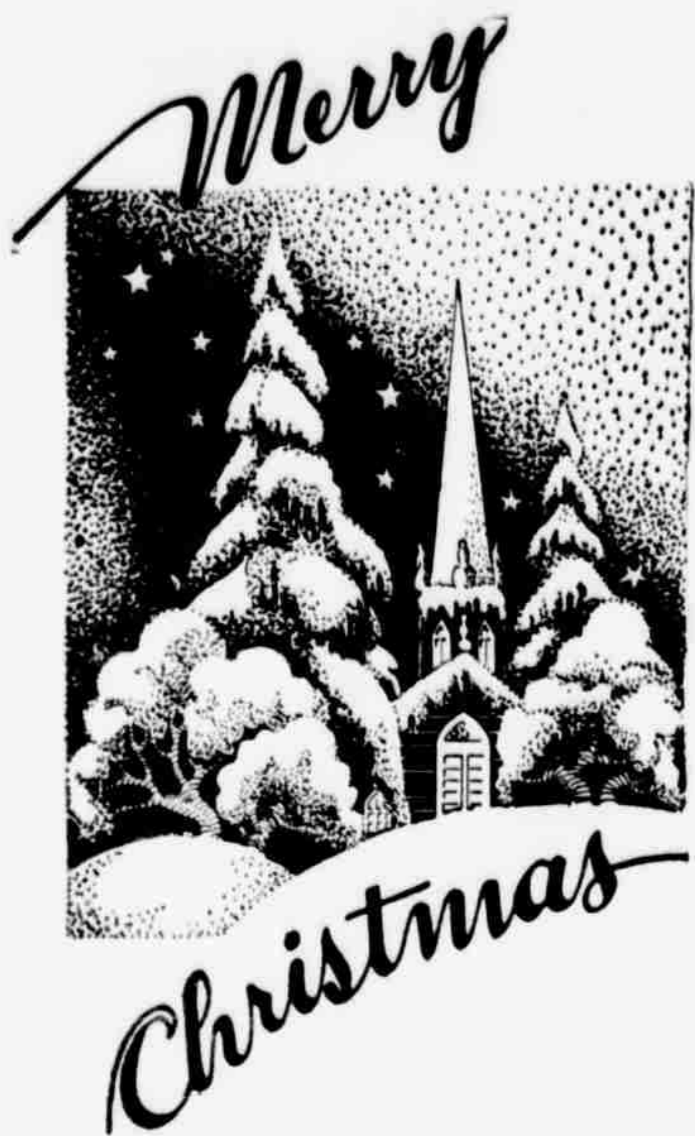
*And
The Best
of Good Wishes*

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"

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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
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On a Silent Night



It was December 23, 1818 in a tiny mountain village in Austria. The night was cold and clear and a heavenly canopy of stars stretched over a peaceful earth as far as the eye could see.

Father Joseph Mohr, a young parish priest, had just administered the last rites to a dying woman. Walking thoughtfully homeward, he looked down at the twinkling lights of the village and the bright stars above. A soul was about to depart from this world, to sleep forever in heavenly peace. Tomorrow at midnight the village and the Christian world would reverently observe the greatest birth—the Nativity that took place that holy night so long ago.

How sad, the young priest thought, that the church organ was broken and the musical program for the holiday services had been cancelled. Franz Gruber the organist, had suggested they find a simple melody that could be sung to the accompaniment of a guitar. Give him the words, he'd said, and he would compose the music. Give him the words . . . and there would be music.

As he thought of birth and life and death and looked down upon the sleepy, starlit village below, Father Mohr found these words. They sing the praises of the Holy Infant born to the world, and wonder if they do not also ask for the departed soul "rest in peace."

Thus came the famous "Silent Night, Holy Night." Franz Gruber, true to his word, put Father Mohr's words to music that will endure till the end of time.

Making Your Own Yule Decorations Adds to Pleasure

Make your holiday decorations and you will not only save money, you'll have fun.

A kissing ring for a doorway can be made by covering two embroidery hoops with ribbon or tinsel. Place them at right angles to each other and add a bell, ball ornaments or sprig of mistletoe inside. Attach a bow at the bottom if you wish. Instead of embroidery hoops, you may use can rings painted with gilt or tempera paints.

Evergreen branches can be used in many ways. Have you ever tried covering the wood moulding about a door with them? Or bending a wire coat hanger into a circle and attaching greens to it to form a wreath? You can add ball ornaments or bright cranberries to brighten it a bit.

Then how about decorating your windows and mirrors? Cotton, white spray paint or white paper snowflakes always look pretty. But if there's an artist in

your family, why not have him paint a scene of a jolly Santa on a window or mirror with tempera paints?

Harvesting Trees Now Rated Big Christmas Business

While the sale of Christmas trees to the consumer is conducted entirely in the few weeks just prior to Christmas, the harvesting, processing and shipping of the trees may begin as much as three months before Christmas.

Approximately 25 per cent of the retail price of a Christmas tree is the stumpage price; trees retailing for about 25 cents per lineal foot will be worth about 6 cents on the stump and could wholesale for from 10 cents to 15 cents per lineal foot. Total number of trees distributed in the United States is about 30 million.

There are at least 10 important Christmas tree associations and groups representing the industry in the United States and approximately 5,000 individuals and firms are registered as retailers and wholesalers of Christmas trees in the United States.

Evergreens for Christmas

The evergreen bough, mistletoe and holly used as Christmas decorations have been associated with ceremony and curious custom for thousands of years.

Ancient Romans raised an evergreen branch at the December festival of Saturnalia, honoring the good of sowing.

Long before the Christian era, Teutons and Scandinavians held the mistletoe sacred and hung it over their doorways as charms. They also worshipped the oak and their priestly Druids brought in a great Yule log at the feast of the winter solstice and lighted it from a brand of the log of the year before.

In parts of Europe the first trees used for Christmas decorations were dormant branches of fruit trees. They were brought indoors several weeks before Christmas and forced into bloom by Christmas time. Holly, the subject of many superstitions, was also used because its prickly leaves were thought to represent the Saviour's crown and its red berries drops of blood.

In parts of Sicily an olive tree is decorated today with oranges. In some countries flowers are used instead of evergreens, in keeping with a story told all over medieval Europe that on the night of the Nativity the trees of the forest, though cloaked in ice and snow, burst into bloom and bore fruit.

All over the world this Christmas each country will celebrate the occasion in its traditional way.

Letters to Santa

4039 Barksdale, Dallas

Dear Santa:

I moved to Dallas, but don't forget me. I want a bag of cats for myself here and cousins, Tommy, and Jerry Bans. Eddie Wilson in San Antonio. We are just boys, and want some toys, please.

Don't forget Birdie and Bob Culbreath and Doyle Whittemore.

Haskell, Texas, Dec. 7, 1955

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy 5 years old and my little brother, Keith, is 3 years old. Keith would like to have a knife and a gun and a wagon to haul things in. I would like to have a football helmet and some shoulder pads, and a two-gun holster. Thank you Santa, and come to see us real soon.

Tim Everett,
1104 N. Ave. J, Haskell, Texas

Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl 7 years old. As it isn't very long until Christmas, I would like to have a pair of gloves and a ball, and a pair of overshoes. I have a little brother and his name is Ed. He wants a tricycle for Christmas and a gun. Santa I will thank you if you will give me them. Love Edith and Ed Murray.

Check the Want Ads each week for bargains.



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

ABTRACTOR
Haskell, Texas

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.



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

WALLING BUTANE APPLIANCE CO.

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Ida and J. E. Walling, Jr.
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Season's Greetings
ALL GOOD WISHES
FOR THE
New Year



FABRIC SHOP

MERRY
CHRISTMAS



LOHM STUDIO
Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Blohm

NOEL

At this season we extend
our friends and customers
warmest greetings of the
Season.

RY MOTOR CO.



BRIGHT DISPLAY . . . Long noted for its pleasing Christmas decorations, Chicago's Merchandise Mart, which boasts more floor space than any other structure in the world, presented this gala Christmas greeting to the people of Chicago.

Children Expect Realistic Toys

Santa's helpers, the toymakers of America, made something like \$900 million worth of toys last year, using up a fabulous supply of plastics, paints and lacquers, adhesives and other new materials developed by industrial chemistry.

Toy consumers — America's precocious children—have come to demand a realism in toys that was unheard of a few years ago. If a youngster gets a toy automobile, it must look like one of the latest styles he sees on the highways, a jet airplane must look like the pictures he sees in the magazines. Most little girls won't look the second time at any doll that doesn't cry, walk, have washable hair and a wardrobe that ranges from evening clothes to a bikini bathing suit.

Expected to be a big hit among toys this Christmas season are all the various types of "do-it-yourself" kits for youngsters of all ages—kits they can use to make practically everything from atomic submarines to 1955 model sports cars. In addition to do-it-yourself packages for advanced children, most manufacturers this year also are furnishing the completely assembled toy for the younger set.



TELL ME, TELL ME . . . This lovely lady has succeeded in bringing Old Santa into view by gazing into her crystal ball, yet it seems that the vision isn't clear enough to foretell the gifts that he is bearing. Oh, well, Christmas is only a short time away.

Weinert, Texas
Dec. 8, 1955

Dear Santa Claus:
I want twin dolls for Christmas. I want a Teddy Bear. I want a watch, ring, and a pretty dress. But if you don't bring me a doll I won't be mad at you.
I also want a Baby Panda.
Be good to all boys and girls and mothers and fathers, too. Merry Christmas. Your friend,
Rose Rodriguez

Weinert, Texas
Dec. 8, 1955

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a walking doll and a ring. Be sure to remember my brothers and sisters. Merry Christmas. Your friend,
Helen Garza

Weinert, Texas, Dec. 8, 1955

Dear Santa Claus:
I want two guns, a dump truck and I want a baseball glove. Remember my sisters. Love
Larry Glenn Caddell.

Weinert, Texas, Dec. 8, 1955

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a Teddy Bear to set on my bed. I want to play with it, too. But if I don't get a doll, I won't be mad at you.
Be good to all the other girls and boys, and mothers and daddys. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. Your friend,
Linda Doris Davis.

Silent night...



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

Bynum Service Station
TEXACO PRODUCTS

Novel Christmas Decorations Add Value to Presents

With so many gifts to wrap this time of the year, paper, ribbons, cards, seals and other package decorations can add up to quite a sum.

Ends of wallpaper rolls, whether left over from your own walls or bought as odd stock at your local paint store, are especially pretty for large packages. Even newspapers can be used to wrap large packages and the want-ad section is more attractive than the other pages.

Small pieces of aluminum foil or shelf paper from the end of the roll are excellent for wrapping smaller packages. Or if you have a young child who finger-paints, why not wrap gifts in some of his paintings.

White tissue paper can be made quite appealing by spattering it with red or green ink or water with food coloring added.

For seals, cut out colored pictures from magazines, old Christmas cards or even small bits of wrapping paper and paste them on the package. Or you can paste them on a small piece of folded construction paper to make an enclosure card.

Acorns, pine cones or oak leaves, painted or shellacked and tied on top of the package will catch the eye of both young and old.

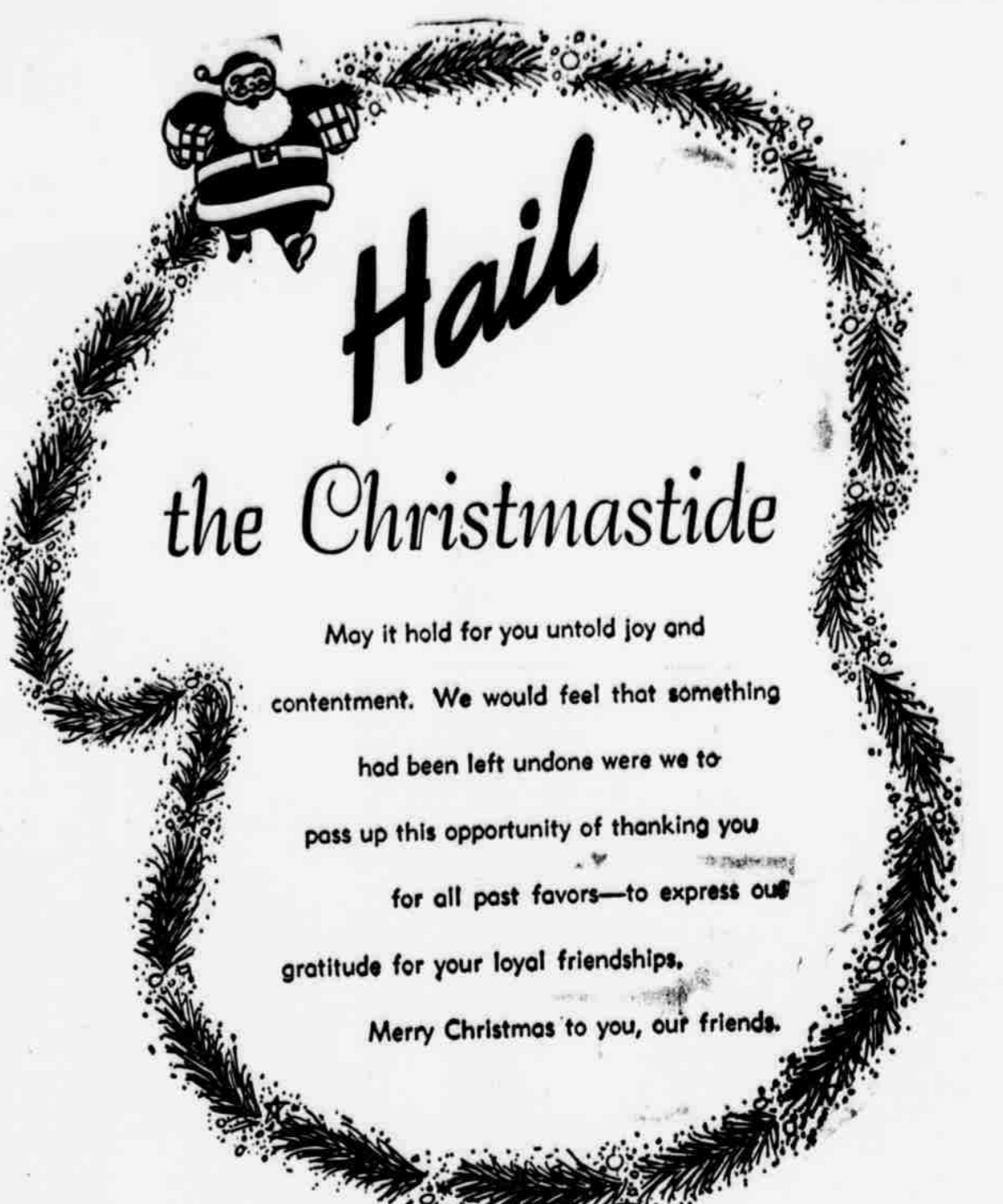
Haskell, Texas
November 29, 1955

Dear Santa
I am a little girl six years old. I want you to bring me a big toy dog, a baby doll buggy, mixer and a bicycle. I like you.
Diane Hester.

1307 N. Ave. H, Haskell Texas

Dear Santa:
I am a sixth grader, 11 years old. I would like a two train transformer with a whistle, a diesel engine with 7 cars, 24 pieces of track, two switch tracks, a crane car, a searchlight car, and a chemical set. Your pal,
Tommy Hester.

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a bicycle and a doll. Bring by baby sister a tricycle and a doll. Please bring us a little quilt for our dolls. We have been good. Love you.
Diane and Carolyn Richardson.



Hail
the Christmastide

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

Merry Christmas to you, our friends.

KENNEDY LUMBER CO.
GUY KENNEDY J. W. McFARLIN
Phone 714



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...

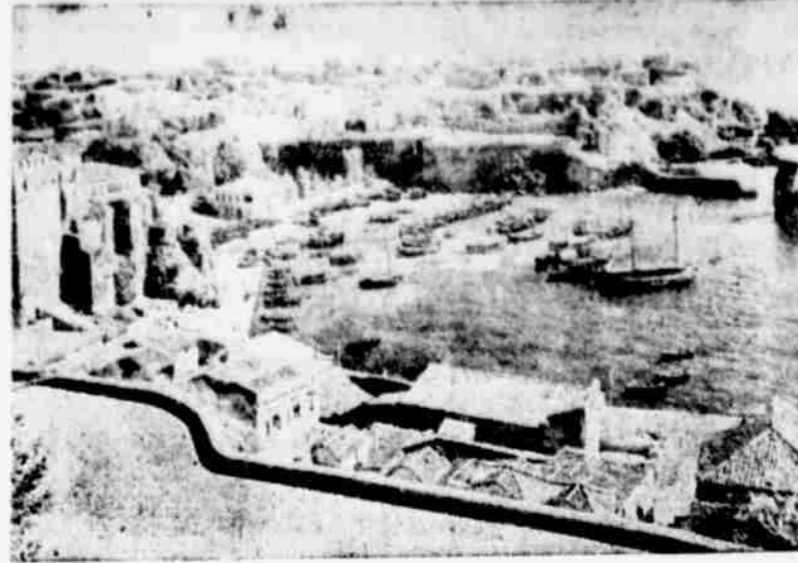
May the spirit of the first Christmas brighten your home with its joy and lighten your heart with its promise of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men"

POGUE GROCERY & MARKET



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

FRED ALLEN SHOE SHOP



SANTA CLAUS LAND . . . You'd never convince the younger set, but this photo shows the real Santa Claus land—Antalya in Southern Turkey, capital of the province where St. Nicholas was born, lived and became a legend 1600 years ago. Snow and reindeer are never seen in this lush land on the shores of the Eastern Mediterranean where swimming on Christmas Day is common

Many Languages Join Together In Holy Praise

As the angels sang on that first Christmas night, so will there be singing in the Village of Bethlehem in this year of 1955.

Bethlehem, caroling is in many languages. An Arab choir will join with the voices of tourists and pilgrims in a simple outdoor service. In a grotto which might have been the sheepfold for the watching shepherds, the Christmas story will be read from the Gospel of St. Luke.

The stone buildings and the churches of Bethlehem will be filled with thousands of pilgrims who have journeyed here for a pontifical mass at midnight in St. Catherine's Chapel and the procession which later leads down a flight of stone stairs to the grotto beneath the Church of the Nativity.

2,000 years old, the grotto is the site of the stable where Jesus was born when Joseph and Mary could find no room at the inn.

During the ceremony an infant figure of Christ is placed first on a silver star, then in a manger in a wooden crib where it will remain until the feast of Epiphany.

On both sides of the Israel-Jordan border, a short distance from Bethlehem, tent cities are set up to facilitate border crossing formalities for almost 2,000 Christians living in Israel and temporary Christian residents of Israel traveling to Bethlehem for Christmas. The formalities do not take much time. In one tent, the pilgrims get stamps for their permits; in another, their luggage is checked; finally their money is changed.

Then they cross the border, Bethlehem-bound, just as was Mary and Joseph, on a similar night long, long ago, and just as are fervent travelers from all parts of the world in this year of 1955.

Want Ads bring results.



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 & JOHNS East Side of Square

Include Safety in Plans for Parties During Holidays

For homes, churches, schools and places of business planning holiday parties, the National Board of Fire Underwriters today strongly recommended that fire safety be made just as much a part of those plans as the decorations or refreshments.

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

1. Don't set the tree up near any stairway or elevator shaft which would provide a draft.

2. The tree should not block a door or any exit.

3. Someone in authority should inspect the tree every day to determine whether or it should be taken up for a better one.

4. Be sure plenty of ashtrays are provided for smokers. Don't allow smoking near the tree.

5. See that all decorations in the rooms have been flame-proofed.

An added fire hazard exists if dresses, costumes or children's clothes made of net or gauze-like fabrics are worn. If it is impossible to avoid wearing them, they should be flame-resistant with the following solution: Mix 2 ounces of borax and 4 ounces of boric acid in a gallon of water. Dip the fabric in the solution, wring by hand, then hang to dry. Ironing does not affect the flame-resistance of the fabric, but treatment must be repeated after each laundering.

A word of caution. Don't expect too much from the term "flame-resistant." If you hold a match to flame-resistant material, it will burn. But it will not continue to burn when you take the match away. There will be no deadly or disfiguring "flash fire."

The little metal trumpets decorating Christmas trees date from early Danish custom of blowing in

the Yule with four hymns representing the four corners of the world.



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

Greetings OF THE SEASON

What greater gift has been bestowed upon mankind than the capacity to revere 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



Season's Greetings

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

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



COFIELD DEPT. STORE

HOLDEN'S FUNERAL HOME and HOLDEN BENEFIT ASSN. INSURANCE



CHRISTMAS GREETING

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse B. Smith

With Proper Care, Poinsettia Plant Will Bloom Again

That popular Christmas plant, the poinsettia, need not be discarded when the holiday is over. The right care can keep it in condition for blooming again next year.

Horticulture specialists say you need not be alarmed about dropping leaves. Leaf dropping simply means the plant is going into its normal rest period, which lasts until about May 1.

After the leaves fall, put the plant in a cool place—40 to 50 degrees—and water sparingly. About May 1, cut the plant back quite heavily, to remove excess wood and make it more shapely.

Shake off the old soil and re-plant in a mixture of three parts garden loam, one part well-rotted manure and one part leafmold. Use a pot just large enough to hold the mass of roots without crowding and still provide good drainage. Water enough to keep the soil from drying out.

In about another month, when weather is warm, set the potted plant outdoors, submerging the pot in the soil at ground level or a little below. Put it in full sunshine unless the weather is very hot. In that case, give it light shade. When nights cool in the fall, put it in a window where there is good light and air and where temperature is about 60 to 68 degrees, but with no draft. Water regularly so the soil never dries out and use a little liquid fertilizer every week.

Long nights, uninterrupted by even a shaft of artificial light, are needed to bring the poinsettia into flower.

Christmas Season Observance Grew With Christianity

The observance of Christmas as we know it today is one of joy and peace, making it difficult for us to realize that the holiday has not always been universally recognized and observed.

When Pope Gregory sent out missionaries in 601 A. D., he told them to let pagan converts weave the harmless features of their festivals into the spiritual fabric of Christmas observance.

The popularity of the Christmas observance grew with the progress of Christianity, but there were setbacks. Abuses of Christmas reached such a pitch in Feudal England that the Puritan Parliament outlawed the holiday in 1644. The observance declined until the middle of the 18th century when Charles Dickens published his heart-warming "Christmas Carol."



Many Christmas legends and customs are part of the folklore of our ancestors in all parts of the world. Many of them, too, are a mixture of early Christian and pagan observances which time and Christianity have given new meaning.

Santa Claus, our American giver of gifts, is little known elsewhere in the world. In Eastern and Southern Europe, it is the Wise Men who arrive bringing gifts. In Hungary the gifts come from the Angels, in Poland from the stars, in Greece, St. Basil is the gift-bearing patron saint.

Popular tradition has it that the candle we place in our windows at Christmas is a custom originated by early Christians to whom the candle represented the star that guided the Wise Men to the stable at Bethlehem. One interesting legend tells of a shoemaker who, though poor, always placed a candle in his window at night to guide weary travelers, and so inspired the villagers that soon each window contained a lighted candle.

The holly bush, long associated with Christmas, and with many legends was once called the holy-bush, because in its natural state the berries ripen at Christmas time.

The Wassail bowl, which today is Christmas punch, is said to have come to us from the ancient Saxons. Wassail was a word of greeting which meant literally, "What Hails?", or "How fare you?"

At Christmas time, traditions of the Old World live again. Pinatias, doves and festive straw chains from South Europe; wheat sheaves, paper and carved wood from Scandinavian countries; angels, stars, Czechoslovakian bells and gold German stars are all bits of Old World charm that we re-create in our homes.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Haskell, Texas, Dec. 3, 1955

Dearest Santa: Hi Santa! I have tried to be a good boy this year and I sure hope you think I have.

I would like for you to bring me a Tonio suit, Cub Scout billfold, Scout hatchet and a B-B gun. Santa be good to all boys and girls. Love

Tony Richey.

Dec. 6, 1955

Dear Santa:

My name is Gwendolyn Freeman. I am 8 1-2 years old, and I have a little sister, age 4, and her name is Gayle Freeman. We have both been pretty good this year, and we want you to be good to us. We want a pay phone, a tractor with a grader blade on it, and lots of color books and crayolas. Gayle wants a teddy bear and small doll, too. And Santa we want a toy piano and xylophone, but that might be too much. We also want fruits, nuts and candies.

Santa please be real good to our special friends, Janice and Jeanette Donnell as they are very good girls also.

Thank you very much Santa. we love you an awful lot. Gwendolyn and Gayle Freeman.

P. S. Don't forget my cousin, Jerry Lynn Freeman. He wants a 3-speed record player and records.

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been a good boy this year and would like for you to bring me a cattle truck, train and some fruit and nuts. And please bring my little brother, Jerry

Don, a toy elephant, a pull toy and some fruit and nuts. Please don't forget all the other little boys and girls. Yours truly

Charley Ray Smith.

Dear Santa Claus:

We are good little girls. I am 3 and Sandra 1 1-2. We both want a big doll. I would like to have a little cleaning set and Sandra wants some little wind-up toys and some books and a little puppy dog. Thank you.

Karen Lynn and Sandra Bartley.

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl 5 years old. I've tried to be a good girl this year. Sometimes I forget, but I do try to be good. I would like for you to bring me a walking bride doll, a black and white panda, a pay telephone, some dishes and a new pair of house shoes, if you have a pair that fits me.

Don't forget to bring the other little boys and girls the toys they want. Love you.

Carolyn Rhoads.

Dear Santa Claus:

We have been pretty good children but try to be better next year. I want a Baby Cuddle-up doll. I want it be 20 inches tall. My little sister wants a Tiny Tears doll with molded tinted hair. My little brother is 6 years old. He wants a Daisy B-B gun, football and a pair of boots, size 11 1-2. From Margaret Ann, James Harold and Janis Ellen Wall.



GREETINGS

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

Production Credit Association

Haskell, Texas



W. A. LYLES, JEWELER

EAST SIDE OF SQUARE

HASKELL, TEXAS



May the peace and joy of this glad season be with you and yours on Christmas Day.

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TO OUR LOYAL FRIENDS:

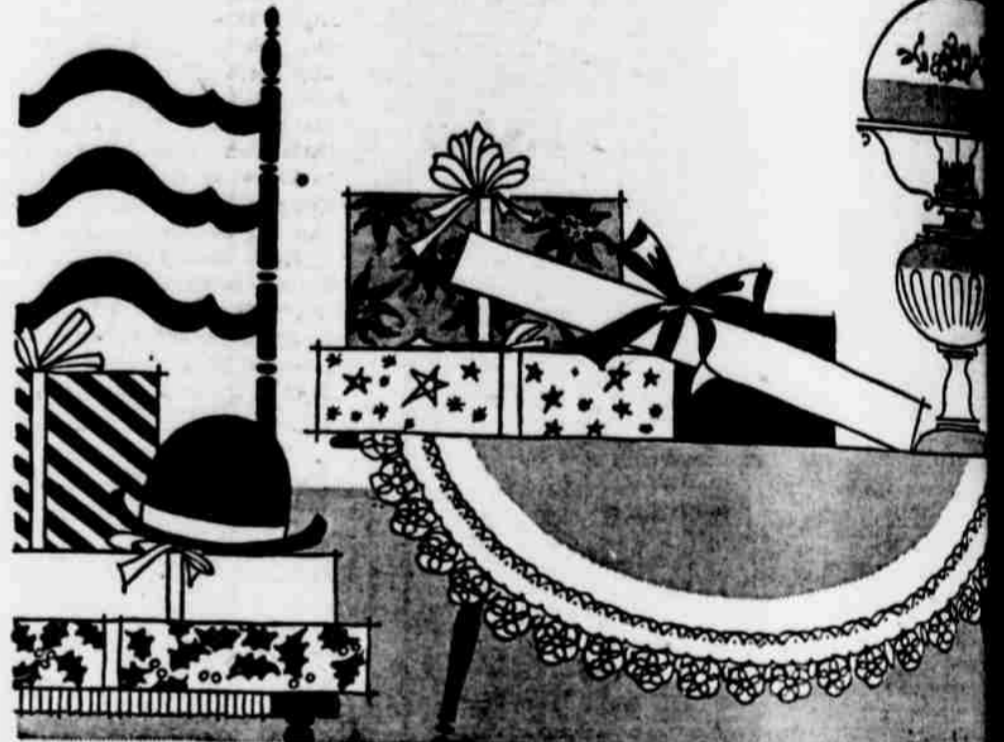
In this busy old world, it may often appear,

that we neglect or forget those we hold dear,

But at Christmas time, we take this space to say

That we value your friendship each and every day!

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

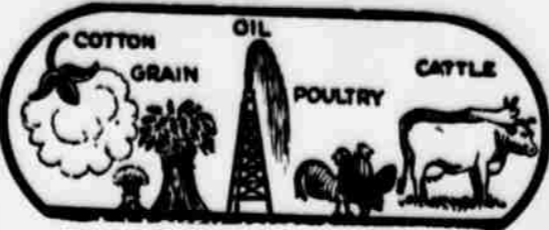


LANE-FELKER

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



Greetings OF THE Season TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

Pitman Motor Co.

GREETINGS and Best Wishes

the cheerful glow of Christmas can be reflected in your and brighten the year with joy



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



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

Impersonal Apartment Transformed Into Holiday Home by Young Haskell Woman

How the talent and artistic ability of a young Haskell woman transformed an impersonal apartment into a homemaker's dream is related in a feature story in the Dallas Times Herald written by Dorothy Crane Davis, home editor of the Dallas newspaper.

Subject of the story is Wanda Dulaney, executive in the Dallas chapter of American Red Cross and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. C. (Dick) Dulaney of Haskell.

With accompanying illustrations, the story reads: Moving into a tiny efficiency apartment, painted and furnished impersonally just a few weeks before Christmas might tempt a lesser woman to skip Christmas decorating entirely.

To Wanda Dulaney, 4016 Travis, it was a challenge eagerly accepted. "So many people have the mistaken idea that to have attractive Christmas decorations, one must have a home that is lovely to start with," said Miss Dulaney.

"But I think it's even more fun to take a small rented place that does not necessarily reflect your own taste in colors or furnishings and turn it into a conversation piece," she explained.

The space in Miss Dulaney's apartment is very limited — one main room with a dining alcove, and a tiny kitchen and bath. She decided it could not be decorated at random, but must be planned around a single theme to create unity.

She chose angels. Her colors are the colors of the walls — aqua, with silver highlights and an accent of white here and there.

As an introduction to her theme, the front door is covered on the outside with weatherproof black oilcloth bearing two white oilcloth angels and filmy clouds of white angel-hair intermixed with faints and strands of aqua angel-hair to simulate misty winter rain.

Silver glitter covers the angels' wings and accents the folds of their robes. Their hair is done in oil paint, and eyes are painted with blue nail polish. Mouths are done in red nail polish. "I felt rather silly being the first and only one in the court to decorate my door so heavily," said Miss Dulaney. "But it has attracted much attention—and now a door across the street is covered in red with a Santa and musical bars across it. And others in the court say it's given them courage to have fun with decorations, too."

Inside the apartment she has placed a floor-to-ceiling tree—a green one which she lightly sprayed with white to make it a near-aqua color to blend into the walls and seem to take up less space.

Its only ornaments are two dozen plain aqua balls, silver icicles, and white styrofoam balls painted with angel faces. Little silver wings on the tree angels are halves of foil buttercups pinned into the styrofoam. Miss Dulaney's chrome dining table is covered with an aqua sheet trimmed around the table top and at the hem with basted-on aqua tinsel rope. On each side, little white felt angels with glittered wings and tinsel halos are glued to the cloth in a variety of cherubic activities.

The angel which shows into the living room is 10 inches high, seated on a tiny stool and warming its feet by a candle. The designs are Miss Dulaney's own.

The centerpiece on the dining table is on a styrofoam block, bearing three styrofoam balls, all sprayed silver, which holds aqua tapers. Silver sprayed magnolia leaves are entwined among them and hold silver Christmas tree balls.

A similar, though smaller arrangement is used on the television set and another on the coffee table. The latter holds an angel candle rather than tapers.

On a mirror above the television set, is a frosty angel motif designed by Miss Dulaney by cutting a stencil of brown paper. She fastened this over the glass and floating on the mirror were made resinine glue with her fingers and applying bits of angel-hair before it dried.

To heighten the effect of the decorative scheme, Miss Dulaney found that pink light bulbs enhance the beauty of each arrangement.

"When I talk about pink bulbs, I sound like I'm selling them," she said. "But it's simply amazing how much they add to the effect. Not to mention how much more flattering they are to people."

Weinert, Texas
Dec. 8, 1955

Dear Santa:
I am 4 1/2 years old and I'm a pretty good boy. I would like for you to bring me a cowboy suit and a doctor's kit, please.

Thanks
Johnny Mayfield.

Weinert, Texas
Dec. 8, 1955

Dear Santa:
I am 3 1/2 years old. I have been pretty nice and I would like for you to bring me a big doll, candy and fruit. Be sure to remember my little brother, Lloyd. He needs some fruit and a big red ball.

Love,
Pamela Mayfield.

December 9

Dearest Santa Claus:
I am a little boy five years old and live in Seymour, Texas. I have tried to be good all year.

So please come to see me and bring me a Davy Crockett suit, coonskin cap, gun, gloves and powder horn. Also fruit, nuts, and candy. Please leave these at 3307 Narrow Lane Road, Montgomery, Alabama. That's where I will be visiting my cousins, Jan, Penny and Jackie. Come to see them, too.

I love you,
Scotty Glenn Griffin.

Dec. 12, 1955
107 Ave. M

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl 1 year old. Please bring me a rocky horse, doll, rocking chair, dishes, telephone, toy box, Minnie Mouse, and candies.

I love you,
Pam Klose.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Haskell, Texas
Dec. 10, 1955

Dear Santa:
I'm a little boy 6 years old, and am in the 1st grade in Haskell Elementary school. My teacher's name is Mrs. Fitzgerald. I love her very much. I have been a pretty good boy this year. Santa, and I'm not asking for much, as I know you have other boys and girls to give to. So will you bring me a train, fruits, nuts and candy. Don't forget my tractor, two brothers and my sister who just got married. Don't forget me, Santa, I love you.

Bob Melton

Weinert, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
My name is Ruby Jean Freeby. I am in the 1st grade and am a good girl. Will you please bring me a doll and bring my baby sister, Dorothy Ellen a doll, too? And bring my brother, Leo a bicycle, and don't forget my Daddy and Mama, and my teacher, Mrs. Rutherford.

Ruby Jean Freeby.

Dear Santa:
My name is Diane Thomas. I am 4 years old and am writing to tell you what I would like most this Xmas. I want a big walking doll, a dolly high chair, a little record player and some records.

Please remember I have a little sister this year. Her name is Teresa and she is 7 months old. I think she would enjoy almost anything you could bring her. I hope you won't forget all the other little boys and girls.

Your little friend,
Diane.

December 10, 1955
Haskell Texas

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a real basket and basketball and candy and nuts and pencil and pen. My brother wants some chaps and rifle with a scope. My little sister wants a doll.

Your friend,
David.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little 4-year-old girl. I have tried to be very nice and have minded my Mommie and Daddy. For Christmas would you please bring me a horn, nurses set, Tiny tear doll and a set of dishes? Please bring my baby bird a new bird cage.

I love you and thank you for being so good to me last year.

Pat Harris.
Weinert, Texas
Dec. 10, 1955

Dear Santa:
I have been real good and am 11 years old. I wish you would bring me a lot of games, some books and a sweater. Remember all the other nice boys and girls. Also my little niece, Wilma and my four little nephews, Von, Dennis, Bart and Ricky.

Bye, bye, Santa, Love,
Carolyn Cox.

Dear Santa:
I want a Davy Crockett gun and a football and a soldier set. Thank you for the presents you brought me last year. I hope you have a Merry Christmas, too.

Steve Whiteker.

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

McCain Laundry

Mr. and Mrs. N. L. McCain

BEST Wishes

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

Trice Hatchery & Grocery

N. 14th and Ave. 1.

Christmas Cheers

Eula Mae's House of Beauty

OUR WISH For Friends and Patrons

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

Merry Christmas AND A Happy New Year

We Will Be Looking Forward to Serving You in 1956

COOK BROS. BARBER SHOP

ROY and FLOYD COOK and LESLIE JONES

TRADE CENTER

Jack and Alice Johnson

A GREETING

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

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



May yours be a holiday overflowing with happiness and good cheer.

FRANCIS BLAKE

COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PREC. 4

Superstitions and Traditions Mark New Year Scene

Traditions and superstitions have long been a part of the New Year scene around the world.

The Chinese believe one must pay up all their debts if the New Year is to be a successful one. The English, on the other hand, consider it a good idea to start a savings account on January 1, since what you do on the New Year's Day is indicative of what you will do the rest of the year.

One of the most widespread superstitions concerns the "first-footer," the first person to enter a household on New Year's morning. In early days, women and light-haired men were considered "unlucky" first footers.

Ancient custom in Japan was to scatter parched beans about the house supposedly driving away evil influences and inviting good luck to enter.

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.

Peasant families in various parts of the world once baked special cakes for the New Year. The cake was dashed against the door and as the family members gathered up the pieces to eat them they prayed that neither hunger nor want should enter the house during the new year.

In olden times some families also sought a glimpse into the New Year by "dipping" into the Bible. Head of the family, with his eyes closed, opened the family Bible and indicated a passage with his finger. The text read and interpreted was supposed to be indicative of the luck—good or bad—that would be in store during the twelve months ahead.

Celebration of New Year Is Popular In England

The English have always had a big time on New Year's Eve. When the Puritan government abolished Christmas and absolutely forbade any celebration of that day, the English vented all their holiday spirit on the New Year.

Although restoration of the Stuarts brought about a revival of Christmas customs and traditions, the New Year celebration never faded in popularity, surviving Puritanism and later, in 1752 the switch to the Gregorian calendar when the date of its observance was changed from March 25 to January 1.

CALENDAR FROM ROME

The word Calendar comes down to us from Ancient Rome. The priests called the people together on the first day of every month, known as the Calends, to announce the sacred days and festivals to be observed during the month. The people checked the days on their "fasti," marking the important feasts in red.

If small grains are to be harvested for grain, grazing should be stopped between February 15 and March 1 depending upon the area of the state but regardless of the location before the plants begin to joint. Continued grazing will cut grain yields.



CHRISTMAS TREE . . . The holiday tree is as important to a good Christmas for the children as is the visit by Santa Claus. Bringing in the tree, like the ancient custom of bringing in the Yule Log, has become an American tradition cherished by the younger generation.



PEACE ON EARTH . . . Music is an important part of Christmas observances everywhere and here is something about the spirit of Christmas that makes young voices sing out loud and clear, with a heart full of joy.



TALKING TO SANTA . . . It's an old, old story that's new every year for thousands of children, this visiting Santa in the big department store to talk about what's to be in the Christmas stocking. Most always, there's a proud parent standing nearby to do a little prompting if necessary.

Hessian Soldiers Christmas Fete Was Downfall

It was Christmas in the village of Trenton. Snow-covered rooftops gleamed white in the pale moonlight and the night echoed with the boisterous song of Hessian mercenaries celebrating the season of peace on earth—celebrating with greater spirit than wisdom. Christmas trees, first to be seen in America, gaudy tinsel and toys. The cobble streets were alive with laughter.

Across the Delaware things were not so merry. Especially did this holiday season of 1776 find little merriment among the soldiers of the Continental Army, under command of George Washington, spending the icy Christmas on the frozen hills of Pennsylvania overlooking the Delaware.

In almost constant retreat since his loss to Lord Howe in the battle of Long Island, Washington was in a desperate situation. Supplies were almost gone. The new year would end the enlistment period for many of his tattered soldiers. England had already promised to pardon all who had taken up arms against the Crown if they would return peacefully to their homes. Washington knew he must taste victory now or never.

By lantern light, he loaded 2400 men, 48 cannon, ammunition, and horses into flat-bottom boats. With lanterns extinguished, the boats began to make slow progress across the river that was clogged with floating ice blocks.

The church clock at Trenton struck 7 a. h. A young American officer named Alexander Hamilton looked down upon the town from a high hill where he had managed to set up his artillery. Washington gave the signal and the rattle of the cannon echoed through the silent streets of Trenton.

Caught completely by surprise, the Hessian soldiers flung away their guns and swords and fled for their lives. As the Hessian commander lay dying from a bullet wound, he directed an aide to read a message he had received the night before but had not opened. It warned him of Washington's impending attack.

The village of Trenton and 1,000 prisoners were Washington's prizes. He probably could not force at the time he had given his nation a great Christmas present. His daring attack and surprising victory laid the foundation of independence upon which the nation still grows and prospers.

Use the Want Ads.

Don't forget today is S-D Day. Demonstrate to yourself that you can make a contribution to safe driving in your community. If you can do it for one day, points out the Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Committee, you can do it every day in the year. Be careful, think, think, think.

Fertilizer sales in Texas during 1934-35 to date last year a 5 per cent. The total sales amounted to 588,061 tons. Mixed fertilizers accounted for 52 per cent of the total and nitrogenous materials, superphosphates and ammoniated phosphates for 48 per cent.

Irrigation farmers in the Plains area of Texas have stilled approximately 1,822 miles of underground concrete since 1948. These irrigation lines are water conserving and also eliminate many other items common to ditch irriga-



O, come all ye faithful...

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

SPENCER LUMBER CO.



THAT YOUR CHRISTMAS BE MERRY AND THE NEW YEAR FULL OF HAPPINESS IS THE SINCERE WISH OF THE MANAGEMENT AND PERSONNEL OF OUR ENTIRE ORGANIZATION

Perkins-Timberlake



Christmas joys to our friends...

May the gentle spirit of the Prince of Peace gladden the hearts and homes of all our many true friends and customers...

Service Cleaners & Laundry
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Greetings for Christmas

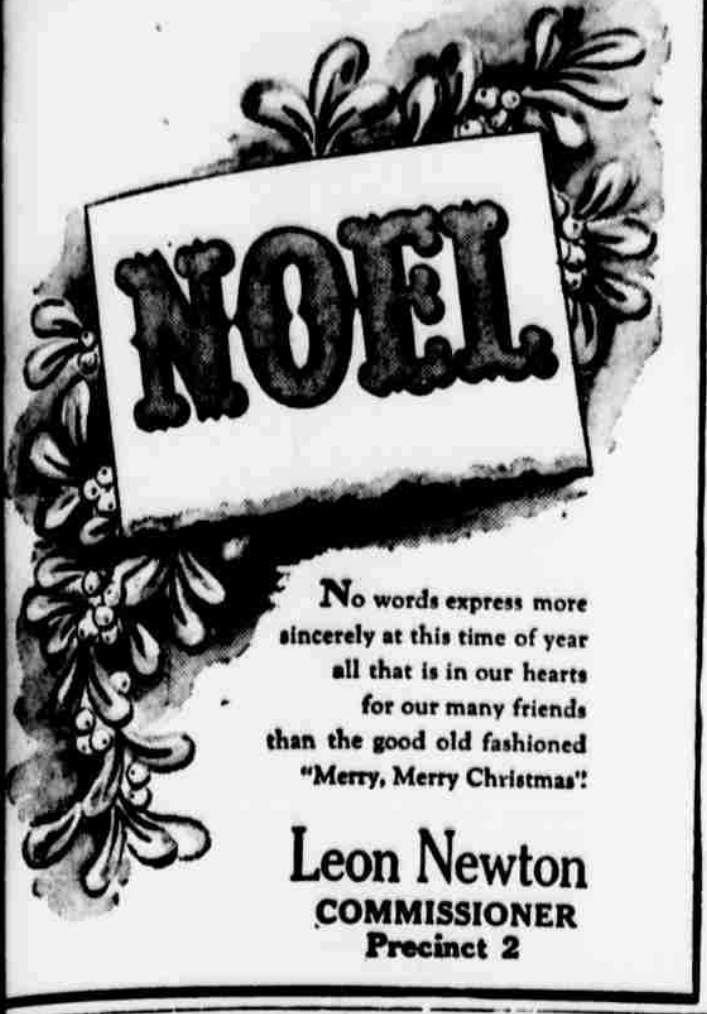
We would like each shining ornament on your Christmas tree to reflect joyous Season's Greetings and our best wishes for a very Happy New Year.

West Texas Sheet Metal and Plumbing
OTHO NANNY HENRY FANCHER

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 and Refining Co.
BILLY JACK RAY O. T. SMITH
BILLY MARR



NOEL

No words express more sincerely at this time of year all that is in our hearts for our many friends than the good old fashioned "Merry, Merry Christmas!"

Leon Newton
COMMISSIONER
Precinct 2



NEW YORK SPECTACULAR . . . Among the brightest Christmas displays anywhere is the annual Rockefeller Center arrangement. In this display flickering bulbs are set into 300 giant red and white tapers in the channel gardens while the tree, symbol of peace and good will, lights up the surroundings.

Greeting Cards are Christmas Gift Of Englishman

Greeting cards are an English contribution to the Christmas observance.

This simple idea of wishing your friends a Merry Christmas was originated in 1846 by Henry Cole, a middle class Englishman and the idea brought Cole great honor as well as knighthood.

Cole's original cards depicted a Victorian family gathered at the festive board and he had a thousand of them struck off by lithograph. Although the cards met with immediate popularity and brought fame to Sir Henry Cole, it was two decades before

Christmas cards were sold generally.

Today the demand for cards is so great that many companies spend the full year designing and producing only Christmas greetings.

While today's mass-produced cards are quite superior to the original cards produced by Henry Cole, neither time nor poets have been able to improve on the classical message the Englishman penned to the first Christmas greeting cards: "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you."

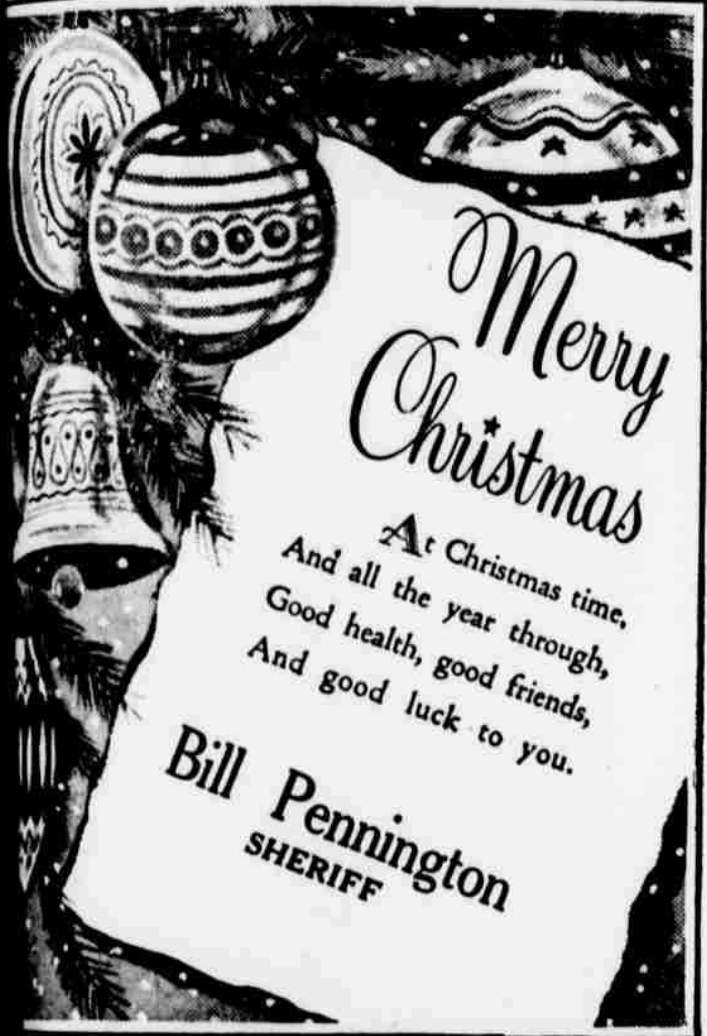
Early Saxons named the curious berried tree parasites used as a Yule-time decoration "Mistletoe" meaning a shoot of a tree. Early Nordics dedicated mistletoe to their goddess of love and started kissing under it as a gesture of friendship and love.



JOYEUX NOEL

We take pleasure in extending our sincere thanks and good wishes to you, our many friends and loyal customers, in the hope your Christmas will be the Merriest ever!

SMITH OLDSMOBILE



Merry Christmas

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

Bill Pennington
SHERIFF

Public Approves 'Do-It-Yourself' Tax Filing

Enthusiastic acceptance of the "do-it-yourself" taxpayer assistance program has led to its continuance and improvement for the income tax filing period beginning January 1, according to C. B. Dixon, Administrative Officer-in-charge of the Internal Revenue Service office in Wichita Falls, Texas.

Last filing period the Service made a substantial reduction in the cost of rendering individual taxpayer assistance, by encouraging the public to fill out their own tax forms, using the instruction booklet sent through the mail. Those needing further help were assembled in groups with a tax specialist answering individual questions as each taxpayer filled out his return.

"This streamlining increased revenue in the five-state Southwestern region \$28,000,000 in the first four months of 1955, compared with the same period in 1954. The additional revenue resulted largely from the notable decline in man-hours spent on the taxpayer assistance program. Where in 1954 we spent more than 175,000 hours in the region, in 1955 less than 100,000 hours were devoted to this activity, and we hope to make further reductions in 1956," the official said.

The majority of taxpayers deserve tremendous credit for accepting the challenge of the "do-it-yourself" approach, he added. Since there are few changes affecting individuals in the tax laws this year, the Service feels that more taxpayers can prepare their own returns by studying the instruction booklet mailed with their blank tax forms.

A taxpayer assistance day will be scheduled each week during the filing period in all offices of the Internal Revenue Service. The schedule will be announced before December 31.

"Many taxpayers believe that by coming to our offices for assistance their returns will not be subject to audit later on. This is not correct," Mr. Dixon pointed out. "Such returns will be examined in the same manner as returns prepared by tax payers themselves or with professional assistance," he added.

Taxpayers will do themselves and their government a service by preparing and filing their returns early, Mr. Dixon said. Employers can also help by furnishing Forms W-2 to their employees as soon as possible.

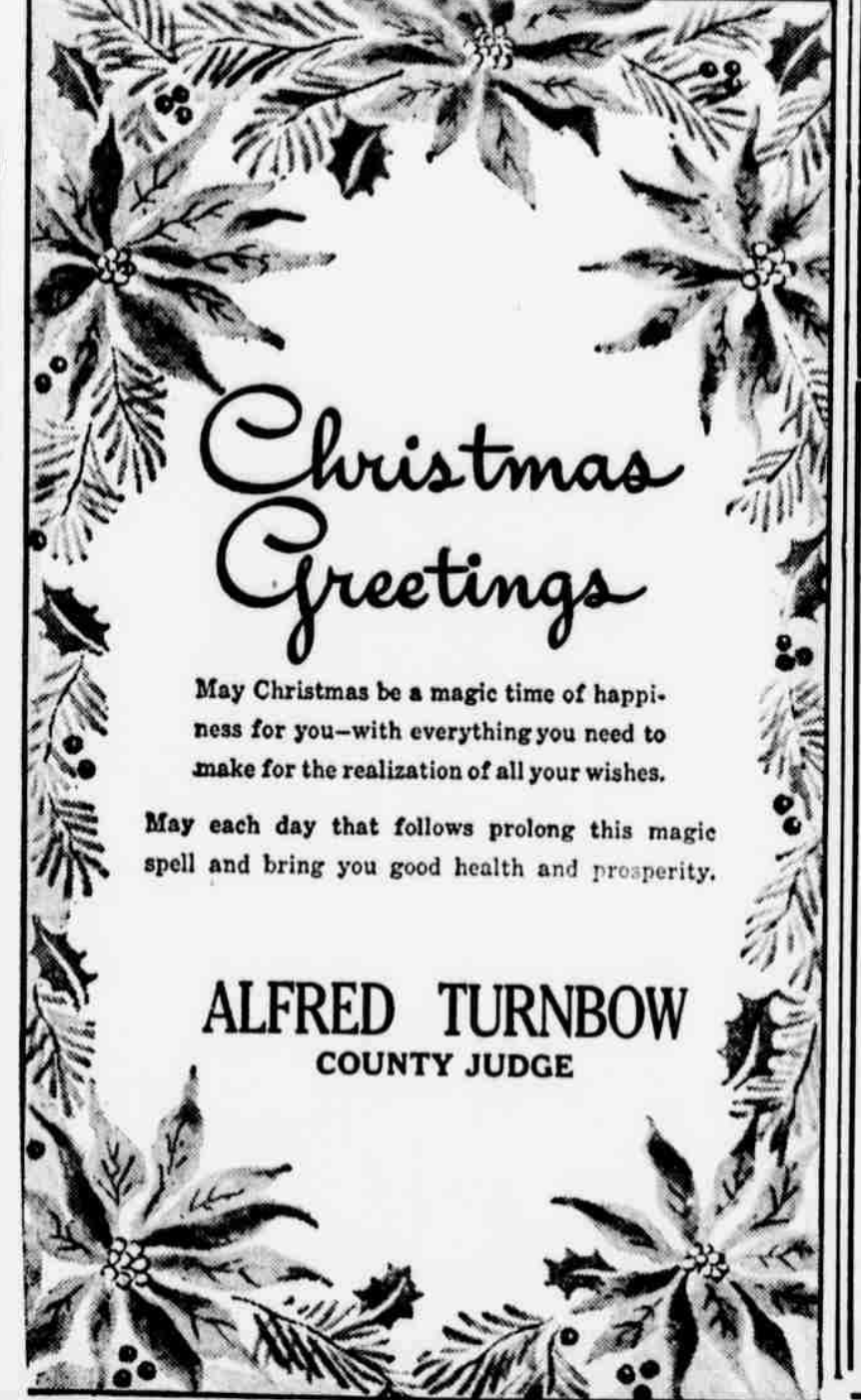
Toys for Dad are Available

The old joke about Dad "monopolizing" Junior's train is ceasing to be a joke, according to some toy producers, who contend that this year there will be toys for adults under some Christmas trees.

Mr. Jay V. Zimmerman, president of the largest hand puppet makers in the world, recently told toy buyers and salesmen that "toys made especially for adults to play with will eventually exceed the present popularity of children's toys."

This may sound a little unbelievable and optimistic (for the toy industry), but Mr. Zimmerman says the theory is neither radical or new. "For centuries," he says, "man has been playing with his children's toys under the guise it was for Junior's sake, but that's a lot of toywash. They enjoy playing with their kid's toys, but they're too ashamed to admit it."

Right or wrong, several major toy companies are producing specific adult toys this year. We'll just have to wait and see how many Dads receive some of them as presents from Santa.



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

Traffic Toll of 204 Lives Predicted During Holidays

AUSTIN, December 19 (Spl.)—Two hundred and four persons are slated to meet with violent deaths in Texas during the 11-day Christmas-New Year's holidays.

That was the grim prediction issued today by Col. Homer Garrison, Jr., Director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, based on the estimates of his chief statistician, N. J. Woerner.

According to Woerner, the 11-day period (from 12:01 A. M., December 23 to 11:59 P. M., January 2) will bring 112 motoricides; 39 homicides and suicides; and 53 other accidental deaths, such as fires, drownings, etc.

Last year the DPS Statistician predicted that 108 persons would die in Texas traffic accidents during the Holidays, which also spanned 11 days. The final count was exactly 108.

The number of homicides and suicides and other violent deaths was slightly under the estimated figure at the end of 1954 and Garrison said that, as usual, he is appealing to all motorists and pedestrians in the State to strive toward making Woerner's motoricide estimate "far too high."

"If every user of the streets and highways will observe all the traffic laws and exercise courtesy in driving and walking," Garrison said, "we can prove that Chief Woerner's prediction of motoricides during this Holiday season is far too high and thus assure a substantial number of those 112 tentative traffic victims and their families a really Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."



Greetings

May Christmas and the New Year hold for you the blessings of health, happiness and prosperity . . .

JESSIE VICK
COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT



Best CHRISTMAS Wishes

Wanda Vojufka
Deputy

Allie Belle Smith
Deputy

Race Oneal
County Clerk



Merry Christmas

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

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

O'NEAL DRIVE-IN GROCERY



Queen Roofing Co.



A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS

May your heart rejoice anew in the message of the first Christmas... "on earth peace, good will toward men".

Fouts Dry Goods and Variety



Season's Greetings

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

HAMMER LAUNDRY

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hammer
Mr. and Mrs. Otis Elmore and W. O.



LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

4506 Thomas Dr. Dallas 16, Texas

Dear Santa: I am a little boy 3 years old and have been a pretty good little boy this past year. So will you please bring me a 22 rifle that shoots caps, a pair of boots, Roy Rogers ranch set, and some cowboys. Leave plenty of fruits, nuts and candy in my stocking. I'll leave you a snack on the table.

Please remember all the little unfortunate boys and girls. Santa and I love you a mighty lot.

Billy Gardner.
P. S. You will have to come to see me at my Papa and Nanny's this year. They are Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Cox, Haskell.

Dear Santa: I am a little boy 3 years old. I think I have been pretty good this year. I would like a road grader, dump truck, bulldozer and a doctor's kit if you have one. Don't forget my little sister, Vicki Lynn, who is 9 months old. She would like a doll, a little pull dog and anything else you have for her. We would both like some clothes.

Don't forget our grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Viney and our little cousins.

Love from both of us.
Rusty and Vicki Phelps.

December 3, 1955

Dear Santa: How are you? We are fine. I guess I had better tell you what I want for Christmas. I decided I want a watch with a pink band and a finger-paint set. Roland wants a jeep and trailer, holster and a jeep and trailer. Roland wants three more nice toys. Geraldine wants a doll stroller and a rubber doll with rooted hair. Do not forget to give other children some, too. If you do not have enough, give them one of our things.

Geraldine, Roland and Jeanne Branch.

Dear Santa Claus: Of course I have told my mother to tell you that I would like a steam shovel, flashlight and a new suit, but I will appreciate anything else you will bring me. I do hope that all the children will get something nice this Christmas.

Your little friend,
Mikey Campbell.

Dear Santa: I am a little girl 7 years old. I have been a good little girl this year. I would like to have a big walking doll for Christmas; also some dishes, jewelry box and a purse. Please don't forget the other boys and girls and my little sister Shirley.

Molly Sue Wright.
Route 1, Haskell Texas.

Dear Santa: I am six years old and I am in the first grade. My teacher is Mrs. Ray and I like her very much. Santa will you please bring me a football, some candy, fruits and nuts. Don't forget the other little boys and girls.

Please bring my brothers and sister something, too.

Love,
Charles Gibson.

4506 Thomas Dr. Dallas 16, Texas
Dec. 6, 1955

Dear Santa: I am a little girl 2 years old and my Mamma and Daddy say I have been a pretty sweet little girl this year. So will you please bring me a doll, doll bed, a little table and chairs and lots of fruits, nuts and candy.

Santa, please remember the underprivileged children of our country and make them happy.

I will be at Haskell at my Papa and Nanny Cox's. So don't forget and bring my toys to Dallas.

I love you very much.
Louise Gardner.
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Santa: I want a dolly that cries tears and a nurse set and some house shoes. I hope you a Merry Christmas, dear Santa.

Linda Nell Whiteker.
Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa: This year you will find my stocking ready for some apples, oranges and nuts. Also I would like a road grader, jeep and a dump truck with a dirt scooper. Don't forget other little boys and girls. Your 3-year-old friend,
Alton Lancaster.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy six years old. I have been reasonably good all year.

I would like for you to bring me the following gifts for Christmas: a junior Fencing set, a mechanical robot. Also a pocket watch, a U. S. Marine Holster set, Ukelele, Linemans tool belt, Electric Radio Station, Shoulder pads, Truck with van trailer, a pocket knife. I hope this isn't too much for you to remember. Thanks, I love you.

Your friend,
Walter Viars Felker.

Dear Santa: I am a little boy eight years old. I am in the second grade at school. I have been good all year.

I would like the following gifts for Christmas: A junior Fencing set, atomic rocket, American Ace holster set, Davy Crockett Rhythm set, a Dragnet game set, communications set, Boxing gloves, and a football helmet. Also an English bicycle with hand brake. I will appreciate it very much if you will remember to bring me all these gifts. Thanks a lot. I love you.

Michael Felker
507 N. Fifth
Haskell, Texas
Dec. 16, 1955

Dear Santa: I am a little girl 6 years old, and I want you to bring me a doll that bends its knees, I also want a sewing machine and a farm set with lots of animals. I want some candies and fruit too.

Oh! yes, Santa I have a little baby sister and I want you to bring her something a little baby girl will like. Thank you Santa.

Lots of love,
Martha Henderson.



CHRISTMAS Greetings

Foremost among our pleasures at

this holiday time is the opportunity to send greetings to our many friends and customers for a joy-filled season and the Merriest Christmas ever . . .

CONNER NURSERY & FLORAL CO.

Cattle Grubs are Meat and Milk Robbers

Losses in the form of damaged hides, lowered meat quality and reduced milk production, amounting to an estimated \$100 million annually, is the price livestock producers pay for tolerating cattle grubs in their herds.

F. W. Martin, county agent, says the adult fly cannot bite nor sting but that cattle have an uncontrolled fear caused by the attach of the flies at egg laying time. Cattle will stand for hours in mud holes, water or in shady areas when the flies are out and this cuts down on their grazing which means less meat or milk will be produced. Cattle may also suffer mechanical injury in trying to escape from the flies. During the fly period, milk flow in a dairy herd may drop by as much as 25 per cent.

This is the season when the grubs appear in the backs of cattle as lumps under the hide of infested animals. Control is easier and more effective at this stage of their life cycle. Rotenone used as a spray, dip or dust is very effective for controlling the pest. For spray solution, Martin recommends using seven and one-half pounds of derris or cube powder containing five per cent rotenone to 100 gallons of water. It should be applied with a power sprayer at 200 or more pounds pressure.

For a dust, a pound of derris or cube containing five per cent rotenone and two pounds of a non-alkaline such as talc, tripoli earth or pyrophyllite is recommended. The dust should be rubbed into the animal's back. Repeat the application at 30-day intervals as long as the grubs continue to appear.

Read the Want Ads.

Dear Santa: I am a little girl almost three years old. I want a big doll for Christmas, a little monkey, some dishes and some wind-up toys.

Shirley Milesene Wright.
Route 1, Haskell, Texas.

Texas Farm Cash Income Decline Continuing

AUSTIN, Tex.—The University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reports a continuing decline in Texas farm cash income.

The January-October total for 1955 is \$1.3 billion, 8 per cent below the figure for the first 10 months of 1954.

Only seven of 19 major farm commodities showed increases: corn, 2 per cent; grain sorghum, 9 per cent; peanuts, 128 per cent; sheep and lambs, 12 per cent; mohair, 48 per cent; eggs, 3 per cent, and fruit and vegetables, 15 per cent.

The 12 commodities registering decreases were: cotton, 9 per cent; cottonseed, 29 per cent; wheat, 31 per cent; oats, 19 per cent; flaxseed, 61 per cent; rice, 6 per cent; cattle, 4 per cent; calves, 34 per cent; hogs, 28 per cent; wool, 24 per cent; poultry, 1 per cent, and milk and milk products, 1 per cent.



Season's Greetings

To wish you, every one,
A MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS

RE-SALE SHOP



Good Wishes

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

Carrol Thompson
BANNER ICE

Hello!

Here's wishing you all a very merry, Merry Christmas!

INDIAN GRILL




Merry Christmas Greetings

Sincere Good Wishes

ALVIN BENSON AUTO SUPPLY



DEL

The Christmas Bell rings out glad to all our loyal friends and wishing you a happy holiday.

OWHEAD MOTEL

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Powell

CHRISTMAS menu

URDAY, DEC. 24

Turkey and Dressing
Giblet Gravy
Cranberry Sauce
Fresh Green Beans
New Potatoes
Cream Style Corn
Apple and Celery Salad
Hot Rolls
Pumpkin or Mincemeat Pie
With Whipped Cream

WESTERNER

and Frances Arend

BEST WISHES

For
CHRISTMAS
and
THE NEW YEAR

CHARLIE CHAPMAN
DISTRICT JUDGE

ROYCE ADKINS
DISTRICT ATTORNEY



Christmas WISHES

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

Claude L. Ashley
COMMISSIONER
Precinct No. 1

Letters to Santa
Stamford, Texas

Dear Santa:
I will be 8 years old January 3. Please bring me a beautiful doll, operator set, a brush and comb set, and don't forget my cousins and all the other boys and girls.

Love,
Bobbie Faye Haliburton.

Rt. 1, Rochester, Texas

Dear Santa:
I am 10 years old and I have tried to be good. I want you to bring me a doll in a Christening outfit, and a ring and some stationery. And don't forget my little sister Karen. She is four years old and she wants a stove, a buggy, a ring and a vacuum cleaner, and lots of candy and nuts. And don't forget the other boys and girls.

Love,
Sharon and Karen Sanderson

Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa:
You probably remember me from last year. You were so good to me last year I want to ask another favor of you. Please bring me a big walking doll, doll bed, high chair, tricycle and table and chairs. Please bring all other little boys and girls something. Remember I love you, and thank you so much.

Love,
Patricia Toliver.

1408 North Ave. K
Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa:
I am writing you to tell you what I want and my sisters and brothers want for Christmas. We too, are thanking you for what you brought last year.

My smallest brother, Jody, wants a banjo. My smallest sister Kathy wants a banjo and a doll. Sandy, my oldest brother wants a stopper gun and a bat. I, Mary, want a jacket and a necklace and some jeans. My sister Donna will now tell you what she wants.

Sincerely,
Mary Sanders.

I am Mary's sister. I want a cowboy hat if you have enough money. And a jacket, and a pair of pants.

Donna Ruth.
Munday, Texas
Dec. 19, 1955

Dear Santa Claus:
I am writing to tell you what we want for Christmas. I would like to have 147 men for my Army base. And my brother would like to have a barn set and it has 100 men to it. And he would like to have a Davy Crockett fort and it has 100 men to it. And me and my broer want a football.

Ronny and Danny Stewart.
Austin, Texas, Dec. 7

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy, 9 years old. I go to Texas School for the Deaf. I want a Superman Coloring Book, a watch and a bicycle.

I love you,
Melvin Rueffer.
Dec. 3, 1955

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl six years old and live in Weinert, Texas. I have helped my Mother wash dishes and clean house. I would like for Christmas, a doll, some nuts, fruits and candies. Your little friend.

Darlene Hawkins,
Rt. 1, Weinert
Weinert Texas
Dec. 9, 1955

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy three years old. I have not been real good this year but will try to be better next year. I would like for Christmas a cattle truck with some cows. Some candy, fruit and nuts. Don't forget the other little boys and girls. I'll be looking for you.

Gary Hawkins.

A good dairy cow yields in her milk about 29 per cent of the digestible nutrients in her feed. She uses about 47 per cent of her feed for body maintenance and 24 per cent in the work of converting food nutrients into milk.



GREETINGS

Your mailbox can't hold all the good wishes we're sending to you and yours at Christmastime!

Eal Treadwell

Yule Blends East And West Customs At Christmas

Contrasting customs of ancient East and Christian West meet at Christmas time in the Philippines.

Americans, Spanish, English, Indonesians, Malaysians, Indians and Chinese have left their imprint on yuletide celebrations in this young Asian republic. There is a blend of plum pudding and stuffed sucking pigs, pine trees and banana plants, eggnogs and coconut liquor, carolers and pre-dawn dancing, firecrackers and solemn Midnight Mass processions.

The Philippines is the only Roman Catholic country in Asia. It has drawn heavily from the Spanish and Americans in its Christmas festivities. But in remote barrios (villages) throughout the 7,100 islands, strange and sometimes pagan customs

still form part of this season's activities.

Christmas food has shifted mainly to the favorite Filipino dishes—chicken and pork heavily seasoned with garlic and rice. These feasts usually include lechon, roast sucking pig. Dessert may be an English plum pudding or an American-type pie.

Pine trees from the mountains are trimmed by Western standards in large cities. The banana plant is the official Christmas tree in most villages.

On Negros Island in the South fruit-bearing banana plants are cut. One is placed in each corner of the room and decorated with rice sheaves, coconut clusters and farm products. Visitors can pluck a ripe banana off the tree. Fishermen in Cabangan decorate a tamarind tree with fish.

Christmas Eve processions are common. Young men and women dress as saints in Kawit, Cavite province. Each rides in a cart drawn through the streets. At the end of the line a cart carries a young couple depicting Mary and Joseph. They go from house to house seeking shelter. The

procession ends at the church just before Midnight Mass.

The Chinese practice of punctuating celebrations with firecrackers has been adopted too.

Caroling is popular, but has become a nuisance in some communities. They tax caroling groups. Other towns prohibit them.

The Spanish brought the Misa de Gallo (Mass of the Rooster), said in the early morning hours from tomorrow until Christmas. Brass bands parade through the streets waking the people.

Rule Pep Squad Leaders Named

Leaders for the 1956 Pep Squad of Rule High School were announced at the annual banquet given by the Pep Squad members of RHS Football team recently. The affair, held in the cafeteria of Rule High School, was attended by 103 guests.

Ives June Casey, a junior, was named as head leader of the Pep Squad for the ensuing year. Other leaders introduced were Harvey Jean Smith, Wanda Alli-

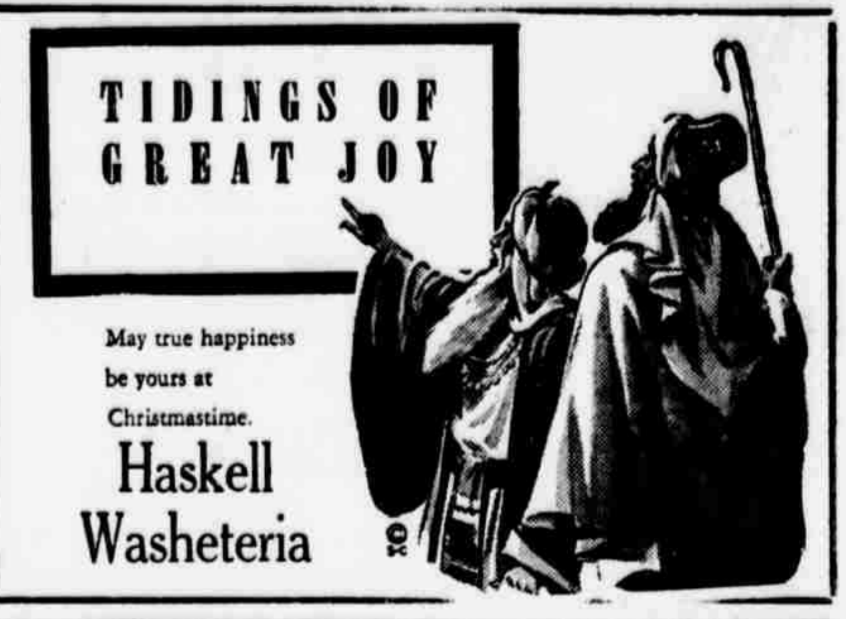
son, Ernestine Marquis, and Charlene Mowell.

Majorettes are Carolyn O'Pry, drum major; Robbye Norman, Pat Summers, Wanda Perkins.

Drummers are Loucetta Rogers, Danna Hunt, Ann Henry.

Start the new year making money through the use of Free Press want ads.

Clean house for the New Year by using Free Press want ads to sell that unwanted furniture.



TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY

May true happiness be yours at Christmastime.

Haskell Washeteria



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
Thurman Bynum Station, Haskell W. H. Brannon Station, Haskell
M. C. Wilfong Station, Haskell Dick Tracy Station, Haskell
Howard Brass Station, Rule

GILLIAM & DEAN BUTANE COMPANY

FRED GILLIAM JESSE DEAN

Greetings

The Christmas wishes we send you are meant to last as long as the green of the evergreen. And may it extend to all those you love, too.

M. C. WILFONG

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

Rochester Youth Writes of Training In U. S. Navy's Submarine School

A Rochester youth, Tommy Van Pelt, who recently enlisted in the Navy, is now training at the U. S. Navy Submarine School at New London, Conn.

In a recent letter to Chief Danny Loftin of the U. S. Navy Recruiting Station in Abilene, young Van Pelt related some of the training phases he has had. Chief Loftin and Chief Burrell Elliff of the Abilene station were in Haskell Thursday, and furnished the following copy of Van Pelt's letter:

"I haven't written you before because I have had too much studying to do. Will tell you what I have been studying, maybe you can pass it on to some of the recruits.

"I have been in a school four weeks now and have gone to sea once. The week before we started to school, we had physicals and went through 'the tank.' The first pressure test was in a dry chamber, where the pressure was built up to what it would be in 112 feet of water.

"In the water tank (escape trainer) we made ascents from 18 feet, 50 feet, and 100 feet.

"The first week at school we studied compartments, tanks and locations of equipment on the deck and in each compartment. The third week we studied air, and connections to it. There are five air systems—high pressure, 3,000 pounds; 600 pounds; 225 pounds; 10 pounds; and salvage air. The fourth week we studied trim and drain.

"I am still in school and have to study a little extra, but believe I am going to get through. We have a nice base here and have had a little snow, but it doesn't last long."

Tommy Van Pelt,
U. S. Navy Submarine School
New London, Conn.



MONKEYSHINES . . . The Santa Claus who comes to Junior's house on Christmas morn has his counterpart in Monkey land. At least that is the implication here as Jocko, garbed as the monkey's santa, visits "Teddo" a five-month-old java monkey at Teddo's home in Brooklyn.



SINGING SANTA . . . It seems that Santa Claus is everywhere this time of year. In this photo he is shown unloading some of the more than 11,000 Christmas trees shipped from Canada to the United States.

Christmas Tree Origin Still Not Definitely Known

Like so many other Christmas customs, the origin of the tree tradition is not definitely known.

One theory holds that the 8th century missionary, Boniface persuaded the Teutons to transfer their worship of Odin's sacred oak to an evergreen decorated in honor of the Christ child.

Popular legend has it that the first Christmas tree originated in Egypt where the first trees used were palm trees. Another story says that Martin Luther decorated a tree with candles to simulate an evergreen shimmering with starlit snow.

We do know the Germans did much to popularize the use of Christmas trees, introducing them into both England and America. The German Prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria, started the custom in England when he had a tree for his young daughter. The tradition crossed the Atlantic with Hessian mercenaries during the American Revolution.

Navy Recruiter Lists Change In Schedule Here

Chief Danny Loftin of the U. S. Navy Recruiting Station in Abilene, has announced a new schedule for recruiting in Haskell.

Chief Loftin will be in Haskell from 9 a. until 4:30 p. m. on the first and third Thursdays each month. On the second and fourth Thursdays, he will be here from 9 a. m. until 12 noon. He will take applications for enlistment in the U. S. Navy, and will be glad to discuss with interested young men the opportunities offered in a Navy career.

On his visit here last Thursday, Chief Loftin was accompanied by Chief Burrell Elliff, also of the Abilene station.

Burning of trees on "Twelfth Night" is an outgrowth of the special observance by early Christians on the last day of a 12-day celebration of the Feast of the Nativity of Christ.

A Christmas Pledge

I promise to:

1. Make my Christmas a Holy day with Christ—not a holiday without Him.
2. Observe Christmas as the birthday of Christ—not merely as a day to give and receive merchandise.
3. Remember that the real symbols of Christmas are the Star, the Stable and the Crib—not Santa Claus and the reindeer.
4. Teach my children that "Santa Claus" is the nickname of St. Nicholas, who gave to the poor in honor of Christ.
5. Help one poor family, in honor of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, the Holy Family of Bethlehem.
6. Send Christmas cards reminding of Him, the Infant Saviour—not decorated only with candy canes, puppy dogs, ribbons and wreaths.
7. Make room in my home for Him, who found no room at the inn, with a Christmas crib to remind that He was born in a stable.
8. Honor Mary, His mother, who kept the first vigil beside the manger.
9. Begin this day by leading my family to His table to receive the Bread of Life.
10. Give "Glory to God in the highest" on this day and work and pray for "Peace on earth to men of good will."

—Mrs. Leo Fetsch, Munday.

Christmas Tree Industry Aids Forestry Program

That beautiful Christmas tree you've purchased for your living room this Christmas needn't cause any qualms of conscience if you're the type who worries about the effect of the Christmas tree business on our forests.

The fact that yours is one of 31 million trees used for holiday decorations this year makes it seem that our forests are in great peril, but such is not the case. In fact, at least half of these trees are coming from sources that did not harm but actually improved the forest land they occupied when cut.

Foresters who grow saw-log trees generally divide cut-over land into four classes and Christmas-tree land is the lowest classification. It won't grow good forests, but is ideal for Christmas trees since it barely supports tree life. The tree, in its struggle to exist, throws out quick and frequent branches.

On such land are the Christmas-tree farms, such as one operated at Tacoma, Washington, by Paul Kirk, the "Christmas-tree king." Kirk distributes 4 to 5 million trees a year and keeps several times that number growing.

The last two or three weeks before Christmas are about the busiest of the year for Paul Kirk, for his carefully grown trees must arrive at their destinations on time. It isn't unusual for him to tour dozens of cities checking on shipments before he gets home at the last moment to gather with his family around the Kirk's huge white-sprayed tree.

FOR LATEST and LOCAL
Read
The Abilene Reporter News
BILL STEEL
605 North
Phone 820-J

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.

NOEL

This old-fashioned Christmas Greeting, we extend to convey, the many joys we hope you find on this bright Christmas Day!

HIGHWAY DRIVE-IN
MR. and MRS. OTTIE JOHNSON

Greetings

We wish you the brightest Christmas you ever enjoyed.



Ratliff & Ratliff

Greetings



We're pulling in on the Holiday Main Line with a load of old fashioned greetings to say "Thanks, Friends!" for your past patronage, and to hope you'll have

A GAY AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

SHERMAN FLOOR CO.

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



Merry Christmas
JACK and GEORGE
BELL PHARMACY



SEASON'S GREETINGS

We'd like to add our wish to all: a Christmas full of joy and gladness!

Elizabeth Stewart
Tax Assessor-Collector
EVA DUNNAM
GERAL DARDEN
BOBBYE J. COLLINS

Getting Ready For Santa!

IN THE FAR NORTHLAND rugged woodsmen have been working for weeks, cutting Christmas trees for American homes in the happy season to come. The cutters go into the wasteland wilds, where they will take otherwise worthless black spruce.



SKILLED WOMEN workers at Halvorson plant in Duluth, Minn., process the trees, preparing them for their cheerful Christmas use.



CHRISTMAS TREES come from the tops of the spruce. Deep in the woods, the men load the trees into big trucks for their journey to a plant for processing, a race against the north country's Big Freeze.



THE HARVEST OF TREES for Christmas by Halvorson is guided by conservation principles. It has converted thousands of wilderness acres into revenue-producing land. Trees are hauled in from the woods, 11,000 per load, by big International trucks. Their fruitful service is ended when, ornamented and lighted, they help bring Christmas joy to all throughout the United States.

Message of Bells Intimately Tied To Christmas

The progress of Christianity—and our civilization as well—has been accompanied by the far-reaching message of the bells—bells that call the reverent to worship, that herald the approach of a holiday or commemorate a great or blessed event.

But, particularly at Christmas-time is the message of the bells most effective. From the echoing of the bell in a small mission church to the resounding peal that comes forth from massive cathedral towers, the bells tell of joy and peace and call the world to come and adore.

Older themselves than the story they tell at Christmas, bells were first used to sound the alarm in fire or tumult. Rich burghers jealously guarded their bells and used them to rally their followers when danger threatened.

Bishop Paulinus of Nola in southern Italy is commonly credited with introducing the first church bells about 431 A. D., when he put up a huge copper kettle on the roof of his church and struck it with a hammer. Before that, a crier had announced services by running through the streets ringing a hand bell.

From Italy, the idea spread to France and thence to England. Not until the 11th Century did bells appear in the towers of German and Swiss churches. Competition among bell casters developed the bells in size, quality of tone and beauty. A founder had to be a metallurgist, designer and musician as well. The race for bigger and better bells went on until a bell was cast in Russia that proved to be too heavy for machinery to lift into place.

Cast in 1773, in Moscow, it is the Czar Kolokol. It weighs 180 tons, measures 20 feet in height, 22 feet in diameter and is 23 inches thick. Many costly but futile attempts were made to hoist it into place. China, the mother of many things, cast the first great bell in 1408. Weighing 53 tons, it hangs in the Big Bell Temple in Peking. Another large bell, 15 tons, is suspended in the ancient Buddhist temple in Japan. The chimes of St. Michael's in Charleston, S. C., are probably the most traveled bells, having crossed the Atlantic seven times because of ownership changes or to be recast. They last crossed the Atlantic in 1865.

Dig—These Crazy Christmas Gifts!

Even Christmas has caught up with the atomic age. A sign of the times is the increasing demand for Geiger counters as Christmas gifts. Manufacturers say people from all over the country are giving as presents the miracle instrument that noses out uranium.

If you're buying a gift for a prospective uranium prospector you can get him one of these radio-activity detection devices at prices ranging from \$24.95 to \$2,000. Most popular model, the manufacturers say, is about the size of a miniature camera and retails for about \$35.

Uranium "hounds" are as varied as the instruments they buy. They range from housewives with infants in their arms

to geologists and hirsute prospectors—as well as business tycoons, clerks, laborers and society women. An amateur uranium prospector club in the East, composed entirely of women, is known as the "Geiger Widows." Last year gift Geigers were mailed all over the United States.

One woman telephoned the New York office of a leading manufacturing firm from Florida to order a \$1,995 unit as a Christmas surprise for her husband.

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Proclamation To Free Slaves Made On New Year's

On New Year's Day, 1863, President Lincoln issued a proclamation freeing the slaves in states and parts of states where the people were then in rebellion.

The areas designated were Arkansas, Texas, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and large parts of Louisiana and Virginia. Tennessee was excepted from the proclamation, although the Union armies were far from complete success in their task of bringing it under government control. The Emancipation Proclamation did not abolish slavery. That was accomplished by the thirteenth amendment, which went in to effect Dec. 18, 1865.

New Year Day Is Double Holiday In Haiti

For Latin America's Republic of Haiti, January 1 marks not only the beginning of a new year, but also the anniversary of its independence. It was on January 1, 1804, that Jean Jacques Dessalines formally declared the island's freedom from France and the adoption of the Indian name of "Haiti" for the new nation.

In defying the great Napoleon and winning its freedom from France, Haiti became the second nation of the Western hemisphere to win independence as well as the first and only French-speaking republic of the New World.

GREETINGS TO ALL!

We extend the Season's Greetings and our Best Wishes...

JONES & SON




GREETINGS of the Season

May the happiness of the Holiday season, deepened and strengthened by the spiritual inspiration of the Christmas message, abide with you through all the days ahead. This is our warmest wish for you and yours, as through the soft silence of a Holy night, the shining wonder of Christmas once more dawns upon the World.

HATTOX HARDWARE & FURNITURE

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.



BILL WILSON MOTOR COMPANY
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HASKELL, TEXAS

Greetings

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

Edith's Beauty Shop



High School. They are, left to right, seated, Sandra Hadaway, junior high features; David Strickland, sports editor; Jeanie Strickland, assistant editor; Gloria Ratliff, editor; Janice McKelvin, business manager; Betty Hester, assistant business manager; Wanda Burson, senior sales editor.

Standing Doyleene Hoover, junior high sales; June Cook, administration editor; Horace O'Neal, photos; Ann Alvis, building and snapshots editor; John Donald Pitman, organizations; Janice Jones, junior class; Bobby Segoe, junior high faculty; Peggy Waldrip, senior class; Jean Duncan, features; Anita Humphrey, sophomore class; Gladys Conner, art editor; Norma Dale Mullins, junior sales; Sandra Coburn, junior high class editor; Sara Robinson, sophomore sales.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Knox City, Texas
Route 1, Box 54
Dec. 12, 1935

Weinert, Texas
Route 1
Dec. 10, 1935

Dear Santa:
We are two little girls who are trying very hard to be good. I, Brenda Kay, 4 years old, want a baby doll, a cash register and a bathrobe and slippers. And Santa, if I have been good enough please bring me a big Teddy Bear. I, Judy Diane, 2 years old, want a baby doll and a telephone and bathrobe and slippers. I would also like a Teddy Bear if I can be good enough. We would also like a set of dishes and a blackboard.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl 6 years old. I live with my grandparents and Sandra. I have been a good little girl, so my grandmother says. So I want you to bring me a walking doll, a bake set, some house shoes, and I would like very much to have a record player. Don't forget all the other little girls and boys. Caroline wants a sweater and a monopoly game. So please bring them for us.

I love you, Santa,
Wilma Cox.

We love you Santa,
Brenda Kay and
Judy Diane Alexander.

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a football and a football outfit, and a flashlight. I am in the Second Grade. I will soon be eight. Bring all the other little boys and girls some toys.

Dewayne Moore.

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl and I am 10 years old and my name is Wanda Jean Miller. For Christmas I want a walking doll and a Bible and a typewriter. My little brother is two and his name is Tommy Hugh Miller. For Christmas he wants a tractor set, a Davy Crockett gun, and a big truck. And bring some fruit, too. Your friends,
Tommy and Wanda Miller.

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl 8 years old. I have a little sister 8 months old. I have been a good little girl and my little sister has been a good baby this year. For Xmas I want an 18-inch doll with a cradle and some clothes, a sewing machine and anything else you want to bring me. Bring my little sister Sharon, Lynn a doll and some other toys. We would like some fruit, nuts and candy.

Don't forget all other little boys and girls.

Love,
Charlotte Ann and Sharon Lynn Hise.

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl and I am six years old. My name is Patsy Ruth Miller. For Christmas bring me a Tiny Tear doll with hair, and a Bible and a cash register. Be sure to give all the other kids toys, too. Your friend,
Patsy Ruth Miller.

Dear Santa:
We are three very good children. at least we have tried to be good.

Bernice is 3 years old and she wants a Teddie bear, some doll bottles, a broom and mop.

Charlie is 4 years old and he wants a toy combine, a road grader and a Chinese checker game.

Helen is 8 years old and she wants a toy piano, a toy refrigerator and some puzzles.

Remember all good children.
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HASKELL, TEXAS

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy 7 year old, and I am in the 2nd grade at school. I want a watch, Howdy Doody puppet, a toy doctor's kit, a bow and arrow, and a football. Santa please remember all the other boys and girls everywhere.

Harold Hodge.

Sincere Wishes

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

MOTOR SERVICE
E. J. STEWART

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

Egyptians Were Pioneers In Study of Time

The Egyptians were probably the first to develop an "exact" method of calculating time—about 4,000 B. C. they devised a "calendar."

The Christian era begins on January 1, in the middle of the fourth year of the 194th Olympiad, the 752nd year of the building of Rome and in the 4714th year of the Julian period.

The Jewish calendar reads 5717 in relation to 1936 A. D. since according to Jewish dogma and tradition the Creation antedated the birth of Christ approximately 3,761 years. The Jewish calendar was adopted during the 15th century.

Use of the notation A. D. (year of our Lord) was inaugurated in 879 by Charles III of Germany.

PARADE OF FIREMEN

Firemen have always been popular heroes in Japan because the construction of Japanese homes makes them fire hazards. So an annual feature of New Year's Day is the annual *dezumeshiki*—parade of the fire brigades.

May the old fashioned Christmas spirit of peace and joy embrace your home this glorious holiday season. And may the richest gifts—health, happiness and good will come to you and your dear ones.

Greetings of the SEASON

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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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Greeting

On this joyous Christmas to extend our heartfelt wishes to our patrons and business associates for their friendly cooperation—their loyalty—past year. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you.

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To our many best wishes for a very Merry Christmas.

THE C & B STORE
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Season's Greetings

The brightest light of the Christmas season is the opportunity to express our thanks for confidence and loyalty and to wish to each other the many joys of a Merry, Merry Christmas.

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