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Use of Limbs Is Christmas Gift for Crippled Children at Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation in Texas

Gonzales—Christmas is drawing closer and down here in South Texas where there's scant likelihood of snow and where the traditional pine tree and holly motif are replaced by sub-tropical vegetation and warm sunshine, there's an air of tremendous suspense.

Wheat Poisoning As It Affects Cattle

Wheat poisoning isn't really wheat poisoning. That's what Dr. W. C. Banks, extension veterinarian of Texas A & M College, says, according to Joe Burkett, County Agent.

But, no matter what it's called, stockmen in the wheat growing areas are faced with a serious condition in cattle that is brought about by grazing in wheat fields—a condition so serious that stricken cattle may die within an hour.

In the second type, or mild form of this condition, there is a dullness, a lack of appetite, and a staggering, which usually ends up in a paralysis of the hindquarters the same as in the first case.

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Christmas Carolers Sing at Homes on Wednesday Evening

Following their annual custom, the St. Joseph Carolers visited various sections of the town last Wednesday night and sang pretty Christmas carols.

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Texans throughout the State are well on their way towards making 1948 an unforgettable Christmas for the kids who fell victim to polio, says Ross Boothe, president of the Foundation, as the drive for funds to expand the Texas institution nears its Christmas climax.

There is room for 110 young patients at Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation where warm therapeutic waters and modern medical skill and equipment are joined to enable stricken youngsters to walk again despite the ravages of polio.

Expansion of the Foundation and continued operation on its present basis of top efficiency are dependent on the support of Texans, says Boothe, and a generous response is expected from every county in the state.

Christmas Message from State Health Officer, Dr. Cox

Austin, Texas—The editor of this newspaper has just received a beautiful Christmas card signed by Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, carrying the following message to be published for the citizens of Texas:

"The Texas State Department of Health is happy to report that with your help the incidence of communicable disease in Texas has reached an all-time low; also people are living longer, on the average, than at any time in the past.

"Christmas is a proper time to give thanks for the degree of health we now enjoy. I want to thank you for your assistance in making this record possible, and ask you to continue your efforts to further public health in Texas."

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The rainfall for 1948 as recorded by the Government gauge at the Crowell State Bank is the least annual rainfall recorded since the year 1944 which was 19.48 inches. So far the rainfall in Crowell has measured 19.45. However, other portions of the county have received more moisture than was recorded here.

Rainfall for 1948 by months follows: January, .15; February, 2.16; March, .73; April, .45; May, 6.36; June, 3.91; July, 2.98; August, .39; September, .79; October, 1.67; November, .07. So far in December the rainfall has been too small to measure, although there has been some damp weather with a slight drizzle at times.

The average annual rainfall for Foard County is slightly above 25 inches, but only twice in the last nine years has that amount been reached as recorded in Crowell.

Special Service at Methodist Church Christmas Morning

A Christmas service will be held at the Methodist Church on Christmas morning at 9 o'clock. The service will last for only thirty minutes and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Seal Coat to Be Placed on Thalia Farm-to-Market Road

Farm-to-Market Road No. 292 from U. S. Highway 70, north, a distance of approximately 2.0 miles is to receive a seal coat, according to an announcement made by the State Highway Commission.

Veterans News

Many subsistence checks mailed each month to veterans studying in schools and colleges under the GI Bill and Public Law 16 must be returned because the Veteran moved and failed to inform the Veterans Administration promptly of his new address, VA reports.

No Paper Published Next Week

No paper will be issued on Dec. 30 following the usual custom of taking a week off during the Christmas holidays in order that the News force might have a short vacation from the arduous duties that always come in publishing a weekly newspaper.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Foard County Hospital Patients in: Mrs. M. S. Henry Billy Schultz C. E. Dunn J. W. Klepper Mrs. Clyde James and infant daughter.

Mrs. Dick Davis Receives Prize for Christmas Display

The judging for the best window or yard display contest conducted by the Chamber of Commerce took place on Monday night, Dec. 20.

Special Sunday Night Service at Baptist Church

The theme of a special student night service at the First Baptist Church will be "The Lord Be Magnified," with Milton Hall serving as presiding officer.

What 4-H Club Boys and Girls in Texas Do

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Mrs. George Brown Passes Away on Friday, December 17

Funeral services for Mrs. George Brown, a native Collin County teacher, were held at the First Methodist Church in McKinney on Saturday, Dec. 18.

Thalia Boy Wins "Greater Wichita" Radio Contest

Charles Howard Bursley, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bursley of Thalia, was winner of the Greater Wichita Falls radio contest conducted during the past eight weeks through Radio Station KFDX.

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The friendly scent of the cedars is typical of the Spirit of Christmas. It is in that spirit that we wish for you all the joys and blessings of this Yuletide season.

Dunagan's Service Station Phillips "66"

THALIA (By Mrs. C. H. Wood)

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Moore, Miss Odessa Moore and Mrs. Jack Woodson accompanied by Mrs. J. A. Stovall of Crowell attended an Eastern Star School of Instruction in Memphis, Wed., Dec. 15. Roy Todd of Amarillo visited Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Hammonds Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gray and daughter, Betty, returned last week after several days visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Ferguson, of Cotulla. Mr. and Mrs. Alton Abston of Chillicothe visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Abston, here Thursday night. R. J. Mints and his father, F. C. Mints, visited Lewis Mints and wife in Quannah Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Oran Ford returned home Friday night after several days stay at Hereford. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wheeler and Mr. and Mrs. O'Neal Johnson and son, Billy, visited relatives in Grapevine and Ft. Worth last week-end. Mr. and Mrs. Willie Cato and daughter, Mary, went to Ft. Worth Saturday where they met their son, Carol Cato, who came from A & M College to spend the holidays at home. Charles Howard Bursey arrived Saturday night from A & M College to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bursey. Larry Wood from NTSC at Denton came in Saturday for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wood. Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Evans and baby of San Francisco, Calif., arrived here last week to spend

the Christmas holidays in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Banister. Lottie Hammonds is visiting her mother in Matador. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Huskey attended a birthday dinner in the William Blevins' home in Truscott, Sunday, Dec. 12. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wisdom and children left last Saturday for Alhambra, Calif., to spend the holidays in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Wisdom. Mrs. Bill Moore and Miss Odessa Moore attended a Robeah Lodge meeting in Electra Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brock and family of Farmers Valley visited friends in Thalia Sunday. Joe Mason from the Navy, stationed in Tennessee, arrived last week for a visit with his sister, Mrs. Clarence Orr and husband and his father, Lee Mason, here. Jimmie Swan of Wichita Falls is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Swan. Rev. W. G. Gilbert, E. V. Cato, Mr. and Mrs. Royce Cato, Mrs. Less Hammonds, Mona Hammonds, and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Pyle visited little Billy Doyle Shultz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Shultz, who was run over by a tractor Sunday afternoon, and taken to the Crowell Hospital. Little Rhetta Cates, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Cates, spent Sunday with her great grandmother Self. Billy Dean Brown of Hardin College in Wichita Falls came home Friday to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Brown. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dunn and son, Ralph, and daughter, Roberta, spent last week-end with Robert and Elmer Dunn and families in Wichita Falls. Mr. and Mrs. John Box of Quannah visited Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rallsback, Sunday. Mrs. Garnet Gilbert and daughter, Cheryl, of Vernon visited her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Self, last week-end. Dana Loy Roberts of Crowell spent Sunday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Roberts, and attended the Christmas program at the Methodist Church. She also took part on the program. L. G. Pierce and Mr. Starr of Plainview spent Friday night in the Ben Hogan home. Fred Brown and son, Billy Dean, Mr. and Mrs. Sim Gamble and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Tucker and children attended quarterly conference at Margaret Sunday night. R. E. Johnson of Baylor University is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Johnson. Roe Bird of Hale Center visited his sister, Mrs. Ben Hogan, and Mr. Hogan Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Dot Hammonds and children of Floydada visited his mother, Mrs. Maggie Hammonds, Sunday. Frank Wisdom was brought to his home last week from a Wichita Falls hospital where he underwent an operation a few days ago. Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Phillips visited their son, Raymond, and family in Lubbock last week-end. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hammonds and daughter, Eryln, Leroy Henry and Shorty Abston returned home last week after several days stay at Hereford. J. R. Ford returned to the home of his son, Oran, here after visiting relatives in Lubbock. Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wood and son, Larry, left Wednesday to spend Christmas with their children, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Snowden and Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Wood, in Tyler.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (Answers on page 5)

- 1. Chiang Kai Shek is the leader of the Communist forces? True or false?
2. Philip Murray is the president of the C. I. O. True or false?
3. The shinning is a unit of French money. True or false?
4. Veal is meat from a sheep. True or false?
5. What do the 4 H's in the 4-H program refer to?
6. Peanuts grow on bushes above the ground. True or false?
7. Sterling is a name applied to solid silverware. True or false?
8. The first lines from the "Village Blacksmith" read: Under a spreading maple tree the village smithy stands. True or false?
9. The peacock laid an egg. What is wrong with the sentence?
10. What enterprise engaged in by this government is referred to as the "Air Lift"?

This country's population reached 147,280,000 on October 1, the Census Bureau estimates. Although this is the highest ever recorded, the Bureau says that the increase has slowed down from last year. Nevertheless the 1948 increase will top that of any other year. The Bureau's figures included about 446,000 persons in the armed forces and about 926,000 in military service in this country.

We Invite—

Dr. Durwood E. Sanders Mr. and Mrs. Warren Haynie to attend any picture advertised for the coming week at the Rialto Theatre in Crowell. We want you to be our guests. THE RIALTO THEATRE The Foard County News

Population growth in the first 9 months of 1948 amounted to about 1,800,000 persons, an average increase of about 200,000 a month. In the corresponding period of 1947, there was an increase of about 2,100,000 persons, an average of over 233,000 a month. Since the last regular census, April 1, 1940, the population has risen by fifteen and one-half million persons.

Scientists believe that Death Valley in California was formed 12,000,000 years ago.

May Ole Santa Surprise You THIS CHRISTMAS. We're wishin' you a mighty fine Christmas, with a heap of good things comin' your way. You have been liberal with your patronage of this firm in the past; may Lady Luck be just as liberal to you in the months to come. Merry Christmas, everybody! Cooper Service Station

A Merry Christmas '48. TO ALL OF YOU, A SEASON BRIMFUL WITH HOLIDAY JOY. SETLIFF MACHINE SHOP

Peace on Earth. Greetings to all our friends this Christmas Season. Davis Beauty Shop

Greetings for Christmas 1948. Tradition meets the present in the holiday season and we're happy to add our greetings to the rest. The Magee Toggery

Greetings 1948. A Cheery Christmas Season To All... CROWELL'S Car and Home Supply

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS 1948. That's our greeting to you in this happy season. MAC'S FOOD MARKET

FOARD CITY (By Mrs. Luther Marlow)

Don Ray, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Borchardt was carried to Vernon for medical aid last Monday night. Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Ward of Prairie View, parents of the Baptist pastor, Rev. D. W. Ward attended church services here Sunday and were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Myers and son, Robert Les, of Crowell spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ferguson. Grady and Hughston McLain spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McLain of Frisco. They also visited a brother-in-law of Grady McLain in a hospital at McKinney. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Farrar visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fox of Crowell Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Blake McDaniel spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McDaniel of Cross Plains. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ferguson attended a supper in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gray of Thalia Sunday evening honoring Mr. Gray on his birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Thad Hopkins and children spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ancil Hall of Thalia. Mr. and Mrs. John B. Chilcoat and son, Ronnie, of Truscott spent Saturday night and Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Hughston McLain, and family. There will be a Christmas program and tree at the Foard City Church Friday night, Dec. 24, beginning at 6 o'clock. Every one is invited to attend. To keep pigskin gloves soft, rinse them in water to which a few drops of glycerine have been added. The Library of Congress in Washington, D. C., requires 414 miles of shelves to house its books. Over 1,000,000 persons call on the Library of Congress each year in search of information.

To Our Multitude of Friends And Patrons We Send A Multitude Of GREETINGS. IT IS OUR WISH that new joys not known before may come to you and abide with you all through the coming year. It is because of your fine loyalty that we send this word of Christmas cheer. We thank you sincerely for your friendships and patronage and we seek the opportunity of continuing in this association in the future. May the Holiday Season, with its fine sentiment, remain with you throughout the days of the New Year. WOMACKS 1907-1948

Two Minute Sermon
(By Thomas Hastwell)

No Promise to the Lazy Man: I overheard recently a remark by an individual in a group of persons talking together that revealed, if the speaker expressed his true feelings, an unfortunate condition of mind. The remark, "Everything would be all right with me if I did not have to work." In as much as the remark was made seriously in a serious conversation I assumed that the speaker meant what he said, or thought he meant what he said. That person in my opinion has missed his way in life. He has failed to discover the true secret of the enjoyment and the appreciation of life. Personally I can think of nothing more unsatisfactory, nothing more productive of discontent and the lack of satisfac-

tion than an idle life which does not have a full quota of duties to perform and to fill with worthwhile accomplishment the day. I think that the reason God put so many things in the world that need to be done was because He knew work was necessary to a happy, contented, purposeful life. We need to work, every one of us, if we are to get the most out of living. God in his Word has made many promises of forgiveness to the sinful man, but nowhere in his Word is there held out any promise to the lazy man.

A Brisbane Australia Methodist minister almost cleared his church of debt recently by employing a modernized version of the Parable of the Talents. Rev. Louis A. Bern, worried because of the church debt, gave in August each of his sixty parishioners \$1.50. He told them to invest it wisely and to each return \$4.80 in seven weeks. At the end of the seven weeks he collected \$265.60, only \$22.40 less than his goal of \$288—the church debt.

Courtesy Important When Sending Cards

The exchange of cheerful Christmas cards between friends is one of our most delightful Yuletide customs—and like all other social relationships, it is governed by simple, common-sense rules of etiquette.

You may properly send your holiday greetings to almost everyone—business and professional associates, if you wish, as well as social acquaintances and relatives.

Be sure to choose appropriate cards, however. If Aunt Jennie is a garden enthusiast, she'll probably appreciate a beautiful flower print more than a dozen Santa Claus designs.

Special Titles.

Cards with special titles, such as "Merry Christmas, Mother," are available for mothers, wives, sweethearts and practically all relatives, including the in-laws, and are a mark of individual thoughtfulness.

If you can spare a moment or two, pen a brief holiday note on each card. It adds a warm sincerity and a touch of your individual personality to your Yuletide greetings. Christmas time is a sentimental and nostalgic season for everyone, and many a friendship has been kept alive through the years by the annual exchange of holiday greetings.

Colored ink is entirely proper both for signing the card and addressing the envelope, provided it harmonizes with the color scheme of the card itself.

Signatures need not be formal, except on engraved Christmas cards. You may have your name neatly printed if you wish, or take your pen in hand and sign the greetings yourself with a holiday flourish.

"Mr. and Mrs."

Married couples may omit the "Mr. and Mrs." if they prefer and sign their cards simply "Paul and Jenny Wilson." Either the husband's name or the wife's may appear first. Children in the family rate a place in the signature, too.

In addressing the envelopes, it is best to send one card to a husband and wife, and separate cards to other adult members of the family too. As an alternative, one card may be mailed to the whole family if you are careful to write the names of each individual on the envelope, including the children.

Use three-cent stamps for your Christmas cards, following the rule of good taste which says that first-class friends deserve first-class mail. It is entirely proper to write your return address on the envelope, to help friends keep tab on changes of address.

Selecting attractive Christmas cards for each of your friends is a delightful pre-Christmas activity. Don't treat it as a sober social responsibility. Plunge in with a smile and the gay holiday scenes on the cards will soon fill your heart with Yuletide cheer and sentiment.



IT WAS enough to put a fellow in a morbid state of mind. Last Christmas he'd thought, when he gave Sally the inexpensive little china dinner set, next Christmas I'll give her something really nice. Something she can wear and enjoy. Something expensive. It'll not be practical to fit our Christmas budget, because by then I'll be making more. The tide was bound to turn by next Christmas.

Well, it had turned all right. Fate could have been less callous in the direction to which it had turned the tide. It was even worse this Christmas than it was last. At least Sally



Bill locked up from his overcoat collar. "Hey, be careful!" he shouted.

wasn't out making the living and he, a big hulk of a man, staying home.

The doctor had said he'd overcome the heart condition with prolonged rest.

People were talking. Bill knew. He'd been standing near the living room door the other day when he'd heard Kate Tyler, their neighbor, talking to Sally in the kitchen.

"Well, it just looks a shame that you, such a frail little thing, must work. Bill looks the picture of health. He weighs something near one hundred eighty pounds, doesn't he, Sally?" Kate said, and Bill had visioned with burning resentment her sharp, in-everybody's-business nose twitch with inquisitiveness.

Bill visioned too. Sally's pretty proud head lift when her voice had come in quick sensitive rebellion, "I believe it's my affair about working. I really don't need to work. We have plenty saved up to take us through until Bill is able to go back on his job. I'm working because I want to."

He'd felt like a cad. There wasn't another guy in the whole universe had a wife like Sally, who through her loyalty would even tell a falsehood. Sally didn't deserve the hardship he was giving her. And now with Christmas upon them and no money of his own, unless he sold his best suit to the re-sale shop down the street, he felt it would be even better for his old heart to quit ticking than to face it and have Sally say, "Oh, you didn't need to give anything, Bill. All I want is you! We'll have a real Christmas when you get well."

Bill put on his overcoat, hat and galoshes. It was about time to meet Sally coming home from work.

Cold rain interspersed the snow and already the highway in front of their place was getting coated with ice. Cars moved along cautiously.

Their neighbor's boy, Pike, eleven, slid by him on a sled. "Whee-e-e, watch me, Mister Bill!"

Bill looked up from his overcoat collar. "Hey, be careful!" he shouted and went into action with a leap when he saw the sled carrying the boy from the sidewalk into the direction of an approaching car up the highway.

It all happened in a flash. If Bill hadn't been gigantic in size, muscular and agile with youth, he couldn't have saved the boy. "Man, Pike," he panted, standing over him on the sidewalk, "don't play along the street!"

"Aw, I could've made it, Mister Bill!" Pike said, and dashed back up the street with his sled.

A large man emerged hurriedly from the big car on the side of the pavement and came up to Bill.

"Thanks, fellow! Say," he said, mopping his forehead, "that was a close call! You certainly used your head."

"I snatched him in time," Bill said.

The man pulled out his wallet. "Here," he said, holding a crisp bill toward Bill. "Take this, fellow."

"But I don't want money for what I did," Bill protested, starting to back away.

The man pushed the money into Bill's hand. "I'd pay a thousand or more to escape what might have happened just now. Think what Christmas would have been for me if it had happened, to say nothing of the kid's parents. Thanks again, fellow—and Merry Christmas!"

He was gone before Bill could do anything.

Bill looked down at the money in his hand. Well, if he felt that way about it. But one hundred dollars. . . .

He looked up then and saw Sally trudging toward him through the snow and a happy, secretive smile curved his lips suddenly. He slipped the money into his billfold and went to meet her.

Christmas Menu

Mothers, who are the official cooks of the family, will reap added praise this holiday season if they plan a special Christmas menu for every meal on Christmas day. While "something special" is expected for dinner, a minimum of attention will make the other two meals a pleasant surprise.

Here is a menu for the day which will prove popular.

BREAKFAST

Orange juice Waffles
Grilled Sausage Cakes
Coffee Honey Milk

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Clam and Tomato Juice Cocktail
Roast Turkey, Giblet Gravy
Celery Dressing
Mashed Potatoes
Buttered Green Beans
Calavo and Grapefruit Salad
Assorted Relishes
Cranberry Sauce Hot Rolls
Fruit Cake Pie
Coffee Milk

SUPPER

Nutbread Sandwiches
Mixed Vegetable Salad
Fruit Gelatin Dessert
Tea Milk

It's a good idea, too, to crowd a small cutting board with assorted cheeses and crackers. Place it in the living room for those who may not be able to eat candy or who don't care for nuts.

Flowers Are Part of Yule Legends

There are several flowers appropriate during the Yuletide season which are connected with the birth of Christ by the legends of history.

Sainfoin, or "Holy Hay," is said to have cradled the infant Christ in the manger. The snowdrop is the flower of the Virgin Mary, and is said to be the emblem of the candles she lighted on Christmas.

According to legend, the Christmas rose was divinely created. A shepherd maid wept at having no gift to lay before the Babe in the manger. Suddenly an angel appeared to her. On hearing why the maiden wept, the angel touched the ground where her tears had fallen and immediately the place was white with Christmas roses, which the maid gathered and laid in the manger.

The chrysanthemum is said to have appeared first on Christmas Eve near the manger as a sign to the Wise Men that they had reached the spot where the star had bidden them.

Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear, not absence of fear. —Mark Twain.

The American Brush Manufacturers Association reports that the Chinese war is seriously interfering with the manufacture of paint brushes. China's pig bristles constitute the basic raw material out of which the best paint brushes are made, the association says. There is a number of substitutes used in the manufacture of paint brushes but none of them will produce a brush as good as the bristles from the hogs of northern China. Hogs from this area furnish the best bristle for the reason that the bristle is longer than

that found on hogs produced in any other part of the world.

A few weeks ago Radio Corporation of America transmitted by means of Ultrafax the entire text of the 1047 page book, Margaret Mitchell's "Gone with the Wind" in two and one-half minutes.

Pheasants were first successfully introduced into the United States in 1881 when the American Consul at Shanghai shipped some 28 ringnecked birds to this country and released them in Oregon.

Let Us Do Your Laundry Work

Laundry work from the people of this territory is respectfully solicited. Truck makes one trip each week, Monday. Efficient service in every particular is our aim.

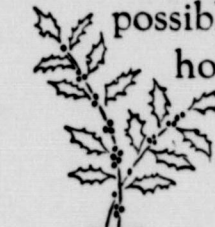
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Laundress and Dry Cleaners
VERNON, TEXAS JESSE H. BARHAM, Solicitor



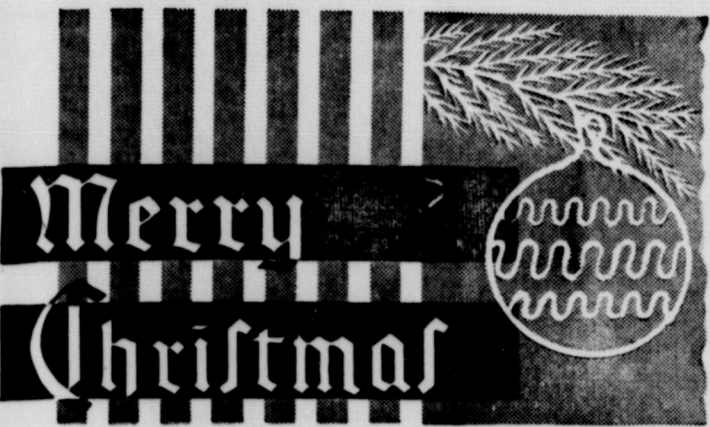
We Hope...

that your home is blessed with all the contentment possible during this holiday season.



We're stopping with a cheery greeting.

Ferguson Drug



May the true joys and blessings of that first Yuletide be yours today—
'Peace on Earth
Good Will Toward Men.'

1948

Beverly Hdw. & Furn. Co.



It's an ideal time to wish for you all the good things in life.

We're delighted to extend this holiday greeting to all our friends.

WEHBA'S CASH GROCERY



All the fragile beauty of a snowflake symbolizes this shimmering season of joy and happiness. May this Christmas be the most joyous of them all.

BIRD'S Dry Goods

Cannon Fire Hails Christmas in Rome

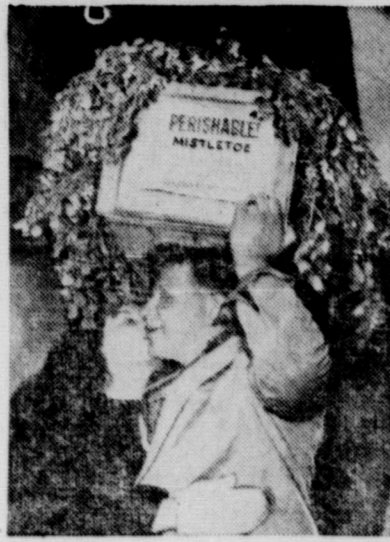
A cannon fired from the historic Castle of San Angelo at sunset on Christmas Eve proclaims the beginning of the Holy Season in Rome. By nine o'clock everyone is in church to witness the colorful and solemn processions of ecclesiastic dignitaries which precede the elaborate midnight Mass.

Since everyone has fasted for twenty-four hours, festive banquets are in order after the religious solemnities. It is a gala after-midnight in Rome: hotels and restaurants remain open, families and friends gather around sumptuous tables in gaily decorated homes; and in anticipation of the festivities, many people attend church dressed in formal attire.

Between Christmas and Epiphany, the Calabrian shepherds—Pifferani—revisit the homes where they were most cordially welcomed during Advent when they came down from the hills to play their Italian bagpipes before the shrines of the Virgin. The Pifferani play for their Advent hosts during the post-Christmas holidays and receive gifts of wine, dried figs, and small sums of money from their hosts.

At a meeting of the hop growers' association at Salem, Oregon, recently it was reported that less beer was being consumed in this country this year than last year, and that as a result the market for hops had dropped 20 cents a pound since last summer.

Last year hunters shot one and one-half million pheasants in S. Dakota.



GOOD JOB . . . How would you like the job of delivering boxes of mistletoe during the Christmas season? Nice work—if you can get it.

Columbus Unlucky On Christmas Eve

America's first Christmas was celebrated by Christopher Columbus. It happened on Christmas eve of the memorable year 1492.

Columbus was planning to observe the Feast of the Nativity with the Indian chieftain, Guacanagari, who ruled over the island of Haiti. Already he had received fine presents from the chief who he believed to be great Khan of Cipango, that fabulous realm of the Orient Columbus mistakenly thought he had found.

But Columbus' plans went wrong. He was so tired from long watches while the Santa Maria cruised the island channels that he retired to his cabin for a nap. While he was sleeping, the next in command also decided to take a rest and went below. The helmsman, as tired as the others, decided that he deserved a rest as much as they and turned the tiller over to a cabin boy.

Abandon Ship.

The worst happened. Within a few minutes the Santa Maria was fast on a reef. The rolling surf drove the ship higher and higher upon the reef and opened her seams. Soon she fell over on her side and the water poured into her hull. Columbus and the crew were forced to seek refuge on his other ship, the Nina.

Early next morning Columbus sent word of the wreck to Chief Guacanagari. Promptly the chief sent a message to Columbus assuring him that he would give him all the assistance possible.

The noble chieftain was better than his word. He assembled a great flotilla of canoes and despatched them to the Santa Maria to bring all its valuables ashore. Amid the cargo the natives saw many things that made their eyes open wide with envy. Yet so strong was their friendship for the white men and so careful Guacanagari's supervision that not a single article was stolen.

Christmas Banquet.

After the last article had been brought ashore, Guacanagari had another plan. His guests had missed Christmas, but there was no reason why Columbus and the men should not enjoy the finest banquet he and his followers could provide.

There was game from the woods, lobster and fish from the sea; and all sorts of tropical fruits and vegetables. A thousand natives danced in Columbus' honor after the feasting and the climax of the cere-



'I WAS A GOOD GIRL ALL YEAR' . . . It looks as though Santa believes her, too. Right now Santa is busy with millions of interviews like this, but he's expected to stay on schedule and arrive here December 25.

monies came when the chief brought out a coronet of gold and placed it upon Columbus' head. There were also presents of gold for the crew.

In the journal which he was keeping for Ferdinand and Isabella, Columbus wrote: "These people love their neighbors as themselves; their discourse is ever sweet and gentle, and accompanied by a smile. I swear to your majesties, there is not in the world a better nation or land."

Secret Gifts Left By St. Nicholas

The story of how St. Nicholas became associated with secret gift-giving, and even today comes covertly at night to leave his presents, is one of the most important in the history of his life.

Once upon a time there was a man with three daughters, all of them wishing to marry, but with no dowry forthcoming. Sorry, indeed, was their plight. Their father had about decided to sell them as slaves, but the good St. Nicholas heard of it, and filling a purse with gold, went quietly by night to their home. Seeing a window open, he threw in the bag of gold and then stole away in the night. This money enabled the eldest daughter to marry. A second and a third time St. Nicholas made the trip and finally all three daughters were married.

After the saint's third trip, the girls' father, who had been watching to see who brought the gifts, ran after St. Nicholas and thanked him for his kindness. St. Nicholas made him promise not to divulge his gift-giving and after that he always deposited his presents so secretly that no one ever saw him. Yet people knew, somehow, that it was he who brought gifts during the night, and so whenever they found a package mysteriously delivered they instantly exclaimed, "St. Nicholas has brought it!"

Nut-Bowl Filled From Many Lands

Nuts from all over the world go into your nut-bowl at Christmas. Like Christmas traditions, the nuts so popular at this time of year are a mixture of many varieties and different histories.

The English walnut, for instance, is not English at all. It originated in Asia centuries ago and was called "the food of the gods."

The round little filbert and the almond came from the Old World. Other nuts, so familiar at Christmas, the hickory nut, the black walnut and the chestnut, to say nothing of the pecan, are strictly American. The pecan is native to America and is found nowhere else. Two other American nuts worthy of mention are the chestnut and the butternut.

Although many nuts originated in other parts of the world, almost every variety known is now grown on American soil and experts are constantly searching for more kinds of nuts to transplant to this country.

The keeping of Christmas or saint's days, and the making of mince pies were illegal in the early Massachusetts and New Haven colonies. The strict religion of the Puritans banned observance of holy days.

Pinball games have been outlawed in Oklahoma by the state criminal Court of Appeals. The judges gave as the reason for their ruling the fact that too much depended upon chance.

Colorado has the highest average elevation of any state in the Union, 6,800 feet.

The state of South Dakota collects \$1,400,000 in game licenses each year.

Have Tree Base Stand In Water

Christmas trees, like flowers, will respond to being kept with the base in the water. Here are two simple things to do if you want your tree to stay green and fresh.

Buy a tree which has been cut as recently as possible.

Cut off the end of the trunk diagonally, at least one inch above the original cut. This will expose a moist surface which will absorb water. Stand the trunk of the tree in water at once, and, if it is not to be taken into the house for several days, keep it in a cool place.

December Dates

There aren't very many famous birthdays during December—too near Christmas! However, a few of history's prominent people were born in December and here they are:

- Dec. 8, Eli Whitney, inventor of the cotton gin.
- Dec. 16, Ludwig von Beethoven.
- Dec. 17, John Greenleaf Whittier.
- Dec. 24, Christopher (Kit) Carson.
- Dec. 27, Louis Pasteur.
- Dec. 28, Woodrow Wilson.
- Dec. 31, Rudyard Kipling.



WHITE HOUSE DOOR . . . If you were having Christmas dinner at the White House this is what you'd see as you approached it.

Almost one-half the people in the world live in southeastern Asia.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Brown Eggs or White? — There's not a bit of difference really! The nutritive value, flavor and cooking performances of brown and white eggs are the same.

Haste Makes Wrinkles—Never store the freshly ironed clothes until they are thoroughly dry. If you do, the clothes will wrinkle and be most unsightly when you get them out to wear.

Cool Shell and Filling—Before

adding meringue to a pie, make sure that both the filling and the shell are completely cool. If the filling is still warm when the meringue is put on, the steam from the filling will condense on the underside of the meringue. This moisture will make the filling too soft and also difficult to cut.

It requires 17 clerks to mail the stamps purchased at the Post-office Department Philatelic Agency in Washington, D. C.

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EDWARDS & CO.
 Wishes Everyone
 A
MERRY CHRISTMAS
 And A
 Happy, Prosperous
NEW YEAR
 1892-1948

NORA and HERBERT EDWARDS



At Christmas-time we want you to know we're grateful for your patronage.

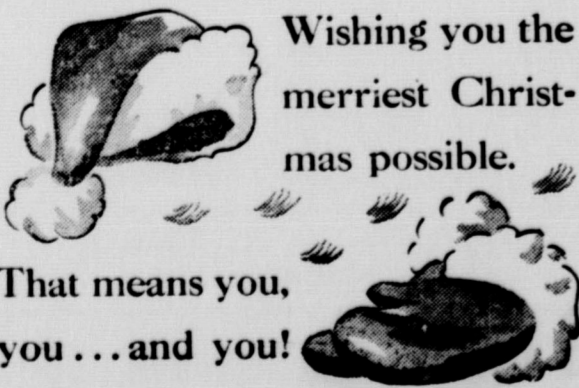


Meason's
Beauty Shop



Merry Christmas

1948



Wishing you the merriest Christmas possible.

That means you, you . . . and you!

Cicero Smith Lumber Co.



Just for a minute, we relive all the joys and raptures of childhood as we behold the bright tinsel and the gay wrappings of the boxes stacked high under the Christmas tree.

May your gift be an assurance that all your most cherished dreams and hopes will be realized—that is our wish for you at this happy Yuletide season.

STOVALL GROCERY

MARGARET

(By Mrs. S. B. Middlebrook)

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Blevins attended a birthday celebration honoring W. T. Blevins in Truscott Sunday.

Mrs. Curtis Bradford returned home Monday after a ten-day visit with her mother, Mrs. Allen, in Tulsa. She also visited in Missouri and Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Ross spent several days last week in Mataro and Olton visiting relatives.

Milt Owens, former resident of this community, died in Amarillo, Wednesday and was buried in the Crowell cemetery Thursday.

Mrs. Cora Barnett and son, Billy, and Mrs. Clark Golden are visiting relatives in Burkett this week.

Mrs. S. B. Middlebrook of Vernon visited her mother, Mrs. W. E. McCurley, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clary Flowers and children of Vernon were Sunday evening visitors in the R. A. Bell home.

Billy Barnett from a Wichita Falls business college, Mary Ray Ayers from Denton, H. C. Payne of Baylor at Waco and H. A. Tay-

lor from A & M are at home for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Haseloff and sons, Gary and Ed, of Quanah visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McCurley, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Bill Bond, Mrs. A. B. Owens and Mrs. J. L. Hunter were Quanah visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Ross and Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Dunn visited Mrs. Jim Owens in the Quanah hospital Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. J. S. Smith and Miss Ruby Smith of Vernon spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Smith and daughter, Gail.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Drabek of Crowell visited their son, Bill Drabek, and family Monday.

Mrs. A. B. Owens and Mrs. Bill Murphy were Vernon visitors Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Elliott and Mr. and Mrs. John L. Hunter were Vernon visitors Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Machac and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Halenak spent Sunday in Quanah.

Several from Thalia attended quarterly conference here Sunday night and heard Rev. T. M.

Johnston preach.

Mrs. Jim Owens was dismissed from the Quanah hospital Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Denton of Crowell visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Murphy Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Choate and daughters, Jeannie and Kay, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Shultz and daughter, Judy, in Thalia.

Mrs. Bill Murphy received a letter from Mrs. Tom White of Gold Hill, Ore., stating their daughter, Evelyn, had married. Mr. White is the son of Tom White Sr., pioneer resident of Foard County, in Thalia.

RIVERSIDE

(By Mrs. Cap Adkins)

Rita Sue Hopkins spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Leo Kidwell and family of Ragland.

Grannie Huntley, who has been ill the past few days, is improved at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Stokes visited Billie Doyle Shultz in the Crowell Hospital Monday afternoon.

Pfe. Rex Whitten, who is stationed in Mississippi, arrived home Monday for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Whitten.

Mrs. Willie McWilliams and sister of Crowell spent Tuesday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Machac Jr., spent Sunday afternoon with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Machac Sr., of Crowell.

T-Sgt. and Mrs. Bert Cerveny of El Paso are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Matus, Sr.

Morris Johnson, a student in Texas University at Austin, arrived home Thursday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Houston Adkins, Rev. W. G. Gilbert and Mrs. W. J. Long of Thalia and Mrs. Ida Duke of Five-in-One visited Grannie Huntley Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Bob Tillery and infant daughter returned to her home at South Vernon Sunday after a week's stay with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cribbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johnson and son, Phil, spent from Monday until Wednesday with Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Brown, and family of Clayton, N. M.

David Haney of Five-in-One spent the week-end with Norman Shultz.

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ANSWERS

1. False. He is leader of the Nationalist forces.
2. True.
3. False. It is a unit of English money.
4. False. Veal comes from a calf.
5. The hand, the head, the heart and the health.
6. False. Peanuts grow on vines below the ground.
7. True.
8. False. It was a chestnut tree.
9. A peacock cannot lay eggs.
10. The flying of food into Berlin made necessary by the Russian blockade.

Cites Tuberculosis As Grave World Health Problem

New York, N. Y., Dec. 10.—Citing tuberculosis as a grave health problem throughout the world, President Harry S. Truman today declared that the American people are in a strategic position to speed the day when this disease can be eradicated.

In a message to the National Tuberculosis Association, President Truman said the American people, through their official health agencies and the voluntary associations affiliated with the NTA, can lead the way to total victory against tuberculosis and urged the use of Christmas Seals to support the work of the voluntary associations.

The sale of Christmas Seals is being conducted now throughout the country and will continue until Christmas to raise funds for the tuberculosis control work of the NTA and its affiliates.

The President's complete statement follows:

"When the World Health Assembly, meeting in Geneva last summer, adopted the program for World Health Organization on a permanent basis, tuberculosis headed the list of world problems. "The emphasis thus placed on

Season's Greetings

Symbolic of the spiritual values of Christmas is the church spire in the distance. Let's not forget this phase of the Season.

Cleo Spears

tuberculosis is a forceful reminder of what a serious menace this infectious disease is throughout the world. Even here in the United States, where the tuberculosis death rate is declining, I am informed that nearly 50,000 people died of tuberculosis last year.

"The American people are in a strategic position to help speed the day when tuberculosis will be eradicated. Through our established organizations—our official health agencies and the voluntary associations affiliated with the National Tuberculosis Association—we can lead the way to total victory against tuberculosis.

"Between now and Christmas, we have an opportunity again to demonstrate our support of the tuberculosis control work of the voluntary associations by the use of Christmas Seals."

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ALL CHRISTMAS TOYS
and Seasonable Goods

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

BEN FRANKLIN

Frances and Dick Davis

SEASON'S GREETINGS

We want to thank you for your patronage during the past and desire to serve you with the best of groceries in the future.

Wishing you a Merry, Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year.

WISHON GROCERY

1948 BEST WISHES FOR

Christmas

Cheerily we add our voice to the many happy ones raised in the wish...
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

FISCH'S
"THE STORE WITH THE GOODS"

IRVING FISCH BOB GOBIN
HAZEL THOMAS RUTH COLE

Greetings

As the Spirit of Christmas unfolds itself over the countryside, we add our greetings and best wishes of the season.

A Christmas of joy and contentment; of peace, good cheer and happiness—that is our wish for you and yours this joyous Yuletide season.

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MONROE GROCERY and Wayne Greening's Market

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COTTONSEED PRODUCTION

Austin, Texas, Nov. 29.—Cottonseed received at Texas mills totaled 314,931 tons in October, a 29 per cent rise from September levels, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reported.

Compared with October 1947, cottonseed receipts were down 16 per cent.

Cottonseed crushed, totaling 170,869 tons, climbed 37 per cent above September and 8 per cent above October, 1947.

The Bureau's index of cottonseed crushed, adjusted for seasonal variation, slid 2 per cent from September to October to 84 per cent of the prewar (1935-39) base period.

ATTENTION, NEW EMPLOYEES

Have you shown your social security card to your employer so that he can record your correct name and account number? If not, be sure to show him your social security card, as he must include your name and number, as shown on your social security card, in the quarterly tax report to the Government that he files in January for the last three months of 1948. If you don't show your card to your employer, you may deprive yourself of future benefits, because old-age and survivors insurance benefits are based upon the Social Security Administration's record of wages as reported by your employers under your name and social security number.

Most of the batons used by orchestra directors in this country are produced by Isaac Cary who turns out around 10,000 of them a year.

Special Prices on Food THROUGH SATURDAY JANUARY 1, 1949

HONEY White Swan lb jar	25c	Cranberry Sauce No. 300 can	23c
CHERRIES Concho No. 2 can	29c	PEACHES Whole spiced No. 2 1/2	45c
Sweet Potatoes No. 2 1/2 can	23c	FRUIT COCKTAIL No. 2 1/2 can	39c
JELLO Six Flavors 2 pkgs.	15c	Luncheon Peas White Swan	23c
PUMPKIN White Swan No. 2 can	14c	Whole Stringless Beans No 2 can	19c
ALMONDS Peerless lb.	37c	COFFEE White Swan 1 lb.	52c
PECANS Soft Shell lb.	33c	FLOUR Gold Medal 5 lbs.	45c
WALNUTS Diamond lb.	45c	CORN White Swan No. 2 can	23c
DATES Black Palm pitted pkg	29c	Mince Meat , White Swan 9 oz.	17c
Salad Dressing White Swan pt.	39c	CHERRIES Red Maraschino	39c

MEATS		VEGETABLES	
SUGAR CURED BACON	59c	CELERY Crisp large	19c
CURED HAMS 8 to 10 lbs.	59c	LETTUCE Firm Heads	12c
PURE PORK SAUSAGE	49c	CRANBERRIES lb.	25c
CHUCK ROAST	55c	POTATOES 10 lbs.	47c
BACON Fancy Sliced	63c	YAMS pound	8c
HENS Fresh Dressed	59c	Plenty of Christmas Fruit	

Wishon's Grocery and Market
THE PLACE WHERE YOUR \$ DOLLAR BUYS THE MOST!

"The Best Years of Our Lives" at Rialto Jan. 5-3

A star-studded cast offers a brilliant interpretation of Samuel Goldwyn's Academy Award winning drama, "The Best Years of Our Lives" develops in highly vivid form the emotional experiences encountered, each with its own crisis, by three men and the women they love. Top-billed in the picture are Myrna Loy, Frederic March, Dana Andrews, Teresa Wright, Virginia Mayo and Hoagy Carmichael. Cathy O'Donnell, new Goldwyn discovery, is featured.

March finds a bank vice-presidency waiting for him, in addition to his lovely wife, (Miss Loy), and his daughter, Peggy (Miss Wright). He is not all the popular conception of a banker, being a fun-loving individual with somewhat broad-minded views about loans to ex-servicemen.

Andrews returns to his wife, (Miss Mayo), who married him when he was a young Air Force captain. During peace time he had been a soda clerk, and, failing to find anything better, is forced to go back to his old job. This alienates his flighty, gold-digging wife, and she turns her interest to other men. The neglected veteran proceeds to fall in love with the independent daughter of the March-Loy couple, providing them with their knottiest problem.

The third social dilemma is played by Harold Russell, as a handless war veteran who comes home to his sweetheart, (Cathy O'Donnell), and hesitates to ask the girl to marry him.

Frederic March and Myrna Loy have much humorous work to relieve the more serious requirements of their roles. Another role on the lighter side is that of Carmichael, in real life, popular as a pianist.

\$50 Prize Offered in Junior Historian Writing Contest, 1949

Austin, Texas—A special prize of \$50 is being awarded in the Junior Historian Writing Contest for 1949 for the best paper dealing with the history of some business enterprise, preferably one that has been significant in a Texas community for a number of years.

The contest is sponsored by the Texas State Historical Association. This special contest has been created with the hope of interesting students in the little-explored field of business history.

Some enterprises suggested are: banks, drug stores, grocery stores, merchandising enterprises, printing and publishing establishments, shoe shops, garages, service stations, and trucking firms.

"Any boy or girl in Texas under twenty-one years of age may become eligible for competition," stated H. Bailey Carroll, editor of "The Junior Historian," the magazine of the Association which is written almost exclusively by young Texans.

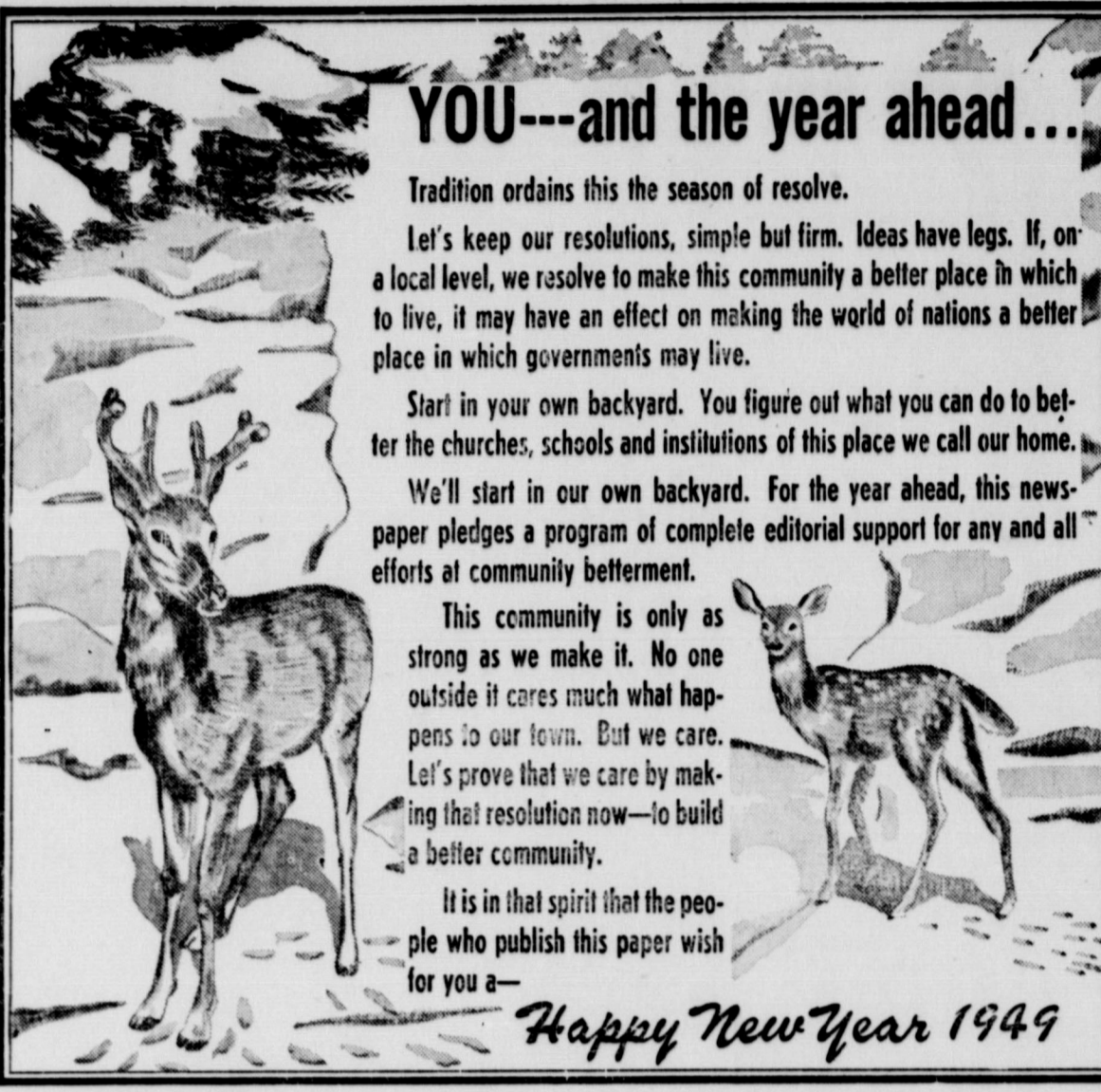
April 1, 1949, is announced as the closing date of the contest. All interested are invited to write for further information to Box 2131, University Station, Austin 12, Texas.

The greatest mistake you can make in this life is to be continually fearing you will make one.—Elbert Hubbard.

Amelia Jenks Bloomer designed bloomers as a reform in women's clothing.

A foot pound is the amount of energy required to raise one pound one foot.

He who talks much says many foolish things.—Cornelle.



YOU---and the year ahead....

Tradition ordains this the season of resolve.

Let's keep our resolutions, simple but firm. Ideas have legs. If, on a local level, we resolve to make this community a better place in which to live, it may have an effect on making the world of nations a better place in which governments may live.

Start in your own backyard. You figure out what you can do to better the churches, schools and institutions of this place we call our home.

We'll start in our own backyard. For the year ahead, this newspaper pledges a program of complete editorial support for any and all efforts at community betterment.

This community is only as strong as we make it. No one outside it cares much what happens to our town. But we care. Let's prove that we care by making that resolution now—to build a better community.

It is in that spirit that the people who publish this paper wish for you a—

Happy New Year 1949



Merry Christmas

It's a real pleasure to extend these greetings to you.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Hughston Insurance Agency

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RIALTO THEATRE
Crowell, Texas

IN THE NEWS 30 YEARS AGO

News items below were taken from the issue of the Foard County News of Dec. 27, 1918:

Although 1918 has been considered a dry year the Government gauge at the First State Bank has recorded 20.68 inches. January, 1.50; Feb., .58; March, 1.27; April, 1.11; May, .10; June, 2.82; July, .47; August, .20; Sept., 2.91; Oct., 4.93; Nov., .95; Dec., 2.83.

The public school will re-open Monday, Dec. 30, after having been closed since Nov. 11 on account of the influenza epidemic.

C. B. Williams and family of Memphis are here spending the holidays with relatives and many friends.

Miss Alice Hampton and Fay Barry were in town this week visiting friends.

George Wells came in Sunday from Camp Mabry bearing an honorable discharge from the Army.

Mrs. C. W. Thompson and children left Sunday for Pilot Point to spend Christmas with her parents.

Mrs. M. O'Connell and little daughter, Elizabeth, left Monday for Burk Burnett to visit Mr. O'Connell and Bryan.

Miss Una Self came in Saturday from Waco where she is a student in Baylor University.

Bax Johnson came in Friday from Dallas where he has been attending Powell Training School.

Miss Floy Cheek came in Saturday from Dallas.

Miss Litha Crews returned home Saturday from Ft. Worth where she is a student in Polytechnic College.

Miss Maye Klepper came in Sunday from Dallas where she has been employed by the Texas Co., since completing a stenographic course.

Mrs. A. S. Hart and little son, Jim Allee, left Sunday for their home in Rockwood.

Periodicals arrive at the Library of Congress in Washington, D. C., at the rate of 17,000 a month.

THE Foard County News

T. B. KLEPPER, Owner-Editor

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Crowell, Texas, Dec. 23, 1948



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Six Months	\$1.25
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One Year	\$2.50

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VETERANS' QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. Are the widower and children of a woman veteran entitled to pension at her death?

A. Under present laws, a widower is not entitled, but surviving children may be entitled to pension.

Q. May pension or compensation payments, accruing to a veteran and unpaid at the time of his death, be awarded to the widow, children or dependent parents?

A. Yes, in the order named. If it is not paid to one of these persons, it may be payable to the person paying the expenses of the last sickness and burial.

Q. My son was killed in action during World War II. Am I entitled to compensation?

A. You are entitled to compensation, provided dependency can be shown. Dependency will be held to exist if you do not have sufficient income to provide reasonable maintenance for yourself and your family.

Q. While in the Army, I had a dependency allowance for my mother. I am now attending school under Public Law 346. Is

it necessary for me to re-establish dependency of my mother?

A. Yes. For further details, contact your local Veterans Administration office.

When she was assigned to the draft board away back in 1943, Miss Olive Fulton, a draft board clerk at Liberal, Kansas, made repeated efforts to secure an electric fan for her office from the government. When the draft board closed its office at the end of the war she still had not received her fan. Last August the draft board was reactivated and Miss Fulton again became clerk, and last week she received a package from the government—on one of the coldest days since the board resumed work. It contained an electric fan.

61 per cent of the 6,000 workers in the Bureau of Engraving in Washington, D. C., are women.

The great art of learning is to understand but little at a time.—John Locke.

Stay at home in your mind. Don't recite other people's opinions.—R. W. Emerson.

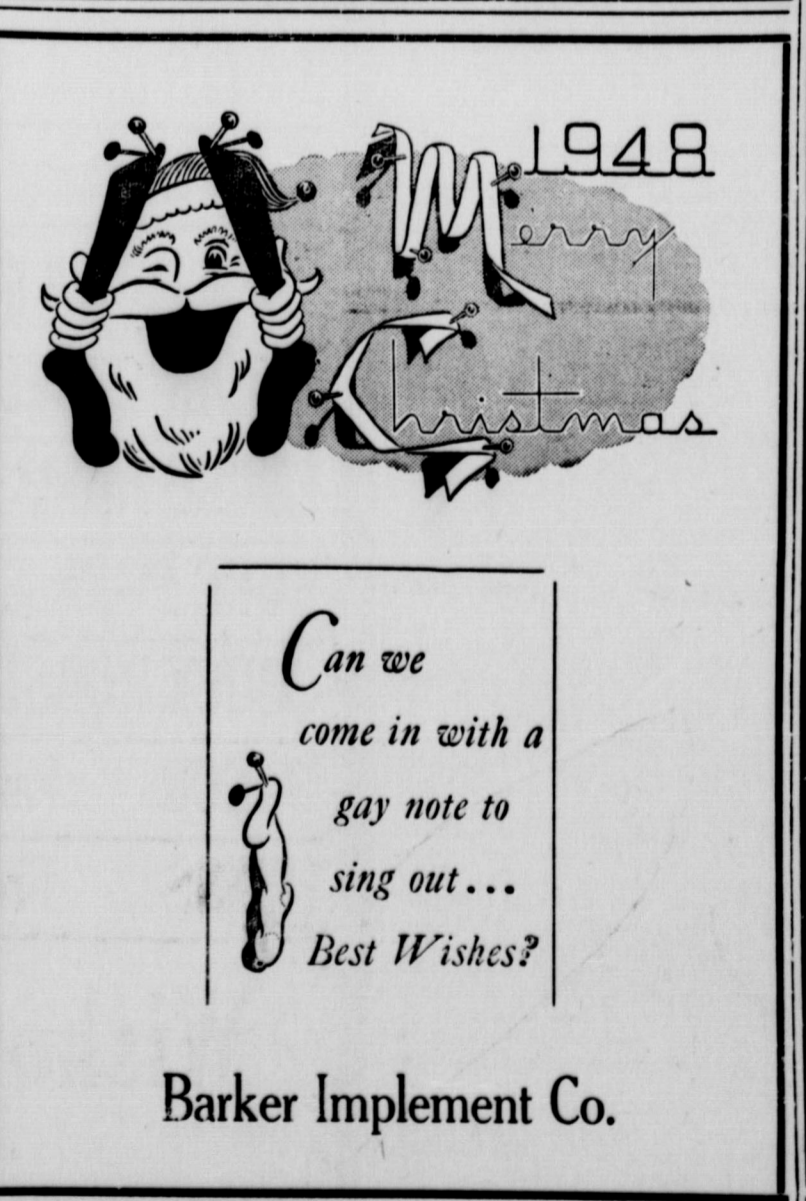
Habit is the deepest law of human nature.—Thomas Carlyle.



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OF YOU

1948

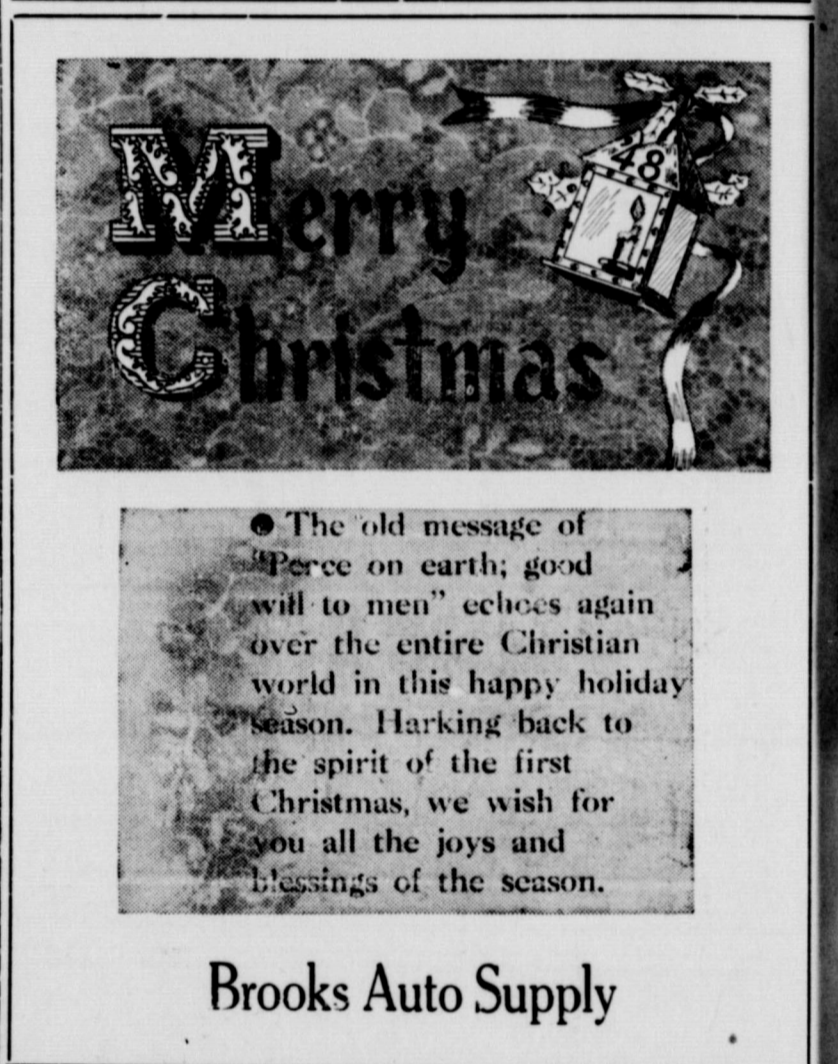
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1948 Merry Christmas

Can we come in with a gay note to sing out... Best Wishes?

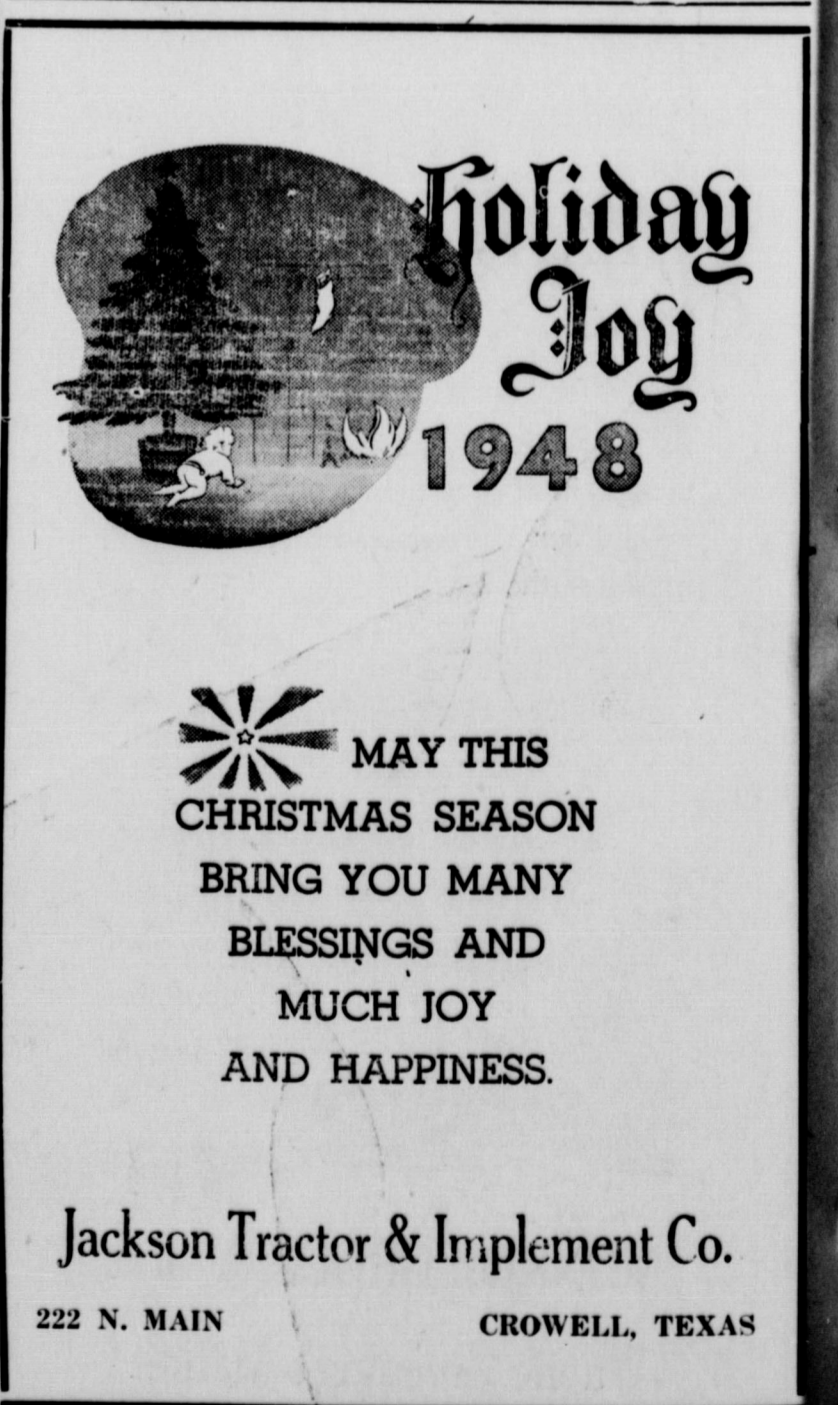
Barker Implement Co.



Merry Christmas

The old message of "Peace on earth; good will to men" echoes again over the entire Christian world in this happy holiday season. Harking back to the spirit of the first Christmas, we wish for you all the joys and blessings of the season.

Brooks Auto Supply



Holiday Joy 1948

MAY THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON BRING YOU MANY BLESSINGS AND MUCH JOY AND HAPPINESS.

Jackson Tractor & Implement Co.
222 N. MAIN CROWELL, TEXAS



Merry Christmas

"OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS!" WE HOPE YOU HAVE ONE, AND THAT THE THOUGHT OF SUCH A DAY BRINGS YOU A FLOOD OF HAPPY MEMORIES.

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A COMPLETE BUILDING SERVICE

LOCALS

George Carter of Quanah visited the week-end in the home of mother, Mrs. Pearl Carter.

Ready of money to loan on liberal pre-payment privilege. No charge for title examination. See us. — Roberts-Bev-Abstract Co. 35-tfc

For Rent — 4-room house with bath. All modern with hardwood floors.—Monroe Grocery. 22-1tc

Miss Ruth Barker, who is attending a business college in Dallas, is at home for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Dora Ryan of Wellington visited her son, Forrest Ryan, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Jake Tarter and son, Jack, also of Wellington visited Mr. Ryan.

Glass table tops or shelves cut and polished any shape or size.—Brooks Auto Supply. 22-2tc

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Franks of Lubbock are visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Magee.

Mrs. Cassie Sheivers has returned from Monday where she has been on professional duty as a nurse for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. James O'Hair of Chicago, Ill., are here to spend Christmas in the home of her father, H. C. Roark.

Mrs. Belle McKown left Wednesday morning for Port Neches to spend the holidays in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Wachsmuth, and family.

C. D. Campbell, a student at the University of Texas, is spending the holidays in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Campbell.

Bill Bruce arrived at home Tuesday to spend the holidays in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Bruce. He is a student at the University of Texas.

Bob Edwards, a student at Texas A & M College is spending the holidays in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Edwards.

Miss Sharon Haney, who attends Texas Tech in Lubbock, is at home for the Christmas holidays in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Haney.

Hugh Haynes, a student at Georgetown University, is here to spend the Christmas holidays in the home of his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Aubrey Haynes.

Bob and Bill Cooper, students at Texas Tech in Lubbock, are here to spend the holidays in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Cooper.

Automotive glass, Regulators, tape and candle cut for your car at Brooks Auto Supply. 22-2tc

Ray Brown left Wednesday to spend the Christmas holidays in the home of his mother, Mrs. Travis Brown and family, in Baton Rouge, La.

Miss Betty Seale, who attends the University of Texas, arrived at home Tuesday night to spend the Christmas holidays in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Seale.

Ladies—protect your furniture with glass tops. We cut glass tops for any size or shape table or furniture tops.—Brooks Auto Supply. 22-2tc

Capt. and Mrs. Tommie Johnson and daughter, Billie Kay, of Monterey, Calif., are here to spend the Christmas holidays in the home of Mrs. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Brown.

Too Late To Classify

FOR RENT—100 acres farming land for money rent. — G. W. Wright. 21-2tp

FOR RENT—5-room house with bath. All modern with hardwood floors.—Monroe Grocery. 22-1tc

NOTICE

The City Hall office will be closed from noon on Friday, Dec. 24 until Monday morning, Dec. 27.

W. H. MOYER, Mayor. 22-1tc

Earl Moody of Lewistown, Mont., is here spending a few days visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Mary Edna Norman, student in Texas Tech at Lubbock, is at home to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Norman.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Erwin of Denton are here visiting in the homes of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Erwin and Mr. and Mrs. Pat McDaniel, and will stay through the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Bert Self left Wednesday for Newport Beach, Calif., to visit during the holidays with her daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. T. P. Reeder, and their small son, T. P. Reeder IV.

Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey Dockins and two children of Tacoma, Wash., are here to spend the holidays with relatives. They are accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Griggs of Jerome, Ariz., parents of Mrs. Dockins.

Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Phillips and daughter of Houston are here for the Christmas holidays visiting his mother, Mrs. A. C. Hinkle, and his two sisters, Mrs. E. M. Cox and Mrs. Charlie Hinkle. They will also visit her sister, Mrs. F. A. Trayloe, of Wheeler.

Miss Elizabeth Elliott, a former Foard County Home Demonstration Agent, now in the insurance business in Lubbock. Her address is Box 1616, Lubbock. She recently submitted to an operation and while making satisfactory recovery, had to give up teaching. She states that she still loves Foard County and the people here.

Miss Mary Ragland Thompson of Commerce arrived at home Saturday evening to spend the holidays in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Thompson. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Thompson Jr. and baby son, Tommie, of Austin and Mr. and Mrs. Crockett Fox of Dallas arrived Wednesday and will visit through the holidays in the Thompson home and with other relatives and friends.

Bob Cooper and Bill Cooper, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Cooper, both of whom are students at Texas Tech at Lubbock, have been selected as members of the Wesley Student Association Council for the year, 1948-49, according to a release from the Council's publicity chairman. The Council represents the college department of the First Methodist Church in Lubbock. It is under the direction of Rev. and Mrs. Cecil R. Matthews, former Foard County residents.

The National Archery Association estimates there are 500,000 archers in the United States.

Only a life lived for others is a life worth living.—Albert Einstein.

Junior Adelpian Club Entertains Mothers at Tea

The Sub-Junior Adelpian Club entertained their mothers and the officers of the Adelpian Club at a pretty tea on December 15, in the home of Mrs. Merl Kincaid. A welcome was given by Betty Barker, president of the Sub-Junior club, and Christmas carols were sung by the group, amid a beautiful array of Christmas decorations. Marcia Kincaid played a piano solo, "Christmas Eve"; Rodyn Self, accompanied by Bobbie Abston, played a violin solo, "White Christmas" and Joline Lanier told a Christmas story, "The Little Hunchback."

The guests were invited into the dining room where seasonal refreshments were served.

Thos. W. Williams Weds Miss Polk in Belton on Dec. 12

Miss Joan Polk, daughter of Mrs. Mary Polk, of Belton, and Thomas Wilson Williams, son of Mrs. Weldon Cogdell of Belton and Quannah, were married Sunday morning at 9 o'clock in a double ring ceremony at the Baptist parsonage in Belton, with the pastor of the church officiating.

The bride wore a blue gazarine suit and a pink hat and carried a flower arrangement of pink carnations on a prayer book. She also carried a handkerchief which had been carried by her sister and her sister-in-law at their weddings. She wore a single strand of pearls brought from Japan by the bridegroom's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams are making their home in Belton.


Surprise Birthday Dinner Given for Mrs. D. B. Traweck

Mrs. R. J. Owens and Mrs. Harry Traweck gave a surprise birthday dinner honoring Mrs. D. B. Traweck at the D. B. Traweck home on Antelope Flat, Dec. 15, 1948.


The lovely pink and white cake was decorated with 62 candles and carried out the birthday theme. Many lovely gifts were brought.

All Mr. and Mrs. Traweck's children were present except Mrs. L. D. Cogdell of Albany, Texas, and all brought a covered dish. Those present included Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Owens of Vernon; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Rutherford and children, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Traweck and children and Dick Traweck, all of Truscott; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Traweck, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Callaway and children, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Owens, all of Foard City; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Traweck and children of Crowell, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Traweck and children of Lockney.

Sonja Henie, once repeated one of her skating numbers 32 times before the movie camera, before she was satisfied with it.




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A Merry Christmas to you. And that's a wish we'd like to shout to the uttermost parts of the earth. But right now, we'll be content to tell you quietly and very sincerely that we hope this Christmas will bring you the peace and serenity that you deserve.

WHITE TRUCKING
CLINT and MATTIE PAGE



TO WISH YOU
A generous share of blessings
And May the New Year
Bring You Ever
Increasing Happiness


Kincheloe Motor Company



CHRISTMAS JOY
1948

We sing out the gay greeting...
HAPPY HOLIDAY!

SHIRLEY-YOUREE DRUG
AND EMPLOYEES



As we eagerly await the coming of this all-important event, Christmas, we want to take inventory of ourselves to see if there are some ways in which we can improve the scope of our service to our friends.

It is our aim to improve our usefulness in every way possible for the benefit of our customers. In setting this policy as our goal for the coming year, we are remembering your kindnesses during the past year.

May we extend our heartfelt thanks to each of you and wish you all the joys of a happy Yuletide.

A JOYOUS NOEL

FOARD COUNTY MILL
HUBERT BROWN



WE HOPE YOUR HOLIDAY OVERFLOWS WITH YULETIDE JOY AND HAPPINESS.

Leo Spencer
Nelson Olphant

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CHRISTMAS
Message



THE SEASON'S GREETINGS AND ALL GOOD WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

May you have, on every day of the New Year, the same happiness which we are sure will be yours on Christmas day.

TEXAS NATURAL GAS COMPANY

THE CROWELL HIGH SCHOOL WILDCAT

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CHRISTMAS

As the day of Christmas approaches, the thoughts of people are turning to the story of the birth of Christ. Christmas means the feast of Christ, a holiday or feast in honor of Christ. Seems like most people hear the beautiful story of Christ's birth and then all they remember of it is the giving of gifts, which is a nice way to show someone you like him and appreciate his friendship but is too often just plain bribery. Everyone seems to remember the part about the feast in the word Christmas and forget the word Christ. A feast is an ancient and honorable way to celebrate a great day, but on Christmas day we should try more than ever to share the many good things we have with those who are less fortunate, a contribution of money or food and clothing to the needy in our own land or to those in foreign lands would help us to share with others. This Christmas of peace in our land, uncertain as the peace may be, we can look back and remember

the Christmases of the war years and give thanks to God that we are not at war.

CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS

The Christmas holidays are celebrated in different ways in different lands. In Sweden, Yuletide celebration begins on Dec. 16 in honor of the medieval Saint Lucia, who gave her dowry to the needy. On Christmas Eve the Swedish holidays end with a big feast. The menu includes jellied codfish, spiced wine, and rice pudding with almonds. If any rice is left over, it is considered bad luck, consequently enough rice for one serving apiece is cooked. After dinner the gifts are opened and everyone shouts Godjul! (Merry Christmas.)

In Finland Santa Claus is called Father Christmas. There he wears a fur coat instead of a red one. The main dish of the Christmas feast is "stockfish" which is made of dried cod, boiled with allspice and peppercorns. Finnish breads and rice pudding complete the feast. The one who finds an al-

mond in his rice will be married within a year. Father Christmas arrives after dinner and distributes his gifts.

In France the festivities include a gay holiday supper and the burning of the yule log. At midnight a bell rings and each member of the family lights a candle. There is a French legend that the Christmas tree stands for humanity, the candles for people, and the star at the top represents the baby Jesus watching over all.

QUESTION: WHAT'S IN THE WILDCAT THIS WEEK? USUAL ANSWER: NOTHING IS THERE EVER?

What is behind this question and answer? Do the students of CHS honestly believe that the Wildcat needs improving? We believe they do. Working on the staff we can also see where the improvements are needed. We do not agree that there is never anything in the paper, but we do know that sometimes it surely is hard to find news. Students like to see articles on their activities in the paper, but how is news going to be printed if the reporters have not heard about it? They are kept pretty busy and they usually get the news, but some of it gets by. One thing that makes it hard to put out a good paper is the reporters who turn in good work when they do write but who are too busy to help very often.

WHY CHS NEEDS A CLEAN-UP WEEK

Ever heard of a paper chase? Well, the campus of CHS looks as if several had been held on it. There are candy wrappers, notebook papers, and other bits of trash scattered about the grounds. For just a touch of originality one will sometimes see a Coke bottle or the broken remains of one. Inside the gym the situation is also very bad. But the worst part about this trash on the campus and in the gym is that there are no facilities provided for the students to throw waste paper and trash into. There are wastebaskets in the classrooms, but wastebaskets are also needed on the campus and in the gym.

Writing your name on the walls in the hall and entrance of the building may be interesting to you and a few immediate friends, but it is of no interest to strangers who visit our school. Rather than being attractive, these names detract from the beauty of our building. After all, what does it matter to the students two or three years from now who went with whom in 1948 or who was a sophomore or senior? Why don't we have a clean-up campaign and scrub the walls of CHS until they shine? Let's make our school a more beautiful place in which to spend seven hours a day, five days a week.

FRESHMAN STYLE SHOW IN HOMEMAKING DEPARTMENT

The first year homemaking class held its annual style show Thursday afternoon, December 16 during the fifth period. The style show was given in the Homemaking Department before an audience of mothers and friends.

Mrs. Lewis Sloan served as judge for the contest. She selected winning dresses on the sewing and suitability of the dresses to the wearers. There were four classes: highly superior, superior, excellent and good.

In the place of highly superior, the following girls' dresses placed: Essie Franklin, Maurine Youree, Barbara White and Bertha Johnson. Superior: Neva Lou Potts, Jane Bruce, Eva Rae Geaslin and Camille Todd. Excellent: Nettie Black, Elba Caddell, Melba Ward and Lucille Carroll. Good: Lois Centry, Virginia Rallsback, Mary Bergt and Norma Jean Matthews.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU!

The Wildcat Staff and Mrs. Sloan, our sponsor, want to use this last opportunity before the holidays to wish a Merry Christmas to the faculty, the student body and the many, many people who have been so helpful to CHS.

A. B. C.'S OF CHS

- Alert—Joline Lanier.
- Bashful—Wayne Brown.
- Dashing—Dalton Biggerstaff.
- Efficient—Faye Jones.
- Fun—Rouse Todd.
- Giggles—Tommy Meason.
- Handsome—Clifford Ohr.
- Impish—Jerry Culbertson.
- Jolly—Julia Rose Johnson.
- Kind—Rondyn Self.
- Loquacious—Mary Johnson.
- Musical—Bobby Abston.
- Nonchalant—Christine Hanks.
- Ordeal—Mid-term tests.
- Pretty—Peggy Evans.
- Quiet—Jimmy Rasberry.
- Rascal—Don Wilkins.
- Short—Jean Gamble.
- Tall—Marion Gobin.
- Useless—Blackie White.
- Xcellent—Myrtle Bartley.
- Yarns—Coach Whitaker.
- Z—You name it, we can't.

LATE AND IMPORTANT

C. H. S.
Dec. 20, 1948

Dear Mr. Black:
Are you ready for Santa Claws? Be sure to leave some cake on the kitchen table for him. Also don't forget his reindeer. Put some hay on top of the house since they can't eat cake.
Sincerely Yours,
The Seniors.

CROWELL BEATS SEYMOUR

On Friday night, Dec. 17, the Crowell Wildcats basketball team journeyed to Seymour for their

last conference game before the Christmas holidays.

The two teams kept about even during the first half with neither team being over four points ahead at a time. The score at half-time was 10-10.

After Seymour scored four quick points, the Crowell team found the range, caught up and finally went ahead to stay. The last quarter was just a matter of Seymour's trying to catch up. Billy Earl "Willy" Lynch was high point man for the Wildcats. Seymour's high point man was Parks with 13 points.

Rouse Todd and J. P. Bartley also deserve some of the honor as they kept Seymour's "basket twins," Styles and Reeves from scoring consistently.

HASKELL TOURNAMENT

Journeying to Haskell last Thursday night, the Crowell Wildcats played their first game in the Haskell tournament. Although the weather was cold, the Wildcats seemed to be ready for action, for they defeated Goree by the score of 42-26. The "B" team played most of the game.

Saturday afternoon at 5:30 in the same gym Crowell again turned on the heat defeating the Monday Moguls 38-22 with the "B" team playing every minute except the first three.

That night at 9 o'clock playing in the finals for the championship of the tournament against Seymour, a team they had defeated Friday night by four points, the Wildcats had the battle of their lives beating them 46-44.

The Seymour Panthers were ahead of Crowell at the end of the first half 25-11. Coach Whitaker sent in his reserves about two minutes after the second half had started. The Seymour coach immediately did the same thing. Crowell then pulled within ten points of Seymour and Seymour's first team then went back in. Following suit, Coach Whitaker did the same.

Crowell tied the game up shortly after and even went ahead once but Seymour tied and was ahead by four points with three minutes left to play.

Fighting furiously to get back into the game, the Wildcats surged into a tie and with only seconds left and managed to get ahead. Seymour had scarcely thrown the ball in when the game ended and Crowell had won.

There was no outstanding player for Crowell for any of the games for each player in his own way was outstanding.

This was the first tournament won by Crowell in several years, although Crowell has come home with consolation awards from the last three in which it has entered.

WILDCAT PURRS

The spirit of gaiety prevails over all as our cherished holidays near.

Jerry Culbertson and Billy Lynch were really going to town Sunday afternoon. Books and grapes were flying everywhere. Who will win the race—Maurine Youree or Jean Gamble? May the best woman win!

Seen making the rounds Saturday night were none other than Betty Brock and Presley Thomson. We wonder who "Smoky" Todd

has his big brown eyes set on. (Pd. Adv.)

THIS AND THAT:

From all reports Jean Gamble had a good time coming home from Vernon Saturday night.

Faye Jones was seen with Billy Bond after the dance last Tuesday night.

Joyce Smith, Josephine Halenck and Peggy Eavenson had some visitors from Wichita Falls last Monday night.

Fay and Jean didn't have much fun playing cards last Friday nite, did you, girls?

Seems as if there were a lot of lonesome girls Saturday night—the boys were at Haskell.

We hear Myra Don is "toting the torch" for a certain Richard Compton.

Congratulations to one of our ex-class mates, Martha Schlagal. She is now Mrs. Howard Snails. HAS ANYBODY ELSE?

Wondered why Blackie White is called Wiggles?

Wondered what "Dear Santa" was going to bring them?

Wondered if the volley ball girls will win a game this year? Wished they didn't have to drop algebra for commercial arithmetic.

Wondered who goes by the nick name of "Cute-e-zon" and "Mama-zon"?

Dreaded mid-term exams? Couple of the week go to Mr.

and Mrs. Santa Claus. SONG DEDICATIONS

J. P. to Joline—Sleepy Time Gal.

Pat Rhodes to Mike—Please Don't Leave Me Broken Hearted.

Martha Ohr to Bob—I Love You So Much It Hurts.

Sherman McBeath to Reba Bartley—You're All I Want for Christmas.

Jimmy R. about Betty B.—Stars in His Eyes.

F. L. to Jean G.—Don't Flirt with Me.

Presley to Betty Lou—How'd You Like to Be My Poodle.

"Butch" to CHS—Merry Christmas!

Be seen' you next year, THE CAT'S TAIL.

In a recent experiment in the use of DDT as a cattle spray to eliminate flies, records were kept on 7000 head in one area in Kansas. It was reported that due to the protection offered by spraying the cattle showed an average gain of 40 pounds per head or \$8.00 a head in terms of profits, which produced a total of \$56,000 in additional income.

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Greetings and good resolutions

The men and women who furnish your telephone service join in wishing you a really happy 1949. Along with our good wishes go New Year's resolutions made in good faith, to be kept:

1. We shall continue to do everything possible to maintain service at peak efficiency during the next year.
2. We shall continue to expand service as fast as continued material shortages permit.
3. As always, we shall keep "courtesy" and "friendliness" as watchwords for our service.

Southwestern Associated Telephone Co.

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"Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound."

May the jovial gent leave a bag full of all good things for you this happy holiday season.

HAYS FOOD MARKET
Mr. and Mrs. Weldon E. Hays and Max

Merry Christmas
FORTY-EIGHT

Once again, as the glow of the holiday season envelops the land, we extend our friendliest greetings and warmest wishes for a joyous Yuletide season.

Southside Cafe

Christmas Joy

1948

When Santa sneaks in, we trust he will leave a sack brimful of all good things for you

BROWN GROCERY
Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Brown
Thalia, Texas

Merry Christmas

and a HAPPY NEW YEAR

ON CHRISTMAS DAY may the companionship of friends and family make your home happy and gay. Your friends and neighbors at the West Texas Utilities Company wish the best of everything for you and yours. We hope that during the coming year our service will in some way make each new day more pleasant.

Reddy Kilowatt
YOUR ELECTRIC SERVANT.



A Kansas couple appeared before Judge Franklin Hettenger Hutchinson, the other day waiting for a couple to be married. They explained that the reason for desiring the wedding was that all plans for the wedding had been made, the chairs were set, a cake baked and a dinner made. The latter, it was explained, would spoil if it was not used at once. The judge, being of a sympathetic nature and of an economical turn of mind, consented to the wedding and granted his commission for the wedding.

Weekly Sermon

"The House of the Righteous Shall Stand" by Mrs. Frances Youngren, Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.

Educators, statesmen, and all thinking men and women are agreed that the home is the foundation of all human society, and all our relationships in life have their roots in the home. The destiny and greatness of America lie around the hearthstone.

When God said, "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and they shall be one flesh," He instituted the first home on earth, and He, Jehovah God Himself, planned, prepared, and visited it. "What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder." Yet the broken home becomes more common and the divorce rates continue to rise. How can destruction be averted and the home made to stand?

"The house of the righteous shall stand," says Solomon. But who are the righteous. The prophet Isaiah says, "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags" (Isa. 64:6). From the pen of the apostle Paul we read, "There is none righteous, no, not one" (Rom. 3:10).

Who are the righteous then? Those who put their trust and faith in Jesus Christ, who is their righteousness. "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (II Cor. 5:21). "But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness" (Rom. 4:5).

"The house of the righteous shall stand," says Solomon. Do you and your home fit in this category?

Around \$2,400,000 worth of new issue stamps are sold to stamp collectors each year by the Post Office Department's Philatelic Agency in Washington, D.C.

The Red Cross estimates that 93 per cent of the 80,000,000 persons who go swimming each year are not swimmers.



By JESSIE WEST

AMY looked out at the bright day and was about to decide it was the loveliest New Year's Eve she'd seen in years when she saw Clarabelle Carter crossing the street; and then she thought the day wasn't lovely at all.

She could hear Clarabelle talking to Mille as she had that day in the store when she'd been standing behind shelves lined with groceries deliberately eavesdropping.

"I do declare, it does look like Amy Wells could get someone," Clarabelle had said. "I suppose she'll die an old maid."

Clarabelle hadn't said anything degrading of course. But from that moment forward, Amy had wondered if people generally didn't assume that old maids just couldn't find any takers.

She took her eyes from the window and Clarabelle going down the street to look at her reflection in the dresser mirror. At almost forty-five, she didn't think she was being egotistical in appraising herself as actually looking thirty-five. She had very little gray in her dark hair, and the faint lines on her face were unnoticeable against the startling blue of her eyes and general prettiness of her features.

There'd been a time when she reigned as the most popular girl at Obane; she'd been pictured in the college year-book as "the girl all men want but only one can have."

Of course Clarabelle and the populace of Donovan, a little town of three thousand, didn't know these things.

Amy looked out the window again, and not seeing Clarabelle on the street now, the day resumed some



By HELYN CONNELLY

BETTY JANE threw her purse at a chair and sat down heavily on the bed.

She wore her father's shirt and her brother's blue jeans, a costume she adopted a year before with Woody Anderson's permission.

"What's the matter, dear?" She jumped as the words cut the silence, but she didn't turn. She didn't want her mother to know anything was amiss—not yet, anyway. And then suddenly the tears came, like angry flood waters bursting through a barrier, unable to be restrained any longer.

Mrs. Miller was careful to keep a straight face as she wiped her 16-year-old daughter's face with her handkerchief. "Why, dear? Did Lance upset you?"

Betty Jane shook her head vehemently. Why did mother always think her brother was to blame for



"Gosh, you look wonderful like this!"

her tears? Grown women never cried over their brothers! "It's what Lance saw, not what he did," Betty said in a burst of confidence. As her mother waited she continued

wretchedly. "He saw Woody buying a bottle of cologne. Cologne, mother, imagine! He was so glib when he told me I looked cute in jeans and now he's two-timing me with some fluff female who actually uses cologne! Oh, how can men be so beastly?"

"Darling, how do you know the cologne isn't for you? Maybe Woody thinks you've outgrown your jeans."

"He knows what I think of these pink and white girls who use that horrible concoction! He wouldn't dare get me any. And besides, I already told him I wanted roller skates for Christmas. . . . I have to be ready for the new rink that's opening next month, don't I? I thought Woody and I would be going together, but now that's all over." She threw her arms around her mother and cried tragically. "Oh, mother, I'll never smile again! I definitely won't."

This time Mrs. Miller smiled over her daughter's head. She well recognized the stage Betty Jane was going through and decided she must take a hand. "You're sure the cologne wouldn't be for a sister or a cousin?"

"He hasn't a female in the family, and his mother never uses it, so who else could it possibly be for? I'll bet it's for Estelle Bryan. All the other fellows like her but Woody used to say she was too fragile. Oh, mother, how he's deceived me!"

HER mother arose. "Well, dry your eyes, Betty, dear. It's Christmas Eve and you want to be happy today. Woody will probably come over with his roller skates to-night and we'll surprise him. If he likes fragile girls, he'll get one."

Betty Jane sat up straight. "Mother, no! Not that horrible blue dress you bought me!"

"You wash up and put that dress on, Betty."

"We'll wait for you downstairs." With that, Mrs. Miller closed the door on her tomboy daughter and hurried downstairs. As she reached the bottom step the doorbell rang and she admitted Woody Anderson, a lanky boy with unruly red hair and freckles marching in perfect formation over the bridge of his nose. He was clutching a box, obviously containing the roller skates requested by Betty Jane.

"She'll be right down," Mrs. Miller informed him, then left him alone for the surprise.

It came a half-hour later when Betty Jane made her appearance. The blue dress looked even better than she had hoped it would.

"Gosh, Betty Jane!" Woody contributed to the conversation. The smile broadened. "For me, Woody?" she asked, nodding toward the box. "Is it cologne? Lance saw you buying some." So casual, so indifferent.

"Uh—gosh, no, Betty Jane. Gee, you asked for skates and I got them for you. I bought cologne for Miss Lindsay, the English teacher that helped me with my essay for that contest."

"How sweet of you." She stepped down into the living room and accepted the box from Woody. "Thank you," she said gravely. "Yours is under the tree."

"Gee, I didn't think I'd ever like you dressed up as a girl, Betty," he gulped. "Estelle looked so awful and I was proud to have you run around with me in blue jeans, but, yosh, you look wonderful like this!"

The campaign manager's life is full of hard work and headaches. He seeks no reward for his devoted services except the gratitude of the Republic and job as Postmaster General. — Howard Brubaker (Information Please Almanac.)

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of the brightness that Clarabelle's presence had blighted, and she got to thinking about a trip that 20 years ago had been scheduled for tomorrow. Memory of the tryst had come to her with the approach of another New Year, but she had not planned to enact a promise that years of separation had cast into youth's frivolous dreaming, disappointments and temperamental pride. Yet, seeing Clarabelle and remembering what she'd said about her somehow filled her with unexpected sentiment.

She had nowhere to go on New Year's day, and thought of the trip suddenly became entrancing. It would be emotionally uplifting to go back to the old haunts, and no one would know of her foolish living just for a day among memories of a past that through her own foolhardy pride, had led her into her present state of lonely maidenhood.

"If anything ever separates us," Lance had said that night long ago, "it'd be fun just to meet again, sort of a tryst affair, 20 years hence. Maybe in Park Rendezvous where we first met. . . ."

They'd talked like that often, then laughed—because they knew they'd never separate. Someday they'd marry. But they didn't marry. Too soon a trivial misunderstanding had risen between them, and she'd had too much pride to admit that she'd been a little wrong, too.

It was almost noon when Amy reached the Park Rendezvous at Obane on New Year's day. She'd have lunch, she decided, then visit about town. But already she was sensing regret for having made the trip. You couldn't live in the past even for a day without returning to the present with greater pain. How well she knew it now!

She was startled when someone stood at her shoulder suddenly.

"Hello," he said.

Amy's heart fluttered in recognizing his voice. She looked up.

"Why, Lance—!" It was all she could manage.

He sat by her at the table and covered her hand with his.

"Looks like we both remembered," he said, chuckling happily.

"But, you married, Lance, I heard." She couldn't help saying it.

"That was false news, dear," he said. "Do you think—but you surely know now! I tried to find you, Amy, but I lost all trace of you."

Amy laughed and her cheeks colored. "I wouldn't have come today," she said wistfully, "but for a person named Clarabelle. . . ."

"Clarabelle!"

Amy nodded. "It's a queer little story, Lance," she said, and then she wondered with a little gloating, what Clarabelle, and all of Donovan for that matter, would think when they heard!



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JUST BEFORE Christmas

Excitement is mounting and all over town Parents are trying to slow their kids down.

There are Sunday School tableaus, Neighborhood sings, And sister's play Costume reads new Angel Wings.

While packing the box For Uncle John's folks Dad gets himself all tangled up in the ropes.

Mysterious bundles Arrive from the store And Mother is busy Behind a locked door.

It's just impossible for all to agree What goes where when trimming the tree.

Where, oh where is the Christmas Card list? We all thought this Person had ceased to exist.

Sure, we're busy, but who can complain? Thank goodness it's Almost Christmas Again!

REUNION AT CHRISTMAS

By HELEN PETRONE

JANET opened the door to her apartment, thinking as she did so that it had been only a week since Craig and she had shared this apartment they called their "ivory tower," named that because of its odd shape. It had been a storage room until the housing shortage became prevalent. Then old Mrs. Root, feeling sympathetic toward the plight of Janet and Craig Norris, newly married and homeless, had cleared it out, partitioned it off into two small rooms and rented it to them.

That was just 13 months ago, Janet remembered, dropping her gloves on the table and lighting the lamp with the same gesture. They had been married only three weeks, just long enough to realize they were imposing on Craig's family who were cramped for quarters themselves. Just a week ago they had the quarrel that had sent Craig from the apartment. It had been a blow

A TREE FOR DENNY

By WILLIAM TREMON

EVERY day for a week old Oliver had been passing their house in his wagon loaded with pine and cedar trees.

"Christmas trees cheap!" he shouted. "Christmas trees—two dollars. On-l-y-y two dollars. . ."

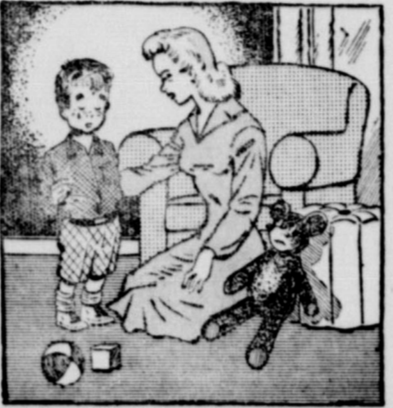
He was passing now, and Marge, washing the few dishes she and Denny had soiled at their noonday meal, wished she couldn't hear the sound of his shouting voice.

Joe always bought old Oliver's trees. "Old Oliver needs the money," he'd say. "And our old car just wouldn't take the bumps of a hunt for a tree in the country around here."

Old Oliver hesitated in front of the little house, repeating his chant until Marge thought she must go to the door and tell him to stop. She



"She sat down at the window and looked out at the dark, starless sky."



"Denny, dear," she said thickly, "we're not going to have a tree this Christmas. Daddy isn't here to help decorate it, and besides—Santa will come without a Christmas tree."

and Joe had explained to him the first time they'd bought a tree just the kind they liked. It had to be so tall and so big around. It had to be cedar with clusters of blue berries on it. Old Oliver always had the kind of tree they wanted.

Little Denny ran into the kitchen from the front room.

"Mommy, there's ol' Oliver," he said. "Mommy, he has our

tree. . ."

Marge dried her hands and knelt to gather little Denny in her arms. "I know he has, dear," she said, making herself look at him. Since last January when the horrible car accident had taken Joe away from her, she'd had difficulty in looking at Denny. Denny had Joe's rumpled dark hair, his dark eyes, the deep cleft in his chin. A sob caught in Marge's throat. "Denny, dear," she said thickly, "we're not going to have a tree this Christmas. Daddy isn't here to help decorate it, and besides—Santa will come without a Christmas tree."

"I'll help decorate it," Denny said. "I did last year."

Marge pressed Denny close. "I know, dear—" she said. Poignant memories of last Christmas crowded her so that she couldn't talk for a moment. She could see Joe teetering on the ladder to put the star in the top of the tree.

"I can help, Mommy. . . ." Denny insisted.

"You could, dear, but we don't want a tree with Daddy gone. Some-day, dear—oh, I hope it never comes to you—you'll understand why Mommy didn't want a Christmas tree!" She rose to her feet hurriedly feeling a rush of tears.

"I'll get your wraps, Denny, and you can play outside in the snow for awhile."

Shadows lengthened in the little house before it came to Marge with frightening realization that it had been all of three hours since Denny'd left the house.

"Denny—DENNY!" She ran out on the porch and down the steps, her slim unprotected feet and legs sinking into the deep snow that had banked there. "DENNY—!" The echo of her voice came back to her in mocking horror across the white stillness of the little yard.

A cold wind swept against her as she stood at the gate looking up and down the street and calling Denny's name. It was a horrible moment, one in which she knew she must have aged twenty years, and one in which she saw in heart wrenching clarity her unfairness to Denny in harboring a self-centered grief over her loss of Joe to the extent of his safety, his protection, his veritable happiness.

A familiar wagon made the turn at the end of the street, and Marge recognized old Oliver and his load

of Christmas trees. His chant rang out again. "Buy your Christmas tree now! On-l-y two dollars. . ."

Marge shrieked against the wind. "Oh, don't—please don't!" Then she saw Denny—little brown garbed Denny sitting up in the seat by old Oliver!

The wagon stopped by the gate, and old Oliver grinned as Denny climbed down into Marge's reaching arms. "He likka th' ride. He. . ."

Marge didn't give him a chance to talk. "Do you have our tree, Oliver?" she asked.

Old Oliver chuckled and jumped down from the wagon. "All a week I've had your tree," he said. "Just put it in the yard." Marge told him. "Why, Denny and I couldn't do without our tree!"

"The Christ-child lay on Mary's lap, His hair was like a light. (O weary, weary were the world, But here is all aright.)"

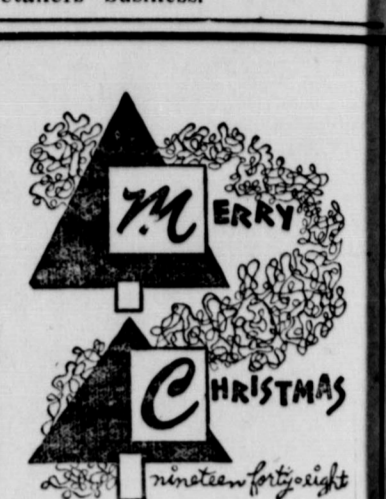
The Christ-child lay on Mary's breast, His hair was like a star. (O stern and cunning are the kings, But here the true hearts are.)"

The Christ-child lay on Mary's heart, His hair was like a fire. (O weary, weary is the world, But here the world's desire.)"

The Christ-child stood at Mary's knee, His hair was like a crown. And all the flowers looked up at him, And all the stars looked down.

—G. K. Chesterton.

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May all the peace and tranquility of the season be yours in full measure.

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The whole thing seemed so unimportant now. She glanced at the telephone, half-inclined to call him home, but her own recalcitrant nature refused to allow such a move. She turned on the radio instead and pretended the strains of "Silent Night" were merely tears of weariness after the preparation of the office party that morning. Deliberately she opened the dresser drawer to put away last night's ironing. Her souvenir box loomed temptingly before her. Lifting the cover, she stared at the items she had collected: Craig's class ring, exchanged for a diamond after their graduation from college; a pressed orchid, one of those she had carried at her wedding; various cards, Christmas, anniversary, birthday, valentine. She picked up a small gift card and read again. "To my dear wife, Janet, on our first Christmas." It was the card with the watch he had given her last year.

TREMBLING, she closed the box and turned quickly from the dresser. She had been a fool, she decided. Without Craig, Christmas could never hold the same meaning for her as it once had. She didn't stop to lock the door for there was nothing of value anyone could steal from her. Even her \$100 Christmas bonus lying on the table went unnoticed. The one thing she must not lose was happiness, and that was no longer in her home with Craig gone.

She hurried into her coat as she started breathlessly down the 3½ flights of stairs. Tears coursed down her cheeks and she prayed with fanatic zest that she was not too late. As she reached the last flight of stairs, she crashed into a figure who was hurrying up, as oblivious of his surroundings as she. She gasped at the impact, but the man quickly regained his balance and caught her before she could fall. "Janet!" he cried.

She looked at him almost in disbelief. Then, throwing her arms about him she gave full vent to her tears. "Oh, Craig! Darling, I was just coming for you."

He kissed her and held her tightly. "Janet, I've been such a fool. I didn't realize until tonight what an awful thing pride can be. Will you ever forgive me?"

She sighed. "There's nothing to forgive, Craig. I was the one who was wrong. I'm going to quit my job right away."

"No, you mustn't. I don't want to deprive you of any happiness and if you want to work, I'm not going to stop you."

She laughed shakily. "We'll argue that out later, shall we?" Arm in arm they climbed up the stairs.

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Church NOTICES

Truscott Baptist Church
SCHEDULE OF SERVICES
 Sunday
 Sunday School—10 a. m.
 Morning Worship—11 a. m.
 Training Union—6 p. m.
 Evening Worship—7 p. m.
 Tuesday—W. M. U. Circles—2:30 p. m.
 Saturday—Officers and teachers—6 p. m.; Prayer service, 7 p. m.
 R. M. Bowen, Pastor.

First Baptist Church
 Ray Baker, director of music.
 Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.
 Morning Worship, 11:00 a. m.
 Training Union, 6:00 p. m.
 Evening Worship, 7:00 p. m.
 Prayer Service, Wednesday, 7:00 p. m.
 N. B. Moon, Pastor.

Crowell Methodist Church
 Church School, 9:45 a. m. Bring the family and stay for the morning worship service.
 Morning Worship Service, 10:50 a. m. Subject of the sermon: "The Fullness of Time." There will be special music. A nursery is maintained for small children during the morning worship service.
 Primary—Beginner, M. Y. F. Group, 5:45 p. m.
 Junior M. Y. F. Group, 6:00 p. m.
 Young People M. Y. F. Group, 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Worship Service, 7:00 p. m. Stuten Recognition Service. Don't miss this service.
 Choir rehearsal, Wed. 7:30 p. m.
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 Aubrey C. Haynes, Pastor.

East Side Church of Christ
 Schedule of Services:
 Sunday
 Bible Study 10:00 a. m.
 Preaching and Communion at 10:55 a. m.
 Young people's class at 5:00 p. m.
 Evening worship at 7:00 p. m.
 Tuesday
 Ladies Bible class at 3:00 p. m.
 Wednesday
 Mid-week service at 7:00 p. m.
 All are cordially invited to attend.
 W. L. Baze, Minister

Church of Christ (West Side)
 "For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward." (Under law of Moses.) "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him?" Lord's Day services 10:30 and 6:00.
First Christian Church
 Vernot M. Newland, Minister
 John E. Long, Church School Supt.
 Church School 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship
 Christian Endeavor 5:30 p. m.
 Evening Service 6:45 p. m.
 Mid-week Bible study and prayer service Wednesday at 6:45 p. m.
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Assembly of God Church
 Sunday School, 10 a. m.
 Preaching, 11 a. m.
 Sunday Evening, 7:45.
 Prayer service Wednesday night, 7:45.
 Young people's service, Saturday night, 7:45.
 WARREN EVERSON, Pastor.

Good Creek Free Will Baptist Church.
 Rev. H. H. Haston preaches each Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Freewill Baptist Church
 Sunday School at 10 a. m.
 Church services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
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 H. H. HASTON, Pastor.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
 1st Sunday at 11:00.
 3rd and 5th Sundays, 9:00.

Thalia Baptist Church
 Sunday School at 10 a. m.
 Preaching at 11 a. m.
 E. T. U. at 6 p. m.
 Preaching at 7 p. m.
 W. M. U. Monday at 2:30 p. m.
 Prayer service Wednesday at 7 p. m.
 Come worship with us.
 W. G. GILBERT, Pastor.

Truscott-Foard City Methodist Churches
 Preaching services will be every fourth Sunday at Foard City at 11 a. m. and 6:30 p. m.
 Church services at Truscott are held the first, second and third Sundays of each month. Sunday School at 10 a. m., preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.
 Young people's meeting at 6:15 p. m.
 J. V. Patterson, Pastor.
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 FOR SALE—One 1946 1 1/2 ton Ford truck.—Lanier Finance Co. 16-tfc

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AWARDED PRIZE
 Austin, Texas, Dec. 13—University of Texas Art Professor Ralph E. White was awarded the \$300 purchase prize recently in the Corpus Christi Caller-Times national exhibit and competition.
 An oil painting "The Wilderness of Rock" was Professor White's prize winning picture, and it was presented to the Civic Art foundation of Corpus Christi for the organization's permanent collection.
 White is in charge of the commercial art section of the University's art department and works in the fields of both commercial and fine arts.

ATTENTION, EMPLOYERS
 During January, employers will file with the Government social security tax returns for the last three months of 1948. Why not start the new year right by filing a complete tax return, showing on it the name, social security number and wages paid to each employee during that quarter? The tax itself will not help the employee unless you report his correct social security number and name.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS
 Corn plasters protect furniture—Stick corn plasters on the bottom of ash trays and flower vases. They will protect your furniture from scratches and from rings often left by dampness underneath flower bowls.
 Scotch tape protects nylons—If screws on the handle inside your dresser drawer snag your precious nylons and dainty underthings, place a piece of scotch tape or adhesive over them.

University Starts New Summer Session

Austin, Texas, Dec. 13—For the first time this summer, a special summer school session will be held at the University of Texas emphasizing Latin-American geography and related subjects.

Dates for the session are June 3-July 16. Professor Donald D. Brand, head of the University's new Department of Geography, will be chairman, and Dr. Charles W. Hackett will be director. Dr. Hackett is director of the Institute of Latin American Studies at the University.

Regionally, the school is the second of five cooperative summer schools to be conducted by the University of Texas, North Carolina, Vanderbilt, and Tulane Universities. Those institutions are participating in a broad program of Latin-American studies under a \$250,000 grant from the Carnegie Corp. of New York. Last year the first of the summer schools was held at Vanderbilt.

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 Q. Say a certain area covered by a draft board already has an excellent representation in the armed forces. Will this have anything to do with quotas for that area?
 A. Yes. Under the law, credit will be given such areas when quotas are determined.
 Q. Can any member of the reserves be ordered into active duty under this law?
 A. Yes, some can. If they are not members of organized units participating in scheduled training periods, and have had less than 90 days continuous active service in the armed forces, exclusive of periods of active training duty, the President of the United States is authorized to order them in for a period of not more than 21 months.
 Q. How many scheduled training periods does a member of an organized reserve unit have to attend each year?
 A. According to the announcement of the Secretary of Defense he may not be absent from more than 10 per cent of the scheduled periods.
 Q. Can a member of the National Guard be ordered into active service under the law?
 A. Not unless the governor of the state consents to it.

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Christmas Party for Co-Laborers' Class Held at Shirley Home

Mrs. Paul Shirley, Mrs. Belle McKown, Mrs. Wm. E. Wells, Mrs. Claude Brooks and Mrs. Allen Sanders were hostesses to the members of the Co-Laborers' Sunday School class of the Methodist Church on Thursday evening, Dec. 18, at the home of Mrs. Shirley. The home was beautifully decorated for Christmas with a pretty white Christmas tree and other appointments of the season.

Mrs. Brooks directed a clever and interesting program, into the spirit of which each one present entered. She then turned from the jolly to the serious part of the program by reading the Christmas story from Luke. She also told a beautiful Christmas story which reflected the true meaning of Christmas.

Around the tree, packages of similar size and attractiveness caused wonder and comment and at the close of the program, they were presented to the guests by the hostesses and were found to contain the refreshments for the party. The pretty boxes lined with paper dolled held sandwiches in the form of a Christmas tree, a

star and a bell. To the bell was attached a real little tinkling bell. The box also held other Christmas goodies. The course was supplemented by a hot drink which was drunk with a toast to the things which Christmas symbolizes. From the dining table where the gifts of the class members were piled, each one present took a gift. These were passed from one to the other to music and when the music stopped suddenly, the person kept the gift which he had in his hand. About forty-five ladies enjoyed the outstanding Christmas party.

T. E. L. Class Holds Christmas Party on December 11

On Saturday night, Dec. 11, members of the T. E. L. class of the Baptist Sunday School enjoyed a lovely Christmas party in the home of Miss Cora Carter with Mrs. Arnold Rucker as co-hostess with Miss Carter.

The program was under the direction of Mrs. Roy Barker, class president, who extended Christmas greetings and presented Mrs. L. E. Archer, who told a beautiful Christmas story. Mrs. Alva Spencer played a violin solo,

"The Holy City." She was accompanied by Mrs. Rucker, Mrs. Ray Baker sang, "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town" just before the gifts were distributed from the pretty Christmas tree.

The hostesses served a delicious refreshment plate which carried out the season's colors. Before leaving, the class enjoyed singing Christmas carols which were led by Mrs. Ray Baker.

Guests for the party were Mrs. N. B. Moon, Mrs. Ray Baker and Mrs. L. E. Archer.

B. & P. W. CLUB

Of unusual beauty was the yuletide banquet given last Thursday evening for the members of the Business and Professional Women's Club when they met at the Premier Hotel with Mayme Lee Collins, Gussie Turner, Dove Carlisle, Jean Reeder, Irene O'Connell and Elizabeth Hardin as hostesses.

For the occasion the banquet tables were most attractively decorated with unique arrangements of pine burs and greenery embellished with red and silver Christmas ornaments. Other decorative features of equal beauty were noted throughout the banquet room. Special favors were "Santa Claus Apples."

Following the invocation by Cora Carter, Ella Rucker, club president, extended appropriate holiday greetings. A new member, Sybil Gobin, was introduced, as was a guest, Viola Hall. Acting as program director, Mayme Lee Collins presented Dove Carlisle, who gave an interesting review of "The Shining Hour" by Grace Noll Crowell, a story which reflects the true spirit of Christ-

mas. During an informal social hour the names of secret pals were revealed by the exchange of gifts which previously had been placed about the beautiful decorated Christmas tree. Concluding the program the group sang a medley of Christmas carols. All club members were present.

Mrs. Magee Hostess to Club Members Monday, Dec. 20, noon

The Grady Magee home was the scene of a pretty party on Monday afternoon when Mrs. Magee entertained the members of the St. Joseph Study Club with a three-course luncheon at 12:30, followed by a delightful social hour.

The luncheon tables were laid with poinsettia cloths and centered with tall red tapers in Christmas logs. Places were marked with red boots and Santas filled with confections.

Mrs. M. O'Connell gave the invocation before the meal, and afterward the group sang "Silent Night" with Mrs. Magee accompanying on the accordion.

A Christmas contest formed a part of the afternoon diversion and Miss Drabek had the winning score and was presented with a dainty calendar.

The beautifully lighted Christmas tree and other seasonal decorations added a festive air for the exchange of gifts.

Those enjoying Mrs. Magee's hospitality were Mesdames M. O'Connell, Joe Drabek, Bill Drabek, Frank Halencak, Ed Mechel, Rudolph Pecinaek, Karl ten Brink, Hilton Crane and Miss Rosalie Drabek.

Christmas Party for Columbian Club Members and Guests

The highlight of the Columbian Club year was the Christmas social on Wednesday, December 15, with Mrs. Lee Black sharing hostess duties with Mrs. Kincaid at the R. L. Kincaid home.

The receiving rooms were beautifully decorated with winter greenery, chrysanthemums, carnations, candles and other manifestations of the yuletide season.

A distinguished and very lovely table centerpiece consisted of a bronze bowl filled with gilded pine cones, bois de arc balls and mistletoe flanked by colorful candles. A gaily lighted tree added to the festivity of the occasion.

Mrs. T. L. Hughtston was program leader and gave briefly the original story of the first Christmas tree, begun in Germany in 1604, first appearing in the United States in 1861, initiated by a minister in Ohio. Mrs. A. G. Magee read Grace Noll Crowell's beautiful story, "The Shining Hour." The disappointment of one child and the sweet generosity of another as portrayed in the story helps one to realize that this truly should be a time of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."

The clubs enjoyed singing Christmas carols led by Mrs. Chas. Thompson with Mrs. Sam Crews playing piano accompaniment. In the distribution of gifts from the tree, Miss Ann Wishon did the honors.

At the close of the delightful party, the hostesses served a plate

of lovely refreshments, the attractiveness of which was further enhanced by a sprig of real holly.

Twenty-nine members and three guests, Mrs. W. A. Mussetter, Mrs. M. J. Girsch and Miss Ann Wishon, enjoyed the lovely party. The club welcomed Mrs. J. B. Fairchild as a new member.

One of the features of the party was the assembling of those present on the lawn for a group picture.

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