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# Merry Christmas to All

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## Christmas Holiday To Be Widely Observed

Practically all local places of business will be closed here Monday in observance of Christmas.

Bill Land, president of the Post Chamber of Commerce, has announced that members stores will be closed that day.

It is the one day of the year when all grocery stores will be closed. It will be the first time in the store's history for Josey Grocery to be closed.

Piggly Wiggly, in addition to closing on Monday, will close at 7 p. m. on Christmas Eve. Most other stores will keep the usual Saturday night closing hours on Christmas Eve. Pure Food Store will close about 9 p. m. Saturday and remain closed until Tuesday morning.

Although some of the service stations were undecided about closing, as this was written, Guy Floyd and Bill Windham had announced that they would be closed on Monday, and Wilson Bros. will be closed Sunday. Some of the stations will remain open at least part of the day to take care of the traveling public Sunday and Monday.

The Algierita Coffee Shop will remain open, as an accommodation to transients, but most of the staff will have a holiday. Wilf Scarborough, manager, said this week.

Christmas dinner at the Giles Dining Room will be served on Saturday, the last day that the dining room will be open until Jan. 2.

Curb's Cafe will be closed Sunday and Monday, and the Antelope Snack Shack will close Saturday for several days. The American Cafe will be closed Sunday.

The court house offices will be closed from Saturday noon until Tuesday morning.

The Garza County PMA office will be closed late Thursday afternoon until Tuesday morning.

Members of the Post Dispatch staff will take a holiday Friday, Saturday and Monday, but the office will remain open for the benefit of those who wish to buy copies of the Christmas edition or take advantage of the bargain rates and buy subscriptions.

It is a "Merry Christmas" for merchants wishing for through the columns of the Dispatch as has been their wish for many years. Merchants are sponsoring the holiday through the paper for your personal greetings. Many are firms that are "Merry Christmas" for first time while there are firms that have been saying it for many years. It is a custom.

"doin's" are in store for minute shoppers up and down Main. On Friday and Saturday, the Garza Theatre and merchants are sponsoring a picture show. Bring the kids and if you are through with shopping, join them at the fire boys will give 10 turkeys on Christmas too, so don't miss the fun. About the time, place, etc., this issue of the Dispatch.

at minute gift shoppers are to go shopping through Haws Department Store at many practical suggestions. Of the keenest things on the list at this store is the Supp pillow by Playtex. Super-e ever-bouyant, retains its shape always, keeps your head most restful position all day. You'll find many items at low prices.

luxurious lounging robes for lady-love go to Stevens Shop. We saw many beautiful robes on display there early week. In Nora's Gift Shop will find an interesting array of pottery, china, figurines and other home accessories. The store for these items in a big

housewives note! A new dry-cleaning machine has been added to ideal Laundry. This new piece of equipment will be a relief to the busy housewife, especially during the holidays and during the "spell of her" we are bound to have on. Harry Dietrich, owner of the laundry, invites housewives to give the new line a trial.

man pampers his buggy. Auto Supply, the shop will find accessories for the new seat covers, heaters, fog lights, etc., make most accept gifts. Noah, Dale, Malcolm Lloyd, will help you with problems.

Motor Company, dealers to accessories, too, also find things for the family at they say, too, that a new path or Dodge would make and his entire family

McGregor Canadian Macs a big, comfortable, colorful blanket which every man must have in his wardrobe. You'll find this particular blanket at Hurdley's. When in about the size, color, etc., a gift certificate, Jim Hurdley. Over a period of many he finds that the men are "the pickin'" to them.

culars . . . a gift that lasts time and gives a great deal pleasure to the owner, can be had at Hamilton Drug. Binoculars have fine lenses and images. Schick razors travel kits are top on the

ant for Martinis is a clear set comprised of pitcher glasses which you will find Hurdley's. Men enjoy playing and you will find a wide selection of gifts for holiday evening at this beautiful store. You can say "Merry mas" with a 14-piece punch. Don't overlook the famous men's jewelry at Max-

It is a musical Christmas new radio or radio-phonograph and plenty of good records. Norris Radio Service store just received a new shipment of Motorolas. If the man of the house wants a radio, go see new models G. W. Norris re-

don't forget to place or your Christmas flowers at DeWatts today.

oliday, folks . . . Your Reporter.

## Santa Wants Children To Form Lines

The Garza County office of the Texas Extension Service will be closed from tomorrow until Jan. 3rd.

Schools of Post and Garza County will have Christmas programs tomorrow afternoon, then the children will be dismissed until Jan. 2.

## Merchants Express Gratitude In Yuletide Greetings Today

The Post Dispatch is proud to present its biggest Christmas greeting edition in history. Today's issue, consisting of 32 tabloid pages and eight regular size pages, is filled with best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the many merchants who are appreciative of the good business that has been theirs in 1949.

Realizing that the average reader is too busy to read heavy items during this season, the Post Dispatch staff has devoted much of the space ordinarily used for news and features to Christmas stories and background information which parents like to read to their children on Christmas Eve.

It is the hope of the Post Dispatch staff that every reader will read the Greetings from the merchants and individuals who are taking this means of saying "Thank You."

**And a Merry Christmas to All!**

## Truelock Takes Lie Detector Test in Lubbock

Marvin Truelock of Southland, whose wife died mysteriously at their home Nov. 16, voluntarily underwent a "lie detector" test Saturday night in the Texas Rangers' office in Lubbock.

Ranger Capt. Bob Crowder said the hour-long test "indicated the innocence" of Truelock in connection with the death, the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reported Sunday.

Mrs. Truelock was found dead on the concrete floor of her bedroom with a burning stove over her face, a pair of socks stuffed in her mouth and her hands tucked into a rope which was tied around her waist.

Crowder said the test was given with Truelock's co-operation, because "fingers of suspicion had been pointed at him."

Truelock, last known person to see his wife alive, was in Lubbock when notified of the bizarre death of his wife.

Sheriff E. M. Bass, in charge of the investigation, brought Truelock to Lubbock.

**Convinced Of Innocence**

Bass said that the results of the lie detector test "removes any suspicion toward Truelock and I am convinced of his innocence."

The sheriff said he still was considering the possibility of murder in the case, "which is my duty in view of the open verdict by the justice of the peace."

Justice of the Peace J. D. King had ruled in a non-committal verdict that Mrs. Truelock died "of suffocation from the gag in her mouth." His verdict came after two Post physicians had conducted a post-mortem.

**Anxious For Test**

"In all fairness to Truelock, we thought we should let him take the test," Crowder said. Bass said Truelock "was anxious to submit."

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## Bert Wallace Is Claimed By Death Monday Afternoon

Funeral services for Bert Wallace, pioneer Kent County rancher who died late Monday afternoon in the Lubbock Memorial Hospital, were held at 1 p. m. Wednesday in St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Lubbock. The Rev. Claude E. Canterbury, rector, officiated.

Wallace was buried on his ranch near Claymore.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Billy Wallace of Claymore and Joe Wallace, a Texas Technological College student in Lubbock; a daughter, Mrs. Joe E. Baldridge of Lubbock; and two sisters, Mrs. J. I. Givens of Holdenville, Okla., and Mrs. W. B. Murrill of Albuquerque, N. M.

Wallace, who was well-known in Post, was a good friend of many of the early day residents of Garza County.

## CIGARETTES STOLEN

Duff's Food Store at Southland was robbed of cigarettes Wednesday night or early Thursday. H. W. Taunton, owner, said a hole was bored in a door near a lock with a brace and bit. A plate-glass display window was tapped but not broken.

## Garza County Joins Nation in Cotton Control Voting

Mike C. Custer, secretary of the Garza County PMA Committee, stated that there were 288 votes cast by farm operators of Garza County in the Cotton Marketing Quota Referendum held December 15.

There were 281 votes for Marketing Quotas at 90% parity for 1950 and 7 votes against Marketing Quotas.

Thus Garza County joined the nation in voting to return to pre-war production controls to hold down cotton surpluses. The Associated Press reported that approximately 90 per cent of the nation's farmers voted in favor of such action. Approval of only 66.23 per cent was required.

The control program is designed to hold plantings in 1950 to 21,000,000 acres, or about 23 per cent less than was planted this year.

Each grower is given a marketing share. Sales in excess of a share will be subject to a penalty tax equal to slightly more than the prospective market price of cotton.

The last time controls were in

## Seniors Of 1948 Will Hold Banquet

A Reunion Banquet for Post High School Seniors of 1948 and their husbands and wives will be given at the City Hall at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow night.

## Roy Pennington Is Partner Of Gordon

Homer Gordon said this week that he had sold Roy Pennington a partnership in the Gordon Construction Co., which he established here 3 1/2 years ago.

Headquarters of the company, which does all types of dirt contracting, is on the Tahoka highway.

The company is equipped with a variety of heavy-duty dirt moving machinery.

**DIVORCE GRANTED**

District Judge Louis R. Reed of Lamesa was here Saturday to see the District Court docket. He granted a divorce to a negro couple.

## Family Reunions And Trips Are Planned For Weekend

Practically everyone is doing something "special" for Christmas—attending a family reunion, receiving guests, taking trips and in general, having a happy time.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Strasser are visiting his and her relatives in O'Donnell and Otton until a couple of days after Christmas.

After having a Christmas dinner here, members of the L. S. Turner family will leave for Claude to attend an annual family reunion at the home of Mrs. Lonnie Hood. Going from here will be Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Turner of Tahoka, Miss Jane Ann Turner, student of Abilene Christian College, and their parents and parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Ottlinger and children will leave tomorrow to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in Aline, Okla.

Mrs. Nola Brister and daughter, Sue Bell, and Mrs. Brister's nephew, Gary Irvin, are spending Christmas with Mrs. Jim Tom Irvin in Aspermont.

Miss Bonnie McMahon is spending the Christmas holidays in Albuquerque, N. M.

**Going To Refugio**

The Guy Fisher family is spending the holidays with relatives in Refugio.

Mrs. Claire Dabney will spend Christmas in Ballinger with her family.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Travis and daughter, Betty, will be Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Travis, Jr., of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Smith and daughter, Janice, of McCaulley. Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Travis, Jr., will also visit in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Ott Nance of Justiceburg and their daughter, Miss Lois Nance of Amarillo, will spend Christmas in Snyder with Mrs. Nance's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Periman.

Mr. and Mrs. Meeks and Roger Dale and Bobby Roy and Betty Pennington are taking a Christmas trip to California to visit relatives.

Christmas dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Vardiman will be her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Scogins and son, C. D., and daughter, Barbara, of Rotan; Merle Medley of Rotan; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Healer and baby of Clairemont and Mr. and Mrs. Troy Havens and son of Tahoka.

**Visiting Mother**

Glenn W. Foley will spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Tina Foley, at Graham. He will be joined there by a brother and sister-in-law from Dallas, a sister from Camp Claiborne, La., and a sister from Colorado City. John W. Maddox of Brooklyn, N. Y., is visiting his sister, Mrs. Connie Caylor, and his father, J. S. Maddox, until after Christmas.

The A. W. Walker family will leave tomorrow to spend Christmas with Mrs. Walker's parents in Amarillo. They will return Tuesday.

Mrs. Mabel Cox of Slaton will visit Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Scott and daughter, Tommye Lou, on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Pierce will eat Christmas dinner with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wilcox, in Lubbock. Their son, Eldon, also of Lubbock will join them.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Wade and family will spend Christmas in the home of Mrs. Wade's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Sutton, in Pilot Point.

**Going To Pampa**

Mrs. Lula Floyd will spend Christmas in Pampa with her daughter, Mrs. G. W. Redman, another daughter, Mrs. Glenn Dull, and family of Lamesa, Calif., will join her there.

Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Cash will leave Christmas morning for Austin to visit his mother, Mrs. Esma Cash, and other members of the family.

**In Morrel Home**

Mr. and Mrs. Winston Wharton and daughter, Ann, of Tahoka will spend Christmas in the home of Mrs. Wharton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Morrel.

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## No Criticism Whatsoever Given For PTA's Visual Test Project

Texas is one of the few states in the United States which corrects the vision problems of its school children, and the Post Elementary-High Parent-Teacher Association is one of the many PTA organizations of the state having vision correction as a project.

The problem confronting the local P.T.A., which hopes to sponsor visual tests for all of the local school children, is finding a qualified expert to make the tests as optical men are scarce in this area and those available are snowed under with work.

Two Lubbock optometrists will consider the project if the local P.T.A. will get the approval of the South Plains Association of Optometrists, which frowns on such projects because of criticism received from unthinking persons in years past in connection with school projects.

**Appreciation Wanted**

The Lubbock optometrists believe that if evidence is presented to show that the local parents would appreciate such a gesture, the approval will be given.

In an attempt to collect such evidence, the Post Dispatch made a survey, asking each person interviewed at random—two questions: "What do you think about the P.T.A.'s proposed project of having the school children's eyes tested by an optometrist? Would you accuse the optometrist of merely trying to sell glasses if he recommended them for your child?"

The answers, all given by parents of school children or children who will be in school within the next year or two, indicate an overwhelming majority in favor of the tests. Not a person would offer any criticism. A few said they would check the optometrists' findings, however, with their own family optometrist or oculist. Here are a few of the statements:

MRS. C. R. SMILEY—It's the grandest thing the P.T.A. has done yet. I'm talking from a personal experience. I'm very near-sighted and I didn't get glasses until I finished high school. This need for glasses that I have had all my life was a handicap to me in school and in fact, I am still handicapped because the correction on my eyes was not begun at a young age. I took my children to Lubbock and had their eyes tested before they ever started to school, so they would not have to suffer like I did. As there are people who cannot conveniently take their children out of town for tests, I believe the P.T.A. will be performing a great service in bringing the optometrist here.

MRS. DOWE MAYFIELD—It's a very good idea. If the optometrist said my child needed glasses, I would greatly appreciate receiving this information. Before I bought the glasses, however, I would take the child to the optometrist of my choice.

JOHN HOPKINS—I agree that it's a good thing to have the children's eyes tested, but those in charge should be on the look out for the small children who might try to fake a poor eye sight just to get glasses. I am speaking from a personal experience. After my wife got

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## New Houses In Southwest Post Planned

Robert Cox of the R. E. Cox Lumber Co. said yesterday that his firm has bought from the Double U Company a block of property in southwest Post on which 10 houses can be built.

The block is west of the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Benson and it is divided by the new street which recently was cut through, east and west.

The lumber company will make the lots available to veterans who wish to build on a GI loan or others who build on an FHA loan. The plans can now be selected at the lumber yard.

Construction on several of the houses will begin immediately after the first of the year, Cox said.

## ARC Secretary In Post 25 Years Is Ready To Retire

C. R. Thaxton this week was named secretary-treasurer of the Garza County Chapter of the American Red Cross, the chairman, Homer McCray announced.

Thaxton, who owns and operates Thaxton's Cleaners, is replacing T. R. Greenfield who has retired after a 25-year service as secretary-treasurer.

Having handled the details of Red Cross service here during the busy aftermath of two world wars and all of the years that intervened, Greenfield said this week that he felt that it was time to retire and take a rest. John Herd was chairman of the chapter when Greenfield became secretary-treasurer 25 years ago.

## Funeral Home Is Ready For Use

Mason and Company's new funeral home is now complete, except for a few items of interior decoration, and ready for business. Plans for a formal opening will be announced after Christmas, James Minor, partner in the firm said yesterday.

The new building, which is of Roman brick in California-modern architecture, is across the street from the south side of the court house.

## Tavita Ramirez Is Claimed By Death

Funeral services for Tavita Ramirez, adopted daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Timoteo Ramon, were conducted yesterday morning at 8 o'clock in the Mexican Assembly Church of God. Burial was in Terrace Cemetery with Mason and Co., in charge.

Tavita, who was born June 3, 1949 in Pueblo, Colo., died Monday in Slaton Mercy Hospital after a short illness.

## Another Nichols To Conduct First Revival In Post

Beginning Christmas night, Evangelist Johnny Nichols of Pasadena, Calif., will conduct revival services at the Assembly of God Church.

Mrs. B. E. Young and daughter, Beverly, went to Kermit Sunday to stay with Mrs. Carr and daughter, Camilla, until other relatives arrived on Monday. When they left, Mr. Carr's condition was improved but it was believed that he would be confined to his bed for several months.

## Alton Carr Suffers From Heart Attack

Alton Carr of Kermit, former manager of the Community Public Service Co., office here, had a severe heart attack at his home in Kermit last Friday and has been critically ill in the Kermit hospital.

## No Appreciable Oil Is Found To Date In Connell Wildcat

Drilling and Exploration Co., Inc., No. 1 Connell, southwest Kent County prospector, 2 miles southeast of Polar, has not developed any appreciable signs of petroleum since it entered the Canyon Reef lime at 7,004 feet on an elevation of 2,371 feet.

A drillem test was run for 1 1/2 hours at 6,999-7,021 feet. Recovery was 450 feet of drilling mud, with no show of oil, gas or water.

It drilled ahead and found a soft streak above the current bottom of 7,054 feet. Two drillem tests have been tried on the zone below 7,021 feet—but both were unsatisfactory, because of mechanical failures.

At the time this report was prepared, the operator was circulating and conditioning the hole, preparatory to attempting another drillem test.

This operation is 4 miles north and west of the Chapman and McFarland No. 1 Cogdell, which has shown for a possible Canyon discovery.

## Oles Odom Injures Leg Again In Fall

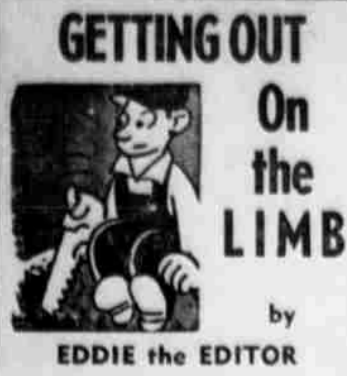
Oles Odom received a leg injury in a fall at a neighbor's home Tuesday and was taken to the West Texas Hospital in a Mason and Company ambulance.

The injury, involving a serious fracture, was a repetition of a fracture which he received in an automobile accident about a year and a half ago. Bolts, which had been used to mend the original fracture were torn loose in the fall, the Post Dispatch was informed.

**LOOK WHO'S NEW!**

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones, who live south of Post, Monday.

# Underfed, Raggedly Dressed Children Are Scarce This Year



Dear Santa Claus: I try to be a good boy, but sometimes the harder I try the worse I foul things up with the paper. Some weeks I don't have enough news to fill up the Post Dispatch and I have to run in a bunch of filler material and people ask me why I don't get some writers down here who can cover the news.

Other weeks I have so much news I can't get it all in the paper and the next week all I hear is griping from somebody or other because the news about a birthday party or club was omitted.

Some weeks everybody on the staff is well and on the job and everything seems to be clicking away at an efficient rate, but when the paper comes out a big blunder jumps out of the headlines and puts me to dodging.

And then there are weeks when somebody is ill or absent for some reason and we have to work all night to get the paper on the press on schedule. Then just as we are locking up and ready to make the press run, somebody gets hit by an automobile or some other calamity happens and we don't make our deadline anyway.

Now Santa Claus, all I want for Christmas is just one week in 1950 when everything is perfect: The paper comes out on time and everything is all right.

If you can spare a week like this, Santa, here's what I'd like for it to include:

Have the members of the staff get to work promptly every morning and work steadily except for the usual time off for coffee in mid-morning, an hour for lunch and time out for coffee again in mid-afternoon. Have them work so efficiently that overtime will be entirely eliminated on this issue of the paper.

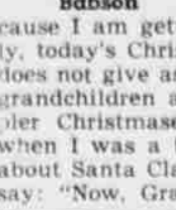
Have the news sources that we depend on for making our paper readable telephone us just the minute they hear the news that we want. This way, we won't have to take all of the news on Wednesday afternoon and we won't have to apologize to so many people who call too late on Thursday morning.

And, Santa, for this week, please don't let a single person ask us, after the paper is out, why "such and such wasn't in the paper." If this isn't possible, please make us clairvoyant for this one week only, so we can put in the paper the news items that our friends fail to tip us off about.

I don't whether you know it or not, Santa, but we can only run off four pages at a time on our press. This means, with as big a paper as we put out on the average that we have to make a press run almost every day. This means we have to have the ads and news early. Please, for just this one week, inspire all of the merchants to figure out well in advance of Wednesday what they want to advertise, and have some of them to give us enough ad copy for one press run on Friday and Saturday of the preceding week.

Santa, I'd like very much, if you can spare me this extra pleasure, for you to place this perfect week at the end of a month which has five Thursdays, because it is in months like this that my bookkeeper-bill collector threatens to resign. You see, in months that have five Thursdays, people who advertise every week have to pay for five ads, and those who advertise every other week nearly always are charged with three ads instead of two. This always causes confusion and—I know you won't believe it, Santa—there are some people who are rude to the bill collector and they make her go back to the office and get all three or all five of the papers to prove that there is

Babson Park, Mass.—I have just returned from a day spent walking the streets of Boston looking for Christmas presents. I suppose that the store decorations and exhibits are worthwhile, but somehow they make me a little sad. Perhaps it is just because I am getting old. Certainly, today's Christmas excitement does not give as much joy to my grandchildren as the much simpler Christmases gave to me when I was a boy. When I talk about Santa Claus to them, they say: "Now, Grandpa, you know



## Garza and the World

By EVELYN BOYD

A Christmas editorial in last year's Hamlin Herald was so appropriate. I filed it away to pass along in this column this year. It's entitled, "The Real Christmas."

"Marked by hustle and bustle and highlighted by 'celebrations' of devious kinds, the manner in which Americans have come to observe Christmas has little likeness to the great underlying reason we have for keeping this anniversary of God's greatest gift to man—no error in the bill.

Of course, we do make lots of mistakes. But during this one perfect week, I'd like for all of our bills to be perfect with no errors either for or against us and, while you're at it, please give the bookkeeper just one week when the books balance and she does not have to work half the night trying to find what she did with \$1.98.

And I'd like to have just one week in which nobody complains about the price of advertising. Let everybody during this week understand that advertising rates are not much higher than they were before the war. Advertising in the Post Dispatch is about the only local commodity that hasn't jumped in price two or three times.

And Santa, during this week, please give me time to go to all of the clubs and committee meetings that I am supposed to attend, and give us enough leisure here in this office that we can turn all three of the girls loose to attend an afternoon tea or shower and take notes in person on how pretty the lace-covered table looks.

And Santa, while the girls are reporting these parties, let them just one time describe the decorations accurately so that people won't make fun of them for mistaking the pyracantha for holly.

And let our typesetters have one whole week in which the humidity or lack of it doesn't make the Intertype go crazy and drop letters and even lines out of the copy, and help our proof readers to catch any other errors BEFORE we go to press.

Oh, yes, Santa, please don't let anybody fail to get his paper. Don't let the train take the Justiceburg papers on to Sweetwater and don't let 'em do whatever they do once in awhile to Post Dispatches addressed to overseas and coastal ports. Let every subscriber get his paper, just this one time.

And, during this perfect week, don't let the Intertype, the press, the folder, the addressing machine, the coke box or Darrell's motorbike break down and cause us mechanical delays, and don't let the printers put the wrong captions under the pictures or the wrong signature under the ads or the wrong column heading over the columns.

I know I am asking for the impossible, Santa, but I've seen you do some pretty remarkable things in your day. If it were not for you, Santa, we probably would have missed publishing an issue or two or three during the past year.

Your grateful friend, Eddie the Editor.

that there really isn't any Santa Claus!" Perhaps this feeling indicates a sign of progress; but I wonder.

What would Jesus say? I wish Jesus could have accompanied me on this trip around the big department stores; and this I say in a respectful manner. Of course, I do not know what He would say—whether He would be sad and critical, or whether He would be enthused with the crowd. Probably He would not object to our people having expensive presents if it were not for His children who are starving to death in Europe and Asia. He surely would be thinking of them and wishing that money being spent here for so many useless gifts

could be spent on food and clothing for His children abroad.

I would also like to hear Jesus' comment on the new trend of window dressings. When I was a boy, the leading store windows would have a manger with a representation of little Jesus with His mother, Mary, leaning over Him. The department stores especially made an effort to connect up Jesus' birth with the Christmas holidays. As I became older, there was less about Jesus' humble birth; Santa Claus was featured in place of Jesus. His mother and the three wise men. But this year some large department stores are forgetting both Jesus and Santa Claus. They have in their windows wild animals which wag their heads,

shake their paws and talk—animals which have been featured in the comic strips, I wonder what this trend will lead to!

Danger of Expensive Toys Illustrating the inflation that is creeping over the nation, are the toys being exhibited in the store windows. It was not many years ago when five dollars would be the maximum which one would pay for a child's toy. The average toy or game would sell under one dollar. To my great surprise I find today many toys being sold for 20 dollars. The parents moreover are spending for gifts for their adult friends proportionately high figures. In fact, I fear that the main difference between a man and a boy is the amount which he pays

for his toys!

We should not forget, however, that "as the twig is bent, so the tree grows." This means that when the child is started with such expensive toys he will later demand proportionately expensive things in clothes, motor cars, college education, etc., as he grows up. This means that the father must have more income; this encourages the labor union movement and all the industrial troubles that go therewith.

Some Hopeful Signs A vicious inflationary circle which could get beyond control may be started by these expensive Christmas toys which we now give our children. When a boy, I was perfectly satisfied

with an orange in the toe of my Christmas stocking, with a few 50 cent toys and a bag of hard candy. Furthermore, these simple gifts have meant as much sacrifice to my parents as the expensive gifts of today mean to modern parents. Yet, I do feel that these shop windows may be igniting a social prairie fire which could develop into a great inflationary conflagration.

It was not many years ago when, the week before Christmas, poor underfed children, raggedly dressed, could be seen peering into these store windows with envious eyes. Today I see no such children. This is a hopeful sign. Not only are there very few poor in this country today, but the nation's health has

greatly improved. We have fewer crops, and almost full employment. When I think of being freedly done through the nation, I feel that we should have a merry Christmas. Let us show our gratitude by giving a big Christmas present to our charities.

## Minute Editorial

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

Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and the desires of little children; to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old; to stop asking how much your friends love you, and ask yourself whether you love them enough; to bear in mind the things that other people have to bear in their hearts; to try to understand what those who live in the same house with you really want, without waiting for them to tell you; to trim your lamp so that it will give more light and less smoke, and to carry it in front so that your shadow will fall behind you; to make a grave for your ugly thoughts, and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate open—are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world—stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death—and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago is the image and brightness of the Eternal Love? Then you can keep Christmas. And if you keep it for a day, why not always? But you can never keep it alone.

—Henry Van Dyke.

## What Our Contemporaries Are Saying:

SNYDER BUILDING CONTINUES—One of the newest major building projects announced for Snyder is Snyder Business Center, for which affair of two structures, which will be constructed in East Snyder on U. S. Highway 480, immediately west of Kenner Lumber Company and at the corner of Avenue B and 10th Street.

Fort Worth capital is behind the Snyder Business Center, a 21-unit, all space has been rented on a five-year basis.—Scurry County Times.

CANNED CHRISTMAS—At this time of the year the kitchen used to be the busiest room of the house, but women these days eat most of their meals at the restaurant or have hubby bring the food home in cans.

Just think of canned fruit cakes, frozen turkey, canned cranberry jelly, canned soups, canned biscuit and even the egg nog comes ready mixed. It takes seven and three fourths minutes to prepare a meal, six minutes to eat it and it tastes like saw dust. Young folks these days have no idea how much fun it was to be at the Christmas dinner when I was a boy.—The Slaton Slatonite.

IT SEZ HERE—After getting editorially toasted recently for some more or less sage comment on Lubbock's accelerated church building, we oughtn't to do this. But, over there on College Avenue is a place of business with the following sign painted on the window: Tech Students, 25% Off. We have to tip our hat to the strides higher education has made since we scooped up a sheepskin over there in 1940. Then, as everybody knew, Tech students were at least "50% off."—The Rails Banner.

CUPID CHRISTMAS SHOPPING—Daniel Cupid must be taking time out for Christmas shopping, for only three marriage licenses were issued from the office of the county clerk last week.—The Littlefield County-Wide News.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION!—The people who asked us all summer if it was hot enough for us started asking this week if it was cold enough. P. S. It is.—The Gaines County News.

MORAL IS: DON'T WORRY—Do you remember December a year ago. Both the cotton and wheat crops had been short. The 1948 rainfall was the second lowest on record. The county had already had one "black duster," a reminder of the middle '30s. "But cheer up—1941 started off with sandstorms, too," this writer stated in his column of Dec. 31, 1948. The moral is—never worry about tomorrow. 1949 gave us enough moisture to raise a good wheat crop and the biggest cotton crop on record. 1950 may be a bad crop year, but we won't know until its mighty close to harvest time.—The Crosbyton Review.

UNGRATEFUL GUEST—John Hagler fell victim to an overdose of pre-Christmas charity. Napping a youthful prowler in the lobby of the Kaufman Hotel near midnight, he extended free hotel accommodations to keep the young man off the streets and out of trouble. Hardly had he returned to bed, when the generous hotel man heard the non-paying guest depart. Dashing to the vacated room, he found the mattress slashed into ribbonlike patterns. The youth was identified at the jail the following morning where he was confined for allegedly having entered other firms.—The Kaufman Herald.

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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT—The less hours we work the more money we have to receive per hour to live and the more money paid per hour for labor the higher the cost of manufactured things. We can never enjoy low prices with short hours of work. Work, after all, is the only thing that is going to dig us out of the hole we are in.—The Lockney Beacon.

NINETY-YEAR-OLD HONORED—Clad in pajamas and overcoat after leaving his hospital bed where he had been confined since the first of August, W. J. Whitworth attended the Matador IOOF Christmas party Monday night. The combined birthday and Christmas party was in his honor. Mr. Whitworth was 90 Monday and the lodge's oldest member.—The Matador Tribune.

LIGHTED CANYON—"Christmas Tree Canyon" turned on its lights last Friday night, carrying along the plans of Canyon's Chamber of Commerce to light up Palo Duro Canyon during the Christmas season as a place of beauty for all to come and see.—The Canyon News.

THE WONDER—Two guys said to be from Post rammed their car into a two story garage apartment over at Plains Sunday night. Evidently they had just visited some of the hooch joints over in the neighboring state, and a companion was driving the owner's car. Anyway, the owner was peacefully sleeping when officers arrived. And when carried to jail on a drunk charge, he help right on. In the meantime the driver had escaped, but left one boot. If the grassburners are as bad around Plains as Brownfield, he did not get far without his boot.—The Terry County Herald.

Fire is the leading cause of home accidental deaths in children. Every year about 3,800 children die in home fire accidents, and many thousands more are seriously injured or crippled.

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# Smallest, Busiest, Cheapest Workers in Town..CLASSIFIED ADS

and Mrs. C. W. Murphy and Mrs. G. W. Norris and Mrs. C. R. Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Phil Boucher and son, Tommy will go to Snyder Christmas Day to be guests of Mrs. Boucher's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Strayhorn. Ann Gates of Lubbeck, accompanied by a friend, spent Wednesday afternoon with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Warren. Mr. and Mrs. Lesley Yandell plan to spend Christmas Day in Lubbeck with Mr. Yandell's twin brother and his family.

## County Records

**Courts and Marriage Licenses**  
Real Estate Transfers  
Oil and Gas Leases  
Deaths and Births

**Warranty Deeds**  
H. J. Bingham to Medesto Le-ya, lots 1 and 2 in block 2 of the Bingham Addition. Consideration \$16,110; 55c Revenue stamps. Ethel Davis Barber to M. P. Gentry, northeast quarter section 1247, certificate 1-378, B.S. & F. survey, abstract 286. Consideration \$16,275; \$18.15 Revenue stamps.

Leonard Brown, et ux to John W. Shedd, 40x80 feet, out of section 1231, J. V. Massey, abstract 333. Consideration \$50; 55c Revenue stamps.

W. C. Caffey, et ux to O. A. Tannehill, lots 9, 10 and 11 in block 6 of the town of Post. Consideration \$3,600; \$4.40 Revenue stamps.

Doyle Howell, et ux to Francis Shannon, 156.28 acres in southwest quarter section 19, block 4, K. Aycock, abstract 517. Consideration \$2,000; \$2.20 Revenue stamps.

Richard Bird, et ux to Jimmy Bird, survey 30, block 7, H.&G.N. R. R. Co., containing 640 acres. Consideration \$28,800; \$31.90 Revenue stamps.

K. O. Adams, et ux to J. H. Goolsby, a 40x90 foot tract in section 1225, abstract 304, EL&RR. Co. survey. Consideration \$400; \$2.75 Revenue stamps.

J. T. Sims, et ux to Morris Davis, south half section 707, abstract 451, I.&GN RR. Co. Five year lease; \$160 rentals; \$1.65 Revenue stamps.

Blanche Dalby Adams, et vir to L. C. Wahlenmaier, southwest quarter section 1112, T.W.N.G. Ry. Co. containing 160 acres and southwest quarter section 1, S. F. 4985, abstract 1125, containing 160 acres. Ten year lease; \$320 rentals; \$2.20 Revenue stamps.

C. V. Smith, et ux to H. A. Bollinger, 50x247 ft. out of section 1225 EL&RR. Co. survey. Ten day lease.

**Car Registrations**  
J. A. Gary, 1949 Plymouth Spl. Club Coupe, 12-13-'49.  
Charles Propst, 1950 Ford Custom Convertible Coupe, 12-13-'49.

D. C. Hill, Jr., 1950 Ford Custom Deluxe Tudor, 12-15-'49.  
O. C. Garner Appliance Co., 1949 International Tank Truck, 12-15-'49.

E. E. Peel, 1949 Plymouth Del. 4-Door Sedan, 12-17-'49.  
Halliburton Oil Well Cementing Co., 1949 Ford Pickup, 12-17-'49.

Melvin L. Loveall & Calvin R. Beylder, 1949 Plymouth Del. 2-Door Sedan, 12-19-'49.  
**Marriage Licenses**  
Leon Benford, 25 and Miss Josephine Mildred Powell, 24, of

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FOR SALE—Leonard Home 4 cubic feet, like new, \$100.00. \$187.00. Crosley Home Freezer, 4 cubic feet, like new, \$100.00. White Auto Store, Post, Texas. 1f

FOR SALE—Boys' 14-inch bicycle. See Robert Cato at Tom Power's Ford House. 1tp

FOR SALE CHEAP—W. C. Allis Chalmers tractor with lister, cultivator, two row slide, disc plow, breaking plow, 5 cows, and calves, model A Ford, maize bundles, 1940 Chevrolet, 75 hens. Will sell one or all. See at Guy B. Hunt's place, across the road from Barnum Springs school. 1tp

FOR SALE—Two year from white sack H. A. Macha improved cottonseed, \$1 per bushel, hand pulled, R. B. Wilson, Post, Rt. 2, phone 900F5. 4tp

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FOR RENT—Residence at Grassland with chicken yard and lot for hogs and cows, if interested see Mrs. Lawson Spears, Route 3, Post, Texas. 3tp

**MISCELLANEOUS**  
To Whom It May Concern—No one has permission to hunt or fish on the Beulah Bird Ranch.

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### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere appreciation for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy during our recent bereavement, including food, flowers and cards and the faithful service of Dr. D. C. Williams. Marie, J. C. and M. L. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Iven Clary.

Bastrop, Tex. Issued 12-10-'49. Federico Camacho, 43 and Mrs. Antonio Gutierrez, 28, of Seguin, Tex. Issued 12-19-'49.



May the Joy and Peace of Christmas be with you always.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson

### LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: Sam Croker—Greeting:

You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock a. m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, the same being Monday the 6th day of February, A. D. 1950, at or before 10 o'clock a. m. before the Honorable District Court of Garza County, at the court house in Post, Garza County, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 19th day of December, 1949. The file number of said suit being No. 987.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Nora Croker as plaintiff, and Sam Croker as defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to-wit: The plaintiff alleges the marriage of the parties on March 9th, 1947, in Texarkana, Arkansas, the subsequent cruel treatment of plaintiff by defendant without provocation, their separation, and that no child or children were born to the marriage, and that none were adopted by either party, and that the parties do not own any community property; and plaintiff prays for judgment of divorce.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 19th day of December, 1949. The file number of said suit being No. 986.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Ora Dickson Hill as plaintiff, and Paul W. Hill as defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to-wit: The plaintiff alleges the marriage ceremony of the parties on or about December 24th, 1947, at Lubbock, Texas, the then existing previous marriage of defendant to another woman; and prays judgment of the court annulling and holding void said pretended marriage of the parties hereto and dissolving the bonds of pretended matrimony, and for general and special relief, including costs of suit.

Issued this the 19th day of December, 1949.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Post, Garza County, Texas, this the 19th day of December, A. D., 1949.

(SEAL)  
Ray N. Smith, Clerk, District Court, Garza County, Texas.  
By June Peel, Deputy.

**Letters To SANTA CLAUS**  
In California  
Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl almost 5 years old.

Will you please bring me a tricycle and a doll for Christmas, also some nuts and candy. I will be at 435 Elsie Avenue in San Leandro, Calif., this year.

Please don't forget my grandmother, Mrs. W. J. Shepherd, in Post.  
Merry Christmas to you, Linda Ward.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
The family of J. O. Hays is deeply appreciative of your sympathy and kindness during our recent bereavement.

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Christmas 1949

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## Family Reunions And Trips Are Planned

### Letters To SANTA CLAUS

**Wants Big Doll**  
Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a doll as big as a real baby. Don't you think, Santa, that I need a bicycle?  
Your friend,  
Flora Ann Hagood.

**Wants Cowboy Gear**  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little boy 5 years old. I have been a pretty good boy, too, I think.  
I want you to please bring me, if you can, a football, two guns, cowboy boots and cowboy pants, also candy, nuts and fruit.

I've got a little sister, Elaine, who is one year old. Bring her a rocking chair and rubber dolly. She likes candy and bananas, too.

Very truly yours,  
Carroll Dean Pate.

### Revival Services

(Continued From Front Page)  
The revival meeting beginning Christmas night will be the first revival ever conducted by the younger Mr. Nichols, who is attending Bible College at Pasadena College. He will be assisted by another student of the college, Leslie Wright, who will hold evangelism classes each evening.

### Lie Detector Test

(Continued From Front Page)  
The lie detector machine was brought to Lubbock from Austin. Technician in charge of the test was D. E. Wheeler of Austin. Crowder said Wheeler reported that the test showed Truelock's chart ran smooth and "his reactions indicated innocence."  
"This does not mean that the case is dead," Crowder said. "Ranger Razz Renfrow has been assigned to the case and he has worked diligently. He has run down many leads and will continue to run down any leads that might lead to a solution of the case."

Three notes, one in the form of poetry, were found in the Truelock apartment after her death. These, coupled with the fact that Mrs. Truelock suffered from diabetes, have added to the theory of possible suicide.

**Tomorrow will be Christmas** for the family of Mr. and Mrs. Ray N. Smith and son, Robert. Their guests will be Mr. and Mrs. Garland Cannon and two children of Petersburg and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith and baby of Lubbock.

**Christmas guests in the home** of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. King will include Mr. and Mrs. Nick Nickerson and son, Ziggy, of Plainview and Mr. and Mrs. Pap Reed and baby of Kress.

**The Bob Celemans will spend** Christmas in Dallas.  
**Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Herron and** son will spend the Christmas holidays in Archer City.

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FOR SALE—Man's two-sulter piece of luggage, dark brown, gladiator, practically new, at a real bargain. Call 90, if interested.

(Continued From Front Page)  
Mrs. W. J. Shepherd will be hostess for a family Christmas tree Saturday night. Attending will be Mr. and Mrs. Glen Day of Mrs. Irvin Chandler and family, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Shepherd and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dell Hester and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Shepherd and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Shepherd and daughter.

**In Floyd Home**  
Mr. and Mrs. Guy Floyd and daughter, Nelda, will have as Christmas guests Am Floyd who arrived here yesterday from West Texas State College, Canyon; Glenn Mauer of Kingsville; Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Rogers, Giles Dalby and Mrs. Floyd's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Tinsley Rainwater and sons of Snyder.

**In Bailey Home**  
Christmas guests in the Claude Bailey home will include Mr. and Mrs. Guy Harrison and son, Guy T., of Borger who arrived here Sunday and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gatski and son, Dan, of the Gordon community.

Visiting in the home of Judge and Mrs. J. Lee Bowen and children Christmas Day will be Mrs. John Sutton and daughters of Pecos, who are already here, Mrs. Charlie Pace of Electra; Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Cannon and children of Idalou, Max Ward and Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Bowen.

Guests in the v. C. Caffey home Christmas Day will be Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Caffey, Jr., and daughter, Sammie Kay, of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Caffey and children, Janice and Tommy, of Breckenridge; Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hartel of Post and Mrs. Ruby Ivey of Amarillo.

**In Greenfield Home**  
Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Greenfield will be Mr. and Mrs. S. I. Marchbanks and son, Joe, of State College, Miss., who will arrive here tomorrow; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Daugherty of Canyon; Mr. and Mrs. Ted Schuler and son, Warren, of Seminole; Mr. and Mrs. K. P. Nicholson, Jr., and son, Randy, and Ted Schuler, Jr., all of Lorenzo; and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Altman and family.

**In Dent Home**  
Christmas visitors of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dent will be Mr. and Mrs. Howard McCampbell and children of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Sanders and daughter of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes and daughter. A family group will gather at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Cowdrey tomorrow night for a Christmas tree, then on Sunday the same group will have dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Davis and sons. Attending will be Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Cowdrey and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Windham and son, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Peel and son, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Sparlin and daughters of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Delmo Gossett and daughter, Alvin Davis of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Glen Davis and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Cowdrey.

**Visiting Parents**  
Mr. and Mrs. Jess Wright and daughters will spend Christmas Day in Littlefield with Mrs. Wright's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Ferguson.  
Mrs. R. W. Babb and children, Truett of Meadow and Ganell, accompanied by Pat Patterson of Meadow and Miss Bessie Pitts, will leave tomorrow afternoon for Fort Worth where the Babb family will spend Christmas with Mrs. Babb's brother, N. C. Potter, and family and sister, Mrs. Hugh Hazelwood, and family; Patterson will visit a brother and Miss Pitts will go on to Athens to spend a week with her mother, Mrs. D. B. Pitts, and her sister, Maudine, and brother, Ben.

All of the children of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. (Jude) Manly, except the Chesley Manlys of New York City, will be here for Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin (Little Jude) Manly and son, Jude III, of Odessa arrived here early this week and left the son here while they visited in Lubbock the remainder of this week. They will be here Christmas Day, along with Mr. and Mrs. Steve Luce and daughter of Vernon and Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Stewart, for dinner in the Manly home.  
Mr. and Mrs. Pat Carlson and two daughters of Amarillo will spend Christmas in the home of Mr. Carlson's mother, Mrs. Elmer Long, and Mr. Long.

The Dowe Mayfield family will spend Christmas Day with Mr. Mayfield's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Mayfield, in Roby.  
If Gene Mays manages to get home from Las Vegas, Nev., all 12 of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hays and their families will be present for Christmas dinner with their parents. By press time, Mr. and Mrs. Hays were expecting Gene but had not heard definitely whether or not he will be able to come. Mr. and Mrs. James Hays and son, Jimmy, arrived here Tuesday night from Artesia, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gilmore and daughters, Charlotta Ann and Carla Sue, of Springfield, Mass., have been here for some time. All of the other Hays children live here.

Christmas guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Smiley and three children will be Mr. Smiley's father, Charles Smiley, and son, Bill, of Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. Chester Smiley and children of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Smiley and children of Kress.  
Mrs. G. W. Davis and family are leaving Monday for Godley where they will make their home.

**From Fort Worth**  
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Edwards and children, Sharon and Lynn, of Fort Worth will arrive here Saturday night to spend Christmas with Mrs. Edwards' parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Greenfield.

Christmas visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leck Walls and family will be Mrs. Walls' parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Churchill and daughter, Louise, of Claremont; Mrs. Walls' brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Barnes and son of Amarillo; Mrs. Walls' son, Rex Reed of Polar; Mrs. Allie Lammond, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Robinson, Jr., and daughter Linda.

Joe Moss will leave tonight to spend four or five days with relatives in Lufkin.

Miss Geneva Voss and a friend, Miss Becky Pond, both of Temple, will arrive here tomorrow to spend Christmas with Mrs. Jessie Voss. Geneva is employed as executive secretary of the Bell County Chapter of the American Red Cross and Miss Pond is a Red Cross field representative. The latter will go to St. Louis from here after Christmas. Other Christmas guests of Mrs. Voss will be Mr. and Mrs. Joe Anderson of Seminole and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Voss and daughter, Voda Beth.

**Sails For Japan**  
All of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Will Teaff of the Close City community, except a son, N. B., who sailed Dec. 12 for Japan, will be home for Christmas. Members of the family and guests expected for Christmas dinner include Erven Popham of Clyde and sons, Dennis and Ernie who make their home with the Teaffs, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Watson of Leveland; Mr. and Mrs. Milton Bayer and two children of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Roberts and four daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey R. Stotts and son of Pecos; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Teaff and son, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Cockrell and son, Roy and Auda Teaff and Mr. and Mrs. Will Teaff, N. B., who is in the air corps expects to be in Japan a year or longer.

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George and Jo

Greetings TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

Since we cannot shake each one of you by the hand to give you our good wishes personally... we want to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to you for your wonderful friendship and patronage.

May this holiday season be one of joy and goodness for each and everyone of you... our friends and patrons.

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Jenkins-Propst Vows Solemnized Friday

Miss Jenelee Propst, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Propst, became the bride of Merle E. Jenkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Jenkins of Caddo, Friday, Dec. 17, in Carlsbad, New Mexico.

minister, the Rev. J. Melvin Ray, pastor of the First Baptist Church. The double ring ceremony was performed at 6:30 o'clock in the evening.

The bride wore an Irving Schecter original model suit with a navy blue coat with a silver grey plin stripe, and a navy blue skirt. She wore a winter white hat trimmed in navy blue and gold and white blouse and gloves with navy blue shoes and bag.

The bride is a graduate of Post High School. The bridegroom attended Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, North Texas State College in Denton and John Tarleton College in Stephenville.

Bonnie Bowen Is Honored At Party In Cash Residence

Women employed in the offices of the court house gave a buffet supper and gift exchange party at the home of Mrs. G. K. Cash Monday night of last week in honor of Miss Bonnie Anne Bowen, bride-elect of Maxine Ray Ward.

The Christmas theme was featured in decorations throughout the house. Supper was served from a buffet table which was covered with a lace cloth and centered with an arrangement of poinsettias and red tapers.

After gifts were exchanged from a Christmas tree, Miss Bowen was presented with a set of lamps and a piece of silver from the group.

Christmas Dinner Given For Group In L. Davis Home

The Amity Study Club met for a Christmas dinner Wednesday night of last week in the beautifully decorated home of Mrs. Lee Davis with Mrs. Jess Cornell, Mrs. Burnon Haws and Mrs. David Schultz as hostesses.

The tables were laid with white linen cloths and individual centerpiecees of soft foam, silver fir, green candles and red bows. Chicken gumbo, buttered beets, green salad, hot rolls, butter, fruit cake and coffee were served from a buffet table.

C. R. Smileys Give Dinner On Friday

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Smiley were host for a Christmas dinner last Friday evening for the directors of the Garza Cooperative Association and their wives.

After dinner, the directors had a short business meeting. Attending were Messrs. and Mesdames C. D. Morrel, Charlie Bird, T. L. Jones and L. W. Dabby.

Nazarenes To Have Christmas Program

A Christmas program under the direction of Misses Pauline Perkins and Wanda Rogers will be presented at 6:30 o'clock Sunday evening, at the Church of the Nazarene.

CHURCH NEWS

By GANELL BABB

Carol's Origin

"Silent Night, Holy Night," rises from the hearts of mankind each year during the Yuletide season since the Christmas night of 1818, when a rector and a choirleader gave the world a blessing of peace in the form of a song.

The song, "Silent Night," echoed out of the small village of Obendorf in the Tyrolean Alps of Austria. The 25-year-old rector of the village church, Joseph Mohr, was alone on the Christmas Eve of 1818 when he heard a loud pounding on the door.

The rector started out on a tedious journey up the mountain side, to a small cabin, miles in distance. After many hours of climbing he reached his destination and saw within the cabin a repetition of the Nativity scene.

The next morning Joseph Mohr visited the village organist and choirleader, Franz Gruber. He asked the organist to pick out the melody of the song on an old guitar because the organ was broken. A few hours later Franz Gruber ran to the rectory with the tune and words he had sounded out.

The following song of peace: SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright, Round yon virgin mother and child

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight, Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia: Christ, the Saviour is born, Christ, the Saviour is born.

IN EXCELSIS GLORIA This carol is from the Harleian Manuscripts in the British Museum. The date is supposed to be about 1500:

When Christ was born of Mary free, In Bethlehem, in that fair citie, Angels sang there with mirth and glee, In Excelsis Gloria!

Herdsmen beheld these angels bright, To them appearing with great light, Who said, "God's son is born this night," In Excelsis Gloria!

This King is come to save mankind, As in scripture truths we find, Therefore this song have we in mind, In Excelsis Gloria!

Then, dear Lord, for Thy great grace, Grant us the bliss to see Thy face, That we may sing to Thy solace, In Excelsis Gloria!

Officers Elected By Merry Makers

The Merry Makers Club met Tuesday of last week in the home of Mrs. Taylor Cook for a Christmas party.

Stallings Pupils Are Presented In Annual Program

Pupils of Mrs. J. A. Stallings were presented in their annual Christmas recital Monday night before a large crowd in the Post high school auditorium.

The program included the following numbers: "Your Lips Tell Me No! No!"; "Melody Maids—El Wanda Davies, Anita Kennedy, La Rue Stevens, Nelda Floyd and Barbara Norris"; "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer"; Group 3—Sherry Custer, Marica Dean Holland, Allane Norris, Kay Gene Jones, Anita Henderson, Rose Evelyn Walker, Bob Cato, Boyd Dodson and Don Davies; "Twenty-Four Hours of Sunshine"; tap dance, Group 4—Freda Kennedy, Beth Hamilton, Carolyn Hudman, Toni Fay Palmer, Leslie Nichols, Janice Gordon and Thelma Lee Hodges.

"Santa's On His Way." Group 1—Nancy Power, Reba Teal, Gloria Gay Cook, Bill Cook, Jr., and Johnny Haire; "When My Baby Smiles at Me," Group 5—Agnes Dodson, Tommie Lou Scott, Joan Moreman, Janie Gossett, Jeanie Peel, Yvonne Pennington, Harlan Pennington, Carrol Davis, Bobby Cowdrey and Clarky Cowdrey; "Everywhere You Go," Group 2—Ray Gordon, Cherrie Dodson, Billy Lou Hill, Jerilyn Davies, Clara Frances Smiley, Barbara Williams, Beverly Gilmore and Jane Francis.

"Santa Claus Is Coming To Town," Graham Group—Carolyn Moore, Cherlyn Moore, Kay Maxey, Judy Gossett, Rea Peel, Jane Ellen Maxey, Charlotte Taylor, Patsy Downs, Sanda Stewart and Pamela Stewart; "Five Foot Two, Eyes of Blue," Melody Maids; "Dreamers Holiday," dance, Group 3; "Little Blue Eyes" and "Oh, You Beautiful Doll," Group 1; solo, Marica Dean Holland; "Blue Christmas Waltz," dance, Group 4; "Put Your Shoes On, Lusk"; Nelda Floyd; "Blue Christmas," Group 5; with guitar accompaniment by Bobby Cowdrey; "Lucky Old Sun," Sherry Custer.

"Here Comes Santa Claus," Graham Group; "Take Me Out to the Ball Game," tap dance, Anita Kennedy; "The Wedding of Jack and Jill," Group 2; "Cuddle Up," Group 1; "She Wore a Yellow Ribbon," Group 4; "Hop Scotch Polka," Group 3; "Pretty Baby, dance, Melody Maids; Christmas Carols, Group 5; "Lavender Blue," Group 2; "I want a Beautiful Doll for Christmas," Graham Group; "Why Don't You Hawl Off and Leave Me?" Allane Norris; "Old Cowhand," Group 1; "Mister Sears and Roebuck," tap dance, La Rue Stevens; "Christmas Polka," Group 4; "Just for You," Barbara Norris; "Merry Christmas Waltz," tap dance, Agnes Dodson, Tommie Lou Scott and Group 5; "You Are All I Want for Christmas," El Wanda Davies; "Merry-Go-Round Waltz," Group 2; "Old-Fashioned Walk," Group 3, and "Christmas Dreaming" and "White Christmas," Melody Maids.

'Mary' Is Reviewed For Culture Club

The Women's Culture Club met at the home of Mrs. H. G. Smith Dec. 7 for an annual religious program. Mrs. Robert Cox was co-hostess.

Mrs. J. R. Durrett, program chairman, introduced Dr. D. H. Templeton who gave a most interesting review of the book, "Mary," by Scholem Asch. He prefaced the review with a sketch of the author, a Jewish scholar with a Christian character.

Three religious hymns were sung by Mrs. L. A. Presson, Mrs. B. M. Hays, Mrs. Ralph Welch, Mrs. Monty Moore and Miss Maxine Durrett, with piano accompaniment by Mrs. T. L. Jones.

Washburn-McAfee Vows Solemnized

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Williams of Rt. 2 are announcing the marriage of their daughter, Mrs. Ruth Washburn, to Horace McAfee of Overton.

David Bass Honored At Birthday Party

David Bass, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Bass was honored at a party Saturday afternoon in their home the day after his fifth birthday.

After a series of games and David had opened his gifts, refreshments were served.

Gossip About Garza Guys And Gals

—by gay nellie

Lavenia Carpenter is home for the holidays from TSCW and is wearing a beautiful engagement ring from Bernie Hogan, a North Texas State College student. Bernie whose home is in Miami Springs, Fla., will arrive here Tuesday for a visit with the Carpenters.

Lillian Shelton of Dallas is here for the holidays and is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Haden Johnson, and family.

Wonder why we don't see Peggy Johnston up at the high school any more? Could it be that she dropped school for more important things in her life, for instance, Snorty Hester?

The opening of the new Education Building of the First Baptist Church Sunday was successful in every way, the Rev. T. M. Gillham reported.

There was an increase of 70 people in Sunday school over the previous Sunday's attendance and an increase of 36 in the training program on Sunday evening.

Because of popular request, the Christmas anthem, "The New Born King," which the choir sang last Sunday morning will be repeated at the morning service this coming Sunday. The pastor's sermon topic will be: "When the Clock of the Century Struck."

The annual Christmas tree program at the First Baptist Church will be presented at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow night. The Sunday school forces will be in charge of the program. There will be "treats for all children present," the Rev. Mr. Gillham said.

All services at the church next week, including the mid-week prayer service, will be canceled because so many members will be out of town, the pastor said.

J. T. Ritchies To Observe Golden Wedding Tuesday

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ritchie of the Close City Community will have open house from 2 until 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 27, to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

They were married at Hamilton in 1899. Mrs. Ritchie, the former Mary Jane Tate, was born in Alabama Feb. 14, 1878, and her husband was born in Milam County Sept. 2, 1876.

All six of their children and 13 grandchildren are expected to spend Christmas with them and remain here for the Golden Wedding celebration.

Their sons are Earl and Bonnie Ritchie of Ontario, Calif., Claude Ritchie of San Francisco, Calif., and Aubrey Ritchie of Close City. The daughters are Mrs. Leo Eckart of Pomona, Calif., and Mrs. A. O. Parrish of the Graham Community, near Post.

An invitation is being extended through the newspapers to all of the couple's friends and neighbors to attend the open house.

Nazarene Class Has Christmas Social

Members of the Intermediate Sunday school class of the Church of the Nazarene were entertained at a party last Friday evening in the home of Wanda Bratcher.

Games were enjoyed and the teacher told a Christmas story. The group presented their teacher with a lovely gift. Mrs. Bratcher, Mrs. Dale and Mrs. Sanders served delicious refreshments to 15 members and four guests.

Miss Simmons And Mr. Lucas Exchange Vows

Details have been received of the marriage of Miss Margaret Ann Simmons of Albuquerque, N. M., and James Newton Lucas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen M. Lucas, of the Verberna community, as follows:

The couple exchanged vows Nov. 26 in the rectory of St. Therese Parish in Albuquerque. The Rev. Bernard Burns performed the double ring ceremony at 4 o'clock in the afternoon before an altar decorated with a white altar cloth, palms on either side of the Crucifix and flowers and candlebra.

The bride, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin L. Simmons of Albuquerque, wore a white nylon dress trimmed in nylon lace, white satin shoes and she carried a bouquet of orchids and carnations with white satin streamers.

Her veil fell from a halo of lilies of the valley. She wore a strand of pearls. Her wedding ring was a gold band, a gift from her grandmother who presented it to her after the recent death of her husband.

Miss Rachel Ann Kirby, maid of honor, wore an ice blue satin dress and carried a pink carnation nosegay. She wore a pink feather hat.

S/Sgt. Charles C. Caldwell of Kirkland Air Force Base attended the bridegroom as best man and S/Sgt. Harvey F. Chittum of Kirkland Base was usher.

The bride's mother wore an aque blue dress and a pink and white carnation corsage. The bride's mother, grandmother, Mrs. Hugo Masching, and her great grandmother, Mrs. Jona Sowers, were among the wedding guests.

After the ceremony a reception was held in the home of the bride's parents at 319 E. Ruby Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucas are at home in Albuquerque where they are employed by Valley Gold Dairies. The bride is a stenographer and was graduated from the high school there. The bridegroom attended Verberna and Post schools and was graduated from Post high school in 1944. He recently was honorably discharged from the Air Corps.

Mrs. Maggie Childress put a permanent wave in Santa Claus' hair and beard this week at Maggie's Beauty Shop as a part of the merry gentlemen's visit here in downtown Post on Christmas Eve.

Class Party Is Held In Gillham Home

Members of the Leaders Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church enjoyed a party in the home of their teacher, Mrs. T. M. Gillham, last Friday evening.

Mrs. Gillham gave the devotional and a Christmas Story was told by Mrs. Monta Moore.

Gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served to 19 members and five visitors.

M. J. Malouf Home Is Scene Of Class Party

The Home Builders Sunday School Class of the Church of the Nazarene was honored at a party last Friday evening in the home of the teacher, Mrs. M. J. Malouf.

Games were played and the group enjoyed singing Christmas carols.

Refreshments of chicken salad, cranberry sauce, potato chips, hot rolls, pecan pie with whipped cream and coffee were served to 46 guests.

Miss Winterrowd Becomes Bride Of R. L. Haliburton

Miss Betty Winterrowd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Winterrowd, of Southland, and Robert L. Haliburton, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Haliburton, also of Southland, were married Dec. 6 in the Winterrowd home, with the Rev. I. J. Duff of Southland performing the ceremony.

The improvised altar was decorated with white and pink carnations and greenery.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore pink gabardine with a white corsage.

Miss Lawana Winterrowd, the bride's sister who served as maid of honor, wore a blue dress with a corsage of pink carnations.

Bryan Clay Johnston of Southland served as best man.

The ceremony was followed by a reception.

Mr. and Mrs. Haliburton are at home on their farm north of Southland.

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### Everything From Marriage License To Groceries Bought With News Tip Money

Upon learning that Merle Jenkins used the \$2.50 he recently won in the Post Dispatch News Tip Contest to obtain a marriage license, a Dispatch reporter decided to make a survey to find out what News Tip winners did with the \$2.50 and \$1 checks they have won during the past year.

When the contest was begun in November, 1948, Mrs. Vada Childers and the Rev. D. A. Bryant who now lives in Kerrville were determined winners. Mrs. Childers won \$2.50 for news concerning a comet that was visible here for several days and the Rev. Mr. Bryant received a buck for promptly reporting the organization of Post's first Ministerial Association.

**Indulged In Luxuries**  
Mrs. O. L. Weakley, who has won two prizes since the contest was begun, said: "I considered my checks something special and spent them on luxuries, going to the movies." Jim Hundley reported: "I guess I spent mine going to a ball game somewhere." Mrs. Bert Cash, who has won more than one prize and is also a Post Dispatch correspondent, told this reporter: "I have been saving all the money I receive from the Post Dispatch and am putting it away until I get enough to buy the kind of hat I want." When asked what he did with the greenback he won in the Dispatch contest, John Herd replied: "I made a down payment on the dinner ring I gave Joyce for Christmas."

**Blew It In**  
O. D. Cardwell had a hard time remembering that he reported a "stork shower" his wife was going to which won him a dollar, but he said: "I'm sure I just blew it all in."

Several Dispatch readers either used their money to renew their own subscriptions or to send the paper to a relative. Among them were Lee Bowen, Mrs. Irene Rodgers, Mrs. Lillie Clark and Mrs. J. D. Yarbo. Mrs. J. A. Propst said: "I think I renewed my daughter's subscription but if I didn't I spent it to some good advantage."

In thanking us for her check, Mrs. Glenn Kahler told us: "I gave it to Kaki to put with her other money to use in buying Christmas gifts." Mrs. Delmo Gossett said: "I bought my daughter a rubber dog that barks." Dick Woods said: "Dogged if I remember, but if you'll let me win another one I'll remember and let you know, but I imagine I spent it going to an Antelope football game as I think it was about that time of the year when I won it."

**"Treated" Reporter**  
We know where a nickel of Mrs. Bruce Shepherd's prize went as she treated Gay Nellie to a cup of coffee after she cashed her check. Mrs. Bob Thomas said: "I can't remember exactly but I would say it went for groceries as that's where all my money goes." Mrs. W. R. Graeber won \$2.50 one week unintentionally and reported to us that she couldn't keep the money as Mrs. Carl Clark had told her about the item that we gave the prize on and asked us to make the check to Mrs. Clark. The matter was finally cleared when the women split the money and each one gave her \$1.25 to the Sunday morning offering at the Methodist Church.

Ira L. Duckworth said: "I remember winning the money but I don't know what I did with it, except I just spent it like I

### City Laundry Sold To McKinney Couple

Mr. and Mrs. Max Gordon and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Berry sold the City Laundry this week to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Sullivan of McKinney. The Post couples have owned and operated this modern business establishment for two years. The Berrys will continue associations with the firm until school is out. It was announced this week by Mr. Sullivan.

The new managers took over Monday.

have all the rest of my money." Bing Bingham who is always giving us a good news tip and has been paid for it a couple of times told us last week: "I got your check out of the post office and thought I had opened all my mail but let that envelope slip by and when my wife told me to clean up the house and throw away all that junky mail I did not want I ran onto that check."

**"Sweated It Out"**  
J. C. Shedd turned in tips for a good while before the committee selected him as a winner and he checked with the staff every day after turning in a tip to see whether or not he won. When he was informed one week that he was a contest winner and that the check would be mailed he really had worries as the letter was misplaced at the post office and several days went by before he finally got his money. During this time he spent several miserable hours and called the home of a reporter one Sunday with a shaky tearful voice.

Sandy Cross threw her mother's check away thinking the long envelope was a boxholder, so the bookkeeper had to mail Mrs. Sid Cross another check. Sherrill Boyd said: "I deposited my greenback to the youngster, Don, just like I will be doing all the rest of my days."



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### FRANCIS QUIMET

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Warren will go to Lubbock Sunday to spend Christmas Day with their daughter, Mrs. Tom Gates, and family in their new home. The Gates' just recently moved into their new house at 1309 Forty-first street.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Norris and children will spend the Christmas weekend in Brownfield with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Cardwell spent last week in Albuquerque, New Mexico, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Darwood Billings and children.

Merry Christmas!

### Three PHS Girls Basketball Teams Win Over Roby Teams In Roby Tuesday Night

### Littlefield Plays Mexia Monday In Abilene Stadium

Texas Class A high school football will wind up the 1949 season with a state championship game at 2 o'clock Monday in Abilene between Littlefield of District 4-A and Mexia. The game will be played in the 10,000-seat capacity Fair Park. Tickets will be \$1.50 each.

Littlefield's ground game has been spectacular and for this reason the South Plains eleven is a favorite over Mexia. The Wildcat's biggest backfield threat is Tommy Bailes. Littlefield defeated the Garland Owls 27-13 in the semi-finals last Friday afternoon at Vernon.

Mexia defeated Uvalde 7-6 last Friday in Austin. Mexia, with Fullback Derrell Carlite sparking the scoring, had to knock out the pre-season Class A favorite, New Braunfels, in the playoff.

### PHS Boys Lose In Spur Tourney To Team From Girard

The Post high school boys basketball team went to the Spur tournament last weekend and won their first game over Ralls but were defeated by Girard Saturday afternoon to be eliminated from the finals.

In Friday night's game with Ralls, Jack Kirkpatrick was high point man, scoring 14 of the local's 29 points. Ralls racked up 17.

Girard defeated the Post five to the tune of 36-30. The local squad just couldn't get going. Coach Bing Bingham said and they only made six free shots out of 22 tries and missed 14 field shots, Bing said. Kirkpatrick was again high pointer with 12.

Bingham expressed his appreciation for the fine hospitality that the Spur folks showed him and his boys during the tourney.

Boys who made the trip with Bing were Ronald Joe Babb, Rex King, Kirkpatrick, Gene King, W. O. Fluitt, Norman Cash, Don Brown, Jerry Odom and Pat Stephens.

### Pleasant Valley Small Talk

Please Send News Not Later Than Monday to Pleasant Valley Correspondent

Mrs. J. M. Bland, who had major surgery in a hospital in Lubbock last week is recuperating satisfactorily.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Scott and son spent the weekend with relatives at Idalou.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Webb visited Sunday with their two sons and families at Anton.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leazar made a business trip to Sunday Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Spence and Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hall visited relatives in Levelland Sunday.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Lewis this week are their daughter, Mrs. T. J. Wardlow, Mr. Wardlow and family of near Harlingen.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Brestrup and sons of Minneapolis, Minn., are spending Christmas with Mrs. Brestrup's mother, Mrs. Will Barton, and Mr. Barton and her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Hall, and son.

Silver and gold coins have a rough edge because if they were smooth it would be easy to file off some of the valuable metal without changing the coin's appearance.

### PTA Survey

(Continued From Front Page)

glasses, our little boy, who did not seem to need them, begged for glasses. Finally, he complained he couldn't study. We watched him carefully and made sure nothing was wrong, then we bought him a pair of eye shades when we started on our vacation. This satisfied his "need" for glasses and he has not complained of a headache since.

MRS. WILLARD KIRKPATRICK—The PTA's proposed project is a fine thing. Good eye sight is most important to a child's ability to learn. I would trust the PTA to engage a competent expert to make the tests and I would accept whatever he recommends. Anybody who believes in the competence of the PTA should feel the same way, I would think.

MRS. A. P. OTTINGER—It is a marvelous idea because there are so many handicapped children who really need eye corrections. I would accept the findings of anyone engaged by the PTA to make the tests because I know the committee is taking the project very seriously, and of course the PTA is dependable.

MRS. CURTIS DAVIES—It's a good idea; in fact, it's wonderful. I would expect to cooperate with the optometrist in every way after he goes to all the trouble of making the tests.

MRS. ROBERT CATO—It's a grand idea. I would like to see the PTA go even further and offer physical tests for the children. I don't think anyone should feel obligated to buy glasses from the man who makes the test. I would feel free to have my child fitted by my own doctor, and I certainly would have the child's eyes corrected if I learned through the tests that correction is needed.

MRS. T. D. SCOTT—I'd feel better about the project if an oculist were engaged to do the job.

MRS. REESE BIVENS—I like the idea and I feel sure the PTA will engage a competent doctor for the job. I will certainly take his work. So often people don't realize their children—especially small children—need glasses.

MRS. HOMER GORDON—I am most interested in this project, and I certainly would never criticize the optometrists for "drumming up trade" because they already have more business than they can handle. If they take on the PTA project it will be a courtesy that should be widely appreciated.

JUDGE J. LEE BOWEN—It's a good idea. If the optometrist should tell me one of my kids needed glasses, I'd figure he knew what he was talking about, because I trust the PTA to get a competent doctor.

MRS. ELBERT DAVIES—I will not have a child in school until next year, but I have been reading about this project with interest. It seems to me that a doctor that the PTA would engage would certainly be an honest man and have plenty to do without getting out and hunting up extra business. I certainly would take his advice. As there is not an optometrist or oculist here, there surely are many children whose parents are unable to take them to some other town for an examination and for this reason I think it is a good idea to bring the doctor here.

MRS. J. D. KING—I'm all for it and I wouldn't think of accusing the optometrist of merely trying to sell glasses.

MRS. EDD DYE—Although I haven't thought about it, I like the idea offhand. If, however, the tests showed that my children needed glasses I would take them to the family doctor for prescriptions.

MRS. IVEN CLAWY—I am really in favor of this project, although I haven't thought it over from all angles. It seems to me that too many children need eye attention. I would figure that the optometrist engaged by the PTA would know what he is talking about.

MRS. HOWARD RANKIN—I liked the idea when I read about it in Eddie the Editor's Column. I can't see why there should be any objection because if the parents didn't want to take the optometrist's advice they are free to take the children to the doctor of their choice.

THE REV. T. M. GILLHAM—It is a good idea because so many children fail in their subjects because of eye strain. I would never think of saying that the optometrist engaged by the PTA would merely be trying to sell glasses.

Dr. Darrell B. Harmon, director of the Division of Education Service of the state department of health, has conducted an outstanding state-wide survey of visual problems of Texas school children, writes Albert Q. Maisel in the January Woman's Home Companion.

There are thousands of children in schools in America who have been labeled "dull" only because they cannot see properly. There are few states which have given thorough and effective tests to their children to test their eyesight. Texas is one of those states, states Mr. Maisel.

"The failure to adopt reasonable vision-testing practices," writes Mr. Maisel, "in most schools is part of the large failure to provide decent visual environment. School superintendents and school boards are a generation behind the present level of scientific knowledge about school construction, school lighting, classroom painting and desk arrangement."

### BITS OF NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Berry and children will leave Friday for Grand Junction, Colo., where they will spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Morris and children, Jack, Jerry and Sheila of Close City visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Morris Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Summers, who own and operate the Antelope Snack Shack, will spend several days in Weatherford with members of her family. They will leave Saturday.

**EIGHTH GRADE PARTY**

Eighth graders had a hilarious pre-holiday party at the American Legion hall Tuesday night. A series of games was enjoyed after which hotdogs and pops were served. Room-mothers, Mmes. Tom Williams and Raymond Redman, and class sponsors, E. F. Schmedt and L. H. Welch, chaperoned the group and helped in directing the games. Almost every member of the class attended.

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## Greetings

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# Yuletide Greetings 1949

Simple, unadorned thoughts are best at Christmas. So we would only wish you a joyful and happy holiday season, when every step you take increases your desire to be a friend to man. And a Merry Christmas to you.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

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# GARZA WEEK OF GREAT... ENTERTAINMENT

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MAKE PLANS TO BRING YOUR PARTY TO OUR NEW YEAR'S MID-NIGHT PREVUE DECEMBER 31ST.

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WE'RE SPREADING *Christmas Savings* ALL OVER



ASSORTED FLAVORS—**JELL-O**—5c PKG.

EVERLITE—**Salad Dressing**... 25c PINT JAR—

**Cranberry Sauce** 16 OZ. CAN OCEAN SPRAY **12 1/2c**

**FRUIT COCKTAIL** DEL MONTE NO. 2 1/2 CAN **29c**

**Bakerite** SHORTENING 3 LB. CAN **59c**

Libby's Stuffed 2-oz. Jar **OLIVES** ... 23c  
 Libby's Gherkin's 12-oz. Jar **PICKLES** ... 43c



**DRUG SPECIALS**

Merry Christmas

**SHAMPOO** MODART 4 OZ. JAR ... 39c

**HIND'S GIFT SETS** LOTION AND COLOGNE ... 59c

**TOOTH PASTE** COLGATE'S GIANT SIZE ... 29c



**FROZEN FOODS FEATURES**

A Happy New Year

**ORANGE JUICE** BIRDSEYE 6 OZ. CAN ... 27c

**PARKER HOUSE ROLLS** STO-AWAY BOX OF 9 ... 19c

**STRAWBERRIES** STILLWELL 1 LB. BOX ... 39c



**FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES**

**CELERY** GREEN LARGE STALK **12 1/2c**

**ORANGES** CALIFORNIA SUNKIST LB. **10c**

**BANANAS** GOLDEN RIPE POUND **12 1/2c**

**LETTUCE** FIRM HEADS POUND ... 9c

**CABBAGE** FIRM HEADS POUND ... 5c

**GRAPEFRUIT** TEXAS 8 LB. BAG ... 49c

**TOMATOES** FRESH 1 LB. PKG. ... 19c

**PEARS** FRESH POUND ... 15c

Pillsbury's—Pie Crust	Box—	19c
Niblets Spears—	300 Can	
Asparagus		39c
Baker's—	4-oz. Box—	
Cocoanut		15c
Cello Bag—	2 Lbs.—	
Raisins		35c
Hershey's—	1/2 Lb. Box—	
Cocoa		23c
Bordo Pitted—	7-oz. Pkg.—	
Dates		22c
Heinz Plum—	15-oz. Can—	
Pudding		53c
Del Monte—	14-oz. Bot.—	
Catsup		19c
Doeskin—	Extra Lg. Box—	
Napkins		49c
Pillsbury's—	Box—	
Roll Mix		29c
Peter Pan—	7 1/2-oz. Jar—	
Peanuts		31c
Lipton's—	48 Cnt.—	
Tea Bags		53c
Swans Down—	Lg. Box—	
Cake Flour		41c
Libby's Garden—	303 Can—	
Peas		20c
Libby's White—	303 Can—	
Corn		18c
White Karo—	Pint Bot.—	
Syrup		22c
Aunt Ellen's—	Pkg.—	
PI-DO		15c

<b>CHERRIES</b>	MARISCHINO 8 OZ. JAR	33c
<b>PEACHES</b>	LIBBY'S PICKLED NO. 2 1/2 CAN	39c
<b>GREEN BEANS</b>	DEL MONTE CUT NO. 2 CAN	27c
<b>PINEAPPLE</b>	DOLE CRUSHED NO. 2 CAN	33c
<b>PINEAPPLE JUICE</b>	DOLE NO. 2 CAN	17c
<b>MINCE MEAT</b>	IMPERIAL 9 OZ. 2 PKGS.	25c
<b>MARSHMALLOWS</b>	SUGAR KIST 8 OZ. PKG.	15c



**PIGGLY WIGGLY QUALITY MEATS**

<b>HAMS</b>	WILSON'S CERTIFIED 1/2 OR WHOLE LB.	59c
<b>HENS</b>	LIGHT, FULLY DRESSED AND DRAWN LB.	49c
<b>PORK ROAST</b>	FRESH POUND	49c
<b>TURKEY HENS</b>	DRESSED AND DRAWN LB.	69c
<b>TURKEY TOMS</b>	DRESSED AND DRAWN LB.	59c
<b>CHEESE</b>	KRAFT'S ELKHORN POUND	49c
<b>BACON</b>	CUDAHY'S WICKLOW SLICED LB.	45c
<b>BACON SQUARES</b>	WILSON'S POUND	39c

LIBBY'S CUT <b>BEETS</b>	303 CAN	13c
POWDERED OR BROWN <b>SUGAR</b>	POUND	13c
CAMPBELL'S CHICKEN NOODLE <b>SOUP</b>	CAN	18c
BRACH'S CHOCOLATE COVERED <b>CHERRIES</b>	1 LB. BOX	49c
FRESH SHELLED <b>PECANS</b>	1 LB. PKG.	93c
FRESH GUARANTEED <b>EGGS</b>	DOZEN	49c



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WE WILL CLOSE AT 7:00 P. M. SATURDAY—CHRISTMAS EVE.  
 CLOSED ALL DAY MONDAY, DECEMBER 26th

SWEET— BLUE PLATE— NO. 2 1/2 CAN— **POTATOES** ... 22c



POST GETS SEWER SYSTEM, NEW SCHOOL BUILDING—

## News Of 1949 Is Dotted With Progress

Looking back through the files of 1949, the Post Dispatch reporter was impressed with the weather which kept Garza County farmers on edge until a bumper crop was assured late in the year, with the number of deaths—particularly of oldtimers, and with the progress which was Post's in the form of a new grade school building, a paving project for Precinct 2, completion of the sewer system, authorization of a bridge across the Yellow-house on the Rails highway.

Here are some of the highlights of the countless items that were considered news in 1949:

**January—**  
 Sheriff Will Cravy and his deputies, Howard Freeman and Skinner Storie, began their duties.  
 Tom Elkins, brother of some pioneer Garza ranchers died in New Mexico from injuries received in a fall off a windmill tower.  
 I. N. McCrary, father of Giles McCrary, died in Fort Worth.  
 J. B. Parrack opened a jewelry shop here.  
 L. A. Kuykendall died of a heart attack.  
 Evelyn Golden Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Johnson, was Garza County's first 1949 baby.  
 Clifford and Clifton Puckett of Spur, twin war casualties, were reburied here.  
 Miss Mary Margaret Duckworth and Grady Glenn Norman were married.  
 Communications, busses and schools were stopped by ice.  
 Mrs. R. J. Hundley died suddenly from a heart attack.  
 County officials went on a salary basis, with fees eliminated.  
 Joe Moss took over as county attorney.  
 New school cafeteria was completed.  
 Calvin Storie was named guard on second all-state team.  
 The postal rate on greeting cards was raised from 1½ cents to two cents.  
 Mrs. Annie Doughty, pioneer Post business woman died, after a long illness.  
 Danny Mack was born to Mr. and Mrs. Mack Head.  
 B. K. Bowen died after a long illness.  
 Baptists voted on proposal to build an educational building.  
 George Samson's father died in Scotland.  
 Will Cravy and J. T. Curb resigned as sheriff and tax deputy.  
 Telephone operators quit giving out information about fires.  
 Mrs. Georgia Sims Taylor of Lubbock and Bennie Sargee were married.  
 G. N. Hagood was appointed sheriff to succeed Will Gravy.  
 Schools received \$1,000 from P. T. A. for equipment.  
 Funeral services were held for Emory Wayland Hood who was found dead in a Dallas hotel.

**February—**  
 The Rev. O. L. Jones of Colorado City was called as pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church.  
 Big trenchdigger for sewer project got into action.  
 Mrs. Maggie Ivy died at Nemo.  
 E. M. Bass was appointed Sheriff to succeed G. N. Hagood, who resigned.  
 O. L. Wilkerson Lumber Co. became the R. E. Cox Co.  
 Pvt. C. E. Peddy and Pvt. Jack L. Edwards were reburied here.  
 T. H. Tipton and V. A. Lobban were sworn in as deputy tax assessor-collector and deputy sheriff respectively.  
 W. H. Clark, pioneer Post resident, died at his home in Abilene.  
 Pfc. Doil Jones was reburied here.  
 Robert H. Gibson was transferred to Floydada as agricultural agent.  
 Jackie Weathers of Tahoka began serving as Garza County Veterans Service Officer on a part-time basis.  
 Percy Parsons and Miss Margaret Aday of Muleshoe were married.  
 Mrs. Stockton Henry, wife of the founder of the old Post City Post, died at her home in Lubbock.  
 Lewis Herron, Jr., was named Garza County agricultural agent.  
 A daughter, Mary Paul, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Daugherty.  
 Bernice C. Case became Garza County Welfare Officer.

**March—**  
 Change of mill whistle schedule reflected a curb in production.  
 W. S. Land was elected Rotary president . . . C. M. Voss was confirmed as postmaster.  
 Candice Virginia, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Everett, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sellers of Dallas.  
 A Juror Deputy Sheriff's Club was formed.  
 Irl D. Poole died in Abilene.  
 PHS cagers took sixth place in the state tournament.  
 The bridge building project on the Rails road was authorized by the Texas Highway Department.  
 Mrs. O. R. Cook was among top five on list of candidates for Texas Mother.  
 Mrs. J. W. Warren, mother of Bob Warren, died at her home in Snyder. . . Tol Thomas died in a Lubbock hospital.  
 A daughter, Layne, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Delmo Gossett.  
 R. E. Shedd was elected V. V. commander.  
 A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gatzki and a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Altman.

**April—**  
 Funeral services for D. C. Anders were held in Mineola.  
 A daughter, Gail Layne, was born to Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Case.  
 Seven local school trustees were elected: Paul Jones, Dowe Mayfield, George Tillman, Earl Rogers, James Minor, Raymond Redman and Monta Moore.  
 The American Legion submitted a plan for a city park.  
 Mayor John Herd and City Commissioners Vachel Anderson and Glenn Kahler were re-elected.  
 R. P. Cowdrey died at his home in the Graham community.  
 Bob Collier, Monta Moore and Jess Wright were elected Post Chamber of Commerce directors.  
 The Rev. A. D. Bryant resigned as pastor of the First Baptist Church.  
 Stockton Henry, founder of Post's first newspaper, died in a Lubbock hospital.  
 William Grocery had its grand opening.  
 Pfc. Delma Ray Meeks was reburied here.  
 W. S. Land was elected Post Chamber of Commerce president.  
 Post Millers played Tahoka in the Oil Belt League opener.  
 Mrs. Paul Jones was elected P. T. A. president.

Miss Iris Floyd and Weldon Rogers were married.  
 Five hundred attended the annual Rural School Play Day at Garnolia.  
 Monte R. Bridges died in Chicago.  
 The roping season opening with a match between Jimmy Bird and Doyle Riley of San Angelo.  
 Arbeth Voss ended a 17-year career in the beauty shop business.  
**May—**  
 For the third consecutive year the local P. T. A. won first place in the district on its publicity scrapbook.  
 Permits to drill for oil in Post were denied by the Texas Railroad Commission.  
 PHS Seniors took a trip to Colorado Springs.  
 A son, William Bruce, Jr., was born to Mr. and Mrs. Shepherds.  
 The Rev. Gillham was named pastor of the First Baptist Church.  
 Carter Gene White won a trip to Washington, D. C. and the National 4-H Club Camp.  
 The Camp Post swimming pool was completed.  
 Another Post Stamped and Rodeo was staged successfully.  
 The local school board considered plans for a new building.  
 E. P. Wicker, Jr., and Jeanne Kiker won a chartered bus trip sponsored by the Texas Extension Service and the Producers Grain Corporation.  
 Spur defeated PHS in bi-district baseball playoff.  
 A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gatzki of Wilson and a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Power.  
 Farmers took advantage of "a lull between rains" to plant cotton.  
 Barbara Norris was appointed drum major for the Post School Band.  
 Miss Jennice Fluitt and Harold Reno were married.  
**June—**  
 Augustus Stone died in a Lubbock hospital.  
 The Post Boys Club opened for six weeks with Coach Vernon Ray in charge.  
 The school bond election carried.  
 Paul Mayr resigned as Church of Christ minister.  
 Delbert Cockrell was seriously injured when a horse fell with him.  
 Rainbow Girls and chaperones had an enjoyable weekend in Ruidoso, N. M.  
 Pfc. Grady J. D. Pike was reburied here. . . G. T. Pierce died at his home here. . . Mrs. Dora Davis Redman died at the home of her son, Glen Davis.  
 W. I. Smith died at his home here. . . Sgt. Charles Victor Hannah was reburied here.  
 Forrest Moyer was named pastor of the Church of Christ.  
 Paul Jones was named worshipful master of the Masonic Lodge.  
 Miss Betty Jo Kennedy was married to Gaylon Young.  
 The Post Dispatch won a first and a second place in the state newspaper contests.  
 Officers of the Post Stamped and Rodeo Association were re-elected.  
 Members of the Rainbow Assembly attended Grand Assembly in Houston.  
 Miss Ruth Redman was married to Robert J. Baker.  
 "Chief" Runkels was employed as fulltime ranger at Camp Post.  
 Billy Light was critically injured by accidental rifle shot.

**July—**  
 The Curtis Davies and Roy Stevens families were injured in an automobile mishap near Baird.  
 E. F. Schmidt was employed as PHS vocational agriculture teacher.  
 Post was sprayed with DDT.  
 Miss Ernestine Short and Andrew B. Hill were married. . . Mrs. Nora Ingram and Pete Germer were married. . . So were Miss Beth Shepherd and Ferman W. Chapman.  
 Governor Beauford Jester died.  
 Mrs. Lorene Benson was named city secretary and Alvin G. Davis was appointed Post Chamber of Commerce secretary to replace Sherrill Boyd who resigned to take the Slaton Magnolia Petroleum Co., agency.  
 The Precinct 2 paving project was accepted by the voters.  
 Miss Melba Jo Miller and Ed Kelly Sims were married. . . Miss Jeanne Kiker became the bride of Roy Brown.  
 The T. J. Heads celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary.

**August—**  
 "The World's All-Junior Rodeo" made national headlines.  
 J. T. Chambers of Slaton, driver of a loaded W. S. Duckworth transport truck, died of severe burns when his truck overturned and burst into flames.  
 The American Legion Post re-elected all its officers.  
 The W. H. Newburys celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary.  
 Mason and Company announced plans for a new funeral home.  
 The Garza Theatre joined other Texas theatres in sponsoring a drive to raise funds for polio.  
 Mrs. O. B. Crowley, pioneer Post resident, died at her home in Eastland.  
 Miss Betty Jo Stevens and Virgil Bilbo were married. . . So did Vernon Turner and Miss Beth Fenton of Tahoka.  
 J. C. Turner won the Post Chamber of Commerce prize for the first bale of cotton.  
 Garza farmers dusted their cotton for bollworms.  
 The county received \$9,194.34 as its share of the surplus in the state's county and road district highway fund.  
 Ralph Carpenter was elected president of the Pos. Antelope Booster Club.  
 S. W. McCrary, early Post settler, died in an Amarillo hospital.  
 Miss Chris Wise and Marvin (Porky) Davis were married.

**September—**  
 Giles Connell suffered a severe heart attack in Colorado.  
 Alvin Davis resigned as Post Chamber of Commerce secretary, and was succeeded by Donald Windham.  
 A Salvation Army welfare unit was organized here.  
 John S. Reed of Justiceburg died after a long illness. Another pioneer Garza County resident, Sam Wilks, died in Tulla. C. C. Jones of Grassland died. . . J. A. Parrish, also of Grassland, died. . . Harvey C. Howard died in an oil field accident.  
 W. W. Johnson of the Graham community produced the first Plains bale of cotton in Garza County.  
 A Future Farmers of America chapter was organized with Robert Craig as president.  
 Post got a long-wished for golf course.

Nearly everybody in the G. W. Owen family had polio.  
 The Post Dispatch annual bargain rates went into effect.  
 Garza County entries made a good showing at the Panhandle-South Plains Fair.  
 Homer Brant died suddenly in Fort Worth. . . C. E. Nickens died at his home here.  
 Alvin Davis was elected president of the Southwestern Championship Junior Rodeo Association for 1950.  
 The high school paper changed its name from The Whirlwind back to The Addax.  
 The Post Millers lost to Denver City in the Oil Belt League semifinals playoff.  
 "Buddy Malouf and Miss Martha Jo Maple were married in Borger.  
 S. E. Camp was appointed Garza County USO chairman.

**October—**  
 Giles McCrary was elected district Soil Conservation supervisor.  
 Mrs. Laura Louise Albright died. . . Thomas J. Wiley, retired Grassland community farmer, died in San Benito.  
 The Post FFA team carried off all the honors in the Grass Identification Contest at the Panhandle-South Plains Fair.  
 Denver City won the Oil Belt League championship.  
 Miss Jean Sartin and Bud Everett were married.  
 George Sampson retired from a long hobby of work with fairs.  
 Billy Sharp died from polio. . . W. R. Longshore died in a Lubbock hospital. . . Mrs. J. P. Howard passed away after a long illness. . . D. M. McElroy died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Paul Duren.  
 W. M. Mathis succeeded T. H. Tipton as deputy tax assessor-collector.  
 Commissioner Buck Gossett started on a project to get more right-of-way for his Precinct 2 paving project.  
 Ora Lee Aiford, negro, died from a stabbing in the flats.  
 H. G. Pippin died at his home here.  
 Mrs. R. A. McLaurin was re-elected chairman of the Garza County Home Demonstration Council.  
 Garza County 4-H Club girls went to the Texas State Fair.  
 Uncle Sam started buying cottonseed to keep the price up.  
 Wayne Runkels and Polly Spence won first places in the Fire Prevention Contest.  
 The Post Dispatch wrote about what a wonderful collection of blunders subscribers could buy for less than four cents an issue and got quoted in several newspapers and trade publications.  
 Miss Zora Ann Outlaw became the bride of Joe Williams Evans.

**November—**  
 The Post Dispatch changed over from a seven-column to an eight column paper.  
 Seven persons died and 15 were injured in four wrecks in one day near Post.  
 W. L. Davis, another pioneer, died at his home.  
 Garza voters rejected all 10 of the proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution.  
 The contracts on the new grade school were awarded.  
 A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Holland.  
 The news since then is still fresh in the minds of the readers.



## BOWEN SERVICE STATION AND GARAGE

CHARLIE BOWEN



We wish you all the joys of the Christmas season and a very happy New Year too!

## Garza Cooperative Association

CHARLES SMILEY

**Writes From Ohio**  
 Dear Santa Claus:  
 I am a little girl 4½ years old. I have been a good girl most of the time and will like anything you want to bring me but I would really like a doll carriage and electric iron.  
 Please remember my Grandfather and Grandmother Stephens, my cousins, Sonja and Hilda, and all the little children everywhere.  
 Love,  
 Katrinka Burch,  
 Newark, O.

**Wants Negro Doll**  
 I am a little girl 8 years old and I have been real nice this year and I would like for you to bring me a bicycle, a negro doll, an iron and ironing board, a basketball, a billfold, a ring with M on it, a little black plastic purse, a few nuts and some candy.  
 And please don't forget my little cousin, Donna Ruth. She is five months old.  
 Minnie Lee Mathis.

**Wants Dog House**  
 Dear Santa Claus:  
 I have tried mighty hard to be a good girl.  
 Please bring me a little piano, a crawling doll, a doll in a suitcase, and anything else you would like for me to have.  
 Also I wish you would bring a nice warm house for Buddy, my dog.  
 I'll have some good hot coffee and cake on the table for you Christmas Eve night.  
 Be good to the other little boys and girls.  
 With lots of love,  
 Annette McBride,  
 Route 3.

**Bring Football, Train**  
 Dear Santa Claus:  
 Please bring me a football, electric train and some candy and fruit.  
 Love,  
 Jimmy Hodges.

**Needs Protection**  
 Dear Santa:  
 I would like for you to bring me a pair of boxing gloves and a punching bag, so I will not have to box my sister, also a silver horse.  
 Love,  
 Curtis Ray Steel,  
 Route 2.

**Make 'Em Big**  
 Dear Santa:  
 I am 9 years. I would like for you to bring me a big doll and a big doll bed and a doll suitcase.  
 Love,  
 Marilyn Faye Steel,  
 Route 2.

**Bring Tall Doll**  
 Dear Santa:  
 I want a doll 24 inches tall with some extra clothes and a doll buggy. If you have an extra stove, I would like to have one.  
 Thank you,  
 Fern Roberts.  
 Merry Christmas

**Meetings**

We look forward each year to sharing with our many friends the brightness and good will of the holiday season.

**THAXTON CLEANERS**  
 C. R. THAXTON

May Your Christmas be Merry and Bright... 1949

HAPPY HOLIDAY to all of you. May no cloud appear to disturb its serenity.

**BEST WISHES 1949**

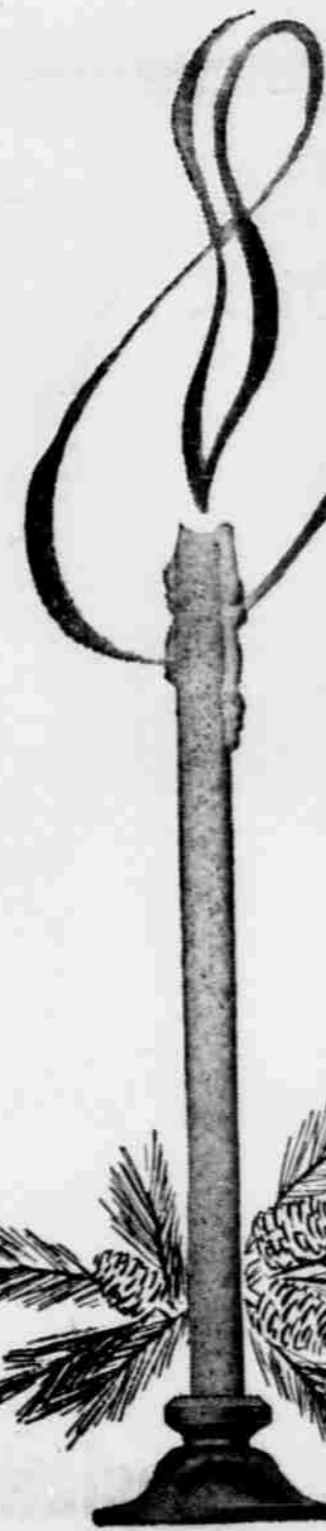
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**LONE STAR Service Station**  
 REECE BIVENS



In the glorious spirit of Christmas—we extend to you—one and all—our heartiest wishes that this Yuletide season will be your merriest—and that the coming New Year will prove one of true joy, health and prosperity.

from all the Crew At



Merry Christmas

Long-lasting friendships and the ever present desire to serve bring about an understanding of a better way of life and a deeper appreciation of the time-hallowed wish — A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

First National Bank

*Merry Christmas  
To You*



From the  
EMPLOYEES of  
*West Texas Gas Company*

*A Holiday  
Message*

All the pleasant thoughts a gift can bring... all the happy wishes, too... are cheerfully offered in our Christmas greeting to you.

**BOWEN  
INSURANCE**  
Carroll Bowen  
Lee Bowen

**Letters To...  
SANTA CLAUS**

**Wants Fire Truck**  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I want to thank you for all the nice toys that you have brought me.  
This year I want a Fire Chief, that I can drive, with ladders. You know we have an awful lot of fires here. I'd like to have a little typewriter so I wouldn't use Daddy's so much—and I really need a "doctor set," then I wouldn't have to worry Dr. Surman so often.  
Please remember Ramsey Jo, who is here from Cleveland, cause I told her our "Texas Santa Claus" was the best of all.  
I love you,  
Johnny Haire,  
Southland.  
(EDITOR'S NOTE: Johnny's letter was written on note paper which was attractively illustrated with a calf roping etching by Richardson Rome).

**To Shoot Rabbits**  
Dear Santa:  
My name is Jimmy Wayne Wells; and I am 4 years old.  
Please bring me a BB gun; a whole lot of BB's and a wagon to put the rabbits I shoot in.  
Love,  
Jim.  
Government run by women is called gynarchy.



What better time than Christmas time...  
to wish you all the good things in life!

*Mohoto Allen*  
**Allen's Home Baked Pastries**

*Greetings*

To our many friends—old and new—May the spirit of Christmas linger with you to brighten every day of the New Year.

*T. L. Jones Ice Co.*

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Greetings**

May good cheer and contentment be yours on this joyous holiday.

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Christmas*

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New Year is our wish  
to all our many  
friends.

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FURNITURE**  
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**Studios Cowboy**  
Dear Santa:  
I have been a good boy. I would like a set of guns with holsters, a pair of boots, a set of books and a blackboard.  
Thank you,  
David Bass.

**Doesn't Want Much**  
Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl just 6 months old and all I am interested in now is a big bottle of homogenized milk. But, Santa, I will be bigger next year and the bigger I get the more things I'll want. Please don't forget Minnie Lee and Linda. They want LOTS of

**Bring Water Colors**  
I am a little girl 5 years old. I want a doll, a robe and some water colors. And if you will be good to all the little boys and girls, I will be happy.  
Linda Reed.

things and they are pretty important to me.  
Donna Ruth Mathis.

**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**

To our many friends, we extend our wishes for a Yuletide filled with all the good things in life—good health, happiness, peace and prosperity.

**PARSONS' DRESS SHOP**  
MRS. ALICE PARSONS

*Merry Christmas*

We earnestly wish that all of the excitement, enjoyment and good fellowship of the Yuletide continue to be yours long after the Holiday Season has passed.

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AND  
OSCAR  
BOWEN**

**OK FOOD STORE**

# Recipe Editor Supplies Party Ideas...

This is the busiest time of the year for the average housewife who should, by now, be fairly well caught up on her food planning and advance preparations.

For the benefit of those who are still in the midst of their holiday meal and party refreshment planning, here are some tips from the private files of a Post Dispatch reporter.

The mother of this reporter recalls that 50 years or so ago, a housewife wouldn't think of having a Christmas dinner without stirred custard on the menu. This custard was served in goblets beside each plate during the main course. Here's how it's made:

Two cups scalded milk, 2 beaten eggs, ¼ cup sugar, ¼ teaspoon salt, ½ teaspoon vanilla extract.

Bring milk to scalding and pour over blending eggs, sugar and salt. Stirring constantly, cook over hot but not boiling water until custard thickens, coating a clean spoon. Add vanilla and chill rapidly. Serves six.

**Brazilian Dates**  
For those who are still making their Christmas candies, here are a few good suggestions, the first being for Brazilian dates:

Fit dates. Place one whole Brazil nutmeat in each date. Roll dates in confectioner's sugar.

**Fondant**  
Two cups sugar, 2 tablespoons light corn syrup or ¼ teaspoon cream of tartar, 1¼ cups boiling water.

Place ingredients in a deep, 2-quart sauce pan. Use a damp cloth wrapped around tines of a fork, wipe all sugar crystals from sides of pan; repeat this two or three times during cooking. Stir over low heat until sugar dissolves, then bring to a boil. Cover and cook 3 minutes so that steam will dissolve crystals on sides of pan; remove cover and cook without stirring to medium soft-ball stage (238 degrees). Immediately pour on a platter or porcelain table top which has been rinsed with very cold water. Do not scrape pan; by so doing sugar crystals may be introduced. Cool until fondant feels only slightly warm to the touch; do not move candy during cooling. Scrape fondant from edges of platter toward center with a spatula or wooden spoon. Work with spatula until creamy and stiff, then knead with the hands until smooth and free from lumps. If very stiff, knead only a small amount at a time. Wrap in waxed paper, place in covered container, and allow to ripen at least 24 hours. Fondant may be kept in refrigerator 3 or 4 weeks. Ripened fondant is kneaded, flavored, shaped, and used in the following ways:

1. Flavor fondant with extracts or melted chocolate.

2. Tint with vegetable colors and mold into loaf, patty, or round bonbon shapes.

3. Press fondant patties between walnut or pecan halves.

4. Stuff pitted dates or prunes with fondant.

5. Dip nut meats, dried fruits, candied fruits, or gumdrops in fondant which has been somewhat melted over warm water.

6. Mix coconut or chopped nut meats with fondant and drop from a teaspoon on waxed paper.

**Pecan Pralines**  
One cup granulated sugar, 2 cups brown sugar, 1 cup water, 1 tablespoon butter and 1 cup pecan halves.

Dissolve sugar in water before allowing to boil; bring to boil and cook to hard-ball stage (245 degrees). Remove from heat, add butter and nut meats, and drop by tablespoons on waxed paper. Makes about 1 dozen.

**Divinity**  
Two cups sugar, 2/3 cup light corn syrup, ½ cup water, 2 stiff beaten egg whites, 1 teaspoon vanilla extract, 1 cup chopped walnut meats.

Combine sugar, corn syrup, and water and stir over low heat until sugar dissolves. Boil to light-crack stage (270 degrees F.). Slowly pour over stiff-beaten egg whites, beating constantly with a rotary beater or electric mixer. Beat candy until it cools and holds its shape; add vanilla and nut meats and drop by teaspoonfuls on greased pan or waxed paper. If desired, pour on greased plate or pan, cool, and cut in squares. Makes about three dozen pieces.

**Nougat**  
One cup sugar, ½ cup water, 3 tablespoons light corn syrup, 2 stiff-beaten egg whites, ½ cup strained honey, 2½ cups blanched shredded almonds, ½ cup blanched pistachio meats and 1 teaspoon vanilla extract.

Combine sugar, water and 1½ tablespoons corn syrup, cook over low heat, stirring until sugar is dissolved. Cover and boil 3 minutes. Uncover and cook to hard-crack stage (290 degrees). Pour gradually over stiff-beaten egg whites, beating vigorously. Combine honey and remaining corn syrup, and while adding first syrup to egg whites, cook honey mixture to hard-crack stage (290 degrees), using a very small saucepan. Gradually pour into first mixture, beating constantly. Add nut meats and cook over hot water until dry-looking, stirring constantly. Take out a small amount of candy in a teaspoon, if it holds its shape and is not sticky, it is done. Add vanilla, pour into rectangular pans lined with rice paper, and cover with rice paper. Cover with

a second pan containing heavy weight and let stand 12 hours or longer. Turn candy out of pan and, without removing rice paper, cut in pieces and immediately wrap in moisture-proof paper. Makes 4 dozen pieces.

**White Taffy**  
One cup sugar, 1/3 cup water, 4 tablespoons light corn syrup, 1 tablespoon vinegar, ¼ teaspoon soda.

Combine sugar, water and corn syrup and stir over low heat until sugar dissolves. Boil without stirring to medium-crack stage (270 degrees). Remove from heat, add vinegar and soda, and mix thoroughly. Pour on greased platter or shallow pan. Sprinkle hands with sifted flour and pick up candy when it begins to cool around edges. Pull until taffy is snowy white and porous. Hands should be kept well-floured. If necessary, taffy may be dropped into a little sifted flour to prevent sticking. When candy is too hard to pull, twist into a rope of desired thickness. Break into pieces about 1½ inches long. Makes 2 dozen pieces.

**Walnut-Raisin Loaf**  
Two cups raisins, 1 cup walnuts, ¼ cup sweetened condensed milk.

Put raisins and nut meats through food chopper, using fine

blade. Add milk and mix thoroughly. Press into 8x8-inch pan which has been buttered and sprinkled with confectioner's sugar. Sprinkle sugar over top, chill and cut into rectangles. Makes 20 pieces.

**Candied Apples**  
Six medium size red apples, 1 cup brown sugar, ½ cup granulated sugar, ½ cup light corn syrup, ½ cup water, 1 tablespoon butter, 1 teaspoon vanilla extract.

Stick wooden skewers into stem end of apples. Place sugar, corn syrup, water and butter in saucepan and stir over low heat until sugar is dissolved. Boil to medium-crack stage (272 degrees) without stirring; remove from heat and add vanilla. Dip apples one at a time into the syrup. Place upright on greased pan until cool or roll in finely chopped peanuts or other nut meats. Makes six candied apples.

**Chocolate Fudge**  
Two squares unsweetened chocolate, 2/3 cup scalded milk, 2 cups sugar, 1 tablespoon light corn syrup or ¼ teaspoon cream of tartar, 2 tablespoons butter, 1 teaspoon vanilla extract.

Break chocolate into pieces and melt in scalding milk; stir until blended. Add sugar and corn

syrup or cream of tartar and cook slowly, stirring until all sugar dissolves. Bring to a boil, cover and cook 3 minutes. Uncover and continue cooking to soft-ball stage (236-38 degrees), stirring frequently. Remove from heat, add butter, and cool to lukewarm without stirring. Add vanilla and beat vigorously until candy is very thick and loses its gloss. Quickly pour into greased pan and when firm cut into squares. If desired, add 1 cup broken nut meats shortly before pouring. Makes two dozen pieces.

**Candy Making Tips**  
Before starting to make candy, assemble all utensils and ingredients. Use a deep, rather narrow saucepan of at least two-quart capacity. For best results, make candy on a fair, still day. On a damp or cloudy day, cook candy to a temperature 2-4 degrees higher than specified in the recipe. When cooking any candy syrup, it pays to observe all precautions advised in the cooking of fondant.

To make the cold water test, remove pan of syrup from heat. Pour a small amount of syrup from spoon into cup of cold water, not ice water. The hardness of the ball formed indicates the temperature of candy.



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there's a happiness that knows no bounds—there's a spirit

of giving that is beautiful to behold . . . there's a

bright sparkle in the eyes of the kiddies. an excite-

ment in their little beings that only visions of

Santa can bring. That all may expect

these magic joys is our sincere

wish this Christmas . . .

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THEIR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

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### Christmas Tree Originated With German Preacher

The Christmas tree seems to have originated in Germany, and can be traced back with certainty to the year 1604.

There is a pretty legend in connection with it which makes St. Winifrid the inventor of the idea.

"In the midst of a crowd of converts he hewed down a giant oak which had formerly been the object of their Druidic worship. As it fell backward like a tower, groaning as it split asunder in four pieces, there stood just behind it, unharmed by the ruin, a young fir tree, pointing a green spire toward the stars.

"Winifrid let the axe drop, and turned to speak to the people: 'This little tree, a young child of the forest, shall be your holy tree tonight. It is the wood of peace, for your houses are built of the fir. It is the sign of an endless life, for its leaves are ever green. See how it points upward to heaven! Let this be called the tree of the Christ-child; gather about it, not in the wild-wood, but in your own homes; there it will shelter no deeds of blood, but loving gifts, and rites of kindness.'"

The Christmas tree was introduced into the Court of St. James about 1840, by Prince Consort Albert of Saxe-Coburg, and the custom spread rapidly among the aristocratic families of London, and was almost immediately adopted by all classes throughout England.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Byrd and son of Justiceburg recently visited in the B. P. Vardiman home.

### Swains Of Old Were Limited On Kisses

Though early banished from the churches, mistletoe and the kissing under it flourished apace in the servant's hall at the Christmas period.

"In the kitchen," says Brand, "it was hung up in great state, and whatever girl chanced to stand under it, the young man present either had a right, or claimed one, of saluting her, and of plucking off a berry at each kiss." Washington Irving adds, that—"When the berries are all plucked, the privilege ceases."

According to Archbishop Nares, the maid who was not kissed under it, at Christmas, would not be married in that year. The mistletoe speedily invaded the drawing room, without, however, reducing the quantity of kissing.

### Researchers Study Cottonseed For Oil Substance

University of Texas cotton researchers are hard at work "getting to know" more about oil-soluble substances in cottonseed.

"Our inventory may be valuable in heading off difficulties certain to arise should the cottonseed industry shift to solvent extraction to procure oil," Researcher V. L. Frampton reports from Austin.

At present, most refining is done by hydraulic press.

Other benefits from the oil-soluble study are possible, too. So far, the university scientists have found cottonseed to be a potential source of vitamin E, an important nutrition factor; and of lecithins and cephalins, emulsifying agents used to prepare oleomargarine, mayonnaise and candies.

### The Last Name

He who first wrote the name, wrote it at the end of the list—below every name. He was a Roman officer, charged with the duty of the census in the district about Bethlehem. All day long the line of tired pilgrims had filed before the desk. At last the wearying record was completed; the officer set himself to reviewing a shadow fell across the page. He turned impatiently towards the doorway to see the figure of a stalwart man outlined against the setting sun, a child in his arms.

"I could not come earlier," he said, "the child was born last night."

"You are at the inn?" the officer asked.

"No, we arrived too late; the babe was born in a manger."

"Your name?"

"Joseph."

"Of what tribe?"

"The tribe of Benjamin and

David. We are the descendants of Kings," he added. The officer did not look up. The world was full of the sons of former kings—and now there was no king but Caesar—lord of the earth by right of war.

"Your wife's name?"

"Mary."

"And the child's?"

"Jesus."

The voice of the big man was soft, as though fondling the syllables.

"It means the Savior of his people."

The officer merely nodded.

"Jesus, son of Joseph, of the tribe of Benjamin," he wrote and closed the book. It was the last name on the list.

—From an old Masonic Publication.

Miss Dorothy Reed of Fort Worth recently visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Reed, and other relatives at Justiceburg.

### BITS OF NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Homer McCrary went to Amarillo last week and Mrs. McCrary, an employee of Connell Chevrolet Company, attended an annual accountants' meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Keene of Slaton recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Smith and Sam Elkins in the Justiceburg community.

Mrs. Cecil Smith, Mrs. Mason Justice and Mrs. Ott Nance recently made a trip to Sweetwater.

Mrs. J. M. Bland of Justiceburg is recuperating from an operation which she had about two weeks ago in the Lubbock Memorial Hospital.

Attractive Christmas cards sent by the Wynne Colliers of Tahoka, "extend all best wishes for the holiday season BUT— that's not all..." The card extends all best wishes for a Happy Birthday and all of the other special occasions of the year, each being listed on a dial which may be moved to fit each occasion.

### Babson Forecast For 1950 To Be Published Dec. 29

The Post Dispatch will publish Roger W. Babson's BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL OUTLOOK FOR 1950 next Thursday, Dec. 29.

Attention is called to this forthcoming article because of Mr. Babson's outstanding record for accuracy in his annual forecasts—an average of 87% for the past 14 years.

Mr. Babson's 1950 Outlook will contain 50 forecasts covering such important topics as:

General Business, Commodity Prices, Taxes, Retail and Foreign Trade, Labor, Deficit Financing, Farm Outlook, Stock Market, Real Estate and Politics.

Is Remarkably Accurate

Mr. Babson—a pioneer in the field of business and financial statistics—enjoys a truly remarkable record for accuracy in his Annual Forecasts. His score for 1949 was 80% correct.

On Dec. 29, 1948 Mr. Babson predicted:

1. That the total volume of business for 1949 will be less than that of 1948.

2. That the peak in wholesale commodity prices has been reached for this cycle.

3. That Federal taxes will not be decreased during 1949.

4. That some labor leaders will, during 1949, work for pension systems and sick benefits.

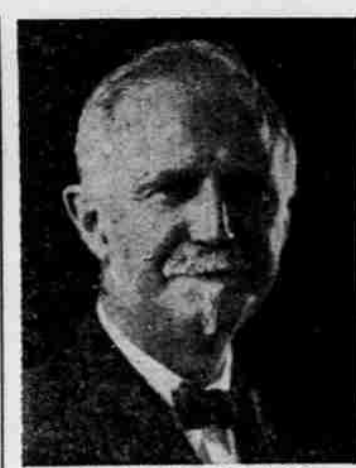
American business has no more inspiring personality than Mr. Babson, who is an internationally-known business commentator and investment adviser. An outstanding feature of his philosophy has been his life-long interest in the establishment of religion in business.

Is Graduate of MIT

Born in 1875, reared in an old-fashioned atmosphere of hard work and hustle on a farm in Gloucester, he went to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Upon graduating in 1898, he turned instinctively to business activities.

His exertions, however, undermined his health; he contracted tuberculosis and he was sent West "as good as dead!" It was while he was convalescing from this dread malady that he worked out some of the possibilities and problems of business statistics.

That was more than 45 years ago. Today his weekly statistical and financial reports are read



ROGER W. BABSON

by thousands of businessmen and his research work is carried on by a large staff of workers.

Mr. Babson founded Babson Institute for men; and, in cooperation with Mrs. Babson, developed Webber College for Women,—both nationally-known educational institutions. Here young men and women may concentrate more in the fundamentals and less on the frills of business.

Is Studying Gravity

More recently he founded "Utopia College" for men, located in Eureka, Kans., the center of Mr. Babson's "Magic Circle." He is also reviving an interest in Sir Thomas More who—400 years ago—outlined in his "Utopia" the only solution to our problems. Only this year he has been active in the establishment of still another medium of service to the public, the Gravity Research Foundation, located at New Boston, N. H.

To millions of newspaper readers, he is best known by his familiar weekly stories on business which appear in more than 420 papers throughout North America. Of unbounded energy, he has probably done more than any other man to bring statistics to life, to install a broader vision in businessmen, and to publicize the ups-and-down of the business cycle.

Mr. and Mrs. David Moore and daughter, Sherry Sue, of Denver, Colo., recently spent a few days in the home of his sister, Mrs. Shorty Bland, and family in the Justiceburg community.

### BITS OF NEWS

Recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Pettigrew at Justiceburg were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bright and family of Pyote and Chester Bright and family of San Diego, Calif. Chester is in the navy.

Recent visitors in the Raymond Key home at Justiceburg included Mr. and Mrs. Red Holloway of Colorado City.

J. A. McCartney of San Antonio, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom McCartney of Kerrville, and his aunt, Mrs. Andrew McCartney of Greybull, Wyo., visited Mrs. J. H. Babb for a short while last Thursday. They were en route from Greybull to Kerrville and San Antonio.

Mrs. Beulah Brown of Justiceburg has gone to Alamogordo, N. M., to spend the Christmas holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Bill Conaly, and family. She planned also to visit a brother and family in El Paso.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rhodes and family of Snyder recently visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Chambers at Justiceburg.

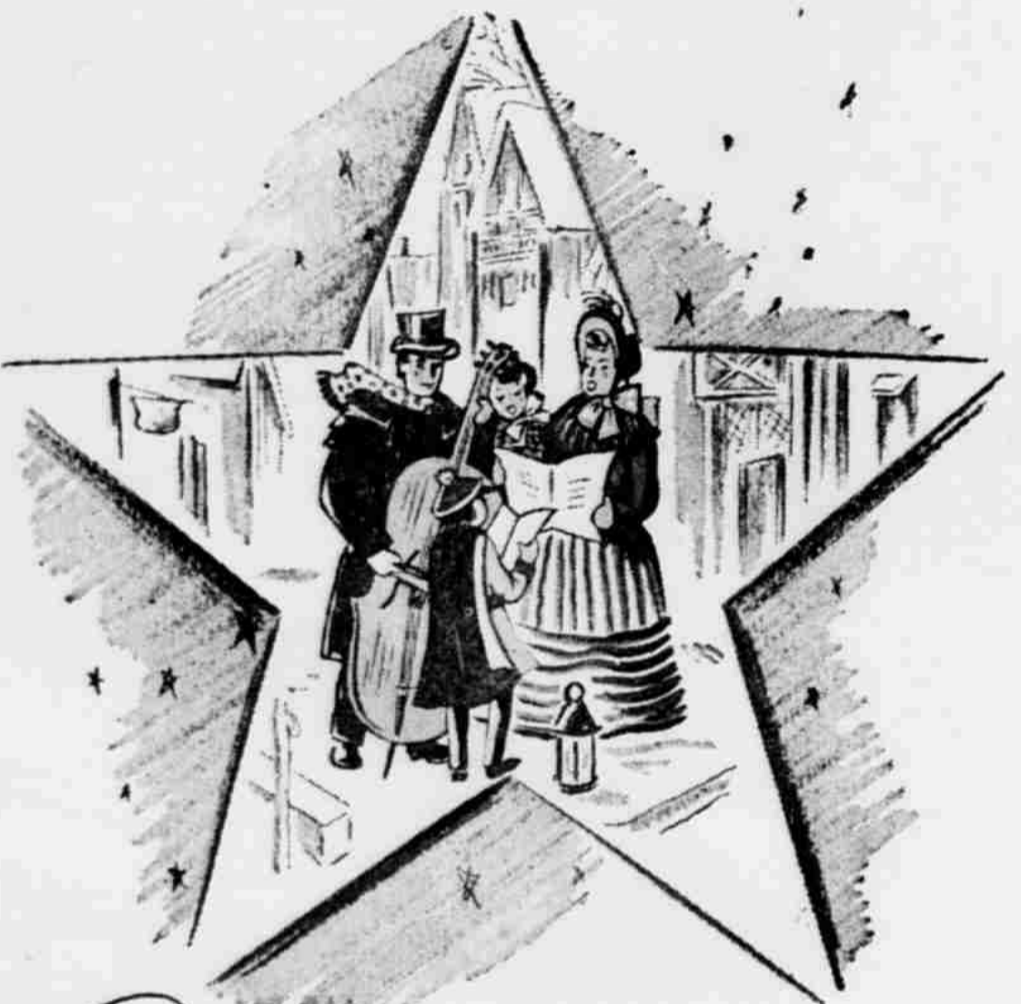
Mrs. Marvin Dorman of Justiceburg recently entertained with a birthday dinner in honor of her daughter, Betty, in the home of her mother, Mrs. Sam Beavers. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Chester Dorman and children of Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Smith and daughter of Brownfield recently visited in the Don Robinson home at Justiceburg.



May your Christmas be merry and its joy and happiness spread throughout the glad New Year!

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Auto Store  
THE HOME OF GREATER VALUES



# Merry Christmas

Our hearts are filled with song and happiness on this glorious day when He was born. May the coming year be a good one for all.

## CONOCO SERVICE STATION

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THIS STATION WILL BE CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY

### GREETINGS

May all the joys and pleasures of the Yuletide be yours this Christmas.

And may the New Year be one of abundant good health and good fortune.

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YOU'LL SAVE WITH THIS EFFICIENT, NEIGHBORLY SERVICE!



### HAPPY Holiday WISHES

We feel genuinely pleased and privileged to extend sincere Holiday greetings to our many friends. In the spirit of appreciation for the confidence you have shown in us, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Post Implement Co.  
JESS WRIGHT GENE FORD

Our Christmas Wishes

SEASON'S BEST

FOR OUR FRIENDS

AND A JOYOUS NEW YEAR

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LESTER AND ROY JOSEY

# Letters To Santa Claus...

**Sends Yule Cards**  
 Dear Santa:  
 I am a little girl 7 years old and my brother, J. D., is 11 years old. I want a real baby doll and a set of dishes. My brother, J. D., wants a BB gun and a basketball.  
 Santa, don't forget any of the little kids on Christmas Day. Don't forget the teachers in the Post Grade School, Santa. Don't forget Mamma and Daddy. They want Santa to bring them a Ford Deluxe 1950.  
 Thank you, Santa,  
 Miss Alice Faye  
 and J. D. Dawson.  
 (EDITOR'S NOTE: "Miss" Dawson's letter was accompanied by a beautiful card which wishes for Santa Claus "the joys of this holiday season all through the year." It was signed by both J. D. and Alice Faye).

**Bring A Ring**  
 Dear Santa Claus:  
 I would like to have a ring, a doctor kit, doll clothes, doll buggy and candy and nuts for Christmas.  
 Love,  
 Kay Roberts,  
 Route 2.  
**Blind Children Write**  
 Dear Santa:  
 We are a little boy 3 and a little girl 6 years old. We have been pretty good this year. Please bring me a doll and buggy, and a set of jacks and ball. Billy Dale wants a gun and scabbard, and a kagon or fire truck, some fruit, nuts and candy. Please don't forget our little cousins, and all the other boys and girls.  
 We love you,  
 Cecelia and Billy Dale  
 Bland,  
 Star Route.

**Bring Record Player**  
 Dear Santa Claus:  
 Please bring me a doll with her own suitcase, a Roy Rogers coloring set, gun and scabbard, and a record player, also some house shoes.  
 I'm 4 years old and I've tried to be good.  
 Don't forget Teddy, the little boy staying with us. He wants some little cars and a train.  
 Love,  
 Vonda Howell,  
 Hobbs, N. M.  
**Wants Some Jewelry**  
 Dear Santa Claus:  
 I am 7 years old. I want a doll and doll buggy, a ring and bracelet and some doll clothes. We will live at Post before Christmas.  
 I love you,  
 Sue Roberts,  
 Route 2.



**Bring Doll, Buggy**  
 Dear Santa:  
 Please bring me a doll and a doll buggy and some house shoes.  
 Jerry Lou McLaurin,  
 Justiceburg.  
**Bring Dump Truck**  
 Dear Santa:  
 Please bring me a dump truck and some spurs and a toy shotgun.  
 George Knox McLaurin,  
 Justiceburg.  
**Wants "Sweetie Pie"**  
 Dear Santa:  
 Please bring me a "Sweetie Pie" doll and some house shoes, some candy and nuts.  
 Micha Cross,  
 Justiceburg.  
**Wants Doll, Suitcase**  
 Dear Santa Claus:  
 For Christmas this year I want a doll with her own suitcase, a toy accordion, a tea set, gun and scabbard and some house shoes. I'm going to school this year and I've tried to be good.  
 Don't forget my cousin, Floyd.  
 Love,  
 Frankie Sue Howell,  
 Hobbs, N. M.

**Greetings**  
 We join the merry carders to wish our friends the best of Christmas Cheer.  
**THE BAZAAR**  
 Mrs. Oma Moreman

**Best Wishes**  
 May the cheer of the holiday season sweep you along in its merry whirl of festivities and excitement... making this Christmas and New Year the gayest you've ever celebrated!

**KIRKPATRICK Auto Electric**  
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We wish to express our fondest hope that this Christmas finds you ready to enjoy to the fullest the warm, gay, happy spirit of the holiday season. May the Yuletide bells sound a greater joy for you than ever before.

Merry Christmas From the Bunch at



# Merry Christmas

The foundation of all business is friendship—  
and with each Christmas we derive unmatched  
joy in wishing our friends all the pleasures of  
a Merry Yuletide and a New Year filled with  
happiness, good health and peace.



## HUNDLEY'S

- Jim — Mae
- Jimmy
- John
- Elton
- "Shorty"
- Fleta
- Joyce



A Very Merry Christmas to All our friends and a Happy New Year, too!

Once again, at the close of another year we are mindful of the importance of your good will and friendship. With the holiday season at hand we are most anxious to wish everyone the Merriest Christmas ever and a New Year filled with happiness and success.

- VIC — ♥ — MARVIN
- JIMMIE — ♥ — ELLA MAE
- CHARLES — ♥ — PERCY

### Burning Of Yule Log Is Ancient Christmas Rite

The burning of the Yule log is an ancient Christmas ceremony handed down from the Scandinavians, who, at their feast of Taul, at the time of the winter solstice, used to kindle huge bonfires in honor of their god, Thor.

The bringing in and placing of the ponderous block (frequently the rugged and grotesquely marked root of an oak) on the hearth of the wide chimney in the baronial hall was the most joyous of the ceremonies observed on Christmas Eve. It was drawn in triumph from its resting place amid shouts and laughter, every wayfarer doffing his hat as it passed, for he well knew that it was full of good promises, and that its flame would burn out old wrongs and heart-burnings.

On its entrance into the baronial hall, the minstrels hailed it with song and music, or, in the absence of the minstrels, we are told that each member of the family sat upon it in turn, sang a Yule song, and drank to a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year: after which they had as part of their feast, Yule dough or Yule cakes, on which were impressed the figure of the infant Jesus.

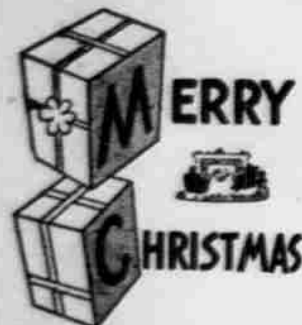
### Scholarships To Be Given To Teachers

The University of Texas Hogg Foundation for Mental Hygiene is offering four \$250 scholarships to teachers or school administrators who will attend a 1950 summer course in elementary school camp work.

Applications must be made through school superintendent's offices by Feb. 1. A Hogg Foundation advisory committee will choose the four successful candidates.

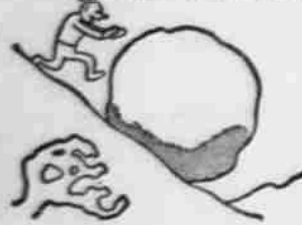
Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Bright recently visited their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Pettigrew at Justiceburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Keen of Snyder visited recently in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bandy Cash at Justiceburg.



Nineteen forty-nine

TO YOU AND YOUR WHOLE FAMILY OUR BEST WISHES.



CITY BEAUTY SHOP

MARTHA BRADDOCK

### Lining Of Stomach In Hog Utilized In New Treatment

A substance found in hog stomach linings may make pleasant the treatment of pernicious anemia victims.

The substance, dubbed "apocrythin" by its discoverers in the University of Texas Biochemical Institute, can be taken orally. The material permits the body to absorb Vitamin B-12, needed to combat pernicious anemia, through the stomach.

At present, Vitamin B-12 can be given only by hypodermic needle injection to pernicious anemia patients.

Dr. Roger Williams, institute director, said apocrythin now is being given extensive clinical tests. Lack of apocrythin in the human stomach lining and intestinal tract is the cause of pernicious anemia.

Institute researchers found the substance in hog stomach linings. Thus a sufficient supply of it is assured. It is being produced in a purified, powder form and is being given with Vitamin B-12 in capsules to patients.

The Biochemical Institute discovery is one of several in a long range program to combat pernicious anemia and other nutritional diseases.

The total fire destruction for the first 9 months of 1949 were \$498,277,000. This is greater than the total loss for any single year from 1930 to 1945, inclusive.



Merry Christmas 1949

For a smile on every face and a carol in every heart we commend you to the spirit of Christmas. Happy holiday.



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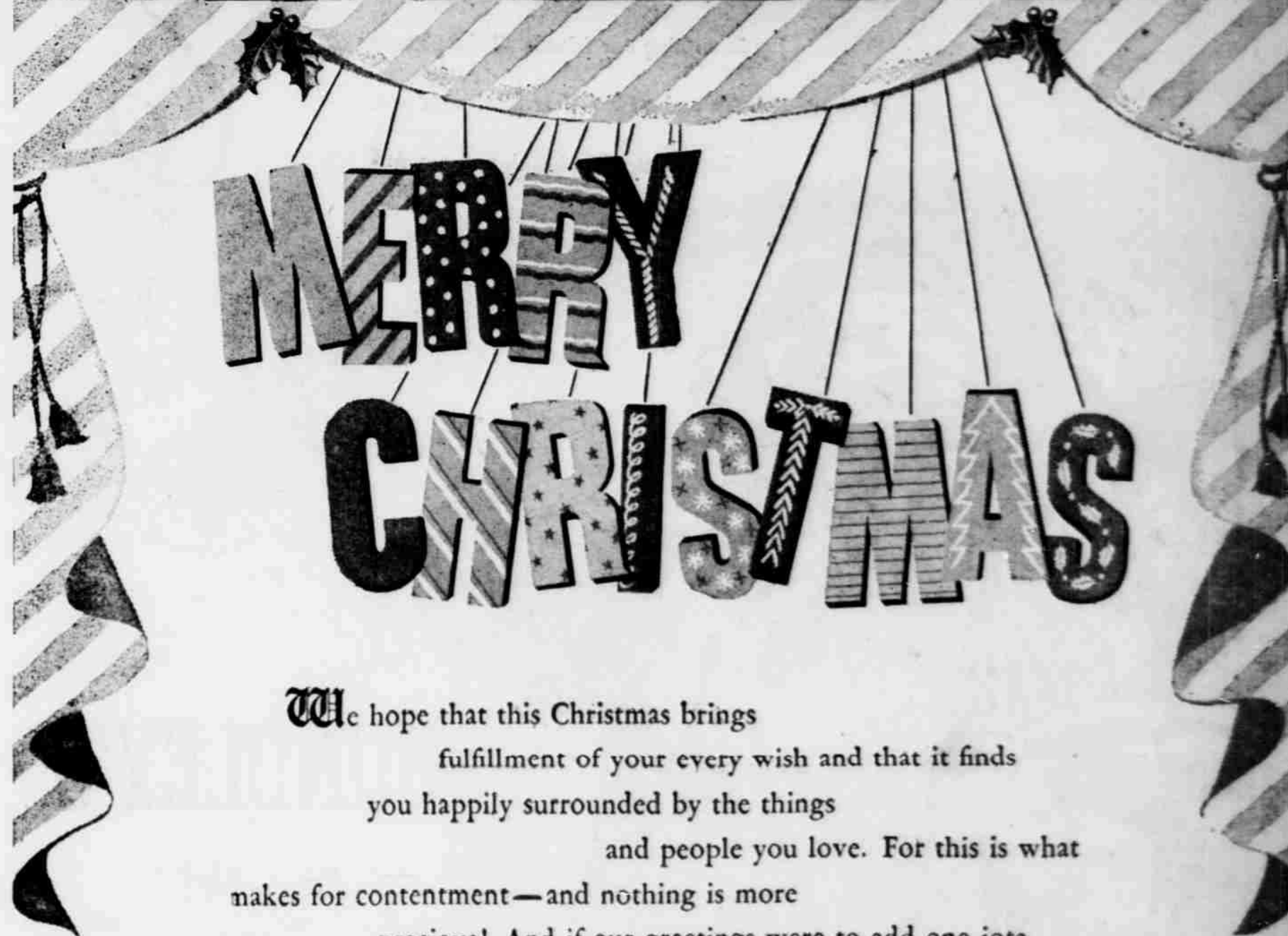


Merry Christmas

Our greetings go out to you for the merriest Christmas ever. May yours be a holiday overflowing with happiness and good cheer. With our Yuletide greetings and best wishes for a happy New Year go our heart-felt thanks for your kind patronage of the past — for your continued patronage in the future.

### HIWAY GROCERY and MARKET

RAYMOND AND VIVIAN YOUNG  
DOYLE SELLERS — RAY YOUNG  
VODA BAKER — GENE KING



We hope that this Christmas brings fulfillment of your every wish and that it finds you happily surrounded by the things and people you love. For this is what makes for contentment—and nothing is more precious! And if our greetings were to add one iota to your enjoyment of the holiday, then our Christmas will be happier too!

### Plains Lumber Company



# The Post Dispatch

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## The Night Before Christmas

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His eyes—how they twinkled! his dimples, how merry!  
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!  
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,  
And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow.

The stump of a pipe he held tight to his teeth,  
And the smoke it circled his head like a wreath;  
He had a broad face and a little round belly,  
That shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,  
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;  
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head  
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,  
And filled all the stockings, then turned with a jerk,  
And laying his finger aside of his nose,  
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,  
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.  
But I heard him exclaim as he drove out of sight,  
"HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL...  
... AND TO ALL A GOODNIGHT!"

## Santa Brings REA Lights To People Of Justiceburg

Santa Claus came early to the residents of Justiceburg, bringing the community its first electric lights at 12:30 p. m. Saturday.

For the first time in their lives, the children of Justiceburg will have electric Christmas tree lights on their trees. In years past, the trees were lighted with candles, if lighted at all and decorated with blown balloons or other bright objects which gave no light.

The first Justiceburg home to get connected to the new REA was that of Sid Cross, the Post Dispatch was unofficially informed. The lights were turned on by the Cross' daughter, Sandy, who exclaimed "Now, Santa Claus can find us!"

The Rev. and Mrs. T. M. Gillham and children, Frank and Sue, sent Christmas cards this year in the form of a legal document complete with whereases, seal (Christmas sticker) and individual signatures, requesting happiness and friendship to the recipients.

Carelessness with matches and cigarettes starts some 270,000 fires every year in the United States. It is the leading cause of fires, according to the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

A wallaby is a small kangaroo.

Mrs. D. E. Hon of Fort Worth who has been visiting here in the Lewis Nance home returned home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Sanders and daughters of Lubbock visited Sunday afternoon here in the W. E. Dent home.

A persec is an astronomical unit of measure nineteen billion miles long.



The very fact that Christmas is with us again ought to bring joy enough, but we want to gild the lily by wishing everyone a wonderful holiday.

EARL ROGER'S FEED STORE

## You Can't Dodge It If You Can't See The Hazard

"If you can't see it, you can't dodge it!" Col. Homer Garrison, Jr., of Austin, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety said today in describing the high rate of after-dark traffic accidents in December.

"It's pretty generally known by the public that night driving is far more risky than daytime travel. Just how much more risky, though, is the unanswered question that leads far too many motorists into finding out for themselves," he said.

Emphasis is being laid, this month, on the hazards of holiday and night driving by the Texas Department of Public Safety in cooperation with the Texas Safety Association.

"To answer this question," Col. Garrison said, "we can point to National Safety Council figures which show that the night fatal accident rate per mile of travel is about three times as high as the rate during the day. Since the sun shines only about eight or nine hours a day in December, one can readily see why nearly eight out of 10 of the pedestrians, and six out of 19 of the motorists, who die in traffic do so during the hours of darkness this month."

The Texas Department of Public Safety and the Texas Safety Association also pointed out that the number of traffic fatalities varies more with the number of hours of darkness during three year than with the number of miles traveled. Each of the months having the most darkness—October, November and December—has far more fatalities than July, the month of peak travel.

"Treat darkness as you would any dangerous opponent—with caution and suspicion," Col. Garrison warned.

## Letters To SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl 6 years old. I go to Twin Cities school and I try to be a good girl. Please bring me a doll with magic skin and a stroller and also a Donald Duck bicycle and all the goodies I can eat and don't forget my grandparents down in Pa.

Your little friend,  
Freddie Fern Browning,  
6522 West Fourth St.,  
Tulsa, Okla.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Leggett and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wheatley last Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. Paul B. Jarrad and Mrs. Gerry Davis and son, Jeff, of San Diego, Calif.

Dear Santa:  
I am a girl 5 years old and I am a little Oakie now so I would like for you to bring me a doll with magic skin and a stroller, house coat and slippers and, Santa, don't forget my big sister, Toni, who is ill and she wants everything she sees.

Your little friend,  
Judy Browning,  
Tulsa, Okla.

P. S. Please bring Daddy some fireworks so he can shoot them for me.



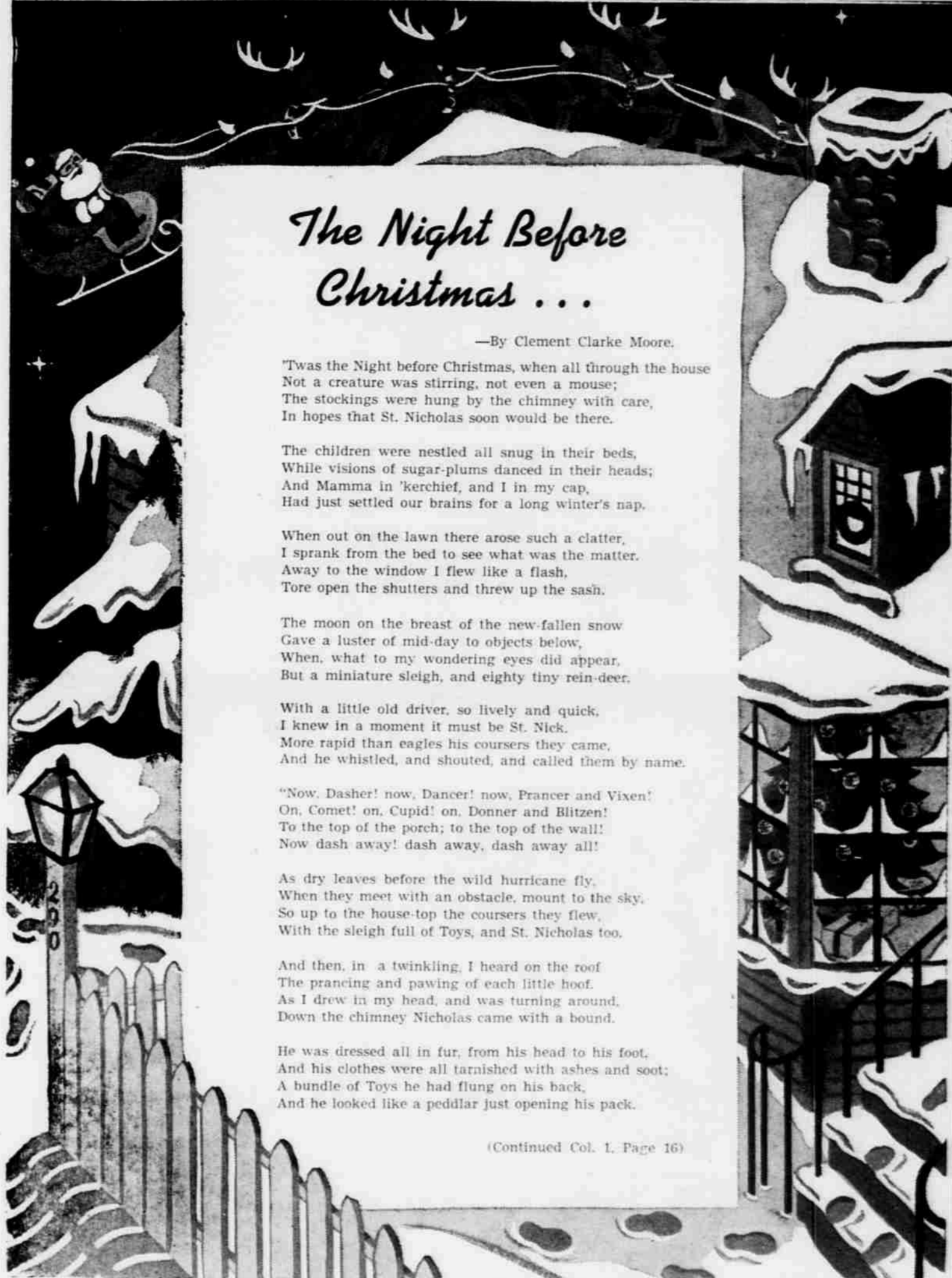
GREETINGS FOR CHRISTMAS

AND THE NEW YEAR

from

"DOC" — BOB — MATTIE EVELYN  
LOIS — WILLIE — JO  
JANIE — ROBERT — WAYNE

COLLIER DRUG



## The Night Before Christmas ...

—By Clement Clarke Moore.

'Twas the Night before Christmas, when all through the house  
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;  
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,  
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,  
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;  
And Mamma in 'kerchief, and I in my cap,  
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,  
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.  
Away to the window I flew like a flash,  
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow  
Gave a luster of mid-day to objects below,  
When, what to my wondering eyes did appear,  
But a miniature sleigh, and eighty tiny reindeer.

With a little old driver, so lively and quick,  
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.  
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,  
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name.

"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen!  
On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donner and Blitzen!  
To the top of the porch; to the top of the wall!  
Now dash away! dash away, dash away all!

As dry leaves before the wild hurricane fly,  
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,  
So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,  
With the sleigh full of Toys, and St. Nicholas too.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof  
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.  
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,  
Down the chimney Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,  
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;  
A bundle of Toys he had flung on his back,  
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.

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## Bargain Days On Subscriptions Drawing To End

As December flits away, the end of the Post Dispatch Bargain Rates draws nearer and nearer. It's a good idea to drop by the Post Dispatch immediately after reading this—or as soon thereafter as possible—and buy that subscription or renewal, saving 50 cents.

The bargain days for subscriptions to the daily newspapers of West Texas also are drawing to a close.

## Sid Cross And Mrs. Hagood Are News Tipsters

Sid Cross, who was the first person to report the derailed freight train at Justiceburg last Thursday morning, received the first prize of \$2.50 in last week's Post Dispatch News Tip Contest.

The second prize of \$1.00 went to Mrs. Tom Hagood for reporting the Boswell-Williams wedding.

A total of \$3.50 is given in prizes each week in the contest, which will last indefinitely.

## Large Crowd Sees PHS Junior Play

A large crowd saw the Post High School Junior Class play, "The Perils of Brilly," last Thursday night in the school auditorium. The presentation was well received.

Between acts entertainment was provided by Robert Smith, Leon Miller and Billy George Taylor. Robert played some Christmas carols on the saxophone, Billy George and Leon sang and played "Mule Train," "Blue Shadows," "Careless Hands" and "Hill Billy Bill."

## Bernard Musso Is On Snyder Program

Bernard Musso spoke at the Snyder Rotary Club last Thursday, telling about the improvements at the Postex Mills and explaining how the mill operates.

He was accompanied to the meeting by Dr. B. E. Young.

Christmas greetings from Mr. and Mrs. Bryan J. Williams feature cattle brands and say:

"Most precious treasures that we have are things we never bought, like you, our friends, to whom we send our greetings in this thought."

## Truckers Advise Holiday Drivers Regarding Safety

Holiday driving calls for everyday thinking!

"So, take a tip from the country's safest drivers, the professional truck drivers, and drive more carefully during the next three weeks," Fred Gillette, president of the Texas Motor Transportation Association, said today.

"The average over-the-road driver and even some city truck drivers cover more than three times as many miles as the average passenger car driver so they are in good position to offer some holiday driving advice," he said.

Professional truck drivers realize that winter driving calls for everyday thinking plus experience to cope with the special problems of winter. For example, they know that it takes from three to 12 times as long to stop on slick, wet pavement, as it does on dry surface. For safe holiday driving, certain driving precautions should be taken.

Among other things, for safe holiday driving, your car should be in top mechanical condition. The professional truck driver is required to see that his truck is in perfect mechanical condition all year round, and such things as heater, brakes, windshield wipers, and defrosters are given special attention during the winter months. The windshield wiper is especially important in light of the fact that statistics prove that one out of every five fatal motor vehicle accidents are caused by the driver's vision being obscured. And, about two-fifths of these accidents are caused by rain, sleet, or snow on the windshield and rear window.

An additional hazard of holiday driving is the tipsy pedestrian or motorist, therefore, the careful motorist like the professional truck driver, should be constantly on the alert for them during the coming holiday season, Mr. Gillette concluded.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Please Call Or Mail Your Family's Birthday Dates To The Post Dispatch.

- December 22—  
Marcia Kay Norris  
Mrs. Clyde Redman
- December 23—  
Mrs. L. P. Baker
- December 24—  
Billie Odella Walton  
Zora Anne Outlaw Evans  
Jess Wright  
Jimmie Short
- December 25—  
Janene Haynie  
Mrs. Earle Thaxton  
Mrs. George Barker
- December 26—  
Barbara Wheatley  
Joe Bailey Hunt, Rt. 1
- December 27—  
Hans Hudman  
Katherine Kahler  
J. C. Johnson  
Mrs. O. R. Carey
- December 28—  
Mrs. Wylie Hill  
W. J. Tipton  
Patty Lou Rogers

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Ferguson and daughter, Barbara, of Littlefield were Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Wright and daughter.

## Cotton Fiber Is Subject Of Two College Groups

Better understanding of the physical properties of Texas cotton as an aid in the utilization and merchandising of the state's cotton is the goal of research now in progress at Texas Technological College and the University of Texas. The work is being done under the sponsorship of the Cotton Research Committee of Texas, John F. Leahy, director.

Studies of physical properties of the cotton fiber as they relate to problems of merchandising and utilization are being made on cotton from approximately 50 communities throughout the state. After the cotton from each community has been typed as to physical properties, it is spun into nine different yarn counts using various twists and drafts to find out what combinations gives the best results for each kind of yarn. The measurements of physical properties and spinning research are being conducted by the cotton research located at Texas Technological College, Lubbock.

**Data Is Analyzed**  
The data secured from the measurement of physical properties and spinning tests being made at Texas Technological College are being analyzed by members of the Cotton Merchandising Research located at the University of Texas, Austin. The analysis of the data on physical properties and spinning tests will supply information that will result in more effective merchandising and utilization of Texas cotton. Thus the use of instruments which measure strength, length, length uniformity, fineness, and maturity are making it possible to acquire clearer insight into merchandising problems associated with specific mill uses for cotton.

**Important To Market**  
Because of the highly competitive conditions that exist in so far as cotton and synthetics are concerned, it is important that information on fiber properties and spinnability be made available to the mills and merchants of Texas if present markets are to be retained. Knowledge of fiber properties of Texas cotton and how they translate in the mill provides the edge needed by our merchants to meet the competition from foreign cottons which they encounter in their efforts to sell



MAY EVERY HOUR BE PLEASANT AND CHEERFUL

J. B. JEWELRY  
J. B. PARRACK

## Baptists From 22 States Will Meet In Dallas

Texas Baptists will be host to Sunday school workers from 22 states at a Southwide conference in Dallas, Dec. 27-30.

Six thousand Baptists from all over the Southern Baptist Convention are expected to attend the meeting. The purpose is to report on the progress of Sunday school work during the past year and project plans for reaching goals set up earlier by state secretaries. The goals include an increase in Sunday school enrollment of 500,000.

Speakers from eight states who will appear on the program include Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, president of the Baptist World Alliance, St. Louis; Dr. R. G. Lee, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, Memphis, Tenn.;

Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist executive committee, and Dr. T. L. Halcomb, executive secretary-treasurer of the Baptist Sunday school board, both of Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dallas; and Dr. Frank Wood, pastor of the Woodlawn Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala.

The conference is for pastors, Sunday school superintendents and teachers, educational directors, associational missionaries, and other Sunday school workers.

Headquarters for the meeting will be the First Baptist Church, Dallas, with auxiliary conferences being held in the First Presbyterian and First Christian churches.

Texas cotton to the mills of Europe and the Orient.

Historically, some 90 per cent of the cotton grown in Texas has been used in mills located in foreign lands.

Merry Christmas!



Merry Christmas



The divinity of the season is surpassed only in the joy it brings to the hearts of men.  
Merry Christmas.

## Greenfield Hardware Co.



# GREETINGS

With the realization that each passing year brings a fuller appreciation of old friends and pleasant associations, we extend to you our sincerest wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## GULF OIL CORPORATION

LESTER — ESTELEA — BERNICE

## Verbena Bits

Please Send News Not Later Than Monday to  
**HENRIETTA NICHOLS**  
Verbena Correspondent

Floyd Davis spent last week in Palestine and Detroit in the C. H. Bradley home. Mrs. Davis and son were already down there having gone the previous week. They returned home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Welch of Grassburg were Sunday guests of the Dick Cravys.

Claudine Davis, young daughter of the Dew Davises who has been seriously ill is greatly improved.

A large crowd attended the Christmas tree and program at the school house Sunday night. The program included songs, readings, a Christmas story and prayer by the Rev. Roy Gaines. Fruit, nuts and candy and other gifts were distributed by Santa.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Nichols and daughter of Post were Sunday guests in the P. S. Nichols home.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Reno of Post visited in the Allen Lucas home Sunday.

John and P. S. Nichols made a business trip to Lubbock Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fonce and family of Girard visited Mr. Fonce's sister, Mrs. McGunn, and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dew Davis visited her sister, Mrs. Lewallen, in Snyder Monday.

## Former Garza Man Is Shooting Victim

Robert Stotts Spence, 24-year-old Morton gasoline dealer who was shot to death in Lubbock Saturday as he allegedly attempted to hold up a gambling game he had left a short time earlier, formerly lived in Southland.

John Dayton Ritter of Lubbock was charged with Spence's slaying that night in justice court of C. E. Lynn in Lubbock. He was ordered held in denial of bond.

Spence, the father of three children, died instantly from two bullet which entered his lower back and ranged upward, leaving the body through the upper left chest.

According to a witness, S. E. (Slick) Melton of Lubbock, who had been playing a game with Ritter and Spence before the shooting, Spence lost some money and an argument which followed eventually led to the shooting. Both men had guns, he said.

## GARAGE APPROVED

Ray Henderson, owner and operator of the Ideal Garage, announced this week that he has installed a wash and grease rack at the garage, which is now equipped to wash and grease cars as well as giving them a complete overhaul job.

Clean artificial wax flowers by dipping them up or down in any good dry cleaning fluid, such as naphtha or gasoline.



ALGERITA  
COFFEE SHOP

WILF SCARBOROUGH

We Will Be Open  
Christmas Day



Yes, when you send flowers, you express a most tender Christmas greeting. Whether you choose a charming bouquet or a gay poinsettia plant you are bringing a symbol of beauty and affection into a home. Let us assist you in your floral selection.



BILL — MARY — BEE

Extend the Season's Greetings to Their Friends and Customers.

Bill DeWalt-Flowers



Merry Christmas

Once again we pause as another joy-filled Yuletide season arrives, to wish our many patrons and friends prosperity, health, contentment and peace this Christmas Day and throughout the year to follow.

## Pioneer Cookie Company

1704 AVENUE H. LUBBOCK

GEORGE LEMON

### Close City News

Please Send News Not Later Than Monday to **MRS. WILL TEAFF** Close City Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Milliron left Sunday for Alba where they will visit with relatives until after Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Holly of Dickens, Mrs. Roy Holly, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Casey and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Casey and son, Timothy, of Post visited in the Bon Long-shore and R. H. Sappington homes Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Dalby, Mrs. Lula Floyd and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Floyd of Post and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Baker and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brown were Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bedman.

Mr. and Mrs. George Harlan of Littlefield were Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Livingston and daughters.

**Visit In Tahoka**  
Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Young and sons visited Sunday in Tahoka with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kenley and son.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Roberts, Jr., and daughter, Kathy Lynn, visited in the Eldon Roberts home Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Cooper of Post visited with Mr. and Mrs. M. Paige and children Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Shults and children visited in Lubbock Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Grizzle.

Mrs. Benton Mason of California visited Sunday in the L. R. Mason home.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Foster and daughters of Southland visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Rosenbaum.

**In Davidson Home**

Mrs. E. W. Curry and son, Larry, of Muleshoe visited in the home of Mrs. Pearl Davidson over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Jones of Post visited in the Barnie Jones home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Cowdrey of the Graham community were Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Stone.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Woods and daughter Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Brookshire of Tahoka and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Babb of the Graham community.

Mr. and Mrs. Tucker of Post were Sunday visitors in the Huston Russom home.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Cearley left this week to spend Christmas with their children in Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Huston and son of Lubbock visited in the Clyde Bedman home Monday night.

**Visit At Garnolia**

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Roberts and daughters recently visited with Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Davis in the Garnolia community.

Mrs. L. R. Mason and daughter, Ruby, were hostesses for a Christmas party for members of the W.M.U. of the Friendship Baptist Church Monday afternoon. Miss Ruby Mason led the group in singing Christmas car-

... who to make her home with her son, Chester and his wife. They came to Post for her. After a short business session, Mrs. R. E. Bratton gave a reading and Mrs. Will Teaff conducted a Bible quiz. Mrs. A. M. Smith read a Christmas story and Kathleen Smith gave a reading and acted as Santa Claus, distributing gifts from a beautifully decorated tree. Refreshments of cake and hot chocolate were served to Mesdames Walter Brown, Barnie Jones, Bratton, Smith, Teaff, Huston Russom, Kathleen Smith and the hostesses.

### Letters to SANTA CLAUS

**Wants Doll Stroller**  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little girl 7 years old. I guess I have been a pretty good little girl.  
I would like for you to bring me a doll stroller, doll, cooking set, telephone, candy, fruit and nuts.  
I hope you have a Merry Christmas.  
Your friend,  
Paulette Morris.

John Bunyan wrote "Pilgrim's Progress" while he was in prison.



MAY ALL THE SEASON'S BEST BE YOURS THIS CHRISTMASTIME.  
**TOM WILLIAMS GROCERY**  
THANKS FOR YOUR PATRONAGE



Here are our three Yuletide wishes . . . may they all come true for you!  
**GOOD HEALTH! GOOD CHEER! GOOD FORTUNE!**

**CAFE**  
WILL BE OPEN CHRISTMAS DAY

**Dodd's Cafe**



from all the folks at

**McCRARY**  
**Appliance Company**

A happy holiday to all.  
**YANDELL SHOE SHOP**

## Half Dozen Yuletides Of Past Recalled In Dispatch Files

A lot of history is packed in the past six Christmas editions of the Post Dispatch.

Beginning with the file for 1943, when the United States was deep in the heart of war, some of the highlights of the past half dozen Christmases follow:

1943—Inducted into the Army were Cecil Elmer Vandiver, Robert E. Shedd, L. B. Pate, Ernest Clifton, Herron and G. W. Hale. . . . Dick Woods was appointed fire chief. . . . Sugar Stamp No. 29 was good for 5 lb. . . . Among those running Christmas Greeting ads were S. R. Rector, Whiteside Gas and Oil, J. I. Case Tractors; Areth's Beauty Shop; Lee's Shoe and Boot Shop; Dodson Garage; Post Courts Coffee Shop;

**Southland News**  
Please Send News Not Later Than Monday to **MRS. FLOY KING** Southland Correspondent

There was a Christmas tree and program at the Methodist Church last Sunday evening. Ronald Weaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Weaver, underwent an emergency appendectomy in a Lubbock hospital last Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. August Becker visited in Sundown recently with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Horn.

Mrs. G. W. Davis, accompanied by her son, G. W. Jr., and family visited in Alvarado over the weekend.

James Fitzgerald of Slaton and Margie Becker and Jimmie Lee Hudman visited Sunday with Mary Frances King.

**Visitors From Slaton**  
Mrs. Elton Smith and Mrs. Watson of Slaton were in Southland Sunday.

Dot Quisenberry was ill last week with a throat infection.

Mrs. Nellie Mathis and Carolyn Sue and Mrs. Nettie Kellum visited with the L. B. Mathis family at Brownfield Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Wood and children of Talent, Ore., came in last Wednesday to visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Riley Wood. The family went to Abilene over the weekend and visited with Mrs. Lula Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Dunn have moved to Southland and have bought the Duff Grocery. They took charge Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fletcher of Plainview visited Marvina Truelock and Calvin and Glenda Grantham Sunday.

**Church Has Party**  
Members of the Baptist Church enjoyed a Christmas tree and party at the church Tuesday night.

Members of the Lutheran Church will have a Christmas party and tree at the church tomorrow evening.

The Rev. Peyton Fullingim resigned as pastor of the local Baptist Church Sunday night, and Mr. Ray Dick resigned as Sunday school superintendent.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Terry and baby of Lubbock visited the S. M. Truelocks Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Harris and children of Sudan visited Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Harris Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hawthorne, Mr. and Mrs. Gale Hawthorne and Mrs. George McMahon of Lubbock visited with Mrs. L. B. Mathis Monday afternoon.

### Conservation Plans Approved By Board

Members of the Duck Creek District Soil Conservation Board of Supervisors met Thursday at Spur.

They approved applications for assistance in soil conservation for Mrs. John Green of Cross Roads; Mrs. Meta Hartman and L. L. Keeton of Post and C. J. Mangum of Close City.

Conservation plans were approved by the board on B. K. Richards' place which is farmed by James Stone at Graham, the U Lazy S Ranch and M. K. Bingham's farm near Post.

Cardwell Beauty Shop; B. M. Bullard Tire Shop; Perry Sevice Station; Blondie's Laundry Service; Star Service Station; Zetzman Blacksmith Shop; Carmichael's Variety Store; Power's Food Store; Courts Cafe; Connell Courts; Community Public Service Co.; Edgar Parr, Jr., Fort Worth Star-Telegram agent; Wilkerson Lumber Co.

1944—Lt. Harvey O. Gilmore was transferred to Liberal Army Air Field, Liberal, Kans., from Pampa. . . . Walter Duckworth sold a portion of the Post Feed and Fuel Co., to Earl Hodges. . . . A 7-lb. boy was born to Sgt. and Mrs. E. M. Bass at Frederick, Okla. . . . A wildcat oil well went down on the Ralph Welch place 11 miles northwest of Post. . . . Richard A. Bird completed Aviation Ordnance Training at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Norman, Okla. . . . Christmas Greeting ads were run by

Hunt's Cafe, J. . . Rogers Service Station, Adams Shoe Shop; Southside Grocery, Justice Shoe Shop, The Buffalo Club; Outlaw Motor Co.

1945—"Dad" Greenfield, recently discharged from the Army, was re-elected fire chief. . . . It was announced that tire rationing would end Jan. 1. . . . Sgt. Jack Burress arrived home after 24 months in the Pacific. . . . Pvt. Ben Owen was on furlough from Fort Bliss, El Paso. . . . Christmas Greeting ads were run by Marvin's Service Station; Sanders Bros. Barber Shop; Lakeview Service Station; Billings Stullo; W. A. Gray Furniture Store; White's Cafe; Gale's Beauty Shop; Ricker's Laundry Service; Doughty Hardware Co.; Bill McNeely; Garza County Piper Cub dealer; Howard Bishop Body and Fender Shop; Jennie's Tea Room.

1946—Miss Evelyn Beavers and

Marvin Carl Dorman of Justiceburg were married. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Lee Byrd sold their ranch in Dawson County and moved back to Post. . . . Verna Roberts and Dale Hester were married. . . . Christmas Greeting ads were run by Gordon Flower Shop; B and B Auto Supply; Justice Grocery; Double R Machine Shop; Keith Kemp Garage; Edwards Help-ur-Self Laundry.

1947—Miss Dixie Nell Shepherd and Wilton J. Payne of Tahoka were married. . . . The Union Oil Co.'s No. 1-A Davies, about 7 miles northeast of Post, was drilling ahead at 7,260 feet. . . . The Homer Gordons were driving a new dark blue Oldsmobile. . . . Robert Smith spent Christmas with the Garland Cannon family near Idalou; Christmas Greeting ads were run by Stanley's Laundry; The Red Raven; Smith and Justice of Justiceburg.

1948—The Post High School Athletic Department received a check for \$1,528.20 for its share of the Post-Phillips football game. . . . Two pieces of pecan and a hull were removed from the lung of Danny Altman. . . . Hayden Johnson sold his interest in the Lone Star Service Station to his partner, Reece Rivers. . . . Comman Oil Corp. leased 24.9 acres of the Post Stampede and Rodeo Association property. . . . Mrs. Ben Smith had a furnished bedroom for rent. . . . Roy C. Maddox and Charles W. Wood received Grade C. Water Well Supply Operator's Certificates. . . . The Rev. I. D. Walker and family moved to Lubbock. . . . Mrs. David Schultz and Mrs. R. J. Key of Justiceburg won the Post Dispatch News Tip Contest. . . . Christmas Greeting ads were run by Johnson Grocery; J. N. Power, Kaiser-Frazer dealer; Post Art Studio; Jesse Barnes Garage.



*Christmas Greetings*

There is a spirit that prevades our world during this season. You feel it in the joy of giving gifts . . . in the offering of wishes to those around you . . . in the hymns and carols. It is especially necessary, in these times, to spread this spirit to all . . . to attend the church of our choice and pray that the light of the Lord show us our way once more.

We appreciate the pleasant relations of our friends and customers and want to express a sincere "Thank You" for your business.

## Graeber's Red & White

Mrs. W. R. Graeber  
Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Presson

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**San Antonio Woman Probably Is Texas' Most Successful Spreader Of Yule Cheer**

Of all of the people who are busy doing for others during the Christmas season, few have the record of "doing for others" the year around that Mrs. Mittie Waters of San Antonio has. Her current project is to bring Christmas to 6,000 inmates in the Texas state prisons. Some of her activities were summarized recently by the Associated Press, as follows:

Mrs. Waters, a full-time religious worker with the Texas Prison System and a member of the National Chaplain's Association, has gained national recognition for her efforts to rehabilitate prisoners—especially those who have been classified as incorrigibles.

Yet, she finds extra time for a Christmas party for her "boys and girls."

**More Than 1,000 Gifts**  
 Last year, she worked for days with trustees at Darrington, Ramsey and Retrieve prisons to decorate for Yule-tide parties. There were Christmas trees at each place, gay decorations and more than a thousand gaily wrapped gifts. At Darrington, with materials which she supplied, inmates erected a manger scene 30 feet long and 10 feet wide.

This year, she has already ordered 6,000 cards so each inmate will have a Christmas card to send to someone. She is also assembling decorations and gifts, and she hopes by the time the holidays arrive there will be a gift for everyone.

**Prisoners Grateful**  
 Prisoners have expressed their gratitude in many ways. One inmate stated that it was the first time in 13 years that he had forgotten who or where he was; a second said that the Yule-tide party had convinced him that there really was a "Jesus of Nazareth," another was so impressed by a variety-store manager scene that he asked for the three tiny images in it to send to his children in an orphanage.

At Retrieve, where incorrigibles are sent, not a single one was in solitary confinement during Christmas week last year.

Mrs. Waters is a member of the Woodlawn Methodist Church in San Antonio, but her efforts are inter-denominational and devoted to both sexes and all ages, races and creeds. She is not employed by the state, nor maintained solely by her church, but is aided by free-will offerings. She has been working with pris-

**Junior Historian Contest Announced**

A half million Texas school students are eligible to enter the 1950 Junior Historian writing contest sponsored by the Texas State Historical Association, Dr. H. Bailey Carroll of the University of Texas announced.

Members of Junior Historian chapters and members-at-large under 21, a total of 500,000 students, may compete for \$395 in prizes.

Papers on Texas history topics related to contestants' community or locality, or inquiries, may be submitted before April 1, 1950 to Junior Historian Editor, Box 2131, University Station, Austin.

**J. B. Thaxton and son, Jackie** of Pecos who have been visiting here with relatives for several days returned home Monday.

**Mr. and Mrs. George Hutcherson** and son, Ronnie, of Oklahoma City, Okla., visited part of this week in the W. B. and H. F. Sanders home.

**Mrs. Dick Wade and daughter,** Ruby Jewel, spent Monday shopping in Lubbock.

the time they are paroled, she tries to find them lodging in the Salvation Army, YMCA, or in cheap rooms until they are able to find employment.

In addition to bringing comfort to the prisoners, she often aids their families through job placement, clothing, food and counseling advice.

**Drives Many Miles**

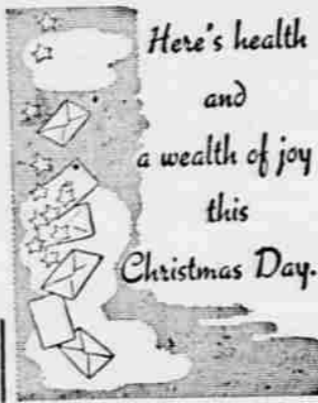
Prison Manager O. B. Ellis has granted Mrs. Waters the privilege of entering any unit in the Texas Prison System and has extended her permission to visit those in solitary confinement and in hospital units. She drives an average of 650 miles a week giving personal counsel and holding group services. She handles approximately 400 pieces of mail each month without secretarial help.

Prior to entering her present work, she was a church organist. She sent song books, Bibles and stationery to prisoners and made occasional visits to penal institutions for three years before adopting counseling as her lifetime vocation.

**Takes Portable Organ**

The social worker has a portable organ which she carries with her on her visits. She finds that prisoners love to sing and through spiritual music she finds her way to their inner selves. When a chapel is not available, as is often the case, she sets her organ up in any available space. On the "lower farms," south of Houston, the organ has been set in the prison yard and the inmates have sung through the windows.

When prisoners need help at



**Unique Beauty Shop**

LOIS HOWELL  
 FLORA MAE PAGE

**Holiday Drunks Will Be Jailed If They Are Caught Driving, Officers Announce**

"Drunk Drivers Go to Jail!" That statement was made by Col. Homer Garrison, Jr., director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, today in announcing his department's position on holiday drivers.

"At no other time of the year does drunk driving become the problem that it is during December," he said. "About one out of every six drivers involved in a fatal accident last year was under the influence of alcohol, according to the National Safety Council."

"About 3,120 persons died in traffic throughout the nation last December," Col. Garrison said, "and far too many of these deaths were traced directly to drivers under the influence of alcohol."

"We know there's considerably more drinking during the holidays than usual," he said. "Drinking—as such—is no concern of ours until the drinker becomes a traffic hazard. Then it definitely becomes our concern. We insist that he not try to drive. And, for that matter, we would rather not see him try to walk home either, because national figures tell us that an even higher proportion—one out of four—of pedestrians killed last year had also been drinking."

"This apparent contradiction—don't drive and don't walk," Col. Garrison said, "is not as impractical as it sounds. If you've been drinking, either take a taxi home or prevail on a non-drinking friend to do your driving for you. If you know you may be drinking during the course of the evening, leave your car safely at home in the garage. This puts the temptation completely out of the way."

The Texas Department of Public Safety and the Texas Safety Association co-sponsors for this month's traffic safety program, says: "Anyone who thinks that drinking and driving can be mixed should take a closer look at the statistics. On the basis of all fatal traffic accidents in 1948 it was found that one-fourth of the drivers and pedestrians killed had been drinking. This is strong evidence that drinking

greatly increases traffic hazards to both motorists and pedestrians."

December's program of emphasis on traffic safety has holiday hazards as its theme. It is being conducted in cooperation with the Texas Safety Association.

"A holiday spent in jail," Col. Garrison said, "is certainly more than a threat of official punishment. It's the alternative the police are offering you if you insist on driving after drinking—the other alternative is a crack-up with either death, injury or an expensive lawsuit awaiting you!"

**Keep Dangerous Toys Away From Little Children**

Christmas, of all holidays, belongs to the children. But, warns the National Board of Fire Underwriters, Christmas turns out to be a tragic time for many children every year.

The toys they were meant to take delight in, sometimes mean grief for the youngsters. Poorly constructed electric toys can cause serious burns. Toys using gasoline or kerosene are equally dangerous.

Be careful in choosing young children's toys. If you're planning to buy electric vacuum cleaners, stoves, irons or other electric gadgets, be sure they have the marker of the Underwriters' Laboratories Inc.

When small children are playing with electric toys always have an adult plug and unplug the toys.

Don't give them stuffed animals or play costumes of brushed rayon or any highly flammable material unless they've been flameproofed. You might flameproof such playthings yourself by rinsing or spraying them with a mixture of 9 ounces of borax and 4 ounces of boric acid dissolved in one gallon of water.

Set up electric trains away

**Letters To ... SANTA CLAUS**

**Wants To Read**

Dear Santa:  
 I want a doctor kit, ring, bracelet, necklace, nuts, candy and some books to read.  
 Love,  
 Gay Roberts,  
 Route 2.

**Dear Santa:**

I am a little girl 6 years old. I go to the Close City school. I have tried to be a good girl. Please bring me a bicycle, boots, cash register, a magic skin doll and a typewriter.

Remember my sisters, my brother and Betty.  
 I love you,  
 Raynona Young.

**Mr. and Mrs. Homer Gordon** and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Berry and family and Mr. and Mrs. Max Gordon and family spent the weekend in Bowie with Mrs. J. R. Gordon. They exchanged Christmas gifts.

**Mrs. R. B. Hester** who visited here in the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Floyd last week returned to her home in Snyder Sunday.

from the tree where a spark won't ignite decorations or needles.



May all the wonderful things that go with Christmas be yours in the fullest abundance this year.



From all of us here to all of you—a most happy holiday.

**NORRIS Radio Service**

**Greetings**

**BUTANE GAS**

BETTER FUEL FOR WEST TEXAS HOMES

Once again we greet the gay Yuletide season — when young and old gather 'round in good fellowship... with a heartfelt wish that you and yours may enjoy the Merriest Christmas — and a Happy, Happy New Year!

**O. C. Garner Appliance Co.**

Telephone 39



OUR WARM AND SINCEREST GREETINGS GO OUT TO YOU AT THIS HAPPIEST SEASON OF THE YEAR.

W. O. THAXTON



May the tidings of great joy be yours in full this Christmas.

**HAMILTON DRUG**

**Christmas Greetings to All**



Deck the tree with boughs of jolly good spirits... tinsel bright as the faces of little ones on Christmas morning... ornaments reflecting happiness, joy, peace on earth — good will to all men. We sincerely wish you all the joys and happiness of the season and a wonderful New Year to come.

**SHORT HARDWARE**

Lowell and Lillie Short

Mr. and Mrs. John Herd, who are spending most of the time in Fort Worth because of the critical illness of Mr. Herd's mother, Mrs. H. E. Herd, arrived here Sunday morning on business. They returned to Fort Worth Monday night to stay until after Christmas.

No Christmas is complete without Christmas cards illustrated by Harold Bugbee, Clarendon cowboy artist. Mr. and Mrs. Bry-an Williams used three Bugbee illustrations in a folder which says: "Here's Cowboy Christmas Greetings! May Your Dally Never Slip, May Your Pony never

**Los Angeles Paper Writes Article On Former Post Youth**

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Sanders recently received a newspaper clipping from the Los Angeles Times which showed a picture of their grandson, Tom Sanders, former Post resident, who is in the Marine Corps.

The article said: "A recent addition to the Pendleton football squad, who is giving a good account of himself, is Pfc. Thomas E. Sanders of Lubbock, Texas, one of Coach Roise's many fine tacklers. Tom is a big fellow as he stands 6 ft., 4 in., high and weighs 220 pounds. The 19-year-old Texan played three years of football at Amarillo, Texas, high school and then played one year of freshman football at the University of Oklahoma. He doesn't confine his athletics to football inasmuch as he is a boxer and discus thrower. Tom entered the Corps last December and went to Boot Camp at San Diego and the Engineers School at Camp Del Mar. Attached to the First Engineers Battalion, he hopes to go back to Oklahoma University when his time is up in the Corps.

Mrs. J. O. Hays left last Thursday for O'Donnell to visit the Clyde Childress family until Saturday when she went to Lamesa and accompanied David Schultz to Post.

Stumble and May Your Levis Never Rip."



In the same cheery manner the words "Merry Christmas" come to you with our hope that all the season's happiness and joy be yours.

**Thanks For Your Patronage POST PRODUCE**

MR. AND MRS. A. W. WALKER  
CLOSED FROM FRIDAY P. M. UNTIL TUESDAY



In the Christmas mood, we wish you all happiness

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

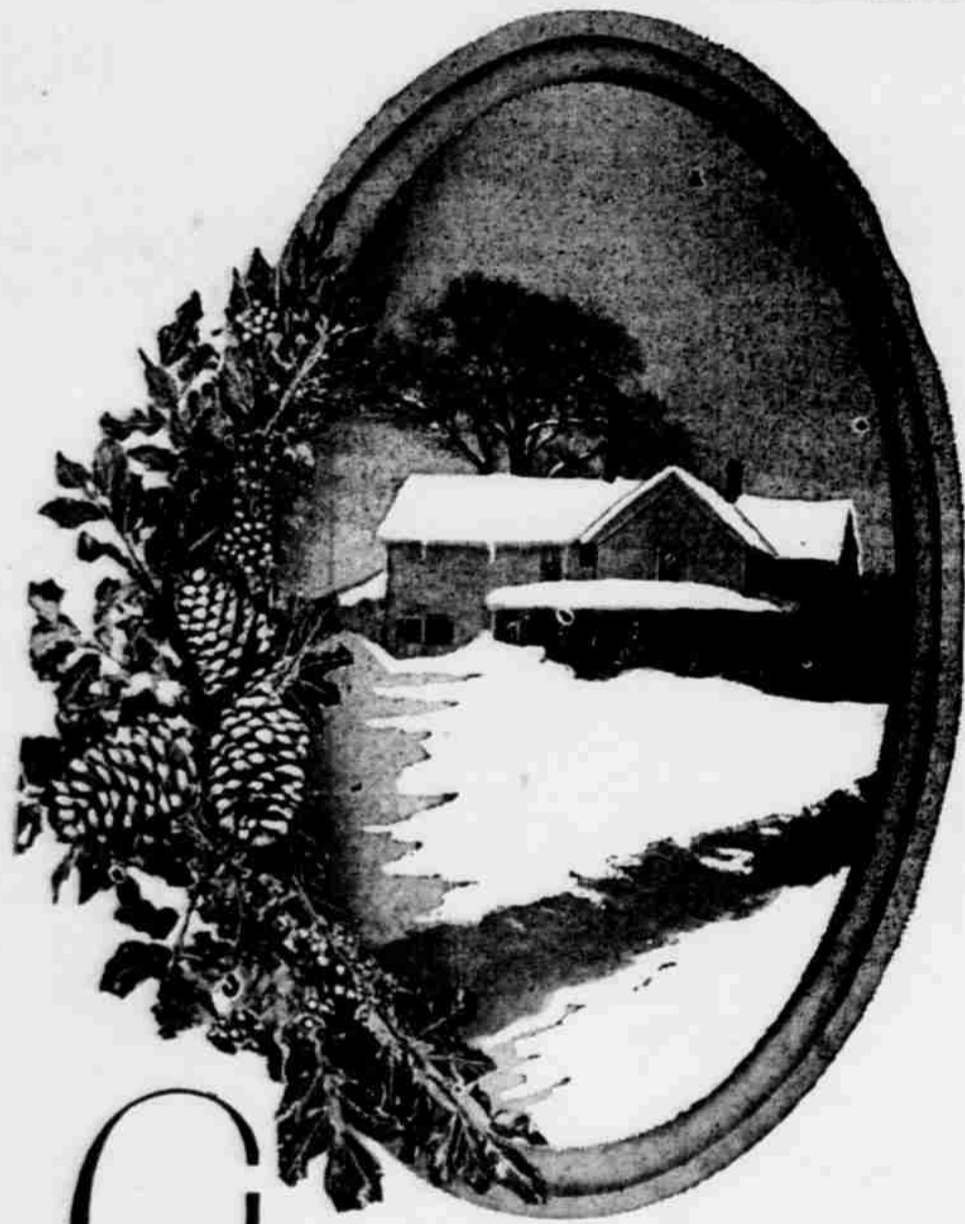
Thanks For Your Patronage  
**Garza Tire Co.**  
MAX GORDON

**Greetings**

May all the good cheer and happiness of Christmas and the New Year be yours in every way.



Bill and Bessie  
**Windham's Sta. & Gro.**  
Closed Christmas Day



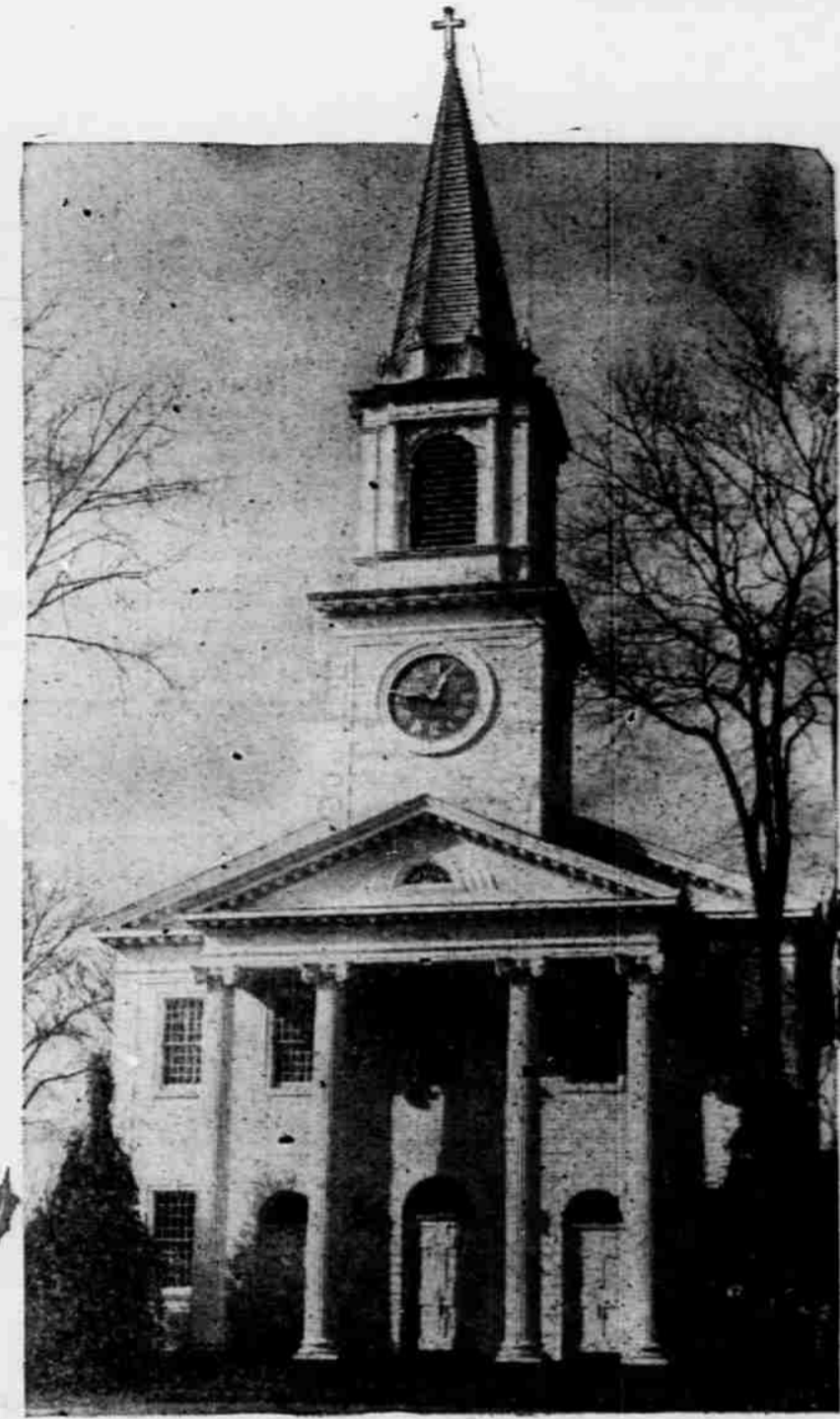
**Greetings**

Once again it is Christmas... May it bring you peace, good health and happiness throughout the year.

**FLOYD'S SERVICE**

MR. AND MRS. GUY FLOYD AND EMPLOYEES

We Will Be Closed Christmas Day



**A Christmas Message**

It is not riches or elaborate gifts that make a Christmas merry... but the simple,

familiar wishes of neighbors and friends, plus an unassailable faith in our Lord and Protector.

With this thought, we raise our voices in the age-old greeting, "A Merry Christmas to each and everyone."

**HIGGINBOTHAM-BARTLETT CO.**



### Livestock Can Be Used To Help Balance Production Program For Farm Next Year

Acres reduction in 1950 of cash crops will probably result in larger plantings of soil-building legumes, small grains and forage crops. In many cases, it may mean the seeding of hay meadows and permanent pastures. The relatively favorable prices for livestock and livestock products should help to "cushion" this shift, provided farm operators plan wisely, says Lew Herron, Garza County agent.

On many family-sized farms livestock can be used to help balance the production program for the farm. Herron points out that farm operators should plan to utilize all of their labor and machinery as well as the land previously planted to cash crops. The extra grain and forage production that is expected to result from the acreage reduction program, Herron believes, should be used on the farm where it is produced.

He says even without favorable livestock prices over cash grain prices, farm profits can be increased when the extra grain and forage are sold in the form of meat, milk and eggs. Feeding this extra production to farm livestock is sound business and he says farmers should not forget the extra dividend that they can derive from the manure when it is returned to the land.


Here are his suggestions on planning for profitable farm livestock production in 1950 and in the future. Plan to grow into the business as feed and pasture production are developed; select the phase of livestock production suited to the farm family and to the farm; produce quality products and provide fences, buildings and equipment needed to save labor and feed.

He points out that electric fences can be economically used for enclosing temporary pastures but says where permanent type fences are needed, it is better to build the sturdy, long-lived ones. It is cheaper in the long run to build or purchase the best equip-

ment and materials available, and Herron suggests that he might be able to provide additional plans and suggestions that might prove helpful in getting a livestock program underway.

**Santa Claus has been dropping** in on the telephone operators every day this week, bearing gifts from various persons who appreciate their services. The Post Volunteer Fire Department sent a pair of hosiery to each operator. Among the other gifts were cakes from Mrs. J. D. McCampbell and Mrs. Dan Altman and packages which read: "Do Not Open Until Christmas" from Oscar Garner and Mr. and Mrs. John Herd.

**The Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Sanders** and children of Lovington, N. M., were Post visitors Sunday evening.



**Holiday Greetings to All**

**Dr. B. E. Young**

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Parker and the Tom Power family recently for several days, were Mrs. Parker's sister, Mrs. Bill Terry of Fort Worth; Mrs. Terry's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Jones, who are spending a vacation in the United States; Mrs. Terry's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Grimmes and son of Crane; and Mrs. Parker's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lex Brock and daughter, Lexie, of Lamesa. One day the group was joined at the Parker home by Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Thomas and children, and colored motion films were shown by Mr. and Mrs. Jones, who made the pictures during a three-year residence in Bangkok, Siam, and in the countries they visited since leaving Siam last spring, including Baghdad, various places in India, Paris, London and cities of Switzerland. The Joneses will leave after Christmas for a new overseas assignment. Jones is with the Standard Vacuum Oil Co.



## Merry Christmas to All

MAY the spirit of hospitality and friendliness, so typical of the Christmas Season, remain with you throughout the year and brighten the associations you share with others.

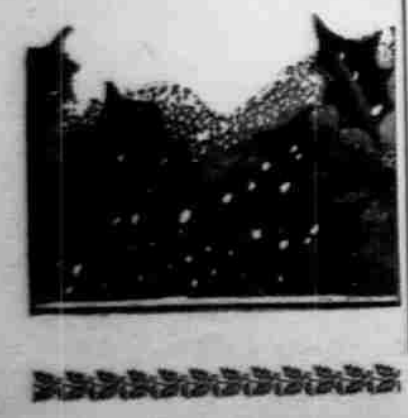
# Storie Motor Co.



**Friendly Good Wishes for Christmas**

We extend to you the warmest wishes for the merriest Christmas ever... a New Year filled with gladness and contentment.

**The Lavelle Shop**  
POST, TEXAS



### Origin Of Christmas . . .

"The twelve days of Christmas," embracing the period between Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, and Epiphany, or Twelfth Night, Jan. 6, is known as Christmas-Tide.

Great as the feast of Christmas is, nothing can be definitely traced as to its origin; nobody knows who first celebrated it, or when, or how.

We find that various communities of Christians kept the day on different dates, until about the middle of the fourth century when Pope Julius established the festival of Rome, on Dec. 25.

The holidays of the year are the red-letter days of its calendar. Among them all, Christmas is unique, inasmuch as it brings universal joy and good-will. Let the nations, therefore, rejoice and be glad in the gift of the world's greatest life.

### Winter's Charm Is Related To Loving Kindness

There is something in the very season of the year that gives to the festivity of Christmas.

At other times we derive a great portion of our pleasure from the mere beauties of nature. Our feelings sally forth and dissipate themselves over the sunny landscape, and "we live abroad and everywhere." The song of the bird, the murmur of the stream, the breathing fragrance of spring, the soft voluptuousness of summer, the golden pomp of autumn, earth with its mantle of refreshing green, and heaven with its deep, delicious blue and its cloudy magnificence—all fill us with mute but exquisite delight, and we revel in the luxury of mere sensation.

But in the depth of winter, when nature lies despoiled of every charm and wrapped in her shroud of sheeted snow, we turn for gratifications to moral sources. The dreariness and desolation of the landscape, the short and gloomy and darksome nights, while they circumscribe our wanderings, but in our feelings also from rambling abroad, and make us more keenly disposed for the pleasure of the social circle. Our thoughts are more concentrated; our friendly sympathies more aroused. We feel more sensibly the charm of each other's society, and are

### BITS OF NEWS

**Mr. and Mrs. D. W. McKenzie** of Jayton spent Saturday night and Sunday in the H. F. and W. B. Sanders homes.

**Miss Nora Stevens, Mrs. Gladys Hyde, George and Alarah Pierce** and the Rev. Roemer Hudler visited Mrs. T. A. Pierce in the Lubbock Memorial Hospital Sunday.

**Attractive Christmas Greetings** sent out this week by Mr. and Mrs. Embry Williams show a covered wagon on a real leather background on the front and the message: "Coming Your Way." Inside, the greeting continues: "With all good wishes for the Merriest Christmas Ever!"

**T. J. Chapman and Miss Emily Kirkham** of Midland and Mrs. Leule Williams spent Sunday visiting Chapman's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Batchelor.

**Roemer Hudler, pastor of the First Christian Church**, had an early visit from Santa Claus last weekend, in the form of a \$100 check from Mr. and Mrs. George Tracy.

brought more closely together by dependence on each other for enjoyment.

Hear calls unto heart; and we draw our pleasures from the deep wells of loving kindness which lie in the quiet recesses of our bosoms, and which, when resorted to, furnish forth the pure element of domestic felicity.

—Washington Irving.



**Good Luck!**  
**Fine Friends!**  
**Happiness!**  
**Good Health!**  
**Prosperity!**

May all these pleasures be yours this Christmas!

**ANTELOPE SNACK SHACK**  
OLIN AND BONNIE



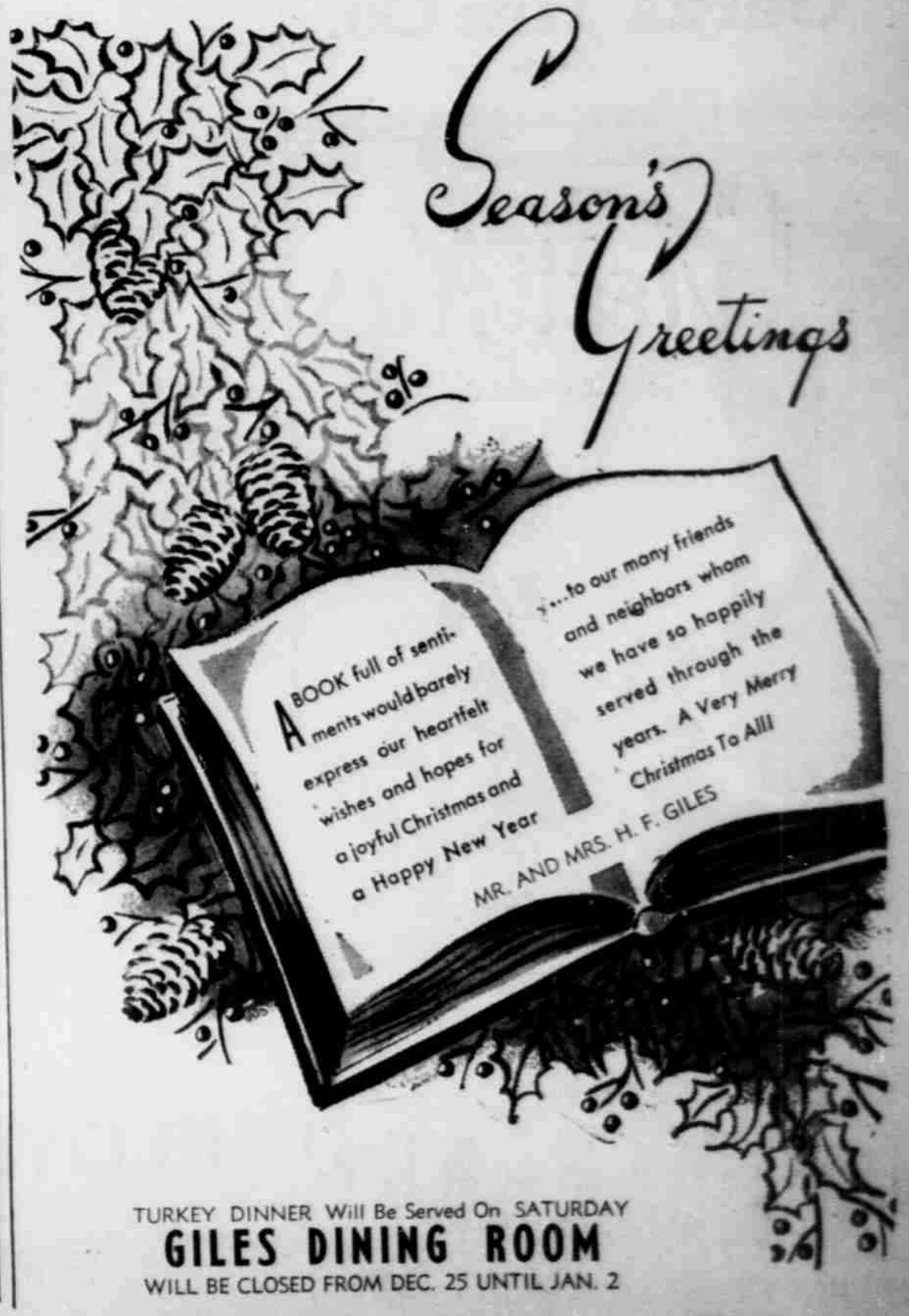
*an old-fashioned*

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

Old times and the carefree pleasures of other days are recalled as we enter another Holiday Season. In the spirit of remembering friends and associations of the past, we extend our greetings to all!

**Hans - Maurine - Robert**

## Hans Hudman Station



*Season's Greetings*

A BOOK full of sentiments would barely express our heartfelt wishes and hopes for a joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year

MR. AND MRS. H. F. GILES

...to our many friends and neighbors whom we have so happily served through the years. A Very Merry Christmas To All!

TURKEY DINNER Will Be Served On SATURDAY  
**GILES DINING ROOM**  
WILL BE CLOSED FROM DEC. 25 UNTIL JAN. 2

Please Send News Not Later Than Monday to MRS. BERT CASE Garnolia Correspondent

The Rev. Mr. Shaw and his family have moved to the Central Baptist parsonage and he is the new pastor. They came here from Barnhart.

Billy and Jerry Parks of Tip-ton, Okla., spent the weekend here in the home of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Kemp and daughter of Tahoka were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Cook last Thursday evening.

Mrs. A. L. Browning of Post spent the weekend here in the C. W. Carpenter home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Thomas recently visited their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hoskins, and family in Lamesa.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. White and daughter were guests in the C. W. Roberts home at Grassland Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Davis and daughter, Nora, of Monte Vista, Colo., are here to spend the holidays with Harold's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Davis, and other relatives.

Trailer Damaged In San Angelo Accident

A trailer belonging to James Gary of Post, was slightly damaged in San Angelo Sunday afternoon when a passenger car driven by Early Hibbitts of East-erly became wedged under his truck-trailer. The car's front end was damaged.

No one was hurt in the accident, which slowed up traffic on the North Concho River bridge for several minutes, the San Angelo Standard reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Giles of Hobbs, N. M., spent Sunday night and Monday visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Giles.

Terracing Program Gets Under Way On Several Farms Here

Glen and C. M. Voss at Close City have built a mile long terrace around a lake. A 50-foot channel will be left open so water will run into the lake before it goes over the terrace. The channel will be shaped-up with a road maintainer. Then it will be planted in grass, the local soil conservation office has announced.

V. M. Stone completed his terrace system by rebuilding all of the old terraces to district specifications and building 2 1/2 miles of new terraces.

Albert Kuykendall, who farms Mrs. Meta Hartman's farm near Close City, has had it terraced. The terrace system connects Durwood Bartlett's terrace system to hold water on both of the farms.

Giles McCrary, Duck Creek soil conservation supervisor, had two diversion terraces built above a tank to increase the drainage area to this tank. They were built with county road maintainer machinery.

Terrace lines have been run on Mrs. G. W. Northcutt's farm at Pleasant Valley.

Pierce's Mother Dies At San Saba

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Pierce were called to San Saba Saturday because of the death of Mr. Pierce's mother, Mrs. Roxie Pierce of that city. Funeral arrangements were not known here by press time.

Probably the most attractive Christmas cards that have originated in Post this year are those being mailed this week by the David Schultz family. Done with excellent photography, the card depicts a snow-covered window with the little Schultz daughters, Marianne and Elizabeth, looking through the window pane.

Merry Christmas!



TO OUR FRIENDS—Your friendship is a treasured asset—your loyal patronage, our sustenance. Please accept our heart-felt gratitude for both. MERRY CHRISTMAS—ONE AND ALL.

B. C. MANIS BLACKSMITH SHOP

Louisiana is the only state whose laws are not based on English common law.

There is no law requiring Justices of the Supreme Court to be lawyers.

According to law, a minimum of three persons can create a riot.

Season's Greetings. To the many greetings that come your way, we should like to add ours—to wish you a truly Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. Maxine's

Extending the Greetings of the Season. It is our fondest hope that this Christmas Day be filled with many warm and pleasant moments for you! And that the New Year brings you the fulfillment of all the sincere wishes that have been extended to you in the spirit of the Holiday Season! Post Kash and Karry. A. B. Haws --: Pete Kennedy --: Dick Allen

Letters To SANTA CLAUS

Will Play Cowboys. Dear Santa: We are two little boys 8 and 3 years old. We have been very good little boys and help our mother and daddy with their work, so don't forget to bring us a lot of toys specially guns and tool sets. Be sure and bring Wayland and Jerry two guns, so we can play cowboys Christmas Eve night.

We love you, Jackie and Delwin Fluitt.

Wants Colored Doll. My Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 5 years old. I have been a good little girl. I do what my mother and daddy ask me to do and I say "please" and "thank you."

I would like very much to have a little colored doll named "Amosandra" and another Baby Ruth doll as I lost the one you brought me last year. I would like a little electric range, if you have one to spare, and maybe some dishes.

Thank you very much and I'll leave a coke on the coffee table for you. It will be cold, if you're not too late.

I love you, Beverley Ruth Young.

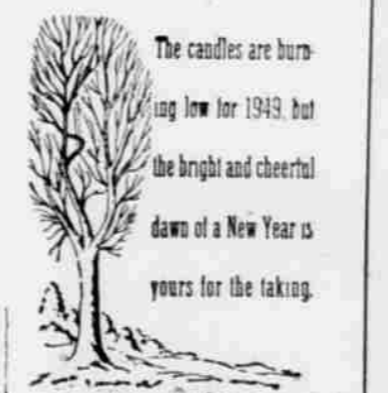
You Promised, Santa. Dear Santa:

I'm a little red-headed boy 4 years old and I've tried to be a good boy. Remember when I saw you in Lubbock you said if I minded Mommy you would bring me an electric train so don't forget it. Also bring me two guns and a basketball, lots of candy, fruit and nuts.

Don't forget to bring Wayland, Delwin and Jackie lots of toys and bring Laura Jean Rylant a pretty doll.

I love you, Jerry Elmo Bush.

Belva Lockwood was the only woman ever to run for president.



SORGEE Barber Shops

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Bring Two Guns. Dear Santa: I'm a little boy 7 years old. I'm in the second grade and have been a very good little boy so will you please bring me a football, tool set and two guns. Don't forget all of my little cousins and bring us lots of candy, fruit and nuts.

I love you, Wayland Morris McClellan.

Band Room Building Is Resumed Tuesday

Work was resumed Tuesday on the construction of a band room at Post high school. The building was slowed down for awhile on account of the lack of material and labor, Supt. G. R. Day said.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Giles spent Monday in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Floyd attended church in Snyder Sunday.

Merry Christmas!

Best wishes FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS. May your Yule-tide be joyous and bright... with the fullest measure of happiness and contentment! LEW BAKER BAKER ELECTRIC AND MACHINE SHOP

Season's Greetings. And to you—our friends—we make a toast for happiness and well-being during the coming holiday season. With the deep-felt wish that this may be the merriest, cheeriest Christmas of them all! And that the coming fifty-two weeks of the New Year give you and yours health, joy and prosperity. Post Auto Supply. Noah --: Dale --: Malcolm Lloyd --: Bill

# For The Twenty-Sixth Consecutive Year We Say ...



Our favorite season is here again! For it's Christmas time—when colorful lights and holly wreaths brighten every window—when the carefree voices of carolers break the silence of the night, and to wide-eyed youngsters dear old Santa Claus is the "man of the hour".

Beyond all these pleasures our greatest enjoyment comes from the opportunity to wish all our friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Miss Nichols And Sister See Ball Of Fire In Sky

Miss Henrietta Nichols last weekend was proudly exhibiting evidence that she wasn't "crazy." It was a clipping from an El Paso paper which told about a fire ball "brighter than the full moon" which was sighted several weeks ago in West Texas, New Mexico, Southern Colorado and Eastern New Mexico. It was believed to be a meteorite.

Miss Nichols and her sister, Mrs. W. E. Blake, of Tucson, Ariz., saw the ball of fire while they were riding home from a trip to Abilene in company with Peamon, John and Leslie Anita Nichols.

They thought at first it was an airplane on fire and they searched the papers for several days for news of a fiery plane crash, then they thought an oil tank might have blown up, but they couldn't find any such news.

Miss Nichols and her sister were the only passengers of the car who saw the ball of fire and the others almost convinced them that they imagined they saw it.

En route to Arizona, Mrs. Blake bought a newspaper in El Paso and read about what was believed to have been a meteorite which was sighted the same night. She felt so good about it.

## Santa Claus Began Getting Fat With Turn Of Century

Did you know that Santa Claus used to be a midget? Margaret Turner in a recent Woman's Angle column in the Lubbock Avalanche says: Once upon a time about 100 years ago, the ahemic Santa Claus seen on Christmas cards would have been bashful about being seen on the beach. He might have been called "Skinny," because he certainly was. He was the original Thin Man, a bag of bones instead of the healthy, strapping fellow who smiles at us today from cards, billboards and magazines.

What's the secret of Santa's artistic transformation into a Superman? Well, when Santa had his American premiere as a magazine cover boy in a drawing by the great Thomas Nast in the 1840 edition of Harper's Weekly, he was a tiny, pixie-like figure very much in need of a body-building course. He had spindly legs and, most important, no "round little belly that shook when he laughed like a bowl full of jelly." Artists refused to take their cue from that classic description of Santa Claus in Clement Moore's "The Night Before Christmas."

Moore's poem was published in 1832. But his word picture of Saint Nick didn't move the artists. He sent the clipping to her sister.

## BITS OF NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Derrick went to Stamford Friday evening. Mr. Derrick's daughter, Dana Sherry, returned home with them to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Henderson and family of Lubbock visited Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Wade and family.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Manis and Mrs. Manis' brother, F. L. Smith, returned last Thursday night from Mineral Wells where the men had been taking treatments. Both are greatly improved. Manis says he feels better than he has felt in 25 years.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Meeks visited Friday evening in Hamlin with Mr. Meeks, brothers, Will and G. A. Meeks.

Artists for years after the poem had been learned by millions of enraptured youngsters. As late as 1881 the artists were still painting a version of Santa Claus that looked like Jack Spratt. Many a painter felt he had to make Santa thin enough to go down a chimney in order to preserve childhood faith. Santa began to gain weight about 1900. Now to paint him as anything but huge and pink and happy would start a major uprising. Never again will he be anything but the large economy size. But it is startling to learn that at one time he was angular, emaciated, even elf-like.

 **The night before Christmas...**  
Few experiences surpass in beauty that hush of wonderful expectancy that falls over the home on Christmas eve. This season of 1949 holds that in store for you.



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