

Merry
Christmas!

The Post Dispatch

Your Christmas
Eve Edition!

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The Song of Christmas

THE long journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem . . . a new Star in the sky . . . heavenly music above the hills of Judea . . . the flutter of angel wings . . . the swift journeying of the Shepherds . . . Mary and Joseph and the new-born Child . . . the coming of the Wise Men, with their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh .

From these inspiring things the Song of Christmas was fashioned more than twenty centuries ago. The years have added new notes of happiness. Carols and song upon the air . . . candles gleaming into the night . . . secret whisperings and laughter in the home . . . greetings going from friend to friend . . . deeds of love and mercy done in the name of a Child.

No great symphony or composition can match the Song of Christmas. It rises above the clatter and roar of the city; it throbs through the scattered town and hamlet; it sings through the sunlit islands of the South; it permeates the frozen wastes of the Northland. In ever-widening volume its strains echo around the world.

Before its magic the hosts of darkness take flight. It touches the slumbering chords of memory; it heals old hurts and scars; it binds loved ones in a closer and deeper tie. There are no friendless or forsaken within its sound; under its influence the strong reach out to help the weak. Peace and Love and Joy, these are its loudest notes, and they are for all men. For the Song of Christmas is the greatest of all songs because it is understood by every heart.



PEACE ON EARTH..

**Real St. Nicholas
Of 4th Century**

St. Nicholas is popularly associated with Christmas and gift-giving presumably because once during his mortal existence he reportedly endowed three dowryless maidens with three purses of gold.

Historically—as the Archbishop of Myra, Nicholas was a member of the council of Nicea. In 325 A. D., Constantine the Great called together the theologians of the Christian world in the first complete general council of the entire Christian church.

The council, assembled near Constantinople, and presided over by the still unbaptized Constantine, proclaimed the first exact definition of Christian teaching—as embodied in the Nicene Creed—and marks the beginning of Christianity as it is understood today.

Great Britain first laid claim to the West Indian island of Barbados in 1605, when an English ship landed there.

Frozen foods that have been defrosted should not be refrozen, as thawing and freezing sap quality.



**Cheerio
FRIENDS ☆☆☆**

★ Years may come and years may go but Santa Claus is with us forever. He's coming again this year, with a full sack. So sweep out your chimney and get ready for the jolly visitor, who has had special orders from us to bless your home with a very Merry Christmas.

Arlie Gilmore
American National
Insurance Co.

**CHRISTMAS
QUIZ**

To test your Christmas spirit and knowledge, the following questions are given. You should answer half of them in order to pass.

1. Who wrote "The Night-Before-Christmas"?
2. What story contains the following: a miserly old man?
3. Where is Christmas Island?
4. Who wrote "White Christmas"?
5. In what country was mistletoe first worn around the neck to prevent sickness?
6. What does the Saxon word "hael" or "be in health" mean in connection with a Christmas custom?
7. An old Christmas superstition starts "A warm Christmas means . . ." How does it end?
8. Who is Quetzalcoatl?
9. What plant, a thorny one, traditionally blooms only at Christmas time?
10. Until her death what song did Mme. Schumann-Heink always sing on Christmas Eve?
11. What is the literal meaning of "Christmas"?
12. Where are the remains of Good St. Nicholas of Myra buried?

Answers

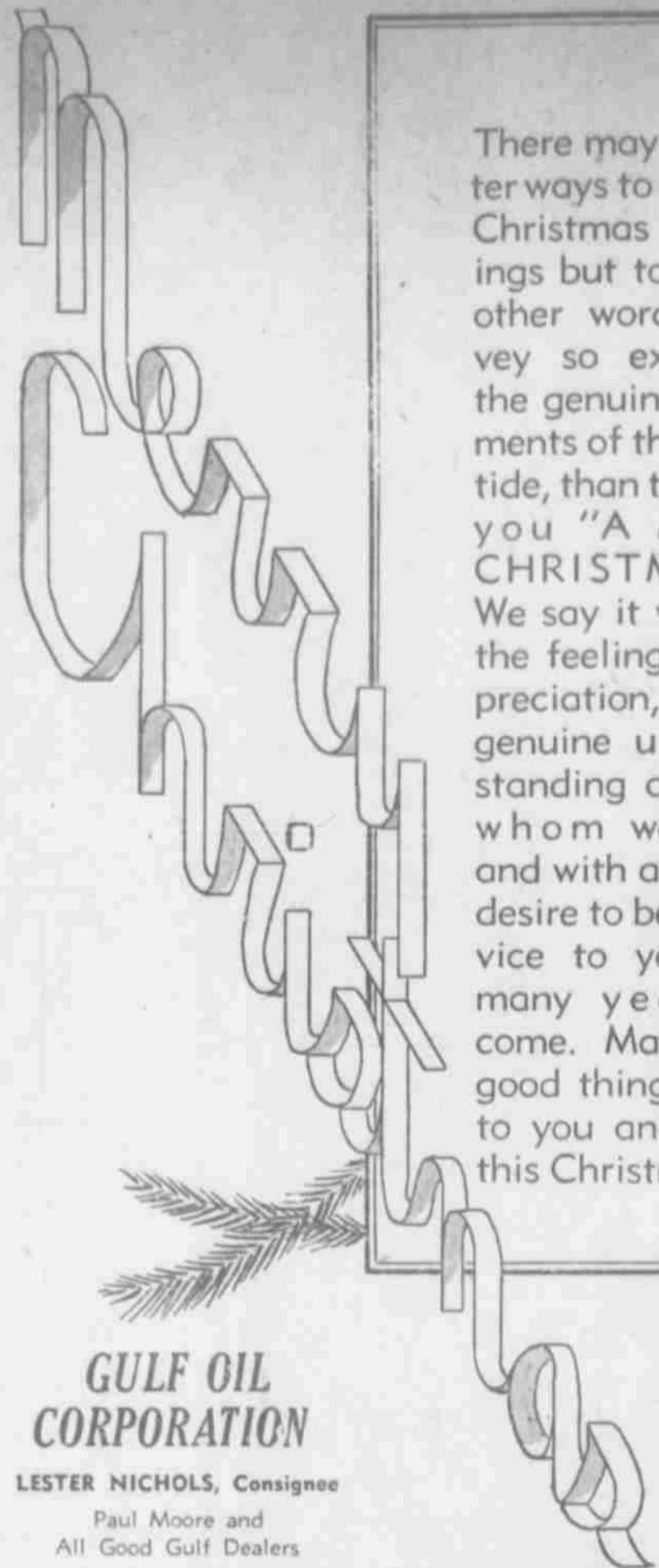
1. Dr. Clement C. Moore.
2. Dicken's "A Christmas Carol."
3. In Indian ocean, southwest of Java.
4. Irving Berlin.
5. Sweden.
6. Wassail bowl.
7. A cold Easter.
8. The Aztec Indian god, half bird, half snake, who took the place of Santa Claus in Mexico in 1880.
9. Christmas cactus.
10. "Silent Night."
11. Mass of Christ.
12. The remains were stolen in 1087 by merchants and re-interred at Bari.

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There may be better ways to express Christmas greetings but to us, no other words convey so explicitly the genuine sentiments of the Yuletide, than to say to you "A MERRY CHRISTMAS!" We say it with all the feeling of appreciation, with a genuine understanding of those whom we serve and with a sincere desire to be of service to you for many years to come. May many good things come to you and yours this Christmas.

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French Celebrate New Year's

The famous "Jour de l'An"—New Year's Day—is probably the busiest day in the calendar of the French-Canadian. That is the time of family reunions and of exchanging gifts.

The YMCA has 1,244 branches in the United States with a total membership of 1,200,777.



ALL OF OUR
FOLKS ARE HOPING
THAT ALL OF
YOUR FOLKS WILL
SPEND A MIGHTY
Merry Christmas

**EARL ROGERS
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**SEASON'S
GREETINGS**



Once again we welcome the opportunity of sending along our GREETINGS to the many friends throughout the area we serve. If we have been of service to you during the past year, we have

achieved, in a small measure, the goal planned a year ago.

Please accept our sincere best SEASON'S GREETINGS. May your Christmas be a happy one.

The First National Bank

Letters to . . . Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy five years old. Will you please bring me a gun and six-wheel truck, although I have a new red wagon I would like very much to have a tricycle. Santa please remember my cousin, Louis Mason, who wants a tricycle and wagon. We have been good little boys. Please remember my three sisters and all other boys and girls. Your friend
Mason McClain

P. S.—Santa please remember my little cousin, O. L. Ferguson, who lives in Oklahoma, and don't forget the fruit and candy.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring Lou a doll. She can not write, but she loves you first grade.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a sleepy doll and doll bed. Love,
Mary Sue Watkins

Dear Santa Claus:
My name is Ray Turner. I want a cap gun and a scooter for Christmas. I want some fruit, nuts and candy also. I have been a good boy all year. I must close now and let my twin sister write you.
Love, Ray.

Dear Santa Claus:
My name is Fay Turner. I want you to bring me a doll and doll buggy and a little iron to iron my doll clothes. I also want some fruit, nuts and candy. I have been a good girl this year. My big brother wants a bicycle and my big sister wants a record player. Do you think we will get them?
Fay

Dear Santa Claus:
We are two little boys 5 and 6 years old. We would like for you to bring us a baseball bat, a ball and glove. We would like a cattle truck. Please bring us some candy and chewing gum. Don't forget our little cousin, Jerry Ray Thuett.

Tommie and Donald Young
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me an electric iron, Betsy-Wetsy doll, red long sleeve sweater and books. Please don't forget my two cousins, Ronnie and Gayle Ann.

Connie Marie King
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a bicycle, football and fruit and candy. Don't forget the other boys and girls.
Travis Altman

Registration Of 18-Year-Olds Is Compulsory

An eighteen year old Garza county boy reported to the County Selective Service board several days ago to inform Miss Lucille Mendor, clerk, that he had just learned he was supposed to report on his eighteenth birthday . . . he was about one month late in getting himself to the office.

Selective Service board members request the Dispatch to inform all youths approaching the 18-year-old mark to be prompt in reporting, as registration at that age is compulsory.

The following article was received from National Headquarters and the board has requested that it be printed in its entirety for the benefit of all those concerned:

"While the Selective Training and Service Act, as amended and extended until March 31, 1947, exempts men under 19 years of age from induction, except as volunteers, prompt registration at the age of 18 remains compulsory. Local boards should make sure, by communication through the press and radio, that this requirement of the law is generally understood in their areas.

"The responsibility of every male citizen of the United States, including those who become 18 years old, to register for military training and service is set forth in Section 2 of the Act.

"Any such person becoming 18 years old is required to present himself immediately for registration by the local board for the area in which he has his permanent home or for the one in which

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a Betsy-Wetsy doll, a red purse and dishes and books. Don't forget Ronnie because he is little and needs something to play with that he can't fear up. Bring him a truck and a wagon and candy.
Gayle Ann Parsons

People over 45 years of age now comprise more than a quarter of the population of the United States, or about twice the proportion of a century ago.

William E. Gladstone was managing the affairs of an expanding British Empire, as Prime Minister, when he was eighty-three.

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he may happen to be on that day. "Failure to register is punishable, upon conviction, by fine or imprisonment, or both.

"Furthermore, the law requires every man (1) To keep in touch with his local board; (2) To notify it of any change of address; and (3) To notify it of any fact which might change his classification. Many men have forgotten to heed the second item listed above. This is called to your attention."

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Health, happiness, prosperity—may they all be yours to enjoy this Christmas and in the days to follow. And while we are extending these greetings to you and your family, we also wish to express our appreciation for the treatment afforded us in the year just closing. These courtesies are gratefully acknowledged with a pledge to strive for even greater service than has been our custom in the past. **MERRY CHRISTMAS, ALL!**

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HAPPINESS
IN ALL ITS
FULLNESS
BE YOURS THIS
CHRISTMASTIME

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Greetings

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Christmas 1946



GREETINGS!

Music and song and happiness everywhere! Lighted windows, green trees brilliant with glowing bulbs, all contributing to the grand sum total of Christmas.

It's fine to celebrate Christmas again this season of 1946, fine to have finished another year in this community of happy homes and friendly people.

To Each and All We Wish

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

STORIE MOTOR COMPANY

Sincerely

This is more than an ordinary greeting this year. It is evidence of our gratitude to the folks who have lived before us, who have made this Christmas of priceless happiness possible.

In this spirit we send our sincere good wishes for you and all those dear to you. May this Holiday time be one of joy and happiness to you and yours.

HAPPY New Year



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Christmas

is made of many things

It's an expectancy in the air, and the knowledge that something nice is about to happen. It's whispering and gay conspiracy: the chewed pencil; the gift list many times rewritten. It's the Do Your Shopping Early ads and the last-minute shopping crowds. It's the smell of cookies baking and the tang of evergreen, the rustle of tissue paper, the sheen of bright ribbon. It's a letter to Santa Claus and the faith in a child's eyes that you can make his wish come true. It's Christmas cards and Christmas carols; the night before Christmas and stockings hung with hope. It's the sleepy excitement of Christmas Morning. It's being together. It's a kiss under the mistletoe. It's thoughtfulness; it's kindness; it's bother. It's extravagance that comes from an open heart. It's the warm glow of giving.

PEACE ON EARTH

At this particular season of the year when all of us use the time honored phrase "Peace on earth, good will toward men," over and over again, the words of the late Wendell Willkie bring to us a strong picture of the significance of that phrase.

"Our way of living together in America is a strong but delicate fabric. It is made up of many threads. It has been woven over many centuries by the patience and sacrifice of countless liberty loving men and women. It serves as a cloak for the protection of poor and rich, of black and white, of Jew and Gentile, of foreign and native born. Let us not tear it asunder. For no man knows, once it is destroyed, where or when man will find its protective warmth again."

WENDELL WILLKIE

ROTTED

A Congressional survey of the powerful naval and air bases which the United States built at great expense on scores of Pacific Islands reveals that they have already rotted away. Barracks, wharfs, storage buildings, fortifications, air strips—they have fallen apart or slipped back into the jungles.

Due partly to the atmospheric conditions in the oceanic area, another reason for this rotting was our prompt evacuation of these outposts. In many cases no caretakers and in others too few, were left behind.

The disreputable state of these key points presents a difficult problem of finances and national defense to the incoming Republican Congress. It will require billions of dollars to fortify even the more important bastions—Hawaii, Guam, the Marshalls, Okinawa, etc.—provided former Japanese possessions are retained by the United States under exclusive trusteeship.

The GOP tried to make a case against FDR for his alleged failure to strengthen these bases while he was swinging a big stick against Tokyo. Now it will be up to them to put up the money to safeguard our security in this vast area—or else!

WHAT OUR CONTEMPORARIES ARE SAYING:

THE STUDENT STRIKE— This "Student Strike" at West Texas State College at Canyon makes us grin rather sheepishly. For we remember a similar "strike" that we engaged in while in school. All it took to get the strike started was a few hot headed young leaders, a mass meeting or two—and over 4,000 students refused to attend classes. But all it took to get us back, however, was the announcement that we were receiving double cuts for every class we missed—and six cuts failed us. We rather think something like that would work at Canyon.—The Crosbyton Review.

CRACKS AT THE CROWD by Claude Callan— Maybe the world would be better if the names of girls hadn't gotten out of hand. In the old days it was fairly easy for a girl to be good when she was named Mary, Grace, Nora or Helen. She felt something like her name and was not inclined to go to extremes in anything. But when a girl is named Dippy Mae, Ultra Violet or Wildlife Belle, she is pretty sure to feel that out beyond extremes is her proper place. Mother could get Mary to help with the cooking, but she can't hope to get any help from Vista Irene. Grace probably would wash the dishes, but of course Nocturnal Fay will not put her hands in dishwater or anywhere else except in the waiting hands of her boy friends. It looks as if we have started on the wrong road with modern names.—Star-Telegram.

SERIOUS PROBLEM FACING SLATON EDITOR— When I look in the mirror and think about the luxuriant hair that used to grow up where the mirrored and well polished dome of bone now stands I think of all the gallons of oils, ill-smelling concoctions of hair tonics and the rubbing and scrubbing I have done to try to keep my hair and consider how rough and fearless the women treat their hair, I am disgusted.

In the course of a long and weary journey I have rubbed salt into my hair every night for weeks on end and made my scalp so sore that it hurt to point ones fingers toward my head. I have rubbed coal oil into my hair, washed it with mange cure, rubbed corn meal into it, and put castor oil on it and tried all of the tonics and restorers that the radio, newspapers and baldheaded friends have suggested, while my wife has had her hair pulled out by the roots, searched until it was burned to a crisp, in the machines at the beauty parlors, and about once each month she has to have hers thinned out or she would have enough on her head to stuff an old fashioned sofa. There is something wrong but I don't know what it is and unless I find out before long the flies will be making a skating rink out of the top of my head.—The Slaton Slatonite.

No matter how low a man may drop in the scale of society, there is always a woman and a dog that will love him.

We should all be good citizens and pay our taxes with a smile. The government, unfortunately, expects cash.

*Peace on Earth
Good Will
Toward Men*



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Our heartiest good wishes are with you.



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Have you ever found you forgot to send yuletide greetings to some good old friend — and experienced the apologetic regretfulness that follows? Multiply it a thousand-fold, and you know how we'd feel if we overlooked saying "Merry Christmas" to you. We're saying it now; we're saying it here; and you'll feel the spirit of it over and over, each time you enter our door, until the last Christmas light dims out.



For The Twenty-Third Consecutive Year We Say . . .

Merry Christmas



**CONNELL
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MAKE GOOD CHEER FOR

Christmas

One need not be told it is Christmastime. The glowing faces of friend and stranger alike bespeak it. It gives us the same thrill as of old to wish all our friends, and those who are still to become our friends, a very Merry Christmas.



GARZA COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

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Leading Carols

By LYN CONNELLY

A SONG which made its appearance in 1942 entitled "White Christmas," is in its fourth year and well on its way to permanent recognition as a Christmas favorite.



The amazing popularity of "White Christmas" as a yuletide song reached its peak last year when a poll conducted to establish the favorite carol of servicemen revealed that 23 per cent of the votes went to this early war song written especially for the occasion by Irving Berlin, graduate of Tin Pan Alley.

The birth of the song was entirely by accident despite rumors to the contrary which attribute its conception to the war. Actually, it was composed in 1940. A Hollywood studio had an idea for a motion picture to be called "Holiday Inn," co-starring Fred Astaire and Bing Crosby. The theme of the picture was based on the holidays of the year and a song was needed to represent each holiday. Irving Berlin was contracted for the compositions. The picture, released in 1942, was synonymous with our second wartime Christmas, and in that year the song sold one million copies in four months. Although nothing is done on the part of the publishers to exploit the song, it automatically rings the register each year as the holiday season approaches. Berlin calls it his favorite song, with the exception of his "God Bless America" written during World War I. "It's difficult to predict a song's future," says Berlin, "but judging from its past, I would say "White Christmas" has a very good chance of becoming a permanent song along with other Christmas carols."

It is estimated that American college students this year face a shortage of 4,500,000 textbooks.

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LITTLE OL' SANTA

The little ol' santa propped under our tree . . . is little the worse for wear . . . he's lost a leg and an arm, you see . . . but no one seems to care. Not that we're unsympathetic, rather, we are just a bit nostalgic.

Time was when our santa, bright and new, benignly welcomed Tommy and Sue . . . as they tiptoed downstairs to see . . . their presents spread beneath the tree . . . very early Christmas morning.

The Tommy and Sue have outgrown their toys . . . and entwined their hearts with grown-up joys . . . that little ol' santa, propped under the tree, symbolizes Christmas—as Christmas ought to be . . . with toys for children, good will among men . . . on earth, Peace dawning.



WHITE HOUSE CHRISTMAS . . . The White House Christmas tree in the East Room. Presents are for the children of White House employees.

Christmas Was At One Time Illegal

The Puritans disliked the celebration of Christmas, preferring their own celebration of Thanksgiving.

In 1659 the high court of Massachusetts held that "anybody who is found observing, by abstinence from labor, feasting or any other way such day as Christmas Day shall for each and every offense be fined five shillings."

Gives Strength to Wrestler
In Holstein it is believed that it is not only a cure for all green wounds, but that it will insure success in the chase and give strength to the wrestler, if mistletoe is worn.

THE WUWLE

SEASON

with all its Blessings

May it hold for you a treasure of happiness, with a multitude of blessings to go with you through the days of the coming year. Our best wishes for you and yours.

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HI-WAY SEASON'S GREETINGS

Our fondest wish is that we could see each of you at this time of the year to personally wish you a Merry Christmas. We'd also like to tell you how greatly we appreciate all the fine things you have done for us, the nice patronage that has been ours, the friendly associations and the goodwill of the people of this community.

During the Christmas season no doubt we'll get to see many of you, to express these sentiments to you personally. But to those of you with whom we do not have this opportunity, we send the best greetings for Christmas. We hope you will accept this as a personal message and that you will know we are thinking of you at Christmastime.

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YULETIDE GREETINGS

and All Good Wishes for the New Year



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Star of Bethlehem Phenomenon of Age

The Star of Bethlehem has been the subject of extensive research and discussion. Modern astronomers have considered several natural phenomenon theories without attaching too much weight to any such hypothesis.



Skeptics regard the whole thing as mere invention, colored with Oriental imagery, designed to honor Christ; and faith accepts the star as the supernatural phenomenon which proclaimed the birth of Jesus.

The first chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew begins:

"The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham . . ."

And confirming Bethlehem as the city of David, the angel of the Lord declared:

"For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a SAVIOUR which is CHRIST the Lord." St. Luke 2:11.

Considering tradition, which accepts that King David's shield formed a six-pointed star, the Star of Bethlehem appropriately . . . stood over where the young Child was." St. Matthew 2:9.

Christmas Poem

The time draws near the birth of Christ. The moon is hid; the night is still; The Christmas bells from hill to hill Answer each other in the mist.

Four voices of four hamlets round, From far and near, on mead and moor, Swell out and fall, as if a door Were shut between me and the sound.

Each voice four changes on the wind, That now dilate, and now decrease, Peace and good-will, good-will and peace, Peace and good-will, to all mankind. —Tennyson.

Christmas Trees, Cribs and Ceppi

Christmas trees and cribs, within respective spheres of influence, provide focal points for observances of the season.

Various legends claim to tell the story of the first Christmas tree; actually, evergreen decorations were so closely associated with pagan celebrations that they were banned by many ecclesiastics of the early church.



According to literature, the first Christmas tree was set up at Strasbourg, Germany, in 1604; even then, the cry rose against heathen customs and, as late as 1851, the Rev. Henry Schwan was severely criticized for setting up a Christmas tree in his church in Cleveland, Ohio.

St. Francis of Assisi received special permission from the pope to present a tableau of the nativity scene. This first crib, set up at Greccio, Italy, in 1223, was an immediate sensation; the renaissance endowed the cribs with ornate pagantry and, modernly, the crib is to southern Europe and Catholic countries what the tree is to America and northern lands.

Eighteenth century Italians were fond of a fantastic decoration called the Ceppo. Pyramidal in construction, the Ceppi were made on a framework of lathes with transverse shelves rising to three or four stories, depending on the over-all size of the Ceppo.

The whole thing was covered with colored paper, tufts, tassels, fringes, tiny pine cones, and little flags; a manger scene was represented on the lowest shelf, while the upper ones were covered with small gifts, etc.; wax tapers were placed along the sides and a large gilt cone ornamented the top. Although the original designer probably never saw a Christmas tree, the Ceppo—aided by a little imagination — bridges the gap between Christmas cribs and trees.

Uruguay is the smallest of 10 South American republics.

Lima, Peru, was founded by Pizarro more than 400 years ago.

Lincoln Issued Famous Emancipation January 1

The Emancipation Proclamation was issued by Abraham Lincoln on New Year's Day, 1863.

The Proclamation abolished slavery in those states and parts of states which were in rebellion on that date and, though other days are observed in various parts of the country, January 1 is the date most generally observed as Emancipation Day.

The Moluccas are the original "Spice Islands."

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

and thanks



CHRISTMAS IS A TIME WHEN OLD LOYALTIES ARE NOT ONLY STRENGTHENED BUT REMEMBERED. WE WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONFIDENCE IN US, AND HOW EARNESTLY WE WISH FOR YOU A VERY JOYOUS CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.

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Jerrald and Gayle Bowen Phone 127W

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

You'll get loads of greetings, we're sure, and we hope you do! A word of good cheer, the thoughts of being remembered by our friends, add greatly to the joy of Christmas and we're hoping you will receive many happy remembrances and expressions of friendships that will bring you an abundance of joyousness this Yuletide. That's why we want to include our greetings to those we have served and those whom we hope to serve in the future. Best wishes to all!

Conoco Service Station

IVEN - ROBERT - JAKE

We Greet You OUR FRIENDS at Christmas

This is a picture eagerly anticipated each Christmas Season. We enjoy sending our best wishes to the fine people of this area and we trust we may have this privilege for many years to come.

Our dealings with you in the past have been pleasant for us and we hope you have found them equally satisfactory. Our goal has been to please our customers in every transaction and it is our purpose to maintain this policy.

The management and personnel join in wishing you a host of good things and a very Merry Christmas.

DOUBLE U COMPANY

Letters to . . . Santa Claus



Dear Santa Claus:
We are two little boys, five and seven years old, and have tried awfully hard to be good, so please bring us a truck, gun and scabbard, also a bicycle if you have one. Oh, yes, don't forget our little sisters, Shirley and Judy they want lots of pretty things.
Ronnie and Charles Morris

Dear Santa Claus:
I am six years old. I go to school. Will you please bring me a train that runs on a track and 2 guns and scabbards. Also candy and nuts. Bring all the other little boys and girls the toys they want too.
Willie Glen Parker

Dear Santa Claus:
I am six years old. Please bring me a doll and some candy and fruit and nuts. I love you.
Fern Roberts
P. S. I still live at House, New Mexico.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a tricycle for Christmas and some dishes and a table, ironing board. Bring my little sister Judy a rubber doll and little lamp and don't forget other little children.
Sarah Jo Smith

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been very good and my little sister has been good too, so she would like for you to bring her a pretty sleepy doll, a pair of gloves, a push cart of some kind and bring both of us a table and two chairs. Then I would like for you to bring me a gap gun, road grader, gloves, dump truck, and a train. Then anything else you want to leave us. She is 17 months old and I am six years old. We like candy and nuts and fruit. Love
Glenn Dale and Elaine Wheatley

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a doll that wets it pants when you give it a bottle. I am four years old. Love,
Sue Roberts

Dear Santa Claus:
We are twins seven years old. We want lots of thing for Christmas, so you just bring us anything. Be sure and don't forget a doll. We are in the second grade. We love you
Ray and Gay Roberts
House, New Mexico

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a deluxe service station with six plastic toy autos, a ball glove, a foot ball suit and a basket ball. Bobby would like a robe. Merry Christmas to all.
Mary Terry

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good little boy. Please bring me a wheel-barrow, candy and nuts. Don't forget the other boys and girls. Love,
Roger Camp

Dear Santa Claus:
We are two little girls, 8 and 2 years old. We have been good little girls this year. We would like for you to bring us some dolls and a little suitcase to put their clothes in, and lots of candy and nuts. Please remember other little boys and girls. Goodbye Santa.
Barbara and Patricia Keeton

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl nearly four years old, and I have tried to be pretty good. Please bring me a doll with an evening gown on, and a table and chairs. I'd like to have some skates, too.
Please bring my little sister, Vonda, a teddy bear, and a soft rag doll. Thank you very much.
Frankie Sue Howell

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good little girl. Please bring me a baby bottle doll and a drum.
Siday Cross

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring us a cowboy gun and holster set, also a submarine. Please bring us a truck and steam shovel that go together. I would also like a farm set. If you bring us these we will be happy.
Ernie Wayne Popham and Auda Vee Teaff

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good little girl. Please bring me a baby bottle doll and a little trunk.
Jerry Lou McLaurin

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me and my little brother a large tricycle and a small tricycle. Bring some apples and oranges and all kinds of nuts and candy. Don't forget our mother and daddy and all the other little boys and girls.
Chris and Milton Gindorf

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good little girl please bring me a doll and a doll house.
Sydnia Lee McLaurin

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl three and one half years old. I have been a good girl all year. I want a desk, an elephant, a buggy bed, a Tommy Tucker doll, a ring (if I quit sucking my thumb) and lots of candy, fruit, nuts and chewing gum.
Ann Wood
P. S. I live in Austin and I need a raincoat.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl four and half years old. I also have a little brother who will soon be two. I want a doll and doll buggy and a big red wagon. My little brother wants a car and bear and also a big red wagon, don't forget all the other little boys and girls and also my cousins, Loyd, Linda and Brenda Stanley. Love,
Janis and Tommy Caffey

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a clown and a broom set and a doll and telephone and duck and dishes for my sister and I.
Linda Kay Bartlett

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good little girl please bring me a doll and a doll house.
Sydnia Lee McLaurin



SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

FAITH . . . faith in our homes and community . . . faith in the future . . . faith in men of good will, eternally — this is the essence of the Christmas season.

CHRISTMAS should be a time of joy, and we hope that this Christmas of 1946 will be rich in good cheer and true happiness for all who read this message.

★ ★ THE BEST OF EVERYTHING FOR YOU ★ ★

Post Auto Supply

NOAH STONE JESS BARNES DALE STONE



Have you ever thought of Christmas as a birthday party—a birthday party that goes all over the world at once? That is why Christmas is so joyous! Everybody is a participant in this big, grand, world-wide party, with Santa Claus the host!

And here we are, on the Eve of Christmas, sending you our very best wishes for a joyous time at this great Birthday Party.

Parker's Bakery



Christmas Greetings

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

AS CHRISTMAS LIGHTS twinkle merrily in your living room, may they reveal your face lighted up with a smile of genuine happiness and contentment.

MAY THEY DISCLOSE the forms of your loved ones by your side, enjoying with you the choicest fellowship and heartiest joys of the season.

MAY THE GLOW of the Holiday radiance remain with you and them to keep your hearts warm and bright with the good things of life throughout the coming year.

PLEASE ACCEPT OUR THANKS for your patronage during the year that is now drawing to a close, and permit us to wish you Good Health, Happiness and Prosperity for 1947.

**COMMUNITY
PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY**



LET'S ALL BE HAPPY!

Christmas is likely to become too prosaic to many of us grownups, but to boyhood's eager eyes it is a time of preparation and expectancy . . . an enchanted season when the woodland is hushed and even ordinary tasks take on the glamor and joy of dragging home the Christmas tree. May your Christmas of 1946 be in this spirit.

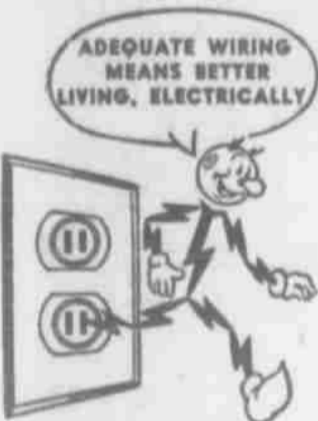
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"WIRE AHEAD" FOR BETTER LIVING *Electrically*

Plans for your new home may include many electric appliances that your present bank account can't cover. But in the years to come you will use more and more of the wonderful appliances that add so much to modern home-making.



So, now, while your dreams are in the planning stage... plan on adequate wiring for your home. You can't have too much, it's easy to install too little.

Make adequate wiring, to supply reliable power for the appliances you'll want later, a part of your plans TODAY.

**SOUTHWESTERN
PUBLIC SERVICE
COMPANY**

22 YEARS OF GOOD CITIZENSHIP AND PUBLIC SERVICE

**What Happens To A Linotype Operator
Shouldn't Happen To A Dog, Damit!**

By DAN COCKRUM

The mercury was hovering at twenty degrees on the wall thermometer... it hadn't been but a few minutes since the fire siren screamed to awaken me, and it seemed only seconds later that the telephone all but left the wall.

The floor was cold to my bare feet, but the angry voice on the other end of the line served to warm me to the boiling point. "I didn't get my last week's Post Dispatch, what's the matter with that outfit?" My efforts to explain that matter would be directed to the circulation department were of no avail. The voice boomed out again, "we usually get our Dispatch on Monday morning and here it is Tuesday and no paper yet."

Between shifting from one foot to the other, my blood was cooling down along with the floor which was getting colder, I managed to chatter out, "who the hell is this, and didn't you know I was in bed?" Back came the reply, "it's not but twelve thirty,"... the hands on my watch were pointing to two-thirty.

I couldn't take it any longer, "tell it to the chaplain, or write your complaint to the boss, I managed to whisper to my Oakland, California night-owl. After all I'm only the linotype operator, and what happens to me shouldn't happen to a dog.

Damn that Herman Huff.

**RODEO ASSOCIATION
ORGANIZED AT TECH**

The spirit of the old west is staging a comeback to the Texas Technological College campus with the prospective organization of a rootin' tootin' rodeo association.

Almost 50 students, including a half dozen girls, met recently to lay plans and draw up a constitution for the club. If the club is recognized, members hope to construct a rodeo arena on the campus and sponsor full-fledged rodeos.

BOXING DAYS

In England, Boxing day—usually December 26—formerly was the day when the old squires distributed Christmas boxes to the help on their estates. It has since become a sort of legalized blackmail—an excuse for delivery boys, the postman and others who have served

**DR. COX ADVISES
TEMPERANCES FOR
HOLIDAY PERIOD**

"Despite the fact that America has her share of post war troubles, this Nation as a whole should not forget the true Christmas spirit of happiness and Good Will, but we can go that much better if we are well and strong," asserts Doctor Geo. W. Cox, state health officer.

Many people are prone to throw caution to the wind and violate every principle of healthful living during the Christmas season. As a result, their health is jeopardized and sometimes serious damage is done," he said.

Doctor Cox pointed out the danger of using lighted candles on Christmas trees or in windows, as a possible source of disastrous fires. Excess eating, crowded home conditions, lack of exercise, and overheated rooms often endanger health during the holiday season, according to Doctor Cox, and he warned parents against too much excitement and too late hours for small children.

"Intemperance during Christmas week, whether in food or holiday activities, is not excusable from the standpoint of good health practice," he asserted, "and the maximum of pleasure will be gained by those individuals who practice precaution along these lines."

Emphasizing the fact that it is the duty of every individual to conserve his health as well as that of his neighbor, Doctor Cox said that from a standpoint of good citizenship alone every Texan should cooperate in promoting good health at Christmas time as he would at any other season of the year.

**POST'S B STRING LOSES
TO SOUTHLAND QUINTET**

Coach Bing Bingham's B string of Antelopes dropped a 27-16 game to Southland's basketball quintet last Wednesday night when they squared-off in the Southland gym. Hollis Barkley with 14 points was high man and sparked the win for Southland.

Post won two girls games, the seniors taking a 15-6 decision, and the junior girls won 10-5

you during the year to call and collect a tip.

Dr. Chas. C. Murray, Jr.

Optometrist
—LOCATED AT—

LESTER'S JEWELRY

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Lubbock, Texas



May the Christmas Season find you blessed with all the riches of a joyful, happy and contented life —The Season's Best to Each of You.



Haws Dry Goods



TO EVERYONE LIVING IN THIS COMMUNITY...
TO THE BUSINESS MEN AND HOUSEWIVES; TO THE EMPLOYEES OF
OUR RETAIL STORES AND INDUSTRIAL CONCERNS; TO BABES IN
ARMS...

Merry Christmas

ONE AND ALL!

POST CHAMBER of COMMERCE

Season's Greetings



To faithful old friends, cherished new friends, and those whose friendship we strive to deserve, our hearty Greetings are tendered for a genuine American Christmas. May the New Year be a joyous and prosperous one for you.

CHARLIE BOWEN
Service Station & Garage



CHRISTMAS WISHES
by the
THOUSAND
we send to all our friends
this Yule Season of 1946.
May yours be indeed a
MERRY CHRISTMAS

GARZA TIRE CO.

Thurman Francis Max Gordon

NOW HEAR THIS . . .

J. N. and TOM

EXTEND

Greetings

TO EVERYONE

AND

Thank You

FOR OUR FIRST YEAR OF SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

WHITE AUTO STORE

POWER BROS.

POST, TEXAS



Poinsettias Can Be Easily Cultivated By Laymen

One of the most popular gifts which will be exchanged among friends this year is the colorful "fire plant," the poinsettia, which in most cases, has presented a problem to receivers as to its care and preservation. Mrs. H. L. Gordon, of the Gordon Flower Shop, offers these suggestions as to the care of the rare plant.

"The poinsettia is hard to equal as a holiday flower. It may be obtained from the florist in various heights and sizes, to suit every need. They range in varieties from giant six-foot stalks to diminutive dwarfs, double and single varieties, green poinsettias with red veins, white varieties and a gradation of reds from the traditional flaming scarlets to pale pinks."

An article in a recent magazine stated that in one instance, poinsettia plants filled five windows of a home and produced twenty-nine blossoms by Christmas time; soon after Christmas five more blossoms appeared, making a total of thirty-four flowers in one year, all in bloom at one time. The plants attained various heights and sizes, but the blooms were uniform, measuring approximately ten inches in diameter. The plants received the morning sun, facing a southern exposure. These lovely flowers shining against the glass and the gorgeous green of the leaves made a wonderful Yule garden.

After the poinsettia has completed its flowering period, about the last week in January, place the plants in a rather dark, cool room, or basement laundry; then give them a little water—possibly every three weeks. The resting period lasts from February 1st to May 1st. Then take them out of the pots and plant them in the garden. When the foliage appears, cut the plants back to the wood, cut the prunings into five inch lengths, and plant each cutting, as well as the original plants, in the garden. After about three weeks, and when the leaves are small, place each plant in a pot.

In preparing the pots for the plants, place a piece of broken crock over opening in center, and over this a small covering of peat moss. With the soil, mix one rounded tablespoon of bone meal to each pot, plant the poinsettias, placing three or four of the slips in one crock. These potted plants should remain in ferneries on a porch throughout the summer, where the morning sun is available. All summer you can enjoy the beautiful foliage and in late September, when the weather and winds are harsh, and the nights become quite chilly, bring them indoors and place them at windows facing south.

The first flowers appear in time for Thanksgiving. As soon as a flower is starting, use small sticks, tying or forcing the buds toward the window pane. Of course where a home boasts of a conservatory this would, no doubt, be unnecessary. However, in this way, you may obtain gorgeous symmetry and arrangement of the flowers. Water the poinsettias.

ST. FRANCIS FIRST TO POPULARIZE CUSTOM OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS

St. Francis of Assisi is accredited as having been one of the first to popularize the custom of singing carols at Christmastime. He taught the faithful simple and tuneful melodies, and the saying goes that, overjoyed by the success attending his presentation of the first Christmas Crib in 1223, he burst into joyous recitation of the gospel story.

Hymns in honor of the nativity were written as early as the 4th century, but these monotonous church chants neither properly nor musically ante-date our modern carols. Experimentation with modal and intervallic relationships during the 15th century, together with the folk songs and minstrelsy of the times, made definite contributions to the traditions and popularity of Christmas music.

Puritan England forbade public performance of carols; so far as while they traveled "underground" by word of mouth, and "broad sheets," printed annually, served to preserve the texts with a variance of accuracy.

When the restoration of English royalty voided the Fourhead Parliament's abolition of Christmas festivities, residents of colonial Boston placed lighted candles in their windows to welcome the Wauts who, resuming the Old English tradition, went about the city singing carols on Christmas Eve.

"It came upon the midnight clear
That glorious song of old . . .
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing."

with lukewarm water every morning. A normal room temperature is required, maintained at approximately the same degree, and although air is required, no direct current of air should be allowed to reach the plants during the winter months. On the last day of January, the poinsettia plants should still retain several blooms in perfect condition and the foliage is still luxuriant, but it is time to rest them. However, before taking them to the basement, cut off the flowers and have a bouquet to enjoy for at least two weeks.

The thought which seems to be prevalent, that the poinsettia does not carry flowers a long time under house conditions, is incorrect, and for a housewife to discard them after the flowers have passed seems a deplorable waste of the plants from which flowers may be produced another year.

A GOOD RESOLUTION

One of the New Year resolutions that would increase the happiness in many a family is this: Not to speak of mistakes which make no difference. How arguing over nothing mars the home harmony. An erroneous opinion may need correction, but what possible difference does it make whether Aunt Jane came to dinner Tuesday or Wednesday, or whether it rained Friday or Saturday.

Gortie completed what is judged by some to be the greatest single work of philosophical literature, Faust, when he was eighty-two.

Three Wise Men Of Ancient Time; Relics at Cologne

Biblically we know very little about the Wise Men who came from the East bearing gifts to the Christ Child and, having adored Him as the King of the Jews, returned to their own country.

It is generally accepted that there were three Wise Men because of the three specifically mentioned gifts; church tradition has identified these as Melchior, Caspar, and Balthasar; Melchior, king of Arabia, brought a casket of gold; Caspar, king of Tarsus, brought myrrh; and Balthasar, king of Ethiopia, brought frankincense. These gifts are considered symbolic of what Jesus was to become—gold for a king, frankincense for a high priest, and myrrh for a great physician. Collectively, the Wise Men received the gifts of charity and spiritual wealth, perfect faith, truth and meekness.

When they returned to their own country, the three kings reputedly sold their possession and went about preaching. The legend continues, that they were martyred in India for their faith.

The bodies of the Wise Men, transferred to Constantinople in the fourth century—by the Empress Helena, mother of Constantine—were enshrined at Milan for a while after the first Crusade. Frederick Barbarossa authorized removal of the relics to Cologne where they remain to this day deposited within the magnificent Cathedral of Cologne.

Benjamin Franklin worked diligently on a perennial best seller, his autobiography, when he was eighty—after having done a bang-up job as ambassador to France when he was seventy-seven and older.

The National Christmas Tree of America is located in California.



The story behind Christmas is one that has given the Yule holiday force and direction for over a thousand years. Hearts are made over on this day.

It gives us great pleasure during this holy season to extend our best Christmas wishes to all our friends.

HAMILTON DRUG STORE

O. G. HAMILTON
And All Employees



O, come let us adore Him!

Clear, sweet and strong the many voices of the choir rise as one to praise Him. For it is His birth date . . . anniversary of the beginning of a new concept of love and brotherhood for all mankind. We see again how He brought light into the darkness; how He fed the hungry, slaked the parched and healed the suffering. We sing again, psalms of joy in His coming . . . hymns of faith in His inspiring spirit . . . songs of love which are veritable paeans of glory reverberating around the world to guide all His children toward an everlasting realization of Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men.

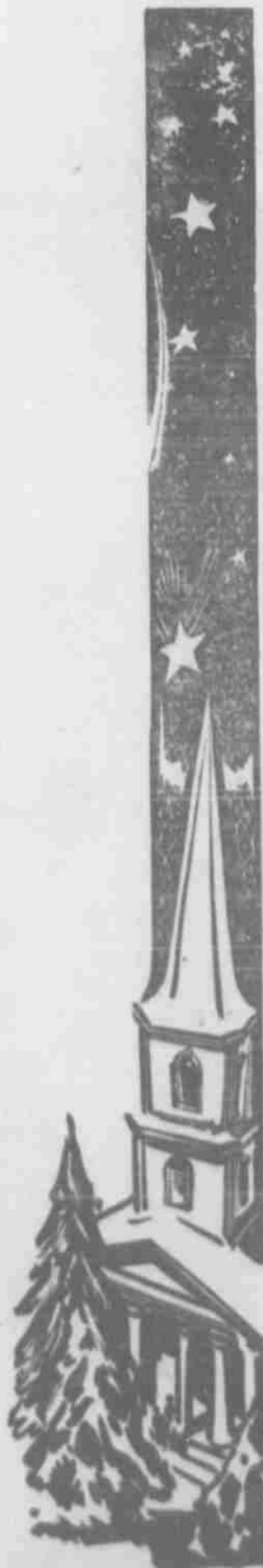


GRAEBER'S

"ON THE CORNER — ON THE SQUARE"

MRS. W. R. GRAEBER

THE L. A. PRESSONS



First Grade Pupils All Seem To Love Santa Claus; Dolls Are Wanted By Most Of The Little Girls

First grade pupils of Mrs. Joe Ellis wrote letters to Santa Claus as a project in their writing class. From letters published here of the request of Old Santa seems that it would be wise for him to lay in a big supply of dolls when he packs his bags to visit the kiddies of the first grade.

Dear Santa Claus:
Will you please bring me a tricycle and some apples and nuts. I love you.
Elvis Pinkerton

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a sleepy doll, and a suitcase for her clothes. I love you.
Martha Jean McAnally

Dear Santa Claus:
I love you. I want a wagon and some candy and some oranges and gum.
Kenneth Bullard

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a bicycle and some candy, a ball and bat. I love you.
Paulino Quinonez

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a Boy Scout watch. I love you.
Floyd Lee Hightower

Dear Santa Claus:
Will you please bring me a scooter and apples and nuts.
Ronnie Giles

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a black board some jacks and a ball. I love you.
Doris Ann Gray

Dear Santa Claus:
Will you please bring me a bicycle and some oranges.
Donald Gilmore

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a doll and a black-board.
Joann Hart

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a sleepy doll and some jacks. I love you.
Mary Carolyn Smith

Dear Santa Claus:
Will you please bring me a bicycle, and some apples and a sleepy doll.
Patsy Ross

Dear Santa Claus:
Will you please bring me a bicycle and some oranges.
Roy Joe Carter

Dear Santa Claus:
I love you and want three dolls and some candy and some oranges and gum.
Carmel Quinonez

Dear Santa Claus:
Will you bring me a tricycle, a ball and some apples.
Richard Williams

Dear Santa Claus:
I love you. I want a wagon and some oranges and gum.
Junior Foster

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a sleepy doll and some jacks. I love you.
Sharon Brooks

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a sleepy doll and some jacks and candy. I love you.
Bobbie June Yarbrow

Dear Santa Claus:
Bring me a sleepy doll and some orange and a gun.
Sue Hayes

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a ball and bat and some skates. I love you.
Jo Roy Ross

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a bicycle and some candy, a ball and bat. I love you.
Pedroca Stillo

Dear Santa Claus:
I love you. I want some candy and gum and tennis shoes.
Johnny Kemp

Dear Santa Claus:
Will you please bring me a bicycle, a ball and some apples.
Saundra James

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a caterpillar. I love you.
Michael Ray

Dear Santa Claus:
I love you. I want four dolls and some candy and some oranges and gum.
Mildred Mingleta

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me Duran Iokid suit and some baseball shoes.
Gerald Carpenter

Dear Santa Claus:
I love you. I want two dolls and some candy and gum.
Dora Gonzales

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a sleepy doll. I love you.
Frances Fay Curb

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a bicycle and some candy. I love you.
Ramon Quinonez

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a sleepy doll and some jacks and some candy. I love you.
Dorothy May McElroy

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a new dress and some skates. I love you.
Nora May Martin

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll bath tub and a rubber doll. I love you.
Linda Lou Lott



A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT

THESE ARE DAYS WHEN WE ARE ALL IN A BIG HURRY TO GET HOME, FOR THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME WHEN THE CHRISTMAS WREATH IS GLOWING IN THE WINDOW. WE ARE DUE RIGHT NOW TO SAY OUR LITTLE PIECE—AN OLD REFRAIN, IT IS TRUE, BUT AS WARM AND HEARTFELT AS THE FIRST TIME WE EVER SAID IT—

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Gray's Furniture Store

Name of Jesus Found Carved in Palestine

Urns recently discovered in a cave on the Jerusalem-Bethlehem road, believed to be the oldest archeological record of Christianity, dating back to 70 A. D., contained the name Jesus carved on them. It is believed that the carving was made by an eyewitness to the crucifixion. They were found on 11 early Christian burial urns. A sect of Hebrews, who followed

TUESDAY, DEC. 24, 1946 THE POST DISPATCH

Christmas boxes for the poor did not originate in America. They date back to the days of the ancient Romans. They held a feast in honor of Saturn. Boxes were made up and distributed. This has become an important part of Christmas in this country and the plan has been developed and enlarged by religious, civic and other organizations in order to bring happiness to hundreds of thousands who would otherwise be overlooked at Christmas. Boxing Day is a legal holiday.



How well we remember those old Fashioned Christmas dinners—

father at one end of the table; mother at the other end, and the children in between, wondering if father would ever get done carving the turkey. And what mince pies!

Wouldn't you like a Christmas like that this year of 1946? We hope that your Christmas is as much like that as the changing times will permit, and that all the joys of the old days will abound.

GILES DINING ROOM

Mr. & Mrs. H. F. Giles



from . . .

Fry Feed & Hatchery

THE GIFTS OF THE MAGI FORESHADOWED THE CHRISTMAS-GIVING OF TODAY. A BEAUTIFUL SENTIMENT THAT DOES MORE TO PROMOTE THE SPIRIT OF BROTHERLY LOVE THAN ALL OTHER INFLUENCES COMBINED.

THE HAPPY SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS IS DEEP IN OUR HEARTS. LET IT ECHO IN THE STRENGTH OF OUR VOICES AS WE GREET OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS ON CHRISTMAS MORNING.



A Very Merry Christmas To Each and Every One

WEST TEXAS GAS COMPANY



Season's GREETINGS

Christmas is more than just a day! It is the hopes and prayers of people everywhere who have tasted fear and pain and want, as well as security and comfort and plenty. Christmas is the memory of all memories within the hearts of all, the recollection of little things and great things that make up the lives of each of us.

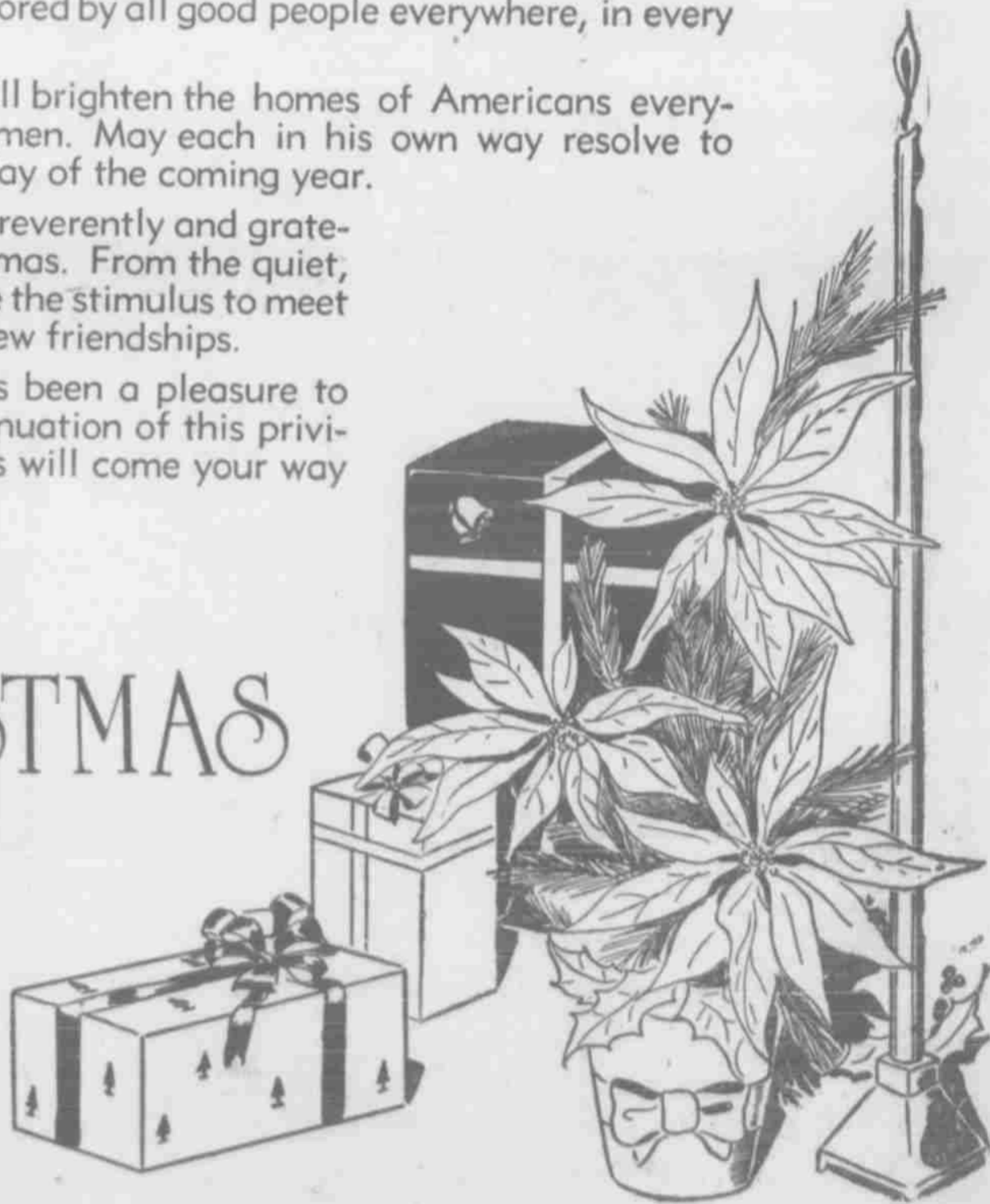
Christmas can be, and should be, the rebirth of great thoughts and firm resolves to make ideals and ambitions come true. It is a day to be honored by all good people everywhere, in every city, in every village, in every home.

Twinkling lights and gleaming Christmas trees will brighten the homes of Americans everywhere. The spirit of good will lives in the hearts of men. May each in his own way resolve to keep the spirit of Christmas alive throughout every day of the coming year.

Let us celebrate this great occasion thoughtfully, reverently and gratefully in keeping with the true significance of Christmas. From the quiet, comforting happiness of the Yuletide may we receive the stimulus to meet the New Year with new ambitions, new hopes and new friendships.

Please accept our Greetings of the Season. It has been a pleasure to serve you in the past and we look forward to a continuation of this privilege in the future. It is our wish that all good things will come your way this season and for many seasons to come.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



MASON & COMPANY

"This Is Our Thirty-First Christmas Message To You"

Merry Christmas

The Post Dispatch

VOLUME XXI POST, TEXAS "OUT WHERE THE WEST IS THE WEST" THE POST DISPATCH "THE GATEWAY TO THE PLAINS" NUMBER 2

WINDOW SHOPPING
Up And Down
Main Street

Time for Holly and Mistle-
Bells and Carols, Packages
and Parties
Once again, Peo-
ple and houses
are radiant
with the spirit
of Christmas.

... bunches of people crowd-
ing right off Main Street this
... Our boss is putting out the
... paper of the year in only
... days time in order that you
... can have the paper on
... Christmas Eve, so the roving
... reporter made a "Shopping Tour"
... through the pages of the Dispatch
... picked up some "specials" for

... through the adver-
... in the Special Christmas
... edition we found many mes-
... of good will expressed by
... merchants, your city offic-
... county officials, civic clubs,

... wouldn't it be wonderful if all
... year through such "good will"
... permeate everything we do
... our daily lives?
... like the idea many merch-
... used this year in including
... names of their employees in
... "greetings" ads. It gives the
... pages a bit of a personal touch.

... after Duckworth, headman of
... Texas Company in this county,
... is a special invitation to visit
... new red brick Texaco plant
... with extending Merry
... Christmas greetings.

... Santa ...
... Dispatch serves each year
... middle man for Santa thru
... Claus letters—this year is no
... exception. The letters came pour-
... in and it gave the publisher
... pleasure to have a part
... in the (by remote control) in
... Christmas activities of so many
... people.

... spelling and sentiments in
... of the letters will give you
... a kick. Many reported on their
... behavior so Santa could de-
... just how deserving they
... be.
... "Hubber" Talley, young son of
... Arthur Talley, for instance,
... Santa that he was only good
... asleep. He went on to give
... a big order just in case the
... he was asleep counted in
... favor.

Post Firemen Elect New Officers Last Wednesday Night

The election of new officers took
up most of the business session
last Wednesday night when mem-
bers of the Post Volunteer Fire
Department met at the city hall.
Plans were also completed by the
organization to sponsor Santa
Claus visit to Post.

"RIVERBOAT RHYTHM" HOOKED FOR GARZA'S NEW YEAR PREVIEW

Mirth, music, and a touch of
madness form the ingredients of
a new farce-comedy, "Riverboat
Rhythm" which has been booked
for a New Year's preview at the
Garza theatre next Tuesday night.

GARZA SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS

Garza county schools, including
the three independent district
schools, Post, Southland and Close
City, closed Friday afternoon for
the holidays after Christmas trees
were enjoyed by students of most
classes.

They're Back Again, But For A Longer Visit This Time

They're back again! College
kids from various colleges over
Texas arrived here again this
week for the Christmas holidays,
this time for a longer visit with
friends and families. Most of the
group was here for the Thank-
sgiving holidays, but only for a
few days.

Most of the local students at-
tending Texas Tech arrived here
early last week, those including:
Mary Etta Norman, Josh and
Polly Cook, Billie June Kennedy,
Iris Parker, Norma Hudman, Glen
Day, Elwood Wright, Marshall
Mason, Buddy Malout and Buddy
Williams. Also arriving from Lub-
bock was Ganell Babb, who is
attending Drifflough's Business
college.

Robert and Hazel Cash arrived
here Saturday. Hazel is attending
McMurry and Bobby is a student
of Texas University. Also arriv-
ing at that time from McMurry
were A. C. Thomas and Jim Bird.
Wayne Hundley, formerly of this
city, who will visit with his fam-
ily in Crosbyton, is expected to
visit here some during the holi-
days.

From Texas University in Aus-
tin will also come Glendon Pres-
son, Bobby Collier and wife and
Bill Wood, wife and little daugh-
ter and Nedra Jo Evans.

ACC students at home include
Betty Jane Travis, Kathryn Child-
ress, and Betty Sue Ingram. Also
home from Abilene is Carroll
Bowen, who is a Hardin-Simmons
student.

Billie Jane Robinson arrived
early in the week from TSCW.
Betty Williams about of TSCW
will arrive here about the middle
of the week for a few days visit.

Babson's Business And Financial Forecast To Be Printed In Next Week's Dispatch

Post Dispatch readers are again
reminded that Roger W. Babson's
"Business and Financial Out-
look for 1947" will be published
in next week's issue of the Dis-
patch. The Babson forecast has
been a regular
yearly feature of
this publication
since 1935.



Roger W. Babson

We are calling this feature to
your attention because 1947 will
be a year of many changes.

Mr. Babson, a pioneer in the
field of business and financial
statistics, enjoys an unusual re-
cord of accuracy in his annual
forecasts. His score for 1946 was
95 percent accurate.

On December 27, 1945, he pre-
dicted: (1) that the Stock Market

would reach higher prices in 1946
than were witnessed in 1945 or in
recent years; (2) the "Russian
Communist Scare" which broke
the market 25 percent since early
summer; and (3) said, "... the
Stock Market as a whole may ap-
pear to have reached its peak
before December 31, 1946."

American business has no more
inspiring personality than Roger
W. Babson, internationally known
business commentator and invest-
ment adviser. An outstanding
feature of his philosophy has been
his life-long insistence on the im-
portance of religion in business.

Mr. Babson's 1947 Outlook will
contain 50 forecasts covering such
important topics as: general busi-
ness, commodity prices, taxes, trade,
labor, inflation, farm out-
look, stock market, real estate,
and politics.

Weather Man Says Area Will Have Fair And Warm Holidays

While snow, sleet, rain and ice
are tying up transportation in
many sections of the country and
are providing the traditional
settings for Christmas, the weath-
erman predicts that this area will
have fair and warm weather dur-
ing the yule holidays.

The forecast of above normal
temperatures the next few days
lessens prospects for a white
Christmas.

Garza counties have enjoyed
an almost perfect fall, and have
been looking to some foul weath-
er, and of course have expected it
just at Christmas time to mar
their holidays. ... it's a fine coun-
try, our West Texas.

MORE CHRISTMAS CARDS, BUT FEWER PACKAGES ARE MAILED THIS SEASON

Post's post office force is well
aware that Post and Garza coun-
ties are observing an old fash-
ioned Christmas this season. When
a Dispatch representative visited
the office Saturday afternoon
there were "mountains" of mail,
parcels, papers and magazines, let
alone thousands of Christmas
cards, to sort out for distribution
to many states and even over-
seas.

"The Christmas card run has
been the heaviest in years," said
Postmaster Phil S. Bouchier, "but
I doubt if we handle as many par-
cels as last season," he continued.
Many of the packages have weigh-
ed the maximum of seventy
pounds, which have added weight
to the mail.

The force is doing everything
to expedite the prompt handling
and delivery of mail.

Most Post Business Firms To Close One Day For Christmas

In a survey conducted Satur-
day morning among Post business
firms, most stores will be closed
only one day for Christmas, that
being Wednesday, Christmas Day.

The bank, post office and other
governmental agencies will take
just the one day off. A few places
of business will be closed from
Wednesday to Monday, at which
time the annual inventory will be
taken.

AREA GINNINGS TOP TOTAL OF LAST YEAR

South Plains cotton ginnings,
embracing the area made up of
fifteen counties, and totaling 163,
983 bales to December 1, are
roughly twice the total to the
same date last year and have
pulled up near early season esti-
mates on this year's crop which
was placed at 175,000 bales.

The official tabulation, as re-
leased this week by the Bureau of
the Census of the Department of
Commerce, shows Lubbock county
to be leading the area with 43,
468 bales, as compared to last
year's ginnings to the same date
of 19,021 bales. Lubbock county
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FOLKS ... FUN ... FOOD ... They All Go Together To Make Christmas

Typical scenes taking place all
over Garza county are similar to
those being enacted in the O. H.
Hoover, the Tol Thomas and J.
E. Parker homes where tradition-
al customs and menus are being
followed for the gathering of "the
family" during the holidays.

Christmas is made up of many
things—the hustle and bustle in
the kitchen where the aroma of
the Xmas baking mixes with the
tang of the evergreens hung in
the front room windows; the
thoughtfulness, the bother, the
extravagance that comes from the
open heart; the rustle of tissue
paper and the sheen of bright rib-
bon; and the excitement of a child's
eyes as he views the gaily decorat-
ed tree—but most of all its being
together.

Jolly little Mrs. Hoover and Mr.
Hoover are putting the big pot
in the little one to make this
Christmas a very merry one for
all their children. It is the first
time since 1940 that they have
all been together. She is prepar-
ing in addition to the turkey and
its companion dishes, two others
that are all-time favorites—Am-
erican Apple Pie and Baked
Fruit Cake—with her five boys.

The fruit cake already made, of
course, is Nina's favorite and the
recipe sounds as if it would be
anybody's favorite—pound dates,
1 pound graham crackers, 1 cup
nuts, 1 pound marshmallows, 1
cup pineapple juice, 1 cup cher-
ries. "It is so easy," Mrs. Hoover
says, "just cut marshmallows fine,
crumb the crackers, add juice,
mix well, then add fruit and nuts
and mold."

The apple pie are probably
right now in the making and re-
quire 4 apples, 1-3 cup sugar, 4
tsp. flour, 1 tsp. butter, 1 tsp.
cinnamon, 1 tsp. lemon juice, 1
cup raisins, 1-2 cup nuts. Mrs.
Hoover follows the regular mix-
ing procedure, but uses a differ-
ent method of baking. For 15
minutes she bakes the pies at
400° then reduces the heat to

350° for thirty minutes.

Jack and Billie Bob who are
still at home are assisting in the
preparations for a "big" Christ-
mas. Houston, who is working in
the postoffice in Littlefield, his
wife and three children, Bob,
Linda and Joe, will arrive Christ-
mas Day. Nina Belle Chapman,
her husband and children, Jimmy,
Sue Carol and Sandra, of near
Tahoka; Herbert C. and wife from
Crosbyton where he is VA teach-
er in the high school; and Jerry,
of the Lubbock police force, and
his wife and little Jerry, will
complete the family circle.

Busy days are in progress at the
Tol Thomas home as all the
Thomas children with the excep-
tion of Ben L., who is with Uncle
Sam in Alaska, are "home for
Christmas." First to arrive from
out-of-town were daughter, Lois,
and her husband "Red" Floyd of
Santa Monica, California. They
left on the 16th and arrived here
a few days later. A. C. who is a
student in McMurry college got
home on Saturday and Jimmy,
wife and baby are to be here
Christmas Day. Running in and
out to help with the preparations
is daughter, Kathryn, who with
her husband, Al Bird, will be in
on all the festivities on Christmas
Day. Mrs. Thomas says, "I'm busy
as a bee, baking favorite dishes
for all the kids, but its lots of fun."
Wayne, who is the only one of
the children now at home is as
busy as a bee too helping get
things in order for the family
Christmas tree.

Holding the spotlight in the J.
E. Parker home each year is the
annual Christmas Eve family
night supper when family, food
and fun have top billing. As to the
piece de resistance it is a toss
up between the quail bagged by
son-in-law, R. M. Thomas, and
cooked to a tender juicy stage, or
the "Um-m-m" good mince pies
baked by Mrs. Parker's sister-in-
law, Mrs. Lex Brock, of Lamasa.

The mince pie is made from one
of those rare, rich recipes hand-
ed down through the years by
Mrs. Brock's French ancestors.
After the delicious supper, Old
Santa distributes gifts from the
gaily decorated tree to the delight
of all. Christmas carols and other
old time favorite songs close the
happy gathering. Those to form
the family circle tonight are Mr.
and Mrs. Parker, Mr. and Mrs.
R. M. Thomas and two young
daughters, Iris Parker and Mr.
and Mrs. Lex Brock and young
daughter Lexe.

A birthday visit from Old Santa
makes Christmas doubly impor-
tant to cute little brown-eyed,
curly haired Katherine Kahler,
young daughter of Dr. and Mrs.
Glen Kahler. Her birthday is a
day or so after Christmas but
Santa "in person" usually "stops
over" for a special birthday cele-
bration while he is making his
rounds delivering presents.

Another annual observance is
that held each Christmas Eve in
the B. H. Porter ranch home
when Mr. and Mrs. Porter observe
their wedding anniversary. A
Christmas dinner is served on
this date and the two occasions al-
ways hold special significance to
members of the family. Among
those who will attend the gay af-
fair tonight are Mr. and Mrs. U.
B. Porter of Sudan, Mr. and Mrs.
O. K. Brown and daughter of
Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Travis
Porter and family and Bennie
Porter.

Lubbock.

The Harold Davies home in
Cisco will be the scene of a Christ-
mas reunion which has become a
custom between brothers, (Harold
and "Lefty" Davies) who married
sisters (Jewel and Ruby Harrison).
"Lefty," Ruby and little daughter,
Jeryl, accompanied by Mrs.
Dovie Davies, will leave here
Christmas Eve for Cisco. They will
be joined in Sweetwater by an
aunt who will go on with them to
the reunion.

W. F. "Boots" Pierce and his
family plan to join his brothers
and sisters and their families in
Lubbock on Christmas Day when
"we'll all meet at the J. O. Pierce
home." Other members of the
Pierce family who plan to be pre-
sent are Chief of Police Joe Pierce
and his family of Clovis, New
Mexico, Lee Pierce and family of
Shallowater, George Pierce and
family and Mrs. J. R. Bounds and
family of California, and Mrs. W.
Z. Pierce and family of Midland.

Mrs. H. G. Smith left Monday to
go to the home of her daughter,
Mrs. Clarence Woods, in Lubbock
for several days. She accompanied
her son, Alex, his wife and fam-
ily who arrived here Sunday from
Dallas.

Leaving here Christmas Eve
night for Waco will be Mr. and
Mrs. P. E. Stevens and family, Mrs.
Gladys Hyde and Miss Nora Stev-
ens. They will spend Christmas
Day with their niece, Mrs. Elmer
Hill, and Mr. Hill. Mrs. Hyde will
stop over en route home for a few
days visit with Miss Grace Hyde
of Taylor, Texas.

Bob Warren and Mrs. Ira Lee
Duckworth had a pre-Christmas
visit with their mother, Mrs. J.
W. Warren, in Snyder on Thurs-
day.

Miss Jewell Hipp, County Home
Demonstration Agent, is spending
the Christmas holidays at her
home in Olton.

A guest of Miss Odell "Red
Robin" Stafford on Christmas
Day will be J. W. Lasiter of
Moonahans.

The L. W. Dalbys will spend
Christmas Day in Lubbock with
their daughter, Mrs. Allen Benton,
Mr. Benton, and granddaughter,
Lynn.

To spend several days in the
Duke Travis home will be their
daughter, Mrs. Lee Smith, Mr.
Smith and Janice of Ralls. Join-
ing them for a traditional family
dinner sometime during the holi-
days will be R. D. and Veda Trav-
is, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Everett and
their two sons, Bud of Post and
Ilex, who is stationed at Corpus
Christi and who is attached to the
Hospital Corps, and their
daughter, Mary of Dallas. Rex
and Mary will arrive Tuesday.

Former Post citizens, Mr. and
Mrs. Ed Caffey and daughter of
Lubbock, will spend Christmas
with Mrs. Caffey's brother and
family, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Moore
and daughters. The traditional
Christmas tree and dinner will
be enjoyed.

Mrs. Burnon Haws left Mon-
day for Plainview to visit her
parents, Mr. and Mrs. McReynolds.
On Christmas Day Mr. and Mrs.
A. B. Haws and Burnon will go
to Plainview where the two fam-
ilies will participate in tradition-
al Christmas Day festivities.

Santa's Visit Draws Hundreds To Town Saturday Afternoon

Santa Claus, the world's most
popular man, brought hundreds of
spectators to downtown Post
Saturday afternoon when he made
his first day-time appearance here
since 1941.

Several business men, who took
advantage of the lull in business
during Santa's brief visit here to
observe the size of the crowd, said
it was one of the largest crowds
ever gathered here to greet the
jolly old gent. Santa arrived in
the downtown area by fire-truck,
but just how he came into the
county remains a secret shared
only by Post firemen who sponsor-
ed his visit to the city.

Children lined the streets as
Santa rode the big red fire-truck
down Main street, and later dis-
tributed candy from in front of
Outlaw Motor Company.

Mr. Claus also brought with him
three live turkeys which were re-
leased from the roof of the city
hall. The mad scramble began
when the first bird, a gift of the
city, sailed down and took off
again to be captured by Bud Ever-
rett. The chamber of commerce
turkey fell into the hands of Cole-
man Browning, and Tommy Wall
was successful in grabbing the
fire department's turkey.

Bridges Nearing Completion On New Post-Ralls Highway

Construction of most of the
concrete bridges on the Post-to-
Ralls highway, contract of which
is held by Holland Page of Aus-
tin, is nearing completion and
work crews at present time are
setting back right-of-way fences
and widening the road bed pre-
paratory to commencing perman-
ent drainage and sub-grading.

The eight mile strip, which ex-
tends from Post eight miles north,
runs parallel to the Santa Fe rail-
way to the old Post-Ralls highway
where it grades north along the
old route of State highway 207.

The strip is to be hand-surfaced
and is expected to be com-
pleted within the next sixty to
ninety days.

POSTEX MILL EMPLOYEES GET THREE DAY HOLIDAY

Postex Cotton mill employees
are being given a three-day holi-
day for Christmas, with the plant
closed down Monday, Tuesday
and Wednesday, according to in-
formation given by Claude Bailey,
manager.

The plant usually closes for one
day, that being Christmas Day, so
the extra two day shut-down came
as a surprise to most employees.

TWENTY-EIGHT PAGES IN THIS WEEK'S ISSUE OF YOUR POST DISPATCH

Christmas is a time of cheer-
fulness, friendliness, unselfish-
ness, gratitude and good will.
It is in keeping with the Spirit
of the Yuletide season that the
merchants and business men of
Post send "Greetings" and
"Thanks."

This week's Dispatch is made
up of twenty-eight pages and
is being published two days in
advance of regular publication
date in order that you will re-
ceive your Copy Christmas
Eve. We hope that you will en-
joy it as a Christmas gift, and
that you will read every mes-
sage in it. Practically every
business house, city and county
officials, service clubs, and pro-
fessional men of Post have pur-
chased advertising space to
convey to you a message of
good-will and appreciation.

Too, we hope you enjoy the
Christmas stories, and the
hundreds of Santa Claus letters
to be found scattered through
the paper.

We, of the Post Dispatch
force, want to join these fine
merchants in wishing you, our
readers, the very best Christ-
mas you've ever had and ex-
press gratitude for your loyal-
ty and friendship.

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Time Flies...

THINGS WE READ BUT HAD FORGOTTEN SINCE DECEMBER OF 1945, 1944 AND 1943

Around This Time Last Year—

Many jubilant voices saying "Hi, Mack, when did you get out?" and "How do they expect to hold the Army together without you," along with handshakes and reunions by the hundreds were heard on the streets of Post with many happy Garza county boys being released from the armed forces, following the war's end approximately five months before. A list of several returning at that time included: William L. Cook, Lawrence Bilberry, Clovis Tucker, Bertie W. Condon, George L. Smith, William Bruce Shepherd, Mesky R. Martin, Grady W. Crowley, Victor Hudman, Alfred Armistead, Erwin H. Bietas, R. D. Ross, Roy E. Osborne, Robert L. Pruitt, Ed Edwards, Fletcher M. Bratcher, L. Leonard Phemister, Emis R. Baz, Joseph R. Smith, Lowell Bernard Holly, Walter C. Caffey, Jr., James C. Arceneaux, Jr., Doyle Justice, Charles Pickett, Gordon Montague, Otis O. Bloodworth, John H. Stokes, Elvus Davis, Robert E. Shedd, Paul A. Hall, Elzie T. Horton, John B. Evans, Albert D. Odum, Tom Power had recently returned from overseas duty with the Army and had been visiting with his mother in New York. He had received his new assignment as an Army Instructor at NMMML.

Post Elementary pupils were rejoicing over the fact that classes were dismissed one week earlier than usual for building repairs.

Post was honored with two more Garza vets, John and Paul Davis, who decided to make their home here and enter business. The vets, each with more than four years of Army service to their credit, purchased the Triangle Service Station and assumed management of the business.

Wynne Collier, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Collier of this city, and a druggist at Tahoka, was named vice-president of the West Texas Pharmaceutical Association. Wynne is a nature son of Post.

Pre-nuptial parties were being given for Miss Phyllis McReynolds of Plainview, bride-elect of A. B. Haws, Jr.

"A Merry Christmas to everyone at home" message was sent by J. Wesley Pettigrew to his family and friends from Jinsen, Korea.

The young people's department of the First Baptist church Training Union entertained with a party honoring returned servicemen. Vets present were Edward Neff, Tom Power, Bill J. Davis, Cecil Osborne, Jr., L. J. Richardson, Jr., Lawrence Bilberry, Charles Wood and Odean Cummings.

There were many happy homes in Garza county when the Army and Navy announced another cut-back in requirements for release from the armed service which made 637,000 personnel eligible for release for discharge.

Garza county motorists were jubilant over the announcement of the end of tire rationing on January 1 and were getting ready to throw away their A, B

and C books.

Miss Shirley Bowen was being honored with bridal showers, preceding her marriage to Ray Ownby, Jr.

The Parker home was simply buzzing with people. Iris held open house for out-of-town as well as local college and high school kids home for the Christmas holidays.

Congress approved and sent to the White House a measure liberalizing benefits to veterans under the GI Bill of Rights.

The sale of aspirins dropped considerably with the relief on the part of the income tax headache. The relief was noted mostly to the men and women who support sizeable families on small or moderate incomes.

Cotton prices were highest than they had been in twenty years.

Margaret Stone was all a-twitter because of the fact that her fiancée, Sgt. Malcolm Bull, who had been a prisoner of war since the fall of Corregidor, was spending an extended visit here in the Stone home.

Shivering people were a common sight on the streets of Post with the mercury hovering at 13 degrees.

Christmas In 1944

V-mail had made its debut and its use was being urged in messages to Navy personnel.

"Hootus" Windham let his parents know that he was o. k. in the way of a Christmas card from the Southern France area.

Dick Wood became "heap big Chief," fire chief, that is, when the Post volunteer fire group re-elected officers. Ralph Carpenter was elected second assistant fire chief with other officers including Homer McCrary, R. B. Dodson, Carl Hughes, Jess Barnes, Cecil Osborne, Charlie Williams and Tom Miller.

A restriction was placed on the use of school buses to carry pupils to and from school. This was a measure to conserve equipment, tires and gasoline during the wartime scarcity.

Believe it or not, Texas farmers received a minimum of 27c per dozen for candled eggs.

Post became quite popular when Garza county was given a new wildcat test, eleven miles northeast of Post.

Motorists were given fair warning and quote: "Motorists who use gasoline illegally to travel to Winter Resorts face the loss of their mileage ration."

Allen Owen was one happy fellow after returning from 23 months of rugged duty in the Pacific. He spent a 30-day leave here visiting his family and friends.

Richard Bird completed aviation ordnance training at the Naval Air Technical Training Center in Norman, Oklahoma. He enlisted in the Navy April 19, 1944.

Ye' old' local bugle, namely the Post Dispatch, was receiving several Christmas greetings from boys overseas. One of the first received was from Billie Donaldson which was followed by one from Clyde Williams, Jim Noudy, Curtis Neal and Murrie Crowley.

Robert Miller and Viola Jones made the final decision and were married on December 12.

Happy memories were brought back to the old timers of the Post Masonic lodge and renewed interest to the young members, when the local lodge observed its 33rd anniversary here Dec 14.

Television became technically and programmatically ready for its debut to the American public.

Thelma Probst and Everett McLaughlin became man and wife in an impressive home wedding.

The Garza theatre "swung out" with that colorful enchanting fairy tale enjoyed by both youngsters and grownups, Walt Disney's "Snow White."

Little month-old Tommy Bouchier made his first visit to see his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Strayhorn of Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Bam became proud parents of a 7-pound boy.

The Seniors of '44 observed their first annual reunion banquet.

Remembrances Of A Wartime Christmas—1943

The period when we, John Q. Public, were going through a period of history made up of scrambled economics flavored with socialism, communism, bureauism, and countless other isms.

Those beloved little head-aches, ration tokens, were put into use early in 1944 with announcement of the fact being made late in December 1943. It said here in small type and I quote, "the tokens will be put into use to make the purchasing and selling of rationed foods more convenient for the consumer and merchant alike."

SCOT PRIVATE TELLS HOW "SILENT NIGHT" STILLED WAR GUNS

It was Christmas Eve, 1914, between Armentiers and Arras, while Gordon Highlanders huddled in trenches when somebody remembered the day.

"Jim, let's sing," one said to Private James Sutherland-Wait of Norfolk, Va.

Jim pleaded off, but someone else started "Silent Night, Holy Night," and soon Jim and the whole Scot regiment had joined in.

When the last refrain subsided, from the opposite trenches arose other voices — attuned in "Stille Nacht." Then all night long Christmas carols rang from trench to trench in strange tongues while cannon and flares from other sectors lit the sky.

At the customary "zero" hour, the British soldiers saw grey-clad figures making their way out of the opposite trenches. A few shots were fired. Then it was seen that the Germans carried no arms. Scots leaped from their trenches, likewise unarmed, only to be ordered back.

Wassail Bowl For Auld Lang Syne

The Wassail bowl goes around in Scotland—and elsewhere—at New Year's time.

The origin of the custom is really lost in antiquity; Saxon ancestors probably quaffed their ale from the polished skulls of defeated enemies, and the Rowena legend must be classified as "presumably fiction."

Rowena is reported to have offered her father's guest—Prince Vortigren—a bowl of wine with the salutation—"Lord King, wass-hael," literally, "To Your Health." Draining the bowl with one draught, Vortigren fell in love with Rowena and they lived happily ever after.

Anyway, in time the bowl itself became an ornament of graceful design—decorated with branches of greenery which formed a canopy over the bowl. The mixture within was warm and included ale, sugar, spices, sweetened wine was added by hosts who could afford it, apples floated on top of the decoction, sometimes called "lamb's wool" or the "old man's beard." The poorer classes carried a bowl decorated with ribbons around the neighborhood, begging that it be filled, so they, too, might enjoy the Wassail.



Marshall Mason, jr., became the proud owner of his Eagle Scout badge, highest award a Boy Scout can achieve. Buddy Malouf and Wayne Hundley were presented a Star Scout award at that time and all three boys along with James Everett were presented merit badges.

Santa Claus, alias "The Stork" delivered three bundles of joy in three local homes: To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Luttrell, a baby girl weighing 8 pounds and named LaCharlotte; to Mr. and Mrs. John L. Jenkins, a baby girl weighing 7 1/2 pounds; and to Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Graves, a 7 1/2 pound girl.

The Presbyterian church held an impressive service in honor of the men of the church who are serving in the armed forces. The honor roll of the church was dedicated at that time and eleven names were inscribed on the attractive roll.

Names were also being compiled for inscription on the Lions club honor roll, with hundreds of names of men who are serving Uncle Sam in World War II being placed on the attractive board which was to be placed on the court house lawn.

"Papa's off to the seven seas" was on the minds of married men and families with the announcement of the inevitable induction of pre-Pearl Harbor married men into the armed forces. Those to be among the first Garza county inductees included: Victor Hudman, William Howard Price, William Chester Jones, Gilford Wesley Northcutt, Charles Kel Gilmore, Comdedo G. Pamta, Houston Hoover, F. M. Bratcher, Cecil E. Vandiver, Robert E. Pate, L. R. Pate, Ernest Clifton Herron and G. W. Hale.

Mrs. John B. Slaughter was hostess to the annual cowboys' dinner. Mr. Slaughter had started the custom of entertaining the cowboys employed on his ranch many years ago and Mrs. Slaughter has kept it up through the years since his death.

A warm Christmas gives a cold Easter.

The mistletoe is the state flower of Oklahoma.

An idle mind is usually found with a busy tongue.



Christmas is here!

Peace and Good Will

Lighting the way to better fellowship and good will towards all is Christmas. That it may be a truly happy Christmas for each of you is our ardent wish.

Sanders Brothers Barber Shop



Merry CHRISTMAS GREETINGS 1946

Christmas lights shed a glow unknown at any other time of the year. The same lights, after Christmas, have lost their charm, you see it is really the Christmas spirit that lights our homes! We wish you every happiness this Christmas season of 1946.

BAKER Electric & Machine Shop

Christmas

As the Yuletide bells ring out the message of joy to the world at this glad season of the year, we wish to add our expression of goodwill and Christmas cheer to all those whom we know and those whom we would like to know.

May the Season bring forth all the joy and happiness that is rightfully yours and may you enter into a New Year with an abundance of happiness and health, enough to continue throughout the coming twelve months.

Our very best wishes to you, and you, and you!

Post Implement Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Wright, Jr.

The Season's GREETINGS



MAY YOU ACHIEVE THE ULTIMATE IN HAPPINESS ON THIS GLORIOUS OCCASION.

City of Post

J. A. Stallings, Mayor
City Commissioners And Employees



Greetings

Announcing

The Algerita Coffee Shop

IS UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

You're Invited To Visit The Algerita Coffee Shop For Fine Food Served In A Congenial And Friendly Atmosphere.

OPEN DAY AND NIGHT

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pinkerton



ALGERITA HOTEL

ALGERITA COFFEE SHOP

Growth And Improvement Indicated For Neighboring West Texas Towns

Tahoka boxing fans received a full evening of excitement Friday night when the Tahoka high school glove artists mixed in the ring at the Tahoka gym with the Morton high school team. Funds derived from the fights will be used to help pay the hospital expenses of Harold Crutwell, who broke an arm during the recent football season, and also for the benefit of the school athletic fund.

Plans are being developed for the consolidation of several school districts with the Tahoka Independent district early next year. The Draw, Redwine, Edith and Dixie districts are all concerned in the movement. Election plans are being formulated in the various districts to be held early in the year. The trend for this movement is toward consolidation so that children in the outlying rural districts may have just as good educational advantages as the children living in the larger towns.

The Anson's annual Cowboy's Christmas Ball is being held on December 20, 21, 23 and 24. Prizes are being given, each of the four nights for the most appropriately dressed couples wearing costumes reminiscent of the "Old West." The annual affair was begun in 1934 by Miss Lenora Barrett in memory of the original ball held in 1885 in the Old Star Hotel, Anson, Texas. The ball is confined to old-time tunes featuring square dancing, polkas, schottisches, new shoes, Virginia reels, waltzes and two-steps.

The Dawson County Courier announced last week that Pioneer Airline may be issued a permit to extend its services into New Mexico. The Civil Aeronautics Board deferred action until the hearing is held on the pending Arizona-New Mexico case since that portion of the Pioneer application was closely related to that of other companies. Pioneer's three approved routes are as follows: (1) Between Houston and Amarillo with intermediate points of Austin, San Angelo, Abilene, Midland-Odessa, Lamesa, Lubbock, and Plainview. (2) Between Houston and Dallas, with intermediate points at Bryan, Temple and Waco. (3) Between Dallas and Midland-Odessa with intermediate points at Fort Worth, Mineral Wells, Ranger-Eastland - Cisco, Abilene, Sweetwater and Big Spring.

Santa Claus visited Lamesa Friday in a red convertible and was led into town by the Lamesa High School band. He distributed approximately 135 pounds of candy before his departure. After escorting Santa, the band gathered on the square and presented a concert of Christmas carols. Lamesa shoppers were also participating in the Christmas treasure hunt at that time. Numbers were passed out to Lamesa shoppers for two weeks and the corresponding prize winning numbers were placed in each of the 45 windows.

Persons holding the prize winning tickets must claim their prize by December 23.

The contract on the farm-to-market highway which was extended from Crosbyton south to Oesow the caprock, a distance of 3.44 miles, was let last week to J. E. Williams of Waco.

A Christmas Eve musical program is to be held on the City Hall lawn Tuesday afternoon at 7:30 and several special church programs are being planned for that time.

The Slaton Slatonite also announced the confirmation of the receipt of the city application for a municipal airport from the Federal Government and that Slaton will likely be approved for the project.

Winners of the Sweetwater yule decoration contest were announced last Thursday. Winner of the commercial division was Sid Wells Funeral home and winner in the residential division was the Joe Courtney yard. Each of the winners will receive an engraved trophy presented by the Jaycees of that city, but they must win the trophy three consecutive years to get permanent possession of it.

The Colorado Record printed in Colorado City "swung out" last Friday with a special Christmas edition which included three sections of Christmas greeting ads from merchants, Christmas stories and regular weekly news articles.

Letters to... Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl five years old and I want a doll buggy, a doll that will say ma-ma and lots of candy nuts and fruit.

Mary Pat Wheatley
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little four year old girl. I have been good this year. I would like for you to bring me a doll with a bottle, a cradle, telephone and a little broom and dust pan.

Geneva Gilmore
Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good boy. I am in the first grade. I wish you would bring me a french-harp, scooter, bat and a shovel.

Penitentiary Has "Business District For Its Inmates"

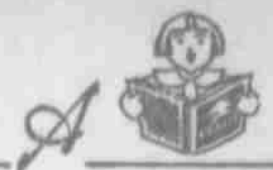
A "business district" within the walls of the federal penitentiary in Mexico City contains scores of rent-free stores and offices which are operated by the prisoners for their fellow inmates, says Collier's.

These businesses include a pet shop, a printer who makes "visiting cards" and a lawyer who writes petitions and appeals. Even a band may be hired to serenade a visiting sweetheart.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Tipton are spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bright in Carrizo Springs.

Guests of the Jess Barnes family on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Barnes and family of Odessa.

GREETINGS

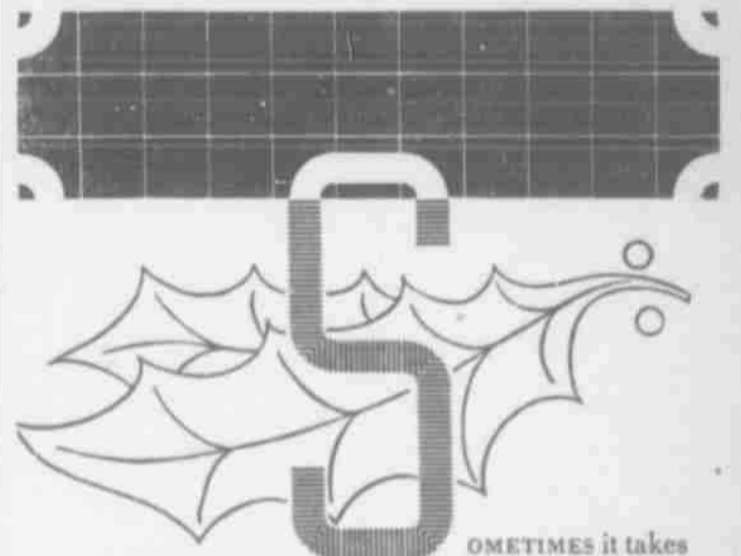


JOYFUL CHRISTMAS

There is no finer occasion in all the year than Christmas—it's the season toward which each of us look with eager anticipation. The goodwill of our friends, the cheerfulness of friendly associations, the spirit of giving and receiving, the expressions of love and good wishes, all combine to make life worthwhile.

We hope you will have a joyful Christmas and we wish to add our expression of appreciation to our loyal friends and customers. We wish you a Merry Christmas.

RUBY CARPENTER



SOMETIMES it takes the spirit of Christmas to break the shell that disguises our real selves... so we take this opportunity to send this message as a friendly handshake and to express appreciation of your kindly consideration of our firm.

If your Christmas is as happy as we wish for you, you will be happy indeed. You will have everything you desire, and a lot more to help make others happy. It is our hope that you will enjoy success, good health, and more happiness.

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FROM The Court House Bunch

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- LUCILE MEADOR, Selective Service
- PERCY PRINTZ, Sheriff, Tax Assessor & Collector
- DEAN A. ROBINSON
- J. LEE BOWEN, County Judge
- LEWIS (SONNY) NANCE, Coordinator Garza Vocational School
- DAVID F. EATON, County Agent

ANTELOPE BASKETBALL CONFERENCE PLAY TO BE RESUMED JANUARY 3

Post High Antelope cigers, with two conference games already racked up, will resume play here Thursday, January 3, when they take on the Tahoka Bulldogs at the local gym. The second game of the conference card will be between Slaton and O'Donnell. The Antelopes captured their first conference game when they won over O'Donnell here Decem-

JUSTICEBURG COUPLE UNITED IN MARRIAGE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

Miss Evelyn Bevers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bevers of Justiceburg, and Marvin Carl Dorman, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Dorman of Snyder, were united in marriage Sunday, December 22, at the church at Justiceburg by Rev. D. W. Reed of Garnolia. The lovely double ring ceremony was performed before a large group of friends and relatives. The bride wore a blue suit with black accessories and the groom was dressed in a suit of grey. The bride has been a resident of the Justiceburg community for some time, being born and reared there. The groom is now a resident of Snyder but has resided around Justiceburg for the past five years. The couple is planning on making their home at Justiceburg.

Justiceburg News

Mrs. R. J. Key, Correspondent

Miss Dorothy Dale Reed of Ft. Worth is home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Reed, for the Christmas holidays. Rev. D. W. Reed of Garnolia and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Dorman and family of Snyder were Sunday. Those included in the cast were: Christine Marsh, Calvin Grantham, Fay Nell Wiley, Linda Marsh, Carolyn Kasinger, Joan Wiley, Elsie Albright, Betty Lawrence, Karen Pennell, Oma Truelock, Joretta Samples, Kenneth Phillips, Elton Truelock, Wanda Lawrence, Shirley Donohoe, Bobby Jennings, Donna Jones, Mary Frances King and Glenda Grantham. The assistant leader, Laverne Brooks, read the scripture. The honor guest was Clinton Jennings. At the tree which followed, each Sunbeam presented him with a small gift, and the older ones and adults bought him a leather helmet and sweater. Monday of this week, the program was given again for Mrs. Sam Marsh, who was in the hospital last week. Also, the Sunbeams resumed their work on the ten commandment cards and started studying "How Our Bible Was Written." Of twenty Sunbeams enrolled since their organization in July, Fay Nell Wiley, Linda Marsh and Carolyn Kaysinger have an almost perfect attendance record.

SOUTHLAND SUNBEAMS PRESENT CHRISTMAS PROGRAM, DEC. 16TH

Fourteen costumed children between the ages of two and eight, assisted by several older children, presented "The First Christmas" last Monday night at the home of their leader, Mrs. Marvin Truelock. Those included in the cast were: Christine Marsh, Calvin Grantham, Fay Nell Wiley, Linda Marsh, Carolyn Kasinger, Joan Wiley, Elsie Albright, Betty Lawrence, Karen Pennell, Oma Truelock, Joretta Samples, Kenneth Phillips, Elton Truelock, Wanda Lawrence, Shirley Donohoe, Bobby Jennings, Donna Jones, Mary Frances King and Glenda Grantham. The assistant leader, Laverne Brooks, read the scripture. The honor guest was Clinton Jennings. At the tree which followed, each Sunbeam presented him with a small gift, and the older ones and adults bought him a leather helmet and sweater. Monday of this week, the program was given again for Mrs. Sam Marsh, who was in the hospital last week. Also, the Sunbeams resumed their work on the ten commandment cards and started studying "How Our Bible Was Written." Of twenty Sunbeams enrolled since their organization in July, Fay Nell Wiley, Linda Marsh and Carolyn Kaysinger have an almost perfect attendance record.

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Sucrose is the most abundant of all sugars that occur in plants. Tea is believed to have originated in south central Asia.

Across the Tracks

BY H. H. H.
The coming of the holiday season marks the first anniversary of our resumption of life in Post, and, though we haven't made a million dollars, we are able to write the year off as having been entirely successful. We are very grateful for the continued patronage of all our old customers and for the many new customers and friends that we've made during 1946. We've managed to eke out a modest but adequate living by serving the folks of Garza county to the very best of our ability; and we're proud of the fact that a great many of our customers drop buy our service station for a gab-nession about as often as they do for a tank of gas—and they're just as welcome. Yep, Post may not be the biggest or richest city in West Texas, and it doubtless has room for improvement, but, as a whole (no wisecrack intended) it's a doggone nice place to live. Incidentally, folks, if you haven't dropped by for your new 1947 Texaco calendar, please do so before the supply is gone. If you can't come in personally, phone 289J, and we'll be tickled to death to mail one to you immediately. Well—that's about everything for this week, folks, so in behalf of myself, The Little Women, and the heir-apparent (heir to what?)—we wish you the very merriest of Christmases and may your every plan for '47 turn out exactly as you want it. Sincerely,
H. H. HUDMAN
HUDMAN Service Station
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Glad thoughts
And special wishes
Are happily combined
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Merry Christmas

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GOOD WISHES
for a delightful
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from the store
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built.

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MERRY WEBB CHRISTMAS

Lengthening shadows of a year just closing bring to mind the many helpful things you have done for us this past twelve months. Mindful of your many courtesies, we take this means to send each of you our very best Greetings and to wish for you a multitude of good things and many happy days for all.

FLOYD'S SERVICE

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Floyd

"PEACE ON EARTH
GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN"

May this Christmas Message
of Peace and Cheer
Bring You Lasting Happiness
Throughout the Year



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GRADYLINE OSBORNE MARRIES DECEMBER 4 IN MULESHOE

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Osborne of Muleshoe, formerly of this city, are announcing the marriage of their daughter, Miss Gradyline



MISS OSBORNE

Osborne, to Hardy Burrow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Burrow of Muleshoe, on December 4 at seven p. m. at the First Baptist church. Rev. A. W. Blaine officiated for the impressive single ring ceremony.

The bride chose a national blue crepe dress with black accessories. Her corsage was of pink rose buds.

Miss Ellen Goodson of Muleshoe served as maid of honor and Charles Alsop, also of Muleshoe, served as best man.

The bride is a 1943 graduate of Post High school and following her graduation, attended Howard Payne college at Brownwood. She then accepted a position with the Navy Department in Washington, D. C., in which she served during the war.

After a short trip to Mexico, the couple will be at home in Muleshoe, where Mr. Burrow is in the grocery business with his father.

SENIORS OF 1944 HELD REUNION BANQUET MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

The Seniors of 1944 held their annual reunion banquet for the third consecutive year, last night, Monday, December 23, at 7:30 at the Algeria Coffee Shop.

A delicious menu was served to a large group of members of the class and several visitors.

Following the dinner, a short program consisting of several songs, special piano solos and a reading were presented by several talented members of the class.

An informal social hour was enjoyed at the close of the affair.

The annual affair which was begun immediately upon graduation of the group has been held each year around Christmas since that day.

BILLIE JO WALL AND R. C. CARROLL MARRIED SATURDAY AT TAHOKA

Miss Billie Jo Wall of Tahoka, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wall of Grassland, and Mr. R. C. Carroll, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Carroll of O'Donnell, were married at eight o'clock Saturday night, December 14, in the Methodist church parsonage at Tahoka with Rev. J. W. Rosenburg, officiating for the double ring ceremony.

The bride wore a winter white wool dress with black accessories and a corsage of American beauty roses. Her only ornament was a string of French pearls.

Miss Valarie Bartley, Mrs. Odell King, both of Tahoka and Miss Polly Brazil of Sweetwater, attended the bride. Mrs. King, matron of honor, wore a pastel green wool dress with black accessories and a corsage of white carnations. Miss Bartley, maid of honor, wore a rose wool dress with black accessories and a corsage of white carnations. Miss Brazil, bridesmaid, chose a tan wool dress with brown accessories and a corsage of white carnations.

The best man was Mr. Joe Carroll of Lamesa, brother of the groom.

A reception was held following the ceremony at Lubbock.

Guests attending the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Carroll, Charles Townes and Mrs. Charles Oliver all of Tahoka; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Carroll of Lamesa and Mr. Jimmie Green of Muleshoe.

After a wedding trip to Dallas the couple will be at home in Tahoka.

MRS. PENNELL HOSTESS TO HOMEMAKERS CLUB WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18

Mrs. Otis Pennell was hostess to the Barnum Springs Homemakers Club on Wednesday, Dec. 18, for a Christmas party.

A program was presented under the direction of Mrs. Ardie Long. The Story of the Birth of Christ was given by Mrs. Bill Long. A reading of Christmas was given by Mrs. Wayne Askins, and Mrs. Ardie Long. Christmas readings were also given by the following children: Lois Jean Hodges, Ruth Ann Long, Marita Jane Pennell, and Janine Haynie.

Following the exchange of gifts, a surprise pink and blue shower was given in honor of Mrs. Byron Haynie. After the gifts had been opened and passed around for each to see, the hostess served delicious refreshments of fruit salad and whipped cream, with cake, hot cocoa and coffee, to the three guests, Mrs. Tom Henderson, W. B. Pennell, Clyde Wheeler, and eleven members. Mrs. Ardie Long, Bill Long, Ray Hodges, Temple Lee, Howard Freeman, Byron Haynie, J. L. Wheeler, Lewis West, Wayne Askins, and Bill Norman.

Special guests for the occasion

MISS MAMIE SHEPHERD BECOMES BRIDE OF LORING BERDICK, DEC. 15

Miss Mamie Shepherd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Shepherd of this city, became the bride of Loring Berdick of Artesia, Colorado, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reece Carter on Sunday, December 15, at 8:30 p. m. Rev. L. A. Smith, pastor of the local First Methodist Church officiated for the impressive double ring ceremony.

Mrs. Reece Carter served the bride as matron of honor and Truman Riddle served as best man.

The bride wore a light blue crepe dress with black accessories and a corsage of red roses.

Only close friends attended the ceremony.

Mrs. Berdick is a 1943 graduate of Post High school and since graduation she has been employed in Lubbock.

Mr. Berdick was honorably discharged from the Army some time ago after serving for several months.

A reception was held immediately following and a delicious three-tiered wedding cake was served to five couples.

Guests included several couples from Lubbock and Bruce Shepherd of this city. Miss Imogene Preston of Lubbock, formerly of this city, also attended.

The couple will make their home in Artesia, Colo., where Mr. Berdick will be employed with an oil company.

LIONS CLUB HELD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BANQUET DECEMBER 12TH

Merry Christmases were certainly in order when the Lions club held its annual Christmas banquet Thursday night, December 12, at the Methodist church.

Wives of the Lions members were guests for the occasion and also had charge of the program. Mrs. Iven Clary presided, Mrs. George Barker served as waitress and Mrs. Surman Clark as Lion Tamer.

The singing of "Joy To The World" appropriately opened the program after which followed the reading of letters to Santa Claus, supposedly written by Lions club members. The gifts were then numbered and corresponding numbers were drawn by those present. Bake Robinson, Jr. played Santa and handed out the gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Wilf Scarborough presented the group with a special gift of a gong and gavel. Several other members also received special gifts.

A delicious menu of baked ham, various salads and vegetables, hot biscuits, pumpkin pie and coffee was served to the large group by Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Giles. The tables were beautifully decorated with cedar and holly sprinkled with red berries extending down the center for the full length of the table. Small lighted candles were placed at each plate. The ladies were in charge of all decorations.

Special guests for the occasion

Church News MELBA JO MILLER

"And she brought forth her first-born son; and she wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

"And there were shepherds in the same country abiding in the field, and keeping watch by night over their flock.

"And an angel of the Lord shone round about them and said—

"There is born to you this day in the city of David, a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord."

Luke 1: 7-9, 11.

Minute Prayer

Blessed Heavenly Father, we are grateful to Thee for all the mercies bestowed upon us. Grant unto us this day Thy care and guidance, enable us to glorify Thee in our lives. May all our thoughts be true, our loves be pure and our actions right before Thee.

Wednesday is Christmas, but to a billion and a half people in the world, it is just another day—these are the non-Christians. Only an estimated 21 percent of the world's population profess Christianity and celebrate the birthday of Jesus Christ.

As we, the Christians, think of the legend of Christmas and realize its truth, our hearts fill with simultaneous awe and gladness. To give full expression to our spiritual thinking at Christmas time, we know that our Church is a haven and home of our deepest sentiments.

Members of the First Christian church met Sunday night at 7 o'clock for their church Christmas party. To open the special program, children of the group rendered several Christmas songs followed by two readings by the young group. The Christmas story was then given by the pastor, Rev. F. B. Nickerson, followed by the exchanging of gifts. A social hour was then enjoyed by the congregation and many guests at which time delicious refreshments were served to the group.

The Methodist church also held its special Christmas program and tree Sunday night. The program was divided into two parts, the first of which was Mrs. Ralph Welch's group presenting the following numbers: A reading, The Christmas Wish by Donald Gilmore; a play, "Trimming the Christmas Tree by the beginners and cradle roll; a reading, "I'll Be Good Before Christmas by Mary Welch; a song in pantomime, Away in a Manger by the primary group; a play, Christmas Gifts by the Junior girls; All Can Help, a reading by Patty Lott; a song, Mr. Pringle, by Sherry Custer, Elaine Norris and Clara Frances Smiley; and a play, Christmas Caroling by the Junior class. John Lott's group then presented a beautiful candlelight service.

A special prayer meeting service will be held Wednesday night at 7:30 at the First Methodist church.

A special Christmas service was held Sunday morning at the First Baptist church. The choir wore the choir robes and rendered several special numbers including one, "Glory Be To God," the verses of which were sung by Mrs. Tracy with the entire choir chiming in on the chorus. The congregational singing of Christmas carols was also enjoyed by the large group which attended. Rev. Polnac's subject for the service was The Christmas Story. The Little Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions was also taken at this service. Especially in keeping with the holiday season, were the church decorations which were arranged by Mrs. Ira L. Duckworth. Standing stately in front of the altar was a lovely poinsettia. Three red candles surrounded by Arizona cypress was beautifully arranged on top of the piano. The church will hold its regular Christmas service tonight with a special program of skits and readings to be presented along with the exchanging of gifts.

The Business Women's Bible circle of the First Baptist church met in the Home of Mrs. Charles Pierce on Thursday. A royal service program was presented at that time, the subject of which brought out the thought of Christmas in foreign lands. Parts of the program were given by Misses. Pierce, Tom Boucher, and Huron Polnac. Mrs. Pierce's daughter, Janice, then gave a reading. The hostess served refreshments of openface sandwiches, cake and hot spiced tea at the close of the service.

The program was closed with a group singing of "Silent Night, Holy Night."

SMITH-UHLMAN VOWS EXCHANGED WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

Miss Lillian Smith, daughter of Ray N. Smith of this city, and Bill Uhlman of Lubbock, exchanged wedding vows Wednesday afternoon, December 18, at 5:30 at the First Baptist church.

The beautiful double-ring ceremony was conducted by Rev. Huron Polnac, First Baptist minister, before an altar of sweetpeas and fern, flanked on each side with lighted candelabras.

Roy Smith, of Lubbock, and brother of the bride, lit the candles and Robert Smith, youngest brother of the bride, sang "I Love You Truly" preceding the ceremony. Miss Emma Hughes of Lubbock played the traditional wedding marches and also played "At Dawning" softly during the reading of the vows.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a winter white wool dress with matching hat and black accessories. She also wore a shoulder corsage of red roses. The matron of honor, Mrs. Garland Cannon of Idalou, sister of the bride, chose a dark blue gabardine suit, black accessories and a corsage of pink gladioluses. Roger Petty of Lubbock served the groom as best man.

Mrs. Uhlman graduated from Post High school in 1943 after which she attended Howard-Payne college in Brownwood for one year. She was employed at the Oldsmobile Company in Lubbock at the time of her marriage.

Mr. Uhlman was recently honorably discharged after serving for some time in the Army. He is now in business in Lubbock.

A reception was held immediately following the ceremony. Miss Estelle Hardin of Tahoka presided at the punch bowl and Mrs. Odell Cummings of this city served the lovely three-tiered wedding cake from a beautiful lace-covered table. An attractive arrangement of poinsettias flanked by white tapers served as centerpiece.

Following a short wedding trip to Santa Fe, New Mexico, the couple will make their home at 1601 Avenue J in Lubbock.

meeting.

A Christmas program will be given at the Church of the Nazarene Monday night, December 23. The service will start at 7 o'clock and will include songs and recitations by the beginners, Juniors and Intermediates. A Christmas pageant entitled "Come to Bethlehem" will be given by the Young People.

Mrs. B. Pierce returned Sunday from a week's visit with her daughter in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hodges have as their guests Mrs. Hodges' mother, Mrs. W. A. Cook of Lubbock.



- It is said that the coming year's weather may be forecasted by cocking an eye at the sky during Christmas week. Here are a few of the beliefs; conflicting in many details:
- If the sun shines through the apple tree on Christmas Day, there will be a good crop the following year.
- If ice will bear a man before Christmas, it will not bear a mouse afterwards.
- Thunder and lightning Christmas week means much snow the balance of the winter.
- Rain causes more damage than frost before than after Christmas.
- At Christmas if meadows are green, at Easter they will be covered with frost.
- If windy Christmas Day, trees will bear much fruit.
- A wet Christmas means an empty granary and barrel.
- A green Christmas makes a fat graveyard.
- A warm Christmas means a cold Easter.
- A green Christmas is followed by a white Easter.



WE adults can learn much from our children—learn how to celebrate Christmas well. Let us turn back the clock this Christmas season of 1946 and get out of Christmas all the joys that children know when they hang their stockings up.

All together now for a big, glorious Christmas, topped off with our best wishes to all of you.

Gale's Beauty Shop MARY GALE YOUNG

MERRY Christmas

AND MAY ALL YOUR DREAMS COME TRUE... IS THE WISH OF BOB AND ALL THE BUNCH AT...

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DUNCAN COFFEE CO. PAYS \$178,200 IN CHRISTMAS BONUSES

For the twenty-ninth consecutive year, Hershel M. Duncan, president of the Duncan Coffee Company and his brother, C. W. Duncan, Vice President, have awarded employees their Christmas Gift Bonus. Aggregating



H. M. DUNCAN \$178,200.00, this is the largest bonus in the history of the company. As bonus gifts were distributed, employees expressed their appreciation of the generosity of the company owners throughout the years.

In addressing the employees of the Duncan Coffee Company and associated companies, Mr. Duncan advised them to take full advantage of investing a portion of their Christmas Gift Bonus into bonds and savings.

"By investing a portion of your bonus," Mr. Duncan said, "you will help prevent inflation and this certainly is not only of prime importance to you but to each of your neighbors as well. Also, you will build up a reserve against the day when more and better merchandise becomes available for your use."

As one of the first advocates of the bonus plan, Mr. Duncan has joined other progressive leaders in the Southwest to urge strongly the division of a portion of the greater profits made possible by better and stronger employee-employer relationship. "This policy," he said, "has been one of the bulwarks of the success of our business and will make for the continued success of any business."

Day Days of

MARY CRANE emptied the last tub and stood it against the shed to drain, sighing her thanks that if she must wash clothes on Christmas Day the job was at least over and done with by noon. She had just returned to the kitchen when a knock came at the door. It was her neighbor, Hattie Jamieson, decked out in her finest.

"Aren't you the one," Hattie exclaimed, "washing clothes on Christmas Day?"

Mary conceded it wasn't the best way to pass the day, but added that it must be done.

"I wonder if you'd do me a favor?" Hattie asked. "John and Fanny have asked us to come to town for Christmas dinner and the tree tonight. You know, times were a little tough for Henry and me this year, so I took those two little State orphans to board. Now, I don't want to leave them at home alone, and Fanny wouldn't want them to come mingle with her youngsters." She sighed faintly. "Would you let them come stay with you for the evening?"

"Why, of course," Mary replied, smiling. "It will make Christmas for me, who was spendin' it alone. What time will they come?"

"Fanny's sending the car for us about five o'clock, and we'll drop them off here on the way."

After Hattie had left, Mary mused that she didn't suppose the Lord thought Fanny's children too good to mingle with these two orphans, but after a moment she realized there was much to be done. By five o'clock she had walked to the store and spent her few pennies on two tiny pair of red mittens, which were now hanging on the little spruce tree Mary had cut in the back yard. And in the kitchen a hot, hearty supper was waiting.

Mary sat in the living room, waiting. "Lucky I did that extra washing today, so I feel justified spending those pennies on the youngsters. Those children must have a Christmas, and maybe—" she sighed—"I shan't have a home another year!"

Waiting there in the old rocker, her head dropped slowly, and Mary Crane fell asleep.

"One thing I'd like to do before dinner," rich old Andrew Craig said to his wife. "S'pose there's time? You remember Mary Crane had some tough luck a few years back. She borrowed money from the bank on her house and couldn't keep up the payments. Well, the directors decided not to give her any more time."



"All tall and bright and—and beautiful."

"I couldn't help remembering our lean years, Sue, when Mary was our neighbor and worked day and night to pull you through pneumonia. So I just gathered in that debt—it was only a few hundreds—and had some papers made out to Mary. I'd kind of like to take them out to her on Christmas night."

Sue pulled his head down and kissed him. "It will take just 10 minutes to pack a basket for you to take along," she reckoned swiftly. "If you drive there and back in half an hour, you can do it. Remember, we have guests coming!"

It was snowing when Andrew alighted from the car. A lamp showed him Mary's kitchen through the window, the cheery tree, and the sleeping old lady. He tip-toed in and placed his basket on the table, papers on top. The latching of the door aroused Mary.

Her small guests rushed in a few minutes later to find Mary holding the papers to her heart, her face alight with joy.

"Merry Christmas, Mary," cried the little girl. "There was a man on your steps when we came down the lane. We saw him plain as could be!"

"You're right," said Mary. "Andrew Craig is a man, if ever there was one."

"Not the man in the fur coat," insisted the child. "It was another just behind him. All tall and bright and—and beautiful."

"Well," said Mary. "I'm not surprised. Some folks might say it was shadows and lamplight and snowflakes, but"—tapping the papers—"wherever there's things like this got on Christmas night, I'm persuaded He's there!"

It is estimated that by 1960, 40 per cent of the entire population of this country will be over forty-five years of age.

WORK PROGRESSING ON TEN NEW MILL HOUSES

Foundations for ten, of thirty houses contracted by Clayton Lumber Company of Tahoka to build for Postex mill employees, have been poured, reported Ted Clayton last week.

The pumbing has been roughed in, and the work has progressed satisfactorily the past two weeks, said the contractor. The houses are to be modern in every respect, being twenty-six by thirty-four feet in size and including four rooms, hall and bath with front and back porches. They will be fireproof, in that they will have covering throughout, plastered wall inside and stucco exterior and sheetrock ceilings with composition shingle roofs. Concrete blocks are being used for walls.

Mr. Clayton has sub-let the wiring to a Tahoka electrical firm, C. G. Franks Electric company.

The houses are being constructed on a residential plot north of the mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Byrd Move Back To Post

The Lee Byrds who sometime ago purchased a ranch in Dawson county have sold out and moved back to Post into a house which they purchased on north Taylor avenue.

Byrd, who has picked up the name of Tarzan because he moved to Tarzan community in Dawson county, plans to trade for livestock and "swap hosses," instead of returning to the ranching business. For many years before moving to Dawson county he was employed as foreman of several Garza county ranches.

Big Federal Deficit Looms In Fiscal Year

Post and Garza county people learn that when the U. S. treasury closed its books on the fifth month of the current fiscal year the federal deficit stood at \$465,806,799.

If held to this rate for the rest of the fiscal year, which will continue through next June, the deficit would come out at \$1,117,936,300—about \$782,000,000 better than the budget estimates.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Thaxton left several days ago for a holiday visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George McPherson, in El Paso.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Thomas are expecting their daughter, Mrs. Carmen Thomas, and family from Frederick, Oklahoma, to spend several days here during the holidays.

Tribal dances of the natives of Mozambique sometimes last for 36 hours.

Our senses work at their highest efficiency during the second decade of life.

Mental maturity is not reached until forty, and even continues to increase slowly until sixty.

There are 800 varieties of mistletoe grown in various parts of the world.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

To Each of You, Our Friends

Justice Shop

CHRISTMAS CHEER

Ride, Santa, ride—and leave in your track our sincerest wishes to everyone for a joyful Christmas! For your kind patronage of the past we extend our appreciation and express our desire to continue to serve you faithfully in the future.

Sincerely,
Lula Mae

Unique Beauty Shop

CHRISTMAS and FRIENDS

The Yuletide season, without friends, would be empty indeed and we are grateful for our friends. We are thankful because these friendships make our Christmas complete each year.

You have been liberal with your patronage, and you have been considerate with your favors, and from these associations comes our sincere desire to strive for better service in the future.

To wish you a Merry Christmas is a mild way we have of expressing our appreciation for our friends but we want you to realize our genuine feeling for each of you. And, while we're at it, may we assure you again that it is our expressed desire to serve you in the most efficient manner we know of in the coming year.

Each one of our personnel joins in this Greeting. May the Season be one of full happiness.

R. L. REDMAN
CONTINENTAL OIL COMPANY

CHRISTMAS JOY TO ALL

TO WISH FOR YOU LOADS OF GOOD CHEER AND HAPPINESS AT CHRISTMASTIME

Northside Grocery

Greetings

We send our warmest greetings to all our patrons for a very happy yuletide holiday.

BILLINGS STUDIO
D. B. BILLINGS

Remembering You

AT THIS GLAD TIME OF THE YEAR...

Keith Kemp Garage
KEITH KEMP

WILEY HILL TRUMAN RIDDLE
BISHOP MATHIS

To Our Friends!

We greet you at Christmastime with all the sincerity in the world. May the season hold abundant joy for each of you, our friends. And may the coming years see the fulfillment of your every ambition, hope and desire.



A HAPPY HOLIDAY

GREENFIELD HARDWARE CO.

Swing of Southwest Farm Markets

Southwest markets saw cotton gain about a cent per pound last week despite ups and downs and hogs drop near the lowest level since price decontrol. Other farm products were steady to weak, reports USDA's Production and Marketing Administration.

Sorghums gained about 10 cents per hundred last week and white corn about 3 cents per bushel. Wheat and oats declined. Barley and yellow corn held about steady. Rice remained firm under continued heavy domestic and export demand.

Bran and shorts dropped about \$2 per ton and oilseed meals declined last week as the usual pre-inventory hand-to-mouth buying resulted in limited demand.

Limited egg supplies found fair to good demand during the pre-holiday week, but prices were somewhat easy. Current receipts sold at 37 cents per dozen at Denver and around 40 to 45 at other places. Turkeys were a little lower than a week earlier as late season purchases moved mostly in local markets. Young turkey hens were quoted mostly at 35 cents per pound and young lightweight toms at 22 to 25. Chicken hens were a cent or two above a week ago, ranging from 25 to 27 cents per pound for heavy weights. Fryers held steady.

Largest run of hogs in many months arrived at southwest markets last week. Prices dropped \$2 to \$3 per hundred. Top butchers were quoted at \$20 per hundred at San Antonio and Ft. Worth; \$20.50 at Oklahoma City; \$20.60 at Wichita and \$21.25 at Denver.

Cattle prices were strong at Texas markets but steady to lower at other southwest terminals last week. Houston sold good yearlings to \$18.50 and good cows at \$13.75 to \$15 per hundred. San Antonio moved good cows at \$15 and medium to low grass and shorted steers at \$18 to \$21. Ft. Worth quoted medium and good slaughter steers and heifers at \$17 to \$23.50 and medium and good cows at \$12 to \$15. Medium to low good shorted steers and yearlings realized \$17.25 to \$19.50 at Oklahoma City. Wichita sold good light steers at \$23. Denver quoted most medium good steers at \$17 to \$27.

Happiness is a perfume which you cannot pour on others without getting a few drops on yourself.

HOCKLEY COUNTY TO BE PLACED UNDER PINK BOLLWORM QUARANTINE

The State and U. S. Department of Agriculture wish to bring to the attention of farmers, ginners, oil millers, cottonseed breeders, cotton shippers, and all others interested in the production and marketing of cotton, that an infestation of the pink bollworm has again been found in Hockley county and it has become necessary to again bring this county into the area under quarantine regulations.

Although the pink bollworm has fortunately not built up to damaging proportions in this area, it is nevertheless, a very dangerous insect pest of cotton, the major crop of the South. The active cooperation of all is solicited in carrying out, not only with reference to Hockley county, but to all the regulated area, the quarantine regulations which are designed to prevent further spread and to eradicate this pest.

No cotton, cottonseed or other quarantined products should be moved from the regulated area except under permit. Particular attention is directed at this time to the fact that planting seed may not be moved from the area without treatment and without permit. All gin trash and burs within the regulated area should be destroyed and no gin trash or burs should be carried from or used within the area in vehicles hauling livestock.

For detailed information communicate with M. C. C. Weigle, Box 148, Brownfield, Texas.

WING FOR A NIGHT AT WASSAILING TREE FETE

"Here's to thee
Old apple tree!
Whence thou mayst bud,
And whence thou mayst blow,
And whence thou mayst beat
Apples enow;
Hats full,
Caps full;
Bushels, bushels, sacks full,
And my pockets full too!
Huzza! Huzza!"

The rendering of this doggerel rhyme, followed by the passing of the cider jug, was a popular feature of Christmas during the middle 19th century at Devonshire.

This completed, the male members of the party discharged guns into a selected apple tree—said to result in bumper apple crops.

The men would then knock at the farm house door, guess as to the kind of roast in the oven. The one who guessed correctly was king for the night.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

CHALMER FOWLER

(ACCOUNTANT)

INCOME TAX SERVICE

Office . . .

Ben Williams Barber Shop

SEASON'S HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO YOU . . . AND

WE DO MEAN YOU

At this period we feel that our sincere good wishes should be extended to our friends and customers. We earnestly hope that your Christmas Season will be filled with good cheer and pleasantness.

SORGEE BARBER SHOP



When we ventured into business in this town, we knew just a handful of people. But in a very short time we have gotten to know everyone and to really feel this community is "Home." That's all the reason we need to feel merry this Christmas, while we sincerely wish you the season's joy.

Your patronage is sincerely appreciated.

PLAINS LUMBER COMPANY

MIDLAND MAN IS NAMED TO STATE HIGHWAY POST

Governor-elect Beauford H. Jester has announced his selection of Fred Wemple, 35, of Midland as West Texas' next representative on the State Highway Commission.

Wemple, who is now serving as a member of the state board of education, will succeed Reuben Williams of Dallas and Fort Worth. He will not resign his present office until January 15.

Declaring the State Highway department can anticipate fairly well what funds it will have available in the future—now that the constitutional "good roads" amendment has been passed—Jester said he plans to meet with the commission, the state highway engineer and his technical assistants to map a long-range, master plan for the state highway system.

Wemple has served as president of the Texas good roads association.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a doll, a ring and a doctor set. Please bring my little brother a football, a telephone and some candy and nuts.

Marthans Cearley

MERRY CHRISTMAS

WINDOW SHOPPING—

(Continued From Front Page)

told in Section 2.

"Folks, Fun and Food" we found to be the climax on our "shopping tour." Time prevented this section from extending all over the forms so if you and your company are not listed blame it on the hustle, bustle and rush of the season.

A happy Yule to one and all, To rich and poor, to great and small,

To lean and plump, demure and bold,

To young and middle-aged and old,

To grandmas, grandpas, aunts and mothers,

To fathers, uncles, brothers . . .

A Merry Christmas Everyone!

ROBERTS-HESTER VOWS READ SATURDAY NIGHT

Marriage vows were exchanged between Verna Roberts, daughter of Mrs. Mimmie Shepherd, and Dale Hester, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hester, on Saturday night.

Rev. I. A. Smith, pastor of the Methodist church, performed the ceremony at 7:30 o'clock.

Serving the bride as maid of honor was Miss Frances Shepherd. Glen Day served as best man.

They All Go Together To Make Christmas

Off to see their grandchildren and enjoy the association of their son, Ralph, and his wife for a week were Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Manis. They left Sunday for Baytown. The young couple are former Postites.

Arriving Saturday night for a ten-day holiday visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Giles Connell were Mrs. Blanche Dalby of Fort Worth and son, Giles, from Peacock Military Academy of San Antonio. Giles will have as his guest Rene Picado of Costa Rico, who is also a student in the Academy.

That cute bunch of Hamblens, the mother, father and two children, Nancy and Ralph, are spending the holidays in O'Donnell with her parents.

Dr. and Mrs. B. E. Young, Gene and Beverly, will have as their guests on Christmas Day Dr. Young's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Young of Lubbock.

Joining members of the J. F. Maxey family for a family get-together during the holidays will be former Postites, Ruth and Roy Holland, and daughter, Gyndolyn. The Hollands now reside in Muleshoe.

Mrs. W. R. Graeber is making preparations for the customary family gathering at her home on Christmas Day. To enjoy the day with her will be her house-guests, her sister, Mrs. Nellie Allmon, and nephew, Carl Allmon of Carbondale, Ill., who are spending the winter here; Miss Effie Presson, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Presson and Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Presson, all of Post; and Miss Wilma "Boo" Presson of Dallas, Kent Presson of Washington, and Glendon Presson of Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Sogree are expecting their son, L. D. Stevens, Jr., and Mrs. Stevens, of Lubbock, to spend a few days here with them and their daughter, Mrs. Darwood Billings, Mr. Billings and two children. The O. D. Cardwells will join them for a family dinner.

Excitement is at fever pitch in the S. C. Storie home as the Storie's two little blond-haired granddaughters, five and six years old, of Lubbock are on "pins and needles" waiting for Santa Claus to make his appearance. Mrs. W. T. Savage and the two children arrived Sunday for the holiday visit. Others who will be guests on Christmas day when the arrival of Santa is expected will be S. C. Storie Junior and family and Mr. Savage.

The 2R ranch, home of Novis, Helen and little Nonnie Rodgers, will be the scene of a family Christmas tree and dinner on Christmas day. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Griffith of Lubbock and Mrs. Irene Rodgers will go from here and it is believed that Helen's mother and father, the Hugh Borens, of Snyder will join them all there for the day.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Roush and Martha are entertaining Mrs. Roush's sister, Mrs. Waldo Huggins, and Mr. Huggins of Fort Worth and their daughter of Santa Rosa California, during the holidays.

Going to Amarillo to spend Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Leroy McCrary and children, will be Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Richardson, sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Preston Mathis and daughter, Willie Ann.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ricker of Kansas City, Mo., arrived in Post Saturday at noon where they will spend a week here at their home with their children. Mr. Ricker is working in Kansas City this year.

The E. F. Carpenter home will be the scene of another family dinner. After observing Christmas tree celebrations in their respective homes early in the morning, the Ralph Carpenter and children, the W. R. Carpenters and their children and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Bratcher will all go to their parents home for the annual dinner.

The youngest member of the Kerna Young family is looking forward with childish impatience to Santa's visit. The Youngs will go to Lamesa for a two or three day holiday with Mr. Young's parents. Other members of the family will join them there where a family tree and dinner are scheduled.

As is the custom each year Mr. and Mrs. Tom Boucher and Ronnie are hosts with a family dinner on Christmas Day. Mrs. Boucher's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Shirley, her brother, Joe Shirley, and his family of Lubbock, and Mrs. A. W. Boucher will spend the day in the Boucher home.

Combining a Christmas celebration with a hunting trip the Embry Williams family are in Del Rio where they are visiting in the ranch home of Gulf Williams. Relatives from Wichita Falls joined Mr. and Mrs. Williams and E. W. here and all completed the trip to South Texas together.

The Ira Lee Duckworths and daughter, Mary Margaret, will have as guests Christmas Day, Mr. and Mrs. Shelley Camp and Roger and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Duckworth.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Duckworth had as guests on Sunday her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Covey, of Lubbock. The Coveys will have their annual holiday dinner on New Year's day and the Duckworths plan to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Claiborne arrived in Post Saturday for several days visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam West.

The Lee Davis home will ring with laughter and fun as the children and very young grandchildren gather there for a week's visit together. Sally and Charles Luttrell and young daughter arrived Sunday from Oakland, California, Sue and Jess Cornell and two young sons are here from Rowell, New Mexico, to join Sol and Doris and young son, and Buddy at the Davis home.

"My Home on the Range," ranch home of Mrs. John B. Slaughter, will be the scene of a family dinner on Christmas Day with Mrs. John B. Slaughter as hostess. Guests will be Mr. and Mrs. John Lott and children, Jack, Linda and Patty of Post and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Welborn of Lubbock.

Exchanging of gifts around a beautifully decorated tree in the L. G. Thuet, jr. home on Christmas morning is being looked forward to with much eagerness by the W. H. Kenly and A. F. McGlaun, Jr. families of Tahoka, and the Alvin Young, L. P. Baker and L. G. Thuet, Sr. families all of Post and Garza county. Following the annual tree ceremony, Consequence and L. G., Jr. will be hosts with a big Christmas dinner.

Guests for several days of the Bob Warrens are Alene and Tom Gates and daughter Ann of Lubbock.

A pre-Christmas reunion was held Sunday, December 22, in the G. W. Norris home when members of the family met together. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Norris of Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. O'Dell of Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Rayner of Big Spring and Mr. and Mrs. Al Norris of Post.

Dr. and Mrs. D. C. Williams and son, Buddy, left Saturday for Fort Worth where they will join their daughters, Betty and Lois Frances, in the home of Mrs. Williams' sister, Mrs. Cecil Matthews, for a Christmas reunion. Lois Frances, her husband and young son will fly from their home in Rayne, La. Betty who is a student in TSCW in Denton arrived in Fort Worth Saturday. She will return to Post with her parents before going back to college.

The Jim Hundley family, Jim, Mae and Jimmy, will "fly away" somewhere Christmas so big Jim said early this week. The Hundley's recently purchased a "Cessna 140" plane and are thoroughly enjoying these flying trips to far off places when holidays make a trip possible.

Preparations for the traditional Christmas tree and other customs long practiced by the L. A. Barrow children are being completed by Mrs. Barrow and her oldest daughter, Mrs. J. M. Lane of Lubbock who arrived here Sunday and accompanied her mother to the Barrow ranch. Others who are joining them today and tomorrow are Mrs. Barrow's other daughters, Mrs. H. B. Taylor and her husband and daughter of Pampa, and Mrs. Earl Perser and her husband of Carlsbad, N. M. Mr. Lane will also join the family group.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dale and children will go to Mr. Dale's brother's home near Lubbock for Christmas Day.

The G. R. Day home will be the scene of a gay family gathering when children of the Superintendent and his wife arrive here for annual Christmas festivities. In addition to the children at home others who will be here are Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Lewis of Brownfield and Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Gordon and two daughters of Idalou.

M. H. Hutto, Jr. and wife and children will spend Christmas Day in Lubbock with Mrs. M. H. Hutto, sr.

Dean Robinson and daughters, Dickie and Billie, who arrived home Saturday from TSCW in Denton, left Sunday for Fort Sumner where they will spend a week in the home of his sister.

Members of the Lee Bowen family who are still at home and Carol who is a student of Hardin-Simmons University and who arrived home Saturday will go to Electra Monday at noon. A reunion is being held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Pace in that city. Mrs. Bowen and Mrs. Pace are sisters.

Mrs. Ira Weekley is spending the holidays in Albuquerque, New Mexico, with Lois Ruth and Frank Lanotte and little granddaughter, Mary Katherine.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Boucher and son, Tommy, will spend Christmas with Tommy's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Strayhorn, in Snyder.

Matches should be kept in a covered metal container where children cannot reach them.

DISPATCH...
Classified Ads

First insertion, per word _____ 2c
Each additional insertion, per word _____ 1c
Minimum, each insertion _____ 25c
Cards of Thanks, per word _____ 2c
Minimum, Card of Thanks _____ 50c

All Classifieds Should Be In Our Office Not Later Than Wednesday Noon.

PLEASE SEND CASH WITH AD

FOR SALE—

FOR SALE— New 30 gallon hot water heater, \$85.00. See Earl Hodges. tfc

FOR SALE— Model A Ford. Elmo Bush, Route 3, Post, Texas. 2tp

FOR SALE— Dearborn heater, medium size, practically new. Uses natural gas. Walnut color. Call 96J. 2tc

FOR SALE— Good four wheel trailer, grain bed and side planks for hauling cotton. Also one Surge Milker. Mrs. J. E. Robinson, Route 3, Post, Texas. 3tc

FOR SALE— 6 room frame remodeled house. 2nd house north O. L. Wilkison Lumber yard. Contact Norman Hoffman, Texas Tech, 2406B - 10th St., phone 24156, or see Power Bros, White Auto Store, Post. tfc

FOR SALE— Motor Grader and Bulldozing Work see Homer Gordon at Gordon Flower Shop, phone 26W. tfc

FOR SALE— New 6-room house with bath, 2 blocks west of high school. W. G. Brookshire. 3tp

FOR SALE— Six-foot Norge electric refrigerator, see Homer McCrary. tfc

FOR SALE— New 8 cu. ft. Kerosene Burning Refrigerator. See T. O. Porter, Plains Lumber Company. 4tp

FOR SALE— 80 ft. well pipe, sucker rod and mill head, heavy duty 1-2 horse electric motor. Also good bundle feed, extra big bundles. See O. H. Hoover, Post, Route 3. 4tp

FOR SALE— Boy's Bicycle, good condition. Can be seen at Lanotte's Furniture Store No. 2 or call Jack Kennedy. 2p

24-Hour Kodak Finishing— One 5x7 Enlargement Free with each roll of film processed by BILLINGS STUDIO. tfc

FOR SALE— Modern 5-room house and bath. Built-in cabinet, two lots. Earl Rogers. tfc

FOR SALE— Practically new electric sewing machine. Console model. See Mrs. Henry Wheatley, 3-4 mile south of Pleasant Valley. 1tp

FOR RENT—

FOR RENT— Large bedroom for rent. Back entrance, adjoining bathroom. Mrs. R. Hardin. tfc

MISCELLANEOUS—

HOUSEKEEPER WANTED— Apply at Giles Dining Room. tfc

24-Hour Kodak Finishing— One 5x7 Enlargement Free with each roll of film processed by BILLINGS STUDIO. tfc

(Continued From Front Page) accounts for almost one-fourth of the total for the 15 counties, and six other counties account for nearly 90 per cent of the total cotton produced in the area. The other six are Crosby, Dawson, Hale, Hockley, Lamb and Lynn. Garza county had a total of 743 bales ginned to December 1, as compared to 632 ginned to the same date of last year.

Geneva Voss of Abilene, daughter of Mrs. Jessie Voss of this city, arrived Monday to be here during the Christmas holidays. Another daughter, Mrs. Joe Anderson and husband of Seminole, will also spend Christmas here with Mrs. Voss.

Alsharea Pierce of TCU is spending the holidays with her parents. Junior play, Dec. 19. Keep the money. If found return to Mrs. Surman Clark. 1tp

GARZA DEC. 25 - JAN. 2

Wednesday and Thursday DEC. 25 - 26
YOUR CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT . . .
FROM BACKSTREET TO MANSION!

Lighthearted romance . . . with sparkling Ginger as a footloose nobody whose heart got caught in a dream-boat man (and rich, too!)

GINGER ROGERS
JEAN PIERRE AUMONT
ADOLPHE MENJOU

"HEART BEAT"
Plus . . . "POPEYE" CARTOON

Friday and Saturday Dec. 27 - 28
2 SHOWS FOR THE PRICE OF 1

WARNER BAXTER **JOHNNY MACK** **BROWN**
CRIME DOCTOR'S MAN HUNT **SHADOWS OF THE RANGE**
HATTON

Sunday and Monday Dec. 29 - 30

DENNIS MORGAN **HERE They are!!!** **JACK CARSON**
WARNER'S TWO-RIFIC HIT!! **TWO GUYS FROM MILWAUKEE**

JOAN LESLIE **JANIS PAIGE** **S. Z. SAKALL** **PATTI BRADY**
PARAMOUNT NEWS — CARTOON

TUESDAY ONLY Dec. 31

COLUMBIA'S **THE ROUSHER HOISHOYS**
LONE STAR **MOONLIGHT**

Play — "WAHOO" — Too!

TUESDAY — 11:15 P. M. — Dec. 31
New Year's Eve Midnight Show

RIVERBOAT RHYTHM
FRANKIE CARLE **LEON ERROL**

FUN FOR ALL **ALL FOR FUN**
Get Up A Party . . . Welcome In The New Year Here

Wednesday and Thursday Jan. 1 - 2
A STAR IS BORN
"BUTCH" IS TERRIFIC!
Not since "Boy's Town," such a thrilling adventure of youth's hopes and triumphs, conflicts and laughter.

"BOYS' RANCH"
JACKIE "BUTCH" JENKINS
James Craig - Shippy Hemeler - Dorothy Patrick

CHRISTMAS
At It's Best . . .



It is the duty and obligation of every American to make this the best Christmas of them all. It's going to be a big job, it's true, but for the sake of the sacrifices that have been made and because it's the neighborly and friendly thing to do, it is our job to make every effort to enjoy the full blessings of Christmas.

All of our loved ones cannot be home but may we keep in our thinking the idea of Christmas as it should be, and to observe it accordingly. That is the way those who will be absent would have it.

Let's be happy and considerate at Christmas and let us strive to maintain this same attitude through the months of the new year. It will make for a happier living for all.

Best wishes for the Yuletide and a host of good things for the year just approaching.

RICKER'S LAUNDRY SERVICE
HAZEN R. RICKER

HAPPY HOLIDAY GREETINGS!

It Has Been A Pleasure To Serve You.
Thank You For Your Patronage.

CARMICHAEL VARIETY STORE
Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Carmichael

SECTION THREE

THE POST DISPATCH

*"You Can't Compromise
With Quality Nor With
Dependability"*



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Motor Company

"There's A Ford In Your Future"

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RED AND GREEN CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

The use of green at Christmas time is understandable when it is recalled that the idea of decking churches, houses, shops, etc., centers around the use of evergreen. This custom antedates the Christian era and apparently is a survival of the Roman Saturnalia when inhabitants of Rome ornamented their temples and dwellings with green boughs.

Red, which is regarded as the most cheerful of all colors, is said to react most quickly on the optic nerve. Decorations available at the winter solstice include holly, the berries of which are red.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

WOTS THIS!!



IT'S A PICTURE . . . of something new, loud and sweet. Come to think of it, Radio Station KSEL is new loud and sweet, too. Did someone say "little"? Well, KSEL is not. It is the South Plains' only 1,000 watt radio station.

KSEL 950 ON YOUR DIAL
THE SOUTH PLAINS
Newest Radio Station

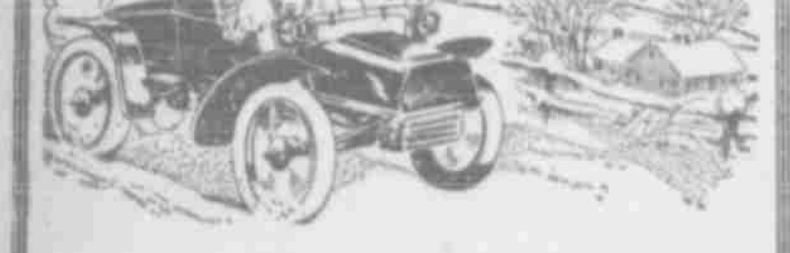


ONCE AGAIN
MERRY CHRISTMAS

May
countless blessings
bring true joy
to
you and yours
at
Christmastime.

ARBETH'S
Beauty Shop

Old Fashioned Yuletide Greetings



• It isn't always stylish to be old fashioned, but there are times when it's very genuine—and Christmas is one of them. Yes, folks, we wish you an old-fashioned Christmas this year . . . the best one of them all!

NORRIS
Radio Service

Mistletoe Distinct As Yule Decoration

Mistletoe, that distinctive Christmas green so common in many parts of America, is usually thought of as merely good holiday decoration or as a creditor of open season on ladies fair for otherwise bashful swains.

Mistletoe did not always hold this position in our lives. The Druids called it "all-heal," and thought it held many miraculous virtues. The Scandinavians dedicated it to their goddess of love, Frigg. Probably this goddess of love is responsible for the custom of kissing under the mistletoe.



The power to heal, to protect against sickness, to perform magic deeds—all these and more are the qualities ascribed to this plant in legends, traditions and even in ancient histories and literature.

Mistletoe is a parasite, which infests branches of various trees of both hardwood and conifers, but mainly on hardwoods. One species is found exclusively, however, on conifers.

Among the Celts and others mistletoe which grew from the oak was considered to have peculiar magical virtues not possessed by that from any other trees. Some even considered it so rare as to be only cut with a gold knife.

Another old tradition is that the mistletoe supplied the wood for the holy cross, as previous to that time it was a forest tree but after the crucifixion was condemned to exist only as a dwarf parasite.

Mistletoe was taken over into the Christian tradition in due course and dedicated to the Christ Child. An old rhyme reads:

The mistletoe bough
At our Christmas board
Shall hang to the honor
Of Christ our Lord.

Edible Manger In Ukraine Rituals

In the Ukraine an elaborate Christmas Eve supper breaks a 29-day fast during which no meat has been eaten. Twelve courses are served, one for each of the twelve Apostles: buckwheat and mushroom soup, pancakes in flax, prunes, fish, bread, and nuts are included in the menu.

An additional course of honey and porridge is also served; called Kouzia, the dish represents the holy crib; the porridge represents the straw—as in the manger—and the Holy Infant is symbolized by honey and fruit; the honey is also considered symbolic of the spirit and blood of the Saviour.

GAY POT HOLDERS

Use colorful scraps of left-over materials to make gay little animal head pot holders. Embroider with bits of floss and you've some ideal gifts for holiday giving, church bazaar, bride prizes—and for your own kitchen.

Macy houses/ives make up their own designs and find it a very interesting pastime.

The total production of dry lima beans in 1945 was 262 million pounds.

A Volunteer Santa Speaks His Heart

"I know what it is to be a disappointed kid on Christmas morning—"

"I always wanted a boat, but my folks were poor and I never got one—that's why I became Santa Claus, I guess."



Volunteers of America worker plays hostess to some of the organization's Santas.

"Working for the Volunteers of America, I've played Santa to thousands of youngsters during the last 16 years. I read a lot of minds, too, during the depression when people plodded past my cardboard chimney; folks are happy now and the carols, that gave them a far-away look while war almost blacked out the Christmas Spirit, make them smile and drop coins in the chimney."

"It's fun to have a part in the happy Christmases of so many youngsters. Most of those that I see come downtown with their mothers, and I try to get a nod of approval before I make any definite promises—kinda make sure the kids won't be disappointed."

"Just the same, I can't help thinking about the kids I never see who want dolls 'nd dishes, drums and sleds, picture books, skates, trains . . . and boats; what a lot of helpers Santa needs to see that all these things get to the right places at the right time!"

"Wish we could be sure there will be no broken hearts this Christmas."

WOOLEN SOCKS

The active high school crowd needs lots of socks—so make up some woolen ones in white, navy blue, maroon, brown or gray. Almost any knitting book gives simple instructions for making of these popular items.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

TEXAS CASH FARM INCOME SHOWS GAIN OVER LAST YEAR

Texas cash farm income as estimated by the Bureau of Business Research of The University of Texas for the first ten months of 1946 totaled approximately \$1,018,980,000, an increase of 11 per cent over the same period of 1945. For the first seven months of 1946 the total of farm income was less than for the corresponding period of 1945, but for the past three months income has been substantially above 1945.

The increased flow of cash to the farmers of the state has been an important factor in maintaining the high level of sales in rural areas at a time when department and apparel store sales after adjustment for seasonal variation have declined in the larger cities of the state.

Five of the state's 17 major reporting districts doubled their September income in October. Substantial gains ranging from 21 to 92 per cent were reported in 5 other districts. Lowest gains for the month occurred in the Edwards Plateau and the Southern Texas Prairies with 11 per cent and 3 per cent respectively.

Only the Lower Rio Grande Valley failed to show an increase in October this year over a year ago, although gains ranged from 11 per cent in the Southern Texas Prairies to 112 per cent in the Trans-Pecos. Valley income was held down in October by the late start in citrus shipments and the weak price situation.

Increases in income for the January-October 1946 period over the corresponding months of 1945 varied from 1 per cent in the Coastal Prairies to 47 per cent in the Trans-Pecos district. The only district in which farm income has lagged thus far this year has been in the East Texas Timbered Plains where a decline of 8 per cent has been recorded.

During the past five years an average of over 115,000,000 bushels of apples a year were produced commercially with an annual value of \$170,000,000.

The only foreign trip George Washington ever took was to the island of Barbados in the West Indies.

DON'T SCRATCH!

Dorham's Paracide Ointment is guaranteed to relieve itching accompanying Eczema, Rash, Fleas, Ordinary Itch and other minor skin irritations—or purchase price refunded. Large 2-ounce jar only 40c at

R. H. COLLIER DRUG

WISHING YOU
A
JOYOUS CHRISTMAS

It has been our pleasure to enjoy many happy experiences in this community each year. The one we enjoy most of all, perhaps, is the opportunity of sending Christmas Greetings to all those fine friends of ours. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated and we are mindful of your friendships when we extend to you our sincerest wishes for a bright and cheerful Christmas.



Southland Hardware

G. W. BASINGER DOWE MAYFIELD
LEWIS PRICE J. R. KING

Merry Christmas

Every facility of our store and every effort of our personnel is directed to make your shopping wholly enjoyable the year round.

Pure Food Market

BAKE - "DAD" - BILL



SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN



MERRY CHRISTMAS

A SPECIAL TRIP FOR ST. NICHOLAS

Santa is making a special trip this year, and he's coming direct to your home laden with merry Christmas wishes from us to you.

Lakeview Service Station

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hill

Yuletide Gift for Listeners



• Left Inset: Don Ameche, master of ceremonies, and comedian Bob Hope.

• Top Right: Lovely Songstress Ginny Simms.

• Lower Right: The Bergen family—Mortimer Snerd, Charlie McCarthy and Edgar Bergen.

Another two-hour entertainment-packed broadcast of music, comedy and drama will highlight Elgin Watch's fifth anniversary "Two Hours of Stars" Christmas Day show (CBS, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. CST).

This traditional program will headline such well-known personalities as Bob Hope, Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy, Victor Borge, Cass Daley, Ginny Simms, Roy Rogers, Sons of the Pioneers and many others who will be added before air time. Don Ameche again will be heard as master of ceremonies, with Ken Carpenter announcing, and Lou Bring and his orchestra carrying the musical honors. The show will be shortwaved to the American troops overseas.

The chimpanzee more than any other animal resembles man.

Topaz is the symbol of cheerfulness and pleasant dreams.

Turkey has organizations similar to our Girl Scouts.

Belgrade for centuries owes its importance to its commanding position on the Danube waterway.

Many home fires start in waste paper baskets when ash trays are carelessly dumped.

Letters to... Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 3 1-2 years old. Please bring me a doll house with a kitchen, for I have all the other furnishings, a tricycle, and a bride doll. Coeri wants a rocking chair and a little black dog to pull.

We are trying to be good little girls, but sometimes it is awfully hard to do. Thank you for a happy Christmas.
Carolyn and Cheryl Moore

Dear Santa Claus: I am five years old, and I have been a very good little girl this year. I would like for you to bring me a doll buggy, sewing machine, and a pair of house slippers. Yours truly,
Sherry Custer

Dear Santa Claus: My little brother and I are writing you to tell you what we want for Christmas. My little brother wants a wagon and a train, and I want a doll and ear muffs, and think of the other little children. Yours truly

Dear Santa Claus: I am so anxious to see and talk to you. Mother told me you were going to be at the Christmas tree we are to have at our school. I'm sure going to be there too. I want to tell you what all I want for Christmas, if you have them to spare.

In case, something should happen that I wasn't there, sick or else, you try and bring me a big red wagon with rubber tires, most of all I would also like to have a cap gun, one that shoots loud, a toy train, and then just whatever you have to spare. I love you, and am anxious to see you every Christmas.
Jerry Trice

P. S.—Santa, please don't forget my mother.

Dear Santa Claus: I am writing to you so you know what my little brother and I want for Christmas.

I want a football, a gun, a little banjo and big red balloon, and Robert wants some little rubber toys and a baby swing, you can leave us some candy, nuts and fruit, and don't forget all the other little boys and girls.

Allen S. and Robert Johnson
Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a rubber doll, a set of dishes, and a little truck and some fruit, candy and nuts.
Shelia Morris

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a sparkling tank, deluxe service station, Lok Jocks and a weather house. Do not forget some candy and nuts. Please remember the other little boys and girls.
Dan E. Cochrum

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a pair of skates, a train, a doll, and a junior excavator. Please remember all of my little friends too.
Don Davies

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a little dump truck, a toy bandgo, that I can play, and some tinkertoys. I would like to have some oranges, and apples and lots of candy and nuts. Love,
Ronnie Claude Graves

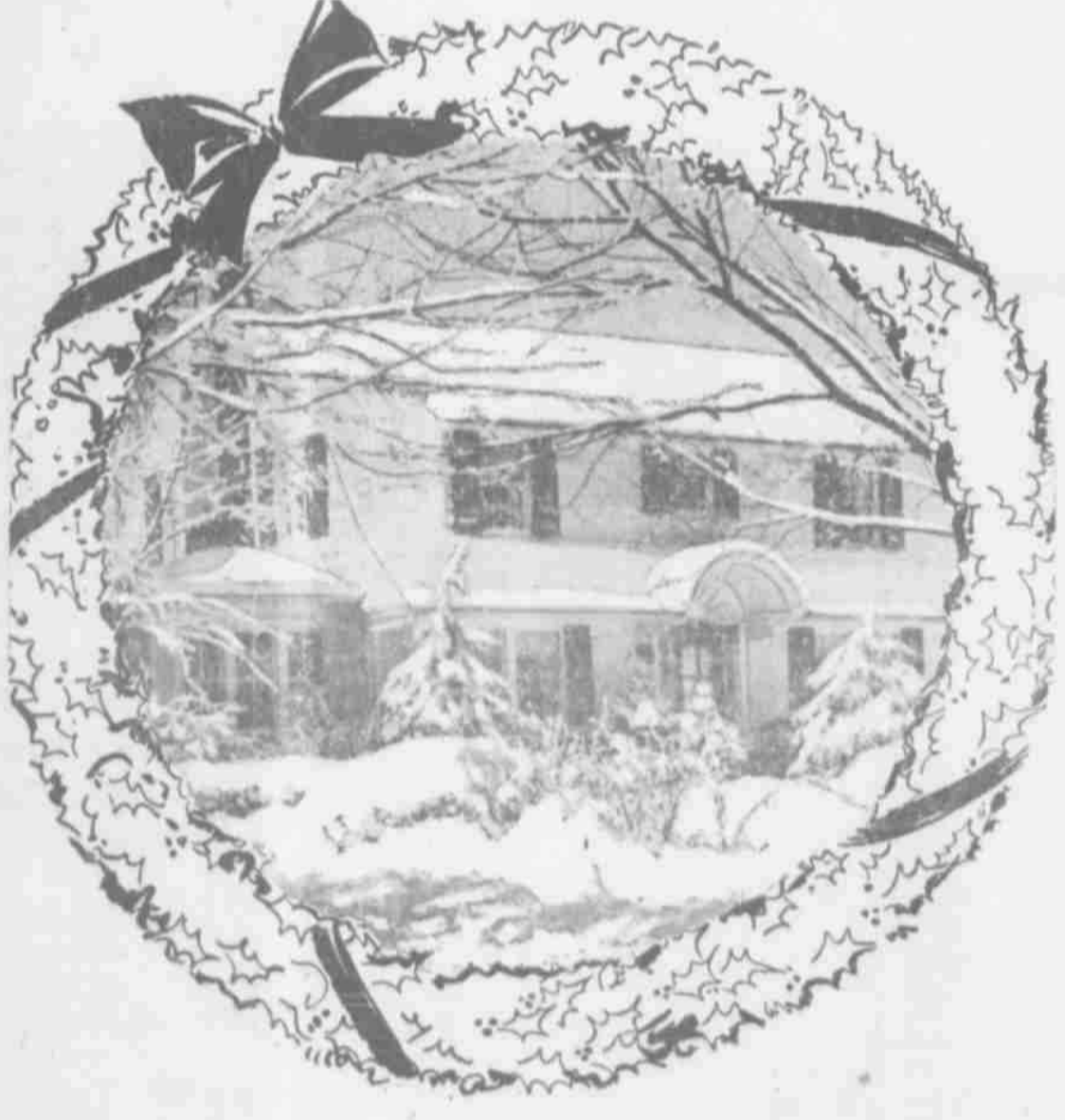
Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a little sewing machine, a doll and paint set and a little ironing board for my little sister and I.
Beverly Sharon Bartlett



Ho! Ho! for Christmas!

Merrily, merrily, jolly good friends, and a grand and glorious holiday to you all!

B. C. MANIS
Blacksmith & Welding



IT'S A PLEASANT CUSTOM AT
CHRISTMAS

It is a very pleasant, cheering custom to renew friendly associations during the Yuletide season by extending to you our sincere wishes for a Happy Christmas.

We like to think of each of you as a friend and that our success, whatever it may be, is just a reflection of yours.

Our wish is that these friendly associations have been as pleasant to you as they have been to us. May the coming months bring you a large share of prosperity and happiness.

Hudman Furniture Co.

It's Our
GOOD FORTUNE

to Have Friends Like You

We consider ourselves fortunate indeed to have the fine friendships that have been ours to enjoy in this community. Because we value these associations we look forward to the Christmas season. It gives us a splendid opportunity to express our appreciation for all past favors and to wish you all the good things we can think of and which are deservedly yours.

... and We Are Truly Grateful!

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During the second decade of our life we taste more lustily, hear more sharply, see more acutely, and have finer control of our muscular coordinations than during any other decade.

Research reveals that mill hands over sixty years of age experience only half as many accidents as those in their early twenties.

Prof. Thomas G. Masaryk was still the grand and vigorous leader of his country at eighty-seven years of age.

Dear Santa Claus:
I'm writing you this letter so you won't forget me this year. I live in a different house this year, but I'm sure you can find it. I've been a good boy and so has Joe, my little brother. I want you to bring me a big red wagon, a gun and scabbard, and a cowboy suit. Bring Joe a tricycle, a gun and scabbard and a cowboy suit. Please don't forget all the other little boys and girls, and don't forget my mother and daddy.
Love to Santa.
Tommy and Joe Martin

Dolls And Footballs Head List Of Southland Kiddies

Uniformity in taste in the listing of gifts wanted for Christmas will be noted in the Santa Claus letters from the Southland kiddies. Most of the girls want dolls, fruits and nuts, while the majority of boys want footballs.

One child forgot to sign his or her name and listed both boys and girls items, but we have a feeling Old Santa is psychic and will know just the chimney to climb down to deliver the items.

Dear Santa Claus:
Will you please bring me some boots, a gun and some candy, fruit and nuts. Your friend,
Jim Ross Stotta

Dear Santa Claus:
I am six years old. Please bring me a doll and some candy. Your friend,
Sandra Spence

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a girl six years old. Please bring me a doll and fruit, nuts and candy. Your friend,
Shirley Donaboo

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a train, football and plenty of candy, fruit and nuts. Thank you.
Claude Roper

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a girl 7 years old. I would like to have a bicycle, a telephone, a doll bed, wagon and lots of fruit, nuts and candy. Love
Barbara Gay Wheatley

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a bracelet, a ring, a locket, bicycle and boots and set of dishes, and lots of fruit, nuts and candy. Love,
Kay Anderson

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a girl seven years old. I would like you to bring me a bicycle, and doll, and lots of fruit and candy. Love
Karen Gail Penneil

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a girl six years old. Please bring me a doll, and fruit, nuts, and candy. Your friend
Linda Lee Davis

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a girl six years old. Please bring me a doll and fruit, nuts and candy. Your friend,
Linda Ann Haliburton

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me tinker toys, identification bracelet, train, football, truck, telephone, doll, and ring and locket.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a football and anything else you think I would like. Your friend,
Delmar Wilke

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a girl six years old. Please bring me a bicycle and fruit, nuts and candy. Your friend,
Josephine Reyes

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a football and anything else you think I would like. Your friend,
Mac Cisneros

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a truck and anything else you think I would like. Your friend,
Jerry Gary

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a train and anything else you think I would like.
Noel Dan Norman

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a tinker tots and anything else you think I would like.
Paul Wheatley

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a bicycle, your friend.
Jerry Basinger

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a girl six years old. Please bring me a doll and fruit and nuts. Your friend. A set of dishes to.
Linda Fay Marsh

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a truck and anything else you think of. Your friend,
Chris Gindorf

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a pair of boots and a football and some fruit, nuts and candy. Love,
Gilbert Becker

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a train and lots of fruit, nuts and candy. Your friend,
Ronnie Webb

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a set of dishes and anything else you think I would like. Your friend,
Arla Mae Neugebauer

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a football and anything else you think I would like. Your friend,
Robert Pinkert

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a football and anything else you think I would like. Your friend,
James Thomas Brooks

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a train and anything else you think I would like. Your friend,
Jerry Hitt

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a tinker-toys, identification bracelet, train and plenty of candy, fruit and nuts.
Weldon Pruitt

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a football and three little red cars and anything you would like to bring me. Your friend,
Scotty Lee Brown

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me some boots and plenty of candy, fruit and nuts. Thank you. I am seven.
Alfred Blissard

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a football and anything else you think I would like. Your friend,
Billy Don Davis

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a girl nine years old. I would like to have lots of fruit, nuts and candy. I want a set of dishes. Love
Betty Joe Moore

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a wagon and football, and gun and train and plenty of candy, fruit and nuts.
Joe Clinton Moore

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a girl seven years old. I would like to have a telephone and doll. Love
Carolyn Sue Kasinger

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a girl six years old. I would like to have a doll and trunk with doll clothes in it and lots of fruit, nuts and candy. Love
Fay Nell Wiley

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a girl seven years old. I would like to have a ring and locket and lots of fruit, nuts and candy. Love,
Edith Moore

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a football and a bicycle and plenty of candy, fruit, and nuts. Thank you. I am seven. Love,
Hargid Wayne Donahoe

A recent study among a group of men and women workers in their fifties revealed that 25 per cent had better vision than the average man in his twenties.



Kind remembrances at Christmastime. May the Christmas of 1946 be among the most joyous you have ever known.

The American Cafe Will Be Closed On Christmas Day In Order To Give All The Employees A Holiday.

THE AMERICAN CAFE

BEST WISHES



for a Season of

GENUINE HAPPINESS

It's time for Santa again and we're sure you are busy getting ready for him. Please take a moment to accept our greetings on this glad occasion. Our Christmas is complete only when we have taken the opportunity to renew our pledge of friendship to each of those whom we have been in a position to serve the past twelve months. We wish you the best of everything.

Dodson's Jewelry

R. B. and BEATRICE DODSON
LUCILLE MORRIS

FARM FOR SALE

We are offering the last of the Post City Water Works farm land for sale—a little over 400 acres immediately North of the original wells. A splendid tract of land, very well improved, and will be sold between now and the first of the year.

See **DOUBLE U COMPANY**

Thanks, Friends. MERRY CHRISTMAS 1946



MAY THE TREASURE OF ACCUMULATED MEMORIES of Christmases past and gone gladden your Christmas celebration this year. We wish for you all the good things for which Christmas has always stood.

N. J. Lanotte
FURNITURE COMPANY

Old Fashioned Christmas Greetings 1946

For us oldsters, it is memory that makes up Christmas—memories of the old days when grandma managed the Christmas feast, and friends dropped in for a chat.

We are happy to say that among our most treasured memories are the many Christmas celebrations we have seen come and go, and the friends we have kept with us during all the years. A Merry Christmas to all of you!

T. L. JONES
ICE COMPANY

Merry Christmas Folks



The snowman will fade as the weather warms, and you soon we forget the joys of Christmas and its mellowing effect upon our lives. It is our hope that this Christmas of 1946 will bring you many a blessing in the weeks and months ahead.

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LAUNDRY

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SEASON'S GREETINGS...



We wish to express our sincere appreciation for your friendship during the past year . . . and look forward with pleasure to the opportunity of serving you thruout the New Year.

... All of Us at the Garza Theatre

Christmas, with all its joys and happiness, is here again, bringing the spirit of peace and contentment into the lives of those about us. At no other time of the year do we find the feeling of good will and good fellowship as much in evidence as during this glad occasion.

May we take advantage of the occasion to express our own sentiments and to wish you the compliments of the season. Our thoughts are with our friends and we are hoping for them a grand Christmas and we want this to be the merriest of Christmas greetings.

THE
MERRIEST
of
CHRISTMAS
GREETINGS
to Our Friends
and Customers!

SOUTHSIDE GROCERY

Roy and Uoda

Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll, some little dishes and a little rocking chair. Love
Rebecca Janice Moreman

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl two years old, and I want you to bring me a table, chairs, baby doll and dishes. And fill my sock with fruit, candy and nuts. Please don't forget all the other boys and girls.
Billye Ruth Hill

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good boy. I am a little boy three years old. Will you please bring me a tractor, big truck, airplane and fire truck and please bring my brother some fire works and a bicycle.
Yours truly,
Darrell Cash Owings and Melton Welch

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy four years old and I would like for you to bring me an electric train, dump truck, and a wagon. Please remember my little brother, Danny. He will like to have a pretty rattler.
Larry Don Richardson

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy seven years old. I go to school and like to read. Please Santa will you bring me a toy farm, a carpenter set, and candy, nuts and fruit. Be especially nice to all sick boys and girls.
I'll be looking for you, so by,
Wesley E. Sanders,
Abilene, Texas, rt. 5

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy five years old. I want you to bring me a big truck, a tractor and a gun. I have a little brother eight months old. Please bring him some toys too, and Santa we would like some candy and fruit, and don't forget the other little boys and girls.
Delwin Fluitt

Dear Santa Claus:
I am just a little boy almost 3 years old, and I hope you won't forget to leave some toys, candy and nuts under our Christmas tree. Most of all I would like to have a toy tractor, airplane and train. Please don't forget my mother and daddy. Thank you,
Carol Dean Pate

Merry



Flickering flames in their descent light and fluorescence year ... to you, good cheer

You're

Everyone In This C

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THREE YULE 'FIRSTS'



An eminent American authority on greeting cards and a relentless collector of early creations, E. D. Chase of Boston claims that he has found what he believes to be the "first" Christmas card—but until some scientific corroboration is forthcoming we must consider his discovery a "dark horse" in the running. That it is a very "early" card — there can be no question. Our collector traced R. H. Pease, the lithographer whose name appears at the bottom of the card, down to the year 1839 where the latter was listed in the Albany, N. Y., directory as an engraver. The thing, however, that stumps the experts is the fact that there is no date on the card itself.



SYNCHRONIZE YOUR WATCHES
... It's zero hour as children everywhere get their Christmas scout cars and tanks for an all-out assault. It is the first time for several years that rubber tires have been included with toys of these types.

AS ANOTHER Yuletide season arrives, with all its friendliness and goodwill, we pause to add our Greetings to each of you with whom we have come in contact since last Christmas. And to those of you whom we hope to serve next year, the same genuine Merry Christmas.



It has been a genuine pleasure to serve you and we trust we may continue in the same capacity in the months to come.

Good luck and Merry Christmas!



Pioneer Cookie Co.

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LUBBOCK, TEXAS

CHRISTMAS CUSTOMERS

... of happiness
... out when all is
... and there is
... termination to



Superstitions at Christmas...

You hang holly on your window to keep witches away, not for decorative purposes, according to one of the many legends and superstitions that have been built around Christmas customs.

If you see a white Christmas, there will be a light graveyard, a dark Christmas, many deaths. Hallowe'en is not the only day when spirits walk, they are also said to walk on Christmas Eve.

It is also bad luck to sew on Christmas or to decorate an upper room.

Woodland spirits will be driven out of the house if it has been decorated with holly and ivy.

Plum pudding, it is claimed, is eaten on Christmas day because the Wise Men brought spices to Jesus.

Sauerkraut should be eaten for luck on Christmas.

If a branch of yew is accidentally brought into a house on Christmas, it is looked upon as an augury that a death will occur in the family before the end of the year.

It is also claimed that a child born on Christmas can understand the speech of animals, and see what others cannot see.

Daughters born on Christmas will be wise, witty and virtuous.

Most municipal auditoriums in major U. S. cities operate at a loss and lie idle almost four months a year, says the American Municipal Association.

Stockings hung over the fireplace will protect the owners from evil spirits.

Mistletoe is said to cure all wounds as well as give strength

Flying fish make up the biggest single item in the diet of natives on the coast of Barbados in the West Indies.

Agriculture in Maine is of comparatively recent development.

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ON Christmas Eve, Nancy hurried breathlessly into her rooming house. Surely the package from home would be there! But Mrs. Groggins, the ugly little landlady, shook her head.

"Nothing," she said. "The mailman went right by this afternoon."

Up in her room Nancy spent a lonesome Christmas Eve. She read awhile to forget her hunger, then went to bed. Next morning it was the destitute Mrs. Wilson who awakened her.

"Merry Christmas, Miss Bell!" she shouted, walking into the room uninvited. Nancy was irritated, momentarily, by this highly painted, shallow creature. But she quickly regained her composure. It was Christmas, after all!

"It was swell of you, dearie, to pay Mrs. Groggins a week's rent in advance last night," Mrs. Wilson said, settling herself into the most comfortable chair. "I don't know what would have happened, because I'm caught a bit short just now and couldn't pay!"



Nancy thought fast.

Nancy said it was all right, that she had been glad to do it, but then she felt hungry and remembered there had been no dinner—and now no breakfast. All because of Mrs. Wilson!

"I was just about to drop out for a bite to eat," her visitor explained, "and seeing you're all alone, I thought you might like to come along."

Nancy remembered the lone 25-cent piece in her purse. "Thank you so kindly, Mrs. Wilson," she answered quickly. "But I'm—I'm not feeling so well this morning. I'll just have a cup of coffee in my room!"

About noon she dressed, for Jim was calling for her at one o'clock. What a ravenous appetite she would have.

But one o'clock passed, and no Jim. Nor at 2 or 3, and Nancy's spirits began to give way. Had he, too, chosen to punish her on Christmas?

Downstairs she heard Mr. and Mrs. Groggins welcoming their guests for the day, and she took a vicarious pleasure from it. She heard the dinner bell, the clatter of dishes as they dined, and then the shuffling of chairs as the well-fed guests retired to the living room. By that time it was five o'clock and Nancy sat by her window, figuratively biting her fingernails. She was almost hysterical with fear, and she began to worry.

At six o'clock she put on her coat and dashed down the stairs, headed she knew not where. Perhaps to find Jim, perhaps merely to escape her room. She reached the entrance, turned the knob and pulled open the door—and there was Jim, just arriving!

Tearfully she threw herself into his arms, shivering from fright. "Oh, Jim!" she cried. "Where have you been?"

"But didn't you get my message?" he asked. "I had to work in the laboratory this afternoon, and telephoned Mrs. Groggins at 12:30!" His brow was furrowed.

Just then there was a voice behind them. "Miss Bell!" It was Mrs. Groggins. "A message for you. It came just before dinner, but then our guests arrived and I didn't get around to bringing it up."

Nancy took the slip from her hand, wiping away a tear. She heard Jim cursing.

"Let's get out of here, honey," he said, quietly.

A short time later they were dining by candlelight while a string ensemble played soft Christmas music in the background. Jim looked up from his coffee and smiled, then reached into his pocket.

"There was a big package on your desk at the office," he said. "It came today. From your folks, I guess. Too big to carry with me, but maybe this will take its place."

He reached for her left hand, then for the second finger, and at its tip he poised a diamond ring. Then he looked at her, asking absent.

"Yes darling," she said softly. "It's the merriest Christmas ever!"

A total of 18,738,000 textbooks are in use by the nation's grammar and secondary schools.



We don't know who backed down but this was a No. 1 picture of the year selected by the country's outstanding photographers in the animals and pets class of the Graflex Photo contest. It was the first major photographic contest to be held in the country since the end of the war and 133 awards were made. The contest drew 8,000 pictures of which 40 per cent were submitted by amateurs. The photo was taken by Brad Wilson of Columbus, O.

Hindu legend tells of a diamond which a mythological hero wore more than 5,000 years ago. Children of the Amish religion wear clothes that were made over 300 years ago.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



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Let us fess our cares out the window. It's Christmas! Join with us in celebrating the glorious holiday.

And Merry Christmas TO YOU

HOWARD & BISHOP
Body & Fender Shop
Albert Howard Jack Bishop



HOLIDAY SEASON

• Right now it's time to lay aside business cares and all that is complicated and get down to simple things. A little boy on the floor under the Christmas tree watching his electric train whizz past, the happy faces of little girls singing Christmas carols, boys coasting down the hill. Let's catch that spirit! Merry Christmas to you, and you, and you!

O. K. Food Store
OSCAR BOWEN

Letters to... Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus: We have been good little boys. So please bring us a red wagon, a cap gun and scabbert, a horse and a truck. Some nuts, candy and fruit. Be good to all other little boys and girls. Be seeing you soon.
Leon and Gerald Braddock

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy 5 years old. I have been good and I would like you to bring me a crow set, Gene Autry set, candy and nuts. Please remember all the other little boys and girls. Yours truly,
Tom Pennell, route 1

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy 3 years old. I have been real good and I would like for you to bring me a little red wagon, train, candy and nuts. Remember all of the other little boys and girls. Yours truly,
Joe Pat Pennell, route 1

Dear Santa Claus: We are a little boy aged 5 and a little girl, 6. We think we've been good children, but mother says "not too good," so if you happen to ask anyone about us, ask our grandmother. We're sure she'll say we've been very, very good, anyway just bring us what ever you have handy when you arrive at our house. Thanks,
Marilyn and Curtis Steel

Dear Santa Claus: I want a doll, some dishes and a rocking chair. I love you.
Opal Snow

MERRY CHRISTMAS

HOLIDAY at HOME

IT WAS three nights before Christmas and Margaret was packing to go home. Contrary to traditional sentiment, she was not happy about it, for she had planned to stay in New York with Ralph. With considerable forethought she had even planned the day; church in the morning, Christmas dinner with Amy and Bill, a walk down Fifth Avenue at twilight, a snack of supper, and the theater.

But Ralph had been invited to a "swell house party in Philadelphia." Margaret slammed down the top of her suitcase. She could have borne up under a Christmas with a jolly mother, or a widowed sister. "What about me?" she had longed to cry out, but she had instead, smiled and said that it was just too marvelous, wondering meanwhile if Mr. Johnson would let her have an extra day off. Ralph had only to go to Philadelphia, two hours away, while she had no one within 300 miles!



Several hours later she stood on the porch of a white frame house. Now she was ready, bag in hand, for the midnight train. As she waited for the taxicab, she smoothed her black tailored woolen frock over her slim hips. If New York hadn't been particularly kind to her, it had at least taught her how to dress!

She couldn't sleep on the train. Closing her eyes, she saw the cluttered desk which she had left at Roswell's Advertising agency, and Mr. Johnston's kindly face when he had told her to go home for Christmas. She saw Ralph's desk in the manager's office, Ralph dancing in Philadelphia, Ralph opening Christmas gifts — and just Ralph, with whom she would never again share good times.

There was a three-hour wait for the local train at Pittsburgh, but Margaret was too tired and depressed to leave the station. After buying a magazine featuring an article on men, and an astrological delineation of her birthsign, she settled herself into the practical task of trying to determine her future in this most unpredictable world. Several hours later, not much wiser but much more weary, she stood on the porch of a white frame house.

The door opened and Margaret blinked. "I win!" shouted Ralph triumphantly. "She came on the midnight train!"

Mrs. Brown rushed out to the hallway and enfolded her daughter in an ample, motherly embrace. "Margaret! Why child, you're a sight! Your face is as black as coal." Margaret withdrew herself from her mother's arms and looked at the two of them coolly. "Well, if it isn't asking too much, just what is this? Not a weekend in Philadelphia, I believe!"

Ralph took her bag and magazine and helped her out of her coat. "Don't be like that, Margaret! I bet your mother a box of candy against a mince pie that you'd come down on the midnight train."

"And what, exactly, are you doing here?"

"Margaret!" chided her mother. "I invited myself. A surprise for you, and then I wanted to talk to your Dad about something..." Ralph was awkwardly turning the magazine in his hands. "Jumping fishes!" he exclaimed. "Look at the little red book!" He opened it to a center page, and read: "The natives of this sign are more than likely to have short tempers."

"Give it to me!" Ralph held it tantalizingly out of reach and Margaret stamped her foot. "Ralph Wells," she said, "I come home for a rest and the first thing you do is make fun of me. If I have a complete breakdown it's your fault. Give me that book!"

"There, there," comforted her mother. "You go upstairs and get washed. You'll feel better."

Margaret started up the stairs, then turned in sudden remembrance. "Are you staying over Christmas?" she asked Ralph.

"I had expected to."

"You might as well. There's a dance Christmas Eve."

At the top of the steps she turned again. "And don't forget, half of that pie is mine. After all, I did the coming home!"

"Okay." "She's tickled to death to see you," whispered Mother Brown cautiously. She patted his arm, and Ralph understood.

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