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Cross Plains Cadet Plans Corps Training

Although an oil field accident two summers ago broke both his legs, Cadet Major Russell Wright came back to Tarleton this year with an even higher ambition to become a petroleum engineer.

Russell came to school on crutches last fall, but complications of the accident made it necessary for him to drop out of school. While he was in school, he was cadet colonel of the ROTC.

This year Russell is Regimental S-3 of the corps—that is, he is in charge of plans and training. He is also a member of the Wainwright Rifles.

The 1951 graduate of Cross Plains High School is 19, six feet two inches in height, and has hazel eyes.

In high school Russell was president of the senior class, captain of the basketball team his senior year, and valedictorian of the graduating class. He also participated in baseball and volleyball.

At Tarleton, Russell was a member of the Scholarship Society during both semesters of his freshman year and was vice-president of the Semper Idem before he had to leave school. This year, besides his military duties and taking part in the Wainwrights, he is kept pretty busy.

A&M or Tech will receive Russell after he finishes his studies at Tarleton this year. He has always had a "secret ambition" or a "pet dream" of some day going to South America or another foreign country. Perhaps he will realize this ambition when he finishes college.

When asked why he came to Tarleton, Russell said that it "is a good engineering school." His favorite subjects are mathematics and chemistry.

There are four members in Russell's family—his parents and his sister, Billie Jean, who also attends school at Tarleton. Russell doesn't mind the idea of his sister and brother attending the same college together. In fact, they hardly ever see each other.

Russell admits that "college life is a lot different from high school."

HOSPITAL NOTES

Mrs. George Neel is receiving medical treatment in the Rising Star hospital for a throat infection and the flu. She was admitted to the hospital Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Doyle Burchfield Home From Gorman Hospital

Mrs. Doyle Burchfield was moved from the Gorman Hospital to her home here Saturday, where she received treatment for several days of a severe attack of influenza. Burchfield is improving but is expected to be up.

Illingworths Parents Born Thursday

Mrs. Bobby Illingworth is the mother of a baby daughter born Thursday, December 17, in a Gorman hospital. The baby weighed six pounds six ounces and has been named Vickie Lynn.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ben Porter and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Illingworth, all of Cross Plains. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Ida Graves of Cross Plains and Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Harris of McCamey.

CLASSIFIED QUIZZERS

About the Presidency

Would you make a good President? If so, you would have to know which of the following statements are true and which are false! Turn to the Classified page for the answers.

The President is always the commander in Chief of the Army and Navy.

The President's cabinet is provided for in our Constitution.

A presidential candidate can receive the majority of the popular vote and be defeated in his race for the presidency.

Both the President and Vice-President were unable to serve as President, the presidency would go to the Secretary of State.

The President of the United States must be at least 45 years of age.

"Classified has the answers"

Large Crowd Attends 2nd Annual Christmas Tree Party On Main Street Monday Night

Kids, both young and old, came from miles around last Monday night to attend the second annual Community Christmas party staged around the big Christmas tree on Main Street here. The affair was jointly sponsored by the Volunteer Fire Department and the Chamber of Commerce.

Santa Claus was present and visited with the kiddies and he and his helpers distributed 750 bags of candy, fruits and nuts to the little ones.

The program was opened with a Christmas concert, rendered by the Buffalo school band under the direction of W. W. (Bill) King. Immediately following the concert, Director King was presented a Christmas present from the band members and the band boosters club and when

opened it revealed a nice shirt, tie and expansion watch band.

Next on the program was an accordion duet, composed of Virginia and Tommy Mauldin, playing "Silent Night." They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Mauldin of Donaldsonville, La., who are here to spend the holidays with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Mauldin of this city.

Prizes were awarded to winners of the lighting and decorating contests and the program was closed with a Christmas reading by Jim Wetzel.

Along with seeing that the children were made happy, it was also announced that approximately \$40. worth of groceries had also been delivered by Santa to several old couples of this area.

L. F. Neeb Dies At His Home Monday

Louis Fredrick Neeb, resident of the Dressy community for 67 years, died suddenly at his home Monday afternoon, following a heart attack. Mr. Neeb had been in ill health for some time.

He was born September 19, 1876, at New Braunfels, Texas, being 77 years old at the time of his death. He was married to Virgie Freeman on September 1, 1893, in Cross Plains.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Cross Plains Methodist Church with Rev. C. Y. Butler officiating.

Survivors are his wife; three sons, Doyle and H. W. of Cross Plains, and R. M. (Pete) of Baird; any two daughters, Mrs. Frank Spencer and Mrs. Jimmy Payne both of Cross Plains, eleven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, one brother, J. B. Neeb of Cross Plains, and one sister, Mrs. C. W. Davidson of Corpus Christi.

Serving as pallbearers were Hadden Payne, John D. Montgomery, Rufus Renfro, Flem Johnson, Fred Stacy and H. H. McDermott.

Interment was made in the Cross Plains Cemetery with Higginbotham Bros. & Co. in charge of arrangements.

Texas Reservists Are Retired At Fort Hood

Austin—The military careers of 19 Texas reservists ended December 18 at Fort Hood with a review by elements of the 1st Armored Division and ceremonies placing them in the Retired Reserve.

Certificates of Retirement will be presented to the Texas reservists in recognition of their honorable service in the reserve by the Division Artillery Commander, 1st Armored Division, Brigadier General Vonna F. Burger.

Many of the reservists are veterans of World War I, World War II and the Korean conflict. Several have over 30 years service. Their service in the Active Reserve was mandatorily terminated by age on October 1, 1953, under current Army regulations.

Colonel Karl E. Henion, Chief of the Texas Military District, praised the "civilians soldiers who have given many years to the defense of their country." "These reservists," Colonel Henion said, "have interrupted business careers and given their time and talent when America needed them most."

Officers who received Retirement Certificates during the ceremonies included Colonel Henry A. Bartels, Lt. Col. Vernon E. Brewer, Lt. Col. Lester R. Dillon, Major Roy P. Gies and Major Harold F. Hamilton, San Antonio; Colonel Otto D. Grill and Colonel Henry A. Harding of Fort Worth; Colonel Allison F. H. Scott, Lt. Col. Lenson Bethel, Lt. Col. John L. Briggs and Captain Gerald F. Perry, Dallas; Colonel Meade E. Griffin and Lt. Col. Albert W. Holt, Austin; Colonel Ralph M. Barry, Laredo; Lt. Colonel Frank Levett, Abilene; Lt. Col. James B. Sampson, Houston; Major Bennie H. Ferber, Eagle Lake; Major Roy R. Priest, Rankin; and Captain Thomas A. Evans, Waco.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Dawkins Announce Birth of Daughter

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Dawkins are announcing the birth of a seven pound twelve ounce baby girl Tuesday night, December 22, in the Baird Hospital.

Mother and baby are reported to be doing fine.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Dawkins of Cross Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. R. Owen of Eastland visited in the Roy Acker home Sunday evening.

Several Local Firms To Close Saturday, 26th

Several local firms have announced that they will be closed for business on Saturday, Dec. 26, in order to give their employees a long Christmas week end.

Among those firms known to be closed are Adair's Dry Goods, Higginbotham Bros., Bryan Variety store, Smith Drug, Western Auto Associate Store, Coleman Furniture, City Drug, Cross Plains Review, McCuin Insurance Agency, and others.

Safety Association Urges Greater Care During Holidays

"Pity the traffic officer in this Christmas rush and help him by driving and walking extra carefully."

That plea was made by Col. E. B. Tilley of Houston, president of the Texas Safety Association, and Services Advisor for the Gulf Oil Corporation, today. He was discussing the local traffic situation and the current holiday hazards program which the Texas Safety Association is conducting in cooperation with the Texas Department of Public Safety.

"The job of the traffic officer becomes more difficult as the holidays draw nearer," Col. Tilley explained. "People aren't too conscious of traffic laws any day in the year. And when the holiday mania gets in their blood, they are inclined to forget rules and regulations altogether."

He believes people in the grip of holiday mania have a one-track mind when they use the streets or sidewalks. "They're grimly intent on getting from where they are to where they want to go," he said, "and neither hail, rain nor traffic is going to keep them from their appointed course."

According to Col. Tilley, this leads to much confusion. Motorists seem oblivious to traffic signals and speed regulations, and they often weave through traffic craning their necks in search of parking places. Pedestrians scurry along sidewalks at break-neck pace, sometimes almost hidden behind umbrellas or piles of packages.

They dash out into the street in mid-block. When they do use crosswalks, they often fail to look out for cars before stepping from the curb.

"The traffic officer is sort of a middleman in this whole picture," he said. "He's got to bring order out of this traffic chaos. He must persuade walkers to stay on the curb until it's safe to cross, keep added motorists from snarling up traffic, and answer all sorts of sensible and senseless questions into the bargain. Walkers and drivers should give themselves and the traffic officers a break this Christmas by staying alert and alive in traffic."

REUNION HELD AT FOSTER HOME IN PIONEER LAST WEEK

The children of W. A. Foster held a reunion at the home of J. W. Foster last week.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Foster and George Foster of Phoenix, Arizona, Mrs. M. E. Lindley, Mrs. Maud Charters of Colorado City, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Day of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Cash of Baird.

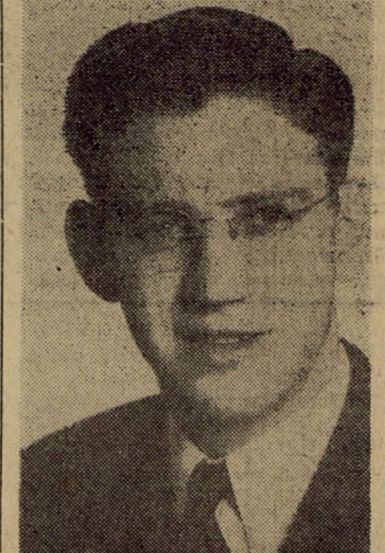
A large number of friends called in their home also.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Mauldin and family of Donaldsonville, La., are spending the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Mauldin.

Carl and Don Travis of Houston were visiting their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Annie Travis, Sunday.

Ferrell Newton Elected To Fill High School Faculty Vacancy

Announcement was made here the past week by the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains Independent School District of the election of Ferrell Newton of Cross Cut to fill



the vacancy in the high school faculty created by the resignation of Mrs. Vernon Mikel, effective at mid-term.

He will begin his duties in the local school as science teacher, January 25, according to the announcement.

Mrs. Mikel, who has been a valuable member of the school faculty here for several years, will devote her full time to the tasks of being a homemaker, it was said.

Newton is well known throughout this area, having been born and reared in the Cross Cut community. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Newton, long-time resident of the Cross Cut area.

He graduated from Cross Plains high school with the class of 1944, and after serving with the U. S. Navy during the years of 1945-46, enrolled in John Tarleton College in Stephenville, and received his degree in Agricultural education from Texas A&M College in 1950, and holds a teaching certificate in Science.

At the present time, Newton is teaching Veterans GI classes here, a job he has held for the past four years. He also taught science in the Mentone high school one year.

He married the former Maxine Strong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Houston Strong, former residents of this city who now reside in Mentone. They have two daughters, Mary, 5, and Brenda, 3.

The Newton family reside on a farm in the Cross Cut community at the present time, but he stated this week that he was interested in purchasing a small farm nearer Cross Plains.

Alathean Class Has Christmas Social

Members of the Alathean Sunday School class of the Baptist Church enjoyed their Christmas social at the church Monday evening, December 21.

Mrs. J. M. Greenwood, class president, called for the secretary and treasurers' report. Names for new mystery pals were drawn and gifts exchanged by pals for the past month.

A social hour was enjoyed by seventeen members and eight visitors.

This date being the birthday of the pastor, Rev. J. W. Chapman, each member remembered him with a gift.

Mrs. Chapman, hostess for the evening, served delicious refreshments of shrimp salad, ritz crackers, pickles, cranberry salad, spiced tea and a generous portion of the pastors lovely birthday cake.

After the singing of Christmas carols the party came to a close.

Attending were Meses. J. M. Greenwood, J. W. Chapman, Jeff Clark, A. D. Petty, Lee Bishop, Jess Flippin, Jess Fleming, Earl Pyle, Gene Renfro, W. H. Coppinger, J. D. Conlee, M. F. Dill, Henry McCoy, W. A. Strickland and Lillie McMillan. Visitors were Meses Lois Nethery and Kathryn Chapman and J. M. Greenwood, Lee Bishop, Harry Coppinger, Earl Pyle, Jess Flippin and M. F. Dill.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Day of Abilene were recent visitors here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Foster.

M-Sgt. and Mrs. Harlie B. Neel of Fort Benning, Ga., are visiting with his father, Geo. B. Neel and wife.

Major and Mrs. Donald Weaver and family of Las Cruces, New Mexico, are spending the Christmas holidays here with her father, Geo. R. Neel and Mrs. Neel.

Merlin Garrett Badly Burned In Explosion Saturday Morning

Merlin Garrett, well-known farmer and poultryman, who resides a few miles south of town, suffered third degree burns on both hands and less serious burns on his face and head last Saturday morning when he attempted to light a gas stove in one of his chicken houses.

According to a report of the accident, the stove had gone out and evidently the building was filled with gas. When he struck the match it set off an explosion which rocked the building but luckily failed to set it afire.

He was rushed to a Brownwood hospital in a Higginbotham ambulance, and according to attendants there, he is doing as well as can be expected and barring complications, will be out of danger soon.

Humble To Televisе Arabian Horses

Arabian horses belonging to Gerald Donohue of Goliad will be the subject of the feature on Humble Oil & Refining Company's "Texas in Review" next week.

Mr. Donohue, a former Houston newspaperman, has 12 of the 100 purebred Arabian horses in Texas. The Arabian horse has a dished face and three less vertebrae than the ordinary horse. The horse is noted for its ability to travel long distances with heavy loads and was one of the deciding factors when the Moors invaded Spain.

"Texas in Review" can be seen on Monday over KRBC-TV, Abilene 8 p.m.; KRLD-TV, Dallas at 7:30 p.m.; WBAP-TV, Ft. Worth, 7:30 p.m.; KPRC-TV, Houston at 9:30 p.m.; and KWFT-TV, Wichita Falls, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, the program will be carried by stations KTBC-TV, Austin, 8:30 p.m.; KDUB-TV, Lubbock, 8:00 p.m.; KTXL-TV, San Angelo, 7:30 p.m.; and WOAI-TV, San Antonio, 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, "Texas in Review" will be shown over KCMC-TV, Texarkana, at 8 p.m., and KGNC-TV, Amarillo at 6:30 p.m.

Deer Hides Pouring In For TB Hospitals

Austin—Texas deer hunters have provided a gigantic Christmas gift for about 2500 patients in the four state TB hospitals.

More than 400 deer hides have been received for their use in leather work. L. M. Rathbone of the Austin Taxidermist Studio, reported today. Mr. Rathbone is donating tanning services and has paid shipping costs on hides sent to him collect.

Some motor freight lines also have co-operated in the collection by carrying the hides without charge when they were advised by the hunters they were for use by the TB patients, Mr. Rathbone reported.

Hospital officials will be able to announce the gift during Christmas observance in the sanatoriums, according to Mrs. Alice Coombs, director of occupational therapy for the state hospital system.

"The soft leather will mean many hours of enjoyment to the patients," Mrs. Coombs said. "Occupational therapy is a major need in our TB hospitals. These hides by helping to fill that need will contribute materially to the hospitals' purpose of getting sick people well."

Mr. Rathbone expects holiday hunters to swell the growing supply of buckskin and reports size and quality of the hides improving as the hunting activity moves south where he declares the "big bucks roam."

Hunters wishing the patients to receive the hides may simply address them to the Austin Taxidermist Studio, Austin, Texas. But they should be marked "For TB Patients."

Rev. Ed Anderson of Brownwood, pastor of the Pioneer Methodist Church, visited in the Community Tuesday of last week.

Mrs. J. A. Sadler, Jr., and son and her mother of Colorado City visited with Mrs. Sadler's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Foster, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver D. Worthy spent Saturday night here with his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Fonia Worthy, and on Sunday the two couples attended the golden wedding anniversary open house for Mrs. Oliver Worthy's parents, in Coleman.

Christmas Lighting and Decorating Contest Winners Announced At Community Party

Postal Employees To Observe Holidays

Postmaster F. R. Anderson has received an order from the President of the United States, stating that two half-day holidays will be granted postal employees, the first being Thursday, December 24, and also New Years Eve, December 31. The windows at the Post Office will close at noon on both of these days.

According to Mr. Anderson rural delivery will be made as usual on both of these days.

John Henry McElroy Buried Wednesday

Funeral services were held for John Henry McElroy, 72, Wednesday afternoon, December 23, at the Cross Plains Church of Christ. Minister Lawrence Smith officiated.

Mr. McElroy, a retired farmer, passed away at his home here early Tuesday morning following an illness of several weeks. He was born November 14, 1881, at Hico and farmed in the Cottonwood community before retiring and moving to Cross Plains eight years ago. He was married to Miss Lillie May Joy, September 18, 1906.

Survivors are his wife, four daughters, Mrs. O. T. Cox, San Francisco, Calif.; Mrs. N. A. Yarbrough, Tucson, Ariz.; Mrs. Travis Renfro, Abilene, and Mrs. Lloyd Bryan of Cross Plains; three sisters, Mrs. W. J. Frazier, Abilene, Mrs. Martha Loper of Rotan and Mrs. Frances Garrison; 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Burial was made in the Cross Plains Cemetery with Higginbotham Bros. & Co. in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were T. Y. Woody, Glenn Vaughn, Lloyd McMillan, Oscar Koenig, Troy Crockett and Guy McCowan.

Geo. Neel Slashes Finger In Accident

Geo. Neel, genial manager of Higginbotham Bros. & Co., suffered a badly lacerated finger in an accident at his home here last Monday morning.

According to Mr. Neel, the accident occurred while he was attempting to slice a ham for breakfast. He stated that he had just finished sharpening a knife preparatory to slicing the ham when it slipped and in attempting to catch it he sliced his little finger on his left hand. A local physician took six stitches in the wound and Mr. Neel was back on the job by mid-morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker Bond of Abilene were visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Bond Sunday afternoon.

The Bayou Philosopher Comes Out In Favor Of More Christmases, More Giving, Receiving

Editors note: As best we can tell, the Bayou Philosopher on his Johnson grass farm on the Bayou has the Christmas spirit this week.

Dear editor:

I was talkin with a man the other day, I won't call his name because even if we have got freedom of the press I don't like to be horse-whipped, and he was muttering about how much trouble Christmas is. "Just not worth the effort," he complained. "All this runnin around, tryin to buy everybody a present you figure is gonna buy you one, tryin to gauge just about what price range they'll be in so you don't over-do the thing. I tell you, we ought to call the whole thing off."

I do not look at it that way. I go on the theory that if everybody buys everybody else a Christmas present, the amount of cheer is about the same as it was before we started so the thing for some of us to do is to hold back and stay on the receive end exclusively, so the total amount of cheer can be increased. I'm in favor of sendin Christmas presents alright, but at the same time I recognize some of us have a duty to keep our arms open so the senders have a chance to achieve their aim. I don't intend to be a kill-joy.

It's the same thing on the national level or the international level. If a man runnin for office didn't have somebody who needed help-in, he wouldn't have enough planks in his platform to stand on, and very few candidates could think of any reason for runnin. If every nation in the world suddenly informed the United States everything in their countries was in fine shape and they wouldn't be needin any more help, this nation would be as lonesome as a country dog when the folks have all gone visitin.

As far as I'm concerned, Christmas is a fine institution and I'm in favor of more of em. Maybe not too close together, but the idea of abolishin em altogether is ridiculous.

Maybe giving is sometimes overdone, especially for the people who've already got nearly everything they need, but the idea of givin is sound and we don't want to do anything to discourage it.

I just want to say I sure have enjoyed writin for The Cross Plains Review this year and while it was a sacrifice lots of times to be sittin leanin against a tree with a pencil and tablet when I could have been on my tractor goin up one row and down another addin to the surplus, enlightment has to keep pace with material progress and a pencil is easier to sharpen than a plow point.

Merry Christmas to you and all your readers.

Winners in the Christmas lighting and decorating contests, sponsored by the Volunteer Fire Department, and the Chamber of Commerce were announced at the big community Christmas party staged around the Christmas tree on Main Street last Monday night.

Judges from Cisco were here one night last week to make the selections and were loud in their praise for the excellent job of decorating and lighting done by local residents and business firms. They stated that Cross Plains was, by far, the best lighted and decorated town in this area.

The ladies of the Sew and So Club were awarded first place for their Old-fashioned Christmas Living Room scene in Higginbotham's window and second place in the business district went to employees of the City Utilities.

In the residential contest, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Koenig, who reside in the Edgewood addition, were chosen as first place winners with second place going to Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Edmondson.

Prizes were awarded to school winners in the decorated room contest on Friday of last week. In ward school, judges declared a tie between the two first grade rooms taught by Mrs. Ruby Ballew and Mrs. Vida Paige, and duplicate prizes of \$5.00 each were presented. In high school first prize was awarded to the Junior class sponsored by Mrs. A. C. Halsell, and second prize went to the Sophomore class sponsored by Mrs. Dave Lee.

A total of \$34.00 in cash and \$25.00 in merchandise was distributed to the winners.

Corp. Lorenza Dean Discharged Saturday

Mr. and Mrs. Delma Dean of Pioner and Mrs. Nelda Dean of this city were in Camp Chaffee, Ark. Saturday to meet Corporal Lorenza R. Dean, who received his discharge from the army Saturday, December 19. They arrived in Pioneer Sunday morning.

Corporal Dean arrived in Hoboken, New York, and was sent to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, before receiving his discharge.

He has spent twenty months in Germany, leaving his company in Ellwagan, Germany, on November 27.

He states that he is sure glad to be back home, and back in God's country.

Mrs. H. W. Plowman Has Major Surgery Monday

Mrs. H. W. Plowman of Route 2, Baird, mother of Sam Plowman of this city, underwent major surgery early Monday morning in Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene.

Latest reports are that she is getting along as well as could be expected.



Yours faithfully,
J. A.

Mrs. Alma Lyle of Ralls and W. F. Acker spent the week end here with their brother and son, Roy Acker, and wife, and Mr. Acker remained for a longer visit.

Miss Barbara Garrett, a student at TSCW, Denton, arrived Saturday to spend the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Garrett.

Visitors in the Jim McMillan home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Paschal of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Proctor of Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Whitton and Mr. and Mrs. Gwynn Elliott attended the Comanche-Ballinger football game in Coleman last Friday afternoon.

PIONEER NEWS

By A. O. (Slim) Harris

Greetings to all who are interested in my gossip column and the subscribers of this local paper. I am glad that I can, when it is possible to get around to let out of town friends know a part of what is going on in this neck of the woods, and my wish is that all of you have a Very Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year, with all the blessing that came in 1954.

Old Santa was at the Baptist Church as was scheduled last Sunday night to bring joy to the kiddies when he passed out packages of goodies of fruit, candy and nuts, also a lot of gifts for each one present. The program was enjoyed by everyone present and when Santa left he wished all a Happy New Year.

W. O. Rachels was taken to the Rising Star Hospital last Thursday night in a very sick condition, in a Rising Star ambulance. He returned to his home Monday morning, and was reported to be doing very well.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Gober motored to San Antonio to meet their daughter, Mrs. Pauline Donati, and Naomi Jo, of Bishop, and brought them here to spend the holidays. Mr. Donati will join them here later.

Buck Gibson, a student at Denton, is home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Gibson, to spend the holidays.

Mrs. E. L. Tate is still confined to her home since she began having her teeth removed several days ago.

Bob Dean, son of Mr. and Mrs. Delma Dean, arrived home from Germany last Sunday morning. He was released from the army at Camp Chaffee, Ark., December 19th.

Dale Mitchell is spending the Christmas holidays with his cousin, R. L. Gobels, in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Hutchens of Rising Star visited with Mrs. W. O. Rachels last Thursday night.

We want to take this opportunity to express our thanks to those who were thoughtful of the interest of our home and our buildings some days past.

We are grateful to each one who had a part in putting out the fire that might have burned everything we had while we were away from home. We did not learn till Monday of this week of the near hazard that came our way, so each of you accept our many thanks for your effort. Slim and Vera Harris.

Lonnie Gray attended funeral services of a relative in New Castle last Wednesday afternoon.

The harvest is about all over in these parts and now we are look-

ing for old winter to put in his appearance any time, as we are entering into the winter months as the holidays get nearer. Last Monday the weatherman told us that two cold waves are on the way.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Gray of Big Lake, Elton Smith of Andrews and Fred Smith of Big Spring visited Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Gray Sunday.

Eugene Gibson, a student at Texas A&M, is home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Freddy Tatom of El Paso are spending two weeks here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Tatom, and her sister, Mrs. A. L. Breeding, and family and other relatives.

Mrs. Russell Dennis of Ysleta is here helping care for her mother, Mrs. John Barr, who is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Huyge of Fort Worth visited in the home of her sister, Mrs. A. L. Breeding, Sunday afternoon. Vickie Huyge accompanied her parents home after two weeks visit here with her cousin Connie Breeding.

Eugene Culvahouse of Kermit spent Friday night here with his aunt, Mrs. W. W. Smith, and husband. He was enroute to Waco to get his brother, Wayne Culvahouse, who returned to Kermit with him to spend the holidays.



To our many friends

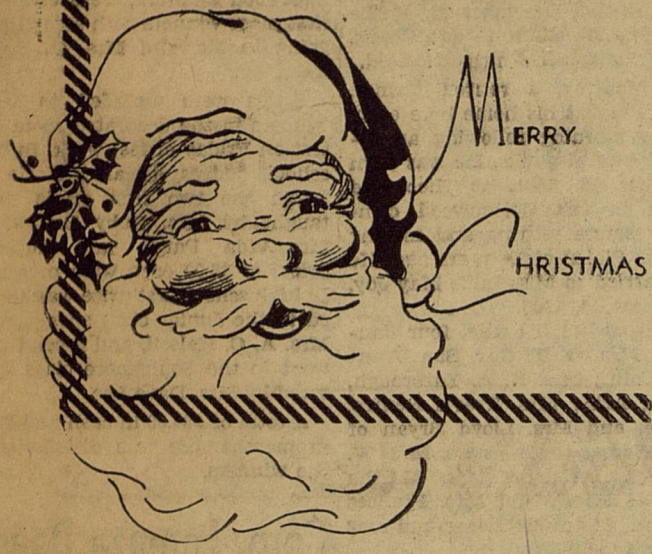
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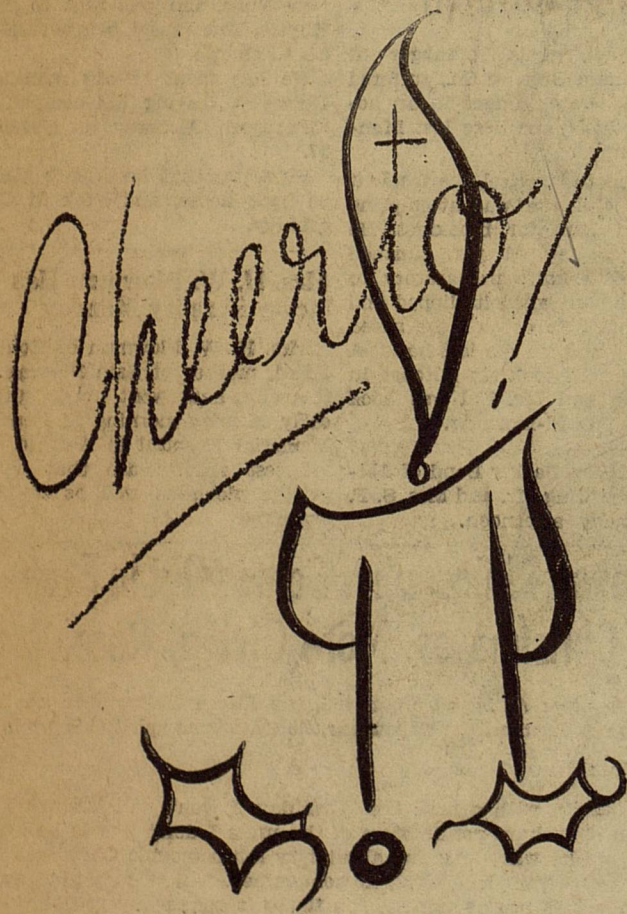
WE BELIEVE IN SANTA CLAUS!

You can't fool us! We believe in the old gent. So strongly, in fact, we've asked him to be especially good to all our friends in this community. He will be around to see you, we know, and meantime, may we wish you a



Ira H. Hall

Feed and Seed



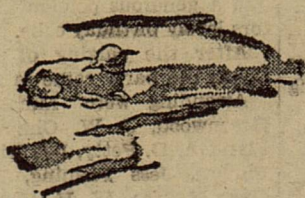
The idea is old . . . the wish the same
But still as bright as a candle's flame.
A Merry Christmas for all of you . . .
And a bright and happy New Year too.



Faith
is our watch word,
again this Christmas

Fear not, for behold!

The good tidings of great joy are
wonderfully repeated for us all
again this year.



Koenig Grocery and
Station

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Koenig

HIGGINBOTHAM BROS. & Co

Merry CHRISTMAS



IT'S good to know that Christmas holds the same old warmth, the same note of good cheer and good fellowship, that makes this season the most glorious of them all.

Following a custom of long standing, we offer this message of good will in the same old friendliness that comes only from associations of long standing.

Mrs. R. L. Little

Texas Company Consignee



The air is filled with the sweet music of carolers, the ringing of bells, the merry voices of children and friendly greeting from friend to friend.

To this harmonious medley we add our sincere greeting to you, our many friends and patrons, A Joyous Christmas and a Happy, Peaceful New Year.

Wilson's Cafe

Callahan County's Oldest Restaurant

The Mystery of God's Firmament

THE "STAR" which signaled "the First Christmas" may be interpreted in many ways. In all such interpretations we must put ourselves as nearly as possible into the social and psychological frame of mind of those whom we try to understand. The astronomer knows that through the ages the word "star" has been used to indicate almost any celestial phenomenon. We still speak of "falling stars" or "shooting stars" which we know quite well are not stars at all. In more ancient times the comet was called a "hairy star" and was derived from the Latin word coma, meaning hair. The planets were the "wandering stars" as opposed to the "fixed stars," and from the Greek word for wanderer we derive our word "planets."

The Star of Bethlehem could have been any of these. It could even have been a "new star" or nova which suddenly burst forth with a many-thousand-fold increase in brilliance, due to some great stellar catastrophe. These are all explanations of what the "star" could have been. Had it been any of the above, it would have been seen by many peoples, and in literature would have been found references to the appearance of the object which attracted attention. But nowhere in the literature or in the folklore of any of the peoples noted as astute observers of celestial phenomena do these references exist.

From this we are forced to conclude the appearance of the star was a sight given only to the Wise Men to see.

The Small One

By Charles Tazwell

Once upon a time, many, many years ago, there lived in a distant land a small donkey. He was fourteen unhappy years old, and had worked for at least twice fourteen masters. He was battered and scarred, and his tail was naught but a piece of limp rope, unravelled at the end. One ear stood up like a cactus plant, while the other hung down like a wilted cabbage leaf, and his off-hind leg had a decided limp. They called this poor donkey Small One.

His last master was a woodcutter, was he good to him? His son was. It was the boy who saw to it that Small One had dry straw for a bed, and it was he who saw that the load of wood on Small One's aging back was not too heavy. Yes, it was the woodcutter's son who cared for Small One.

One day the woodcutter called his son to him, saying, "Son I have an errand for you in town." "Yes, father, a load of wood?" "No, No! I want you to take the old donkey—the one you call Small One to town and sell him for me." The man spoke lightly, as if it were a matter of little concern. The boy suddenly felt a quick pang of fear. His lower lip trembled. "You aren't going to sell Small One, are you?" "I have already spoken to the owner of the shop," said the father. "He will give you one piece of silver for the animal." "You mean you are going to sell Small One?" "Why not? the father hurried on, pretending not to see his son's grief." He cannot drop dead on us when traveling," keep. He isn't here as a house pet!" "But he'll be as strong as the others soon." The boy was all eagerness to defend his friend, but the father went on. "Why sometime he might drop dead on us when travelling." "Yes, it is better to take the piece of silver. It is the only good we can get from him. It is the second door to the left of the front city gate," continued the woodcutter. "The tanners' gasped the boy striving to hold back his hot tears. The woodcutter turned to see the white face, tear-stained and terror stricken. "Come now, I will have no tears! If you start at once, you will reach home again by night fall. Off with you."

So the four old legs and the two young one began the sorrowful journey. People along the road wondered why the boy was crying. Only he could hear the constant drumming of the donkey's hoofs. They seemed to beat out, "Going to the tanners! Going to the tanners! Going to the tanners!"

When they came to the city gate they were pushed inside by the thick crowd. When they were inside the boy saw the horse market. Maybe he could sell Small One to some new, kind, gentle master. There were kind men in the town, the boy knew. If only he could find them.

"Well what do you want here?" asked the auctioneer. "Please Sir, would you like to buy a fine donkey?" "Go away," said the man, "I have no use for a donkey." The boy started off, then turned and took hold of the dusty robe of the auctioneer. "Please," he pleaded, "I do wish I could sell him. The price is only one piece of silver." The auctioneer laughed and said, "alright, if you insist." The he addressed the crowd. "Gentlemen, this is indeed the day of days, for I have a great bargain. Look at this thing by my platform. It's owner assures me it is a donkey. But my eyes see an animated pile of shaking bones." The crowd shouted and howled. "Don't say that about Small One, it's not true!" Screamed the child. "Someday you will find him in a King's stable." Grabbing the strap the boy went quickly from the market place.

They went slowly toward the tanner's door, but just as the boy reached the latch, a voice came softly. "My son," the boy turned quickly to see a kind faced man. "Is your donkey for sale?" he asked. "Yes sir," said the boy. "I have a long journey to make, and as my

wife is not well I have great need of a strong gentle animal to carry her safely." "Oh, said the boy, Small One is strong and very willing." Will you sell him to me?" asked the man? "Oh, yes sir. The price is but one piece of silver." The boy's heart sang at the miracle. The man was looking at Small One's drooping ear. "Is that too much asked the boy?" "Why that is very reasonable for such a beautiful animal," smiled the man. He then handed a piece of silver to the boy. The little donkey seemed puzzled at the strange hand on his strap, but started slowly off at the side of his new master.

The boy stood watching them go through the thinning crowd. Then he overtook them. "Please sir, please may I watch you through the town gate? You see Small One and I." "Why, yes," the man smiled, "you want to say goodbye to your friend. You may do so while I see my wife safely on his back. Easy now Small One. And I promise I will be very kind to him." "Now be faithful, Small One," said the boy as he hugged Small One's old head to his breast. "Some day, when I am a man, I will buy you back. Carry her safely."

"Alright, my son," the man's hand touched the boy's shoulder, "we are ready to start." Suddenly the sharp voice of the guard rang out. "Wait, one moment traveler." "Yes," the man's voice was patient. "Yes, soldier?" "Didn't you know that the gates close at sundown? By all rights I should make you remain over night. However," the guard shrugged his shoulders — "Your name?"

"My name is Joseph." "And your wife?" "They call her Mary." "Your destination?" "Pass, travelers."

And they all passed through the town gate. So it was, that Small One was there in the stable which became a King's stable. He saw a King born. All little donkeys are proud. You and I, and all men, have far to travel; but long centuries ago they fulfilled their destiny. That is why all small donkeys stand and dream — especially at Christmas time— dream of the Small One of Bethlehem.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Baldwin had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dwyer of Bay City, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Baker and daughter, Becky of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Howell and son, Max, of Abilene, and Dr. Moreland Baldwin of Plainview.

L. F. Foster was an Abilene visitor Sunday.

Ray Plumlee is home from McCloskey General Hospital, Temple, to spend the holidays here with his family. He will return to the hospital December 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Baugh and baby of Stamford are spending the Christmas holidays here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Tunnell and son Tommy spent the week end here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tunnell and Mrs. John Brown and attended the Daniel-Barton wedding Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Davis of Zephyr spent Sunday night here with his mother, Mrs. T. M. Davis and Myrtle.



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Yours truly,
Harris Bisbee

Do You Remember?...

December 23, 1938

Santa conferred with the weather man Wednesday night and the negotiations resulted in a long need gift for the Cross Plains trade territory. The moisture began falling early Wednesday night and continued intermittently Thursday.

Relatives, friends and neighbors converged on the J. S. Gaffords home at Cottonwood Sunday and honored the beloved couple on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.

Marriage of Miss Wilda McCain and Clyde Blair, both of this place, was solemnized Saturday afternoon at four o'clock in the Presbyterian manse.

Funeral services were held at Mulen Monday afternoon for Mrs. J. B. Renfro, 63, who died at her home there Sunday night. Mrs. Renfro was the mother of Mrs. M. B. King of Cross Plains.

Mrs. Paul Brashear, recent bride, formerly Miss Lena Hellen Ray, was honored with a miscellaneous shower in the home of Mrs. W. E. Faures Wednesday afternoon. — Scranton News.

O. B. Joy of Flagstaff, Arizona, who is attending the University of Arizona, is home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Joy, for the holidays. — Cottonwood News.

Mrs. D. C. Hargrove complimented Mrs. B. R. Hargrove, Jr., with a miscellaneous shower when she entertained at her home Tuesday afternoon of last week.

Cross Plains and Cross Cut mo-

nopolized honors of the latter's invitation basketball tournament last week end. Cross Plains boys defeated Cross Cut in the finals of the masculine division, and the Cross Plains sextet was victorious over the Cross Cut girls 26-20 for the feminine diadem.

December 21, 1938

Last Sunday night burglars entered the City Drug Store and stole watches and other goods to the value of about \$100.00.

Molton Sims, of the Texas Drug Company, was operated on for acute appendicitis at the Santa Anna Sanitarium last Thursday. It was a severe form of the affliction and there were odds against his recovery immediately following the operation, but it is reported the first of the week that he is doing fine.

Mr. Lester Barr and Miss Maurine Wilson were married at the Presbyterian parsonage in Cross Plains last Saturday afternoon.

The bridge club met Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Geo. Wilson for a Christmas party. Lovely prizes were given Mrs. Fred Cutbirth and Mrs. Renwick Clark. Mary Parker was a guest.

Reports to her family here from the sanitarium in Temple, the middle of this week, stated that Mrs. R. Robertson, who underwent an operation there Monday morning, is recovering nicely.

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade and I have been good. Please bring me a farm set, wagon and gun set.
Love,
Jackie Dillard

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade and I have been good. Please bring me a doll, some nuts, apples and candy. Please remember my sisters and brothers and all of my little friends in the first grade.
Love,
Barbara Johnson

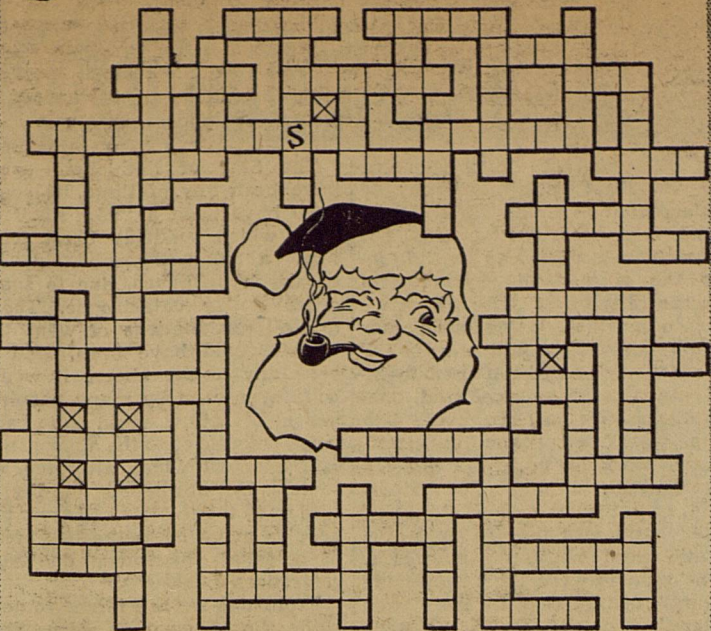
Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade and I have been good. Please bring me a pair of boots and two new guns, a western suit and a new blackboard. Please be good to all the children in the world.
Love,
Garry Hicks

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade and I have been good. Please bring me a truck, little cars, gun and a knife.
Love,
Dannie Ray Flippin

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade and I have been good. Please bring me a basketball and a doll.
Your friend,
Wilda Sue Edington

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade and I have been good. Please bring me a little flashlight, two guns with belt and holsters and bring me a rubber knife with a belt.
Eddie Joe McAnally

Christmas criss-cross



Here is a Christmas puzzle that will be fun for all the family to work. It is simple. Fit the words into the right spaces. One letter "S" is given as a starting point. The completed puzzle is at the lower right. Don't peek!

ALL DON LOVE NOSE CHILD SPELL INFANT TRAIN
EYE FUN NOSE COMET VIKEN MANAGER
FUN RAFT NOSE COMET VIKEN MANAGER
GAY KING SAFF CUPID WHITE SEASON
HIN RING HOTE GLOEY HOTE SLENT
RUP ROOF LIGHT HOTEL ANGELS SLEIGH
RUP RUD METER NIGHT CAROLS DANCE
AWAY WRAP SLED AFTER SNOW CAROLS
DOLL WRAPE SLED AFTER SNOW CAROLS
EACH WRAPE SLED AFTER SNOW CAROLS
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TIDINGS

Answer

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade and I have been good. Please bring me a doll that walks, china dishes, nurse kit and baton. Will have you a coke and cake.
Thanks very much,
Starr Alexander
P. S. Don't forget Jim and Danny Mike.

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade and I have been good. Please bring me a football, hot-rod car, tractor, aeroplane, guns and fruit and nuts. Thank you.
Arnold Childers

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade and I have been good. Please bring me a toy car, blackboard, doll house, Saucy Walker doll, and don't forget all the boys and girls.
Oslene Swafford

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade and I have been good. Please bring me a pool set, identification bracelet, and electric train, moccasins and any other toys you want to bring.
Love,
Scotty Odum

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade and I have been good. Please bring me a doll and a bike and don't forget the other boys and girls.
Billie Rutherford

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade and I have been good. Please bring me a shirt, BB gun, billfold, toy tractor, cap gun and comb. Will you do a favor by telling Mrs. Santa hello,
Love,
Lawrence Wilooxen

Dear Santa,

I am in the first grade and I have been good. Please bring me a little wrecker truck and anything else you want to. I would like to have a good maintainer with good rubber tires on it. I'll be pleased with anything you bring me. Thank you, Santa Claus.

Love always,
Michael Ingram

Dear Santa,

I am in the first grade and I have been good. Please bring me a record player and some records. I would like to have a cow girl doll too, if you can spare it.

I love you a hundred times
Martha Wannetta Davis

Dear Santa,

I am in the first grade and I have been good. Please bring me a gun and a toy farm, and some nuts, candy and fruit.

Love,
Bob Robinson

Dear Santa,

I am in the first grade and I have been good. Please bring me a bike so my mother will not have to take my little sister out in the cold air to bring me to school. Also let me have a play telescope. I love you.

Janice Ann Bowman

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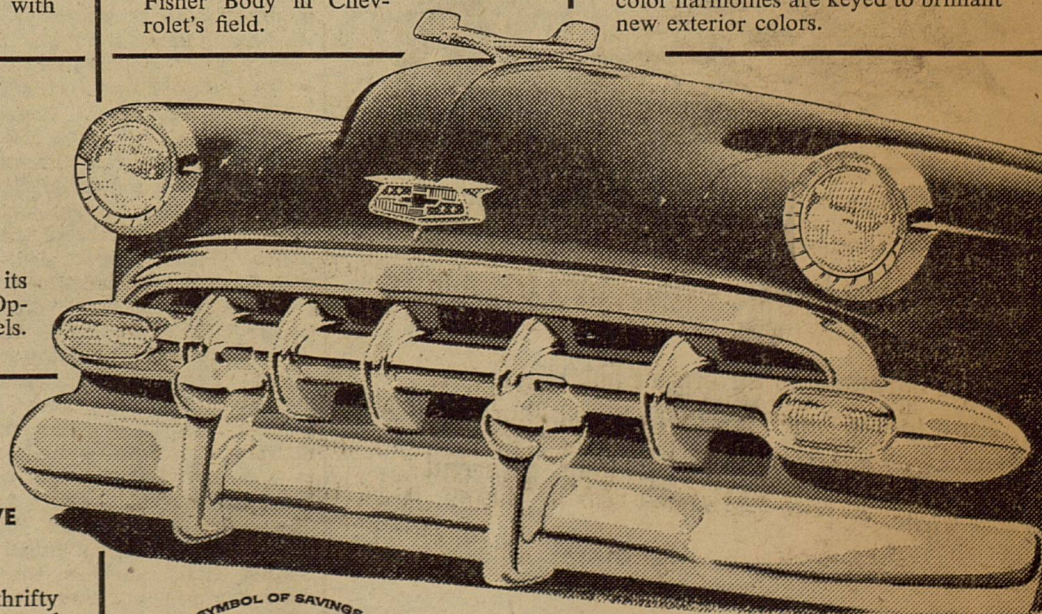
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ATWELL NEWS

By Mrs. Alton Tatom

Alton Tatom attended the workers conference at Potosi, Thursday. Edgar and Shirley Sessions were home over the week end and attended church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie King and Betty of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Morton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tatom and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Neil Tatom visited in the Leroy Byrd home at Cross Cut Sunday afternoon.

Ernest Jones of Leuders was visiting in our community Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Freddy Tatom of El Paso are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Alton Tatom and others. Private Tatom is on a 13-day leave from Fort Bliss.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Foster of Cross Plains visited in the community on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stoneberg of Abilene visited church Sunday and had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewes.

Several families visited Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bush Sunday on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Rev. Bobby Bryan visited Mr. and Mrs. Buster Black Sunday.

Miss Elva Nell Rouse was on the sick list over the week end.

The ladies of the Baptist Church

SABANNO NEWS

By Mrs. Edwin Erwin

Hubert Lusk of Dallas has returned to his home after a visit with his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lusk.

Misses Wanda and Charlene Hefner were shopping in Brownwood Friday.

Rev. McPhearson filled his regular appointment at the Baptist Church Sunday and Sunday night. He and Mrs. McPhearson had dinner in the home of Misses Josie and Alma Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gage and baby were Sunday visitors in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cumba.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. McCann were Sunday dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Truett Dawkins.

Little Peggy Erwin is on the sick list. We hope she will soon be well and able to enjoy Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Armstrong and daughter of Arp are visiting his mother, Mrs. W. P. Armstrong, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Truett Dawkins and Eldredge Lawson have returned from a trip to Carlsbad, New Mexico. They visited in the home of relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cox and Floyd. They went through the cavern and reported a wonderful sight but plenty of sore muscles. Mrs. Edwin Erwin accompanied them as far as Hobbs where she visited with her son, Ralph, and family. All had a wonderful trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Lusk of Abilene were visitors in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lusk, one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Goleonor entertained friends in their home last Friday night. They celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. They received many lovely gifts. Delicious refreshments were served to a large crowd.

Mrs. Charles Cox and Floyd, of Carlsbad, New Mexico, are visiting in the home of her father, Mr. Lawson, and sons.

Jackie Hefner is on the sick list. Hope she will be up and able to meet Santa at the Christmas tree.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Earl Casey and children of Cisco visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Casey.

sent two boxes of cookies to the Texas Baptist home at Round Rock this week.

Several of the men attended the brotherhood meeting in Cross Plains Thursday night.

Story Of A Christmas Carol

College Station—Christmas Carol is a term describing a variety of songs during the Christmas season. There are two main types of Christmas songs—the religious and convivial, one celebrates the birth of Jesus and the other exalts mirth and feasting.

Lucille Moore, recreation specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service says only lately has attention been given to this material by a serious musician. During the Eighteenth Century carol literature was of the humblest kind handed on by tradition. Many of the older carols have undoubtedly been lost and many have been modernized. Davis Gilbert seems to have been the first person who attempted to fix these vanishing memories of the past.

"The First Nowell" appeared as a Christmas song in 1833 but it had been sung long before that. One of the ancient medieval carols it is about four hundred years old. The poetry sincere and devout is merely

a peasant's attempt to present the New Testament story in rhyme, making it easy to remember. The music is a simple strain sung three times, but vigorous, joyous, and well adapted to full-lunged, hearty singing indoors and out.

"Nowell" as an English word tells of the Norman Conquest of England eight hundred years ago and the strong influence of the French language which followed. The French word "Noel" has another story to tell, coming from the Latin Natalis, meaning the birth, referring to the birthday of Jesus.

Barbara Illingworth, a student at Cisco Junior College, is home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Summers of Odessa visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Champion over the week end. Their two sons returned home with them after an extended visit with their grandparents.

Cross Cut Baptist Sunday School Class Enjoys Social Dec. 18

The Adult No. II Class of the First Baptist Church of Cross Cut enjoyed their Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Williams, Friday night, December 18th.

Miniature Christmas trees decorated the tables.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. A. Bacon, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sowell and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Davis and girls, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Norris, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stambough, Mr. and Mrs. August Garlitz, Donna, and Elizabeth Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Newton, Mr. and Mrs. Foward Pope, Rev. and Mrs. Ed Jackson and Dick, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Williams and family and Waymon Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Moore visited with friends in Ranger Sunday.

Keith Coburn and Miss Anita Newton, both students at Texas Tech, Lubbock, are spending the holidays here with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Falkner and family of Oil Center, New Mexico, visited Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Falkner and family over the week end.

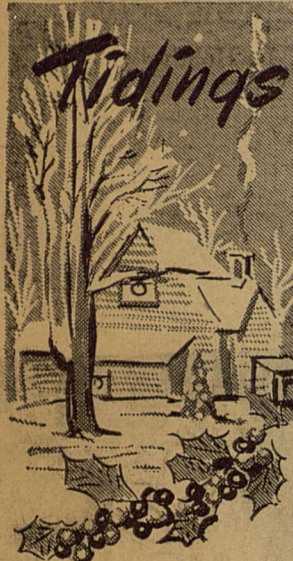
Mr. and Mrs. Dan McCarty of Fort Worth visited their son, Jack McCarty, and family here Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gist of Midland visited her sister, Mrs. W. A. Strickland, and husband a few days the past week.



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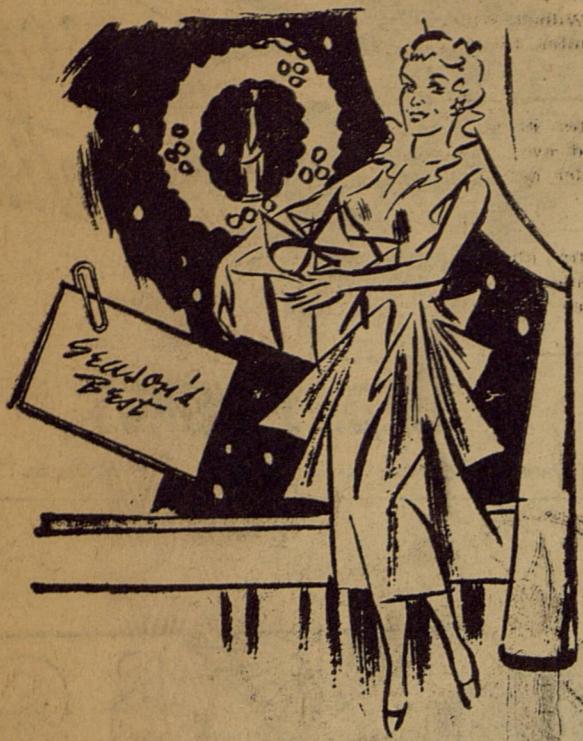
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1. True.
2. False.
3. True.
4. True.
5. False. He must be at least 35 years of age.

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FOR LEASE: 30 acres of peanut land. See Jess Flippin, Route 2, Rising Star. (1tp)

ROSE BUSHES FOR SALE: I have a large stock of extra nice rose bushes, including four colors. Now is time to get yours planted for healthy plants next summer. See Jim Wetsel. (2tc-39)

Troubled with gas, bloating after eating? Use HYMACALSO. Filled thousands of times as a doctor's prescription, now available to all Guaranteed. \$1.00. City Drug Store. (tfc31)

FOR SALE: Good clean 4-door 1951 Chevrolet. See W. J. (Son) Sipes. (30-tfc)

FOR SALE: Second hand 8-piece dining room suite, priced at \$69.95. Higginbotham Furniture Dept. (tfc-34)

FOR SALE: Entire city including four room house, seven outbuildings, etc. See E. K. Coppinger or Alton Hornsby. (tfc-34)

COTTONWOOD

By Hazel I. Respass

Mrs. A. P. Aston of California visited Mrs. W. B. Gilleland on her way back from attending her brother, Otis Coats, funeral at Wichita Falls last week.

Billie Coats now of San Antonio visited with his aunt, Mrs. W. B. Gilleland, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Coats and other relatives and friends here last week.

Robert F. Joy, Jr., of Bisbee, Arizona, is here to spend a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Joy.

Miss Dixie Ann Respass of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Walker Respass of Rising Star visited in the Respass home and with Mr. and Mrs. Roy J. Clark Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Johnson of Abilene visited Mrs. W. O. Peavy last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Charles McMillan have moved to the Don Mitchell house.

Mrs. W. B. Gilleland, Misses Beulah and Hazel Respass had supper with Miss Eunice Hembree and W. P. Letbetter Monday night.

Mrs. Mollie Murray and L. V. visited in Cisco Sunday afternoon.

FOR SALE: Early Triumph wheat and Texan Barley seed. See J. M. Greenwood, 5 miles south of town on Brownwood highway. (28-tfc)

WANT TO BUY: Good post oak wood. Dan Johnston. (4tc-37)

FOR SALE: 4-room house with bath, 1 1/2 blocks from school; located on corner lot. Price \$1,850.00 See J. V. McCowen.

WANT TO BUY: 250 gallon used Butane gas tank. Contact B. E. Hickman, Route 2, Rising Star, Texas. (tfc-32)

FOR SALE: 1938 International Truck, 11-2 ton. Ready to do a days work. Good bed and grain boards. Must sell. E. K. Coppinger. (tfc36)

FOUND: Childs light beige coat and brown hat. Owner may pick up at Sims Drug Store. (1tp)

WANT TO BUY: Good wood saw. See Dan Johnston. (4tc-37)

FOR SALE: Good used dining room suite. Priced at \$39.95. Higginbotham Furniture Department. (tfc-38)

FOR SALE: Used living room suite, \$39.95. Higginbotham Furniture Department. (tfc-38)

FOR SALE: Used bedroom suite. Price to sell at \$39.95. Higginbotham Furniture Department. (tfc-38)

WANT TO BUY, SELL or TRADE good milch cows. See Bill Lawrence, Rowden, Texas. (3tp-37)

FOR SALE or TRADE: C Allis Chalmers tractor, 46 model. See H. C. Freeman. (4tc-37)

NOTICE: Anyone wanting to buy cedar post are asked to contact Dan Johnston or N. H. Muse before getting any posts. (4tc-37)

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... Scott

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"Peace on earth... good will toward men." ... is again repeated in every story and song of all Christendom. Once more it will be our privilege to tell the beautiful story of the Nativity, and now more than ever, we need to weigh the implications of the Christmas message.

George Hutchins
Magnolia Service Station

Greetings . . .

It Doesn't Have To Be Christmas . . . for us to think of our many friends and customers.

But the Yuletide does give us the opportunity to pause and express our appreciation for your patronage, kindness and understanding which you have shown us during the year.

It's folks like you who make our business possible, and serving you is always our pleasure. It's a pleasure, too, to pause and say "Thank You" . . . and extend a warm wish that you may have a very . . .

MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY, PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

Sincerely,

Peyton and Susie Smith

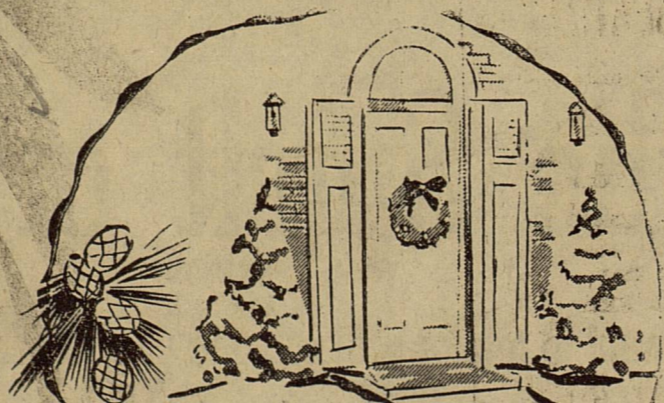


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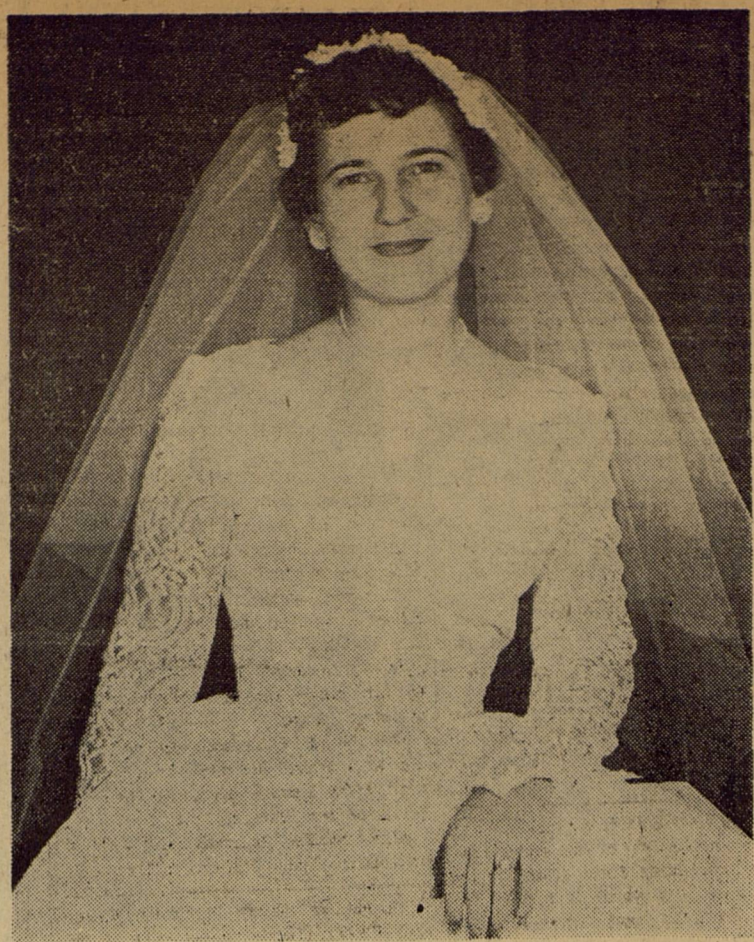
Baird, Texas



merry CHRISTMAS

Not believe in Santa Claus. You might as well not believe in fairies. Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those which neither children nor men can see. No Santa Claus. Thank God, he lives and he lives forever. . . . Frank Church

CITY DRUG STORE
BENTON JONES, Owner



Mary Beth Tunnell Becomes Bride Of Cecil Alvin Barton In Double Ring Ceremony

Miss Mary Beth Tunnell and Cecil Alvin Barton were married Sunday afternoon, December 20, at five o'clock in the First Methodist Church here.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tunnell of Cross Plains. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Barton of Pioneer.

Rev. D. L. Barnes, of Dublin, officiated at the double ring ceremony. Mrs. B. K. Eubank was at the organ and accompanied Miss Barbara Ramsey, who sang "At Dawning" and "The Lord's Prayer."

The bride was given in marriage by her father. The bride's dress was ballerina length of nylon tulle over blush satin with a bodice and short overshirt of lace. Her illusion veil was caught to a lace cap. She carried a white Bible topped with a cascade of pale pink roses. For something old she carried a point lace handkerchief.

Mrs. Joe Ogden, Jr., of Mineola was matron of honor and bridesmaids were Miss Shirley Dittmar of Austin, Mrs. Mack Coppinger and Mrs. James Yarbrough both of Cross Plains and Miss Jane Watkins of Monahan. They wore identical dresses of dusty rose taffeta and carried nosegays of feathered carnations and roses in shades of rose.

Carolyn Tunnell of Cross Plains, niece of the bride, was flower girl. Ringbearer was Tommy Tunnell of Dallas, nephew of the bride.

Norman Seigber of Matador served as best man and ushers were Everett Abernathy, Ferrin, Walter Greenwood, Killeen, Keith Coburn, Cross Plains, and Mac Mohon of Dublin.

A reception was held in the Tunnell home.

For traveling the bride wore a frosted blue suit with navy accessories. The couple will make their home in Lubbock at 2106 Akron St. after December 26.

The bride and groom are graduate of Cross Plains High School, Tarleton State College and are now attending Texas Tech.

(Photo by Jack Tunnell)

Mrs. Marie Christie of Abilene visited friends and relatives here Monday.

Miss Billie Ruth Loving, an instructor at North Texas State Teachers College, Denton, is spending the holidays here with her mother, Mrs. Ira Loving, and other relatives.

Abilene Couple Announce Birth Of Bay Boy

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ellis of Abilene are announcing the birth of a son, born December 11. The young man tipped the scales at six pounds eight ounces and has been named James Robert.

Mrs. Ellis will be remembered here as the former Miss Janet Harlow.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Harlow of Cross Plains.

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FRIDAY & SATURDAY

December 25-26

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December 27-28

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NANCY OLSON

"SO BIG"

TUESDAY ONLY
December 29

HUMPHREY BOGART
JUNE ALLYSON

"BATTLE CIRCUS"

Sew and So Club Holds Annual Party

Mrs. Geo. B. Scott and Mrs. C. R. Cook were hostesses Wednesday afternoon, December 16, when they entertained the Sew and So Club at their annual Christmas party.

Mrs. A. D. Petty, Mrs. Jess Dunlap, and Mrs. Mack Campbell presented a very appropriate program for the evening.

Gifts were exchanged, and secret pals were revealed.

Plans were made for an all day meeting with Mrs. Petty Wednesday, January 6th, when a quilt will be quilted for the March of Dimes. Each member is requested to bring

a covered dish for lunch.

Sandwiches, pickles, olives, fruit cake and coffee was served to Mmes. Lidia, Gene Adams, Mack Campbell, W. J. Carpenter, Howard Coburn, Jess Dunlap, C. D. Lane, Z. W. McClellan, Craig McNeel, Edwin Neeb, W. A. Payne, A. D. Petty, Marvin Smith, V. C. Walker, L. W. Westerman, Wilbur Williams, H. A. Young, A. Painter, Beulah Lucas and the hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Pancake of Berger visited over the week end with her mother, Mrs. A. C. Billingsley.

Mr. and Mrs. Newell Odell and children of Childress visited Mr. and Mrs. Dave Lee and other friends Monday.

Colorado City Couple Parents Of Baby Boy

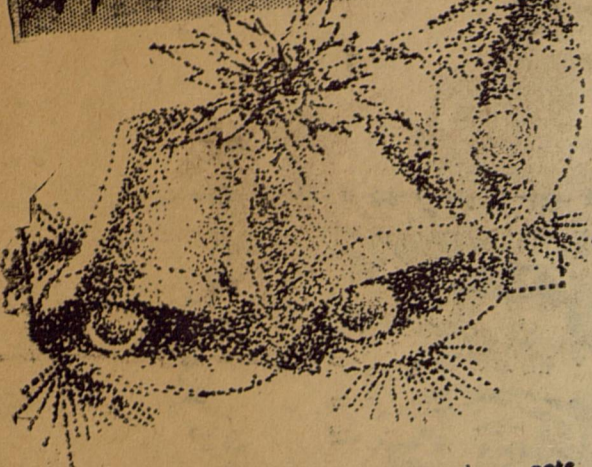
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Penn of Colorado City announce the birth of a son, Sunday, December 20, in a Colorado City hospital. He has been named Donald James.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Howell of this city are the maternal grandparents. Mrs. Howell is with her daughter and family and helping care for the new grandson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ray Cox and boys of Okra visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Lane.

Mrs. Gene Walker and Betty Burton and Hazel Jennings of Abilene visited in the J. A. Burton home Sunday afternoon.

Christmas GREETINGS



May the Christmas bells ring a cheery note for you at this season, and all the good things of life be yours in the coming New Year.

MARINELLO BEAUTY SHOP

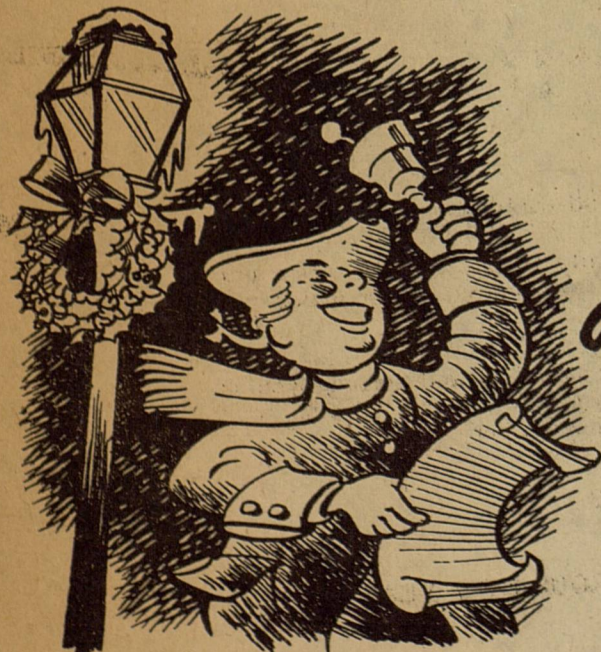
The **SEASON'S GREETINGS**

"Thank You"

is the most sincere expression we know of to convey our appreciation for the friendships which have been so important to our mutual benefit during the past twelve months.

May we extend to you and yours our best wishes for a joyous Christmas Season.

Nite & Day Cafe



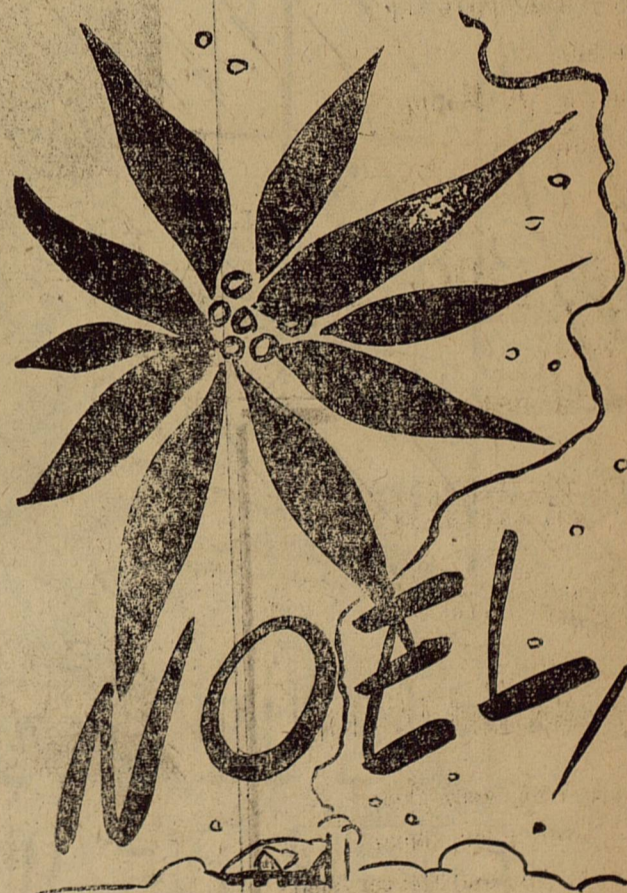
A Rich and Joyous Season to all!

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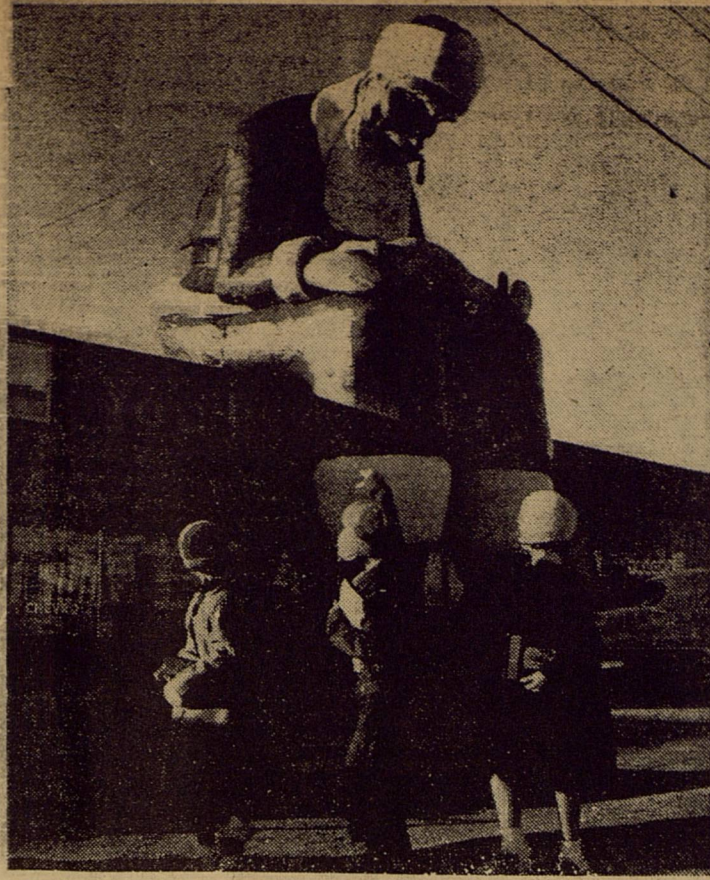
Mr. and Mrs. Fonia Worthy



All glory be to God on high,
And to the earth be peace;
Goodwill henceforth, from Heaven to men,
Begin and never cease.
May the blessings of Christmas be yours

DR. CALVIN GAMBILL, D. C.

KIDS LOVE WORLD'S LARGEST SANTA



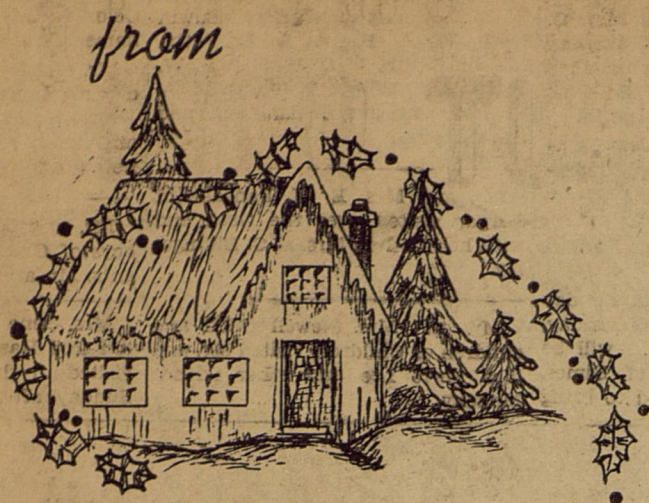
Boys and girls from all over North Texas have been swarming to see the World's Largest Santa, shown above, which was built for Texas children by Porter Chevrolet Co., 5526 East Mockingbird Lane in Dallas, Texas. John W. Porter, owner, hired Jack T. Bridges, famous artist who built "Tex" for the State Fair of Texas, to build the huge Santa, said to be the largest single figure of its type since the Colossus of Rhodes.

Gene Greenwood of Denton is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Greenwood.

Miss Ida Nell Williams of Austin is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Williams, during the holidays.

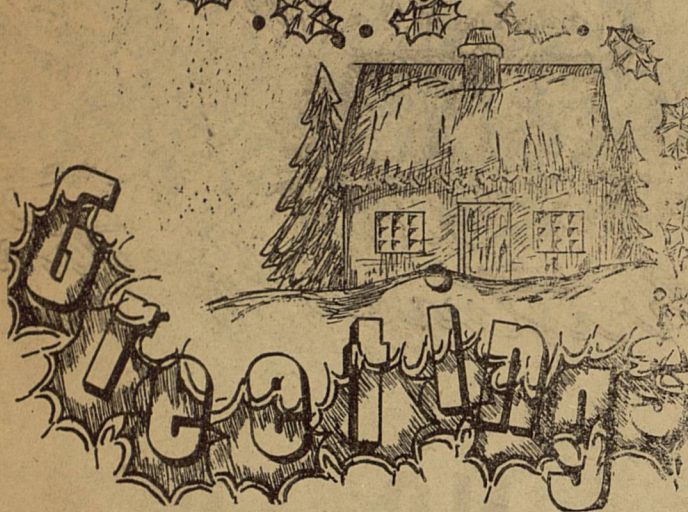
Mr. and Mrs. S. Frank Fleming of Borger visited his sister, Mrs. Kate Strahan, and other relatives, from Monday through Friday of last week.

Russell and Billie Jean Wright, Morris Ray Cavanaugh and Buford Conn, all students at Tarleton State College are spending the holidays here with their parents.



Our House

to Your House



ADAIRS

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Bush Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary With Open House

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Bush, who were married December 23, 1903, at Cottonwood by Rev. Hightower, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday at their home when their children, Clarence Bush and wife, and Lester Bush, wife and sons, Neil and Gene, honored them with open house.

Mr. Bush is a native Texan and moved to Cottonwood from San Saba with his family when he was a very small boy. Mrs. Bush was born in Alabama and moved to Texas with her grandparents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Battle.

Out of town relatives and friends attending were Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Duff, Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Bush, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bush, Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Bush and Jerry and Ricky all of Post; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bennett and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Bush, Anson; Neil Bush, Borger; Sam Bush, Hamlin; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pierce, Baird; Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Pierce and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Everett, Cisco, and Mr. and Mrs. Jess Kalb of Coleman.

Brookie Eubank of Parkville, Mo., and Miss Ann Eubank, a student at Wooster College, Wooster, Ohio, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bransford Eubank, on the Bayou.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cox and Howard Cox were in Sidney Sunday to attend the annual Christmas dinner and Christmas tree held by the Cox family in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ormal Ferrell.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Pierce of Cisco visited Mr. and Mrs. Ben Pierce and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Glover. They also attended the Golden Wedding anniversary open house for Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bush.

Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Falkner, Robert, Johnnie and Louise and Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Falkner and family of Oil Center, N. M., visited in Rule Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Riley Falkner.

Sports Afield

By Ted Kesting

Many articles have been written about outboard boat bottoms, but nearly all deal with how these make a boat act when at full speed. The writers overlook the problem of the angler, for during the time he has a line in the water he is trolling, or working slowly with oars, or he may be at a standstill. How does the bottom affect the small boat's actions then?

Inasmuch as boats rock or tip from side to side, the curves or angles that the bottom takes from the keel on out are those that count, when steadiness is being considered. Bottom-type, and width and length are the main things where stability is concerned, but not the whole story. Height of sides and of seats also enter in and so does the flare of the sides. For example, flare can finally check a tip so severe that the chine is no longer acting as a break; a rounded side, on the other hand, will let a boat in a bad tip roll right on over.

Depth, or weight, or both, to a keel can make a boat steadier. As you see, there are many angles to this tippiness business. And we must remember that some fishermen can always balance their boat while in it—they do so instinctively. And some can't.

Willard Crandall, boats and motors editor for Sports Afield magazine, thinks that at slow speeds the roundbottom handles better than other types. This does not mean that with a light load a wide round-bottom run-about will out perform a V-bottom rowboat. It means that, generally, round-bottom boats are smoother, steering, make more even turns, respond in all ways more exactly.

Flat-bottoms have the advantage of a level floor to walk on, and where you can put gas cans, minnow buckets or anything else. If you drop a plug in a round-bottom, it is likely to roll out of sight under a floorboard, but in a flatbottom it'll stay put so you can pick it up.

Flat-bottoms not only won't tip far in shallows, but they also get stuck there less easily. But it is hard to get one unstuck, for they become fast for the width of the boat—not just at the keel—and they can't be rocked loose as readily as a craft with a round bottom. The V-bottom? Crandall puts it somewhere between the two, a little closer to the flat than to the round.

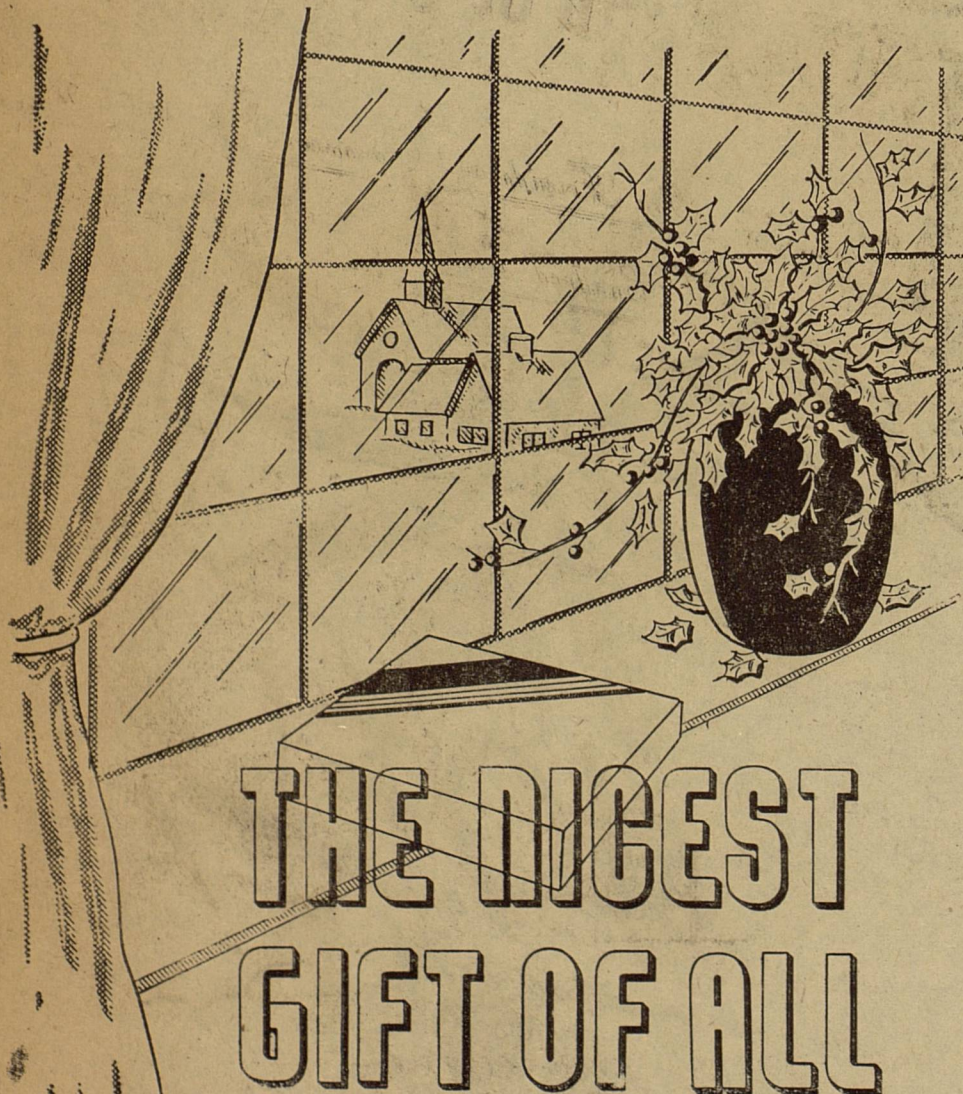


Merry Christmas to All



As Christmas comes but once a year
We make this wish that's most sincere
A happy day that's full of cheer
And then what's more, A bright New Year!

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LOADS OF GOOD WISHES

May the Holiday Season bring to you all the pleasant moments so necessary for a Joyful Christmas.



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HEALTH NOTES—

Austin—Measles in Texas is reaching a mild epidemic stage at present, with outbreaks following closely the main lines of travel across the State, according to information made public by Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health officer. The number of cases reported to the State Health Department last week are much above the average.

"The peculiar pattern of this spread of measles re-emphasizes the fact that it is a contagious disease, passed on from one person to another," Dr. Cox said. "Guard against exposure by avoiding contact

with measles patients."

Dr. Cox said that measles alone is not necessarily a dangerous disease, but dangerous complications, such as streptococcal infections, mastoiditis, and pneumonia which may follow, make it a disease to be carefully nursed, with close attention from a doctor.

"Unskilled treatment of a plain case of measles can result in dangerous complications," Dr. Cox warned, "and it is not to be regarded lightly as simply another childhood disease."

Dr. Cox urged parents to carefully watch children exposed, and at the first sign of temperature, flushed face, sniffles, or watering eyes, advised that the child be put to bed immediately and placed under a doctor's care.

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy 12 years old. I have been a good boy? Please bring me a football set and some nuts, candy and fruit. Thank you.

Love,
Danny McCarty

P. S. I want some books.

Dear Santa,

I'm a little boy three and a half years old. Please bring me a gun and holster set, a station set and Santa I'd also like a doll, even if I am a little boy. Don't forget the other little boys and girls.

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By Royce Fields

THE JOLLY SANTA, ringing his bell in an appeal for contributions for the needy, grinned his thanks as Dick Slater dropped a bill into the kettle. The donation was a salute, not only to the Yuletide spirit, but to Dick's own good fortune. He had a home, a lovely wife named Jean, and a smaller reproduction of himself named Pete. What more could a man want?

One other thing made this a great day for Dick. He was on his way to fulfill a dream. While they were still engaged, he had bought a strand of simulated pearls for Jean. Somehow the feeling had grown on him that, until he could replace the honey baubles with a string of real ones, he wouldn't be a success in the eyes of his dark-haired, brown-eyed Jean.

"Put this card on the outside of the package," he told the clerk who wrapped his gift. On the card he had written: **TO A REAL PEARL—A STRING OF THEM!**

It was beginning to get dark when Dick got off the train in suburban Roseville where he lived. He started to walk briskly toward his home, two blocks away. Happy in the glow of having at last, realized his cherished dream, he didn't see the figure lurking in the dark alley till the man stepped out and thrust the gun into his abdomen.

"This is a stickup!" the thug snapped hoarsely. "Turn around and get your hands up!"

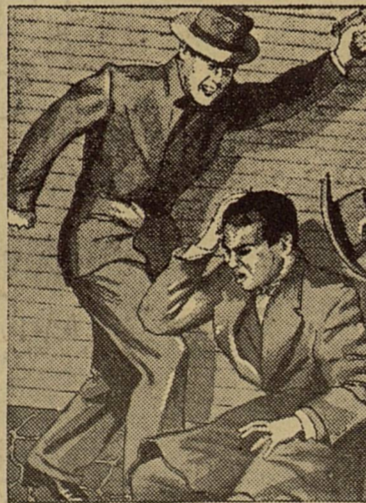
A feeling of relief flooded Dick as he remembered he had spent most of his money on the necklace. Then the thought hit him—the necklace itself was in his pocket! "Listen fellow," he pleaded, over his shoulder, with the gunman, "I have a Christmas present for my wife in my pocket. Take my money, but leave me that."

The hoodlum didn't answer. Methodically, he continued taking everything out of Dick's pockets. As his hand started to remove the precious little package, Dick Slater went wild! He whirled, slapping with his left hand at about where he thought the gun would be. He caught nothing. The thief merely stepped back and brought the heavy gun crashing down on his victim's head.

AS THE DARKNESS cleared away, Dick became aware that he was in a hospital. Gradually, he realized Jean and little Pete were beside his bed.

"Oh Dick!" Jean half sobbed, half laughed. "I've been scared! The doctor says you only have a slight concussion, though, and you're going to be all right!"

As his head continued to clear, the realization of his loss overwhelmed Dick.



The thief merely stepped back and brought the heavy gun crashing down on his victim's head

"I had a present for you, Jean . . ." he began.

"I know, Foolish," his wife cut in, "and you almost lost your life trying to save it."

"But it was the string of real pearls I've always wanted you to have, Jean. You know how much they meant to me!"

"Yes, I've known the silly obsession you've had about my wearing simulated pearls," Jean said almost sternly. "It never seemed to occur to you that my husband and little Pete were the real pearls in my life!"

"Well, this is going to be a bum Christmas for you," Dick said glumly, "and I thought it would be the best yet."

"It's going to be," Jean told him. "Look!"

She put her arm under his shoulder and lifted him to a sitting position. In one corner of the room was a beautiful little Christmas tree. Piled high under it were the gifts he and Jean had wrapped for little Pete. Jean went over and brought back two of the packages. One was her present to him—a watch he had wanted. The other package . . . Suddenly, he recognized it—the pearls!

"Yes," Jean said, "my pearls. When the police caught the thief, he hadn't time to open them even."

Veterans ? Box

Q. I'm planning to borrow on my permanent GI insurance policy, and I'd like to know how I'm supposed to pay the money back.

A. Your loan may be repaid at any time, in full or partially, in amounts that are multiples of \$5. Interest is payable annually on the anniversary date of the loan.

Q. I am a World War II veteran and I'm planning to go back on active duty. I'm in uniform. My policy has a disability income provision, for which I pay a little extra. Will payments on that provision be waived also, along with my regular premiums?

A. No. If you want to continue this disability protection while in service, you must continue to pay the required extra amount. Waiver of premiums, authorized by the law, do not apply to these extra payments.

Q. I plan to get a GI farm loan. How can I find out who would make such a loan in my community?

A. Information as to the who makes farm loans under the GI Bill usually may be obtained from your County Agricultural Extension Agent. Or you might check with your bank or other lending institutions in the area.

Q. I'm figuring out my yearly income for purposes of the VA pension that I receive because of my total disability I do light part time work on a farm and I receive my salary in kind, and not in cash. Is that considered as income?

A. Yes. The value of salary received in kind, including a fair value for maintenance, is considered as income for VA pension purposes.

Miss Mona Eager has returned to Pecos after spending a weeks vacation here visiting with friends and relatives.

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Cross Plains Review

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy eight years old and am in the second grade. I have tried to be a good little boy. Please bring me a gun and hooter set, a view master set and a football and Santa don't forget the other little boys and girls.
Morris (Buddy) Belew

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade and I have been good. Please bring me a BB gun, some little cars, some nuts and candy and fruit. I would like to have a pocket knife too, if you have one for me. I love you a lot.
Donnie Joe Phillips

Mrs. T. M. Davis and Myrtle visited in Brownwood Monday of last week.

Mrs. J. P. McCord and boys were in Snyder over the week end visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Patterson.

Washington

"As It Looks From Here"



OMAR BURLESON
Congressman
17th District

Anson—While returning to Washington from three weeks of intensive visiting over our Congressional District, I have had time to fully appreciate the pleasure of having seen so many friends and constituents. For all the invitations to speak at various functions and occasions, I am deeply grateful.

It has been necessary for us to return to Washington in order to get some "irons out of the fire" and put others in before the opening of the next Session of the Congress.

This being the Christmas Season, this column will not appear again until after the first of the year. The response to these articles has been most encouraging and it is hoped that you will give me your reaction in the future. This column was started a year ago as an experiment. It has afforded me opportunity to contact the people whom I represent in Washington, and, from letters and personal comments, I am encouraged to continue it.

Since it is almost impossible to reach all our friends with a personal message for the Christmas Season, we hope you will accept this as the Season's Greetings and may we wish for you and yours the best of good things.

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade and I have been good. Please bring me a trumpet, BB gun, erector set and some fireworks.

Your friend,
Ronnie Edington

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade and I have been good. Please bring me a punching bag, football shoulder pads, and a Mickey Mouse watch.
Love,
Jack Webb Baum

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade and I have been good. Please bring me a doll and a baton and some dishes, to cook in.
Glenna

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade and I have been good. Please bring me a truck and a football, apples, candy, nuts and oranges.
I will be waiting to hear from you, Santa, thank you.
Elmer Lloyd Duncan

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade and I have been good. Please bring me a big doll, some candy, fruit and nuts. I also want a nurse set. Be sure and see all the other children.
Love,
Deloris

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade and I have been good. Please bring me a doll with a ribbon in her hair and a nurses kit and dishes and a big ball.
Love,
Sharlon Stansbury

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade and I have been good. Please bring me a BB gun, a bat and a ball and one of those big cars so I can ride in it.
Johnny Calaway



Santa's got more work than ever
Since he pulled that doggone lever
He's on his giddy way to Mars
And all them other lucky stars,
His toys have to be full of action
And all atomic jet protraction.
Kids today just ain't the same,
His Old Stuff is just too tame.

DAVE LEE
GULF SERVICE STATION



It Doesn't Seem Long...



Christmas comes, is enjoyed and is gone. This old world spins and whirls awhile, events come and pass and then first thing you know, why it's time for that festive season again.

It seems only yesterday that we were wrapping presents and wishing everyone a Joyous Holiday. That time is here again, so here's our wish for a Merry Christmas.

CITY OF CROSS PLAINS

Silent Night
Holy Night!



Christmas . . . the Holy Holiday in celebration of the birthday of a King. A time for happiness and joy combined with the reverence of the Christmas spirit and the thoughts of others. May the Peace and Goodwill of Christmas be with you on this day and throughout the coming New Year.

S. N. FOSTER & SON GROCERY

"Merry Christmas



From the Red River to the Rio Grande, your friends and neighbors at your electric service company wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

West Texas Utilities Company

and Happy New Year!"

A Visit From St. Nicholas

By Dr. Clement C. Moore

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house,
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar plums danced through their heads;
And Mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap,
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.
The moon on the breast of the new fallen snow
Gave a lustre of mid-day to objects below . . .

When what to my wondering eyes would appear,

But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer,
With a little old driver so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name;
"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen—
On Comet! on Cupid, on Dondor and Blitzen
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now dash away! dash away! dash away, all!"
As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky;
So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of toys and St. Nicholas, too . . .

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.
He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.
His eyes how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow;
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke, it encircled his head like a wreath . . .

He had a broad face and a little round belly
That shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.
He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he arose;
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team he gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle,
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,
"HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL,
AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT!"

Mr. and Mrs. Lofton Bragg and family of Hobbs, New Mexico, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Moore, and other relatives.

Health Officer Predicts More Skin-Chapping Weather Coming Up

Austin—State Health Officer Geo. W. Cox looked at the calendar today and saw chapping weather ahead.
"Two weather changes—dew point and barometric pressure—cause skin to chap and crack," the season-conscious Dr. Cox pointed out. "Chapping is always more frequent and severe from December through February."

That is the time of the year when weather forecasts are likely to read: "low barometric pressure, moist air followed by sudden high pressure and dryness with low dew point." It adds up to real chapping conditions.
Dew point is the temperature at which moisture begins to condense into visible form. It makes a useful index of actual humidity. When it is low, chapping can be severe.

Wind hastens chapping, too, Dr. Cox commented, especially when skin is wet. Quick evaporation is the big factor here. Dryness might actually be increased by hot water, soap, or the so-called protective oils, lotions, and creams. A day's injury sometimes takes weeks to heal.

A chapped condition can run the gamut from plain dryness and itching to splits and fissures which bleed and crust.

An artificial humidifier in the house would be a big help, the health officer said, but you could probably get the quickest relief by checking with your doctor.

And if you happen to have a psychrometer, an instrument which determines humidity, you'll be able to foresee chapping weather ahead and take precautions. Don't think in terms of "relative humidity," though. That indicates the percentage of atmospheric saturation at a given temperature, and is unreliable because warm air can hold more water vapor than cold air. For example, relative humidity of 80 percent indicates far less moisture at 40 degrees than it does when the thermometer stands at 60 degrees.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McQuin, Jay and Cynthia spent Sunday in Gorman with his mother, Mrs. F. A. Newell.

Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Long, Jr., of Snyder were visiting relatives in Cross Plains over the week end.

Miss Ada Clark of May is helping at the Marinello Beauty Shop this week.



All glory be to God on high,
And to the earth be peace;
Goodwill henceforth, from Heaven to men,
Begin and never cease.
May the blessings of Christmas be yours

Coleman Furniture
Cross Plains, Texas



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Sincerely . . . Wishing you
Every good Cheer . . . Of the season

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Christmas

Has a Meaning of Its Own

Every holiday occasion has its significance but none can compare with the Christmas Season. It is the one time of the year when all are united in one common attitude of good will toward fellowmen.

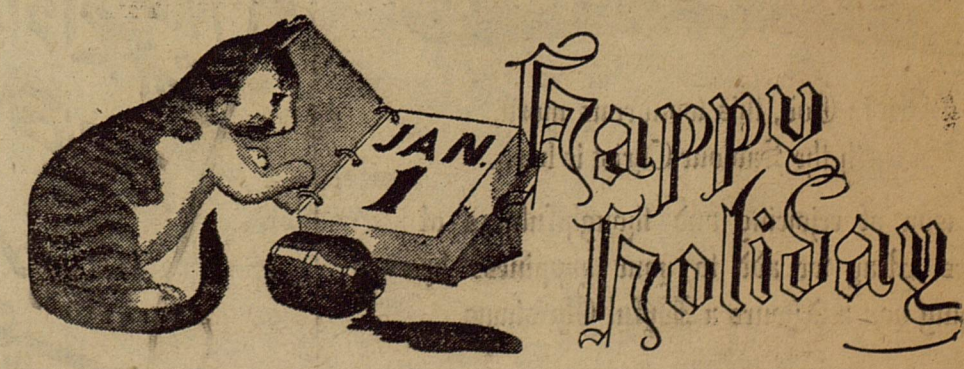
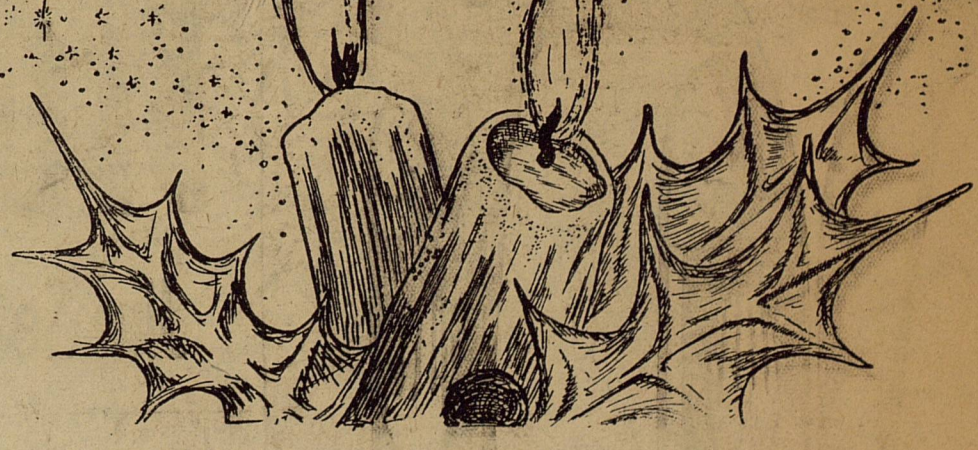
Christmas is always a welcome event with us. The reasons are twofold, first, because we enjoy the spirit of friendliness that predominates everywhere, second, because it affords us an appropriate opportunity of expressing our sincere thanks to those whom we serve, for their cooperation in the past. It is also fitting that we, at the same time, invite your continued patronage, as well as the consideration of those whom it has not been our pleasure to serve.

We hope this will be a Merry Christmas for you, one and all. We also wish you all the joys of a happy, successful New Year, one in which you will see the fulfillment of your every ambition. Best wishes to everyone!

BALDWIN LUMBER COMPANY

MERRY CHRISTMAS

May the Holiday Season and the year ahead
bring you much happiness

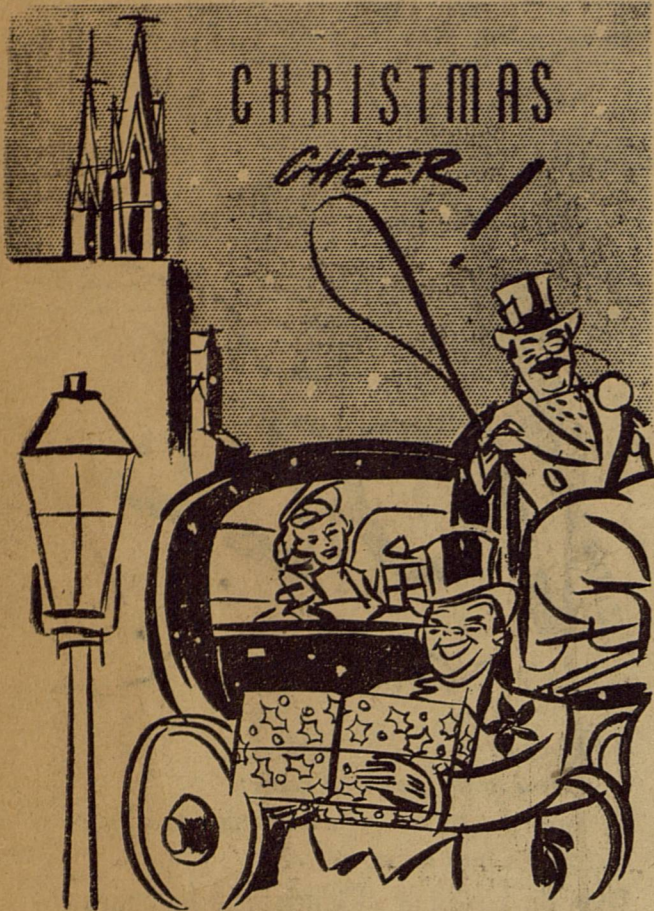


RED & WHITE STORE
HAPPY AND BOOTS

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hall were in Memphis Sunday visiting his father, J. J. Hall, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Armstrong and Julia of Arp were week end visitors here with his mother, Mrs. W. P. Armstrong, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Martin of Austin have been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Martin. They left Sunday morning for San Diego, Calif., to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Coggin and other relatives. Ervis Coggin of San Angelo accompanied them to California.



God rest you merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

R. C. Gilmore
Automotive Service



Glory to God, this wondrous morn,
On earth the Saviour Christ is born.

A season of rejoicing and thoughtfulness of others. May we add to your happiness by wishing you and yours a Joyful Christmas.

Village Inn



Engagement Announced . . . Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Spencer of Route 1, Cross Plains, are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Frances Ann, to Jimmy Glenn Coffey of Dallas. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Coffey of Cross Plains.
The couple will be married January 17, 1954, in the home of Mrs. H. L. Harris.

Victory Sunday School Class Has Social

Members of the Victory Sunday School Class of the First Methodist Church enjoyed a Christmas social in the basement of the church Tuesday night of last week.

Christmas carols were sung by the group after which a short program was rendered. Gifts were exchanged. Refreshments of ruit cake, sandwiches and coffee were served to 42 attending.

TEL Sunday School Class Entertains

Members of the TEL Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church entertained their husbands with a turkey dinner Tuesday night of last week at 7 o'clock. The dinner was held in the basement of the church.

Cedar, red berries and Chrysanthemums were used as decoration. Attending were 23 members and guests.



Since we were unable to get individual greetings to our friends in Cross Plains, we want to thank you all for your kindnesses, too numerous to mention here, during our recent illness.

Also we wish you all God's richest blessing and the very happiest Christmas ever. You deserve it.

REV. J. W. CHAPMAN

HAPPY HOLIDAY

Jim Settle Dry Cleaning



It's the same old wish but it is sincere. We thank you for your patronage and hope your Holiday Season is a joyous one.

W. D. Smith
GOODYEAR HOME & AUTO STORE

BURKETT NEWS

By Anita Strickland

I would like to take this means of wishing the members of the staff at the Review office and the many readers of this column a very Merry Christmas season.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McCoy and Donnie of Crane visited her father, Hardy Strickland, Saturday morning. This was the first time they had seen each other in seven years.

Mrs. C. H. Edington is home after undergoing surgery at Hendrick Memorial hospital in Abilene a few weeks ago. She has been very ill the last few weeks.

Mrs. Raymond Cross and son, Kenneth, of Aransas Pass are visiting here. Mr. Cross will join them here Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Chambers arrived here Tuesday to spend the Christmas holidays with his father, W. R. Chambers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Porter of Cross Plains and Harry Porter of Burkett visited Tommy Porter in the Crippled Childrens hospital in Dallas Sunday.

Harry Porter has been on the sick list the past few days.

Hardy Strickland has been ill the past few days.

Miss Kay White of Hardin Simmons University at Abilene is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. White.

W. C. Strickland of McMurray College in Abilene is spending the holidays at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Strickland, and his sisters, Zelma, Anita and Bonita.

Several people in the community have had colds and the flu.

H. P. White has been in the Temple hospital the past several days.

Mrs. Fannie Evans left Sunday to visit her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Buel Evans, in Abilene before going to Jayton to spend the Christmas holidays with her daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Weaver and Noel of Lubbock visited their daughter, Mrs. T. C. Strickland, and family Friday night. They were enroute to their home from Dallas. W. C. Strickland returned home with them for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Adams and baby of Hamlin are spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Adams.

School turned out Friday for the holidays and will re-open Monday.

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The local high school basketball teams will meet the Talpa teams at Talpa Friday night, January 1.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Claborn of Rising Star were visitors here Monday morning.

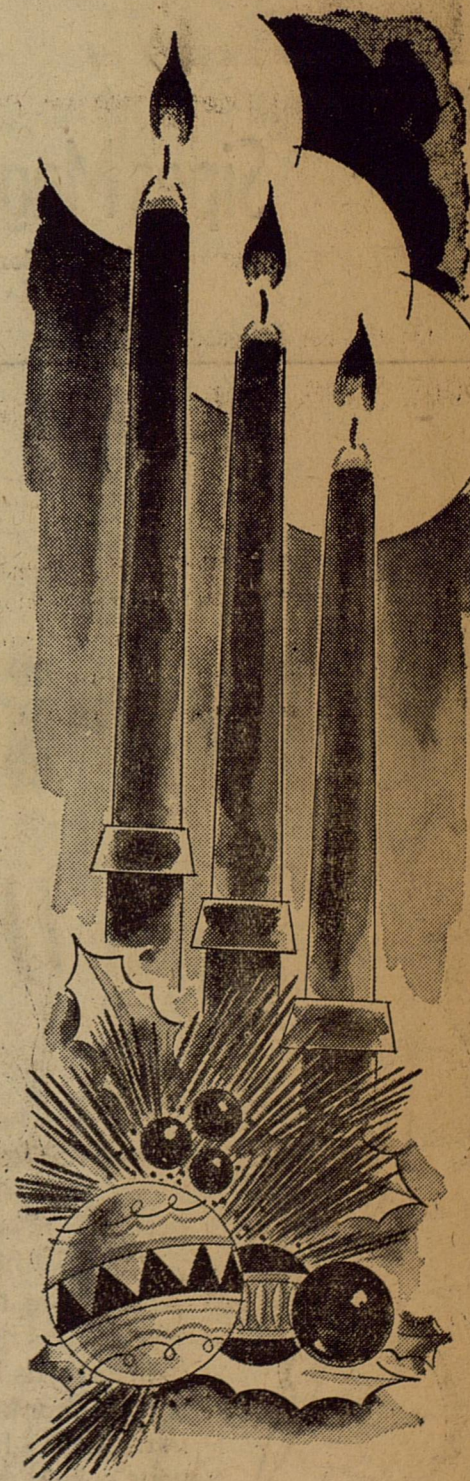
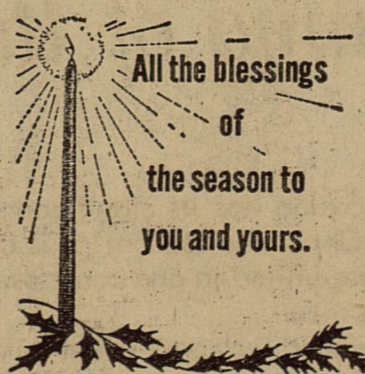
Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Bledsoe of Lubbock visited their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tunnell, and children Sunday night.



We'd like to come in here and wish our many friends the Happiest of Holiday Seasons and thank you for your many kindnesses during the past year. May your New Year be bright.

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